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Officials bat for fair play, pay

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees will take no action in regards to the junior baseball name change. Right now, Plymouth residents will pay the same as Canton, despite the elimination of their name from the league.

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It used to be the Plymouth Canton Junior Baseball League. Now it's the Canton Junior Baseball and Softball League and talks have swirled in regards to forming a separate "Plymouth only" little league, breaking away from the original league that has

lasted more than 30 years.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, along with Jim Anulewicz, the township's director of public services, discussed the issue at Tuesday's study session but decided to take no action ... for now.

"That organization, except for the name change, is the same organization that has done a considerable amount of work and paid a lot of money in the

past," said Anulewicz.

Anulewicz also told the board that the idea of charging a non-resident fee by Canton was tossed around during winter meetings.

"When we started about six or eight months ago, there was no question and Supervisor Yack told me point-blank that there was going to be a fee charged to Plymouth residents," he said. "The current leadership in the now-Canton junior baseball league stood up and said 'that's not what we're about and that's not fair because of all the support and cooperation that we've had from people in Plymouth for all of these years.'"

Anulewicz said that the non-resident fee tossed around was nearly \$200 per player as opposed to a \$90 resident fee for Canton players. Currently all players pay the same amount regardless of residency.

"That figure was tossed out a while ago but that is not a factor at this stage," added Anulewicz. "I guess the key factor is that, as long as there is no differentiation between a Canton player and a Plymouth player, the board will continue with the current situation."

David Winter, who has been involved

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Egg hunters



Goodies: Anna Moriarty, 6, and her sister Megan, 10, peek inside their goody bag following the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the JayCees at Township Park in Plymouth on Saturday.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL BRUSCATO

Traffic delays ahead

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April showers bring May ... road construction?

Although showers will surely be in the forecast this spring, it won't be nearly as inconveniencing as the fair amount of road construction planned for this area by the Wayne County Road Commission.

Even if none of the roads planned to be resurfaced this summer are major arteries within the Plymouth communities, there will be plenty of overheated cars to go around. And plenty of traffic trying to avoid the I-275 construction.

Most likely the highest volume road to be redone in 1999 is the stretch of Haggerty between Ann Arbor Road and Plymouth Road in Plymouth Township.

The street will be resurfaced and the bridge that spans the Middle Rouge River in Hines Park will be reconstructed as well. The two projects will cost an estimated combined total of more than \$800,000.

In fact, nearly all of Hines Drive will be resurfaced this summer from Wilcox to the Livonia boundary.

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Schools' top job won't be easy to fill

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Finding a new school superintendent to replace Chuck Little could be a major task for the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

That's according to a study by the Michigan Association of School Boards, which finds that the top job in local school districts is losing its appeal.

Little announced last month he plans to leave the district, effective Aug. 1, for a job at Indiana University. The Plymouth-Canton school board will discuss the procedure by which it will look for a new superintendent at its April 13 meeting.

The study by the MASB states there are several factors which make the school superintendency a less desirable professional goal.

"The mounting pressure of accountability in public education is one of the top reasons," said William Keane, one of two Oakland University professors who contacted 370 school superintendents and about half that many assistant superintendents for the study.

"A narrowing of the gap between superintendent compensation and the compensation of other administrators in the district is another top reason," he added.

Keane said the heavy time commitment, plus the growing number of single-issue school board

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Rich settles in as city's head

Plymouth's new city manager has time to think about budget deficits and road woes during his 75-minute commute from Grand Ledge

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Plymouth City Manager David Rich is finally a full-time city employee.

While finishing business in Grand Ledge, Rich had been devoting a couple of days a week working in Plymouth since being hired by city commissioners in January to replace Steve Walters. Last week, Rich began his \$75,924 position in Plymouth.

Rich still lives in Grand Ledge, but said he likes to use the hour-and-15-minute commute to contemplate the day's issues.

"I look at it as quiet time to plan my day," said Rich. "It gives me a chance to think on different issues. I carry a cassette recorder to remind myself of things."

During city manager interviews, Rich told commissioners he likes to be out in the community. And, he's already been out on the town meeting people.

"I've been out with Fran Toney at the chamber, who gave me a tour of the business district," said Rich. "I was able to meet a lot of the business people to get a feel of who they are and what they want. That's important to me."

It didn't take Rich very long to get acquainted with the important issues facing Plymouth.

"When you have a stack of phone messages, e-mail waiting for you, department heads who have questions and want decisions made today, seven commissioners, plus several dozen business people and residents to deal with ... they kind of figure out your day for you," he said with a laugh.

However, Rich did his homework

well before applying for the job.

"I studied the city and looked at the financial records with a lot of depth," he said. "I read about six months of past newspapers, made some phone calls and talked to a lot of people before making the decision to come here. So there are no surprises where we are."

Rich was well-aware of the \$44,000 deficit in last year's city budget. But he's not panicking, yet.

"I think it's more of a planning issue rather than a revenue issue," said Rich. "The revenue sources we have are good, solid sources. We need to plan our debt service to accommodate that revenue stream."

While that sounds optimistic, Rich isn't making it sound easy. He notes as main concerns the water and sewer fund deficit, the recreation deficit, and road projects. Budget sessions with a new financial committee will look hard at where to cut.

"The city is going to be tight," he warned. "In fact, the budget is going to be tight for probably the next few years. We're going to tighten our belts, put money in reserves and build back our fund balances to levels that give us some protection."

Rich said he will take some time to learn the community and employees before making any changes. And, city department heads can expect to give more input.

"I believe in team management, especially on the part of department heads," said Rich. "Department heads will play a big part in the administration, and have considerably more responsibilities. That has worked for me in the past, and will here, too."

Working alongside townships isn't

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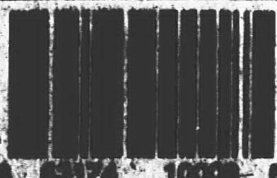
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Novelist featured at library event

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Tickets are still available for the 1999 Author Luncheon hosted by Friends of the Plymouth, Canton, Novi and Northville libraries on Thursday, April 22, at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.

Jack Driscoll, award-winning northern Michigan author, is the featured speaker for this year's event.

Driscoll's novel, "Lucky Man, Lucky Woman" (Pushcart Press), is winner of the Pushcart Editor Award which includes publication of exceptional works that have fallen through industry cracks. Driscoll, 53, also has won the prestigious PEN award for his short fiction and is a poet and the author-in-residence at the Interlochen Center for the Arts in Interlochen, Mich.

"Lucky Man, Lucky Woman" is set in the wealthy enclave of Mystic, Conn. The novel deals with Perry LaFond, a transplanted Michigander pushing 40, his wife, Marcia and the fragile state of the couple's search for meaning in their marriage.



Author: Jack Driscoll will be featured at an author's luncheon Thursday, April 22, sponsored by the Friends of the Plymouth, Canton, Novi and Northville libraries.

Driscoll calls it a character-driven story of "an ordinary couple making life's decisions."

The 13th annual luncheon is designed to promote awareness of reading and authors with Michigan ties, said Diane Ged-

des, special events chairwoman for the Friends of the Plymouth Library. "That's why we always held it during library week," Geddes added.

Recent speakers have included former WDIV-TV anchor and "Second Thoughts" author Mort Crim; and Judith Guest, who wrote "Ordinary People."

Although the event is a fundraiser for each of the friends groups, it doesn't generate a huge amount of revenue, Geddes said.

"Each group decides what any proceeds will be used for. Typically it goes to adult or children's programming or to buy books," she said.

The event has been co-sponsored since 1986 by The Observer Newspapers and Hometown Newspapers.

Driscoll will be available to autograph copies of his novel purchased at the luncheon. The book carries a retail price of \$24.50.

Tickets to the luncheon are \$20 each and may be purchased at any of the four libraries by April 11 or by mail order by April 10, using the coupon reprinted in the Observer.

The event begins at noon and seating begins at 11:30 a.m. A cash bar will be available.

For additional information contact the Plymouth District Library, (734) 453-0750, or the Canton Public Library, (734) 397-0999.

Mendoza exhibit on display

Nora Chapa Mendoza's "Between Two Cultures" is on display at the Plymouth Community Arts Council - Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center through April 17.

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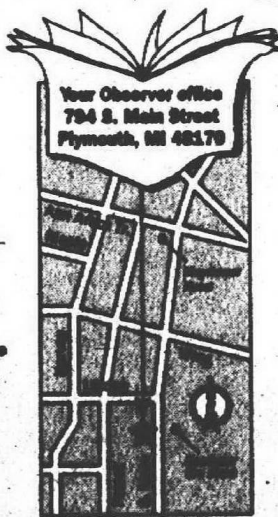
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100 years

Heide's has long history in city

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There aren't too many business establishments that can claim to be 100 years old. However, Heide's Flowers & Gifts on the southeast corner of West Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey Street is celebrating the centennial mark this year.

Current owner Steve Mansfield, 54, has guided the flower shop for the last quarter-of-a-century, the fourth in a line of owners which began with Carl Heide.

"I was always attracted to this building," said Mansfield. "It was certainly different in its day."

Mansfield bought the shop from Norm Ruehr. Ruehr bought the shop from his dad, Reinholt, who bought it from Heide.

Mansfield is no stranger to the floral industry, having worked in a florist shop since he was in high school.

"My mother and father owned a flower shop, and I got interested in it again when I returned from Vietnam in 1968," remembers Mansfield. "I actually went to college to become a chemist. However, there were just too many inorganic acid accidents for me."

Mansfield bought Heide's in 1974, when Plymouth and Canton townships were still mostly rural.

"There wasn't much in housing past Joy Road when I bought the business," said Mansfield. "In fact, our delivery policy has always been to leave flowers with a neighbor if a person isn't home. There were times back then in Canton when it was a half-mile between homes."

"But I've seen the area change dramatically," he added. "There's been an increase in business around Plymouth. It's gone from a bedroom community to more of a business community."



100 years: For the past quarter-of-a-century Heide's Flowers & Gifts has been owned by Steve Mansfield, who is fourth to own the business started by Carl Heide in 1899.

Mansfield said there have been some big changes in the way he's done business over the past 25 years.

"Now everything is computerized and more orders are coming in from off the Internet," said Mansfield. "We probably get 25-30 orders that come in all night long from other areas."

"We also buy flowers over the Internet," he added. "We place orders from the east coast and South America."

While Mansfield gets business from all across the country, he still knows where his bread-and-butter customers live.

"Most of our business comes from people in the surrounding area," said Mansfield. "I have a lot of the same clientele who have been coming here for 20 years. It's the repeat customer that keeps me in business."

The biggest change is business, according to Mansfield, has been credit cards.

"It's amazing the number of

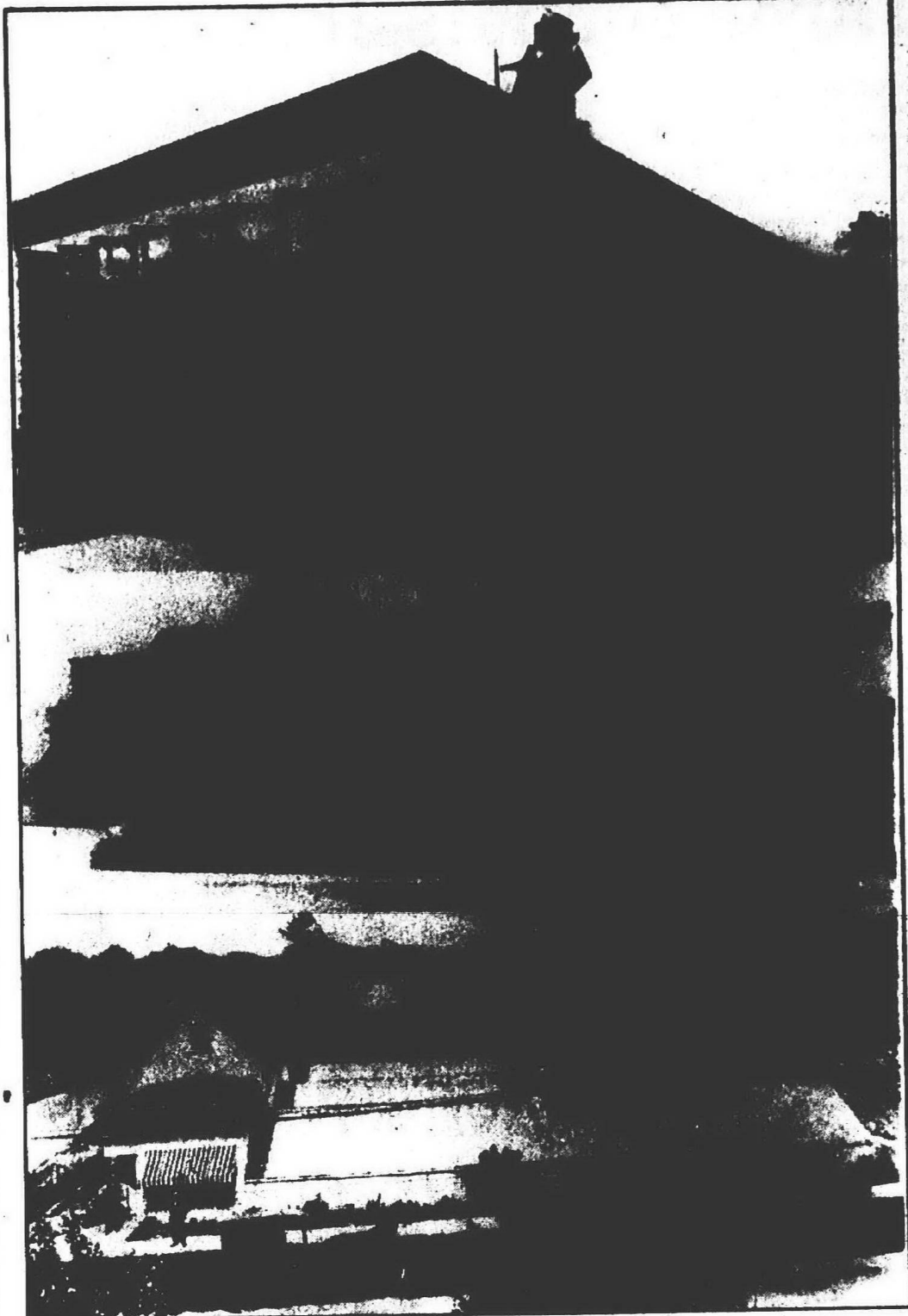
credit cards that are used in this business every day," he said. "Ten years ago, 50 percent of our business was charge. Now, it's up to about 90 percent. A lot of people get perks by using their credit cards."

Mansfield said the quality of flowers has greatly improved, with "roses almost flawless in the past couple of years. The good ones are from Costa Rica and Venezuela."

When asked his biggest challenge to keep Heide's open another 100 years, Mansfield didn't hesitate.

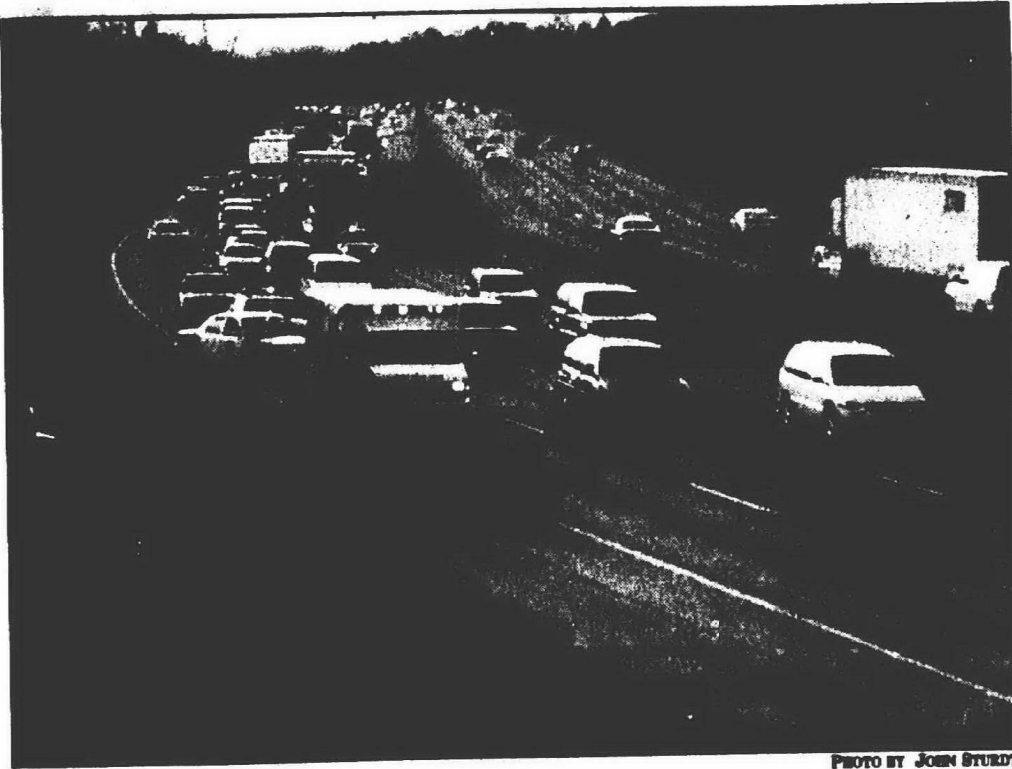
"To keep our reputation. Making sure the service and quality is always there," noted Mansfield. "And it's not hard to keep a reputation. All we have to do is buy the freshest product, make sure it's wrapped properly for delivery and make sure it gets to the person no matter how hard it is to find them."

Mansfield said he is planning to celebrate Heide's 100-year anniversary sometime in June.



Turning back time: Originally, the florist shop was located on Mill Street as pictured in the bottom photograph. The middle picture was taken in the 1960s at the same location. The top photo was taken in 1969 at its current location at Harvey and Ann Arbor Trail.

COP CALLS



The driver of this Ford pickup escaped injury last Thursday after a motorist bumped him while driving on M-14 in Plymouth Township, causing him to lose control and flip over.

PHOTO BY JOHN STURDY

Drug raid

At around 7:30 p.m. on March 19, Plymouth Township police raided a house on Morgan Street and recovered a small amount of crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia.

The raid was performed by the department's Narcotics Interdiction Team on the execution of a search warrant for the violation of a controlled substance.

According to police documents, 15 grams of crack was seized as well as a pipe, syringe and empty Zip-lock bags. A shotgun was also seized in the raid.

A 25-year-old Plymouth Township man was taken into custody by police.

Rape report

A 20-year-old Detroit woman, who works in the city of Plymouth, filed a police report on March 24 claiming that a co-worker raped her near Five Mile and Northville Road while she was giving him a ride home.

According to the report, the woman claims that the co-worker began to fondle her while she was driving and, while at a stop sign, he reached over and put the vehicle in park and pulled her from the driver's seat on top of him to have sex. The report states that the woman attempted to fight the man off.

The woman drove home the 25-year-old Inkster man follow-

ing the incident.

According to police, the report indicated first-degree criminal sexual conduct, which involves penetration.

Cadillac stolen

A 1997 white Cadillac Seville was reported stolen on March 22 from the Don Massey Cadillac dealership at 40475 E. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

At around 7 p.m. that day, a man entered the dealership and asked to test drive the vehicle. He presented a Michigan driver's license and filled out a GMAC Credit Sales Application.

The car was checked out to him for the test drive, but he never returned.

According to a police report, a dealership sales employee called the phone number listed on the forms, but was told by a different man that he reported his driver's license stolen in December.

He also said that his license had been used in a credit card scam, the report said.

The test drive theft is not the first of its kind in the area and police are investigating the possibility of a connection between the crimes.

With intent to deliver

A 20-year-old Wyandotte woman was taken into custody by Plymouth Township police at around 4:30 a.m. on March 26

after a routine traffic stop turned up more than a pound of marijuana in the woman's possession.

The vehicle was stopped on I-275 south of Ann Arbor Road for driving with no headlights on. The vehicle's parking lights were on.

According to police reports, the officer who made the stop reported marijuana cigarette butts "in plain view." When the woman opened her glove box door, another 10-15 cigarette butts, in a sandwich bag, were also "in plain view" of the officer.

Police took the woman into custody, performed a routine search of the vehicle and found a white grocery bag under the front seat with approximately one pound of marijuana.

The Canton Police Department's K-9 unit was called to the scene, but another search did not turn up additional drugs. No rolling papers or pipes were found in the woman's possession.

The woman told police the one-pound bag cost her \$1,200 and it was for personal use only.

Police officials estimated the total amount of marijuana found at 463 grams.

She is charged with possession of marijuana with the intent to deliver and, if convicted, faces up to four years in jail and/or a \$20,000 fine.

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Ordinance calls for more audits of Metro, Willow Run

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Wayne County commissioners may act on an ordinance on Tuesday to place two auditors permanently at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport.

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, recently introduced the ordinance, which was sent to the commission's Committee on Audit. Once it is discussed, it may be referred back to the commission for its business meeting Tuesday.

The ordinance calls for a minimum of two auditors to be placed at the airport and also requires financial audits at both Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports at least once every two years, or as otherwise directed by the commission.

"We still haven't come to an agreement on funding," Beard said. Those positions may be funded from airport revenue, a cost allocation plan or by the county's general fund.

Beard's ordinance was proposed after Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy released a report in December, which disclosed that lease agreements

with the Cleveland-based APCOA, an airport parking operator, cost an average of \$28,000 per shuttle bus. APCOA leased the shuttle buses through financial agreements with various lending institutions, then collected reimbursements from Wayne County.

Dunleavy and his staff found that airport could have leased the majority of these vehicles for an average of about \$17,000 per vehicle.

Dunleavy also found that \$1.4 million in parking taxes were underreported between 1992 and 1997. The state Department of Treasury is reviewing the report and information and how the state statutes should be interpreted.

The auditor's role is an important function of Wayne County government, Beard said.

"We do have the authority to audit all the departments," Beard said.

County commissioners approved a three-year contract with APCOA on April 1. APCOA, the lowest bidder, received the contract after the county prosecutor's office reviewed APCOA's vehicle lease agreements.

George Ward, chief assistant prosecuting attorney for Wayne County, informed Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy that Wayne County is entitled to a \$503,647 refund claim on APCOA's 37 lease agreements with lending institutions for shuttle buses.

County commissioners approved a contract conditional

upon the county and APCOA settling the refund claim, estimated in the range between \$380,000 and \$500,000, within 30 days.

Commissioners amended the agreement to require APCOA to retain all revenue and expenditure records for at least a five-year period.

APCOA also must provide the county with evidence of at least three competitive bids on all sub-contracted activities and receive written approval from the airport staff prior to finalizing such contracts.

Area residents named to foster care review board

Four western Wayne County residents have been appointed to citizen volunteer boards created by the Michigan Legislature to review children's foster care placements.

The new board members are Rochelle Davis of Redford, Gregory Mays of Livonia, Larry Naser of Westland and Elizabeth Schneider of Canton. They participated in a two-day orientation training conducted by the Foster Care Review Board program in Southfield.

The Wayne County Foster Care Review Boards meet one day each month to review a sample of cases of children placed in temporary foster care. These reviews determine what efforts are being made by the juvenile court, the Michigan Family Independence Agency or private child-placing agency to develop and carry out a plan for permanent placement. The program is administered by the State Court Administrative Office.

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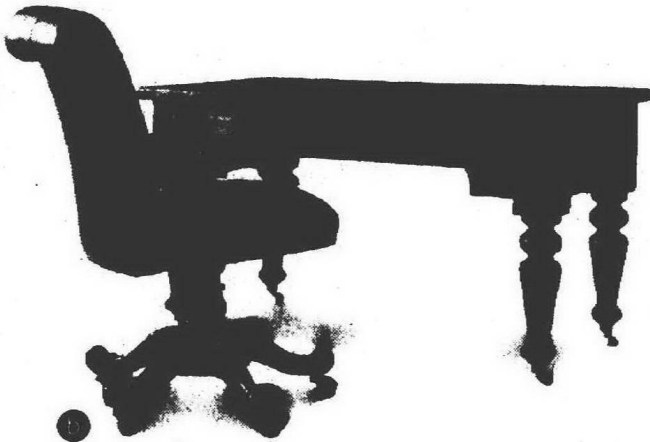
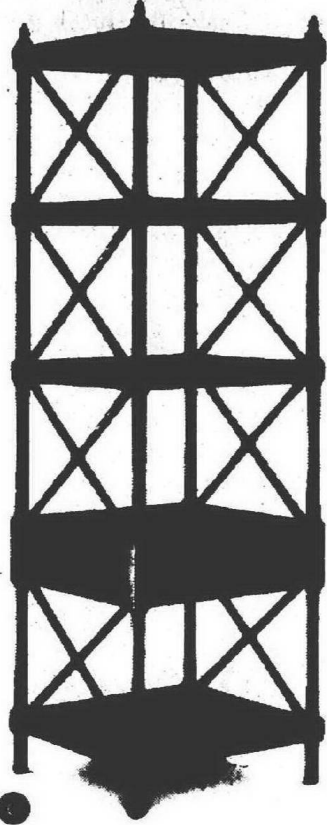
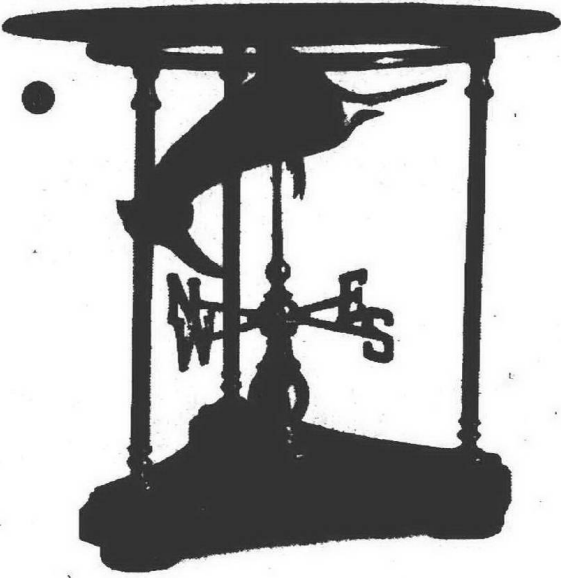
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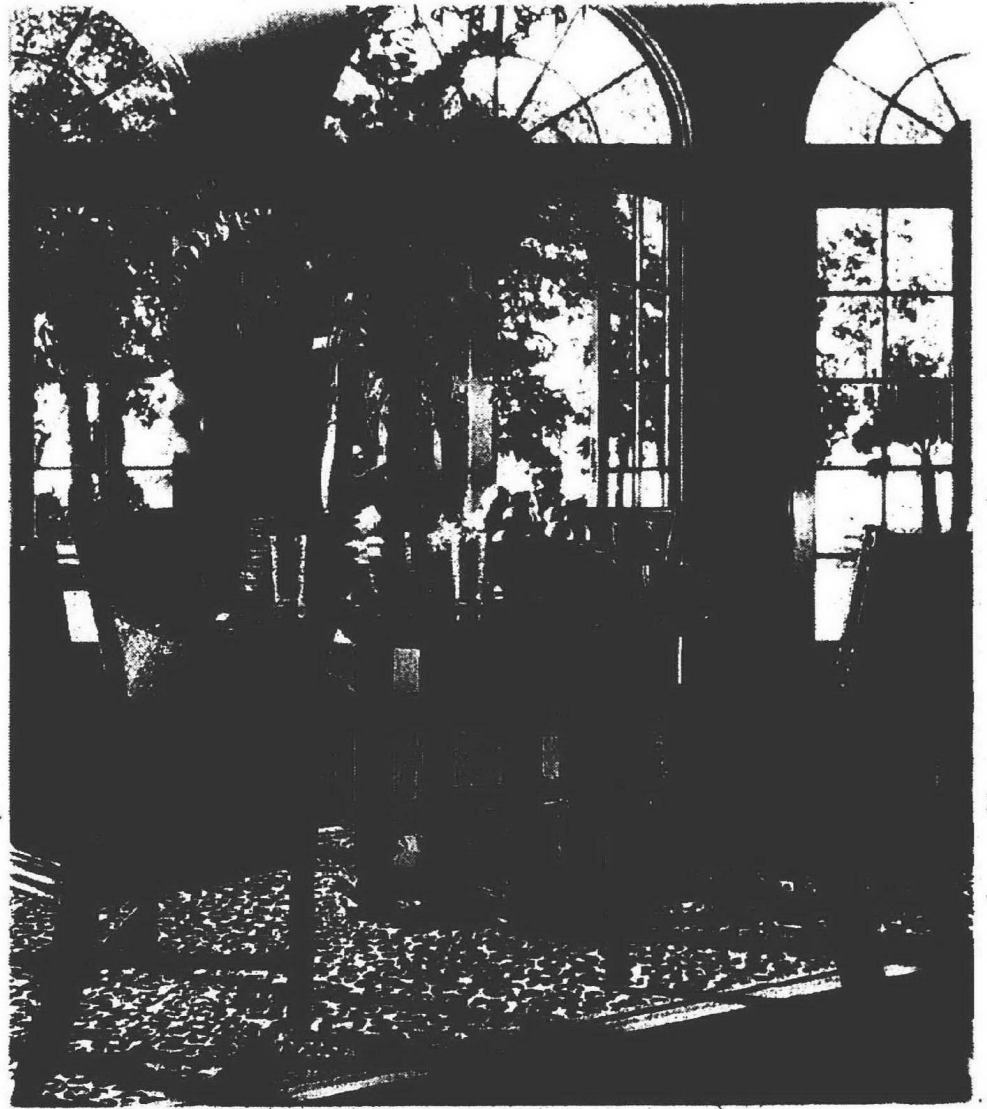


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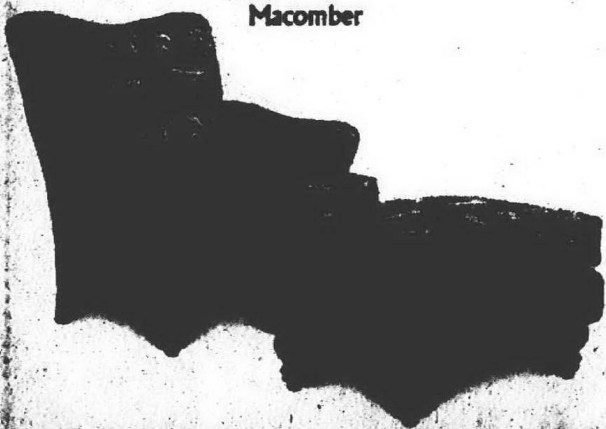


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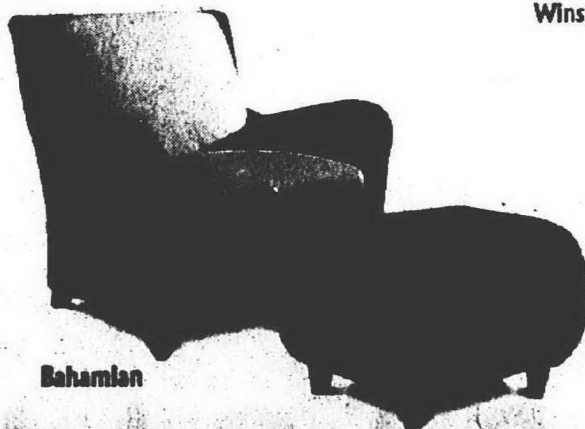
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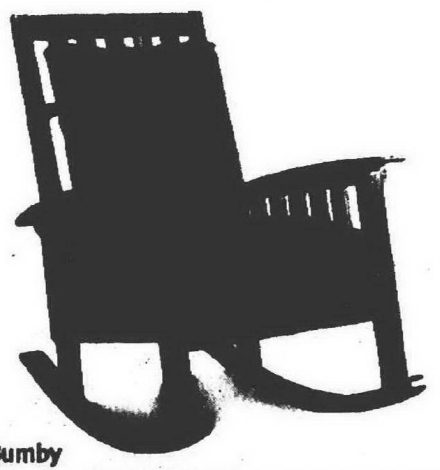
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Haydn Kramer expects inconveniences this year as a commuter from Canton Township driving to his job at the Livonia Marriott on Six Mile just east of I-275.

