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Coming up: The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees will hold the annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday at Township Park, Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha.

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Spring ritual: More than 20,000 marshmallows will be dropped Friday from a helicopter to the delight of hundreds of awaiting children, who will scramble to collect these goodies during the county's 14th Annual Great Marshmallow Drop./A8

#### **OPINION**

Pausing to reflect: Easter and Passover give area residents reason to think./A12

#### **COMMUNITY LIFE**

Somber scene: People are coming from far and near to Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church in Livonia to be anointed by the rose-scented oil, said to be myrrh, that has been streaming from an Icon of the Mother of God./B1

#### **ENTERTAINMENT**

Theater: Jessica Grove, Dorothy, is nearing the end of the yellow brick road in "The Wizard of Oz," now playing at the Fox Theatre./E1

Music: Hanging out with members of the all-female pop quintet StunGun is kind of like joining a girls' club./E1

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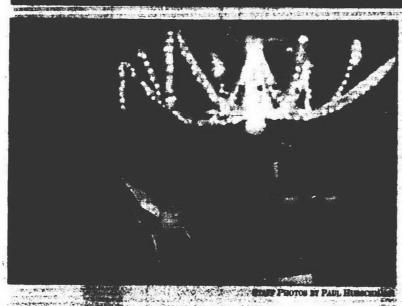
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### 'Celebration of Hometown'





ed its first "Celebration of 'Our' Hometown" dinnerdance Saturday at Fox Hills Country Club. About 200 people from the Plymouth community attended the black tie affair, including business leaders, politicians and those just looking for a fun time. Above, numerous couples dance to the sounds of "Secrets." At left, Bill Joyner makes opening remarks welcoming everyone to the event. See Page A3 for more photos.

# State blows whistle on CSX

Attorney General Jennifer Granholm announce that she filed a motion in U.S. District Court to support the city in its battle with CSX over train delays.

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm got a firsthand look at what Plymouth

residents deal with on a daily basis.

On her way to a news conference in Plymouth to denounce CSX for long delays at railroad crossings, Granholm was held up by a freight train.

"We were on our way to Plymouth and got stopped at the Haggerty crossing," revealed Granholm. "We were about the tenth car back and only waited about 12 minutes.

"However, I walked up to the front car and the woman was reading a novel," continued Granholm. "She told me she brings it with her because she knows she'll get stopped by the train every day about this time. That woman waited 32 minutes for the train to pass."

Minutes later, speaking from a podium positioned near the Main Street CSX crossing next to Bode's Corn Beef House, Granholm announced she's filed a motion in U.S. District

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# Merger talks last through century

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE STAFF WRITER dwhite@oe.homecomm.net

Nearly 60 people attended the Plymouth District Library Monday night to hear former Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry at first meeting discussing a possible merger between the two Plymouth communities.

Elected officials from both municipalities attended. Among those were Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy and Plymouth Mayor Don Dismuke. The group discussed what issues would be the biggest hurdles standing in the way of unification.

Questions about the financial issues, such as taxes, were the most frequently heard from all parts of the group. Public services, form of government and community planning were the biggest questions. The city's tax rate is substantially higher than the township's, and township residents most likely would see their taxes go up.

In the end, four committees were formed to research the issues, and chairmen were named to each one.

In heading up the push for unification, Berry has been criticized and questioned about having a hidden agenda, possibly setting up a run for public office.

He denounced his accusers early in Monday's meeting saying, "I don't have a hidden agenda. I just feel that this is the right time to do this."

Township trustee Ron Griffith agreed that Berry's motives are clean.

"He's just the one that picked up the ball and ran with it," he said. "Some-

times that's how things happen."

Berry said that his interest in the topic started earlier this year and his optimism grew from there.

"I'm not trying to knock the elected officials in either community. What I'm saying is that, right now, elected officials in the township represent the township's point-of-view, and elected officials in the city represent the city's point-of-view."

The former police chief stressed that his opinions would not dominate the meetings and wouldn't affect the newly formed committees' investigations.

"I'm not here tonight to tell you that I'm in favor unification or that I'm opposed to it," he said. "I'm here tonight to identify the facts, the issues and other important information about unification, consolidation, or any other word you want to use.

"We need to find out what the facts

The Plymouth community has long history of boundary issues

1827 Plymouth Township formed 1834 South Plymouth splits into its own governmental unit (Canton Township) 1867 Incorporation of the Viliage of Plymouth

1898 Northville Township splits from Ptymouth Township
1932 Village of Ptymouth becomes

the city of Plymouth
1955 Annexation of the city and township rejected 1,569 to 169 (Cassady

Farms property)

1961 Plymouth Heights Charter election rejected 1589 to 35

1963 Plymouth Heights Charter election rejected 658 to 46 1966 Plymouth Heights Charter election rejected 1038 to 273

1969 Plymouth Heights Charter election rejected 857 to 731971 Michigan State Boundary Commission created

1972 Phymouth Heights Charter election rejected 801 to 83

1973 Michigan Court of Appeals rules that state boundary commission can act on petitions even though the petitions were filled under the previous county boundary commission. The state boundary commission later rejected petitions to annex entire township.

1924 City files three annexation pettions 1) Hillside Inn 2) Burroughs parking lot 3) entire township

1974 Consolidation election fails. City approves 858 to 252. Township rejects 2,706 to 763

1976 Plymouth Township files a lawsuit and a temporary restraining order stopping the annexation of the Burroughs parking lot.

1976 Plymouth Heights Charter election rejected 2,669 to 572.1977 Charter township status rejected

by township voters 849 to 243
1978 Unification study committee
formed to study combined services
1979 Plymouth Heights Charter election rejected 923 to 72

1990 Ingham County Circuit Judge rules in favor of township against boundary.commission on Burroughs lot. City responds by withdrawing all annexation petitions.

1961 Township contracts police services from city
1966 Plymouth Township starts its own

1986 Plymouth Township starts its own police department

1996 City and township merge fire

1999 Unification fails continue...

# Chief of ill-fated fireworks factory had Plymouth ties

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

While state and federal investigators sift through the rubble of a second explosion in about three months at Independence Professional Fireworks Company in Hillsdale County, a Plymouth man remembers the beginnings of that same fireworks factory in the

basement of his Terry Street home.

Plymouth resident Mike Beal is an uncle of president Robert Slayton, 40, who died at Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo from burns in the explosion.

Slayton's wife, Pat, 39, died in the explosion.

"I have fond memories of a kid who wanted to something, loved what he was doing and did it well," remembered Beal. "It finally took his life. It's such a tragic thing."

Beal remembers when Slayton, along

with his sister, Sandy, came to live with them.
"Their parents split up when Bob

"Their parents split up when Bob was 6 and Sandy 7," said Beal. "They used to come here all the time and ended up living here.

Slayton got into the fireworks business when he was only 13, and it became his life.

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# On the move

## Old Village revamps image with streetscape



STATT PROTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN
Community center: Sherrie Pryor
(left) and Susan Clark look over

the rendering.

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A lot of attention has been focused on downtown Plymouthwith new projects like Paisano's and E.G. Nick's, the renovations at the Box Bar and a complete revitalization of the Mayflower Hotel site.

However, Plymouth's Old Village is making waves of its own with sights set on creating another viable community within a community.

"Old Village is a nice place to live," said Susan Clark, chairwoman of the Old Village Development Authority, "Anything we need, we have tike drugstores, a deli, restaurants to it's all here.

"And, all the houses around here are selling well," added Clark, "Where before we had a lot of rental units, more and more people are buying into the

Please see OLD VILLAGE, A

#### Michigan history comes to life

im Evans and Jim Graham of the Mackinac State Historic Parks Educational Outreach Program visited Plymouth-Canton Community Schools recently. The gentlemen, based at Colonial Michilimackinac and Historic Mill Creek, brought animal pelts, authentic weapons, and loads of lore to bring a hands-on experience of Michigan's history to the schoolchildren in our area.

Fire!: Above left, Evans fires a Civil War-era muzzle loaded rifle as their ears during a demonstration at Bentley Elementary School.

the fourth-graders cover

Loading up: Wes Shelton, left, 10, helps Evans, center, light a fire using a flintstone and steel, as Graham looks on during a demonstration.





Traders: Brittany Traitses, 9, (left) and Bethany Poike, 10, "trade" pelts with Graham and Evans acting as their "agents."

# **WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES TODAY**



#### CAUSE FOR CONCERN

Health experts have compelling evidence

that a yearly exam for chlamydia, one of the most common sexually transmitted diseases in the U.S., may not be frequent

enough. According to a recent Johns Hopkins University study of more than 3,000 women, nearly one in three had the disease. The high rate of infection prompted the researchers to advise young, sexually active women to be tested for chlamydia every six months - not once a year as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends. When diagnosed early, chlamydia can be successfully treated with antibiotics. Untreated, it can lead to scarring of the uterus and Fallopian tubes and spread to the pelvis, causing infertility and increasing the chances of potentially fatal tubal pregnancy.

Every woman, regardless of her sexual activity, should have an annual physical

and internal exam. Your visit should include a breast exam, cancer screening, Pap test, and blood pressure reading. Make sure you have time to discuss any specific concerns such as birth control, pain or discomfort, or menopause issues. To schedule an appointment, please call 313-565-9510. Our offices are conveniently located at 1711 Monroe. Diplomates, American Board of Obstetrics and

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# Area students compete in annual Science Olympiad

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI SPECIAL WEITER

As the winners of the Wayne County Science Olympiad were announced last week in South Redford's Thurston High School gym, Ania Sidor, a Plymouth Canton High School student, put into focus the distorted geek stereotype that science students used to face.

The team from Divine Child wore T-shirts with a picture of a nerd on front, she noted, complete with pocket pen holders and broken glasses taped togeth-

The inscription said: "Be Nice to Us, We'll Be Your Boss Someday," Sider said, adding that most students interested in science are also involved in sports and other school events

The Science Olympiad is a way to express what you like to do most, Sidor, 16, said. The cheers and whooping applause emanating from the packed gym sounded like a crowd at a sports game instead of a cerebral event commending students for their academic strength.

More than 120 Thurston science students and 15 member teams from 30 middle schools and 27 high schools throughout Wayne County participated during the 16th year of the event.

The top four teams from the

junior high and the senior high divisions will go on to Michigan State University in April for the state competition. Junior division winners were: St. Michael of Livonia, first place; Our Lady of Victory in Northville, second place; Divine Child in Dearborn,

Ania Sidor -Canton High School

third place; and Meads Mill Middle School in Northville, fourth place. Senior division winners were: Northville High School, first place; Detroit Catholic Central, second place; Grosse Pointe North, third place; and Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn, fourth place.

The first-place winners of the Pentathlon Event in both divisions received medals and a Ken Otto Pentathlon Award check for \$100 to the teams' school science programs. First-place winners were St. Stanislaus in Wyandotte in Division B and the University of Detroit Jesuit High School in Division C.

The Ken Otto Award is supported by members of the community, the Thurston teaching staff and the class of 1991, the year Otto graduated from

Otto was working on his electrical engineering degree at Michigan State University when he died in 1996 after a threeyear battle with leukemia.

Elizabeth Spiteri, Plymouth Salem High School co-team captain, said: "We can learn a lot and have a ton of fun." Evan Leung, also co-team captain at Plymouth Salem, added: "Through Science Olympiad, we become a close neat group."

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Faces of Plymouth: Above, caricaturist Ariel Echevarric draws a portrait of Mary Menard of Menard Builders at the hometown celebration at Fox Hills. At right, Glen Shaw of Canton with Patty Shekell of Northville enjoy a moment on the dance floor with the sounds of "Secrets."





Remembrances: Top photo, Plymouth Township trustee K.C. Mueller talks with Earlene and Jim Bonadeo of Plymouth. Above, Kathleen Jacobs (from left), Margie Grutza and Mary Ash of Plymouth look at a picture taken earlier in the evening.

# Arson charges possible in third high school fire

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER thruscato@oe.homecom

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Moments after a paper dispenser was set on fire and quickly extinguished by a Plymouth Salem high school teacher last Thursday morning, security personnel at the campus quickly began the search for the arsonist.

"We sent security staff to two classrooms in the vicinity and asked teachers which students had hall passes and which students came in late," said Bruce Siegal, security chief and assistant principal. "We narrowed the search to three students, and finally one confessed."

Siegal said the 16-year-old Canton Township girl did have a hall pass to go to the third-floor bathroom, and was also roaming the halls one time without a pass.

Security used a tip by another student, and a cigarette lighter left behind, as major clues in identifying the student. She has since been suspended from school, and is expected to face arson charges in Wayne County Juvenile Court.

Siegal said fortunately the fire was caught in the early stages,

with damage limited to the dispenser, bathroom stall and ceiling. Canton police estimate the destruction at \$3,000.

"Salem High School did not have to be evacuated, and the bathroom was opened the next day," said Siegal.

It was the third bathroom fire this school year at the high school complex.

On Oct. 16, 1998, a small fire was set to a paper dispenser in a first-floor Canton High School boys' bathroom. Smoke damaged the bathroom and hallway. Two 17-year-old Canton residents' were expelled from school and charged with arson.

The second fire occurred on Dec. 6, 1998, in a first-floor girls' bathroom, also at Canton High School. Police have yet to charge anyone in that case.

"Students don't believe how fast fire can spread and the consequences that can occur to hundreds of people," said Leonard Schemanske, Canton Township police officer. "Despite practicing fire drills, their actions could result in a stampede of people who might panic if they saw flames. This kind of act needs to be taken seriously."

# 'Friendly' lawsuit to follow board denial

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A condominium and restaurant project that was proposed for the intersection of Haggerty, and Ann Arbor Road was denied by Plymouth Township trustees at their regular board meeting last Tuesday. The land is owned by Don Massey.

Although the project is currently side-tracked, Tuesday's denial was an initial stage in the inevitable development of the property.

A "friendly" lawsuit is expected to be filed against the township by the project's developer, Grand Sakwa Properties Inc. of Farmington Hills.

"As was explained at the mesting, the next step is us filing suit," said Gary Cooper, a representative from Grand Sakwa. "The record pretty much speaks for itself and, with what (Plymouth Township Community Development Director) Shirley Barney said, they have the process pretty well laid out."

Residents from the surrounding neighborhoods voiced concerns at a public forum on March 10 as to how the project should be developed and what they would prefer to be built in their community. Issues of traffic, population density, safety and quality of life were raised.

Township development officials, as well as Cooper, stated that all issues will be taken into consideration when site plans are revised and that residents will have the opportunity to have

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their say.

David Russell, who lives north of the property, said he felt somewhat confident about the township's willingness to consider the current resident's con-

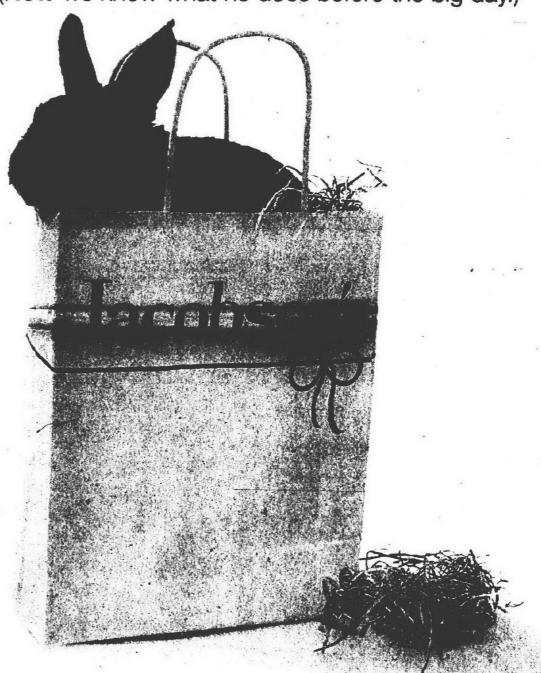
"The township seems to have intentions to work a lot with us," he said. "The trustees are giving us a better feel that they are going to be able to control the process a little more and talk with the developers. It leaves up totally out of the dark."

Russell conceded that most of the residents knew that something was going to happen to the property, which contains partially vacant lands (near the Greystone neighborhood) and vacant houses (near Ann Arbor Road).

"Everybody knew this was going to happen," he said. "It would be nice to know, more specifically, when this going to happen. We'd like to know when they're going to start digging ... simple things like that."

The township needs to find out what can be developed on the site, instead of taking the developer's word for it, he said.

"We're unhappy to the degree that what the developer said is that the price of the land dictates what can be developed. We would still like to see single-family residential (homes) there. Whether that's going to happen or not, it still needs to be looked (Now we know what he does before the big day.)



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Court to intervene in CSX Transportation's lawsuit against the city of Ph

In the lawsuit filed last August, CRX claims federal reg-ulations govern the speed and length of trains operating in interstate commerce. The rail-road believes federal law supersedes the state statute, which allows a standing train to block an intersection for five minutes and a moving train no longer than seven minutes.

"Operationally, we can't comply with the state ordinance, said CSX spokesman Gary Wollenhaupt of the nine crossings in Plymouth. "We can only go about 25 miles per hour through Plymouth, and the length of the trains is too long to meet the time requirements at that speed.'

The Michigan transportation statute is to ensure the health, safety and well-being of Michigan citizens by insuring that fire, police and safety personnel can get to people who need help," said Granholm. "CSX tells the courts they should be allowed to tie up intersections

last year issued CSX 496 tick ets for delaying traffic. Granholm said more than 2,300 tickets have been issued in a six-year period.

Police Chief Bob Scoggins

said earlier this month CSX was cited for blocking the Sheldon Road crossing for an hour and 15 minutes, the longestever delay ticketed by police.

"The officers are out on routine patrol, and if they time a train taking too long we issue a ticket," said Scoggins.

Fines for delays can range from \$500 to \$1,000. CSX has reportedly stopped paying the fines pending outcome of the federal lawsuit.

"A ruling in favor of CSX in this lawsuit would effectively abolish the transportation



Granholm, "It would mean that no municipality would be able to enforce rules or regulations on trains.

Granholm announcement received an enthusiastic welcome from Plymouth city commissioners

"I'm glad the attorney general sees fit to get involved in an issue we've been fighting for a, long time," said Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Koch. "This isn't just our issue, but the state's issue.'

"CSX worked behind the scenes to help put together the state statute, and now they don't want to abide by the rule they helped implement," added Commissioner Dennis Shrews-

track: Jen-Granholm (center) makes of point at news conference on Main Street at the CSX Railroad crossing.

CSX estimates that in any given 24hour period, between 30 and 50 freight trains pass through Plymouth. The company claims it would be required to spend over a million dollars to improve the tracks in and around Plymouth to allow its trains to run at faster speeds and comply with regulations.

"I don't understand when it's a real long train and then it stops for no apparent reason, said Rose Strauss of Plymouth Township. "One day I waited 20 minutes before I turned around and went a way where there were no tracks to get back home. It's real frustrating."

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ing to me."
While the neighborhood is nice, Clark says the OVDA is poised to make some moves to improve and beautify Old Village. They include turning the old Fire Station No. 2 into a community center, repaving Starkweather and Liberty streets, adding brick pavers along the business district, and eventual streetscape improvements on Liberty Street.

"Liberty is considered the downtown business area for Old Village," said Clark. "We hope businesses in that area will follow our lead and do some improvements.

Some of our businesses aren't too interested at this time. However, they're used to seeing associations come and go."

#### Helping hands

The OVDA has improved itself, by hiring two interns from Eastern Michigan University to help with applications for block grant money and addressing questions and concerns of both business owners and residents.

"Slowly, with the help of block

Pryor, who will graduate next menth from EMU with a degree in urban plemning. We want to be accessible resource people so the residents and business owners of Old Village know things

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"Once the word gets out that things are happening in Old Vil-lage, more people will want to jump on board."

One of the top projects is a renewation of the old fire station.

We want to turn this building into a full-fledged community center," said Clark. "We want to be able to hold meetings here. rent it out for various occasions. and have family reunions. It will give us a viable building in this

neighborhood for gatherings."

It's a project Pryor said will cost at least \$75,000, with most, if not all, of the money coming from federal block grant funds.

Bids are expected to go out soon to replace the windows in the building, as well as to make heating and air conditioning improvements.

A public hearing will be held in April concerning streetscape improvements on Starkweather, which will include brick pavers.

"We also have money budgeted this spring to renovate our flower planters, and to put up new Old Village signs with landscaping," said Pryor. "There will be little things that are evident which will show things are happening around here."

#### Day by day

And that's how it will go, a little at a time as money becomes available.

"We'll be seeking grant money for these projects, and it will get done a piece at a time," said Assistant City Manager Paul Sincock. "Eventually, it will all get done."

City Commissioner Dave McDonald is the commission's liaison with the OVDA, and knows most of the funding for Old Village will have to come from outside sources. McDonald is confident that with improvements in Old Village, his fellow commissioners might see fit to contribute a bit more from the city budget.

"I will be an active voice in budget preparations, carrying the torch for Old Village," said McDonald. "I would like to see more contributions from the general fund. I think my fellow commissioners can see that the little money Old Village has received in the past has gone to

"The hiring of interns has improved relationships with the businesses and people in the neighborhood," McDonald added. "It gives us a City Hall presence there."

The rental space available in Old Village is not your typical strip mall variety. In fact, many of the available properties are old Victorian homes.

That's what gives us our character. It's a different kind of challenge," added Pryor. "Renting here is cheaper than downtown. But now is the time to move here. Someday, this will also be a place to be.

For the better part of 23 years, Greg Huddas has seen changes come and go in Old Village. As the owner of Yer Grampa's Mustash, the longtime Liberty Street barber feels positive changes are on the horizon.

"I think there's been great improvement over the last three or four years," said Huddas. There are some nice businesses here that are drawing people to the area."

#### 'Work as neighbors'

Huddas still sees some need for improvement in Old Village.

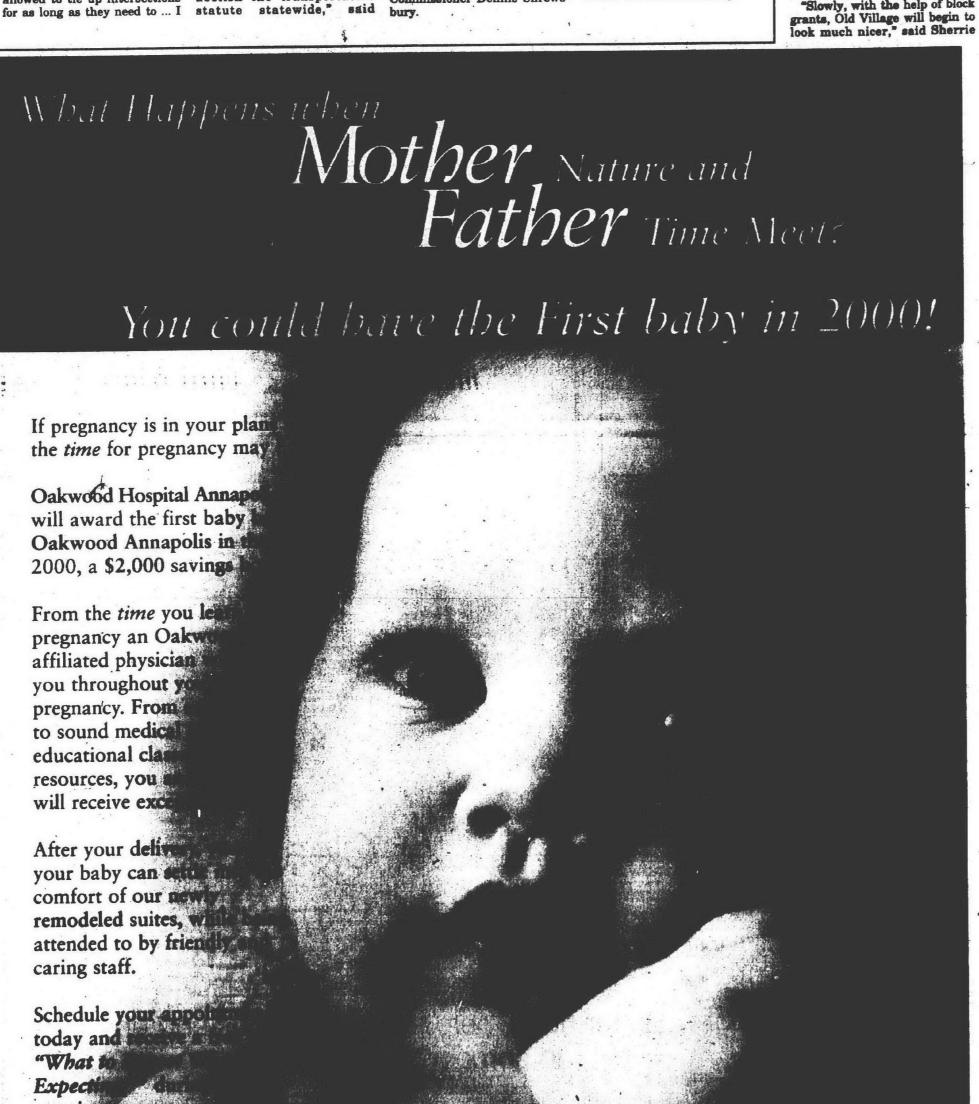
"Little things, like keeping the neighborhood clean, cutting grass, business owners picking up the trash in front of their buildings," he adds. "We need to work as neighbors."

Susy Becker, owner of the Rustic Bean Coffee Shop, has been in Old Village for only six months. She just can't say enough about the people and atmosphere in the neighborhood, describing it as "perfect."

"Downtown was my first thought. But I wouldn't move there now after doing business here," said Becker. "It's so homey and down to earth."

Clark knows it's an uphill battle, but believes Old Village will someday rival downtown Plymouth for attention.

"I know it won't be quickly, but we'll work as fast as we can," said Clark. "We want to make Old Village more viable than it's ever been."



# Senate Dems fall short in bid to add nursing home inspectors

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State Senate Democrats came up one vote short in an effort to add 23 nursing home inspectors to the Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

"Senior citizens should be paramount. They are the most vulnerable," said Sen. Joe Young Jr., D-Detroit, during the March 25 debate.

But Sen. Joel Gougeon, R-Bay City, said a state panel to study nursing home conditions would convene soon and "be done by summer. We don't know how many inspectors and how we pay for long-term health care. "Funding the exact number of

inspectors now is premature." Sen. George Hart, D-Dearborn, said, "We've closed two nursing homes in the metro Detroit area in the last six months. The state said you don't pay enough, and we don't have the inspectors. Some say, 'Just

let the state issue vouchers.' Hell, that doesn't get the job done," Hart shouted.

#### How they voted

The amendment went down 19-17, with 20 needed for passage. Voting yes were 14 Democrats joined by five Republicans. Art Miller, D-Warren, was absent and could have provided Democrats the 20th vote.

Here is how area senators voted: YES - George Hart, D-Dear-

born and Alma Smith, D-Salem. NO - Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Mike Rogers, R-

The bill was passed 22-14 with all Republicans except the absent Johnson voting yes and all Democrats except the absent Miller voting no.

#### 52,000 affected

The CIS total budget is \$76.5 million in state money and near-

ly \$420 million in federal.

Gov. John Engler's budget message didn't spell out how many nursing home inspectors he is recommending, but Democratic senators put it at 100 and asked for 23 more at a cost of \$1.7 million.

Some 52,000 persons are residents of 456 nursing homes.

"I understand these nursing homes are inspected only once a year," said Macomb County's Sen. David Jaye, a maverick Republican who departed from his usual budget-cutting position. "We have increases for corporate welfare. Where are your standards for decency?"

Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, said, "We are defending the abusers against the people who have worked their entire life in this state. Paid taxes to this state. Are finally in their twilight years of living in a nursing home situation - and we do not

Please see INSPECTORS, A8

# Commission to consider Metro parking contract

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.home

Wayne County commissioners expect to act today on a parking contract at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport.

But on Tuesday, commissioners still had questions about the proposed three-year agreement with APCOA-Williford Parking of Cleve-

Commissioners have studied the contract closely after Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy and his staff released an audit in December that disclosed that \$1.4 million in parking taxes were underreported and APCOA's lease agreements - for which Wayne County reimbursed APCOA - cost an average of \$28,000 per vehicle.

Dunleavy and his staff found the airport could have leased the majority of vehicles for an average of about \$17,000 each and estimated the airport could be paying as much as \$400,000 too much to lease 37 vehicles.

Dunleavy reported his findings to the Wayne County prosecutor's office in accor-

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dance with the county ethics

George Ward, chief assistant prosecutor, is expected to complete a review by today's commission meeting of the lease agreements between APCOA and financing companies to see if Wayne County is entitled to reimbursements.

"We took the position that (contract approval) would not prejudice our claim to a refund," Ward said.

#### Treasury view

County officials also waited for an interpretation from the state Treasury Department for the \$1.4 million in underreported parking tax. Airport Director David Katz said in a recent interview the tax is now being reported on the full amount.

Katz recommended that APCOA-Williford Parking of Cleveland receive a threeyear contract for the manage ment of public parking facilities. Katz said eight companies responded and APCOA was the low bidder.

The contract calls for APCOA to operate and manage the public parking facility's 11,810 parking spaces at Metro. Wayne County would

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pay to APCOA-Williford Parking an amount equal to 0.23297 percent of the total gross revenues. APCOA-Williford Parking is a joint ven-ture between APCOA of Cleveland and Williford Enterprises of Detroit.

Commissioner Robert Blackwell, D-Detroit, told commissioners Tuesday that the prosecutor's office had "signed off" on it, and that the commission could act on the contract.

We should not hold up approval," Blackwell said.

But commissioners had not received a letter yet from Ward, which concerned some of them.

"I have no problem with Commissioner Blackwell's word, but for a contract of this magnitude, we need it in writing from the prosecutor's office." said Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland.

Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, wanted more time to review the contract after commissioners received a list of recommended contract amendments from Dunleavy. Dunleavy suggested that the operator maintain all "pertinent underlying supporting

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### Fireworks from page A1

"He met a man while hitchhiking one day who eventually became his partner," said Beal. "The man gave him his card, and when Bob went looking for a job the two began working together.

"I remember he used to come here to put together tubes and platforms with heat guns for the fireworks," added Beal. "His partner would do the same at his home. However, I told Bob he couldn't use any powders in the house, so they eventually moved to a building near Metro Airport.

Beal said Slayton, then 15, later moved with the business to the Clarkston area.

"I used to help Bob with his

business, and delivered fireworks for him," said Beal. "My son, David, also did for a while."

Beal said Slayton and some of his employees narrowly escaped death in an explosion at the Clarkston facility.

They were running away from the trailers and headed down into a ravine when the explosion went off," said Beal. "It went right over them."

Beal said Slayton had his license revoked after that, so they moved the company to Hillsdale County where there were no restrictions or ordinances governing fireworks factories. That was some 25 years

Independence Professional Fireworks Factory was also the site of an explosion in December, which killed seven people.

"Bob was depressed for quite some time after that," said Beal. Nobody knows what happened. I remember he didn't want to talk much about it."

Beal said he learned of Monday's explosion while watching television, and called the factory to find out about his nephew.

"They told me Bob was there early, with his wife, when the place blew up," said Beal. "She was killed by the blast, but they told me he ran out of the debris with flames all over him. They told he was burned beyond

belief, and they didn't think he would make it. He died at 10:07 Monday night." Beal said Slayton's company

also put on fireworks displays, including several in Plymouth. "He would show us the new fireworks he invented, and we

them," said Beal. Beal remembers Slayton as someone who always worked hard.

would shoot them off and test

"Bob was a good kid who helped everybody. He was conscious about doing things for people."

### Merger from page A1

are first and then move the issue forward. What I'm hoping comes out of tonight is that we get to identify what the issues are, what the facts are and hopefully find some people that are willing to work with me to help sort that type of stuff out.

McCarthy said her attending the meeting doesn't mean she's an avid supporter of unification. Township trustees Griffith, Marilyn Massengill and Kay Arnold also were present.

"I'm here to listen," she said. "I think it's great if people want to look at this. There are too many questions to know if it even should work and, until you collect that information, you can't make reasonable decisions.

Mayor Pro Tem Joe Koch and city commissioners Colleen Pobur and Dave McDonald represented the city, along with Dismuke.

Berry said he felt that a lot of the right people who could help make the unification feasible were at Monday's meeting.

"This is the first organizational type of group, but I think it's going to go places," he said. "The interesting thing is the leadership. We've got good, strong leadership sitting in this room."

The next step in the process is information gathering by com-

mittee members, Berry said.

"We've got our committees formed, and we'll start sorting out the issues," he said. "If there are answers to those issues, we'll get the people back together and

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show what the answers are. "Then we'll take it to the public and say Here are the issues. Here are the solutions. Where do

you want us to go from here? Reluctance by politicians in office is possible, but dealing with that is Berry's role, he said.

"I don't know if they'll work together," he said. "What I'm doing is to stand in the middle. I'm not necessarily saying that I'm the absolute right person, but at least maybe we can form a citizen's committee, a grassroots, committee, to get them togeth.

Berry said he believes unification could be completed by late

"I have one interest here," said Plymouth city resident Dere Byres. That we gather the information, have an objective evaluation of that, put it in a format that is easy to digest, disseminate it to the community and let people make an informed deci-

"If somebody said to me 'Are you for it or against it?", I would say what is it?

#### OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE \$1,500,000 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON County of Wayne, State of Michigan 1999 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT BOND

(General Obligation Limited Tax) SEALED BIDS for the purchase of the above bonds will be received by the undersigned at the Township Clerk's offices located at 1150 s. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, on Tuesday, the 13th day of April, 1999, until 11:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at which time and place said bids

will be publicly opened and read. Sealed bids will also be received on the same date and until the same time by an agent of the undersigned at the offices of Bendzinski & Co., Municipal

Finance Advisors, One Kennedy Square, Suite 2130, Detroit, Michigan 48226-3322, when, simultaneously, the bids will be opened and read.

The Township Roard will meet at 7:30 p.m., on that date at the Township

offices, to consider the award or rejection of bids BOND DETAILS: Said bonds will be registered bonds of the denomination of \$5,000 or multiples thereof not exceeding for each maturity the maximum principal amount of that maturity, originally dated April 1, 1999, numbered in order of registration, and will bear interest from their date payable on December 1, 1999, and semiannually thereafter.

The bonds will mature on the 1st day of June of each of the years, as follows:

2000, 2001 and 2000 \$ 50,000 2003 2004 and 2005 75,000 2006, 2007 and 2008 100,000 2009, 2010 and 2011 125,000 2012, 2013 and 2014 150,000

BOOK-ENTRY ONLY: The bonds will be issued in book-entry only form as one fully registered bond per maturity and will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as bondholder and nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository for the bonds. Purchase of the bonds will be made in book-entry-only form, in the denomination of \$5,000 or any multiples thereof. Purchasers will not receive certificate representing their interest in bonds purchased. The book-entry only system is described further in the preliminary official statement for the bonds.

PRIOR REDEMPTION: Bonds of this issue maturing in the years 2000 to 2007, inclusive, are not subject to redem! urity.

