

Fame game

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Evening Kiwanis Club are inducting three new members into the Plymouth Hall of Fame, and they want you to be there.

The induction banquet is set for Tuesday, April 18 at City Limits Grille. Dinner starts at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person.

This year's honorees are Jim Jabara, Jim McKeon and Jack Wilcox.

For more information about the honorees or the banquet, or to get tickets, call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 453-1540.

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Green acres: Due to booming residential development in the Canton area, farming is becoming obsolete. Ernie Costantino's family (above) is one of the last still farming along busy Cherry Hill Road. /B1

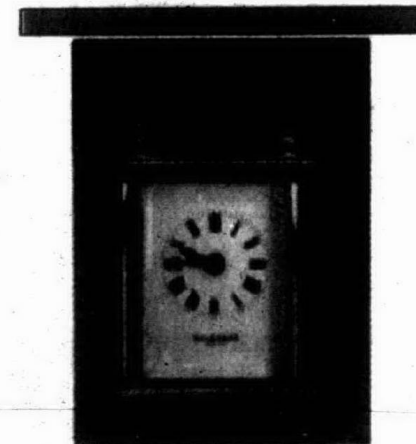
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Down and dirty



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Partners in grime: Brittany Young of Canton, 10 (left), looks up at her classmate Lauren Koehler of Plymouth, 10, while the two paint designs on their flower pots in Laura Riegal's fourth-grade class at Isbister Elementary School Tuesday. The class is studying to become junior master gardeners.

Planting the seeds

Isbister students take to garden party

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Nearly 50 students at Isbister Elementary will soon acquire green thumbs, the result of a course designed to eventually make them junior master gardeners.

"The kids really look forward to it," said Laura Riegal, who integrated the junior master gardening program into her fourth grade science curriculum. "They love digging in the dirt, making compost and handling worms. It also ties with our science curriculum as we study plants, trees and insects."

The once-a-week course is taught by master gardeners via Michigan State University's extension service program through Wayne County. Once someone is given the title master gardener, part of keeping the title is volunteering to teach others.

"It's a hands-on experience where students learn about the composition of soil, plant seeds, dissect flowers, determine how to identify trees and shrubs, and the importance of insects," said Patricia DeBono, a master gardener who helped develop the Isbister program. "If we even plant one seed ... and the child learns one thing about life, volunteering,



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A bug's life: Myles Aten of Canton, 11 (left), and Eric Nicoloff of Plymouth, 10, examine a branch that has been infested with boring insects.

that sometimes you have to give. It's more than just about gardening."

But gardening is a big part of the learning process for the fourth graders. In fact, students have grown a red runner bean plant which is sprouting next to the classroom win-

dow, and are awaiting the results of planting the eyes of a potato.

"We're going to add to the perennial garden in front of the school, and plant cattails and a tree in the back

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Sheldon access still a question

Company reluctant to give up property for bypass

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Talks with a vice-president of REDICO failed to yield immediate concession in Plymouth Township's attempts to construct a temporary bypass road when work on the Sheldon Road underpass begins next year.

REDICO's Sheldon Road property holds the only answer to hopes of sustaining traffic in the area, but company officials have been steadfast in their refusal to allow the road to be built because it would cost them most of their parking lot.

A bypass road could cost more time and money, but would maintain one lane in each direction for the 21 months the project is expected to take. Barring successful negotiations with REDI-

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Chuck Curmi

—Plymouth Township trustee

CO, Sheldon Road would be closed at the CSX crossing for most of the project.

Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township Department of Public Services director, expected a report this week from the Wayne County Department of Public Services and Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment, Inc., a Farmington Hills-based consulting engineering firm, to determine whether still another option might be feasible if there were two access points. A proposed plan would be for separate entry/exits for cars and for

trucks, Anulewicz said.

"I spoke to the gentleman from REDICO directly and he informs me that they did do a thorough analysis and they did meet with all of the tenants, and the tenants said that they did not want to do this," Anulewicz said of the temporary bypass road.

The REDICO representative said that a meeting with the community wouldn't be fruitful, Anulewicz said. "They feel strongly that they need two access points on their site, one for heavy traffic and one for automobiles," Anulewicz

said. "One single access is a safety and liability issue for them."

Wayne County officials weren't willing to look at two access points previously, he said. John Roach, spokesperson for Wayne County Public Services, couldn't be reached Wednesday.

"It appears that there is some other 'X' factor reason that the property owner and the tenants don't want to do this," said Plymouth Township Trustee Chuck Curmi.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy also said the board expects to approve the revised funding resolution for the underpass project at its April 11 regular board meeting. The board had

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Mayor, veterans discuss new park

Mayor's right to get involved, A12

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After several years of "back-burner" status, the prospects of building a Veterans Memorial Park downtown took a step forward last week.

The committee pressing for the park met for the second time in a month with Plymouth Mayor David McDonald in an attempt to jump-start the process, which began in the early 1990s. At that point, the committee got the city commission to pass a resolution supporting the idea of such a park, but little had been done beyond that.

McDonald first met with committee members Feb. 26, then met again March 25 to try and gain perspective on what the committee is looking for.

The committee seems happy the mayor is taking an active role.

"It was a good meeting," said John Pappas, chairman of the Committee to Establish Veterans Memorial Park. "We're moving forward."

When and if the park is established, it would be located on property the city owns in front of Central Middle School. The plan would be to move existing memorials, like the Civil War monument and the Spanish-American War Cannon, into the park from their current placements in Riverside Cemetery and Old Village's Cannon Park.

One potential sticking point would be the location of the Vietnam Veterans memorial. Currently located in front of the Jack Wilcox house at Ann Arbor and Union, the memorial would be included in the plan, according to committee members.

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Missing teen found in Vegas

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Rachel Broadbent is breathing easier today.

That's because her son, Michael Mayer of Canton, turned up in Las Vegas Wednesday after leaving home without a word Saturday night.

Canton Police said Mayer, 19, called his mom late Wednesday. She flew out to Las Vegas to meet him.

Police said there appeared to be no foul play involved.

"We don't know what the circumstances are and we don't have any reasons why he's out there," said Canton Police Sgt. Charles Raycraft.

Raycraft said the police will talk to both mother and son when they return to Michigan.

Broadbent said she last saw her son about 10:30 p.m. Saturday, before he left for Ann Arbor to see a friend.

"They were going to hang out and play with his Sony Play Station," said Broadbent. "This is a friend he's been hanging out with forever."

But Mayer never arrived at the University of Michigan dorm. Family and friends launched a search for him Sunday evening after he failed to show up for his regular bowling league.

"That was our first red flag," Broadbent said. "He's an avid bowler. He bowls three to four times a week."

"We've been grasping at straws."

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Michael Mayer

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Good Friday service

On Good Friday, April 21, Father David Lesniak will pray the Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. outside the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Hall, located on the west side of Lilley Road between Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail.

The public is invited to join in this 13th-century Catholic tradition. A fish fry is slated to follow.

EMU honors

Sandra McClennen of Plymouth was one of four faculty members granted emeritus status by the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents at its March 21 board meeting.

McClennen, a professor of special education, retired in January after 28 years of service. She earned her undergraduate, masters and doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan.

At the same meeting, Anthony Catner of Plymouth Township, received a staff appointment as executive director of physical plant. Catner was president of Distinc-

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tive Design Development L.L.C. from 1998-99. He earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Lawrence Technological University.

Farm and garden

The Plymouth branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association gathers at the home of Karen Horton on Westford Court Monday, April 11, at 12:30 p.m. The program for the afternoon will feature Michigan Division 1st Vice President and Grace Frysinger Award winner Kay Englehart.

Englehart has been sharing her "Tales of Malaysia" story with Garden Club branches around the state. The Saginaw resident will speak to the Plymouth membership on her experiences as well as show slides and

items from her travels.

For more information, call Dorothy Sincok, 453-6614.

WalkAmerica

Haggerty Field within Hines Park will be one of the many locations where WalkAmerica 2000 takes place Saturday, April 29. WalkAmerica is an annual walking event that supports the March of Dimes' mission of saving babies through community services, research and education programs.

The Southeast Michigan Chapter of the March of Dimes has set a goal of raising \$2 million in 2000. Sixty-five cents from every dollar raised by walkers will stay in the metro Detroit area. The money raised will help save babies through community programs such as Healthy Baby Services, which provides free rides to prenatal visits for mothers without transportation.

Individuals as well as teams are encouraged to sign up. To register for WalkAmerica, call the March of Dimes at 1-800-BIG-WALK.

City expects slight hike in revenue

Manager: Technology drives efficient operations

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth City Manager Dave Rich is predicting only a 1 percent increase in general fund revenues for the 2000-2001 budget, which is expected to total nearly \$6.1 million.

However, despite an expected growth of only \$47,000, Rich believes the city will continue to provide increased services to the community because of efficiencies made through technology.

"Most cities our size had to cut the fat years ago, and now we're looking at technology to drive efficiencies," said Rich. "We're maximizing the dollars our residents are providing for us and returning a pretty good product. We're trying to improve on the programs we're already running, and starting to make them more

efficient and effective in accomplishing the goals set by the community, city commission and the administration."

This year's budget is again tight because of restrictions imposed by the Headlee Amendment and Proposal A, which have limited the amount of local taxes collected.

"We have seen increases in property values, but the taxable value is capped out," he said. "The state revenue sharing increased 7.2 percent, and that's what's keeping us afloat."

Those two factors — property taxes and state revenue sharing — account for 81 percent of the city's general fund revenue sources.

"In a typical growing community the growth dollars come from new housing and new business," said Rich. "Since Ply-

mouth is only 2.2 square miles and is a very mature community, our growth has to come from redevelopment and maximizing unutilized properties. That's why we're pushing forward projects like the Mayflower Centre, putting delinquent properties back on the tax rolls. It's a whole new strategy in maximizing the city's assets to fill in the gaps."

Rich counts at least eight properties or businesses that are in various stages of construction, such as new restaurants like Compari's on the Park and E.G. Nicks, which are expected to be completed in the next budget year.

"With all those projects we should start realizing growth, which generates revenue and takes the burden off the residential tax base," noted Rich.

However, despite the small growth in revenues, the savings from technological efficiencies will help implement new programs, Rich pointed out.

"We're working with the police department to implement community policing," said Rich. "We're doing more street patching and crack sealing than we've ever done. We're moving ahead with our sidewalk reconstruction program, downtown streetscape repairs and improvements in Old Village."

"This is not a status quo budget," Rich emphasized. "We're

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Dave Rich
—City manager

doing more with very little increases in revenue. Most of it is related to efficiencies we've gained by using technology."

About this time last year, when Rich took over as city manager, Plymouth was under a financial cloud.

"We were under serious fiscal stress," remembers Rich. "We had a \$990,000 deficit in the water fund and \$44,000 deficit in the general fund. We recovered from those in this past year and now have a positive fund balance."

"We've done well fiscally, but we still need to continue to be fiscally conservative and find other sources of funding to continue services," said Rich. "To say we're in much better shape this year than last year is definitely an understatement."

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next week," added Riegal.

"The purpose of the program is to encourage children to become interested in gardening and the environment," said Karen Hyland of Plymouth, an advanced master gardener who also teaches her own group at Bird Elementary. "It's a means for kids to study nature, to teach them not to smash every bug you see. Gardening is the number one leisure activity in the United States."

Before students can become junior master gardeners, they have to take the class and perform 10 hours of volunteer work, like raking leaves for a neighbor, pulling weeds, or planting flow-

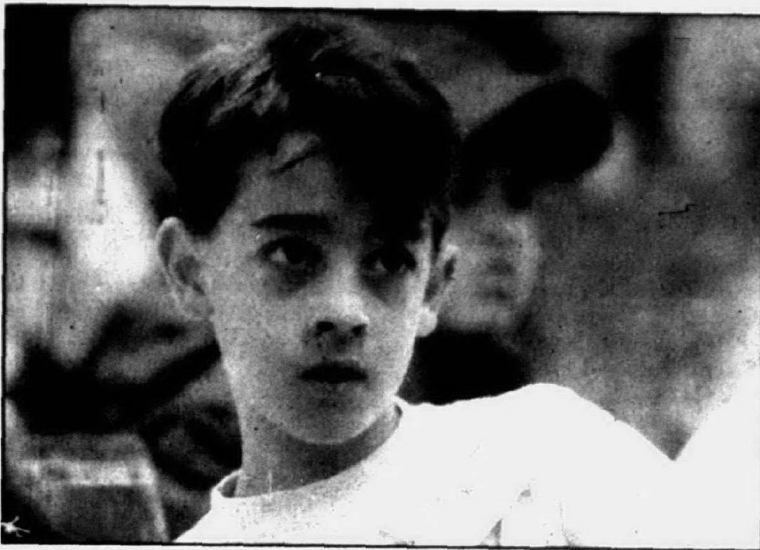
ers.

"I learned how to plant a really good garden," said Sandy Nahra, 9, of Plymouth. "You need good soil and have to know what plants you want. I enjoy it because we get to do a lot of stuff, like play with bugs, not just do worksheets."

"I learned how to plant a vegetable garden and how to identify trees by their buds and bark," added Jessica Reed, 10, of Canton.

Jessica's neighbors may be standing in line when she performs her volunteer work.

"I think when it gets warmer I'm going to pull weeds for my neighbors," she said.



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Naturally curious: Men Milan of Plymouth, 9, watches a puppet show about "good bugs."

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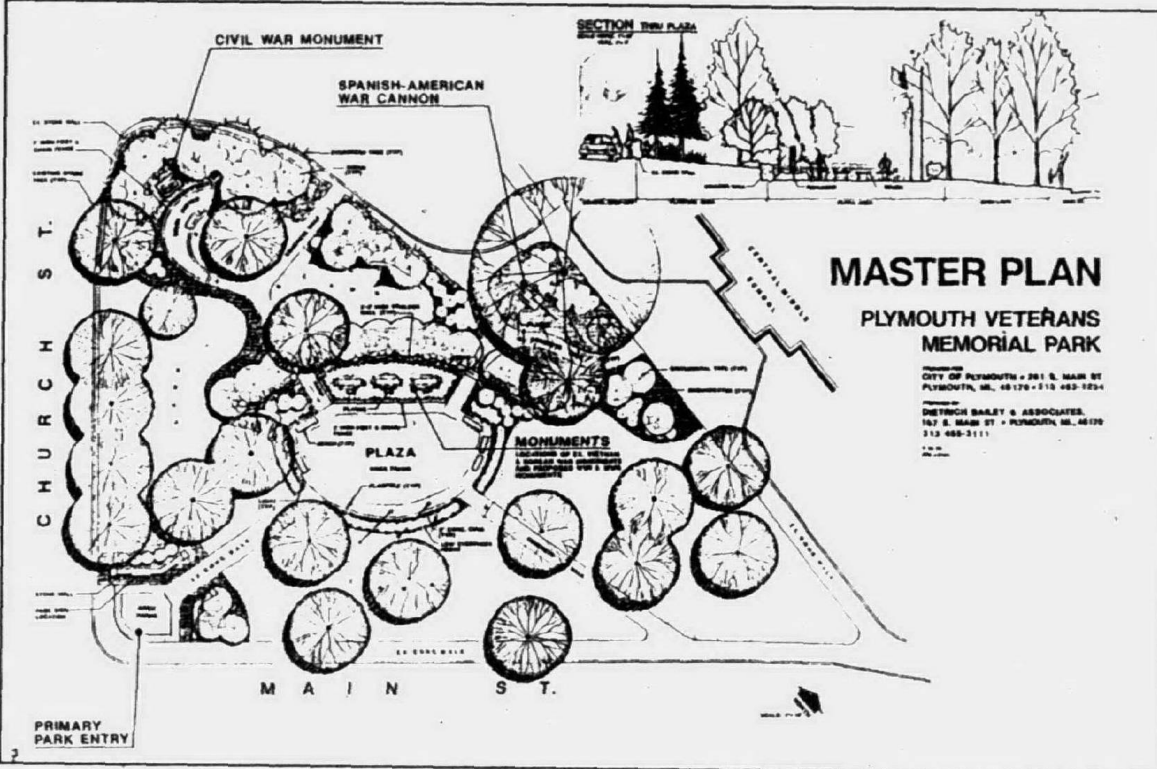
But that appears to be a bit of a sticking point with some Vietnam vets.

"I'm a member of the group, but I don't speak for them," said Dennis Shrewsbury, who was on hand representing the vets at the March 25 meeting. "Personally, I think the idea of a veterans park is fine. I am not personally interested in seeing the Vietnam Veterans memorial or the WW II or Korean memorial being moved at this time. We're comfortable with where it is. It's been a part of the community for a long time, and community activities are centered around that area."

That's another thing that could change, if the committee gets its way. According to Pappas, a central location for ceremonies such as the memorial parade would benefit the city, allowing more non-veterans to participate. Pappas said the parade route could run from downtown past Kellogg Park, allowing for bigger crowds.

But the biggest obstacle could be the reluctance of some veterans groups to have their monuments moved, a reluctance McDonald acknowledges and understands.

"There were some veterans issues on the table that were still there," the mayor said. "I thought we had open and frank discussion about that."



While McDonald and the committee obviously support the idea, Shrewsbury wonders if there is any real public interest in such a park.

"My reading of the residents of the area is that they like it the way it is," he said. "I don't see any groundswell of support for having this thing changed. If a large number of citizens and a

large number of veterans decide that's what they want to do, that's fine."

But McDonald said he not only supports the idea, but he thinks the other groups will, too, once the plans are public and the park is a reality.

"My personal feeling as a veteran, from the drawings I've seen, if the park comes to

fruition, (the veterans groups) will all be there," McDonald said. "They've put their blood, sweat and tears into (their monuments) and they don't want to do it again, and I understand that. (But) once it's built, people will realize why it's smart to have them all there."

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insisted that Wayne County further study alternatives before Sheldon Road is completely closed to complete the grade separation project.

The township is expected to foot about \$1 million of the \$1.5 million local share for the project, with the City of Plymouth on the hook for the other \$500,000.

Curmi, who originally raised objections closing Sheldon Road completely, said Tuesday his questions have been answered.

The Sheldon Road project has now been delayed by the state's plan to do reconstruction along Ann Arbor Road from General Drive to Newburgh. The county had planned to begin work this December on the underpass. Under the proposed new plan, work on the \$7.5 million grade separation project would begin in 2001, shortly after the state's freeway interchange reconstruction wraps up, and will last until about May 2003, according to the county.

Keen McCarthy also contacted Sen. Spencer Abraham's office to determine whether additional federal funding could be obtained for the Sheldon Road project. Perhaps this money could be applied to the design work, she said.

The Michigan Department of Transportation also plans to reconstruct the I-96/I-275/M-14 interchange.

The first stage of Ann Arbor Road reconstruction from just west of Sheldon Road to General Drive is projected to last from May to November 2000. MDOT's interchange project is scheduled from March through December 2001. The Sheldon Road underpass project would have begun this December. The new plan is

for the project to be delayed at least until December 2001.

Anulewicz suggested that the Sheldon project be delayed. "I think that it is a prudent plan," Anulewicz said. "It won't impact federal funding on the project."

Keen McCarthy views the underpass construction of utmost importance because it would provide emergency vehi-

cles in the Plymouth area the only north-south route that is unimpeded by railroad traffic.

"It certainly makes sense in terms of impact if they are going to be shutting M-14 and I-275," Keen McCarthy said.

"It's shocking that there was no coordination in these areas," Curmi said at Tuesday's study session. "Voters have been so

angry about the disruptions in the last two years. There needs to be better coordination. If you hadn't observed that there would be this 6-12 month overlap... It's alarming, just alarming. That's my criticism of government. Everybody works in a box, because it's simpler that way. Their lazy because it would take a lot of work to coordinate."



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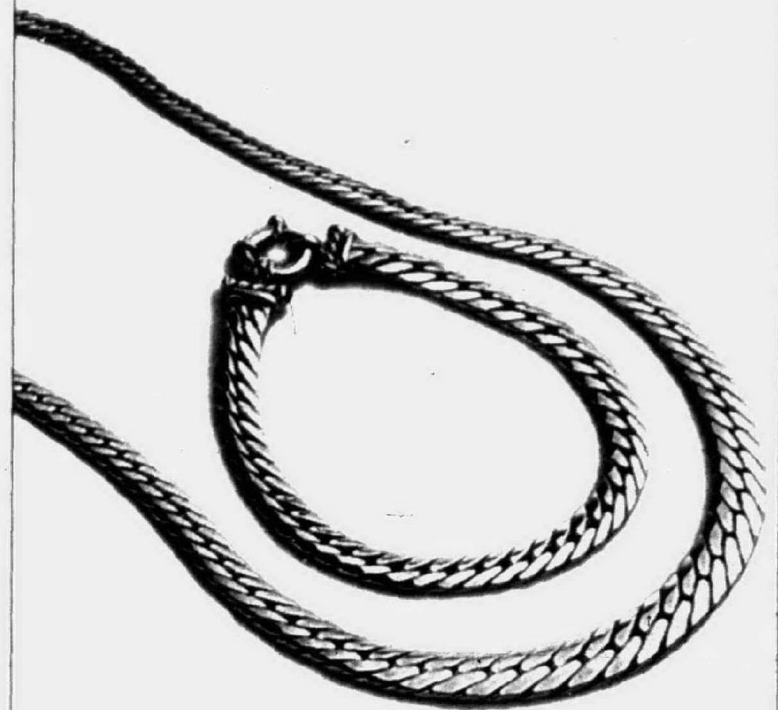
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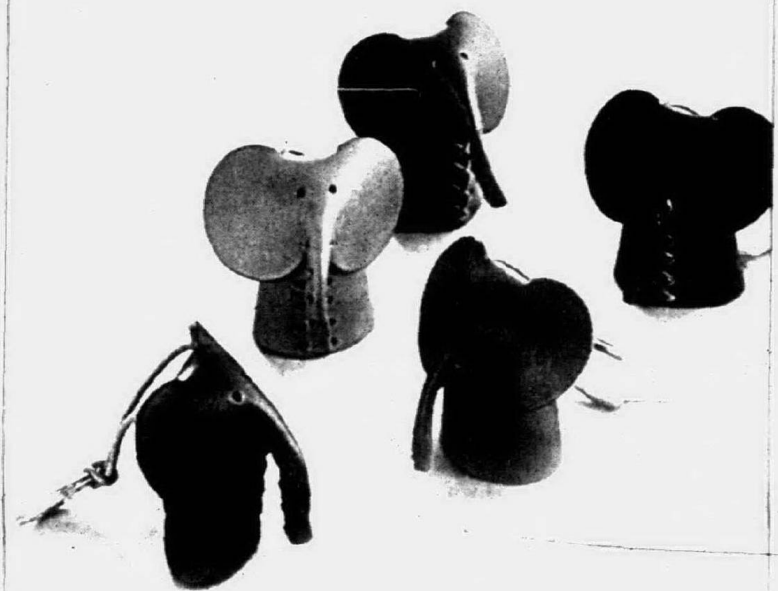
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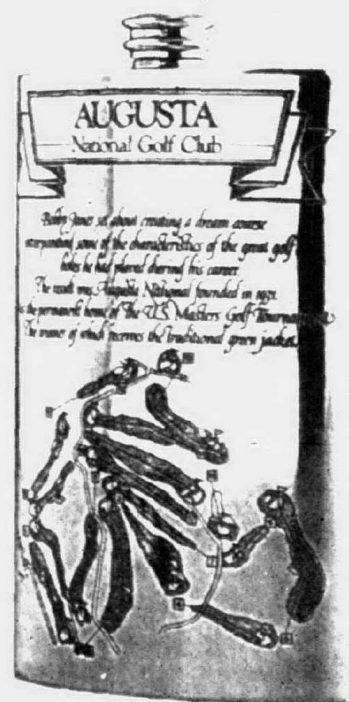
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Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Blaylock, Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern

Acceptance of Agenda

1. Joel & Susan Goddard, 46839 Creek's Bend Canton Mi 48188 (734-495-1337), requesting a variance of Zoning Ordinance Article 26.01 Schedule of Regulations Intent & Scope of requirements (Tabled from October 14, 1999 and postponed March 9, 2000) Parcel #111-04-0199-000. (Building)
2. Patio Enclosures, Inc. 40480 Grand River, Suite A, Novi, Mi. 48375 (248/473-3980) Representing Otha & Josephine Harris 43111 Lombardy Dr. Canton, Mi. 48187 for property at same address are requesting a variance of Zoning Ordinance Article 26. Schedule of regulations for rear yard set backs. (Tabled from March 9, 2000) Parcel #007-01-0584-000. (Building)
3. Scott Gardner Gardner Signs, Inc 3800 Airport Hwy. Toledo, Ohio 43635 1-800-537-2236 representing Standard Federal Bank Home Lending Center 8526 Canton Center Rd. Canton, Mi. 48187 for property at same address are requesting a variance of Zoning Ordinance 120 section 7.4 schedule of regulations for additional sign. (Tabled from March 9, 2000) (Building)
4. Harry Limauro, High Velocity Sports Group, 53 West Maple, Clawson, Mi 48017, (1-248-435-8178) Representing H.V.S.G. for property 46555 Michigan Ave. Canton, Mi 48188 requesting a variance of Zoning Ordinance Article 26.04 Schedule of regulations for maximum building height in the General Industrial District. Parcel #131-99-0016-002 (Planning)
5. Jason Ekus, J. Ekus Building Co. 27701 Red Leaf Lane Southfield, Mi 48076 (1-248-557-4733) Representing Jason Ekus for Stonegate Subdivision requesting a variance of Zoning Ordinance Article 26.02 b Schedule for regulations Agricultural and Residential District footnote b. to variance to the lot width to depth ratio Parcel #090-99-0006-001 (part of Planning)

(Approval of March minutes)

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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JAMES GORDON BOSAK

Services for James Gordon Bosak, 26, of Plymouth were held March 31 at the Casterline Funeral Home in Northville with the Rev. Alexander Kuras of Divine Savior Parish officiating. Burial was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

He was born Sept. 21, 1973, in Farmington Hills and died March 28. He was a carpenter.

Survivors include his parents, Frank H. Bosak of Texas and Susan L. Bosak of Plymouth; one brother, Frank H. Bosak III of Westland; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hubbert of Cederville, Mich., and Mrs. Virginia Bosak of Northville.

Memorials may be made to Personalized Nursing Light House Inc., 575 South Main Street, Suite 6, Plymouth, MI 48170.

J.C. LEE

Services for J.C. Lee, 76, of Plymouth were held April 5 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

He was born Jan. 13, 1924, in Union City, Tenn., and died April 2 in Superior Township.

He worked for the Burroughs Corp. in Plymouth for 22 years. He also worked for the Ply-

mouth-Canton Community schools for 15 years.

Mr. Lee was married to Dorothy Lee for 57 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1941 from Tennessee.

He was a member of the V.F.W. Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post 6695 since 1946. He enjoyed seeing all his Army buddies at their reunions.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Clarence; parents, step-father, James and Bertha Lee Cleek and Robert Cleek.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy of Plymouth; two sons, Jerry (Kathie) Lee of Canton and Jim (Marilyn) Lee of Livonia; two daughters, Shirley (John) Henning of Canton and Mary Margaret (Tim) Campbell of Waterford; one brother, James Ray Lee of Westland; one sister, Mattie Lou Moran of Union City, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association or Alcoholics Anonymous.

DUNCAN D. LYON

Services for Duncan D. Lyon, 77, of Plymouth were held April 4 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating.

He was born April 21, 1922, in Detroit and died March 31 in Dearborn.

OBITUARIES

He was an inspector at General Motors for 35 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1994 from Detroit. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He loved crossword puzzles, golf, and watching boxing.

He was preceded in death by his brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Anne; brother and sister-in-law, Don and Harriet; and parents, Edwin and Magdeline Lyon. Survivors include his wife, Jean of Plymouth; four children, Diane (Tim) Zielinski of Lapeer, Larry D. (Marcia) Lyon of Port Charlotte, Fla., Rodney B. (Diane) Lyon of Livonia and Jenny Dashiell of West Bloomfield; one brother, Edwin Lyon of Brighton; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

NOEL S. MCCORMACK

Services for Noel S. McCormack, 71, of Garden City will take place Monday, April 8, at John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City.

He was born Dec. 13, 1928, in Toronto, Ontario, and died April 1 in Garden City. He was a compositor.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley McCormack; three sons, Jeff (Katrina) McCormack, Kelvin McCormack and Kerry (Dr. Ross) Tabbey of Plymouth; two brothers, William McCormack and Hamilton McCormack; and five grandchildren, Kayla, Rebekah, Meagan, Malissa and Amanda.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society or the Salvation Army.

REV. JOHN WALASKAY

Services for Rev. John Walaskay, 88, of Plymouth Township were held April 5 at the United Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Ken Hubbard officiating.

Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

He was born June 4, 1911, in Delray, Mich., and died April 2 in Plymouth Township.

He was a pastor of the United Assembly of God Church for more than 50 years. He also was retired from the Burroughs Corp.

He came to the Plymouth community in 1940 from Detroit. He was a member of the United Assembly of God Church and the Plymouth Ministerial Association.