As the hotel's general manager, he may well expect the hotel staff to be part public relations specialists and part traffic advisers.

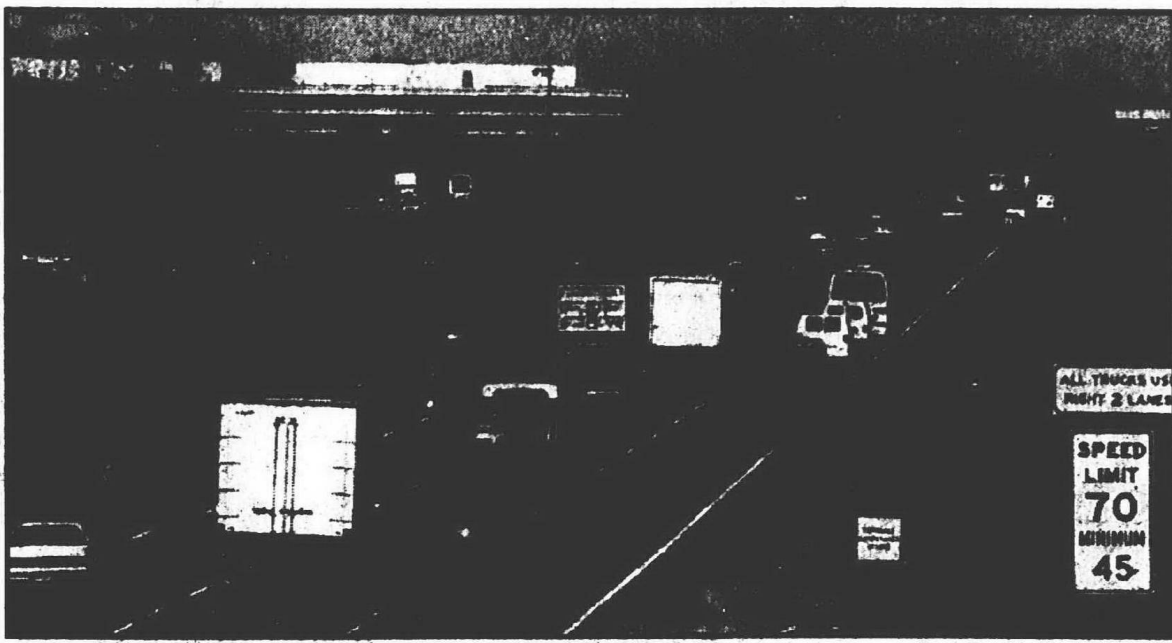
"We'll alert our guests that there is going to be road construction," Kramer said.

Yes, there is.

On April 19, Kramer and about 200,000 other motorists who use I-275 each day will see the beginnings of the \$49 million resurfacing of the freeway between I-696 in Farmington Hills and Five Mile Road in Livonia, just north of the I-96/M-14 interchange.

On that date, contractors will start building crossover and temporary lanes on the northbound side of I-275, the state's second busiest freeway. In late April, southbound motorists will be crossed over to the northbound side just north of Grand River in Farmington Hills, then back to the southbound side south of Five Mile Road in Livonia.

"Traffic will be crossed over so that the southbound side of the



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Moving along: Traffic moves at a moderate pace on northbound I-275 just north of Five Mile in Livonia, but soon that traffic flow will change. Traffic delays are expected once temporary lanes are built on the northbound side to allow for "crossover" southbound traffic between Grand River and Five Mile while the southbound side is reconstructed during the \$49 million construction project.

freeway can be reconstructed. Crossovers will be created through the construction zone for southbound traffic entering and exiting the freeway.

"It will take contractors about two weeks to build these crossovers at every mile road,"

said Robin Pannecouk, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Temporary lanes

Contractors also will pave temporary lanes on the northbound side so that three lanes

can travel in each direction. The "loop" entrance ramps onto the freeway will be closed for 180 days — six months — of the project.

The freeway will not be widened from its current four

Please see I-275, A10

Look for road repair updates online

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While surfing the Web, you can click on the Roads section of the Wayne County Website (www.waynecounty.com) and a smaller window appears.

The daily schedule of the county road workers who fill up those nasty potholes suddenly pops up on the screen. You soon learn that on Tuesday, workers were

patching potholes in the communities of Canton, Garden City, Plymouth Township and Westland.

The county crews hit Merriam Road between Joy and Michigan, Middlebelt from Van Born to Joy, Geddes from Sheldon to the Wayne County line and Sheldon from Joy to Seven Mile. It is spelled out on the Website so that residents will know where they can expect to

see workers or possible delays.

John Roach, public information manager for the county's Department of Public Services, has worked with the Department of Information Processing, pulling together information for construction project lists, maps outlining conditions of primary roads and projects in the design phase.

"Every couple of weeks we will be updating the construction sta-

tus list on the Website," Roach said. "It will give a good idea of the construction and the impact of traffic."

"By and large, our construction projects do not close down roads, but reduce the number of lanes."

It will also come in handy for motorists negotiating their way around western Wayne County during the I-275 construction

Please see UPDATES, A10

Nankin Mills offers interactive classes on environment for kids

"It's a Kid's Planet," a new three-part interactive series for children, will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon for three consecutive Saturdays on April 10, 17 and 24.

This series, taught through the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, helps kids foster a sense of environmental stewardship through fun and educational activities.

Children can expect to learn where garbage goes once it disappears from the curb and participate in an "oil spill" cleanup. Each session will focus on varying environmental themes; topics will highlight water, trees and land.

Suitable for ages 7 and up, the cost is \$6 and covers all three sessions. Advance registration is required. Participants who complete all three sessions will receive a Kids Planet Badge. This program has been made possible through funding from the parks millage.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off Hines Drive and can be reached even if the road is barricaded for flooding.

For more information on this or any other Wayne County parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

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HENRY FORD ACADEMY

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When Sarah Moran, a 16-year-old from Redford, Michigan, was picked for Henry Ford Academy, she was excited. She had heard that the school was different and that the teachers were like her parents.

The main reason for the heart of Greenfield Village is a stark difference from the traditional classroom she would have attended at Redford's Thompson High School. Moran was selected in fall of 1997 as a ninth-grader to be among the first students to attend Henry Ford Academy, which is the first publicly chartered high school in the country sponsored by a global corporation and a major cultural organization that is based in a public museum.

Chartered by Wayne County's Regional Educational Service Agency, the academy is working in partnership with Ford Motor Company and Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village to provide ninth through 12th-grade classes in the buildings of Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

"There's a lot of diversity and individualism here," Moran said of her classmates.

Differences appreciated

Students in public schools tend to come from the same community, dress alike and act alike, she explained. The academy, on the other hand, draws students from 22 Wayne County communities, which allows for a lot of ethnic and socioeconomic differences. Moran believes the students tend to be more individualistic, too.

Similarly, there are big differences in the way classes are taught at the academy and what's done at many public schools, Moran said.

"Here there are a lot of newer and better ways of teaching," noted Moran, who wants to be a writer or a professor.

"They can show us things instead of working out of books," she added.

The students wear dark blue shirts with the academy insignia and name tags. They also have a lot like corporate employee identification badges. And while everyone comes from different backgrounds and experiences, Larry Holliday, academy dean, stresses that once they attend Henry Ford Academy they are expected to act "with dignity and appropriately." He uses the analogy that once someone is hired by a company, they must do what's expected or they won't last long.

The classrooms, or learning studios as they are referred to at the academy, are set-up a lot like businesses, too. Tables seat four students who work in teams on projects and solving problems together. And there are no bells.

Ninth-grade classes are in the museum in a series of rooms that open with movable walls that allow students to apply different principles, like math and science, to the concept.

Employees at Ford Motor and the Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village also work together providing classroom speakers and mentoring programs. Tenth- and 11th-grade classes are held in a campus setting in the village, about one mile from the entrance. Accommodations for 12th-graders are expected to be built within the year.



First class: (Above) Sarah Moran of Redford and Isaac Sudut, background, also of Redford, are in the first class that will graduate from the academy in 2001. (Top photo) The public can view this student quilt history project in the museum.

History of academy

The academy opened in the fall of 1997 with the first class of 100 ninth-grade students. This year there are 200 students in ninth and 10th grades, and ultimately there will be 400 students in grades ninth through 12th grades.

Surrounded by historical artifacts, the students learn to appreciate the work by famous inventors and trailblazers affecting every aspect of society.

Meanwhile, they are given an opportunity to apply new technological advances with Internet access in every classroom and invitations to Ford Motor Co. offices and plants where they learn how things in the business world are done.

For instance, one program allows students to use tools to measure and make frames. Then they go to Ford Motor Company's Design Center to see how vehicles are designed using computers.

Education at the Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village is nothing new, however. Founded by Henry Ford in 1929 as the Edison Institute, the museum and village's original intent was to serve as a school campus.

All of the buildings and artifacts that Ford painstakingly oversaw, are exactly what draws Andrea Neumann, a 14-year-old Redford resident, to the school.

"I was going to go to Mercy High

School until I was notified that my name was picked," said Neumann, who hopes to one day be an interior decorator or a teacher.

Referring to the 24 students in her classes, Neumann said, she likes receiving individual attention from teachers.

Attracted to setting

"It's a great school, because we get to see the museum all the time," she said adding that she wished there were more sports at the school. The Henry Ford Academy does offer basketball, flag football, baseball, softball and volleyball.

Isaac Sudut, a 16-year-old from Redford, said he learned about the academy from his grandmother who had read about the new school.

"I came to orientation and thought I might as well give it a try," he explained.

Sudut, however, is disappointed with what he believes was promised and what he is receiving at the school. He wants to learn more about technology and to have 24-hour access to the lap top computers.

He does, however, like that there are a lot of students from different cultures and backgrounds who attend the academy.

"And you get to learn from them," Sudut added.

The academy's business emphasis is what sets the school apart from other public schools, explained Joe Yeager, a 14-year-old ninth-grader from Livonia, who would have attended Stevenson High School.

He said, he and his family opted for the academy, because we wanted "to try something new." So far, Yeager said, he has enjoyed developing manufacturing products.

"No two days are exactly the same," according to a press release describing the academy. "With a campus so full of technology, information, tools and opportunities for learning, students engage in a variety of activities, from traditional academic studies to team-based projects. Each day ends with a reflection period, in which students and teachers use a variety of assessment processes to reflect upon the day's learning."

The students have free range of the museum and village before, during and after classes, according to Cora Christmas, academy principal.

"They literally have a field trip everyday," she said.

Walking through the village on a balmy spring afternoon, Christmas added: "I discover something new every day. Everything that surrounds them causes them to question, to think and learn. It's a learning experience with everything that they pass."



Campus: The 10th grade building is on the grounds of Greenfield Village.

How the academy works

Henry Ford Academy is like a private school in many ways except there is no cost to the students. There are no academic requirements either, and students who apply are picked by an audited lottery system. More than 400 students in Wayne County applied for the 1999-2000 school year, according to Cora Christmas, Henry Ford Academy principal. The chosen students will be notified by April 26.

Applications for the school year beginning in fall of 2000 will begin early next year. Only students going into the ninth grade are eligible, because most of the students are expected to continue their entire four-year high school education at the academy.

Subjects include math, science, humanities, English, social studies, German, art, technology and physical education. The teacher to student ratio is one to 25.

Students are also evaluated on their personal growth and ability to work in teams and conduct themselves maturely in the classroom and on museum grounds during the school day.

As a public school, Henry Ford Academy receives state school aid funds and got start-up funding from Ford Motor Company, as well as ongoing support from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village.

Considering all the academy has to offer, Christmas said, the setting as well as the heavy emphasis on math, science and technology is not for everyone.

The goal of Henry Ford Academy is to develop "a curriculum in math and science that prepares the students to function in the 21st century," explained Larry Holliday, academy dean.

Students are expected to not only learn the material, but be able to communicate their knowledge verbally and in written form, Holliday stressed.

Oral presentations are commonplace in every classroom.

One recent project about the colonization of America had the students consider the contributions made by the Europeans, Africans and Native Americans.

Working in groups of four, the students illustrated what they learned by creating hand made quilts that are on display in the museum. Their project went a step further than those done at most public schools, because the exhibit had to pass all museum standards, which meant the students worked closely with museum curators and presenters.

Best of all for the students, their work is on display for the 1.1 million visitors from around the world who visit the museum annually.

"One of the responsibilities we have, in working with Ford Motor Company, is developing a replicable model and looking at this school being developed nationally," Holliday said.

For more information visit the academy's Web site at www.hfa-academy.org. Or call the school at (313) 982-6200.



Quilt display: A quilt display is in the Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village museum visitors looking in on

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lanes, but entrance and exit lanes will be lengthened to allow for easier access and exits.

Decks on the Grand River, Five Mile, Six Mile, Seven Mile and Eight Mile bridges will be repaired. Crews have already started to work under the Eight Mile bridge.

The longer and straighter entrance and exit ramps will be closed temporarily while they are reconstructed. Each interchange will be closed on an alternating basis so that no more than one interchange area will be closed. For example, when Eight Mile is closed, Seven Mile and Six Mile interchanges will be open.

Robert Schron, Livonia's city engineer, said workers with John Carlo, who the Michigan Department of Transportation hired as the main contractor, are expected to install detour signs directing motorists "where the most appropriate detour would

be." When the Seven Mile interchange is closed, detour signs will direct motorists to Newburgh or Haggerty to take to Six Mile or Eight Mile, Schron said.

Pannecouk indicated that the contractor will do much of the concrete breakage and removal during daylight hours to try to avoid a lot of nighttime noise.

In Livonia, Wayne County has scheduled resurfacing projects on Seven Mile between Wayne and Farmington roads and on Farmington between Five Mile and Seven Mile roads. That second project will affect motorists traveling from downtown Farmington, who may think they can use Farmington Road as an alternative route to I-275 - to drive to Livonia.

Choose your route

Other possible detours include Novi Road to Eight Mile, then east to Haggerty or Newburgh. That route may work best for commuters driving from western

or northern Oakland County.

Motorists traveling northward from western Wayne County communities may take Newburgh as an alternate route, but Haggerty will be resurfaced between Ann Arbor and Plymouth roads in Plymouth Township, so that will pose difficulties for Canton or Plymouth commuters coming to Livonia, such as Kramer.

He isn't that concerned about his drive, but wants to ensure his hotel guests are informed.

"Most of these people understand that our roads need repair," Kramer said. "We'll try to anticipate it as much as possible in our reservations and book them on arrival. We hope to let them know about alternate routes to get to Six Mile Road."

Pannecouk advises motorists: "They should begin to think of where they frequently drive, and think of alternative routes. They should try different things to see

what work's best for you."

Pannecouk said MDOT will keep people informed on the projects' status through changeable signs along the freeway, and the overhead Michigan Intelligent Transportation Signs on the freeway bridges. "They can visit our Web site, and we will keep the public informed through radio, TV and newspapers," Pannecouk said.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey has a little of what he called homespun advice: "Have patience and look forward to a better tomorrow."

Motorists can learn more about construction projects in the Detroit area by contacting MDOT's Web site at www.mdot.state.mi.us/index.htm. For local projects, check out Wayne County's Web site at www.waynecounty.com and click on Roads.

Economic development board gets under way

The Michigan Economic Development Corp. began operations April 5, as a Board of Directors meeting in Ann Arbor officially launched the new public agency.

The board immediately hired Doug Rothwell, formerly the CEO of the Michigan Jobs Commission, as president and CEO.

Under an executive order of Gov. John Engler, MEDC takes over the state's economic development function from the Michigan Jobs Commission, which the governor abolished.

"This new structure will enable us to have an even quicker, more flexible economic development focus. Ultimately, that means more jobs, and better jobs for Michigan residents," said Beth Chappell, former senior vice president of AT&T and now president of the Chappell Group (Bloomfield Hills), who was elected board vice chair.

The board's chair will be Rick Snyder, former president of Gateway Computer and now president of Avalon Investment (Ann Arbor).

"The Michigan Economic Development Corp. will allow us to spend more time helping grow the exciting new industries of the new economy, while still providing the same services the Jobs Commission had in place,"

said Rothwell.

The 17 members of the Board of Directors are:

Governor John Engler (general chair); Rick Snyder, Avalon Investments Inc., Ann Arbor (chair); Beth Chappell, The Chappell Group, Bloomfield Hills (vice chair);

David Brandon, Domino's Pizza Inc., Ann Arbor; Facundo Bravo, Uni-Boring Inc., Howell;

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Dr. Irvin D. Reid, Wayne State University, Detroit; and Peter Walters, Guardian Industries, Auburn Hills.

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project. (See related story.)

The Website now includes:

■ Pothole patching plans. Weekday mornings, usually by 10 a.m., Wayne County will post locations along freeways and primary roads where patching crews may be slowing traffic.

■ Digital maps. Residents can view a color-coded map engineers develop each year to show the condition of primary roads. Residents can identify their roads maintenance district and whether the roads are in good, fair or poor condition.

■ Residents can subscribe to a free e-mail service if they wish to receive periodic updates from the county roads division to alert motorists to unexpected road closures and upcoming construction plans.

"Anyone who signs up will get an updated list," Roach said.

In May, Roach expects the pothole patching list will be

replaced by the construction "hot-spot" list. By today, Roach expected a construction list will be featured on that site as well.

Currently, the county will provide a monthly update of major road projects in the design phase with county engineers and contracted consultants.

The county's road inventory book in a digital format will be entered onto the site within the next two months, Roach said. "With that, people can pick any section of road, and they can find out the year of the pavement, condition rating, traffic volume and speed limit," Roach said.

Business and church groups also can go on-line and apply to "Adopt-A-Road."

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in junior baseball in the Plymouth-Canton area since the mid-1980's, doesn't think the current system will last and that politics will eventually get in the way.

"It's gotten political and I believe that within a few years Canton will have their own league and Plymouth and Plymouth Township will have nothing," he said. "And I told Jim Anulewicz, 'What are you going to do when Canton has its own league? Are you going to come to me then?'"

The issue was raised earlier this year and came to a head in an editorial letter by Tom Yack, Canton Township Supervisor, on

"If you want to keep the Canton name I guess that's OK. But let's not get into charging exorbitant fees based on residency."

Chuck Curmi
-township trustee

March 18.

In the letter he stated: "The action taken by the junior baseball league to change its name simply reflects changing realities" and continues, "It can be expected that as Canton's population grows it may be necessary to offer programs, services and facilities exclusively to Canton residents."

It's a point that Plymouth Township trustees can agree with but feel that fighting over the issue is not in the best interest of the kids who actually play the game.

"If you want to keep the Canton name I guess that's OK," said Plymouth Township trustee Chuck Curmi. "But let's not get into charging exorbitant fees

based on residency.

"It's the identity crisis. We all thought of ourselves as one group. I never thought of somebody who lives in Canton Township or Northville Township or Salem Township or the City of Plymouth as different ... we were all one group."

Winter disagreed with the way things have been handled recently.

"I don't have a problem with what (Yack) does, just the way he does it," he said. "I think he is misguided and he wants to make this a political football. He's distorting the truth."

Top job from page A1

candidates, are other reasons school superintendents are becoming short supply.

"For me, it was the high accountability and the heavy time commitment," said Little. He said wanting more time with his family was a major consideration for changing career paths.

Little said the other two reasons given in the study weren't considerations for him, but said "people want to run school districts like a business, but they

"For me, it was the high accountability and the heavy time commitment,"

Chuck Little
-resigning superintendent

generally don't want to pay like a business." Little was suggesting that someone in the private sector who ran a \$100 million corporation would probably get at least twice his \$120,000

salary. Most of the Plymouth-Canton school board members weren't totally surprised when Little announced his resignation, noting he'd been in the district for

five years and they expected him to leave soon.

"Most school superintendents stay an average five or six years in a district," said Keane. "I would also expect the district to receive about 50 percent fewer applications for the job than it might have 10-20 years ago."

"They certainly will be hoping for quality, not quantity. And, most likely a majority of the applications will come from out-of-state."

Rich from page A1

new to Rich, who had service contracts with three townships while in Grand Ledge.

"I've already talked with the township supervisor (Kathleen Keen McCarthy) about areas where the city and township can work together," said Rich. "We talked about police dispatch right down to the cleanup of the Rouge River. Anywhere the city and township can work together and do it efficiently, I encourage

it, promote it and recommend it."

Rich is planning to move to Plymouth after the current school year is over with his wife, Anne, and two boys, David, 9, and Daniel, 3.

"I've seen several houses for sale, but they all seem to get sold before I can even talk to my wife about them," he said. "Maybe we'll end up renting for a while, and then take a good look at the housing market."



Central wins awards

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"NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS"

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

TO THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OR ANY PERSON OR PERSONS, FIRM OR CORPORATION HAVING CHARGE OF ANY LAND IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON:

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan must be cut and destroyed on or before the first day of May, the first day of June, the first day of July, and the first day of August in each year and/or as needed and as often as may be necessary to prevent same from going to seed. Any owner, occupant, or person having charge of any such land must notify the Township that such weeds have been destroyed within three (3) days of such cutting. Any person failing to comply with this notice shall be liable to the imposition of the penalties set forth in Ordinance #64 of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the Township in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the Owner or occupant, shall be spread against the property on the next County and State tax roll or the next general Township tax roll and/or place a lien upon the property to secure the collection of such expense. The Township of Canton may notify by certified mail with return receipt requested, the owner, agent or occupant as shown on the current County and School tax roll, of any lands on which said noxious weeds are found growing. Such notice shall contain a summary of the provisions of this section of the Ordinance. Failure of the Township to give such notice shall not, however, constitute a defense to any action to enforce the payment of any penalty provided herein or any debt created hereunder.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

TERRY G. BENNETT
Clerk

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REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF SIDEWALKS

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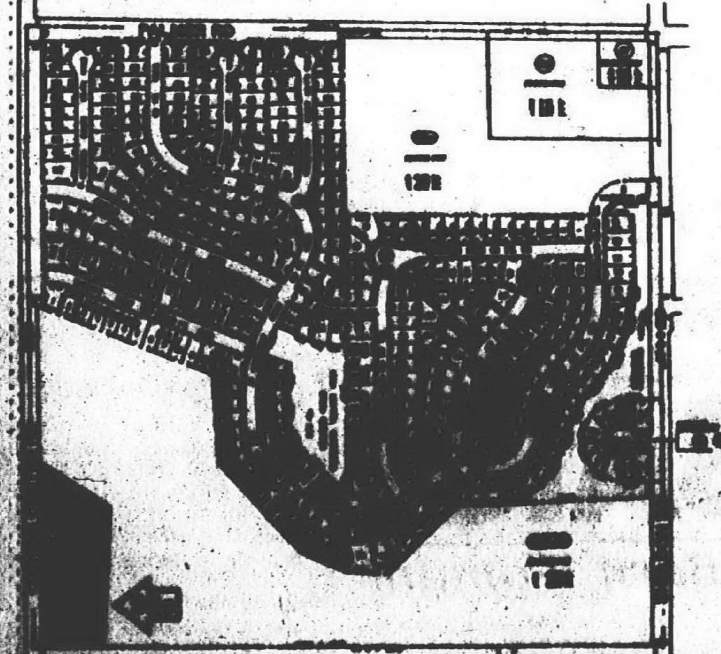
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 19, 1999, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

GREENBROOK VILLAGE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT, DATED JANUARY 8, 1974, TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUMMIT CREEK APARTMENTS, PHASE 2 (FORMERLY HIDDEN WOODS OF CANTON APARTMENTS), 42 UNITS ON 5.1126 ACRES AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO. 106 99 0006 000. Property is located on the east side of Canton Center Road between Palmer and Geddes Roads.



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

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

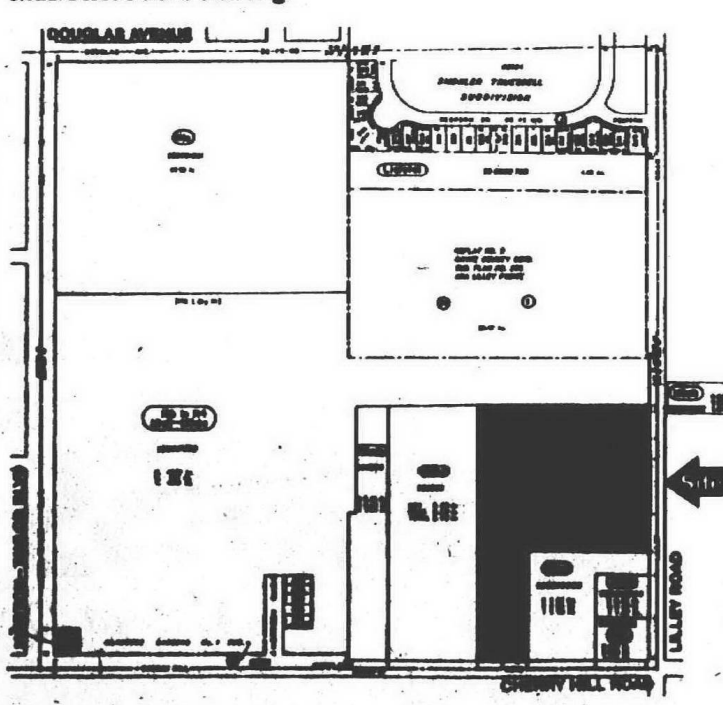
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WALTONWOOD AT CHERRY HILL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - PRELIMINARY PLAN - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 055 99 0008 000, 055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



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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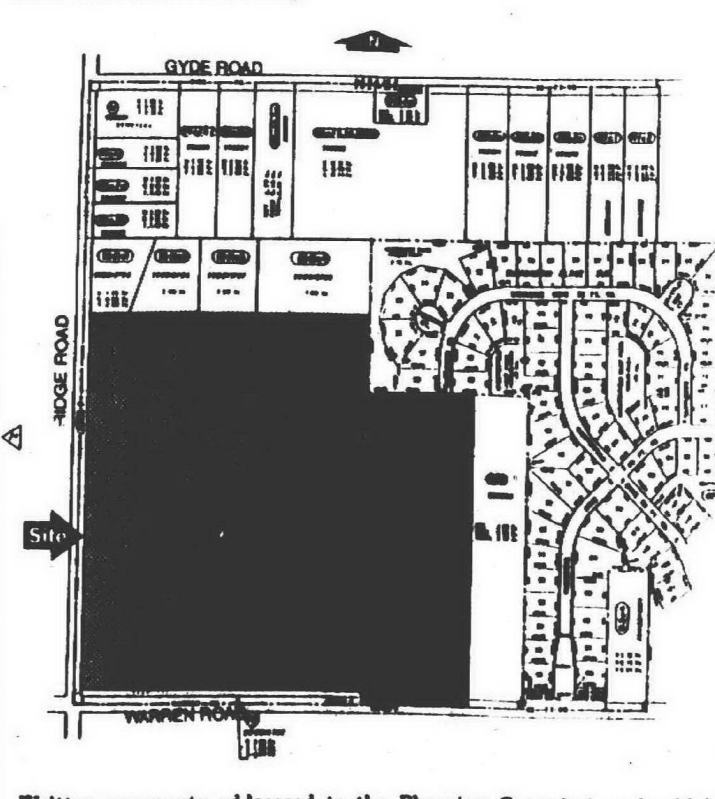
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PHEASANT RIDGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - FINAL PLAN - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 019 99 0015 004, 019 99 0016 701, 019 99 0017 000, 019 99 0018 000, AND 019 99 0019 000. Property is located on the northeast corner of Warren and Ridge Roads. Second Public Hearing.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, April 29, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Published: April 8 and 22, 1999

OBITUARIES

JOSEPH MICHAEL ROZA

Services for Joseph Michael Roza, 78, of Plymouth were April 8 in St. John Neumann Church with the Rev. Jack Quinlan officiating. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township.

He was born July 30, 1920, in Detroit. He died April 2 in Plymouth. He was a plumber. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Agatha Roza. Survivors include his wife, Cora Marjorie Roza of Plymouth; four daughters, Patricia (Jack) Sluka of Walled Lake, Karen (William) Ripp of Northville, Bonnie (Andy) Skrzynski of Austin, Texas, Betty (Louis) Santo of Livonia; one son, David (Theresa) Roza of Ypsilanti; two sisters, Bernadette Kolpacki of Missouri, Joanne Roza of Florida; one brother, Henry Roza of Arkansas; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth Region, 485 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170-3446 or to Community Hospice Services, 32932 Warren, Westland, MI 48185.

GERALD A. WEISE

Services for Gerald A. Weise, 59, of Warren were April 3 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens,

Westland.