Bonds or portions of bonds in multiples of \$5,000 of this issue maturing in the years 2008 and thereafter shall be subject to redemption, at the option of the Township, in such order as the Township shall determine and within any maturity by lot, on any interest payment date on or after June 1, 2007, at par and accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

In case less than the full amount of an outstanding bond is called for redemption, the transfer agent upon presentation of the bond called in part for redemption shall register, authenticate and deliver to the registered owner a new bond in the principal amount of the portion of the original bond not called

· Notice of redemption shall be given to the holders of bonds to be redeemed by mailing of such notice not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered owner at the address of the registered owner as shown on the registration books of the Township. No further interest payable on bonds called for redemption shall accrue after the date fixed for redemption, whether presented for redemption or not, provided the Township has money available for such redemption. INTEREST RATE AND RIDDING DETAILS: The bonds shall bear interest

at a rate or rates not exceeding 8% per annum, to be fixed by the bids therefor, expressed in multiples of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1%, or both. The interest on any one bond shall be at one rate only and all bonds maturing in any one year must carry the same interest rate. The difference between the highest and lowest interest rates bid shall not exceed 2%. No proposal for the purchase of less than all of the bonds or at a price less than 98.5% of their par value will be

TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRATION: Principal and interest shall be payable at NBD Bank, Detroit, Michigan, or such other transfer agent as the Township may hereafter designate by notice mailed to the registered owner of record not less than 60 days prior to an interest payment date. Interest shall be paid by check or draft mailed to the registered owner of record as shown on the registration books kept by the transfer agent as of the 15th day prior to an interest payment date. The bonds will be transferred only upon the registration books of the Township kept by the transfer agent.

PURPOSE AND SECURITY: The bonds are issued pursuant to Act 197, Public Acts of Michigan, 1975, as amended, in anticipation of the collection of

certain tax increment revenue payments from The Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Canten (the "Authority") for the purpose of financing improvements in the Downtown Development Area as described in the Authority's Development and Tax Increment Financing Flan. The bonds will pledge the full faith and credit of the Township as additional security for will pledge the full fish and erecut or the rownensy in sometonic sectors, payment of the principal and interset thereon, and pursuant to such pledge, should funds primarily pledged be insufficient for payment, the Township is obligated to make such payment as a first budget obligation from general funds or from any taxes which it may levy within applicable constitutional and statutory limitations. The rights or remedies of bandholders may be affected. tery limitations. The rights or remedies of bandhelders may be affected inkrupter, insolvency, frundulent conveyance or other laws affecting tery rights generally, new existing or hereafter enceted, and by the cution of general principles of equity including these relating to equitable

be retained by the Township. No interest shall be allowed on the good faith check and checks of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to each bidder's representative or by overnight carrier service. The good faith check of the unsuccessful bidder will be cashed and payment of the balance of the purchase price of the bonds shall be made at the closing.

AWARD OF BONDS: The bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid produces the lowest interest cost computed by determining, at the rate or rates specified in the bid, the total dollar value of all interest on the bonds from \_, 1999, to their maturity and deducting therefrom any premium or adding thereto any discount.

TAX MATTERS: In the opinion of bond counsel, assuming compliance with certain covenants, interest on the bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, as described in the opinion, and the bonds and sterest thereon are exempt from all taxation in the State of Michigan except inheritance taxes and taxes on gains realized from the sale, payment or other

CERTIFICATE REGARDING "ISSUE PRICE": The successful bidder will be required to furnish, prior to the delivery of the bonds, a certificate in a form acceptable to bond counsel as to the "issue price" of the bonds within the meaning of Section 1273 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"QUALIFIED TAX EXEMPT OBLIGATION": The Township has designated the bonds as a "qualified tax exempt obligations" for purpo

deduction of interest expense by financial institutions.

LEGAL OPINION: Bids shall be conditioned upon the unqualified approving opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, attorneys of Detroit, Michigan, a copy of which opinion will be printed on the reverse side of each bond and the original of which will be furnished without expense to the purchaser of the bonds at the delivery thereof. The fees of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. for services rendered in connection with such approving opinion are expected to be paid from bond proceeds. Ex extent necessary to issue its unqualified approving opinion as to validity of the above bonds, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. has not been requested to examine or review and has not examined or reviewed any financial documents, statements or materials that have been or may be furnished in connection with the authorization, issuance or marketing of the bonds, and accordingly will not express any opinion with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any such financial documents, statements or

DELIVERY OF BONDS: The Township will furnish bonds ready for execution at its expense. Bonds will be delivered without expense to the purchaser at DTC in New York, New York. The usual closing documents, including a certificate that no litigation is pending affecting the issuance of the bonds will be delivered at the time of delivery of the bonds. If the bonds are not tendered for delivery by twelve o'clock noon, prevailing Eastern Time, on the 45th day following the date of sale, or the first business day thereafter if said 45th day is not a business day, the successful bidder may on that day, or any time thereafter until delivery of the bonds, withdraw its proposal by rving notice of cancellation, in writing, on the undersigned in which event the Township shall promptly return the good faith deposit. Payment for the bonds shall be made in Federal Reserve Funds. Accrued interest to the date of

delivery of the bonds shall be paid by the purchaser at the time of delivery.

CUSIP NUMBERS: It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any bonds nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and pay for the bonds in accordance with terms of the purchase contract. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the bonds shall be paid for by the Township, except that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the ignment of such numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for

FINANCIAL CONSULTANT: Additional information may be obtained from Bendsinski & Co., Municipal Finance Advisors, One Kennedy Square, Suite 2130, Detroit, Michigan 48226 3322.

BOND INSURANCE AT Purchaser's OPTION: If the bonds qualify for issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance or commitment therefor at the option of the bidder/purchaser, the purchase of any such insurance policy or the issuance of any such commitment shall be at the option and expense of the purchaser of the bonds. Any increased costs of issuance of the bonds resulting from such purchase of insurance shall be paid by the purchaser, except that, if the Township had requested and received a rating on the bonds from a rating agency, the Township will pay the fee for the requested rating. Any other rating agency fees shall be the responsibility of the purchaser. FAILURE OF THE MUNICIPAL BOND INSURER TO ISSUE THE POLICY AFTER THE BONDS HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO THE PURCHASER SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE CAUSE FOR FAILURE OR REFUSAL BY THE PURCHASER TO ACCEPT DELIVERY OF THE BONDS FROM THE

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE: As described more fully in the Official Statement, the Township shall execute a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking to provide or cause to be provided, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2 12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, on or prior to the last day of the 6th month after the end of its fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year ending \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (i) certain annual financial information and operating data, including audited financial statements for the preceding fiscal year, generally consistent with the information contained or cross referenced in the Official Statement relating to the bonds, (ii) timely notice of the occurrence of certain material events with respect to the bonds and (iii) timely notice of a failure by the Township, as the case may be, to provide the required annual financial information on or before the date specified in (i) above.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT: A copy of the Official Statement may be takened by contacting Bendsinski & Co., Municipal Finance Advisors, One considy Square, 719 Griswold, Suite 2130, Detroit, Michigan 48226, (\$13) 961 8222. The Official Statement is in a form deemed final as of the date by the Township for purposes of SEC Rule 16c2 19(b)(1), but is subject to the revision, amendment and completion of a final Official Statement. The successful bidder shall supply to the Township within twenty four hours after the award of the bonds, all pricing information and any writer identification determined by the Country to be necessary to

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The latter is minimized to REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Elisa Esper of Plymouth qualified for an honors scholarship at Kalamazoo College. She is a Plymouth Canton High School graduate. She is the daughter of Thomas C. and Kathleen Walsh Esper of Plymouth.

Audrey M. Hala of Plymouth qualified for an honors scholarship at Kalamazoo College. She is a Plymouth Salem High School graduate. She is the daughter of Nancy M. and Frank J. Hala Jr. of Plymouth.

Aleksandr S. Kokoszka of Plymouth qualified for an honors scholarship at Kalamazoo College. He is a University of Detroit Jesuit graduate. He is the son of Joseph J. and Marilynn G. Kokoszka of Plymouth.

Anne Catherine Tartaglia of Plymouth qualified for a competitive scholarship in English and an honors scholarship from Kalamazoo College. She is a Plymouth Canton High School graduate. She is the daughter of Charles Anthony Tartaglia of Redford and Catherine Tartaglia of Plymouth.

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#### ADVERTISEMENT TO BID CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

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Specifications are available in the Finance & Budget Department. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS **APRIL 8, 1999**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1900 AT 7300 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1180 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag Roll Call: Cisck, Demopoulos, Jo

- 1. Pox Run Development Corporation of 41400 Dequindre, Suite 105 Sterling Heighta, MI. Appealing Article 6 Section 6.03 D Side Yard Setbacks in a R-2 Cluster Zone for Fellows Creek Estates Subdivision. Parcel #'s 031-99-0012-002, 031-99-012-714 and 031-99-014-000 (Planning) (Tabled from March 11, 1999 Meeting)
- 2. Craig Maitland, SSOE Inc., of 1060 Wilshire Dr. Suite 260 Troy, MI is representing Meijer, Inc., 4411 Plainfield, NE Grand Rapids, MI. for property located at 45001 Pard Rand Canton MI. Appealing Article 29 Section 9, Item 9.1 of the Building Sign Ordinance. The request is for a variance of 200 Sect, in order to update facade with new corporate signages Parcel #058-88-0008-710 (Building)

Approval of ZBA Minutes from March 11, 1999

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Ceiling and floor tiles containing asbestos will be removed from the Liberal Arts Building at Schoolcraft College this summer. The asbestos was discovered there and in the Applied Science Building earlier this

Once used for insulation because it is fireproof and does not conduct heat or electricity, asbestos is a cancer-causing agent when it becomes airborne and can be breathed by humans. The asbestos at Schoolcraft is not "friable" or does not crumble into the air, so in that condition, it is not a health concern or risk, coffege officials said.

eft can be easily and safely

removed," said Butch Raby, vice tiles, but it was not airborne. president for business services.

Between May and August contractors will remove asbestos from ceiling tiles and elbow joints of water pipes. Raby will present a contract for approval to the college's Board of Trustees at the next meeting on April 28.

Officials from the Air Quality Division of the state Department of Environmental Quality could not be reached for comment on this project.

School officials hired consul-tant Jeff Heydanek and environmental consultant J. Scott Environmental of Plymouth to survey all the college's buildings after administrators heard concerns from physical plant employees that asbestos may be present in the elbow joints.

The asbestos was found in the

This was confirmed by air quality tests completed by the consultants, Raby said.

If the building was to be renovated and asbestos disturbed, then the Environmental Protection Agency requires that it be removed. "As we do projects, we need to get it out of there," Raby

The board of trustees approved a contract March 24 for \$19,688 with the Wyandotte Electric Supply Co. for 355 light fixtures and 900 lamps for the Liberal Arts Building.

The entire building renovation, including the asbestos removal, new fixtures, ceiling tiles, painted walls and carpeting, will cost \$500,000, Raby said. The college's \$2 million

plant fund will finance the

Once the beard approves the asbestos removal centract, contractors will begin sealing off one section at a time within the Liberal Arts Building. They expect to begin May 10 and be finished by Aug. 4.

"We're doing it when our census is as low as possible," Raby said. Schoolcraft houses 9,500 students during the regular school year. During the summer that figure falls to 3,500 students, Raby said.

Raby expects the building's other sections will remain open during the asbestos removal. Efforts will be made to house spring/ summer classes in other buildings, but Raby expects some classes will remain in the Liberal Arts Building.

with a 4-millimeter-thick polyurethane sheathing, covering all doorways, windows and vents. The air will be menitored by the consultant during the asbestos removal.

Ceiling and floor tiles and elbows for hot water pipes will be removed. Self-containing "glove bags" will be used to remove the asbestos on the elbows on water pipes. Air pres-sure will be made lower within that sealed space to prevent untreated air from getting out of the building. Air from the inside will be filtered before it is blown

Caution signs will be set up outside the enclosed area by work crews, warning people of the possible environmental hazards. The first segment will

The building will be sealed off require three days work for

three classrooms and a hallway.
Once the tiles are removed, crows will install now coiling tiles and lights, paint and add

new carpet.
The administration was surprised by the presence of asbestes in ceiling tiles, Raby said. "We were concerned because the physical plant staff raised the issue. We really didn't think there was any, but rather than be unsure, we had it tested. The ceiling tiles were a surprise.

Other projects expected to be worked on this summer include rebuilding a parking lot west of the McDowell Center; the purchase of 400 computers, and air conditioning of a section of the Radcliff Center in Garden City.

### Contract from page A5

documents" for three years and that the commission consider specifically requiring that maintenance and repairs, including towing services, should be competitively bid.

"I am a slow learner and I can't digest this information in 10 minutes," Bankes said.

After Dunleavy told commissioners there were no changes from his earlier, original letter. Commissioner Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, told commissioners they had two weeks to review the contract.

But Beard responded that she was not ready to vote. "I want to be sure we do our due diligence on this contract," Beard said.

#### **Bid** questions

Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, asked Commission Counsel Ben Washburn about the bid process. Washburn responded that the commission had received bid sheets. "It is a reasonable process with a wellfounded recommendation," Washburn said.

What concerned some commissioners was that Dunleavy's recommendations were not incorporated into the APCOA contract. Dunleavy told commissioners he discussed his concerns earlier

with Katz, who told Dunleavy a letter of understanding would be sent to him. Dunleavy had not received that letter as of Tues-

That letter may not carry weight if the contract's language does not allow any such letters to carry contractual obligations. but Washburn said he would check into it.

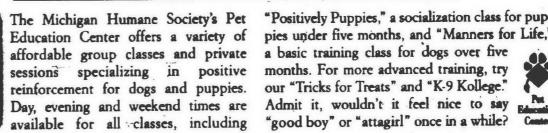
Commissioners voted, 8-4, to send the contract out of the committee of the whole and send it to full commission today for a vote. Blackwell, Parker, Chairman Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, and Commissioners Ed Boike, D-Taylor, Susan Hubbard, D-Dearborn, John Sullivan, D-Wayne, and Jewel Ware, D-Detroit, supported the action, while opposing it were Bankes, Beard, Husk and Ilona Varga, D-Detroit.

"There are some very serious legal questions that have not been answered," Beard said.

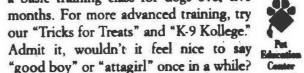
\lso, in a related matter, commissioners referred a proposed ordinance from Vice Chair Beard to the commission's Committee on Audit. Beard wants to provide a minimum of two auditors from Dunleavy's office to be permanently placed at the airport to conduct audits.

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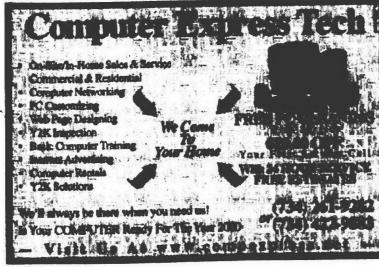


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### **Healthy Aging** Alzheimer's disease is the most common dementia (cognitive and memory decline) in people over the age of 65. It affects approximately 4 million Americans and ranks as the fourth leading cause of death after heart disease, cancer and stroke. The emotional and social impact of this disease is suffered no

cells that control memory, thinking and behavior. Initially short-term memory fails and there is decreased ability to perform familiar tasks. As the disease gradually robs people from cognitive and social skills, behavioral symptoms such as aggression, disorientation and wandering are egen. Older individuals, especially those with family history of Alzheimer's disease are at high risk Complaints of social withdrawal, depression and decreased awareness of time along with memory decline require prompt medical attention and early diagnosis The future holds promise for effectively treating this "silent epidemic", and current treatment

The functional and behavioral decline in Alzheimer's disease result from destruction of the nerve

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## Residents named to GOP committee

Residents from Canton and Livonia were elected to the Wayne County Republican Committee at its recent biannual election in Dearborn Heights.

Attorney Donald L. Knapp Jr. of Livonia was elected first vice chair and Herb Scott of Canton, vice president for managed care at Major Pharmaceutical, was elected treasurer.

Elected as chair was attorney Margaret V. Van Houten, She replaces state Sen. Thaddeus

McCotter of Livonia who decided not to seek another term. Van Houten, 33, is a councilwoman in Dearborn Heights and the youngest chair in the history of the Wayne County Republican Committee.

Van Houten praised McCotter for his leadership over the last few years as chair of the committee and as a county commission-

"Senator McCotter is to be commended for his leadership in

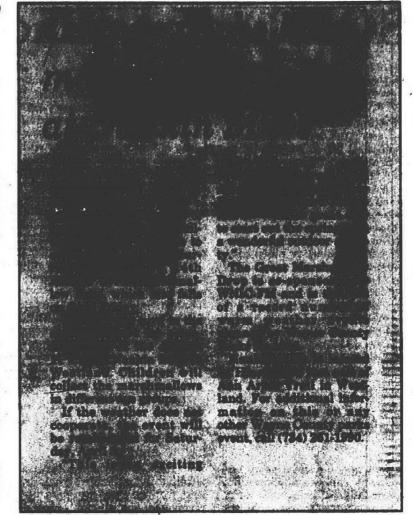
can county commissioners and conservative judges to the Wayne County Circuit Court. He went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that taxpayers are protected from big govern-

"As a result of his leadership, Wayne County is the only county in Michigan that requires a supermajority to raise taxes," said Van Houten.

Others elected include: Gloria

ensuring the election of Rapubli. Rochs of Detroit, the former chair of the 15th Congressional District Republican Committee, second vice chair and Krista Heroutunian of Detroit, an attorney with Edward L. Haroutunian, P.C., secretary.

> The committee's major goals include the re-election of U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham as well as judges "dedicated to interpreting the law instead of creat-



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want to protect them. That is absolute insanity.

"Another complaint included 28 separate allegations about care provided to 17 residents including allegations that the director of nurses physically abused a resident because she could not stand the sound of the resident gritting her teeth -115 days without doing anything about it.

"An employee was fired for refusing to falsify documents -136 days with nothing done about it.

"A resident signed himself out of a home and did not return for 251 days. Investigation? No.



Nothing done about it.

"Another facility had 16 complaints that have not been investigated. The oldest uninvestigated complaint alleged that a resident's leg was amputated because the facility did not take proper precautions to prevent infection. That complaint has gone 320 days without being investigated."

#### Feds critical

Cherry, the Senate minority leader, said Young's amendment was prompted by two federal reports showing severe flaws

with Michigan's nursing home enforcement. The General Accounting Office, a congressional agency, criticized the state for minimizing the seriousness of complaints and failing to fol-

Engler's budget message said, "The highlight of the FY 2000 recommendation is a new \$10 million Nursing Home Quality Incentive Grant program which CIS will administer with assistance from the Michigan Quality

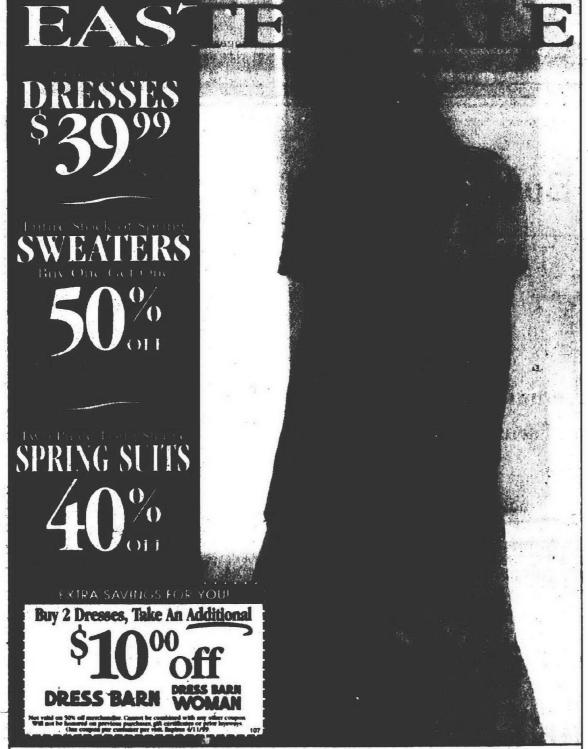
"The grant program will reward homes that consistently

maintain health and safety standards while going the extra mile to provide quality care."

The CIS budget covers all state inspections and regulations. It also provided \$20.8 million in arts grants, the same as last year.

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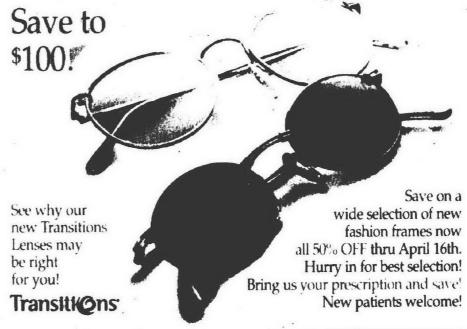
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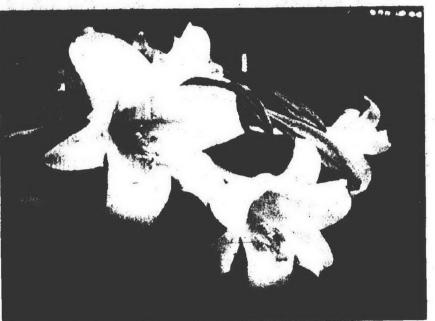
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**Easter blooms** 

Sign of spring The Easter season is a busy time at area floral shops and markets, including Westborn Market on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Earlier this week, Phyllis Johnson (above) of Chickamauga, Ga., in town visiting family, stopped by the Westborn Market to pick up some flowers before visiting her mother's gravesite in Livonia. Westborn will be open at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday for flower shoppers. Westborn stocks more than 1,000 plants for the Easter holiday. While lilies are popular, customers also purchase azaleas, tulips, daffodils and hyacinths, according to floral manager Kate Butsky.



## UM-D chief supports Engler's tier funding

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

The chancellor of the University of Michigan-Dearborn broke with the leadership from Ann Arbor and is supporting Gov. John Engler's "four-tier" formula for funding 15 state universities.

James C. Renick, who is leaving for North Carolina July 14 after six years, told a House budget panel that Engler's recommendation "establishes a plan for stable and predictable funding."

"While there are many questions about the rankings recommended in the executive budget," Renick said, "the idea of funding tiers recognizes that our colleges and universities have different missions and meet different needs, and hence require different levels of support from the state."

UM-Dearborn would be in tier 2, along with Oakland and Western Michigan universities, getting \$4,700 per student.

The plan was opposed a week later by Lee Bollinger, U-M president, who called the tier formula "unwise. It takes away the role of the Legislature to make annual complex judgments. Every single university is special. Abandon the idea of formula funding altogether."

Bollinger predicted Engler's formula, if enacted, would force up U-M tuition 4 to 5 percent.

Renick said UM-Dearborn, however, "will be able to stay within the governor's recommendation for minimal tuition increases."

Meanwhile, U-M announced March 22 that Renick is leaving to become chancellor of the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. It's considered an "historically black college," said Molly Corbett Broad, president of the 16-campus University of North Carolina.

A native of Rockford, Ill., Renick attended colleges in Ohio, Kansas and Florida and

worked his way up the admitistrative ladder in Florida before joining UM-D in January of 1993.

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Bollinger praised Renick for working closely with faculty and business and community

While one board of regents governs U-M's Ann Arbor, Dearborn and Flint campuses, they are operated separately and have separate line items in the \$1.48 billion state higher education budget.

UM-D is proposed for \$25.7 million in Engler's FY 2000 bud-

The campuses have quite different missions.

While UM is considered a world-class research university, UM-Dearborn notes that it's part of "the intellectual capital of the auto industry," with two-thirds of students in some programs gaining work experience and salaries as interns in busi-

Renick said he got a "valentine" message from a Compaq recruiter who said he's "happy if I get one candidate from each day's interviewing." At UM-D, the recruiter had five applicants and "I found four that I would have hired on the spot ... These are the best prepared and brightest students that I interviewed all week."

Now 40 years old, the UM-Dearborn campus has the highest percentage of engineering students (12 percent of credit hours) of any state university except Michigan Tech, Renick

"At UM-Dearborn," said Renick, "instructional and physical plant costs associated with teaching engineering, computer science and natural sciences are major factors in our cost structure."

During Renick's tenure, UM-D enrollment has risen to a record 8,300 and will continue to rise 2-3 percent a year, he said. Major building projects have been completed, and the campus raised \$25 million in capital.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton tree held Tuesday, March 28, 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 Place. nee to the Plag. TOTAL CALL

anett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJon McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

abors Absent: None taff Present Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Santomauro, Rorabacher, Svec, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

General Calendar Item 27, Approve Contract with Continental Services was deleted from the agenda. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the agends as amended. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the Minutes of March 9, 1999 as presented. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the Minutes of March 16, 1999 as presented. Motion carried.

CITTEEN'S NON AGENDA ITEM COMMENTS

Robert Yessian, 48877 Palisades, voiced his concerns regarding snow removal from sidewalks. He would like to see policy making property owners sible for snow removal from their sidewalks. Supervisor Yack said that an ordinance was being proposed that would provide for adjacent property r's responsibility for snow removal.

PAYMENT OF BILLS Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdziak, to pay the bills as presented. All

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| Expenditure Recap           |        |               |
| General Fund                | 101    | \$206,138.76  |
| Fire Fund                   | 206    | 24,821.41     |
| Police Fund                 | 207    | 49,096.78     |
| Community Center Fund       | 208    | 35,920.32     |
| Golf Course Fund            | 211    | 3,766.77      |
| Cable TV Fund               | 230    | 801.19        |
| E-911 Emergency Funds       | 261    | 11,100.78     |
| Special Investigative Funds | 267    | 498.19        |
| Federal Grants Funds        | 274    | 2,010.47      |
| State Projects Fund         | 289    | 64,395.49     |
| Retiree Benefits            | 296    | 12.00         |
| Bldg. Auth. Debt Fund       | 369    | 372,50        |
| Cap. Proj-Road Paving Fund  | 403    | 46,134.96     |
| Water & Sewer Fund          | 592    | 271,709.80    |
| Construction Escrow         | 702    | 1,487.62      |
| Tonquish Creek Storm Drain  | 804    | 8,723:70      |
| Koppernick Corp Park        | 812    | 6,854.34      |
| Recreation Checking Acct.   | Feb 99 | 787.00        |
| Total-All Fund              | 8      | \$ 784.835.93 |
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**PUBLIC HEARINGS** 

TTEM 1 PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR BODYCOTE INVESTMENT L. INC.

Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Patrick Williams, Bodycote Michigan, spoke in favor of the tax abatement. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to close the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the resolution granting a 50 percent tax for Bodycote Investment on real and personal property located at 8580 Haggerty Road to expire on December 30, 2005. All ayes. RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF

BODYCOTE INVESTMENT I, INC. INDUSTRIAL FACILITY EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY
WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly

noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1983, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owner; and, WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton approved a resolution on January 26, 1999 which established the existing structure located at 8580 N. Haggerty Road as a speculative building for T.G.L. Properties LLC; and,

WHEREAS, Bodycote Investment I, Inc., has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a speculative building to be acquired and installed within the Northeast Canton Industrial

Development District; and, WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on March 23, 1999 at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard

on said application; and WHEREAS, construction of the speculative building occurred less than 9 years prior to February 15, 1999, being the date of application for an industrial

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

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

Township of Canton that: The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of

Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in for under Act No 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantial impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township.

The application of Bodycote Investment I, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility to be acquired and installed on the following parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton oment District, to wit: Industrial Develo

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 1, T.2.S., R.SE, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, more particularly described as beginning at a point distant South 89 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East, 1689.95 feet along the North line of said Section 1 and South 00 degrees 56 minutes 29 seconds West, 400.05 feet and along a curve to the right, radius of 5789.58 feet, central angle 00 degrees 59 minutes 21 seconds West, an arc distance of 99.95 feet, chord bearing South 01 degrees 26 minutes 10 seconds West, 99.95 feet and continuing along said curve to the right, radius of 5789.58 feet, central angle of 02 degrees 47 minutes 01 seconds, an arc distance of 281,28 feet, chord bearing South 03 degrees 18 minutes 30 seconds West, 281.26 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 1, and proceeding thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East, 325.10 feet; thence South 00 degrees 32 minutes 16 seconds West, 259.00 feet; of way line of re-routed Haggerty Road, along a curve to the left, radius 5789.58 feet, a central angle of 02 degrees 34 minutes 25 seconds, an arc distance of 260.06 feet, chord bearing north 06 degrees 00 minutes 07 seconds East, 260.04 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 2.00 acres and subject to easements of record. Parcel no. 002 99 001 710.

be and the same is hereby approved. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 6 years, expiring December 30,

PURLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF SURMISSION OF GRANT

PERCATION or Yack declared the public hearing open at 7:11 p.m. Director Durack

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emplained the renovations planned for the Summit.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to close the public hearing for the
Semmit on the Park Expansion at 7:15 p.m. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdsiak, to adopt the resolution to authorize
the submission of a grant application through the Clean Michigan Initiative
Recreation Bond Program. All ayes. ation Bond Program.

Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget in the General Fund to re-appropriate unspent 1996 funds for the Travis House Project.

sted from Historic District Donations #101-000-675-8080 sted from Fund Balanco #101-000-680-0000 \$ 4,218 976,001 **Fund Balance** on Ristorie District Reserve

#101-808-976-000 nt Increases the Historical Commis 10 to \$196,301 and the General Fund Budget from \$16,000,136 to

sported by LaJoy, to approve the following budg of lavorigative Frank Inches

Construction Fund #804: Increase Reviewer \$250,500 Increase Appropriation ANSO,500
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Construction Fund #818:
Increase Byreause \$108,947 Increase Appropriations \$100,247
This budget amendment increases the Konsernale Corporate Park Paving
Special Assessment Construction Fund budget from \$445,550 to \$451,686. All

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution approving the special use request for expansion of the existing ST. Thomas A' Beckett Church. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the site plan for the proposed Forestview Private Drive, Parcel ID #021 99 0018 706. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the site plan for the proposed Cavalier Corners Phase IV, Parcel ID #060 90 0003 706. All ayes.

9060 99 0003 708. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution to approve the site plan for the proposed additions to Plymouth Christian Academy, Parcel ID #006 99 0006 701. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the final site plan for the proposed Emerald Pines Site Condominiums, Parcel ID 6095 99 0006 002. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the request for special use for Dick Scott Kia Dealership, Parcel ID

137 99 0018 703. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the site plan for the proposed Links at Pheasant Run West Condominiums, Parcel Id #110 99 0001 000 and 110 99 0002 000. All ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to introduce the First Reading of Electrical Ordinance No. 77 (B). All ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to table the First Reading of the Electrical Ordinance No. 77 (B), for publication in the Canton Observer on April 1, 1999. All ayes.
FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 77B

ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 77, ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE; FOR SAFEGUARDING LIFE AND PROPERTY BY REGULATING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION, ALTERATION, REPAIRING, SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING AND/OR REGISTRATION OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, FIRE ALARM CONTRACTORS, SIGN SPECIALTY CONTRACTORS, MASTER ELECTRICIANS, JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIANS, FIRE ALARM SPECIALTY TECHNICIANS, SIGN SPECIALISTS, APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN AND FIRE ALARM SPECIALTY APPRENTICE TECHNICIAN; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR AN ELECTRICAL EXAMINING AND APPEALS BOARD AND ITS POWERS AND DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE RECIPROCAL ELECTRICAL COUNCIL, INC.; FOR THE PURPOSES OF ACHIEVING UNIFORMITY OF ORDINANCES, ELECTRICAL RULES, LICENSING, EXAMINATIONS AND GENERAL RULES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

This section amends Ordinance No. 77 as follows:

"Related Sign Wiring".

Section 1. Short Title. This sections titles this Ordinance as the "Electrical Ordinance".

Section 2. Definitions. This section defines "Apprentice Electrician", "Board", "Department", "Electrical Equipment", "Electrical Contractor", "Electrical Inspector", "Electrical Journeyman", "Electric Sign", "Electrical Wiring", "Fire Alarm Contractor", "Fire Alarm Specialty Apprentice Technician", "Fire Alarm Specialty Licensure", "Fire Alarm Specialty Technician", "Fire Alarm Specialty Technician", "Fire Alarm Specialty Technician", "Fire Alarm System", "Jobsite", "Master Electrician", "Minor Repair Work", "Municipality", "Outline Lighting", "Owner", "Sign Specialist", "Sign Specialty Licensure", and

This section grants jurisdiction to the Electrical Examining and Appeals Board over the inspection of electrical installations, empowers the Board to promulgate and recommend rules and regulations concerning electrical work in the Township, and provides that the Board of Trustees shall appoint an Electrical Inspector.

Section 4. Fees for Inspection. This section provides that the Board of Trustees shall establish fees for permits. license registration and examination.

Section 5. Right of Access to Buildings. This section provides that the Electrical Inspector shall have access to buildings in the exercise of his or her official duties and authority to disconnect electrical supply where such current is dangerous or may interfere with the work of the Fire Department.

Section 6. Permits. This section makes it unlawful to install, alter or repair electrical equipment without a permit, and provides that permits may be issued to Licensed Electrical Contractors, Licensed Fire Alarm Contractors, Licensed Sign Specialty Contractors and a bona fide owner of a single family residence, no

part of which is used for rental or commercial purposes. Section 7. Contractor's Requirements: Exceptions This section prohibits a person, firm or corporation from engaging in the business of electrical contracting, fire alarm contracting, or sign contracting unless first licensed by the state or appropriate municipality, and prohibits any

person other than a Master Electrician or a person licensed, employed by and working under the direction of a holder of an Electrical Contractor's License, Fire Alarm Contractor's License or Sign Contractor's License, to execute any electrical wiring, except for work indicated in Subsections (g), (I)-(n), and provides that a license or permit is not required to execute work specified in Subsections (a)-(f) and (h). Section 8 Inspection This section requires the person, firm or corporation installing wiring, to notify

the Township Building and Inspection Services Department, and provides that the Electrical Inspector shall inspect said installation, and if in conformance with this Ordinance, to issue a Certificate of Inspection, and provides that all wires to be hidden from view must be inspected prior to concealment. Section 9. Re-Inspection

This section provides that the Electrical Inspector may, when authorized by state law or ordinance, make periodic re-inspections of wiring, devices and material installed within the Township, and if found to be dangerous or unsafe, to notify the person, firm or corporation owning, using or operating the device to make necessary repairs and/or changes within fifteen (15) days, and to disconnect electrical service if found to be defectively installed

Section 10. Construction Requirements

This section prohibits the issuance of a Certificate of Inspection unless electrical installation conforms with the provisions of this Ordinance, the laws of Michigan, the rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission, the regulations of the National electrical Code, the Township Building Code, and the N.F.P.A.'s 71-74 for Fire Alarm Systems, and are deemed to be prima facie evidence of approved methods. Section 11. Approved Materia

This section makes it unlawful to use any electrical device or equipment unless of good design and construction, and provides that devices and equipment approved by recognized authorities, such as U.S. Bureau of Standards, Electrical Testing Laboratories, Underwriters Laboratories, or Factory Mutual, may be approved by the Electrical Inspector.

Section 12. Record and Review This section requires the Building and Inspection Services Department of Canton to keep complete records of all permits and inspections, and provides that an owner or agent, after receiving written notice from the Electrical Inspector that all or part of an electrical installation is condemned, may, within five (5) days, petition for a review by the Electrical and Examining and Appeals

Section 13. License and Registration for Electrical Work 13.1 This section establishes the membership of the Electrical Examining and

Appeala Board.