He was on the management team at the Burroughs for 40 years.

He was preceded in death by his former wife, Margaret Ruth. Survivors include his current wife, Betty of Plymouth Township; five children, John (Ann)

Walaskay of Hamburg, Mich., David (Connie) Walaskay of Henderson, Ky., James (Loretta) Walaskay of Normal, Ill., Jane Cochran of Belleville and Eva Wortz of Belleville; two stepchildren, Jim (Sue) Lucas of Florida and Michael (Betsy) Perry of Adrian; one brother, Daniel (Helen) Walaskay of Dearborn Heights; sister-in-law, Ethel Walaskay of Birmingham; 27 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the United Assembly of God Church, The Walaskay Recreation Building at the Church, or the Visiting Nurses Association Hospice.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

BINTE J. (BEN) EKHOLM

Services for Binte J. (Ben) Ekholm, 88, of Canton were held April 4 at the Chapel of the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton, with the Rev. Drexel E. Morton of St. Michael Lutheran Church officiating.

He was born July 9, 1911, in Sweden and died April 1. He was an insurance adjuster.

Survivors include his wife, Majorie M.; three children, Jan. B. (Nancy), Karin E. (Richard) Fisch and Paul E. (Victoria); and five grandchildren, Bradley, Jeffrey, Nicole, Julie and Lars.

ADELAIDE T. DAVIS

Services for Adelaide T. Davis, 73, of Plymouth were held March 30 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph S. Mallia officiating. Burial was in St. John Catholic Cemetery, Ypsilanti.

She was born June 24, 1926, in Ypsilanti and died March 27 in Ann Arbor.

She was a cosmetologist. She was a member of the St. Kenneth Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Victor J. Pryce and Louise Pryce.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth B. Davis; two sons, Timothy V. Davis of Livonia and Michael J. Davis of Plymouth; two brothers, Leo H. Pryce of Ypsilanti and James Pryce of Ypsilanti.

Memorials may be made as Mass offerings or to the American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate, Dept. 77-3988, Chicago, IL 60678-3968.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF
PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT OPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from Archetype, Inc., Five Mile and Haggerty, L.L.C. for approval of the Planned Unit Development Option, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 83, as amended. The subject property is located south of Five Mile Road, east of Haggerty Road, and west of the I-275 Expressway. Application No. 1621/0300. The subject property is zoned OS, Office Service District. Public hearing is required by Ordinance No. 83 and/or Subdivision Ordinance No. 32, of the Charter Township of Plymouth. (Application No. 1621/0300) Tax I.D. Nos. 021-99-0001-001, 021-99-0003-000, 021-99-0006-001, 021-99-0011-000, 012-99-0013-000, 021-99-0016-000, 021-99-0021-001 and 021-99-0023-000.

Questions regarding the application may be directed to the Community Development Department, Department of Public Services Building, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider the application at its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2000, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 734-453-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address of Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, individuals with disabilities at the Meetings/Hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number (734) 354-3201. TDD users: 1-800-649-3777. (Michigan Relay Service)

JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary
Planning Commission

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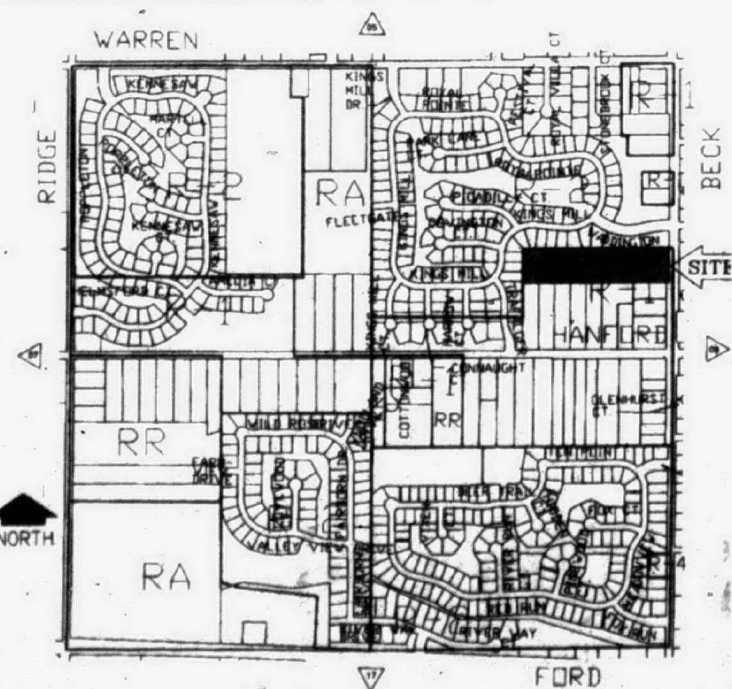
PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 1, 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 amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

DAROLF/FACASSA/RI-MOUNT REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 029 99 0007 001, 029 99 0007 002, 029 99 0007 003, AND 029 99 0007 004 FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the west side of Beck Road between Warren and Hanford Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, April 27, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the following categories:

District-Wide New & Replacement Concrete	4/12/00	11:30 a.m.
District-Wide Elevator Maintenance	4/12/00	12:30 a.m.
District-Wide Paper Towel	4/12/00	1:30 p.m.
District-Wide Trash Bags	4/12/00	2:00 p.m.
District-Wide Bathroom Tissue	4/12/00	2:30 p.m.
District-Wide Plumbing Parts	4/12/00	3:00 p.m.
District-Wide Electrical Parts	4/12/00	4:00 p.m.

Specifications and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Philips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For technical information, please contact Brian Goby, Procurement & Project Analysis Coordinator, in the Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due Wednesday, April 12, 2000 on or before the times noted above. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary

Bid Opening: Wednesday, April 12, 2000 @ times noted above

Board Review: Tuesday, April 25, 2000

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If your firm is interested in providing these services, please submit your proposal to Canton Township Public Works, by 5 p.m., Friday, April 28, 2000.

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The Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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Public Works
Attn: Susan Folsom
1150 S. Canton Center Road
2nd Floor, Engineering Services
Canton, MI 48188

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Top teacher



Farrand's finest: Fifth-grade teacher Jane Patete has been chosen the American Legion Passage-Gayde Post 391 Teacher of the Year for her "ability to foster patriotism in her students and her recognition of national holidays such as Veterans Day." Patete also was recently awarded a \$2,000 grant from ArtServe Michigan, a member of the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network. The grant will be used to fund a writer-in-residence at Farrand Elementary for a 10-day period. The writer will work with staff and students at Farrand.

Missing from page A1

said Broadbent. "He's really close with my sister in California."

He wasn't there, however, Broadbent said.

U-M campus police assisted in the search.

Campus officers were given a description of Mayer and his car. U-M Public Information Officer Diane Brown said.

Mayer's friends on campus were interviewed, Brown said. Any information gathered will be given to Canton detectives, she added.

Broadbent said it's not uncommon for her son to stay overnight with a friend. But, she added, she always knows when he's coming home and where he's at.

"A lot of times his buddies come over here and stay the night," said Broadbent.

Mayer was driving a red 1999

Mazda Protegé when he left home Saturday. Broadbent said the car had no mechanical problems that she knew about.

"It's brand new," she added. "It's his pride and joy. He bought it on his own."

Mayer has roadside assistance through his automobile insurance, said Broadbent. He carries a cell phone as well.

With the exception of asthma, the 19-year-old has no serious medical conditions, his mother said. Broadbent added that he controls the asthma with a pair of inhalers and sees a physician frequently.

"He gets checked out pretty regularly," she added.

The teen grew up in Plymouth and moved to Canton a couple of years ago with his mother.

Bankruptcy judge orders 'Crier' auction

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The sale of the "Community Crier" newspaper will come down to an auction scheduled for April 19 by federal bankruptcy Judge Steven Rhodes.

According to attorney Michael Baum, who represents stockholders Tom Prose, Larry Bane and John Thomas, Rhodes wants to find out what the market value of the newspaper is before making a final decision on the buyer.

"The judge adjourned the confirmation of the Chapter 11 plan until the debtor has convened an auction," said Baum. "The purpose of the auction is to ensure the highest and best offer is submitted as part of the confirmation process."

The "Community Crier" filed its Chapter 11 reorganization plan in federal bankruptcy court which, in part, calls for the sale of the

newspaper owned by William E. Wendover. Last month, Wendover's plan for reorganization called for the sale of all assets to Willett Communications, Willard Hawley, the "Crier's" attorney, told the Observer recently.

According to court documents, Dave Willett agreed to purchase the "Crier" and Comma Inc. for \$342,500. Willett was to make a \$40,000 down payment, with the remainder paid at the rate of \$3,000 per month over the next five years.

Many of the creditors reportedly rejected that offer, resulting in the April 19 auction. Rhodes will make his final ruling at an April 24 hearing.

There appears to be some interest in the "Crier" and Wendover's other assets.

"I'm fascinated with the Plymouth community and am looking seriously at purchasing the 'Crier,'" said Tom O'Connor, who also owns the "Redford Connection." "I'm excited

they still haven't found an owner."

O'Connor indicated he may be interested in starting a newspaper in Plymouth even if he doesn't purchase the "Crier."

Meanwhile, Prose indicated he would bid "a substantial sum" to buy the newspaper. "I would definitely keep the newspaper going, and I would serve as publisher," said Prose. "I'd look for experienced people to improve the quality."

Doug Willett of Willett Communications offered "no comment" when asked if his company would offer another bid for the "Crier."

According to figures provided earlier by Hawley, the newspaper owes \$687,000 in unsecured debt, secured debt of \$50,000 to National City Bank; plus secured and priority debt for federal and state taxes of \$107,000.

Neither Hawley nor Wendover were available for comment concerning Monday's hearing.

Board won't support local control amendment

BY SUE BUCK
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■ PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

Plymouth Township officials aren't expected to support the Michigan Municipal League's ballot petition to preserve local control because of the language contained in the petition.

"Let Local Votes Count" is the MML's petition ballot to amend the Michigan Constitution. If passed, it would require a two-thirds majority of the legislature to pass legislation that would intervene or increase the scope of state intervention in municipal concerns.

The campaign needs to gather the signatures of 400,000 Michigan voters by July 10 in order to

place the question on the Nov. 7 ballot.

"The concern from townships' perspective is that the wording of the language is such that you could spend a lifetime in court over whether 'intervene' also means that when they are trying to get additional powers for townships that they would have to have a two-thirds vote," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy. "Cities under their home rule charters and villages under their charters have more authority, as we are all aware. Our senators have been trying to get a little

more power for townships so that we have a little more say in our destiny."

This includes getting more say in how road money is spent, for example, she said.

Though Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, didn't speak as expected at Tuesday's board study session, Keen McCarthy said that both McCotter and Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, have expressed their concerns vehemently about the initiative.

"This isn't a good law because it would box us in," said Plymouth Township Trustee Chuck Curmi.

The Michigan Townships Association isn't supporting the petition drive and didn't have input into the wording, Keen McCarthy said. The state Chamber of Commerce is against using tax dollars to support the initiative, she said.

Keen McCarthy met with the township supervisors of Canton, Van Buren and Huron at a Wayne County Supervisors meeting last week.

"Their perspective is that they are not in favor of this because of the way it is written, even though we all agree with the principle behind it is that the legislature should not take away local decision making," Keen McCarthy said.

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Turning a page

Plymouth librarian turned writer authors new chapter in her life

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
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When the neighborhood children were playing hide-n-go-seek, Lisa Wroble was playing Dr. Seuss.

"I read a lot when I was a kid, and I didn't want the books to end. So, I would write continuing chapters," said Wroble, a Plymouth resident who is full-time children's author and part-time librarian in Redford Township.

Now 36, she is looking back to her first experience at authorship, before the age of 10.

Unlike Dr. Seuss however, Wroble targets her writing to students in upper-elementary through middle school. Additionally, most of her work is non-fiction.

She said she prefers writing non-fiction first and foremost because of the preparation.

"I have an opportunity to learn all these new things," said the Eastern Michigan University graduate, "and if you want to write, you need to keep learning."

That would explain why she took an 18-month correspondence course in publishing while attending EMU as a Language Arts major. She minored in children's literature.

"When I got into college, I knew I wanted to get into publishing, but there really was no opportunity at Eastern," she said. "My dad found this correspondence class in a magazine through the Institute of Children's Literature in Connecticut."

After she checked out the legitimacy of the class and the company, she enrolled. "It helped me a lot," she said. Among other things, the correspondence course showed her how to reach editors and how to get her things



Changing gears: Author and librarian Lisa Wroble, a Plymouth resident, reads to children at the Redford Township Library.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

published.

"I'm constantly writing letters to editors and improving my craft," she said. "It takes a lot of dedication and perseverance, and rejection is always part of the process, even for known writers."

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Lisa Wroble
—Author/librarian

allows her more freedom in word choice.

Children's authors have to

write to a younger audience, and while it may not sound that difficult to write for youth, she argues that it is challenging.

"Children are influenced easily, so you have to be cautious of what you are saying or writing," she said, "especially in fiction, where the reader will model himself after the character."

While the author is selecting words and topics which cannot be misinterpreted or too suggestive, authors have to also make sure the meaning is clear.

"It's difficult to explain concepts in very simple terms. At the same time, it can't be condescending," she said.

This is one reason why it may take an author one year to write

one book.

Success story

To date, Wroble has 11 books in print and two on the way. Three are currently out of print, or collectors items.

Wroble got her first break in 1989 at 26 years old. She had two pieces published in two separate issues of "Touch Magazine," a religious publication out of Grand Rapids.

It would be another two years before her next article was published. It would be another eight years before she published her first book.

"At that time, I was still working full-time, so I started looking for other jobs I could do, which wouldn't be as draining," she

said.

The public relations executive turned technical writer took a job as a secretary for a construction company, working 30 hours a week.

That was still too much for her when combined with the 35 hours of freelance writing. So, in the fall of 1996, she became a youth librarian in Redford Township.

"If you want to do this (write), you have to give up a lot," she said.

Stability, money and friends night-out have to be sacrificed,

at least in the beginning.

"My friends are very supportive. They still invite me out even though I don't always go," she said. "But there is still time for fun," she added.

It is all about prioritizing according to the Plymouth-Salem High School graduate. "You will find the time if you want to do it," she said.

She gives this advice to students in her creative writing class through Plymouth Community Education.

She also encourages them to read as much as they can, both on the industry and the books for their target market; to take a class on writing; and to never give up.

Aspirations

Wroble continues to set goals for herself in light of her success.

Short term, she would like to go back to some fiction pieces she started many years ago. This summer, she will also become an instructor for the Institute of Children's Literature in Connecticut. She will instruct for the course via her home computer.

Long term, she would like to complete a librarian-teacher type manual which can add excitement to history lessons.

"I want to make the history come alive for the students," she said. "Maybe in a year or so (I'll write it)."

Wroble admits she has a soft spot for historical pieces so it shouldn't be a surprise that her favorite work is "Kids During the Great Depression."

It was part of a six-book series that she had three months to write in 1997. Since then, five books have been added to the series entitled "Kids Throughout History."

"It's like that," she said, "either you have all kinds of projects going on at once or you're wondering when the next project will come along."

'I read a lot when I was a kid, and I didn't want the books to end.'

Lisa Wroble
—Author

Meeting set for French program

An informational meeting has been scheduled at West Middle School at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, to discuss the French Back to Back program available to students entering grades 6-8 in fall 2000.

A representative from the A.F.A.C. will talk about the program (previously offered in elementary schools for the past 15 years) and slides will be shown. A question-and-answer period will follow. Applications will be available that evening.

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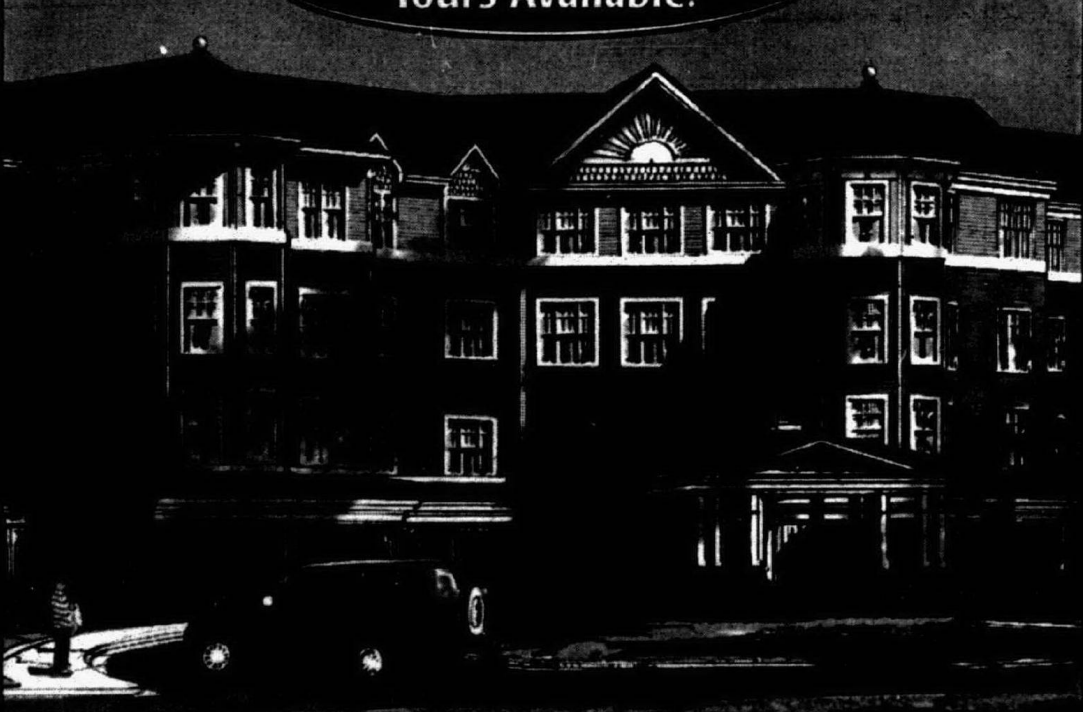
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Legislators take up hammers to build ramps

BY MIKE MALOTT
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The tools of choice for lawmakers are usually legislation and votes. But this summer, some will be picking up hammers and saws to build wheelchair ramps for 15 to 20 Michigan residents who need them.

Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, along with Rep. Sandy Caul, R-Mt. Pleasant, and Joanne Voorhees, R-Grandville, kicked off a "Reps. for Ramps" program last week which will raise money for ramps for disabled Michigan residents who need them and actually construct them on-site.

"Many people in wheelchairs are virtually prisoners in their own homes," Toy said. "This effort reaches out to people who are permanently disabled and unable to get in and out because they don't have the means or extra funds for a wheelchair ramp. This is about state lawmakers giving back to their communities by not only raising funds, but working up a sweat to

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Rep. Laura Toy
R-Livonia

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Toy said the Lions of Michigan

Service Foundation volunteers will work with the representatives to get the ramps built. Tools and supervisors will be supplied by Dykhouse Construction of Byron Center.

Wheelchair access is an issue near and dear to Toy's heart. Her brother was severely disabled. Her mother has had to use a wheelchair.

But there are also an estimated 1.7 million disabled people in the state, Toy pointed out.

"Quite frankly, they tend to be seniors and low income people who haven't the ability to exit or enter their homes," she said.

The Lions are now identifying those residents who will receive the ramps that the volunteers build during June, July and August. Construction of each is expected to take about a day. The cost of each ramp is estimated between \$400 and \$1,000.

Funds are still needed for materials, including lumber. Those interested in volunteering or donating money can contact Toy's office at (517) 373-3920.

The announcement of the program came as the state Senate approved a bill introduced by Toy applying penalties to those to block wheelchair access aisles

or ramps with their cars.

House Bill 4995, already approved by the House, makes it a civil infraction, with a fine of \$100, to block wheelchair access. An access aisle is the yellow- or blue-lined space next to a handicapped parking spot that allows room for the operation of a wheelchair lift.

Senators voted unanimously to adopt the bill last week and sent it off to the governor for approval. Gov. John Engler has indicated to Toy's office that he will sign the bill.

Staff writer Richard Pearl contributed to this story.



State Rep. Laura Toy

OMNIBUS takes fall applications

OMNIBUS, the online program that enables students to earn three degrees in four years, is accepting applications for its fall 2000 cohort. A collaboration between Schoolcraft College and Madonna University, the Online Multi-degrees in National and International Business program grants an associate, bachelor and master's degree with one application process and for a set fee.

OMNIBUS is designed for working adults without college degrees who have achieved a measure of success and made the decision to move forward in their careers. Students accepted for the associate degree at Schoolcraft automatically are accepted for the advanced degrees at Madonna. Students complete 152 credit hours, studying in three 12-week terms per year, with one four-week intercession and no classes in August and December.

Tuition remains \$190 per credit hour, including all fees, books and course materials, and is guaranteed for the entire four-year program, totaling \$29,000 for the three degrees.

OMNIBUS students do their work, their team projects and communication online. The program stresses core business skills, information retrieval from electronic as well as traditional sources, skills in managing work using information technology, teamwork skills, and global management and leadership skills.

The first OMNIBUS students, who began their studies in 1997, will receive their master's degree in July 2001. Of the 16 students studying now at Madonna, 11 placed on the dean's list for the fall semester.

"The program clearly reflects the revolution in education," said Jeanne Bonner, Schoolcraft associate dean for liberal arts, independent and distance learning. "We see record enrollments for Web-based courses. Even law and nursing courses have gone online. There is no significant difference in the quality of instruction a student receives on campus or at a distance."

The OMNIBUS program places emphasis on four areas, developing one during each of the four years of study. They are: effective communications and decision making; global citizenship and diversity for international development; paradigms for organizational change; and tomorrow's leadership for world organization.

Orientation for new OMNIBUS students is scheduled for Sept. 9 and 10.

There is a non-refundable application of \$120, which is applied toward tuition. Applicants must furnish transcripts, achievement test results, a letter of intent and a letter of recommendation. There are computer and software requirements students must fulfill.

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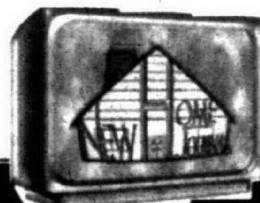
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Hat trick

Milliner makes move to Plymouth

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Hats are Stephanie Scigliano's crowning glory.

The Plymouth resident opened M'Lou Millinery, her first store, March 10. The store, whose name incorporates the owner's middle name, specializes in custom millinery. Scigliano designs and makes hats made of silk, cotton, wool and other natural fibers, often trimmed with vintage ribbons and feathers.

Women and girls can find hats for casual dress, dressy occasions, or can get a hat made to match an outfit or a coat.

"I have customers who wear a hat everyday," Scigliano said. "I have customers who collect hats. They love them. I have

designed and made hats for art fairs, galleries, and boutiques."

Scigliano is a member of the Headwear Information Bureau in New York and participates in millinery fashion shows and charity events on the East Coast. Her designs have been

sold in boutiques and galleries in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois, as well as at art fairs.

Scigliano's grandmother is a seamstress. One of her grandmother's sisters was a costume designer in New Orleans.

"I was always trying to have some kind of corporate job at the same time and then I realized this is what I really much rather wanted to be doing full-time," she said. "I was doing it out of my house and I was out-growing my sewing room and I wanted to have a storefront. This was the perfect size. I wanted it to look

'It's so funny when somebody tries on a hat they like, because they immediately start posing in front of the mirror.'

Stephanie Scigliano
—M'Lou Millinery owner

small and cozy. This was an office before."

She's filled the store with furniture that is either antique or vintage. One was her great-grandmother's Victorian chair. That's a p r o p o s

because Scigliano likes hat styles from the Victorian era through the 1920s.

"I use a lot of silk and I decided to do straw hats," she said. "I'm working on a line of cotton hats. Cotton is cool. It's always good to have your face covered in the summer and a lot of women are really conscious of that."

Many of the silk hats are "outfit specific," Scigliano said. She has customers start by trying on hats, without looking at the style, color or trim.

"It's so funny when somebody tries on a hat they like, because they immediately start posing in front of the mirror," she said. "All of a sudden they have a ton of personality when they have a hat on. I had a woman come in who said she didn't look good in hats and could never find a hat she liked. She walked out with three of them."

There is a section of Scigliano's boutique that allows customers to sit down and design their own millinery creations. Undecorated hats are available in sizes for women and girls as well as ribbons, feathers and other trims.

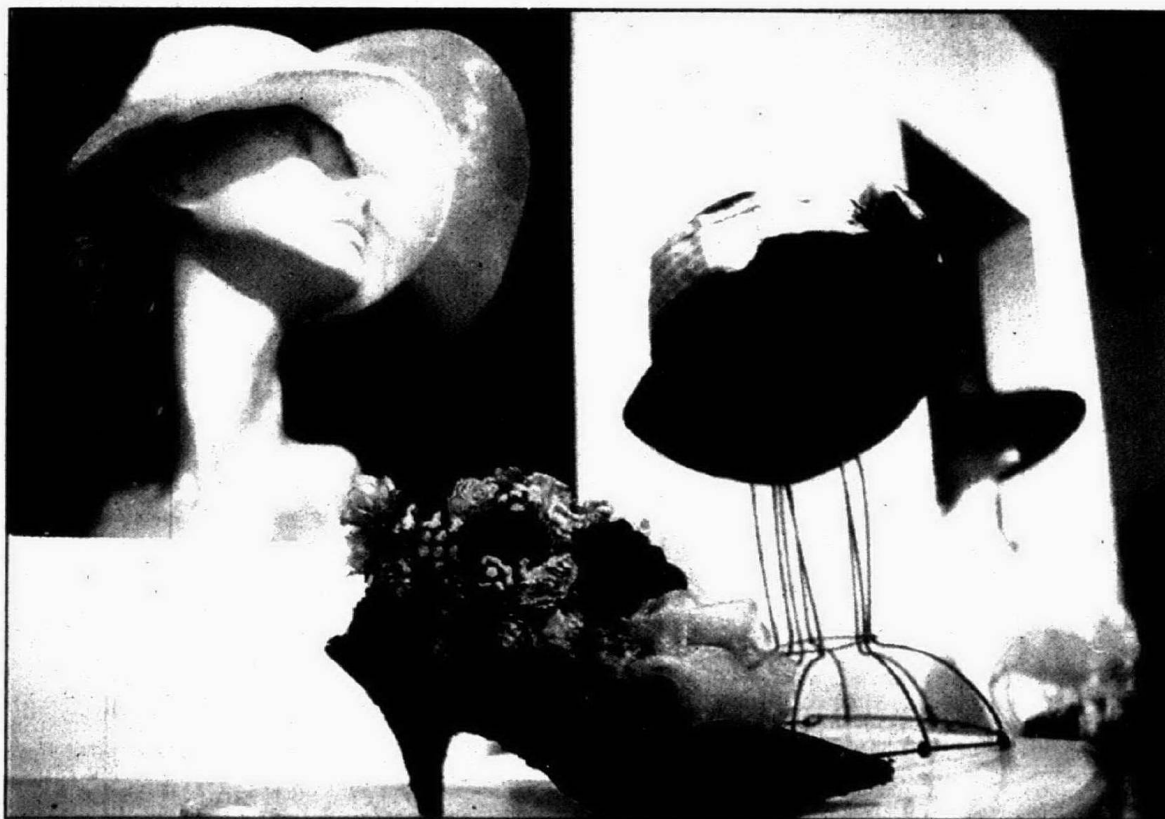
Scigliano traveled to New

York recently to buy some jewelry, handbags and clothes. "I wanted fun and not terribly expensive bags to carry," she said. The store also carries hat stands and other fashion-related accessories.

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Head gear: Milliner Stephanie Scigliano (above) opened her new store, M'Lou Millinery, in Plymouth last month, and since has catered to the needs of women and girls needing hats of all types, shapes and sizes (left and far left). The boutique is filled with furniture that is either antique or vintage, which fits with her favorite hat styles, from the Victorian era through the 1920s.



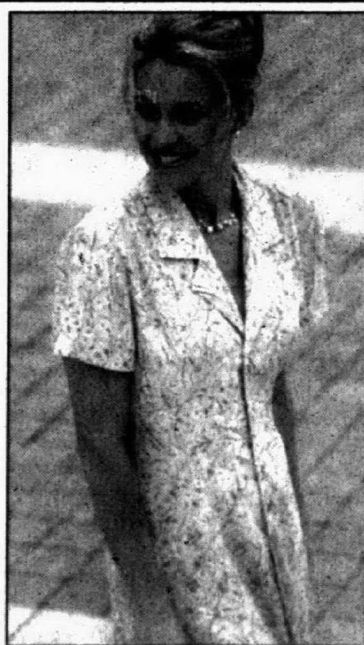
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It's official: McNamara picks Robinson to head airports

BY RICHARD PEARL
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County Executive Ed McNamara went for a slam-dunk Wednesday in announcing his new county airports director.

Confirming reports by officially naming Lester Robinson, a former Wayne County airports finance chief, to the airports' top spot, Democrat McNamara drove hard to the proverbial basket by lashing out at Lansing Republicans critical of his selection methods.

"They're the same ones who thought (Tom) Izzo should not be appointed Michigan State basketball coach," jibed McNamara, referring to the Spartans' national collegiate basketball championship Monday night.

