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CSX underpass, city commissioners

y concerned about Sheldon



Some city commission members are concerned that township board trustees are keeping them out of the loop when it comes to the details of the underpass project along Sheldon Road.

sulting them.

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

Plymouth city commissioners are concerned Plymouth Township trustees are attempting to change the details of the \$8.8 million Sheldon

District pares list of names for new school

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER thruscatofoe.homecomm.net

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education is close to naming the third high school to be constructed at the Educational Park.

All of the six board members who attended Tuesday's regular meeting said they preferred keeping the tradition of naming the high schools after municipalities,

The school is expected to be named Plymouth High School. Board members also agreed the name Plymouth should be dropped from the front part of the present high school names, and begin calling them Canton and Salem high schools.

The name "Plymouth" is among 37 that were suggested by staff and community members as proposed names for the new high school.

The name Plymouth Superior, brought up by Trustee Judy Mardigian, will be the other name on the short list derived by board members Tuesday night.

A high school poll of students conucted earlier this month favored putting in about a million dollars. However, some township trustees

are concerned about the closing of Sheldon Road for two years to complete the grade separation project. Township officials have been talking with county officials, discussing the possibility of keeping the road open during construction with a temporary bypass road, which could cost more time and money.

"We haven't been involved in these discussions about whether we close Sheldon Road or not," said Commissioner Colleen Pobur, who voiced her concerns at Monday's regular meeting.

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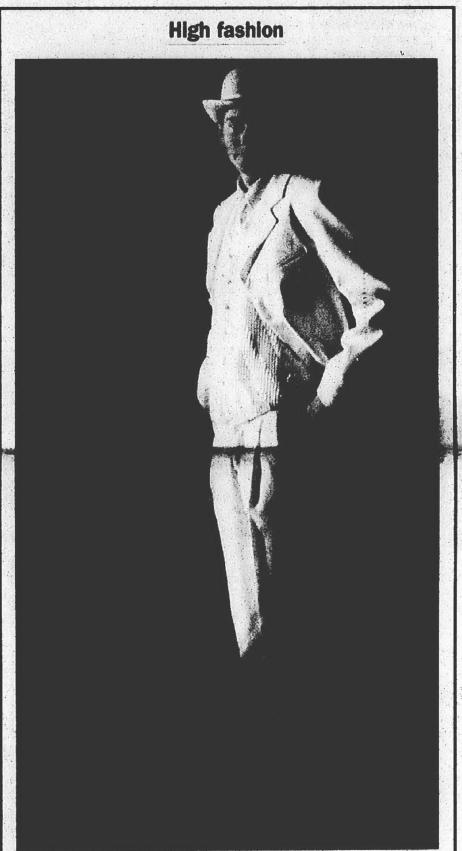
Colleen Pobur -City commissioner

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"The fact that there are discussions going on about this, to which we aren't a party, concerns me.

"It's always been my understanding"

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Couple waives prelim

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER sbuck@ce.homecomm.net

Judge John MacDonald of 35th District Court refused to reduce Brent Anderson's bond of \$500,000 in a criminal sexual conduct case, despite defense attorney pleas.

"My client is 37 years of age and has no prior convictions," said John McWilliams, Anderson's attorney. "We voluntarily surrendered. We are asking for a major substantial reduction in bond."

Anderson and his girlfriend, both Plymouth Township residents, are charged with five counts of criminal sexual con-

duct in connection with alleged sexual I The grosumption of assaults on Innocence conthe woman's daughter that tinues. My Plymouth client will be Township vindicated.' police say they can took prove place during a two-year

John **McWilliams** -Defense attorney

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er's name is being withheld to protect the 12-year-old girl's identity. When the girl confided to a friend that she had been sexually assaulted, the friend relayed information to a Plymouth-Canton School District counselor, who then called police Feb. 4. The couple waived their rights to preliminary exams Monday and were bound over for trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. Their arraignment is scheduled for April 3 in Wayne County Circuit Court. Anderson is charged with five counts of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree, which involves penetration. The felony charge carries a life sentence and also requires mandatory testing for possible sexually-transmitted diseases. Anderson was also charged with one count of criminal sexual conduct in the second degree, which involves contact only. It is a felony that carries a 15-

thought they had a deal in which the city would pay approximately \$500,000 of the local share, with the township Road underpass project without con-

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those two names. A subsequent teachers' poll taken by

educator Cyndi Burnstein at the high school complex shows the name Plymouth High School receiving 80 votes, with Plymouth-Superior getting 52 votes

Board President Susan Davis said she would like to see the letters P-C in front of the high school names because we need to identify that the schools belong to Plymouth-Canton Schools."

The idea of dropping the name "Plymouth" from the two present schools has been forwarded to the high school principals to determine what affect the name change would have, including on such things as signage and letter jack-

The board of education is expected to finalize the name of the third high school at its on Tuesday, March 28, meeting.

Purcell 'having a blast' after 12

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Top hat and talls: Jon Merrick pauses in a white tux and tails at the Plymouth Canton Prom Fashion Show 2000 last Tuesday in the Canton Cafeteria. The show featured clothes and hair styling services from local businesses. For more, please turn to page A9.

Director still impressed after 1st year

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months with development authority BY TONY BRUSCATO

STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.

Time flies when you're having fun.

It's been one year since Melanie Purcell left her job as village manager of Lake Orion and began her new position as the director of Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority

"I've been here a year and I'm still having a blast," said Purcell in her downtown DDA office. "Nobody has accused me of being shy and quiet, par-ticularly about issues I'm very passionate about

"None of my first perceptions of Plymouth have failed me. In fact, the downtown people have impressed me much more with their commitment, professionalism and character."

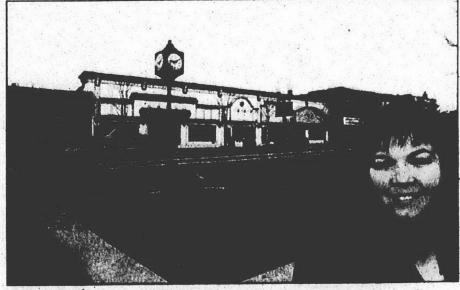
Purcell was brought in to lead the DDA last March, six months after Steve Guile left the position for a similar one in Westland.

"The hotel project and other major developments were in the works. There were no major budget problems," said Purcell. "All the factors led to success, and it was my opportunity to contribute to that success. That's a positive way to come in, instead of having to rebuild.

Purcell has apparently done that in a big way.

"It's as if she's been here longer than a year," said DDA Chairman Dave Pugh. "Melanie has absorbed things.

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Happy anniversary: Melanie Purcell has been on the job as director of the Downtown Development Authority for just over a year now.

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Folino joins chase for Law's House seat

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Teresa Folino of Northville has been working on the local. political scene for 25 years, ranging from being a volunteer on various races to a ranking member of the 13th Congressional District Republican Committee.

Folino said it is "time to expand my service to the community," and with that has announced her candidacy for the 20th District State Representative seat currently held by Gerald Law, R-Plymouth.

Education is a major issue in Folino's campaign.

"I oppose the current ballot proposal on vouchers," she said.



"There are better ways to assist people who send their children to private schools. While I haven't come to a definite conclusion, I'm currently researching ways which can be better."

Folino said she wants to make

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sure students who aren't headed to college will still have the tools needed for today's work force.

"There needs to be technological opportunities in the K-12 curriculum so those children who aren't college bound will have the technical knowledge to work in the 21st century," said Folino. "We need to make sure we're providing technological training in our school districts."

Folino said she does believe in lifting the cap on the number of charter schools in Michigan, and in addressing taxes for small business owners

"I would like to eliminate the small business tax in a more timely manner than the 23 years proposed by the governor," said Folino. "I don't think we can do it in six months, but certainly in a shorter time frame.

"I also feel strongly about the two-thirds super majority vote needed in both chambers to raise

taxes," she said. Folino, who thus far has \$25,000 in her war chest, has crossed the Northville border to get two political endorsements in Plymouth.

'City commission members Michele Potter and Sean FitzGerald have given me their there's room for improvement."

Driver's ed sign-up begins

Registration for this summer's Plymouth-Canton Community



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support," added Folino. "I feel very proud they feel I'm the best candidate in the race." Potter and FitzGerald have

by-passed their own commission colleague, and Plymouth mayor, Dave McDonald, in endorsing Folino for the 20th District seat. "I think I would call that a

statement, not a surprise," said Folino.

The two city commissioners believe Folino has what it takes to represent 20th District constituents in Lansing.

"I think she has the community's issues in the forefront," said Potter. "Teresa is a compassionate individual who will listen to her constituents."

"I'm impressed with her command of the issues," added FitzGerald. I think she has a thoughtful approach to the issues, including education, where she opposes vouchers." Folino said if elected, she will be accountable and accessible to

the people in the 20th State House district. When asked if Law has done a

good job at that, Folino said, "Though our state representative has been good, I think

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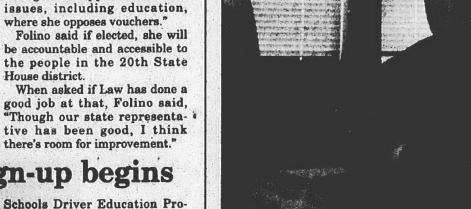
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STAFE PROTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN **Elected:** The chief judge of 35th District Court in Plymouth, John E. MacDonald, has been elected chairperson of the Chief Judges Association of Wayne County. The association includes the chief judge of Wayne County Circuit Court, the probate court of Wayne County, as well as the 33 Wayne County district courts. "I think it's a nice honor, especially since I was elected by my peers," said MacDonald, who is in his 16th year as a judge at 35th District Court. "Our group looks at current legislation and how each of the courts handles various issues."

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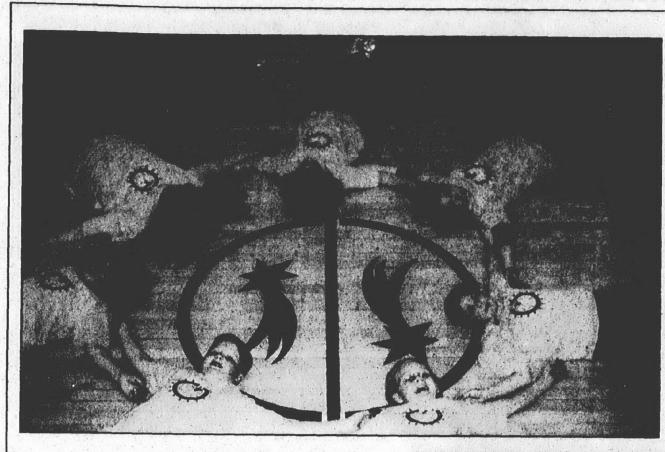


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Laying around: Members of the Smith Elementary team (left) show off their skills during the "Destination Imagination" regional competition at Grosse Pointe North High School. The Smith team took first for its "living baby book" that told the story of a do-do bird's adoptive life with a moose family.

Local students show 'Destination Imagination'

tudents from Bird, Farrand and Smith elementary schools, as well as West Middle School, took a host of honors at the "Destination Imagination" regional competition of the Michigan Creativity Association held earlier this month in Grosse Pointe.

The fourth-and-fifth grade team from Farrand won first place for its six-minute presentation of student-written music, script, props and scenery.

A 5-foot tall living baby book that told the story of a do-do bird's adoptive life with a moose family was the creative concept that won first place for a team of Smith Elementary students.

The seven students from Smith also captured the tournament's top prize, the DaVinci Award, for originality in telling its story

The Smith students will compete in the state finals April 15 in Mt. Pleasant. They are looking for sponsors to help defray travel and entry costs

The elementary team from Bird won second place, and will also attend the state competition.

The West Middle School team took third place in the intermediate division. The team also received The Spirit of Discovery and Imagination Award for being superior role models in spirit, sportsmanship and volunteerism. Only two of the 85 teams in attendance were given the award.



Big winners: This Farrand Elementary team won with its six-minute presentation of student-written music, scripts, props and scenery.

Board considers lowering penalty for delinquent water bills

BY SUE BUCK STAFY WRITER uckoe.ho

After hearing numerous complaints from residents, Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards has suggested a reduction in the penalties on water bills from 10 percent to 5 percent of the amount delinquent.

The proposed penalty change to 5 percent would make Plymouth Township's rate the lowest among surrounding communities Edwards offered in comparison. Penalties in Canton Township, Livonia, Northville Township, Redford Township and Westland are 10 percent. The City of Plymouth has a penalty rate of 15 percent. In 1981, the township board

instituted a 10 percent penalty on delinquent water bills.

This was a time when interest rates were in double digits and residents were investing their funds instead of paying their water bills timely, Edwards said. "They were able to make more income, but the cash flow of the township was being affected. By raising the penalty to 10 percent, residents no longer had an advantage to have their water bill go delinquent and the penalty was comparable to interest rates at the time."

In regards to penalties on water bills that are transferred to the tax roll, Edwards suggested that the board raise the amount from 20 percent to 30 percent. Board members suggested raising it to 35 percent,

Water usage is billed quarter-

Some residents use the tax bill to their advantage and the Internal Revenue Service doesn't catch it, Edwards said.

Trustee Chuck Curmi asked Rosemary Harvey if the board's action would discourage incomé tax fraud. "A lot of the offenders are developers," said Harvey, the township's director of administrative services.

The township's primary responsibility is to collect its water bills, said Trustee Ron Griffith. "If they figure out how to take a tax deduction, that's the federal government's responsibility," Griffith said. "I don't want to get into policing the IRS I don't want to get into this game of being super-dog police over somebody's tax bill. We can get into some deep water there."

The township works with residents to develop a payment plan, Edwards said.

Center hosts legal fair

Neighborhood Legal Services Redford Elder Law Center and the Canton Community Development Department will present a free community legal fair 10a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 25 at the Canton Human Services Center, 44237 Michigan . Avenue

The fair will feature free legal hands-on assistance, workshops and guidance in the following areas: Estate/Life Planning (wills, power of attorney, probate, etc.), Family Law (divorce,

visitation, etc.), Elder Abuse, Consumer/Credit/Collection matters, Landlord/Tenant and Home Ownership Issues, Tax credits and Public benefits, grandparents/non-parent caregivers raising minor children, and general elder law issues.

There will be free food and beverages, free parking, free day care and free individual consultation. Space is limited. Call (313) 937-8291 for registration or for more information.

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year sentence with mandatory AIDS and STD testing. Anderson remains-in Wayne County Jail.

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The mother is out on bond but cannot see or talk with the alleged victim or with her other child, police said. Both children have been placed in foster care. The woman is charged as an accessory and also faces a first-

encouragement," said Lora Weingarden, an assistant Wayne County prosecutor assigned to the case. "She is held as responsible as (Anderson) is."

Police emphasize the mother is not being charged with having had sexual contact with the victim.

Anderson's attorney said he will focus on preparing his case

Ricky Nelson, the mother's attorney, declined comment.

Anderson's mother and sister were eager to defend him. "His family is here to support him." said Tiffany Braziel, Anderson's sister. "We believe that he is innocent.'

"We are confident that he is innocent," added Nancy Crisp,

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degree charge in the case.

"In this case, she is considered an aider and abettor, meaning she gave aid, assistance or

for trial. "The presumption of innocence continues," McWilliams said. "My client will be vindicated."

Anderson's mother. "He is a good father. We have all the confidence in the world that God is on our side."

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that we were going to close the road because it's the most cost effective way to get it done," she added. "But now the township apparently disagrees with that, and we all need to be involved in those discussions.

However, township Trustee Chuck Curmi disputes those claims.

"No one said the road would be closed until we received a letter from Wayne County in December," said Curmi. "It was a total shock to everyone in Plymouth Township.

"Maybe in the end the road will have to be closed, but we need to investigate it one more time to make sure we're making the right decision."

Pobur wants to have the Joint Services Committee reconvene to discuss the issue, or better yet, have both boards hold a jointsession such as the one which produced the original agreement on the underpass.

"Last August we thought we had a firm agreement," said Pobur. "We moved forward assuming those commitments would be honored. It appears now there is some recalcitrance on the part of the township.

"I've talked to some of my colleagues at Wayne County about where this is going," she added.

I'm the biggest proponent in cooperating with the city of Plymouth.'

> Chuck Curmi -Township trustee

"There's some discomfort there, too, about people trying to change the substance of the deal. I want to be cautious about letting parties enter into new agreements, or modifying existing agreements, without the city commission's input."

Mayor Dave McDonald also expressed his concerns that the township is moving unilaterally on decisions concerning the grade separation.

"It's frustrating for me to get correspondence in my commission packet informing us the county was going to make a presentation at the request of the township at one of their study sessions," said McDonald. "I was frustrated a couple of months ago when I heard the township board had not formalized their two-thirds share of the cost because they had questions on whether the road would be closed.

point a little frustrated," added McDonald. "I will certainly make that call to get this back on the right track."

"I had discussions with (City Manager) Dave Rich about meeting with the city," said Curmi. "I'm the biggest proponent in cooperating with the city of Plymouth. It's unfortunate the city has that impression. It's really the total opposite. Since the property which could be used for the bypass is in the city, we want the city to take the lead."

Commissioner Michele Potter said she attended the latest study session by township trustees with county officials, and it raised some concerns.

"Keeping Sheldon Road open during the project will delay the start of it because the design work will need to be redone, said Potter. "That will add significant cost to the project and take longer than if we just close the road.

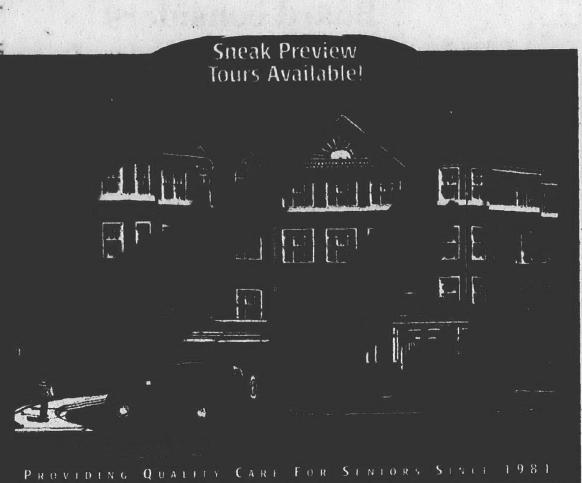
"They (the township board) may not have had a technical vote last August, but they voted that night in approval," said Commissioner Dan Dwyer. "I'm reluctant now to enter into agreements with any municipality that doesn't give the follow-"I'm optimistic, but at this through you expect."

Local man added as partner in law firm

Kenneth W. Vermeulen was recently admitted Protection Act. to a partnership in the law firm of Warner Norcross & Judd LLP. He practices in the areas of both real estate and environmental law, including traditional real estate transactions and brownfield redevelopment, CERCLA, Part 201, underground storage tank regulation and lender issues. Vermeulen has also participated extensively in recent amendments to both part 201 and part 213 of Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental

Originally from Detroit, Vermeulen, his wife, Shelly, and their daughters, Morgan and Sarah reside in Kentwood. He is the son of James and Sylvia Vermeulen of Plymouth. Vermeulen is a 1982 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Michigan and the Grand Rapids **Bar** Association

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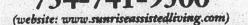


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quickly, has a lot of self-confidence and has led the board in areas which are consistent with our goals."

Pugh is happy with the fact Purcell has made the downtown DDA office more viable than in the past, giving both business owners and the public more access.

City Manager David Rich, who has been in town as long as Purcell, said she has done an "excellent job."

"Melanie has been able to work extremely well with the downtown business owners, the Chamber of Commerce and the city in opening the lines of communication," said Rich. "A lot of the projects we are seeing were in the works before she came, but they still don't progress without a driving force behind them."

One of those is the Mayflower Centre project.

"The Mayflower is just one component of downtown," she said. "It won't make or break downtown Plymouth or this community, but it will be a player. In combination with the 'new restaurants and other retailers, all the pieces are coming togeth-

"We may not recognize downtown Plymouth in a year from now," she added. "Not that it won't be a wonderful town, but some of the businesses that are there today won't be, and others

will take their place." Purcell said when she first came to Plymouth, she underestimated the commitment and strength of the downtown.

"I've been steadily impressed at the level of perceptiveness of the downtown business and property owners," said Purcell. "It's not a matter of being in it for the quick buck. There's a greater percentage of people in the downtown who are committed to the community far beyond where their business ends, at the front door. They've taken the community into their business and brought the business into the community."

Purcell describes herself as "a government bureaucrat ... but innovative ... who attacks goals very fiencely ... with a strong background in budget and capital improvements."

Purcell lists among her firstyear accomplishments: putting together a budget that she

describes as "crisp and clean, we know exactly what's coming in and what's going out"; having a parking enforcement policy under way; and a capital improvement fund "so the DDA won't be caught flat-footed when it's time for new bonds or repairs." BY S STAF

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And she expects to see at least a refurbished, if not new, parking deck within a few years. Purcell wants to be innovative when it comes time to do something with the 20-year-old structure.

"We have a unique situation in Fleet Street, a pedestrian-oriented street," said Purcell. "Maybe instead of a concrete structure, we build something with retail on the first floor and make Fleet Street an area for walking."

Purcell's main goal is to make people think of Plymouth as THE downtown area in the state.

"Plymouth has the ultimate downtown. It has everything in place to be what small town America was meant to be," said Purcell. "We'll keep pushing Plymouth as 'The Place to Be.' We want to capitalize on our pride."

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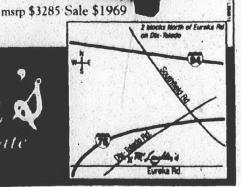
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Owners say contractor 'left a mess'

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER sdaniel@co.homes

When Dax and Lina Patel contracted Pearce Exterior Services to build a patio, they viewed it as the final piece to their dream home in Canton's posh Fairways West subdivision.

Nine months later, the couple is out more than \$6,000 and the patio is far from complete. Worse yet, reputable contractors are reluctant to finish the job left by Pearce Exterior.

"He left me with a big mess that nobody will touch unless they can rip us off, too," said Lina Patel. "Big companies won't do the work. Small companies want to rip you off."

Pearce Exterior Services is based in Holland, Mich. The **Observer** attempted to contact the firm's owner, Michael Pearce, for this story but was unsuccessful. The phone number of the business was listed as disconnected late Tuesday afternoon.

The Patels were not new to Canton when they moved into their 3,300-square-foot home just west of Beck Road in November 1998.

The family lived in the Glengarry subdivision for five years, in fact, after moving from Pennsylvania. They decided to stay in the township for a number of reasons.

"We were very happy with Canton," said Lina Patel. "It's in the center of everything. We liked the library and the Sum-. mit. We had a great neighborhood.'

They found their home just a

CANTON scaped and built a patio for their home. She said she and her husband contracted him in May bit too small, however, and decided to upgrade in brand new Fairways West. Patel said it was 1999. Pearce completed work in August.

despite a difficult builder.

After a few minor disagree-

ments, the Patels closed on the

\$325,000 home and moved in

late fall of 1998. It was the

fourth time the couple had been

through the process of building a

your final dream house," Patel

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"He did a very good job," said very exciting to oversee con-Suthar, who added that Pearce's struction of their new home work schedule was sporadic. "Whenever he worked, he was "He was hard to work with," good." she commented. "But he builds

Kathy Woellecke, another neighbor of Patel, also had landscaping and a patio done by Pearce Exterior. She said they hired Pearce in early spring last year and he finished in August.

Asse Suthar said Pearce land-

"His work is very good," Woellecke said. "He just took a long time.

The Patels, unfortunately, tell a different story.

The couple sat down with Michael Pearce on July 2 and signed a contract. It called for a patio with wall, walkways and benches. A price of \$8,200 was quoted.

Lina Patel said they gave Pearce 45 percent, or \$3,690, as a down payment at the initial meeting. Work was to begin by late July. Pearce didn't show until Oct. 13.

"We never hounded him," said Patel. "We never called him. We knew he was finishing other jobs in the neighborhood."

Pearce and his crew worked Oct. 13-15 and Oct. 20. The wall was built and dirt dumped in where the patio was supposed to

Pearce never returned after Oct. 20., It wasn't until early winter that the couple became suspicious. Meanwhile, Pearce had collected a second installment of \$2,870 on Oct. 12.

Patel said Pearce promised numerous times after Oct. 20 to complete the job, but didn't. She said he made excuses about why he couldn't come.

In early January, the couple went so far as to send Pearce a certified letter urging him to complete the work. It fell on deaf ears, though.

Calls to the Better Business Bureau and state of Michigan haven't helped. So now the Canton couple is considering litigation

"It's my way of saying I did all that I could," said Patel. "It's too many times I've been (ripped off).

ALEX NELSON

Alex Nelson, 12, delivers the Plymouth Observer. He has been delivering the Observer since November 1998.

CARRIER OF THE MONTH: PLYMOUTH

The East Middle School seventh grader's favorite subject is social studies.

His hobbies are playing the trombone, computer games, and programming. Alex wants to go to college and become an architect.

Getting to know people is one thing that he likes about his route

Money management is one skill that he has developed.

Alex is the son of Peter and Jan Nelson.



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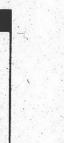
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Services for Eleanor Oliver, 67, of Plymouth Township were held March 22 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Pastor Norman D. Long officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was born July 10, 1932, in Plymouth and died March 18 in Plymouth. She was a cafeteria manager for the Plymouth-Can-

ton Schools for 20 years. She came to the Plymouth community in 1959 from Livonia. She loved bingo, crossword puzzles and reading books. She was also an excellent cook and baker. She was preceded in death by

her daughter, Hope Oliver. Survivors include her husband, Harold of Plymouth; three sons, Charles Oliver of Plymeuth, William Oliver of Plymouth and

Gary (Debbie) Oliver of Livonia; two brothers, Robert (Terri) Cramb of Fraser, Mich., and Richard (Joan) Cramb of West Branch, Mich.; her mother, Inez Cramb of Plymouth; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association or Angela Hospice.

GLORIA JANE TERRIEN

Services for Gloria Jane Terrien, 55, of Westland were held March 23 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Tom Kirwan officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was born April 24, 1944, in White Earth Township, Minn., and died March 19 in Wayne. She was a homemaker. She came to the Westland community in 1922 from Plymouth and was a member of St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City. She loved to collect Beanie Babies with her grandchildren. She also enjoyed collecting Native American memorabilia.

She was preceded in death by her two brothers, Earl and Leonard Bellanger. Survivors include her husband, Michael of Westland; two sons, Dave (Barbara) Booth of Livonia and Dale Michael (Leeann) Booth of Ply-

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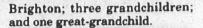
mouth; three sisters, Gladys Shroff of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Florence Parks of Ky., and Delores Campbell of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; three brothers, Kenneth Bellanger of Westland, Peter Bellanger of Livonia and Edward Bellanger of Ft. Wayne; and four grandchildren.

THELMA L. FERQUSON Services for Thelma L. Fergu-

son, 85, of Plymouth were held March 18 in Northrop-Sassman Funeral Home, Northville, with the Rev. Louise R. Ott of Novi United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Rural Hill Cemetery.

She was born Aug. 23, 1914, in Farina, Ill., and died March 16 in Plymouth. She was a 70-year resident of Northville. Prior to her retirement she was a sales clerk in a dime store. She was a member of Novi United Methodist Church and was a very active member of the Association for Retarded Children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Esly Nirider and Anne Dixon; and her husband, Clyde K. Ferguson on Oct. 10, 1990. Survivors include her three children, Dennis Ferguson of Plymouth, Jolene Jacobs, Ph.D., of Northville and William Ferguson of Plymouth; one brother, Cecil Nirider of



Memorials may be made to Novi Methodist Church.

FLORENCE D. RAIDA

Services for Florence D. Raida, 71, of Canton were held March 17 in St. Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Jack H. Baker and Rev. Joseph Gembala officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre, Southfield.

She was born Sept. 8, 1928, in Canton and died March 13 in Dearborn Heights. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mary Catholic Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Lorraine (Richard) Liddy of Westland; one sister, Irene (Joseph) Germbala of Canton; one brother, Edward (Beverly) Bishop of Devenport, Fla.; and one grandson, Kevin M. Liddy.

Memorials may be made in Mass offerings or to the DMC West Nursing Center.

Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland.

ADAM JOSEPH GERRES

Services for Adam Joseph Gerres, 74, of Canton Township were held March 22 in St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Father Jack Quinlan officiating. Burial was in Mt. Oliver Cemetery.

He was born May 18, 1925, in Detroit and died March 19 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He worked as a foreman for an automotive company.

He was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, John, Joseph, Anthony, Elizabeth Welch, Barbara Dreer and Ann Pilkey. Survivors include his wife, Vivian; parents, Joseph and Elizabeth; and many nieces and nephews.

Local arrangements were made by the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton.

LORRAINE M. MORGAN

Services for Lorraine M. Morgan, 83, of Canton were held March 17 in St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

She was born Sept. 29, 1916, in Detroit and died March 12 in Canton. She was a secretary for

General Motors Corp. She was a member of St. Johns Neumann Catholic Church and had worked at GM for 10 years. She was the former president of the GM Women's Club.

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She was preceded in death by her parents, Sheridan and Anne Moran. Survivors include her brother, Sheridan (Nancy) Moran of Tampa, Fla.; four nephews, Thomas Cram of Tampa, Fla., Robert Cram of Seattle, Wash., Douglas Cram of Los Angeles and John Moran of West Bloomfield; one niece, Christina A. (Dennis) Swift of Plymouth; and nine grandnieces and grandnephews.

Memorials may be made as Mass offerings.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

JOHN A. MCALLISTER

Services for John A. McAllister, 83, of Plymouth took place March 18 in the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with Dr. James Skimins officiating.

He was born April 3, 1916, in Kinde, Mich., and died March 16 in Plymouth. He was selfemployed. He was in the Navy and in World War II and was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William S. and Eva McAllister. Survivors include his wife, Eleanor Delite McAllister of Plymouth; one son, Del McAllister of Bellaire; two daughters, Pam (David) Cook of Plymouth and Joy McAllister of Sarasota, Fla.; four grandchildren, Lisa Wright of Fla., Matt, Tyler and Casey Cook of Plymouth; and one great-grandchild, Noah Cook of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

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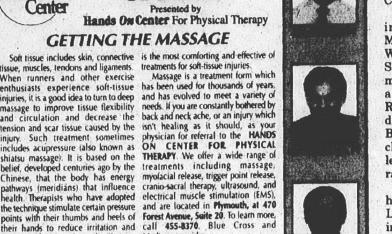
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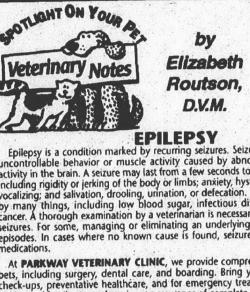
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Duggan happy with gun deal but wants control on sales

BY RICHARD PRARL BYAFF WRITER rpearf@ce.homecom comm.net

Is it tough enough?

deputy chief executive wanted to know Friday about what he termed the "historic agreement" reached between the nation's largest gun manufacturer and the host of governments suing it and its competitors over guncontrol.

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The question also was why Michael Duggan announced that Wayne County would continue its suit and not be a party to the agreement - pending Wayne **County Circuit Judge Jeanne** Stempien's decision on a motion by Smith & Wesson and other gun makers to dismiss the county's \$400 million suit.

His move was counter to that of the City of Detroit and Mayor Dennis Archer who, along with a host of other participants in the suit against gun makers, agreed to the settlement worked by the

Said Archer press secretary Greg Bowens, "The president (Bill Clinton) and the mayor struck a very good deal with Smith & Wesson to encourage responsible gun ownership and to make guns safer than they are now.

Archer "was the first one to indicate he would like to encourage other companies to follow" S&W by making it and others who join it "the companies of choice for weapons to law enforcement" bodies, Bowens said.

Continuing

suit draws

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER

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mixed views

Two western Wayne County commissioners took differing positions on the county executive branch's decision to continue a \$400 million lawsuit against gun

While board Vice Chair Kay

Beard declined comment due at

least in part to what she said was a lack of documentation from Deputy Executive Michael Duggan on his decision, Commissioner John J. Sullivan support-

Market forces

"It really is an attempt to use market forces to achieve advances on a consumer product," Bowens added.

But Duggan had a different view.

"My problem is, is it (the agreement) tough enough?" he asked.

"When a gun is used in a crime, we can trace it and find out what dealer it came from," he acknowledged. But "We want a provision that, when a dealer is selling large numbers of guns to kids" and criminals, "we want the sales to the dealer stopped."

As things now stand, he said, a special commission would have three to five years to make such a decision - a process that is much too slow and cumbersome," he said.

"How fast government can move on a dealer" who violates the agreement's code of conduct which triggers such an investigation - "is our only point of contention," Duggan said.

While he gave New Orleans credit for the safety issues in the suit - such as the gun locks which Smith & Wesson agreed to install – Duggan said it was Wayne County that "expressly put in" the code of conduct which Smith & Wesson said it would require its dealers to sign. The code says dealers won't sell to kids or felons

"We are well-satisfied with the safety-issues" part of the agreement, Duggan said, and he praised the Clinton administration.

'Lot of credit'

"They deserve a lot of credit," he said. "This is an historic agreement." But the point of contention is the enforcement, he said.

'We're just going to make it (the agreement) a lot better," he said.

"We (Wayne County) don't want the money, we want them to make safe guns and we want to" keep the dealers and the gun shows from selling to underage buyers or felons or to those buy-

ing on behalf of felons. "If we get that, we'll settle," Duggan said.

While Stempien "could dismiss (the lawsuit) at any time, I think we'll sit down with Smith & Wesson and work something out," he said. "We want them to cut off the dealers faster.

We want them to act."

County Executive Ed McNamara supported Duggan's decision "100 percent."

Saying Duggan "pretty much did this on his own" and crediting him with bringing Detroit into the suit, McNamara called the settlement "a giant step forward.

"But I also think there should be more policing of gun dealers," he said. "Nobody wants that kind of responsibility in part because of the expense and because you may open yourself to some kind of liability."

Nevertheless, he expressed confidence that, "If Smith has gone this far, being the size they are," they'll go further toward policing their dealers.

Asked about enforcement efforts of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, McNamara said the agency is

"trying to do what they can, but they're somewhat limited.

Our concern with the plan is it's still too liberal with regard to getting guns into kids' hands for use in felonies," he said.

But Bowens, Archer's press

secretary, said the mayor feels The deal we have struck has gone further than any legislation we could have dreamed of.

And if "one entity (Duggan) feels it can change an entire industry, more power to him.

"The mayor's position is to take responsible steps by gun manufacturers and not bully and posture for something further down the road. "A bird in hand is worth two in

the bush," Bowens said.

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leen Husk, opposes continuing the suit but favors the gun locks that are part of the settlement.

A third commissioner, Kath-

Sullivan, D-Romulus, said that "Personally, I agree with continuing" the lawsuit against Smith & Wesson and the others because "gun locks aren't going to be used by most of these people

In reaching a settlement, Smith & Wesson agreed to, within 60 days, sell external gun locks with all of its handguns.

Among other things, the nation's largest gun manufacturer also will, within 12 months, make handguns inoperable by children under age 6 and, within 24 months, have internal locking devices on the guns. It also will add a second "hidden" serial number to thwart criminals who try to erase them.

Sullivan, whose district includes the City of Wayne, part of Westland and all of Canton Township, said if someone "got the gun for safety (purposes), they're not going to want a gun lock on it.

"I don't see much of a safety measure," he said. "For the few that will use it, it will prevent accidental shootings by kids, but I don't think that's enough.'

What's needed is to "stop selling guns to felons and minors," Sullivan said, citing videotapes. by the sheriff's department. showing dealers making such transactions.

That kind of thing needs to be stopped and there really hasn't been any kind of guarantee" by the agreement that it will, he said.

Beard, D-Westland, said she had seen nothing in writing from Duggan on his decision and so she was "not prepared to say anything.

'I don't shoot from the hip," she said. "I like to know whereof I speak.'