He was born Aug. 18, 1939, in Ann Arbor. He died April 1 in Troy. He was a press operator at A.G. Simpson (Automotive Parts) in Sterling Heights for 15 years. He came to the Warren community 15 years ago from Westland and Canton. He served in the Army Infantry in Germany. He loved antique cars.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edward C. Weise. Survivors include his mother, Marian (Jan) Hendriksen of Canton; one brother, Donald (Jacqueline) Weise of Fairfield Glade, Tenn.; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial may be made to the charity of your choice.

ELIZABETH "BETTY" STOTT

Services for Elizabeth "Betty" Stott, 68, of Plymouth were April 6 in St. John's Episcopal Church with the Rev. William B. Lupper officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Livonia. Local arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born Sept. 19, 1930, in Detroit. She died April 3 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth area in August 1959. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. She was also a member of the St. Margaret's Guild and sang in the choir. She loved family and especially grandchildren. She loved to shop and go to movies. She

also loved to camp and travel.

Survivors include her husband, Frank of Plymouth; two daughters, Mary (Keith) Grandsden of New Hudson, Linda Quigley (Tom Rawson) of Fenton; two sons, Steve Stott of Plymouth, Dan (Phyl) Stott of Plymouth; two brothers, James Wood of Farmington Hills, Douglas Wood of South Lyon; two sisters, Joyce Richardson of South Lyon, Leona Grandsden of California; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the family of Elizabeth Stott.

EDWARD V. BUDD

Services for Edward V. Budd, 87, of Plymouth were April 6 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Wally Ziemba officiating.

He was born Jan. 26, 1912, in Mineville, N.Y. He died April 2 in Livonia. He came to the Plymouth community in 1987 from Detroit. He retired in 1977. He was the former president of the Pfeister Company Food Brokerage (now known as Crossmark), located in Plymouth. He was in the food brokerage business for 43 years. After his retirement, he opened his own business, Budd Investment Company. He closed that office in Southfield in 1998. He was a member of St. Mary's Orchard Lake Ambassadors. He also was a St. Mary's Orchard Lake Schools alumnus. He was a member of the Western Golf and County Club in Redford

since 1954.

Survivors include his wife, Irene of Plymouth; one daughter, Patricia (John) Calocassides of Lathrup Village; one son, Ronald (Sandra) Budd of Troy; three sisters, Mary Dumontier of Texas, Valerie Mitchell of East Pointe, Suzanne Kane of Mount Pleasant; five grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the charity of your choice.

CLIFFORD C. NOLL

Services for Clifford C. Noll, 86, of Plymouth were April 7 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Sanford Burr officiating. Burial was in Forest Hill Cemetery, Ann Arbor.

He was born May 1, 1912, in Ann Arbor. He died April 4 in Northville Township. He retired at age 75 from Electrical Apparatus in Howell. He came to the Plymouth community in 1940 from Ann Arbor. He was a member of the Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 43, F & A.M. for many years. His love and knowledge of Great Lakes ships sent him regularly to Sault Ste. Marie.

Survivors include his son, Richard Noll of Phoenix, Ariz.; and two daughters, Sandra Noll of Plymouth and Suzanne Noll of Novi.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.

GEORGE WILLIAM VALSA JR.

Services for George William

Valsa Jr., 55, of Canton were April 8 in St. Matthew Lutheran Church with the Rev. Gary D. Headapohl and Rev. Kurt E. Lambert officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

He was born April 7 in Chicago, Ill. He was a human resources manager.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Russell. Survivors include his wife, Maryanna; one daughter, Kristin V. (Ron) Johnson; parents, George Sr. and Libby Valsa; one brother, Jim (Anne); and one grandson, Andrew.

Memorials may be made to the Church General Fund, Henry Ford Hospice-Plymouth, or the American Brain Tumor Association.

ROBERT JOSEPH BURGH JR.

Private services for Robert Joseph Burgh Jr., 73, of Tiffin, Ohio, were March 29 in Turner-Engle Funeral Home with the Rev. Rob Breitigam officiating. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery.

He was born March 13, 1926, in Boston, Mass. He died March 26 in Toledo, Ohio. He was retired from Wayne Hall Dadds, Wayne, as a sales manager. He was a member of St. Mary's in Wayne. He was a member of AMVETS and VFW. He was a graduate of Wayne High School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II and spent three years in the South Pacific.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Bruce Victoria, and one son, Everett Burgh; and his parents, Robert Joseph Burgh Sr. and Virginia Tubby. Survivors include his wife, Lois M. (Beitel) Burgh; four children, Robert Joseph Burgh III of Minneapolis, Minn., Barbara (Lanny) Henderson of Canton, Vicki (Larry) Wood of Canton, Diane (John) Thom of Tiffin, Ohio; two stepchildren, Steven (Andrea) Orwig of Cleveland, Ohio, Glenn (Kim) M. Orwig of Tiffin, Ohio; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

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NINE (9) AUTOMATIC PITCHING MACHINES

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CONCRETE LEVELING

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ONE SPORTS UTILITY REEL MOWER

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THREE (3) MEDICAL VEHICLE RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS
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ONE INFELD POWER RAKE

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David Medley
ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton
1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 397-5435

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools cordially invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for the purchase of 30 new school buses. The proposal should include all costs associated with the purchase and delivery of school buses. You may participate by bidding on only one type of vehicle or all four vehicle types. Specifications and bid forms can be obtained at the front desk of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located at 545 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. Questions can be directed to David Rucker at the Transportation Department at (734) 416-3037. Sealed bids are due on Wednesday, April 28, 1999 at 4 p.m. and should be directed to Daniel Phillips at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center at the address above. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
ELIZABETH M. GIVENS, Secretary

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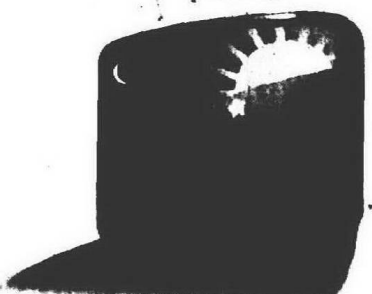
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794 SOUTH MAIN, PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 48170

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1999

Old Village OVDA deserves city support

Old Village has long been a struggling retail center for the city of Plymouth. Lately, it is proving itself otherwise.

The changes we've seen in the past few years in Old Village have come from the people who live and work there without much support from the city. New business ventures include popular lunch stops, including Lower Town Grill, Rustic Bean, and Bushel's Cafe. The businesses have taken a gamble and seem to have come out ahead. The new restaurants have added a nice mix to long-standing icons, such as Yer Grampa's Mustash and Plymouth Jewelry & Gifts.

It's not uncommon to see old Victorian homes being remodeled, and the finished products have added a new charm to a once weary-looking residential area.

Over the years, Old Village sat in the shadows of Plymouth's central downtown. Now it is creating an image for itself that has drawn attention from those outside its boundaries. It has become a destination.

The Old Village Development Authority should be commended for the revitalization. Hiring two interns from Eastern Michigan University was the first step. The interns have made much of the difference by helping apply for block grant money.

Plans are to restore the old fire station and turn it into a community center. Expected to cost about \$75,000, most of the money for the renovation will come from grants. Landscape and streetscape improvements also are planned for this spring.

Most importantly, the OVDA and its interns have given a voice to Old Village.

Financially, support from the city has been little. And with the city's budget in a precarious situation, future contributions are expected to be small as well.

Commissioner Dave McDonald, who is the commission's liaison to the OVDA, claims he will be the rallying force for Old Village during budget talks. He also commended the OVDA for putting the little money it has received from city to good use. For that it deserves more financial support, he said. And he's right.

Support from the city can also come in other ways.

On April 19, the city commission will vote on expanding the boundaries of the historic district into Old Village. The Starkweather Historic District would include 35 businesses and nine homes in an area from Main Street to Liberty and from Starkweather to Mill.

The new historic district will increase property values and set a standard for aesthetics. It also will allow for more opportunities to secure grant money.

The city also can offer support by promoting Old Village events along with downtown events. During Plymouth's Chili Cookoff, Old Village sponsored a crafts fair that was hardly publicized. The two events should compliment each other, not be held as if in direct competition. Commissioners can help encourage a cooperative effort this year.

The OVDA is currently looking for volunteers for a Spring Clean Up Day to be held later this month. Picking up a rake or a broom is a small gesture, but one that shows a presence.

Tax debacle signals change

The good news, as we head toward next Thursday's tax deadline: new tax credits, deductions and other changes have pushed the average refund to \$1,823, according to returns filed with the IRS through February.

The bad news: the government estimates those changes have lengthened the amount of time it takes to fill out an itemized tax return by two hours or more.

The worst news: unofficial Tax Freedom Day for 1999 (the number of days an average person must work to pay his or her entire tax burden) falls on May 10 - later than ever.

The great tax debate of the 1990s has centered on who pays and how much. The last major tax "reform" proposal signed into law in 1997 dealt with cuts in the capital gains tax and added the tax credit for children, which takes effect this year for 1998 returns. A federal budget surplus has most Republicans in the current Congress seeking additional income tax cuts to keep the economy stimulated.

The IRS had to develop 11 new forms and revise 177 others for 1998 returns to accommodate the changes. The agency spent an undetermined amount of time correcting returns that were filed earlier this year that listed qualifying dependents but failed to include the child tax credit.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 promised a simpler system with fewer rates. It has largely been rendered ineffective by subsequent changes authorized by Congress. To be fair, the economic expansion and the growth in individual investment in the stock market

through 401 K plans and mutual funds has contributed to our annual April 15 marathon.

But with the focus on making the system equitable, the goal of keeping it simple has been buried under a quagmire of rules, regulations, forms and tax schedules. In a nationwide poll conducted last month for the Associated Press, 66 percent of 1,012 respondents said the federal tax system is too complicated. That was up by nearly 20 percent from a similar poll conducted in 1996.

This is no petty matter. The federal government has levied income taxes on individuals at various times since the Civil War and continuously since the 16th Amendment to the Constitution was passed in 1913. The current pay-as-you-go method, around since the 1940s, relies heavily on voluntary cooperation. Compliance - even by honest tax filers - becomes more difficult in direct proportion to the complexity of the task.

Lower compliance means lost revenue for the government, more cost as the IRS tracks down wayward taxpayers and tax rates that remain artificially high to keep the revenue stream constant. It's a vicious circle.

Is it time to throw out the entire tax code and start over? We'll see.

The proof will come the next time a presidential candidate proposes a flat tax or a national sales tax. If we use the proposal as a jumping off point for serious debate - instead of just arguing about whose pockets will be picked - we'll know the time for real tax reform is at hand.

Yikes! It's tax time



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

The taxman cometh: Joe Cencich (left) assists Earl and Margaret Stiner of Plymouth with their 1998 tax return at the Plymouth District Library. AARP volunteers have been at the library since early March to help senior citizens complete their tax returns.

LETTERS

Hugh Sarha High School

I would like to put my two cents in to make a suggestion on the name of our new middle school or possibly the new high school.

In the past, the schools in our district have been named after school superintendents and teachers. It seems that we are slipping away from that and heading toward something new.

I would briefly like to tell you about a young man who was a local sports hero and a student of Plymouth Salem High School. His name was Hugh Sarha, a young man from the 1960s and 70s, who was well-known and respected for his athletic abilities. I believe that his shot put record has not been broken until this day.

Hugh Sarha answered the call of his country and was off to Vietnam in 1968. Somewhere in Vietnam, his patrol was pinned down by the North Vietnamese, putting them in harm's way.

Hugh broke away from the patrol and got behind the enemy and laid down such heavy fire that the enemy backed off and his patrol broke free and they were saved.

In the process of returning to his patrol, he was hit by enemy fire and also hit a mine, known as Bouncing Betty.

Hugh was flown to a field hospital, where he lost his arm. He died two weeks later.

He has always been my hero. I didn't personally know him, but I knew of his courage and selfless act to save the lives of his patrol. The lives that he saved could have been your brother, son or husband.

This was a kid who had the same goals and dreams that your child has, but laid there for two weeks in a field hospital knowing that his life was done.

Hugh Sarha never had a chance to even get off of the ground. When a prominent person of the school district has their name put on a school it is a great honor. They have given many years and dedication to bestow that honor.

Hugh Sarha gave his life to preserve all of the principles that we Americans live by and reaped no benefits. Hugh Sarha should be the new name for the new middle school.

John Poppas
Plymouth

Stop genocide

The United States is the undisputed economic and military power of the world. There was a time when we were also considered moral leaders. Our heroic sacrifices in World War II stopped Hitler and demonstrated our moral fiber in the world. We earned a reputation for being on the side of justice.

In recent years we have become increasingly isolationist. Our foreign policy has evolved to the point where we will not act militarily unless it directly affects our ability to drive our sport utility vehicles, drink imported bottled water and to live in large houses. This criteria is nonsense!

With our privileges, come responsibilities. While we cannot be the policemen for the world, we can and should stop genocide when we are able. If we don't who will?

The evidence of atrocities and genocide in Kosovo is overwhelming and well documented. Foreign policy cannot and should not be conducted by public opinion polls. If the public opinion polls are to be believed, two thirds of all Americans do not approve of our military intervention in the Balkans. That is not surprising when polls also indicate that 90 percent of all Americans could not locate Kosovo on a map until last week. Here is a clue. It is Europe.

We should stop genocide when we can and bring the war criminals to justice.

Mike Gerou
Plymouth

Civics lesson

It is too bad Mr. Vorva has to end his fight to prove that the Plymouth School bond vote is a farce. We will have to rewrite all the civics books to read: "Your vote does count, except in Plymouth, MI."

Gary Kielytyka
Plymouth

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QUESTION:

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"South Padre Island (Texas). Just to hang out with a lot of friends."
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LETTERS

Lawsuit draws praise

I am sorry to hear that Jerry Vorva's efforts to stand up for our fundamental voting rights have come to an end.

I commend his valiant endeavor to see common sense should have dictated that a new vote should have taken place. His actions are a testament that after some 200 years we are still fighting for our vote to be counted. After all wasn't that what the framers intended our nation to pursue? To this day it is a struggle to be fairly represented.

It is pathetic that 716 of my fellow citizens' votes have been thwarted and denied a chance for a new vote on the school bond issue. The Constitution guarantees us a right to vote; however it appears that it does not guarantee us a trustworthy system. You can take that tidbit on your next trip to the voting booth.

Fred A. Ferracielo
Canton

More to the story

In my last letter I asked each member what they plan to do to resolve the problems we, as a school district, are having in regard to spending taxpayers dollars on non-education matters. No response yet, but now another question.

Do you know how much has been given out in court settlements in the last 10 years? I have the figures for 1997. There were two. How much money did we pay out to purchase five years of retirement for a teacher? Why didn't we (the Plymouth Canton School District) try to resolve this by working with the teachers or by following the Michigan Teacher Tenure Act? I feel with proper handling by

our superintendent, we would not have had to use education money to pay for a costly settlement.

I now agree with Mr. Goldman. It is not his settlement agreement with the Board of Education's. You are legally responsible for the aspect of education in our schools. You are responsible and accountable for all actions taken by all employees of the district. I have an idea, why don't you try talking to some of the employees?

In all the agreements it is stated "the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education (the board) mutually desires to resolve the tenure and grievance matters." How can you do this without looking at both sides? Have you talked with any of these people we are sending our tax dollars on? Yes, you can. It is legal, ethical and probably a very good idea. Why not try it? Dr. Little and Mr. Goldman are not giving you all the

facts.

How about conducting an exit interview with all employees who are leaving the district this year? Have a neutral party to do an exit summary with all employees. Ask them to tell you how they feel about working in the Plymouth Canton School District, and what they feel would be beneficial to the district in the future in order to meet the goals of quality education for our young people. Try to get your information from more than one side.

Kenneth Smith
Plymouth

It's all in the name

Listeria kills people. Irradiation kills Listeria, and virtually all other bacteria, but it is feared more. Nuclear activists made the word "radiation" cause terror. America dis-

mantled safe power plants and returned to coal and gas. Pollution, explosions and death have resulted, but we have been saved from atomic energy.

Electricity has been used safely for 100 years, but some still wonder where it goes when the switch is turned off. Microwave ovens are as common as toasters, but cause panic in people who will comfortably stare at a television tube.

Irradiation of meat will save more lives than pasteurization of milk, but it may need to change its name. Gamma Clean, Rays are Us, Micro Germ are a few suggestions.

Hank Bergman
Farmington

POINTS OF VIEW

Decline in state workplace inspections bad news for workers

Let's play "Michigan Jeopardy." Answer: Pine-Aire Building Co., Independence Professional Fireworks, Cadillac Iron, Galaxy Excavating, General Motors.

Question: What are some of the companies where Michigan workers have been killed on the job?

Answer: Wade Bargy, Joyce Carr, Frank Blisset, Arvie Hubbard, Paul Robel.

Question: Who are some of the workers killed in industrial and construction accidents from 1997-1999?

Answer: 17 in 1992, 28 in 1994, 35 in 1997.

Question: What has been the trend in construction fatalities in Michigan in recent years?

Answer: Downward from 13,523 in 1991 to 7,436 in 1995 and 6,029 in 1997.

Question: What has been the trend in state workplace inspections during this decade?

Answer: "We don't go into any facility on a regular basis. As far as we

know, we had no complaints from employees and no accidents of any kind reported."

Question: What is the state Department of Consumer and Industry Services philosophy about inspecting workplaces, particularly Independence Professional Fireworks, where 12 workers (including an owner) were killed in two explosions in the last four months?

"Michigan Jeopardy" is no game. Workers in construction and industry are being injured and killed with increasing frequency as the state's workplace inspections decline.

Let's look at 1991-97:

■ Construction fatalities almost doubled, from 18 to 35, as construction jobs expanded 50 percent. Reasons for the disproportionate increase: More inexperienced workers entered the trades, and construction industry inspections fell by more than half from 8,511 to 3,245.

■ Manufacturing fatalities rose from 17 to 24 as general workplace



TIM RICHARD

inspections fell.

I didn't do this research myself. I covered a House Labor Committee hearing last June in Detroit where the key speaker was Mark Phillips of Michigan State University's School of Labor and Industrial Relations. I seem to have been the lone reporter there.

Phillips said he ran into trouble even getting statistics from the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA). Prior to 1990, the books were on the shelves in

the Michigan State Library in Lansing. "Suddenly in 1990, MIOSHA dries up," he said.

"For the right of the public to know, you would think the information would be available." The information was in state files, but he had to file extremely detailed Freedom of Information Act requests to get it.

"I had to write a letter and name every chart and graph. From the standpoint of the public, you're going to give up (trying to get information) before you get done."

"Do they exist as publications? No. There's something they're hiding."

"I started to ask for case files, but those case files are destroyed after three years," he said.

Nine years ago, I stood in a howling March wind outside the City-County Building in Detroit as state Senate Majority Leader John Engler announced his candidacy for governor. He promised a "Taxpayer's Agenda." It was a promise he kept.

Engler has saved many public

school districts from bankruptcy with his school finance reforms. He has tried hard, every other year, to be good to higher education. He is expanding the prison system to suit the "tough new penalties" attitude of the Legislature, county prosecutors and people.

But there has been a price that Engler won't discuss. Declining workplace inspections. Insufficient nursing home inspections. Less "regulation," which has become a dirty word.

He replaced the departments of Licensing and Regulation and of Labor with "Consumer and Industry Services." Interesting choice of words.

Final "Michigan Jeopardy" answer: Asleep at the switch.

Question: Where were Democrats and their champion trial lawyer Geoffrey Fieger on this issue in recent years?

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

Campus reveals world of hope

Last week, my 17-year-old son, Nathan, and I participated in the rite of spring, junior year. We went on the road together, just the two of us, visiting colleges.

It was an emotional time for me. The symbolism of the journey — driving down the road of life together — got stronger when I realized that the end of the road for Nathan was the start of the process by which he ultimately would leave home and become an independent adult.

So as we stood in the small circle around the student volunteer tour guide, I felt so proud of my fine son and at the same time so protective and so anxious that he do well. Don't interfere, I kept saying to myself as I hung back at the edge of the group; this is Nathan's trip and he has to do it on his own.

So while he was off talking with the other kids and checking out the campus in the mysterious way that only 17-year-olds possess, I sat under the oaks and watched the Frisbee players on the greening grass and the classes gathered outdoors around the professors in the new spring sun.

There were all kinds of kids. Black kids from the big cities and blond farm boys from the country. Asian girls with coffee-colored skins and Jewish boys with yarmulkes tight to their heads. One had a Palestinian headdress and another green hair.

I couldn't help reflecting as I sat there...

Here are all these kids, of all different backgrounds and types, all come together at college, that most American of all institutions.

And — so amazing and so American — they are all getting along together. Sure, there were a few all-black groups and a few all-girl clusters. But mostly it was just a lot of different kids, all together, all having a good time at college in the warm spring.

How different it would be today, I thought, in Kosovo, where the sky is gray and the mud deep and the hatred and fear between Serbs and Albanians is so savage and sharp. Or in Rwanda, where Tutsi and Hutu have hated each other for generations and still — even on the far side of a genocide — hate each other with undiminished fury. Or in Israel and Palestine, or between Armenians and Turks. Or between the various tribes in Somalia.

The list goes on and on.

It seemed to me, sitting there under the oaks watching the college kids happy and at peace, that what I was seeing before me was one of the truly unique blessings of America. And I nearly wept with gratitude and, well, patriotism.

Somewhat, by some mysterious alchemy, here in the New World we seem to have a shot at



PHILIP POWER

■ Here are all these kids, of all different backgrounds and types, all come together at college, that most American of all institutions. And — so amazing and so American — they are all getting along together.

overcoming the historic hatreds that arise and have arisen for centuries, almost literally from the soil of the history and geography the Old World. Once people have moved to a new land, complete with different history and altered geography, it's harder to nurse historic hatreds.

Another part of it, I suppose, is the extraordinary opportunity for all that America offers. A rising tide lifting all boats doesn't require zero-sum hatred for individual success.

Of course, I'm too old and probably too cynical not to realize that people in America still hate each other, often with just as much passion as elsewhere. But plainly what is fundamentally different about America is that those hatreds usually arise out of specific personal circumstances and not out of generic animosities that have been nurtured for generations and probably will never be resolved.

And so as I sat on the grass and reflected about my son and offered up my little prayer for him and his success, the verses from the base of the Statue of Liberty rose in my memory:

"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,

The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me:

I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

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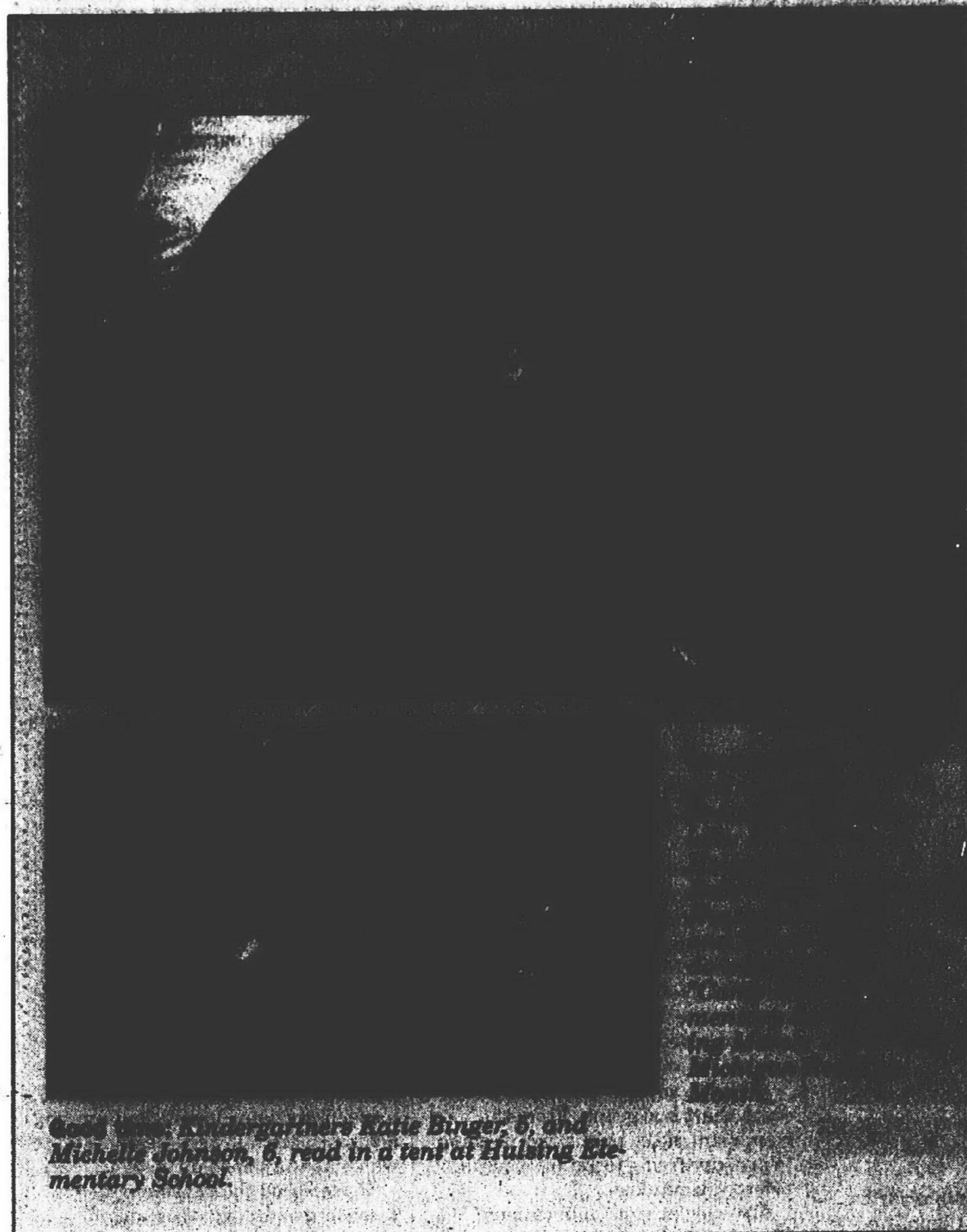
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Good times: Kindergartners Katie Binger, 5, and Michelle Johnson, 5, read in a tent at Hulsing Elementary School.

Plymouth student is selected for German exchange program

Erin Hindman of Plymouth has been selected for the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals, a government sponsored yearlong study and work abroad program.

CDS International Inc. selected her from a very competitive field of applicants. Since 1984 more than 700 Americans have been given this unique opportunity to gain cultural, theoretical and practical work experience in Germany.

Through this exchange program, Hindman will join a group of 60 Americans who participate in two months of intensive German language training, four months of study at a German

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technical/professional school or university, and a five-month internship with a German organization or business. She will be abroad from late July 1999 to mid July 2000.

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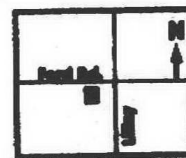
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A valuable lesson about labeling kids

When I was in sixth grade, the teacher told the students that our graduation ceremony from elementary to "junior high" would include a famous tradition that had been passed down since the school opened in the 1930s. This ritual was entitled The Prophecy.

The idea was that the class would predict what they thought each person would be when they grew up. Although I cannot remember the details of how we gained consensus, I do remember that we determined Mark was going to be an astronaut (something we hardly knew about in 1961), Chris was going to be a writer, Laurie was going to be a teacher, and I was going to be a hostess.

A hostess? I hardly understood what that meant, except that it didn't sound electrifying and heady. So I went merrily on my way, thinking that maybe it was June Cleaver, or Lucy Ricardo (on a good day).

Thankfully, my mother never kidded me about my hostess designation. Had my mom also agreed that maybe I was going to be a hostess, I may very well have been one today. In fact, she encouraged me to write, to dance, to play tennis and, of course, study the harp, which became my major in high school and college. My ultimate goal for myself was the become a studio harpist at Universal Studios. Obviously, I'm not there ... yet!

I tell you that story only to say, that we can have an enormous impact on our children when we pigeonhole them into roles that do not necessarily benefit them.

Not written in stone

People's character and personalities are not immutable ... written in stone. But unfortunately, when a child begins to get cast in a role, he or she becomes more and more like the ascribed attribute. You've no doubt heard people referring to their child as a dawdler, a scatterbrain, a regular-talking-machine, a poor listener, a brat, not wrapped too tight and probably other things not so nice.

While I was running a small group of second-graders one time, a staff member stopped me in the hall to give me "the lowdown" on one of my little charges. He described the little boy as troublesome and a jack-in-the-box.

"Good luck trying to get him to sit still."

As I look back on the boy, I remember thinking that he was a busy little person. I preferred "busy" over the other qualities.

After reading "How To Talk So Kids Will Listen," I used six keys from the book that helped me enormously. First, I looked for opportunities to show him that he really could sit still and attend to the project we were doing. I would compliment him for it with, "You really know how to sit quietly."

Put him in charge

Second, I put him in charge of helping another boy who could not read the directions. He liked being the boy's "mentor."

Third, I would walk behind him as he walked back to his class, and I would tell my aide, how great he was in the group and how he really knew how to sit still. You could almost see his smile from the back of his head.

Fourth, I would model respectful manners while I was with the group and ask the same from them. "Uh, oh, John. I didn't hear you ask for the scissors using your magic words." He, and the others quickly caught on and had excellent behavior through the eight weeks.

Fifth, when I saw him "losing it," I reminded him of how I knew he could sit quietly and wait his turn as he had done so well the prior week.

And last but not least, I was clear about my expectations for him, and nine times out of 10, he lived up to

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Traces of the teacher, Russ Rheume, shows Ben Bunnell, a student, how a night vision video camera works during a class at Henry Ford Community College.

Private eyes get college treatment

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Russ Rheume calls it his "crack case." His videotaped collage of his career as a private investigator is straight out of an episode of "America's Dumbest Criminals."

One man claimed to have back problems and was lifting heavy dumbbells. Another man who also had back problems pushed his lawn mower to the back of the house.

For the past few years, these and other videotaped cases have been common — most of the subjects are bending over.

"This job is not what it's all cracked up to be. I throw that in to add a little humor," he said.

Humor is the key ingredient in his "Techniques of Private Investigating" class at Henry Ford Community College. The tape always makes his students laugh and makes them feel comfortable in his classroom. After all, private investigators have to feel

comfortable with their jobs.

The class is in its second semester at HFCC. Last winter, only seven students enrolled in the class. Now, a year later, Rheume, a Livonia resident, has 16 students.

"Most of them are criminal justice and security majors, but really anybody can take this class," he said.