"I haven't heard anything so silly," said McNamara, noting no one would want the job because it might be for only a couple of years.

"Chances are I will not" run for election to a fifth term as county exec, he said, so why would an out-of-state candidate "come here for two years," given that the county exec makes the

appointment and that his term has only about three years left.

Robinson, whose appointment must be confirmed by the county commission, will succeed David Katz, who had been McNamara's former chief of staff. Katz's resignation is effective May 1.

"We're on schedule and on budget and moving ahead" on the construction of the new \$1.2-billion midfield terminal project at Metro, said McNamara in defending his choice of Robinson, and "I want to open it on time."

"We want to stay on top" of things at the airport and "I can't think of a better guy."

'Hit the deck'

Noting Robinson's previous service as county commission auditor general, airport deputy director of finance and county chief financial officer, McNamara said, "We are fortunate to have found an airport director that has the experience, the integrity, the knowledge to hit the deck running without losing time that might put" the expansion projects "in jeopardy."

The county CEO angrily described as "baloney" a report

Wednesday morning in a Detroit newspaper that a state audit of Metro finances revealed millions of dollars in cost over-runs and that contracts have lacked approval by the county commission.

"There has never been an illegal contract at the airport," McNamara stated, and those that have been extended were done so "with approval of the county commission."

"Every contract got county commission approval," he said.

"All this baloney is a rehash of all" that the commission's own current auditor general, Brendan Dunleavy, has already reported, McNamara said.

Citing the example of an \$11.1-million runway lights contract in 1994 that grew to \$19.8 million, McNamara said the Federal Aviation Administration ordered it be completed within one year and Northwest Airlines said it would pay to have it completed.

"I really resent all of" the implications, McNamara said. "Not one indictment has been made of anyone. All of it (allegations) is false."

Robinson, a certified public accountant, returns to the county as president of Capital Financial Advisors International LLC of Detroit.

The firm has been a consultant to Metro Airport and Robinson said Wednesday he will put his income from the firm into a blind trust "so there will be no conflict of interest."

As for his having been a part of bidding on airport contracts, Robinson said, "We won zero."

Robinson said his job is turning "facilities that are old and

cramped" into "the safest, friendliest, cleanest and most convenient airport in the world."

"We are here to serve business and leisure travelers and the people who drop off and greet their families, friends and business associates," he said.

'No problem'

Robinson told the Observer that cooperating with state auditors will be "no problem."

McNamara told the Observer the state audit is a "witch hunt" that is in part looking into

things "passed by the Roads Commission 40 years ago."

"David Katz pleaded with them to let him come to Lansing," but was turned down, McNamara said.

The county CEO said Robinson's "greatest challenge will be in continuing what David started" — Katz's efforts to make "more positive" the attitudes of Metro Airport employees, upgrading the existing facilities and completing the new Northwest terminal, scheduled to open in December 2001.

Husk calls choice 'cronyism'

BY RICHARD PEARL
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At least one county commissioner wasn't impressed Wednesday with County Executive Ed McNamara's reasons for not conducting a national search for a new airports director.

Pointing to McNamara's naming of former chiefs of staff to the position — Lester Robinson to succeed David Katz — Husk responded, "That's the whole problem."

"They want to appoint somebody as a political favor rather than use good business sense," said Husk, calling it "cronyism."

"This guy comes in, Katz goes," she chided Wednesday afternoon after McNamara announced his choice. "How convenient for them."

Husk, R-Redford Township, earlier on Wednesday proposed a charter amendment that would require a national search by the county executive to fill the positions of airports director, environment director and the directors of the juvenile detention center, mental health and infor-

mation technology and also the chief medical examiner.

Once a "qualified" person were found, she said, "There's no reason why a new county exec would want to take that person out."

"We don't fire people here," she said.

Husk's resolution, if approved by the commission, would be placed on the ballot for the countywide primary election Aug. 8.

Husk's fellow Republican, Lyn Bankes of Livonia, called the proposal "micro-managing" and said commissioners "already do have the right to decide" directors "by consent vote."

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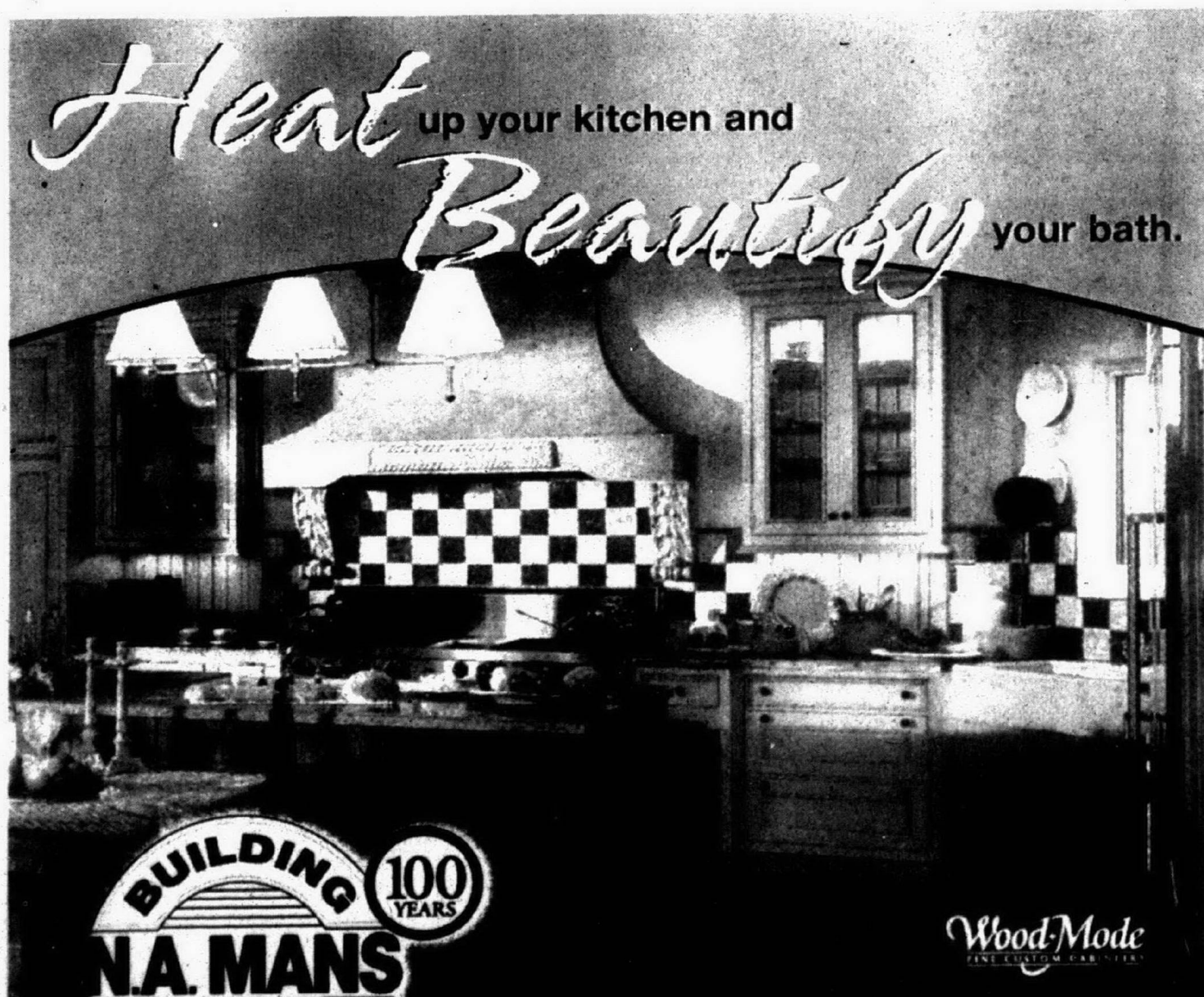
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Beard to receive Eleanor Roosevelt award

Vice Chair Kay Beard, the longest-serving member of the Wayne County Commission, will receive the highest women's honor bestowed by the Michigan Democratic Women's Caucus.

A longtime Westland resident who's served 22 years on the commission, Beard will be presented the biennial Eleanor Roosevelt Award during the group's annual luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 15, at Cobo Center in Detroit.

The event, which brings together Democratic Party women from across the state, is part of Jefferson Jackson Day 2000.

Named for President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's wife, who supported numerous causes and humanitarian concerns, the award was first presented in 1990 to then-Lt. Gov. Martha Griffiths.

Other past recipients are Erma Henderson, former Detroit City Council president, 1992; Juanita Weststone, veteran chief of staff of the Michigan Democratic Party, '94; Patricia J. Boyle, Michigan Supreme Court justice, '96; and Liz Baker, retired former regional director of the Michigan Education Asso-



Commissioner Kay Beard

ciation, '98.

"This is for her (Beard's) outstanding leadership," said Virgie Rollins of Detroit.

Rollins, luncheon chairwoman and president-elect of the National Federation of Democratic Women, called Beard "a role model for Democratic women."

"She's served, she's organized and she's mobilized women,"

Rollins stated.

Beard, now in her fourth term as commission vice chair, has also been active in state and national as well as civic and communal organizations.

She called the award "an awesome honor given the remarkable political and humanitarian legacy of its namesake."

'Very humble'

"I feel very humble that the Michigan Democratic Women's Caucus is recognizing my public service and my efforts to make government effective for all citizens," Beard said.

First appointed to the county's legislative body in April 1978, Beard in 1998 was elected to her 11th consecutive term, making her the commission's longest-serving member.

In January 1999, Beard's 14 colleagues voted her to a fourth term as commission vice chair. She represents Westland, Garden City and Inkster.

Now chairwoman of both the county's audit committee and its permanent subcommittee on veterans services, Beard also is vice chair of the committee of the whole, vice chair of the task force on Emergency 911 and a mem-

ber of the public safety and judiciary committee.

In 1995, Beard was appointed to the National Advisory Council for the School-to-Work Opportunities Act, serving as advisor to both Secretary of Education Richard Riley and then-Secretary of Labor Robert Reich as well as President Clinton.

MAC honoree

She also has served on the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) and the National Association of Counties (NACo). In 1989, she was named MAC "Commissioner of the Year" and was elected to the NACo board in 1997.

That same year, D Building on the grounds of the former Eloise Complex was renamed the Kay Beard Building. It now houses county offices.

Beard is vice chair of the United Way board of directors, a member of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield senior advisory council, a founding member of Hospices of Michigan and a lector at the S.S. Kevin and Norbert Church in Inkster.

A widow with five adult children and five grandchildren, Beard has lived in Westland 45 years.

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McCotter leads Senate action to repeal outdated legislation

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Spartan fans could have gotten in big trouble with the law over the past month as they rooted Michigan State University's basketball team on to victory in the NCAA championships, according to state Sen. Thaddeus McCotter.

It's illegal in Michigan to wear the logo of a sports team or to display that team's emblem, as on a bumper sticker, unless you are actually a member of that team, says McCotter, R-Livonia. That's just one of a long list of archaic, out-of-date, no longer enforced laws the Michigan senator is hoping to get rid of.

Also on the chopping block are:

- Prohibitions against walkathons.

- A ban on using the image of a deceased president to promote alcoholic beverages.

- Requirements for the use of bells on sleighs in the Upper Peninsula.

- Requirements that every county government have an official dairy cream tester.

- Requirements that "weather modifications services" be licensed. That's right, rainmakers have been licensed in the state of Michigan.

Senators voted, nearly unanimously, for a series of dozens of repealer bills, aimed at cleaning up Michigan's code books.

"We only had a couple of dissenting votes. One was (Sen. Phil Hoffman)," McCotter said. "He liked the rat bounty."

Nonetheless, that law — providing residents with a 10 cent bounty when they present the head of a rat to the local municipal clerk — also bit the dust. So did the Sparrow bounty, a 2 cent reward for turning in a dead English sparrow.

McCotter headed up the State Law Revision Task Force, assigned to the job of reviewing old laws still on the books in Michigan. Also on the panel were Sens. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem Township, and Mike Goschka, R-Brant. The task force was formed and appointed by Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, last June.

According to McCotter, senators took care of about 50 repealer bills last week, sending them to the House for approval. And he said he has many more repealers to go, sponsored by a variety of lawmakers.

How seriously the House will take the job of cleaning up the law books is not clear, the senator said. But action on these bills should take little time and fit in easily among the House's other priorities, McCotter argued.

"Neglect of the law is just as dangerous as outright defiance of the law," McCotter said. "You can't take the attitude that these are just old laws, just words on paper. We are supposed to enforce all the laws equally. For one, what if, forbid, one were enforced against you, a law you have no reason to know exists. Secondly, getting rid of these old laws is less for our law enforcement to pay attention to. Third-

ly, it should serve as a warning to lawmakers today that actions you take may make you look stupid 100 years from now."

Like the 1931 law banning "immoral advertising," ads that refer to "the restoration of 'lost manhood,'" Viagra promotions would be illegal under it, McCotter said.

Or old Michigan laws regulating conduct in a duel or being a second in a duel.

Gov. John Engler is supportive of the effort to clean out the old laws, McCotter said.

"This would be a small but important part of the governor's legacy," he said.

Madonna workshops focus on dementia for caregivers

Madonna University's Gerontology Department and the Greater Detroit Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association are presenting two dementia care workshops.

The workshops will be held on Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Kresge Hall on Madonna University's Livonia campus. The fee is \$45 per person for each workshop and includes refreshments. The student rate is \$20 per person.

The workshop, "Spirituality and Dementia," is directed to clergy and pastoral care workers and will be held Friday, May 5. The workshop will explore issues for those who provide spiritual care to older adults with dementia in a variety of settings — at home, in hospitals, in long-term care facilities, and in hospice centers. A panel of professionals from different settings will discuss approaches to spiritual assessment with people who have dementia. Participants will also explore their own spiritual journeys and how that impacts their work in this area.

The second workshop, scheduled for Friday, June 23, is for those individuals who work with dementia families. Using many care examples, "Helping Families Accept Help," will explore a wide range of family issues including families who are independent, in denial, in conflict, those who resist using services of any kind and families who abusive and/or neglectful. Practical strategies for working with each group will be offered.

To register for the workshops or for more information, contact Madonna University's Gerontology Department at (734)432-5530.

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Memorial Park

Mayor right to pick up the ball

With Mayor Dave McDonald apparently poised to take the point, the Veterans Memorial Park idea has been resuscitated and appears to be moving forward, and we think that's a good thing.

The idea is some eight years old, brought to the city commission by former City Manager Steve Walters at the behest of the Committee for Veterans Memorial Park.

It calls for the construction of said memorial park on city-owned property in front of Central Middle School, and then moving the various memorials around town into one central location.

In theory, this is a good idea, although there are still some practical kinks to be worked out.

We also commend Mayor McDonald for taking a leadership role in what we believe could, upon completion, become a valuable asset to the community.

McDonald met with the committee and representatives of several veterans groups a couple of weeks ago, and the meeting, from all accounts, went swimmingly. The mayor stands ready to urge his commission colleagues to support the venture, and we stand ready to support his efforts.

The committee thinks, and we agree, that having a primary location for all the monuments is a good idea and could benefit the city in several ways.

It would provide a nice, centralized attraction that could serve as the hub of memorial ceremonies, the parade and field trips for schools.

Perhaps most importantly in our eyes, and assuming the plans come off as proposed, it would give a singular and permanent place of honor to monuments now scattered all over town.

Of course, not everyone agrees with us, as

■ The mayor believes, and we agree, that "If we build it, they will come. The mayor stands ready to urge his commission colleagues to support the venture, and we stand ready to support his efforts."

difficult as that might be to believe. The Vietnam veterans point out, perhaps rightly so, there has been no groundswell of opinion favoring a memorial park, no vocal input from veterans themselves that anything other than the status quo is necessary.

Questions about ownership and, perhaps, authenticity of some of the monuments would have to be answered during the process. For instance, if the Vietnam veterans are against moving their monument from its current perch in front of Jack Wilcox's house, does the park simply not recognize Vietnam or will a new monument be built?

We agree with McDonald, who believes, in essence, "If we build it, they will come."

An interesting argument, for those who insist upon arguing, would sound something like this, with one side saying, "Well, McDonald and (committee chairperson) John Pappas are doing this for political reasons," and the other coming back with, "Yeah, but the Vietnam veterans are against it for political reasons."

To which we reply, "So what?" Nearly everything in this town is done for some political reason or other.

McDonald isn't ashamed of wanting to be the mayor who brought the memorial park to town, nor should he be.

It's a good idea for the town, regardless of the politics that eventually get it done.

CoPa could spawn memories

(Editor's note: We asked Observer sports editor C.J. Risak to comment on the new home of the Detroit Tigers.)

Well, what the heck. It is a new millennium, after all. This new den for the Tigers is proof enough.

Comerica Park is everything Tiger Stadium wasn't. And it can never be what the park at The Corner was.

For anyone who's been a Tiger fan their entire life—as I have been—there will be a period of adjustment.

I can still remember coming out of the bright sunshine on a warm summer day and going into this dark, damp, dungeon-like structure. It took a few minutes for my eyes to adjust, and once they did my dad was hauling me up this ramp back toward the sunshine.

But coming out of that ramp into the upper deck and seeing the field for the first time—the bright green grass, the brown basepaths, the little men in white uniforms and blue hats hitting grounders and fielding them while others tossed balls around in the outfield—is a memory of Tiger Stadium that can never be forgotten.

For the most part, the seats were atrocious. I sat in the lower deck center field bleachers at Tiger Stadium during arguably the most memorable game in team history: Game Five of the '68 World Series, when Lou Brock was thrown out at the plate.

Couldn't see a thing, but I was there.

I did love that ol' stadium. Had to park

quite a distance, but didn't you just savor telling the guy sitting next to you in the stands you paid \$5 less to park just a few steps farther away.

But that was then—past history. Time to move ahead.

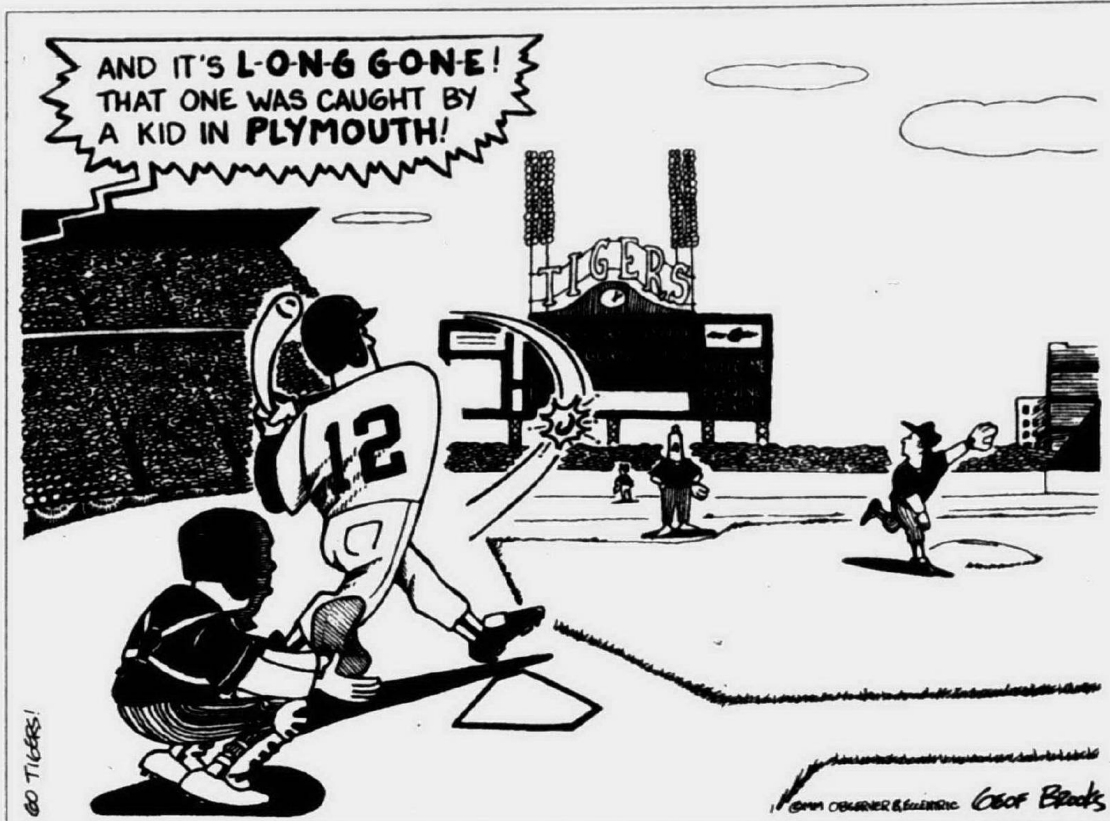
Credit the folks at Comerica Park (CoPa for short) with trying to sustain some of that sense of history. Statues of Tiger greats in the outfield, pillars featuring great moments and players through the concourse... and they still have those hot dogs, although it's doubtful the new park can retain that delicious odor that lingered in Tiger Stadium's cramped, enclosed aisles.

More than any other sport, baseball is history. How many guys 40 to 45 years old can tell you last year's starting lineup for the Detroit Lions? And how many can tell you the starting lineup for those '68 Tigers?

How often did you stay through the ninth inning of a game the Tigers were losing by eight because Cecil (Fielder, that is) was going to bat and, well, what the heck, you just never knew when he might pop one over that left-field roof.

That kind of history CoPa can't recreate. But it might be able to spawn some new memories—not for me, but for my children, who someday soon will walk through a wide concourse to see a wide expanse of bright green, with dirt basepaths that have little men in white uniforms and blue hats fielding grounders, awaiting the start of a new game.

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More firepower?

Hopefully Chief Richard Miller was misquoted in the March 30 article "Top Cop Says New Gear Puts Officer Safety First."

He is quoted as stating, "Experience shows the more rounds the better, you're not limiting yourself to six rounds in a revolver."

Rather than increasing the rounds to be fired by a police officer I would hope and expect that experience indicates accuracy under supreme stress is the objective. For every round fired, the target is hit.

The term "firepower" is synonymous with the military and has been recently adopted by law enforcement as the reason for moving from revolvers to automatics. If law enforcement agencies truly believe they need more "firepower," maybe they should consider the purchase of M1-A2 Abrams military tanks.

Roger L. Kehrier
Plymouth

Name games

This appeal is addressed to every Plymouth Township and city of Plymouth taxpayer, past alumni of Plymouth Salem, chamber of commerce, business owners, corporations, and present and future students.

Why does the school board deem it necessary to expunge the name of Plymouth from Plymouth Salem High? We're building a new high school. Why can't they follow past Plymouth-Canton school policy of naming it after a municipality? Why create problems where they don't exist? Do you not teach and expect our students to follow your school policies? What does building/naming the new school have to do with erasing the name of an existing institution rich with history and pride called Plymouth Salem High.

In 1997 we voted and passed a bond to build two new schools, update, remodel existing structures and purchase badly needed buses. Nowhere does it state we would be voting for the elimination of the name Plymouth for the Park and Plymouth Salem High School.

We live in Plymouth and pay taxes. We support Plymouth/Canton festivities and shop in both communities. We have supported with our own money all the fund-raisers we're bombarded with from each school, sport, band or

cause. I'm also sure that businesses have also spent their time and money on all these things.

We want the name Plymouth Salem to remain as it is. The name defines the community and school in which we live, attend and have supported for 20 years.

If each individual school wants to stand individually, so be it. School names and letter jackets can accommodate this—C for Canton, P for Plymouth Salem and S for Superior (if that becomes its name).

We ask for a scientific poll of taxpayers, students, alumni and businesses in the community before abolishing the name Plymouth and erasing our history and memories. Also, it would be nice to have all financial costs known and publicized as to how much it will cost to replace the basketball floor, removal of signs, replacement costs of these and letter jackets. As previously stated, there may very well be real estate ramifications if this is passed by the board.

In closing, we ask each citizen, student and business owner to reflect on this insensitive, mind boggling and costly proposal, before it is a done deal. We will think long and hard before voting for any future bond proposals if this nonsense passes. Let your school board know your opinion before it is too late.

Mr. and Mrs. Samborsky
Plymouth

Skaters joy

We just spent a weekend in Midland at the Marriott downtown. We watched in joyful wonder their skateboard and rollerblade area, all weekend long.

There were 20 to 40 kids there, of all ages, all weekend. The playground man we talked to said they have had no serious problems of any kind since it was put into use.

So, Plymouth, take a look at Midland and see how it is done and the kids will love you for it.

Robert Rups
Plymouth

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Will you be visiting the new Comerica Park to watch the Tigers play this season?

We asked this question at the post office in downtown Plymouth.



"Yeah, I look forward to seeing the new park, restaurants and the new seating. My only concern is parking."

Brian Bolash
Plymouth



"Yeah, I'm working the games. I'll be staging the television production for the Tigers and Fox."

Rachel Paris
Plymouth



"Probably not. I just don't have the time."

Jim Hoffman
Plymouth



"I've pretty much given up on pro sports in general. They've priced themselves out of the market."

Mike Karlmen
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POINTS OF VIEW

Schoolcraft a vital part of area's economic, cultural life

Good things have been happening at Schoolcraft College, and that's good news for all of us.

Work is expected to begin next spring on a \$20-million expansion of the college's Waterman Center that will enhance the culinary arts and business and industrial training programs. The project has been approved by the college board of trustees and now must wait for approval of construction plans by the state legislature.

In addition the Thompson-McCully Foundation, created by Robert and Ellen Thompson of Plymouth, has given \$500,000 for student scholarships. The grant by the extremely generous Thompsons is specifically intended to provide money now for those who have trouble paying for tuition and books.

A recent feature story told about the continuing education of Stan Kovacheff, a 74-year-old retired General Motors engineer who has used his retirement wisely by taking 99 classes at Schoolcraft.

These three stories out of Schoolcraft remind us how central the college on Haggerty has become to our area. It's a focal point for learning, for training to fit the new economy and for expanding the horizons of everyone from 18-year-olds fresh from high school to retirees with active minds in search of new challenges.

As a young high school graduate who was totally clueless about his future plans, I took advantage of a year at Henry Ford Community College before making my way downtown to Wayne State University. That year introduced me to the looser structure and greater demands of college, which made possible a much smoother transition to the university.

At one time that was considered the primary function of community or junior colleges, a sort of halfway house to a four-year school. The colleges also provided some technical training toward entry into a skilled trade.

Those are still important functions of community colleges but only a small part of their importance to the educational and economic health of the community.

For many years the best community colleges,



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and Schoolcraft is at the top of that list, have been on the cutting edge in offering course work that is relevant to job opportunities. They've taken a leadership role in working with the business community to the benefit of both students and business.

A quick glance through the Schoolcraft catalogue shows the rich diversity and obvious relevance of the Schoolcraft curricula.

That relevance was emphasized by Schoolcraft President Dick McDowell when discussing the Waterman addition which will help expand the culinary and computer technology programs.

"People in the food service industry can't find enough qualified people to hire and people in business and industry can't find people with computer skills," McDowell said.

In addition to the vital liberal arts program that helps students prepare for a four-year degree, the school has programs in computer technology, engineering, broadcasting, computer aided design, correctional services, cosmetology, criminal justice, nursing, metallurgy, laser technology, electronics, emergency medical technology and much, much more.

The culinary arts program has proven especially popular and its graduates have won the respect of everyone in the food industry.

But the school is also a place to grow in other ways.

My talented niece, Colleen Greenwell, has taken the opportunity to pursue her love for theater at Schoolcraft and found a supportive, challenging environment.

Stanley Kovacheff is an inspiration to all adults, not just retirees, who want to continue learning and growing. At Schoolcraft he's had a chance to study tap dancing (a continuing passion), Spanish, Russian, guitar and piano, Tai Chi and typing. The school's continuing education program makes it possible for all of us to keep our brains well exercised.

Relatively low cost, abundant scholarships like those provided by the Thompsons and a great location make Schoolcraft a vital asset to our community.

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MML's control proposal is nothing more than fool's gold

"Whoa, big fella. Where do ya think you're a goin' with that big ol' 18-wheel refuse truck?"

"The landfill, officer."

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"What is that, sir?"

"Eighty thousand, partner. That's 80K to you. Got it?"

"But that's only about half of what the state says is permissible."

"Now don't go payin' attention to those Lansing' yahoos. Like I said, this here is Can-TONE. We make our own rules."

Pardon me for that bit of fictional dialogue. But if the Michigan Municipal League has its way, it might not be so fictional.

The organization, which represents state townships, cities and villages, is spearheading a drive to require a two-thirds or "super majority" vote of the Legislature to pass any bill that would affect local control.

MML says any law that "intervenes in the municipal concerns, property or government of a city, village, county, township or any municipal authority" would be subject to the two-thirds vote.

The purpose, MML leaders say, is to stop issue-by-issue erosion of local control. Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer is the proposal's biggest proponent.

MML must collect 303,000 signatures through petitions by mid-July to get the question on the ballot in November.

The amendment would retroactively go into effect March 1 if approved by voters. All legislation approved between March and November of this year could be potentially affected.

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, believes the proposal is unconstitutional and



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"can't possibly stand." If it should pass, however, he thinks it will make a mockery out of state government.