Furthermore, she cautioned, "This is an election year and a lot of people say and do a lot of

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Bill clears way for new construction at state fairgrounds

BY MIKE MALOTT BOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

The way has been cleared, legislatively, for renovation and new construction at Michigan's state fairgrounds, on Woodward near Eight Mile in Detroit. But exactly what building projects are to be included, how much it would cost and who would pay for it, isn't clear.

"They wouldn't give me the numbers," state Rep. Larry DeVuyst, R-Alma, said. He was the sponsor of the proposal,

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things" – an apparent reference to Duggan's announced candidacy for county prosecutor.

"It's an election for all of us as well," she added, "for all countywide officials except the county exec," Ed McNamara.

Other offices on the county level besides prosecutor to be decided in the November general election will be for clerk, treasurer register of deeds and sheriff, she noted.

However, Beard was careful to avoid connecting Duggan with the current dispute the commisside has with the county's executive branch over paying legal feed in the gun control lawsuit. "This name is nowhere in that," she said.

LicNamara asked the commission to pay \$60,000 in expenses to Southfield law firm.

The firm specializes in backruptcy matters and was brought in because one of the gu manufacturers, Davis Industries of California, is in bankruptcy proceedings.

"We have great concern about that and want a lot more information about that before" making any decisions," said Beard.

County corporate counsel Edward Euell Jr. said the firm was able to keep the county's "entire lawsuit" against Davis "out of bankruptcy," where it likely would receive a less favorable decision, he said.

Husk, R-Redford Township, said she is "definitely against that gun suit" because "there are laws already in place to prosecute.

"It's expensive for the county to sue, so if there are laws already in place, I prefer for us to go that route," she said.

She supports the gun locks because "I don't want guns out on the street." House Bill 5341, which would turn control of the state fairgrounds over to Michigan's Department of Agriculture and allow administrators there to lease the property for private development.

That would legally clear the way for fairgrounds General Manager John Hertel to complete a deal he has reportedly been negotiating with Joe Nederlander, whose family operates the Fisher and Masonic Temple theaters in Detroit.

There has been talk that the project could include construction of a new 500,000-square-foot exposition hall, according to state Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, and Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland. Along with media reports of such a project, an expo hall has been mentioned in meetings, they said.

Bullard and Cassis are concerned about the deal, saying a publicly subsidized new exposition hall there could present unfair competition to the Novi Expo Center, a privately-funded exposition hall which just unveiled plans for a new building itself.

That's not correct, according to DeVuyst. The only plans for new construction at the state fairgrounds are for the construction of a new horse arena. Currently, horse shows are held in the ice arena inside the State Fair Coliseum building, he said. Dirt has to be trucked in to cover the floor before the show and carted out afterwards, an enormous job, he explained.

Space for exposition events would be in the Coliseum, which would be renovated under the plan. The building was just given a \$3.2 million renovation last year.

Another building on the fairgrounds would be nearly demolished and replaced, but DeVuyst could not specify which building that would be.

The bill itself does not include any details. The legislation simply transfers responsibility for the fairgrounds from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture and gives officials there the authority to determine which buildings may be demolished in order to make room for improvements.

DeVuyst said the bill allows for any private group to lease the grounds. But he concluded Nederlander is the most likely one to get the lease, because he already has plans in the works.

The bill won approval in the House on a 103-1 vote and in the Senate by 32-4 March 16. The legislation has been sent to Gov. John Engler for a signature.

The goal is to make the state fairgrounds self-supporting. The state fair has needed subsidies from the state to stay in opera-

tion in years past. Last year, the state fair turned a \$22,000 profit for the first time, according to DeVuyst.

To alleviate concerns about subsidizing development that would compete with other expo

halls, an amendment was added to the bill barring the facilities from being rented for shows at less than market value.

That should alleviate the concern, said Blair Bowman, president of the Novi Expo Center.

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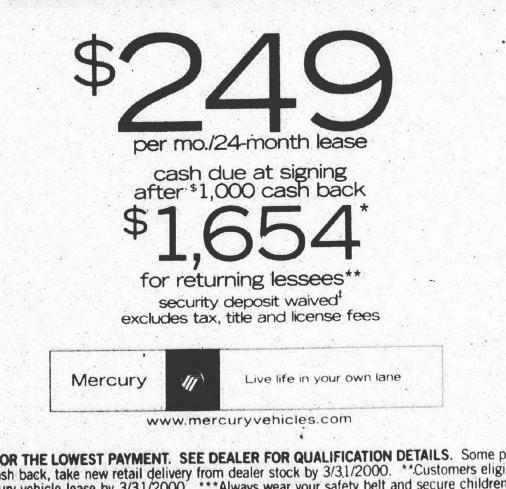
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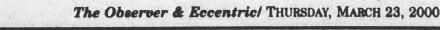
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On display: Michelle Bernard (from left), Puja Amin, and Lauren Devine sashay onto the runway during Tuesday's prom fashion show.



Dressing the part Fashions highlighted in annual show

There were zoot suits, ties and tails and gowns galore – and memories.

The occasion was the 2000 Plymouth Canton Prom Fashion Show Tuesday in the cafeteria at Plymouth Canton High School. The show, created by the Salem Student Congress, was dedicated to the memory of



Group performance: Ryan Silva (from left), Jon and Dave Merrick, Rick Rodriguez and Drew Owens act out their choreography from the boy band, 2Gether, symbolizing the song, "U + Me = Us."

Rachael C. Maurer - a senior who lost her life in a car accident late last summer. Rachael had been elected as Mayor of the executive forum, and had been instrumental in the 1999 show.

Senior Megan Bohr assumed the duties of mayor following Rachael's passing. "I knew it wouldn't be easy, but it was something I had to do," she said in the program's notes. "Even though she's not here, the show must go on and I know she'll still be with me."

Choreographer Aileen Balatico and Student Activities Advisor Lauren Cummings guided the process of the spring show featuring tuxedos from Randazzo Tuxedo, Canton Tuxedo and Steve Petix, and dresses from Cache, Gantos and David's Bridal. Images Salon in Plymouth donated hair styling services to all of the girls in the show.



Start Photo BY PAUL HURSCHAANS Styling: Ken Bazman struts his stuff in a zoot suit.

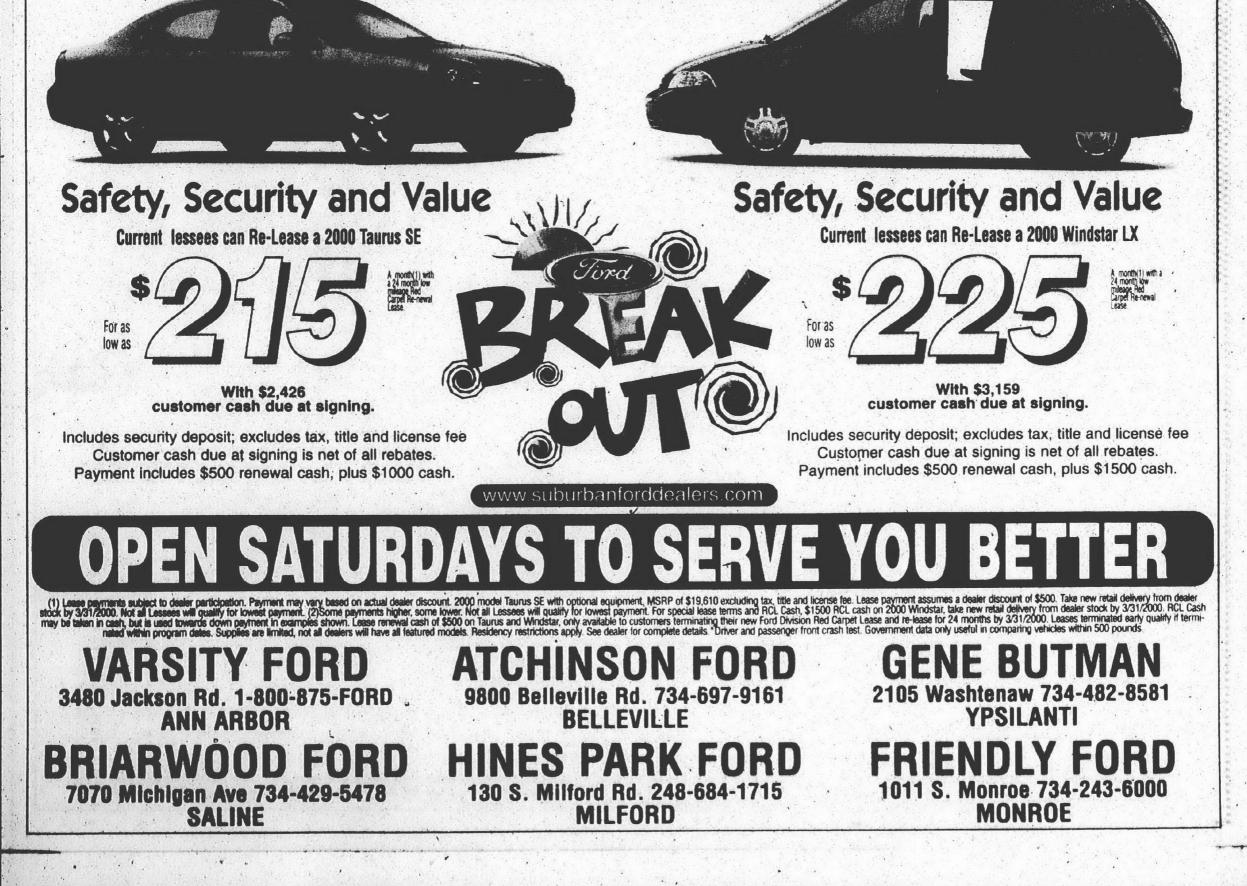
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Panel hears seniors' concerns

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER ricearl@co.homecomm.net

Iris Cameron recalls the pharmacist who told her, "Hold on to your hat when I tell you the cost" scribed for her.

When its price was added to that of the three others she has to take, it made the Westland woman think that "these golden

of the cancer medication pre- years are getting kind of rusty." Cameron, a perky native of Ireland who came to this country after World War II as the bride of a Westland serviceman, was among about 50 residents of the

Thomas F. Taylor Towers senior residence center on Marquette in Westland and others who attended a hearing Monday on what Michigan needs to do to help seniors remain in their homes longer.

As it happened, issues relating to medication and also to transportation were added to a list being compiled by the group that conducted Monday's meeting: the House Democratic Party's In-Home Care Task Force, a panel of state representatives.

Co-chaired by Westland Rep. Eileen DeHart and Clinton Township Rep. Paul Gieleghem, the task force has been holding hearings around the state in recent weeks. Final sessions will be April 10 in Grand Rapids and April 17 in Flint.

The panel's goal is "not to just have the talk, but to walk the walk," said DeHart, who expressed confidence state legislators will be open to task-force ideas because it's an election year "and senior power is the most awesome power, as far as voting is concerned.

"I think this year (senior issues) will have more momentum than in other years," said DeHart, who is being term-limited from office.

She said Monday's hearing brought out personal stories that "tore at my heart" but are, in fact, "not isolated" instances. "They happen all over the state," she said.

Transportation and medication issues joined such previously raised topics as the need for caregiver tax credits; in-home caregiver pay rates, training and background checks; assistance for in-home-care renovations; expansion of Medicaid waivers and the streamlining and coordinating of the reporting process. Speakers told the panel Mon-

day about seniors living alone, with no family or friends available to help them, who can't get transportation for treatment, who get unqualified, untrained help from in-home service providers, and who sometimes get conflicting medications from physicians treating them for different problems who don't communicate with each other or with pharmacists.

'What you want'

Pat Wojcik of Westland told of

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY Hearing the public: In-Home Care Task Force members State Reps. Tom Kelly (left to right) and Patricia Lock-

wood, Westland Mayor Robert Thomas, State Reps. Eileen DeHart (co-chairman), Doug Bovin, Paul Gieleghem (co-chairman) and Donna Aberlich, legislative assistant to Rep. Gieleghem, start the proceedings at the hearing.

in-home care providers "telling you what you want to hear' about their services, then sending people so unqualified that, in her case, her mother "would have been better off in a nursing home.

Wojcik told how the changing personnel provided by one such service kept her at her mother's side every day.

DeHart responded with, "We want to make sure every person is taken care of as if (the caregivers) had 24-hour-a-day oversight."

Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek, outgoing director of the Westland Friendship Center and a 23-year veteran of the city's seniors programs, told panelists funding is needed for emergency situations in which homebound seniors can't get to treatments.

She said some seniors can't find public transportation to hospitals and doctors' offices in Livonia, for example, because Westland's Nankin Connector bus service's consortium with Wayne, Garden City and Inkster doesn't cross into Livonia.

"We cannot afford to send a staff person in our van to sit and wait" sometimes four hours while a senior gets chemotherapy or radiation for cancer or a



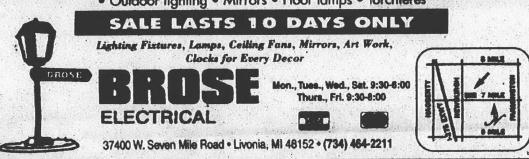
Making his case: Thomas Taylor, executive director at Thomas F. Taylor Tower, speaks at the in home care task force hearing.

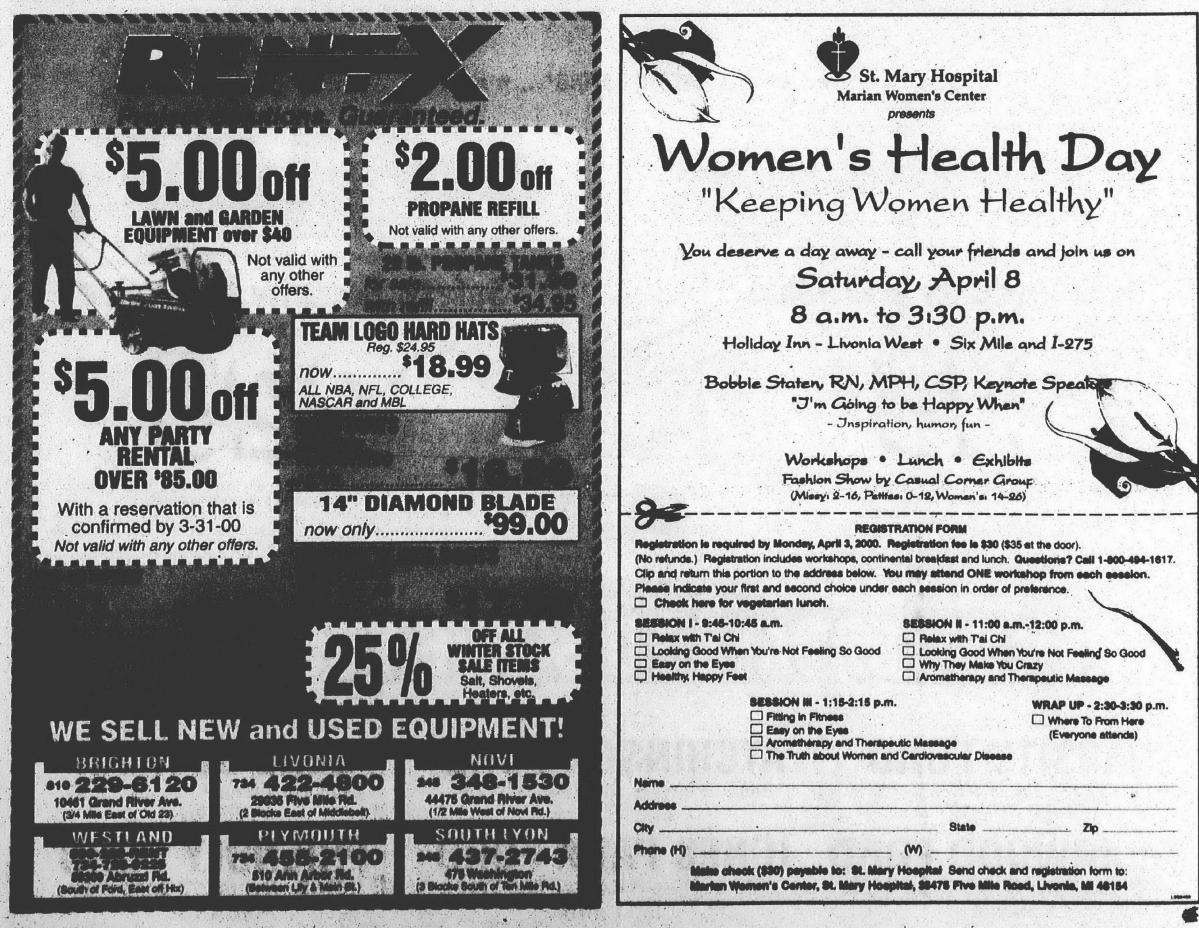
blood transfusion for leukemia, Kozorosky-Wiacek said. Starting such a shuttle service also would cost too much, she

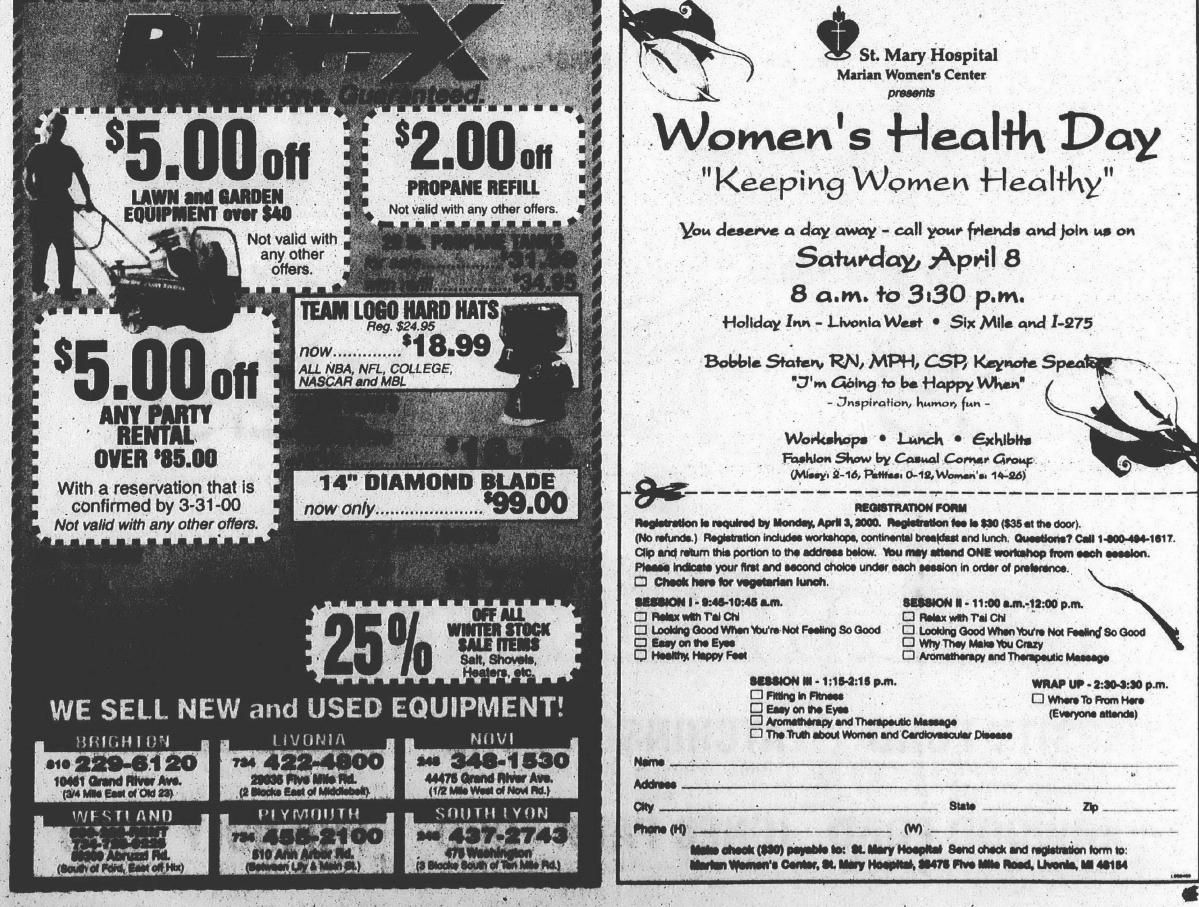
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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY Attentive audience: Senior citizens Lillian Lang (left to right, front), Juanita Balsley and Dorothy Wilson, (behind) Ann Petroni and Mollie Prouty listen to the inhome task force.

momentum than in other years.'

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Seniors from page A10

said. But perhaps some money could be provided by Westland and the state that would get a transportation company to offer service by appointment, she suggested.

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That way, she said, "Instead of it costing (a senior) \$50, it would only cost around \$10."

Rep. Doug Bovin of Gladstone noted some seniors in the Upper Peninsula have to use four buses to cover 60 miles between hospitals.

Kozorosky-Wiacek also spoke against Gov. John Engler's plan to replace MEPPS, the Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Program for Seniors.

MEPPS, a voucher program providing free medication, should be expanded with money from the tobacco settlement to "extend how many times a year they (seniors) get" vouchers "rather than start a new program," she said.

At present, the program only allows vouchers three times per year. She'd like to see more

vouchers and also have the program expanded to include those now left out.

"A lot of people miss it (the income level limit) by \$200-300" per month, she noted. "Some prescriptions are so high, it's exorbitant," she added.

Said DeHart, "If we don't use the tobacco money for health care" as originally decreed and instead use it for MEAP scholarships, as is now the case, "we're going to lose that money.

Another problem is the lack of a pharmaceutical log which would better coordinate the prescription process.

In some cases, speakers told the panel, physicians in different. facilities and specialties prescribe medications for the same

patient which cause problems because there's no good pharmaceutical log they can check and the doctors don't discuss the case with each other.

Rep. Eileen DeHart

D-Westland

As for caregivers, Gieleghem said he favors a "career ladder" and that a bill has been proposed in the state Legislature to teach home care at community colleges

Other representatives on the task force are Doug Bovin, Gladstone; Lingg Brewer, Holt; Deb Cherry, Burton; Pat Lockwood, Fenton; Lynne Martinez, Lansing; and Keith Stallworth, Detroit.

Mayor Robert Thomas welcomed the task force to Westland

Police units join on enforcement

State and local police will be those from the Detroit and Ypsiworking together in a traffic enforcement detail Friday and Saturday, March 24-25, along Michigan Avenue.

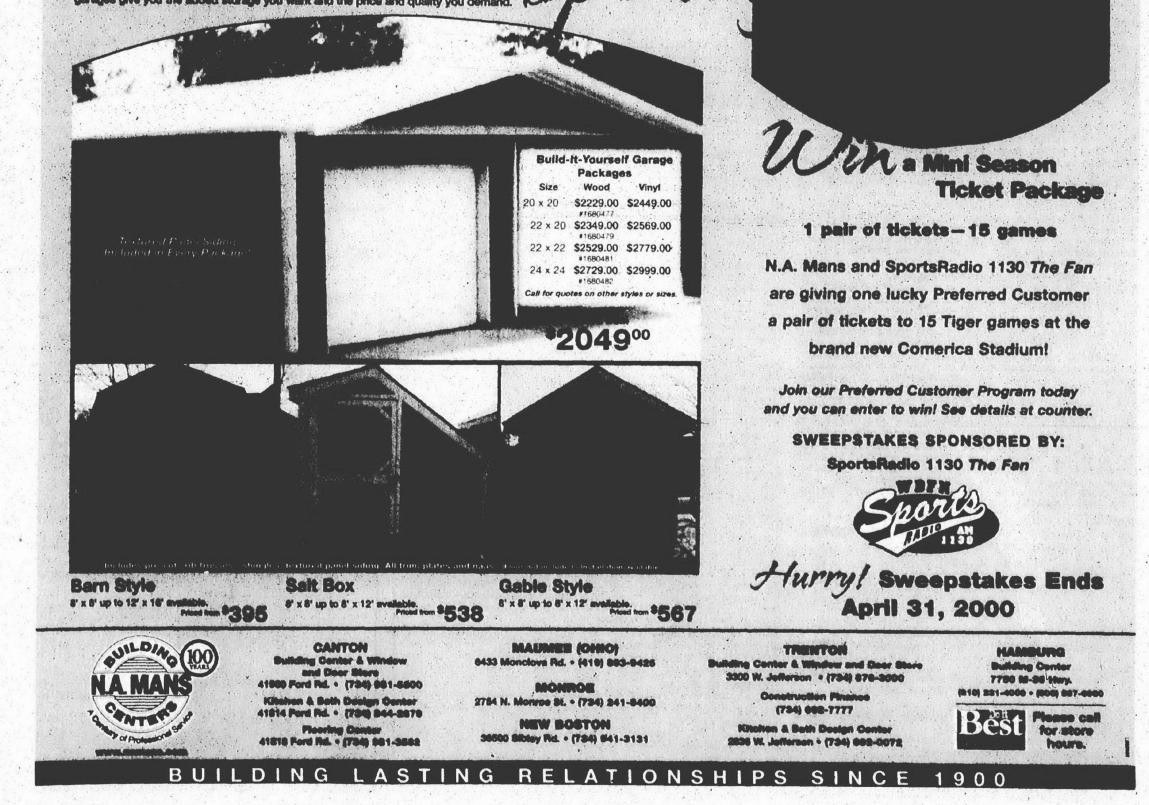
State Troopers from the Metro South Post in Taylor, as well as lanti posts, will join officers from departments in Detroit, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Wayne, Westland and Canton Township as well as deputies from the Wayne and Washtenaw

county sheriff's departments in the multi-department effort. The traffic detail will focus on violations such as aggressive drivers, speeders, tail gating, drunk drivers and the new seatbelt law.



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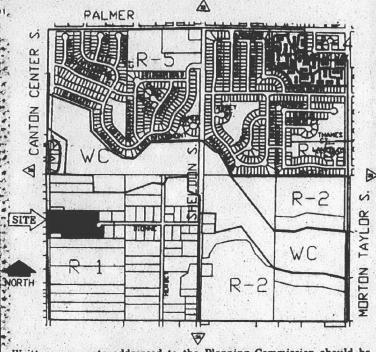
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PLANNING COMMISSION **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 3, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

B.A.P.S. MANDIE TEMPLE SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B.3 FOR PARCEL NO. 107 99 0004 705 AND 107 99 0004 706. Property is located on the east side of Canton Center Road between Palmer and Geddes Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, March 30, 2000, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS March 14, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 14, 2000 at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: None

Director Machnik, Catherine Johnson Staff Present:

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Canton of March 7, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to approve payment of bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for Board	Meeting of Ja	nuary 25, 2000
General Fund	101	\$ 378,907.44
Fire Fund	206	\$ 69,519.62
Police Fund	207	\$ 141,253.75
Summit Operating	208	\$ 82,362.73
Golf Fund	211	\$ 142,686.18
Street Lighting	219	\$ 16,616.58
Cable TV Fund	230	\$ 1,286.39
Public Improvement	245	\$ 350.00
Twp. (Community) Improvement	246	\$ 111,291.20
E-911 Utility	261	\$ 968,42
Federal Grants Fund	274	\$ 39,343.15
Auto Theft Grant	289	\$ 2,303.38
Downtown DEV Authority	294	\$ 55,616.77
Post Employment Benefits	296	\$ 8,943.02
Cap Proj - Road Paving	403	\$ 33,042.50
Bldg. Authority Construction	469	\$ 131,851.22
Water & Sewer Fund	592	\$ 840,001.93
Trust & Agency Fund	701	\$ 6,633.00
Total - All Funds		\$ 2,062,977.28

Local firm announces new Web strategy

With the Internet changing the way business is being conducted in the new millennium, Freudenberg-NOK announced it has launched a complete web strategy for servicing its customers through a new program called WITTH(TM) (Web Interactivity Through Team Harmo-

"With new communication technology and a global economy, business opportunities are endless," said Joseph C. Day, Freudenberg-NOK chairman and CEO. "Freudenberg-NOK is committed to using the World Wide Web for e-commerce, customer services and other webbased innovations. Our WITTH program will be the foundation for achieving these objectives and also will provide us with new opportunities to enhance our internal business processes."

"We expect WITTH to help us to forge even closer relationships among our associates, global partners and customers," said Kenneth E. Anderson, champion of the WITTH project and

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thereof.

42.050 KENNELS.

43.060 CONFINEMENT.

misc. boxes, coolers

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SHURGARD STORAGE CENTER

Notice is hereby given that the following unit(s) will be sold to the highest bidder by open auction on April 28, 2000 at approximately 9:30 a.m. at Shurgard Storage located at 2101 Haggerty Rd., Canton, MI 48187, (313)

Unit #3038 - Deborah Zielinski - hammock, rocking chair, misc. boxes

Unit #6035 - Amanda Kiser - television, barbecue, lounge chair Unit #6254 - Andrew Drazenovich - collectable beer cans and bottles,

This Article provides for the licensing and vaccination of certain dogs and

animals. This Article also establishes the license fee and kennel license and fee

ARTICLE Y

This Article provides for the licensing, regulation and control of kennels. It also

ARTICLE VI

This Article provides for the confinement of certain animals after the animal

bites a person, animal or other livestock. It also provides that all animals shall

be confined at all time between sunset and sunrise of the following day except

This Article provides for the impoundment of all animals from running at

ARTICLE VIII

This Article provides for the procedure of killing or seizing any animal which is

pursuing, attacking or about to attack, or wounding any livestock or poultry or

attacking any person. It also provides for the determination of damages in the

ARTICLE IX

This Article provides for the requirements for all vicious dogs and the

ARTICLE X

ARTICLE XI PROCEDURE FOR PROSECUTIONS CONCERNING

42.080 KILLING AND SEIZING OF DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS.

when the animal is not otherwise under the reasonable control of the owner.

provides for certain duties and responsibilities of kennel licenses.

ARTICLE VII 42.070 ANIMAL SHELTER AND IMPOUNDMENT.

large and the redemption procedure thereof.

event of any loss or damage to livestock or poultry.

42.090 REQUIREMENTS FOR VICIOUS DOGS.

42.100 ENUMERATION OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS.

This Article provides for the enumeration of certain violations.

Freudenberg-NOK's executive vice president - finance, administration and procurement. "And, by building upon the results of our GROWITH(R) lean systems program, we expect WITTH to take us to a whole new level of speed, responsiveness and quality in serving our customers." Through Freudenberg-NOK's

WITTH program, Anderson said, the company is moving beyond its current electronic-brochurestyle website toward a complete, interactive web offering. It will include the ability to obtain pricing, purchase company products and track orders; to access engineering drawings, engineering information sheets and RFQs (requests for quote); and to submit quotes, check on product stock levels and link to Freudenberg-NOK aftermarket distributors.

Anderson said Freudenberg-NOK will also use the WITTH program as a tool to interact with its own supply chain, in activities such as supplier development and purchasing for raw

materials, non-production materials and capital equipment.

The company is currently in the architectural design phase of its WITTH program and expects to conduct pilot efforts later this year, in order to be fully operational by the end of the year.

The first pilot will be targeted for the company's industrial sector, which has a large number of customers in the aerospace, appliance, business machine, fluid power, marine, medical, offhighway equipment and recreational vehicle markets. A subsequent pilot will phase in interactive services for the company's automaker, tier one supplier and automotive aftermarket customers.

In addition, the site will serve as a public repository of information on the company's highly successful GROWTTH(R) program -- which has become a benchmark for lean systems implementation within North America. For employees, the site also will, provide information on job opportunities, benefits and professional development initiatives.

Mich.-based Plymouth, Freudenberg-NOK is part of the Freudenberg and NOK Group

Companies, which have total annual sales of more than \$6.5 billion. With global automotive sales of approximately \$4.0 billion, the Freudenberg and NOK Group ranks among the world's top 20 automotive suppliers and is one of only eight in the top 100 that has global balance in each of the three major automotive markets -- Asia, Europe and North America.

Through a global network of facilities spanning 27 countries with some 23,000 automotive employees worldwide, the supplier group offers its automotive customers globally integrated products, including sealing packages for transmissions, engines, brakes, axles and steering, NVH (noise, vibration and harshness) components and packages, and all rubber, plastic and PTFE components for suspension, electrical and fuel systems.

The Freudenberg and NOK Group also offers an extensive portfolio of precision-molded products for the aerospace, appliance, business machine, fluid power, marine, medical, offhighway equipment and recreational vehicle markets. For more information, visit the Freudenberg-NOK web site at www.freudenberg-nok.com.

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE **GORMAN STREET WATER MAIN** SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT 1998-1 BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL LOTS AND PARCELS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: Gorman Street from Ford Road south including the parcels below:

036-01-0004-001	036-01-0007-002
036-01-0004-002	036-01-0008-000
036-01-0005-000	036-01-0009-002
036-01-0006-000	036-01-0009-003
036-01-0007-001	036-01-0009-004

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of 1954, this Board has initiated proceedings relating to the construction of water main to benefit the areas described in herein, and to accomplish this improvement and secure funds therefore by creating said premises into a special assessment district against which there shall be levied special assessments; and

WHEREAS, this Board having tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Canton Township, Michigan, for public examination.

Take further notice that the property owner's included in the special assessment district have the right to appeal the special assessment levy to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to protest the levy an appearance by the property owner, by mail, or by an agent of the property owner must be made at the public hearing where the roll is confirmed.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the board will meet on Tuesday, the 11th day of April, 2000, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements, and to the special asessment district therefore.

ACT 188, PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN, 1954, AS AMENDED, PROVIDES THAT SAID PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SHALL NOT BE MADE WITHOUT PETITION IF THE RECORD OWNERS OF LAND CONSTITUTING MORE THAN TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THE TOTAL LAND AREA IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FILE THEIR WRITTEN OBJECTIONS THERETO WITH THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AT OR BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON Tuesday, THE 11th DAY OF April, 2000. TERRY BENNETT, Township Clerk

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to move that the Charter Township of Canton does hereby release, vacate, abandon and terminate any and all casement rights it may have pursuant to a certain resolution of the Wayne County Commission dated July 7, 1988, which was recorded on August 29, 1988 by the Wayne County Register of Deeds in Liber 32860, pages 311 and 312, Wayne County Records, to the intent that such easement rights shall henceforth cease. Motion carried unanimously Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt a resolution regarding R.N. Johns Little Farms. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to remove from the table for second publication the second reading of the amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance No. 106(E). Motion carried unanimously.

42.000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

SUMMARY OF ANIMAL CONTROL OF DAINANCE NO. 106(E) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE RELATING TO AND PROVIDING FOR ANIMAL CONTROL WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF CANTON TOWNSHIP; CONTROL WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF CATOR TOWNSHIP; PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE; DEFINITIONS; ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, HIS DUTIES, AUTHORIT, RESPONSIBILITIES AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE; LICENSING AND VACCINATION; CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; IMPOUNDMENT OF ANIMALS AND REDEMPTION OF ANIMALS IMPOUNDED; KILLING AND SEIZING OF DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS; PROHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY IN NONAGRICULTURAL AREAS; ENUMERATION OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS; PROCEDURE FOR PROSECUTIONS OF DANGEROUS ANIMALS; REGULATING DANGEROUS ANIMALS AND VICIOUS DOGS; PROVIDING FOR THE CONFINEMENT, TATTOOING, OR CONFINEMENT OF DANGEROUS ANIMALS AND/OR VICIOUS DOGS; PROVIDING FOR THE CONFINEMENT, TATTOOING, OR CONFINEMENT OF DANGEROUS ANIMALS AND/OR VICIOUS DOGS; PENALTINS; PRESERVATION OF CERTAIN RIGHTS; TOWNSHIP CLERK'S DUTIES AND RECORDS; FERS AND EXPENSES; RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF FUNDS; CONSTRUCTION; REPEAL. CONSTRUCTION; REPEAL.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION L. ORDINANCE NO. 100, THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE, IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

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42.010 PURPOSE. This Article provides for the purpose of the enactment of the Animal Control Ordinance.

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.020 DEFINITIONS.