13.2 This section provides that such Board shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Township of Canton, and that the Bourd shall examine all applicants for Electrical, Fire and Sign Contractors License, Fire Alarm Specialty Technician's License, and Sign Specialist License, and shall examine all registrants for Apprentice Electricians and Fire Alarm Specialty Apprentice Technicians.

18.3 This section provides that applicants for Journeyman and Master cian License, Fire Alarm Specialty Technician License, and Sign specialist License shall designate their residence address as their legal address all applicants for contractor licenses shall designate their principal

place of business as their legal address.

18.4 This section provides that all Electrical Contractors, Fire Alarm Contractors, Sign Specialty Contractors, Master Electricians, Journeyman Electricians, Fire Alarm Specialty Technicians, Sign Specialists, Apprentice Electricians and Fire Alarm Specialty Apprentice Technicians, having their legal address within the corporate limits of the Township, shall secure their or registration from the Town

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Section 15. Master. Journayman and Amprontice Electrician.

15.1 License Americance Registration. This section makes it unlawful for any contractors in the securation or trade of a Master. Journayman or

person to engage in the occupation or trade of a Master, Journeyman or Apprentice Electrician without having first obtained a license or apprentice retion

15.3 Direct Personal Supervision. This section provides that all electrical work done by an Apprentice Electrician shall be performed under the direct supervision of a Journayman or Master Electrician. 15.3 Master Electrician's License. This section sets forth the requirements for

ter Electrician's License, the consequences of failing to pass the Master Electrician examination two times within two years, and the conditions for renewal of said license. 15.4 Electrical Journeyman's License. This section sets forth the

requirements for an Electrical Journeyman's License, the consequences of failing to pass the Electrical Journeyman examination two times within two years, and the condition of renewal of said license.

15.5 Apprentice Electrician. This section sets forth the requirement of registration of Apprentice Electrician, the requirements of issuance of a

certificate of registration, the ratio of Electrical Journeyman or Master lectrician to register Apprentice Electrician on the jobsite. Section 16. Fire Alarm Specialty Technician's License Requirements. 16.1 This section sets forth the requirements for a Fire Alarm Specialty

Technician's License, the conditions of renewal, and provides that a holder of a Fire Alarm Specialty Technician's License shall not qualify for more than one Fire Alarm Contractor's License. Fire Alarm Apprentice. This section sets forth the requirements for a

Fire Alarm Apprentice, the requirements for issuance of a certificate of registration, and the ratio of Fire Alarm Specialty Technicians to register Fire Alarm Specialty Technicians on a jobsite.

Section 17. Sign Specialty Technician License 17.1 Requirements. This section sets forth the requirements for a Sign Specialist's License.

17.2 Failure of Examination. This section sets forth the consequences of failing to pass the Sign Specialist's examination two times within a period of two years.

17.3 Renewal. This section sets forth the conditions for renewal of a Sign Section 18. License and Registration Fees and Annual Renewals

18.1 This section sets forth the requirements of fees for examination and licenses, and provides that the Board of Trustees shall establish said fees. This section sets forth the expiration date of licenses, and requirements

of and limitations on renewal of licenses. 18.3 This section provides that licenses shall be issued by the Building and Inspection Services Department upon recommendation of the Board. 18.4 This section provides that licenses issued pursuant to this Ordinance are

non-transferable and must be displayed when required. 18.5 This section prohibits a contractor from obtaining permits for work to be

done by any person not employed by said contractor. 18.6 This section provides that Apprentice Electrician and Fire Alarm Specialty Apprentice Technician registrations shall be issued by the Building and Inspection Services Department of the Charter Township of Canton upon recommendation of the Board.

18.7 This section sets forth the expiration dates of Apprentice Electrician and Fire Alarm Specialty Technician registrations and condition for renewal. 18.8 This section requires that any license recognized by the Township be one issued by the Reciprocal Electrical Council, Inc.

18.9 This section provides for reciprocal recognition of licenses. 18.10 This section provides that the Charter Township of Canton Building and Inspection Services Department has the authority to investigate the activities of a person licensed or registered under this Ordinance to determine the

existence of any evidence or facts constituting grounds for Board action as set forth in the statute. Section 19. Grounds for Board Action This section sets forth the basis for Board action, including:

19.1. Fraud or deceit in obtaining a license.

Willful violation of a Code. 19.2 19.3 False advertising.19.4 Violation of this Ordinance. Failure to produce identification requested by the Electrical Inspector.

Recommendation by Michigan Electrical Administrative Board to suspend or evoke a license of registration issued by this Board. 19.7 Evidence of cheating on an examination.

12.020 Section 20. Sanctions 20.1 This section sets forth the sanctions the Board may impose, including:

suspension of license or registration, denial of license or registration, revocation of license or registration, restriction from taking an examination for a period of two years, restitution, and/or fines. SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. This section provides for the penalty for any violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that the Ordinance is severable and if any portion of the Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions of the Ordinance will remain valid.

SECTION 4. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. This section provides for the repeal of all conflicting Ordinances

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE. This section provides that the repeal and amendment provided for herein shall

not abrogate or affect any acts committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution or any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance. SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This section provides that the Ordinance shall be effective upon publication.

\*NOTE: A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public inapection in the Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 South Canton Center Road, during regular business hours. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to introduce and table for publication in

the Canton Observer on April 1, 1999 the First Reading of the Electrical Ordinance/Administrative Rules (A). All ayes. FIRST READING Summary of ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE/ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (A) Administrative rules as prolongated by the Board of Electrical Examiners of the

Charter Township of Canton as provided for in Section 15 of the Electrical Ordinance Sec. 1. GENERAL This section provides for deviation from requirements, plans and specifications.

installation procedures, 24 hour notice before inspections is required, inspection before concealing, availability of blue prints on the job, representative for inspection, posting of notices of inspection, code interpretations, special event requirements, certificate of inspection, and advertising. Sec. 2. FILING OF PERMITS. This section provides for the requirements of electrical permits, temporary

permits, additions to permits, and additional permits. Sec. 3. DEFINITIONS, PERMIT REGULATIONS, FEES.

A. This section provides for the following definitions of adopted from Chapter 1, Article 100 of the National Electrical Code of 1996: "approved," "Board," "Electrical Equipment," "Emergency Systems," Independent Electrical Contractor," "Master Electrician," "Journeyman Electrician," NEC 1996 Edition, Owner," "Person," "Portable Electric Sign," and "Scoreboard." B. This section provides for Permit Regulations, to whom and how permits are

issued, homeowners' permit, fraudulent applications, revocation and expiration of permits, incomplete installations, inspection of partial installations, owner's notification to the inspection authority, refunds, transfer of permit, and owner completing work started by contractor. C. This section provides for Permit fee.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment to the ordinance shall become effective upon publication in the Canton Observer on April 22, 1999 Note: Complete copies of these administrative rules are available for public

inspection at the Clerk's officer during regular business hours. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to introduce and table for publication in the Canton Observer on April 1, 1999 the First Reading of the

Electrical Service Conductors; Placement Ordinance No. 78 (A). All ayes. First Reading Summary of ELECTRICAL SERVICE CONDUCTORS; PLACEMENT ORDINANCE

NO. 78(A) An Ordinance to regulate the location and placement of electrical service

conductors. The Charter Township of Canton ordains: Section 1. SERVICE ENTRANCE CONDUCTORS.

This section provides for underground 600 volts or less, and installation of underground service conductors. Section 2. SAVINGS CLAUSE. If any section of this ordinance be declared void by legal actions for any reason,

all other sections shall continue to be in force until specifically declared void through action of the court. Section 8. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED.

All previous ordinances or parts of ordinances, and all amendments thereto, conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are repealed as ctive date of this ordinance. etion 4. RFFECTIVE DATE. ent to the ordinance shall become effective upon publication in the

Canton Observer on April 22, 1999.

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# Rocker shoots for spiritual goal

BY LARRY O'CONNOR

Detroit Rockers' netminder Bryan "Goose" Finnerty has made a career of preventing goals, but he gave 100 or so people at a Farmington Hills prayer breakfast something to about for.

The indoor soccer goalkeeper urged those who attended the fourth annual gathering at Faith Covenant Church March 27 to find their God-given talent and pursue it with gusto. Finnerty certainly has.

The San Diego, Calif., native made a career out of stopping soccer balls hurled at him in excess of 80 mph an hour. For his craft, the Walled Lake resident has suffered countless broken fingers, nose and lost a molar or two.

In eight seasons with the National Professional Soccer League Detroit Rockers. Finnerty has only missed six of 332 games. On March 8, he was named Rockers head coach.

"Talk about a gift," he said. His love of soccer is best depicted by a solemn figure hunched over sobbing on the field after a recent game.

A ball bounced off a player's. rear end and into the net in

overtime, which gave Finnerty his first victory as a professional coach. Tears flowed from pure elation.

Professional soccer - especially in the United States - is a mixed bag of triumphs and setbacks. Unlike other major pro sports, U.S. soccer players make meager salaries. Many supplement their income with jobs or coaching positions.

Finnerty, 31, owns Hello! Cellular and Wireless in Plymouth and is Canton Soccer Club's director of coaching. He also runs the Detroit Rockers/Total Soccer Camps during the summer.

The achievement is far removed from his rather inauspicious debut before 17,000 baying fans in Milwaukee's Bradley Center. The rookie netminder, filling in for the No. 1 keeper, muffed his first shot on

After starring at San Diego State where he earned the nickname "Goose Egg" for a constant string of shutouts, (When the fax of his biography came into the Rockers' office, the "Egg" was cut off. So hence the "Goose" moniker.) Finnerty became the team's starting goalkeeper and has been so ever since. He backstopped the team to an NPSL champi-

He became the team's focal point and marketing symbol. His likeness and trademark dive was splashed on billboards along area freeways.

However, his play along with the team's plummeted.

"I started to walk away from my commitment, but also my faith," Finnerty said. "I got on the phone with a friend of mine and I started complaining about my defense and my friend said, 'It sounds like you're having a pity party.' "

Finnerty, who was raised a Catholic, returned to his spiritual grounding. With a dogeared copy of the Bible, he recited Scripture that he relies on daily.

Finnerty answered questions and stayed an hour after to make sure every child's soccer ball or shirt had been signed. He impressed new Farmington YMCA director Jim Fugua.

"I just thought he brought a personal perspective kids could relate to ... He was very sincere," Fuqua said.

Finnerty and Rockers' trainer Karl Glass are involved in a team chapel program, which has been widespread in other professional sports but is just catching on in pro soccer. Glass also talked about the team's



Goose and God: Detroit Rockers' coach Bryan "Goose" Finnerty, 31, owns Hello! Cellular and Wireless in Plymouth and is Canton Soccer Club's director of coaching. He recently was a featured speaker at a prayer breakfast in Farmington Hills.

renewed spirituality. "It's been a fun, nice walk with God," Finnerty said.



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S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

Kathleen Asseveries of Fox Hills Golf Course in Salem has been elected to the position of president of the Michigan Gelf Course Owners Association for

Aznavorian is the co-owner and president of Fox Hills, a 45hole daily fee golf course in southeast Michigan. The original 18-hole course has been family owned since 1974. She holds a bachelor's degree from the Uni-

versity of Detroit and a master's degree from Plorida Atlantic University. She earned her C.P.A. in the State of Michigan.

Asnaverian has served on the board of directors of the Plymouth Symphony Society for seven years. Currently, slie is treasurer and board member of the Petewatemi Land Trust, an organization dedicated to pre-serving natural areas in Washtenaw County.

Herriman & Associates Inc., dha Condo Managers, a Plymouth-based management firm announced that Dam Herriman, Lily Ann Beament and Jeffs mgtom have received profit sional credentials for managing condominium and homeowners associations through the national organization.

#### ADVERTISEMENT TO BID CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed bids will be received by the Office of the Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 15, 1990, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

PURCHÁSE OF ONE (1) 1888 PORD XL, F-480, 4x2, DEW

Specifications are available in the Finance & Budget Department. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all hids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT. Clerk

Publish: April 1, 1909

#### **OBITUARIES**

HAZEL D. BARTON

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Services for Hazel D. Barton, 75, of Canton Township were April 1 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Deedy Cook officiating. Burial was in Washtenong Memorial Park, Ann Arbor.

She was born Aug. 9, 1923, in Hickman, Ky. She died March 29 in Canton Township. She was a homemaker. She was married for 55 years. She came to the Canton community in 1944 from Kentucky. She enjoyed fishing, gardening, traveling and driving in the country. She enjoyed family reunions and swimming. Survivors include her husband, Joe; one son, Joe Barton Jr. of Ypsilanti; three brothers, J.W. Darnell of Seattle, Wash., Bobby Joe Darnell of California, David Simmons of Tennessee:

two grandsons, Joe Anderson Barton, III of Howell, Adam L. Barton of Howell; and two greatgrandchildren. DOUGLAS H. MILLS

Services for Douglas H. Mills,

86, of Sherwood, Mich., were March 29 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. William Moore

officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

He was born Nov. 6, 1912, in Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada. He died March 25 in Battle Creek. He was an industrial painter for the industrial painting company of Flint and Detroit. He came to the Plymouth community in 1961. He was a member of the Painter's Union Local No. 675 in Detroit. He loved woodworking, fishing and being with his grandchil-

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marion. Survivors

include his three sons, Bruce (Janet) Mills of Flint, David (Cathy) Mills of Plymouth, Daniel (Shirley) Mills of Tennessee; three daughters, Bar-, bara (Lloyd) Mitchell of Swartz Creek, Mich., Mary (David) Manney of Sherwood, Janice (Al) Camara of Muskegon; one sister, Marion Helmer of Elk Rapids; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to **Evergreen Manor Activities** Fund.

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID SALE OF VEHICLES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., April 22, 1999, for the sale of the following vehicles: EIGHT (8) FORD CROWN VICTORIAS

ONE (1) FORD Rase ONE (1) GMC JDDGY 4x4 ONE (1) GMC PICEUP 4WD TWO (2) GMC PICKUPS SWD ONE (1) PONTIAC PARISIENNE ONE (1) PONTIAC BONNEVILLE TWO (2) CHEVBOLET PICKUPS ONE (1) CHEVROLET CAPRICE ONE (1) FORD LEGGO - VACTOR

Bidders desiring to look at the vehicles must make an appointment by calling Edward Olson at 734-397-8066 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bid is to be submitted to the Office of the Clerk, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Mi 48188. Envelope must state which vehicle(s) is being bid en. The vehicle will be sold in an "as-is" condition. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

Publish: April 1, 1996

City of Plymouth

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

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Note: Complete copies of these administrative rules are available for public inspection at the Clerk's officer during regular business hours.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to introduce and table for publication in the Canton Observer on April 1, 1999 the First Reading of the Electrical Service Conductors; Placement Ordinance No. 78 (A). All ayes.

First Reading Summary of ELECTRICAL SERVICE CONDUCTORS: PLACEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 78(A) An Ordinance to regulate the location and placement of electrical service

conductors. The Charter Township of Canton ordains:

ENTRANCE CONDUCTORS

This section provides for underground 600 volts or less, and installation of Section 2. SAVINGS CLAUSE If any section of this ordinance be declared void by legal actions for any reason,

all other sections shall continue to be in force until specifically declared void through action of the court.

Section 3. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. All previous ordinances or parts of ordinances, and all amendments thereto, conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are repealed as of the effective date of this ordinance.

ection 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This amendment to the ordinance shall become effective upon publication in the Canton Observer on April 22, 1999.

Note: Complete copies of these administrative rules are available for public inspection at the Clerk's office during regular business hours. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to introduce the First Reading of

the amendments to the Pool Ordinance No. 110(B). All ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to table the First Reading of the amendments to the Pool Ordinance No. 110(B) for publication in the Canton Observer on April 1, 1999. All ayes.

First Reading SUMMARY OF POOL ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 110 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 17.012, ADDING SECTION 17.019. AMENDING SECTION 17.031. RENUMBERING SECTIONS 17.033-17.036 AND ADDING SUBSECTION 17.051(a) OF ORDINANCE NO. 110; ESTABLISHING DEFINITIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS OF SWIMMING POOLS, ABOVE-GROUND/ON-GROUND POOL, BARRIER, HOT TUB, IN-GROUND POOL, PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL, (INDOOR AND OUTDOOR), PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL AND SPA; ESTABLISHING THE CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS OF POOLS SO AS TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONSTRUCTION CODE COMMISSION RULES OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, 1993; PROVIDING MINIMUM WATER DEPTHS AND DISTANCES FOR DIVING BOARDS AND PLATFORMS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF INVALID SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE CODE This Section amends Ordinance No. 110, Sections 17.012, 17.019, 17.031, 17.033-17.036, and 17.051 of the Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton as follows:

1.2 CLASSIFICATION OF POOLS.

This section amends the definitions and classifications of pools and defines the following: "above-ground/on-ground pool", "barrier", "hot tub", "private swimming pool", "private swimming pool, indoor", "private swimming pool, outdoor"

Construction Requirements.

This section is added to require that swimming and bathing pools shall conform to the construction requirements of the Construction Code Commission Rules of the State of Michigan 1993, as amended.
3.1 Swimming Pool Enclosure; Requirements.

This section provides that swimming pool enclosures must meet the construction requirements of the Construction Code Commission Rules of the State of Michigan, 1993, as amended.

This section is amended to set forth the specific self fencing requirements as provided in the Construction Code Commission Rules of the State of Michigan, 1993, as amended, where a wall of dwelling serves as part of the barrier or enclosure around a pool. Self Fencing; Above-Ground Pools

This section is amended to provide the self fencing requirements for above

ground pools. 3.4 Wading Pools

This section is amended to be renumbered from 3.3 to 3.4. Temporary Fence This section is amended to be renumbered from 3.4 to 3.5

Compliance with Fence Requirements This section is amended to be renumbered from 3.5 to 3.6.

5.1 Diving Board or Platform

This section is amended to set froth the minimum water depths and distance for diving boards and diving board platforms.

This section provides that any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity in violation of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court, and provides that each act or violation and every day upon which violation shall occur shall be considered a separate offense.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY. This section provides that if any portion of this Ordinance is found unconstitutional or void, all other portions of the Ordinances are not affected by

This section provides that any and all other conflicting Ordinances are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and

SECTION 5: SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that the adoption of the Ordinance does not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE This section provides that the Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon

publication in the Canton Observer on April 22, 1999. Note: Complete copies of these administrative rules are available for public inspection at the Clerk's office during regular business hours. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve an incentive award of

\$1,800.00 to Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher, and an incentive award of \$1,500.00 to Gerri Svec, Administrative Assistant. All ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to waive the bidding process approve the purchase of one (1) LIFEPAK 12 defibrillator/monitor with

accessories from Physio-Control Corporation, Redmond, WA for a cost of Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve the transfer of \$36,400 into the 1999 MIS Budget Capital Outlay line item (101-258-977-0000) and \$19,000 into 1999 MIS Software Purchases line item (101-258-755-0000) for

bidding procedures for these improvements to expedite their acquisition. All Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the attached Resolution Allocating 35th Judicial District Building Authority Bonds and Providing for

Township computer network improvements. Further to waive the formal

Continuing disclosure Undertaking. All ayes. RESOLUTION ALLOCATING 35TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT BUILDING

AUTHORITY
BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR CONTINUING DISCLOSURE
UNDERTAKING Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township

of Canton, County of Wayne, Michigan, held in said Township on the 23rd day of March 1999, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time. PRESENT: Members: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

ABSENT: Members: None

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

WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton (the "Township") deems it necessary and advisable for the Township that the 35th Judicial District Building Authority (the "Authority"), a public corporation organized and existing under authority of Act 31, Public Acts of Michigan, 1948, as amended, of which the Township is a constituent member, construct a new courthouse facility; and

WHEREAS, the Authority proposes to issue its 1999 building Authority Bonds, (the "Bonds") to pay the cost of said facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is reasonable and necessary to allocate the principal amount of the Bonds in excess of the principal amount of the refunded bonds among the members of the Authority for purposes of Section 265 (b)(3)(C)(iii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and WHEREAS, it is reasonable and necessary that the Township undertake to

comply with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT 35th Judicial District Building Authority 1999 Building Authority Bonds, in the principal amount of \$4,250,000 be and is hereby allocated among the

members of the Authority as set forth in Exhibit A attached thereto and made part hereof., 2. The Township hereby covenants to comply with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") if applicable and designates the Township's Finance Director as Disclosure Representative and authorizes the

Undertaking pursuant to the Rule 3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolutions be and the same hereby are rescinded AYES: Members Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly,

said Finance Director to annually provide the Township's Continuing Disclosure

NAYS: Members None RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on March 23, 1999, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk EXHIBIT A

425,000

ALLOCATION OF BONDS FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 265 (bx3xCxiii) INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED Percentage Amount Allocated Charter Township of Canton \$1,997,500 Charter Township of Northville 12% 510,000 Charter Township of Plymouth 1,062,500 City of Northville

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to create and fill an Accounting Clerk II position in the Finance & Budget Department, Water Billing Division effective immediately. All ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to award the bid for a 1999 Ford Explorer Four wheel drive to Signature Ford in the amount of \$23,478. All

10%

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the Co-License Operating Agreement between the Charter Township of Canton and Diamond Venture L.L.C. for the food and beverage services at the Canton Softball Center.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve payment to Career Directions for consultation to the Administrative and Community Services Department for an amount not to exceed \$5,600. Further, to approve the following budget amendment:

Increase Revenues Appropriations from fund Balance

#101-000-699-0000 Increase Appropriations Contracted Services - ACSD #101-175-818-0000 This budget amendment increases the Administrative and Community Services Department budget from \$211,006 to \$216,606, and the General Fund Budget

from \$16,471,095 to \$16,476,695. All ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to purchase a 1999 GMC 2500 pickup truck two wheel drive, with options that meet the specifications of the Facilities Maintenance Division utilizing the Oakland County Cooperative

Purchasing Program for a cost of \$18,127. All ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to award the bid for a John Deere 5310 MFWD Utility Tractor and attachments to (State of Michigan bid) Weingartz Turf Equipment in the amount of \$32,771.90. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid for the 1999 Canton Liberty Fest rental of tents, tables and chairs to All Parties Concerned in the amount of \$6,674. All ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the bid submitted by

Rex Harvey for installation of a new cupola and cedar roof on the Historical Museum in the amount of \$21,680 and a ten percent contingency of \$2,168; total amount \$23,848. All ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the resolution to amend

Recreation Advisory Committee By-Laws. All ayes Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to award the bid for provision of the CANON XL1 DIGITAL CAMERA PACKAGE, to Roscor Corp., in the amount of

\$13,941. All ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to increase purchase order #8137 with DeAngelia Landscape, Inc. by \$80,000 for the completion of the irrigations system at Independence Park. Further to approve the following budget

amendment in the Community Improvement Fund for this project Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #246-000-699-0000 \$80,000

Increase Appropriation: Capital Improvement Parks & Recreation #246-750-970-0000 \$80,000

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the farm lease agreement with Ernest and Rose Costantino for 30-acres of Township-owned property on Sheldon and Michigan Avenue, and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Lease Agreement. All ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. All

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on March 23, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on April 13, 1999.

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

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# **Farewell**

## Little went a long way for us

o one - so the saying goes - is irreplaceable. But the next Plymouth-Canton Community Schools superintendent will have his or her work cut out to match Chuck Little's effort and accomplishments of the last

Little will leave Plymouth-Canton in August for a new job at his alma matter, Indiana University. The job will put him back in the classroom and in front of the Indiana legislature as a lobbyist for education issues. It is a career change for Little, 54, who said last week he will gain some new work perspectives and more time to be with his family.

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will begin mapping out a replacement plan at its April 13 meeting.

Little's tenure in Plymouth-Canton has been dominated by major issues:

■ The explosive growth of the district and ongoing efforts to expand classroom space.

■ The implementation of Proposal A and its effect on district finances.

■ Less-than-perfect labor relations between teachers and the top-level administration.

The district has made progress in all three areas - some considerable, some incremental - since Little arrived from upstate New York in 1994.

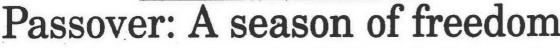
In a district where voters have traditionally been millage-stingy, two bond issues for new construction have been passed in recent years. They have resulted in plans for two new elementary schools, a new middle school and the

eventual construction of a third high school to alleviate congestion on the PCEP campus. While the superintendent certainly can't take all the credit for these successes, much of what Little has done helped educate the public and remove barriers between voters and the school community.

Little has also been at the front of the movement to focus attention on Proposal A and its negative consequences for expanding, suburban districts. Plymouth-Canton hosted a forum and panel discussion among legislators and educators last March that drew hundreds of people to Canton's Summit on the Park. The effort has yet to pay off, although an education bill currently being debated in Lansing would change the way student head counts are done and help growing districts.

Little was also a key proponent of the Labor Management Team, a steering committee formed in 1997 that began looking at potential contract issues long before teachers and the district headed to the bargaining table last year. The end result was a much smoother contract negotiation and a settlement in weeks as opposed to months.

Little's tireless promotion of educational issues and the Plymouth-Canton district will be missed as well. If there was a breakfast or evening meeting anywhere in the community with education even remotely on the agenda, you could count on the superintendent making



When area Jewish families break the matzo, the traditional unleavened product intended to substitute for bread during the Passover holiday this week and next, it will be much more than just a meal-time custom.

Families and their guests at the traditional Passover dinner seders will be retelling the story of the Hebrews in Pharaoh's Egypt escaping slavery and looking toward a life of

That theme of freedom is more relevant in

today's world. There are many examples of large groups of

freedom to just live without fear.

The daily headlines report too many times the tragic slaughters in all parts of the world. Sadly, there are large and small tribal, ethnic and religious wars being waged. Those victims certainly aren't free to enjoy their lives

people still living without freedom - freedom of religion, freedom of speech and personal

because they are living in fear.

The Passover holiday should be remembered and continually observed by all faiths as mankind's continuing struggle for freedom.

ARKIE HUDKINS



#### League of his own

read with interest Tom Yack's recent letter in the March 18 Plymouth Observer, and thought it odd that you would offer a response to the name change of the former Plymouth Canton Junior Baseball League (PCJBL). I have managed 15 teams in the league since 1987. In 1995, I was instrumental in starting the league's travel baseball program and coached the Sandy Koufax team to a firstplace finish. Since 1989, I have been a director attending numerous meetings, outlasting the last two league presidents, Rich Madsen and Milt Thackaberry. I have never seen you at one baseball game or one league meeting. Your letter gallantly proclaims "changing realities" as the basis for the name alteration. I question the factual support of your bold alle-

Since 1960, the PCJBL is an organization of volunteers, independent of the three municipalities that make up our community. The league has provided baseball and softball to the families of the Plymouth-Canton communities and has never had a policy of exclusion you expound.

You claim as yours the PCJBL because your municipality has a large recreation budget and that Canton provides the area "with virtually all recreation facilities." The reality of the field situation is that until this year, Plymouth Township has provided more baseball fields than Canton Township, despite your ever-increasing population. Since I have been associated with the league, Canton Township provided three fields at Griffin Park. Recently, due to the construction of the post office, that number has been reduced. Plymouth Township, on the other hand, owns McClumpha Park, the crown jewel of all local fields, with its gorgeous setting and majestic sunsets. There are four fields at McClumpha Park, three of them lighted so the league can schedule seven games per night, thirty-five games per week in Plymouth Township.

The reality is that the Plymouth-Canton School District provides the vast majority of the baseball fields (20-plus) available in our community. In 1997, PCJBL invested in rebuilding the fields at Pioneer Middle School, to replace the lost Griffin Park fields. Where was Canton Township then?

The reality is that the number and quality of baseball fields in Canton, available for your residents are appalling considering your size and wealth. Canton's recent purchase of the Canton Softball Complex is a step in the right direction toward remedying your recreation deficiency. Be truthful however, the reality is that Canton is providing limited access for junior baseball to that facility, while charging expensive fees to private softball and baseball teams for their privilege of playing in Canton.

The reality is that Canton Township has never provided to its residents. The reality of the situation is that the 2,000 junior baseball players from Canton Township can not survive without the school fields and McClumpha Park. The reality is that Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents need nothing more than the four fields in Plymouth Township to operate and provide baseball to all residents.

For you to claim the league of Canton Township is bullying and boorish. I find it ironic that the bylaws of the former PCJBL dictate that "the primary purpose of this league is to promote citizenship, sportsmanship, and fellowship among the youth of the Plymouth-Canton community." The reality is that your conduct fails on all four of our foundation aspirations. No one is asking for "apologies for offering our residents one of the finest recreation programs." You do owe an apology for misleading the public and claiming our leagues as your own.

David J. Winter Plymouth

#### Offended by ad

was amazed to find the ad for Herald Whole-sale in the Home Spotlight magazine insert in your paper. I am offended by it. I have an 8year-old son who regularly looks through the Observer and the inserts. I'm curious to know why it is necessary to put a naked woman in a magazine to advertise hardware and plumbing. I understand business and the right to free speech, etc., and this certainly caught my eye, but in a hometown paper? Why? Couldn't we leave the naked bodies in adult magazines? It's bad enough the things your kids are exposed to everyday, silly me to think a home magazine insert for the Observer is acceptable reading for an 8-year-old! I hope in the future you will look a little closer at the advertisers and their ads.

Maggie Balint Livonia

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas, as do your neighbors. That's why we offer this space on a weekly basis for opinions in your own words. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity, we ask that you sign your letter and provide a contact telephone number.

Letters should be mailed to: Editor, The Plymouth Observer, 794 S. Main, Plymouth

## Easter: The season of hope

cially armed you to go through it, not without pain but without stain."

-C. S. Lewis in "Letters of C.S. Lewis" This thoughtful quote of one of America's more favorite Christian writers expresses with much more depth the bumper-sticker proclamation "Christians are not perfect -They are Forgiven." The quote also is a reminder of why Easter is so important to

Remember that the prince of the church, St. Peter, experienced his share of tribulation. By cutting off the guard's ear in the garden, he earned Christ's disapproval. This man of strong faith denied Christ three times and went into hiding after Jesus was arrested. He struggled inwardly with great emotional turmoil over his personal frailties.

Yes, it was Peter who was ordained to be the head of the first church. Christ proclaimed Peter was the rock upon which the Church would be built and explained that the allegorical "rock" was Peter's personal faith. Prior to Peter's tribulation, he was the only apostle to recognize who Jesus was when he emphatically announced "Thou Art the Christ!"

St. Peter, who struggled with great emo-

"God, who foresaw your tribulation, has spe- | tional pain, emerged without the stain of sin as Christ would not have chosen a sinner to head His Church. And so, not surprisingly to those who read him, C.S. Lewis was right. Christians believe Jesus died, was resurrected and ascended to reunite with God so that Peter and the rest of us fragile humans can live without the stain of sin.

> Easter embodies three great spiritual values: Hope, that we can surmount our failings and live a successful life; Grace, that God continually provides us with what we hardly deserve; and Love, the comfort that the Trinity cares for us personally. Hope, Grace, and Love (and Peter's own faith) are what propelled him after the ascension into becoming one of the greatest Christian leaders of our

Easter provides power which allows us to have Hope in our future, take comfort in God's love for us, be amazed always by His Grace, and be optimistic that we have God's approval no matter what is our standing in life. We need not be buried by our failings because forgiveness brings us to the top and offers a fresh

Easter means we may live with pain but without stain:

#### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### QUESTION:

Do you agree with the U.S.-NATO military intervention in Kosovo?

We asked this question outside the Canton post office



"Yes. You can't let people treat others like that."

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- Philip Power

#### POINTS OF VIEW

# Spartan pride has been shamed by sour grapes party

Ven though I'm a graduate of the University of Michigan, I rooted for the Michigan State Spartans Saturday night.

"I nooted for their ultra-talented team to beat Duke in the Final Four and go on to the NCAA basketball championship round in St. Petersburg, Fla.

And I rooted for their supporters back in East Lansing to celebrate — or mourn — in a manner that could work to change MSU's image as an out-of-control party school.

Unfortunately, neither came to

The Spartan basketball team can take enormous pride in its effort against Duke, which then lost narrowly to the University of Connecticut Monday night.

But MSU once again has been

shamed by a corps of students and outsiders who, fueled by alcohol, turned East Lansing into a war zone, laced with beer bottles, broken store fronts, and cars set ablaze. At least 30 people, including a policeman, were injured.

The basketball program has been a lucid star in a sky which for a year has been darkened by alcoholic clouds.

Last spring, an estimated 3,000 MSU students protested a ban on alcohol at the parking lot at Munn Field, where fans partied before and after football games. Protesters lit a fire at a busy intersection and another bonfire blazed near the edge of campus before police fired tear gas to end the melee. Police made 17 arrests; six people received minor injuries. At the time, it was reported



JUDITH DONER BERNE

that MSU led the nation's universities in alcohol arrests in 1996 and ranked third in the nation in drug arrests.

Over the summer, MSU President
Peter McPherson convened a task
force including both students and
members of the greater East Lansing
community to try to come to grips

with the problem.

In November, an MSU student from Clarkston died after drinking 24 shots of alcohol in celebration of his 21st birthday. But even as the university's fraternities and sororities voluntarily agreed to a 30-day moratorium on social events, one fraternity scheduled a party highlighted as a beer-drinking contest. An E-mail invitation requested party-geers to bring \$5, a girl who can drink, and a case of beer, according to a news report.

What happened Saturday night is being characterized as the worst violence in East Lansing history. The raging mobs, burning fires and devastated property conjure up images of Kosovo, not a Midwestern college town. Police made 24 arrests over the weekend and more may be prompted by an anonymous tipster line.

President McPherson's promise to suspend and expel students who damaged property or caused injury, in addition to their punishment by the legal system, is appropriate. It also may work to prevent future such incidents.

Changing the deeply ingrained college culture of drinking to get drunk takes education and persistence. It's a culture perpetuated by advertising with roots in our own families and our own communities.

MSU has a lot of work ahead. So do

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is former managing editor of the Eccentric Newspapers. You can comment on this column by calling (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1997.

# A realistic view of the law prompts Kelly's 'antiquated' label

y dander rose, as did yours perhaps, when Marilya Kelly called an 1846 Michigan law against cohabitation by an unwed couple "antiquated and rarely enforced."

Kelly is the state Supreme Court justice who wrote the Dec. 22 majority opinion against Jackson landlords John and Terry Hoffius. They refused to rent apartments to two unwed couples, citing the 152-year-old statute that "Any man or woman, not being married to each other, who shall lewdly and lasciviously associate and cohabit together ... shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

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Mr. and Mrs. Hoffius declared that the state of sin in which the two couples were living offended their religion. They argued their freedom of religion should take precedence over the 1968 Civil Rights Act forbidding discrimination in real estate dealings on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, familial status, or marital status..." Kelly and four other justices ruled for the renters: "The state's need to provide equal access to such a fundamental need as housing outweighs defendants' religious beliefs that they should not rent to an unmarried couple."

An old law, surely, but "antiquated"? The Magna Carta, which limits the power of a sovereign, is 784 years old; the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, more than 200. Law, one would think, is either just or unjust, not "antiquated."