"It would pull the rug from underneath us," Bennett told Canton Trustees in a recent study session. "If this passes, we'll turn over control of legislation to the Detroit delegation."

He also believes the amendment would favor cities over townships.

"I think it would be to the detriment of every township," Bennett said. "I would urge you to vote no."

The debate in Lansing would move away from the issues, he told trustees. Bennett said it would be replaced with a struggle over which bills would be required to go through the two-thirds ringer.

"There will be lots of litigation from the losing side," he added. "It will cause enormous lawsuits. We'll never know for sure if it should be a simple or super majority vote."

Bennett thinks there's a possibility each Michigan community could, in effect, become its own city-state. Its laws and ordinances, in other words, would take precedence over state mandates.

The result would be chaos, Bennett says.

"I believe it would be absolutely devastating to the economy of Michigan," he commented.

Aside from Bennett, I believe MML's proposal is fool's gold.

The idea of local control, to have a say in how you're governed, is a good one. But there is something called the common good, too.

While we may not like every decision coming out of Lansing, most are made with the well-being of all Michigan residents in mind. Not just folks in Canton, Livonia, Plymouth or Detroit.

The fight for local control should be made issue-by-issue by each municipality's elected legislators.

Let's see this proposal for what it really is: Dennis Archer's attempt to strike back at state lawmakers for ending residency requirements.

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MORE LETTERS

Praise for West Trail

Four years ago we were faced with a decision we hoped we would never have to make. Our mother, Mary Sinnerton, needed nursing home care.

With all the negative press regarding nursing homes, this was a very trying time for us as we were also fighting the guilt we felt for not being able to care for her ourselves.

After quickly researching some homes in our area and placing her for a few days in a home that we discovered was not acceptable to us, we found West Trail Nursing Center, Plymouth. Everyone — administrators, nutrition-

ists, maintenance, nurses and aides — was wonderful. They treated our mother with dignity and respect and gave us such peace of mind. On the day she died, the staff came to her room to say good-bye and they cried with us, sharing our loss. She truly was a person and not a room number to them.

We can never repay them for their kindness and concern. These people are very dedicated and should be recognized for the hard work and difficult job they perform every day.

Bobbi Lobbia and Anne Hopper
Canton

Bills to suppress MEAP results would wipe out recent gains

Few readers around here know state Rep. Jason Allen, R-Traveler City, but he's the man sitting on a ton of 18th century school legislation. Allen chairs the House Education Committee in Lansing.

His wife is Suzanne K. Miller, a high-energy, engaging former legislative staffer and a Farmington-raised lass, or should I now say matron? They have a daughter, Meredith, thank you.

Sitting undisturbed, thank goodness, in Allen's committee are two bills by this area's own Rep. Andy Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills. House Bills 4104-5 would allow a parent to order a school district not to show the student's MEAP test scores on his or her transcript.

Now, the whole idea of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program and High School Proficiency Tests is to make sure a local diploma means something. Twenty years ago, employers were complaining that a kid with a diploma didn't always know enough to do a job. So Michigan wrote state standards.

Unfortunately, the state didn't make its standards mandatory. A kid still can collect a local diploma without a state endorsement simply by occupying a desk for enough semesters.

Raczowski's bills would actually move Michigan backwards from assuring the value of a diploma. Examples:

■ Alabama requires passing grades in the English and language sections of its state exams, though not yet in science and math.

■ Indiana gives a state achievement exam to all students seeking a diploma unless they meet certain waiver requirements.

Obviously, allowing a parent to omit the state test scores from a student's transcript would defeat the entire purpose of state tests. It would put us back into the 18th Century when a parent decided whether a kid should go to school at all, or even if there would be free public schools.

See Pap Finn's remarks about reading in chapter 5 of Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn." Raczowski's bills will be popular in affluent areas where parents who can give their kids jobs in their own companies have objected to state tests and had their kids opt out.

In the past I've written about Dixie cases where fundamentalists have tried to take control of the school curriculum in the name of "parents' rights." They argue that parents — guided, of course, by the pastor and his Bible — should be able to tell teachers, principals, superintendents and the state to teach "creationism" and to dump "Huck Finn," "Anne Frank" and "Wizard of Oz." The courts steadfastly have



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rejected their rantings and supported public schools.

Lately, it seems the Mason-Dixon line has drifted north to Macomb County. Rep. Janet Kukuk, R-Macomb Township, has a bill in Allen's committee requiring that a parent would have to actively enroll a student in any class covering dangerous communicable diseases (including AIDS), sex education and even "the emotional, physical, psychological, hygienic, economic and social aspects of family life."

It would be a foot in the door, the camel's nose under the tent, for fundamentalist approval of the literature and science curricula, too.

Rep. Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond, has a bill that would require a school board to recognize a parent's "fundamental right to request a particular school or teacher" and to hold a biennial public hearing "to discuss parental involvement in activities and policies."

Strangely, the Sanborn bill doesn't require the board to grant the parent's request, so it's hard to decipher what real impact it would have, other than to tack the code words "parent's rights" into the School Code.

And if parents want to be involved in school activities and policies, what's wrong with using the public comment section of the Open Meetings Act (sec. 315)? What's wrong with the parent joining the PTA? What's wrong with the parent asking questions at a candidates' night?

There are other kooky bills attempting to establish a particular religion in government, but you get the point.

The fever bills Allen's committee reports out, the better.

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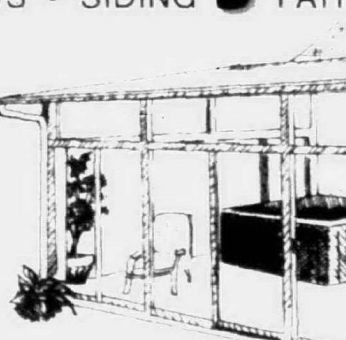
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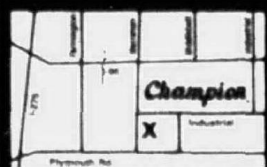
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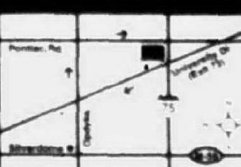
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Sun Home Improvement of Plymouth will be featured at the fourth annual Spring Home & Garden show through April 9 at the Novi Expo Center.

Sun Home Improvement will feature windows and siding. Other highlights include landscaped flowering gardens and a garden marketplace selling plants, flowers, bulbs, tools and yard accessories.

Homeowners can bring bathroom pictures for the Ugliest Bathroom contest, sponsored by Mathison Supply, WJR Radio and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Parade of Homes, sponsored by Standard Federal Bank, The Detroit News & Free Press Classifieds, and BIA, offers a free plan book featuring a pictorial display of 103 new homes.

Additional show features include demonstrations on decorating, home repair and remodeling and a Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes.

Exhibitors will have advice, ideas and innovations for kitchens, baths, doors, windows,

yard/gardens, spas, remodeling, interior design, decorative accessories, home offices, arts and crafts, furniture, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances.

BIA also sponsors the Home Improvement Show at Macomb Sports & Expo Center, GMC Builders Home and Detroit Flower Show at Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center and the Home Improvement Show and Fall Remodeling Show at Novi Expo Center.

The Novi Expo Center is located at I-96 and Novi Road. Show hours are Thursday and Friday from 2 to 10 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and children 6-12. Children under 6 are admitted free.

Ample parking is available at the center for a fee. For more information, visit <http://www.builders.org> or call (248) 862-1019.

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There's a reason she has so much pink in the store. "When I went to New York, everything was pink," she said. "Beading is really big on clothes and accessories. I make some of the handbags, but I prefer to spend my time on hats. I'm really picky about what I carry."

M'Lou Millinery also makes a line of cotton hats for women who are losing their hair from chemotherapy. Scigliano will donate a portion of her sales to breast cancer research during October, which is Breast Cancer Month.

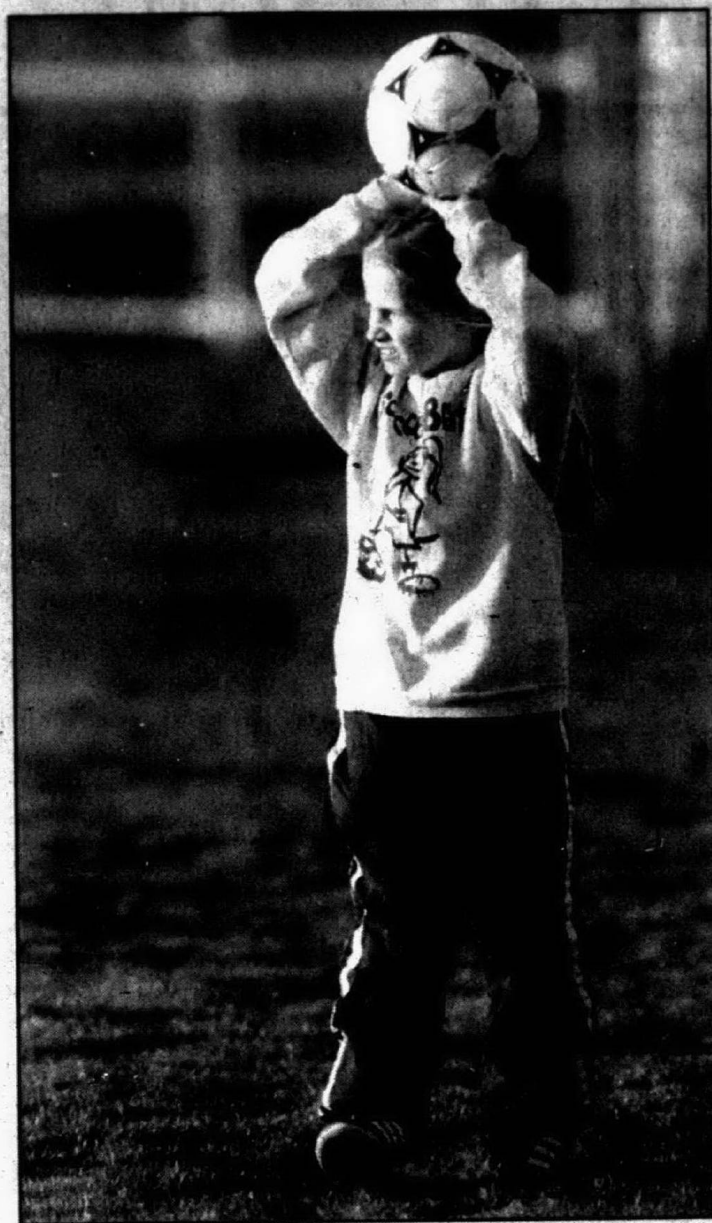
Hats for girls are \$20-\$40. Women's hats are \$60-\$150. The fabric and time put into it determines the price. "It takes anywhere from two to five or six

hours to make a hat," she said. "Silk hats need to be dry cleaned."

She recommends hat boxes, rather than plastic bags, for hat storage.

M'Lou Millinery, located at 550 Forest Avenue in Plymouth's Westchester Square, is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday. The store is closed on Sunday and Monday.

On the ball



Sideline glg: Katie Shull of Canton, 9, runs up and down the sideline during a Plymouth Salem girls soccer game at P-CEP recently.

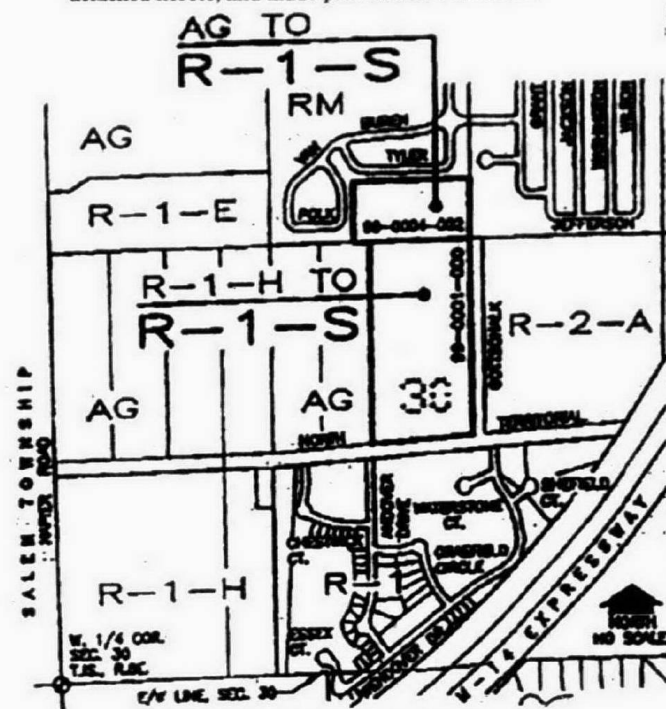
STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 83.101

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP.

THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No 83 of the Plymouth Charter Township, is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map, by charging those areas indicated on the Amended Zoning Map No. 115, attached hereto, and made part of this Ordinance.



ORDINANCE NO. 83.101
AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 115
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

PART II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any ordinance or ordinance or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

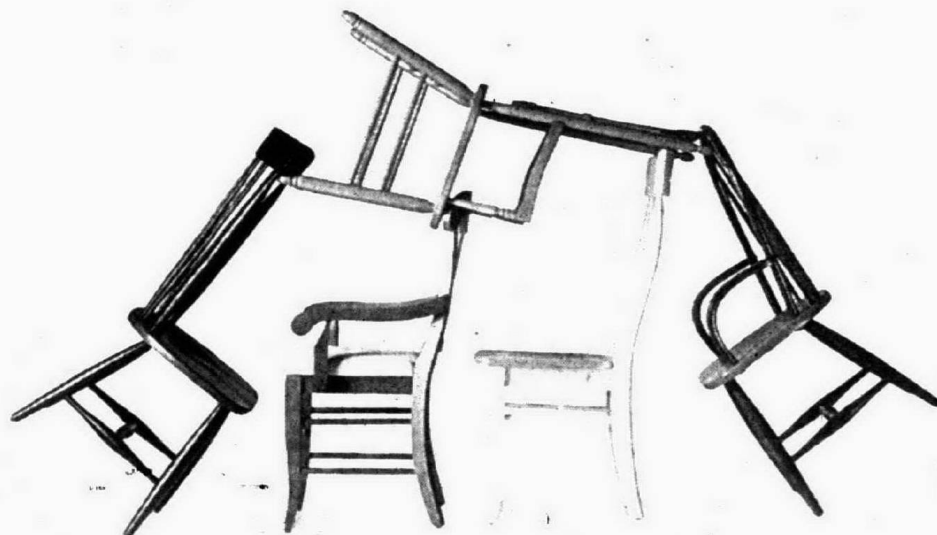
PART III. EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on April 28, 2000.

PART IV. ADOPTION. The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 184 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1949, at a meeting duly called and held on April 28, 2000, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on March 28, 2000
Effective Date April 28, 2000
Publish: April 6, 2000

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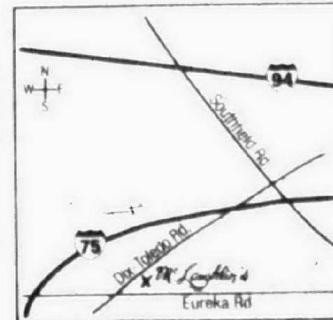
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MOVIE GUIDE

FREE SPRING MATINEES!

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 11AM

MUPPETS FROM SPACE (G)

THE KING & I (G)

ROAD TO EL DORADO (PG)

11:15, 1:00, 2:50, 4:40, 7:00, 9:00

SKULLS (R)

12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20

HOMES MUST DIE (R)

12:45, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30

ERIN BROCKOVICH (R)

11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

FINAL DESTINATION (R)

12:30, 2:40, 5:15, 7:30, 9:40

MISSION TO MARS (PG)

12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:05, 9:35

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WITH THIS AD



JACK GLADDEN

Tracing your great-greats can be tricky

"You're starting to talk funny," The Feminist said. "You sound like you're reading from the Bible."

"What?"
"My mother's mother's father... what kind of talk is that? It sounds like 'Abraham begat Isaac and Isaac begat Jacob' and all the 'begats.' Why don't you just say 'my great-grandfather?'"

"Well... I was trying to be specific. I mean, when you get that far back, I've got four great-grandfathers. I was trying to tell you exactly which one I was talking about."

"It's all too confusing for me."
She thinks she's confused. I'm the one trying to sort through family trees, census records, birth and death notices, military service records and GEDCOM files. (I'm still not sure what that means.)

It started out with the discovery of a family scrapbook and some notes on my parents' and grandparents' lineage. According to family legend, my mother's side of the family was mostly Scottish and Irish; my father's side was a bit more muttified, with Scottish, Irish, English and German bloodlines.

That was the legend, but I wanted to find some documentation. With the scrapbook beside me, I logged on to an Internet genealogy site and started my quest. And then I got hooked.

But it wasn't as easy as I thought it would be. By the time I got to the great-grandparent level, I found myself saying things like "my father's mother's mother" and "my mother's father's mother." And that was only going back three generations.

Forget about things like multiple marriages (couple marries and has children, one spouse dies, surviving spouse marries again and produces more children, spouse dies, another marriage, more children), which were quite common going back just 150 years or so.

Forget about convoluted relationships such as I found when two brothers (my grandfather and my grand-uncle) married two sisters (my grandmother and my grand-aunt) thus producing offspring who were double-cousins. And their children were related... how? I gave up on that one.

Forget about variant spellings of family names down through the years, not quite accurate entries in family Bibles, misspelled names on census records or tax rolls.

Never mind that if you are researching ancestors who lived in Newton County or others who lived in Boone County you have to know that both Newton and Boone were created at different times by carving sections out of Carroll County, leaving researchers using such terms as "mother counties" and "daughter counties."

Never mind any of that. Just assume a perfectly "normal," straightforward line of succession. Just three generations back results in eight great-grandparents. Go back four generations and you have 16 great-great-grandparents. That's geometric progression.

By the time you get back 10 generations (somewhere around the 1700s by my calculation), you would be a direct descendent of 1,024 ancestors. By the time you get back to the 1600s or late 1500s, you're looking at 16,384 ancestors and one more generation back takes it to 32,768.

If you trace your lineage back far enough, you'd have more ancestors than there were people on earth at the time. There's something wrong with the math here, unless we're dealing with census undercounts or overcounts.

Meanwhile, I finally documented that my great-grandfather, my mother's mother's father, served in the 14th Alabama Infantry and surrendered at Appomattox Courthouse. But that Gladden who served in the 8th Arkansas, I'm still trying to determine whether he was my father's father's father or my father's father's father's brother.

What's so confusing about that?
Jack Gladden is a copy editor at the Observer Newspapers. His e-mail address is jgladden@oe.homecomm.net.



Loving and giving: Kelly Verellen (left) and Ali Cichon with some of the 400 books they collected and donated.

STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT

Practicing the 'heart' of giving

STORY BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON • PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

This is the first profile in a series titled "Friday's Child." The staff of the Community Life section will present a story the first Thursday of every month that features a local young person who fits the childhood verse "Friday's child is loving and giving." We hope to recognize unique and special students who oftentimes act unselfishly for the benefit of others.

If you ask 14-year-old Kelly Verellen why she likes to help people, the answer is a long time in coming. "I don't know... I just do."

Kelly's mom, Laurie, says her daughter's humility has always prevailed over a need to be recognized for her kindhearted actions. "She has a perspective on life that most kids her age don't. She has always talked about other people needing things and ways she can help," said Laurie Verellen. "It's the little things here and there that she's been able to do that have given her the most satisfaction."

Kelly, a ninth grader at Churchill High School in Livonia, started a crusade of sorts in 1997 with her best friend Ali Cichon. The pair have sponsored a picnic for Kelly's twin sisters girl scout troop whose proceeds benefit the charity of the girls' choice. They call themselves H.O.P.E.

"It means Helping Out People Everywhere," said Kelly. "We do it because we like helping people... it makes us feel good."

FRIDAY'S Child

said Ali.

The donations she and Ali have collected over the past three summers have come to benefit young patients at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor and Catholic Social Services foster care program in Detroit.

Kelly said she and Ali just decided one day to organize a picnic for her sister's girl scout troop. Invitations, created by the pair, were sent out to all troop members asking them to come and enjoy snacks, games and prizes in exchange for a new toy. Due to the success of the event, the following summer they hosted a teddy bear picnic and gathered more than 50 new stuffed animals for the Ann Arbor children's hospital.

"We wanted to make the kids more comfortable while they were in the hospital," said Kelly.

Entirely organized and paid for by Kelly and Ali with money earned from their allowance and snow shoveling around their neighborhood — the girls still found time for hobbies, extra curricular activities and baby-sitting.

This past summer they held another picnic and collected books — 400 to be exact — that were recently donated to the Catholic Social Services office in Detroit.

According to Victoria Tyler, director of Child Welfare - Catholic Social Services, the donation was something the facility really needed for the visitation area of the office.

"The Boy Scouts recently came in and remodeled our whole visitation area. We were actually looking for books for the new shelves," said Tyler. "This donation is amazing."

She thinks the efforts by the two Livonia teenagers is very impressive. "To have the (insight) to think about collecting the books, that's amazing and the donation from Kelly and Ali is truly appreciated."

Future endeavors

With summer right around the corner Kelly said she and Ali haven't decided what kind of charity work they'll do this time around. Kelly would like to further her connection with Mott Children's Hospital by working in a volunteer program they have for students 14 and up.

"I want to keep helping people. I want to go to college and be a physical trainer or a radiologist," said Kelly.

The Livonia teenager is truly modest about her efforts but says her inspiration comes from a favorite short story called "The Starfish" (See related story).

"If I can be like that and just help one person at a time then that's what I'll do," said Kelly.

The Starfish

Once upon a time there was a wise man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing.

He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work.

One day he was walking along the shore. As he looked down the beach, he saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself to think of someone who would dance to the day.

So he began to walk faster to catch up. As he got closer, he saw that it was a young man and the young man wasn't dancing, but instead he was reaching down to the shore, picking up something and very gently throwing it into the ocean.

As he got closer he called out, "Good morning! What are you doing?" The young man paused, looked up and replied, "Throwing starfish in the ocean." "I guess I should have asked, why are you throwing starfish in the ocean?"

"The sun is up and the tide is going out. And if I don't throw them in they'll die." "But, young man, don't you realize that there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it. You can't possibly make a difference!"

The young man listened politely. Then bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the sea, past the breaking waves and said, "It made a difference for that one."

- author unknown

Green acres becoming a distant memory in Canton

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

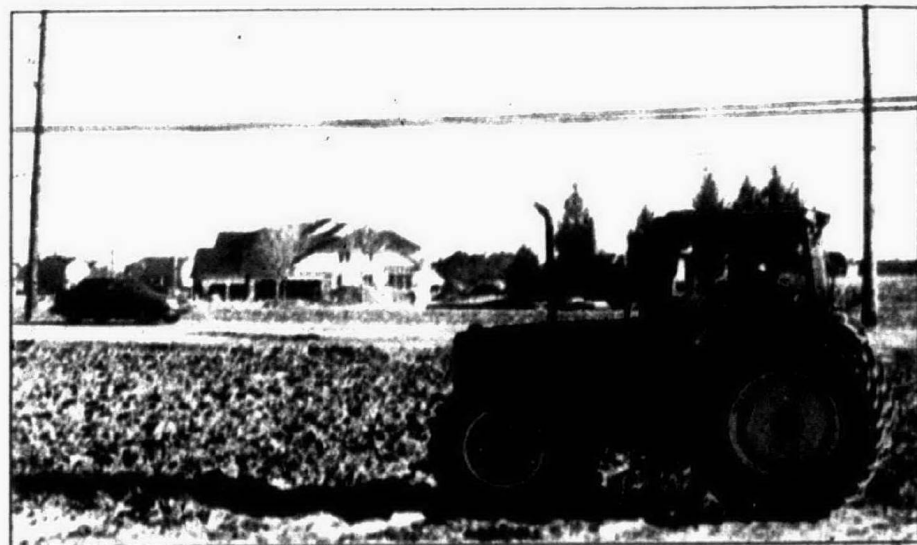
Canton was once the corn growing capital of the world, but this year Rose Costantino's roadside stand selling produce grown from the farm behind her house on Cherry Hill will be a rarity.

For 20 years or more, as constant as the seasons changed, more and more farmers began selling off their land. Today the earth that was once hoed and planted goes for some \$50,000 an acre to developers, according to Ernie Costantino, Rose's son.

"Ninety-five to 99 percent of the farmland is owned by developers and the farming that's being done is by people leasing the property until it's developed," explained Canton Resource Development Manager Mike Ager. "It's only a matter of time before it's all developed," he added.

The Costantinos, however, are among the few, if not the only, family that still owns their original farmstead. Local historian and council person Melissa McLaughlin referred to the Costantinos as the "last of the Mohicans" among Canton farmers.

The family first came to the township in 1942 when Ernie's grandfather, Ernesto Costantino, and his wife, Francesca, bought 40 acres on the north side of the road between Beck and Canton Center. It was a country getaway for Ernesto to escape from the responsibilities of owning "Ernie's" restaurant on the east side of Detroit. Farming was his hobby. He grew Italian tomatoes to can and kept the family and his restaurant stocked with spaghetti sauce all year. Every now and then he would buy a herd of ani-



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMAN

Please see CANTON, B2

Sign of times: Ernie Costantino farms along busy Cherry Hill.

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Ernie Costantino

Standing outside his mother's house, Ernie points across the street at a housing development and explains that his family once leased that land for farming. But, as the traffic on Cherry Hill increased and the township became more urban in general, it became too difficult.

Like his namesake, Ernie, 50, farms as a hobby. During the school year he's a teacher at Canton High School. Believe it or not, he teaches earth science. Continuing to walk in his grandfather's footsteps, Ernie and his two brothers, Richard and Chris, own Rosa's Restaurant on the corner of Canton Center and Cherry Hill. They named the popular eatery after their mother. Ernie and Chris work together on the farm. The produce that isn't used at the restaurant or for their own use is sold at their mother's roadside stand.

"My mom sits on the porch and as people drive by they can stop and buy produce," he added. "Eventually, the land will succumb to development. Right now, we like doing it and there's no reason to get out."

His grandfather's original farmstead is still owned by members of the Costantino family who plant soy beans and pumpkins. Ernie tells a homespun story about living a Daniel Boone kind of existence as a boy complete with driving tractors when he was seven and shooting

pheasants and rabbits in his backyard. He has lived in Canton all his life except for the time he spent in the Navy from 1970 to 1974.

"We grew up with a sense of responsibility and deep family ties," he said. "We always counted on one another for help. There was no one else around. Our closest neighbor was half a mile away."

The farming tradition has gone on to the next generation with Chris' and Ernie's children helping out at the farm. But, once the expensive machinery dies, the Costantinos will be packing up their seeds and hoes for land elsewhere.

"Farming is kind of doomed in Canton," he said. "The people who used to farm didn't quit farming, they purchased property in areas that are conducive to farming — where there's not heavy traffic and taxes were reasonable."

As Ernie talks, 100 feet away it's rush hour and cars are traveling up and down Cherry Hill. It's hard to visualize Ernie, his mother and two brothers walking 3/4 of a mile to the one-room school house on Canton Center where the children attended classes taught by Marie Cox. The school house is now the Canton Historical Museum.

"We rarely saw a car go by," Ernie said. Times have changed, but the family tradition has survived. "You have to love what you're doing, because you're not going to make money farming," he added.

When Ernie was a boy soy beans ranged from \$8 and \$10 a bushel. Today, a bushel sells for



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSHMANN

Farmer: Ernie Costantino says when his family's expensive farm equipment wears out they plan to sell their remaining acreage in Canton.

about \$4.50 and costs \$6 to grow. Greener pastures lie ahead.

"You sell the property, make big bucks and buy land where it's conducive to farming," he said, explaining that there isn't anywhere near Canton to buy farm machines and parts. Trespassing, thefts, vandalism and strict ordinances have also made the farm life in Canton difficult. For instance, a Canton noise ordinance restricts operating machinery early in the morning.

"Farmers get up early," Ernie said in a matter-of-fact tone. His

voice becomes playful and he laughs as he tells about the time police came to the farm because someone reported hearing gunshots. The police learned that the banging sound was a propane tank contraction that was used to scare away black birds from eating the crops. The positive side of urban sprawl, Ernie said, is: "There's a ready made market for the produce."

But hopes of saving the land for farm use faded back in the 1980s when residents turned down a Farmland Preservation

Act that would have increased their taxes. A few farms survived. Every year when the Costantinos plant the fields, sometime after May 15, they invite friends who enjoy the quaint feeling of working on a farm.

"We make a party out of it," Costantino said. "In July and August all the plants are grown and you go out and it's all oxygen and you breathe it in. You get immediate gratification. You pick up an ear of corn and eat it. There's nothing like it."

WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS 4:00 P.M., MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2000

Regular meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy, Richard Henningsen.
Agenda - adopted as presented.
Minutes of the regular meeting of February 28, 2000 - approved.
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$440,779.59 - approved.
Operations & Maintenance Report for February 2000 - received and filed.
Operations Manager's Report for March 2000 - received and filed.
Assignment of BFI Compost Agreement - tabled to April regular meeting.
Election of Officers: Chairman - Thomas Yack, Vice-Chairperson/Secretary - Richard Henningsen, Treasurer - Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy, Assistant Secretary - Tim Paas.
Pneumatic Valve Actuators Purchase - approved.
WTUA Checking Account Signature Cards Update - approved.
FY 1999/2000 Budget Amendment; Operations & Maintenance Salaries & Benefits - approved.
Goals for Year 2000 - approved.
WTUA Business Plan Update - received and filed.
The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Chairman
THOMAS J. YACK

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB NINE HOLE EXPANSION AT PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., April 27, 2000.

The cost for contract documents is \$100.00 per set and can be obtained from Ken Williams or Steven Forrest at Arthur Hills & Associates, 7351 W. Bancroft St., Toledo, OH 43615, (419) 841-8553. Late bids will not be accepted. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT
Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept bids until 10:00 a.m., April 20, 2000, at the Office of the Clerk, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan for the following:

Housing Rehabilitation: Three (3) single-family detached homes

These are separate projects and each project must be bid separately. A bond is required for any individual bid of \$25,000 or more.

Questions may be directed to Resource Development Division, (734) 397-5392. This program is funded by CDBG, Department of HUD. Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS March 28, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 28, 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

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Machnik, Director Minghine, Director Santomauro, John Robertson, Jake Bugeja, Kathleen Salla, Debbie Zevalkink

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, 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 14, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Canton of March 21, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

Expenditure Recap for Board Meeting of January 25, 2000

General Fund	101	\$292,337.74
Fire Fund	206	\$ 94,947.07
Police Fund	207	\$ 32,689.69
Summit Operating	208	\$ 21,817.28
Golf Fund	211	\$ 13,952.03
Cable TV Fund	230	\$ 5.78
Twp (Community) Improvement	246	\$ 6,177.50
E-911 Utility	261	\$ 184.60
Auto Forfeiture (WWATEE)	267	\$ 1,149.00
Federal Grants Fund	274	\$ 125.40
Auto Theft Grant	289	\$ 1,183.74
Post Employment Benefits	296	\$ 384.11
Bldg Auth Construction	469	\$ 17,491.26
Water & Sewer Fund	592	\$451,013.81
Trust & Agency Fund	701	\$ 6,636.00
Total - All Funds		\$940,095.01

RECOGNITION

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve a resolution for the recognition of Reserve Officer John Robertson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve a resolution for the recognition of Community Television Volunteer Jake Bugeja. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt a resolution for the recognition of Community Television Volunteer Janet Frenkel. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to open the Public Hearing for the Happy Days, Inc. and Whirly Ball at 7:15 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to close the Public Hearing for the Happy Days, Inc. and Whirly Ball at 7:20 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve a resolution recommending the revocation of Liquor Licenses for the Happy Days, Inc. and Whirly Ball projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to open the Public Hearing for the consideration of transfer of tax abatement for WCS at 7:22 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to close the Public Hearing for the consideration of transfer of tax abatement for WCS at 7:25 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, adopt a resolution approving the transfer of tax abatement for WCS Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve special event status for Krazy Hilda's Trail of Terrors and permission to install signs advertising the event. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the new Miss Dig Membership Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid for 20,000 feet of 1-inch type-K copper tubing to Liberty Plumbing Supply, 29101 Michigan Ave, Inkster, Michigan 48141 in the amount of \$24,995.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendments in the 2000 budgets for purchase order commitments carried over from 1999: Motion carried unanimously.

FUND	CURRENT BUDGET	BUDGET AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General	\$17,771,347	\$347,189	\$18,118,536
Fire	5,839,378	65,555	5,904,933
Police	9,595,932	150,403	9,746,335
Community Center	2,824,644	21,586	2,846,230
Golf Course	2,501,937	136,191	2,638,128
Cable TV	545,000	5,819	550,819
Community Impr.	3,035,500	224,801	3,260,301
911 Service	197,500	2,780	200,280
Capital Proj-Roads	2,035,766	254,011	2,289,777
Bldg Auth Constr.	5,541,750	98,554	5,640,304
Water & Sewer	19,435,616	147,165	19,582,781
Tonquish SpAssmt	0	344,866	344,866
Koppernick SpAssmt	0	72,531	72,531
Beck Rd SpAssmt	0	9,057	9,057

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to move that the Canton Township Board of Trustees appoint Mr. Tim Ford to serve on the Board of Directors of the Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Canton to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term ending January 28, 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the Township Supervisor's nomination of Bennett and Virginia Parker for reappointment to the Canton Historic District Commission for three year terms effective May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution approving the preliminary plat for Tottenham Woods-Singh development. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution approving the preliminary plat and special use for Fowler Creek Cluster development. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution approving the special use for Central Park South Cluster development. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution approving the preliminary plat for Central Park South Cluster development. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution approving the rezoning request of James Coshatt. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution approving the rezoning request for Selective/Saltz Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution approving the rezoning for Quadrants. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to create and fill a mechanic II position, in the Fleet Maintenance Section of the Public Works Division for assignment to the Pheasant Run Golf Course/Grounds Maintenance Facility. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz, by to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the attached Inter-Agency Agreement between Canton Township and Wayne County for the Lower 1 Subwatershed Wetland Resource Protection Plan Grant and authorize Wayne County Route Program office to complete the work. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz, to approve the following budget amendment: Motion carried unanimously.

Increase Revenues

Contribution from other Government Units #101-000-674-1400 \$11,949

Increase (Decrease) Appropriations

Contracted Services #101-447-818-0000 (\$13,051)

Storm Water Management Study #101-860-818-1200 \$25,000

Total \$11,949

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the purchase of two full size pickup trucks (1 two wheel drive and 1 four wheel drive) at a total cost of \$38,782.00. The funds for this purchase coming from Public Works account 592-000-142-000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to authorize an increase in Purchase Order 21508 of \$7,000 for Ferlito Construction to complete the engineering design for the Vortech Storm Water Treatment system. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz, to award the bid for the installation of a replacement pump station at Fellows Creek Golf Course to Flowtronex in the amount of \$61,850. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid for the construction of the Independence Park irrigation system pump house to the low bidder Wayne Oakland Development in the amount of \$64,110 and establish a contingency fund of \$6,500. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendment in the Community Improvement Fund to reappropriate funds for this project contract: Motion carried unanimously.

Increase Revenues

Appropriation from Fund Balance #246-000-699-0000 \$70,610

Increase Appropriations

Capital Improvements-Parks #246-750-970-0000 \$70,610

This budget amendment increases the Community Improvement Fund Budget from \$3,035,500 to \$3,106,110.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to award the bid for the installation of 100 regulatory signs to Huron Sign Company in the amount of \$22,500 and establish a contingency fund of \$2,500, for a total of \$25,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the bid of \$7,159 for the tents, table and chairs for the 2000 Canton Liberty Fest in Heritage Park to the low bidder, All Parties Concerned, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to award the Canton Softball Center Fence Renovation bid to Contractor's Fence Service, Inc. in the amount of \$48,875. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz, to award the bid for eighty (80) golf carts for Pheasant Run Golf Club to Club Car in the amount of \$139,1000. This price includes the trade-in allowance of \$108,500 for seventy old carts. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the 2000 Lawn and Cemetery grass cutting bid to Greenkeeper's, Inc. in the amount of \$28,634. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to award the bid for 30 portable toilets and 2 handicap accessible units to John's Sanitation, in the amount of \$20,865.50, with the provision that if additional units are needed throughout the year, they may be rented at the quoted per unit piece. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the bid from Advanced Air Services, Inc. for one Mammoth Replacement Rooftop Double Wall Construction Variable Volume Unit Mark AC-3 complete including installation for \$98,012. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the recommendations in the Historic District Study Committee Report for the Patterson-Barr (Gilmore) property at 6205 North Ridge Road to establish the property as an historic district. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to introduce the First Reading of the Patterson-Barr (Gilmore) Historic District Ordinance No. 117-5. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to table the first reading of the Patterson-Barr (Gilmore) Historic District Ordinance No. 117-5 for publication in the Canton Observer on April 6, 2000. Motion carried Unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adjourn at 8:50 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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ENGAGEMENTS AND WEDDINGS

Peters-Toth

Robert and Nancy Peters of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Melanie Jill, to Gilbert Roland Toth of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in history and human resources. She works as a human resources specialist for Sterling Bank and Trust.

Her fiancé, son of John Toth of Florida and Helen Toth of Lincoln Park, is a 1997 graduate of Lincoln Park High School, a 1992 graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in finance and business economics. He works at Capital



Investment Group as a general sales manager.

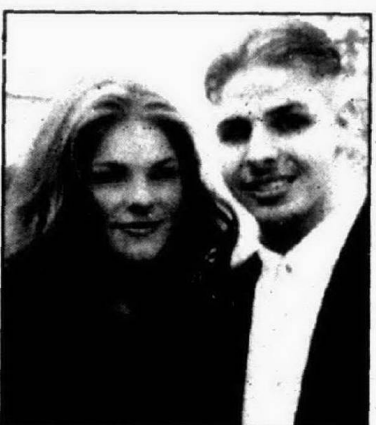
An August wedding is planned on Mackinac Island.

Hidey-Flick

Melvin and Kathleen Hidey of Dearborn Heights announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine, to Joseph Flick of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 Crestwood High School graduate and attends Eastern Michigan University studying social work. She works in Belleville.

Her fiancé, son of Orval and Sharon Flick of Garden City, is a 1996 graduate of Garden City High School and attends Schoolcraft College studying to become a firefighter. He works at Panther-Crankshaft in Wixom.



A June wedding is planned at Whitmore Lake.

Beaver-Weaver

Mitch and Molly Beaver of Illinois announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth, to Christopher John Weaver.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Northwestern High School in Indiana and a senior at DePauw University. She will graduate in May.

Her fiancé, son of Kirk and Ginny Weaver of Canton, is a graduate of Springfield High School in Illinois and attends DePauw University. He too will graduate in May.



A June wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church in Springfield, Illinois.

Wood-Geisler

Former resident of the Plymouth-Canton area, Kimberly Sheree Wood wed Stephen Robert Geisler of Mooresville, North Carolina Dec. 18, 1999, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Tuscaloosa, Ala. The Rev. Timothy Killian presided.

The bride, daughter of Kenneth L. Wood and Debra Taylor of Pensacola, Fla., was attended by maid of honor Lara McCauley and bridesmaids Monica Grave-line and Stephanie Woodard.

Her husband, son of Allan A. Geisler of Dearborn and Sylvia Wells of North Carolina, was attended by best man David Van Dyke of Kalamazoo and groomsmen Richard Frankowski and William Lunsford.



Following the wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will reside in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Beale-Roeske

Megan Carrie Beale, daughter of Eileen M. Beale and the late Jon P. Beale of Livonia, is engaged to Peter Walter Roeske of Ann Arbor.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 Stevenson High School graduate, a 1996 graduate of Madonna University, and achieved her master's degree from Central Michigan University in 1998. She works as a technical recruiter.

Her fiancé, son of Paul and Joan Roeske of Ann Arbor, is a 1985 University of Michigan graduate and achieved his master's degree in business administration in 1998 from Loyola University in Chicago. He works for ABN AMRO Mortgage Group.



A June wedding is planned at Mill Race Historic Village with a reception to follow at Northville Manor.

Noone-Gonter

Michael and Kathleen Noone of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Maureen, to Kevin Gonter of California.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, a 1994 graduate of University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She has a bachelor of arts degree in linguistics and psychology. She received her master's degree in communicative disorders from University of Wisconsin in Madison in 1997. She works as a speech-language pathologist in southern California.

Her fiancé, son of Joan Gonter of Maryland, is a 1984 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Maryland, a 1988 graduate of the United States Naval Academy with a bachelor's degree in ocean engineering. He works as a business development manager



at Village Marine Tech in southern California.

A May wedding is planned at Newburg Church at Greenmead Historical Village.

Smith-Timmer

Al Smith of Ann Arbor and Dian Barnard of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Penelope Sue Smith, to Donald H. Timmer II of Ohio.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and will graduate in May from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

Her fiancé, son of David and Sharon Timmer of Mansfield, Ohio, is a 1996 graduate of Clear Fork High School in Bellville, Ohio. He will also graduate in May from MSU with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

A May wedding is planned at Resurrection Parish in Lexington, Ohio.



ANNIVERSARIES

Smith

Matthew Scott and Melissa Lee (Ballios) Smith of Livonia are celebrating their first anniversary this month. They wed on March 26, 1999 at Greenmead Historical Village.

The couple have lived in the area for three years, but have known each other since high school.

Matthew Smith is store manager of Shurgard Storage, Inc. and Melissa works as a service specialist for Citizens Insurance Corporation. Both attend Schoolcraft College.

The couple hopes to return to



the Caribbean, where they spent their honeymoon.

Saylor

The Rev. Melvin Saylor and his wife, Thelma Westfelt Saylor will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in May.

The couple wed on May 6, 1950 in Kitts, Kentucky and now live in Wayne. They have been residents of the area for 40 years and are the parents of Claudia Hensley, Buddy Saylor, Brenda McIntosh and Ken Saylor.

Melvin Saylor is retired from his position at Ford Motor Company's Livonia Transmission Plant and spends time with a ministry.

The Saylor's have 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The family is planning an anniversary party.



NEW ARRIVALS

■ **Richann McKee and Daniel Farhat** of Westland announce the birth of their son **Anthony Michael Farhat** born March 20 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Anthony joins siblings Kevin, 11; Brandon, 8; Edina, 7; and Leanna, 5. Grandparents are Sam and Peggy Farhat of Garden City and Marion Kraatz of Fla.

■ **Rhonda and Philip Hotz** of Canton announce the birth of their son **Devin Robert**, born March 13 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Devin joins sister Alexis, 7. Grandmother is Shirley Barthold of Canton and great-grandmother Anna Barthold of Canton.

■ **Patrick and Marybeth Butler** of Westland announce the birth of their son, **Sean Patrick**, born Feb. 10 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He joins sister Maureen Sinead, 2. Grandparents are Ruth Ann and Pierce Butler of Westland and Janet and John Dillon of Redford Township.

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH AND CANTON

WEEKEND

WOMEN'S WELLNESS FORUM

■ ReLiv International sponsors a free Women's Wellness Forum on Friday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Hilton Hotel, 21111 Haggerty, Novi. The forum features speakers Carl Hastings, food scientist, and Dr. Stephen Pfeifer, board certified family practice physician. To receive individual or group tickets, call Cheryl at (248) 486-6293.

EASTER CELEBRATION

■ An Easter celebration will be held 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Main Street Baptist Church, 8500 N. Morton Taylor Road, Canton (behind Farmer Jack), for kids age 8-10. There will be an egg hunt, egg decorating, egg races, and other fun stuff. For more information, call (734) 453-4785.

CARD PARTY

■ The Women's Club of Plymouth presents a benefit card party and desserts from noon until 3 p.m. Friday, April 14, at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. There will be door prizes and table prizes. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the April 7 meeting. For reservations or to have tickets left at the door, call Nancy Thomas at (734) 453-5219. Make checks payable to PWC.

EASTER CONCERT

■ Plymouth Baptist Church will present an Easter concert entitled "Alpha and Omega" at 7 p.m. Palm Sunday, April 16, Good Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22. The 70-minute concert features traditional and contemporary Christian music. There is no admission charge. Children under age 5 will not be admitted to the auditorium; however, full nursery and preschool care will be provided. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth (1/2 mile west of Haggerty). For more information, call (734) 453-5534 or e-mail at "Plymouth-BC@aol.com."

AROUND TOWN

GENERAL MEETING

■ Vietnam Veterans of America will hold a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, at 9318 Newburgh (Between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail). All veterans on active duty Feb. 28, 1961-May 7, 1975, regardless of duty station, are eligible. For more information, call Don Dignan at (313) 845-3752 or at (734) 525-0157.

NACW

■ The West Suburban Chapter of NACW will host its monthly meeting 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cost is \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. The guest speaker will be Colleen Kung, Executive Director of CK Studios in Canton. Colleen will provide tips on building an effective website for your

business. For more information or to make reservations, call Tracy Huff at (248) 347-3355.

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 4:30-7 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 fund-raising 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.

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 school-age 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

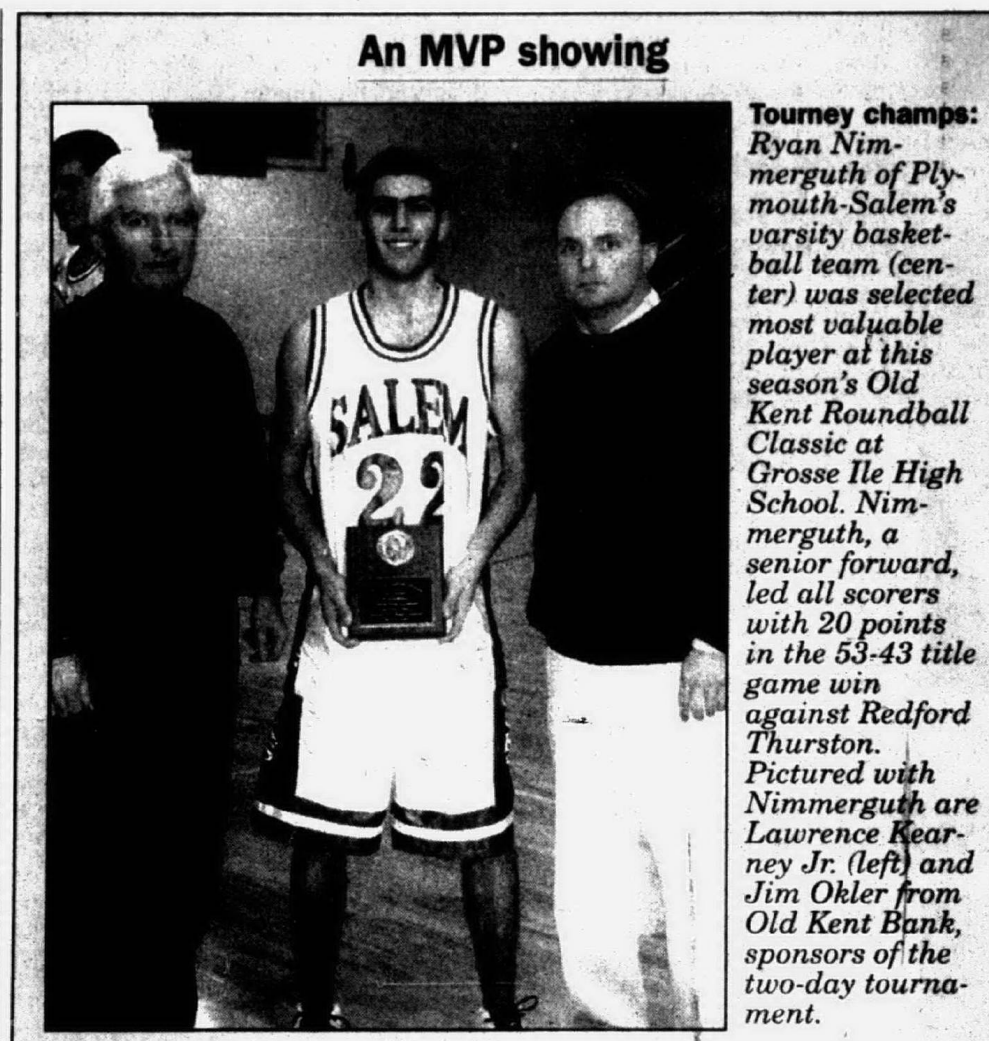
■ Plymouth Family Services Help Source is offering a 12-week program for compulsive overeaters. The program will be led by a certified eating disorder therapist and registered dietitian. For more information, call Cathie, Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. at (734) 453-0890.

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 2000-01 school year. NMS is a parent cooperative that fosters individualized/independent learning, self-esteem, and positive interpersonal skills. Open houses for primary/kindergarten will begin at 9:15 a.m. and last approximate-



An MVP showing

Tourney champs: Ryan Nimmerguth of Plymouth-Salem's varsity basketball team (center) was selected most valuable player at this season's Old Kent Roundball Classic at Grosse Ile High School. Nimmerguth, a senior forward, led all scorers with 20 points in the 53-43 title game win against Redford Thurston. Pictured with Nimmerguth are Lawrence Kearney Jr. (left) and Jim Okler from Old Kent Bank, sponsors of the two-day tournament.

ly 90 minutes on Tuesday, April 18. 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.

■ Registration for Spring Kindermusik classes is now in session. Spring classes are held from May 1 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.

VILLAGE MUSIC

■ Village Music, a unique music education center located in the Old Village of Plymouth, announces

registration for summer and fall Kindermusik classes. Summer classes will begin in mid-June and fall classes will begin the week of Sept. 11. Early registration is recommended. Call now for registration materials. Village music is located at 130 E. Liberty St., Plymouth. For more information, or for registration, call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

T-BALL REGISTRATION

■ The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will be registering through April 21 for the 5- and 6-year-old T-Ball League. Children must have been born July-December 1993, January-December 1994, January-July 1995. Registration will take place at the recreation office at the Cultural Center, during office hours from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Birth certificate is required. The season runs seven weekends, running June 24-Aug. 12. No games July 1. For more information, call the city Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, or connect with the Web site at: www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

GED TESTING

■ GED testing will be offered through the Ply-

mouth-Canton Adult Education Department. Evening testing will take place from 5-10 p.m. Monday, 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.

55 ALIVE

■ The 55 Alive group sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Post No. 6695 is sponsoring a mature driving class from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, and Thursday, April 20, at the VFW Post No. 6695, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. Cost is \$10 per person. Classes are given by the AARP. For more information or for reservations call (313) 538-1859.

AARP TAX HELP

■ AARP will sponsor free federal and Michigan income tax preparation for elderly people at the locations 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 services include distribution of 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.

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.

M.I.T.I.

■ 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 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 Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

KIWANIS CLUB

■ The Plymouth Kiwanis Club meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the new City Limits Bar & Grill on Ann Arbor Road. Call Charlene Miller at (734) 455-4782.

VOLUNTEERS

FIRST STEP

■ Become a volunteer and help other people while

putting an end to domestic violence and sexual assault in your community. First Step has been active in the effort to end violence in western Wayne County and downriver communities for more than 20 years. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old; willing and able to travel to Downriver communities; and complete a 55-hour training program starting in April 2000. For information call (734) 416-1111, ext. 223.

SUPPORT GROUPS

HANDS ACROSS THE WATER

■ Hands Across The Water holds its Adopting Older Kids (A-Okay!) meetings the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. There is a \$5 fee; they also sponsor an Adoption Book Discussion Group the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. This group is free. Meetings are held at 2300 Washtenaw, Ste. 103B in Ann Arbor. For further information call (734) 913-0831.

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

■ Arthritis Foundation classes are being held now through May 16, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Arthur's Place, 47659 Halyard Drive, Plymouth. Fibromyalgia Self-Help Course is a seven-week course which meets once a week. The course teaches the following keys to successful self-management: basic fibromyalgia information, strategies for decreasing pain, how to relax and deal with stress, proper use of exercise, dealing with depression, good nutritional habits, problem-solving techniques and how to research unproven remedies. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$35 for non-members and \$10 for a non-member's spouse or friend. For further information call (734) 254-0500.

STARTING OVER

■ Starting Over is a group for widowed men and women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church of Christ. Call (734) 662-5999.

GRIEF 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. For more information, call (734) 459-2250.

ARBOR HOSPICE

■ Arbor Hospice will offer New Pathways, a 6-8 week support group for adults who are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one. The Ann Arbor group will meet: Tuesdays, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. or Wednesdays, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., April 4 through May 24 at the Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive in Ann Arbor. The Northville group will meet Thursdays 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., April 6 through May 25 at First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road in Northville.

CALENDAR FORM

The Canton 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, Canton 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.

Event:

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Additional info.:

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PRODUCTION

Layli LaFrier of Canton has been cast in Heidelberg College's production of Sigmund Romberg's "The Student Prince." LaFrier, a sophomore majoring in music, is making her Heidelberg stage debut in the role of the women's ensemble. Heidelberg's production of "The Student Prince" is a collaboration of the theater arts and music departments, and is one in a series of events designed to celebrate the college's sesquicentennial this year.

DEAN'S LIST

Derek S. Klemm, the son of Frederick Klemm of Canton, has been named to the Dean's list for the fall semester 1999 at Concordia University, St. Paul. Klemm is a sophomore majoring in theology at Concordia University. Students named to the Dean's list are recognized for superior academic performance, with a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Katharine L. Ollinger, the daughter of Frank and Joan Ollinger of Canton, was named to the Dean's list for the fall 1999 semester at Concordia University, St. Paul. Ollinger is a senior majoring in elementary education at Concordia. Students named to the Dean's list are recognized for superior academic performances with a grade point aver-

age of 3.5 or above.

Vicki Vensel, a Plymouth resident, has been named to the Dean's list at Concordia College, Ann Arbor, for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 for the recently completed fall semester. Vensel is enrolled in the Accelerated Degree Program.

LAWS, HALL & ASSOCIATES

Christie Wilson, a 1996 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School, is a senior marketing major at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Wilson was selected to participate in the spring semester of Laws, Hall and Associates. As a member of the student run-campaign, Wilson is working on a campaign for the National Underground Railroad

Freedom Center that is set to open on Cincinnati's riverfront in the spring of 2003. The campaign includes market research, promotions, public relations initiatives, as well as print, radio, and television commercials.

DANCE MARATHON

Jamie C. Johnson, a sophomore majoring in music, is a 1998 graduate of Mercy High School. She is the daughter of Carlton and Phyllis Johnson of Bruce Avenue. She participated in Adrian College's student fund-raiser dance marathon held from 2 p.m. April 1 to 2 a.m. April 2. The marathon benefited the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation.

Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame honors Detroit Women Writers

HOOKED ON HISTORY



VIRGINIA PARKER

This April, Detroit Women Writers has the honor of being inducted into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame. That's no small feat since it took us 100 years to get there.

It was exactly one century ago, in 1900, that 13 Detroit-area women journalists and literary writers gathered for a leisurely boat-ride along the Detroit River. They needed a rest, having just hosted the third annual Women's International Press Union Convention.

One of the convention's speakers had praised these local writers for their potential as leaders and challenged them to take that lead. No wonder. One tenth of the 1,000 women journalists in the U.S. at that time lived in Michigan! There was another reason. Men had formed press clubs in a number of American cities, but women were excluded from membership.

To partially fill the void, the New England Woman's Press

Association and the Woman's Press Club of New York had been formed in the 1880s. In the early 1890s, the Michigan Woman's Press Association and a Michigan Woman's Press Club for women editors and publishers statewide were established. However, the 13 illustrious writers wanted a press club in the city, so, in the middle of the Detroit River, they formed the Detroit Press Club.

They didn't keep the appellation long. When male journalists decided to create their own press club four years later, the ladies politely yielded the coveted name to them. Several name changes followed. Known since 1966 as Detroit Women Writers, it is now the oldest organization of professional writers in Michigan.

Diverse membership

Currently, our members live in 14 states and the province of Ontario. We run the gamut from poets to playwrights, fiction to nonfiction writers, and authors of both adult and children's literature. One of my great privileges was serving as president of this diverse organization in the mid-1990s.

It was not our writings alone

that earned DWW a place in the Journalism Hall of Fame. We also actively support established and aspiring writers in the general public by sponsoring seminars, readings, and conferences. The most notable is our 40-year tradition of co-sponsoring with Oakland University an annual writers' conference of 400-500 attendees. We have, as well, celebrated our centennial anniversary by sharing our legacy of literary influence in the anthology, *A Century of Voices*.

If we look beneath the surface, we find that both DWW's history and wealth of literary offerings chronicle changes in society at large. As I mentioned, the Detroit Press Club's female founders — despite their professional credentials — were vulnerable to a social climate that

condoned letting male colleagues usurp the organization's identity.

Sixty years later — the next time a social stand was at stake — the members were ready. That was in 1966, at the height of the Civil Rights Movement. DWW was meeting at the Woman's City Club, home to one of the city's best restaurants. The facility had an unwritten but effective exclusionary rule. Only Whites were allowed above the first floor. DWW was anticipating admitting our first African-American member, so we revised our constitution to say, "There shall be no consideration of race, creed, or national origin." When DWW requested the City Club to change its policy and it refused, DWW refused to continue patronizing it. The dis-

pute made the newspapers, which resulted in the governor's wife, Lenore Romney, resigning from the City Club over its policies.

By the 1990s, we broke new barriers when we admitted qualified male writers to DWW membership. This brought us somewhat full-circle. DWW started out because women, excluded from membership alongside male colleagues, had to form their own press club. Ninety years later — in keeping with strides to promote equality between the sexes — we felt that limiting our professional organization to women writers was exclusionary in its own right, so we opened membership to men.

Whenever significant changes need to occur or specific voids need to be filled, motivated peo-

ple take action. Sometimes their impact is as fleeting as a momentary breeze. Other times, they are powerful enough to change the way society does business. For the 13 women who made a decision on the Detroit River in 1900, only time would tell how well their efforts would endure.