ALON DEFINITION. This Article provides for the definitions of the following terms: ANIMALS, ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, DANGEROUS ANIMALS, EKOTIC OR WILD ANIMAL, KENNELS, LIVESTOCK, NONAGRICULTURAL AREA, OWNER, PERSON, POLICE OFFICER, POULTRY, PROVOKE, RABIES SUSPECT ANIMAL, SERIOUS INJURY, TORMENT, TOWNSHIP BOARD, UNCONFINED, VICTOUS DOG.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER; DUTIRS, AUTHORITY AND 43.090

RESPONSIBILITIES. This Article establishes the position of an Animal Control Officer and provides for the duties, authority and responsibilities thereof.

LICENBUNG AND VACCENATION

dangerous animals.

42.110 SANITATION.

DANGEROUS ANIMALS.

This Article provides for the disposal of fecal matter and the maintenance of all premises on which animals are owned, kept or harbored.

This Article provides for the procedure for the prosecution of owners of

ARTICLE XII

ARTICLE XIII

43.120 PENALTY.

confinement thereof.

42.102

This Article provides for the imposition of municipal civil infraction fines, damages, expenses and injunctive powers upon the determination that a person has violated any provision of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE XIY 43.130 PRESERVATION OF CERTAIN RIGHTS.

This Article preserves common law liability of an owner of an animal for damages committed by said animal.

ARTICLE XV 42.140 CLERK'S RECORD AND DUTIES.

This Article provides that the Township Clerk shall keep a record of all dog licenses and kennel licenses, and said licenses are evidence of ownership of said animal.

ARTICLE XVI

43.150 FEES AND EXPENSES.

This Article provides for the establishment of various fees and expenses associated with this Ordinance

ARTICLE XVII 42.160 RECEIPTS AND DISBURGEMENT OF FUNDS. This Article provides that all fees and monies collected under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be transferred to the General Fund of the Township.

ARTICLE XVIII

42.170 CONSTRUCTION.

This Article provides for the construction of the language used in this Ordinance and its relationship to other Ordinances. This Article also provides for the severability of any part of this Ordinance which shall be deemed to be void. It also provides that the enactment of this Ordinance shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done prior to the enactment of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.

This Section provides for the severability of this Ordinance.

SECTION & SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This Section preserves all pending matters occurring prior to the enactment of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. REPEAL

This Section provides for the repeal of all Ordinances inconsistent herewith.

SECTION & EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication. This Ordinance was duly adopted and/or considered by the Township Board of Trastees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 14th day of March, 2000 and was ordered given publication in the manner provided by law. Copies of the complete Ordinance are available for impection from the Township Clerk at the Canton Township Hall, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to set the Public Hearing Date of March 28, 2000 to consider the Term of License for Happy Days Inc., Frank DiDario, and Whirly Ball Canton, LLC, Class C Liquor Licenses. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt a resolution denying the special land use for the Canton Charter Academy. Motion carried unanimously. 1 1 1 1 2

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Motion varying unanimously.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

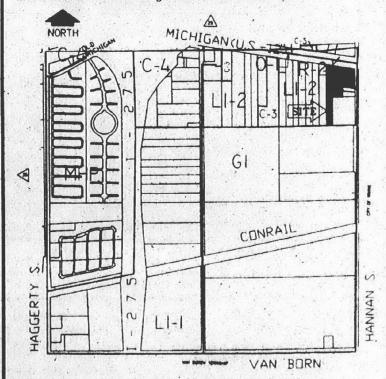
THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor link March 25, 2000 1.00

Publish: March 16 and 23, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 Mohday, April 3, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

RAMZ PLAZA GAS STATION/MINI WAREHOUSE SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR AN AUTOMOBILE FILLING STATION AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02B.13 FOR PARCEL NOS. 141 99 0006 001 AND 141 99 0019 701 AND FOR MINI-WAREHOUSES AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22.02B.10 FOR PARCEL NOS. 141 99 0014 000, 141 99 0015 000, 141 99 0016 000, 141 99 0017 000, AND 141 99 0018 000. Property is located on the southwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Hannan Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, March 30, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: March 23, 2000

Baby dropoff bill aims to provide for safe abandonment

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE mmalott@homecomm.net

A rash of abandonment cases in Michigan, in which newborns have been left on church steps or in Dumpsters, has left Lansing lawmakers looking for a way to address what they believe is a growing "national crisis."

State Sens. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, and Joanne Emmons, R-Big Rapids, have introduced bills that would give new mothers immunity from prosecution if they at least leave children in the hands of emergency service personnel at hospitals or police and fire departments.

"This is crisis intervention," Johnson said. "We are looking for ways to get to that teen mother, that unmarried mother, those historically who have been the ones to give birth and leave the child behind, in/a bathroom or a wastebasket. That's who we want to reach.

"We want to save her baby," she said. "In many respects, we want to save the mother as well. Imagine her feelings, her emotions, 10 years later as she starts to have a family and has children and begins to relate to them. How will she feel about the baby she abandoned that died? Wouldn't it be better if she knew it was with somebody who would love it, with somebody out there?"

The scope of the problem appears to be increasing, but by how much no one knows.

According to State Rep. Gilda Jacobs, D-Huntington Woods, no one keeps statistics on cases in which newborns are abandoned, either in the state or nationally. The best figure available comes from a 1998 Chicago Tribune article, which estimated that 57 children are abandoned across the country each day.

Growing problem

There certainly has been a rash of abandonments in the area recently. Last November, a baby boy was found outside St. Louise Catholic Church in Warren. In December, a Waterford girl kept her pregnancy secret and gave birth to a premature boy, who later died. Recently, a newborn was found in a Dumpster in Detroit. Over the past weekend, a baby boy was found in a garbage bag outside Grace Salvation Church in Detroit.

Kids Count in Michigan, an advocacy group for children's rights, says its statistics show the number of abandonments is on the rise. According to Jane Zehnder-Merrell, senior research associate for the Michigan League for Human Services, a member of Kids Count, the number of abandonments of all kids, at all ages, in the state has jumped 48 percent over five years. There were 764 cases in 1993. She said the figure rose to 1,136 in 1998, the latest figures available.

The problem may be even larger. Statistics are kept on socalled, "boarder babies," children left behind at the hospital when mothers check out after delivery.

Jacobs, along with Rep. Patricia Lockwood, D-Fenton, has been drafting similar legislation but has yet to introduce it. There are differences in the proposals. Jacobs' proposal would provide immunity" from prosecution if the child were left with medical personnel at a hospital. Johnson's bill would give an "affirmative defense" in an abandonment prosecution if the child were left with medical personnel, police or fire personnel.

Jacobs' bill would allow the mother to deliver the child up to 72 hours after birth. Johnson's bill would give 30 days.

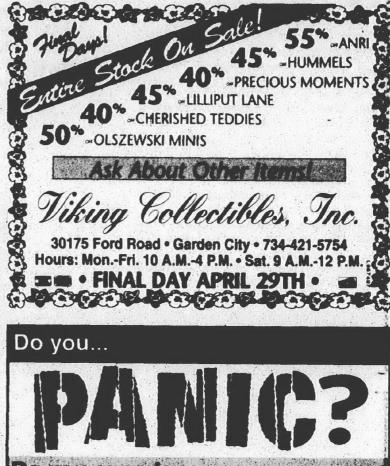
Jacobs said she will likely

withhold her bill, working with Johnson on her plan. Johnson said she is likely to adopt Jacob's 72-hour limit.

Both versions allow for reunification if the young mother has a change of heart. When dropping off the child, the mother would be given an identification number that would enable her to remain anonymous but allow her to be connected to the baby later if she so desired.

position on the bill, she believes Reunification, however, would it would be "a step in the right e closely monitored. The bills are scheduled for a

direction."



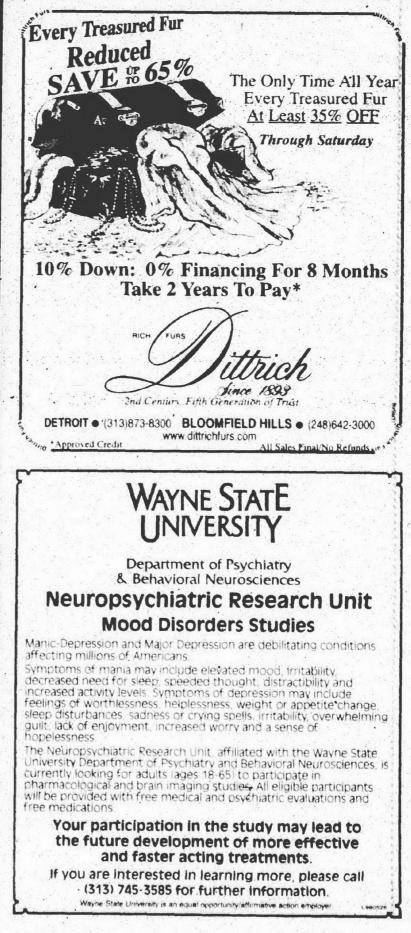
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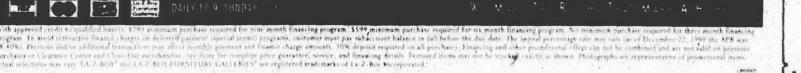
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Sheldon Road Time to get project started

None of the choices in the ongoing debate about how best to fix the problem at the CSX crossing at Sheldon Road is particularly pretty. But it's time for the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township to pick one and get moving on it.

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Local officials are doing their best to do that. After a presentation by Wayne County engineers at a study session last week, Township Trustee Chuck Curmi, Assistant City Manager Paul Sincock, Township Director of Municipal Services Jim Anulewicz and Kevin Maillard, the chief engineer on the Sheldon Road express, decided to try one last-ditch meeting with Redico.

Redico, you might remember, is the company that owns the property on which any possible bypass road would have to be constructed if Sheldon Road were to be kept open. The problem is, Redico would have to give up a large part — perhaps all — of its parking lot in order for the road to be built.

The options for replacing that parking aren't pleasant for employees in the businesses that occupy that building. There is some open space adjoining the property that could be paved to create more parking, but that would mean a walk of quite some distance from parking space to the work station for most of the employees. A shuttle bus is a possibility, but at whose expense?

That's the key problem with any further delay in this project — the cost. Even if Curmi and his committee get to the "right guy" and convince Redico to acquiesce, that decision will be costly. According to estimates by the county, putting in the bypass road could add at least \$400,000 to the project cost and I That's the key problem with any further delay in (the Sheldon Road) project — the cost. The bypass road could add at least \$400,000 to the project cost and extend the length by a year.

extend the length by a year or more.

A late development could be businesses which aren't located in the actual area, but which depend on Sheldon Road traffic for a percentage of their clientele, suing to stop the project. We won't name them, because they haven't done anything — yet. We would urge them to allow the project, in whatever shape it takes, to progress peacefully. It's a project the community needs — everyone seems to agree on that — and halting its progress would only be harmful.

We commend Curmi, Sincock, Anulewicz, et al, for taking one final step in trying to solve the bypass road problem. We don't think it'll get them anywhere, but it's always good to exhaust your options. You have to admire Curmi for his forthright approach to the problem, which was, essentially, "Let's find the right guy and talk to him, and then let's move on."

It's time to do that. The project won't break ground as it is until December, and further delay will only stretch out the anguish. We're convinced the township and city have considered all the options. We're also convinced the county is right, that road closure is the best option.

It's time to move on.

Census important to the future

ome on, send it in. What are you waiting for? Ed McMahon's admonition for Publisher's Clearing House could be the battle cry for the U. S. Census.

You've received them in the mail, now it's time to turn them in.

No, you won't be one of the lucky winners of a \$10,000,000 check, and no one will come knocking at your door with a camera crew. But by returning the Census you will help your community to receive its fair share of government funding, and you'll provide valuable data that will make it easier to plan for the future for every level of government and nrivate business be located by Census takers.

It is important that the word get out that the Census is important to everyone's future, that the information being gathered won't be used against individuals or groups and that every community organization should help in locating individuals who might not be discovered by the Census Bureau.

In addition to the importance of the Census apportioning the Congress and state legislatures, the government realized over the years that the Census was an opportunity to gather information that would help in planning " future government programs. This information, gathered on the long form that goes to about one in six households, is also used by private business which also needs these statistics for planning. Some have complained that the Census is an invasion of privacy. The Census Bureau has made every effort to assure everyone that all information gathered is confidential and used only to prepare statistical data. A recent report on the misuse of Census information during World War II might cause some to pause, but through the long history of the Census Bureau and certainly in recent history, the vow of confidentiality has been strictly honored. The information is used for statistical data, not to target individuals or groups. But that information on military service, transportation habits, occupation, income, type of housing, plumbing, utility costs, etc. is invaluable in the aggregate in creating a portrait of the nation for fact-based development.



LETTERS

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No public funds

n November, it appears that Michigan voters will be choosing whether to change Michigan's constitution to allow public funds to be used for private education.

This "voucher proposal" that is being touted by the Kids First Yes movement may sound like a good fix-it on the surface, but it is loaded with potential problems. The financial effects alone are enough to make one shudder. Taxpayers will be forced to pay to educate children in other people's religious beliefs. (Remember the 1972 Parochial fight?)

A Republican Senate Fiscal Agency estimates first year costs of \$50-80 million if the voucher proposal passes. Where will that money come from? It will either be sucked out of the already under-funded public schools or your taxes will be raised. And as our tax dollars are sent to non-public schools, there is no public accountability from these private schools regarding admissions, finances, MEAP, profits or staffing. residing here, and the potential beauty of the buildings and homes around me.

Slowly but surely, I witnessed a wonderful transformation take place in that Old Village which began being rediscovered as a unique and worthwhile place in which to raise a family, open a new business, or reacquaint oneself with what was already here.

I have closely followed the hard work being poured into this revitalization through the efforts of the Old Village Development Authority.

For my part, I have invested hundreds of sweat equity hours of labor, as well as tens of thousands of dollars, in order to return my home to its original beauty.

It saddens me to think that, as we enter a new century, old ways of thinking about and treating Old Village appear to be resurfacing in the guise of a pittance of funds being allocated to this year's improvements (\$20,000), the doing away with Sherrie Pryor's potential full-time position as director of the OVDA, and the lip service being paid by the powers-thatbe that they still have a vested interest in keeping Old Village's rebirth alive. We, as individual home and business owners have been doing our part by improving both the quality and integrity of life, as well . as the historic beauty of Old Village. As such, we have demonstrated our commitment to Old Village and its continued growth.

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Unlike the Publisher's Clearing House come-on for selling magazine subscriptions, the Census isn't voluntary. The federal government is required by the Constitution to make an enumeration every 10 years in order to properly apportion congressional representation. As residents of this country we are required, by law, to participate in the Census.

The simple enumeration has widespread consequences. Over the last several decades the population has shifted to the West and South. The older industrial states of the East and Midwest have lost population and political clout. Within those states, there has been a movement out of the big cities and near suburbs to exurban areas and smaller cities. These changes have resulted in political shifts that have had major effect on government spending policies.

And though these shifts are being accurately reflected, there is some honest concern that many people in the big cities and older suburbs are not being counted. Some avoid filling out Census forms because they fear how the government will use the forms. Others aren't connected enough in the community and can't

The government has enlisted churches, schools, businesses and the media to get out the word.

Now it's up to you. For the sake of your future, send it in!

Tax dollars for private education won't fix

student achievement problems at public schools. Voters are urged to get all the facts before making a decision on the voucher proposal. Put all Kids First by recognizing that passage of this proposal will have major negative repercussions on our public education system.

> Paula Bowman, President League of Women Voters of Livonia

Old Village deserves more

am writing in response to the articles being published in your paper regarding Old Village.

Five years ago, I was introduced to Old Village while searching for affordable, historic housing in the Plymouth-Northville area.

I purchased a house on Starkweather Street which was built in 1913; a definite "fixer-upper."

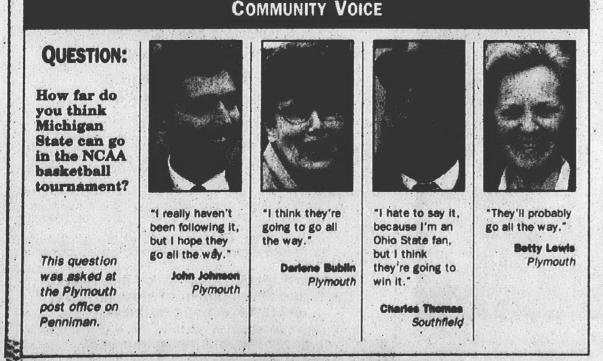
It didn't take long for me to fall in love with Old Village, and the friendliness of my neighbors, the convenience and small town charm of Bill's Market, the eclectic mix of individuals

Now, let's see the powers that be follow through.

I, for one, am tired of having Old Village be relegated to second-class community status and have made sure to voice my feelings by voting in each local election for those candidates who espouse a commitment to paying as much attention to the future of Old Village as they do to "Downtown Plymouth."

It has been my belief that this is what holding public office is all about, and I would like very much to see this really happen. After all, actions speak a lot louder than words.

> Ann J. Nelke Plymouth



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POINTS OF VIEW

Gunlock agreement only a start for control crusaders

everal months ago Mike Duggan, deputy Wayne County executive, was invited to meet with Observer editors. While the conversation covered many topics, it was clear that Duggan was most fired up about the county's lawsuit against gun manufacturers and about what he saw as the lax oversight of gun dealers by the manufacturers.

This was an issue that was also driving Duggan's ambition to run for county prosecutor. He sees the prosecutor's position as a perfect "bully pulpit" for pursuing issues like gun control through the courts.

Last week, Duggan's crusade achieved its first victory in the deal reached by Smith & Wesson with the federal government. Yet, as grateful as Duggan was for this breakthrough, he was unwilling to join others in signing off on the agreement. To Mike Duggan this was just a first step.

was one of his best St. Paddy's days. He was enthusiastic about what the agreement will do, especially a provision for gunlocks.

But why let Smith & Wesson off the hook when we can still get them to do more through continuing to pursue them in court. For Duggan the issue remains oversight of gun sales by gun dealers.

Duggan has good reason to be leery and wary of gun manufacturers and their support groups. We've reached an extremely shrill and dangerous period in the national dialogue on guns, in which the Smith & Wesson agreement is but a brief whiff of fresh air and momentary sanity.

It was only a few days before that Wayne LaPierre, vice president of the National Rifle Association, railed on national television that President Clinton was "willing to accept any level of violence" to pursue his politi-The plucky Irish pol allowed that it | cal agenda. LaPierre argues that the



gun laws already in effect, the same gun laws that the NRA opposed in the past, were not being aggressively enforced and that's why a 6-year-old boy gunned down a 6-year-old girl.

It was only a few days before this agreement that silent John Engler finally came forward to opine that it was bad parenting that led to the shooting. Very perceptive. After an

initial statement of remorse, Engler had generally retreated from comment on the incident, sending out the word that the president's display of sympathy to Kayla Rolland's mother was just show biz and beneath his dignity. But, most certainly, guns had nothing to do with the little girl's death. Nor did Engler's cutbacks in social services

It was only a couple weeks before that House Speaker Chuck Perricone responded to a question about pending gun legislation with a coldness unexpected even from him. He anticipated the reaction of liberal Democrats by saying they wanted to make "politics" out of the shooting, even as he made politics out of the shooting signaling the gun lobby that the Legislature would fight gun legislation, no matter how reasonable.

Of course, the Democrats wasted no time making Perricone a prophet by citing the shooting to push for the legislation that has lain dormant for months. And though the bills wouldn't have stopped the Mount Morris shooting, the Democrats couldn't be blamed for trying to get a wedge in.

Now we have some tangible progress because of suits filed across the country by counties, cities and states. Detroit has agreed to join in the settlement, while Duggan and Wayne County take their wait and see position.

At the heart of Duggan's concern is preventing the sale of guns to minors and felons, exactly the problem in the Mount Morris shooting, at least as that incident concerned gun access.

We're willing to wait with Mike Duggan and see what happens.

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World makes little sense when Brittney outprices Barry

saw something in the paper the other day that made me wonder, "What kind of world are we living in?"

Over the weekend, I noticed how often events left me asking myself that same question. So I decided to try and figure it out.

What kind of world are we living in when:

Brittney Spears can command \$40 per ticket, but Barry Manilow only gets \$12? OK, those were lawn seats, but stil]

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The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce asks for male volunteers to dance in a Secretaries' Day extravaganza, and only two brave souls respond? Chamber maven Fran Toney asked yours truly, but surely there's an ordinance against that?

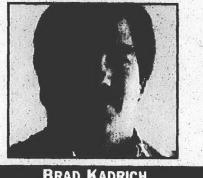
Parents like the mom and dad of Plymouth basketball player Mark Bolger and Mt. Morris Township first grader Kayla Rolland will spend the

rest of their lives grieving over the untimely, unexplainable loss of their children, and this bonehead in Clinton Township actually tries to sell his 10-month-old daughter for \$60,000 to support a drug habit?

The guy reportedly told his 5-yearold son to "kiss your baby sister, because you're never going to see her again." First, I was stunned that this guy had other children. Secondly, I was reminded of the old saying, "You have to have a permit to own a guy or a license to drive a car, but any idiot can become a parent."

An 11-year-old Canton kid gets caught in the act of palming a couple of packages of cookies, then, instead of just owning up to the theft, he tries to kick the crap out of the 50-ish store manager?

Barbara Walters is allowed to claim she asks "the tough questions?" Asking John and Patsy Ramsey if they killed their daughter might have



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been the easiest question she asked the parents of the young beauty queen. What are they going to say? "Sure, we killed her, and now we're on national television." C'mon.

The Miami Dolphins would rather go with Damon Huard than Dan Marino? (OK, I understand this one, but it still bugs me.)

It takes 25 minutes to go through the drive-thru window for "fast" food?

My bracket has Arizona all the way to the Final Four in the NCAA tournament (for entertainment purposes only, of course), and the Wildcats lose to WISCONSIN? Ditto Temple, which I had going all the way to the title game, where I picked them to lose to Michigan State.

Every political candidate in every race says, "We have to get away from the negative campaigning" out of one side of their face, then says, "My opponent is a scum-sucking dog" out of the other side?

People see the U.S. Census form and have to worry about where their information is going to end up?

Our only choices for president. are going to be Al Gore and George W Bush? Is Pat Paulsen running again?.

Regis Philbin can dominate the top 10 television ratings every week? A 6-year-old can get ahold of a

gun to shoot another 6-year-old in the first place?

Country music becomes the most

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listened to format? Of course, Hank Williams turns over in his grave every time some of these new "country" artists sing, so it's not really country music, but still.

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Keep politics from trashing MEDC

spent an afternoon last week down at Wayne State University listening to the annual meeting of the board of directors of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Attentive readers will recall that the MEDC was created last year as a public corporation, confected out of the old Michigan Jobs Commis-



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sion and the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center to serve as a single responsible point of contact for all economic development activities in Michigan. No longer a department of state government (with all the attendant restrictions), the MEDC is able to function much like a private corporation, but still enjoy state funding and be subject to legislative oversight.

Disregarding all the bureaucratic mumbojumbo, the bottom line is that the MEDC is widely recognized as one of the nation's most effective economic development outfits. Consider these successes:

Competing with Ohio, MEDC helped pave the way for General Motors to put the new assembly plant for the Cadillac Catera in Lansing. GM will invest \$500 million in Michigan to create 1,511 jobs.

When Chrysler "merged" with Daimler-Benz, a big-time issue turned on where to consolidate North American financial operations for Chrysler Financial. Daimler's operations were in Cleveland and New Jersey; Chrysler's in Auburn Hills. MEDC helped guide the consolidation to Auburn Hills, where a \$77 million investment brought with it 1,294 jobs

Webvan Group Inc. is a fascinating new concept in grocery marketing, whereby folks can order their groceries - dinner, even! - on the Web and have the stuff delivered within an hour or so to their door. The Midwest distribution center for Webvan wound up in Livonia (\$47 million investment, 900 jobs) instead of Ohio, thanks to the MEDC.

When the Robert Bosch Corp: was casting around for a place to put research and development for the Bosch Braking Systems Corp., MEDC jumped in and helped bring the 475 jobs and a \$37 million investment to Farmington Hills. Not bad for a new little public corporation!

As is the case with most organizations, success has more to do with effective leadership than with organizational structure and bylaws. MEDC has been lucky to be led by Doug Rothwell, president and CEO, who used to run the Michigan Jobs Commission. Rothwell has steered the MEDC through the political thicket and the economic waters with great foresight. His sidekick as board chair is Rick Snyder, a quintessential no-necktie hard-charger who chucked in a career as chief operating officer of Gateway Computer and moved to Ann Arbor a few years ago where he set up Avalon Investments, a venture capital firm.

The meeting I attended last week seemed

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broadly representative of this record. Snyder and Rothwell deftly moved the 60-odd board members through what looked a lot like a standard corporate agenda, including "1999 Corporate Objectives and Results" and "Strategic and **Operating Plan Review.**"

A representative of Anderson Economic Group presented a Michigan business climate benchmarking study that suggested Grand Rapids and (surprise!) Saginaw had the best overall business climate:

A policy agency and therefore a political creation of the Engler Administration, the MEDC is led by a 17-member executive committee appointed by the governor to eight-year staggered terms. Given the origin of the institution, it's not surprising that the current group is overwhelmingly Republican.

But now that MEDC has established a solid track record and John Engler is part way through his last term as governor, it's time for folks to start thinking about how to assure its survival under the next administration, whether Republican or Democratic.

This is not a trivial matter. The tendency in most new administrations is to trash predecessor creations, whether effective or not, on the spurious grounds of "not invented here." I saw this firsthand in the 1990s, when the newlyelected Engler administration trashed a firstclass job training structure I helped organize for the Blanchard administration, only to recreate virtually the identical set-up a couple of years later. The net effect: Wasted time and money.

The MEDC and the Engler administration could do succeeding administrations and countless Michigan citizens a favor by making broadly representative appointments to the MEDC Executive Committee. Better political balance at the top will provide the MEDC a fighting chance to sustain this important Michigan institution when a new administration takes power.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@homecomm.net

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Concordia College, Ann Arbor pleased to announce that meila Friedrich of Canton has opt the qualifications required and has received an offer of admission to the Accelerated Degree Program for the Fall of 2000.

MAN'S LIST

Adam J. Delezenne of Canon was named to the Dean's bist at Lee University in Cleveind, Tenn.. He was among 770 Lee students named to the Dean's List with honors for the fall semester. Students achieving a GPA between 3.7 and 4.0 were placed on the list. He is a freshman and has a GPA of 3.78. Delezenne, a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, is the pon of Dennis and Linda Delezenne.

Lark Haunert, Christopher Machnacki of Canton and Andrew Oleszkowicz and Spherine Zopf of Plymouth were named to the Dean's List Alma College for the Fall 1999 semester. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits are named to the Dean's List.

Richards, Jessica Rasmussen, Jennifer Harper, Katherine Tighe, Christina Brian, Matthew Derda, Stephen VanKerckhove, Darren Neubauer, Carrie Smith, Michael Davis, and Natalie Simms of Plymouth with **Rebecca** Newton, Lorissa McKay, Molly O'Connell, Carla Kittler, Brandon Nomersheim, Bryan Kelm, Cristina Bailey, Candice Wallace, Stephanie McKee, Sheila Elliott, Divya Arya, William Juergens, Melissa Teeters, Kristen Adler, Bree Anne Stopera, Bethany Bray, Kevin Stone, James McDonald, Andreea Neaga, Brian Haas, KImberly Truzzi, Alicia Richie, Gregory Rocheleau, Cynthia Schubert, Timothy Sisler, Maureem McEachern, and Matthw Erickson of Canton were all named to the Dean's List at the University of Michigan-Dearborn for the Fall 1999 semester.

Students on the Dean's List must earn a minimum of 3.5 grade point average while carrying at least 12 credit hours in a semester.

WHO'S WHO

Jennifer Storm of Canton, who attends the University of North Dakota, will be featured in the 2000 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Melissa Ponder, Robert GRADUATES

Justin Carinci, Anne K. Gakbraith, Colleen M. Kirby, Colleen M. McAlinden, Patrice L. Reppenhagen, and Tara N. Schuler of Canton and Peggy E. Agusti, Rebecca L. Goff, Courtney E. Henigan, Erica Karrer, and Sherry L. Soenen of Plymouth graduated from Western Michigan University at the end of the fall session of the 1999-2000 school year.

Stacie E. Markley, Laura E. Weir of Canton and Elizabeth J. Cleland of Plymouth all were graduates for the Fall 1999 semester at Grand Valley State University. Perceptron, Inc. today announced the receipt of significant commitments from major European customers for new vehicle programs. Two of these represent the largest single commitment ever made to Perceptron by a European customer. Combined, these programs call for in-line gauging at a minimum of seven plants over the next 36 months.

Alfred A. Pease, Chairman and CEO, commented, "Our customers have clearly recognized the advantages that Perceptron's new IPNet web-based process measurement and control systems, and our new FMS Flexible Metrology systems, bring to their operations. These systems

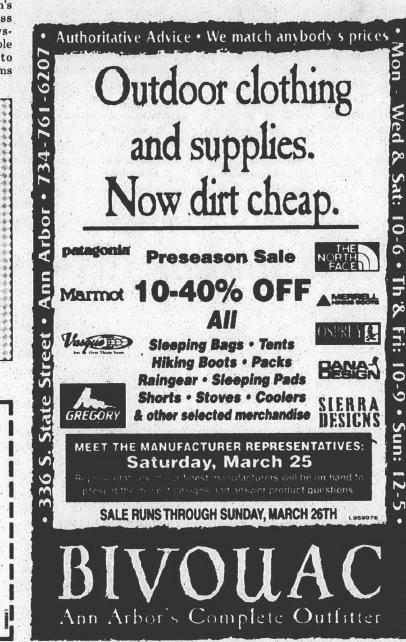
will be a key factor in reducing vehicle launch times, in lowering manufacturing costs, and in the consistent production of vehicles of the highest quality. We are extremely proud of the tireless dedication of our global automotive team."

zBusiness gets European commitments

Perceptron also announced that Dean Massab, Sr. Vice President for Perceptron's Global Automotive Business Segment, and Neil Dueweke, Sr. Vice President for the Industrial Business Segment, will be leav-

will be a key factor in reducing vehicle launch times, in lowering manufacturing costs, and in the

"Dean and Neil worked together at Fanuc, at Perceptron, and will continue their close association in their next employment. They have made significant contributions to Perceptrin during the company's recent challenging period of diversification and new product development," continued Mr. Pease. "The company will benefit from these accomplishments for years to come."



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Quiz helps you check the status of your marriage

How is your marriage? Have you checked on the status of it lately? Take this quick quiz to find out more.

Do you nurture each other? Are you emotionally intimate? Can you be vulnerable with each other? Can you share your deepest feelings without fear of being attacked? Are you supportive of each other? Do you have common goals? If you have said, "no" to all or most of these, then it may be time for a relationship evaluation.

Almost all married couples run into a few bumps in the road along the winding marital path. But the key to a good marriage is to not let it get so bad that it is beyond repair. In a healthy and satisfying marriage, partners have taken the time to learn good relationship skills. The key word here is "learn."

Most likely when you took your marriage vows, you lacked expertise in the communication skills department. The behavior we bring to our relationships is often a reflection of the atmosphere in which we were raised. If you witnessed a controlling and overbearing mother, you probably have picked up on pieces of that behavior. If your father gave your mother the silent treatment rather

II 'Make a commitment to spend time applying relationship skills. Try a weekly marriage meeting to work on listoning and communicating honestly. Discuss what is positive about the partnership'

Cultural experience Students get wrapped up in Samoan studies

A classroom of fourthgrade students at Field Elementary School in Canton recently completed a project on Samoa and its people. The lesson culminated with a guest speaker who brought several native heirlooms and artifacts as well as sharing his own personal experiences about the culture.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER SCASOLSCOR HOMEORY

t Field Elementary School in Canton, fourth-graders felt like they traveled far from home, without ever leaving their classroom.

The four separate fourth grade classes came together on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 7 to learn about a culture that is quite different from their. own - the Samoan culture.

Robert Engle, chair of the music department at Northwest College in Seattle, visited the school to teach the eager group about the time he spent living in Hawaii and immersing himself in a different culture.

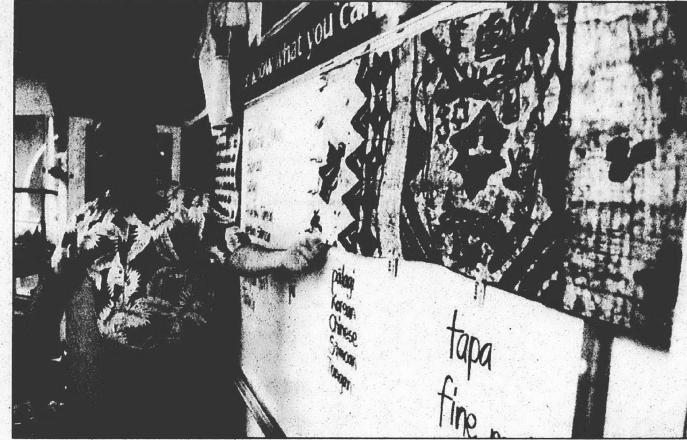
Having lived in Hawaii for 27 years, he's mastered three Polynesian languages and performs both Polynesian and popular music. A high school friend of Field Elementary fourth grade teacher Pattee Rupert, Engle agreed to share his experiences with the class.

He taught the children a dance, called a sasa, and showed them original items associated with Samoan culture, including a rugby shirt commonly worn by an all-Samoan team in New Zealand.

That wasn't the only traditional item of clothing he brought. Corey Davis was chosen to try on a lavalava. "He wanted to call someone up to try that blue thing on," said Corey. "So he wanted me to. I think it's called a lavalava. I tried it.

This is one thing I didn't know about. It said in the book, America is spelled differently, with a 'k'. I think it was cool."

Rupert said the presentation matches fourth grade curriculum for social studies, where they are learning about all regions of the United States. She he can teach her class about how the Midwest was once mostly farmland. She can now show her class that Samoans still live that way. "This is still kind of pure," she



explained. "They love it. They have looked at the native dress.

She's incorporated it into other subjects. In math, the students calculated the distance from Canton to Samoa and learned about the different time zones, which they would need to know to call someone in Samoa. For reading class, they read a Samoan legend and created a booklet which illustrated its mean-

ing. The booklet was woven like a mat, or "ie toga," an heirloom-like gift given in Samoa.

"I'm really proud of them," added Rupert.

So was Engle, even though he's used to working with older students.

They seem to be tuned into what we learned," said Engle, who lived in Hawaii from 1972 to 1999. "They could find it on the map."

He explained the differences betwee

Learning tool: Above, Robert Engle, chair of the music department at Northwest College in Seattle, visits Field Elementary teacher Pattee Rupert's Canton classroom to talk about the Samoan culture. Right, Engle wraps a traditional Samoan lavalava around student Corey Davis who volunteered to model the garment before his classmate.

> Samoa need a visa to enter Western Samoa. Later Engle answered their many questions.

> The special visit ended appropriately with a special treat - pineapple and coconut - common to Polynesian cultures. Engle said he hopes the children will take with them " just the general idea that people



STAFF PHOTO'S BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

than working through conflicts, there is a good chance that you would repeat this behavior in your own relationship.

A loving, exciting marriage does not happen by itself. It is constant, but worthwhile daily work. If your union is not all that you had hoped it would be, take some time to think about the following relationship skills that lead to an atmosphere of love and support. A fulfilling marriage begins with you.

Partners should choose to encourage each other. In lasting relationships, spouses feel empathy for one another and are supportive of each other's dreams and goals. Try to understand how things look and feel to your partner.

Make a commitment to spend time applying relationship skills. Try a weekly marriage meeting to work on listening and communicating honestly. Discuss what is positive about the partnership rather than focusing completely on the negative.

Share opinions rather than focusing on who was right and who was wrong. Avoid name calling, sarcasm and low blows.

Take time to understand the family atmosphere in which you were raised. If you need help in dealing with unresolved personal issues, seek counseling.

Conflict is an unavoidable and necessary part of marriage. In healthy relationships, partners have worked out an effective and fair process for working through inevitable disagreements and problems. Show mutual respect.