"Right now, this is innovative. They're the first college to have an associate's degree specializing in

criminal justice. Now it's criminal justice and divided into security and private investigation."

Jackie Marsh of Dearborn will be the first graduate of the program. Marsh, a Colorado native, heard about the class through an advertisement in PI Magazine and moved to Dearborn to attend HFCC.

"I love Russ' class. It's kind of hard to believe, but I remember him saying once that they always do 'bowling checks' on people to see if people bowl.

A lot of people who have injuries bowl," she said with a laugh. "It was kind of ironic because where I work I had a case where the claimant bowed. And I was like, 'Oh, that's the stuff that Russ teaches.'"

"I thought Russ was full of baloney and I had to eat it."

Shooting for psychology

Rheume took his first case in 1969. After working in psychology, Rheume went to Detroit Diesel to work on computers. Bored and yearning to work with people, he moved to General Motors' workers compensation department in June 1969.

Eventually, he left GM to work for several detective agencies and as a worker's compensation insurance adjuster. In 1975, he was a self-employed insurance adjuster.

"Then I had to get my license," Rheume explained. "Somebody

squealed and said I was doing detective work, so at that point I had to work for somebody for three years. I took my business and I worked for somebody else's license and got my own."

There are three ways to be certified as a private investigator. A potential PI can earn a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, work for a detective agency for three years full time, or be a former police officer.

As the owner of Special Inquiry Company in Livonia, Rheume focuses on detective work. Attorneys and insurance companies are his primary clients.

"What I do is workers compensation fraud and also liability. That covers anything that's not work related like slip and falls, car accidents, all those kinds of things," he said.

Rheume also does background checks and investigation work for suspicious spouses or significant others.

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True detective stories ... not quite Mike Hammer

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After nearly 30 years in the business, Russ Rheume is filled with stories about detective work.

An insurance company hired Rheume to investigate a claim involving a man who said he was disabled and couldn't work with his hands and arms.

"He worked for an auto dealer Bonding cars. He went to court and said, 'I can't work at all,'" he said. "We went through our activity check found out he was singing (at a restaurant). I went there with my secretary. I asked him, 'Gee you're

great. We have a family reunion every year. We had a Texas theme last year, we want to go Mexican this year.' So he put on a show just for me and my videocamera. We showed this in court."

His first case wasn't that easy. At age 25, Rheume was sent out to investigate the possible theft from a meat-packing company in Eastern Market. The president of the company thought that the security guard was in on it, so he arranged for Rheume to enter the facility at night.

"I was dressed in 'grubbies'; I literally had to sneak in the place," he said. "I didn't have a gun or anything. I was just a kid walking in there. I had a key to get into the president's office."

"At night, it was kind of scary. You're going to think I'm making this up but the other guy in the

car, he has one arm. He's my boss."

So Rheume snuck in, climbed up a ladder through dirty pipes, hid behind a door, avoided the rats and entered the room.

"It's a slaughterhouse. The animals are hanging. There's this big giant walk-in refrigerator. There's rubber doors to go in and out of. Nobody's supposed to be going there at night. At 3 a.m., two guys roll barrels into there and that was my cue to leave."

He ran through the slaughterhouse but before reaching the car, he was stopped dead in his tracks — "There were all these animal heads with eyes looking right at me."

He exited the building just in time to see the

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Power Team puts oomph behind message

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They bill themselves as "the world's greatest exhibition of power, strength, speed, inspiration and motivation," 18 guys who do everything from splitting cement blocks in half with their hands to turning Louisville Sluggers into toothpicks.

They're a big hit in the South and the members of Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City are hoping for the same when four members of "John Jacobs and The Power Team" visit the church in May.

"They've been doing this for 20 years; they're very popular throughout the South and are just moving north," said Carl Hengstebeck, who with the pastor, Rev. Wayne Parker, and Jeff Keith are organizing the visit. "This is their first time in this area. They'll be Jackson in April and have been in Monroe and Roscommon before that."

The Power Team members — Greg Mead, Russ Clear, Aundre Simms and Tony Evans — have a two-fold mission when they arrive in Garden City May 19-23. During their five-day stay, they will perform and give testimony at 7 p.m. each night at the church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford Road.

Organizers anticipate an overflow crowd each night. There will be seating for 500 in the church and an additional 200-300 in the building next door where their performance will be shown on closed-circuit television.

During the day, they will switch to a message about self-esteem, drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy and the need for academics that organizers hope will be delivered to students in 10-12 area schools.

"At the church, they'll do big feats and talk about God, but in the school assemblies, they won't talk about God," said Hengstebeck. "One of the men (Clear) is a former white supremacist

and his testimony about how he felt then and how he feels now brings tear to your eyes."

"Students who have heard them rate them very highly. They've been endorsed by more than 40 mayors, governors and senators and their program is considered the No. 1 anti-drug assembly in the country."

The church has been working to bring the group to town after Parker saw them perform in Monroe 1 1/2 years ago. He told Hengstebeck about them and what they did and asked if he was interested. Hengstebeck said yes. Keith was recruited to help earlier this year.

Costly endeavor

Bringing The Power Team members to town is a costly endeavor. The church is flying them in from Dallas, Texas, providing their

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budgeting and all of the materials they need for their performances. Payment to the performers will come from the \$2 per person donation for the evening performances and the \$1,000 per school charge.

The church won't make any money off the visit, in fact, it has a budget of \$12,000 for materials and advertising and is hoping the community will help finance it. With a per night supplies list that includes things like 36 300-

400 sculpting style ice blocks, 475 unbroken concrete blocks, 42 Louisville Slugger baseball bats, 25 telephone books and 30 rolls of paper.

They're also looking for cash donations to help get The Power Team's message into the schools. The team has been booked to perform at Garden City Junior and Senior High schools and another seven schools are inter-

ested, but because of the lateness in the school year, have no money left for such an assembly.

Hengstbeck and Keith are soliciting advertising for a souvenir program to raise some of the estimated \$8,000-10,000 needed for the school performances. And businesses that help sponsor the shows will be mentioned during the show by The Power Team. If a business does a \$5,000 co-sponsorship, they'll be included in commercials that will air on cable TV, Hengstbeck added.

There are also 4,500 color posters that organizers are hoping to display throughout the area. Businesses interested in helping can call the church at (734) 491-0472.

"It's saddening and maddening, it's the most down thing of the whole process," Hengstbeck said. "When you see them perform and watch the kids and see them listening and getting the message... They've changed a lot of kids with their message."

"It's a powerful message; it hits home."

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"I try to stay away from it," he said. "We do domestic work, that's like a husband who will want us to follow a wife, or check out this or that. I usually try to stay away from those because they get very complicated. A lot of times they get together and get mad at you in the end."

There's a lot of emotion tied to those.

"I'd rather have attorneys yelling at me."

His favorite cases are those involving missing persons - biological parents, adopted children, high school chums, etc. That's where his class comes in.

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men roll barrels of meat past the security guard and into a waiting truck.

"We follow this guy and he's drunk. He's going down (I-375, goes to Lincoln Park, drops the meat off at the store and continues on to Cleveland on his normal route."

In addition to his \$5-per-hour pay, he received a wooden pig from the president of the meat-packing company.

Rheaume frequently investigates workplace theft.

"Right now we're watching an industry; there's some theft going on," he said. "We were there at night watching all the hi-lo drivers. We caught one guy

stealing a big coil of steel. He had it on a hi-lo and he took it out and another truck came out and he put it there. We have videos of that."

He has between 10 and 12 detectives who work for him including a 4-foot-11 man.

"He's my best man; he's a miracle guy," he said. "He looks like he should be disabled. But some of these big fat slob in the court say, 'I'm disabled.' Mike comes in with the videos, the judge looks at him and then looks at them and says, 'Oh, my gosh.'"

For more information about the Special Inquiry Company, call (348) 471-9238.

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Yes, he was a busy boy, but I think for the first time he saw himself as a boy who could sit still, listen, be polite and be a helper to someone else.

Labeling can be a dangerous thing because many people who are labeled don't have the strength and courage to counter the label. Whether we give a positive or negative label to our kids can determine the direction they might go.

And wouldn't you have wanted

someone to cast you in a positive role vs. a negative one when you were growing up?

Jacquie Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or at her e-mail address: downsaj@mail.resa.net.

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Starfish Family Services is sponsoring the Child and Adult Care Food Program designed to provide meals to children in child care centers, outside school hours programs and family day care homes.

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■ For each additional family member, add \$3,640 for free meals and \$5,180 for reduced priced meals to the yearly income level.

For more information about the program, call Starfish Family Services at (734) 728-3400.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Rice-Morris

Robert and Joann Rice of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Christine, to Matthew Ray Morris, the son of Jim and Linda Briscoe of Milan.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Thurston High School. She is employed as a radiological technologist at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Garden City High School. He is employed as a radiological technologist at Henry Ford Hospital.

A May wedding is planned at the Golden Rings Wedding Chapel.



Lemke-Quinn

John and Gail Lemke of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly, to Robert Quinn, the son of Barb Quinn of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of John Glenn High School and a 1998 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed as a substitute teacher for Livonia Public Schools and as a figure skating coach for the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Divine Child High School and a 1995 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed as a computer programmer at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

An August wedding is planned



at Divine Child Catholic Church in Dearborn.

McBride-Poindexter

Rich McBride of Livonia announces the engagement of his daughter, Kelli Marie, to Alex David Poindexter, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Poindexter of Massillon, Ohio.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late Mary Lou McBride, is planning to graduate in December from Kentucky Christian College where she is majoring in business administration with a minor in office technology.

Her fiancé also plans to graduate in December from Kentucky Christian College, where he is majoring in preaching and the Bible.

A July wedding is planned at Memorial Church of Christ in



Livonia.

Bloom-Schwark

Maryann B. Yarrington of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Roslyn Marie, to Paul William Schwark, the son of William and Mary Schwark of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Gibraltar Carlson High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in engineering. She is employed by EMCON, an environmental engineering firm, in Northville.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of West Bloomfield High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed



by Bosch Braking Systems as an applications engineer.

A September wedding is planned at The Community House in Birmingham.

Stricker-Denham

Sharon Hohl of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Katharine A. Stricker, to Robert F. Denham Jr., the son of Robert and Sharon Denham of Wixom.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late George B. Stricker and the late Henry Hohl, is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree in finance. She is employed by Northern Equities Group in Farmington Hills as an accounting assistant.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Redford Thurston High School and a 1993 graduate of Ferris State University with a bachelor of science degree in marketing. He is employed by The Aspen Hill Club in Silver Spring, Md.,



as director of junior tennis development.

A May wedding is planned at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia.

Czyrka-Semperger

Amy Marie Semperger and Stephen Louis Czyrka were married Oct. 10 at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Semperger of Clarkston, formerly of Farmington Hills. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Czyrka of Grand Ledge.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Wayne State University. She is employed by NCR Corporation as an account manager.

The groom is a graduate of Ferris State University. He is employed by Compuware Corporation as a product coordinator.

The couple received guests at a reception at Laurel Manor in Livonia before leaving on a honeymoon trip to the southern Caribbean islands. They are making their home in Livonia.



Craggs-Apsley

Kevin Richard Craggs and Shannon Gail Apsley were married Jan. 13 in Negril, Jamaica.

The bride is the daughter of Paul and Kathy Apsley of Wayne and Patricia Apsley and Michael Wunkel of Novi. The groom is the son of Richard and Donna Craggs of Canton.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of John Glenn High School and expects to graduate from Eastern Michigan University in April.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He is employed by Ford Motor Company.

The bride asked Kelly Hollis and Patricia Apsley to serve as her maids of honor. The groom asked Kirk Craggs to serve as his best man.

Following a honeymoon in



Negril, the newlyweds were the guests of honor at a Jan. 23 reception at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland. They are making their home in Westland.

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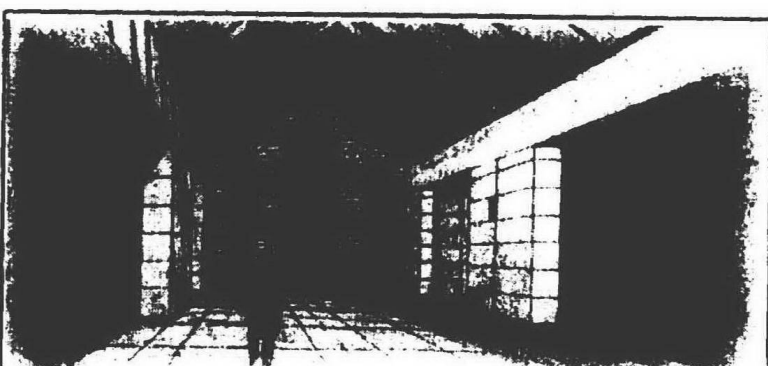
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SAT WORKSHOPS

■ 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) 370-3125.

'FABULOUS FABLE FACTORY'

■ 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 50-minute 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 school 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 Yzerman, Brendan Shanahan and more; trips to Las Vegas, Vail, Colo., Disney, Lake Tahoe; and whitewater rafting and more. Proceeds benefit the individualized programs at New Morning School. For more information and reservations, call the school at (734) 420-3331.

AROUND TOWN

CANTON SOFTBALL CENTER

■ The Canton Softball Center 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-USAA registered teams. For more information on leagues and tournaments at the Canton Softball Center, call Jeff Bradley, (734) 483-5600, Ext. 2 or 3.

GENERAL MEETING

■ The Vietnam Veterans of America general meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 12, at 9318 Newburgh, between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia. All veterans on active duty Jan. 1, 1959-May 7, 1975, regardless of duty station are eligible. For more information, call Don Dignan at (313) 845-3752 or at (734) 525-0157.

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.

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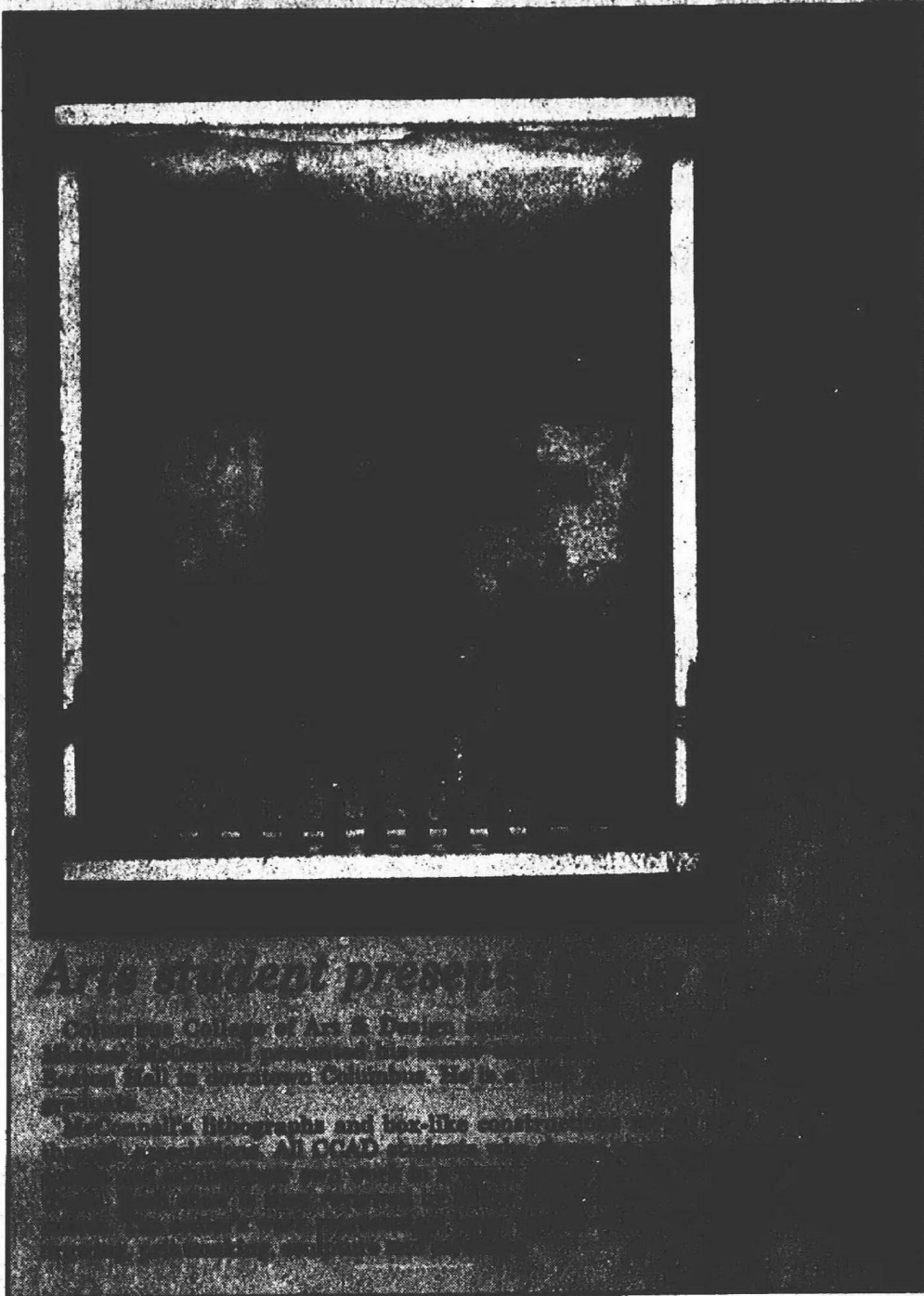
■ The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its Children's Arts and Sanchin-Ryu Classes. All classes begin the week of April 12. The following Children's Arts Classes are being offered: Preschool Art, Studio Art, Drawing & Painting and Cartooning. The Junior Sanchin-Ryu and Open/Family Sanchin-Ryu will also begin the week of April 12. For more information, call the City of Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-8620. ■ The City of Plymouth Recreation Division will be registering from April 12 through April 30 for the 5- and 6-year-old T-Ball League. Children must be born July-December 1992, January-December 1993, January-July 1994. Registration will be at the Recreation Office at the Cultural Center, during office hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Birth certificate is required. The season runs seven weeks, running June 19 through Aug. 7. No games July 3. The fee is \$55. City of Plymouth resident discount \$35. For more information, call (734) 455-8620.

TAX COUNSELING

■ 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.

FOSTER 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.

ANNUAL AUCTION

■ Madonna University will hold its 11th annual "Around the World Schol-

arship Dinner Auction," on Friday, April 16, at Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Proceeds from the auction will provide scholarship opportunities for Madonna University students and will support other projects, making higher education accessible to a diverse student body. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction followed by dinner and a live auction. The goal for this year's auction is to raise in excess of \$280,000. The general admission ticket price is \$75 and includes dinner, open bar and the live and silent auction. Gold Inner Circle seating tickets are available for \$125 and allow special seating near the center stage. Winner of the grand prize raffle ticket will own a 1999 Sedan

DeVille from Don Massey Cadillac. No more than 750 raffle tickets will be sold at \$200 each. The official sponsors of the 1999 auction are Don Massey Cadillac Inc., Northwest Airlines, Kimcraft Printers Inc., and Al Long Ford Inc. For more information, call (734) 432-5588 or 432-5421.

GMAT 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, 885 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.

ANTIQUE APPRAISAL CLINIC

■ The Plymouth Historical Museum will host Ernest DuMouchelle from the DuMouchelle Art Gallery in Detroit at an Antique Appraisal Clinic 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 20. DuMouchelle is the Detroit area's leading authority on antique appraisals and currently travels with the PBS Antique Roadshows as one of their appraisers. This is the 19th annual clinic hosted by the museum. Call the museum to reserve an appointment time at (734) 455-8940. Appointments will be made every 20 minutes and you may bring up to five hand-held items or a photo with measurements and details for larger items. Appraisals are \$6 per item for an oral appraisal or \$10 per item for a professional written appraisal. All proceeds benefit the Plymouth Historical Museum and its programs.

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.

OPEN HOUSE

■ 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) 459-6110 and ask for Barb.

AUTHOR LUNCHEON

■ 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 self-addressed, stamped envelope. The cutoff date for

mail orders is April 10. There will be no ticket sales at the door.

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) 455-8620.

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 first-place 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 adult-sized 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 48188.

RELAY FOR LIFE

■ The 1999 Plymouth/Canton Relay for Life, a 24-hour run/walkathon to raise money for the American Cancer Society, will be held May 8-9 at Heritage Park in Canton. Teams consist of 12 or more people who divide up the relay so that a member is on the track at all times. Team members are asked to raise \$100 each to participate. There will be entertainment and refreshments for the duration of the event. Student volunteers are also needed. For information on participation or sponsorship, call Gloria Peterson at the ACS Great Lakes Division, (248) 557-5353. For information on becoming a volunteer, call Debbie Zevalkink, (734) 397-5381.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

■ The city of Ann Arbor Department of Parks and Recreation is now taking registrations for its annual Spring Scramble Golf Tournament scheduled for Sunday, May 16 at Leslie Park Golf Course, 2120 Traver in Ann Arbor. For information, call (734) 994-1163.

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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CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material, printed or typewritten, to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

GRADUATES

■ Heather L. Boose of Canton was among the graduates at Grand Valley State University for the fall semester.

■ Brandon V. Barker and Bryan E. Proctor of Plymouth were among the graduates at Grand Valley State University for the fall semester.

■ Rodney David Bardo, Molly Schmidt, Troy Jacob Smith, and Doreen Delance Williams of Canton were among 1,887 graduates of Western Michigan University for the fall semester.

■ Joseph E. Anderson, Robert D. Campbell, Amy L. Farnsworth, Mark A. O'Keefe, Michael J. O'Keefe, William M. O'Keefe, Kelly E. O'Keefe, Laura M. O'Keefe, and Melissa A. O'Keefe were among 1,887 graduates of Western Michigan University for the fall semester.

STUDENTS

■ Alyssa H. Axson, Melissa L. Bashman, William C. Bailey, Ryan B. Bayer, Steacy E. Bell, Ann Marie Bolognino, Becky L. Brooks, Christina M. Castagna, Amy H. Chapman, Karen A. Conn, Elizabeth N. Connors, Pamela S. Connors, Rose Marie Dushka, Sandra J. Dushka, Diane M. Dushka, Diana C. Douglas, Phillip A. Galefaro, Dennis R. Greenwald, Leah T. Greenwald, Mary Le Greenwald, Susan A. Hinchey, Anna C. Hinchey, Matthew Hinchey, Jason Hinchey, Susan M. Hinchey, Vicki A. Loop, Margaret M. McArthur, Kimberly G. McArthur, Corbin

M. Miller, Erin A. Moorehouse, Heather L. Myers, Kurt E. Nasrudi, Danielle J. Nelson, Beverly L. Niedbala, Karen L. O'Daniel, Julie Ramsey, Elaine M. Rausa, Adam W. Sergeant, Kathleen D. Shipley, Bonnie J. Southerland, Allison Storm, Lori K. Suh, Jeffery D. Swan, Ryan W. Thomason, Karen A. Valenti, Patricia A. Vaquera and Leslie G. Wiemer of Plymouth were all named to the dean's list at Madonna University for the fall semester.

Redford writer finds her niche is romance novels

BY SUZ MASON
STAFF WRITER
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Ask Shelly Thacker what was her favorite place in the world as a child and she'll tell you it was the library. Reading was a treat for her.

Her girlhood dreams were to be a writer and a jockey, but she grew too tall. Then it was a writer and veterinarian, but she couldn't stand the sight of blood, so she switched to writer and actress.

When she told her junior high school guidance counselor she wanted to be a writer, he laughed.

"He said, 'Why do you want you want to be a writer? Writers don't make a living,' the author of nine romance novels told her audience at the second of the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center winter luncheon series. "And my career interest inventory test came out as a forest ranger."

"I believe I was born to write, but nobody is meant to be a writer, you have to learn how to be one."

Thacker stuck with her dream, writing poetry and short stories in high school and doing public relations work for two years for Crittendon Hospital after earning a degree in English from Albion College.

But in 1986, she decided to try her hand at freelance writing for magazines. While those were the "silly days" for her and her husband, they were her happiest days because she could devote herself to writing full time.

A year later, she discovered the Greater Detroit Romance Writers of America where she met a 100 or so friendly people who spoke her language and didn't think she was crazy.

She learned a very important lesson from those writers — "Writing will work for you, if you work at your writing" — and started writing her first book.



Shelly Thacker

Discovering her genre

Initially, Thacker had resisted reading and writing romance novels, but after friends gave her a copy of "Wolf and the Dove" to read, she discovered her genre.

"I wouldn't have been caught dead reading it, but I devoured that book in a couple of hours," she said. "I love the genre. I love history, I love a good love story. It's boy meets girl, boy loses girl, boy gets girl back."

It took 2 1/2 years for her to write her first novel, which she had titled "Falcon on the Silver Wind," and just four days for her publicist to find a publisher interested in a two-book contract.

Considering "an average publisher gets 10,000 manuscripts a year of which only a handful get published," the fact took her on so quickly was nothing short of a meteoric happening.

Avon first changed the book's name to "Stolen Bride," but settled on "Falcon on the Wind." A Scottish romance in the tradition of "Braveheart," it was released

in 1991.

The book was an Romance Writers of America Golden Heart finalist and winner of four national awards. It received 4 1/2 stars as "a compelling, memorable romance" from Romantic Times.

Romance novels are a \$1 billion-dollar industry, even though the genre has been like "the Rodney Dangerfield of the publishing world," Thacker said. Forty percent of the paperback books published are romance novels.

"We're finally getting respect we deserve," she added. "The genre has matured. It's much more sophisticated and well-crafted. It's the only popular entertainment that addresses an essential message ... not that love conquers all, but how love empowers."

Romance novels deal with themes important to women. It's women writers writing for women. And the authors, agents and publishers, for the most part, are women, Thacker added.

Thacker moved to Dell in 1997, which will release her ninth book "Into the Sunset," a romance set in 1878 Colorado, on May 11.

Fame and fortune?

Hooked on romance writing, Thacker admits that she does not live the lifestyle of the rich and famous, it's more like "lifestyles of the middle class and modestly famous." Proceeds from her first book was the down payment of their first home in Redford. Most books make \$3-5,000, she added.

She's not certain where her ideas come from and guesses they're from "everywhere." And as a writer, she works a traditional 9 to 5 day, except when under deadline which means working nights and weekends.

While her husband prefers nonfiction, he does help in the publishing process, reading galley proofs. It helps having a fresh pair of eyes look at the book one last time, checking for errors and typos.

"A lot of things can happen in the publishing process and usually it happens in the galley stage," Thacker said. "It's the most difficult time for me. It's like sending a child to the first day of school. It's the final

stage."

Thacker has gained an international reputation and her books have been released in Italian, French, Chinese and Russian, to name a few.

She gets fan mail from places like Europe, Australia and Taiwan and gets e-mail from all over the world.

"I cannot do this, I can't stop writing as much as I can't stop breathing; it's that much of a part of me," Thacker said. "Even if the publisher didn't pay me, I'd still write."

The final WRC luncheon will be 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 16, in the college's Waterman Center, Haggerty Road south of Seven Mile. Bob Milne will entertain with his ragtime piano playing.

Luncheon tickets are \$14 each and are available in advance only by calling the resource center at (734) 462-4443.

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Habitat for Humanity in need of volunteers

Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County is looking for volunteers to help build three homes in Inkster this year.

Volunteers will do site preparation on weekends, beginning Saturday, April 10, to get ready for the site's dedication on May 1 and the Building Blitz June 13-26.

Volunteers will work 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and 1-6 p.m. Sundays until the blitz. The home sites are in the Cherry Hill-Middlebelt area.

The base site will be at the intersection of Glenwood and Division, south of Avondale and west of Middlebelt.

Both skilled and unskilled help is needed for the project as well as financial and materials donations and meals for the workers.

Habitat for Humanity volunteer Barbara Fichtenberg estimates that 50-60 volunteers are needed each day to complete the homes.

A building committee meeting for anyone interested in helping will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, at St. Kenneth's Catholic Parish, Haggerty, south of Five Mile, Plymouth Township.

A volunteer committee meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, for people interested in helping develop volunteers, maintain the volunteer data base, schedule people or help with the telephone calls or Web site.

For more information or to schedule a workday or provide a meal, call the Habitat office at (734) 432-7700 or visit its Web site at <http://oeonline.com/habitat>.

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PRAYER GROUP

St. Edith's Prayer group will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, at the church meeting room, 15000 Newburgh, Livonia. The evening of praise, Scripture and song will feature the Rev. Dennis Theraux, associate pastor of St. Edith's. For more information, call Cecile at (734) 591-2247 or Paul at (734) 462-9648.

BAGGAGE SALES

Clarenceville United Methodist Church will have and bake sale 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 9, at the church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will have a rummage and bake sale, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 8-9, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the church, 20805 Middlebelt, at Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. Saturday will feature a bag sale. Baked goods and light lunches will be available.

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the church, 9600 Levee, between Beech Daly and Inkster roads, Redford. The bag sale will be 1-2 p.m., and a snack bar will be available.

St. Timothy Presbyterian

Holy Trinity installs new associate pastor

As was noted in previous editions, the Rev. Paul Smith will be installed as associate pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia on Sunday, April 11.

Smith studied history, literature and philosophy at Northwestern University, earning a bachelor of arts degree in 1984. He also studied New Testament Greek at Trinity Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, before beginning seminary studies at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Ill.

He spent one year on a parish internship at First Lutheran Church in Shawnee Mission, Kan., before graduating from the Lutheran School

of Theology in Chicago, Ill. Smith was ordained as a minister of the Gospel in 1988 and served as the associate pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia from 1988 to 1994. From 1994 to 1998, he served as the associate pastor of the John F. Kennedy Library at the University of Michigan, working with the library's growing collection of materials related to the program. He is still a member

of the church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland. Marvin Jones will be the special musical guest at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services. At 6 p.m. that day, the church will hold Y2K Night and have an expert speak about the problem. Ice cream and snacks will be served. For more information, call the church at (734) 458-7301.

CAREGIVER PROGRAM

Members of the Aid Association of Lutherans Branch 3233 at Timothy Lutheran Church will sponsor "Taking Care: Easing the Role of the Family Care-

giver," a program for those who will care and who will be involved in helping aged parents or relatives who have become impaired or ill, 11:45 a.m. Sunday, April 11, in the Christian Education Room of the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. For more information about the program, call James Willey at (734) 464-0451.