As DWW enters its second century, we will undoubtedly continue to mirror society's transformations. One challenge comes from the mushrooming number of activities that compete for the time the public might devote to reading and writing. Fortunately, DWW's writers have a strong heritage. We are committed to producing valuable works that will compel the public to read.

FUND-RAISING & BENEFITS

Listings for the Funds & Benefits 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. Call (734) 953-2131.

INDOOR OPEN

United Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Detroit is presenting the first ever INDOOR OPEN to benefit UCP from 12 to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 8. This unique fund-raising event is a nine hole indoor miniature golf 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 or \$100 per team. AirTouch Cellular and Papa John's Pizza are the co-sponsors with UCP.

MONOPOLY GAME

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.

A JOINT WALK

The third annual A Joint Walk to benefit the Arthritis Foundation of Michigan will take place Saturday, April 8 in Royal Oak and Sunday, April 9 in Ann Arbor. Individual walkers or teams of four or more can register by calling (800) 968-3030. Walkers will receive prizes based on the amount of money they raise by collecting pledges from friends, family and co-workers.

SPRING RUMMAGE

Aldersgate United Methodist Women will have their Annual Spring Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 8 at the church located at 10000 Beech Daly (between Plymouth Road and West Chicago) in Redford. White elephants, kitchen equipment, small appliances, toys and books will be sold from Wesley Hall. Clothing of all sizes will be in Fellowship Hall, with special women's garments in the boutique section. Proceeds will be used for church and district missionary projects.

FUN FAIR

St. John Bosco School (located in Redford) will host a fun fair, crafts, bingo, games and a new and exciting raffle. Prizes include a two-night stay at the Island House on Mackinac Island; one-night stay at the Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth; autographed Red Wings puck; dinner/comedy package at Joey's in Livonia; and more. Call (313) 937-3856 for information. Crafters are needed (limited spaces). St. John Bosco is located at 12170 Beech Daly in Redford.

RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE

Clarenceville United Methodist Church (20300 Middlebelt - Livonia) will host a rummage and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 28. Great prices!

MOM TO MOM SALE

Mom to Mom Sale at Newburg United Methodist Church from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 29. Hot dogs,

drink, bake sale and clown with free face painting. Rent 8 foot tables (racks also available). Free childcare for table rents and free lunch ticket for table renters. Call the church at 422-0149 or Vicki at (734) 513-0167.

RUMMAGE SALE

The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church (6443 Merriman Road in Garden City) will hold their annual rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29 in the church Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call (734) 421-8628.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford will host a spring rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29 (9600 Levene). Bag sale is from 1-2 p.m. including a snack bar.

LONGEST DAY OF GOLF

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society (Michigan Chapter, Inc.) will host the MS Longest Day of Golf event May 1-31 to raise awareness and funds to benefit the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Golf courses waive green fees for participating golfers on the day of their choice in May. Play as many holes as you can while collecting pledges to support MS. Call (800) 243-5767 to register.

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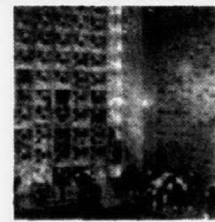
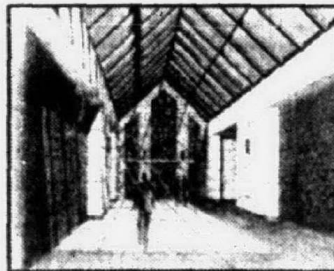
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I remember I was impressed that every probing question, meant to illustrate how overwhelming their situation must be, was answered with complete assurance that God was in control; that this control would be

seen in ways to handle every problem. This included turning to God on two separate occasions when an infant's life was in danger.

The doctors felt there was nothing medically left to do, so a "prayer phone chain" was used to alert fellow church members of the need for support through turning to God. Both times the healing came - saving the life of these two babies.

In one interview, when talking about their faith, the father referred to the Bible where it says that whatever you ask in prayer, if you believe, you shall receive (Matthew 21:22). He was sure these children would be saved because they truly

believed that God would heal them.

For many, this kind of faith seems far-fetched and healings like this family experienced appear to be miracles. But to anyone who has ever found healing through prayer it is as natural as breathing and can be more reliable than anything on Earth.

The laws of God are not possessed by any one religious organization or faith but are fact that can be proven by anyone who reaches out to understand them, applies them, and is willing to trust God with the events of their life. In describing the glory of the septuplets birth, one of the head doctors, with tears of grati-

tude, stated that some people think God is an abstract thing, but he isn't.

Personal account

As a practicing Christian Scientist, I have experienced and witnessed innumerable physical healings, even in life-threatening situations. These healings have come from the genuine understanding that God is loving and powerful; that He is good, and that His ever-presence and tender control can be seen and felt in everyone's life.

When I was pregnant with my first child, the doctor who assisted me became very concerned that my blood pressure was high

and other symptoms were indicating physical dangers such as toxemia, which could be life-threatening. Her earnest opinion was that I should take it easy, keep my feet up and relax.

Turning to God, I could feel that this baby and I were totally in His loving care. Since God is the one true creator and parent of both me and my baby, He would never let us be in danger. I reasoned that good activities (such as my teaching job) are impelled by God, so this divine spirit provides all the energy I needed. This gave me confidence to go about my job without fear.

The day of my next exam, even though I taught a full day of ele-

mentary school on a hot day and then rushed across town to my appointment, my blood pressure registered completely normal. The problems never returned and a happy, healthy daughter was born shortly thereafter.

All of us can be assured that we can turn to God's support and care in every situation!

Meg Dendler teaches literature to 5-8th graders at The Japhet School in Madison Heights and is a member of the Plymouth-Canton Character Counts Organization. She is currently serving a three-year tenure as First Reader at the Christian Science church in Plymouth and can be reached at dendlers@aol.com

RELIGION CALENDAR

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The Associated Bible Students of Metropolitan Detroit will present, free of charge, the film documentary "For This Cause: Talk a Walk with the Nazarene," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15 at Garden City High School (6500 Middlebelt Road). Take a trip back to biblical times and walk with the man from Galilee. "For This Cause" connects the bible with archeology and modern Israel. Trace bible prophecies down to our very day, marking the soon establishment of the kingdom for which Jesus taught us to pray. Program runs 60 minutes then there is a Q & A session and book sales. For information call (734) 762-8350.

EVENING CLASSES

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

UUCF SUNDAY SERVICES:

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Sunday Services for April 9: "What are we doing for our kids?" Rev. Bob Renjilian

will talk about the values and support that UU's offer to kids in a society of many pressures and mixed messages. After each service he will be available to talk with parents and other interested adults to continue discussion around the subject. Services and Sunday School at 9 and 11 a.m. 25301 Halsted Rd. (between Grand River and 11 mile). Call (248) 478-7272 or www.wwnet.net/~uucf/

REDEEMED TREASURES

Redeemed Treasures thrift shop (sponsored by Detroit Teen Challenge) is open most Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. year round. The shop is at 20740 Grand River (1.5 miles east of Telegraph). While browsing, you can 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. The church offers Christian programs for children ages 18 months to kindergarten during the school year and up through age 8 during the summer. For information, please call Wendy at (734)

513-8413.

LENTEN SERIES

Pastor Gregory Gibbons will present a series of Lenten services based on the theme "What Wondrous Love," at Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church in Redford (14750 Kinloch, south of Five Mile and west of Beech Daly). Services are each Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The series will culminate in Holy Week. Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion will begin at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Good Friday services will begin at 1 p.m. and a Tenebrae service at 7:30 p.m. The celebration of Easter will feature services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

LENTEN BREAKFAST

St. Maurice Women's Guild will host a "Lenten Breakfast" on Wednesday, April 12. The activity starts with Mass at 8:30 a.m., followed by a full buffet breakfast. Glenda Everett will speak about the "Yellow Ribbon" program to prevent youth suicide. St. Maurice Church is at 32765 Lyndon, east of Farmington Road, in Livonia. Ticket price is \$6.50 per person. Advanced ticket sales only. Call (734) 425-1701.

LENTEN SERVICES

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 April 12. Services will be in the chapel. Thursday services will be preceded by light supper at 6 p.m., worship at 7 p.m. Dates are April 6 and 13. All services will include the sacrament of Holy Communion. St. John's Lutheran is at 13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster Road. Call (313) 538-2660.

LENTEN SERVICES

The Stations of the Cross will be observed every Friday night at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church (23310 Joy, Redford, five blocks east of Telegraph). Call (313) 534-2121. A video tape of one of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's retreats will be shown in the church hall after the Stations of the Cross each week of Lent. Anyone may attend.

LENTEN DINNERS

St. Agatha Church of Redford (19750 Beech Daly) will offer Lenten dinners 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, 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.

EASTER CANTATA

"Embrace the Cross" by Claire Cloninger and Greg Nelson will be presented as the Easter Cantata at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at the Gathering (Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia). Choral work is presented by the Chancel Choir of Clarenceville United Methodist Church, under the direction of Kathy Gardinali and Brian Marr. Call (248) 474-3444.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (39020 Five Mile, 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; Good Friday Tenebrae at 7:30 p.m. April 21; Easter vigil

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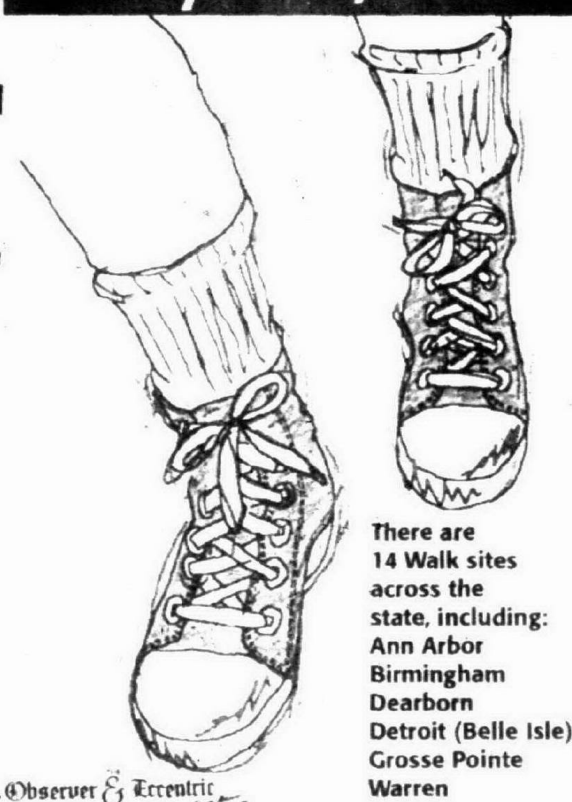
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and baptism service at 7:30 p.m. April 22 and Easter Sunday services at 8 a.m. (sunrise communion); 8 a.m. communion service with choir; 9:45 a.m. instrumentalists and a joyful Eucharist; and 11:30 a.m.

LENTEN MEAL

St. Genevieve Parish of Livonia will offer a Lenten meal 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 offered as a children's meal. Cost is \$6 for adults; \$3.50 for children ages 6-12 and 5 and younger eat free. St. Genevieve is at 29015 Jamison.

PASSOVER SEDER

Congregation Bet Chaverim will hold its fourth annual Passover potluck seder at the Hanford Clubhouse. The clubhouse is on Hanford between Ford and Warren roads. The seder will begin at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, April 20. The seder will be conducted by Rabbi Peter Gluck. Families are welcome. Call (734) 480-8880 to describe what dish you would like to bring.

LENTEN BREAKFAST

The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church (6443 Merriman, Garden City) will serve their annual Lenten breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 15, in the church Fellowship Hall. The Rev. Melanie Carey, associate pastor of Livonia Newburg United Methodist Church, will be the guest speaker. A donation will be taken at the breakfast. Reservations requested. Call (734) 421-8628.

LENTEN WORSHIP

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church invites the public to reflect upon "Prayers of the Passion" during Wednesday evening Lenten services from 7:30-8 p.m. until April 12. Midweek classes and confirmation instruction will be 6-7:20 p.m. during Lent. The church is at 14175 Farmington Road next to Ford Field, just north of I-96.

BROADWAY HITS

Two evening shows of Broadway favorites will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8, at the Westland Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (7575 N. Hix, Westland). Featuring hits from "Guys & Dolls," "Fiddler on the Roof," "West Side Story," "Annie," "Oklahoma,"

"The Secret Garden," "The Music Man," "Oliver," "My Fair Lady" and "Les Miserables." Public welcome. Free admission. No tickets required.

BLOODMOBILE

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Orchard United Methodist Church (30450 Farmington Road between 13 and 14 Mile) from 2-7:45 p.m. Monday, April 10, in the Fellowship Hall. For further information, call (248) 626-3620.

REFRESHMENT OCCASION

Geneva Presbyterian Church will host The Knox Fellowship Team, a group of inspiration Christians, led by the Rev. Scott Bohr. The group, along with the Rev. Bryan Smith, pastor of Geneva, will lead the congregation during a spiritual refreshment occasion beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the church April 8-9. The team will be sharing faith journey reports, music and a challenging "think-it-over" session. The program will continue on Sunday morning with worship, counseling, rousing music and inspirational preaching.

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 affect a younger generation and this world. It is intended for those who seek deeper meaning in later life and seek ways to enrich their elder years. Presenters provided by the Spiritual Eldering Institute. The workshop will be 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday April 11, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. The registration fee for the series is \$30. Call (734) 464-0211.

HOMEcoming & REVIVAL

A "homecoming" service will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Community Free Will Baptist Church of Westland. The morning program will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m. with classes for all ages. After the 11 a.m. service, the congregation will serve a dinner in the church gymnasium. After the meal, a time of fellowship and song will follow in the church sanctuary. A "revival" series of services will begin at 7 p.m. April 26-28 with Rev. Paul Ange of North Carolina as the evangelist. The church is at 33031 Cherry Hill just west of Venoy in Westland.

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 at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 710 Church in Plymouth. Worship leaders/ lunch providers are: April 12, Salvation Army. Donations to cover the cost of lunch benefit the Greater Detroit Partnership for Training (a national initiative that addresses primary health care shortages).

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

April 12 at 7 p.m. at Timothy Lutheran 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. Each week allows for personal and group reflections on worship. Children may participate. Reservations are not necessary.

NEW BEGINNINGS

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia offers a year-round grief support group and this new Thursday speaker series, beginning with the Rev. Kurt Stutz of Botsford Hospital with "Healing Grief" April 6; the Rev. Phil Seymour on "Dreams, Visions and Images" May 4; and Warren Gilbert's "Managing Memories" June 1. The series is free and open to the public. Call (734) 422-6038.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other. The weekend experiences will be April 7-9 and May 5-7 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit this Web site: www.rc.net/detroit/wmwe. "The Marriage Journey" is broadcast 8:30-9 a.m. Sundays on WCAR 1090 AM.

RESPONDING TO LOSS

If you are experiencing a loss due to a death, divorce, job termination, broken relationship, declining health or broken dreams, this workshop will address your concerns. Responding to Loss will be 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. Saturday, April 8. Cost is \$15, which includes lunch, coffee breaks and a folder of materials. Call to register: (734) 721-7410.

CCW/AD ASSEMBLY

The Council of Catholic Women / Archdiocese of Detroit Assembly will be 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Sacred Heart Seminar, corner of Chicago Boulevard and Linwood in Detroit. The theme is "Jubilee Women Open Your Heart: Time, Talent and Treasure." For information and to register, call (313) 237-5896. Cost is \$20 for registration/ luncheon.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

The Great Three Days - Maundy Thursday worship at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday Tennebrae at 7:30 p.m.; and Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m.; The Day of Resurrection: Easter breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and Easter festival workshop at 10:30 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (26212 W. Six Mile) in Redford.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (26212 W. Six Mile) in Redford will host an Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m. (arrive 15 minutes early) Saturday, April 22. Karaoke singing, Easter basket raffle and flower sale.

HERALD AWARDS DINNER

The Herald Awards dinner will be Wednesday, April 26, at the Costick Center (29800 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt - behind Mercy High School). All winners will be notified in advance so they can invite family and friends. The cost for the evening is \$25 per person. Creative Catering of Flint. Reservations can be made through the council office at (313) 962-0340.

HEALING SERVICES

The Rev. Gary Seymour offers healing services for the series titled "Rise and Come Forward" the third Wednesday evening of each month at the Church of the Risen Lord, 821 N. Newburgh in Westland. Call (734) 397-7132.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Bible studies at Timothy Lutheran Church are available from 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The morning study is led by members of the congregation, and the evening study is led by the pastor. Timothy Lutheran Church is at 8820 Wayne Road in Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www.timothylivonia.com

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN

New Life Lutheran Church worships at 10:15 a.m. Sunday at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon. Sunday school is also offered. Please call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail the church at newlifelc@yahoo.com

NEW BIBLE STUDY

Adults interested in a complete overview of the scriptures may attend a Bible study at 9:15 a.m. Sundays at New Life Lutheran Church at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon. Call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail newlifelc@yahoo.com

TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit organization, is forming new, beginner tai chi classes, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia, St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bloomfield and Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Observers welcome. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281. Tai chi is an exercise that works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for persons of all ages and conditions of health.

TAI CHI

Tai chi classes continue at 7:30 p.m. at Nativity United Church for the class every Monday evening. Tai chi is a holistic health method of self-healing. Instructor is registered nurse Ida Reifsnnyder.

TLC STORY TIME

For children and their parents TLC Story time 3-4 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia (8820 Wayne Road). Crafts, Christian

stories and snacks offered. Children invited to bring parents. The books are chosen for ages 3-10 but children of all ages are welcome. Call (734) 427-2290 for information.

HEALING SERVICE

The Church of the Risen Lord presents a healing service at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the church, 821 N. Newburgh, south of Ford, Westland. The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward." For more information, call the church office at (734) 397-7132.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Garden City Presbyterian Church offers a contemporary worship service at 9:15 a.m. the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the church, 1841 Middlebelt, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, Garden City. The contemporary service offers upbeat music and an informal atmosphere.

REMARIED GROUP

The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville offers an informal, drop-in support group for those struggling with the issues of a blended family. The group is hosted by the Rev. Paul Clough and meets 7-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Room C309 of the church, 40000 Six Mile at Haggerty. There is no cost, and registration isn't necessary. For more information, call Stacy Cole at (248) 374-5912.

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Cruisers registration

The Plymouth-Canton Cruisers Swim Club will have registration from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 18 in the main hall outside of the Plymouth Salem pool.

Registration will be for kids six and over, from beginners to advanced. They will also be registering Masters swimmers (18 and over).

The Cruisers' season begins May 1. The team competes in U.S. Swimming Federation and Southern Michigan Swim League meets.

For more information, contact Janice Derian at (734) 455-3103, or under-18 coach Leslie Greeneisen at (734) 207-7708, or Masters coach Sarah Eubanks at (734) 207-0883.

Collegiate news

•Christine Philips, a graduate of Plymouth Salem HS and a freshman at Albion College, played extensively for the Britons' basketball team. Philips appeared in 24 games, averaging 17.2 minutes, five points and 5.2 rebounds per game. She also led the Brits with 14 blocked shots.

•Meagan Madej, a graduate of Dearborn Divine Child from Canton and a sophomore at Albion College, played in 24 games for the Britons' basketball team. She averaged 27.5 minutes, 8.4 points and 6.4 rebounds a game.

Albion finished 12-12 overall, 7-9 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Booster meeting

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will host their monthly meeting in Room 165 of Canton HS at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 12. Nomination and election for the office of president will be held.

All parents of Chief football players are encouraged to attend the meeting. If you have any questions, call Paul Szejewski at 453-0985.

Sports auction

The Institute for Preventive Sports Medicine will hold a celebrity sports auction Friday, April 14 at the Marriott Eagle Crest Conference Resort in Ypsilanti (1275 S. Huron St.). The three-hour event begins at 7:00 p.m.

Radio personality Dick Purtan and former NBA and University of Michigan standout Tim McCormick will be the host auctioneers. They will auction off memorabilia signed by the likes of Arnold Palmer, Gordie Howe, Walter Payton, Grant Hill, Brett Favre, Mia Hamm, Wayne Gretzky and John Elway, as well as a host of Red Wings and Tigers.

The wide variety of signed items include photographs, jerseys, hockey sticks and pucks, balls, helmets and NASCAR car pieces.

In addition a Mickey Mantle autographed jersey, a Las Vegas trip and jewelry will be raffled off.

Admission to the event is \$10. Proceeds benefit a non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of sports-related injuries and health care containment.

For more information call (734) 424-1706.

Golf outing

The WaCo Wolves USA Travel Baseball Club is sponsoring a golf outing fund-raiser at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth (located at 44115 Five Mile).

Cost is \$90 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf (shotgun start, four-person scramble), prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive, beer and pop on the course, a complete steak dinner and door prizes.

All proceeds go to benefit the WaCo Wolves travel teams. Checks should be made payable to the WaCo Wolves.

For further information, call John or Karen Abrahamson at (248) 473-1336.

Women's golf league

A women's Friday morning golf league will get under way May 8 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. All ability levels are welcome; individual handicaps will be established.

Tea times begin at 9 a.m. The 16-week season costs \$15 to register and weekly greens fees. There are no residency requirements.

For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

Whalers finish off Storm

Started slow, but the finish was fast and decisive.

After losing the first two games of their best-of-seven opening series in the Ontario Hockey League playoffs, the Plymouth Whalers regrouped. An 8-0 trouncing of the Guelph Storm last Wednesday (March 29) got them righted; on Tuesday at Guelph, the Whalers ended the series by stopping the Storm, 5-1.

Plymouth, the OHL's top team during the regular season, wins the series by sweeping the final four games. The Whalers next opponent depends on the outcome of the other three OHL Western Conference quarterfinal series.

Justin Williams continued his red-hot play with a goal and an assist, but this game belonged to Stephen Weiss, who scored two goals and assisted on another.

Once again, the Whalers sent Guelph goalie Chris Madden — who was instrumental in their first two defeats — to the sidelines early by scoring three first-period goals.

Williams gave Plymouth an early lead, scoring at 5:09 of the first period with assists from Weiss and Chris Cava. Kris Vernarsky made it 2-0 with an unassisted goal at 14:19, and 1:44 later Weiss increased that lead to 3-0, assists going to Williams and Cava.

Weiss' second goal, scored before the second period was a minute old, pushed Plymouth's advantage to 4-0. Cole Jarrett assisted.

The Storm got their only goal of the game with three seconds left in the second period from Joe Gerbe.

Stephen Morris ended the Whalers' scoring, getting the only goal of the third period with 6:34 remaining. Andre Robichaud and Randy Fitzgerald assisted.

Rob Zepp was sharp in goal once again, stopping 31 of 32 shots. After



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Coming through: Stephen Weiss (left) put his game into a higher gear after the Whalers lost their first two playoff games to Guelph. Weiss scored twice in the decisive sixth game.

allowing nine goals in the first two games, Zepp surrendered just six in the last four.

Craig Andersson took over for Madden in the second period following

Weiss' second goal, making 16 saves.

Whalers 5, Guelph 3: Talk about stepping up your game. That's just what Justin Williams has

done for the Plymouth Whalers over the last three games. After failing to score a goal in the first two games — both losses — Williams has erupted, scoring seven times in the last three games (all wins).

Three of those came last Saturday as the Whalers held off the Storm to take a 3-2 lead in this best-of-seven series.

All three of his goals came in the opening period, the first with the game just 50 seconds old (Kris Vernarsky assisted), the second on a power play at 13:58 and the third at 18:00. Stephen Weiss and Shaun Fisher both assisted on the last two.

Fisher, who had a goal and three assists in the game, scored at 4:21 of the second period to give Plymouth a 4-0 lead. Williams and Weiss assisted.

Brent Kelly then took command for Guelph, scoring twice in the second period to narrow the gap to 4-2. At the 9:54 mark of the third period, Kelly scored again to make it 4-3.

But the Storm could draw no closer. Eric Gooldy's empty-net score with 45 seconds left ensured the win for the Whalers (Fisher and Randy Fitzgerald assisted).

Rob Zepp made 23 saves in goal for Plymouth. Chris Madden, who performed so well in goal for Guelph in the first two games, was pulled after giving up Williams' three goals in the first period. Craig Andersson played the last two periods, making 17 stops.

Ambassadors finish first

The Compuware Ambassadors enter the North American Hockey League playoffs as the top team in the East Division after splitting their final two games of the regular season at St. Louis last weekend.

The Ambassadors got a 6-1 win on

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Last season was not a particularly good season for Plymouth Salem's tennis team. It wasn't bad, but it wasn't all that great.

The Rocks finished eighth at the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament,

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which put them sixth in the final league standings (a combination of tournament and dual-meet results). While that doesn't seem like the kind of legacy a championship team is

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Chiefs to rebuild

BY C.J. RISAK
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By Plymouth Canton tennis coach Barb Hanosh's estimation, it's a new season and a lot of the old standouts are gone.

"We've graduated quite a few seniors and had some kids move," said Hanosh, who guid-

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ed Canton to a tie for fifth at the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament last year and a tie for fourth in the overall WLAA standings (a combination of tournament

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Returning: Canton's Matt Nagy is one of the few players back from last season's team. Nagy will be at No. 1 singles.



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Back at No. 1: Salem's Jason Meininger has rejoined Todd Schmalhurst at No. 1 doubles.

Rough and ready

Canton cashes in 2 penalty kicks to beat Pioneer

Both teams got bounced around a bit, but in the end it was Plymouth Canton that did the bouncing, beating Ann Arbor Pioneer 4-2 in a non-conference match played Monday at Canton.

The Chiefs, ranked sixth in the state, improved to 2-0 for the season.

"They came to play," said Canton coach Don Smith of Pioneer. "And they have a nice team."

But two of the Chiefs' goals came on penalty kicks by Anne Morrell after she was knocked down in front of the goal. The first was a take down by the Pioneers' keeper five minutes into the second half. Morrell's conversion broke a 1-1 tie.

Five minutes later, a defender dragged Morrell down and another penalty kick was awarded. Again, Morrell converted to put Canton up 3-1.

"These were blatant take downs," said Smith. "They really should have been red cards."

"We knew they'd have to knock us around a bit. But we expect it from almost every decent team we see. And that's OK. The girls are responding well. I'm impressed.

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they're really fighting to the ball."

Pioneer narrowed the gap to 3-2 with a goal scored with 11 minutes remaining, but Amanda Lentz clinched it for the Chiefs with a goal with 1:15 remaining. Abi Morrell assisted.

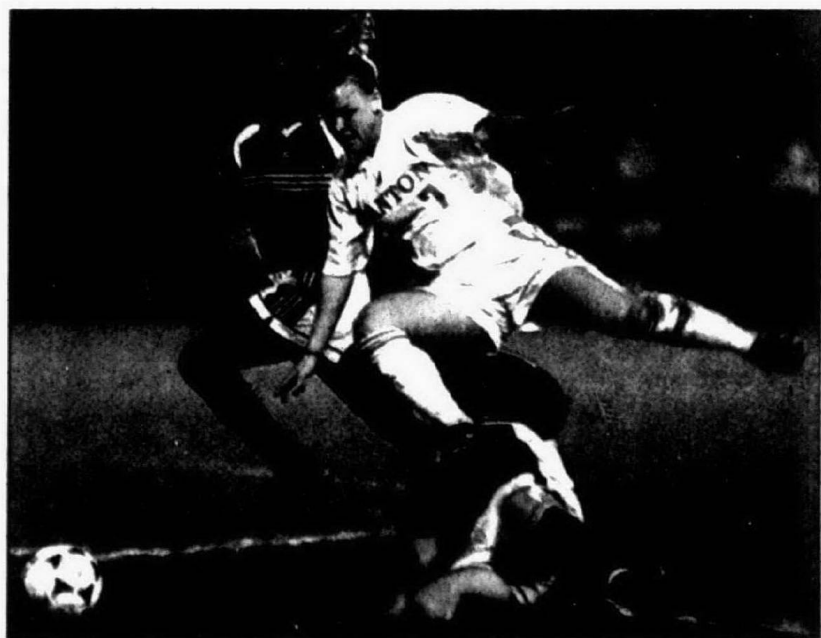
Stephanie Johnson opened the scoring for Canton, netting a goal with 15:50 left in the first half. Melanie Dunn assisted. Pioneer tied it five minutes later, and it remained 1-1 at the intermission.

As rough as this match was, it may prove to be beneficial because the schedule won't get any easier for the Chiefs.

They opened their Western Lakes Activities Association schedule at home against Walled Lake Central last night. On Saturday, they host fourth-ranked Troy in a non-conference match at 12:30 p.m.

On Monday, Canton resumes its WLAA schedule by traveling to Livonia Stevenson — ranked second in the state — for a 7 p.m.

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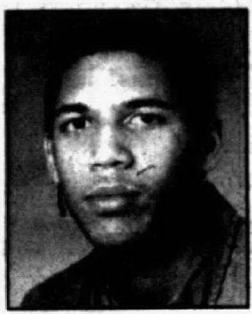
Air attack: Canton's Anne Morrell had to overcome constant pressure from Pioneer, but she did score twice.