Have fun together on a weekly basis. Stressful jobs, children and other responsibilities can zap the energy out of the best of relationships. Remind each other why you fell in love and why this marriage is worth the effort.

Most important, try to maintain a good sense of humor.

Bari Berkowitz, M.A. is a psychotherapist, wife and mother of three. She can be reached at nbajt@mediaone.net for comments or suggestions for this column.

two different countries, American and Western Samoa. Western Samoa gained its independence from New Zealand in 1963. Citizens of American important to them."

are different. They have different ways of doing things that are just as

Students reach community through good deeds

HELPING HANDS

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER

Giving can be one of the most rewarding actions in life that benefits not only the receiver, but the donor as well. Western Wayne Skill Center students are finding themselves on the giving end of good deeds thanks to the "Lend a Hand" program initiated at the Westland school in February.

According to WWSC Program Specialist Barbara DeGrazia, students are encouraged to volunteer by reaching out to their community and performing an act that benefits someone in need. The idea was initiated by members of the Leisure Volunteer Committee of which DeGrazia is the chairman.

"We prepare our students for four life roles - family, work, leisure and citizen. This program emphasizes outreach and has been pretty well received by students. We have also encouraged our parents to get involved and find ways for their child to help others."

To date there are more than 40 paper hands adorning a wall that reads "Good Things Happen to Those People Who Care." The acts are recorded and then acknowledged

school-wide. DeGrazia said the acts of kindness range from students shoveling neighbors walks and driveways in the winter to laundry folding, running errands, volunteering at the Humane Society. house-sitting and more.

"Our kids have traditionally been on the receiving end of a helping hand ... it's good for them to be on the giving end and for them to recognize how important this is in their growth and maturity as an adult," said DeGrazia.

The Western Wayne Skill Center is a special education center that provides vocational evaluation.



Above and beyond: Western Wayne Skill Center students recently held a pop drive and raised \$381. They used the money to purchase items such as soap and diapers to donate to First Step in Plymouth. Some of the students who participated are (pictured above from left) Danielle Broquet, Jonathan Boulton, Ryan Varley and Betsy Palmer.

> and special education vocational training at a jobentry level in such areas as clerical support, industrial, food and retail service, child development and custodial. Half and full day programs serve a wide range of handicapped students from the age of 16 to 26.

Three examples of some of the outstanding efforts made by students include:

Michele Sheridan raised \$235 for the Livonia Parents of the Visually Impaired at their annual Bowl-a-Thon event. The money will benefit blind children from Western Wayne County.

Larry Hibbard was recognized for the commitments he's made to his church including visiting shut-ins, delivering meals and maintenance upkeep at the church.

Megan Pomaranski is known at the Western Wayne Skill Center as a helper. She routinely offers assistance to her teachers, classmates and the administration. "She's done a lot of good things throughout the school.'

Focus

DeGrazia said the most critical emphasis for students is placed on learning and mastering universal life and employability skills and that much of their education comes from working out in the community.

The WWSC, program specialist said throughout the year the school promotes other programs that involve charity outside the school including a pop drive organized by Life Skills teacher Paul Barach. The students raised \$381 and purchased toiletries, diapers, food and pajamas for the First Step shelter in Plymouth.

In November families of the skill center who are in need benefit from the generous donations collected by students during a canned-food drive. WWSC families receive full turkey dinners at Thanksgiving thanks to the items the students gather.

"In May the students bring in pet food and all of the items are donated to the Michigan Humane Society," said DeGrazia.

The "Lend a Hand" program will conclude in April with a school assembly at which all of the students, who earned the honor of placing a hand on the wall, will be acknowledged. After five acts of kindness a student receives a star on the wall.

"We hope to do this from year to year," said DeGrazia. "The students have really come to look forward to having their hand put on the wall and in finding ways to help others."

CLASS REUNIONS

s space permits, the Observer Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the oformation to Reunions, cerver & Eccentric Newspa-rs, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livoa 48150. Please include the inte of the reunion and the first nd last name of at least one pintact person, and a telephone humber.

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Class of 1950 **Se planning a "Millennium** Reunion" for November 2000. Unable to located Margaret Kluk and Mary Frances Perdue. Any information, please call Veronica (248) 437-9735

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Class of 1970 year reunion, Saturday, Nov.

ease contact Colleen Siembor (734) 455-1395.

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Class of 1955 A reunion is planned for Oct. 27 at The Northfield Hilton in Troy. Call Pete Kass (248) 335-5472 or e-mail MESLK@aol.com Class of 1965 Aug. 12 at The Community House in Birmingham.

(248) 433-2362 or by e-mail at JCRich47@aol.com IGHAM MARIAN

BROTHER RICE

Class of 1970 A reunion is planned for July 29. (248) 540-2917 or (248) 358-4490

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Class of 1970 A reunion is planned for July 1. (510) 523-0906 or by e-mail at HubSpauld@aol.com

BISHOP BORGESS

Class of 1975 A 25th year reunion is planned from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, June 17. Cost is \$5 Contact Steve Anderson by email at sparky39@prodigy.net visit their Web site at http://pages.prodigy.net/sparky 39/borgess or write Steve Ander-

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GARDEN CITY EAST Classes of 1974 and 1975 are hosting a 25th reunion Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel - Metro Airport. Contact Barry Harnos (Class of 1974) (734) 416-5583 or Vicky (DeSanto) Clark at (734) 421-5365 (Class of 1975).

GARDEN CITY WEST

Class of 1975 is in the planning stages of a fall 2000 weekendreunion. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more

information please call. Denise Nosseck, (248) 474-5006.

GARDEN CITY EAST

Class of 1980 is hosting a 20 year reunion Saturday, Sept. 23 at Doubletree Guest Suites, Southfield. Call Reunions Made Easy at (248) 360-7004 or e-mail

MANTRANCK HIGH Class of 1950 and 1951

A 50th reunion is slated for May 21 at the Stephenson Haus. Call Marian (Armstrong) Papin at (810) 751-6831, (810) 293-4075 or (810) 751-1598.

reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

JOHN GLENN Class of 1970

Contact Marilyn Ross, (734) 326-8300; Kathy Wedhorn, (248) 637-7686; Larion Thomas, (734) 416-1157; or JGHS, (734) 595-2331. January Class of 1950 June 4 at the San Marino Club-

house. (313) 345-9104 or (810) 263-8179

LIVONIA CHURCHILL Class of 1990

Is planning a reunion. Send name, address, telephone number and e-mail address to CHC Class of '90 Reunion, 6609 Salem Road, Plymouth 48170 or by e-mail to hallen72@hotmail.com

LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Class of 1980 A reunion is planned for Saturday, July 22. Call (734) 464-4523 or e-mail

murraytr@northville.k12.mi.us MACKENZIE HIGH Class of 1960

A 40th year reunion is planned

for Saturday Sept. 23 at the Troy Marriott (Mediterranean Room) 200 West Big Beaver in Troy. Event runs from 6:30 to 1 a.m. and includes cocktails, cash bar and a buffet dinner as well as dancing and an address booklet for \$60. Special room rates are available if you check directly with the hotel and mention The Mackenzie High School reunion. Call Sharon (Hobyak) Sturgis at (248) 476-0034 or e-mail MACK-GRAD1960@aol.com or Carol (Rudnick) McCreadie at (734) 420-2443.

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Class of 1950 Is planning a reunion for June. (248) 851-7620

Class of 1980

June 24 at the Holiday Inn West-Livonia. (248) 366-9493, press #1



Class of 1960

A reunion is planned for May 6 at the Somerset Inn, Troy at 7 p.m.

Contact Penny Fishman Brode, (248) 661-0108.

PLYNOUTH CANTON

Class of 1980 Aug. 12 at the Double Tree Guest Suites in Southfield. (248) 366-9493, press #6 or by email at

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PONTIAC CENTRAL

Class of 1960 Reunion is scheduled for Aug. 19 at the Northfield Hilton in Troy. Call (248) 391-4347 for information.

ROCHESTER ADAMS

Class of 1980 A reunion is planned for Nov. 25. Contact (313) 768-0656 or e-mail leannaroberts@cs.com

ROMEO HIGH

Class of 1980 20 year reunion, Nov. 25 at Elly's Banquet Hall in Washington, Mich. Call Reunions Made Easy at (248) 360-7004 or e-mail reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

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Class of 1970 A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 26. For further information contact Gail (Howie) Curaba (734) 697-1763; Roy and Cathy (Miank) Szyndlar (734) 699-3139 or Jim Wagner at (734) 699-9050.

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ST. AGATHA HIGH

Class of 1975 25th year reunion is scheduled for June 24 at Monaghan's Knights of Columbus Hall in Farmington. Call JoAnne Clements, (248) 437-7193.

ST. HEDWIG Class of 1955 A reunion is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 16.

(734) 675-8244 or (313) 295-2373 ST. JUDE ELEMENTARY

Class of 1965 Is planning a reunion. (810) 254-3498

TAYLOR CENTER Class of 1990 Sept. 20 at the Grecian Center in Southgate. (248) 360-7004, press #2 or by email at reunionsmadeeasy

@ameritech. net TAYLOR TRUMAN

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THURSTON

Class of 1995 - five-year reunion. Contact Jessica (Merritt) Corkery with names and addresses of classmates. Call (313) 541-7745 or e-mail cjcorkery@aol.com

TRENTON

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TROY HIGH

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Class of 1950 A 50th reunion is planned for Sept. 16 at the MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road in Troy. Call Dick Beer, (248) 391-1549; Chuck Kirkpatrick. (248) 549-5726; Bev (Sharp) Gibbs, (248) 391-2532; or Helen (Vandall) Dusenburg, (248) 549-5205.

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Class of 1960 Planning a millennium reunion

WATERFORD

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Gilbert and Marie Forthofer of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie of Milwaukee, Wis., to Lars Eric LaVine, the son of Charles John LaVine and Joan LaVine of Minneapolis, Minn.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School, Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., and Kellogg Graduate School of Management Northwestern University. She is employed as a marketing manager for Harley-Davidson in Milwaukee, Wis.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Cook County High School, Grand Maraid, Minn., and the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. He is employed as a

Tranguilla-Sharp

Michael and Susan Tranquilla of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Tranquilla, to Jeff Sharp of Ohio.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Iowa State University and works as a research associate at Ohio State University.

Her fiancé, son of Jim and Sandi Sharp of Iowa, is a 1998 graduate of Iowa State University. He works as an assistant professor at Ohio State University. A July wedding is planned at lew School Church in New Northville.

Roberts-Jurkiewicz

Nancy Roberts of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Erica Lynn, to Andre Richard Jurkiewicz of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 Fairlane Christian High School graduate, a 1998 graduate of Madonna University and works as a seventh grade language arts and social studies teacher at Hilbert Junior High School in Redford.

Her fiancé, son of Richard Jurkiewicz of Novi and Marcia Jurkiewicz of Livonia, is a 1994 graduate of Catholic Central High School and a 1999 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is currently a graduate student and works at Ingersoll

Arrivals

Scott and Susan Paxson



developmental Purchasing Manager for Buell Motorcycle Company in East Troy, Wis.

A June wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Council, Plymouth.



Cinetic Automation Corporation in Farmington Hills.

A June wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

birth of their daughter Alexandria Rose born March 16 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center. Alexandria joins Briana, 8; and Joshua, 6. Grandparents are Mary Ann Shipman of Westland and Walt and Eleanor

Roberts-Dahlberg

Douglas M. Roberts and Sharon J. Roberts of Illinois announce the marriage of their daughter, Leslie Nicole, to David Michael Dahlberg of San Francisco.

The bride is a graduate of Illinois State University in Illinois and Miss Marty's Beauty School in California. She works as a stylist at Festoon Hair Salon in Berkeley, Galif.

Her husband, son of Mr. and Mrs. David R. Dahlberg of Bellaire, is a graduate of Northwestern University and University of Michigan. He works as a marketing director at Siebel Systems in San Mateo, Calif.

An October 9, 1999 wedding took place at First Congregational Church in Ann Arbor before the Rev. Dorothy L. Lenz. The bride's attendants included matron of honor Lori Crane, maid of honor Kara Montello,

Macuga-Heiden

Terrence and Karen Macuga of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Ann, to Christopher Michael Heiden of Texas.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and a 1998 graduate of Michigan Technological University. She holds a bachelor of science degree in geological engineering and works at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

Her fiancé, son of Thomas and Billie Heiden of Warren, is a 1991 graduate of Lutheran High East. He attended Michigan Technological University and is continuing his education at the University of Texas in Houston.

Rollenhagen-Walters

Gordon and Bonnie Rollenhagen of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Mindy Deann to David John Walters of Lake Ann.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 Plymouth Salem High School graduate and a 1996 Michigan Technological University graduate. She works at Inland Seas Engineering, Inc. in Traverse City.

Her fiancé, son of John and Gwendolyn Walters of Livonia, is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1996 graduate of Michigan Technological University. He works. at Pinnacle Molded Plastics in



Laci Roberts and Jan Dahlberg. The groomsmen included best man Jeff Santelices, Kevin Jones, Mark Blankstein and Andrew Lee.

The couple received guests at The Michigan League in Ann Arbor and took a wedding trip to Bali, Indonesia. They have made their home in San Francisco, Calif



He works at T.I. Designs in

at Westland Free Methodist



Traverse City.

A June wedding is planned at Central United Methodist Church in Traverse City

Lavery-Hartemink

Joseph and Audrey Lavery of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Samantha Lynn, to Christopher Allan Hartemink of Massachusetts.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of MIT in chemical engineering. She worked as a process engineer at Procter and Gamble in Ohio and has since moved on to U.S. Filter in Massachusetts.

Her husband, son of John and Dorthea Hartemink of Florida, is a graduate of MIT in biomedical engineering. He's working on his doctorate between Harvard Medical School and MIT.

The couple wed on July 24, 1999 at Ward Church before the Rev. David Brown. The bride's attendants included Allison Lavery, maid of honor; Alison Hartemink, Jessica West, Jill Knapp, Yvonne Kim, and Sarah Brudi.

LeBlanc

Richard and Cheryl LeBlanc of Westland are celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary this month.

Married March 29, 1980, the LeBlanc's were neighbors as children - having lived 'around the corner from each other. Their first date was in 1978.

Currently they reside in Westland and have two children, Rick, a full-time student at Madonna University in Livonia and Jeff, a junior at John Glenn High School in Westland. Richard is employed by Ford

Motor Company in Plymouth as a Part Submission Warrant Coordinator for the Quality Office. He also serves as a councilman for the city of Westland and as a Canton Township Police Officer Reserve. Cheryl has been a homemaker during their marriage

Bondy-Wesley

John and Peggy Bondy of Redford and Leslie and Marshall Nick of Novi announce the engagement of Jennifer Lynn Bondy to Kenneth Wesley of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and works for McNabb Carpets. Her fiancé is a former Marine

who attended high school in West Virginia. He works as an electrical engineer.

An August wedding is planned in Las Vegas.

Sarginson-Matthews



The groomsmen included Alexander Hartemink, best man; Todd Lavery, Paul Lanning, Jeffrey Timmer, David Hartemink and Joseph Lavery Jr.

The couple received guests at Fox Hills in Plymouth and took a wedding trip to Costa Rica. Their home is in Somerville, Mass



The LeBlanc's enjoy family activities, volunteering their time to several organizations and trips to their northers Michigan cabin.

Richard and Cheryl plan to share their anniversary celebrat tion with family members.



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WEEKEND VEGAS NIGHT

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Vegas Night from 4:30 p.m. until midnight Saturday at 150 Fair St., Plymouth (Off Lilley Road). There will be black jack, roulette, other games of chance, a cash bar and food. Proceeds go to the general fund. For more information, call (734) 453-9833.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION

Registration for the Driver Education Program summer 2000 will take place beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, March 25, in the Canton High School Cafeteria. This will be the only registration day. If the student/parent cannot register on this date, someone else may register for that person. Registration is scheduled on a birthdate basis. Any student who will be at least 14 years, 8 months old prior to the first day of class (a birthdate before Nov. 21, 1985) will be eligible for this program. All of the pertinent information is included on the registration form which must be completed and returned on March 25. Registration forms will be distributed to students at the beginning of March. Additional registration forms can be picked up in either the Canton or Salem high school general offices. This year there is a charge of \$166 for the program, payable at registration. This includes a workbook

LEGAL FAIR

Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services presents a free community legal fair. The fair, paid for with a Canton Township **Community Development Block Grant**, features attorneys and individual consultations on legal issues such as: Elder abuse, grandparents' gnus, family law, estate/life planning, consumer and public benefits/tax assistance from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Ganton Human Services Building, 44237 Michigan Ave. For more information or to register, call (313) 937-8291. ORIENTATION Arbor Hospice is seeking volunteer bakers/food preparers, greeters, fund-raisers and office workers. Arbor Hospice is also looking for volunteers interested in helping terminally-ill platients and their families with activities such as meal preparation, errands. reading and eating. A volunteer orientation will take place from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, March 25, at Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. To register for the orientation or for more information, call the Arbor Hospice Volunteer Services department at (734) 662-3741, ext. 143.

buffet every Sunday from 8:30 a.m. until noon at 150 Fair St., Plymouth (off Lilley Road). Menu includes, eggs, hash browns, ham, bacon, Belgian waffles, fruit, toast, cereal, juice and coffee. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. For more information, call (734) 453-9833.

DINNERS FOR LENT

Summit on the Park in Canton offers pasta and fish buffet dinners every Friday between now and April 21. The dinners, served from 4:30 to 7 p.m., include Cole slaw, two pastas, baked cod loin, potato, vegetable, roll and dessert along with a choice of beverage. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Call the Summit at (734)397-5110 for information.

BOOK SALE

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 fundraising event. New batches of used books always are needed. The public is encouraged to donate used books by calling Esther Friedrichs at (734) 427-0222 or (734) 421-4420 and leaving a message with the League of Women Voters. Hardcover and paperback books in different categories of nonfiction and fiction for all ages are accepted as well as recent magazines

DANCE CLASSES

The Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts is sponsoring kids dance classes starting April 3. There will be Hip Hop, Combo Dance, Budding Ballerinas, Beginning Ballet, Jazz, Tap, and Mom and Tot. In addition, there will also be ongoing drop-in studio for adults and drawing sessions once a month. For more information, call (734) 416-4278:



a.m. through 4:30 p.m. at (734) 453-0890.

ADULT SOFTBALL The city of Plymouth **Recreation Division will be** running the following Adult Softball Leagues this

spring/summer: Men's Slow Pitch, Women's Slow Pitch, Co-ed Pitch and Men's Modified. Season starts the week of May 1. For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620 or check the web at: www.ci. plymouth.mi.us

SCHOOL OPENINGS

New Morning School in Plymouth has vacancies in the Primary/Kindergarten and Middle School for the

through June 5 at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial (just west of Sheldon). Sign up early and receive a free Kindermusik beach ball. For more information, call (734) 354-9109.

PROGRAM

"Raising Strong and Confident Daughters" is a program that will cover topics such as avoiding cultural and peer pressures for girls to look good and please others; understanding why some young girls with healthy bodies think they are fat; encouraging girls to have and voice their own opinions and keeping girls on track with academics

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CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY Teens (ages 13-17) can fend off the mid-winter blahs with the upcoming event "Make Your Own Book," at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at the Canton

Public Library. Make an entire journal or scrapbook to take home. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call Stefanie at (734) 397-0999, ext. 128, or e-mail her at stefanie@

metronet.lib.mi.us. CONFERENCE Dr. Robert Evans will present a free seminar

series entitled "Medicine

www.ci.plymouth.mi.us. DED TESTING GED testing will be

have any questions, call

Karen at (734) 397-2771 or

Elaine at (734) 459-3896.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

The Plymouth-Canton

Kiwanis Breakfast Club

meets 7 a.m. every Tues-

day at the Plymouth Cul-

tural Center, 525 Farmer,

Plymouth. Guests are wel-

come. Call Charr Briggs at

The Plymouth Kiwanis

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The meetings are held the

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Plymouth office of CHHCS

sign up, call (734) 662-

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

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offered through the Plymouth-Canton Adult Education Department. Evening testing will take place from 5-10 p.m. Mon-day, April 17, and Wednesday, April 19. The test will also be offered during the day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, and Thursday, April 20. It is a two-day test. The test will be held at Starkweather Education Center, 550 N. Holbrook, Plymouth. Registration fee is \$75. Please register early. If registration is too low, one or both tests could be canceled. For more information or to register, call (734) 416-4901.

AARP TAX HELP AARP will sponsor free federal and Michigan income tax preparation for elderly people at the loca-tions listed below. Work is performed by counselors qualified by the IRS. An appointment is required. Assistance is available 9 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays at Canton **Recreation Center**, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton, by appointment at (734) 397-5444; from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays at Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady, Northville, by appointment at (248) 349-4140; and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 233 S. Main St., Plymouth, by appointment at (734) 453-1234

SERVICE CENTER

The Michigan Works Service Center provides the Employer/Employee Connection for Washtenaw County. Job-seeking assistance is provided daily 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Face-to-face job fairs with instant interviews are held 9:30 a.m.-noon Thursday mornings. Free ser-

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COUNTERPOINT Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. Call (734) 563-5005.

ANGELA HOSPICE Angela Hospice offers free monthly grief support groups for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. All groups meet at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. For meeting dates and times, call Ruth Favor, (734) 464-7810.

RIEF AFTERCARE SUPPORT

Vermeulen Funeral Homes offers a monthly **Grief Aftercare Support** Group meeting for those who have recently experienced the death of a family member or close friend. The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at the Plymouth location on W. Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck. The meeting will be d by Wes Baldwin of Pointe Care Counseling, a rief counselor and former sociate pastor. For more Aformation, call (734) 459-250.



SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

ter began spring leagu registration on March 1. Leagues are offered for Men's (B, C, Super D, D, E) Women's and Co-Ed (Competitive, Recreational) divisions Sunday through Friday beginning April 10. The spring season will offer a five-week double-header league plus playoffs. The cost is \$475 per team plus umpire fees. Full payment must accompany registration and league space is limited. Summer registration will begin on May 1. For more information, call the Canton Softball Center at (734) 483-5600. The registration form can also be found at

www.canton.mi.org. The **Canton Softball Center is** located on Michigan Avenue, west of Canton Center Road. ADOPTION

Oakland Family Services is looking for foster and adoptive families in this area. Foster parents provide a temporary family. Adoptive parents provide a permanent family for children who do not have families of their own. Oakland Family Services is in Pontiac. There are many schoolage children who are in need of families. If you have an interest in helping to provide for children in our community, call Vicki Landsman Peterson at **Oakland Family Services** at (248) 858-7215, ext. 236. HELPSOURCE

Plymouth Family Services Help Source is offering a 12-week program for compulsive overeaters. The program will be led by a certified eating disorder therapist and registered dictitian. For more infor-mation, call Cathie, Mon-day through Thursday 8

The Canton Softball Cen-

2000-01 school year. NMS is a parent cooperative that fosters individualized/independent learning, selfesteem, and positive interpersonal skills. Open houses for Primary/Kindergarten will begin at 9:15 a.m. and last approximately 90 minutes on Tuesday, April 18. Middle School open house is April 5. **Prospective students are** welcome. For more information and for reservations, call (734) 420-3331. Creative Day Nursery School is accepting registration for its preschool program for the fall 2000 sessions. Creative Day's program is a developmental approach with small classes and low

student/adult ratio. Sessions consist of Freeplay, Storytime, Sharing, and Art and Music activities. Creative Day is located in Canton Township. Children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 5 are eligible. For more information, call (734) 981-3990. n Registration for Spring Kindermusik classes is now in session. Spring classes are held from May 1

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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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T-BALL REGISTRATION

The city of Plymouth Medicine will have an open **Recreation Division will be** registering from April 3 house from 3-6 p.m. Thursthrough April 21 for the 5and 6-year-old T-Ball 42287 Cherry Hill, Suite D, League. Children must Canton. Dr. David Margohave been born July-December 1993, Januarylis and Dr. Michael Schaef-December 1994, Januaryfer invite the community to July 1995. Registration will be at the recreation Guests will have the opporoffice at the Cultural Center, during office hours refreshments and meet the from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Birth certificate is physicians and staff. Cherrequired. The season runs ry Hill Internal Medicine is seven weekends, running June 24-Aug. 12. No games patients, including adoles-July 1. For more information, call the city Recrevenient evening and weekation Department at (734) 455-6620, or connect with the Web site at:

job position information, candidate referrals, resume preparation, interviewing assistance along with Internet access, computer use and free faxing. For more information, call (734) 481-2517.

CENSUS 2000

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring enumerators for the 2000 census. Enumerators spend most of their time locating addresses and conducting door-todoor interviews. They work evenings and weekends. This temporary job will last up to two months. Census workers are paid \$13-\$15 per hour and are reimbursed for mileage. Bonuses are available. Call (888) 325-7733.

MOPS MEETING

Plymouth Baptist Church holds Mothers Of Preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with their children, kindergarten-age and younger, may attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Childcare is provided. The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534

M.O.M. MEETING

Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents guest speakers and discussions 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Baby-sitting is provided. Call Kim at (734) 459-7035 or Shannon at (734) 354-0191.

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Moms In Touch International is for mothers to meet weekly, for one hour, to pray for their children and schools. The goal is to form a group for each school in Plymouth-Canton. If you are interested or | line. com/~ pnj/ wssc. html

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MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third week of each month on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays. Playgroup meets twice a month on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For more information, call Pam Heestand at (734) 981-3341.

HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP

The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

COUNTY CONNECTION

County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a women's chorus singing four-part harmony barbershop style, is always looking for new members. Rehearsals take place 7 p.m. every Tuesday in Ypsilanti. Call (734) 480-8843.

STAMP CLUB

Meetings of the West Suburban Stamp Club begin at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of the month at The Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The Web site address is www. oeon-

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fits should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131 or e-mail kmortson@oe. homecomm.net

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A spaghetti dinner fund-raiser will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22 at the Don S. Hubert VFW Hall located at 27345 Schoolcraft Road, just east of Inkster Road in Redford Township. Donations requested are \$5.00 for an adult and \$3.00 for children. This fund-raiser is being held by the Friends of Kelly Mullett. She is 30-year-old mother of three who lives in Redford Township, and is suffering from numerous seizure disorders and other complications. Friends and Neighbors are sponsoring this event to help cover medical expenses and treatments at the Mayo Clinic.

CHURCH FUND-RAISE

Clarenceville United Methodist Church is selling Entertainment passbooks to raise money for the church. The coupon books cost . \$40 and are available by calling Jim Robinson at (248) 347-1535 or the church office at (248) 474-3444.

WHALE OF A SALE

The Farmington Area Mothers of Twins will be hosting their annual "Whale of a Sale," from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. 8 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, Saturday March 25. The sale is a service to club members who have many double items that young children need. This sale is also a great place for the public and expectant parents of multiples to find items they need. Cash only please.

PASTIE FUND-RAISER

Newburg United Methodist Church is making and selling cornish pasties as a fund-raiser. Pasties are \$2.50 each and can be ordered by calling into the

FUND-RAISERS & BENEFITS

church office (734) 422-0149. There will be someone to take your order Tuesday, March 28 and Wednesday, March 29 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call in orders only. Do not leave any orders on the answering machine. Any orders faxed, emailed or left on the answering machine will be ignored. Pick up times are on Thursday, April 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, April 7 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The church is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Order early - 1000 pasties will be made and there is a maximum order of 25.

EGAS NIGHTS

St. Agatha Church will be the host site of a "Vegas Nights" event from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1. Free admission. Black jack, craps, big wheel, roulette, and 50/50 raffle. Call (313) 531-0371 for information.

MOM TO MOM SALE

The Tri-County Mothers of Mul-

tiples will sponsor a Mom-to-Mom spring/summer clothing, equipment and toy sale from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Satur-day, April 1 at the William Costick Activities Center (Shannon Hall). Cash only please. No checks. Great selection of gently used clothing, equipment and toys. Wm. Costick Center is located at 28600 Eleven Mile Road in Farmington Hills (located east of Middlebelt - enter at Gate 4). \$1 donation. Public welcome

RUMMAGE SALE

United of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road) will hold a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 1 and April 2 after morning services to benefit the church. Donated items may be brought to the church beginning Sunday, March 19 and through that week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (734) 421-1760.

ST. AGATHA VEGAS NIGHTS

Friday March 31 and Saturday.

6 p.m. Saturday, April 8. This St. Agatha will hold Vegas Nights from 7 p.m. to midnight

unique fund-raising event is a nine hole indoor miniature golf

April 1 at 19750 Beech Daly

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sion. Black Jack, craps, roulette,

big wheel, and 50/50 raffle. Food

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The University of Michigan

Comprehensive Cancer Center

and Ford Motor Company will

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outing, where each hole is located in one of nine participating businesses located in Downtown Royal Oak. Golfers can pick up registration forms for the event at any one of the participating businesses or call UCP at (248) 557-5070 or (800) 827-4843. The cost is \$25 per golfer of \$100 per team. AirTouch Cellular and Papa John's Pizza are the cosponsors with UCP. Participating businesses include Woodruff's, Lily's Seafood, The Padded Cell, Casual Comfort, Dobie Jewelers, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, Billings Feed & Lawn Equipment, The Royal Oak Farmers' Market and Mag-

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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (37775 Palmer Road) in Westland will offer life size monopoly from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 8 for \$5 per person for one-half hour of play. This is a fund-raiser for a mission trip for the high school youth of Prince of Peace.

Singing couple to share songs, experiences at April concert

Toby and Barb Waldowski have been thrilling audiences in concert with their talent that combines music and powerful lyrics

The pair will be in concert at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 9 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia. Ministry work has been a full-time job for them with an impressive schedule that includes recordings, features in musical publications and over 3,800 concerts since 1976. They have also appeared on the Billy Graham Crusades and heard around the world during the "Hour of Power" telecast with Robert H. Schuller.

Toby is an accomplished songwriter, lyricist, pianist, singer and speaker. Barb's voice has been referred to as "liquid silver" with a three octave range. Their repertoire consists mainly of Toby's compositions making their presentation fresh and unique.

They currently reside in Irvine, Calif., with their son Jesse, 17, and daughter, Olivia,

Talented: Toby and Barb

Waldowski are scheduled to perform in April.

If you are interested in attending the performance there is no cost. St. Paul's is located at 27475 Five Mile Road, one block west of Inkster. Call (734) 422-1470 for information.

St. Aidan's presents 'An Evening with Simon Peter'

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

Combine theater, theology and John Dzwonkowski's lively personality and you have a one-man show fit for Jesus himself. A Livonia resident who has worn many hats both professional and personally, Dzwonkowski will don the garments of

apostle Simon Peter during a 90-minute dramatic performance on the historical account of Jesus, April 2-3 at St. Aidan Church.

Dzwonkowski, who wrote the two-act program titled "An Evening With Simon Peter," has been involved with both theology, having studied for nearly a decade with

the Catholic Foreign Mission priesthood in New York, and theater, participating as an actor, director, producer and manager of hundreds of educational songs, plays and skits involving biblical themes

"This has been very important to me but t's also been a fun hobby that I've gotten a lot of satisfaction from too," said Dzwonkowski, who works in public relations in the home health care field.

"I hope the program serves as both an nspirational and educational tool for churches looking for different ways to supplement their teachings.

Dzwonkowski, 49 and the father of three, calls his dramatic craft his "contribution to making the world a better place."

The full theatrical performance is presented from the perspective of Simon Peter, who speaks at length about his close friend - the Messiah.

Lauded as "thought provoking, intriguing and emotional," "An Evening With Simon Peter" brings Jesus to life through the eyes of the apostle he named "The Rock."

Dzwonkowski says his venture he named Rock & Eagle Seminars stems from playing Simon Peter (The Rock) and sharing the name John, another apostle who wrote one of the gospels and was referred to as an eagle by Jesus.

Presented by the Women of St. Aidan,

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Detroit Lutheran Singers to perform in Livonia

attend a special concert titled "Celebrating God's Grace" by the Detroit Lutheran Singers, a professional metropolitan Detroit choir, at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia.

Eric Freudigam, director of the

The public is encouraged to DLS since 1973 will begin the concert with three settings by Bach, Haydn and Langlais of the text "Kyrie Eleison" ("Lord have mercy").

Compositions from a broad range of composers will include Brahms, Morley and Poulenc to Berger, Hairston, Dawson, Paul

Manz and George Beverst. "Barry Rose's anthem 'Morning Glory, Starlit Sky' will be performed," according to church spokesperson Lois Drake.

There will be an afterglow following the concert in the church lobby for the Detroit Lutheran Singers choir who attracted over

700 audience members to their Christmas concerts in Detroit.

Tickets are \$10 at the door (\$7 seniors and students). Advance tickets are available for \$5 by calling Lois Drake at the church office, (734) 522-6830. Christ Our Savior is located at 14175 Farmington Road.



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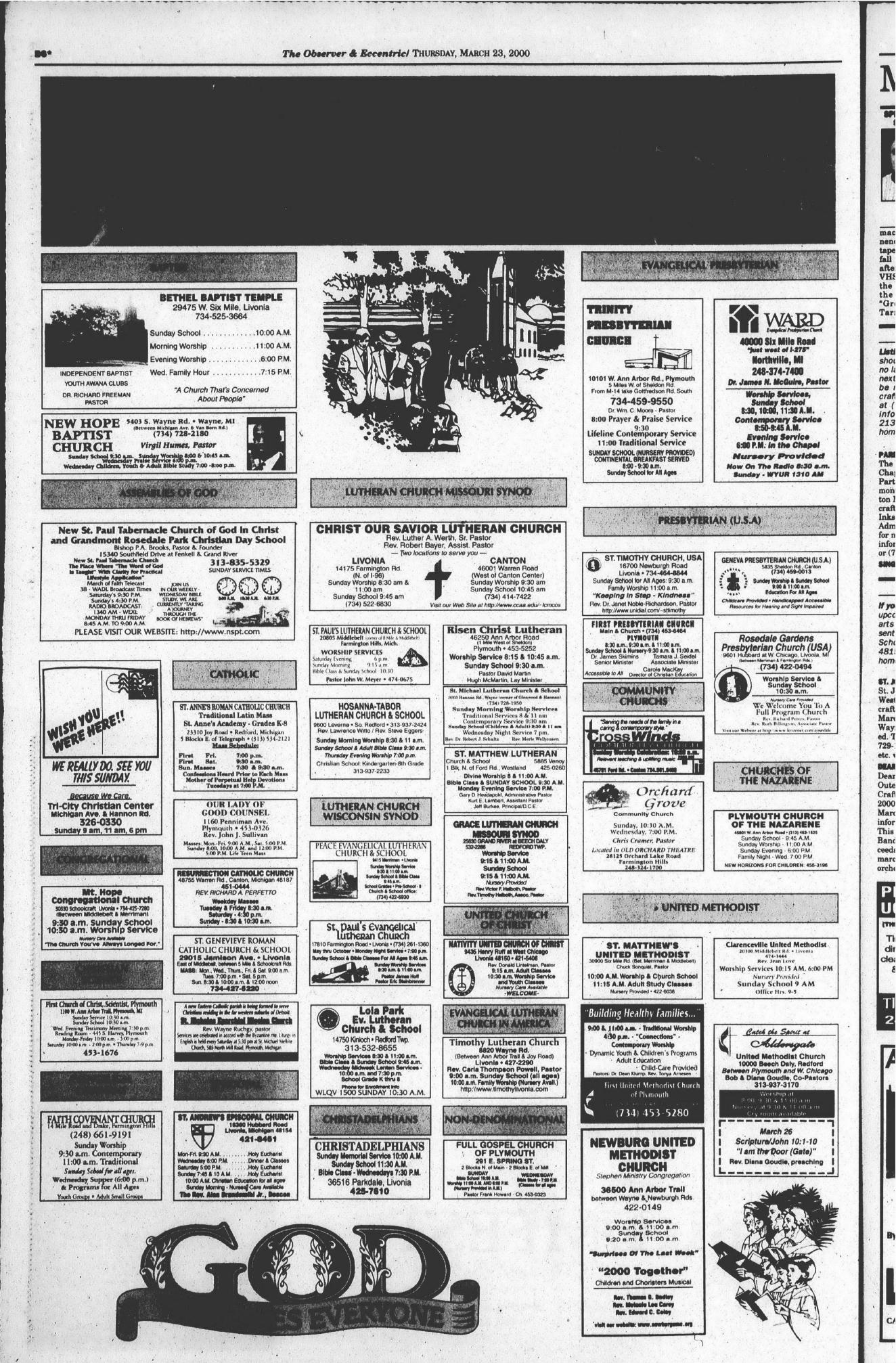
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Movies can teach us lessons if we're paying attention



mindsets!) I can still remember when

machines gained their prominence. I still remember "Beta" tapes! I distinctly remember one fall weekend in rural Kentucky, after my cousins got their first VHS machine (the only one in the extended family) spending the afternoon watching "Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan" while my cousins did

love

ever since I was

a kid. Even though I fall

into that "Gen-

X" age group (and share

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'm a huge movie fan! I more constructive things out- them free." True? Absolutely! doors in the awesome weather. the I love the movies! I love the movies! I have

drama, the suspense, the humor. And I especially love some of the lessons that movies can teach us, if we're paying attention.