"HOMECOMING" SERVICE

The Rev. Jimmy Lawson of Community Free Will Baptist Church will conduct a "Homecoming" Service Sunday, April 11, at the church, 33031 Cherry Hill Road, Westland.

Services will begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m., followed by the morning worship at 11 a.m. Dinner, served in the church gymnasium, and fellowship and singing in the church sanctuary, will follow. For more information, call the church at (734) 721-9040.

The church also will have a revival, featuring the Rev. Paul Ange of South Carolina, at 7 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday, April 25-28.

RADIO DEDICATION

Cardinal Adam Maida will preside over dedication ceremonies for Detroit Catholic Radio at a 2 p.m. Mass Sunday,



Rev. Paul Smith

Corps volunteer in Poland at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, in the Activity Center at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17800 Farmington Road, Livonia. Suchara, who has a doctoral degree, taught at a university in Warsaw. Now 80 years old, she joined the Peace Corps at age 70.

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group of Church of Today West will meet 8:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at the Novi Public Library, 45245 W. 10 Mile, Novi. Church of Today West holds worship services at 10 a.m. Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School, Meadowbrook Road south of 13 Mile. Barbara Clavenger is the senior minister. For more information, call (248) 449-8800 or visit the Web site at www.cotwest.com.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other April 16-18 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have line dance lessons at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Haggerty South of Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township. There will be no charge.

GRIEFSHARE PROGRAM

St. Michael Lutheran Church will host a special weekly seminar and support group, GriefShare, for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them, 7-9:15 p.m. Sundays, beginning April 18.

The seminars will run for 13 weeks at the church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton, and will provide information about recovering from grief and renewing hope for the future.

The cost for materials will be

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Main Street gets interim pastor

Main Street Baptist Church in Canton has called Livonia resident Wayne Vann to serve as its interim pastor. Vann assumed the duties on March 7. This is his third interim pastorate.

Vann became a home missionary in 1990 and has led the men's ministries with the Baptist State Convention of Michigan for eight years.

He worked as the special projects and events coordinator for the Greater Detroit Baptist Association prior to his assignment at Main Street Baptist.

Vann is credited with organizing the Michigan Baptist Disaster Relief Team which does mass feedings following a disaster. In 1992, he took several teams to south Florida in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew, helping serve more than 168,000 hot meals to those in need.

Because of his work, Vann was awarded Livonia's first annual Humanitarian Award.

Prior to becoming a home missionary, Vann was a successful marketing representative for the largest small business organiza-

tion in the United States, the National Federation of Independent Business. He became top producer in Michigan and received several awards.

Vann is known as having a tremendous faith in God, demonstrated in his walk of faith.

"We've all grown in our faith as it's always exciting to see what God is going to do next," said Vann. Main Street Baptist Church is at 8500 N. Morton Taylor Road, Canton.

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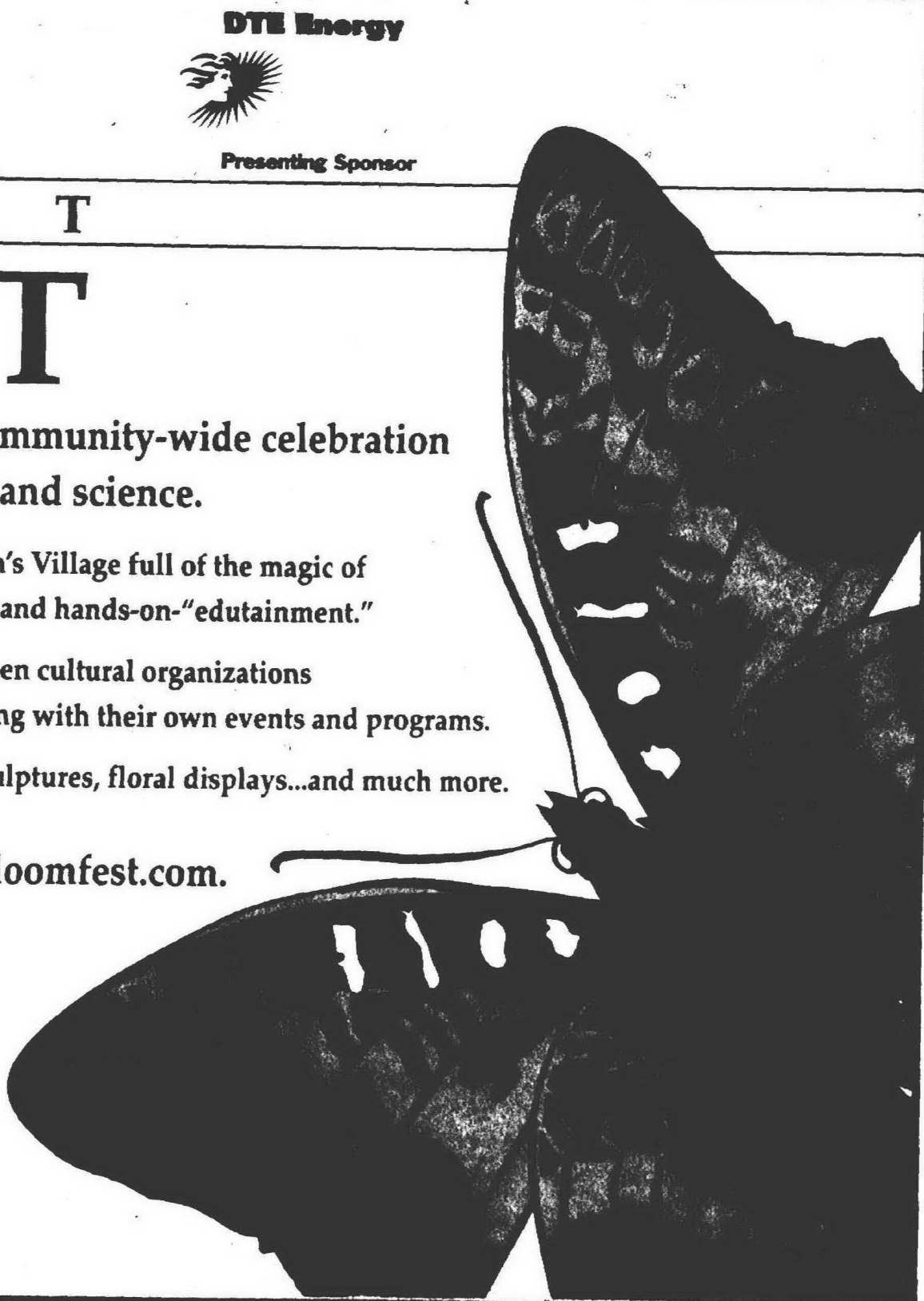


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Arbor Hospice sponsors Pathways support group

Arbor Hospice and Northrop-Salesman Funeral Home will offer New Pathways, an eight-week support group for adults who are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one.

The group will meet 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 15-June 3, at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile,

Northville.

Group members will learn about the grief process while gaining emotional support. Pre-registration is requested, but not required, and can be completed by calling Arbor Hospice's Arbor Center in Northville at (248) 348-4980 or (800) 783-5764.

The agency also is offering a

grief support group for adults who've experienced the loss of a parent. The group will meet 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays for six weeks, May 6-June 10. Pre-registration also is requested.

Arbor Hospice offers various age and loss specific groups in locations throughout southeastern Michigan, including groups that address the special needs of grieving children.

Its Suicide Loss Group meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of the month at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, while Starting Over for widowed men and women 45 years and younger meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township.

B'Tweeners for widowed men and women 46 years and older meets the third Wednesday of the month at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia, and at dinner at 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month at the Water Club Grill Restaurant, 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township.

Bereavement resources also are available at the Arbor Center, now located at 113 E. Dunlap, Northville.

Granholm headlines Girl Scout luncheon

Michigan Attorney General — and former Girl Scout — Jennifer Granholm will be the keynote speaker at the eighth annual "Tomorrow's Power" Corporate Luncheon to benefit the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council.

The luncheon is scheduled for noon Tuesday, April 27, at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center in Detroit. Tickets are \$50 each and table sponsorships range from \$500 to \$2,500.

Honorary co-chairs of the luncheon are Walter Watkins Jr., president of NBD Bank, and Marnette Perry, president of The Kroger Co. of Michigan.

Granholm made history last

year when she was the first woman to be elected state attorney general and the first new attorney general in 37 years.

During the luncheon, the scout council will present its 1999 Corporate Girl Scout Volunteer of the Year awards. The award provides an opportunity for employers and the council to recognize outstanding corporate employees who generously give of their time and talent to make a significant positive impact on the lives of girls.

Luncheon tickets are available by calling Diane Puhl, director of corporate and family giving, at (313) 972-4475, Ext. 445.

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\$12, and baby-sitting will be provided. For more information, call the church at (734) 459-3333.

INSTRUCTIONAL WORKSHOP

The Christian Education Committee of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church will offer an instructional workshop, "Exploring Personal Styles," 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday, April 18 and 25, at the church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. The workshop will be taught by William Dunphy and will cost \$7 for materials. Registration is required and can be completed through April 11 by calling the church office at (734) 422-4094. Child care will be provided.

MISSIONS RALLY

"How Shall I Hear Without a Preacher" will be the theme of the Faith Promise Missions Rally Sunday, April 18 and 25, at Memorial Church of Christ, 34575 Five Mile, Livonia. The Faith Promise goal for 1999 is

\$67,000.

Don Tingle, executive director of Muslim Hope, who has been working in the Ukraine, Iran and Afghanistan, will speak at morning services on April 18. Barry Smyth will update members on the new church work at West Detroit Church of Christ at 6:30 p.m. that day.

Kevin Dooley, executive director of F.A.M.E. (Fellowship of Associates of Medical Evangelism) will speak at the morning worship services on April 25.

'SPRING INTO AUCTION'

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School of Farmington Hills will present "Spring into Auction" Friday, April 23, at Livonia VFW Post 3941, 29155 Seven Mile. The auction will support the sports, music and technology programs as well as aid the church and school operations. Tickets cost \$25 each with tables of eight available for \$175. For more information, call Glenn

Schuldt at (734) 522-8117.

MOM'S SALE

St. Edith/St. Kenneth M.O.P.S. will have a Mom's Sale 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 24, in St. Edith Parish Hall, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Admission will be \$1. Gently used children's clothing, toys, books and furnishings as well as maternity clothes will be sold. For more information or to rent table space, call Michele at (734) 432-6978.

Table space is available through Thursday, April 29, for St. Theodore Parish's annual Moms to Moms Market 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1. The resale fair will be held in the church social hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland, and will feature gently used baby and children's clothing, toys and miscellaneous equipment plus maternity items. For more information, call (734) 425-4421 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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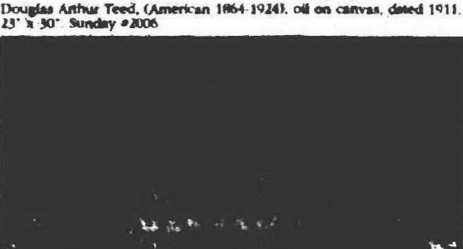
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SPORTS SCENE

OSU gymnast tops

Ohio State gymnast Doug Stibel of Canton won the horizontal bar at the Big Ten championships March 26-27 with a 9.837 score.

Stibel was fourth in the All-Around with a 57.100 total and was selected All-Big Ten.

An All-America pick last year, Stibel won the horizontal bar five times this season, the vault four times and took three All-Around titles.

He tied his career best on the still rings (9.650) and holds three teams beats on the vault (9.800) and horizontal bar (9.950).

U-13 Hawks win

The U-13 Michigan Hawks won the girls National Indoor Championship in a recent three-day tournament.

The Hawks, coached by John Buchanan, defeated five teams and outscored them by a combined 34-6.

They beat Syracuse (N.Y.), 8-0; Ohio Premiere, 6-2; Cleveland Cobras, 7-0; Syracuse Scorpions, 6-2; and Cleveland Internationals, 7-2.

Team members include Melissa Dobbyn and Kyle LaPorte of Livonia; Nicole Cauzillo and Whitney Guenther of Northville; Kathryn Cumming and Jenny Szymanski of Troy; Erin Doan of Dearborn; Jordan Falcusan of Plymouth; Nikki Hermann, Deanne Kubas, Kelly McMan and Marureen Pawlak of Novi; Jill Kehler of Flint; Sabrina Muet of Bloomfield Hills; Marissa Sarkesian of Canton; and Erica Rose of Farmington.

Assistant coach is Tiffany Graves and manager is Linda Cauzillo.

Madonna awards

Shorstop Derrick Wolfe and right-hander Jonell Leschinger of Madonna University were honored as Player and Pitcher of the Week in baseball and softball, respectively, by the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Wolfe batted .667 (8-for-12) in six games last week with two home runs, five RBI and eight runs scored. He was on base all but four times in 18 plate appearances.

Leschinger won the softball award for helping the Crusaders to 8-2 for the week. She went 5-0, striking out 34 batters in 35 innings and compiling a 2.80 ERA.

CCJBSA registration

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association is still accepting player registration for its summer boys and girls programs.

Registrations must be received April 20 so applicants can be assigned a try-out time. Tryouts are April 24 for leagues holding drafts and players are accepted only on an as-needed basis once teams are set.

Applications for leagues with no try-outs can be taken right up until the start of their season.

Applications can be obtained at the township offices in Plymouth, Canton and the City of Plymouth, or downloaded from the league's Website, www.pcjbl.com.

For questions about boys leagues, call 455-1984; girls questions call 981-5170.

Tennis instruction

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is offering beginner and intermediate tennis instruction for ages 7-adult starting the week of April 27 at Griffin Community Park.

The Session I Beginner session runs six weeks starting April 27 and ending June 1. Beginning juniors (age 7-15) are slotted from 6-7 p.m. with beginner adult (ages 16-up) lessons running from 7-8 p.m.

Session I Intermediate instruction runs April 29-May 20, four weeks. The session is from 6:30-8 p.m.

Fee is \$30 for Canton residents and \$35 for non-residents. Instruction is certified professional Kristen Harrison and her staff. Space is limited.

Registration at Summit on the Park begins April 15 from 6-7:30 p.m. for residents and April 19 for non-residents.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Rieck, 38251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Whalers get on track, 7-3

BY C.J. RIECK
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The final score indicates a lop-sided, cruise-control, that's-more-like-it kind of game. Plymouth Whalers 7, London Knights 3.

Don't believe it. Whalers' coach Pete DeBoer doesn't.

"They're a hard-working team," DeBoer said of London after his Whalers scored three times in the last 3:21 to turn a close home game into a rout. "We only scored two goal in each of the first two games, and that's uncharacteristic of us. We kept the pressure on them (tonight) and finally got some to go in."

The win narrows Plymouth's deficit in games to 2-1 (see accompanying story). The two teams meet again at 7:30 p.m. Friday in London, followed by a 7:30 p.m. game Saturday at Compuware Arena.

Adam Colagiaco and Harold Druken scored two goals apiece to pace the offense, and goalie Robert Holsinger made three superb stops in the first period to keep the Whalers in front.

But they were never in complete control, were never able to pull away from the pesky Knights, until Colagiaco intercepted an errant pass deep in London's end late in the game. He skated in on goalie Gene Chiarello all alone, swerving left and knocking the puck past him to put Plymouth up 5-3 with 3:21 left.

Two more goals followed, Colagiaco scoring into the empty net with 53.5 seconds left on a pass from Damian Surma, and Jason Ward icing it with another goal after intercepting a pass and beating Chiarello with 18.4 seconds left.

"We had it at 4-3, and we had some good chances around the net," said London coach Gary Agnew. "We just didn't get them in. We had some great scoring chances early, but we didn't capitalize."

Those missed opportunities came back to haunt the Knights. Three times in the first eight minutes of the game, they skated in on Holsinger alone; three times — one 2-on-1 and two 1-on-one breaks — they came away goal-less.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Top-drawer: The Whalers' Harold Druken (left) drives a shot past Knights' goalie Gene Chiarello and into the net to make it 2-0 in the first period. Druken had two goals in the game.

"He was great," said DeBoer of Holsinger's early performance. "I thought their goaltending was good, too, and that's what you need in the playoffs."

For the first two games, that's what London had used to frustrate the Whalers. Chiarello had faced 77 shots, compared to 62 for Holsinger. The Knights' goalie had made 73 stops, propelling his team to a pair of 3-2 overtime wins.

This game was even more lopsided in shots, with Plymouth pelting Chiarello with 42 while allowing just 25. "If you're not getting any chances, you'd better worry," said Agnew.

And yet, when London's Richard Pitirri rifled a shot past Holsinger to make it 4-3 with 14:38 still left in the game, it was the Whalers who were worried. With good reason.

"If we'd gone down three-games-to-

none, and were faced with having to win four in a row, that would have been very, very tough," said DeBoer. "Hopefully, this (win) will be a momentum-switcher. Hopefully, we can go there and get one, and get the home-ice advantage back."

London's failure to cash in on its scoring chances early in the game came into sharper focus when, on the game's first power-play, the Whalers struck. A Nik Tseliou shot from the left point was poked in by Randy Fitzgerald with 7:37 left in the first period, making it 1-0.

It took just 44 seconds for Plymouth to double its lead. Chiarello made a kick save on a Colagiaco shot, but the rebound came right to Druken for a tap in to make it 2-0 with 6:53 left in the period. London had yet another great chance late in the period; a 3-on-2 break, but Holsinger again made the stop to preserve the Whalers' 2-0 lead after one.

Some sloppy defense resulted in Lon-

dop's first goal at the 17:22 mark of the second period, with Pitirri centering to Krys Barch for the goal. But the Whalers answered immediately, Druken taking a pass from Colagiaco and drifting past Chiarello unchecked before knocking it past him to restore Plymouth's two-goal cushion with 16:52 left in the period.

The score reached 4-1 on a pretty play set up by Ward, who skated in front of the net, then centered back to Julian Smith for the goal with 14:27 left. But London refused to surrender, with Joel Scherban flipping a failed clearing pass past Holsinger to narrow it to 4-2 with 8:26 left in the second.

The loss bothered Agnew, but not as much as the future. "I'm not concerned with their falling," he said. "I'm concerned about their getting back up. We have to worry about the game Friday."

Wednesday's game was the biggest of the season for the Whalers. Now, Friday's game is.

Knights jolt Whalers with 2 wins in OT



The Plymouth Whalers may have carried the play but London carried the scoreboard in the first two games of their best-of-seven Ontario Hockey League Western Conference semifinal.

The Knights won a virtual replay of the series opener Monday night when Tom Kostopoulos completed a hat trick with a goal 53 seconds into overtime to give London a 3-2 victory over the Whalers.

The game was a near carbon-copy of the opener in that London jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead, saw Plymouth come back to tie and then put a stake in the Whalers' heart early in the extra period.

"We have to start scoring some goals," Coach Peter DeBoer of Plymouth said. "We've had chances and we have to bury some."

"We've been working hard and if we keep on we'll start getting some breaks."

A hooking penalty at the end of the third period gave London a power play to start overtime.

Goalie Robert Holsinger made several great stops before Kostopoulos shoved in a rebound of a Richard Pitirri shot from point-blank.

Kostopoulos scored on a power play with the game 44 seconds old, netting the puck on a breakaway.

He made it 2-0 at 8:27, also on a power play. Rico Fata fired from the left point and Kostopoulos got the deflection.

Killing consecutive penalties seemed to inspire the Whalers in the second period. Plymouth got on the power play and Eric Gooldy redirected a Paul Mara shot through Gene Chiarello's pads.

Jason Ward had an apparent tying goal waved off moments later as the puck was blown dead.

The Whalers carried the play most of the third period and finally scored when Damian Surma tied the score with a shot just under the crossbar at 14:06.

KNIGHTS 3, WHALERS 2 (OT): A goal by Krys Barch 34 seconds into overtime Saturday night gave the London Knights a 3-2 victory over the Plymouth Whalers in the opener of their best-of-seven OHL playoff series.

Barch also assisted on the first goal of the game, a power play marker by Jay Doyle 3:04 into the game.

Richard Pitirri stunned the Whalers just 42 seconds later with a short-handed goal to give the Knights a 2-0 lead.

Plymouth drew within a goal at 7:13 on Harold Druken's goal and tied the score at 6:58 of the second period on Adam Colagiaco's marker.

Plymouth put 37 shots on London goalie Gene Chiarello while London had 27 at Robert Holsinger.

Canton to rely on pitching, defense

BY RICHARD L. SNOOK
STAFF WRITER

Coach Scott Dickey is hoping strength up the middle can get his Plymouth Canton baseball team out of the middle of the pack in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"I usually don't say a whole lot," said Dickey in his John Wayne best. "But I feel pretty confident with our infield this year."

"I feel we had one of our best groups last year and we return three of the four."

"One of our strengths will be up the middle." The three starters who return are sophomore shortstop Oliver Wolcott, who hit .300 and drove in 15 runs as a freshman; second baseman Andrew Capenhaver, who hit .315 and drove in 11 runs; and third baseman Joe Cortallini, who batted .295 after baseball season.

"Capenhaver," Dickey said, "hit .300 for us last year and will stay there this year."

The Chiefs have a somewhat large squad this season and one of the reasons is that many of the players in the lineup are talented enough to



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

A reason to be confident: Plymouth Canton has its top two pitchers returning from last season, including righthander Kevin Tomassini, who had a 4-3 record.

Chiefs open with sweep

Pitching and defense are like a flat-bed railroad car — they'll take you a long way if you just hop on and ride.

Plymouth Canton's baseball team showed a little bit of both Tuesday in its first two games of the spring season and took a double-header from visiting South Lyon, 9-1 and 8-5.

"For our first games," Coach Scott Dickey of the Chief said, "I was happy with our defense and pleased with our pitching."

"We only walked one batter in two games. We were happy to get two wins."

Canton plays two games today at 3:30 p.m. at Saline.

Ben Tucker went the distance in the opener, striking out 10 and not walking a batter in his six-hit effort. The senior right-hander allowed a solo home run in the third but by that

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Madonna falls just short of sweep

Oh, so close. Madonna University didn't let a disappointing double-header loss to Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference member Indiana Tech last Friday derail them for too long. The Fighting Crusaders bounced back and came within an inning of sweeping a pair from highly-regarded Aquinas College in Grand Rapids Tuesday, thumping the Saints 18-6 in the first game before surrendering three runs in the eighth inning of the second to lose, 8-7.

The split left Madonna with a 12-11-1 overall record, 3-4 in the WHAC. Aquinas is 15-3 overall, 5-1 in the conference.

Darryl Rocho, who has sparked as Madonna's closer, had trouble with his control in the second game. He pitched the final 1 2/3 innings and walked five batters, issuing three straight to force in the game-tying run in the seventh. In the eighth, Rocho walked two more and had a pair of wild pitches, with Brock Place scoring the game-winning run on the last of them.

Madonna out-hit Aquinas 18-6 in the game, with Rocho clubbing his eighth homer of the season, a two-run shot, followed by a solo homer by Jeff Warholik in the Crusaders'

four-run sixth that gave them a 5-3 lead. Derrick, who had three hits in the game, also had a solo homer in the first (his sixth). Vollett added two hits and Nick Dedeich had a two-run single in the top of the eighth that put the Crusaders up 7-5.

E.J. Roman started on the mound for Madonna and worked the first 5 1/3 innings, allowing four runs (three earned) on four hits and two walks, with two strikeouts.

The first game was a slugfest, with the Crusaders using a 10-run fourth inning to wreck the Saints. Rocho had an incredible game, slugging a three-run homer in the second, then driving in five runs in the fourth with a sacrifice fly and a grand-slam home run. He totaled three hits and eight RBI.

Todd Miller also had three hits, with one RBI; Dave O'Neill had two hits, scored four runs and had an RBI; Bob Hamp had a solo homer and two RBI; and Vollett had a hit and three RBI.

Bob Mason went the distance to earn the win, making him 2-3. He gave up seven earned runs on nine hits and four walks, with eight strikeouts.

Indiana Tech 8-11, Madonna 7-9; Madonna

would have traded a couple of its runs for a few enemy outs.

Madonna University got swept in a high-scoring WHAC double-header Friday by Indiana Tech by a combined total of three runs.

In the first game, a Crusader rally in the top of the seventh fell a run short. Madonna scored two runs in the fifth and sixth to nearly overcome Indiana Tech's five-run third.

Leading pitcher Warholik (2-2) was touched for eight hits and all eight runs in the complete game loss. He walked four, hit three batters and struck out one.

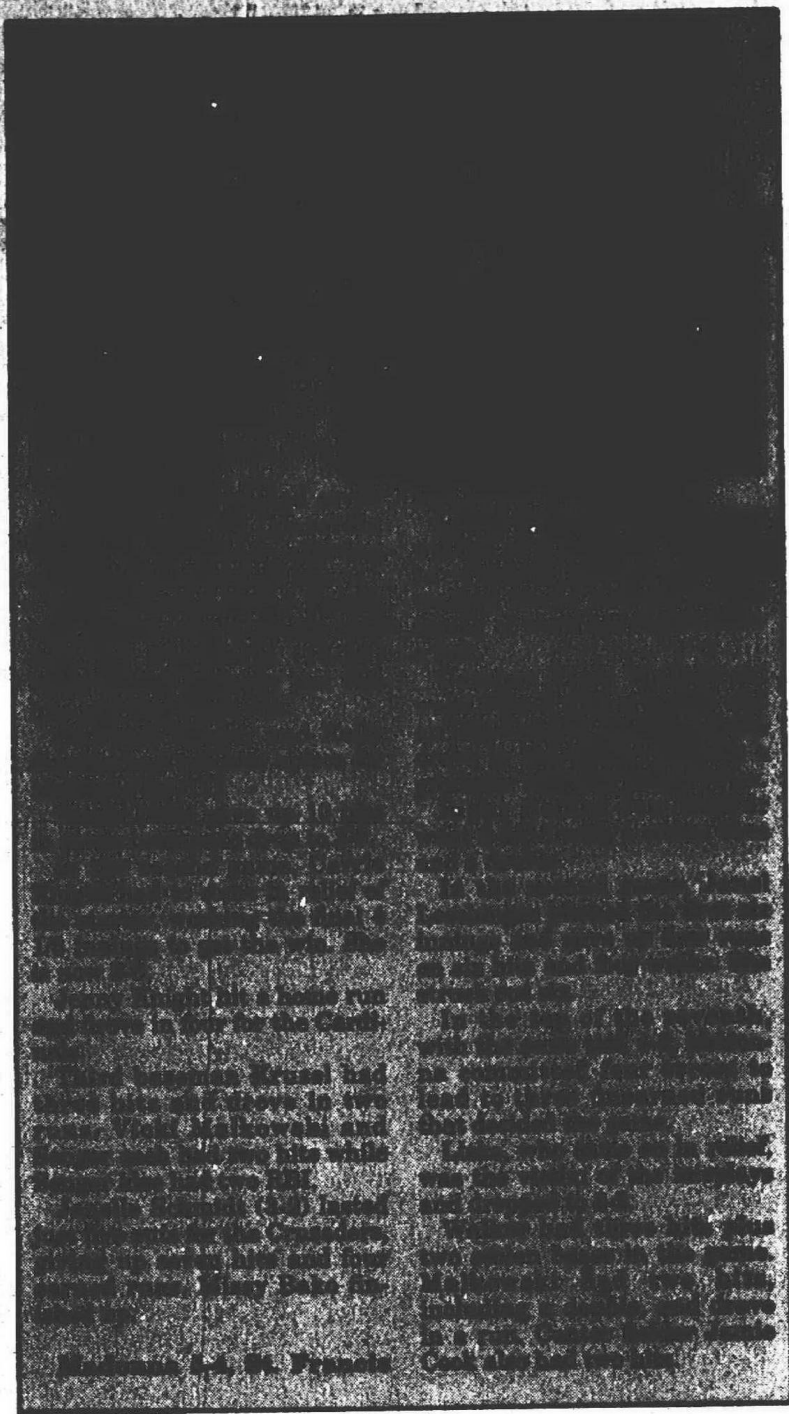
O'Neill slammed a two-run home run while shortstop Wolfe belted a two-run shot. Aaron Shrewsbury also drove in two runs for Madonna and Daryl Rocho had one RBI.

In the second game, Jeremy Stevens pitched the first 5 1/3 innings but lost his first game in three decisions. He was roughed up for 13 hits, walking one and striking out one.

The Crusaders rallied for four runs in the sixth but it wasn't enough.

Vollett hit a pair of home runs, giving him seven for the season, and drove in four runs for Madonna. Shrewsbury had a solo shot, his eighth, and Wolfe clubbed one with no one on.

Bob Hamp and Vollett had three hits apiece for the Crusaders.



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Longtime standouts finish on top

The 1999 All-Observer gymnastics team serves as a final salute to several longtime area standouts and an introduction for the next wave of talented gymnasts.

This year's eight-member squad consists of four seniors, including three-time honorees Brook Rubin of Farmington and Liz Fitzgerald of Plymouth Canton.

Westland John Glenn's Jessica Beach and Farmington's Anna Clark were second-team members last year and end their careers by being selected for the first team.

The other half of the all-area team consists of underclassmen. Glenn sophomore Nicole Simonian also moves up from last year's second team.

She along with the freshman trio of Farmington's Chelsea Keesling and Plymouth Salem's Melissa Drake and April Aquinto are in the vanguard of new Observerland stars.

With state champion Hartland and Brighton among its members, the Western Lakes Activities Association is arguably the best gymnastics league in the state.

Farmington, which finished fourth in the WLAA, was again the best team in Observerland and its lone state qualifier. Farmington was sixth of 12 teams at the state meet.

"The last three years we talked about building a tradition at Farmington," coach Jeff Dwyer said. "Brook and Anna have been a huge part of that. They certainly brought us back to where we are very competitive."

"I want to thank them for that. Without those two, we couldn't have done it. In the past three years, they've worked all year round, and that shows their dedication."

FIRST TEAM

Brook Rubin, senior, Farmington: Rubin concluded an outstanding four-year career by finishing 13th in the Division II all-around competition at the state meet.

She also was second on beam (9.2) and tied for 10th on bars (8.7). Her all-around total was 34.80.

In the Western Lakes meet, Rubin was fifth on bars (8.7), seventh on vault (8.55), 11th on floor (8.85) and 14th on beam (8.15). She was fourth in the all-around competition (34.25).

"She's been our leader the last two to three years," coach Jeff Dwyer said. "This is a very deserving award for her."