Justice Patricia Boyle dissented sharply. "The Legislature has not repealed the prohibition against cohabitation," she said, adding, "the fact that a criminal statute has not been successfully prosecuted does not somehow render the prohibited conduct legal or the criminal statute void."

Freshman state Rep. Clark Bisbee, R-Jackson, has proposed House Bill 4258 that would allow landlords to deny dealing with unwed couples.



TIM RICHARD

And this generated a missive from the American Association for Single People, with a Bloomfield Hills telephone number, yet: AASP says:

■ Michigan has 300,000 unrelated adults who live together.

■ Some 16,000 seniors and many disabled cohabit because "they would be penalized by pension plans and government benefits programs if they were to legally marry."

More than 66 percent of unmarried couples are persons of the oppo-

site-sex. Nearly 40 percent of these male-female unmarried couples are raising children."

"More than half of the people who have married in recent years cohabited together beforehand," according to the University of Wisconsin Center for Demography and Ecology, which concluded that "cohabitation is now an integral part of the "marital decision-making process for most people."

The last paragraph is stunning to those of us who grew up before the 1960s. We all knew many couples "jump the gun" before the wedding. But the Wisconsin research says they're actually living together.

The Bible says God decreed the death penalty for adultery, incest, homosexual contact, marrying a mother and daughter, and carnal relations with an animal (Leviticus 20: 10-16). But God eased up on premarital intercourse (Exodus 22: 15-16), letting the man off with barely a

slap on the wrist and a woman with no sanctions at all.

Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., who spent more than 30 years on the U.S. Supreme Court and penned "The Common Law," would have sided with Kelly, I think. He saw the law as dynamic, not static. In his opening paragraph, he wrote:

"The life of the law ... has been experience. The felt necessities of the time, the prevalent moral and political theories ... The substance of the law at any given time ... corresponds ... with what is then understood to be convenient."

Later: "In the course of centuries the custom, belief, or necessity disappears, but the rule remains."

Whether you approve of current morals or not, Kelly had the most realistic view of the law.

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

### Abraham-Stabenow race is on

o it's going to be Debbie Stabenow vs.

Spencer Abraham for the U.S. Senate in November 2000.

That's fine. If the public purpose of an election contest is to pit the two best possible candidates against each other, a Stabenow-Abraham race fits the bill perfectly.

Some early polls have shown Stabenow with a slight (45-39 percent) lead over Abraham.

They won't mean much once the campaigning get serious. But they do give substance to the widely held theory that Stabenow has a real chance and that Abraham is unusually vulnerable for an incumbent senator.

Don't be fooled. Abraham has lots going for him. As an incumbent with statewide reach, he'll work the Washington sound-bite culture to get on the 11 p.m. news. And he's hard at work on Republican fund-raising circuit, with a stated \$9 million goal.

Most of all, Abraham has in his corner the Republican machine built and fine-tuned by Gov. John Engler. Just how solidly in his corner is another question, given Abraham's decision to endorse his old boss, former Vice President Dan Quayle, for president rather than Engler's choice, Texas Gov. George W. Bush. GOP insiders are cluck-clucking over this slip in Abraham's usually cautious political maneuvering.

And Abraham has hardly set the Senate on fire. Other than an easy-to-attack vote for impeachment and a sensible but easy-to-forget bill easing immigration restrictions, Abraham hasn't constructed much of a legislative record. And a lot of people who have repeatedly tried and failed to get schedule commitments through Abraham's office are very critical of his staff performance and Abraham's evident preference for appearing at very controlled and scripted events.

As for Stabenow, the only question was whether she'd run for Senate next year or governor in three years. Michigan likely will lose a congressional seat after the 2000 census results are in. Stabenow's district, uneasily poised between liberal and urban Lansing and conservative and exurban Livingston County is ripe for climination when the redistricting deals are

So for Stabenow, necessity – in this case, runting for the Senate – is the mother of invertion. With former Gov. Jim Blanchard out of the cace, Stabenow is about the only Democratic leader left with an established political track record and relatively high name ID statewide.

Stabenow served in the state Senate, where the precipitated events that wound up with Proposal A to reform school finance. That cost her transcel labor's endorsement when she ran for



PHILIP POWER

In fact, Stabenow has a somewhat unusual reputation for being both a good campaigner and a good legislator.

governor in 1994 and lost in the Democratic primary. She went to Congress in 1996 after a bitter race against incumbent Dick Chrysler. Last year, she strolled to easy victory in the face of a Republican landslide.

Forget what the Abraham spin doctors are saying that Stabenow is only a second stringer, now that Blanchard is out of the race. I've watched her on the campaign trail, and I can confirm that she's one terrific campaigner.

A longtime Livingston County political

observer calls her "one of the most formidable campaigners I've ever seen. When she works a room, it's a work of art."

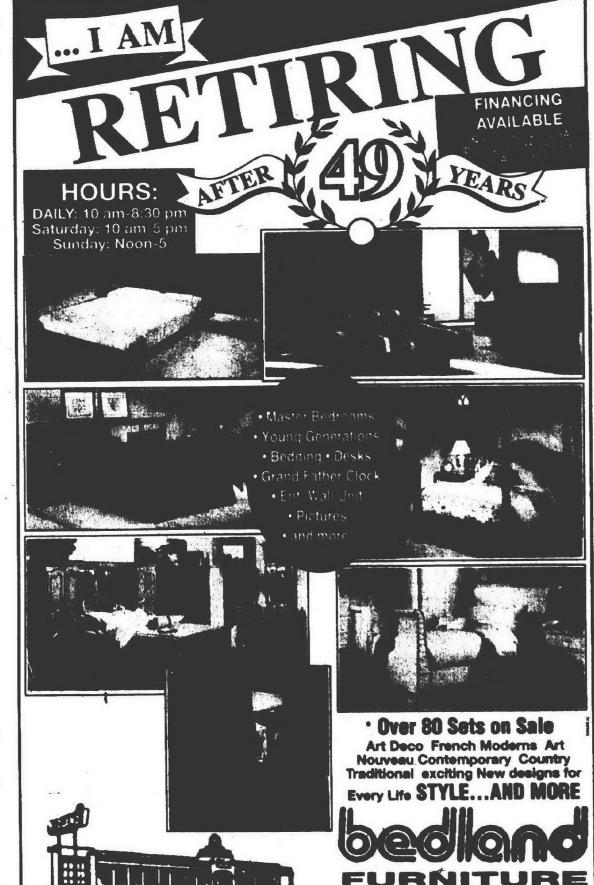
Politically, she's a moderate who has won a reputation in Congress for solid reasonableness and good staff work. In fact, Stabenow has a somewhat unusual reputation for being both a good campaigner and a good legislator.

Who knows whether Democrat Stabenow will be able to knock off an incumbent Republican U.S. senator, especially in a state where the institutional Democratic Party has essentially vanished. I'd guess the issue will turn on whether Stabenow can stay close to Abraham in the money-raising contest and whether organized labor still bears a grudge for Proposal A. And there's always wild-card Geoffrey Fieger,

who has threatened to run as an Independent if he loses a Democratic primary and could well siphon votes away from Stabenow. However it turns out, it should be a first-

class race. Stay tuned.

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#### TATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

New laws

Most bills passed by the Michigan Legislature take effect 20 days after lawmakers seigurn at the end of December are some 1998 laws hitting the books this week:

No cloning - Human cloning becomes illegal, and violators can face 10 years in prison, loss of professional licenses for five years and fines of \$30 million. Sponsor was Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton. Cloning is the creation of a duplicate human being by genetic manifulation.

Fewer hillboards & Scenic readways will have have bill-boards under PA 558, which hikes fees for erecting and maintaining billhoards and spaces them 500 feet apart. The act also bans stacking billboards and establishes a felony penalty for destroying trees within a road right of way.

Jet Skis - The Personal

Watercraft Safety Act require anyone renting Jet Skis or similar products to complete a boater safety course or obtain training in safety prior to rental. Violators can get 90 days in jail and fines up to \$500.

Hazardous wastes - Polluters must pay the costs of dumping hazardous wastes under new amendments to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. Payment would be in addition to court fines, said the sponsor, Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton. His

amendment covers persons involved in transporting, treating, storing, disposing of, or generating hazardous wastes.

New bridges

Some 71 local bridges will get a 50 percent funding boost for repairs and replacement, the state Department of Transportaannounced. MDOT improved funding from \$19 million last year to \$29 million this

On the list, with estimated

Wayne County - Haggerty Road bridge over Middle Rouge River, \$1.75 million.

New bills

Nursing homes - Sen. George Hart, D-Dearborn, has introduced SB 426 requiring the Department of Consumer and Industry Services to create a consumer rating index for nursing homes. Ratings would be based on the number and types of accidents, care, nutritional value of meals and staffing levels. Ratings would be published through Internet, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman and Office of Services to the Aging.

Loan interest - Bennett has introduced a bill that would allow students to deduct interest payments on their student loans from state taxes. SB 483 was sent to the Senate Finance Com-

Compiled from news releases by Tim Richard, staff writer.

# SC offers classes, special events

tion Services department. The upcoming schedule includes:

■ Internet for Seniors -Learn how easy it is to send your grandchildren e-mail, check your investments and make travel arrangements on the Web. You can even locate people you lost touch with years ago. The one-day class is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3, for a 567 fee.

M Attracting Songbirds and Butterflies to Your Garden —

Learn what to plant in your garden to attract and feed butterflies, songbirds and hummingbirds. Choose from trees. shrubs, annuals and perennials to qualify your yard for registration with the National. Wildlife Federation Backyard Habitat Program. This oneday class is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3, for a \$51 fee.

■ Dinner for Four or More -This one-day class will focus on spring and summer meals, with demonstrations, tastings and recipes. Topics include barbecue tips, light marinades, salads and appetizers presented by Chef Kelli Lewton. The class is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3, for a \$70 fee.

It Makes Scents: An

Schoolcraft College offers a series of classes and seminars through its Continuing Education to Aromatherapy – Identify the 10 most effective essentials oils, which oils to avoid and techniques for blending and application. Create your own aromatherapy preparation and learn to treat basic needs. The one-day class is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3. The fee is \$44.

Geothermal Seminars-Learn to save up to 60 percent. on your energy bills with information on environmentally friendly geothermal systems. which use the earth's natural resources to heat and cool homes. The one-day class is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. for free.

■ How To Start a Bed and Breakfast Inn - Get realistic information on how to become a successful innkeeper, including locating an inn, financing, zoning, marketing, insurance and the basics of innkeeping.

The four-week class begins Wednesday, April 14 at 7 p.m. for a \$61 fee.

On-Line Computer Courses - A series of on-line, interactive computer courses begins Wednesday, April 14. They include: Creating Web Pages; Advanced Web Pages: Microsoft FrontPage 98; CGI Programming for the Web; Introduction to PC TrouQuickbooks; and Windows File and Disk Management. All class fees are \$59.

■ Experienced Rider Course This one-day class is for the licensed cyclist and specifically designed for large touring motorcycles and sport bikes, with emphasis on advanced riding skills. The class is at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 18. Fee is \$25 fee.

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

Other events include Kids Campus Showcase - kids been busy on campus semester and are ready to display what they have learned. You can read their books and see their projects 10:30-11:30 a m. Saturday, April 3, in the physical educational building.

Music Club Recital Series A free noon concert features Elizabeth Parcells, coloratura soprano from Detroit, with songs and arias by Mozart, Donizetti and Bellini. The Wednesday, April 14 concert is in the Forum Recital Hall. A reception will follow the con-

■ International Dinner -Enjoy a five-course meal of food from the Mediterranean prepared by second-year culinary

bleshooting; Introduction to students. Serving begins at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, April 15 in the American Harvest Restaurant. The cost is \$25.95 per person. Call (734) 462-4488 for reservations.

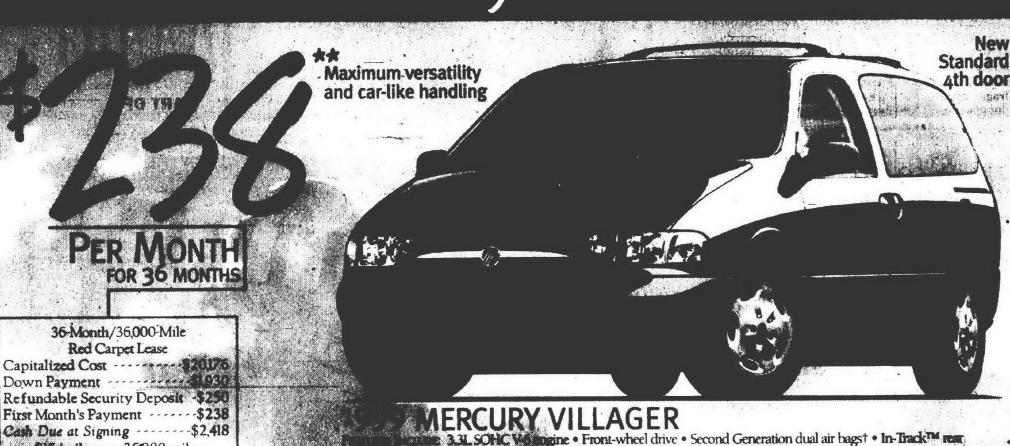
■ Women's Resource Center Luncheon Series - Greg Luncheon Series Greg Kramer, doctor of chiropractic, presents "All Stressed Cut and Newbere to Go" in Waterman Center at noon Friday, April 16, The event is free, but bring a treath bag lunch. "W. Cellage Centert Sources aming college context features all the College context features

all the College's performing groups: the Community Choir, jazz choirs, the Wind Ensemble, the MIDI Ensemble and other chamber groups and soloists. The music begins at 8 p.m. Friday, April 16 in the Radcliff Community Room at Radcliff Center in Garden City. The concert is free, but donations are welcome at the door.

■ Beekeepers School - Beekeepers will gather at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 17 to learn the latest on bees, with workshops for beginners and pros. Nonmembers must pay a \$5 fee at the door, and everyone is asked to bring a passing dish.

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VIRGINIA BAILEY PARKER

### Fashion trends can prove to be bit unhealthy

ny woman whose feet ever hurt wearing shoes with spike heels and pointed toes knows that current fashions are not always in her best interest. Looking back on fashions, it's clear that some trends have been downright unhealthy.

Take the 19th century, for example. In the 1830s, fashions were designed for the well-to-do.

Dropped shoulders - with seams placed part way down the upper arm - on stylish dresses prevented women from raising their arms. Dressed this way, a woman could do little work around the house.

Naturally, a woman who could afford to wear such a dress needed servants for household chores. But the expectation was also in place that she would be graciously sedentary, which did her cardiovascular system no good.

The average women could not afford the luxury of such a style. Nor could she wear the hobbled skirt that restricted walking, which was produced later in the century. In some ways, those of lesser means were better off.

Ideals of physical beauty were also detrimental. A fair complexion was so valued, along with a fragile nature, that the porcelain pallor of a consumptive (tubercular) victim was admired. Some praised the "halfclosed eye" – an unfortunate euphemism for the heavy lidded look of illness - as "beauty soft-reclining." Women whitened their faces with rice powder to imitate this delicate appearance, which they equated with

#### **Dreaded corsets**

And what of corsets? This unforts nate contraption impeded the simple ability to breathe normally as I saw demonstrated at a contra (Virginia Reel style) dance a few years ago. When a woman in Civil War costume was winded, I asked if she found the spirited dance too taxing.

"No," she said." My corset won't let me get enough air!"

No wonder Victorian women were prone to fainting.

Social activists, including doctors, condemned corsets for causing other serious - and sometimes fatal - problems. Tight lacing constricted the waist so much that organs were pushed out of place. Lower ribs, also crushed into unnatural positions, sometimes poked into lungs.

Various social reform campaigns encouraged looser fitting clothes, including pants and divided skirts. The most famous, of course, was designed by Amelia Bloomer, whose name is forever linked with "bloomers." When she introduced the Turkish-style trousers in 1849, ladies weren't too fond of the style, nor were most men, so it didn't catch on.

Not every woman dismissed the need for pants, however. In 1865, Dr. Mary Walker was photographed in a knee-length, flared jacket over straight-legged pants. Braided trim gave the outfit a military flair. Even her wavy hair, which fell loose to her waist, disregarded convention. She blazed a lot of trails, though, starting with the fact that Walker was an assistant surgeon in the Civil War, when women doctors were few and far between.

One group that agitated for provements was the Rational Dress Society, which Viscountess Harberton formed in 1880. It promoted styles "based upon considerations of health, comfort and beauty."

One of its recommendations dealt with heavy layers of fabric in dresses and undergarments that encumbered women. The society recommended that underslothing - it noted that this should exclude shoes - should not weigh more than 7 pounds.

The society also proposed a divided skirt - or knickerbockers - with a one-fitting tunic. Playwright Oscar Wilde was one of the famous reform



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Layer by layer: Dana Pososki of Livonia (photo above) works on designing her egg, placing wax in the areas she would like to keep red before putting on the last color, black.

t's become a tradition at Livonia's Sandburg Public Library - Sandy Ewasek of Livonia teaching the art of Ukrainian Easter egg decorating to an eager group of students. Thirty people, ages 12 and up, spent four hours Saturday learning how to create the eggs, called

class at the library for four years, the peasants of the Ukraine and other Eastern European regions have been decorating egg shells with melted beeswax and dye for thousands of years. "I try to help them get the technique down, so they'll be able to do more complicated designs on their own," said Ewasek. "I teach them how to

pysanky. While Ewasek has been teaching the

measure the egg. One side should be the same as the other. Some of the designs they do better with, if the egg is measured properly." Traditionally, pysanky are made during the last

week of Lent, Holy Week in the Catholic and Orthodox calendars. They are then taken to the church on Easter Sunday to be blessed, after which they are given to family members and respected outsiders.

Pysanky are whole, raw eggs which have been decorated with a complicated wax-resist method. As the egg goes through a series of dyebaths, from light to dark colors, designs are drawn (or "write,"



All done: Stonee Moran of Livonia holds up her finished Ukrainian-decorated Easter egg.

as Ukrainians would say) on the shell with hot wax after each dyeing.

A small, hollow funnel attached to a stick, called a kistka, is often used to heat the wax and write with. The egg is dipped in a light colored dye - yellow, for instance - and those designs that are

intended to be yellow are written. Another, darker dye bath is followed by more writing, and so on until the entire design in its several colors is on the egg. Then the egg is heated, often in the flame of a candle, and the melted wax is wiped off it. The finished egg is then coated with varnish to protect it.

Finishing touches: Fellow students watch

as Cheryl Gamble of Livonia holds her

completed egg near a candle to remove

the layers of wax.

In earlier times, decorated eggs were buried in the newly planted wheat fields and hung from fruit trees to assure bountiful crops. People believed the eggs had special powers to help them in daily life. Of the designs, animals represent prosperity and wealth; birds, the warding off of evil; the 8-pointed star, success; and wheat, the life's work of the peasant.

Each of the designs and colors on the pysanka is likely to have a deep, symbolic meaning. Traditionally, pysanky designs are chosen to match the character of the person to whom the pysanka is to be given.

Ewasek learned to make pysanky about eight years ago. Her husband, who is nalf Ukrainian, always wanted his children to make the eggs, but they were too busy. So Ewasek, who isn't Ukrainian, learned how.

"I adore my father-in-law and have interest in art, so I decided to do the eggs," said Ewasek, who confirmed that she will be teaching the class at the library next year.

# Believers look to icon for help

By CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

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It was a somber scene at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church in Livonia last Friday. Families rolled relatives in wheelchairs up to the church. Others walked slowly with canes or with a

Almost all of the 600 people who attended services that night came to pray in front of an icon streaming rosescented oil that the Very Rev. Michael Matsko of Holy Transfiguration said is

They were seeking miracles.

"I'm hoping that possibly it can do some good. I have a friend who has been diagnosed with lung cancer," said Sue Williams of Livonia. "We're trying different things."

Williams added that it was worth a 15 minutes before the service started. try because Holy Transfiguration is so close to her home.

"It's not something I'd make a pilgrimage to; it's in my neighborhood," she said. "It's something I can actually get involved with without too much expense or trouble.

She came with Dorothy Williams. also of Livonia. She is hoping that a sample of the oil coming from the icon will cure her mother.

"I used to go to the healing Mass over at St. Genevieve; this is an extension to that," Dorothy said. "Also because my möther has eye problems and I thought

A line of people stretched from the chapel, down the hallway and outside of Holy Transfiguration. At 6:45 p.m.,

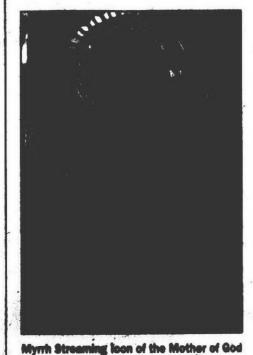
maybe I could get some of the oil."

the seats of the small, muggy chapel were filled. Some stood inside while others waited outside or in the hall-

As each person came to the end of the aisle separating two sections of folding chairs, he or she stopped in front of the icon and prayed. The icon sat at an angle so a clear glass could catch the dripping oil. After the service, patrons were anointed with the oil

and received a swab of it to take home. Visitation is decided on a monthly basis, Matsko explained. The icon, which is called the "Myrrh Streaming Icon of the Mother of God," will be displayed 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays in April at the church, 36075 W. Seven

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# Piece of success: Tip-selling CC seniors savor party

but 15 pixes, a selection of brownies and cookies and pop disappeared quickly as members of adviser Gene Grewe's senior homeroom class at Detroit Catholic Central High School in Redford enjoyed the "spoils" of victory at a party last week.

The winning class, led by senior captains Keith Rowe, Dave Lusky and Kyle Entsminger, raised close to \$800 of \$1,300 collected by the school in Community Hospice and Hume Care Services' annual "Shamrocks for Hospice" fund-

CC students have been involved in the campaign for several years, with a competition developing between the classes for a pizza party offered to the winning classroom

The class captains, including juniors Rod Hunt and Jeremiah Hicks, sophomores Jim Spiewak and Dave Groth and freshmen Anthony Guerreso, Rick Thompson and Ryan Wrobleski, gave up their lunch hour for three days to visit each room and solicit "Shamrock" money for the Hospice Home Project.

At Livonia Franklin High School, students in the student leadership class used "Shamrocks for Hospice" as an opportunity to set up and coordinate four days of fund-raising in the cafeteria.

Seniors Dawn Vorhes and Abby Wojtowicz recruited 12 stu-

The apples weren't a big hit, dents to go to all of the classrooms to educate students on side care and the plan for a Hospice Home. They passed out pamphlets, answered questions and convinced local business to donate prizes for the "Shamrock"

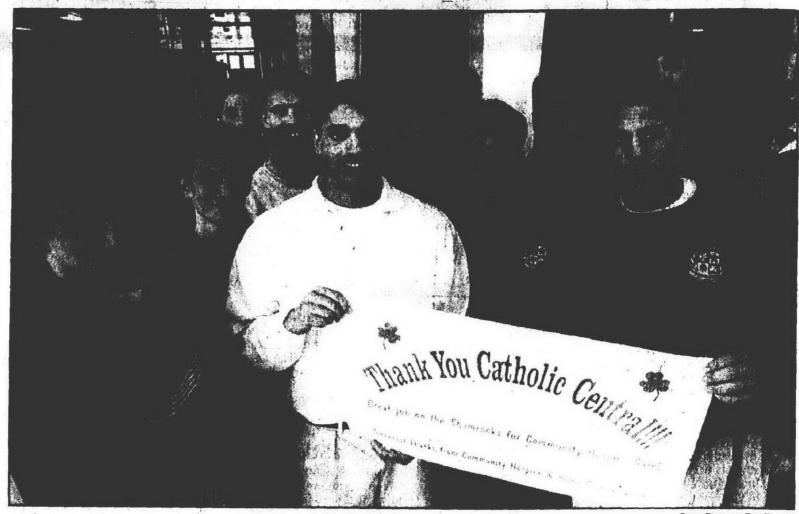
"We were surprised at the number of students who came up to us to tell us of their families' personal experiences with hospice," said Abby.

"We already have ideas for next year which we have passed on to the director of student activities," added Dawn

The students not only raised valuable dollars, but also awareness of the hospice philosophy, according to Maureen Butrico, CHHCS executive director.

We are so pleased with the education and community involvement we have seen at both Catholic Central and Franklin High schools," Butrico

"Shamrocks for Hospice" is part of the agency largest yearly fund-raiser, the St. Patrick's Dinner-Dance and Auction. The money raised by the two schools. as well as the many local businesses who participated in this year's campaign, is designated for the CHHCS Hospice Home Project, a 10-12-bed facility that will provide a place for incurably ill patients who don't have a home of their own or someone to care for them during their final



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We're No. 1: Flanked by fellow Catholic Central seniors, Dave Varlesi (left) and Dave Lusky hold the sign acknowledging the senior homeroom class's efforts to raise almost \$800 in the Community Hospice and Home Care Services' annual "Shamrocks for Hospice" sale.

# Go traditional or modern in filling your Easter baskets

Creating Easter baskets for everyone - kids, spouses and friends - is easy and fast, if you look at the history of the holiday.

"You can pick up last-minute Easter baskets at the grocery store or drugstore," said Carole Bloom, spokeswoman for the American Boxed Chocolate Manufacturers and author of the topselling book, "All About Chocolate." "The common denominator is a chocolate bunny or delicious box of chocolate."

Pagan and Christian rituals have combined over time, resulting in contemporary American traditions. Americans' secular symbols of Easter, rabbits and eggs originated from early symbols of spring, fertility and

rebirth. The Pennsylvania Dutch introduced the first modern American custom of Easter baskets in the 1700s.

Boys and girls built "nests" with their caps and bonnets and hid them for the Easter bunny to lay eggs. Eventually, baskets replaced hats throughout the country, and the tradition continues today

Easter traditions continue to change as Americans add their own customs. Easter baskets are filled with new traditional foods the perennial favorite chocolate Easter bunny and a wide variety of other candy and choco-- while many original customs continue.

To create a traditional Easter

basket, modeled after the historical Pennsylvania Dutch Easter basket, you'll need a straw hat, pieces of straw to stuff in the bottom of the hat and colored

What started as a grass-filled hat or bonnet has evolved into much more.

To make a more contemporary Easter basket, use a colorful wicker basket and add shredded pastel paper, tie-dyed eggs, sugar-free chocolate bunnies, bunny figurines and a box of chocolates

Easter is the unofficial kickoff of spring, so give a springtime basket to your friend or mother. Use a plant basket you have at home and fill it with pastel-col-

ored tissue paper. Add fresh flowers, drop in a bottle of champagne or sparkling cider and top off with a box of chocolates.

Kids love to find lots of treats on Easter morning, especially chocolate bunnies and eggs.

For your child's Easter basket, use fluorescent colored grass, add a chocolate bunny, plastic colored eggs filled with quarters and dimes, coloring book with crayons and a box of chocolates.

Don't know what to bring for the host and hostess of Easter dinner? Easter baskets aren't just for kids.

What about an Italian basket a wooden crate basket you can find at your local supermarket. filled with a bottle of wine, fresh loaf of bread, bottle of extra virgin olive oil, Romano cheese and a box of chocolate truffles?

Christians associate Easter with the celebration of the resurrection of Christ. Baskets that use religious items are available. Eggs, chicks and flowers symbolize the "rebirth" of Christ, as He rose from the dead on Easter morning.

If you'd like to give a religious Easter basket, consider including chocolate crosses, chocolate lambs and bunnies or a plush toy lamb or bunny.

If you really want hassle-free, chocolate manufacturers are offering ready-made Easter baskets in spring colors, filled with a variety of goodies.

See's Candies offers large (\$28.50) and medium (\$12.75) wicker Easter baskets filled with a foil-wrapped chocolate bunny, jelly beans and a box of decorative chocolate eggs. For information, call (800) 347-7337.

Fannie May Candies has introduced the Beans and Bunnies Basket (\$29.95) that comes with a plush Bunny filled with foilwrapped milk chocolate rabbits. The basket also contains more of Fannie May's goodies. For information, call (800) 888-3629.

For more information, visit the American Boxed Chocolate Manufacturers Web site: www.vorhaus.com.

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Mile, Livonia. For more information, call Holy Transfiguration at (248) 476-3432 or visit www. oca. org/ OCA/ pim/ oca-mw-livhxc.

Showing the icon has been difficult for the church. Matsko said when streaming icons are discovered, "the church is obligated ... to make the icon available to people."

"That becomes a very difficult task because thousands and

thousands of people come," he said. "Thousands of people have come here in the last year - from Ireland, South America, France. England. People have come from all over to make a visit, so you have to have the resources of people to deal with that also."

The icon belongs to a family, whom Matsko declined to identify. He did say that the family, who moved to the west side a year a to from Troy, attends Holy

Transfiguration Church.

"It started to give the oil on Nov. 21, 1997, which was the feast day of the entrance of Mary into the temple," Matsko explained. "On Oct. 16, 1998, three other icons that were surrounding this icon began to give the oil also."

Icons like this are not unusual, he added.

"Within the history of the of abnormal at times.

Orthodox church, going back a couple thousand years, there have always been icons that have given oil or myrrh," he said. "The church of Russia has 300 of them. Within the life of the church, there has, at times, been myrrh that has come from the tombs of a saint and from icons. Within the life of the church, it's something that's normal. From outside the church, it looks kind

"I've been asked why, why, why, why, why; all those why questions. The only thing we can say absolutely is that God continues to manifest himself to us. and the myrrh is always for spiritual healing."

That was Phil Attee's hope. He and his wife, Lorraine, of Taylor, were seeking help with her rheumatoid arthritis.

"You never know, things might happen. The disease that I have

gets chronically worse over the years. I was looking for a help or a cure or whatever," Lorraine

A Livonia woman, who wished to be identified only as Lena. doesn't think that the oil will cure her arthritis. But seeing the icon gives her hope.

"I've got arthritis, nothing will ever get rid of that. I could pray and say not to make it worse," Lena said with a laugh.

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WESTERN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS 4:00 p.m., Monday, March 22, 1999

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ers who waded in on this issue. He approved of the style, but felt that a divided skirt must not mimic a dress, if it is to "go far toward solving a real difficulty."

Wholesome image

Change did not come quickly, but, fortunately, reformers didn't give up. The wholesome, turn-ofthe-century, Gibson Girl image took hold. Its time had come because it went hand-in-hand with efforts to promote exercise for women.

Tennis, golf, bicycling, mountain climbing and ice hockey - to name but a few sports - began drawing Victorian women participants. Fashions began to accommodate these activities, and society's attitudes began changing,

So, have history's lessons taught us to dress more sensi-

Well, scanty beachwear overexposes us to radiation, increasing chances of skin cancer.

Then there are platform shoes, which tried to make a comeback. They're not easy to walk in. In the 1970s, I knew a young

woman who loved platforms; she sprained her ankle falling off her shoes!

It seems fashion will always find some way to defy common

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.

## Be a sport, read Sports

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH** TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1999 REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR MASTER AUTOMATIC, INC.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 1999, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Master Automatic, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a new facility, including the cost of machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures, leasted at 40465 Schopleraft Road, Schoolcraft Corporate Park, Plymouth Township, County of Wayne, Michigan.

poset of Measter Automatic, Inc., is on file in the Clerk's Office where vallable for public perusal from 8:00 s.m. to 4:30 p.m., Measter 17-1day, Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority the forwards of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be mouth shall have the right to appear irected to the Clerk and received prin

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circumencing at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Livenship Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Tiesday, April 13, 1999, during the regularly scheduled that Telephone number 453-3840 X 224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

#### Sine-Faadni

Antoinette L. Sine of St. Clair Shores announces the engagement of her daughter, Susani to Patrick Fsadni, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fsadni of Livo-

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lake Shore High School. She is employed as a medical assistant by Merrillwood Pediatrics

Her fiance is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Schoolcraft College with an associate's degree in engineering. He is attending Lawrence Technological University where he will graduate in June 2000 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He's employed at the CMI Tech Center in Fern-

#### **Hebert-Limke**

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hebert of Somerset, Mich., formerly of Garden City, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cristy Lynn, to Jason Denis Limke, the son of Mr. and mrs. Richard Limke of Troy.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Madonna University. She is employed as a contract administrator by Olsten Staffing.

Her fiance is a 1989 graduate of the University of North Dakota. He is employed as an engineer by Dynamics Research Corporation.

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A June wedding in Warren is being planned.

#### Simmons-Turnquist

R. Neil and Sharlene Simmons of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Nikki Lee, to Mark Anthony Turnquist, the son of Gary and Kathy Turnquist, also of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a student of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed by Summit on the Park and Plymouth Canton Montessori School.

Her fiance is a student at Eastern Michigan University. He is also employed by Summit on the Park. .



An October wedding is planned at the Shrine of the Lit-





A May wedding is planned at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Olivia Jean Welch and Brent Andrew Dacre were married at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth by Dr. Dean Klump and Sara Beaver.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Sally Welch of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Bruce and Sandy Dacre of St.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1997 graduate of Hope College. She is employed as the office manager of the Dayton Skin Surgery Center.

The groom is a 1990 graduate of St. Joseph High School, a 1994 graduate of Hope College and a 1997 graduate of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. He is employed by Tobias Funeral Home of Dayton, Ohio.

The bride asked Katherine Kruse and Heather Moore to serve as her honor attendants with Jessica Luecht, Rebecca Pratt and Megan Thompson as bridesmaids, Kathryn Welch and Lindsay Dacre as junior bridesmaids and Melanie Bosquet as flower girl.

The groom asked Lance Dacre

#### Paszek-Stickney

Stephen and Lorri Paszek of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Jo, to Joshua Woodrow Stickney, the son of Bill and Andrea Stickney of Stockbridge and Peggy and Ray Schneider of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Grand Valley State University. She is employed as high school special education teacher in the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Her fiance is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in biology at Grand Valley State. He plans to be a high school science teacher following graduation.

A June wedding is planned at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia.



to serve as his best man with Leif Rothoff, Jeff Naumanx, Colin Cronin and Rob Welch Jr. as groomsmen, Mackenzie Dacre as junior groomsman and Noah Welch as ring bearer.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Ann Arbor before leaving on a honeymoon trip to the Poconos and Philadelphia, Pa.

They are making their home in Centerville.



#### **Downer-Fockens**

Jeff and Kay Downer of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Meredith Leigh, to Randall Thomas Fockers, the son of Pieter and Nina Fockens of Glenview, III.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Hope College with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She is pursing a master's degree in counseling at National-Louis University in Chicago.

Her fiance is a graduate of Indiana University and Washington University School of Law. He is employed as a computer programmer at Chubb Computer Services in St. Louis, Mo.

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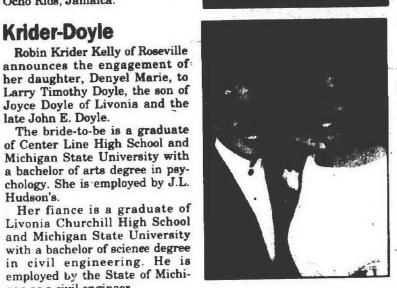
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A May wedding is planned at Glenview Community Church in Glenview.