Case in point: "First Knight." Sean Connery, playing King Arthur, stands up at a meeting of Arthur's Round Table Knights and is immediately confronted by his nemesis, Malagant - a former knight who left to pursue his own kingdom. Malagant challenges Arthur's leadership, accusing him of creating laws which put the citizens of Camelot in slavery to Arthur's dream. And the response is classic! Arthur stands to his feet, pounds his fist on the table and declares, "There are laws which enslave men and laws which set

And I can demonstrate it from the pages of Scripture.

James declares that the Law of God "gives freedom" and that you will be blessed if you live by it (1:25). Paul demonstrates that the law of righteousness sets us free from the law of sin and death (Rom. 6:15-23). Jesus said that his "yoke" was easy, and that his burden was light (Matt. 11:30).

Too many times in ministry I'm approached with the idea that to do what God is asking, to really put to practice what he's asked us to do in his Word, is simply too controlling, enslaving and an infringement upon my personal freedom. But the longer I live, the more I study and the more I see, both in curreht events and in my own personal experiences, the more I realize that God has not given us these rules to enslave us. He's given us these rules to set us free.

Jesus said, "I have come that you might have life, and more of it!" and that Satan is the one who wants to take it from you (John 10:10). And I find it true that if I simply submit myself to God's plan, in the end, it's what's best for me. He who is slave to the compass has the freedom of the seas. And yet, if I said that sailing by the confining measures of the compass was infringing upon my personal freedom, I'd be lost at sea and dead in three days."

Is there any wonder why as a nation we're lost in the sea of immorality and dying a rapid spiritual death when we won't

submit ourselves to the one navigational instrument by which we could have avoided all this mess in the first place?

There are laws which enslave men and laws which set them free." I submit to you that God's law, as recorded for us by the writers of Scripture, is of the latter. They set us free.

Reality check

I recognize that Hollywood is not the bastion of moral purity that I had hoped it would be. I'm not saying that there are other sources of God's thinking outside the Judeo-Christian Bible. I distinctly believe there are not.

I'm not saying Hollywood is the pinnacle of Christian theology, to replace meditation upon the Scriptures. I don't expect it to be any kind of a factor

towards positive change in this nation. To be quite frank, I would consider most of what originates from Hollywood as pure moral filth. Garbage. However, I do affirm, along with the apostle Paul, that the knowledge of the one true God is evident throughout the universe (Rom. 1:18-21; 32). And if Hollywood gets it about this, don't you think it's worth you and I looking at?

Les Hardin has served as the Minister of Christian Education at Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia (35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia) since August 1997. He grew up in Kentucky and resides with his wife and three children in Livonia. He can be reached via e-mail at memorialchurchofchrist@juno.com

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If you would like to announce an

St. Johns' Episcopal Church in Westland is hosting an arts and crafts sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 25 at the church (555 S. Wayne Road). Vendors are needed. To reserve a table call (734) 729-1605. Hot dogs, chips, pop, etc. will be sold.

DEARBORN EXTRAVAGANZA



Dearborn High School (19501 Outer Drive) hosts an Arts & Crafts Extravaganza - Spring 2000 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward Church. Ministries Showcase 7:30 p.m. Single Parenting Ministry meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the parlor, room C317 and C319, at the church. A free meal is served before the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Speakers or open discussion in a friendly, supportive. and encouraging atmosphere. Free child care provided; Lighthouse Cafe, a coffeehouse setting, is offered 7-10 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in Knox Hall. The cost is \$5; all events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-

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The Athletic Booster Club of

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Nativity Episcopal Church pre-

sents the "Festival of Arts." show including paintings, sculpture,

acrylics, jewelry, watercolors and

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dlebelt Road in Livonia.

FESTIVAL OF ARTS

Admission is \$2. No strollers

Boutique" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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TOUCH OF SPRING

available and food will be sold.

Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance to divorced or separated Christians. Call (734) 981-4553 about the divorce recovery workshop. Monthly meetings are held the third Saturday of every month at 8 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Church, Haggerty Road (south of 5 Mile Road).

Tuesday's BSW goes to Thomas's Family Dining on Plymouth Road (east of Stark) at 7 p.m. on the first, third and fourth week of the month. The second Tuesday of the month the group meets at Vic's Family Diner at 7 p.m. for Birthday Night. (Vic's is one-half block north of Ford Road on Middlebelt). For information call (734) 981-4553.

Every Sunday, the singles organization offers breakfast at

10 a.m. at the Redford Inn on the northwest corner of 5 Mile and Beech Daly roads in Redford, followed by mass at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Catholic Church on Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 729-1974.

Divorce Recovery Workshop (eight consecutive weeks) to begin at noon. For information call Diane at (734) 981-4553.

Singles Dance April 1 at St. **Robert Bellarmine Catholic** Church Hall located on the corner of West Chicago and Inkster Road. Doors open at 8 p.m. \$8 charge includes refreshments. Proper attire please.

Coffee & Conversation every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Contact Diane at (734) 981-4553 for location.

Pinochle every other Friday, contact Diane for location. CHRISTIAN SINGLES

Attention singles - Christian Singles Today Interactive Saturday Fellowship is held from 7-11 p.m. at The Church of the Savior (Five Mile Road at Newburgh) in Livonia. Call (248) 478-1410 for information.

YOUNG SINGLES

Attention young singles ages 17-29. Join us at the Christian Singles Music Cafe every Saturday from 7-11 p.m. at The Jesus Center, 20911 Inkster Road in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 478-1410 for information.

WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE

Every Friday WestSide Singles hosts a dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Must be over 21, and dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A deejay will be playing Top 40 music and current hits.

Appetizers will be served. Early admission special \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. For information please call (734) 981-0909.

WEDNESDAY SUDURBAN SINGLES

Wednesday Suburban Singles Dance Parties Inc., meet every Wednesday at The Warren Chateau Banquet Center (10 Mile Road one block east of Mound) in Warren from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Open to the public - ages 21 and up. Proper attire is recommended (no jeans), The Single Mingle Dance costs \$5; \$4 before 8:30 p.m. For information call the hotline at (313) 842-0443

SUNDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES

Sunday Suburban Singles Dance Parties Inc. meets every Sunday at The Warren Chateau Banquet Center in Warren from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Call (313) 842-0443_

CRAFTS CALENDAR

SINGLES MINGLE

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Sunday service including Al Jacquez and Friends (Gospel Vocalists). The gallery is open from noon to 4 p.m. Nativity is located at 21220 W. 14 Mile Road in Bloomfield Township. Call (248) 646-4100 for information.

SPRING SPECTACULAR

Livonia Stevenson High School (33500 W. Six Mile Rd./1 block west of Farmington Rd. 2 miles north of I-96) will be the host site of the "Spring Spectacular

Craft Show" from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sat. April 8. For information call: 248-478-2395 or 248-476-0315.

CREATIVE MEMORIES

Join us from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 8 for a day of cropping, scrapbooking, and fun at the Bailey Center in Westland (36651 Ford Road). Cost is \$20 per person and includes lunch, snacks, beverages and lots of other special goodies. Pre-register by March 28 and receive the

exclusive, 96-page book "How to take great photo's with any camera." Limited space is available. Call to reserve a spot, Terry Saenz (734) 981-6577.

GARDEN GALA CRAFT SHOW

Crafters are needed who specialize in yard and garden related crafts for the first "Garden Gala," May 20, at Memorial Elementary School in Garden City. If you are interested in participating call Rhonda, (734) 762-0183

CHELSEA SUMMER FEST

Applications are currently being sought for arts and crafts vendors at the Chelsea Summer Fest, July 28 and 29. Booth hours are Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you are interested in obtaining a booth, contact Penny (734) 433-0354 or send a selfaddressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 580, Chelsea, MI 48118.





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AN EVENING WITH HUNGER

Friday, March 24 at Christ the King Lutheran Church at 9300 Farmington Road featured guest speakers will be David hacker from the Hunger Action Coalikion of Michigan and Bill Winkler from Gleaners Food Bank. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. by sharing a portion of soup and bread. The speakers will begin to inform us about their agencies and their battles against hunger at 7 p.m. Public is welcome. Call Ricky Brogdon at (313) 937-8710.

SOSPEL THO

The Chapels Gospel Trio will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 24 at The First United Methodist Church of Plymouth (45201 North Territorial Road west of Sheldon). Free will offerings will be taken. Call (734) 414-6409.

EVENING CLASSES

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Westland (37775 Palmer Road) has several fun classes planned through the month of May on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. They include basket weaving, March 27 and April 3; gardening, April 10 and 17; cake decorating, May 1, 8, and 15; and Saturday May 20 candy making at 10 a.m.

REDEEMED TREASURES

Redeemed Treasures Thrift Shop (sponsored by the Detroit Teen Challenge) is open most Saturday's from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. year round. Located at 20740 Grand River (1.5 miles east of Telegraph). While browsing have your car washed and detailed for a donation. Call (313) 531-0111 Monday through Friday or Saturday at (313) 535-1359.

SUMMER CAMP

Registration has begun at Christ Our Savior in Livonia for summer camp and fall classes. We offer Christian programs for children ages 18 months to kindergarten during the school year and up through age eight during the summer. For information please call Wendy at (734) 513-8413.

MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER

"Messiah in the Passover," is a presentation from a table set with traditional items of the Passover Seder. The historic and symbolic significance of each item is explained. "Messiah in the Passover," emphasizes the connections between the Old and New Testaments, the Jewish roots of the Last Supper and the origins of Christian Communion. You will understand why "Christ our Passover" took the "cup after supper" and the "unleavened bread" and said, "this is my body ... this cup is the New Covenant in my blood." Program begins at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 26 at Clarenceville United Methodist Church (20300 Middlebelt Road)

LENTEN SERVICES

Livonia.

Lenten services will be held at Good Hope Lutheran Church (28680 Cherry Hill - Garden City) each Wednesday before Holy Week at 7 p.m. preceded by a soup supper at 6 p.m. Other worship services include 7 p.m. Thursday, April 20; 7 p.m. Friday, April 21; vigil of Easter worship at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22 and Easter Sunday worship at 8:20 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 23.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford will hold mid-week worship services on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m. during Lent. Wednesday dates are March 29, April 5 and 12. Services will be held in the Chapel. Thursday services will be preceded by light supper at 6 p.m., worship at 7 p.m. Dates are March 23 and 30; April 6 and 13. All services will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. St. John's Lutheran is located at 13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster Road. Call (313) 538-2660.

LENTEN SERVICES

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday night at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church (23310 Joy Road in Redford, five blocks east of Telegraph). Phone (313) 534-2121. A video tape of one of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's retreats will be shown in the Church hall following the Stations each week of Lent. All are invited to attend.

LENTEN DINNERS

St. Agatha Church (19750 Beech Daly) of Redford will offer Lenten dinners on Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent. 3-8 p.m. Dine in and carry out. Senior discount from 3-5 p.m. Children's menu available. Call (313) 531-0371.

LENTEN SERVICES

St. James Presbyterian (25350 W. Six Mile Road) in Redford Township will hold Lenten services every Wednesday evening through April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Maundy Thursday services, including communion, are at 7:30 p.m. April 20. For more information call (313) 534-7730.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (39020 Five Mile Road in Livonia) will offer Lenten service at 6:45 p.m. every Wednesday through April 12. Palm Sunday service is April 16 at 8:30 and 11 a.m.; a prayer vigil service will be held during Holy Week at 7:30 p.m. April 18; April 19, healing service at 7:30 p.m.; April 20 is Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday Interfaith service at noon April 21.

LENTEN MEAL

St. Genevieve Parish of Livonia will offer a Lenten meal March 24, 31 and April 7 and 14 from 5-7 p.m. Menu includes baked fish, potato and all you can eat soup and salad. Macaroni and cheese as a children's meal. Cost is \$6 for adults; \$3.50 for children ages 6-12 and 5 and under eat free.

SPIRITUAL ELDERING WORKSHOP

The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church workshop is meant for members of the church who want to use their life experience to nurture, heal or impact a younger generation and this world. The workshop will be held 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, March 28 and April 4, 11 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The registration fee for the series is \$30. Call (734) 464-0211.

DIVORCE & BEYOND

The Friends Group of St. Thomas Church in Ann Arbor is conducting a Divorce and Beyond Workshop on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. beginning March 22nd. Call Virginia Mikola at (734) 994-9194 or Gerald Black at (734) 741-1874 for information and registration. Cost is \$20, which includes "Divorce and Beyond", a book by James Greteman, CSC and Leon Haverkamp, MSW.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN GATHERINGS

"Opening Our Hearts to Christ -Jubilee 2000" will begin with noon services on the Wednesdays of Lent followed by a luncheon of bread and soup. All services will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 710 Church St. in Plymouth. Worship leaders/lunch providers are as follows: March 29, First Baptist (First Baptist); April 5, Saint Kenneth (First United Methodist); and April 12, Salva-

tion Army (Salvation Army). MOWERK LEMTEN SERVICES March 29 and April 5, 12 at 7 p.m. at Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia (8820 Wayne Deal Wayne

Church of Livonia (8820 Wayne Road). Weekly prayer and discussion about the five-session "God is Here," video series from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

QOSPELFEST 2000

The New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist will be the host site of "Gospelfest 2000" in it's 10 year. It is a one day musical and spiritual workshop whose mission is to bring healing and unity to our communities through the joyful celebration of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The event begins with registration at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 25. A mass choir rehearsal begins at noon and continues until 4:30 p.m. The evenings celebration begins at 6 p.m. Admission is free. For information call (313) 868-7240.

On Sunday, March 26 at 4:30 p.m. Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road) will be hosting a dinner featuring healthy an delicious original recipes, many of

which are vegetarian, from Unity Inn in Missouri. Dinner will be served on a love offering basis. After dinner there will be a discussion of the original writ-

ings of the Fillmores, the founders of the Unity Church. Call (734) 421-1760.

ALIGHLEE JOURNEY

Come to the Jubilee Journey "A Carnival of Saints" from 3-5 p.m. March 26 at St. Maurice Parish Hall, 32765 Lyndon, Livonia. Celebrate your faith, enjoy the fun and check out the food. Call 421-5240 for information.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

A Spiritual Weekend Retreat titled, "A New Century - A New Beginning," will be held March 31-April 2 at St. Johns Center in Plymouth. Call Jeff (313) 381-0731 or Arlene (810) 776-2621.



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"Simon Peter" will take the stage at 6:30 p.m. with one 15minute intermission. The performance includes music, theatrical lighting, Dzwonkowski in full costume and acts featuring "Yeshua, The Healer and Worker of Miracles," "Judas and the arrest at Gethsemane," "The Crucifixion," and "The Morning of the Resurrection."

A religious educator who studied with the Maryknoll Fathers of New York and ministered in Bolivia and El Salvador, Dewonkowski has gone to great lengths to change the program when new research in the area of biblical archeology, Jewish and Christian biblical history and scriptural theology is discovered.

The program climaxes with a "rather realistic, yet painless" crucifixion" of a member of the audience.

"I do this with the help of several audience members to illustrate to people how it was done," said Dzwonkowski. "The performance closes with the resurrection. I hope people go away having laughed, felt inspired, maybe shed a tear or two and say they learned something they never knew before."

St. Aidan Church is located at 17500 Farmington Road in Livonia. Tickets are \$3 per person and \$5 per family. For more information call (734) 425-5950.



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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Masters sparkle

The Plymouth-Canton Cruisers Masters Swim Team competed in the West Bloomfield Masters Extravaganza Swim Meet March 5 and came away with several top-notch performances.

In the 25-29 age division, Amy Churchman won the 50-yard and 100yard breaststroke events and took second in the 50 and 100 freestyles. Michelle TenBroeke finished first in the 50 free and was second in the 200 and 500 free.

And Ed Churchman won four events: the 50 and 100 butterfly, and the 50 and 100 free.

In the 30-34 division, Abby Briggs was a winner in the 50 free, took second in the 50 breast and 100 free. Paul Bingham took top honors in the 50 and 200 butterfly, was second in the 100 fly and third in the 50 free. And Jon Jipping was second in the 100 backstroke, third in the 50 back and fourth in the 50 free.

In the 35-39 division, Sarah Eubanks was first in the 100 free, the 100 breast and the 200 individual medley.

Brian Foust was a double-winner in the 50-54 division, taking first in the 50 and 100 back; he was also second in the 200 back.

Several Cruisers are planning to attend the Masters State Swimming Championships in mid-April in Holland.

Dietrich All-American

Madonna University's Chris Dietrich, a senior, became the first Lady Crusader basketball player to earn NAIA All-American honors when she was given honorable mention NAIA All-American status.

A 5-foot-8 guard, Dietrich started all 27 games for Madonna, averaging a team-best 15.3 points a game. She shot 40 percent from the field and 80 percent from the free-throw line, averaged 3.5 assists and 2.5 steals, and was third on the team in rebounds with four a game.

Dietrich finished her career ranked second all-time in scoring, assists and steals for Madonna.

Bray letters — again

Mark Bray, a senior at Hope Collymouth lege and a ate, earned his fourth letter in basketball, one of only 14 athletes to do

A possible contender? Canton could be on fast track to title contention

BY C.J. RISAE SPORTS EDITOR

For the past few years, the goal for Plymouth Canton's boys track team was the same: Make progress, take aim at the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division title, and hope to finish in the top half at the WLAA meet.

The first two of those goals remain intact. But the last - well, a top-six finish won't be good enough. The Chiefs should be better than that, although coach Bob Richardson will concede nothing.

Not in this league

"I really think this is our best team since '93, when we won the league," Richardson said. "Our goal will be to finish in the top three (at league)."

That actually could be a bit pessimistic, considering the Chiefs' potential. They've lost six to graduation from last season's squad, but only middle distance runners Steve Blossom and Jason Rutter were among the team's top scorers.

This season's success will start with the seniors. "We have our largest senior group in school history," said Richardson, who's been connected to Canton's track program since 1979.

There are 18 of them, with Asa Hensley, Nathan Howe, Karamjit Singh and Jack Tucci serving as team captains. Singh, a sprinter, placed fifth in the 100-meter dash at last year's conference meet.

Hensley will be in the shot put and discus, Howe runs sprints and Tucci

Szwejkowski and Ben Cool in the shot and discus; Jim O'Brien in the hurdles; Jim Korona in the distance runs; and Gary Lee in the sprints; Brian and Aaron LaBeau in the middle dis-

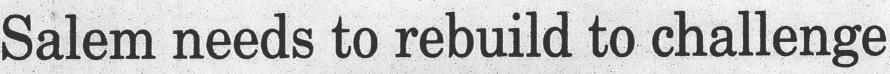
Defending champ: Canton's Jordan Chapman cleared 6-feet to win the WLAA championship as

a sophomore last spring. Chapman will seek to defend his title and help the Chiefs challenge for

tance events.

While the seniors will be counted on for leadership as well as skill, the

Please see CANTON TRACK, C6



BY C.J. HISAK SPORTS EDITOR cirisak@oe.homecomm.net

Two years ago, Geoff Baker knew what to expect. He knew his Plymouth Salem boys track team would be formidable, and it was, winning the Western Lakes Activities Association championship and the state regional title as well.

Last year he wasn't as certain. He had a solid nucleus returning, but he had lost quite a bit, too. The final league standings reflected it: Walled Lake Central first, Livonia Churchill second, Salem third.

So what about this year? Well, most of the lineup that accounted for the



ton coaches have agreed to alter the name of the annual Mangan Meet, pitting Salem against Can-ton, to the Bolger/Mangan Memorial Meet. The meet will be Thursday, April 6.

There are some key returnees: Gabe Coble, a senior, was fifth in the long jump at last season's WLAA meet; Mark Snyder, also a senior, was third in conference in the shot put; and Pat Johnson, another senior, placed eighth in the 100-meter dash at the WLAAs as a junior.

Other returnees who figure to make an impact are seniors Ryan Silva in the long jump, hurdles and sprints, Dave Boucher and Kevin Dunn in the throwing events, Jim Brzuch in the pole vault and Mike Carpenter in the distance events; juniors Donnie Warner and Manvir Gill in the distance events, Rob Showalter in the hurdles and 400, and Greg Kubitski in the pole vault and distance events; and sophomore Dan Dwenger in the pole vault.



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Bray averaged 8.9 points, 3.2 assists and 3.0 rebounds per game this season.

Heat are hot

The Plymouth Heat went undefeated in winning the Milford Police Athletic League's annual 3v3 Basketball Tournament March 18-19 in Milford.

The Heat, competing in the sixthgrade division in the double-elimination tournament, beat last year's champion, St. Matts, in the final. Team members are Matt Czajkowski, Eddie Duggan, Kyle Gendron and Steve Paye. The team is coached by Charlie Paye.

Spring Ice Show

The Plymouth Figure Skating Club will host its annual Spring Ice Show, entitled "Let's Talk About Love," at 7 p.m. Friday, March 31, and 1 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for seniors and children under fouryears-old.

The show will feature the PFSC's learn-to-skate program skaters and the freestyle skaters in individual and group performances. Also performing will be the PFSC's six Gems on Ice sychronized skating teams, including the three national qualifying squads that recently competed in the Sychronized Team Championships.

For more information, call (734) 420-0462.

CYO football meeting

The Catholic Youth Organization will have a meeting for those boys in grades 3-8 who want to play CYO football at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

All boys interested in playing are invited to attend this informational meeting. Our Lady of Good Counsel is located at 1062 Church in Plymouth.

For more information, call Mike Girskis at (734) 454-0847 or at (734) 427-6270.

bulk of last season's WLAA meet points are gone. Which means even more uncertainty ahead for the Rocks.

"I guess you could say it's a rebuilding year this year," said Baker. "We're a little thin, compared to the way we were able to stack meets before.

"We've got 70 kids out, I just don't know what kind of talent we have. There are a lot of young kids.

Baker then listed those who are gone: Nick Allen, Jon Little, Craig Little, Matt Anderson, Bobby Cushman, Chris Mason, Mike Shull, Mark Sheehan, Ryan Thomas, Dave Clemons, Andy Brandt and, tragically, Mark Bolger, who also ran cross country.

A member of Salem's basketball team, Bolger passed away during halftime of a game last January. In his memory, the Salem and Plymouth Can-

Veteran returning: Ryan Silva is one of the few Salem returnees with experience. Silva will compete in the long jump.

Since pre-season workouts began just 10 days ago, rating the newcomers is difficult. But two who figure to help matters are senior Archie Kinney, a football player who played baseball last spring, and Steve Shull, a freshman. Both will run sprints.

Salem opens its season Saturday at the Huron River Relays, hosted by Eastern Michigan. Two years ago, the Rocks won it; last year they placed seventh.

This year "we'll be hard-pressed to get points," said Baker. "This year we're just going to work

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Whalers regain top spot

the league crown this spring.

Other seniors who will be counted

on to contribute are Jamie Bonner

will be in the 200 and 400.

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Well, maybe this can be classified as a payback of sorts.

After all, last season everyon'e connected to the Ontario Hockey League figured the Plymouth Whalers -- the regular-season champions and one of the Canadian Hockey League's premier teams — would be a favorite to win the Memorial Cup.

Then along came the London Knights in the second round of the OHL playoffs and, in an agonizing seven-game series that included three overtime games, the Whalers were eliminated.

This season, no one expected the Whalers to be much of a contender for anything outside of a playoff berth. Four players from last season's team - David Legwand, Harold Druken, Paul Mara and Jason Ward - graduated and are currently playing in the NHL. Several others had also moved

So what happened? How did the Whalers achieve the impossible by repeating as winners of the Hamilton Spectator Trophy, presented to the OHL's regular-season champion?



Top scorer: Justin Williams (21) picked up his game substantially, leading the Whalers in scoring with 37 goals and 46 assists, a total of 83 points.

"We didn't expect it," said Whaler make the playoffs." co'ach/general manager Pete DeBoer. "It's been real surprising. Coming into the season, we were just hoping to

The Whalers' season goals started to be reshaped in December. Early in the

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Whalers' loss followed by a pair of wins



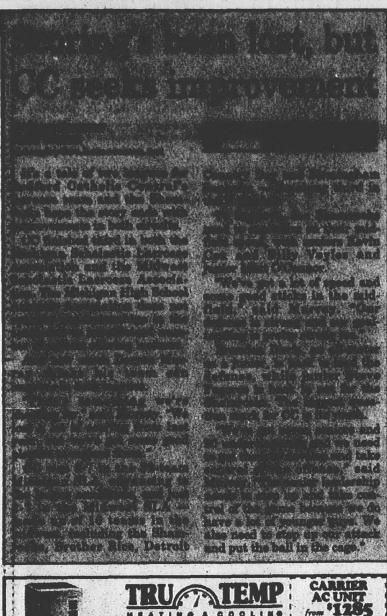
This has to rate as one of the best weekends of the season for the Ply-mouth Whalers. Yes, their win

streak enapped at 17 on Friday night when they let a 3-0 lead get away in a 5-3 loss at Guelph. It was an experience the Whalers hadn't suffered since

Jan. 29

An emotional downturn was cer-

An emotional downturn was cer-tainly possible, particularly since they had games on Saturday and Sunday, too, and against opponents with better records than Guelph. But the Whalers rebounded admirably, taking command against the Windsor Spitfires Saturday in a 5-1 victory at Compuware Arena and then following it with a hard-fought, come-from-behind 3-2 tri-umph at Sarnia Sunday. The two Whaler wins clinched







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month they were struggling to remain at the break-even plateau. But that changed; as the younger Whalers adapted to the game, the team started making strides - small ones at first, then bigger and bigger, culminating in a 17-game win streak that was stopped last Friday by Guelph.

Plymouth was in third place in the OHL's West Division and struggling to maintain that position in December. By mid-February, they were first in the division and climbing.

"We made very few changes," said DeBoer, when asked if the team made some sort of blockbuster move. "We just have such a young team, there was room for improvement.

Improvement is one thing. But developing the kind of consistency that leads to a 33-5-1 record since Dec. 1 (which the Whalers are) is usually something reserved for a veteran squad.

DeBoer credits the players who did return for providing the necessary leadership. "We have four key guys who turned down a chance to play in the pros," said DeBoer, referring to team captain Randy Fitzgerald, Shaun Fisher, Eric Gooldy and goalie Rob Zepp.

Much was also expected from others who played smaller roles on last season's starstudded team. Fisher, a defenseman, was one

"Last year," DeBoer explained, "we had a group of superstar players, then things dropped off a bit. This year we're more balanced

"I think (Fisher) got overshadowed last

Whalers from page C1

their second-straight Ontario Hockey League regular-season title. Plymouth improved to 45-18-4 (95 points), four more than both the Barrie Colts (who have one game remaining) and the Ottawa 67s (who have finished their season).

The Spitfires, who started the season so well, were no match for the Whalers Saturday. Following a scoreless first period, Plymouth scored three times in the second, with Justin Williams, Stephen Weiss and Tomas Kurka getting goals. Williams' marker was shorthanded, while Kurka scored on the power play.

Kurka's second power-play goal of the game at the 7:51 mark of the final period put Plymouth ahead 4-0. Windsor ruined Rob Zepp's shutout when Frank Sinacori scored with 2:43 remaining. Steven Morris got the

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hockey leagues.

Whalers' final marker with 41 seconds left.

Weiss and Shaun Fisher each had two assists in the game and Kurka had one. Zepp stopped 20 shots while his Windsor counterpart, Ryan Aschaber, had 38 saves.

Windsor was 34-31-2 through Sunday.

Sunday's game at Sarnia was bigger test for the Whalers. The Sting had been playing well coming into the weekend, and it was Plymouth's third game in as many days.

Sarnia struck first, getting two power-play goals in the first period from Alexander Buturlin and Maxim Rybin. They were sandwiched around a power-play marker by the Whalers' Williams (his team-leading 37th of the season), with assists by Damian Surma and Fisher.

year by those guys. Now he's kind of stepped into his own.

"A lot of guys had to step up, and they did." Was

Fisher obscured by Mara and Nikos Tselios, two of the OHL's best defensemen, last season. He isn't anymore; Fisher has 17 goals and 49 assists (66 points) in 59 games, with

The Sting's 2-1 lead stood until

the final period. With 6:57

elapsed, Surma knotted it at 2-

all with his 34th goal of the year;

Fisher then got the game-win-

ner, a power-play goal with 6:11

left in the game. It was the 17th

goal of the season for Plymouth's

his record for the season to 36-

11-3. Greg Hewitt made 26 stops

son game is at London Friday.

They open the OHL playoffs as

the No. 1 seed, at home Satur-

day, against either Guelph,

Ambassador is top goalie

Craig Kowalski of the Com-

puware Ambassadors was

named the North American

Hockey League's goalie of the

Brampton or Kitchener.

The Whalers final regular-sea-

Zepp had 33 saves in pushing

Williams assisted.

top defenseman.

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a plus-38 rating. He has become one of the most productive defensemen in the OHL.

But others have filled the void created by the loss of so many stars. Justin Williams leads the Whalers in scoring with 37 goals and 46 assists (83 points); next best is Damian Surma with 34 goals and 44 assists (78 points).

The rookies who have made the biggest impact are Stephen Weiss, the Whalers' first-round pick in '99, with 24 goals and 41 assists (65 points); Tomas Kurka, who has 36 goals and 28 assists (64 points); and Steven Morris, with 13 goals and 18 assists (31 points).

The Whalers don't score as many goals as last season, but the defense, led by Fisher

and goalie Zepp, has helped overcome that. For the second-straight year Plymouth will lead the OHL in goals surrendered (167. with one game left); Zepp, through last weekend, was 36-11-3 in goal with a .903 save percentage and a 2.38 goals-against average, with three shutouts.

"We don't score as many goals as last year. so we've had to rely on our defense," said DeBoer

It's all very nice, sure. DeBoer admits it. but he knows there's another step to take, especially after last year's disappointment. We're hoping the playoffs are more pro-

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ductive," said DeBoer. "One thing we've learned is that the regular season doesn't mean very much. Last year taught us that."

It also taught DeBoer not to focus too heavily on what the opponent does. Anyway, going into Friday's final regular-season games, the Whalers could be facing Kitchener, Brampton or Guelph on Saturday.

"They're all tough teams," said DeBoer. "Any of the three will be a difficult opponent. In the first round, we're going to concentrate on what we're going to do and just stick to the formula that got us here.

"It's really impossible to prepare for three teams anyway."

That 17-game win streak showed DeBoer that, if the Whalers "play our game and not do anything differently, we'll do all right."

That's the plan, at any rate. But if any team has gone well beyond the plan set for it at the beginning of the season, it's the Whalers.

> week for the second time this season. Kowalski, who ranks third in the league in goalsagainst average (2.44), allowed four goals in two games while making 65 saves, a .942 save percentage.

> The Ambassadors maintained their hold on first place in the NAHL's East Division, beating the Grand Rapids Rockets 3-1 Friday at Compuware. Kowalski made 35 stops in the victory, with Steve Swistak, Andy Greene and Mark Norrington scoring goals.

On Sunday, the Soo Kewadin Casino Indians got three firstperiod goals and hung on to beat Compuware, 3-2 at Compuware. Bo Cheesman scored twice for the Indians, who moved to within six points of the division leaders. The Ambassadors got goals from Ryan Connelly and Mark Cannon.

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·Adult co-ed softball league - Play

Pete DeBoe

Whalers' coach

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Plymouth; the Plymouth Masters (over 40) will play Sundays and Wednesdays at the Plymouth Cultural Center; the Golden Eagles (over 49) will play Sunday and Wednesday nights at the Artic Pond.

Registration is now under way

The Rockets (over 21 years)

will play Sundays and Thurs-

days at the Artic Pond Arena in

for adult spring recreational

The season runs April 2-May 11. To register, call or FAX name and address to John Wilson at (248) 471-0658, or E-mail him at: john@rspi.net.

Golf league

The Canton Parks and Recreation Men's Golf League will begin April 26 at Fellows Creek league outing and awards. Play will be on Wednesdays, with 5-6 p.m. tee times; golfers will be paired as two-man teams for league play.

facility, Fellows Creek offers

The 18-week league season

costs \$420, which includes all

league greens fees, prize money,

restaurant.

The league is limited to 36 golfers and is limited to Canton residents only until March 31. There will be a league meeting at 6 p.m. April 19 at Fellows Creek to discuss league rules and regulations.

Register between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Canton Parks and Recreation Services, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

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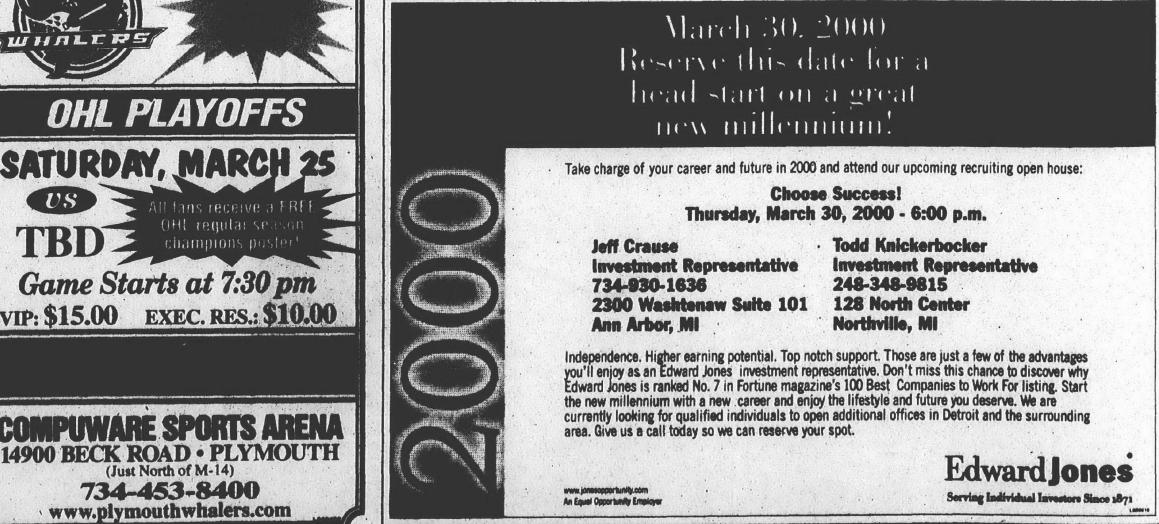
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Play will be Tuesdays, May 9-Aug. 8. Cost is \$345 per team for 12 games; umpire fees extra. Non-residents are For more information, call \$15 each. Call (248) 349-0203 for more

will be Sundays, from May 7-Aug. 6. Clinics can be at Schoolcraft Cost is \$340 per team for 12 games; umpire fees are extra. Non-residents are \$15 each. Call (248) 349-0203 for more information.