Rubin was Farmington's top all-arounder a year ago, but she conceded that position on the team to freshman



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL BURCHMAN

Above the rest: Liz Fitzgerald was Canton's top gymnast for three years. She was first in the WLAA on the bars.

Chelsea Keesling.

"It didn't really bother her; Brook is that type of person," Dwyer said. "She saw it as being good for the team. That was a big sign of her maturity."

"She was also one of the hardest workers in the gym. I didn't have to worry about her in meets; I could always rely on her consistency."

"In four years, she didn't miss a meet. She'd been injured but never enough to keep her out of a meet. That was one of her goals; she wanted to compete in every meet and she did. She's a tough individual, and her determination paid off at the state meet."

Chelsea Keesling, freshman, Farmington: Keesling burst onto the high school scene and established herself as one of the top gymnasts in Observerland, as well as the state.

In Division I state-meet competition, Keesling tied for ninth place on beam (9.1), 10th in floor exercise (9.25) and 11th on vault (9.1).

In the Western Lakes meet, she was third on beam (9.3), fifth on floor (9.45), 11th on vault (8.65) and 13th on bars (8.25). She was seventh in all-around scoring (35.55).

"Chelsea is a very talented girl," Dwyer said. "For her to come in as a freshman and be thrown into the limelight as the No. 1 all-arounder, she handled it very well."

"She could've had a big head or become a little arrogant, but that's not her personality at all. She's just a sweet, hard-working girl who deserves everything she gets."

"She's also one of those girls you didn't have to worry about, as far as preparing for a meet or how she was going to do. She always came ready to

compete."

Anna Clark, senior, Farmington: Clark improved each year and had her best season in 1999. She was a solid all-around gymnast who helped to make Farmington the strongest team in the area.

Clark had an outstanding performance in the Western Lakes meet, finishing second on floor (9.2), fourth on beam (9.0) and sixth on vault (8.6) in Division II. She was fifth overall with an all-around score of 34.10.

"She got a lot better this year," Dwyer said. "All of a sudden, she was scoring nines on floor and beam. She was definitely one of our top four scorers throughout the year."

"Anna didn't make it to state, but she was very close. It was a matter of tenths in a couple events. I wanted her to get some recognition that way, but it didn't happen."

"I hope being all-area lets her know she's recognized as one of the top all-around gymnasts on the team. Without her, I don't think we would've had a chance. She was every bit as important."

Clark handled the disappointment of not qualifying for state individually well, Dwyer added.

"She's pretty level-headed," he said. "One thing that makes Anna as good as she is she doesn't have a lot of highs or lows. She took things in stride and lived with results, and that's the best thing you can do in any sport."

Jessica Beach, senior, Westland Glenn: Beach was a four-time qualifier for the state meet, placing third on floor, 10th on bars and ninth all-around this year in Division II.

She also was a regional champion on vault this year and a regional floor exercise champion as a sophomore.

In the Western Lakes meet, Beach was third on floor (9.15), third on beam (9.05), fifth on vault (8.7) and eighth on bars (8.55). She was second in the all-around with a 35.45 total.

She also is a member of the John Glenn cheerleading squad and is a pitcher on the softball team.

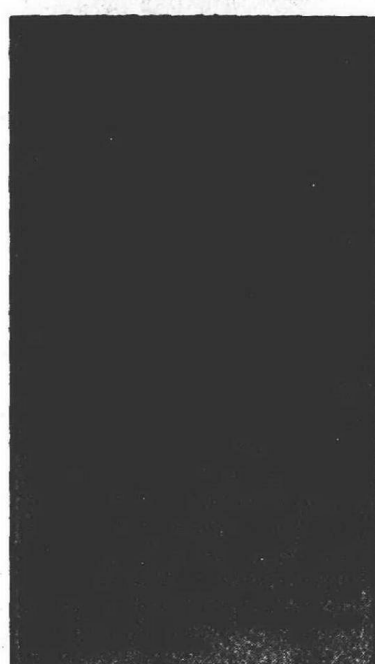
"Jessica had an outstanding year, her best of the four," Glenn coach Debbie Hosen said. "She worked very hard to achieve her goals and always performed to her best ability."

"I couldn't be prouder of her. We're definitely losing a great athlete with a great personality."

Nicole Simonian, sophomore, Westland Glenn-Simonian, now in her eighth year of gymnastics, qualified a second time for the state meet. She competed on bars at state a year ago, but she was in all events this year.

In the regional meet, she was third on vault (9.0), fifth on bars (8.85) and sixth overall (34.85). At the state meet, Simonian received a medal for her vault, scoring 8.9 and placing among the top 10.

She also was fifth on vault and fourth overall (34.55) at the Plymouth Canton Invitational.



April Aquinto
Plymouth Salem



Melissa Drake
Plymouth Salem



Liz Fitzgerald
Plymouth Canton



Jessica Beach
Westland John Glenn



Chelsea Keesling
Farmington



Brook Rubin
Farmington



Anna Clark
Farmington



Nicole Simonian
Westland John Glenn

"Nicole is a very focused gymnast," Hosen said. "She worked hard to accomplish everything she has done, and she had a great season."

"She has two years left, and we are expecting some big things from her."

Liz Fitzgerald, senior, Ply. Canton: Fitzgerald was Canton's team leader and top gymnast for the last three years. She was voted the team's most valuable gymnast this year.

Fitzgerald qualified for state on vault, bars and floor, earning all-state honors on bars with a 10th-place finish.

She is the Western Lakes Division II champion on bars (9.05). In that meet, she also placed fifth on floor (9.1), sixth on beam (8.7), 16th on vault (8.15) and third overall (35.00).

Melissa Drake, freshman, Ply. Salem: Drake qualified for the Division I state meet as an all-arounder. Her best finish was 16th place on bars (8.7), but she also had solid scores of 8.9 on floor and 8.75 on vault. Her all-around total was 34.05.

In the Western Lakes meet, Drake was fourth on bars (9.05), ninth on floor (9.25), 10th on beam (8.4), 13th on vault (8.6) and 10th overall (35.30).

Drake's best scores this year were 9.45 on floor and 9.25 on bars and beam. She was voted Salem's most valuable gymnast.

"Melissa is a very good dancer, so she expresses herself well on the floor," Salem coach Melissa Hopson said. "That's probably her best event. She seemed to score best on floor all season. Melissa has a good attitude and is a hard worker."

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Hard-hitting Malek picks MSU Preview from page C1

By STEVE KOWALSKI

Redford Catholic Central senior outfielder Bob Malek is following his dream to Michigan State University, not to mention his mother, father and some cousins.

Malek signed a national letter of intent to play baseball at MSU, which is where his mother earned a teaching degree and father attended for a couple years. A couple of his cousins recently graduated from there as well.

Being familiar with campus helped but getting to know the Spartans' coaching staff clinched his decision. Malek picked MSU over the University of Michigan and Western Michigan University because it seemed there was more interest from the Spartans.

Malek gave them a lot to like, hitting a whopping .587 (61 for 104) with 55 runs scored, three home runs and 40 RBI as a junior for CC, which lost in the Class A semifinals.

MSU assistant coach Ed Turek, a CC graduate, was the primary recruiter of Malek. The Spartans were 25-27 last year, Ted Mahan's third season as head coach.

"I liked the coaches and I like the direction I think the team is headed," Malek said. "I could talk to (coach Turek) real nice. MSU was the one that was after me the most. They've seen me play more. That made it a little



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Family tradition: CC's Bob Malek, from Canton, decided to follow both his parents and several other relatives when he signed with Michigan State.

easier. I'm very happy to get it over with. I had the opportunity to sign and be done with that and concentrate on the season."

"I've always been a State fan. My mom (Debbie) graduated from there. My dad (Bob) went there. My cousins graduated from there. It's kind of been in the family."

In passing over WMU, Malek

receives some ribbing from one of his biggest fans and mentors, Jeff Kaiser, who runs an indoor baseball facility Downriver.

Kaiser pitched at WMU before spending several seasons in the Major Leagues.

"He puts some shots in at me every once in a while but he's happy for me," Malek said.

Malek also is a pitcher for the

Shamrocks but he'll likely stick to centerfield or rightfield at MSU, he said.

MSU has received some negative publicity lately because of student riots after the Spartans' recent NCAA men's basketball success. But Malek, who has a 3.0 grade point average and scored 22 on his ACT, can only help the school's image.

Malek stayed home instead of going on a senior trip with many of his teammates to South Padre Island over spring break. A leading candidate for the state's Mr. Baseball award, baseball is his top priority, even over break.

Malek attributed much of his success in baseball to his father and the coaches he's had.

"All the coaches have helped me along the way and my dad's been right there from the start—he's been the backbone to my success," he said.

Malek is one of four CC seniors expected to play Division I college baseball. Anthony Tomey and Dave Lusky will attend Eastern Michigan and Casey Rogowski to Central.

A summer teammate, Livonia Stevenson's Roy Rabey, is headed to Oakland University. CC coach John Salter notices the hard work Malek did in the off-season.

"He's gained about 15, 20 pounds from lifting in the winter," Salter said. "No one works harder than he does. He should have another good season."

deserve playing time.

Senior Dave Winter will back up Cortellini at third and pre-empt him on the mound.

Junior shortstop Nick Stonerook can back up Wolcott and junior Jim Reddy will spell Copenhagen at second base.

First base is the only infield position which doesn't have an incumbent and will be a battle between two juniors, Jon Johnson and Mike Jopps. Both will play.

The platoon will extend at the critical catching position, where junior Bryan Kay and senior Mike Crudele will alternate.

Canton has just one returning starter in the outfield, senior Phil Ross.

Seniors Kevin Tomasaitis, Ben Tucker, Steve Lueck and Ron McCue will battle for playing time at the other two spots along with juniors Brad Smigielski, Jason Waidmann and Jason Evans.

Waidmann, like Cortellini and Reddy, comes to the baseball team straight from basketball.

Tomasaitis, Lueck and Evans had the inside track for center and right in early spring practice but all are fighting for playing time.

Ross Smigielski and Tucker normally play left while Tomasaitis, McCue and Lueck can play center. Evans and Waidmann generally play right.

What makes Dickey feel more confident than last year's 16-16 season is that he returns his two top pitchers from last season.

Tucker went 5-4 for the Chiefs while Tomasaitis had a 4-3 mark. College scouts are looking at both players.

Dickey also intends to pitch Winter, Johnson, Cortellini, Kay and Wolcott.

Dickey believes Farmington Hills Harrison and Walled Lake Western are two of the teams to beat in the WLAA, and he'd like to. The Hawks "have won three of the last four years and they return a few players."

With decent pitching, strong infield play and a flock of outfielders he can mix and match with, Dickey is hopeful of getting Canton over breakeven.

"I felt pretty good about the way we played at the end of last year," he said. "I was disappointed about losing to North Farmington in the districts. But they had three really good players."

"I do feel that our defense is better."

Chiefs sweep from page C1

time his teammates had given him a 5-0 lead.

Left fielder Phil Ross smacked a two-run double in the sixth as the Chiefs sewed up the game with four runs.

Sophomore shortstop Oliver Wolcott went 4-for-4, scored two runs and drove in a pair.

Senior second baseman Andrew Copenhagen went 3-for-4 out of the leadoff spot, scored three times and drove in a run. He also stole a base.

Right fielder Steve Lueck went 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored. The Chiefs pounded out 13 hits and made one error.

In the second game, seniors Dave Winter and Joe Cortellini combined on a seven-hitter. Canton scored three in the third and four in the fourth to take a 7-2 lead that stood up.

Winter started and worked the first five frames to get the win.

He fanned nine, walked one and was charged with three earned runs.

Cortellini worked the final two, struck out two and didn't give up a hit.

The Chiefs had 11 hits and two errors with a whole new set of hitting heroes as they spotted the Lions two runs before roaring from behind to win.

Junior first baseman Jon Johnson sparked the three-run third with a two-run home run. He had two hits in the game, scored two runs and drove in three.

Junior second baseman Jim Reddy went 1-for-3 with an RBI, junior DH Nick Stonerook went 3-for-4 with an RBI and senior catcher Mike Crudele went 2-for-3 with a double.

Copenhagen went 2-for-4, had two doubles, and a pair of runs driven in.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 1999-2000 BUDGET

In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Act of 1983, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Act of 1988 ("Section 16" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 1999-2000 college budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 1999, at the Grote Administration Center, 18800 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

JILL F. O'SULLIVAN
Executive Director of Financial Services

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FISHING TOURNAMENTS

SALMON STAKES

The 21st annual River Crab Salmon Stakes charity fishing tournament and raffle will be held Saturday April 24. Money raised through the sale of \$10 raffle/entry tickets will benefit the Blue Water mental Health Clinic and other programs that help troubled children, adults and their families statewide. Raffle prizes include a trip for two adults and two children to Mackinac Island, use of a private suite for a Detroit Tigers baseball game, a weekend for two in Chicago, \$500 in gift certificates to Chuck Muer restaurants, and a limousine ride and dinner for two at a Chuck Muer restaurant. Ticket stubs are also good for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at participating Chuck Muer restaurants. There are also cash prizes for the anglers, boats and clubs who catch the biggest salmon and trout on tournament day. Tickets are available at Charley's Crab in Troy, Meriwether's in Southfield, Muer's Sea Food Tavern in West Bloomfield, Big Fish in Dearborn, Big Fish Too in Madison Heights, Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor, or by calling the River Crab at (800) 468-3727.

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

ROCK CLIMBING

SOLAR is offering a rock climbing class beginning Friday, April 9. The Class will also meet on April 16, 17, 23, May 7, 8, 14 and 15. Classes will meet at different locations throughout Oakland County. Cost is \$75. Call (313) 565-8671 for more information and to register.

BIKE 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 information.

SPRING BREAK FOR BICYCLING

Learn the basics of body mechanics, bicycle mechanics and bicycle touring during this

class, which is sponsored by Working Wheelers Cycling Club and begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at Eastern Mountain Sports in Farmington Hills. Space is limited and the registration deadline is Saturday, April 24. Call (248) 583-7764 for more information.

BOATING SAFETY

Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be on hand to explain boating safety and what they look for during a boat inspection, during the regular meeting of the Metro West Steelheaders, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

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.

FLY FISHING SCHOOL

The Riverbend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring several fly fishing schools in the upcoming months. Held at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden and Hunters Creek Hunt Club in

Metamora, the schools include lessons in basic fly fishing techniques including casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Classes are scheduled for April 25, May 8 and 16, June 6 and 19, July 11 and 26, August 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-9474 to register and for more information.

YOUTH FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will host its annual Youth Fly Fishing School from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center. Cost is \$25 per person and class size is limited. To register and for more information call Dale Ross at (734) 420-2233.

FLY TYING

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.

MORE FLY TYING

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) 591-9474.

ACTIVITIES

CASS HUNTON HIKE

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 HIKE

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 more information.

SEASON/DATES

FISHING LICENSES

As of April 1, anglers must possess a 1999 Michigan Fishing license.

COYOTE

Coyote season runs through April 15 statewide.

FREE FISHING

Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend will be held June 12-13.

TROUT

Trout season opens April 24 on designated streams, rivers and lakes.

FLIES-ONLY TROUT

A special catch-and-release, flies-only trout season runs through Friday, April 23, on a special section of the Huron River at the Proud Lake Recreation Center. Call (810) 685-2187 for details.

WALLEYE

Walleye season opens April 24 on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

SAUGER

Sauger season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

MUSKY

Musky season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower peninsula.

PIKE

Northern pike season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

CLUBS

FLY TYING

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.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and nonboaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

ROCHESTER FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and nonboaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.



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Coaching legend dies

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George VanWagoner, the winningest coach in Livonia high school boys basketball, died March 31 from heart complications in Mission, Tex.

VanWagoner, who in many respects defined boys basketball in Livonia, was just four days shy of his 71st birthday when he passed away.

And his legacy was more than the impressive 494 wins he amassed during his coaching stops at Gobles and Allegan, followed by his final 19 seasons at Stevenson.

"Kids — that's what always where his focus was when he coached," said his oldest son Paul, who played for his father during the 1968-69 and 1969-70 varsity seasons at Stevenson. "He was really concerned about them as people and he tried to provide as many opportunities for them to succeed in life."

"And of course, he never backed down as far as his competitiveness."

VanWagoner spent his retirement nine months a year in Mission, Tex., located in the Rio Grande, 40 miles west of Brownsville. He and his wife Beth spent the other three months in Allegan, located between Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.

In Texas, VanWagoner did volunteer church work for Habitats for Humanity. He helped rebuild homes, whether it was roofing, digging ditches for septic systems or coordinating efforts for a new 40-acre development. He aided in setting up water and electricity systems, along with forming a governmental infrastructure for the new community.

"Dad didn't retire, he just retooled," Paul said. "He got involved in projects just across the border in Mexico, and even got up here into Kentucky and Indiana doing various projects."

VanWagoner's coaching record speaks for itself.

In 33 years he had only four losing seasons, going 494-207 overall, including one state championship, four regional and 13 conference titles.

Just two years removed from Western Michigan University, VanWagoner guided his 1952 Gobles team to a 25-2 record and the state Class D title.

"It was the same year Milan won the state championship in Indiana, which they eventually made into the movie 'Hoosiers,'" Paul VanWagoner said. "In some ways it was a similar story. Gobles had only about 17 boys in the school, but they had six or seven really good athletes and they ended up winning it all. They were a really tight-knit group."

VanWagoner was 58-10 in three years at Gobles, 158-60 in 11 seasons at Allegan and 278-137 at Stevenson.

As coach of the Spartans, VanWagoner guided his teams to five districts championships and one regional crown.

Probably his most memorable season occurred in 1970-71 when he took a 7-11 team during the regular season and made a run all the way to the state Class A quarterfinals before losing to Campy Russell and Pontiac Central in a tightly-contested game at Birmingham Seaholm.

"That was the time Dean Smith started messing around with the 1-4 (attack) and dad tried it late in the season and it just turned out to be the right mix for that group," said Paul, who now resides in Petoskey.

Another big win occurred in 1979 when the Spartans upset defending state champion Detroit Mackenzie in the regionals.

He capped his illustrious coaching career by winning his fifth district title at Stevenson during his final season (1985).

Among the fine players VanWagoner helped produce included Ted and Nick Exharos, Kelly Smith, Ron Hoekstra, Dave Hall, Bill Keyes, Gary Mexicotte, Bob Sluka and Tom Domako (the latter whom became Big Sky Conference Player of the Year at Montana State).

Two of his sons, Bruce, now residing in Holly, and Rich, a resident of Fort Smith, Ark., played at Livonia Churchill. His youngest son, Tom, who now

resides in Canton Township, played for his dad at Stevenson.

George VanWagoner also coached against nephew, Dave, the former varsity coach at Plymouth Canton.

"It was a shock . . . he was just a good guy," said Dave, who pinned three losses on his uncle during the 1983-84 season. "When you beat him, you knew you were beating the best."

George VanWagoner was a three-sport athlete and a graduate of Detroit Northwestern High School where he played for legendary Public School League coach Sam Bishop.

He went on to Highland Park Junior College, spent two years in the Army and did his undergraduate and graduate school work at WMU.

VanWagoner, a physical education instructor who also coached baseball, came to Livonia in 1966, the year Stevenson opened its doors.

He was inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 1983 and the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Fame in 1988. He is also in the high school sports halls of fame in Gobles and Allegan.

Besides his four sons, other immediate survivors include his wife of 46 years, Beth, a daughter, Mary, a resident of Houston, Tex., and a brother John of Northville Township. He also has six grandchildren.

Following his retirement at Stevenson in 1985, VanWagoner told the Observer: "I felt I've had one of the finest wives. She's been behind me 100 percent. She roots hard and lives and dies right along with the kids."

"I also have a great brother who roots for me."

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 8 at the Allegan United Methodist Church.

"My dad developed some very close relationships with the people of Allegan," Paul said. "They traveled a lot together."

Memorial contributions may be made to Dollars for Scholars, Allegan United Methodist Church, the Allegan Historical Society or ABC Missions in Mission, Tex.

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Outgoing, friendly DWCF, 49, 5'4", who resides in the Redford area, enjoys sewing, antiques and movies. She's seeking a secure, independent DWCM, under 56, for friendship first. Ad#5321

LET'S CUDDLE

Catholic DWF, 59, 5'2" 125lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys family barbecues, picnics and more, seeks a Catholic SWM, 51-61. Ad#1992

THE POWER OF LOVE

SWF, 57, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys music, traveling, movies, long walks and more, is looking for a sincere, compassionate SWM, 52-62. Ad#7141

BE MY COMPANION

SWCF, 56, 5'4", with blondish-red hair and blue eyes, full-figured, who enjoys reading and movies, is seeking a SWM, 55-62. Ad#2433

WALKS WITH THE LORD

Get to know this vibrant, classy DWCF, 47, 5'6", with dark hair/eyes, if you're a SWCM who enjoys meeting new friends, dancing, dining out, movies and great conversation. Ad#1236

MAKE THE CONNECTION

Looking for a long-term relationship? Make it happen with this DWF, 33, 5'5", because she is searching for a Born-Again SWCM, 34-40, N/S. Ad#8565

LET'S TALK

Settle down with this SWPCF, 47, 5'2", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys cooking, travel and church activities. She's seeking a nice, Born-Again SWCM, 45-55, for a possible relationship. Ad#3333

LOVE'S IN THE AIR

Sensitive, caring DWF, 52, 5'5", with auburn hair and green eyes, whose interests include travel, cooking, movies, nature walks and dining out, is hoping to meet a SWF, 51-58. Ad#1203

POSITIVE VIBES HERE

Leave a message for this personable DWCF, 50, 5'4", who enjoys rollerblading, bicycling and keeping active. She wants to meet an outgoing SWCM, over 47, for friendship first. Ad#1199

COMPANIONSHIP

Outgoing, honest and fun-loving, describes this DWCF, 50, 5'9", looking for friendship with a SWCM, 45-55. Ad#4536

GOD IS FIRST

Devoted SBC mom, 25, 5'9", who enjoys romantic dinners, movies, dancing and singing, wants to meet a family-oriented SBCM, 25-36. Ad#6623

GREAT TIMES AHEAD

She's an outgoing and friendly DWC mom, 42, 5'3", who's looking to share life and great times with a SWCM, 37-48. Her interests include the outdoors, traveling, Bible study and hopes that yours do too. Ad#1122

LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Self-employed SWF, 33, who enjoys walking her dog, the outdoors and more, is looking for an educated, hardworking SWM. Ad#4734

IF YOU'RE A POLISHED...

Gentleman, call this humorous, Catholic DWPF, 63, 5'6", N/S. She's seeking a Catholic SWM, 55-66, a good conversationalist, who enjoys travel, fine dining, shopping and more. Ad#5454

START AS FRIENDS

Catholic SW mom, 40, 5'8", a brunette, who enjoys hockey, reading, bowling, baseball, long walks, dining out and romantic evenings, is looking for a Catholic SWM, 30-50. Ad#2828

SIMPLY YOURS

SWF, 50, 5'5", who enjoys music, the arts and more, is seeking a warm-hearted SWM, 40-60. Ad#9114

CONSIDER ME

Personable, brown-eyed blonde DWCF, 50, 5'4", slender, is seeking an educated SWPM, 45-60, without children. Ad#2323

SIMPLY MARVELOUS

Down-to-earth, Born-Again DWCF, 44, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, N/S, enjoys bicycling, Bible study, dancing, movies, music and more. She's seeking a compatible, Born-Again DWCM, 35-50. Ad#4240

IT HAS TO BE YOU

Catholic DWF, 60, 5'6", who enjoys traveling, movies, the theater, walking, dancing and gardening, seeks a loving SWM, 59-64. Ad#3138

AVAILABLE

Childless, Catholic SWPF, 30, 5'5", is interested in meeting a Catholic SWPM, 27-35, for quality time together. Ad#1126

JOIN HER...

In celebrating her love for the Lord. She's a SBCF, 48, 5'5", looking for a SBCM, 45-57, who is also searching for that special someone. Ad#7110

DISCOVER ME

Catholic SWPF, 32, 5'11", who enjoys working out, reading and traveling, would like to meet a Catholic SWPM, 30-45. Ad#1475

BE SURE TO SMILE

Spice up your life, be sure to call this friendly, sincere SWPF, 39, 5'5", who is hoping to hear from a considerate, honest SWM, age unimportant. She enjoys movies and music, dancing and spending time with friends. Ad#7733

ALL THAT & MORE

Slender, upbeat SWF, 42, 5'6", who enjoys outdoor activities, country music and dining out, is looking for a possible relationship with a gentle, active SWM, 42-55, with a good sense of humor. Ad#2655

ATTRACTIVE

Outgoing DWC mom, 38, 5'7", 110lbs., a green-eyed blonde, who enjoys working out, dining out, movies, reading and the outdoors, is looking for a handsome SWCM, 37-45. Ad#5165

GOOD LISTENER

Here's a laid-back, but fun DB mom, 34, 5', who's waiting to hear from you, a SBM, 32-42, who loves children and going to church. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, long conversations and dining. Ad#1234

GIVE LOVE A CHANCE

SWF, 35, enjoys gardening, animals and spectator sports. She would like to meet a SWM, N/S, who likes meaningful conversations. Hopefully, a serious relationship will develop. Ad#3693

FRIENDSHIP

Catholic SWF, 31, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, is seeking a Catholic SWM, 30-38, who enjoys movies, the theater, music, biking, rollerblading and more. Ad#1010

KINDRED SPIRIT

Outgoing, friendly DWF, 50, 5'6", medium-built, with blonde hair, who likes jazz and R&B music, concerts, dining out and quiet nights, is seeking an honest SCM, 50-64, for a long-term relationship. Ad#4224

SHARE MY WORLD

Catholic SWF, 48, 5'3", is looking for a Catholic SWM, 40-55, without children at home, for fun and a possible relationship. She likes bowling and social events. Ad#9642

MEANT TO BE

Sincere SWF, 49, 5'4", with green eyes, is looking to share interests and friendship with a caring, considerate SWM, 50-54. Ad#3161

QUIET EVENINGS

Never-married SWCF, 33, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, loves the outdoors, concerts, movies and line dancing. She seeks a never-married SWCM, 28-36. Ad#2933

THE MARRYING KIND

SWCF, 35, 5'9", who enjoys dining out, movies, concerts, traveling and church activities, is seeking a SWCM, 30-45, for friendship first, possible long-term relationship. Ad#2436

FAMILY-ORIENTED

Catholic DWF, 49, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys sports, concerts, movies, dining out and the outdoors, seeks an honest, sincere, Catholic D/WWWM, 45-55, N/S. Ad#5889

IS THAT YOU?

Secure Catholic DWF, 48, 5'1", who enjoys long walks and weekend getaways, is seeking a warm, compassionate SWM, 48-54, who enjoys life. Ad#2223

TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL

This Born-Again SWCF, 30, 5'6", 125lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, enjoys Bible study, is hoping to get together with a SWM, 25-45. Ad#4956

AMAZING GRACE

WWWCF, 50, 5'3", slender, with blonde hair and green eyes, enjoys dancing, movies, bowling and country drives. She seeks a handsome DWCM, 45-50. Ad#2130

HOPES & DREAMS

DWF, 21, 5'2", with blonde hair and green eyes, enjoys the outdoors, theater, music and more. She is looking for a romantic SWM, 20-33, who likes children. Ad#5253

SHARE HER DREAMS

Energetic, educated DWF, 27, 5'8", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys bicycling, working out, swimming and horseback riding, seeks a SWCM, age unimportant. Ad#3919



Light Up Your Life With Romance

SETTLE DOWN

Personable SWJPM, 52, 5'8", with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys music, dancing and more, is seeking a sweet, humorous SWJF, 45-50, for a happy life together. Ad#4567

DELIGHTFUL

Never-married Catholic SWM, 50, 5'11", 180lbs., who is active in his church choir, enjoys children, dancing, walking, movies, music and good conversation. He wants to meet a SWCF, under 50, for a long-term relationship. Ad#3580

THE MOON, STARS & YOU

Take moonlit walks with this nice, self-employed DWM, 42, 5'9", N/S, non-drinker. He is looking for a nice SWF, under 50, who also enjoys the outdoors, roller blading, camping and working out. Ad#4212

FAITH & DEVOTION

Pleasant, never-married SWPCF, 42, 5'10", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fine dining, concerts, movies, sports and walking, is interested in meeting a compatible SWCF, under 37, N/S, without children. Ad#1111

AMAZING GRACE

Born-Again DWC dad of two, 36, 6'1", who enjoys church activities, working on cars and more, is seeking a well-rounded SWCF, 44 or under. Ad#1944

CONFIDENT

Very handsome and honest SWCM, 33, 6'3", 185lbs., with hazel eyes, is seeking a SWF, 25-41, for a possible relationship. Ad#1201

REACHING OUT

Catholic DWM, 46, who enjoys dancing, quiet times at home, bowling, skating and NASCAR, is looking for a compatible SWCF, 25-50, without children at home. Ad#1994

HEART TO HEART

Born-Again SWCM, 22, 6'4", with black hair and brown eyes, self-employed, N/S, from the Redford area, who enjoys Bible study, movies, swimming and children, is ISO a SWF, 18-25, with similar interests. Ad#4653

MAKE THAT CHOICE

Handsome, slim SWCM, 40, 5'9", who enjoys children, the outdoors and biking, is seeking a kind, loving SWF, under 42. Ad#4545

PUTS GOD FIRST

This wonderful DWCM, 42, 5'9", is seeking a SWCF, 28-44, who enjoys the outdoors and puts God first in her life. Ad#6867

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Handsome SWPM, 36, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking an attractive SWCF who enjoys sports, movies, dining out and more. Ad#1534

HONESTY COUNTS

Handsome DWPFM, 44, 6'1", who enjoys youth ministry, outdoor activities, movies and more, is seeking a slender, romantic SWCF, 30-44, without children. Ad#2843

MOMS WELCOME

Handsome and athletic DWM, 39, 6'1", who enjoys traveling, and more, seeks a slender SWCF, 28-44, to share life with. Ad#2415

NEVER GIVING UP ON LOVE

Don't miss out on meeting one of the good guys. This loving 36-year-old DWC dad, 6'1", height/weight proportionate, with brown hair and blue eyes, is ISO a drug-free, good-natured SWF, under 45, who enjoys dining out and movies. Ad#6683

SOMEONE SPECIAL

Professional SBM, 37, 6'2", is looking to meet a slender, attractive, outgoing SWF, for a monogamous relationship. He enjoys dining out, movies and working out. Ad#1961

A GOOD GUY TO KNOW

Hoping to meet you soon is this friendly DWCM, 47, 5'11", who enjoys movies, sports, good conversation and dining out. Leave him a message if you're a DWCF, with similar interests. Ad#8709

SEARCHING FOR LOVE

Good-hearted, affectionate SWM, 50, seeks a SF, 45-65, who would love attention. Ad#1233

ARE YOU COMPATIBLE?