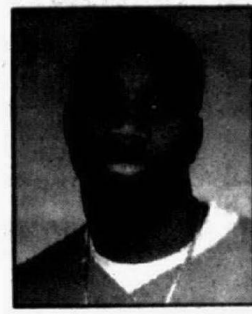
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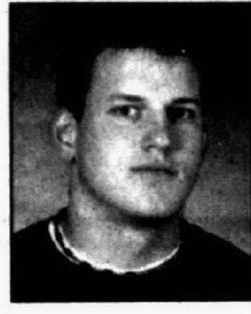


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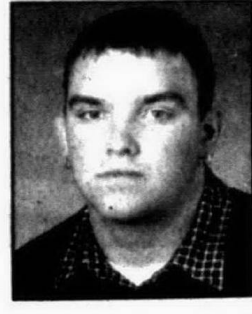


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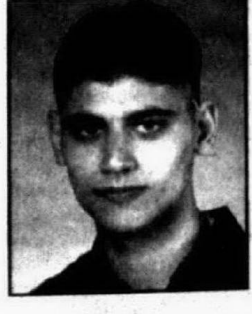
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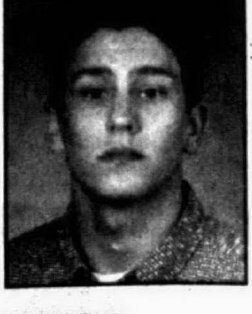
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Best around Basketball stars cover all of Observerland

BY C.J. RISAK
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Observerland had its fair share of talent this prep basketball season. But while a lot of post-season dreams went unfulfilled, Plymouth Christian Academy did all it could with what it had.

Which is why PCA's Doug Taylor is this year's Observer coach of the year.

The Eagles were a surprise last season, reaching the Class D regional final with a team of mostly juniors. They finished with 21 wins and some high hopes for this campaign.

But hopes and reality often remain strangers. The way the 1999-2000 season started for PCA, it seemed the hopes may have been too high.

Taylor remained confident, however. After a 2-4 start, with a lopsided loss to Adrian Lenawee Christian — the team that had eliminated the Eagles from the state tournament the previous season — Taylor got things turned around.

PCA rattled off 18-straight wins, among them a 16-point win over Lenawee Christian, the first in school history. The Eagles won the district and once again reached the regional final, where they faced Lenawee once again.

This win went to the Cougars, whose only previous loss had been to PCA. Lenawee ended up reaching the state championship game, where it lost to Detroit

City.

The Eagles weren't an easy team to coach, often following spectacular plays with silly mistakes. But Taylor showed the patience to let them play and eventually take them as far as they could go.

FIRST TEAM

Emir Medunjanin, N. Farmington: Medunjanin was a major reason the Raiders were co-champs for the second year in a row in the Western Lakes Activities Association regular season and won their first WLAA tournament title since 1988.

The 6-foot-6 senior center was second in scoring with 14.7 points per game and led North in rebounding with an average of 8.6.

Medunjanin, who arrived in the U.S. just a few years ago from war-torn Bosnia, shot 53.6 percent from the field (118-of-220), 31.6 from three-point distance (6-of-19) and 65.8 at the free throw line (42-of-79). He also averaged 2.0 assists, 1.5 blocks and 1.7 steals.

"The big thing is how good a player he is for only having played the game for four years," coach Tom Negoshian said. "He has a great upside to him. He shoots the ball very well for a kid his size. He has great hands and great feet. Considering what he can do as a big kid, you're talking about a pretty good player."

"Where he's come from in four years, not just in terms of basketball but everything in his life, it's just a great story."

Matt McCaffrey, Ply. Salem: A large part of what Plymouth Salem accomplished this season can be credited to McCaffrey's development at center.

The 6-7 senior was, as Rocks' coach Bob Brodie described him, "our go-to guy." Indeed, the Salem offense

ALL-OBSERVER BASKETBALL

FIRST TEAM

Sr. Emir Medunjanin, 6-6, N. Farmington
Sr. Matt McCaffrey, 6-6, Plymouth Salem
Sr. Donald Didlake, 5-10, Bishop Borgess
Jr. Justin Ockerman, 6-9, Garden City
Sr. Ken Nether, 6-5, Plymouth Canton

SECOND TEAM

Sr. Phil Watha, 6-1, North Farmington
Jr. Matt Mikel, 5-11, Farmington
Sr. John Bennett, 6-4, Livonia Churchill
Sr. Jason Waldmann, 6-5, Ply. Canton
Sr. Rob Sparks, 6-3, Catholic Central

THIRD TEAM

Sr. Justin Milus, 6-5, Farmington
Sr. Derric Isenese, 6-3, Ply. Christian
Sr. Shane Nowak, 5-10, Wayne Memorial
Sr. Matt Loides, 6-5, Catholic Central
Sr. Joe Hundley, 6-6, Farmington Harrison

FOURTH TEAM

Sr. Dave Carty, 6-1, Plymouth Christian
Sr. Jason Moton, 6-8, Westland Glenn
Sr. Rick Burack, 6-4, Liv. Clarenceville
Sr. Cedric Mann, 5-7, Redford Thurston
Jr. Ryan Celestey, 6-2, Catholic Central

COACH OF THE YEAR

Doug Taylor, Plymouth Christian Academy

HONORABLE MENTIONS

N. Farmington: Adrian Bridges, Brian Shulman; Farmington: Chad Seaborn; Harrison: Nick Hall, Brian Nelson; Salem: Ryan Cook, Ryan Nimmerguth, Andy Kocloski, Mark Bolger; Canton: Dan McLean, Jim Reddy; Canton Agape Christian: Paul Anleitner, Julian Wottlin; Stevens: Keshay McChristian, Harland Beverly, Mike Leland; Franklin: Derek Schena; Churchill: Randall Bobole, Brendon Dzikilinski, Avery Jessup, Brad Bescoe; Clarenceville: Corey McKendry, Scott Wion, Scott Carr; Lutheran Westland: Charlie Hoef, Luke Kasten, Nate Meekes; Huron Valley Lutheran: Rene Amal, Alan Kleinknecht; Ply. Christian: Mike Huntman, A.J. Sherrill; John Glenn: Brent Bogle, Michael Franks; Wayne: Gary Johnson, Justin Goins, Jermaine Garner; Redford Union: Mike Macke, Bill Carcone; Thurston: Matt Nowak, Jesse Dooley; Garden City: Brian Hamos, Jess Webb, Rob Hudson; Redford CC: Anthony Coratti, Mark Willoughby; St. Agatha: Dan Boulter, Greg Russell; Borgess: Khalil Mims, George Toles.

revolved around McCaffrey and his play inside. He was instrumental in Salem's winning a state district title and reaching the WLAA playoff finals.

McCaffrey averaged 16 points, 12 rebounds and more than two blocks a game — all team highs. He was also an all-WLAA selection. His sharp-shooting at the free-throw line (he made 77 percent from the stripe) was a factor in Salem's success.

"His outside shooting improved a lot," said Brodie. "He could hit that 10-to-15 foot jumper. He's the guy that made the difference for us down the stretch."

An honor roll student, McCaffrey wants to enroll at Princeton University. To do so, he first must attend Salisbury Prep School in Connecticut.

Donald Didlake, Bishop Borgess: His coach calls Didlake a diamond in the rough. Even so, Didlake's play was a gem this season.

The 5-10 senior guard averaged 20.3 points per game, five assists, six rebounds and two steals for the Spartans.

"He's an extremely talented guard that is capable of taking a game over," said Borgess coach Chuck Albright. "Right now, I feel he's a diamond in the

rough but there's more to be seen. He hasn't reached his full potential yet. He's still peaking."

Didlake hasn't signed to play in college yet, but is being looked at by Lamar, Hampton and several Mid-American Conference schools.

"He's going to be a great guard for some college," said Albright.

Justin Ockerman, Garden City: The 6-9, 245-pound junior made All-Mega Division and second-team All-Metro West after averaging 13 points, nine rebounds and 4.6 blocks per game.

He also shot 60 percent from the free throw line and 60 percent from the free throw line in 16 games before going down with a season-ending knee injury. Garden City was undefeated in its first 16 games.

"Justin's got all the skills," Garden City coach Greg Williamson said. "He has great hands and a soft touch around the basket."

"He changes the complexion of games and runs the floor very well. He came to us in good shape after football."

Ockerman is a three-sport athlete who also excels in baseball.

Doug Taylor — PCA
Coach of the year

Rob Sparks
Catholic Central

John Bennett
Livonia Churchill

Ken Nether, Ply. Canton: Nether, a senior who transferred to Canton after playing his junior year at Southfield HS, had to adjust to the Chiefs' motion offense and that took a bit of time. But by mid-season, he was rolling.

Nether "led us in almost everything," said Canton coach Dan Young. The 6-5 forward averaged 16.2 points while making 53 percent of his shots, and he led the Chiefs in rebounding with 9.0 a game and in assists with a 2.8 average. He also made 76 percent of his free throws.

"And he usually guarded the (opposition's) best player every game," said Young. "I think that says it all. In the second half of the season, he really picked it up."

Nether is considering several schools, among them Siena Heights, Lake Superior State, Rochester College, Schoolcraft College and Henry Ford CC.

SECOND TEAM

Phil Watha, North Farmington: Watha made his reputation as a three-point shooter, but the others parts of his game improved and were noticed this year. He defended, rebounded and went to the basket with the ball.

The 6-1 senior wing, a three-year varsity player like Medunjanin, led the Raiders in scoring with 15.7 points per game and was third in rebounding with 3.9.

Watha made 52.2 percent of his field goals (119-of-228), including 41.2 percent behind the arc (54-of-131). He was an 82.2-percent free throw shooter, sinking 37 of 45 shots.

"(Wayne State coach) Ron Hammye had a great quote," Negoshian said. "He said 'I've been coming to your practices and recruiting Emir. I think Phil might be your best player; I should be recruiting him, Tom.'"

"He's so low maintenance. He doesn't do a lot of flashy things, but he plays consistently and makes very few mistakes. You tell him something once and that's it, because he has a great understanding of the game."

"He didn't get enough credit defensively. We were No. 1 in Oakland County the last two years, and Phil was as big a part of that as anybody."

Matt Mikel, Farmington: The 5-foot-11 junior has started at either point or two guard for three years and this year led the Falcons to their winningest season in school history with a 17-6 record.

Playing on a team with balanced scoring and ability, Mikel still led Farmington in every category except rebounding.

He scored in double figures in 13 games and scored either eight or nine points in six others. He averaged 11.4 points, shot 46 percent from the floor (74-of-161) and made 48 percent of his three-point attempts (42-of-88).

Mikel's strongest attribute might be his free throw shooting, however. He sank 72 of 87 chances for 83 percent.

"He's like having a coach on the floor," coach Denny Mikel said. "He

understands what we're trying to do offensively and defensively, and he really gets us into our offense."

"His stats don't jump out at you, because everybody did their part offensively for us. We had four or five guys scoring all about the same."

"He went to the line in some of our closer games and made key free throws that iced wins for us. He brings a well-rounded game to the team, and I'm glad he's coming back for another year."

John Bennett, Liv. Churchill: The 6-4 senior forward is Churchill's No. 2 all-time career scoring leader behind Tom Bay (881) with 731 points. He also set the Churchill single-season point total mark with 372.

Bennett averaged 17 points per game this season, 20 ppg in the Western Lakes. He had season highs of 31 (vs. Plymouth Canton) and 29 (vs. Walled Lake Western).

He shot 45 percent from the field (87 of 192) and hit 33 percent from three-point range (40 of 121).

"John is one of the best long-range shooters I've seen in years," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "He runs the floor very well. We couldn't utilize him as much as a rebounder, but he was a great leaper for his size."

Bennett, who set the school single-game scoring record as a junior with 37, made first-team All-Western Lakes.

Jason Waldmann, Ply. Canton: Waldmann was, in the words of Plymouth Salem coach Bob Brodie, "a load inside."

Waldmann combined with Nether to give the Chiefs a very effective one-two punch. The 6-5, 235-pound senior was "the best post player I've coached," said Canton coach Dan Young. "Every one's defense was geared to stopping him."

"He's got great hands and he's a good passer, and of course he can score."

Which he did with great efficiency. Waldmann, a unanimous all-WLAA selection, averaged 15.8 points, 7.1 rebounds and 2.6 assists per game, and led the team with a 63 percent field goal percentage.

"He handles the ball well for such a big guy," Young said.

Waldmann is considering Adrian College, Rochester College and Schoolcraft.

Rob Sparks, Redford CC: Looking solely at the numbers, Sparks might not make most all-area teams.

Considering that he had back surgery on a herniated disc in October, 14 points per game looked pretty good for the 6-3 senior guard/forward.

"He ended up playing 17 games, but in the first two or three of those, he played a quarter here and a half there," said CC coach Rick Coratti. "By mid-January, he got back to three quarters of the game. So while he averaged 14 points, when he finally came back it was more like 18-19 points per game."

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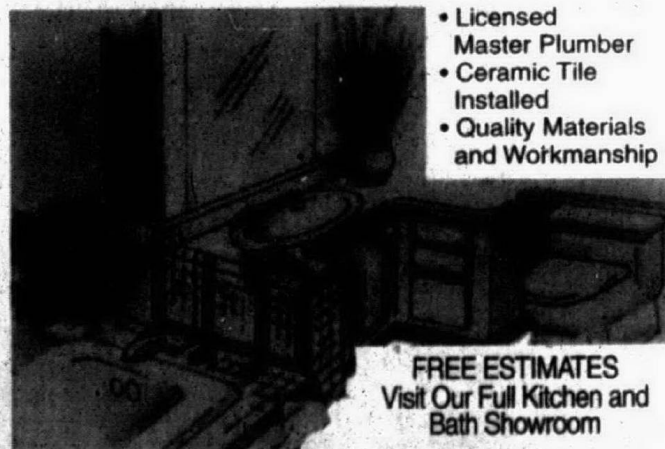
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Henry leaves Wayne to coach at Agape

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Chuck Henry is changing jobs. One of Observerland's all-time winningest boys basketball coaches is leaving Wayne Memorial after 17 seasons to coach at Canton Agape Christian.

The 50-year-old Henry will stay on at Wayne as a teacher, but will coach his son Charlie, who enters the ninth grade next season at the Class D school.

Henry has been the girls coach at Agape Christian for the last two seasons where his daughters Amy and Margie play. Last season the Agape girls finished 18-3.



Chuck Henry going to Agape

Henry's wife Margaret also teaches English at Agape. Two other children, Danielle and Donald, attend the school which has a total enrollment of 350 students (approximately 90 at the high school).

Agape boys coach Keith Anleitner has agreed to step down and become Henry's assistant.

"This came up as a surprise when Keith called me," Henry said. "Charlie always wanted to play for me at Wayne, but I wanted to keep the rest of the family intact so we can support each other. The decision is based on what's best for my family."

"We live in Canton, only two miles from the school. You're kids are only with you a short time and I wanted to maximize that relationship. So I'm going to go for it. I think everybody understands (at Wayne)."

Henry is one of the state's most accomplished boys coaches.

His overall record, which also includes a five-year stint at Dearborn Divine Child and one season at Walled Lake Western, is 366-152. He also coached the girls team at Wayne.

At Wayne, Henry's record is even more impressive, 289-98, with 10 league titles, seven district championships and three regional crowns.

During his reign with the Zebras, Henry competed against and defeated some of the state's heavyweights from the Mega Conference's Red Division including River Rouge, Romulus and Belleville.

During the mid-1990s, Henry and All-State guard Lorenzo Guess took two teams to the

Class A semifinals, while another Zebra team reached the state quarterfinals.

"The thing I'll miss most at Wayne are the people," Henry said. "So many people enriched my life, predominantly the players, along with my assistants like Wayne Woodard, our athletic director Bill Hawley and our public address announcer Bill Brooks."

"And there's a certain group in the community who would go to every game. There are so many committed supporters that it certainly tugs at your heart."

Henry's vacant position has been posted within the Wayne-Westland Schools and the leading candidate appears to be Woodard, a former Westland John Glenn player who also happens to be Henry's brother-in-law.

"Wayne's been there 15 years and he's certainly paid his dues," Henry said.

Henry's departure, however, will certainly leave a void.

"It's a blow to our program to lose a coach of his caliber," Hawley said. "Chuck's been talking about it a long time and he had been wrestling around with the idea for awhile."

"He and I have had a pretty good relationship. He's done an outstanding job for 17 years and it's going to be very difficult to replace somebody that good. He really had an unblemished record. I rate him up there with the best."

Ironically, Henry suffered an uncharacteristic two straight losing seasons after Guess graduated and accepted a football scholarship to Michigan State.

The Zebras were 9-12 this season and 7-14 the year before.

"We've had some strong teams and we were always competitive," Henry said. "At Wayne I enjoyed the competition."

"But competition is competition. It's all relevant. At Agape we've applied to MIAC (Michigan Independent Athletic Conference) because we want to be competitive and upgrade our schedule."

"Right now we play in a elementary school-size gym, but we have the blueprints to build a new gym for the high school. It's a school that is growing."

Henry has 29 years in with the Wayne-Westland Schools and has no immediate plans to retire.

"I've got to believe what I'm doing is rock solid," he said. "I'm going to coach at least another 10 years."

"I might as well coach my other two kids and see all five of

Crusaders divide twinbills

BASEBALL

Two double-headers, two splits.

Madonna University's baseball team divided a pair of Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference twinbills last weekend, losing 5-0 to Aquinas College in Sunday's first game then rebounding for a 4-3 win in the second, and beating Spring Arbor 6-5 in Saturday's opener before losing 10-5 in the nightcap.

The 2-2 weekend left Madonna with a 16-6-1 overall record, 5-3 in the WHAC. Aquinas was 17-8-2 overall through Sunday, 4-2 in the WHAC; Spring Arbor was 10-8 overall, 3-3 in the WHAC through the weekend.

In the first game against Aquinas Sunday, the Saints' Shawn Veenstra tossed a one-hitter in remaining undefeated at 6-0 for the season. Veenstra did not walk a batter and struck out six.

Madonna's only hit was a two-out infield single in the seventh inning by Bob Hamp. John Pike had a pinch-hit two-run homer in the sixth had a two-run double in the fifth for Aquinas.

In the second game, the Crusaders overcame a 3-1 deficit with a three-run seventh to edge the Saints. Neil Wildfong, a junior shortstop and a Plymouth Canton HS graduate, doubled with the bases loaded and one out to knock in all three runs in the seventh.

Wildfong finished with three hits (two of them doubles) in the game. Eric Williamson gave up two earned runs on eight hits and one walk in 6 1/3 innings, striking out two to improve to 4-0; his performance earned him WHAC pitcher of the week honors.

Scott DeKock was the losing pitcher, allowing two earned runs on seven hits and two walks with seven strikeouts in 6 1/3 innings.

Against Spring Arbor Saturday, Todd Miller's third hit of the game with one out in the seventh and the bases loaded delivered the game-winning run in a 6-5 victory.

The Cougars had scored five times in the sixth to tie it at 5-5, with Mike Longman singling in two runs and Justin Hahaj doubling in two more.

Jason Brooks slugged a solo home run in the second, singled in two runs in the fourth and had an RBI single in the sixth to lead Madonna; he finished with three hits and four RBI. Miller had three hits and an RBI, and Roy Rabe (from Livonia Stevenson) and Derick Wolfe had two hits apiece.

Jeremy Stevens got the win in relief of starter Mitch Jabezenski, allowing no runs and one hit in 1 1/3 innings. He improved to 3-0. Kyle Gaffner took the loss for Spring Arbor.

In the second game, James O'Connor (Redford Catholic Central) gave up six runs in 3 1/3 innings in falling to 0-2. Hahaj got the win for Spring Arbor, improving to 3-0.

Wolfe was 4-for-4 with two RBI for the Crusaders. Hamp had two hits, including a homer, and two RBI, and Brooks and Bryan DeCaire each had two hits.

Pitching keys Madonna sweep

SOFTBALL

6-3. Renae Tigelaar took the loss for Cornerstone, falling to 3-1.

Litwin and Cunningham each had two hits and scored a run to lead Madonna offensively. Vicki Malkowski contributed a hit and an RBI, as the Crusaders scored twice in the fifth.

In the opening game, two errors proved costly as Staup allowed three unearned runs. She surrendered eight hits but did not walk a batter, striking out five. Tarrah Brown got the win for Cornerstone, giving up five hits and one walk but striking out 10.

Kristy McDonald (from Redford Thurston) had three hits, including a double, with one RBI for Madonna. Erika Keys had two hits.

Cornerstone won the opening game with a two-run sixth inning. The Golden Eagles are 9-2-1 overall, 1-1 in the WHAC.

Tenyer did not walk a batter and struck out two to improve to

Tenyer was the winning pitcher in the first game, allowing three runs on six hits and two walks, striking out seven. Joyce Diakow took the loss for Concordia, which was 15-13 overall and 3-3 in the WHAC with the split.

McDonald had a triple and a double with two RBI in the victory. Malkowski and Cunningham added two hits and an RBI apiece, and Quinn had a hit and an RBI.

Liske was the losing pitcher in the second game; she gave up three runs on six hits and two walks, striking out two in falling to 5-3. Fuerstenau tossed a five-hit shutout to get the win for the Cardinals.

Litwin had three hits for Madonna.

Editor's note: Madonna's double-header with Grand Valley State scheduled for Wednesday was cancelled.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF WAYNE File No. 2000-018943 IE

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Independent Probate

Estate of LLOYD E. PUMMILL, Decedent, Social Security Number 497-14-7901

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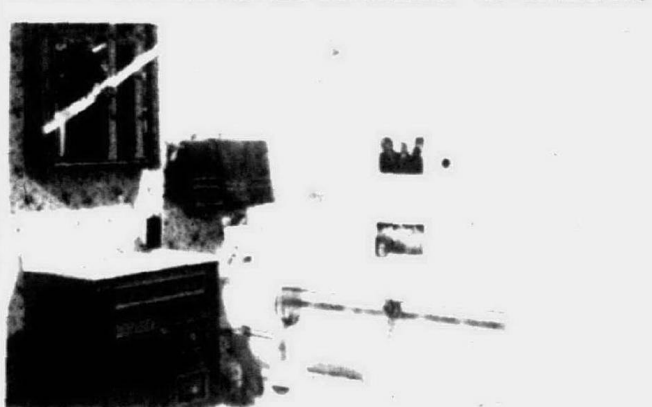
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Salem tennis *from page C1*

built on, Salem just might rewrite that theory.

The Rocks return all but one of their key players from a year ago. Lost to graduation is Brian Ott, who played No. 1 doubles.

Those returning were good enough to edge WLAA rival Farmington Harrison for first at the season-opening Monroe Invitational last Saturday. Salem scored 20 points to Harrison's 17; Plymouth Canton placed fourth.

"The guys have really been working hard," said Salem coach Bill Nelson. "They've all been going through post-season conditioning, with the co-captains working them. They've really taken on leadership roles."

"We've got the making this year of our best team in years."

Nelson isn't even counting out a run at the WLAA championship, something North Farmington has owned for the past three seasons. The Raiders have lost a lot, including No. 1 singles Brad Jaffe, winner of the title at No. 1 the last three years.

This season Salem has what North had last season: a lot of seniors in the lineup.

At No. 1 singles, senior Faraaz Fidiqi returns. Fidiqi reached the semifinals at the WLAA Tournament last season before losing to North's Jaffe.

No. 2 singles will be manned by senior Ben Bartlett, a team co-captain. Bartlett moves up from the No. 3 singles spot, and the move looked good at Monroe, where he was the top finisher.

The No. 3 and 4 singles will be carried by a pair of juniors, Jon Machnaki at No. 3 and Andy Fenton at No. 4. Both played double last season, but in both

cases their "game has really improved," according to Nelson.

No. 1 doubles features a return to the past. Seniors Jason Meininger and Todd Schmalhurst, doubles partners as sophomores, will once again be teamed together. Last year Meininger played No. 2 singles while Schmalhurst teamed with Ott at No. 1 doubles.

But a hip injury that required arthroscopic surgery at Christmas has limited Meininger somewhat. "He doesn't have the foot speed and lateral movement," said Nelson.

Schmalhurst, who had hoped to play singles this season, agreed to play with his old partner in doubles. They should be a formidable twosome; at Monroe, they finished first.

Yibo Ling, a junior who played No. 3 doubles with Machnaki last season, and Jason Schmalberger will be at No. 2 doubles this season. Scott Peruski, another senior, and Evan Roller, a sophomore, will be at No. 3 doubles; they, too, were winners at Monroe.

So were the No. 4 tandem of seniors Jon Neal and Mark Coates.

Although Salem has gotten off to a promising start with a win at the eight-team Monroe Invite, the optimism must be tempered a bit. Last year the Rocks placed second at Monroe, but the WLAA competition was somewhat tougher.

Despite North's losses, the Raiders together with Northville — second in the league a year ago — should be the teams to beat once again, Nelson said. And Harrison has Ryan Shade, who played North's Jaffe evenly

last season, coming back. Shade captured the No. 1 singles title at Monroe.

"My guess is he'll win the league," said Nelson.

But that's just one flight. Salem has strength throughout its lineup, or so Nelson hopes.

"We just need to play consistent," he said. As far as the WLAA championship is concerned, he added, "I'd like to think we could. That's our goal this year, to take the league title."

Lofty aspirations, to be sure. But reachable ones.

Canton tennis *from page C1*

and dual-meet results).

"But it's turned out pretty good. We should do all right."

While many of those who scored for Canton at the WLAA Tournament are gone, there's plenty of talent remaining. Matt Nagy, a senior co-captain, is back at No. 1 singles.

Chris Foss, another senior co-captain, moves from No. 4 singles — he was fourth at the WLAA Tournament last season — to No. 2 this season.

Sophomores man the No. 3 and No. 4 singles spots at present. Eric Durance will be at No. 3 and Kyle Andrews takes over at No. 4. Hanosh indicated that was her lineup "for now," adding, "There's been great improvement for both."

Junior Brian Balfour, a part-time doubles player last season, will team with senior co-captain Matt Schmidt at No. 1 doubles. Schmidt played No. 2 doubles

last season.

The No. 2 doubles position will feature junior Kevin Nuttal, a junior varsity player last season, and sophomore Brad Kreger, who played at No. 4 doubles a year ago.

No. 3 doubles will be manned by sophomores Adam Landry, also called up from last season's JV squad, and Mike Han, a transfer student from St. Joseph who played for his high school team last season.

Chris Slupek, a sophomore, and Evan Alexander, a freshman, are the current doubles partners at No. 4.

"The improvement since last year has been excellent," said Hanosh in a general evaluation. "We ran into a few snags over the weekend (at the Monroe Invitational) — we were missing a couple of kids."

The Chiefs finished fourth at Monroe, with Nagy taking a

third at No. 1 singles and Andrews winning the fourth flight.

For Canton to move into the WLAA's upper echelon, many of the underclassmen will have to develop quickly. The doubles teams in particular, which are for the most part rebuilt, must adapt.

"Our doubles teams need more practice together," said Hanosh. "If we can get some good weather and a good couple of days of practice, it'll help."

Teams to watch in the conference? "North Farmington and Northville are usually very strong," said Hanosh of the defending WLAA champ and runner-up. "And Livonia Stevenson has some good kids."

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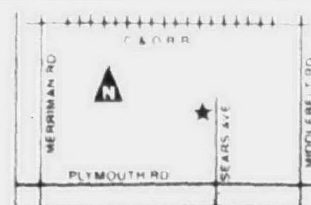
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Chiefs finish 4th at Pioneer

It was an impressive performance for Plymouth Canton's boys track team last Saturday at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Indoor Invitational, held at the University of Michigan Track Building.

The Chiefs finished fourth in a field of 21 teams. Toledo Rogers won the meet with 62 points; Toledo Central Catholic was second with 46 and Birmingham Brother Rice placed third with 41. Canton was fourth with 40.

Plymouth Salem finished 15th with 11 points.

"It was a nice showing," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "A lot of kids PRed (person-

BOYS TRACK

al record). Hopefully, this will set things up for the rest of the season."

Several of the Chiefs, according to Richardson, are ahead of their pace of a year ago. Best finishes on Saturday went to the shuttle hurdle relay team of Jim O'Brien, Chris Kalis, Dane Kobus and Ricky Singh, which placed second in 32.5.

Jordan Chapman also got a second in the pole vault with a personal-best vault of 12-feet, 6-inches. Brian Page finished sixth in

the same event, clearing 10-6.

Canton also had three third-place finishes. Jerry Gaines had one of them in the 400-meter run (51.9); Chapman had another, tying for third in the high jump (6-2); and K.J. Singh got the third one in the 55-meter dash (6.7).

The 4x200 relay team of K.J. Singh, Nate Howe, Gary Lee and Jamie Bonner placed fourth for Canton (1:37.7), and the 4x400 team of Jack Tucci, Matt Dukes, K.J. Singh and Gaines took fifth (3:37.5).

Canton and Salem face off in the annual Mangan-Bolger Memorial Meet, starting today with field events at 3 p.m.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL

Thursday, April 6

Redford Union at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Garden City at Thurston, 4 p.m.
W. Bloomfield at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Tay. Kennedy, 4 p.m.
St. Field Christ. at Stevenson, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Det. Urban, 4:30 p.m.
Ply. Christian vs. Luth. Westland at Canton's Griffin Park, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 7

Crestwood at Canton (2), 3:30 p.m.
Dearborn at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Ply. Christian vs. Bethesda at Griffin Park, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

(all double-headers)
Tay. Kennedy at Stevenson, 11 a.m.
John Glenn at Edsel Ford, 11 a.m.