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> •Adult men's basketball league --Play will be Tuesdays or Thursdays from April 18-June 8. Cost is \$310 for eight games; referees fees extra. Non-residents are \$15 each. Call (248) 349-0203 for more information



The enemy is here: It's us

station Sunday, minding my own business, trying decide to between Ver-nors and Coke, when I saw the following exchange

PAUL between two very stubborn people.

A nondescript man in his 50s was waiting in line to pay for his newspaper and at the last minute turned to grab a pack of cigarettes.

In the time it took for him to turn his body 90 degrees and grab the pack, a woman in her mid 30s - every bit the stereotypical soccer mom (the soccer ball decal in the rear window was a definite tipoff) - zoomed to his left and thrust her money at the clerk to pay for gas.

man. "But I was here first."

get in line behind me."

"That's all I'm doing."

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example we're setting?

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"I'm just paying for gas," coun-

"I don't care," said the man,

"I'm just paying for gas," said

the woman, not backing down an

inch and her voice changing from

a 'statement to a command.

She threw her money down on

the counter, walked to the door

and said something that has

stayed with me much longer

"I hope those cigarettes give

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in line, is called on it and tells

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Is that what we've become?

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was a hands-down selection for a

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A couple of years ago, she

around the nation.

There is a person I know down South who is an outstanding softball player. Really good, in fact; So much so that just about every tourney her team enters, she wins the Most Valuable

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found this out and began going out of her way to weaken her. She put together a combination of steroids, an over-the-counter aspirin-type medicine called Ansaid and a third drug that is masked by the other two.

Over the course of that time, the woman, who used to be a nurse, has gone out of her way to get the poison into the player's system — putting some in a drink when no one is looking, having a teammate put the drug under her nails and scratch her sliding into second, walking by with an inhaler and spraying the aerosol around her.

The police have a good idea what is going on but can't catch the woman, who went into hiding shortly after a warrant went out for her arrest. Meanwhile, the player refuses to back down. And the woman's friends have kept up the mission of getting drugs into the player's system whenever she appears at a softball field - whether it's to watch or play.

Now, the player spends her days in the hospital on medication to fight the mystery drug, her nights in a futile effort to sleep, her whole day in a labored effort to breathe. Doctors are having problems treating the poison because they don't know exactly what it is. Softball is becoming a distant memory.

Is this what we've become? I

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am jealous of your talent, so instead of improving to your level, I'll cripple you. Instead of waiting my turn, I'll barge in front of you and wish you had cancer. I don't care if the light changed to red, I'm going to run it because I'm too busy to stop.

I am reminded of a line from the old comic strip, "Pogo," in which the main character says "We have met the enemy, and he is us.

I am not a Pollyanna. By

Extravaganza champions

Mits IIB hockey: The Plymouth Power Sharks, a member of the Ply-

mouth-Canton Hockey Association, collected the championskip of the Cleveland Extravaganza March 8-5, beating the Buffalo Regule in the

final. Ryan Rose scored the game-winning goal and was tournament

McCarthy, Joey Beard, Zack Cisek, Ben Symanow, and Ryan Rose.

Standing, from left: Josh McGuire, Andy Sensoli, Jordon Emery, ,

Zack Vukmirovich, Noah Fairchild, Patrick Patin, Kyle Zink, Shawn

Lyons, and Steve Rosselle. Back row, from left: Matt Zink, Jim Cisck,

Eugene Patin (head coach), Dan Symanow and Paul Kaczmarek.

MVP. Team members are: (front from left) Zack Osborne, Boan

nature, I am more cynic than saint. OK, a lot more cynic than saint. But watching out for the little things in everyday life, I fear Pogo's more correct than his creator Walt Kelly ever thought.

worse is we don't even care unless it happens to us.

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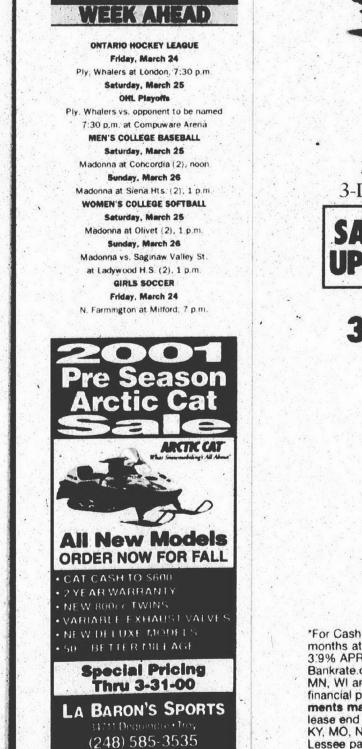


meetin: The Sports Club of Novi Level 8 gymm ished first as the Correct City Classic Feb. 18-20 in Dattle Crock. Team members are Nicole Basch of Canton, Chalses Solden and Assaultyn Williams of Plymouth, Erica Schick of Livonia, Emma Plast of Neol. Amanda Oreen of New Hudson and Sarah Ilkhani-Pour of Northville.

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Litenia Ladywood

With only five seniors and three juniors returning from last season. Lee Shaw is in for a challenging first year as head coach at Livonia Ladywood.

"We have a very, very young team," he said.

A native of England, Shaw is taking over a squad that finished third in the Catholic League last season.

Also the coach of the school's crosscountry team, Shaw replaces former coach Rod Sorenson.

While losing some important members from last year, including Suzanne Peplinski (hurdles) and Erin Hayden (long jump, high jump), the team does have some key returnees

Most notable among these is senior sprinter Brianna Watson, who is the fastest runner in school history. Last season, Watson set a school record in the 100-meters with a time of 12.4 i third in Observerlandit.

She is already being heavily recruited by colleges such as Eastern Michigan and Georgia Tech.

Shaw's other top sprinters are seniors Kelly Carey, Kelly Predmesky and Laura Yales, who was a Catholic League finalst in the 100

The team's other major returnee is sophomore high jumper Alexis Noel.

Last season Noel jumped a personalbest of 5-4, which was second among Observerland competitors. As a member of the Newburgh Track Club, Noel jurned 5-2, taking second at the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches sociation indoor championships last ek in Ann Arbor.

Ladywood's top returning field com-

petitor will be sophomore shot put thrower Megan Guardiola, who finished sixth in the event at the Catholic League meet last season.

"Megan will improve a lot this season," Shaw said

Shaw says he is "expecting some big things" from his distance runners. including senior Patty Simon, the team's too miler last season

Newcomers Anna Plagany (freshman) and Stacey Schroeder (sophomore), who both ran for Shaw on the cross-country team this fall, will also contribute.

Shaw is also anticipating a strong year from senior middle distance runner Stephanie Cunningham, who starred for. Farmington Hills Mercy as a freshman, but hasn't competed since.

"The bulk of our points are going to come from the seniors and Alexis Noel," Shaw said

Expecting to keep about 55 girls. Show is still trying to determine who will compete where. In fact, he plans to let the girls try as many events as they want. In one such experiment, he plans to let Watson compete at least once in the long jump.

Shaw believes a blend of hard work and a fun atmosphere will result in a good league showing.

"I am hoping we can push to the front of the league," Shaw said. "Everybody has a shot right now. It all depends on the work you put in. There is a difference between training and just racing."

Libraria Churchill

Charger coach Kelly Graham is expecting this season to be a promising one for her veteran-filled team.

"Looking at what we have on paper,

we are going to be very solid," Graham said. "That is the first time I can say that in a few years.

Graham is particularly excited about her throwers, distance runners, and especially her hurdlers, including senior Jane Peterman and junior Mandy Hein.

"We have so much talent with our hurdlers, it is going to be exciting to watch and see what happens," Graham

Peterman, a captain, is also a standout in the pole vault. Last year she posted a 9-0 in the event, fifth-best among Observerland scores.

Discus thrower Jenny Hefner, a senior, may be the Charger's top allaround returnee. With a throw of 119-5 last season (third in Observerland), Hefner placed second at the regional qualifying her for the state tournament.

Junior Kari Cezat will be tough in the pole vault. A.WLAA champion, she posted a 9-6 last season (second in Observerland), and finished second at the regional.

Senior Alison Fillion and sophomore Susan Duncan will be Churchill's top distance runners. Fillion's 11:56.3 in the 3,200 was third best among Observerland times. Duncan is a first-team All-Observer performer in cross country.

The Chargers, however, will miss the graduated Ashley Fillion, who ranked among the area's best in the 800 (2:03.7), 1.600 (5:26.0) and 3.200 (11:56.3)

Churchill is deep in the distance events led by a strong freshman crop led by Sarah Anagnostou, Sarah Westrick and Amy Settles, along with seniiors' Stephanie Skwiers and Diana Lesparkas, Junior Colleen Havden and

sophomore Lyndsay Cecil should also contribute.

The middle distance group includes freshman Michelle Phillips, freshman Rachel Wodyka, sophomore Darcy Kavanaugh and junior Katie Paulson.

Graham is a little concerned about the lack of experience among her sprinters. Her top returnee is sophomore Stephanie Dean

All in all, Graham thinks the Chargers can surprise some people

"I think we will be one of the silent creepers in the league," Graham said. "We will definitely be able to compete. and might be one of the best three teams. It will come down to how well our sprinters can do."

Livonia Franklin

The Patriots are under new management this season as Kevin Psik, the former Redford Union coach, takes over for Rich Lamb.

Psik spent five years with the Panthers before moving over to Joy Road.

"I love it, I'm having a great time so far," said Psik, who has 44 girls out. "We're a little behind schedule because I'm just getting to know athletes. I can't predict right now how we will do." The most notable loss to graduation

was pole vaulter Shilloh Wint, who cleared 9-1 as a senior.

The top returnees include junior Lisa Balko, who hurled the shot put 33-2 a year ago; junior Rita Malec, who clipped off a 1:01.0 in the 400; and sophomore pole vaulter Andrea McMilliam, who clieared 9-0.

Other netumees include senior Denise Walsh (pole vault/sprints); junior Annette Schneider (hurdles); senior Lyndsay Sopko (sprints/middle distance): senior Diana Potter (distance); sophomore Gabrielle Nixon (middle distance): senior Daniela Gapp (discus); sophomore Jenny Harp (discus/shot put); junior Jamie Harp (shot put/discus); sophomore Erika Wolski Ipole vault/sprints); sophomore Melissa Frank (hurdles); sophomore Christine Witte Idistance); and senior Michelle.

Ledesma (distance). Freshmen Amanda Bowmer, Erica Johnson, Monica Nakonezny and Katie

Wint should also help in the distance events. Wint also pole vaults.

Livonia Stevenson

Livonia Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg is expecting somewhat of a letdown from last season when his squad won a regional championship and finished second to Plymouth Salem in the Western Lakes Athletic Association.

Holmberg lost three of his top four scorers from that team, including hurdler Christie Tzilos, discus and shot put thrower Emily Yambasky, and distance runner Katie Sherron.

"We are not as good as we were last year. Holmberg said. "We lost three important scorers. That is a big loss. We are going to need some kids to step up and fill those shoes."

Holmberg, who has coached Stevenson's girls since 1970, is heartened by some of his leading returnees, most notably senior Andrea Parker

Last season Parker posted top Observerland times In the 800 (2:27.1), 1.600 (5:15.5), and 3.200 (11:48.8), qualifying for the state meet in each, as well as the 1,600 and 3,200 relays. Her performance is the 1.600 and 3.200 earned her regional champianships

"Andrea is the king-pin of the team," Holmbeng said. "Last year, we won the regional because of her performance."

Stevenson will also be helped by the return of standout sophamore Heather Vandette. who earned All-Observerland honars in the 3.200 (11:55.7), Vandette also had a strong regional, placing second in the 3,200 and third in the 1,600 (5:34.8).

"Allong with Parker, Heather will give us a good one-two punch." Holmberg said. "I am hoping she can start up where she left off last 1.88

Other important returnees include senior hurdler Cassie Ehlendt (a state qualitying 48.2 in the 300 hurdles), jurior high jumper Anches Polasky: senior shot out and discus thrower Julie Yambasky, and senior long iumper Levria Kascarek.

Holmberg is also excited by the fact that 120 girls came out for tryouts this yeer.

"That is pretty typical for us," he said. "We have had a successful program over the years. Kids like to be part of something like that."

Holmberg is still sitting through the group to find enough talent that will help the team

compete despite the losses from last year. "Aith all the girls trying out, there should be a few good newcomers," Holmberg said "We will be all right."

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The Rockets are rebuilding after losing their top two point producers including Western Lakes and Class A regional 400 champion Nicolette Jarrett (now at Middle Tennessee State).

larrett went an Observerland best 58.3 in the 400 and 18-1 3/4 in the long jump. She also ranked fifth in the area in the 200 (26.4) and helped Glenn to first-team All-Observer honors by running a leg on both the 400 relay (50.2) and 800 relay (1:45.3).

High jumper LaToya Chandler did not return for her senior season and will be missed in the high jump (5-8), long jump (16-9), 100 dash (12.8) and 200 dash (26.8).

The lone returning senior is Amber Morris, a sprint and middle distance runner.

"With only one senior, we're looking for leadership from our junior class," Glenn coach John Kitchen said. "We have a group of hard workers and good kids who will work to IMONOVE.

The top returnee is junior LaTasha Chander, a first-team All Area performer in the 100 hundles (15.3), who was also a leg on Glenn's first-team 400 and 800 relay teams. Chandler was WLAA and regional champion in the 100 hundles and was a state semifinalist

Another key component on Glenn's sprint relays is back, junior Felecia Barnett, who went 12.9 in the 100 and cleared 5 feet in the high jump. Junice Micale Simonian, a tal ented gymnast who made the state meet. returns in the pole vault where she holds the school record at 8-6.

Other top returning juniors include Sharron Ryan (distance), Nicole Blan (middle distancet. Lakisha Locust (hurdles/sprints). Karen Dastrairya (middle distance), Laura Mikedis (3,200), Diane Monton and Jocelyn Mikedis (pole vault (hurdles)

Kitchen also expects help from a pair of freshman sprinters, She nelle Brown and Elizateth Easter (who is also a long lumber) "Right now we're searching for people in

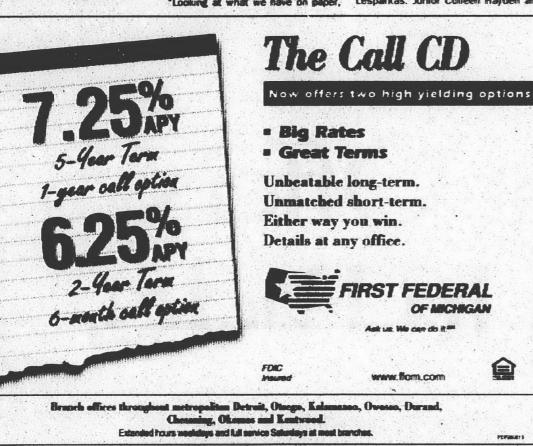
the shot out and cliscus," said Kitchen, who has a 30-member squad.

The Plymouth Cantan and Plymouth Salem girls track previews will appear in Sunday's Observer.

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OUTDOOR 3-D SHOOT

Royal Oak Archers, Inc. of Lake Orion, is presenting a recreational archery shoot on Sunday, March 19. from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Located on Orion Road one-half mile west of Adams Road, Royal Oak Archers has 30 targets over 39 acres. Ask about the youth Archery Olympic classes and various adult competitions. For more information, call Dave Piet at (248) 545-8107, Pete Angel at (810) 939-1273 or Doug Waite at (248) 628-1076.

DETROIT ARCHERS OF WEST BLOOMFIELD

The Detroit Archers of West Bloomfield (5795 Drake Road) is hosting a number of leagues: 3-D indoor, Sundays, 6:30 p.m.; Monday bush league, 7:30 p.m. (menonly); Tuesday target league, 7:30 p.m.; 3-D bow hunter, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. (indoor); and Friday fun league, 7:30 p.m. Open shoot hours are from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 6-10 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call (313) 825-2110.

LIVONIA RANGE

The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410

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for more information.

The Oakland County Sportsman

membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310. The **Detroit Area Steelheaders will** also hold a Sportsmen's Game Dinner March 18 at Bishop William F. Murphy Knights of Columbus Hall in Warren. The dinner is open to the public and

doors open at 5 p.m. Cost is \$30

per person. BASS TOURNAMENT

The 2000 Top Bass Tournament will be held at various sites throughout the summer months. The schedule is as follows: Saginaw Bay, May 27; Lake St. Helen, June 3; Wixom Lake, June 24; Sanford Lake, July 8; Wixom Lake, July 22; Lobdell Lake, Aug. 5; Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payoffs will be awarded with amounts determined by the number of entries. For more information, call (734) 729-1762 or (734) 422-5813.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each, month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. 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. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). 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 Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

HERITAGE PARK HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a 2-3 hour hike at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills on Sunday. Call Don Dahlin at (248) 644-2746 for more information.

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Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a 2-3 hour hike at Pointe Pelee in Ontario on Sunday. Call (313) 581-7579 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES **BALD MOUNTAIN**

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for

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PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake **Recreation Area is located at** 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities Range hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The **Ortonville Recreation Area is** located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

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METROPARK REQUIREMENTS Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191

2000 PERMITS

The 2000 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

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COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs

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(810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

The 2000 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is \$20 through April 30 and \$25 thereafter. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and **Island Lake Recreation Area** offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

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Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Advanced registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990 to register and for more information.

BANQUETS/FUND RAISERS

SAFARI CLUB SE BOWMUNTER The Southeast Michigan Bowhunters Chapter of Safari Club International will hold its 9th annual Banquet and Fundraiser on Saturday, March 18, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, in Livonia. For tickets and more information call Jim Shaeffer at (734) 741-9527, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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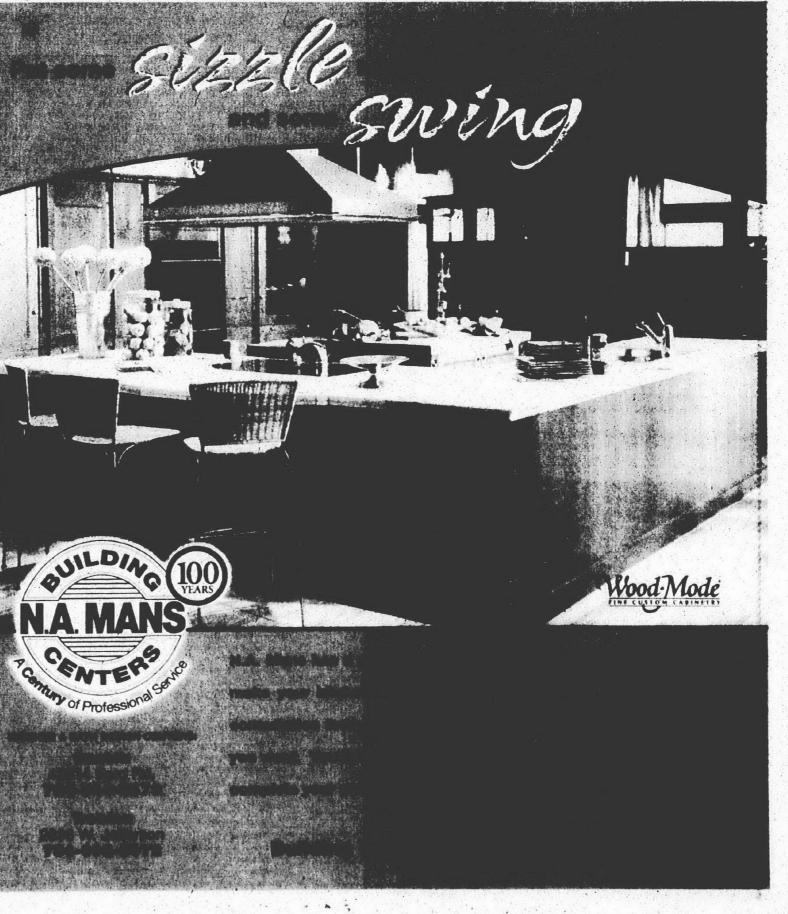
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There will be a lot of changes his season, to be sure, but **Falled Lake Central** — the fending WLAA champion and Livonia Churchill both figure to be at, or near, the top again.

Where Salem will place isn't so certain. "We're going to be young," said Baker. "We've got some good quality seniors in Gabe (Coble) and Pat (Johnson) and Ryan (Silva). Hopefully we'll continue in our winning ways."

To do that, the Rocks "will need some of our young guys to surprise us. For freshmen, it's tough to come in and make an immediate impact.

"But we need some surprises to come out of our younger kids." And although Baker thought

junior class might provide the

bulk of the points. There are

more of them than any other

class - 30 - and included in the group are a pair of defending

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Kalis also runs the hurdle

events, while Gaines will do

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There are other juniors who

should flourish. Ugo Okwum-abua was eighth at the WLAA in

the long jump last season; he'll do relays and the hurdles this

year as well. Marty Kane ranks

as the top 800 returnee, now

That Blossom and Rutter have

-Brian Page tied for sixth in the

distance runners in the junior

class include Jon Mikosz, Brian

Antonucci and Scott Gillen; the

and Jordan Chapman.

ere state qualifiers).

in the long jump, too.

WLAAs a year ago.

Central and Churchill would still be formidable, he added, "This league is wide open this year. Everybody has something."

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That includes Canton, which has most of its lineup back from last year's team that finished fifth, as well as Farmington, North Farmington and Walled Lake Western.

Which leads to another change this season. The WLAA Championship meet will be a two-day combined affair, mixing the boys and girls meets together. The preliminaries will be Tuesday, May 23; the finals will be the following day. Both will be at Farmington HS.

"Coaches are going to have to come up with a different philosophy this year," noted Baker.

For Salem, there are a lot of questions that need be answered before that one's addressed.

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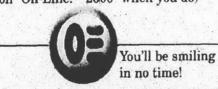
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and Aaron Schmidt. Will they be enough to take Canton up the WLAA ladder? Others in the league who might have something to say about that include Walled Lake Cen-

WLAA champions, Jerry Gaines Gaines won the 400 and Chapan was first in the high jump d second in the pole vault. oother junior who could chalge the league's best in a cou-Western. e of events is Chris Kalis, who

kind of meets," Richardson pre-dicted of the WLAA finals meaning anything could happen. Last year, Western placed fourth in the Western Division in dualmeet competition, but the Warriors' sprinters carried them to a fourth-place finish at the league meet.

sprints and our sprint relays," Richardson said. "We've got a solid hurdles group, and our

"Our distance group traditiontance) groups other teams have.

for us.'

graduated; Kane was fifth at the pole vault last season, and he'll run middle distance as well. The

"How much they improve through the year will be critical Another area to watch will be the throwing events. "We got hurt there a little last year,' Richardson said. "We're going to depend on them to get points for us. It's not one of our strongest areas, but the potential is there." The Chiefs' season opens this Saturday at the Huron River Relays, hosted by Eastern Michigan.

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tral, the defending WLAA champ, Plymouth Salem and Farmington in the Lakes Division, and Walled Lake Western and Livonia Churchill in the

"I think it will be one of those

"I think we'll be led by our jumpers are very good.

ally always led us. They won't this year, but they're at an important juncture. They've got to break up some of these (dis-

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are Doug Kurth, Mike Parker (a transfer from Redford Catholic Central) and Matt Dukes; Kevin Palmer could contribute in the long jump; and Andrew McCully looks good in the shot put and discus.

.Promising sophomores are hurdler Dane Kobus, sprinters Bharminder Singh and Ken Page, and mid-distance hopes Candon McClellan, Ross O'Hara

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH **REPEAL OF ANNOYING CONDUCT ORDINANCE**

ORDINANCE NO. C-2000-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY REPEALING THE ANNOYING CONDUCT ORDINANCE: PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH IS HEREBY AMENDED BY THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 67, THE ANNOYING CONDUCT ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE:

The Annoying Conduct Ordinance, Ordinance No. 67, be and is hereby repealed

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalid the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

All Ordinance of parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. PUBLICATION

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION & EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was approved by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 14th day of March, 2000, and was ordered to be given publication in the menner required by law. MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk

February 29, 2000 Introdu March 14, 2000 ed: Effective: March 23, 2000 Publish: March 28, 2000

CONSTITUTING A FALSE ALARM; PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF ALARM SYSTEMS WHICH EMIT A SOUND AND/OR VISUAL SIGNAL FOR A PERIOD OF LONGER THAN FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF INVALID SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO THE CODE:

Chapter 50, Alarm User Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

PART V - POLICE REGULATIONS Chapter 50

Alarm User

50.010 Definitions.

- "Alarm System" is defined as a device or an assembly of A. equipment or devises arranged to signal the presence of a hazard requiring urgent attention and to which police officers and/or firefighters are expected to respond.
- "False Alarm" shall be defined as any alarm condition which is B registered at the Police Department, Fire Department or elsewhere not resulting from the activity for which the alarm was intended.
- "Alarm User" is defined as any person on whose premises an C. alarm system is maintained within the Township except for alarm systems on motor vehicles. If, however, an alarm system on a motor vehicle is connected with an alarm system at a premises, the person using such alarm system is an alarm user. Also excluded from this definition and from coverage of this Chapter are persons who use alarm systems to alert or signal persons within the premises in which the alarm system is located of an attempted unauthorized intrusion or hold-up attempt. If such a system, however, employs an audible signal emitting sounds of flashing lights or beacon designed to signal persons outside the premises, such system shall be within the definition of an alarm system and shall be subject to this Chapter. (Ord. 94, Sec. 1, 12-15-86: amended)

False Alarm Fine. 50.020

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- The alarm user shall be required to pay a fine, as set forth in 50.020(c), for each false alarm in excess of three (3) false alarms occurring within the calendar year. The calendar year shall be defined as January 1 to December 31 of any given year. Upon the occasion of the second false alarm occurring within any one (1) year period, the alarm user shall be advised in writing by the Plymouth Township Police Department of the Townships recording of the occurrence of the two (2) false alarms and shall be advised of the existence of this Chapter.
- Alarm conditions caused by the following extenuating circumstances shall not constitute a false alarm and no false alarm fine shall be charged by the Township.
 - Alarm conditions being activated by persons working on the (1) alarm system with prior notification to the Police or Fire Department of the Township;
 - Alarm conditions being activated by severe weather or other (2) violent conditions beyond the control of the alarm user;
 - Alarm conditions activated by disruption or disturbance of (3) telephone or other communication systems.
- Notwithstanding any penalties provided for in the event of a conviction for violation of this Chapter, and notwithstanding C. whether or not a prosecution has been commenced, any person, corporation, partnership or other legal entity who uses, leases, installs or directs the installation of an alarm system described

- \$200.00 calendar year.
- (5) Sixth false alarm requiring response by police/fire department occurring within the \$300.00 calendar year
- (6). Any false alarm in excess of six occurring within the calendar year.

50.030 Interference with Telephone Communications Systems.

No person shall sell, operate, adjust, arrange for or contract to provide a device or combination of devices that will upon activation, either mechanically, electronically, or by other means, initiate the automatic intrastate calling, dialing or connection to any telephone number assigned to any subscriber thereof by a public telephone company for the purpose of delivering a recorded message without the proper written consent of such subscriber. (Ord. 94, Sec. 3, 12-15-86; amended

50.040 Audible or Visual Signals

No personal shall use, install or direct to be installed any alarm system which emits a sound and/or visual signal for a period of longer than fifteen (15) minutes from the time of the initial signaling of the device(s).

50.050 Violation and Penalty

Any person, corporation, partnership or other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court. Each day that the violation continues after due notice has been served in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof shall be deemed a separate offense

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalid the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance

SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

All Ordinance of parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was approved by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 14th day of March, 2000, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

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Observer swimmers rank with state's best

A fast splash

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cjrisak@oe.homecomm.net

Some things just don't change: spring weather, the excellence of Detroit PSL basketball teams, and Plymouth Salem's dominance over the Western Lakes Activities Association in boys 'swimming.

The Rocks won their eighthstraight championship, and they did it with a lot of good young swimmers — which hardly brightens the future for the rest of the WLAA.

But that doesn't mean the rest of the league, or Observerland, is lacking in talent.

Livonia Stevenson's Joe Bublitz placed in the top five in two events at state meet, North Farmington's Brandon DiGia won both the 100-yard and 200vard freestyle at the WLAA finals, and the Raiders' Adam Farber won the 100 breaststroke at the WLAA meet and placed third in the event at state.

That's just some of what the area had to offer. For more, read on.

FIRST TEAM

Devin Hopper, 200 free, Farmington Harrison: Hopper made the all-area team a second time after posting one of Observerland's best times in the 200 free. He was second in the WLAA meet, during which he swam a career best of-1:48.83 in that event

Hopper qualified for state in three events: the 200 free, backstroke and 200 free relay. He finished 14th in the backstroke, breaking his own school record with a time of 55,49.

He previously swam for Farmington High before that team merged with Harrison High. He was a team MVP and high-point award winner the last two years.

"Devin has been a tremendous asset to our swim team in the last four years and, as a captain this year, has made a dedicated effort in leading this new consolidated team," coach Ross Bandy said. "He will truly be missed by his teammates."

Eric Lynn, 200 IM, Ply. Salem: Lynn was a major reason the Rocks recap-

tured the WLAA championship., At the

WLAA finals, the sophomore finished

second in both the 200 individual med-

ley (2:01.87) and the 100 backstroke

At the state finals he placed 16th in

both the 200 IM (1:59.67) and 100

back (55.67). He also swam on Salem's

200 medley and 400 freestyle relay

"Eric really stepped up this year."

said his coach Chuck Olson. "He made

a big impression on the WLAA as well as

With another two years of high school

Brad Buckler, 50 free, Liv. Stevenson:

The senior, who had his senior season

cut short because of knee surgery, won

the WLAA title in the 50 freestyle

(22.42). The Spartans' team captain

was also a member of the second place

400 freestyle relay and took second in

the individual 100 freestyle (49.8) and

"Brad is one of the most competitive

athletes I have coached," said his dad

and coach Doug Buckler of the four-year

Jetter winner. "He always stepped up in

big meets and was our leader when it

came to firing up our team. He is what

all teams need when it comes to big

meets. He will be missed and hard to

Chris Totten, diving, Garden City: Tot

ten proved to be the area's top diver

and one of the best in the state. The

senior qualified for the state meet in his

four seasons in Garden City, finishing

Totten was also tops in the Michigan

Mega Conference too -- winning Blue

Division titles his first two seasons and

White Division titles his last two. At the

15th both this year and 1998.

200 medley relay squad

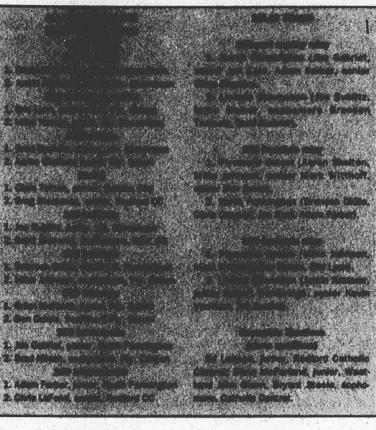
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Wayne Invitational this year, his score of 474.00 was the highest-recorded score in any division of the Mega.

*Everywhere he went, he either set records or broke his own records," Cougars coach Don Sweet said. "It happened at Trenton, Redford Union, Wayne and Taylor Truman in the (Mega White) meet.

Joe Bublitz, 100 fly, Liv. Stevenson: The area's most accomplished swimmer was listed among the top 10 in every individual event with the exception of diving. He finished third in the state meet in the 200 IM (1:52.07) and fifth in the 100 butterfly (52.12).

The junior also captured WLAA titles in the 200 IM, 100 backstroke and 400 freestyle relay, along with a second in the 200 medley relay. He also won the MISCA meet in the 200 IM and helped the Spartans score in the 200 medley relay at the state meet.

The four-time WLAA champ holds school records in the 200 IM and 100. backstroke. His time in the 200 IM qual-

"Joe is the best swimmer in the area

"He has been a coach's dream to be

by far," Buckler said. "He is very coach-

able and his desire to win is remarkable.

around. He's a leader and I will always

remember Joe as one of the best swim-

"He will be a state champion next

Brandon DiGia, 100 free, N. Farming-

ton: DiGia was a double winner in the

WLAA meet, finishing first in the 200

and 100 freestyle events. He made

state cuts in both and swam his area-

best time of 48.19 in the latter. DiGia

was a second-team, all-area selection

Brian Mertens, 500 free, Ply. Salem:

Illness slowed but couldn't stop

Mertens, a junior, from making a major

contribution for Salem this season. He

scored points in both the 500 free and

200 free at the WLAA finals, placing

fourth in the former (5:01.42) and

A state qualifier in the 500 free.

Mertens ended up 20th in 4:59,92. His

"Brian has been a real leader in prac

Jim Gabriel, backstroke, N. Farming-

ton: Gabriel was a state qualifier in the

backstroke and had one of the area's

best times at 55.47. He swam that in

the WLAA meet, finishing third behind.

Stevenson's Bublitz and Salem's Lynn

- the only area swimmers to go faster

than Gabriel, who also had one of the

fastest times in the 100 freestyle

Adam Farber, breaststroke, N. Farm-

tice; with a great work ethic," said

Olson, Salem's coach, adding Mertens

carries a 3.3 grade point average.

best time of the season was 4:57.12.

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ifies him for All-America status.

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Ington: Farber was clearly the top breaststroker in Observerland, winning that event in the WLAA meet and finishing third in the state.

His final swim in the Class A champi onships was his best; he went 59.40 and set a school record. Farber was the only area swimmer to break one minute in that event. He also won the Oakland County title in the breaststroke.

Farber made a state cut in the butter fly, too, and ranked third in the area with a 54.15 time. He is a repeat. firstteam selection in the breaststroke.

SECOND TEAM

Justin Ketterer, 200 free, Liv. Stevenson: The Junior finished fourth in the WLAA in the 200 freestyle (1:50.82) and took a third in the 500 freestyle (5:01.05). He also helped Stevenson win the 400 freestyle relay at the league meet and swam at the state meet in both the 200- and 400 freestyle relays.

"Justin just keeps on improving every year." Buckler said. "He's a very hard worker and a very good leader, I know his senior year will be very good and I look for him to score at the state meet next year.

meet and placed 18th.

Braziunas holds the CC record for 11 dives. It was the third-straight year he qualified for the state meet. "Greg has provided inspirational lead-

ership for the whole team and given the team a lift with his diving," said Shamrock coach Jeff Baker.

Brett Meconis, 100 fly, Redford CC: This sophomore accounted for the single point registered by the Shamrocks at the state meet, finishing 12th in the 100 butterfly in 53.56 - his best time of the season. He also swam on CC's 200 medley and 200 free state-qualifying relays.

"Brett swam well all year in his best event," said Baker. "We expect great performances from him in the future."

Mike Johnson, 100 free, Ply. Salem: Johnson was one of Salem's top scorers at the WLAA meet, placing second in the 50 free (22.71) and third in the 100 free (50.00). He also swam on the 200 medley and 200 free relay teams.

A sophomore, Johnson just missed scoring at state meet in the 50, placing 13th in 22.40 - his best time of the season. He also swam on all three Salem relays. His best time in the 100 for the season was 48.77.

"Mike has had another outstanding season and continues as one of the area's best freestylers," said Olson. Johnson also carries a 3.7 GPA.

Ben Działo, 500 free, Ply. Salem: Dzialo is part of what appears to be a very promising future for Salem swimming. A freshmen, he was the Rocks only first-place finisher at the WLAA. finals, winning the 100 butterfly in 55.13. He also placed second in the 500 free in 4:59.21.

At state meet, Dzialo placed 24th in the 100 fly in 54.85. He also swam on Salem's 200 medley relay team and 400 free relay team at state.

"Ben had an outstanding freshman year," said Olson, noting that Dzialo was Salem's leading point scorer and the third-leading point-scorer at the WLAA finals. "He trains as hard as he competes." He also has a 3.8 GPA.

Brad Nilson, 100 back, Ply. Canton: Nilson reached the state meet in the 100 back, qualifying with a varsity record of 55.89. At state, he placed

20th in 56.07: conhomoro Clayson.



Johnson and Mark Witthoff (Ben Dzialo not pictured).