Outgoing DBCM, 45, 6'2", would like to meet a kind SWF, 25-40, without children at home. He enjoys amusement parks, Bible studies, cooking, quiet dinners for two and conversation. Ad#5550

SO AMAZING

A shy and reserved SWM, 38, 6'1", wants to break out of his shell. If you're a SWF, 19-39 and are athletic, value family life and want to meet a good man, you could be the one. Ad#2580

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Born-Again DWCM, 48, 5'8", 165lbs., enjoys sports, music and is looking for a SWCF, 25-54, for a long-term, compatible relationship. Ad#7876

CAN YOU RELATE?

He's a Catholic SWM, 42, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, who's educated, employed and outgoing. He enjoys music, the arts and being around family and friends. He seeks a passionate and caring SWF, 27-42, who enjoys similar interests. Ad#4242

ENHANCE MY LIFE

Tall, dark, handsome SWM, 40, 5'10", who enjoys sports and physical activities, is looking to share interests and a meaningful friendship with an outgoing, sincere, attractive SWF, age unimportant. Ad#3931

SAYING MY PRAYERS

Outgoing, family-oriented, Catholic SWM, 24, 5'3", never-married, who enjoys the outdoors and sports, wants to meet a compatible, Catholic SWF, 21-28. Ad#4322

JUST LIKE YOU

Professional SBCM, 36, 5'5", 155lbs., is seeking a humorous, outgoing, never-married SCF, 27-38, N/S, childless, who loves the Lord. Ad#7474

MONOGAMOUS

Professional, Catholic DWM, 42, 5'9", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dining out, movies, the outdoors and more, seeks a down-to-earth, Catholic SWF, 33-48. Ad#2753

FRESH START

Humorous SWM, 38, 6', with dark hair and blue eyes, who enjoys reading, dining out, golf and more, is looking for an attractive SWF, 25-40, who has good values, for a possible relationship. Ad#8860

DEDICATION OF LOVE

Never-married SWM, 41, 6', who enjoys dining out, movies, sports, working out and outdoor activities, is seeking a slender D/SWF, 25-40, with similar interests. Ad#2799

JUST YOU AND I

Catholic SWM, 40, 6'1", 195lbs., with brown hair/eyes, is searching for a SWF, 29-39, to share laughter, photography, music, movies and more. Ad#1907

IT COULD BE YOU!

SBCM, 28, 5', who enjoys dining out, sporting events and good conversation, is seeking a SBCF, 18-30, who enjoys life. Ad#7453

SOMEONE JUST LIKE YOU

Down-to-earth, attractive, family-oriented DWM, 45, 6', 185lbs., is in search of a SF, age unimportant, who enjoys the outdoors, exercise, the arts and more. Ad#1050

LET'S MINGLE

SWM, 30, 5'9", 180lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, going to church and concerts, is seeking a SWF, 26-34. Ad#9614

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Professional, handsome SWM, 38, 6', in search of a slender, outgoing and sincere SWF, 26-44, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad#6789

TAKE A LOOK

Self-employed, professional SWM, 30, 6'1", is looking to share life with a slender, romantic SWF, who enjoys swimming, sunsets and spending time with friends. Ad#3336

GO OUT WITH ME

Caring, affectionate and educated DWCM, 38, 6', is looking to meet a SWCF, under 38, who likes dining out, watching movies and going to plays. Ad#1991

CALL SOON

Professional, upbeat SWM, 48, 5'11", N/S, enjoys keeping fit, traveling, fine dining and the theatre. He hopes to meet an attractive SWF, 38-52, with a good sense of humor. Ad#7612

LOVE & LAUGHTER

Professional SWM, 28, 5'8", 155lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, N/S, who enjoys biking, weight training, target shooting and music, seeks a Catholic SWF, 22-31, N/S, without children at home, for a possible relationship. Ad#4475

ALL IN TIME

Outgoing, professional SWM, 34, 5'9", who enjoys outdoor activities and good conversation, is in search of a SF, under 40, who enjoys life. Ad#1478

NEED A COUNTRY GAL

Financially secure, fun DW dad, 38, 6'4", 215lbs., whose hobbies include baseball and boating, seeks a SWF, 28-40. Ad#7234

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HUMOROUS & PASSIONATE
DWF, 28, 5'3", autumn/green, H/W proportionate, loves good times, laughs, seeks S/DWM, 28-38, who loves children, for friendship, possible LTR. #23519

LOOKING FOR A HERO
Attractive, kind, affectionate, down-to-earth DWF, 36, 5'7", 120lbs, blonde/green, N/S, one child, enjoys running, warm weather, music, biking. Seeking nice, financially secure SWM, 40-55, N/S, to enjoy life together. #23529

DREAM OUR MEMORY
Music is sweeter when shared. Slim, educated, financially secure, blue-eyed blonde, nifty 50s, 5'7", visionary dreamer, optimistic with distinctive qualities, seeks active gentleman who is sweet and warm, age unimportant. #23509

SPRING FEVER
SWF, 27, 5'3", 125lbs, long blonde hair, enjoys reading, listening to, craft shows, movies. Seeking very humorous S/DWM, with similar likes. #23459

STARTING OVER
Widowed lady, young, 63, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining in/out, animals, walking, swimming. Would like to spend time with loving, caring white gentleman, 60s. #23191

NO COUCH POTATOES
Slim DWF, 33, 5'10", blonde/blue, smoker, social drinker, mother of three, enjoys dancing, hockey, darts, star gazing, and travel. Seeking honest, tall, trustworthy SWM, 32-42, H/W proportionate, with similar interests. #23410

LOOKING FOR FUN
Attractive SWF, 31, 5'10", blonde, who loves long walks, holding hands, movies, etc. Seeking tall SM, 33-43, who has morals and is looking for a fun relationship. #23369

A GREAT CATCH
Outgoing, sophisticated SF, 20s, 5'5", 115lbs, blonde/green, with model looks. Seeking SM with looks and a kind heart who won't be disappointed. #23515

EASY ON THE EYES
Keep me laughing and I'm yours! Blue-eyed blonde, 30, 5'6", 110lbs, attractive with a sharp mind and quick wit. Looking for the same. #23536

IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE?
SWF, 35, 5'3", single mom, enjoys outdoors, movies, quiet times with someone special. Seeking honest, caring, employed SM, 27-34, 5'10", for LTR. No games. #23431

BEST KEPT SECRET
Attractive SWFP, 30, social drinker, who enjoys golf, sports, boating, travel. Seeking attractive, fit SWM, 28-35, for LTR. #23372

VERSATILE
SWF, 41, 5'8", 160lbs, 30-40, interests: horses, motorcycles, art, dancing, billiards, swimming, canoeing, movies, talking, dining out, travel. N/S. #23346

A STEP AHEAD
Cute, fit, honest SWF, 30, 5'2", N/S, rarely drinks, enjoys animals, sports, outdoors, humor, the zoo and romance. Seeking similar qualities in a SWM, 28-40, for LTR. No present/future kids. #23193

FIRST TIME AD
Very attractive, spiritual, shapely, professional, 43, 5'4", with positive outlook, good values, loves life. Seeking well-rounded man for friendship, possible relationship. No games, please. #23242

OUTDOOR ENTHUSIAST
SWFP, 36, seeks SWPM, 30-45, N/S. Do you enjoy backpacking, hiking, outdoors, exotic food, plays and traveling? If so, I'd like to meet you! #23130

LOOKING FOR YOU
SWF, 28, 5'8", 160lbs, N/S, seeks SM, 28-36, who enjoys outdoor activities, travel, quiet evenings at home, for a relationship. No games. #23966

LOOKING FOR A SOULMATE
Financially secure, college-educated SWF, 28, 5'3", blonde/blue, enjoys music, movies, skiing, rollerblading, the outdoors, cdding. Seeking soulmate, 27-33, with similar interests, for future relationship. #23210

TRUST ME, I'M WONDERFUL
Impossible to describe on paper, but trust me, I'm wonderful. Blue-eyed SWF, 34, with great smile, seeks very intelligent man, 24-42, to fall in love with. #23216

BEAUTIFUL WILDFLOWER
Dazzling, blue-eyed blonde, 34, 5'4", 100lbs, with party personality, professional career. Seeking rugged, tumblered-out guy with great looks, successful career, strong character, and irresistible charm. #23017

A HEAD TURNER
Used to model to get through college, now I'm a lawyer. Attractive, outgoing, romantic female, 28, in shape, seeks pleasant, cultured, attractive man. #23219

JOIN ME
SF, 34, 5'4", brown/brown, vegetarian, professional psychic, holistic healer, love life, my children, nature, hiking, camping, yoga, values, integrity, accountability, emotional maturity are non-negotiable. For friendship first. #23522

SOME KIND OF WONDERFUL
Yes-he-is. Good-looking professional blonde, 40, medium build, enjoys golf, tennis, and the unexpected. Desires handsome, professional, N/S, with balance, acceptance, and boundaries. #23504

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Attractive, easygoing, honest, romantic, slender DWF, 42, mom of two toddler boys. Seeking humorous, financially/motionally secure, warm-hearted, sincere SWM, 38-45, N/S, for fun/relationship. LTR. North Oakland County. #23151

BLUE-EYED BLONDE
Attractive SWF, 50, 5'7", medium build, seeks commitment-minded SWM, 45-60, #23444

STARTING OVER
Easygoing, overweight DWF, 43, 5'10", N/S, N/D, enjoys outdoors, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/D, for relationship leading to marriage. South Lyon area. #23282

UNCHAINED MELODY
Slim, attractive DWF, 51, N/S, with an active life style, seeks professional S/DWM, 50-60, 5'10", N/S, N/D, for friendship, rollerblading, hanging out. Livonia area. #23234

CUTE, CURVY, AFFECTIONATE...
WF, 46, looking for cute, chubby 55+, not affectionate. Intelligent, WM, 40-50, with great sense of humor, who smiles good, and takes pizza without anchovies. #23206

URBAN COWBOY, SEEKER...
urban cowboy, DWF, 40, 5'7", 145lbs, brown/brown, N/S, enjoys horseback riding, sailing, volleyball, traveling, dancing, plays, concerts, romantic dinners. Seeking dancing, physically fit PM, 35-45, 6' N/S, with similar interests. #23152

LADY IN WAITING
Beautiful, BCF, 47, metaphysical, N/S, enjoys all life activities. Seeking gentleman, 40-55, N/S, who also enjoys life activities, for friendship or possible LTR. #23044

LOVELY BUT LONELY
Tall, slender, attractive DWF, N/S, seeks active, honest, romantic, outgoing gentleman, 55+, 5'10", for friendship first. #23055

FIRST TIME AD
Sweet, petite, classy, nice-looking blonde lady, late 40s, a tad under 5', 100lbs, seeks honest, caring, nice-looking SWM, mid-40s to mid-50s, under 5'10", N/S, M/D. #23355

PROFESSIONAL AND SEXY
N/S, yes that's me, looking for the same. SF, 5'5", 120lbs, blonde/brown, seeks SM, 50-65, honest, loves to travel, enjoys life. Talk to you soon. #22903

LET'S MAKE THIS WORK
SWF, 38, 6', 160lbs, medium build, loves to travel, enjoys movies, dining out, long walks, and just about anything with the right person. Seeking SM for long-term relationship. #23424

I LOVE DOGS!
They're loyal, affectionate, and unconditional. Do you have these attributes? Attractive, witty, compassionate, hard-working SF, N/S, N/D, drug-free, seeks S/DWPM, 40-55, for friendship, possible LTR. Interested? Come talk up my tree. #23425

LOVE DOGS!
DWF, 47, financially secure, health care professional, no dependence, seeks romantic, loving, affectionate, S/DWPM, 40-52, for golf, movies, candlelit dinners at home, and committed relationship. Medical professional/fire fighter/law enforcement a plus! #23432

ONE MORE TIME!
Spontaneous SWF, 5'3", red/green, smoker, looking for honest relationship with SM who does LTR. #23370

WAITING FOR LIGHTNING
Do you open doors? Help with her coat? Let her choose her favorite places? Willing to go to work with her? If so, give this attractive DWF, 56, a call. #22445

COFFEE, ANYONE?
DWF, 50, 5'5", autumn/green, N/S, active lifestyle, enjoys movies, concerts, dining, travel. Seeking honest, sincere, SM, 40-60, N/S, for companionship leading to relationship. #23363

BEST FRIENDS
Attractive, easygoing, humorous DWF, 52, 5'5", medium build, autumn/green, enjoys nature, walks, movies, dinner, travel, cooking. Seeking honest, caring, kind SWM, 50-60, who is over the past and is ready for possible LTR. #22415

SEARCHING FOR SOULMATE
SWF, brown/blue, 250lbs, enjoys dancing, quiet evenings, dining out, etc. Seeking SWM, 30-38, for friendship and companionship. Oakland county area. #23305

CLASSY COOKIE
Youthful, sassy, serious, creative, communicative, cocky, clever, charming, caring, Christian SF, 47, autumn/brown, Perky professional, modest musician, with peachy priorities. No calls from crumbies, please. #23154

SWING DANCE PARTNER WANTED
This classy romantic, attractive, fun-loving SWF, 60, 5'2", seeks honest, sensitive, fit SWM, N/S, to share my heart and passion for life. #23192

SOPHISTICATED LADY
Petite, honest, sincere, blonde, blonde SWF, 43, enjoys dancing, traveling, dining, walks, romantic evenings at home. Seeking gentleman, 30-50. #23222

A TOUCH OF CLASS
Sensuous, attractive DWF, black hair, sexy eyes, enjoys any activity with the right man. He is tall, sincere, 45+ and looking for a LTR. Serious replies only. #23187

BEAUTIFUL...
degraded, thin, quirky, unique, loving SF, 44, 5'7", steel blue, long naturally curly hair, into self-growth, meditation, nature, yoga, natural health, laughing, speaking truth and life. Seeking solid connection SWM, N/S. #23723

WANT TO DANCE?
Professional SWCF, 44, 5'8", medium build, no dependents, loves doing/watching all sports, traveling, reading, and dancing. Seeking outgoing, white or Japanese female, 30-42, N/S, for possible LTR. #23458

LAUGHING AND LOVING
Active, happy, positive SWFP, 53, business owner, health club schedule and retirement plans in two years. Seeking humorous, kind, considerate, lively man for fun and more. #23110

I'M A NUT
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Eve 6 (above) and Lit perform at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit. Doors open 6 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$12 in advance. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com>.

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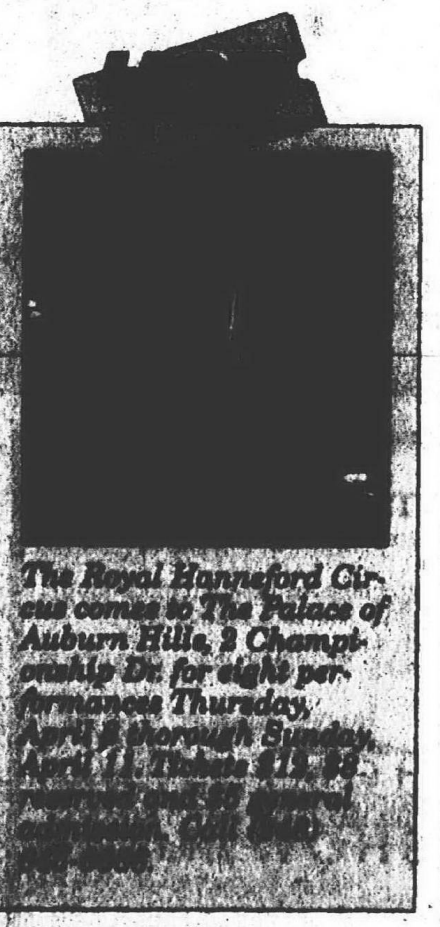


All aboard for an evening of "Twentieth Century Un-Limited" fun 8 p.m. at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. Concert features organist Brian Carmody, Doug Jacobs and the Red Garter Band, and songstress Fran Carmody. Tickets \$8 at the door, or call (313) 537-2560.

SUNDAY



Legendary pianist Victor Borge performs with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$13 to \$45, call (313) 576-5111.



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Happy to be on the road again

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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For 30 years Doc Severinsen had a steady gig. Same place, same time five nights a week for a national audience of insomniacs on "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson."

Now, Severinsen, 71, is on the road 46 weeks a year and, he says, "having the time of my life."

On Friday, April 16, Severinsen will bring his All Star Big Band to Orchestra Hall and he promises a "hot" night. Two-thirds of the band are former players with Severinsen.

Severinsen, who played with Woody Herman and Stan Kenton, on trumpet. Bill Perkins on baritone sax. Eddie Shaughnessy on drums. Ross Thompson on piano and Barbara Morrison on vocals.

Tonight Show fans remember Severinsen as much for his flamboyant attire and witty repartee with Carson as they do for his often dramatic trumpet stylings, but Severinsen knows his way around the trumpet, which he calls a "glorious instrument but a jealous mistress."

Now that mistress is getting its fair share of attention.

Severinsen began playing when he was a 7-year-old in Arlington, Ore. Named Carl after his father, he picked up his moniker because his father was a dentist and Severinsen was known as Little Doc.

"As a kid in eastern Oregon, the only contact I had with music was the jukebox or the bus stop or the radio," he said. "Swing bands were the thing and I heard Tommy Dorsey, Harry James and Glenn Miller. I guess, Harry James played trumpet and certainly made an impression on me. Also Louis Armstrong and when I heard Dizzy Gillespie, that got to me. Miles Davis was someone I

thought the world of. When I was with Charlie Barnet and I met Clark Terry, he was a big influence."

After a stint in the Army, the

young Severinsen found his way to New York City and then to the Tonight Show Orchestra under Skitch Henderson in 1962 and took over the band in 1967. The show made him famous and he admits to missing it — at first.

"When you go to a job that regularly and it's that big a deal, it's not exactly out of sight, out of mind. It was sweet sorrow," he said.

Now, he finds his band right in step with the times as the country is experiencing a swing revival, though Severinsen said he's been drawing young audiences all along.

"They've been coming right along. I've taken this band out for the last 15 years and the first thing I noticed was how many young people there were," he said. "When the swing revival thing came about I was a little surprised but then I thought about how the young people came to hear us."

WHAT: Doc Severinsen and His All-Star Big Band perform as part of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Ameritech Jazz Series.

WHERE: Orchestra Hall, Detroit.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday, April 16

TICKETS: \$15-\$45 may be purchased at the Orchestra Hall box office or by calling (313) 576-5111.

Guest artist Doc Severinsen and his All Star Big Band will play swing, jazz, and lots of blues during their concert at Orchestra Hall.

Conductor: Hubert Soudant, who will conduct the Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg in an all-Mozart program on April 15, has definite ideas on how Mozart should be played.

Orchestra keeps Mozart's music alive and well

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born Jan. 27, 1756, in Salzburg, Austria. He began to play the harpsichord at age 3 and was composing by the time he was 6. The boy genius never stopped until his life was cut tragically short by rheumatic fever on Dec. 4, 1792.

Salzburg was an inspiration and source for Mozart's music and today continues to keep his music alive.

On April 15, Hubert Soudant will conduct the Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg in an all-Mozart program at the University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium.

"Salzburg in winter is a very German town," said Soudant by telephone from Salzburg. "But in the summer, it is an Italian town. In Mozart there is a very great Italian influence in his music."

This warmth and emotion have made Mozart universally loved.

"His music is so universal, first of all," Soudant said. "He talks to the heart of the people in many ways. He's funny, happy, very sad, all kinds of human feelings are involved in his music. The success of Mozart's music is that it talks to everyone."

The Mozarteum Orchestra has a strong historical connection to the great composer beyond being located in his native city. The orchestra dates from 1841 when citizens of Salzburg, together with Mozart's widow Constanze, founded the "Cathedral Music

Please see MOZART, E3

Salzburg Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg, conducted by Hubert Soudant, will perform an all-Mozart program featuring concertos No. 25 in G minor and No. 27 in B-flat major; Piano Concerto No. 25 in G minor; and two operatic selections.

The program will be performed at the Hill Auditorium on the campus of the University of Michigan as part of the University Musical Society series.

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TICKETS: \$15-\$45. Call the UMS box office at (734) 764-2538 or (800) 442-1229.

Sponge woos hometown with 'New Pop Sunday'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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When Vinnie Dombroski hits the stage, it's impossible to look elsewhere. Whether it be Dombroski's bright, mustard-colored vest, impossibly thin body, or charismatic stage presence, Sponge's lead singer is interesting to watch.

Fans feel the same way. During a performance at Guitar Center in Roseville last month, Dombroski sauntered into the crowd and nearly stepped on a young, suit-wearing teen. The youngster didn't seem to care, he just wanted to snap a photo. After a few expletives and a lot of trembling, the teen seemed able to get his shot.

Snapping his fingers toward the sky, Dombroski along with bandmates guitarist Mike Cross, bassist Tim Cross, drummer Charlie Grover, and guitarist/slide guitarist Joey Mazzola tore through hits like the drunken

slide guitar-laden "Wax Ecstatic" and the pop song "Molly (Sixteen Candles)."

But Sponge's visit was all about wooing its hometown crowd into buying "New Pop Sunday" when it hits stores this Tuesday. "New Pop Sunday" (Beyond) sticks closely with the pop formula of its debut "Rotting Piñata" (Columbia).

That was a move that, Dombroski and Mazzola explained, was calculated. The decision was based more on influences than the fact that the brilliant, bluesy sophomore effort "Wax Ecstatic" (Columbia) was largely ignored by the label.

"We always had pop influences from the very beginning of this band. The first album has got pop songs on it, as well as just like rock songs," Mazzola said.

With "New Pop Sunday," the slide guitar has been pushed to the background making way for hand claps.

Please see SPONGE, E3



Celebrating release: Sponge lead singer Vinnie Dombroski sings tracks off his band's latest album "New Pop Sunday" at Overture Studios in Novi. The performance was part of an "Edge Session" hosted by the now-defunct alternative station WXDG-FM 105.1 "The Edge."

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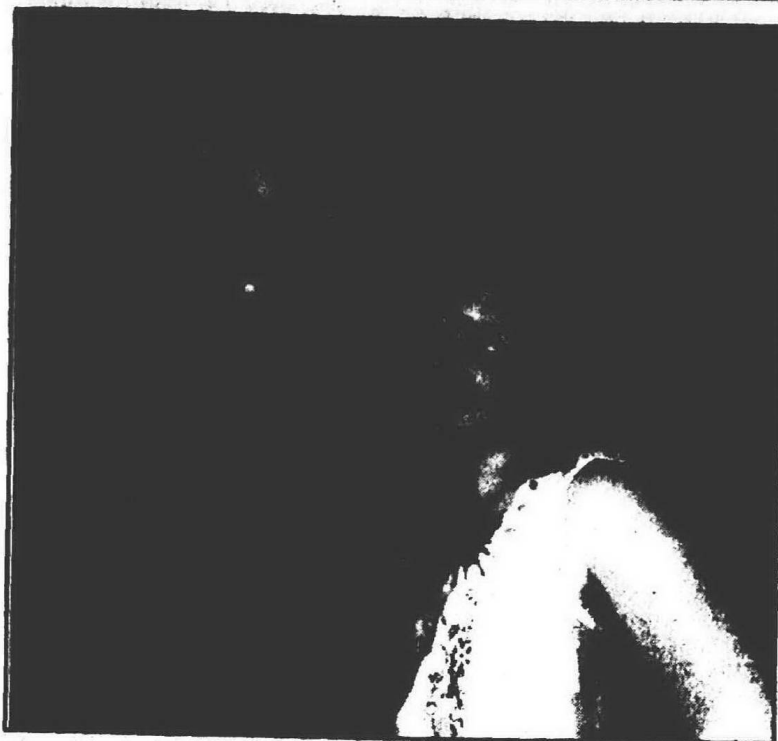
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On stage: Matt Troyer stars as the "Playboy" and Emily N. Miller plays the object of his affection, "Pegeen Mike," in the Irish comedy, "The Playboy of the Western World."

Hilberry does lyrical 'Playboy'

Wayne State University's Hilberry graduate theater company presents Ireland's finest literary masterpiece, John Millington Synge's "Playboy of the Western World" in rotating repertory through May 8 at theater, Cass and Hancock, Detroit. For tickets, call (313) 677-2972.

BY SUE SUCHITTA
SPECIAL WRITER

If St. Patrick's Day has you longing for the lyric tongue of the Emerald Isle, look no further than the Hilberry Theatre's stage. They may not be in Corktown, but the fine lasses and lads fill the auditorium with the rich language of a literary masterpiece, and a little blarney as well.

"The Playboy of the Western World" is a poetic story of a young man on the run who

believes he killed his father with an angry blow from a shovel. The local peasants, awed by his notoriety, treat him like a hero, and he is beset by fawning females. However, events take an unexpected turn when his supposedly dead father arrives in sore pursuit.

Emily Miller is warm and sensually romantic as Pegeen, the publican's daughter whose bored acceptance of her betrothal to Shawn, a young farmer, changes to defiant excitement when she turns her charms upon the fleeing felon Christopher.

Puppy-faced Matt Troyer winningly portrays Christopher Mahon, the shovel-wielding son whose newfound notoriety at first confounds and then delights him. Troyer's face displays a multitude of moods, from sensual satisfaction from the fawning females to dumfounded fear

when his staggering and furious father crashes in on his newfound fame.

David Engelman gets a break from somber, serious roles as he assumes the persona of the hapless, weak-willed fiancée. Both his verbal and physical performance of Shawn, Pegeen's intended, capture the comic yet human aspects of the character's jealousy and frustration as Christopher and Pegeen gravitate closer together.

The village maidens, played by Sara Cathryn Wolfe, Heidi Olson and Tanisha Gonzales, and a scheming widow, played by Cat Shoemaker, kept the audience in stitches with their barely contained fawning over Christopher. The rough and resurrected father, played by Fred Shahadi, also took full advantage of physical comedy to garner his share of the laughter.

In a fascinating scene, an outside horse race was feverishly watched from the pub window by the locals. In contrast to this excited energy, the heartfelt dialogue between Pegeen and Christopher captures the play's romantic and lyric nature.

The set is wonderfully detailed yet rough hewn, with straw and mud walls, a huge stone hearth, and meticulously detailed props, right down to a straw-stuffed mattress. The costumes captured the careless, careworn peasant attire, with attentive detail spent even on the laced up boots of the era.

The dialogues may be difficult to follow at times due to the heavily accented and lyrical nature of the script. However, it's easier to follow than Shakespeare, and closer to our era by a long shot.

Former acrobat wrestles alligators in Hanneford Circus

The Royal Hanneford Circus comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Drive for eight performances Thursday, April 8 through Sunday, April 11. SCall (248) 645-6666 for ticket information.

BY KELLY WYGNONIK
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Alligators are hardly cuddly critters, but Tahar likes them very much.

"They don't make noise, and they're not stinky," said Tahar, one of the featured performers in

the Royal Hanneford Circus opening tonight at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Born in Marrakesh, Morocco in North Africa, Tahar began his circus career as an acrobat not an alligator wrestler.

He holds the Guinness World record for supporting the largest human pyramid of all time — 12 men, three tiers high, for a total weight of 1,700 pounds.

"I was with Ringling Bros. & Barnum Bailey Circus when they asked me if I wanted to develop an alligator act for an African show," he said. "I trained with a guy in the Everglades in

Florida."

Tahar's act was a success, and he left the circus to perform at casinos in Las Vegas. He's also been featured on TV shows in Argentina, Brazil, and Venezuela.

"Kids are crazy for them," said Tahar about the alligators he wrestles. "People think you're nuts for sticking your head in an alligator's mouth. It's something new for the audience."

He's been hurt a couple of times, but not bad enough to quit. "Alligators are not smart," said Tahar. "I just handle them."

He owns an alligator farm in

Texas and changes the alligators he uses in his act every six months. "The new ones are more active and do a better job," he said. "People like them so much."

Tahar is just one of the highlights of the Royal Hanneford Circus, which features artists from around the world.

Johnny Peers and The Muttville Comix is a slapstick comedy act involving a menagerie of mongrels. The dogs, acquired through animal shelters, have been trained to knock Johnny down and walk over him.

You'll see the Frisco Bros. Performing Elephants — Dumbo,

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Alligator wrestler

Gina and Joyce and The Nerveless Nocks who have earned universal acclaim for their daring stunts on skyscraping sawpoles, completely free of guy wires and safety means.

Kids will watch with wonder

as eight-year-old Roman Tomanov dangles high above the floor from two canvas straps for a death defying gymnastic routine that definitely cannot be done at home.

Producer searches out local reggae band

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We've all done it. Maybe we're button pushing the radio in a traffic jam and catch the tail end of an unfamiliar tune. Or we're at home preparing dinner and using the radio as background noise when an irresistible and

unknown piece of music catches our ear. We have to know more.

Ever get so obsessed that you call the radio station and plead for information from anyone who will take your call? "Sorry, I don't know the name of the song or the artist, but it goes like this ... doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo." Sadly, so does everything from Beethoven's Fifth to "Heartbreaker" by the Rolling Stones. Frustrated and a bit humiliated, we usually abandon our pursuit.

It happened recently to Ron Pangborn, who serves as music producer for the "Backstage Pass" series on Detroit Public Television. Ron has been on a mission to ensure that standouts from every genre of music get their gig on the show. It was reggae's turn, and he was scouting Michael Julian's Saturday night Caribbean music program on

WDET-FM when he was struck by a piece from a band called Universal Xpression.

Remember the Richard Dreyfuss character in "American Graffiti," who stalked Wolfman Jack to get a dedication out to the mysterious blonde (Suzanne Somers) in the T-Bird. Ron approached his search for the band with the same drive and passion, and, fortunately, he didn't have to look far. An overnight technician who works in the adjoining control room to the "Backstage Pass" studio had the scoop.