#### announces the engagement of her daughter, Tammy Sue Alexander, to John Warren Blanchard, the son of Jim and of the late Edward Alexander, is a graduate of Temple Christian Her fiance is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He is employed as a used car manager A May wedding is planned in



A September wedding is University A planned at the Michigan State East Lansing. University Alumni Chapel in

**NEW VOICES** 

Gary and Barbara Overstreet of Westland announce the birth of Gary Michael Nov. 25 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two sisters, Utonia, 7, and Wendi, 4. Grandparents are Jim and Utonia Cooper of Sebring, Fla., Gary and Tammy Overstreet of Dearborn Heights, and Eddie and Alice Shafer of Westland.

and Patricia Kruszynski of Westland announce the birth of Ashley Nicole Dec. 15 at Oakwood Hos-♦ pital/Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Theodore and Madeline Gebauer of Garden City and Eugene and Carol Kruszynski of Glennie.

Frank James Beneteau and Maria E. Perez of Canton announce the birth of Nathan Anthony Beneteau Nov. 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Payton Michael, 1 1/2. Grandparents are Mary Lee, Manuel Perez and Stan and Carol Beneteau, all of Westland.

Paul and Gina Paigneau of Canton announce the birth of Madisyn Rae Dec. 10 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two siblings, Jordynn, 7, and Tyler, 5.

Paul and Renee Hult of Plymouth announce the birth of

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Erin Kristina Jan. 10 at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins two siblings, Amanda and Tyler. Grandparents are Mary Hult of Sterling Heights and Richard and Judy Grodek of Livonia.

Lawrence and Christina Scheffer of Westland announce the birth of Austin Mikhail Nov. 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Nathan, 3. Grandparents are Larry Scheffer of Romulus, Susan Scheffer of New Boston and Gary and Beverly Percy of Canton. Great-grandparents are James and Maury Stapelton of Wayne, Gay Percy of Canton and Esther Nieman of New Boston. Amber Rose Carranza of Westland announce the birth of Cheyenne Jade Dec. 7 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Urbano and Terry Carranza of Westland.

Kevin and Shanon Manor of Canton announce the birth of Lauren Nicole Sept. 23 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Bill and Stashia Nicol of Howell and Tom and Diane Manor of Northville. Great-grandparents are Stanley Syroka of Romulus and the late Muriel Syroka and Charles Davies of Vassar and

the late Emma.

Patrick and Brenda Duczyminski of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of Kristen Taylor Dec. 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Ron and Denise Duczyminski and Marilyn McGinnis, all of Dearborn Heights.

Matthew and Jennifer Morbirth of Alivia Noelle\* Nov. 5 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Dan and Madeline Wyrsta of Plymouth and Harrison and Diane Morton of Brighton.

Kenneth and Tammy White of Garden City announce the birth of Kendra Nicole Dec. 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Erica Laurette, 9. Grandparents are Diane Platek of Westland, and Ken and Cindy White of Gregory. Great-grandmother is Elsie White of Allen Park.

Mark and Nancy Gregor of Plymouth announce the birth of Scott Thomas Dec. 18 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He joins a brother, Andrew Lee. Grandparents are Tom and Mary Jo Workman of Plymouth and Norm and Marilynn Gregor of Howell. Great-grandmother is Elizabeth Mercure of Rockwood.

Jim and Sue Roberts of Garden City announce the birth of Gaige M. Roberts Dec. 18 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Gaige joins a brother, Code, 7. James Baltes and Angela

Almos of Westland announce the birth of Kaylee Marie Baltes-Almos Dec. 20 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, James Lee, 16 months.

Doug and Kim Trudeau of-Lake Orion announce the birth of Katherine Marie Nov. 22 at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. She has a sister, Margaret, Grandparents are Al and Arlene Trudeau of Livonia and Henry and Rita Ebel of Canton.

John and Karen Bradford of Livonia announce the birth of Natalie Claire Feb. 24 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. She joins brothers Justin and Nolan. Grandparents are Claude and Anna Bradford of Livonia and John and Jane Handloser of Grosse Tle

Carol Chrzanowski of Westland announce the birth of Madison Michelle Dec. 21 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Norm and Tina Dugener. Pat and Edith Ingram and Frank Chrzanowski, all of Westland.

## YW membership drive aims at teens, adults

The YWCA of Western Wayne County is springing into action coordinated by 19th District to sign up new members.

oking for more teens and adult the YWCA Board of Directors. women as part of the membership drive, which runs through June 30.

Basic membership is \$10, supporting membership is \$25, a patron contribution is \$50 and a membership donation of \$100 or more qualifies for the Century Club. The annual cost of membership for those 17 years and younger is \$5.

The membership drive is being Court Judge Virginia Sobotka The women's organization is who is second vice-president of

Money from membership contributions will be used to support the YWCA's programs for women and their families to enable them to realize their full potential and improve the quality of their lives.

Registration can be completed at the YWCA, 26279 Michigan Ave., Inkster, or by calling the YWCA at (313) 561-4110.

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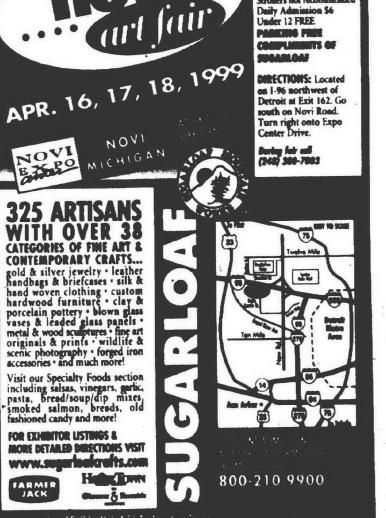
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■ Stations of the Cross will be held 6 p.m. Good Friday, April 2, at the Knights of Columbus, 150 Fair, between Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. The stations will be held outdoors if weather permits. The fish fry will be following Stations of the Cross. Speaker will be the Rev. David Lesniak, former associate pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. For more information, call the Knights of Columbus at (734) 453-9833, 2-10 p.m.

#### GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Foster Braun, host of the WJR-AM Great Weekend Show, will be the guest speaker at the 24th annual St. Michael's Men's Good Friday Breakfast 8 a.m. Friday, April 2, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton. Included is an all-you-can eat breakfast. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 10 and under. For more information or for tickets, call (734) 459-3333.

EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST Fox Hills Golden Fox Golf Course will hold "Breakfast or Lunch With the Easter Bunny," Saturday, April 3. Breakfast will be 8:30-11:30 a.m., and lunch will be 1 p.m. The golf course is located at 8768 N. Territorial, seven miles west of downtown \$10.95 per person and

Plymouth in Salem Township. Cost for breakfast is \$11.95 per person for lunch, children under 2 free. There will be games, crafts, story telling and more. Between 10-10:30 a.m., an airplane will drop colorful eggs for the Easter egg hunt. For reservations,

#### **AROUND TOWN**

call (734) 453-7272.

Learn yoga as union of mind, body and spirit. Blend breathing exercises, physical postures and relaxation using guided imagery and meditation. This is a seven-week series starting April 5 through May 26 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Canton Health Building, Canton Center Road at Palmer. Classes are offered Monday mornings or Wednesday evenings. Cost is \$60 for seven classes or \$10 for drop-ins. Classes are given by Dr. Jacqui Magon. For more information, call (734) 398-7557.

#### FALL PESTIVAL BOARD

■ The Plymouth Fall Festival Board will meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at the Plymouth Township Hall Annex. Applications will be distributed and all organizations planning to participate in the 1999 Fall Festival should send a representative to this meeting. For more information, call Curt Lamar, president, at

(784) 453-7820.

The Canton Historical Society will meet 7 p.m. Thursday, April 8, at the museum located on the corner of Canton Center Road and Heritage Drive. Ralph Welton, a member of the Canton Historic District Commission, will speak on historic preservation and the restoration of the Ephraim Truesdell home where he and his family reside. Ephraim Truesdell was a Civil War veteran. The public is invited and refreshments will be served. Parking is available at the rear of the building.

#### SAT WORKSHOP

■ SAT I college entrance examination workshops are offered by Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences. Workshop meets on Saturdays for three weeks starting April 10 on the Oakland University campus in Rochester. Cost is \$145. For a brochure and to register, call (248) 370-

#### CANTON SOFTBALL CENTER ■ The Canton Softball Cen-

ter is now registering teams for adult leagues and its Early Bird Classic Softball Tournament April 10-11. The center is owned and operated by Canton Township. Spring, summer and fall leagues are planned for men, women, coed and masters. There are resident and nonresident leagues. League entry requires a \$100 per team deposit, with the balance to be paid at the managers' meeting. Cost to register for the tournament is \$125 per team, plus and additional \$25 for non-USSA registered teams. For more information on leagues and tournaments at the Canton Softball Center, call Jeff Bradley, (734) 483-5600, Ext. 2 or 3.

#### PCCA

■ The Plymouth Community Council on Aging monthly meeting will be 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 12, at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Mike Frayer from Memory Lane Antiques will be the guest speaker. Seniors may bring one or two pieces, but not jewelry. Michigan Eye Center will hold an eye screening noon to 2 p.m. and United Home Health will check blood pressures 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center. For more information, call (313) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

#### CITY OF PLYMOUTH

The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its Children's Arts and Sanchin-Ryu Classes. All classes begin the week of April 12. The following Children's Arts Classes are being offered: Preschool Art, Studio Art, Drawing Painting and Cartooning. The Junior Sanchin-Ryu and Open/Family Sanchin-Ryu will also begin the week of April 12. For more information, call the City of Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6629.

Free tax counseling for seniors will continue until



April 13 in the Parkview Room at the Summit on the Park, Canton. Appointments are necessary. Morning and afternoon appointments are available with tax counselor volunteers. Arrangements can be made for home visits to the homebound. This program is sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons. For more information, call (734) 397-5444.

#### POSTER CARE

A foster parent orientation will be held 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13. Judson Center Foster Care Adoption Division of Wayne County is seeking candidates interested in obtaining their foster care license. Interested candidates will provide temporary, yet daily, care to children who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned. Judson Center Foster Care provides foster care placements for children between the ages of newborn and 18 years old. Donations of clothing, bikes and beds are always welcome. Foster parents can be married or single

and receive financial assistance from the state of Michigan. For more information, call (248) 443-5000, Ext. 141.

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#### **QAME & CARD PARTY**

■ The Plymouth Symphony League is sponsoring a game and card party 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, in The Golden Fox at Fox Hills Country Club, Salem Township. There will be a luncheon and fashion show at noon. Pastries and coffee will be served. There will also be door prizes, raffles, bridge playing, mah jongg, and Chat & Stitch. Tickets are \$25. Reservations should be made by April 5. For more information, call (734) 451-5598.

#### **QMAT WORKSHOP**

Prepare for the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) with workshops offered by Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences. Workshops meet for four full days on Saturdays starting on April 17 in the Oakland University campus in Rochester. Cost is \$325. For a

brochure and to register, call (248) 370-3125.

#### WOMEN PAINTERS ■ The Ann Arbor Women Painters present, "Can We Talk?" 7 p.m. Monday, April 19, at the Earhart

Village Clubhouse, 835 Greenhills, Ann Arbor. A panel of artists from the Ann Arbor Women Painters will talk about issues. The public is welcome. For more information, call (734) 663-2825.

#### LEGAL FAIR

■ Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Service presents a free community legal fair sponsored under a Canton Township Community Development Block Grant 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at the Canton Human Services Building, Michigan and Sheldon. Attorneys will provide legal discussions and individual consultations on legal issues such as: elder abuse, grandparents' rights, family law, estate planning, consumer and public benefits/tax assistance. For more information, call (313) 937-8291.

The Plymouth post office will hold its annual open house 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at both the new post office, located off of Beck Road at 47256 Clipper, and the downtown Penniman branch. Both will offer guided tours and refreshments. Stamp collectors will be on hand. Those interested in being tour guides should call (734) 453-6110 and ask for Barb.

Friends of the Plymouth, Canton, Novi and Northville libraries present the 1999 Author Luncheon,

featuring award-winning Michigan author Jack Driscoll. The luncheon is noon Thursday, April 22 at Fox Hills Country Club, Salem Township. The event is co-sponsored by the Observer Newspapers and Hometown Newspapers. Tickets at \$20 each are available at all four libraries through April 11. Mail orders may be sent to the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth 48170, attn.: Diane Geddes. Include a selfaddressed, stamped envelope. The cutoff date for mail orders is April 10. There will be no ticket

#### **FABULOUS FABLE FACTORY**

sales at the door.

■ Whistle Stop Players present "The Fabulous Fable Factory," 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon. This is a 50minute musical play featuring six of Aesop's best fables woven together with scenes and songs that explore the parts of a story and the joy of being a child. All seats are \$5. For more information or for tickets. call (734) 416-4278.

#### **SWING DANCE CLASS**

■ The Dance Connection in Canton is sponsoring "Swing Dance," classes for adults and teens. The classes will be on Saturday, April 24. Beginner swing class is 3:30-4:30 p.m., and the intermediate class is 4:30-5:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Classes will be conducted by Tim Smola, a former Mr. Dance of Michigan and currently a member of the Peter Sparling Dance Company in Ann Arbor. For more information, call (313) 562-1203, or (734) 397-9755.

#### **ANNUAL AUCTION** New Morning School, a

nonprofit parent cooperative in Plymouth Township, will be hosting its 23rd annual auction, Western Extravaganza," 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 24, in Laurel Manor, Livonia. Cost is \$55 which includes dinner, open bar, live and silent auction. Auction items include jerseys autographed by Detroit Red Wings Sergei Fedorov, Steve Yserman, Brendan Shanahan and more; trips to Las Vegas, Vail, Colo., Disney, Lake

Tahoe; whitewater rafting, NASCAR driving, diamonds, digital camera, Red Wing tickets, cash raffle and more. Proceeds benefit the individualized programs at New Morning School. For more information and reservations, call the school at (734) 420-3331.

#### SOFTBALL LEAGUE

■ The City of Plymouth Recreation Division will run the following adult softball leagues this spring/summer: Men's Slow Pitch, Women's Slow Pitch, Coed Slow Pitch and Men's Modified. Season starts April 26. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620.

#### READING BOOST

The Office for Alumni Relations and the Department of Military Science at Eastern Michigan University have teamed up to collect school supplies and mittens for the AmericaReads program during EMU's sesquicentennial celebration. The drive runs through April, and supplies such as pencils, glue, paintbrushes, markers, tape, paper, mittens, crayons, books, first aid kits, fingerpaints, paper plates, craft items, and stencils are needed. Items can be dropped off in the Office of Alumni Relations, 13 Welch Hall, or the Department of Military Science, 18 Roosevelt Hall, or at the information desk in Mckenny Union. For more information, call (734) 487-

#### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The League of Women Voters serving Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne, Westland, and Livonia is working to make this year's April book sale another successful fund-raising event. New batches of used books always are needed. Donate used books by calling Esther Friedrichs at (734) 427-0222 or Marge Gade at (734) 261-3191. Hardcover and paperback books in different categories of nonfiction and fiction for all ages are received.

#### LOGO CONTEST

■ The Canton Liberty Fest is running a contest for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students to design the logo for the annual event. The firstplace winner will receive a Liberty Fest package including a \$100 Savings Bond, T-shirts for the entire family, Summit passes and other prizes. The winning logo will be displayed on T-shirts and promotional materials for this year's festival in June and the winning designer will have his/her photo in the Observer Newspapers. The contest is open to students in the third-eighth grades. The design should fit the front of an adultsized T-shirt and use a maximum of five colors. Deadline for entries is May 1. Drawings may be submitted to D & M Studio, 8691 N. Lilley, Canton

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

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#### MILITARY NEWS

To submit your military announcement, send the material printed or typewritten to: Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth MI 48170.

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Jason J. Parkinson, son of Jacquine and Van Gerald Parkinson of Plymouth, enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Entry Program Feb. 26. Parkinson, a 1996 graduate of Northville High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on May 27. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course in San Antonio, Tokan he is scheduled to sundy technical training as a tactical diversit maintenance apprentice. He

will earn credits toward an associate's degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph M. Miller, son of Kenneth H. and Gloria J. Miller of Canton, is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea, Arabian Gulf and Adriatic Sea while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, home ported in Norfolk, Va. Miller's ship is the lead ship of the USS Enterprise Battle Group. The 1989 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School joided the Navy in September 1989.

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# Church services prepare for resurrection of Christ

pasurrection of Christ, area churches have scheduled a number of services and activities.

At Christ Our Savior

Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, the service of the cross will be 12:30 p.m. Good Friday, April 2, with special music. The 7:30 p.m. candlelight Tenebrae service, "Christ Porsaken," will unfold the story of Christ's crucifixion and death.

Easter Sunday, April 4, will be celebrated with a 6:30 a.m. sunrise devotion and festival Communion services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Easter breakfast will be served by the church youth '7-10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 4-10 years of age, and children 3 and under are admitted free.

At Christ Our Savior's Canton Campus, 46001 Warren Road, Easter Sunday will be celebrated with a 9:30 a.m. festival Communion service. Easter brunch will be served after the

Methodist Church, 36500 Ann.

Arber Trail, Livenia, the Chancel Choir will perform at the Church of Garden City will have worship service 12:15 p.m. Good Friday. Child care will be provid-

On Easter Sunday, the sunrise worship service will be at Newburg Church at Greenmead Historical Village, Newburgh Road, south of Eight Mile. A sunrise breakfast, sponsored by the United Methodist Men. will be served 7:30-10 a.m. in Gutherie Hall. There also will be worship services at 9:15 and 11 a.m.

A balloon launch will be a part of the praise and worship 7 a.m. Easter Sunday at the Calvary Baptist Church Activity Center, 43065 Joy, Canton. The service will be followed by breakfast at 8 a.m. Tickets cost \$6.50 for adults, \$3.25 for children ages 3-10 and children under age 3 free. For more information, call the church office at (734) 455-0022. There also will be a worship service at 9:30 a.m., featur-

a sunrise service 7:30 a.m. Easter Sunday and worship services at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. at the church, 6443 Merriman. There also will be an Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m.

■ In preparation for Resurrection, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will have an Easter vigil at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at the church, 26121 W. Six Mile, Redford. Easter Sunday, breakfast will be served 8-10 a.m., followed by festival worship at 10:30 a.m.

Timothy Lutheran Church will have an Easter breakfast 8:30-9:45 a.m. Easter Sunday at the church, 8820 Wayne Road. Livonia. A free will offering will be accepted. The festival Easter service will be 10 a.m., with a fellowship time following the ser-

■ Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will have celebration

worship services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, with an Easter breakfast at 9:45 a.m. at the church, 37775 Palmer, West-

St. Matthew United Methodist Church will have a Sonrise service with Communion at 8 a.m. and worship service 10 a.m. Easter Sunday at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Breakfast also will be prepared and served by the Hands High Ministry between services.

Good Hope Lutheran Church will have a breakfast between the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services Easter Sunday at the church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City.

■ The Good Friday service will be 7 p.m. at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. A short video, "The Bridge," will be shown, and the Lord's Supper will be served.

The high school youth group will lead the sunrise service at 8:30 a.m. Resurrection Sunday in the auditorium. A continental breakfast will be served in the main fover afterward. There also will be services at 9:30 and 10:45

nia. The Baster Sunday service will be 10:30 a.m.

At St. John's Lutheran Church, the Tenebrae service at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday will feature the dance-drama, "Meditation on the Cross." The service, at the church, 13542 Mercedes, east of Inkster Road, Redford. will include ritual foot washing, Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar.

The Paschal candle will be lit to illuminate the darkness and ancient biblical stories will be retold as part of the Easter vigil 8:30 p.m. Saturday. On Easter Sunday, breakfast will be at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service with Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.

A Tenebrae bervice with readings and music at 7 p.m. Good Friday will begin in light and it will gradually darken, ending in a time of silent reflection at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton.

The Easter Sunday, April 4, sunrise service at 7 a.m. will

Mt. Hope Congregational include a dramatic reading of The Ragman." Traditional East-tenebrae service 7 p.m. at the church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livo-"The Way of the Cross," by the

New Life Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will have a Communion service at 10 a.m. Easter Sunday. New Life worships temporarily at Our Lady of Providence Chapel, 16115 Beck, north of Five Mile Road, Northville Township.

There also will be a free Easter breakfast at 8:30 a.m. (reservations appreciated) and an 11 a.m. Easter egg hunt for children ages 2-12. For more information, call the Rev. Ken Roberts at (734) 459-8181 or (734) 207-

Faith Lutheran will have services at noon and 7:30 p.m. Good Friday at the church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. An Easter vigil will start 7:30 p.m. Saturday, with a dessert reception in the library following the service. Easter Sunday services will be at 8 and 11 a.m. with breakfast served at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

#### **RELIGIOUS NEWS**

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

New Beginnings, a grief support group, will have its regular meeting 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. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038. Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

TAIN SERVICE

Orinity Church in Livonia will offer a full worship experiences in the tradition of Taize 7 p.m. Good Friday, April 2, at the church, 14800 Middlebelt, south of The Mile. The distinctive form of prayer known as Taize is named for an abandoned village in the eastern part of France. Founded in 1940 by minister Roger Schutz, it is actually done in a form of simple song and chant. For more information about the services, call Van Horn

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St. John Bosco Catholic Church will have the Living Stations of the Cross at 12:15 p.m. Good Friday, April 2, at the church 12170 Beech Daly Road, Redford.

At 11 a.m. Holy Saturday, April 3, the church will hold a

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blessing of the food that will be consumed on Easter. The blessing of the food is in celebration of the ending of the 40 days of fasting for Lent and the re-stocking of larders.

For more information, call the church at (313) 255-9408.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Eight churches will participate in an ecumenical service at noon Good Friday at Nativity United Church of Christ, 9534 Henry Ruff, at West Chicago, Livonia. Participating in the service, sponsored by the Livonia Ministers Support Group, will be Church of the Savior, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Nativity United Church of Christ, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, St. Edith Catholic Church, St. Matthew United Methodist Church and St. Timothy Presbyterian Church.

The combined church choirs will participate in the service, and there will be special seating, with closed circuit TV, in the lounge. The sermon, "A Question for All of Us," will be delivered by the Rev. Don Lintelman.

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Temple Baptist Church's annual "The Glory of Easter" performance will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, and 1 and 6 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at the church, 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township. This year's play is "A Soldier's Choice." Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (734) 414-7777.

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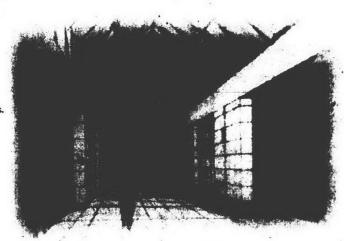
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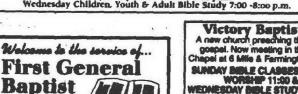
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The Rev. Doug Webber will portray Jesus Christ in "Come Unto Me" at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 4, at The Gathering at Clarenceville United Methodist Chifch, 20300 Middlebelt Road. Livonia. A missionary, Webber ministers at the Continental Theological Seminary in Brus-eds, Belgium. For more information, call Sonja at (248) 474-

PRAYER GROUP St. Edith's Prayer group will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, in the church meeting room, 10009 Newburgh, Livonia. The evening of praise, Scripture and singing will feature the Rev. Denis Theraux, associate pastor at St. Edith's. For more information, call Cecile at (734) 591-3247 or Paul at (734) 462-9648.

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Gramick and Nugent have coauthored "Homosexuality: Protestant, Catholic and Jewish Issues" in "Hemosexuality and Religion" (Hayworth Press, 1990) and "Building Bridges: Gay/Lesbian Reality and the

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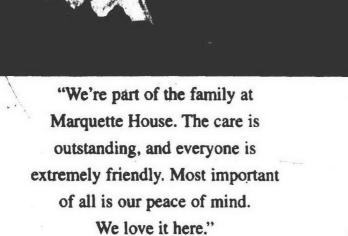
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#### OBSERVER **SPORTS** SCENE

#### **Top WHAC players**

Madonna University's baseball team swept the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference weekly awards, thanks to the performances of Daryl Rocho and Bob Mason.

Rocho, a senior infielder/pitcher, went 7-for-18 at the plate (a .447 average) with seven runs batted in and seven runs scored. He also made two appearances as a relief pitcher, earning one save.

For the season, Rocho is hitting .358 with seven doubles, three home runs and 17 RBI in 16 games. He has pitched 4 1/3 innings of scoreless relief, allowing one hit and four walks with seven strikeouts, and he has three saves.

Mason, a senior righthander, tossed a five-hit shutout in the Crusaders' 6-0 win over Tiffin University last Thursday. Mason was 1-2 for the season through Sunday, with a 4.91 earned run average; he has 13 strikeouts in 18 1/3 innings.

Madonna was 8-7-1 going into Tuesday's double-header with North-

#### Playoff-bound

The Compuware Ambassadors, regular-season champions in the North American Hockey League with a 39-11-6 record, will play the fourth-seeded Cleveland Barons (21-31-4) in their opening round of the Series A Robertson Cup Playoffs. The first game in the best-of-three-games match-up is 2 p.m. Friday at Compuware. The second is 2 p.m. Saturday at Cleveland's Baron Arena, with a third (if necessary) at 5 p.m. Sunday at Compuware.

The Ambassadors finished their regular season on a high note, collecting their seventh-straight win with a 4-3 victory Saturday over the BearCats in Grand Rapids. Luke Wright scored two of the Compuware goals, with Josh Bowers and Jack. Redwood netting the other two.

#### **Cannon tryouts**

The Plymouth-Canton Cannons Travel Baseball Team (Mickey Mantle Division) will have tryouts for 15-16 year-old boys (as of July 31,1999) starting at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 11 at Pioneer Middle School. Those intermust be Plymouth or Canton residents. League participation fee is

For further information, call Bob Hoernschemeyer at (734) 459-9169.

#### Spring baseball tourney

The Michigan Indians Baseball Club will be hosting the Michigan AAU state championship tournament for competitive 11-and-under travel baseball teams, May 14-16, in Plymouth.

The cost is \$250 per team with a four-game guarantee.

The champion will receive a direct bid for the AAU National Championships at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla.

Spots are limited. For more information, call Dave Sarkesian at (248) 486-6553.

#### Soccer Academy

The United States Soccer Academy is seeking players, boys and girls on teams under-11 through under-19, for a developmental program to represent the U.S. in the world's largest youth soccer tournament, the Gothia Cup in Sweden, and the Dana Cup in Denmark.

Players will attend a five-day training camp in Denmark. Players must be available to travel July 13 through Aug. 2.

For more information, call 1-800-656-5499.

#### Hockey signup

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

To register, call or fax name and ddress to John Wilson at (248) 471-0658, or e-mail information to rapi@provide.net.

# Salem seeks title repeat



Finding form: Salem's Dave Clemons qualified for state meet in the 110-meter hurdles, an event he placed second in at the WLAA finals. Clemons was also sixth in the 300 hurdles at the WLAA finals.

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER cjrisak@oe.homecomm.net

Lost in the shadows of Plymouth Salem's dominance in boys track last season was the surprising performance of Plymouth Canton, which used a superior group of field event and distance track athletes to earn a tie for first in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division and a third at the WLAA

"What really helped us last year, we hammered people in the field events and had that good distance group," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "We don't have that big-name person this year, but we have more depth."

Gone are thrower Kevin Keil. distance star Shaun Moore and jumper/sprinter Eric Larsen. That's a whole lot of points right there," admitted Richardson. All three finished in the top six at the WLAA meet in at least one individual event, with Keil winning both the shot put and discus.

There are six others who have graduated, too, leaving quite a hole to fill. But the Chiefs are not talentless; this will not be a rebuilding year.

"We had the most outstanding freshman class in Canton history last year, as far as I can remember," said Richardson. "And that goes back 22 years."

Although there aren't a lot of seniors, there are a lot of team members - 90, to be exact. "It's probably our largest team ever," said Richardson.

The senior co-captains are Steve Blossom, Bryan Kulczycki and Jason Rutter, all of whom will run distances. Kulczycki will compete in the hurdles, too.

Other seniors are Jared Chapman, a thrower; Juan Cortes, an exchange student from Argentina who will compete in the high jump, long jump and sprints; and Dave Thomas, who suffered a dislocated knee as a freshman and has been battling to get back ever since. Thomas will run sprints.

The best of the sprinters are in the junior class, with Gary Lee and Nate Howe leading the way. Other strong sprint contenders among the juniors are K.J. Singh, Jack Tucci, Emmanuel Etim and Asa Hensley. Hensley and another junior, Brian Szwejkowski, are also top throwers, and junior Andy Tessema is a strong middledistance runner.

The sophomores that made such an impression as freshmen figure to have even more of an impact this season. Included are Marty Kane, who placed fourth at the WLAA finals in the 800; Jordan Chapman, who finished in the top eight in both the high jump and long jump at the WLAA meet; Jerry Gaines, who ran relays and the 400 last season, and can run sprints, too; distance specialist Jon Mikosz; and Ugo Okwumabua, who will compete in both jumps, the hurdles and the sprints.

One event that does concern Richardson is the hurdles. Kulczycki, Gaines, Okwumabua. juniors Steve Haradon and Jim O'Brien, and freshmen Ricky Singh and Dane Kobus are top

candidates to fill those spots. "We have some experienced distance guys, some experienced sprinters, some experienced field athletes," said Richardson. "We

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Match that. If there's a challenge awaiting Plymouth Salem's boys track team, it can be summed up in those two words. A year ago, the Rocks enjoyed one of their best season's ever, easily winning both the Western Lakes Activities Association and Class A Regional championships before finishing eighth at the state

finals. That kind of success isn't easy to come by. But Salem, despite considerable losses, just might be able to manage it.

"I think so," said the ever-optimistic Salem coach, Geoff Baker. "We've got a lot of the Tools. We're going to go out there and do what we can do.'

The Rocks will have to do it without the likes of middle distance stars Ian Searcy, now at Central Michigan, and Andy Briggs, who's running at Western Michigan. Also gone are sprinter Scott Kingslien and thrower/hurdler Dave Hester, both standouts in their respective events.

As it was last year, the Rocks' strength will be on the track rather than in the field events. In particular, Salem has an impressive distance crew, led by seniors Nick Allen, Jon Little, Bobby Cushman and Matt Anderson. Allen was first in the 3,200-meters and second in the 1,600-meters at the WLAA finals; Little was third and fifth in the same events. Cushman placed fifth in the 800 and Anderson took eighth in the 1,600. Allen finished eighth in the 3,200 at state meet in a school-record 9:32.3.

Others who will contribute at distances from 800 on up are sophomores Donnie Warner, Craig Gill and Manovir Gill.

As impressive as Salem was on the track at nearly every distance last year, Baker believes they could be better this season - even without Searcy, who finished second at state meet in the 800.

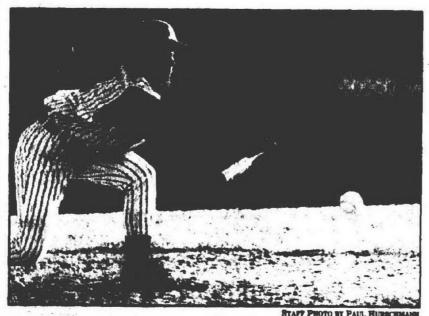
"We still feel we're pretty strong, and it won't be in just one area," the Salem coach said. "We'll have a more well-balanced track attack. Last year, we were real strong from the 400 on up; this year, we'll

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On pace: Canton's Marty Kane was fourth in the 800-meter run at last year's WLAA meet.

# Crusaders open WHAC with a sweep



Moving the runner: Madonna's Courtney Senger lays down a bunt to move a runner up a base against Siena Heights. Senger had two hits in the first game.

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference softball season couldn't have opened better for Madonna University.

The Lady Crusaders swept a pair of games from Siena Heights, 7-3 and 5-2, to improve to 10-7 overall. The Saints are 6-5

In the opener, freshman Missy Bako (from Garden City) earned her first-ever collegiate victory, allowing two earned runs on nine hits and four walks, with three strikeouts in seven innings. Bako is 1-2 overall.

The Crusaders got 11 hits off Siena Heights' starter Kristin Heinze, including two doubles, and stole four bases. Jamie Cook (Westland John Glenn) had two hits and drove in two runs to top the offensive effort; Vicki Malkowski, Courtney Senger and Jen Walker each added two hits, with Malkowski scoring twice. Angela Litwin (Plymouth Canton) had a hit, an RBI and two runs scored.

Julie Giovannucci led Siena Heights with a double and a triple and an RBI.

In the second game, Madonna used a pair of two-run innings - in the second and third - to top the Saints. Janell Leschinger (Plymouth) improved to 5-3 with a complete-game victory, allowing eight hits and five walks while striking out

six in seven innings. Kristy McDonald (Redford Thurston) had a triple and a single, driving in one run, to lead the Crusaders' offense. Walker again had two hits, including a triple, and Cook had a triple and an RBI.

Julie Diegel suffered the loss for Siena Heights, her first of the season. Hether Robinson had two hits and an RBI for the Saints; Jen Roberts also had two hits, and Giovannucci had a double and an RBI

SVSU 6-4. Madonna-4-2: Going against one of the better NCAA Division II teams proved to be a learning, and a losing, experience for Madonna University's softball team

The Lady Crusaders lost twice Sunday to Saginaw Valley State at Madonna. The wins boosted the Cardinals' record to 19-4.

In the opener, Madonna collected 10 hits off SVSU starter Katie Clements and and

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# Salem standouts lead all-Observer squad

Mary Helen Diegel is no a 39-15-1 overall record and a stranger to success.

The first-year Livonia Franklin girls volleyball coach was a standout volleyball and basketball player at Birmingham Marian and played on one of the NCAA's top Division III teams

Kalamazoo College.

Diegel, who replaced Ann Hutchins during the offseason, inherited a young, but talented Franklin team which had captured two straight

Western Division titles in the Western Lakes **Activities Association.** 

In her first season with the varsity, Diegel led the Patriots to led by 5-foot-10 power hitter

third straight Western Division

But under her guidance, Franklin captured its first-ever Class A district title beating a competitive field, which included host eight-time defending Catholic League champion Livonia Ladywood, along with Livonia Stevenson and Redford

The Patriots went on to reach the Class A regional final at Ann Arbor Huron before losing to WLAA runner-up Plymouth Salem.

For her efforts, Diegel was named Observerland Coach of the Year. Three Patriots, all whom are juniors, were named to the first-

team All-Observer squad. Salem, 48-11-1 overall and a state Class A quarterfinalist, also placed three on the squad

Among the other first-team repeat selections were Ladywood's Jenny Young and Stevenson's Stephanie Dulz.

Introducing the 1999 All-Observer Girls Volleyball Team:

Angle Sillmon, 5-10 Sr., Ply. Salem: The 5-foot-10 middle hitter was power personified for the Rocks, who reached the Class A state quarterfinals for the first time and posted a 48-11-1 record. Sillmon led Salem in kills with 351, an average of 3.77 per game, with a kill percentage of .300. She also had 50 service aces (third n the team), 218 digs (third), and a team-best 32 solo blocks and 37 block assists as she developed as an all-around player.