400 free relay team: (clockwise from bottom) Salem's Eric Lynn, Mike



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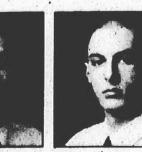
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Greg Braziunas **Catholic Central**

"I enjoyed coaching Justin a lot and look forward to his swimming next vear.

Mike Nemer, 200 IM, Liv. Stevenson: Also a junior. Nemer took fourth in the league meet with a state qualifying time of 2:03.85. He also placed second in. the same WLAA meet in the 100 breaststroke (1:02.42) and was a member of the 200 medley relay team which took 10th in the state meet

"Mike can and does do it all," Buckler said. "He is a very complete swimmer and will score at the state meet next year

"His work ethic is great and his improvement has been fantastic. We all know he will be fun to watch next year. A true leader.

Aaron Shelton, 50 free, Ply. Salem: Shelton, a junior, was a contributor in a variety of events for the Rocks, At the WLAA meet, he swam the 100 backstroke and placed sixth (58.54) and the 200 IM, finishing seventh (2:06:43). His season's best time in the 50 free was 22.23, fastest in Observerland.

At state meet. Shelton swam in the 200 and 400 free relays, scoring on the 200 free relay

"Aaron's versatility has made him extremely important to the success of Plymouth Salem the past three years." said Olson. "He's a great teammate with encouragement for everyone."

Greg Braziunas, diving, Redford CC: A team captain, this senior posted a season-best total of 260.80 points in a dual-meet win over Warren DeLaSalle (six dives). He qualified for the state

He placed sixth in both the 200 IM (2:07.45) and the 100 free (51.39) at the WLAA meet.

"Working with Brad has been a pleasure," said Canton coach Ed Weber. "He's a hard worker and a team leader. I've been real proud of how well he's done his sophomore year, but I'm more excited about the season to come.

Chris LaFond, 100 breaststroke, Redford CC: A senior, LaFond had a solid performance at the state finals, placing 20th in 1:02.01. Another of his fondest memories of his senior season is his swim in the 100 breast in a dual meet against Livonia Stevenson: His come from-behind victory assured CC's 104-82 victory

'Chris has been an excellent competi tor and leader," said Baker.

RELAY EVENTS FIRST TEAM

200 medley, N. Farmington: Jim Gabriel, Jon Zald, Adam Farber and Chris Clayson won the WLAA championship and had the area's fastest time at 1:38.68, which was a state cut Gabriel and Farber were members of North's second team, all-area medley relay last year.

200 freestyle, Ply. Salem: Junior Aaron Shelton, sophomore Mike Johnson, and seniors (and team captains) Mark Witthoff and Dan Jones placed second at the WLAA conference finals in 1:30.08. then went 1:28.75 in finishing 10th at the state finals.

The freestyle sprinters made a state ment of what teamwork is about, and they had a couple of great swims at state meet." said Olson.

400 freestyle, Pty. Salerh: Mike Johnson, Mark Witthoff, Ben Dzialo and Eric

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Mike Johnson **Plymouth Salem**



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Chris LaFond Catholic Central

Brandon Truscott, Mike Nemer, Brad Buckler and Joe Bublitz.





(clockwise from bottom) Steven. son's Justin Ketterer. Robert Cambridge, Kevin VanTiem and Joe Bublitz.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY (state out: 1:43.09) th Farmington 1:38.68 a Stevenson 1:39.03 outh Salem 1:40.54 ord Catholic Central 1:41.09 outh Canton 1:41.60

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Craig Paske (N. Farmington) 2:08.34 **50 FREESTYLE** (state cut: 22.69) Aaron Shelton (Salem) 22.23

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DIVING Chris Totten (Garden City) 295.00 Greg Braziunas (Redford CC) 260.80 Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 246.15 Dave Sutton (Redford Union) 225.60 Greg Kubitski (Salem) 219.45 Mark Moretto (Redford Union) 212.85 Scott Clark (John Glenn) 207.55 Blake Brunner (Canton) 204.50 Joe Rohde (Redford CC) 199.25 Derek Bell (John Glenn) 195.75 **100 BUTTERFLY** (state cut: 55.59) Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 52.12 Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 53.56

(state cut: 49.49) Brandon DiGia (N. Farmington) 48.19 Mike Johnson (Salem) 48.77 Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 48.80

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100 FREESTYLE

Geoff Lowes (Stevenson) 57.87

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Even placed third at the WLAA meet in 20.40, then qualified eighth at the state meet preliminaries in 3:15.71. "These four have competed in the tradition of Plymouth Salem free relays -and with two sophomores and a freshman, the future looks good!" said Olson.

SECOND TEAM 200 medley, Liv. Stevenson: The them of Bublitz, Nemer, sophomore Tendon Truscott and Buckler took second in the WLAA (1:39.03). Stevenson also took 10th in Class A (1:39.89).

"This relay team is very good, but will only get better next year with three of the guys returning," Buckler said. "Brad

Presenting...

(Buckler) will be missed in the freestyle with his time of 21.35, which will be hard to duplicate. But we have three guys at 22.2, so we know with hard work, this group will make All-State next year.

200 freestyle, N. Farmington: The Raiders won the WLAA championship with the team of Sermet Alver, Clayson, DiGia and Zald swimming a 1:30.06. DiGia, Zald, Clayson and Farber went 1:29.68 at the state meet, finishing 14th and having the second-best time behind Salem.

400 freestyle, Liv. Stevenson: The

foursome of Ketterer, junior Robert Cambridge, senior Kevin VanTiem and Bublitz won the WLAA title with a time of 3:19.55 and clocked a 3:19.49 in the state meet prelims.

"This relay team swam really well," Buckler said: "They came on at the end of the year to win the league meet and qualify for the state met.

"With three of the four coming back, this relay should score at the state meet next year if they train hard. Their potential is great.

"Bublitz went 46.4 on the anchor this year. I look forward to watching them next year.

200 FREESTYLE RELAY (state cut: 1:31.99) Plymouth Salem 1:28.75 North Farmington 1:29.68 Redford Catholic Central 1:30.64 Livonia Stevenson 1:31.46 Farmington/Harrison 1:31.86 **100 BACKSTROKE** (state cut: 56.39) Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.53 Eric Lynn (Salem) 55.33

Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 55.47

Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 55.49 Brad Nilson (Canton) 55.89 Aaron Reeder (Canton) 56.98 Aaron Shelton (Salem) 57.30 Nick Markou (Redford CC) 58.23 John Kern (N. Farmington) 58.57 Garrett Stone (John Glenn) 58.67 100 BREASTSTROKE (state cut: 1:02.99) Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 59.40 Chris LaFond (Redford CC) 1:02.01 Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:02.42 Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:02.42

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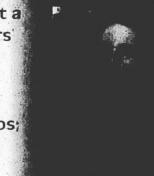


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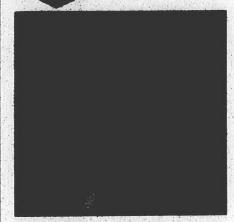
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THE WEEKEND

Tiffany Russell (left) as daughter, and Kiersten King as Aunt Mae in "Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery" by Shay Youngblood, 8 p.m. at the Sponberg Theatre on Eastern Michigan University's Ypsilanti campus. Tickets \$13, call (734) 487-1221.

SATURDAY



"Dance Collection 2000," a concert of ballet and modern dance works, 3 p.m. in the Plymouth Canton High School Little The-ater, 8415 N. Canton Center Road, features Dance Ensemble West's senior company, (pictured), the apprentice, and junior companies. Donation \$9 per per-son, call (734) 420-4430.





Tina Turner performs with Lionel Richie, 7:30 p.m. at The Palace, Auburn Hills.

REVEALING THE TRUTH Forgiveness

DIRECTOR IS DOING HIS PART TO UNCOVER THE ATROCITIES OF WWII

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

hen Shi-Zheng was back in China working with opera students when he realized none of them were aware of the massacre of their people by the Japanese during World War II. Disturbed by the revelation, Shi-Zheng concluded the rest of the world was probably just as

have died as a result of the eight-year war.

As the new millennium approaches, Shi-Zheng is doing his part to uncover the atrocities, including the exploitation of Korean "comfort women" by Japanese soldiers, by conceiving a multi-disciplinary work which incorporates elements of traditional theater, dance and music. "Forgiveness," a contemporary examination of the conflicts, strives to reconcile the three countries in hopes of a united future.

Directed by Shi-Zeng, the work will be performed as part of the University Musical Society series Friday, March 24, at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor.

"It's about making peace about the horror of World War II," said Shi-Zheng. "I'm emotionally

attached to this piece. There's so much unresolved anger among the people. I want to bring this to the world's attention. The history of Asia is hardly taught. I wanted to inspire people to learn about what happened. Korea was also being colonised by Japan and Korean women were forced to be sex slaves for Japanese soldiers."

Based on a ghost story, "The Pun-ishment of Zi Du," the work follows a warrior who betrays and kills his best friend. Zi Du is then haunted by his ghost.

"It's a ghost revenge story for how history comes back to haunt," said Shi-Zheng. "It means something has not settled in the past. It's about anger and revenge - the endless cycle of killing."

nese opera) is colorful with acrobatics and flamboyant costumes. Korean salpuri dance is based on traditional shaman ritual. The music fuses traditional instrumentation from the three cultures. Composer Eve Beglarian uses Japanese drumming by Kenny Endo and Chinese plucked lute by Wu Man to create a soundscape with contemporary shading.

The final product mirrors Shi-Zheng's desire "to have the liberty to become an artist and to have enough distance to know where I came from." Shi-Zheng, who left China in 1987 to pursue a master's degree at New York University, was 7-years-old when the cultural revolution occurred in China. Shi-Zheng started to study traditional singing and eventually went on to study Chinese traditional opera as

New vision

"Forgiveness"

What: A contemporary

When: 8 p.m. Friday, March 24

work

multi-disciplinary theater

Where: Michigan Theater,

603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor

Tickets: \$36, \$32, \$24,

\$16. Call (734)764-2538

"I wanted to create some new theater expression, a new vision with a new staging and new content about 20th century consciousness," Shi-Zheng said. "I'm fascinated with Japanese noh theater, which is 600 years old with masks and very minimal. There's restrained movement, but it describes great emotion.'

When "Forgiveness" recently premiered at the Walker Art Center, Shi-Zheng held a question-andanswer period afterward in an effort to assess its impact.

"People wanted to know whether forgiveness is possible," said Shi-Zheng. "From the bottom of my heart, I'm longing for that to start fresh, to pass beyond hate and anger. In history, Korean, Chinese and Japanese cultures have benefited from each other and should continue to share.

University Musical Society programming director Michael Kondziolka expects Shi-Zheng's message to be well received in Ann Arbor.

Kondziolka began working with Shi-Zheng three years ago after learning about the 19-hour "Peony Pavilion" opera the 37-year-old director produced as part of the Lincoln Center Festival last summer.

"Forgiveness" unites the cultures of China, Japan and Korea in a contemporary work featuring elements of traditional theater, dance and music from the three countries. Photo by Jack Vartoogian

ignorant about the 20 million Chinese estimated to an actor.

Tickets are: • \$85.25 • \$55.25 • \$35.25 Call (248) 645-6666, or (248) 377-0100.

Co-commissioned by the University Musical Society, the Asia Society, Festival d'Automme in Paris, Hebbel Theater, Berlin, the Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, and the Flynn Theater for the Performing Arts in Vermont, the project was three years in the making. The cast includes master artists of three of the leading performing art forms in east Asia. Japanese noh theater, which evolved over the 16thand 17th centuries, features a sonorous singing style, small gestures and even silence. Jingju (Chi-

'Forgiveness' makes its New York premiere at the festival in July.

"I was interested in Chen as an artist and the power of the work as an artistic expression, but also as an education," said Kondziolka. "It's frightening how little we know. I was intrigued with his vision for this piece - the cultural and artistic issues he wanted to pursue - the interesting and conflicted history and just educating people through theater about these three distinct cultures."

POPULAR MUSIC

Ode to Paradime: Remember his name

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasola@oe.homecomm.net

In the mid-'80s, Freddie Beauregard could be seen break-dancing in the streets of Livonia. These days, the rapper known as Paradime can hold his own among Detroit's best hip-hop artists. With friends like Kid Rock and Joe C supporting him, it doesn't get much better.

"They're the next Kid Rock and Eminem of Detroit," lauded Joe C. "Be on the lookout for Paradime.

When he's not working on material or performing, Paradime can be found at Innisfree Irish Pub and Grill in Garden City. That's where he was on Tuesday, March 14, when he spoke with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers about his views of life and his future in hip hop.

Boom

Hot Ticket: David Copperfield

atre, 2211 Woodward Ave.,

brings his magic to the Fox The-

Detroit, Friday-Sunday, March

24-26. Performance times vary.

Tickets \$27.50, \$37.50 and \$45,

call (248) 433-1515, or (313) 983-

6611 for tickets and information.

With D.J. Mark EP always spinning at his side, Paradime's selling out - out of his self-produced full-length CD "Paragraphs" and out of tickets for shows at venues like Detroit's St. Andrews Hall. Like an explosion, the two burst onto the scene in the early-'90s and have been collaborating on hip-hop rhymes and rhythms non-stop. It all started with a song called "The Burbs." "Ever since then, boom, it's been on," said Mark EP, a, Westland resident.

But Paradime's music - backed by



Through his eyes: Freddie "Paradime" Beauregard of Livonia is up for two Detroit Music Awards and has earned widespread notoriety in the metro area's hot hip hop scene.

the band Plaidapuss - isn't something for hip-hop fans alone. "It's really true to life," said Paradime: Early hip-hop influences like Run DMC and House of Pain ring through in the CD, which took more than a year to complete. What started out as a 7-song EP grew into enough "Paragraphs" to write a novel, chronicling the life and thoughts of a man called Paradime. "It's like having a conversation with me on a difgive people a real package for their money.

Rob Seale, a singer with the punkpop band Wrist-Rocket and a fellow "L-Town" resident, wandered into the pub and showed his support for Paradime. Seale said hip-hop music is something kids easily relate to these days. "I just think, especially living in Detroit - not only the city - but in (suburban) schools, hip-hop is everywhere," he said. "From Catholic Central to Livonia Franklin, hip-hop is just at such an influx. It's just not on the street corner. (Paradime writes) about stuff I can relate to and all of the kids can relate to." Seale has known Paradime since they were kids: both attended St. Michaels School in Livonia.

His name is...

The moniker was derived from the Soundgarden song "Searching With My Good Eye Closed," written by Chris Cornell. In college, Beauregard listened closely to the lyrics: "And I'm on my way/ Looking for the paradigm/ So I can pass it off/ Is it on my side." He got hooked on the concept of a paradigm, defined on his CD as "kind of the way you see the world."

"I gave it my own twist," he said. "I needed something different, a name people will remember."

At the pub, employees and customers remember it well. And the bartenders know just what to serve him. In

ferent day," he said. "I really wanted to Paradime's love-for-beer anthem "Ode to Guinness," he sings: "You can find me up at Innisfree/ Like yo Mickey, Guinness me." The song started out as a joke, with Paradime singing in R&B style. But it worked.

"That's just **h**is personality," said Mark EP. "He's a funny guy. That's why it appeals to everybody. But it's not all sugar-coated."

Detroit Music Awards

"Ode to Guinness" is just one of 18 reasons for the success of "Paragraphs." "We're all out of it," said Paradime. The first single, "Broke," is nominated for Hip Hop Song of the Year and Paradime is nominated for Best Hip Hop Artist at this year's Detroit Music Awards, April 14. Paradime will perform at the show, which is being hosted by his friend and mentor, Kid Rock."

"One thing we learned from him was about a live stage show, give something to the crowd," said Paradime.

"No one wants to see a rapper," added Mark EP.

Done deal

Now signed to a production deal with Atlantic subsidiary Top Dog Records, Paradime's the talk of Detroit. Kid Rock is remixing songs like "Same Ol' Same" and "Broke" and helping promote Paradime. Watching Kid Rock, Eminem and the Suicide Machines go

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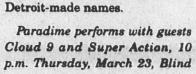
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from local celebrity status to the MTV rotation can be a motivating force for the rapper and his D.J. "It's good to see people you know make it happen," said. Mark EP. "It gives you inspiration."

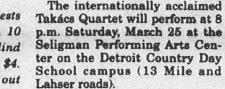
Like those artists before him, Paradime is ready to join the

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Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and over. \$4. Call (734) 996-8555. Check out www.beatsatwill.com.



Sponsored by the Deffenbaugh Foundation, the Takács Quartet is recognized as one of the world's leading string quartets. The concert is part of the Farmington Hills based Chamber Music Society of Detroit's concert series.

Since forming in 1975, the ensemble has appeared regularly in every major music capital and prestigious festival.

For the past 17 years, the quartet has held a Residency at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where its members were given permanent faculty appointments in 1986.

Since the 1988-89 season, the ensemble has also been teaching and performing as fellows at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London.

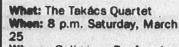
Current quartet members include Edward Dusinberre, Roger Tapping and Karoly Schranz, all on violin; and Andrea Fejer, on cello.

The Takács Quartet's recording of the Bartok cycle received the Gramophone "Chamber Music Recording of the Year" award for 1998 and in 1999 was nominated for a Grammy.

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THEATRE

17360 Lahser Rd.



Concert features acclaimed quartet

Where: Seligman Performing Arts Center on Detroit Country Day School campus (13 Mile and Lahser roads), Beverly Hills.

Tickets: \$18 to \$65, students \$15. Call TicketMaster at (248) 645-6666 or Chamber Music Society of Detroit at (248) 737-9980 for more information

Its subsequent recording release for Decca/London, with which it signed an exclusive recording contract in 1988, includes the Schubert "Trout" Quintet with Andreas Haefliger, on piano. In August, 1999, Decca/London released the ensemble's latest recording featuring Dvorak's Quartet Op. 51 and his Piano Quintet Op. 81, also with Mr. Haefliger.

During the 1999-2000 season the Takács Quartet will perform more than 50 concerts in the U.S., including tours in Europe, Australia and Japan.

The ensemble opened the mostly Mozart Festival's Haydn Quartet Cycle with five concerts in New York City's Alice Tully Hall and performed again for the festival the next year in Avery Fisher Hall,

PRNewswire - Yamaha Corpo-

ration piano artist, Sue Downs,

will present a free concert 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 25 in the recital

hall at Hammell Music's Bloom-

field Hills location, 4110 Tele-

graph, south of Long Lake Road.

Critics have described Downs

performances as "a total unex-

Her listenable arrangements

pected joy."

of popular songs by such great composers as Jerome Kern and Andrew Lloyd Webber plus film and Broadway classics are fresh and imaginative.

Thereafter, the Takács Quartet

won the Gold Medal at the 1978

Pianist to perform at Hammell Music

tion in Evian, France.

Downs will play a Yamaha Disklavier grand piano ... a combination of traditional piano technology with cutting-edge digital enhancements. The result of the blend allows Sue Downs to

make audiences believe they are hearing not a solo performer but. at times, a jazz trio ... a small orchestra ... or even a rock 'n roll band.

The concert is cosponsored by Yamaha and Hammell Music and is free, though telephone reservations to (248) 594-1414 are advised in order to guarantee seating.



Sweet sounds: The Takács Quartet, one of the world's leading string quartets, visits the Seligman Performing Arts Center on Saturday.

1982.

The Takács Quartet first Portsmouth and Bordeaux competitions and first prizes at the received international attention **Budapest International String** in 1977, winning first prize and Quartet Competition (1978) and the critics' prize at the Internathe Bratislava Competition tional String Quartet Competi-(1981). The quartet made its North American debut tour in



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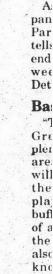
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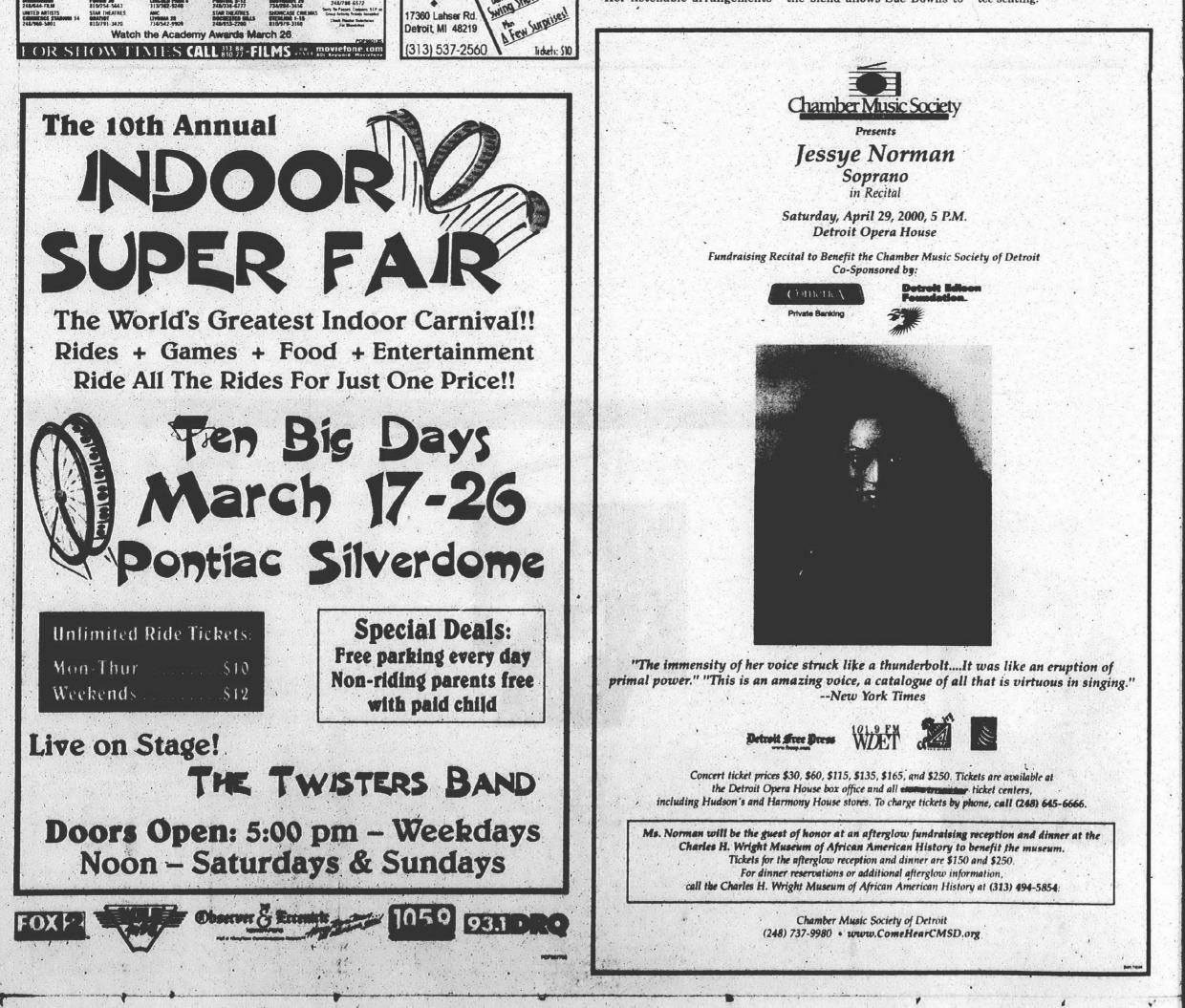


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Imaginative premise misses flight at Meadow Brook

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER

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It's painfully clear that the weakness of many plays is the lack of a compelling story. That's hardly the problem with *Cha*gall's Arabian Nights at Meadow Brook Theatre.

On the contrary, shortly after it's been made clear the play will deal with the spiritual transformation of Marc Chagall, one of the 20th century's greatest artists, the promise of a noble tale elevates expectations.

What transpires, however, is several simultaneous narratives told amid a tangled web of oral What: Premiere of "Chagall's Arabian Nights," a love story inspired by the art of Marc Chagall, by Meadow Brook Theatre Playwright-in-Residence Karim Alrawi

When: Matinee and evening shows through Sunday, April 9.

Where: Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills Tickets: \$19.50-35. Call (248) 377-3300.

storytelling.

Although there are special moments of mermaids, genies, talking trees and flying horses, don't expect the high-adventure of a magic carpet ride, the bravado of Sinbad the Sailor' or a death-defying knife fight among thieves.

While Chagall's Arabian Nights offers an imaginative

premise, it loses its way in the fog and never quite takes flight.

Basically, the surrealistic play is the ambitious story of the famous painter who lost his spiritual connection to the lyrical world of lush color.

Struggling with his identity as a Jew and his loneliness since his wife's death, Chagall finds solace in the company of his for-

mer housekeeper-turned-lover, Virginia.

To inspire him, Virginia reads the famous Arabian tales. What unfolds, however, is far from inspiring.

A rotating stage and a minimal set hardly evoke imaginary flights to 15th-century Arabia. And there are few clues as to how the ancient tales transformed Chagall's vision, reinvigorated his artistry and rekindled his capacity to love.

Only the energy and occasional wit of Robert Morgan (Young Marc, Badr) resuscitates the play from a generally dispassionate performance. (Probably the result of portraying characters that are more like cut-outs than

three-dimensional human beings.)

In the languishing first act, for instance, long passages of exposition are employed to tell of Chagall's insecurities, including his fear of being discounted merely as a painter of angels.

Only the entrance of life-size puppets offers a reprieve. But their muffled voices do little to enhance the illusion, and only draw attention to the production cliches.

The second act is an improvement, only to be undermined by an abrupt, maudlin ending delivered with a neat bow and ribbon. The play won the 1998 USA

Plays Today Playwriting Award

in the category of best script suitable for family presentation.

But beyond the surprise appearance of the puppets and modest special effects, it hardly seems that most children – used to seeing *Star Wars* magic on the screen – would find engaging the unimpressive on-stage wizardry.

Perhaps something was lost when playwright Karim Alrawi adapted his award-winning play to the Meadow Brook stage.

In the end, "Chagall's Arabian Nights" doesn't deliver on the promise of the play's expectations, leaving only the hollow hype of "imaginative" special effects promoted in the pre-opening publicity.

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ANN DELISI Without today's glut of media attention that surrounds even minor events, the most noteworthy individuals often had to

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rely on the retelling of a great story through the arts.

As a deluge of publicity accompanies the opening of Comerica Park in April, a new film that tells the heroic story of Tiger legend Hank Greenberg is set for a weekend series at the DIA's Detroit Film Theatre.

Baseball film

"The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg" should generate plenty of interest in the Detroit area. Obviously, baseball fans will love this account of one of the greatest sluggers ever to play the game. Local history buffs will appreciate the wealth of archival footage of Detroit in the 1930s and 1940s. The film also showcases a number of wellknown local folks, from Tiger broadcaster Ernie Harwell to politicians Carl and Sander Levin. But the most inspiring

Through the ages, inspiring people have been immortalized by artists, playwrights, composers, and filmmakers.

and grace in light of the pervasive anti-Semitism of his heyday.

"Hank Greenberg was an articulate, smart and wonderful man who was very upfront about being Jewish. His ability to navignte the waters during the tensions of the time establishes him as a hero, not just for his accomplishments on the field, but in the area of civil rights," says Elliot Wilhelm, curator of the Detroit Film Theatre.

The film makes its local premiere Friday, March 31 through Sunday, April 2, and will be the subject of a featured segment on Detroit Public TV's BACK-STAGE PASS, airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26.

Voices of Light

Through the ages, inspiring people have been immortalized by artists, playwrights, composers, and filmmakers. A new production bridges today's music with a silent film from the 1920s, "The Passion of Joan of Arc." inal oratorio to the movie called "Voices of Light," which has been hailed as "a great masterpiece of contemporary music."

The film and oratorio with the Rackham Symphony Choir make a Detroit premiere Sunday, April 2, at the State Theatre. BACK-STAGE PASS classical music host Dave Wagner offers a preview in the March 26 program.

Love story

Sometimes, artists themselves become the subjects of other creative works, as in the case of the Meadow Brook Theatre production of "Chagall's Arabian Nights," which runs through April 9. At the root of playwright Karim Alrawi's latest work is a love story. While grieving the death of his wife Bella in the 1940s, artist Marc Chagall fell in love with his housekeeper, Virginia. It was Virginia's retelling of the classic "Arabian Nights" tales that helped inspire Chagall's striking illustrations. The artist's drawings are the origin for one of the most visuallystimulating productions you'll ever see, with Alrawi's use of larger-than-life puppets to portray flying horses, genies and mermaids.

Courage, passion, and love may be recurring themes in the arts, but it is the endless variations in how the great stories are told that keep the arts fresh, and the audiences entertained.



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aspect of the film is Hammerin' Hank's demonstration of dignity Nearly 70 years after Carl Dreyer released his film, composer Richard Einhorn created an orig-





THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE: "Always...Patsy Cline".continues to Aug. 27, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666 **GEM THEATRE:** "Escanaba in da. Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through June 25, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

JET: Arthur Miller's "Broken Glass," March 23-26, March 29-April 2 and April 5-9, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

COLLEGE

EMU THEATRE: "Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 24-25 and Thursday, March 23, in the Sponberg Theatre, Ypsilanti. \$13 Friday-Saturday, \$11 Sunday, \$8 Thursday. (734) 487-1221 SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE: "Cactus Flower," dinner theater performance 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 24-25 and March 31-April 1; theater performance only 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, in the Liberal Arts Theater, Schoolcraft College, Livonia. \$19 dinner theater, \$8 theater only. (734) 462-4596

U-D MERCY THEATRE: "The King Korn Trio," March 30-April 16, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday except for April 2, in the McAuley Theatre on campus, Detroit. \$10, \$8 seniors/students. (313) 993-1130

U-M THEATRE: "S'lichot" by Kim Yaged, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 23-25 and March 30-April 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 26 and April 2, at the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$14. (734) 764-0450 WSU HILBERRY: "Our Town." 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, and 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 30-31: "Five by Tenn" continues to May 6, at the theater, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE PLAYERS: "The Wayside Motor Inn" 7:30 p.m.



(\$25 Thursday and Sunday, and \$30 Friday-Saturday); and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666

FOX LAIR DINNER THEATRE: Presents "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," a hilarious comedy runs Saturday nights only, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner (show follows), at Fox Hills Golf Club, Plymouth. \$29.95. (734) 453-7272 RAMADA HOTEL DINNER THEATRE: "Fools," a comic fable by Neil Simon, on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater, Southfield. \$25. (248) 544-0283 Photo Seminar Friday-Sunday, March 24-26 at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. Advance registration is suggested and will be accepted through Monday, March 20. (248) 474-6509 or (810) 775-3165

FAMILY EVENTS

MARC THOMAS & MAX THE MOOSE: 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. \$5, \$3 children to benefit Parents of Children with Down Syndrome. (248) 827-9135



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TAKACS QUARTET: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at Seligman Performing Arts Center, Detroit County Day School. \$18-\$65, \$15 students. (248) 645-6666/(248) 737-9980

POPS/ SWING

HOT CLUB OF COWTOWN: 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS

MIGHTY MEATY SWING KINGS: Perform at "The New Big Swing Extravaganza," doors open at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Token Lounge, Westland. JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY:

Frank Sinatra Tribute 7-11 p.m.

Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college students ages 16-22), must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, email CoufLinks@aol.com THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA **REDFORD:** Open auditions for singers, dancers and specialty acts, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 25, bring 3-5 minutes of prepared material, at the theater, Redford.(313) 531-0554. Performance dates May 5-6. TONY 'N TINA'S WEDDING: Auditions for female keyboardist/planist who also sings, to hire as a substitute/understudy for performances at the Baci Theatre, 4-6 shows a week, Thursday-Sunday, also bass player needed for fulltime, (248) 253-8843 JAZZ GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the

Century Club Restaurant, Detroit.

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With saxo-

phonist Larry Nozero 8-11:30 p.m.

Fireside Inn, Garden City. \$5 cover

DAVID MURRAY/KAHIL EL/ZABAR:

Wednesday, March 29, at Ron's

in Jazz Room, waived with dinner

order, \$5 drink minimum. (734)

8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at

Kerrytown Concert House, Ann

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KARL BERGER: 8 p.m. Friday,

24, at Tom's Oyster Bar,

Southfield. (248) 356-8881.

LARRY NOZERO: 8-11:30 p.m.

Fireside Inn, Garden City. \$5 cover

WORLD MUSIC

DETROIT SYMPHONY: A New Pops

Saturday, March 24-25, and 3 p.m.

Sunday, March 26, at Orchestra

Hall. \$18-\$47. (313) 576-5111

FORGIVENESS: A contemporary

multi-disciplinary theater work

blending elements of traditional

theater, dance and music, 8 p.m.

Chinese, Japanese and Korean

Friday, March 24, Michigan

Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann

Arbor. \$36, \$32, \$24, \$16. (734)

Consortium Production, "A Celtic

Celebration," 8 p.m. Thursday,

March 23, 8:30 p.m. Friday-

in Jazz Room, waived with dinner

order, \$5 drink minimum. (734)

Wednesday, March 29, Ron's

Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

March 24, at Kerrytown Concert

House, Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10. (734)

JANET TENAJ: 9 p.m. Friday, March

(313) 963-9800

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March 29, at the Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. (313) 267-5310, ext. 338

DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE: 8 p.m. Friday, March 24, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8863 COUNTRY LINE DANCING: Lessons 5-9 p.m. Saturday, March 25, in the Food Court at Wonderland Mall, Livonia. Free. (734) 522-4100

HIT AND RUN: DANCES FOR A NEW CENTURY: Performed 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31 and April 1 by Oakland University's Dance Company at Varner Recital Hall on campus in Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. (248) 370-3024

GARTH FAGAN DANCE: Thursday. March 30 to Sunday, April 2 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday. \$30-\$40, (313) 963-2366/(248) 645-6666 MOONDUSTERS DANCE: 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Livonia Civic Center. (248) 967-1428/(734) 425-6381 POLISH CENTENNIAL DANCERS: With the Radomianie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at Churchill High School, Livonia. \$8. (734) 422-1731 SWAN LAKE: Eric Johnston's **Detroit Ballet presents** Tchaikovsky's classic tale 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 9, William M. Costick Activities Center.

M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$8, \$5, (248) 473-9570

COMEDY

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Kirk Noland with a live phone show 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 24-25: Big Daddy Fitz with Tim Costello & Dee Profitt, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, at the club, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Pete George, also Michael Jr., Thursday-Saturday, March 23-25; Angel Salazar, also Mark England Wednesday-Saturday, March 29-April 1, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill. Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Third Level Improv. and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sunday (\$5), (734) 261-0555 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Kevin Meany, Fridayturday, March 24-25 club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885 MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Mark Britten, also Ryan Ridley. Thursday-Saturday, March 23-25: Blair Shannon, also Jim Hamm, Thursday-Saturday, Marsh 30-April 1, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday. are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. \$10, Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday: \$17.50 Friday, \$19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

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Saturday, March 25 (\$10 members, \$12 non-members), and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 26 (\$5 members, \$7 non-members), at the Birmingham Temple, Farmington Hills. \$10 members, \$12 non-members. (248) 477-1410 FIRST THEATRE GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM: "The Pied Piper of

Hamelin," 8 p.m. Friday, March 24 and 31 and Saturday, April 1, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 25-26 and Sunday, April 2, at the theater, Birmingham. \$7, \$5 students/seniors. (248) 644-2087,

ext. 151 **HEARTLANDE THEATRE COMPANY:** "Play by Play Marathon" noon to midnight Saturday, April 1 with a 6:30 p.m. reception celebrating the theatrical community during the Seventh Inning Stretch, at the Roeper School, Birmingham. \$5 for one hour, \$20 all-day admission, all tickets sold at door. (248) 988-1094

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS: "Oklahomal" March 24-26, 30-31 and April 1. Friday-Saturday shows 8 p.m. 3 p.m. Sunday, at the theater in Troy. (248) 988-7049

st. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK: "Foxfire," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 23-25, at the theater, Bloomfield Hills. \$12, \$10 students/seniors. (248) 644-0527

STAGECRAFTERS: "Barefoot in the Park," March 24-April 9, signed performance for deaf Thursday, April 6, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. \$12-\$14. (248) 541-6430 or for TTY assistance (248) 541-6796

VILLAGE PLAYERS: "Sherlock Holmes" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 24-25 and March 31-April 1, end 2 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at the theater, Birmingham. \$12. (248) 644-2075

DINNER

BACI THEATRE: "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS: "Amahl and the Night Visitors," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 30-April 1, and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Churchill High School, Livonia. \$7, \$5 students/seniors. (734) 523-8841

MARQUIS THEATRE: "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," 2;30 p.m. Saturday Sunday, through April 28, and 2:30 p.m. Monday Friday, April 24-28, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50. (248) 349-8110

PUPPETART: "Purim Shpiel," a rod puppet musical based on the Book of Esther 2 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River, \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

U-D JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL &

ACADEMY: "West Side Story," 8 p.m. Thursday-Satúrday, March 23-25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 26, 1 at Berkley High School Auditorium, Berkley. (313) 862-5400, ext. 280

SPECIAL EVENTS

ANTIQUE PHOTOS/PAPER AMERICANA/POSTCARDS SHOW: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at K of C Hall, Clawson. \$3. (248) 968-5910 BUILDERS HOME & FLOWER SHOW: 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 23-24, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, March 25, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at Cobo Center, Detroit. \$6.50, \$4.50 seniors, \$4 ages 6-12. (248) 862-1019 or www.builders.org **COLLECTIBLES SHOW:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at the Livonia Holiday Inn. \$3, children free, (734) 464-8493 NEW SHANGHAI CIRCUS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township, \$10. (810) 286-2222

PHOTO SEMMAR: Canton photographer Ted Nelson is one of the presenters at the 37th annual ANN ARBOR FESTIVAL OF SONG: Concert of music by Brahms, Schumann and Wagner, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$5-\$7.