"He told me that Universal Xpression is a Detroit-based band. So I tracked them down on their web site and booked them immediately on the show," he says. The sextet has excellent credentials, recording five albums during its six year existence, and touring with such notables as Burning Spear and Third World. It was the intriguing blend of reggae, with an undertone of American, African and Latin rhythms that caught Ron's ear.

"It's always gratifying when you hear music this fresh and exciting, especially when you discover that a local band is creating the sounds," he adds.

I was happy to oblige when Ron nudged me into featuring them on the show and this column, because I know how these

obsessions go. It also occurs to me that if scenes from that movie were set in the late '90s, the mysterious blonde in the T-Bird would probably have a web site and ruin the plot. Of course, there might be some suspense over whether she was Y2K compliant.

There's no denying Ron's passion for music. When it comes to commitment to theatre, we may never see another story as incredible as Chuck Forbes' successful effort to save his Gem Theatre. When the Gem was threatened with extinction as plans for a new baseball stadium were taking shape a year and a half ago, Forbes had the five million pound structure put up on wheels and rolled to a new home five blocks away. It was a feat that merited attention by the Guinness Book of World Records.

Dave Toorongian, one of the producers of the recent television documentary "The Hudson's Building," is preparing a segment which chronicles the theatre's history and the amazing relocation to Madison Avenue. But the key to this success story is Chuck Forbes' devotion to his 450-seater, which made its triumphant re-opening last September.

In an edition of "Backstage Pass" airing on Detroit Public TV at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, April 11, an admiring view of the Gem will be

presented, along with an in-studio performance by the cast of its current production, "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," and the music of Universal Xpression.

Ron Pangborn found music of the Caribbean in his hometown. Chuck Forbes found a new neighborhood five blocks away for his beloved theatre. It's a reminder that we usually don't have to travel far to indulge our passions for the arts.

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THE CENTURY THEATRE

"Forbidden Hollywood," April 14-June 27, Gary/Century building, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays (\$29.50), 7:30 p.m. Thursdays (\$29.50), 8:30 p.m. Fridays (\$34.50), 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays (\$34.50), 1:30 p.m. Sundays (\$29.50), and 5:30 p.m. Sundays (\$24.50). (313) 962-2913

FOX THEATRE

"The Wizard of Oz" 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 8-9, noon, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (248) 433-1515/(313) 963-6611

GM THEATRE

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," runs through June 27 at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 or (248) 645-6666

MACOMB CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

"Meet Me In St. Louis," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the center, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$30, \$27 students/seniors, \$80 family of four. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"The Rocky Horror Show," Wednesday-Sunday, April 14-May 9, at the theater in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-\$35, previews April 14-16 \$19.50-\$35. (248) 377-3300

OPERA

ELIZABETH PARCELLS

The Detroit coloratura soprano sings songs and arias by Mozart, Donizetti and Bellini, and offers commentary on the music during a concert noon Wednesday, April 14, in the Forum Recital Hall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Free. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218

VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN Canton Project Arts presents "Discover Opera," featuring live performances by the Verdi Opera Theatre preceded by an informative presentation "Opera: What It's All About," and a display of rare opera posters, 3:30 p.m. (4 p.m. concert) Sunday, April 18, at the Summit on the Park, Canton. \$10. (734) 397-5417

COLLEGE

EMU THEATRE

"The House of Blue Leaves," this award-winning play is a farce about a middle-aged son attendant who longs to fulfill his dream of becoming a famous songwriter, Friday-Saturday, April 9-11, and Thursday-Saturday, April 15-17, 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, at Quirk Theatre on Eastern Michigan University's campus, Ypsilanti. \$7, Thursday, \$12 Friday-Saturdays, \$10 Sunday. (734) 487-1221

UD MERCY THEATRE

"Bliss Blues," Neil Simon's play set in a U.S. 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

UM THEATRE

Workshop production of "Orphan Train," a classic American melodrama about poverty, community, family and hope by Michigan playwright Dennis North, directed by Guy Sawville of Purple Rose Theatre Company, through April 11, at the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$14, \$7. (734) 764-0450

UM THEATRE DEPARTMENT

"Candide," by Leonard Bernstein, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 15-17, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18, The Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$18 and \$15 reserved seating, \$7 student seating. (734) 764-0450

WSU HILSBURY THEATRE

"The Playboy of the Western World," a literary classic from Ireland about a playboy who goes 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 Pulitzer Prize-winning drama chronicles the homecoming of a World War II veteran, through April 18, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, in the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., at Hancock, Detroit. \$8, \$6 students/seniors. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATRE

MARYLAND PLAYERS

"A Thousand Clowns," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at Maryland Music Hall, 3015 Ave. 98, \$7 students/seniors. (313) 226-9821

A chamber production of "The Tempest," April 8 to May 2, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., at Hancock, Detroit. \$8, \$6 students/seniors. (313) 577-2972

A chamber production of "The Tempest," April 8 to May 2, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., at Hancock, Detroit. \$8, \$6 students/seniors. (313) 577-2972

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Family event: Tamar and his alligators are one of the featured acts in the Royal Hanneford Circus at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Drive for eight performances Thursday, April 8 through Sunday, April 11. Show times are 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. Tickets \$12 and \$8 reserved and \$5 general admission. All seats \$4 opening night. All seats for the Friday matinee are \$5. Children 12 and under and seniors 65 and over will receive \$2 off \$12 and \$8 tickets for all shows except the performance on April 8 and the 11 a.m. performance on April 9. Call (248) 645-6666.

10, April 16-17 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at Hamilton Elementary School, 5625 Northfield Parkway, Troy. \$10. (248) 879-1285

DINNER THEATRE

BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE

"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, has an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN ARTS CONSERVATORY

"Did He Say... Murder?," an interactive mystery about the murder of the grandson of the last owner of the Nelson Hotel in Plymouth, a production by Such and Such with dinner by Palermo's Italian Restaurant, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the conservatory, 5701 Canton Center Road, (north of Ford Road, off Maben Road), Canton. \$64, \$120 couples. (734) 453-7590, ext. 200

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Velveten Rabbit," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through April 25, and 2:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 8-9, 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

NOVI THEATRE

"The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and His Friends," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile. \$8, \$7 advance. (248) 347-0400

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 Heribon, Detroit. \$7.50, includes lunch and show. (810) 962-8118

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

Students from Interlochen Arts Academy and their instructors will give workshops and a performance of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. (313) 494-8800/(616) 276-7534

YOUTH THEATRE

"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, 300 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$8, \$7 advance. (313) 963-2888

Road, Livonia. \$75. (734) 432-5421

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALS

Presents "Wonderfully Wicked Women," a murderously funny musical revue, 8 p.m. Friday, April 9 (\$22, cabaret-style seating), and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11 (\$18), at The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham. (248) 738-9827

BOW WOW CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

Noon to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at The Ritz-Carlton Dearborn, Fairlane Plaza, 300 Town Center Dr. \$150, to benefit the Michigan Humane Society. (248) 852-7420

"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, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. To benefit the graduate art programs. (248) 645-3333

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY GUILD FLEA MARKET

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 10-11, all proceeds to benefit Detroit Historical Museum, 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 11, at Bogey's Bar and Grille, 142 E. Walled Lake Dr., Walled Lake. Proceeds of golf ball purchases benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. (248) 669-1441

HIGGS DALE PLAYERS

Holds its annual auction 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Livernois and Crooks road, Troy. \$15, includes dinner. Proceeds benefit a theater scholarship and building fund. (248) 988-7049

FAMILY EVENTS

CELEBRATION BASH

Learn to host a children's party, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, between 10 and 11 Mile roads. (248) 352-0990

COLLECTIBLE TOY & MODEL KIT SHOW

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. \$5, \$2 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

KIDS CONCERT

Mike Dvorak entertains with action songs and sing-alongs for children ages 4-10, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. \$3.25. (248) 424-9022

MR. LAURENCE

Celebrates the release of his new children's CD with a party and performance, 2 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

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 on April 10 for \$8. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palcoenet.com>

THE DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With soprano Emily Berner and mezzo-soprano Barbara White, and story-telling mine Tina Krisher, 10:15 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. Saturday, April 10, ages 6-6, at Mary High School, 29300 11 Mile Road, at Anderson Road,

Farmington Hills. \$10. (313) 576-5111

U-M PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Road, south of M-14, west of Sheldon. \$8, \$7 students/seniors, \$20 families. (248) 380-5940

CLASSICAL

ARIANNA STRING QUARTET

With guest artist Kristy Meretta in Mozart's "Quartet for Oboe and Strings," 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at Pease Auditorium, College Place and West Cross, on the Eastern Michigan University's campus, Ypsilanti. Free. (734) 487-2255 or www.emich.edu/music/musicevents.html

ATLANTIS TRIO

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 Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@kch.net

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Orchestra and pops conductor Charles Greenwell performs a 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, 7400 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$20, \$15 students. (248) 645-2876

CONCERTO CONCERT

8 p.m. Friday, April 16, competition winners perform with Eastern Michigan University Symphony Orchestra, at Pease Auditorium, College Place at West Cross, Ypsilanti. Free. (734) 487-2255/(734) 487-4380

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Schubert's Symphony No. 8 and Bruckner's Symphony No. 7, 10:45 a.m. Friday, April 16, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$63. (313) 576-5111

HARP HEAVEN

University of Michigan harp professor Lynne Aspesne directs her students in this annual harp gala, 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10, at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$5. (734) 769-2999 or kch@kch.net

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7 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$62, \$55, \$48 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Reed Finale: A Family Affair" features retiring conductor Russell Reed's sons David (violin) and Robert (cello) on a program of Shostakovich, Brahms and Respighi, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17 (7 p.m. On Stage chat with Reed), at Plymouth Salem High School auditorium, 48181 Joy Road at Canton Center Road, Canton. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students, free for students K-12, afterglow at Ginopolis Parthenon complimentary to ticket holders. (734) 451-2112

DAVID RUSSELL

The classical guitarist performs music by Giuliani, Loelliet, Davies, Mompou and a selection of Celtic melodies, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$30, \$25, \$15. (734) 769-2999 or kch@kch.net

VERMEER STRING QUARTET

8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, program of Haydn, Verdi and Dvorak, in the Life Jones-Johnson Theatre, Oakland Community College, Royal Oak. (248) 737-9980

POP/SWING

SHIRAZIAN TRIOLETTA GABRIEL

Ann Arbor's Kerrytown Meadens Deanne Rypien and Julia Bushelm sing songs from and about Paris, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$18, \$15 seniors, \$12 students. (248) 788-0338/(248) 288-2953

BOOTS RANDOLPH

8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$24, \$22 seniors/students. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

VICTOR BOWNE

With the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$45. (313) 576-5111

CAPITOL THEATRE

"Lost in the Stars," a revue of some of Broadway's classical musicals and contemporary shows, featuring Tracey Atin and Joe Cardinal, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10 (\$15 adults), and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 11 (\$13 seniors and students), Daniel Patrick Kelly Theatre in the theater, 121 University Ave., W. Windsor. Prices Canadian. (519) 253-7729

COLIN JAMES BIG BAND

8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

THE PHOENIX ENSEMBLE

Presents a new music-theater piece "Relive the Magic: An Evening with Tony Amore," a musical for jazz orchestra inspired by the life, singing and mythology of Frank Sinatra, composer Andy Kirshner plays the aging, Sinatra-like crooner Tony Amore, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the Michigan Theatre, 603 Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10 students. (734) 763-8587

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

10:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free, 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (western swing)

IL-VI ORCHESTRA

9-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Soup Kitchen, 1585 Franklin, Detroit. (313) 259-1374; 7-9:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Heidelberg, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 663-7758

AUDITIONS

EW 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," experience necessary. (313) 865-2375

"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 younger than age 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 \$10,000 prize package. (312) 214-4520, ext. 26

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Canada's premier competing drum and bugle corps is looking for young performers (ages 14-21) for the upcoming summer tour July-August. (416) 241-2968 or <http://www.kawalers.com>

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN ARTS CONSERVATORY

Auditions for ages 10-18 for the conservatory's Theater Performance Ensemble production of "Jack and the Beanstalk," 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, students should prepare a two-minute comic monologue, a fee is applicable for class participation if accepted, at the conservatory, 5701 Canton Center Road, (north of Ford Road, off Maben Road), Canton. (734) 453-7590, ext. 315

STAGECRAFTERS 2ND STAGE

Auditions for Anne Meara's "After-Play" 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, April 19-20 (6:30 p.m. registration), at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances June 18-20, 24-27. (248) 541-4832

CHORAL

COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION OF TROY

Presents "White Cliffs of Dover," songs of World War II and starring Laine Nelson 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at Troy High School, 4777 Northfield Hwy., Troy. (810) 979-8406/(248) 435-5307

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY CHOIR

8 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at Pease Auditorium, College Place at West Cross, Ypsilanti. Free. (734) 487-2255/(734) 487-4380

MADONNA UNIVERSITY CHORALE

Under director David Wagner performs Gabriel Faure's "Requiem," Franz Biehl's "Ave Maria," and the music of Maurice Duruflé and Maurice Green, also featured are organist Joanne Vollendor-Rickards and trumpeter William Beger playing the music of Alan Hovhaness, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at Historic Christ Church, 960 E. Jefferson, Detroit. \$8, \$5 students/seniors. (734) 432-5708

MEADOW BROOK ESTATE

Show choir presents "Set the Night to Music" a program of song and dance 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10; 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Verner Recital Hall,

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8 days a week

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WORLD MUSIC

THE ARTICLES

10:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5040; 10 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 7 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (Jamaican Jazz)

IMMUNITY

10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (248) 360-7450 (reggae)

LATIN BALL WITH CUBANISMO!

Featuring Jesus Alemany, 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Eastern Michigan Convocation Center, 799 Hewitt, Ypsilanti. \$30 dance pass, \$20 general admission seating. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

BUCKWHEAT 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 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.99music.com> (Zydeco)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

CULTURE VULTURES

8-10 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (bluegrass/swing)

CATHY FINK AND MARCY MARKER

8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (bluegrass/folk)

JAN KRIST

With Brooks Williams and Ric Hordinski, 7 p.m. Friday, April 16, Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. \$15, \$13 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

JOHN MCCUTCHEON

8 p.m. Friday, April 16, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

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JIM PERKINS

9 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and Friday, April 16, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101; 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060

POETRY

OPEN MIKE SERIES

Features Linda Nemec Foster (Living in the Firenest) and Barbara Drake (Peace at Heart, An Oregon Country Life). 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at Barnes and Noble, Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville. Free.

RAY MAZAREK AND MICHAEL MCCLURE

Spoken word performance, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Canceled. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

PLYMOUTH POETS

"Student Writers Night" featuring Peter Marcus, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman St., Plymouth. (734) 459-7319

POETRY IN MOTION

Features Patt Trama, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, doors open at 6 p.m. with open mic, also 7 p.m. book release party for Marc Maurus, at the Grand Cafe 33316 Grand River Ave., near Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. (248) 615-9181

RICHARD TILLINGHAST/POIGNANT PLEOSTOMUS

The poet and popular musical group give performances of their collaboration of Poetry and Rock, Jazz and World Music, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at University of Michigan League, (734) 763-4652; 7 p.m. Friday, April 16, at Borders in Novi Town Center, (248) 347-0780

THE WRITER'S VOICE

Featuring nationally known New Jersey poets Elizabeth Anne Socolow and Penelope Scamly Schott, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at YMCA Arts and Humanities Center, 51 W. Hancock, west of Woodward on Wayne State University's campus, Detroit. Free. (313) 267-5300, ext. 338

DANCE

BALLET INTERNATIONALE

"A Thousand and One Nights," an exotic spectacle by dancers from the Kirov, Moscow, Bolshoi, Joffrey and New York City ballets, Friday-Saturday, April 16-18, at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$31.50-\$41.50. (248) 645-6866/(313) 963-2366

RIVER NORTH DANCE COMPANY

The Chicago-based troupe performs a program of jazz dance, 8 p.m. Friday, April 9, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$24, \$22 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

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, 1880 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

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); Basile and J.R. Remick, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15 (\$8), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17 (\$15), special Greek show, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Third Level Improv and new talent night, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

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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); Chris Titus, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 18 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Ralph Harris through April 11, also appearing Jeff Margrett; Kathleen Madigan Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, April 14-15 and 18 (\$10) and Friday-Saturday, April 16-17 (\$15), also Chris Zito, 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 (\$8). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

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SINBAD

8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 and \$35. All ages. (248) 433-1515

THE REV. BILLY C. WIRTZ

8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS

9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

ALMIGHTY GROOVE

With R.U.I. and Sin-Embargo, 10 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

BILL BARCLOW

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, Fire Academy Brewery and Grill, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 595-1988 (easy listening)

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)

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9 p.m. Friday, April 9, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (rock)

BLACK BEAUTY WITH THORNETTA DAVIS

9 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With The Pantlegs, Seeds of Thought, The Lash and The Pirates, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

BLUECAT

9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (blues)

BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS

9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE

9 p.m. Friday, April 9, CK Digs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, 5 Hole, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 471-3300 (R&B)

THE BOUNCING SOULS

With Antifag and Les Stitches, 6 p.m. Friday, April 16, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (punk)

BRIDGE

With Face, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 (rock)

BUCA-ON-NINE

With Homegrown, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (punk)

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)

BUSTERS BLUES BAND

10 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Mount Chalet, 4715 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-2929 (blues/funk)

SCOTT CAMPBELL GROUP

8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., at Ford Road, Dearborn. Free. All ages. (313) 271-4441 (rock)

CHEMOKEE

Concert and autograph signing, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Hudson's, main floor, mall entrance (concert), and the Polo jeans department (personal appearance), Northland Mall, 21500 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Free. All ages. (248) 443-6000 (blues/soul)

CHISEL BROS. WITH CHIEF CHRIS

9 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

CLOUD 9

10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 8-10, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (top 40/dance)

BOBBY CONN

With Mike Hard, 9 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

DICK DALE

8 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (surf)

DIVESPIRE

With Current, 10 p.m. Friday, April 9, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

EASY ACTION

With The Slumber Party and Wolf Eyes, 9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

ELITE BOOGALOO

9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (funk)

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With Eden's Journal, 9 p.m. Friday, April 9, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

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With Skinmill, 10 p.m. Friday, April 9, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or <http://www.lilis21.com> (rock)

ELIZA

9 p.m. Friday, April 9, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (acoustic pop)

EMMET SWIMMING

9 p.m. Friday, April 16, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (alternative rock)

EVE 6

With Lit, 6 p.m. Friday, April 9, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (pop rock)

THE EX-HUSBANDS

6:30 p.m. Friday, April 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. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, The Alibi, Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 478-2010 or petebigdog@provide.net (blues)

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)

FLETCHER PRATT

With The Neptunes, Slumber Party and Dean Fertite, 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock/pop)

Ex-Wonder Stuff:

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tion. Hunt's

album is due in

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Records. The

label's Web site is

<http://www.gigre>

[cords.com](http://www.gigre).

FOOLISH MORTALS

7 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Gameworks, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (rock)

GAM

With Clone Defects, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://golddollar.com> (punk)

GORDON BENNETT

9 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (rock)

GRN

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, Bogey's, 142 Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441; 10 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 10 p.m. Friday, April 16, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 656-7700 (rock)

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8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

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9 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Arbor Brewing Co., 116 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393; 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 223-1700 (blues)

ELVIS HITLER

With Understated and Gumshoe 49, 10 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or <http://www.lilis21.com> (punk)

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA

8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Borders Books and Music, 17141 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe. Free. All ages. (313) 885-1188 or <http://www.concentric.net/~hope-orch> (alternative rock)

MILES HUNT

Colin James back in swing with Little Big Band II

When Colin James released his first album, "Colin James and The Little Big Band I" in 1993, the reception was lukewarm at best.

"At the time, (when I'd) say 'swing record,' everybody didn't jump up and go 'great.' There was a lot of dead-pan looks and, 'Why would you want to release a record like that?'" said James who prefers to call his music "jump blues."

Well, things weren't so bad. It reached double platinum in Canada, where hitting platinum means selling 100,000 copies. In the United States, one million sales certifies platinum.

The album "reached a lot of societies and dance clubs. I'd go down to LA and walk into a restaurant and they'd be playing the record. I'd go, 'You heard about this thing?' I think it was a kitsch thing at the time. People who were into the jump blues thing kind of picked up on it."

When his "time was up" at Virgin Records, he jumped to Elektra in the dawning days of swing's resurgence. However, he took time off from that genre and released a rock/blues album, "Bad Habits," in 1995 with an all-star cast - Lenny Kravitz on clarinet, and Kim Wilson and Mavis Staples.

Last year, he decided it was time to follow-up his 1993 release with "Colin James and The Little Big Band II," which hit stores earlier this year. It features James' masterful guitar work and covers of songs by Ray Charles ("Mary Anne"), Willie Dixon ("You Know My Love") and Cab Calloway ("C'mon With the C'mon").

"It's nice to be able to return and do an album when a few more people are pointed that way (swing/jump blues)."

A Vancouver resident, James is inspired more by "early rock 'n' roll" than swing.

"I guess when I started playing this stuff, it was really early rock 'n' roll that I was shining on; swing being a big part of that just because that's the way it was back then. But from Ray Charles to Jackie Wilson to Louis Jordan to that whole pre-rock 'n' roll era. It's got a lot of great music," said James who has opened for the Rolling Stones, Keith Richards and Stevie Ray Vaughan.

With "Colin James and the Little Big Band II," James added, "We really felt like we were swimming up stream. Although I didn't mind that because there's some kind of joy in feeling like you're doing something that was really different, you know? ... I think the worst thing that can happen is people going to listen to some music they might not listen to otherwise and people get hip to some of the great early

music. If that's the worst thing that happens, that's great."

Colin James and The Little Big Band performs Sunday, April 11, at the Magic Bag, 2200 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets are \$10 in advance for the 12 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit <http://www.themagicbag.com>. James' Web site is <http://www.colinjames.com>.

Proud of record

As an elementary school student, Finger Eleven vocalist Scott Anderson learned early on to feel comfortable with himself.

"One of the bands I that I latched onto so early was Genesis and Peter Dinklage. In grade five or six, that's all I would listen to. But nobody really understood Genesis, especially when you're a 12-year-old kid. I used to write it on my binder. It was really geeky and I was totally comfortable with that," Anderson said with a chuckle.

Anderson, an Ontario, Canada, resident, attributes his musical tastes to his brother, Sean, the bassist for Finger Eleven.

"I was pretty lucky because Sean, who's my older brother, always had friends coming over with this great music."

Finger Eleven and its debut album "Tip" (Wind-Up Records) is closer to guitar rock than prog rock. It wavers between full-on

guitar assaults and moody vocals.

"The original ideas were conceived about a year or two ago," Anderson said about "Tip." "We've been changing and evolving with our boredom and it turned into what we put on the album."

"It was really nice to be so proud of something. You can't say that all the time."

Although he's proud of "Tip," Anderson explained that most people prefer the live show.

"It's got a great energy level to it. That's what most people latch onto. That reaction is immediate. You'll occasionally get someone who comes up to you and says, 'Wow.' They can identify with a lyric or two. That'll make my day."

Finger Eleven and Buck Cherry perform Thursday, April 8, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Doors open at 6 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$7. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com>. Finger Eleven's Web site is <http://www.fingereleven.com>.

Misc.

The English rock group Gene Loves Jexel has released its latest album, "VII" (Robison Records), both to stores and on GoodNoise.com, an Internet site



Returning: Jump blues artist Colin James returns to the Detroit area with his Little Big Band on Sunday, April 11, when he plays the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

for purchasing downloadable music. The new album is available in the MP3 (MPEG, Layer 3) format from GoodNoise.com for \$8.99 or \$9.99 per track. A single from the album, "Love Keeps Dragging Me Down," is available for a limited time for free download.

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music reporter for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. If you have a question or comment for her, you can leave her a message at (734) 953-2047, mailbox No. 2130, or write to her at The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich., 48150, or cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net.

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Diners rush to Risata before the show or game

By KIMLY WYGNIK
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In a race to beat the clock, the staff at Risata works hard to get customers to the show on time.

"Everyone comes to dinner at the exact same time, and leaves at the same time," said executive chef George N. Kalergis. "It's really difficult to make sure everyone gets to the show on time."

Risata in the Second City Building on Woodward Ave. in Detroit is a popular dinner destination for people going to shows at the Fox, Detroit Opera House, and Orchestra Hall.

At lunchtime, the restaurant is filled with downtown office workers and construction workers busy at work on the new Tiger Stadium across the street.

There are three restaurants in the Second City-Detroit building. On the main floor is the Risata Lobby Bar. Risata is on the second level, and The 5 Hole, a sports bar, on the third.

Risata's lunch menu features daily specials, a variety of sandwiches and soups including a Burger of the Day. Fish and chips are offered on Fridays, and the Cajun Chicken BLT sandwich, Great Corned Beef Reuben, and Tuna Melt are lunch bunch favorites.

Kalergis, of Sylvan Lake, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, emphasizes "freshness and top quality ingredients."

He describes his dinner menu as American cuisine with international influences.

Where: 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit (in the Second City Building), (313) 944-5833.

Hours: Open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight Friday; 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday; 5-8 p.m. Sunday.

Menu: American cuisine with international emphasis

Cook: Moderate

Reservations: Recommended for dinner

Cost: Soups, salads, appetizers and sandwiches (Risata Lobby Bar Menu), \$2.50 to 7.95; starters and salads (Risata menu) \$2.95 to \$9.95; pasta and grains \$10.95 to \$17.95; entrees \$13.95 to \$19.95.

Credit Cards: All majors accepted
Carry-out: Lunch only

Almond encrusted white fish is a great seller. "We get a lot of compliments on that," said Kalergis.

Grilled lamb chops are also popular. They're served with sundried tomatoes, wild mushrooms and au gratin potatoes.

Pasta dishes include Penne Pasta tossed with pan seared scallops with tomatoes roasted peppers and Creole sauce, Linguine with wild mushrooms, Prosciutto ham, tomatoes and scallions, and Fettuccine tossed with your choice of Pesto, Marinara or Alfredo sauce. You can also add chicken or shrimp for a little extra. Vegetarian offerings include Ratatouille tomato, pepper, zucchini, eggplant served over polenta.

The House Smoked Salmon fillet is served over a bed of lentil ragout, dill creme fraiche and crispy fried onions. The menu also offers a New York Strip Steak topped with Shrimp Scampi, fried onion mashed potatoes and a medley of vegetables, and Grilled Filet of Beef

with roasted peppers, garlic, Gorgonzola and au gratin potatoes. Chicken Marsala with wild mushrooms, herb risotto and medley of vegetables is another delicious choice.

Your sweet tooth will be satisfied at Risata. Kalergis says the Sour Cream Apple pie is to die for. The Tiramisu is also very good.

The Lobby Bar Menu features a variety of soups, salads, appetizers and sandwiches.

On the third level, hockey fans gather at the 5 Hole. You can watch the game on TV, play pool, or video games. In the summer there's live entertainment on the third level deck. Bands perform Friday-Saturdays, beginning at 9 p.m. The 5 Hole is open 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday-Sunday.

The 5 Hole menu offers chicken wings, nachos, sandwiches and burgers.

"It's very quick food," said Kalergis. "It gets crazy here during home games."



Dinner destination: Before the show, or game, downtown diners flock to Risata in the Second City Building on Woodward to grab a quick bite to eat, or enjoy a leisurely dinner.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homedomain.net

SOUP'S ON

New restaurant 207 S. Old Woodward, inside Lonestar Coffee Co., downtown Birmingham (248) 642-SOUP began serving on March 29.

In celebration of their grand opening, owners Jay Rosett and David Trepeck are donating all profits from the weekend of April 9-10 to Detroit's Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Soup's On! features eight gourmet soups daily served in 8 ounce, 12 ounce, 16 ounce and quart sizes. Six of the soups will rotate on a daily basis, and two popular mainstays will remain on the menu everyday. Customers will also be offered a wide variety of fresh-baked breads to accompany their soup

selection.

CHOCOLATE DEMO PROGRAM

Presented by world-renowned Pastry Chef Ewald Notter, Saturday and Sunday, April 10-11 at the Lark Restaurant. The class and lunch will begin at 10:45 a.m. and will end after dessert is served between 3:30 and 4 p.m. The cost is \$100 per person. Reservations are a must. Call (248) 344-2197.

STIR CRAZY CAFE

Chicago-based restaurant concept specializing in fresh pan-Asian cuisine will open its first Michigan restaurant Friday, April 16 at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills, Baldwin Road Exit off I-75 in the Great Lakes Walk section of the Mall near Entry No. 6.

The main attraction at Stir Crazy Cafe is a create-your-own stir-fry bar where guests can select from a wide variety of meats, vegetables, noodles, and homemade Asian sauces and then interact with a wok chef to

create their own stir-fry dish. The restaurant also features an extensive menu of fresh Asian inspired fare including crispy sesame calamari with wasabi cocktail sauce, wok seared tuna sashimi, sesame caesar salad, kung pao noodles and Stir Crazy's wonton banana dessert. Menu prices will range from \$6.95 to \$9.95 for lunch and \$7.95 to \$13.95 for dinner. The restaurant will be open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. The restaurant will unofficially open April 9-15 with a series of test servings with the proceeds going to Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County and United Way of Oakland County. Following a VIP Reception on April 13, the restaurant will officially open for business on April 16. For more information, call (248) 454-0400.

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P.F. CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO

Popular P.F. Chang's China Bistro in Somerset Collection South, Troy, does not take reservations, but has adopted "call ahead seating." Just give the restaurant a call (248) 816-8000 a half hour before you plan to arrive and if there's a wait list (which there will be on weekend evenings), your name will be added. Upon arrival, notify the host staff that you called ahead.

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OUTDOOR DINING

Big Rock Chop & Brew House, 245 S. Eton, (south of Maple) Birmingham (248) 647-7774; Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant, 4480 Orion Road, Rochester (248) 651-8361 and the three East Side Mario locations 2273 Crooks Road (north-east corner of M-59) Rochester Hills (248) 853-9622; 31630 Plymouth Road (west of Merriman) Livonia (734) 513-8803 and 29267 Southfield Road (between 12 and 13 Mile Roads) in the Southfield Commons Shopping Center (248) 569-9454 have officially opened their patios.

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