An all-Western Lakes Activities Association selection, Sillmon verbally committed to attend, and play volleyball at, Western Michigan University prior to the

"She's just a phenomenal athlete," -said Salem coach Tom Teeters. "Her potential has not even been realized yet. It'll be scary if she gets close to her

Sillmon shared team MVP honors with Amanda Suder

Jonny Young, 6-1 Sr., Liv. Ladywood: The 6-foot-1 outside hitter, bound for Central Michigan, capped an outstanding career by leading the Blazers with a total of 424 kills in 94 games:

She hit at an impressive .389 clip. Young also had 124 aces, 141 digs and 94 solo blocks en route to second-team All-State honors.

"Jenny was outstanding all year," Ladywood coach Larry Wyatt said. "She was by far our biggest impact player and one of the best in the state. "Offensively she's always been good,

but this year defensively she stepped it up and played well this year."

The team captain and MVP is a threeyear starter and four-year varsity player. She was also voted All-Catholic and All-

Young's brother Chris is a member of the University of Michigan basketball

Stephanie Dutz, 5-10 Sr., Liv. Stevenbroke a school record this season with a total of 467 kills. She also broke the single-game kill mark with 14.

The tri-captain was named team MVP. best offensive player. All-Western Lakes. All-Metro (Detroit News) and All-Tournament at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Tournament.

Duiz also had 74 solo blocks, 62 aces and was 168 for 193 on serve recep-

"Stephanie is probably the best athlete that I have never coached at the varsity level," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "She has extreme abilities to do a lot of stuff with the ball when

"She knows the game very well, which helps her place the ball, change position and put the ball with with a kill or side-out. She has tremendous jumping skills which sides in her attack. She was a lot of fun to watch and will be truly missed."

Duiz also made Academic All-State with a 3.92 grade-point average.

Tera Morritt, 6-11 Jr., Liv. Franklin: The left-handed outside hitter was named All-Western Lakes, All-Region, co-team MVP and best offensive player for the district champion Patriots.

Morrill had a total of 345 kills and hit et an impressive .426 clip. She also had 76 aces, 63 block-assists, 340 digs (92.1 percent) and only 82 errors in in 521 service receptions.

"Tera is extremely athletic and a formidable force," Franklin coach Mary Helen Diegel said of the honor roll student. "She can hit, set, dig and serve with tenacity.

"She's a playmaker and a ball mag-

Morrill had a match-high 15 kills against Stevenson.

Amenda Suder, 5-6 Jr., Pty. Salem: A 5-foot-6 outside hitter, Suder was the kind of player a coach can build a team around.

She could do a bit of everything, and

"She was very consistent through most of the year," said Teeters. "That was her strength, her consistency and her focus. I thought she got the most our of her athletic ability."

Suder was second on the Rocks in total kills (300), an average of 3.19 per game; her kill percentage was .225. She also led Salem in service aces with 91, utilizing a jump-serve that often befuddied opponents., and her 328 digs was more than 100 more than the next-best player in that defensive category on the Rocks.

Suder was an all-WLAA Lakes Division

Lyndsay Sopko, 5-9 Jr., Liv. Franklin: The setter made All-Western Lakes, All-Region and was voted co-team MVP.

She racked up 842 assist-to-kills in 2.012 attempts (41.8 percent) with 38 aces, 59 block-assists and 34 digs. Sooko had a season-high 37 assists

in a regular season victory over stateranked Salem. "Lyndsay is a student of the game,

Diegel said. "She sees the court well and has beautiful hands. She's a playmaker and its relentless on the court." Sopko is also an honor roll student.

Lauren Ruprecht, 6-0 Sr., Liv. Churchill: The middle blocker made All-Western Lakes this season. She paced the Chargers in serve

reception (91.9 percent), blocks (181) and was the leading hitter with a kill percentage of .278. Ruprecht was also second on the

team in defensive digs (82 percent at 2.5 per game) and sported a serving percentage of 83 percent.

"Lauren had the uncanny ability to hit the slide down the line for points when the Chargers needed them," Churchill coach Mike Hughes said. "She was one of the players who practiced with a great deal of intensity every day.

"As a senior, Lauren stepped up and provided considerable leadership during a very successful season. She will be difficult to replace."

Ruprecht, who has also participated in basketball and track, will play volleyball this fall at Schoolcraft College.

Laine Sterling, 5-3 Sr., Ply. Salem: Sterling, a 5-foot-3 setter, emerged as one of the best at her position in

Her 857 assists to kills accounted for nearly 90 percent of the assists registered by the Rocks over the course of the season. Sterling averaged 9.3 assists per game, and she was second on the team in both service aces with 55 and digs with 235.

"She gets more out of her height, or lack of it, than anyone," said Teeters. "And she's a good defensive player. She's a hard worker - she enjoys working hard. She was the hardest worker on the team."

sion selection and the recipient of the team's Coach's Award, based on her work ethic.

Holly Crouse, 5-7 Sr., Red. Thurston: Listed as a setter on the Thurston roster. Crouse was just as comfortable hitting, serving and receiving.

A three-year varsity member and allaround player extraordinaire, Crouse had a 92 percent kill rate while averaging one block per game. She averaged four assists and one ace per game and served at a 92 percent clip. She finished the year with 39 aces and was 75 percent on serve receive.

'Holly's the best all-around player we've seen (at Thurston) in a long time," Thurston coach Laura Gruenwald said. "She can play defense, hit set. She was one of my better defensive players in the back row and one of my top

"She's a smart setter, always knew where to put the ball on the other side, if she needed to tip it, or if she needed

to set it to someone. She knew how to run a quick attack very well." Carrie Branklewicz, B-8 Ir., Farm.

Hills Merey: An outside hitter, Brankiewicz plays much bigger than her 5-foot-7 height, leading the Marlins in every major category in terms of percentage.

Her kill percentage was .272, serving percentage .941 and serve-receive percentage .909. She had 302 kills, only 17 errors in 289 serves, 39 aces, 261 digs and 310 good passes from a total of 341 serve receptions.

Brankiewicz is a three-sport athlete who also plays basketball and softball and is a straight-A

"Carrie is a terrific floor leader; the kids would all say that," Mercy coach Ed Moeller said. "She's very positive but at the same time very intense.

"She has a great will to win and is always looking to improve herself. She also makes suggestions to improve the team and also takes some kids off to the side voluntarily to work with them on their skills.

"Whatever college gets her will absolutely love her attitude. She works on her vertical every summer; she has a great vertical. She told me she'll increase it by another four inches this summer, and I don't doubt her. She just works until she does it; that's who she is.

"She's the kind of kid every coach wants on his or her team because of her will to win and her positive attitude."

Danielle Sledz, 5-6 Sr., Liv. Clarenceville: The All-Metro Conference selection played in a total of 58 games with 183 kills in 321 attempts (3.15 per game) with a hitting percentage of

She also had 50 aces.

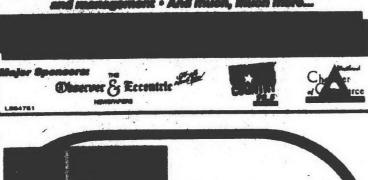
\*Daniglie collected outstanding statistics for the season, but even so it does not measure up to the all-around performance she displayed." Clarenceville coach Alisha Love said. "My only regret is that I will not be able to coach her for another three years. "Wherever she goes she will definitely

make an impact."

Andrea Kmet, 8-10 Jr., Liv. Franklin: The middle hitter, who made All-Western Division in the WLAA, recked up 287 kills for the year (.397 percent) with 32 solo blocks, 85 assist-blocks and 229 digs (89.1 percent).

"Andrea is a dynamic player," Diegel said. "She's tough all-around and plays big in the middle with her attack and block. She's working on a jump serve. She's just a tenacious player."

Krnet, also an honor roll student, had 13 kills in three different matches this



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# Bad start for Salem; Canton wins opener

The girls soccer season is two games old and Plymouth Salem is still looking for its first victory.

Salem hosted Troy on Saturday and dropped a 3-1 decision to one of the state's higher-ranked Class A teams.

Coach Doug Landefeld's team went to South Lyon on Monday to play Novi and

came home with a 1-1 tie. Fear not, Landefeld says, the season isn't over yet.

"It was our first game," the Rocks' coach said of his team's contest against Troy, "so everybody is still trying to find out who's doing what on our team."

Two goals in two games is an indication the fear that Salem might have scoring problems early in the season are true. Part of the problem is the one of the players counted on top provide some punch, Kristina Seniuch, is still recuperating from illness.

"We figured (scoring) might be a problem." Landefeld said after the second game. "We're creating dangerous opportunities. We've just got to find our way into finishing those off."

Troy scored in the first half against Salem and took a 1-0 lead into the second half. But it was 3-0 before Rachel Drezak scored for the Rocks with about 15 minutes left in the game, the opener

In both games, Landefeld split his goalkeeping duties in half. Jill Dombrowski played the first with Jenny Fitchett working the second.

"We both had a lot of chances in the first half," Landefeld said of the Troy contest. "They scored a couple early in the second half."

He wasn't overly disappointed, just concerned.

"We still played pretty good," he said. that they weren't going on the goal.

"We knew we were going to have a hard time scoring. We weren't happy that we gave up three goals.

"We knew we'd have trouble scoring. We have a lot of players back, so we're disappointed that we gave up three

"I'll credit that to it's being the first game of the season, maybe.'

The Novi game was scoreless through the first half.

Natalie Thomas gave Plymouth Salem a 1-0 lead with about 20 minutes to go in the game but the Rocks couldn't bring it home, giving up the tying goal with some four minutes to play.

"We actually probably outshot them," Landefeld said. "We were down there (in Novi's end) an awful lot."

Saves were listed as 18 for Novi and only three for Salem but Landefeld felt a lot more balls than that were going in the direction of the Novi net. It's just

"They had a long throw-in we didn't clean up," the coach said. "One of their players pounced on it and scored.

"With the many opportunities we had, we needed to put a couple more in the back of the net. Their goalkseper played awful well."

The two pre-break games at least give Landefeld and his team an idea of what it needs to work on before it plays

Canton 2, Novi 0: Last Saturday at South Lyon Junior HS, Plymouth Canton regrouped after a sluggish first half to subdue Novi in both team's seasonopening match. The Chiefs played without all-state

forward Anne Morrell, who is traveling with her Junior Olympic Team in

The game was scoreless at halftime. "We were sort of sluggish in the first

The Nevi goal wasn't a pleaser, either. half," said Centen ceach Don Smith. "It was a warm day and I think the heat kind of got to 'een a bit. But in a Satu day day game, I don't think the girle. function as well. They like to get up late. and watch cartoons.

"They played better in the second-

Kelly Connell got the Chiefs' first goal. Amanda Lents netted the second, on an assist from Beth Sandusky. Amy Dorogi was in goal in the first half: Aimee Jachym took over in the second.

"They were pretty scrappy," said Smith of the Wildeats. "They knocked us around a bit. But our girls responded

Canton is now idle until April 12, when it opens its Western Lakes Activities Association season against Walled Lake Central. Two days after that, the Chiefs have a showdown against twotime defending state champion Livonia

through five innings, but couldn't hold on. Jamie Cook had two hits, including a double, and two runs batted in to pace the Crusader offense; Jenny Kruzel also had a two-run double, while Melissa Bako (from Garden City) and Jen Walker each chipped in two hits.

Janell Leschinger went the distance and took the loss, falling to 4-3; she gave up six runs (five earned) on 11 hits and five walks, with seven strikeouts. Kelly Prill relieved Clements and worked the final 3 2/3 innings without surrendering a run to get the win for SVSU.

In the second game, Courtney Senger got two of the five Madonna hits and knocked in both runs in the fourth inning, but it wasn't enough to offset a 4-0 Cardinal lead. Janelle Schmidt started and took the loss for the Crusaders to fall to 2-1; she allowed four earned runs on seven hits and four walks, with one strikeout, in four innings. Bako gave up a hit and a walk, with one strikeout, in three scoreless innings of

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# Softball c1 Madonna wins fourth straight

The offense was the difference in Tuesday's opener against nonleague baseball foe Northwood University, but pitching stepped to the forefront in the nightcap for Madonna University.

The combination resulted in a double-header sweep for the Fighting Crusaders, 13-7 and 5-2. Madonna improved to 10-7-1 overall; the Timberwolves slipped to 4-14.

"We're going to score a lot of runs," assured Madonna coach Greg Haeger after the sweep. "We're going to give up a lot of runs, too. I feel as long as we're within 10, we've got a chance."

In the opener against Northwood, Madonna didn't wait to assert itself. The Crusaders pushed six runs across the plate in the first inning and added five more in the next two to take a commanding 11-5 lead. Daryl Rocho, the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the week, clubbed two home runs (giving him five for the season) and drove in five runs to lead the

Derrick Wolfe and Aaron Shrewsbury each went 3-for-3 at

the plate, Wolfe collecting a double and two runs batted in and Shrewsbury adding an RBI. Jeff Warholik contributed a double and an RBI.

Eric Williamson was the pitching winner, despite surrendering five runs on eight hits and three walks in three innings.

The second game was much different, although it started out like another run-fest. Northwood scored twice in its half of the first, but the Crusaders countered with two runs of their own on Warholik's two-run single.

Madonna, making the most out of its four hits, added two more runs in the second and another in the third. Rocho had a triple and stole home for one run, and Bob Hamp added a triple and an RBI. Delano Voletti also had a double and an RBI, as three of the Crusaders' four hits

were for extra bases.

E.J. Roman evened his wonloss record at 2-2 with an exceptional pitching job, allowing just one hit (a two-run homer by Tom Genevich in the first) and four walks in 4 1/3 innings. Rocho got the last batter in the game to earn his fourth save.

Madonna 8-14, Albion 7-5: For the first time this season, Madonna University's baseball team surpassed the .500 mark by sweeping Albion College in a non-league double-header Saturday at Madonna

Albion fell to 6-8 overall.

In the opener, lead-off hitter Bob Hamp ignited the offense with three hits - including a two-run, game-winning home run in the bottom of the sixth as Madonna battled back from a 7-0 deficit after two innings.

Jeremy Stevens did a superb job on the mound, relieving starter Mike Butler, who gave up all seven runs (five earned) in

· 1 1/3 innings. Stevens surrendered just one hit and did not walk a batter in 4 2/3 innings to improve to 2-0.

Hamp finished with three runs

batted in; the homer was his first of the season. Daryl Rocho added a two-run homer (his third) and Aaron Shrewsbury had a two-run double in a fourrun third inning. Rocho tossed a scoreless seventh inning to earn his third save of the season. In the nightcap, James O'Con-

nor (from Redford Catholic Central) evened his record at 1-1 by working the first 5 1/3 innings, allowing five runs (four earned) on eight hits and three walks, striking out three.

Jason Brooks knocked in three runs on two hits to pace the Madonna offense; Delano Voletti contributed a two-run homer (his fourth), and Rocho had two hits and an RBI.

Hamp, Shrewsbury, Dave O'Neill, Nick Dedeluk, Jeff Warholik and Todd Miller each had a hit and an RBI.



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# It's over! Athens blanks Stevenson

The state's longest win streak in girls secces came to an abrupt halt Tuesday when host Troy Athens upended two-time defending state champion Livonia Stevenson, 2-0.

Stevenson, 41-0-2 overall during the past two years, lost its first game since the 1996 regional semifinal when Brighton handed the Spartans a 3-0

Athens, which opened its season Saturday with a 5-2 victory over defending Division III state champion Madison Heights Bishop Foley, scored a pair of second-half goals to end Stevenson's 43-game unbeaten streak.

Tiffany Laskowski scored five minutes into the second half, while Kristen Weidle added an insurance goal five minutes later to spoil the Spartans' season opener.

"Troy played extremely physical and they beat on us pretty good," said Steven-

son coach Jim Kimble, who lost six starters from a year ago. They're a good high school team. They'll win a lot of

Kimble was forced to juggle his lineup, noving returnee Brianna Roy from midfield to sweeper. She was one of three new defenders in the lineup.

The Spartans' were also missing All-State defender Andrea Seid, who has been touring with the U.S. Junior National Team in Europe since last Thursday.

Returning midfielder Cheryl Fox missed the match with a hyperextended knee and Stevenson played most of the second half without All-State forward Lindsay Gusick, who went down with a leg fracture.

"It's difficult being that it's the first game," Kimble said. "It's a new group and it will take time to sort things out, but overall I was happy with the effort.

This is a game that tests you. And they don't like it at all that they lost. We'll find out how it affects us."

During the first half, Stevenson tried to protect goalkeeper Lesley Hooker with a defensive approach.

Kimble then went with a 3-4 attack in the second half to create a few more scoring opportunities.

We got a couple of chances, but in a game like this we obviously didn't get enough chances to win," Kimble said.

Stevenson doesn't return to action again until after spring break.

On Monday, April 12, the Spartans host Walled Lake Western and then travel Wednesday, April 14 to face Plymouth

Canton in a key Western Lakes Activities Association matchup.

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"They realise they're still the state champions until somebody knocks them off. Kimble said. "And we have at least until May to find that out.

"I think something good will come out of

· LADYWOOD 2. SHRINE 1: Melissa Harakas scored the game-winning goal from off a cross from Stefanie Stachura in the second half Monday to give the host Livonia Ladywood (2-0 overall) the victory over Royal Oak Shrine.

Shrine scored first in the opening haif, but Ladywood tied it on Katie Rozum's goal from

Ladywood first-year coach Jill Logsdon also praised the play of midfielders Lauren Arnold and Andrea Schimmel. Liz Obrecht was in goal for Ladywood.

#### Football meeting

A meeting to help organize the three football teams sponsored by Our Lady of Good Counsel will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 at Our Lady of

ing is for all boys in third through eighth grades who want to play football, and their parents. Those eligible are members of the following parishes: Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Ken-Good Counsel, located at 1062 neth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas a' Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James and St. John Neumann.

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Church in Plymouth. The meet-

For more information, contact Mike Girskis at (734) 427-6270.

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The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will have registration for its 5-6 year-old T-Ball League from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., April 12-30 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Cost is \$55, with Plymouth city residents receiving a \$35 discount. The season lasts seven weeks, from June 19-Aug. 7. A birth certificate is required; those eligible must be born from July-December 1992; January-December 1993; and January-July 1994.

For more information, call the Recreation office at (734) 455-

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The tour is limited to 1.500 riders and will take place rain or shine.

Routes are 25, 45 and 62 miles in length and take riders along the Huron River and around the scenic country roads of south Wayne and North Monree coun-

For more information, call Sharon or Mike Moreno at (313) 383-0286

#### Fast-Pitch tryouts

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association's 12-under girls fastpitch team has an opening with a tryout planned April 17 for those interested.

Girls who were 12 as of Jan. 1, 1999, are eligible. The tryout will be at 9 a.m. behind the Canton-Salem high schools. In case of bad weather, the tryout will be held the next day, at 9 a.m., Sunday, April 18. Cost is \$200 if you make the team.

For more information, eall Fran Jurcak at 454-7351 or Bob Bilkie at 459-8676.

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This 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 AACS R 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.

This notice is to provide a brief summary of the proposed remedial action, offer an opportunity for public review and comment and provide for a public meeting near the facility if requested.

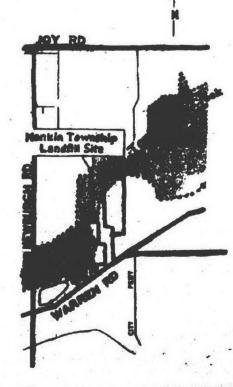
The MDEQ will conduct a public meeting at 7:00 PM on April 15, 1999, in meeting room #1 of the Bailey Center located at 36651 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, 46185. The Bailey Center is located on the south side of Ford Road between Wayne Road and Newburgh Roads. Interested persons may provide comments on the proposed remedial action plan at the

Written public comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM, May 3, 1999. The MDEQ will carefully consider the address significant public comments before a final decision is made regarding the proposed plan.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact Steve Hoin, S. E. Michigan District Office, Environmental Response Division at (734) 432-1296 a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Fill material, composed primarily of municipal rubbish with a limited volume of industrial material, was placed at the Nankin Township Landfill Site from approximately the mid 1950's to the 1960's. The industrial fill materials were removed. The remaining fill material contains certain hazardous substances in excess of residential direct contact standards promulgated under Section 20a(1)(a) of the Part 201 Rules. This RAP outlines the risk evaluation and strategy to remediate the Site by removing the potential for direct exposure to the fill using a combination of engineered exposure barriers placed over the Site and may impose deed restrictions on future uses of the Site. Wayne County, 3M and Crestwood Development, propose to remedy any potential direct contact hazards by capping the fill area (See figure 2) with a geosynthetic fabric covered by a contact hazards are foot thick layer of clean soil and 3 inches of topsell. The creek bank efosion barrier will require grubbing and the installation of erosion controls along the creek bank, which will be completed by rechaping the creek bank. Fill material removed from the creek bank will be moved back into the fill area and placed under the exposure barrier, as necessary. A geosynthetic fabric will be placed on the graded slope covering the fill, and covered using a material designed to prevent direct contact and erosion of the creek bank. An inspection and maintenance plan is included in the remedial action plan to assure the integrity of the cover is maintained.

Figure 1



A copy of the complete remedial action proposal, is available the William P. Faust Public Library, 6128 Central City Pa Westland and the City Clerks office, City Hall Building, 800 City of Westland during normal business hours. This review

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### Salem track from page C1

be strong from the sprints on up.

Seniors Mike Shull, who qualified for state last season, Chris Mason and Mark Sheehan lead the senior class - which, with 20 members, is the largest senior contingent Baker's had as coach. Other sprinters to watch are iuniors Gabe Coble, who is the only returning member of the 4x400 relay that finished third at state, and Pat Johnson, who will also compete in the long jump, and sophomore Jeremy

The hurdles are another strong event for the Rocks, with the return of seniors Dave Clemons and Ryan Thomas, who were both state qualifiers in the 110 last season. They each finished in the top seven in both the 110 and 300 hurdles at the WLAA finals.

Another senior, Charlie Fisher, together with junior Ryan Silva and sophomore Rob Showalter bolster the event.

Now for the field events. "I think we may be a little more consistent, without any one standout, in the field events," said Baker. "Our field events have never been dynamic. We're just hoping to scratch out a point or two here and there.

There are a number of possibilities in the throwing events, with seniors Andy Brandt (discus), Thomas Foor (shot put, discus) and Richie Cieslak (shot put), and sophomore Mark Snyder (shot put, discus). "Our throwers weren't the best after

Hester," said Baker. "We're trying to work a little harder this year to be better across the board."

The high jump was another

weakness in '98 for the Rocks. Seniors Sean Galvin and Matt Carpenter, together with Coble, hope to alter that this year. Johnson, Mason, Coble and Silva figure to be the top candidates in the long jump.

This is the second year Salem will compete in the pole vault. Jim Bruzch and Russ Bonsall, both juniors, and Greg Kubitski, a sophomore, are the leaders in this event.

Still, if Salem is to regain the heights it reached last season, it will have to do so on the track. With such a strong nucleus to

draw upon, including a deeper group of sprinters, there's no reason to think it can't.

#### Rocks 6th at Huron

At the Huron Relays, the season-opening event for boys track, Salem finished sixth with 26. points. Jon Little posted the best finish for the Rocks, taking third in the 3,200-meter run (9:52). Mike Shull was fifth in the 55meters (6.75).

In the relays, the Salem team of Matt Anderson, Gabe Coble, Bobby Cushman and Nick Allen took fourth (11:20). In the shuttle hurdle relay, Charlie Fisher, Ryan Silva, Don Clemons and Ryan Thomas finished sixth (33.2), and in the 3,200 relay, Little, Cushman, Donnie Warner and Allen were seventh (8:35).

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# Canton track from page C1

lost some key people, but we'll be up there. We'll be competitive."

As far as the WLAA is concerned, there's little doubt that Salem appears to be the team to beat again - and the Chiefs won't have to wait long for their chance. The annual Mangan Meet is scheduled for April 15.

In the Western Division, Churchill - which shared the title with Canton last season again appears to be formidable.

Walled Lake Western and Livonia Franklin could be tough, too, and Farmington Harrison was runner-up in the WLAA in 1997.

But the Chiefs have enough to challenge - and defeat - any of them. They could indeed be even better than last season, if their underclassmen continue to

And as promising as that sounds for the present, the future looks even brighter for





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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 precentations by the DNR's new pland gamebird specialist, Al Stewart, local wildlife biologists and veteran turkey hunters. There will also be door prizes. raffies, a kids calling contest and more. Proceeds from the event will be used exclusively for MWTHA's winter feeding program. For tickets and more formation, call Rick Riley at (616) 549-2179.

#### ASHING **TOURNAMENTS** 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 riffle/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 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 each 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, Meriwether's in Southfield, Muer's See 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 (800) 468-3727.

#### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

BITRO TO CYCLING Adult beginners will learn the basics of the sport of cycling during this class, which begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

MILE MAINTENANCE 101 Get your bike ready for spring during this instructional clinic, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

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 informa-

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WOMEN'S FLY FISHING River Bend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring a Women's Fly Fishing School on Sunday, May, 23. Participants will spend a fun-filled day learning the basics of fly fishing including lessons in casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Cost is \$125 per person and class size is limited. Call Pat Rofe at (248) 350-8484 for more information and to register.

TLY PISSING SCHOOL The Riverbend Sports Shop in southfield is sponsoring several fishing schools in the upcoming months. Held at the Huntshan Hunt Club in Dryden and Runters Creek Hunt Club in detamora, the schools include besons in basic fly fishing techsiques including casting, knot ying, reading the water, playng, landing and releasing fish, atomology and fly selection and tore. Classes are scheduled for May 8 and 16, June 6

and 19, July 11 and 25, August 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 to register and for more information.

YOUTH FLY FROM The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will bost 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.

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.

ME PLY TYRIG River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times in May, June and July. For more information and to register, call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

#### ACTIVITIES

Take a 5-mile hike with members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Participants are asked to meet behind the

Marathon Station at 12 Mile Road and Telegraph. Call John Kalem at (248) 681-9160 for more information.

PROUD LAKE HINE Take a 5-mile hike over varied terrain with members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Participants are asked to meet behind the Marathon Station at 12 Mile Road and Telegraph. Call Bev or Marshall Fogelson at (313) 581-7579 for

#### SEASON/DATES

FIGHING LICENSES Anglers must possess a 1999 Michigan Fishing license begin-

ning April 1. COYOTE

more information.

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Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend will be held June 12-

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Walleye season opens April 24

on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula. Sauger season opens Saturday,

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Musky season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower peninsula.

Northern pike season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

#### CLUBS

information.

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield.

The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

Call (248) 988-6658 for more

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) 4765027 for more information.

**BCHBAN FLY FISH** The Michigan Ply Pishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenesville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

POUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:80 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Jim Graham from "Friends of the Rouge" will be the quest speaker at the April 7th meeting, Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej (734) 591-0843

for more information. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more informa-

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 informa-

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more informa-

**BASS ASSOCIATION** 

The Downriver Bass Association a non-tournament bass club meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor, Call (734) 676-2863 for more informa-

#### MEETINGS

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commis sion will be Wednesday and Thursday, April 7-8, at the Four Points Sheraton, 4960 Towne Center Road, Saginaw. The commission will be taking public comment on baiting and other 1999 deer season regulations Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in

#### ARCHERY

The Oakland County Sportsman Chub in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West

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# Churchill graduate is MSU's big stopper

Joe Blackburn got a dose of reality in the semifinals of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena.

The sophomore goaltender from Michigan State, who owns the nation's best goals-against average (1.49) and save percentage (.928), came into the game against Northern Michigan riding a personal 17-game winning

The Spartans carried a 3-2 lead into the final period, only to be stunned by three NMU unanswered goals resulting in a 5-3

. "It was a pretty good lesson for us - that we can be beaten, said the Livonia Churchill High product. "When you have that kind of streak you think you're pretty invincible."

Maybe the loss is a good omen, according to Blackburn.

"We remembered last year we won the CCHA playoffs and then lost in the first round of the NCAAs," he said. "Coach (Ron). Mason-teld everybody not to get down and this game (against NMU) had no bearing on us getting an NCAA bid. We were pretty much assured a first-round

bye anyway." Things are abuzz these days in East Lansing.

The MSU men's basketball team took center stage last weekend against No. 1 Duke in St. Petersburg, Fla., in the Final

Meanwhile, MSU's hockey team, 28-5-7 overall, is just one win away from the Frozen Four at The Pond in Anaheim, Calif.

At 3 p.m. Sunday, the Spartans await the winner of Friday's NCAA regional game in Madison, Wis. between St. Lawrence (N.Y.) and Colorado College.

"It's kind of nice being up here (East Lansing) right now," Blackburn said. "Right now we're trying to see who can go farther, yet we'd like be the first two teams to win it in the same year. I don't think that's ever been done. It's a healthy rivalry because we push and root for each other."

Blackburn, a second-team All-CCHA selection, credits much of his first-year success to MSU's defensive system. It's a cross between a left-wing lock and a

"It's kind of complicated to explain," Blackburn said. "We always have three guys back and we usually have one guy going in hard. We played a similar system last year.

"Our defense has been so phenomenal this year. We usually average 10 blocked shots per game.

Two first-period goals by Northern Michigan proved to be an ominous sign for the Spar-

"They're a good defensive team," Blackburn said. "They're tough team to play. And I wasn't really sharp. It was tough to get in a groove. And after giving up a couple early goals, it was tough battling back."

Blackburn's confidence, however, is not shaken.

He entered Sunday's NCAA regional final with a 20-4-7

since Hall of Famer Ken Dryden.

confidence on New Year's Eve when he started in goal and made 36 saves for Team USA against host Canada in the World Junior Ice Hockey Championships (held in Winnipeg.

"That was just a great experience for me because I remember watching the World Juniors on CBC (television) and a lot of those guys are now in the NHL," Blackburn said. "The crowd there was just going bananas and to do it in their own arena was special.'

Blackburn came to MSU as a scholarship player from the Compuware Ambassadors of the North American Junior Hockey. He spent his freshman season as

Squirt AAA champion Fruehauf

"I was a player the first three years and that was my first travel team and the first time I played goalie," Blackburn

His Squirt AAA coach, Bob Goodenow, now the Executive Director of the NHL Players' Association, had a big influence on his game. Goodenow's son Joe, a freshman forward, is also a member of the MSU team.

"Joe is an unorthodox goaltender in some respects," coach Ron Mason said in MSU's media guide. "He relies on his quickness. He'll make the uncanny save that you never expect, so he can be flamboyant."

That year was also special for a Livenia player as former Franklin High grad Mike Donnelly led the Spartans to the title and won the Hobey Baker award, the equivalent of college football's Heisman Trophy.

"It's only one game right now and we can't look beyond that because every team in this tournament is good," Blackburn said.
"We know St. Lawrence plays a defensive style and their goaltender is pretty phenomenal. And Colorado College plays on an Olympic-size ice rink and they're more of an offensive team.

Blackburn is majoring in Special Education at MSU. At Churchill he earned two let-

ters in baseball.

But he is not ready for other

A good dose of medicine would be an NCAA championship ring.

### Outdoors from page C5

Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more infor-

### SHOOTING

**Bald Mountain Recreation Area** in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to sunset Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays. On Mondays and Tuesdays only the sporting clay course is open, noon to sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Road, which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

**PONTIAC LAKE** 

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Road. Call (248) 666-1020 for more informa-

**ORTONVILLE RECREATION** 

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12 -5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Road. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

#### **METROPARKS**

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS Most Metropark programs are

free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, (800) 477-7756; Indian Springs, (800) 477-3192; Kensington, (800) 477-3178.

APRIL FOOL'S WALK A naturalist-led hike under the

light of the "Blue Moon" begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at Stony Creek.

SLOPPIN' THE HOGS Children age 5 and older can

help feed the farm animals during this program, which begins at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at Kensington.

**NATURE PROGRAMS** 

The nature center at Stony Creek will offer the following programs beginning at 11 a.m. each day during spring break: Funny Frog Faces, Monday, April 5; Hot Dogs and Stories Tuesday, April 6; Pickin' Pellets, Wednesday, April 7; Turtles and Tortoises, Thursday, April 8; Bluebirds for You, Friday, April

SPRING CLEANUP

Spring cleanup days are scheduled at several Metroparks in the upcoming weeks. Most programs last one-half day and lunch is provided for all volunteers who register in advance. Cleanup days will be held Saturday, April 3, at Walcott Mills, (800) 477-3175; Saturday, April 17, at Stony Creek, (800) 781-4242; and Metro Beach, (800) 477-3172; and Saturday, April 24, at Lake Erie, (800) 477-3189; and Kensington, (800) 477-3178. 1999 PERMITS

The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call (800) 47-PARKS for more information.

#### OAKLAND **COUNTY PARKS**

**COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS** Advanced registration is

required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

SPRING EGGCITEMENT Learn how nature decorates eggs

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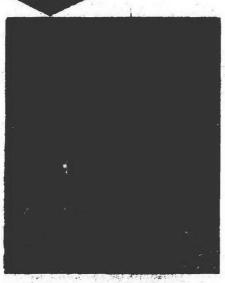
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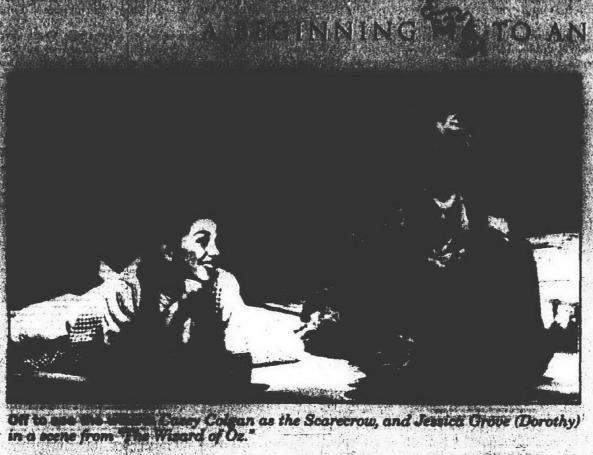
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# There's no place like the road for Dorothy

Wisard of Co. where Derothy repeats there's no place like home, clicks her heals and off she goes, back to Kansas.

Born at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Grove lived in Birmingham as a child, and later moved to Ohio where she is an

Thinks of the thinks where she lives with her parents, Willie and Katle, and her broth-

er Thomas.
"I still like going home, but also, there's no place like the road. It's like a second home. said Jessica Grove who plays Dorothy in "The Wigard of Oz," now playing at the Fox Theatre

Grove has been touring with the show since 1997. She was 15 years old then, and celebrated her 17th birthday in February. She's followed the Yellow Brick

Road all across the country, but

her journey is coming to an end.
The search is on for a new
Dorothy to replace her. "My last
show will be last this year," she
said. Two desided to finish my
senior year in my own backyard." There have been a few breaks

in between shows. This tour of "The Wizard of Oz" began Dec. 26, and Grove's been on the road

tour I started doubting myself," she said in a telephone interview from Chicago where the show is now playing. "I was missing home, my friends, my cat."

But now, she feels differently about things. "It's definitely opened a lot of doors. I got to go to the Grammy's this year. It was

Grove also liked seeing all the different stars, "and what they were wearing."