(734) 769-2999 **BACH RECITAL SERIES:** By James Kibbie 4 p.m. Sunday,March 26, 3:30 p.m. informal talk, in Blanche Anderson Moore Hall, University of Michigan School of Music, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0583 **BEAUX ARTS TRIO:** 4 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at Bookham Auditorium

March 26, at Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$18-\$34. (734) 764-2538

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Salute to the 2000 Summer Olympics concert, plus a fund-raising dinner to salute the BBSO's 25th anniversary, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 2, Temple Beth EI, Bloomfield Hills.\$5 adults, \$30 students for concert and dinner; concert only \$20 adults, \$15 students. (248) 645-2276

BOHEMIAN PHILHARMONIC: Wayne State University's music department will host a performance by the Bohemian Chamber Philharmonic 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, 'March 28 in the Community Arts, Auditorium, Cass and Kirby on the campus, Detroit. \$15. (313) 577-1795

MADONNA UNIVERSITY: Student music recital 3 p.m. Sunday, March 26, in Kresge Hall on campus, Livonia. Free, but donations to music scholarship fund accepted. (734) 432-5709

REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY: Presents their annual "Cabaret" concert 3 p.m. Sunday, March 26 at Thurston High School in Redford. Free.

songs of LATE ROMANTIC MASTERS: Soprano Carolyn Bertrand, tenor Rupert DeSalis, clarinetist Keith Dwyer and planist Lois Kaarre perform music of Strauss, Wolf, Schumann, Debussy, Faure and Brahms, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 28 at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$5-\$10. (734)

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Friday-Saturday through March, at Dunlevy'Z River Place, Detroit. (313) 259-0909

THE SPRING SWING: Concert celebrating Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman and the Andrews Sisters, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Redford Theatre, Detroit. \$10. (313) 531-4407

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

BARBARA ANN KARMANOS **CANCER INSTITUTE:** Auditions for singers and dancers (men and women ages 18 and up) for annual dinner 6:30-10 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, March 29-30, additional talents like acrobatics and juggling an asset, bring one-tempo song, either Broadway-style or operatic, at First United Methodist Church, Royal Oak. (248) 738-0227 HENRY FORD MUSEUM & **GREENFIELD VILLAGE:** Auditions for 9 positions for spring shows (May 8-June 15) and 30 positions for summer shows June 17-Aug. 20, 2-7 p.m. Sunday, March 12 and 4-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 13, at the Anderson Center Theater inside Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. (313) 982-6044

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY

ORCHESTRA: Is looking for an executive director/general manager to work with the music director and board to provide the vision and plan for the growth of the organization and provide primary leadership in development, fund-raising, marketing and promotion activities. For more on the description/requirements or an application, visit the Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org SECOND CITY-DETROIT: Casting

call for experienced performers (Equity and non-Equity) by appointment only Monday-Wednesday, March 27-29, at Second City, Detroit. (313) 471-3453 by Friday, March 24 to schedule. SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION: The Bohemians Club (also known as The Musicians Club of Greater

rch, at 764-2538

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

GREAT BIG SEA: 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 763-TKTS

ROBERT EARL KEEN: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 763-TKTS

BRIAN LILLIE & THE SQUIRREL MOUNTAIN ORCHESTRA: 8 p.m. Friday, March 24, at Green Wood Coffee House, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8558

BUDDY AND JULIE MILLER: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS

ODETTA: 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 763-TKTS JACKIE ROUSH: The punk-folk artist performs 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at the Studio Cafe, Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills. Free. www.JackieRoush.com RICHARD THOMPSON: 8 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$25. (734) 763-TKTS

CHORAL

ARCHIGLAS: A concert of religious music by the a cappella choir from St. Petersburg, Russia, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, at St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church School & Activities Center, Redford Township. Goodwill donation. (313) 937-2120/(248) 855-3247 VANGUARD VOICES: All a cappella performance 7 p.m. Sunday, March 26, Guardian Lutheran Church, Dearborn. \$10, \$7 students seniors. (313) 317-6566

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

THE WRITER'S VOICE: New York City poet and prose writer Edward Field and Argentine author Osvaldo Sabino, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday;

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT ZOO: Mosaic Youth Theatre performs works about amphibians 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays through March 25 in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery Theater at the zoo, Royal Oak. \$7.50. \$5.50 seniors/students. \$4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903 DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM: Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Salling on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2. \$1 seniors/children ages 12.18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051 HENRY FORD

MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE:

Family days continue with a celebration of the 1970s Saturday-Sunday, March 25-26, at the museum in Dearborn. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors. \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620 **PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure," opens and continues independent ion/ 1 donat 645-6 CAPTI for Mo

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through August, 7:30 p.m. at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940 U-M MUSEUM OF ART: "The Orchid Pavilion Gathering," an exhibit of 60 Chinese works spanning nearly 900 years continues to Sunday. March 26; at the museum, Ann Arbor. Free, but a \$5 donation is suggested. Call (734) 764-0395 or visit the Web site at www.umich.edu/~umma/

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LIVE MUSIC

BRYAN ADAMS: 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, State Theatre, Detroit. \$29.50-\$39.50. (248) 645-6666 THE ALLIGATORS: 9 p.m. Friday. March 31, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland, Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 LORI AMEY: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1. Borders Books and Music. Birmingham. All ages. Free. (248) 203-0005

MARC ANTHONY: Cancelled. ASTRAL PROJECT: 9 and 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 662-8310.

IOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit, (313) 964-6368

BEENIEMAN: With Kirk Davis and Silver Cat. Juggling by Strictly Roots, 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$20. (313) 833-9700

B SIDE PLAYERS: 8 p.m. Thursday. March 30, Shelter, Detroit, Free. 18 and over

BIG BARN COMBO: With Gin Joint Jesters, 9 p.m. Friday, March 31, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700

BLINK-182: With Bad Religion, Fenix TX, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9. Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25. (248) 645-6666

BLUE CAT: 7 p.m. Friday, March 24. Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free, All ages. (248) 644-4800: Thursday, March 30, Oxford Inn. Novi. (248) 305-5856 BRAINMUTE: Saturday, April 15. Paychecks, Hamtramck; Saturday, April 29, Berkley Front, Berkley: Tuesday, May 2, Blind Pig. Ann Arbor. brainmute@hotmail.com THE BROTHERS GROOVE: 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, at Edison's, Birmingham, Free. (248) 645-2150; Sunday, March 26, Dick O'Dows, Birmingham. (248) 642 1135

JIMMY BUFFETT & THE CORAL REEFER BAND: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. ne 13. Pine Knob Music Theatre

Detroit. \$8 advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700.

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH: With Zen Tricksters, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1. Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$16.50. (248) 645-6666

ETHOS: 8 p.m. Friday, March 24. 7th House, Pontiac. \$7. (313) 961-MELT THE FASTBACKS With Helle's

Belles, 9 p.m. Friday, March 24, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8 advance. 18 and older. (313) 977-9700 (power pop)

FEMI KUTI: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$13 advance/\$15 day of show. (248) 645-6666. FLAVOR UNIT: With host Queen Latifah and guests Channael Live. Rowdy rahz, F.A.T.E. and James Gotti, 10 p.m. Friday, March 24. St, Andrews Hall, Detroit, 18 and older. \$6. (313) 961-MELT FOSSIL CIRCUS: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31, April 1. Bogey's Bar and Grille, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441

FU MANCHU: With The Stepkings, 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666 GIVE: With Jill Jack, Scott Fab, 8

p.m. Saturday, April 15, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030 GOLDIE AND MC RAGE: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Motor, Detroit. \$10 advance. 8 and older. (248). 645-6666. GOV'T MULE: With North



Mississippi Allstars, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$15. (248) 645-6666 GROOVE COLLECTIVE 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Blind Pig, Ann. Arbor (734) 996-8555; 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700 GUSTER: With Luna and Josh Rouse, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6. Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12. (313) 833-9700 HARRINGTON BROTHERS: 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 28. Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 STEFON HARRIS: 8, 10:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Bird of Paradise. Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 662-8310 DAVID HOLLAND QUINTET: 9. 1.30 nm Friday-Saturday Apri

SHEILA LANDIS TRIO: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Lily's Seafood Restaurant and Brewery, Royal Oak. (248) 591-5459 TONY LEVIN & CALIFORNIA GUITAR TRIO: With Richard Leo Johnson, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13. Magic

Bag, Ferndale. \$20. (248) 544-3030. BOBBY LEWIS: Wednesday, March

29. Oxford Inn. Novi. (248) 305-5856 LIQUID SOUL: 8 p.m. Friday, March

31, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-3030

LTJ BUKEM: Friday, April 7, Motor, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com.

LOCAL H: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, 7th House, Pontiac. \$10. (313) 961-MELT

AJ MCLEAN AS JOHNNY NO NAME: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5. State Theatre, Detroit. \$25. (248) 645-6666

DI MAROUIS: 9 n m Thursday March 23, Science, Detroit, Ladies, no cover. 18 and over. (313) 438-4146

JOHN MCCUTCHEON: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, First United Methodist Church, Royal Oak. \$12-\$15. \$45 per family. (248) 541-4100 (folk)

MILENCOLIN: With Ten Foot Pole. Vision and Oskar, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$8.50 advance. Allages. (248) 645-6666. MELVINS: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 19. St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$12. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

PAT METHENY TRIO: With Larry Grenadier and Bill Stewart, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Royal Oak Music Theatre. \$37.50. (248) 645-6666 METHOD MAN AND REDMAN: With

The Outsidaz, 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, State Theatre, Detroit. \$30 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666

METHODS OF MAYHEM: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, St. Andrews'Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$16.50 advance/\$18 day of show. www.ticket master.com or (248) 645-6666 MODERN TUNEAGE: Battle of the

Bands, 7 p.m. Friday, March 24. Wallace Smith Theater, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus. \$8 at the City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services, or \$10 at door. (248) 473-9592.

IAN MOORE BAND: With The Hot Rod Sinners, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8. Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030

DJ MUMTAZ: With DJ Pulz-8, 9 p.m. Friday, March 24, Science, Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 438-4146

MUSIC MENU JAZZ ORCHESTRA: 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368 M80'S: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 25. Magic Bag. Ferndale. \$6 (248)

544-3030 NEBULA: With Zen Guerrilla, The. Go. 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8 advance. (248) 544-3030

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COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616 COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941 THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313)

DETROIT SCIENCE: 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford, Cover \$10 for 21 and over. Cover \$15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitscience.com

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N' FULL EFFECT: Friday, March 24. Oxford Inn. Novi. \$5. 21 and over. (248) 305-5856. NEGATIVLAND: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All

ages. \$15 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666 NINE INCH NAILS: With A Perfect Circle, featuring Maynard from Tool, 8 p.m. Friday, April 14. The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$29.50-\$45. (248) 645-6666. NO DOUBT: 5 p.m. Saturday, March

25, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. Sold Out OASIS: With Travis, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, State Theatre, Detroit, Sold Out.

OPENING ACT CONTEST FINALS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. See the hottest local bands. Free admission and

parking. ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Monday, March 27, Fox and Hounds. Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 **ORIGINAL P:** Featuring members of

Parliament Funkadelic, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$20. (248) 645-6666

PARADIME: With Cloud 9 and Super Action, 10 p.m. Thursday. March 23. Blind Pig. Ann Arbor. 19 and over. \$4. (734) 996-8555 MARTY WILSON-PIPER: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. \$15. (248) 645-6666

PLATINUM PLAYERS BALL: With Chico DeBarge, Jagged Edge, Joe, Dave Hollister, Methrone and Kevon Edmunds. Friday, April 14. Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$28.50-\$37.50. (248) 645-6666 THE PUSH STARS: With Cole Guerra, 7 p.m. Wednesday; March 29, 7th House, Pontiac. \$7. All

ages. (248) 645-6666 **REVEREND HORTON HEAT: With** Hank Williams III, 8 p.m. Thursday June 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages, \$15 advance/\$18 day of

show, www.ticket master.com." STAN RIDGEWAY: 8 p.m. Saturday, April



Ferndale: \$12. (248) 544-3030. THE RIPPINGTONS WITH RUSS FREEMAN: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Roval Oak. \$37.50. (248) 645-6666

SNAPCASE: With Grade, Ensign. and Turmoil, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666. SNUFF: With Slo-Poke, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 26, Shelter, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (248) 645-6666. SOD: With Skinlab and A Plow. 8 p.m. Thursday, March 25, St. Andrews Hall. All ages. \$13. (248) 645-6666.

BRITNEY SPEARS: With LFO. Bosson: 7:30 p.m. Sunday

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Independence Township. Sold Out." 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, Pine Knob Music Theater, Independence Township. \$25 lawn/ \$40 pavilion. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666

STATIC X: With Pitchshifter and Reveille, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$15. (313) 961-MELT

STRING CHEESE INCIDENT: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$17: (313) 833-9700

SUICIDE MACHINES: With Antiflag. Pilfers, Bump-n-Uglies, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 22., State Theatre. Detroit. \$10. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

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'Wonder Boys' revels in life choices, hopes, dreams

BY TED ANTHONY AP NATIONAL WRITER

Grady Tripp has fallen, and he can't get up. What's worse, he seems to have no idea that anything's wrong.

In Curtis Hanson's wonderfully elegiac "Wonder Boys," based on Michael Chabon's book, Grady (Michael Douglas) is a raffish, graying writer and Pittsburgh university professor whose first novel propelled him to literary heights. But his follow-up – well, that's another story.

It's not that he can't write it. Just the opposite: He can't stop. Page after page, he churns forth prose from his gut, writing and writing as his real life sinks ever deeper into inertia.

His umpteenth wife has just left. His affair with the university chancellor (Frances McDormand) is at a crossroads. His agent (Robert Downey Jr.) is pushing him to publish – or perish professionally. One of his students, James Leer (Tobey Maguire), is melting down; another, Hannah Green (Katie Holmes), is trying to seduce him.

This is the premise for the three-day odyssey of angst and epiphany chronicled in "Wonder Boys," a memorable, melancholy ride through one lost soul's slow realization that he has outgrown the shine of his potential.

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The prime reason for the movie's success is, somewhat surprisingly, Michael Douglas, an actor known more for evoking the testosterone side of male characters than the sensitive, self-aware side. As played by Douglas, Grady Tripp is a potsmoking, womanizing, somewhat egomaniacal lit-crit snot who's bought into the praise that's been lavished upon him. But in the three days of his life that we see, the flip side is revealed - the place where the drugs and flings and lack of self-discipline have dumped him. It's not pretty.

What reveals it in stark relief is his relationship with James, a promising young writer having difficulty separating fiction from

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reality. Grady takes James under his wing. But as Grady decays and his life unravels; he begins to wonder whether he's in any position to help James – indeed, whether he has any wisdom at all to offer a young version of himself.

Maguire is the perfect choice for James. His bemused take on the world, deployed so well in "Pleasantville" and "The Cider House Rules," takes on a different dimension here. The interplay of truth and deception that governs James' life gives Maguire a chance to branch out, to take the good-hearted characters of his previous films and give them a darker side to conquer. He looks to Grady for support, and finds Grady, equally confused, staring right back.

As Grady's agent, Terry Crabtree, Downey rounds out the triumvirate of wonder boys. He, too, was a star in his profession, but now he is barely hanging onto his job, thanks to Grady's unfinished manuscript. Seeing the three of them try to claw their way through their lives, each as blind as the other two, is quietly heartbreaking and feels absolutely genuine.

McDormand is her usual welcome presence, this time as a woman balancing the rigors of being a university chancellor with the juggling act that infidelity demands. Holmes, star of the hormones-and-learners'-permits TV show "Dawson's Creek," shows again that her movie choices are wiser. She was great in "Go" and "Teaching Mrs. Tingle," and she's great here – as Grady's temptation, but also as his critic.

There is no strict "plot" to "Wonder Boys," simply a rolling, undefined feeling of forward movement that may not actually be forward - much like Grady's life. The pacing is crucial. The textured neighborhoods of Pittsburgh, rendered in gray winter tones, also fit the mood perfectly.

"Wonder Boys" is a movie about tarnished hopes and making choices – not just the right ones, but the act of making choices itself. As Grady's book keeps growing, Hannah renders her opinion: "It reads as if you didn't make any choices at all."

That's what tends to happen in life. Good, caring men like Grady Tripp hurt themselves and the people they love by shutting down and refusing to make choices. To be happy, sometimes we have to make the tough choices.

That's one of the quieter wonders of life, and the exploration of it is the main reason that "Wonder Boys" turns out to be a relevant, moving piece of filmmaking.

> Drama: Michael Douglas as Grady Tripp and Frances McDormand as Sara Gaskell in a scene from "Wonder Boys."

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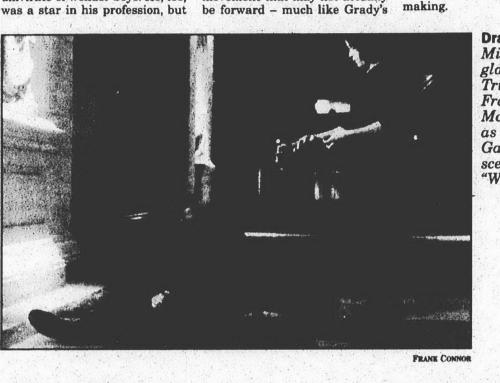
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Fielding Pierce is a congressional candidate who begins to question his sanity after "seeing" the love of his life, precalled The Skulls with hopes to improve his popularity, not knowing the dangerous implications that will follow.

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Scheduled to open Friday, March 31

An adaptation of Nick Hornby's best-

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Joshua Jackson star in "The Skulls."

Film is a modern-day fairy tale

BY DAVID GERMAIN AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

With a name like "Erin Brockovich," it better be good.

After delivering big box office with the sweet and pleasantly titled "Notting Hill" and bigger box office with the dumb and cloyingly titled "Runaway Bride" last year, Julia Roberts comes through with a salty, tough-asglue-on-fingernails turn in her latest stab at a more dramatic role: as an uneducated but fiercely determined environmental crusader.

Cheers to Roberts and director Steven Soderbergh for not trying to hang an ear-catching title above the credits. Clunky as it sounds, "Erin Brockovich" fits the film like the title character's low-cut, skin-tight outfits.

The movie likely will pack in the crowds. Who wouldn't pay to see Hollywood's reigning nice gal talk trash, dress slutty, champion the little guy, and deal out obscene comeuppances left and right to snooty lawyers?

Roberts stars in the real-life story of Brockovich, a single mom with three kids, roaches in the kitchen, a ratty car, sky-high debts and no employable skills.

After an unsuccessful lawsuit against a rich doctor over a car accident, Erin elbows her way into a clerical job with attorney Ed Masry (Albert Finney), who handled her case. Co-workers complain about her call-girl attire, including gaudy makeup and short leather skirts, and Erin is perpetually in dutch with her boss because of her outspokenness.

But when pro bono files about a sickly desert family land on her desk, Erin uncovers a major pollution scandal involving a utility and poisoned water.

She persuades the reluctant Masry, who has his eye on comfortable retirement, to pursue the case. Downright ignorant on scientific matters at first, Erin soon becomes expert on such toxic compounds as hexavalent chromium.

She sneaks onto utility land, grabbing water samples, plucking mutated frogs from ponds and running from security guards. Her earthy, unlawyerly demeanor wins over the 600-plus people affected by the tainted water.

"I hate lawyers," Erin tells them. "I just work for them."

Erin shamelessly puts her looks to work when the law firm needs records from the local water authority.

"What makes you think you can just walk in there and find what we need?" Ed asks her.

"They're called boobs, Ed," she replies.

The script is chock-full of choice, ribald exchanges between Erin and the lawyers, her coworkers and Aaron Eckhart as the biker with a heart of gold who moves in next door. He becomes Erin's romantic interest, and surrogate parent to her children when she begins to neglect them because of the case. Roberts simply has never been better as she glares and swears' her way through the movie, an **R-rated Frank Capra** heroine with pinpoint accuracy in cutting down to size anyone who needs cutting. She could serve as patron saint for everyone who has ever belatedly thought of a great retort and wished they could go back in time to deliver

Finney is fine in his usual gruff teddy-bear mode, and there's solid support from Eckhart, and Marg Helgenberger and Cherry Jones as two of the plaintiffs.

Soderbergh wisely keeps the courtroom scenes to a minimum. This is Erin's story, and the movie focuses on her dogged research, her empathy with the victims, the toll the case takes on her family and the esteem she gains as events unfold.

"I walk into a room and everybody shuts up to see if I've got something to say," Erin proudly says. "I've never had that before."

Slick as the movie is, questions of credibility arise. Erin Brockovich is not your typical trailertrash mom. How could a woman so willful, intelligent, attractive and self-possessed fail so miserably – then abruptly spring fullblown to skewer the pricey legal windbags of a major utility?

The movie tries to give glimpses of Erin's early expectations and how she failed to live up to them. Lamenting the pocket change in her checking account, she wistfully recalls her days as a beauty queen in Wichita and how she dreamed of doing "something important with my life."

It's a half-hearted effort to explain away Erin's dire straits. As played by Roberts, Erin Brockovich had the goods all along, and it's a stretch to think she couldn't have pulled herself up by her bootstraps, even a little bit, beforehand.

At its core, though, "Erin Brockovich" is a fairy tale, with Roberts as a foul-mouthed Sleeping Beauty. Movie-goers will have great fun watching her awake.

On 'The Go': Detroit 5-piece ready for the road, stage

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STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

his first-ever in-person inter-

view. Surely it's the first of many

for The Go, a band that has

quickly risen high above

Harlow and bandmates John

Krautner and Dion Fischer (gui-

tars), Marc Fellis (drums) and

Steve Noire (bass) made the fast

track to the local music scene.

Playing their first official gig at

the Magic Stick in Detroit - a

dream for most local musicians -

The Go got off to an envious

start. In just more than two

years, the band established a

reputation for its "must-see" live

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STAY TUNED

Detroit, Rev can do it up right. The band, featuring former Plain bandmates singer-guitarist Todd Price, bassist Mike Dolunt and ex-Sponge drummer Charlie Grover, opened a fiery set for Lit March 15 at Saint Andrews Hall and left the audience reeling for more. Not knowing quite what to expect, the crowd was met with unbridled energy, tight, smashing rhythms

own thing." the table in a hurried fashion and catches me off guard. It's just after 4 p.m. and the Royal Oak restaurant is still quiet,

Bobby Harlow

bounces up to

debut CD. Now on tour with only the monolabel-mates Nebula and Zen tone sound of CNN hums

Guerilla, The Go is balancing a national tour and work on a secbehind me. Harlow - chestnutond album. There's no stopping haired singer of the Detroitin sight. based five-piece, The Go - sheep-Going, going ishly admits he woke up around

> In 1999, "Whatcha Doin" propelled The Go's music past live shows. "The first record was true Detroit rock 'n' roll. That was on purpose," said Harlow. "Suzy Don't Leave' and 'Get You Off' is real Detroit rock 'n' roll.

Now working on a follow-up, Harlow said it's become more "like a concept record, without really going for a concept record." For someone with strong jazz influences, there's no telling where the band's music is going. "With the second record I think people will still be able to recognize we're all a bunch of space bandits doing our own thing.'

Those are our space bandits, and they're proud of their hometown. "I think we're just really

Pop Records, and released a raw," said Harlow. "It's a part of everything coming from Detroit."

Bobby Harlow

The Go

In the water

II 'We're all a bunch of space bandits doing our

Be it rock, rap, hip-hop or blues, Detroit music shares a universal quality. It's just not clear what ties everything together. "It's something that got into the water, a sort of style that I'm really proud of," suggests Harlow.

Proud to be part of this rock subculture, The Go is taking the city back in time. References to Iggy Pop and the Stooges and the MC5 abound when The Go is onstage. And that doesn't really bother them. "The (MC) 5 made great music.

"We have good things in our music. That's why we sound the way we sound. We know about R&B. It's in our blood."

Addictive

The Go, with its abrasive, crunching guitars, intentionally muddy vocals and attitude to spare, is ready to get back on the road. "Playing every night, it's a real addiction," said Harlow. "I come back from the road and start to really miss playing.

"People are responding really well to us in other cities. The first tour we played (shows) to a maximum of 100 people. This time we've been selling out."

Harlow has his own aspirations for the future of The Go. And they're sky-high. "I hope The Go turns everyone on with purist rock 'n' roll, the roots of rock 'n' roll being Chuck Berry."

Is that too much to wish for? Naah.

As our conversation winded down, Harlow headed into the brisk, windy Michigan evening. He rushed off to visit his grandmother, Connie Orders, who owned a flower shop in Birmingham.

I ask you, how rock star is that?

Go out and see The Go when they stop home on tour with Nebula and Zen Guerilla, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8 in advance. Call (248) 544-3030.

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green light: The Go, fronted by Bobby Harlow, are back in town on a Sub Pop showcase tour.



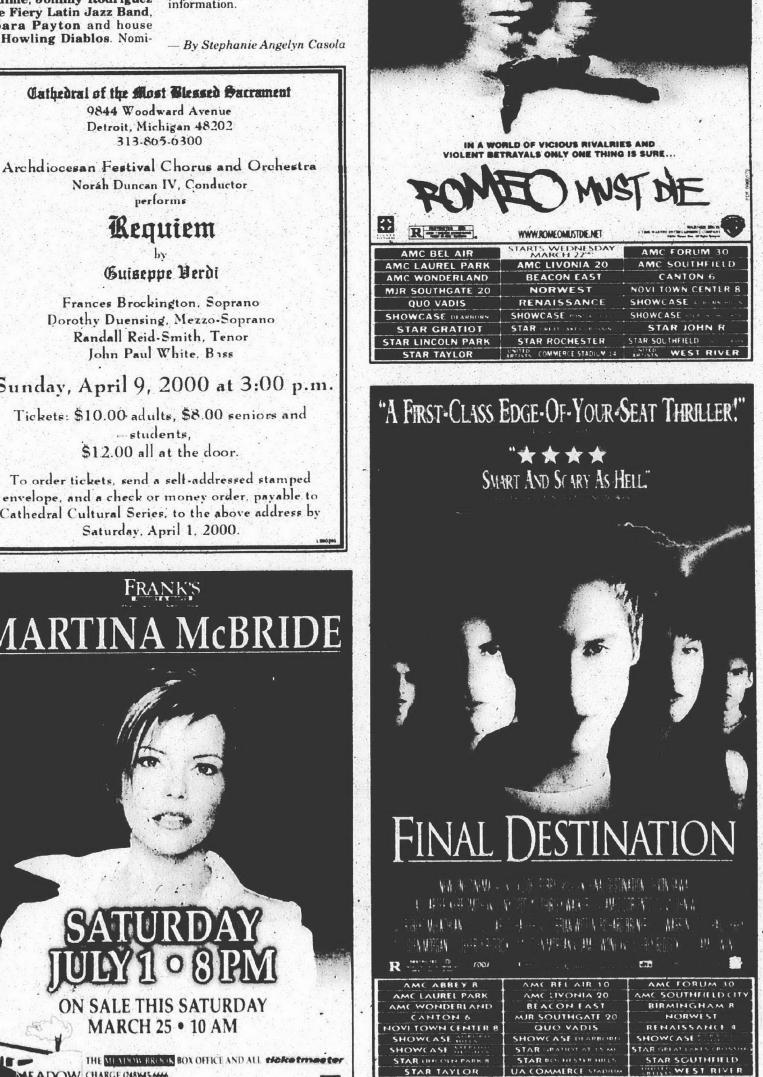


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> According to the Motor City Music Foundation, the 2000 Detroit Music Awards is shaping up to be a star-studded event, with Kid Rock and Twisted Brown Trucker set to host. At 7:30 p.m. April 14, Detroit's State Theatre will open its doors to a limited number of ticketholders and raise money for the Rainbow Connection

Foundation.

Performers on the bill include **Robert Bradley's Blackwater** Surprise, The Contours, a reunited Rhythm Corps, Paradime, Johnny Rodriguez & The Fiery Latin Jazz Band, Barbara Payton and house band Howling Diablos. Nomigories and Distinguished Achievement Awards will be given to The Contours, The Frost, and the late radio personality Dave Dixon. See detroitmusicawards.com for more information.



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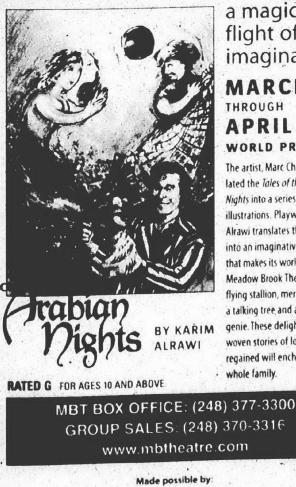
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Barb's pasties - delicious, hearty meal in a crust

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Middlebelt Road in Livonia says. Owner Barb Sell and her brother, Mike Jarvey, have a running disagreement with the city as to ECHTINAW whether they can keep the

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makeshift sign at the curb.

RALPH

But there's no disagreement in my office about the quality of **Barb's** pasties

"Ralph, you have to remark about this crust," exclaimed health and business reporter Renee Skoglund. "This is a marvelous crust, a glorious, blond crust." (Renee used to write restaurant reviews.)

Assistant Managing Editor Keely Wygonik thought it was remarkable that the meat in her pastie had no gristle.

Sales Support Supervisor Linda Rigdon said her pastie "was like eating a bowl of hearty vegetable soup in a flaky pastry." **Internet Editor Emory Daniels**

was impressed that his pastie contained rutabaga. "With car**Barb's Copper Country Kitchen**

Where: 16310 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. In a strip mall on Middlebelt at Terrence between Five and Six Mile roads. Phone: (734) 427-3717

Open: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Menu: Beef, chicken and vegetarian pasties, vegetable beef soup, chili, lasagna, salads, potato salad and cole slaw. Average lunch price: \$5

Credit cards accepted: None. Personal checks accepted

rots and rutabaga it's a legitimate pastie," he said.

Graphic Artist Tammie Graves said her vegetarian pastie was very flavorful. I definitely would get it again. It's a meal in one." In fact, the next time Tammie ordered, she got five vegetarian pasties to take home for dinner. Her mom and sister were impressed. And the pasties were so big that even Tammie's husband, Al, couldn't eat more than one.

Managing Editor Hugh Gallagher said his tasted fine even without gravy.

Publisher Sue Rosiek could only eat half of hers because it was so big.

The only complaint I've had came from a receptionist, who said, "I know the gravy is out of a can."

Owner Barb Sell admits the gravy is from a can, but everything else is made from scratch.

"Where can you eat a homemade product for that price?" (\$3.40) she said. "And pasties are a lot of work. There's only one way to peal a carrot, a rutabaga, an onion, and that's by hand."

As for the gravy, Barb said she prefers ketchup anyway. "My grandmother would turn over in her grave if she saw gravy on a .pastie.

The original Barb's Copper Country Kitchen in Royal Oak has been in operation for 16 years and sells some 400 pasties per day. The Livonia location opened almost 21/2 years ago and sells 200 pasties per day.

Barb's brother Mike runs the Livonia store. He keeps chicken and beef pasties ready to go at all times. But if you want a vegetarian pastie, call an hour beforehand so he can thaw one out for you.

There are other things on Barb's menu, and I wish I could tell you about them. But no one at my office gets anything but comments and questions about the pasties.

from the oven at her Livonia store.

takeout food. Call him at (734).

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Prentice to infuse Star Southfield eateries with local flavor

BY ALICE RHEIN STAFF WRITER ARHEIN@OE.HOMECOMM.NET

A healthy economy, bad timing and poor planning were to blame for the decision earlier this month by New York-based Ark Restaurant Corp. to bail out of the Star Theatre in Southfield, closing two restaurants and abandoning two still under construction, according to a local restaurateur.

"Ark made some very big mistakes. They are very strong in New York and Las Vegas, but they don't know the Detroit market and didn't do their homework," said Matt Prentice, of Unique Restaurant Corp., who signed a deal with the Star Southfield multiplex to take over and manage the four restaurants

Prentice's group was approached to operate the restaurants during the project's planning stages, but at the time. told the theater it had no interest.

Prentice, who owns nearly a dozen local restaurants including Morels in Bingham Farms and Northern Lakes Seafood in Bloomfield Hills, agreed to the Star's proposal after Ark failed to meet its obligations as owner and operator of Volcano Grill, Z-Dim, Fat Anthony's and **Starlight Brewery.**

Through much media wooing, but very little marketing to the public, Volcano Grill opened in December, followed by Z-Dim in early January of this year.

But even early on, there were problems. Staff was difficult to attract, in part because of the low unemployment rate, and also because few in the service industry were looking to switch jobs during the height of the holiday season.

But Prentice said it was Ark's mistaken philosophy of "what works in New York will work in Detroit" that brought the restaurants to a swift close. "Z-Dim, with its wild screens and dim sum, was very cool, but I knew this would never work. It wasn't Detroit. A friend even said it was too weird for SoHo," he said.

Plus, people in this area don't think of the theater as a restaurant. It's a whole mindset that Prentice doesn't think was taken into consideration. Ark did not return calls for comment placed to its New York office.

But Prentice said the restaurant group paid dearly, estimat-

ing that Ark spent \$14 million on the failed venture. "It was a pretty big mistake,"

he said. Under Prentice's management agreement, the new venture

won't cost him anything but a lot of hard work. He says finding employees once all the restaurants are ready to open will be his biggest obstacle.

"I'm going to need 300 people. That's the only thing that worries me," he said.

Plans are to keep Volcano Grill's southwestern theme, though the menu will be retooled, according to Prentice. But dramatic changes are in the works for Z-Dim, he added.

Perfect pasties: Barb Sell, owner of Barb's Copper Country Kitchen, removes pasties

"That will become Mash, a restaurant focused on mashed potatoes which are very popular with Detroiters," said Prentice.

He is also looking into ditching the bizarre screen art and showing famous comedy clips instead.

"We are going to focus on

entertainment. We will have live entertainment at Volcano Grill and comedy at Mash," he said.

And after construction is complete, the Italian restaurant, Cosmo's Pizza, Pasta & Brew; will have family fun including clowns and kid-friendly food. The brew pub will offer a sports bar atmosphere.

No opening dates have been set, but Prentice hopes to have Volcano Grill up and running within a few weeks, with the rest to follow.