Traveling has allowed her the opportunity to check out some colleges. She's leaning toward Boston Conservatory because they're supportive of actresses like her, and allow time off to be in shows.

But Grove's not star struck, and recognizes that being Dorothy is an opportunity to make children smile. "I visit hose pitals and take the kids Beanie Babies. It's really rewarding,"

Grove loves what she does, and wants to pursue a career in film and TV and do more musicals

She has some advice for the girls who will be auditioning to be the new Dorothy in this production, or for other show

sudition whether you get to finals or not. You win some, you lose some. You don't get everything you try out for. You have to fit the role, and you don't always. They won't cast you to play the mean girl if you look too sweet. I've been at auditions where people said I was too nice.'

Working v who plays the Wizard has been fun. "He's a character," said Grove laughing. "But he takes good care of me, and makes sure eat my dinner."

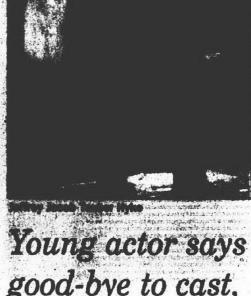
Being on the road is also a challenge academically. Grove still has to do her school work, often while other cast members are out for a leisurely dinner, or working out at the gym.'

"We do 10-12 shows a week," she said. "It's a pretty tough schedule. Sometimes I feel left out, but it's one of the sacrifices I have to make."

This production of "The Wizard of Oz," has changed a little from the one presented last year. "They improved it a bit," said Grove. "It's pretty much the same, except for the scenery improvements, and choreogra-

Her favorite moment of the show is when she gets to sing "Somewhere Over The Rainbow." "The stage is mine," she said.

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# good-bye to cast, hello to school

BY KEELY WYGONIE

After 13 months on the road together, Jeffrey Jacob Tauber Hyke of Rochester Hills felt like part of the "Les Miserables"

"The hardest part of leaving the tour was Seeid Hyles 12, who played bye to family. I like

choked for five min-"It was great." On Monday, Feb. 15, Hyke and his mother, Susan Tauber, a staff reporter for the Clarkston edition of the Eccentric Newspapers, came home. new part - mid-

"It was great," said Hyke. "But I've been there long enough," he said about the tour. Happy to be home,

Hyke had to quickly learn a new part middle school student.

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"It's good, I'm getting used to it, except for getting up at 6 a.m." said Hyke about starting at West Middle School in the middle of his sixth grade year. On the road, bedtime was 1 a.m. with a 10 a.m. wake-up from mom.

Acting since second grade when he appeared in a Channel 62 TV commercial. Hyke has already had a pretty impressive

He's played Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol" at Meadow Brook Theatre for the past three years and appeared in shows at Paper Bag Productions in Detroit and Avon Theatre in Rochester Hills. He played the demon child in "Nerd," a role his father Stuart teases "he was born to play," and is rehearsing for the Avon Players' upcoming production of "Children of Eden," in which he plays young Abel.

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#### POPULAR MUSIC

## StunGun defies threats, releases EP

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BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

Hanging out with members of the allfemale pop quintet StunGun is kind of like joining a girls club. They laugh and giggle, whisper across the table about guys in the coffee shop and talk about nail polish.

Laughing and giggling isn't something that StunGun could do the latter part of 1998 thanks to a female stalker that was harassing the band. With that almost :. behind it, the band members are concen-

partying with their friends. "StunGun" contains five songs with "some really cool remixes" on there, according to platinum-blonde guitarist Joell of Redford.

"I kind of wanted more on the CD, but we really didn't have enough time and money," she said.

"StunGun" was recorded with Warren Defever, a Livonia resident and multiinstrumentalist best known for his band His Name is Alive. When the women were introduced to him, they were unaware of his international reputation as a top-notch musician. All they knew was that he was a great guy.

"He's a very good guy to work with. The trating on their new EP "StunGun" and atmosphere is very comfortable. He works with you, he doesn't try to change you. That's what we want," Joell

Please see STUNGUN, E2 City.



Celebrating release: StunGun - guitarist Joell of Redford, keyboardist Justine of Redford, singer Danielle of Plymouth, bassist Tania of Auburn Hills, and drummer Kelly of Garden

"I've always had it on my mind," said Hyke about acting. "My dad worked at Oakland University, and I started going to concerts and seeing different are when I was aix weeks old. My brother and sister were in shows and I always got dragged along to watch. Then one day I said, why can't I do that?"

hahad where his acting talent coines from, Hyke answers honestly, "I don't know. It just comes natural to me. I can memorize things pretty fast."

For the past 13 months, acting has been his full-time job. He worked six days a week, did four shows a week, and was in the theater four times a week in the driesing room as the understudy. Hyke and the other boy who played Gavroche alternated. He also went to school, too A tutor traveled with the show and Hyke and the other young cast mem-bers attended class together.

His family was supportive, which helped a lot. Birthdays and holidays weren't always celebrated together because Hyke was on the road, mostly with his

Dorothy

my heart out."

"With the exception of the dog.

It's my moment to shine and sing

The role of Dorothy is every

and sister Rebecca, 16, stayed

Of the 23 cities he visited, Toronto and Chicago were his favorites. For six months Toronto was home while the show played at the Princess of Wales Theatre. His sister Rebecca moved to Toronto, and attended school there for one term.

"It was like I got to sit down for half a year," he said. "I didn't have to move every week. I got to make friends and take a rock

Hyke liked the museums in Chicago, especially the aquari-

His favorite parts of the show were the scene when he dies, "because I'm on stage all alone, and when he sings the verse, "That Inspector," part of the "Look Down" song.

Learning how to play dead wasn't hard. "I loved just fooling around," he said. "I play dead with my dog Peaches. When I do it, she eats my hair."

Now that he's getting back into Female Deer..."

mother, but sometimes with his the groove of being home, Hyke father, while brother Fred, 18, says he thinks he'll take a year off before auditioning for any

major shows. When he grows up, Hyke says he wants to be a famous movie star, and if that doesn't work out, he'll be an elementary school teacher or an electrician. "I might become a Broadway star," he adds. "People have told me I could be."

He's got some advice for kids who might be thinking about auditioning for one of the Munchkin reles, or to play Dorothy in The Wisard of On, which opened Wednesday at the Fox Theatre.

Really try to be natural, don't over do it," he said. "Here's a tip I know that works, never sing a song from the show you're auditioning for. They're sick of hearing it, and if you sing something different, they'll notice you. You'll have to sing a song from the chow for callbacks though."

When he auditioned for Gavroche in November 1997, Hyke sang simply, "Doe, a Deer, a

explained. "He helped us out with a few ideas.

Instrumentally, he brought in piano. He brought in strings for this ene song 'Hollywood' that's melancholy. It's slow and it all fit. He'd ask you what you think and then he'd suggest something."

Keyboardist Justine added that Defever made the recording process "easy."

"He wasn't crabby ever or anything. Dealing with five girls, you can see some crabbiness, explained Justine, a Redford resident who is pursuing an assetate's degree in science from

chaolcraft College in Livonia. Space-age and 1960s-era pop play a big role in StunGun. Ka boards similar to the B-52's "Rock Lobster" line one song, while other songs are simple and

We just go in any direction that we want to, which we can do because I think we're very diverse. I think we're starting off very basic right now, but we're like growing. Right now we have so many songs in the works and they're so different. It's so frightening," Joell explained.

The topics of StunGun's songs are basic girl-meets-boy, girlloses-boy love tunes. Joell is the main songwriter, basing her songs on "every day experiences.

"I'm a chick, so I write about stuff that has to do with relationships. Some of it's fictitious, like 'Killer.' I don't kill people or anything."

She keeps the specifics of the relationships out of the songs and has a stock answer when paramours ask about them.

'It's not about you,' " Joell said in a high-pitched voice. "I would never admit it. They're very personal thoughts. I take a feeling and exaggerate it times 10. And then I would prefer that they didn't realize it. Certain ones, there's one in particular, I

think is more (obvious)."
That song, "Rock Star Thing a about one of Joell's ex-hoyfriends. The second half of the song contains the lyrics "You're losing all your charm/You never really were a stan/So take your sorrows and go."

StunGun will celebrate the CD's release with a party and performance Thursday, April 1, at the Motor Lounge in Hamtramck. The show is the only one scheduled so far for the band, which will embark on a west coast tour in June booked by Ann Arbor based Prism Productions.
We're just really trying to

scale down playing so much," Joell explained.

#### Longtime friends

Joell and Justine, 1993 graduates of Redford Union High School, have known each other since kindergarten. Both of them got early starts on their careers.

"I started writing songs very young, when I was 9 I wrote a Christmas song. I didn't have any music but I remember I wrote it and showed it to my sister. I'd write poetry throughout the years and stuff. I really started writing music when I started playing guitar, which was about three years ago," Joell

Justine has been playing piano for 10 years, but is also handy on the recorder and the acoustic

Local promoter Rich Rice introduced the two women to drummer Kelly, of Garden City, who then recommended singer Danielle, a Plymouth resident. Bassist Tania, who lives in Auburn Hills, joined StunGun after answering an ad in a local monthly magazine.

These days StunGun is using only first names to dodge potential stalkers. Last year, the harassment began with an email that threatened rape and

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"I was the first one to read it. When I clicked on there and I started reading it, my heart was getting this sinking feeling. It was a really scary feeling," Justine explained.

They were so scared that Joell fell ill whenever she thought about leaving her house. Still. the quintet took a proactive approach by generating publicity about the threats.

"If we didn't go on the news, she'd still be doing it - guaranteed," Justine explained about the Fox 2 piece.

When somebody is sending those messages you don't want to sit there and go, God we should have done something about it' (after) one of your band members got shot," Joell said.

"We know who it is. We're not going to say who it is. We're talking to our lawyer right now. It's still going through legal things. This person is going to get in trouble and they're going to have to pay the repercussions," she

But with the bad, comes the good. The publicity upped the band's visibility. StunGun's members are Detroit's media darlings.

Wearing sunglasses and a patent leather black jacket inside a Royal Oak coffeehouse. Joell admitted she now enjoys the publicity.

"Well, it's great. We think it's fabulous. There's good stuff and bad stuff that comes along with that," Joell explained, "I don't think everybody knows who we

"I'm to the point where I don't really read anything on us in case there's anything bad. We. know people write about us. We know people are aware of us. We know we're on TV. We just keep doing our music (and) making more. I want to be ignorant. It's

#### young actress' dream come true," said Grove. "I am so thankful to have portrayed her in a national tour. I am looking forward to finishing up my senior year at home and helping with the search for a new Dorothy." The national search for a new Dorothy began March 4 in Washington, D.C. Auditions will be tour .com

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tioned for walk-on roles in "The Wizard of Oz." After three hours of auditions in which munchkin hopefuls danced and sang the chorus to "Ding, Dong! The Witch is Dead," the panel of judges chose six individuals including, Brittany Turner of Bloomfield Hills and Sam Rabenburg of Rochester Hills.

Winners of the munchkin auditions will appear in one of two designated performances Friday, April 2 or Wednesday, April 7. All participants received certificates entitling them to one free ticket to the show.

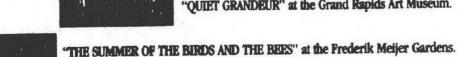


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# Second-City Detroit steps up to serious satire challenge

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonikoe.

It's a man's world, so they say, except at The Second City-Detroit where, for the first time, women out number men on the Mainstage cast.

Music director Marc Evan Jackson also plays a big role in the revue, tickling the audience almost as much as he tickles the

"It's very cool, you get to play a broader range of characters, said Mary Jane Pories, one of seven cast members. "We're not just a rarity. Instead of just playing the mother, wife and whore, we play doctor, lawyer, co-worker - regular people. We're only separated by our ability to play the characters."

Celebrating its fifth anniversary, The Second City-Detroit opened its 15th revue, "Impeachment and Cream," on March 17.

"Do the right thing," is a theme that weaves in and out of the show. "Are we on our own, or are there angels, forces that have an impact on what we do? Our job is to raise the question," said Margaret Exner.

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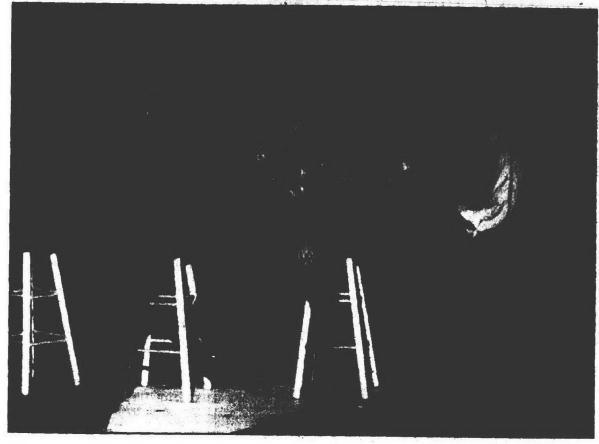
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Ignore the title, it's a joke that hardly ever has anything to do with the show. There are a few clever Clintonesque quips, but

In one scene, Keegan-Michael Key, promises to have "affairs, lots of affairs. I love America, I love Americans, I will try to love each and every American to the best of my ability."

Directed by Michael Gellman, who also directed the hilarious "Down Riverdance," this show is satirical in a serious way. Gone is the lewd shallowness that marked the last revue. In it's place is insightful, cleverly written material. The show is tightly written, and the intergenerational humor is something everyone can relate to.

Nyima Anise Woods said that often it's a question of looking at an issue being posed, and



Chance meeting: Marc Warzecha (left), Mary Vinette and Marc Evan Jackson in a scene from The Second City-Detroit's new revue, "Impeachment & Cream."

position such as abuse of power or status. If you're working as a temporary employee, you'll love the scene about the "Temp God" who tells the temp to "steal pens and Sweet & Low and make long distance phone calls to college

Current events, relationships, Motown humor, this show covers all the bases with lots of surprises thrown in.

"We've got a lot of nice musical variances in this show," said Woods. "It's all Detroit sounding Motown, Soul and R&B."

Antoine McKay plays the father whose son (Key) doesn't know "anything about history or putting the characters in that work." As they're sitting in a lot more theatrical. "It's more

boat fishing, McKay sings "I heard it through the grape vine." Key answers "I love those California raisins," showing his ignorance. As the skit progresses, Key explains that his father's work ethics are obsolete. "You like what you do," his father says after hearing Key talk about work. "I do," Key answers. "I wish I could say the same thing," says the father who worked at Ford Motor Co. all his life. "I know you want to leave me," the father sings. "Temptations," says

Mary Vinette, who is also new to the cast, said the new show is

his son, giving the correct

story driven than being joke to joke," added Exner. "The scenes take longer," said Pories.

That's true. In a downtown Detroit vintage clothing shop scene. Vinette plays store owner Marcy. Danielle (Pories) lives in Section 8 housing and comes to the store every day. Danielle has an angel hat, one for every day. She even makes a sale while Marcy's in the back room. Clearly disabled, Danielle is optimistic offsetting Marcy's pessimism. Marcy's friend Dee (Exner) dismisses Danielle. "There's something wrong with everyone," says Pories. "It's just shows more on

If you were to make a play

about the whole City of Detroit, it might sound a lot like Second City-Detroit.

You get to know these people," said Pories about the current show. "You know where you've

It's no easy feat, especially when you're wearing a lot of different hats. It's high pressure you have to develop the material and then rehearse it.

Working at Second City-Detroit is challenging, but also

"You have the opportunity to do anything you want within reason," said Exner. "It prepares you to step out of here and be more employable as an actor," said Vinette.

With a hip audience, represented by a wide range of ages and cultures, Second City-Detroit is, agree the women, "theater for the common man." "It was the first place to be

integrated," said Exner. "We need an area to represent all cultures in town."

"What we do on stage reflects life," adds Woods.

One of the keys to their success is the women say they write about what they know and their own foibles. The scenes are about stuff they've experienced, they're not there to preach.

The three new cast members - Antoine McKay, Mary Vinette, and Marc Warzecha - add freshness and new ideas.

Look around at all the develop-



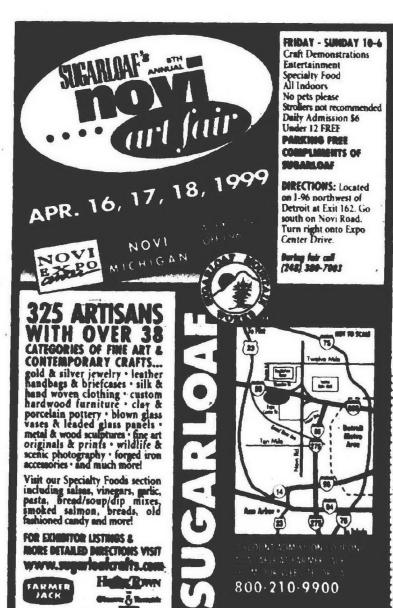
ment as you walk around the corner from the parking structure to Second City-Detroit. Ever wonder how the people who live. there feel?

There was a time when Detroit sat empty and quiet, what has happened to our ghetto home?" the cast sings. "What they saw as a wasteland was our wasteland. There ain't no place to squat no more.

For Vinette it's like jumping out of an airplane. "Improv is my form of jumping out an airplane," she said. "Jumping out of airplanes is something I would never do, but it's the same rush."







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Neil Simon's hysterical farce "Rumors" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 2-3 (\$8), at the college, 18600 Haggerty

Livonia. (734) 462-4596 **U-D MERCY THEATRE** 

"Biloxi Blues," Neil Simon's play set in a US Army boot camp during World War II," Friday, April 9 to Sunday, April 25, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, in the McAuley Theatre on the campus at 8200 W. Outer Drive. Detroit. \$10, \$8 seniors/students.

(313) 993-1130 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

WSU STUDIO THEATRE "The Subject Was Roses," the Tony

Award and Pulitze Prize-winning drama chronicles the homecoming of a World War II veteran, April 8-18, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, in the theater, 4743 Cass Avenue at Hancock, Detroit, \$8, \$6 students/seniors. (313) 577-2972

#### COMMUNITY THEATER

SHAKESPEARIENCE

A workshop production of The Tempest," April 8 to May 2, 8 p.m. Thill'aday-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, special celebration April 23-24 in honor. of Shakespeare's birthday, at Planet Ant, 2357 Ceniff, east of I-75, Hamtramck. \$10, auggested donation.

THOY PLAYERS

"Steet Magnolles" by Robert Harling: opášia 8 p.m. Friday, April 9 and continues & p.m. Pridays and Saturdays, April 10, April 16-17 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18 of Hamilton Elementary School, 5625 Michigal Pantway, Yoy, \$10. (240) (160)

Saury Bossy and Burlebque," a hysteri-



cal comedy capturing the robust spirit of the jokes of the vanished era, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through April 3, at the Wunderground Theatre, 110 S. Main St., south of 11 Mile above ACE Hardware, Royal Oak. \$12. (248) 541-

#### DINNER THEATER

**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 PRODUCTIONS

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 **MASONIC TEMPLE** 

Scholastic's Magic School Bus Live, "A Bright Idea," an all new original musical production based on the award-winning Fox-TV series and the best-selling book, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the theater, Detroit. \$21.50, \$17.50, \$13.50, benefits Crohn's and Colitis research. (248) 645-

6666/(313) 871-1132 group sales

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 . YOUTHEATRE

"The Secret Garden" New York's Theatreworks/USA turns the classic into a warm, compassionate play, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 10-11 and 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10, at Music Hall Center, Detroit. \$8, \$7 advance. (313) 963-2366

#### SPECIAL EVENTS ANN ARBOR SPRING GARDEN AND

PLOWER SHOW Friday-Sunday, April 2-4, Gala Benefit

Preview Thursday, April 1 for Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, at the Washtenew Farm Council Grounds, Ann Arbor-Seline id. south of 194, exit 175. (734) 434-8004 ANTIQUES SHOW

Peaturing Ambridain, European and Oriental antiques, delicetibles, and vin-tage decorative apparenties, from its 

Center, I-96 and Novi Road, Novi. \$6. Free for children ages 16 and younger. (616) 629-3133/(248) 348-5600

#### BENEFITS

"AROUND THE WORLD"

Madonna University's silent and live auctions and dinner to benefit the school's scholarship fund and other projects, 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. \$75. (734) 432-5421 "COLLISION OF COOL"

A celebration of the next century of cutting-edge artists with food, music and art, 5 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, April 17, at Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills. To benefit the graduate art programs (248) 845,333

**DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY GUILD FLEA MARKET** 

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 10-11, all proceeds to benefit Detroit Historical Museums, at Historic Fort Wayne. Free, \$1 for parking. (313) 821-7795

PLANIT GOLF MASTERS SHOOTOUT 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, until 4 p.m. Sunday, April 12, at Bogey's Bar and Grille, 142 E. Walled Lake Drive. Proceeds of golf ball purchases benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association, (248) 669-1441

FAMILY EVENTS

MAGIC'S ROUNDBALL CLASSIC 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3. The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills, \$9 and \$5 reserved and \$5 general admission. Courtside seating available. Groups of 15 or more, seniors 62 and older, and children ages 12 and younger receive 42.50 off on \$9 and \$5 seats. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

ROYAL HANNEFORD CIRCUS 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday. April 11, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills, \$12 and \$8 reserved; \$5 general admission. Discounts: \$4 opening night; \$5 Friday matinee, groups of 15 or more receive \$2 off, parking is free; children 12 and younger and seniors ages 65 and older receive \$4 off \$12 and \$8 ticket except the performance on April 8 and 11 a.m. performance on April 9; and Scout groups of 15 or more receive \$12 tickets for the 10:30 a.m. performance

http://www.palacenet.com TINY TOTS CONCERT By the Detroit Symphony Orchestra with soprano Emily Benner and mezzo-soprane Barbars Wiltele, and storytelling mirne Nine Kircher, 10:15 a.m. and 13:45 a.m. Saturday, April 10, ages 3-6, at Mercy Might School, 11 Mile and Middlefolf, Farmington Hills. \$10. (315) \$76-6111

on April 10 for \$5. (248) 377-0100 or

THE PARTY LAND 

plies last), 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. Guests who bring in a nonperishable food item from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. are free; food goes to Mother Waddles Perpetual Mission. Zoo admission is \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students, \$4.50 children ages 2-12. \$3 parking. (800) 732-3477/(248) 398-0903 or www.detroitzoo.org

"THE CHOICE"

The dramatic musical is an intriguing love story set at the time of Christ's years of ministry and final week, 8 p.m. Friday, April 2, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, Free. (734) 455-0022

#### CLASSICAL

ARIANNA STRING QUARTET

Meretta in Mozart's "Quartet for Oboe and Strings," 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11. at Pease Auditorium, College Place and W. Cross, on the Eastern Michigan University's campus, Ypsilanti. free. (734) 487-2255 or www.emich.edu/music/musicevents.ht

Jaap Schroeder, violin; Penelope Crawford, harpsichord/fortepiano, and Enid Sutherland, cello/viola da gamba, 8 p.m. Friday, April 9, at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

KOVALSKY The Russian-trained cellist and planist perform Schubert, Beethoven, Schumann, and Brahms, 8 p.m. House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$5 seniors/students. (734)

Join the orchestra and pops conductor

HAM MUSICALE

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Good Friday concert features apprago planist Anna Scrokhtel, and the St. Choir, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, et St. visive Church, on Jamison Street,

ITZHAK PERLMAN

EASTER EGG HUNT 11 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at Domino's Farms Petting and Events Center, benefit the Easter Seals. (734) 930-5032

A recital with guest artist Kristy

ATLANTIS TRIO

VLADIMIR BABIN/VLADISLAV

Saturday, April 3, at Kerrytown Concert 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Charles Greenwell for a special concert of "Cowboy" music, and guest violinist Adrienne Jacobs, the BBSO's Young Artist Competition winner, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, in the Sanctuary at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and Telegraph roads, Bloomfield Hills. \$20, \$15 students. (248) 645-2276

Presents its scholarship winners, 1 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at the Community House, 350 S. Bates St., Birmingham. \$2. (248) 475-5978

Lynda Weston, baritone Lange Ashmore, Genevieve Interdenominational Festival south of Five Mile, east of Middlebett, Livenia. \$15, \$6 children ages 12 and under. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-

7 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Hall (M-36) and Garlield roads, Clinton Twp.

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through Sunday. May 16, at the muse-

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are 9:30 a.m. to 5

p.m. Admission \$5.

adults, \$3 children

(313) 494-5800 for

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Ave. in Detroit's Cui-

Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (western swing) II-V-I ORCHESTRA " 9-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Soup

\$62, \$55, \$48 students/seniors. (810)

ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN

Winter Movie Series continues with

"Easter Parade" starring Judy Garland

and Fred Astaire, 8 p.m. Friday, April 2

and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 3

(organ overtures start 30 minutes ear-

lier, guest organist all performances

Gus Borman), at the Historic Redford

Theatre, 17360 Laheer Road at Grand

River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

POPS/SWING

8 p.ml. Saturday, April 10, at the

Macomb Center for the Performing

Arts, Hall (M-59) and Garfield roads,

Clinton Twp. \$24, \$22 seniors/stu-

dents. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-

With the Detroit Symphony Orchestra,

Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, and 3 p.m.

"Lost in the Stars," a revue of some of

Broadway's classical musicals and con-

temporary shows, featuring Tracey Atin

Saturday, April 9-10 (\$15 adults), and

2 p.m. Sunday, April 11 (\$13 seniors

Theatre in the theater, 121 University

and students). Daniel Patrick Kelly

Ave., W., Windsor, Prices Canadian.

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA

9 p.m. Saturday, April 3, 24 Karat Club,

charge. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of

Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover

Presents a new music-theater piece

"Relive the Magic: An Evening with

tra inspired by the life, singing and

like crooner Tony Amore, 3 p.m.

(734) 763-8587

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

Sunday, April 11, at the Michigan

10:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, Rochester

Tony Amore," a musical for lazz orches-

mythology of Frank Sinatra, composer

Andy Kirshner plays the aging, Sinatra-

Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10 students.

THE PHOENIX ENSEMBLE

8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 11, Orchestra Hall,

and Joe Cardinal, 8 p.m. Friday-

Detroit. \$13-\$45. (313) 576-5111

BOOTS RANDOLPH

VICTOR BORGE

CAPITOL THEATRE

(519) 253-7729

(swing)

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286-2222/(800) 585-3737

SOCIETY

Kitchen, 1585 Franklin, Detroit, (313) 259-1374; 7-9:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Heidelberg, 215 N. Máin, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 663-7758

#### AUDITIONS

**BW PRODUCTIONS** 

Auditions for performers, dancers and singers ages 8 and up (males and females) for the semi-musical/comedy gospel drama theatrical stage play "When God Comes Down from Heaven." "EXTREME GONG!

The Game Show Network show auditions for acts, 4-6 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Variety acts must be three minutes or less and anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Accompaniment for any musical act must be acoustic, on cassette tape or compact disc. One act from each city will be flown to Los Angeles to appear live on "Extreme Gong" and get a chance to win a

4520, ext. 26. 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

\$10,000 prize package. (312) 214-

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 9. 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

MADONNA UNIVERSITY CHORALE **Under director David Wagner performs** Gabriel Faure's "Requiem," Franz Biebi's "Ave Maria," and the music of Maurice Durufle amd Maurice Green, also featured are organist Joanne Vollendorf-Rickards and trumpeter William Beger playing the music of Alan Hovhaness4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at Historic Christ Church, 960 E. Jefferson, Detroit. \$8, \$5 students/seniors. (734) 432-5708 SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

COMMUNITY CHOIR Performs a selection of choral works by

Bach, Benjamin Britten, Mendelssohn, and others, the highlight of the evening is John Rutter's "Requiem" with instrumental accompaniment, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six mile, between Merriman and Middlebett roads, Livenia. Donations will be

accepted at the door, (248) 349-8175 /(734) 462-4435 THE SECOND CITY

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#### JAZZ

JUDI COCHILL 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 9, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 646-2150 . (vocal/piano/bass/drums) RON BROOKS TRIO

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, Bird of Paradise, 207/S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 EMU JAZZ ENSEMBLE/THE

8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at Pease Auditorium, College Place at W. Cross, on the Eastern Michigan University campus, Ypsilanti. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students, to raise funds for the university's jazz program. (734) 487-2255 or www.emich.edu/publi/music/musiceve nts.html

FUNKTELLIGENCE With Ground.EFX, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St.,

Ann Arbor. \$6. 19 and older. (734) 996-HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODO CURTIS 8-11 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, at ... the No.VI Chophouse & Lobster Bar in

the Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road,

Novi. (248) 305-5210; 11 a.m. to 3

p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-7333

BILL HEID TRIO 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368

DAVE HOLLAND QUINTET 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$20 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 or

http://www.99music.com SHEILA LANDIS

9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101; 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With saxophonist Larry Nozero, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, with saxophonist George Benson and trumpeter Louis Smith Thursday, April 8, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner order. (248) 474-4800

MARK MOULTRUP 8 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at Edison's 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 **MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY** 

(MAS)

8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838 LARRY NOZERO

With planist Cliff Monear, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, at Pike Street Restaurant, 18 W. Pike Street, Pontiac. OASIS Flint band performs with Cliff Monear

and Stephanie, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturbay, April 2-3, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 GENE PARKER 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, at Edison's 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21

GWEN AND CHARLES SCALES 8 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays in April, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838 GARY SCHUNK

and older, (248) 645-2150

8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday, April 8, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 845-2150 (piano, bass, drums) **HARVEY THOMPSON TRIO** 

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturdays, April 3 and 10, Edison's, 220 Merril) St., Birmingham, Free, 21 and older, (248) 645-2150 (vocal/plano/bass trio) VITAL INFORMATION 9. p.m. Saturday, April 3, Alvin's, 5756

Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock) CASSANDRA WILSON Traveling Miles: A Tribute to Miles Davis," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Pease Auditorium, Eastern Michigan

University, Ypsilanti. \$20 and \$25, net proceeds to benefit the Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival. (734) 99 MUSIC or http://www.99music.com URBULA WALKER AND BUDDY

BUDBON With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

#### CHRISTIAN

DAVID SCOTT-MORGAN

Electric Light Orchestra guitarist along with his wife Mandy and guitarist Mark Jego perform evangelical music, rock and perhaps ELO hits, 8 p.m. Saturday. April 3, Capitol Theatre and Arts

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Continued from previous page Centre, 121 University Ave., W., Windsor. \$12, \$10 seniors and students (Canadian prices) (519) 253-7729

#### WORLD MUSIC

**SUCKWHEAT ZYDECO** 

With Mem Shannon, 6:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.99music.com (Zydeco)

#### FOLK/BLUEGRASS

CEILI RAIN

8 p.m. Thursday, April 1, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann-Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org CATHY FINK AND MARCY MARXER

8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, The Ark, 316 9: Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All-ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (bluegrass/folk) JAN KRIST

6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, Free, 21 and older. (248) 324-0400 LAURA LOVE

8 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

PAPERBOYS 8 p.m. Friday, April 9, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

#### POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

KEVIN BYLSMA AND FRIENDS

"Sweet Lovers Love the Sprin: Songs and Poems," celebrates the season of love with songs and readings from a variety of composers and poets, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$7, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net MARION DE LAAT

Mixes music, video and poetry, with dance with "Heart and Hand" with music by Warren Defever, and "Broken Tango," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 3, YMCA Arts Center, 51 W. Hancock, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (248) 548-9888 THE WRITER'S VOICE Featuring nationally-known New Jersey poets Elizabeth Anne Socolow and Penelope Scambly Schott, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at YMCA Arts and Humanities Center, 51 W. Hancock, west of Woodward on Wayne State

#### DANCE

University's campus, Detroit. Free.

(313) 267-5300, ext. 338

RIVER NORTH DANCE COMPANY The Chicago-based troupe performs a program of jazz dance, 8 p.m. Friday, Performing Arts, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Hall (M-59) and Garfield roads, Clinton Twsp. \$24. \$22 students/seniors. (810) 286-

2222/(800) 585-3737 **SPRING DANCE CONCERT** "Tracking Dreams & Tracing Visions." featuring two guest repertory works by Alan Danielson and Erica Wilson-Perkins, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, at the Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10, \$8.

Special preview concert 9:30 a.m. Friday for middle and high school groups. (313) 577-4273 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

**WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR** DANCERS

7:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, April 10, at the Italian American Cultural Center, 12 Mile east of Hoover, Warren. \$7. (810) 573-4993

#### COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Keith Ruff, Preacher Moss and Sheila Lovely, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 1 (\$5). Friday-Saturday, April 2-3 (\$12); Chris Zito, Ken Dumm and Jim Hamm, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8 (\$5), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10 (\$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

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); John Di Crosta, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday Saturday, April 9 10 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package). and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 11 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package) at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Mark Britten, Thursday-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 Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 8-p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-

May, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Saturdays. \$10 Wednesdays. Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-

#### MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM 'Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science," featuring four artists' projects representing an ongoing exploration of a specific area of science, some incorporate specimens from Cranbrook Institute of Science, an Eastern Box turtle, satellite broadcasting prototypes, and a chicken coop, 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-

http://www.cranbrook.edu/museum **DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM** "Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world; "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 INSTITUTE OF ARTS** 

First Friday series features drop-in workshop, drawing in the galleries, brush painting demo, gospel music by Grammy-nominated choir The Whitfield Company, and lecture by graphic arts curator Ellen Sharp on the exhibition Treasures of Jewish Cultural Heritage from the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary," 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 2, at 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Suggested admission \$4, \$1 children, Founders Society members free. (313) 833-4249/(313) 833-7900 **DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER** 

\*Breaking Through: The Creative Engineer," an exhibit exploring creativity in engineering everything from rollercoasters to Colorado's Hanging Lake Viaduct, 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 including the restored riverside powerhouse and Henry Ford's personal garage and cars, see giant generators placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that still generate electricity today, travel the underground tunnel to the 56-room mansion with elaborate carved woodwoork and personal artifacts, hours are 1-4:30 p.m. Sundays, 1:30 p.m. weekday tours through April, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-HENRY FORD

MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair is back on view after a week of conservation efforts, also a life mask made 60 days before his assassination, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620 CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

daily: \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50

Artist/weaver Abdoulaye Kasse in an 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); \*Discover Greatness: An Illustrated History of Negro Leagues Baseball." a touring Negro League exhibit comprised of 90 black and white photos, 10 oversized prints, and memorabilia such as pennants, uniforms, and game-day posters, April 3-June 13, at the muse um, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. \$5, \$3 for children ages 17 and younger.

#### POPULAR MUSIC

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Groove, 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS

9 p.m. Thursdays in April at Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)

9 p.m. Friday, April 9, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards. 215 S. Main St., Rochester, Cover charge, 21 and older.

(248) 652-8441 (rock) "BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With Train of Thought, The Brown Rocks, Spedrock and The Stab, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (blues) **BLUE ROSE** 

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, April 9, CK Diggs, 2010

Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (R&B) BUCK-O-NINE

With Homegrown, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$9 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (ska/punk) **BUSTER WYLIE** 

8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 (acoustic R&B) CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368

THE CIVILIANS

10 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Mount Chalet, 4715 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-2929 (rock)

CODE BLOOM

With Son of Adam and Two-Faced Moon, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 3, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$8.75 in advance. All ages but minors must have parental accompaniment. (313) 303-8630/(810) 913-1921 or http://www.codebloom.com

COLLECTIVE SOUL With The Marvelous Three, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave.; Detroit. \$21. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (rock)

TIM DIAZ AND GARY RASMUSSEN 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, 5 Hole inside The Second City, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 471-3300 (acoustic rock) ELECTRIC MAGI

With Eden's Journal, 9 p.m. Friday, April 9, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock) **ELEPHANT GERALD** 

Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 (rock) ELIZA

9 p.m. Friday, April 9, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (acoustic pop

**EKOOSTIK HOOKAH** 

8 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Michigan Theatre, 603 Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$16.50. All ages. (734) 668-8397 or http://www.99music.com (jam rock) EMERGENCY GRAPEFRUIT

9 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Music Menu. 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (rock)

THE EX-HUSBANDS

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6:30 p.m. Fridays \pril 2 and 9, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (rock) PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS

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; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, April 3, Shields Pizzeria, 1476 W. Maple Road, Troy. Free. All ages. (248) 637-3131: 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, The Alibi, Grand River Avenue. Farmington Hills, Free. 21 and older. (248) 478-2010 or petebigdog@provide.net (blues)

With Ghettobillies, 9 p.m. Friday, April 2. Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock) FINGER 11

With Buck Cherry, 6 p.m. Thursday, April 8, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

**FOOLISH MORTALS** 7 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316

Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (rock) **GORDON BENNETT** 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older

GRR 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, Oxford Inn, 43317 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10. Bogey's, 142 Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Fige. 21 and older. (248) 669-

(248) 652-8441 (rock)

1441 (rock) HARRINGTON BROTHERS 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, Fox and

Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) LISA HUNTER

8 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Coffee Beanery, 307 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 650-3344 or http://www.lb.com/onemanclapping/li sa.htm (acoustic rock) **KING BROTHERS** 

With Wolf Eyes, 25 Suaves and Cass Chamber, 9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://golddollar.com (rock) KNEE DEEP SHAG 9 p.m. Thursday, April 8, The Alley

behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (funk) With Propeller and Queen Bee, 9:30

p.m. Thursday, April 8, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock) MACHINA

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WESTSIDERS

9 p.m. Friday, April 9, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

MERGIN With Keith Parmentier, 8-9:30 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. \$5. 21 and older.

(313) 875-6555 or http://www.lilis21.com (rock) MR. B

With David Maxwell, Bob Seeley and Axel Zwingenberger perform during Mr. B's second annual Blues and Boogie Piano Orgy, 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 3-4, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

(blues) TIM MONGER 8-10 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (pop)

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM **MCCARTY** 

9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 10:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060; 10 p.m. Thursday, April 8, The Cavern, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 (blues)

STEVE NARDELLA 9 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge, 21 and older, (734) 451-1213 (rockabilly)

**NOBODY'S BUSINESS** 9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609

(rockabilly) **ROBERT PENN** 

9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213; 9 p.m. Friday, April 9, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609

**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) WALLY PLEASANT

9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650 5060 (humorous acoustic

POISON IDEA

8 p.m. Sunday, April 4, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10, All ages. (313) 961 MELT or http://www.961melt.com (punk) RED DYE NINE

With Kickin' Water and I Hate Mars, 10

p.m. Saturday, April 3, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck, \$5, 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 (rock) **ROOMFUL OF BLUES** 

8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (blues)

ROOSTER 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 7. The Ailey behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older, (248) 652-8441 (rock)

PETER "MADCAT" RUTH Celebrates his 50th birthday with a concert, 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)

With N-2 Submission, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 8. Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or

http://golddollar.com (pop) JO SERRAPERE

9 p.m. Seturday, April 3, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Groseu Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (acoustic blues)

SISTER SEED

9 p.m. Saturday, April 3, CK Diggs. 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (acoustic rock) ELLIOTT SMITH

With Jr. High, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 3, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, \$11 in advance, 18 and older. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

(singer/songwriter/pop) STEVE SOMERS AND VALERIE BARRYMORE 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, Fox and

Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) SPEEDBALL 8 p.m. Seturday, April 3, Magic Bag,

22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rock) STABBING WESTWARD

With Flick, 8 p.m. Friday, April 2, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$16 in advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

STRING CHEESE INCIDENT 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (jam rock)

STUNGUN Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guests Queen Bee, 10 p.m. Thursday, April 1, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 369-0090 (pop) SUN MESSENGERS

9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road. Plymouth. Free, 21 and older, (734) 455-8450 (R&B/variety) **SUN 209** 

10 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Atwater Block Brewery, 237 Jos. Campau. Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 393-2337 (acoustic rock)

TANGERINE TROUSERS 6 p.m. Thursday, April 1, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (pop) SUSAN TEDESCHI

With Shemekia Copeland, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (blues) TRAIN

With Jump Little Children, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.99music.com (rock) TRALE

With Fletcher Pratt, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

With The Ruiners, 11 p.m. Saturday. April 3, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (glam rock)

**ROBIN TROWER** 9 p.m. Saturday, April 3, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

TWISTIN' TARANTULAS 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road. Plymouth, Free, 21 and older, (734) 455-8450; 9 p.m. Friday, April 2, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road). Westland, Cover charge, 21 and older

(734) 513-5030 (rockabilly) 2XL 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, Rochester Milis Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older, (248) 650-5060 (rock)

THE USUAL SUSPECTS 9 p.m. Thursday, April 8, The Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck.

Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 369-0090 or http://www.motordetroit.com (drum and bass) VIOLENT LLAMAS With Dead Heros, GTO GTO, 9 p.m.

Thursday, April 1, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://golddollar.com (punk)

RANDY VOLIN AND SONIC BLUES 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 or http://www.rockindaddys.com (blues)

VUDU HIPPIES 9 p.m. Thursday, April 1, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak

Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 or http://www.vuduhippies.com (alterna-WILD WOODYS

10:30 p.m. Friday, April 2. Rochester

Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older, (248) 650-5060 (rockabilly)

THE WITCH DOCTORS

9 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609

ZEN TRICKSTERS

8 p.m. Friday, April 9, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (jam

#### CLUB NIGHTS

The Hush Party with resident Dis Melvin Hill and Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays; and Club Color, featuring funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com

"Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons from 8-9 p.m. Sundays with DJ Dei Villarreal, at the club, 208-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5; "Solar" night's first annual "Spin-Off Contest" featuring Lauren Flex, Ben, Scott U, and Jerome, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, \$6, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET "Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno

and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron. Pontiac, Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Atternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com

THE GROOVE ROOM

Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D. Thursdays. Women admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative dance night Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays; Alternative dance Tuesdays; gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or http://www.thegrooveroom.com

HAYLOFT LIQUOR STAND Club Excess with live music, dancing and contests sponsored by WXDG-FM (105.1), 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays, at the club, Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 468-1010

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUS Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the club, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled

Lake. \$10. Ages 15-19. (248) 926-

Dancing with DJ Timmy T, 9 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays: dueling pianos, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays. Karma, 22901 Woodward Ave. Ferndale. \$7. 21 and older. (248) 541-

**MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER** "Good Sounds," with music by The Tonehead Collective and images by

Thomas Video, 9 p.m. Fridays at Magic Stick. 18 and older. Free: "Work Release," Rock 'n' Bowl happy hour with bowling, music and complimentary food from the Majestic Cafe, 5-8 p.m. Fridays at Garden Bowl. \$6. 18 and older; "Rock 'n' Bowl" with DJ Del Villareal, 9 p.m. Fridays and DJ Gutterball, 9 p.m. Saturdays at Garden Bowl. Free. 18 and older; "The Bird's Nest." punk rock night with live perfor mances, 9 p.m. Mondays at Magic Stick. Free. 18 and older; "Soul Shakedown" with DJ Big Andy. 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Magic Stick. Free. 21 and

MOTOR LOUNGE

older. (313) 833-9700

\*Maximum Overload, with DJ Baby Hec Romero, 9 p.m. Friday, April 2, \$6, 18 and older: "Divine" with DJs Mike Clark. Mark Flash and Brian Gillespie. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays. \$6. 21 and older: "Back Room Mondays," service industries employee appreciation night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays. Free. 21 and older: "Women on Wax" night with all women DJs, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesday. April 6. Cover charge, 18 and older, all at the club, 3515 Caniff, Hemtramck. (313) 396-0080 or http://www.motordetroit.com

ST. ANDREW'S THE SHELTER

"Three Floors of Fun," 9 p.m. Fridays \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 afterward, 18 and older; X2K dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays; "Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays in The Shelter. \$6, 21 and older. St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961 MELT or http://www.961melt.com

STATE THEATRE "Ignition" dance night, 9 p.m. Saturdays at the club. 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451

24 KARAT CLUB "Latin Dance Night" with DJ Ronny

Lucas, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Thursdays, \$3: Live music Fridays and Saturdays (see popular music calendar); Swing lessons for advanced dancers, 8 p.m. Tuesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$5 for 18 and older), and for beginners, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$5 for 18 and older), at the club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. (734) 513-5030

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# 'EDtv' takes a funny look at the price of celebrity

"EDty" is the latest in a group of movies that explore the impact of the media on our lives. Ron Howard's film follows "The Truman Show" and "Pleasantville" is this media navel gazing genre and, despite Howard's special insight, it is amusing but the weakest of the three.

Howard grew up before our eyes as a child of television, first as Opie Taylor and then as the quintessential teenager Richie Cunningham. He has continued to be a very visible celebrity as a successful director of well crafted though sometimes thin movies. He more than anyone should be

what being a celebrity all the time does to a person.

But "EDtv" makes its obvious point early on and then offers little to think about except for some enjoyable performances and over-the-top jokes. It is nei-ther as insightful or poignant as "The Truman Show" or as magical as "Pleasantville."

A San Francisco cable channel producer played by Ellen DeGeneres gets the idea of following "a regular guy" around for 24 hours a day, every day of the week. To select the subject for this show, the cable channel scouts out the places where common folks supposedly hang out, like bars. That's where they find

able to give us a special look at Ed Pekurny (Matthew Mc-Conaughey) and his brother Ray (Woody Harrelson), redneck refugees from Texas.

Ray is an obnoxious loud mouth (Harrelson at his most aggressively lowbrow) who tries to get himself selected. But it is disheveled but handsome, quiet and sweetly goofy Ed who catches the eye of DeGeneres (who sort of shares the Ed Harris role in "The Truman Show" with Rob Reiner, who plays the overbearing station owner). Ed works as a clerk at a video store and apparently lacks any ambition to do anything else (he's no Quentin Tarrantino). He even lacks enough ambition to shave. But he is obviously in love with his brother's new girl friend Shari, played by Jenna Elfman, and she's obviously in love with him.

Of course, as soon as television cameras begin following Ed and his family, they are no longer "common folks," they're celebrities. The camera changes them. Unlike Truman, who doesn't know he's a TV show, Ed does, and even when the camera begins to intrude on deeply personal matters, he resists calling

Howard should be able to tell us more about being in the public fishbowl, about the sometimes thin line between reality and television, about what we give up in the name of celebrity, about the stupidity of celebrity itself. He's been there, done that and triumphed over it. But his film rarely gets beyond the obvious and often, especially toward the end, degenerates into boorish jokes, and a plot twist that's extremely stupid.

This is a weakness that has afflicted many of Howard's films and the scripts of his regular collaboraters Babaloo Mandel and Lowell Ganz. Maybe they spend too much time in Hollywood and not enough time in the real world. They write some funny stuff but it is often a joke for the joke's sake only. And the scenes of people watching Ed on TV are too close to similar scenes in The Truman Show."

The portrayal of working class people here is just one tiresome bowling shirt cliche after anoth-

"EDty" is slickly made, well crafted and well acted, which is to be expected in Howard's films. Jenna Elfman, of TV's "Dhar-

ma and Greg," is especially winning as the girl of Ed's affections. She is less manic here than in her television show, sweeter, more down to earth. Yet she still uses her expressive face and her gangly body to wonderful effect.

McConaughey has been on the verge of the big breakthrough for a while now, but this isn't it. He has obvious charm, but Ed is too much a cliche.

In smaller parts, Martin Landau as Ed's stepfather and Dennis Hopper as his real father give solid performances.

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# Candid '20 Dates' will find its way to your heart

By VICTORIA DIAZ

A couple of years ago, while in his early 30s, Myles Berkowitz found himself newly-divorced and clearly out of his depth when it came to dating. An aspiring filmmaker in Los Angeles, he also found himself with no movie to his credit, and not a hint of any movie deal on the horizon. Then, one day, he got an idea. Why not combine his knowledge of filmmaking with his ignorance of the singles scene? Soon, he had scraped together a bit of money (about \$70,000), and hired buddy/ cameraman Adam Biggs to shoot the action as he crashed and burned with girl after girl. The result is "20 Dates," an odd and imperfect piece of camera verite that will probably never find its way on to any 20 Greatest Films lists, but may find its way into your heart,

nevertheless. Much of its appeal lies with Myles himself who runs the gamut from charming to obnoxious, but never comes across as dull or boring or mean-spirited. Another huge plus: Though "20 Dates" was shot unscripted, its overall "plot" and surprise ending is not just clever, it's delightful. More about that later.

Many of the movies problems are indicated early on in a question asked by Myles' first date. and totally exasperated, she queries huffily, "Are you going to find love with a camera two feet in front of my face?" And, though she may seem a little prissy, we have to admit she has a point. Throughout "20 Dates," the camera (there's only one remains bothersome. It not only gets between Myles and his dates, it persists in getting between us and them, holding us at a distance and giving this movie that purportedly about romance a curious lack of intimacy.

In the meantime, though, we're chattily entertained by Myles and his motley crew of dates. There's the dark-haired beauty who gets plenty ticked off when she learns that Myles is trying to record their date with a Wagner in "20 Dates."

Insightful look at love: Myles Berkowitz and Elisabeth

hidden camera. There's the intense "feminist ballerina." There's the young woman who, after dinner, tells Myles she's going to the ladies' room, then slips out of his life forever. There's the date who ends the evening with a handshake in lieu of a goodnight kiss. There's the too-expensive date whose cravings must have eaten up a good part of the movie's budget. ere's the outdoorsy type who forces Myles into his first (and last?) bungee-jumping adventure. There's the date who wants to visit Marilyn Monroe's tomb, the date he picks up at the supermarket, the model, the

Playboy Playmate, Tia Carrere ... We also get to meet Myle's agent, Richard Arlook; screenwriter, technician, University of Michigan and Meadow Brook Theatre alum, Robert McKee and (via audio only) his producer, Elie Samaha who definitely wants Myles to make a sexier

And then, there's Elisabeth. Elisabeth is a designer who looks like the California girl next door, and Myles meets her at the design shop where she works in Brentwood. Attracted to her from

the start, he finds out she's "involved" with someone else, however, and so it's on to his next cinematic date. But when he returns sometime

later, he discovers she's dissolved her former relationship and is ready to look at Myles in a new light. Faster than you can say head-over-heels, Myles has, in the course of making his movie, fallen in love. The feeling is soon mutual on Elizabeth's part.

End of story? Hardly. Myles, his producer keeps reminding him, has signed on for 20 dates. And, thought he filmmaker may feel that he's already met the love of his life in Elisabeth, he's got to keep dating other women until he's reached that magic number. "20 Dates" means 20 dates or no movie deal. It may seem silly. It may seem ridiculous, but the producer is the man with the money. How will Myles avoid compromising his reel life and his real life? Or will he?

"Real love is like a great movie..." Catch it before it disappears." Myles tells us his story ends. This is not a great movie, but catch it before it disappears

# Entertaining 'True Crime' is an edge-of-your-seat thriller

BY ANNIE LEHMANN SPECIAL WRITER

It's a race against the clock in "True Crime," a thriller featuring Clint Eastwood as Steve Everett an investigative reporter who, after a co-worker is killed in a car crash, is asked to cover her beat.

His assignment is to write a "human interest sidebar" on the final hours of death row inmate Frank Beachum (Isaiah Washington). The problem is that Everett is not a "human interest" kind of guy. Working on a hunch that the Beachum story has not been told in its entirety, Everett starts nosing around.

When Everett interviews Beachum the Bible-reading family man, he believes his story of having been wrongly convicted of killing a prognant store clerk. Everyone including Everett's

boss, however, views the upcom-

ing execution as a done deal and wants the reporter to back off. But bad boy Everett, a recovering alcoholic who doesn't think twice about sleeping with his boss' wife, is unrelenting in his quest for justice. It's down to the wire with Eastwood laying everything on the line to prove the man's innocence.

Eastwood directed, produced as well as co-wrote the movie's jazzy score and "True Crime" bears his signature interest in misunderstood good and bad

The plot is somewhat uneven and the film, running over two hours, is much longer than it needs to be. But Eastwood has not lost his touch as the unpredictable fringe character. Everett is the guy who thinks nothing of the pain he causes his family with his chronic womanising yet is unable to pass a home-

less man without taking out his

wallet to offer some cash. A variety of characters add color to the dark, moody script including the conflicted prison warden, the easy-to-hate selfpromoting minister and, most notably, Lisa Gay Hamilton who plays Beachum's anguished wife

masterfully.

James Wood is electric as Everett's sugar-crazed big boss.

The film is also something of a family affair featuring cameos by Eastwood's wife Dina Eastwood as Wilma Francis; his daughter Prancesca Fisher-Eastwood as Everett's daughter; and the child's mother Frances Fisher as the Cecilia Nussbaum, district

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lective Soul drummer Shane Evans admitted. he was a little skeptical about the non-traditional venue in which it was booked. But since the Barenaked Ladies, Duncan Sheik

and the Flaming Lips did it, why not Collective Soul?
"I'll admit, it was funny play-

ing the Peach Pit," Evans said about the nightclub on the television show "Beverly Hills 90210.

"I didn't know if it was such a good thing to do. (But now) I don't think there's anything wrong with it. It gives the people who watch the show to become familiar with the band and let them decide if they like Collective Soul or not. Hopefully they like us."

The band performed "Run," from the Varsity Blues soundtrack, and its record-breaking single "Heavy," on the show which airs at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Mar 19. The song has the new read for the number of times a

week. The band's eighth No. I backdrop for the process.
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Metallica earlier this year. The two hands are the only two to ever cross the 6,000 mark. Both of the songs appear on

Collective Soul's latest album "Dosage" (Atlantic Records). "Dosage" is a beautiful pop album. In "No More, No Less." the next single, singer Ed Roland sings "So, let's shake it like this" leading the band into a staccato guitar and piano break. Strings soften the ballad "Needs," while lead guitarist Ross Childress takes on vocal duties during his Brit poppy offering, "Dandy Life."

"We really wanted to try to stretch things a bit as far as the soundscape and different instrumentation and people playing different instruments and stuff like that," Evans explained.

During the recording process, there was no limitations.

"I never really thought something wouldn't work. Personally, I'm a very open-minded musical person. I like a lot of different things. As long as it wasn't like some avant garde jazz or something, I was pretty down with it."

"Dosage" was recorded at Criteria Studios in Miami, Fla., was played on radio in one which Evans called the perfect

a little bit better. You would wake up and there you are in Miami on the bay looking out on the ocean. Dolphins would be playing out on the water. It was nice," Evans explained.

"It's the most accommodating record we've ever done as far as everybody's mental condition and overall good vibe about everything."

Criteria Studios was also where Collective Soul recorded its second album, "Collective Soul." The third album, the appropriately titled "Disciplined Breakdown," was a labor of love that put a financial and emotional strain on the band.

The third record we did in a cabin, which wasn't the greatest experience because we really didn't have any kind of financial support we were going through a lawsuit," Evans said about Collective Soul's lawsuit against its former manager.

"All the money was frozen. It was just tough. You're trying to scrape together equipment to do it, somehow we did it. I still don't know how to this day we actually did this record."

"Dosage" is heavy on the spiritual side with words like "messenger," "savior," and phrases such as "Now that I've learned to believe/ Who's gonna be the answer/ To all my questioning" (in "Crown") peppering the album. Roland and his brother, rhythm guitarist Dean Roland, are the sons of a preacherman.

"I don't think it's purposely written to portray any religion, any certain religion. It's mostly written with a universal sort of appeal. Most religions believe in a heaven and a hell, you know." Evans said.

"It's mostly just spiritual, realizing that there's a higher power. I think that's the best way to go that way more people can get more out of it. Me, personally I am a Christian. We try not to really let that get tied up in the

Evans added it's "a good thing for people to realize there's a higher power, something else beyond the life we have on earth. It helps you understand there's a bigger picture. A lot of things are more important than rock 'n' roll music."

Collective Soul with The Marvelous Three perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, at State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$21 for the all-ages show. Call (313) 961-5451 for more information. The

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band will also perform "Heavy" on "Late Night With Conan O'Brien" on Friday, April 2.

Kirk Franklin and The Nu Nation, along with Detroiter Cece Winans, Trin-I-Tee 5:7 and Crystal Lewis, are the first gospel acts to host a pay-perview concert. It will be offered on Easter Sunday, April 4, on BET Action Pay Per View, home satellite through U.S. Satellite Broadcasting, and The Dish Network. The cost is \$9.95. ... Returning to the secular front, The Smashing Pumpkins are returning to their club roots by playing St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit on Saturday, April 10, with special guests Queens of the Stone Age. Tickets are \$25 and go on sale at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at all Ticketmaster outlets. There is a two-ticket per-person limit. Doors for the all-ages show open at 8 p.m. For more information. call (313) 961-MELT, (248) 645-6666 or visit http:// www. 961melt. com. ...

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# Joe Henry hits the stage uneasy

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Playing live is the next logical step after recording an album. Sure singer/ songwriter Joe Henry is looking forward to hitting the stage again. But there's a certain uneasiness about this tour which included a Saturday, March 13, stop at 7th House in Pontiac. It's the first time he's left his wife home alone with two children.

"I like to play but playing is a small fragment of what you actually do on the road. I really like to play and I have such a great band at the moment but I don't relish being away from home. My son is 7. My daughter was born 17 months ago. I have not left my wife with two children home alone. It's a new thing for us," Henry, a 1978 graduate from Rochester Adams High School, said.

The making of Henry's latest album "Fuse" (Mammoth Records) is a lesson in time management. He wrote two songs fore the hirth of his daughter to see what direction "Fuse" was going in. After the joyous event, he worked on the album during the baby's naps.

"It kind of dictated that I worked alone for a long time. But I didn't have to explain myself to anybody. I didn't realize how liberating that would be

The result is a low-fi pop effort, a departure from his highly acclaimed roots rock/ countryinspired previous works. Funk, hip-hop-inspired drum beats, and hints of jazz electrify "Fuse."

"I certainly set out to make a different record. I was really conscious of that with the last record ('Trampoline'). I had to find a new way to work. I felt really kind of trapped by the way that I knew how to physically make records. It was always kind of live in the studio. That's what I knew, not because I was a purist."

Born Dec. 2, 1960, in Charlotte, N.C., Henry and his family moved to Rochester in the summer of 1975. He met his wife, Melanie Ciccone, Madonna's sister, at Rochester Adams High. Henry attended Oakland University for two years before moving to Ann Arbor to study English.

"I took English only because I didn't have to take any math," he said with a laugh.

lochester inspired part of the spoken word vignettes from George Seedorff.

"He's an old friend of my brother's from college. One night there was an open mic poetry reading at Oakland (University) and George got up to read. I

think I was still in high school when it happened. My brother wonderfully enough recorded the whole thing on an old reel-to-reel tape. It was an amazing bit of performance art, the whole persona he embodied."

The tapes sat in his parents' attic until Henry purchased a reel-to-reel tape recorded at a flea market in Pasadena, Calif., last year.

The first single, "Skin and Teeth," features Jakob Dylan on background vocals.

The two met while the Wallflowers were recording "Bringing Down the Horse."

"Jakob had heard my records and he was interested in meeting me. We just really hit it off instantly, mostly because we were both dads on the road. His son is slightly a bit younger than my son, that was kind of the beginning of our relationship."

Talking about his March 13 performance at 7th House, Henry said, "it's so weird because His formative years in it's so close to where I spent a lot of years, really formative years. thread of the songs on "Fuse" is a thrilling sensation to come | material overlooked in favor of established and emerging artists about. Catch the bouquet.

#### Something old, something new... Something



One of the freshest things to come out of Nashville in recent years is BR5-49, a ground-breaking country band which got its name from Junior Samples' used-car salesman character on 'Hee Haw," and has received endorsements from the Grand Ole Opry's legendary Grandpa Jones. So what is the band doing on the same bill as alternative rock acts like Smashing Pumpkins and Beck, not to mention artists like Bob Dylan and the Black Crowes?

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While a number of classic country and western artists have been very vocal about their

modern country artists who dominate radio play lists, BR5-49 has been respectful of the genre's heritage. The Grammy-nominated album, "Big Backyard Beat Show," mixes covers of country classics with rockabilly sounds and originals which not only rock but swing. The band is very much at home in a contemporary music venue like last month's booking at 7th House in Pontiac. I guess it is possible to "please 'em all" when you offer something old with something new. Next up for the band is an appearance on Detroit Public Television's "Backstage Pass"

program. Traditional songs of Latin America will also be treated with reverence and freshness at St. Anne Church, near the Ambassador Bridge in Detroit on April 18. The event, Mosaico Latino-Americano, features Ariel Ramirez's "Miss Criolla" with the Rackham Symphony Choir and The Sainte Anne Choir. The celebration of Hispanic culture includes folk dancing and a showcase of the works of Latino artists.

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are discovering a common bond through the efforts of Detroit Contemporary, a Woodbridge neighborhood gallery owned by Aaron Timlin. Still in his twenties, Timlin's adulthood is turning out to be as non-conventional as his childhood, in which his artist parents created an open environment for creative development. What the rural home lacked in formal education, plumbing and electricity, it flourished with music, art and the wonders of nature. It remains a family immersed in art. Detroit Contemporary's current exhibit, Naked, convenes some of the area's most recognized artists with talented newcomers in the mediums of photo, painting, sculpture, installations, and live performances. The building is old, neighboring lots are barren, but the energy inside Detroit. Contemporary has the promise of new life in the area.

"Backstage Pass" presents a look at Timlin's unique gallery, along with the music of SR5-49 and Mosaico Latino-Americano. Sunday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. on Detroit Public TV.

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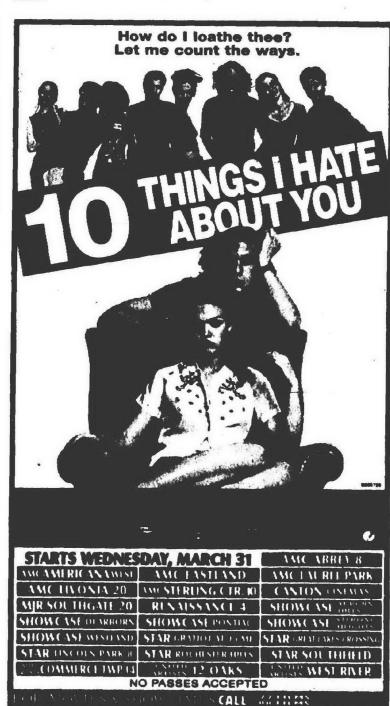
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# Catch the freshest seafood at Charley's Crab

Some U.S. cities tout their oldist restaurants as institutions. Troy has one — Charley's Crab. And it has become not only the pride of its owners, the Chuck Muer Restaurant Corp., but of Oakland County.

Pleasing diners since 1976 in Troy, Charley's remodeled in late 1998, has a new general manager, Mark Hinds, and an executive chef, Gary Tottis, who for nearly five years has demonstrated that he knows what to do with the rarest catches from the sea.

While Charley's Crab is about the freshest seafood, it's also shout ambiance, with a spectacular dining room. Guests, as they always have, dine in a replica of the famous Macauley mansion. But it, too, became part of a \$500,000 Bon Rea design team facelift of the entire restaurant. A stunning wall hanging represents the waters of the world with the Queen Mary majestically in voyage. Models of her red stacks are the bar lighting near an updated cigar-martini lounge with over-sized plush leather

Clear exterior windows have been replaced by Caribbean blue, offering a sense of being under water. Highlighted with a pin spotlight, new aquamarine glass settings and large cobalt blue bowls of lemons, serve as centerpieces. Large, blown-glass jellyfish chandeliers appear to be swimming above tables. Fivefoot-tall white trees made from ocean shells, coral and sea urchins are "planted" in large urns throughout the room. Escargot lamps "climbing" the walls complete the modernized lighting. A state-of-the-art sound system softly plays only Frank Sinatra and Tony Ben-

If you've not ever dined at

Where: 5498 Crooks Road (next to Northfield Hilton), Troy (248)

Hours: Lunch Monday-Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dinner Monday-Thursday 4-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m., Sunday 2-9

Monu: A la carte with a spectacular array of the freshest seafood imaginable plus daily specials and chop house-style entrees. Stellar wine list with over 150 listings.

Cost: Lunch average \$9-16. Dinner \$13-28. Kid's menu \$4-7 Reservations: Accepted and advised on weekends. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Charley's Crab or haven't been there since the remodeling, take a moment to relax and admire your surroundings before jumping into the creative menu orchestrated by West Bloomfield Township resident Executive Chef Gary Tottis and his kitchen

Tottis is an early 1980s graduate of Schoolcraft College, who got his start working in New Orleans restaurants for 10 years. In 1983, he was hired by wellknow TV Food Network's Master Chef Emeril Lagasse, who then was executive chef at Commander's Palace before launching out on his own with Emeril's and NOLA and now others in New Orleans and elsewhere.

Tottis came to Charley's Crab in 1994, and his food focus is both fresh and seasonal catches. It's a safe bet to say that there are probably only five restaurants in the whole U.S. serving rare, farm-raised California Pink Abalone. At nearly \$40 on the menu, it's a special treat.

General Manager Mark Hinds came on board last December. He moved from Charley's Crab in Jupiter, Florida, and now makes Troy his home.

"Honestly," he said, "since I've been here, I've met the nicest people I've met in my whole life. I consider it a privilege to work in a restaurant that's been around for 25 years and is still

receiving accolades."

Hinds has learned our Midwest preferences. At lunch, he says the most popular items are Cedar Point Oysters, Flash-fried Calamari and Escargot with Warm Goat Cheese. Charley's Chowder (Mediterranean-style) is in a dead heat with Boston Clam Chowder (New England style). From the sea, most popular are Chargrilled Pacific Swordfish Oscar, Maryland Crabcakes, Cedar Planked Atlantic Salmon, Seafood Jambalaya and Shrimp Fettuccine Verde.

Oysters from the raw bar again top the dinner appetizers. but also very popular is the Raw Bar Sampler, which includes oysters, clams and shrimp. Seattle's Mediterranean Mussels, Yellowfin Tuna Sashimi, Crispy Spicy Sushi Tuna Roll lead in the "beginnings" category followed by sea specialties including Grilled Yellowfin Tuna Aqua. the Abalone, Pacific Swordfish Oscar, Live Maine Lobsters (a two-pounder market price is about \$40 currently) and Cioppino, a San Francisco-style shellfish stew.

Charley's is not only about fish. Most popular from the land is Colorado's Finest Rack of Lamb with sundried cherry demi-glace, pesto risotto, green beans and baby carrots or an aged 16-ounce New York Strip

Pleasing diners: Executive Chef Gary Tottis (left) and new General Manager Mark Hinds in the dining room at Charley's Crab. Recently remodeled. Charley's Crab has been pleasing diners at its Troy location since 1976.

Steak with wild mushroom pinot lar menu with Easter specials. noir sauce, roasted garlic mashed potatoes and Swiss chard.

The best-kept secret at Charley's, however, is the Sunset Menu served with reservations until 5:45 p.m. each evening. There's a daily special each day ranging \$14-25; 11 featured entrees range \$11-18. Depending on what you choose, "sunset" prices are 26-42 percent less than the same items on the regular dinner menu.

Upcoming at Charley's: Easter Sunday 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m. reguIn May, Florida Mahi Mahi will make its seasonal appearance along with a special promotion of Alaskan Copper River Salmon around the 15th. Soft Shell Crabs will be featured in May and June. "Lobster Mainia" will occur in June and July.

Because there are eight Chuck Muer restaurants plus three affiliates in Michigan, along with 11 more scattered in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Florida, joining the Friends of Chuck Muer's Dining Club is a viable option. It works like a frequent flyer club

rewards. At the first level, after spending \$250, you have the option of receiving a \$25 dining gift certificate or working your way up to free air travel.

Unlike an airlines club, you can join on your first visit and receive points for that meal. Just ask your friendly and very professional server to bring a membership form to your table.

#### EASTER BRUNCH

Reservations are strongly advised at the following area restaurants for brunch and/or dinner on Easter Sunday, April

Ernesto's - 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, (734)453-2002, Brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. followed by dinner until 6 p.m. Adult brunch \$18.95, children ages 6-10 \$8.95, under age 5 free. Adult dinner \$20.95.

MacKinnon's - 126 E. Main, Northville, (248)348-1991. Dinner 1-6 p.m. from special holiday 8-26 avera

No. VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar - 27790 Novi Road (in The Hotel Baronette), Novi (248)305-5210. 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 menu with Easter specials \$2030 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)4/4-3033. Seatings at 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Adult average menu price \$24; no kid's menu, but kitchen staff will accommo-

Charley's Crab - 5498 Crooks Road, Troy, next to Northfield Hilton, (24)879-2060, 11:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. regaverage 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 \$1.95, under 5 free. Dinner 3-8 p.m., Adults \$19-24 and children \$7.95.

Fusion - 34555 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, between Farmington and Drake Roads (248)489-8852. Brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults \$24.95; children under 12 \$9.95, under 3 free.

ular menu with specials. Adult Dinner 4-9 p.m. from regular menu with Easter specials \$10

> Mac & Ray's - 42000 Sea Ray Boulevard, Harrison Township, Off I-94 take the North River Road Exit #237 (810)463-9660. Brunch 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Adults \$24.95; children 6-12 years \$13.95, under 5 free.

Morels, A Michigan Bistro - 30100 Telegraph, Bingham Farms (248)642-1094. Brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults \$24.95; children under 12 \$9.95, under 3 tree.

Mortons of Chicago, The Steakhouse - I Town Square, Southfield (248)354-6006. Dinner 4-10 p.m. from a la carte regular menu featuring USDA Prime aged beef. Average entree price \$25-30.

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 menu with Easter specials \$15-30 average.

Paint Creek Cider Mill Restaurant - 4480 Orion Road, 3 miles north of downtown Rochester (248)651-8361. Brunch 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Adults \$17.95; children \$7.95, under 5

The Townsend Hotel — 100 Townsend Street, Birmingham, (248)642-5999. Regency Room Buffet Brunch 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. seatings. Adults \$45; children 4-12 \$22, under 3 free. Rugby Grille 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. seatings for a la carte specialties ranging \$19-32.



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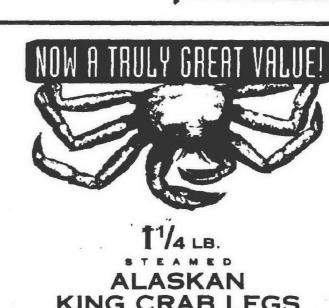
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