Thurston at Wayne, 11 a.m.
A.A. Pioneer at Salem, 11 a.m.
Garden City at Redford Union, 11 a.m.
DeLaSalle at Redford CC, 11 a.m.
St. Clement at St. Agatha, 11 a.m.
Ply. Christian at Mt. Carmel, 11 a.m.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Thursday, April 6

Franklin at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
Ladywood at A.A. Pioneer, 4 p.m.
PCA at A.A. Richard, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Det. Urban, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 7

Franklin at Dearborn, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

(all double-headers)
John Glenn at Garden City, 11 a.m.
Ply. Christian at Agape, 11 a.m.

BOYS TRACK

Thursday, April 6

John Glenn at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
Canton vs. Salem (CEP), 4 p.m.
PCA at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

Redford CC, Canton, Pinckney at A.A. Pioneer Quad Meet, TBA.
Southgate Relays, 9 a.m.

GIRLS TRACK

Thursday, April 6

Churchill at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
Franklin at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
Canton vs. Salem (CEP), 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Marian, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

Southgate Relays, 9 a.m.
A.A. Pioneer Invitational, 11 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Saturday, April 8

Troy at Canton, 12:30 p.m.
Salem at Troy Athens, 1 p.m.
Ladywood at Riv. Richard, 1:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

(all double-headers)

Saturday, April 8

Rochester at Madonna, 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 9

Indiana Tech at Madonna, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL

(all double-headers)

Friday, April 7

Madonna vs. Tri-State (Ind.), 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 9

Madonna at St. Francis (Ind.), TBA.

TBA — time to be announced.

Hockey from page C1

Friday, getting two goals apiece from Matt Rutkowski and Ryan Lessnau. Lukas Krajicek had a goal and an assist and Mark Norrington scored a goal. Craig Kowalski stopped 27 of 28 shots on goal to get the win.

St. Louis avenged that loss with a 3-1 victory over Compuware. Eric Ortlip scored twice in the third period for the Sting; the Ambassadors' goal was scored by Chris Sad. Tom Fortunato had 22 saves in goal for Compuware.

The Ambassadors begin the defense of their NAHL and national titles by hosting the USA NAHL Team in a best-of-three series that starts at 2:05 p.m. today. Game Two will be at 6:35 p.m. Friday, and Game Three (if necessary) will be at 2

p.m. Saturday.

All three games will be played at Compuware Arena.


NAHL grad of the week

This honor goes to the Whalers' Damian Surma. He had a goal and an assist in an 8-0 playoff win over Guelph, and added an assist in a 3-2 victory over Ambassadors last Friday.

A 19-year-old left wing from Lincoln Park, Surma was second on the Whalers in scoring during the regular season with 32 goals and 38 assists for 70 points. In 54 games with the Compuware Ambassadors in 1997-98, Surma had 12 goals and 18 assists for 30 points.

He was drafted in the sixth round last summer by the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes.

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



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SATURDAY



Join Suzie Gouine (left to right), Patrick O'Reilly of Farmington and Jason Smith of Garden City as they sing, dance, romp and play their way through the teachings of the Gospel of Matthew in "Godspell," 8 p.m. at the Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$10-\$13, call (313) 577-2960.

SUNDAY



Estonian conductor Eri Klas conducts the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in a program of two tone-poems "Don Juan" and "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks," by Richard Strauss, 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets \$19-\$50, call (313) 576-5111.

HOT TICKET



Hot Ticket: The Royal Hanneford Circus, featuring ringmaster Billy Martin, comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills for eight performances, Thursday-Sunday, April 6-9. Tickets \$12, \$8, and \$5. All seats opening night are \$4. Call (248) 645-6666 for show times and ticket information.

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Taking God's silence to task

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Elie Wiesel's only play is one Thomas Malcolm Olson has been wanting to direct for some time. Written by the Nobel Peace Prize winner in 1979, "The Trial of God" opens in a village where nearly all the Jews have been exterminated.

Wiesel speaks from experience in the play, and three dozen books he's written about the horrors Holocaust victims suffered during World War II. Deported with his family from Transylvania (Romania) at age 15, Wiesel survived Auschwitz and Buchenwald. His mother, father and youngest sister did not. A persistent literary witness to the Holocaust, Wiesel recalls his own struggle with God in the play and several of the books including his memoirs.

"It questions the silence of God when human beings are suffering," said Olson. "Wiesel originally set the play in a village in 1649. We're not doing it in period but more in the French bohemian era of the 1950s because these are timeless questions."

Mark Hammell of Lathrup Village plays Berish, the innkeeper. He and his daughter are the only Jews to survive the brutal raid on Shamgorod, a village in Ukraine.

"It's based on a real life event," said Olson. "When Elie was 15 he was a prisoner in Auschwitz when a rabbi took him under his wing. They met everyday to study and then with three other rabbis they put God on trial. Elie was the only witness to this."

In real life, God was found guilty

On Trial: Mark Hammell (Berish) and Guy Snyder (the priest) look for answers from God after nearly all the Jews of a village are exterminated.



Questioning God: Guy Snyder (left back), Mark Hammell, Hannah Riddell, Art Collings (left front), P.W. Henry, and Anessa and Scot Martin put God on trial in the Elie Wiesel play based on a true story.

"The Trial of God"

- What:** Trinity House Theatre presents the play by Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel.
- When:** Opens Friday, April 7 and runs weekends to Sunday, April 30 (except for Easter, April 23). Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday.
- Where:** 38840 W. Six Mile Road, between I-275 and Haggerty, Livonia.
- Tickets:** \$8-10 Friday-Saturday, \$5 Sunday, call (734) 464-6302.

of crimes against humanity. In the play no verdict is ever reached. Wiesel's own works consistently pose the question, how is it possible not to believe in God after these atrocities?

"You don't have to be religious to enjoy this play," said Olson. "Anyone who's struggled with evil will find resonance with these words. Elie describes it as a tragic farce. This is the biggest challenge to find out the humor in these lines and to find out what he means."

Soul searching

Olson's found himself doing a lot of soul searching in the eight weeks since rehearsals began for the play produced by Tim Dunham. More than ever, he believes theater makes a significant contribution in a variety of ways ranging from entertainment to social commentary.

"I'm realizing what an important art this is to be asking these questions," said Olson. "For me personally, the reward is to be participating in the asking of these questions. Trinity House's mission has always been to present brave, truthful and necessary works of art. It's not a play that can be easily dismissed. This is a play that's going to haunt."

Hammell finds himself examining his own beliefs as does his character. Berish is a man without answers after indicting God for his silence in the face of evil.

"It's been a test of Berish's will," said Hammell, a big, burly man who began acting in 1976. "The play doesn't answer any questions but inspires a lot of thought."

P.W. Henry, a Westland resident, plays one of the wandering minstrels who come to town hoping to perform a Purim play. Instead, Berish challenges them to put God on trial. The innkeeper is all too willing to serve as prosecutor but first they must find a defense attorney. That's when Sam, a mysterious stranger, arrives in town.

"We want to perform and get free drinks and food when sudden-

Please see **SILENCE**, E2

Wiggles give kids the giggles

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Barney will have a quartet of special guests wriggling, squiggling, and wagging their way onto the stage of his Musical Castle as the Australian children's group "The Wiggles," comes to Detroit, Thursday-Sunday, April 6-9.

During the April 2000 tour of "Barney's Musical Castle," The Wiggles will perform during intermission at all of the Barney shows at Cobo Arena.

The Wiggles will also appear locally at FAO Schwarz in Troy on April 6, at Noodle Kidoodle in Northville on April 7, and Noodle Kidoodle in Rochester Hills on April 8. There is no charge for these performances.

Group

The Wiggles are the most successful children's entertainment group in the history of Australia, performing more than 500 shows a year to sold-out crowds. The group of four Australians and four whimsical, costumed characters combines lives action with audience participation for a wiggling good time!

The Wiggles have captured the attention and hearts of children of all ages as they sing and dance to such favorites as "Wake Up Jeff!," "Romp Bomp A Stomp," "Can You Point Your Fingers and Do the Twist?," and "D.O.R.O.T.H.Y. (My Favorite Dinosaur)." The sing-alongs are performed by Anthony Field, Murray Cook, Greg Page and Jeff Fatt, four men from the Sydney area who are accompanied by costumed characters Dorothy the Dinosaur™, Wags the Dog™, Henry the Octopus™, and Captain Feathersword™.

Formed in 1991 by three "mates," Field, Cook and Page, who were studying Early Childhood Education at Macquarie University in Sydney, the group became a foursome after Fatt joined following graduation.

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What: Barney's Musical Castle and The Wiggles will appear at Cobo Arena in Detroit.

When: 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6; 7 p.m. Friday, April 7; 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8; 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 9.

Tickets: \$8-25, available at all Ticketmaster outlets, or call (248) 645-6666.

Free public appearances by The Wiggles include: FAO Schwarz at noon Thursday, April 6 (2800 West Big Beaver Road, Troy); 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 7 at Noodle Kidoodle (17783 Haggerty Road, Northville); and 5 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at Noodle Kidoodle (1336 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills).



Meet the Wiggles: Australian performers Anthony Field, Murray Cook, Greg Page and Jeff Fatt.

BENEFIT

A PERFECT MATCH: Old rocker pitches in to help new cause

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Rock 'n' roll star Marshall Crenshaw grew up in Berkley within walking distance from the old Berkley Theatre, a landmark that's still selling candy and soft drinks but no longer showing movies.

Or making popcorn, for that matter.

The Berkley name remains on the marquee for city recognition but the building is now a drug store.

"It's disgusting," said Crenshaw, interviewed over the phone from his home in Brooklyn, N.Y. "It was a real nice theater with a natural echo and comfortable. They used to have two drug stores a



MARSHALL CRENSHAW

half mile apart (on 12 Mile Road). Now there's one right in the middle."

It's no wonder Crenshaw has a great appreciation for historic sites that remain as they were intended, like the Royal Oak Theatre — his next stop in hopes

that others can go on.

Crenshaw's band is the headliner of a second annual benefit concert for the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation, on Thursday, April 13, sponsored by General Motors Corp. and aided by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Crenshaw, who counts "Television Light," "Somebody Someway" and "Whenever You're On My



STEWART FRANCKE

Mind" among his hit songs, was eager to play.

"They explained to me what it was about, what their foundation does and I was impressed with it," Crenshaw, 46, said. "Their intentions are honorable and what I know about it is it's extremely well organized. I said 'that sounds cool and penciled it in.'"

Francke is a local musician who was diagnosed with Leukemia in June 1998. He received a successful stem cell marrow transplant from his sister, Kit Reece, months later.

Francke started the foundation to raise money for research and awareness on the importance of bone marrow donors, especially among African

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Americans and Hispanics who have a smaller chance of finding matches.

Francke and Commissioned, an award-winning Gospel group from Detroit, are also scheduled to perform.

"It's a tremendous gift on the part of Marshall and 'Commissioned' to donate their time," said Francke, whose fifth CD, "Swimming In Mercury," includes some songs about his diagnosis and recovery.

Crenshaw has lived in New York for the better part of 20 years, including quite a long stint in Woodstock, the site of some legendary outdoor concerts.

He said he enjoys playing in theaters the size of Royal Oak's. More importantly, he enjoys its cleanliness.

"The dressing rooms are clean, there's no 'BS' on the walls," said Crenshaw, who co-wrote the Gin Blossoms recent hit song "Till I Hear It From You."

"I don't like to play in 'Rock toilets.' A lot of places I used to play prided themselves on being 'grungy.' Royal Oak Theatre is classy, cool. I used to go to

movies there when I was a kid. There's a lot of nice theaters in Detroit."

Ironically, it was a concert by Crenshaw back in 1981 at the Royal Oak Theatre that convinced Francke to quit his first job after college and go into music full time.

"Marshall's a terrific guy, one of the great rock 'n' rollers, a big favorite of mine," said Francke, who has two children with his wife Julia. "If I could have a wish list of people to play he'd be at the top of it."

Francke considers himself fortunate to have found a bone marrow match in his family. There is a one in four chance of a family member being a match.

A search outside an immediate family costs Leukemia patients \$10,000 and Francke's organization wants to defray the costs.

"I woke up one morning and absolutely knew I was going to match, had a ton of faith going in," his sister said. "We realized how lucky we were that I was a match, then heard horror stories about people who don't have a match, couldn't find matching

What: Benefit concert for The Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation
When: Thursday, April 13, beginning at 6 p.m. with sample complimentary tastings from Royal Oak's D'Amato's Restaurant. A concert, featuring gospel group Commissioned, hometown favorite Stewart Francke and native Berkley rocker Marshall Crenshaw starts at 7 p.m.
Where: Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth between Washington and Lincoln.
Why: To raise money for research and awareness of the importance of blood marrow donors.
Tickets: \$75, includes food and entertainment and silent auction. Call (248) 828-2865 or TicketMaster at (248) 645-6666 or log on to www.sflf.com for tickets. Cash bar.

donors."

Francke said the foundation has raised more than \$100,000 since its inception. General



Fund-raiser: Stewart Francke founded The Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation in hopes of helping others receive successful bone marrow transplants.

Motors Vice Chairman Harry Pearce, the recipient of a successful stem cell transplant in 1998, has worked closely with Francke for the cause.

About 800 attended the inaugural event, according to Francke, and he anticipates 1,000 this year. He's hoping for a higher minority turnout.

"We're trying to change the face of the audience," Francke said. "Our mandate is to try to help people who need it the most. The chances of white people finding a match are twice as great as minorities."

"I'm lucky I had a match and lived. I depend on people. It's how I feel about the world, about life."

Crenshaw recently released a new CD, titled "Number 447," a name he said he picked for no particular reason.

"It's a watershed record for me," said Crenshaw, who has two small children with his wife Ione. "I couldn't think of a snappy name to give it."

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ly we're in the midst of this," said Henry. "A year before they had a massacre and only two Jews are left. My lines set me up to be preachy. I'm dealing with the attitude that I'm supposed to be wiser than I am. This play is pertinent to what's going on in the world even today. You look around at what's happened in Sarajevo."

Art Collings, a member of the minstrel troupe, plays Avremel.

"He was a jester and is the professional actor of the band," said Collings, a Livonia resident. "He's seen it all so it's old to him. Being in the play has been a learning experience. It's made me think about things. How I would answer some of the questions - where is God when tragedy happens?"

Anessa Martin provides comic relief with her role as the barmaid who's somewhat of a gruff mother-figure. Her lines prevent the characters from sounding like they are in a debate.

Learning process

"It's been a learning process,"

■ 'It's been a learning process. The play is very wordy. Our challenge as a cast is to make it interesting.'

Anessa Martin
 Actress

said Martin of Redford. "The play is very wordy. Our challenge as a cast is to make it interesting."

Guy Snyder's character symbolically portrays the Catholic church. As the priest he asks, "what is the true nature of God?"

"Another massacre is on the horizon," said Snyder, a Livonia resident. "He wants Beresh to get out or to pretend to convert to Christianity. Every time we rehearse we discover something new about what Weisel is trying to say. There's a lot of substance to the play."

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"We never ever thought of touring the world with what we do," said Page who dons a bright yellow shirt in all the Wiggles videos. "It is certainly very satisfying to think that what we do has been so well received by people in Australia, and is now starting to gain some recognition in other parts of the world."

Page said in 1991 the group took a leap of faith by giving up their regular jobs to become entertainers - nearly 10 years later they're the hottest children's group down under and have been gaining momentum in the U.S. since their first appearance in Sept. 1998.

"We first came to the U.S. to perform ... at Disneyland in California and then Sea World in Florida. It was a very brief stay, only about six days, but we still played to over 18,000 people while we were there," said Page.

Stage show

The live stage show of "Barney's Musical Castle" will feature Barney and his friends Baby Bop™ and BJ®. Barney's Musical Castle is a "whimsical

journey born of a child's imagination." Through Barney's guidance a day of fun building sandcastles turns into an adventure that ends up at a real castle. Barney, BJ and Baby Bop, along with several new friends, begin an excursion through an enchanted forest where sunflowers dance and a bunny, fox and bear are on hand to pave a path to a castle on the horizon.

Approximately 30 songs and dances will be played during the show.

Popular format

Wiggles members Page says their success can be attributed to several things including their training as early childhood teachers.

"This gave us an incredible insight into the world of children, what they think about, how they think, what makes them act certain ways and of course, how to plan appropriate learning for them. Also, the songs seem to be quite popular with the children as well as the parents, so I think that if the parents can listen to the music it helps them tolerate, and then understand what it is the children are watching."

Coinciding with their April 2000 live performances will be



The Wiggles & Friends: Captain Feather-sword (left to right), Dorothy the Dinosaur, Jeff Fatt, Henry the Octopus, Anthony Field, Murray Cook, Greg Page, and Wags the Dog.

the Lyrick® Studios release of both audio and video versions of "Wake Up Jeff!" Wiggles merchandise is available nationwide at Noodle Kidoodle stores, Blockbuster Video stores, Amazon.com, etoys.com and FAO Schwarz stores.

"Small venues and those performances for us are always more rewarding," added Page. "It is a more personal way to see our audience and to ensure that we are connecting with the children."

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COMEDY

Second City-Detroit shoots, scores with show

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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"The Puck Stops Here" at Second City Detroit through Sunday, April 16, where you can see the touring company in action.

"We tried to make it a hockey show, but we put together scenes anyone would enjoy," said Kirk Hanley of Farmington, one of the players. "We think the show will please both camps — diehard hockey fans who don't go to the theater much, and those who do."

The show, which opened Tuesday, is a mix of madcap skits, some of them musical, that are sure to score with fans.

"We've been working on it for about two months," said Hanley who described the show as a mix of original skits, and material from Second City archives.

During a preview performance on Tuesday, the company tried out some of their skits on a small, but enthusiastic audience. There's the wife who argues with her husband, the referee, about the calls he makes, and an old hockey coach who tries to teach intellectuals at the University of Detroit how to play football.

"A health club is a paradise where every man is free... and look at all these towels" — is an entertaining musical number. You'll get a kick out of their dance — imagine an Esther Williams-style synchronized swimming routine, on stage.

There's the husband who wants to "commit" to season Red

"This is the finest ensemble that any of us have worked with. They're the most giving, cooperative, and talented people. It's always a joy to work together."

Kirk Hanley
Comedian

Wings tickets, and his wife who isn't sure she wants to. A young boy wonders what it's like to watch a baseball game with the crowd, instead of sheltered with his wealthy parents in their sky box. The butler, played by Hanley, to the horror of his parents, prepares a hot dog for the boy.

The cast also includes Carey Crim who has performed in shows at Meadow Brook Theatre and the Jewish Ensemble Theatre.

"I heard a song on the radio, and the lyrics were 'do something every day that scares you.' I was thinking about that when I called the Actor's Equity Audition hotline," said Crim explaining how she landed at Second City-Detroit. "There was an audition for the Second City-Detroit, and I was hired for the touring company."

She describes "The Puck Stops Here" as definitely hockey heavy, but also a lot of fun.

"Hockey is a metaphor," she said. "We try to build on themes of life. It's a marriage of the two. It's for the player and someone who doesn't get it. Hockey's not

her thing, but it's part of her world."

Hanley, Crim and the other members of the group — Jeff Fritz, Cheri Johnson, Topher Owen and Kiff Vanden Heuvel — have been working together for a year.

"This is the finest ensemble that any of us have worked with," said Hanley. "They're the most giving, cooperative, and talented people. It's always a joy to work together."

Hanley and the other touring company cast members are delighted to be performing on the mainstage in their first two-week show.

While the touring company is onstage, the mainstage cast will start working on their next show.

"Second City is always a work in progress," said Hanley. "Toward the end of the run, they'll start putting in new scenes to try them out for the new show."

Former mainstage cast member Margaret Exner is directing "The Puck Stops Here."

"Paradigm Lost" will return to the Second City-Detroit main-



Touring company: Members of the Second City Touring Company, including Kirk Hanley (center bottom row) and Carey Crim (back row, middle) take a break from rehearsal.

stage on Wednesday, April 19. The Second City-Detroit Touring Company presents "The Puck Stops Here," 8 p.m. Thursday-

Sunday, April 6-9; and Tuesday-Sunday, April 11-16. Additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Tickets for Tuesday-Thurs-

SCREEN SCENE

Trio earns stage career after acting on whim

When most of us think back to a silly moment in our lives, we usually don't recall it as a life-altering event.



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With time, you may realize some significant things were happening when life was at its most crazy and comical. Silliness has been known to create deep, lasting friendships, reduce stress and provide free entertainment.

In the case of Arthur J. Beer, it even gave him a career.

A half-century ago, Beer and a pair of buddies from Warren High School formed the King Korn Trio, figuring their pantomimes of tunes from the immortal Spike Jones was a

great way to impress girls.

To their surprise, the act won the school's talent show, and the good fortune began to snowball.

"The King Korn Trio's timing couldn't have been better. Ted Mack's Original Amateur Hour was in town for a Boysville U.S.A. benefit, and the local competition at Olympia (stadium) earned us a trip to New York to appear on the show," says Beer.

Next came the group's selection to join the USO Tour of Europe.

The unlikely chain of events triggered a lifetime of stage work for Beer, who serves as associate director of the Theatre Company at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Now, those madcap moments from the early 1950s are being recaptured for audiences in The Theatre Company's production of "The King Korn Trio," which runs through Sunday, April 16 at

UDM's McAuley Theatre.

"My wife convinced me that the story is so ridiculous and unbelievable that it would be perfect for the stage," says Beer, who wrote and directs the play that features Mary F. Bremer and David Jeffrey in key roles.

Committed to the belief that silliness is always good for the soul and occasionally an artistic discipline, The King Korn Trio production will be featured on Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS series, in an edition that airs 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9.

Even though my silly moments wouldn't be worthy of Ted Mack's "Original Amateur Hour" or even the recent "Star Search" showcases, I value them.

Life isn't all high drama. Sometimes it is at its best when it's like a "Gong Show" revue.

FAMILY FUN

Museum salutes environment

PRNewswire — "Junk, Juice & Jive," a fresh, lively and edgy look at environmental action, takes over Spirit of Ford throughout the month of April. Test drive an electric Ranger, dive into a towering recycle pile, and find out what all the buzz is about as Ford Motor Company's (NYSE: F) pioneering spirit focuses on the areas of alternative fuel, electric vehicles and materials recycling.

Spirit of Ford, an automotive learning attraction, is open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Spirit of Ford is located at 1151 Village Road in Dearborn (across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village). For more details call (313) 31-SPRIT or check Spirit of Ford out on the web at www.spiritofford.com.

"At Spirit of Ford, guests have the chance to feel, smell, see, drive and literally immerse themselves in experiences which mirror the initiatives of Ford Motor Company. This month we are the site for a fun, active celebration of the company's many and diverse environmental activities and programs," says Jo Haas, director of Spirit of Ford.

Following is a rundown of the activities going on in April as Spirit of Ford salutes environ-

mental progress:

Activities

■ **Un-Plugged** — Be the first on your block to test drive an electric Ranger, the quieter vehicle you simply plug in to get its "juicy" engine revvin'! These "juicy" test drives happen on Saturday and Sunday afternoons in April. Call for specific times. Drivers must be 18 and over and have a valid driver's license.

■ **Restoration Station** — For a different spin on "junk," kids can "dive" into a towering recycle pile and create something new out of something old. Take your new creation home with you or leave it behind to be transformed into something else.

■ **Fueling Your Dreams** — Turn your brain "green" through this dynamic interactive demonstration that makes fuel, energy and recycling come to life for big and little dreamers alike. Explore a junk pile and find out why some trash really isn't so "trashy." You'll be surprised to learn that Ford Motor Company actually uses pop bottles and old jeans to build vehicles.

■ **It's Natural** — Preview Ford's full line of natural gas cars, trucks and sport utility

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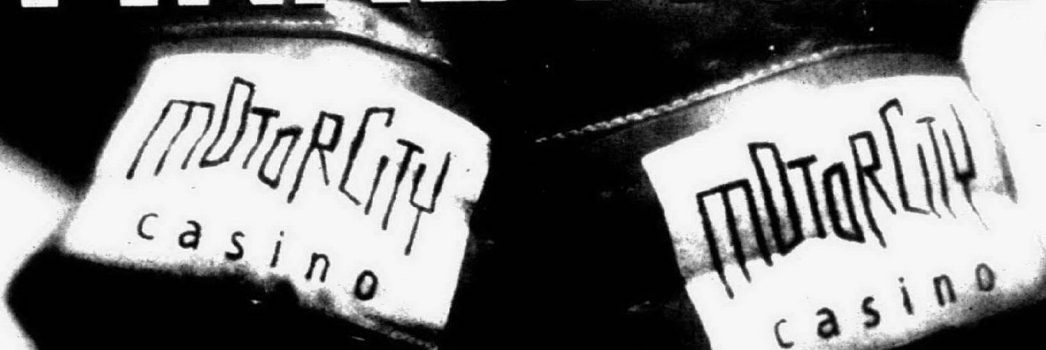
■ **Environmentally Responsible Vehicles** — Explore the interior of a DIATA (Direct Injection Aluminum Throughbolt Assembly) engine and see how it gets "turned on." Take a look at the SUV fuel cell powertrain of the future — it's lightweight and efficient!

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■ **Junk, Juice & Jive** — the event! — Bring your family to celebrate Junk, Juice & Jive with Spirit of Ford on Saturday night, 6-9 p.m. Saturday, April 29.

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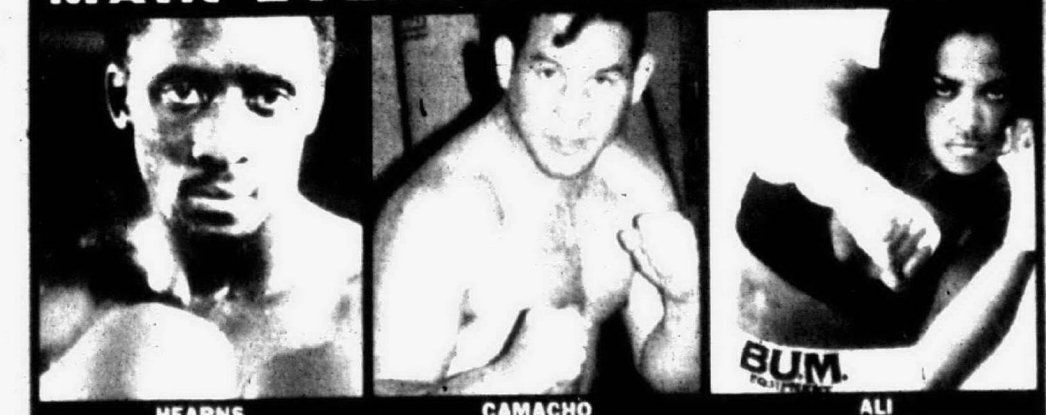
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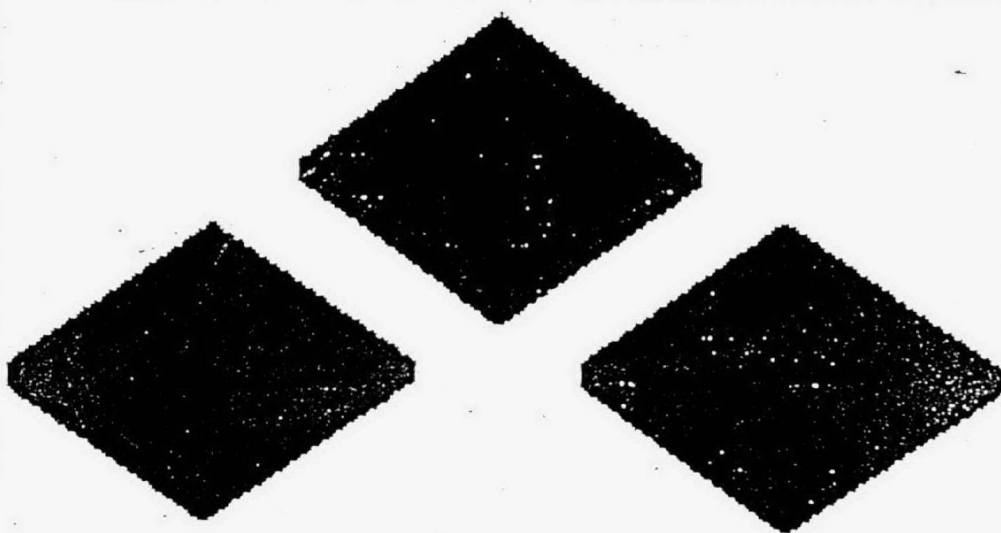
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Meet artist Richard Ritter and view his "Suspended Expressions: Visions in Glass" at the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery, University of Michigan-Dearborn. Opening reception 5-8 p.m., discussion with Ritter at 6:30 p.m. Call (313) 593-5400 or (313) 593-5087 for information. Exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30.

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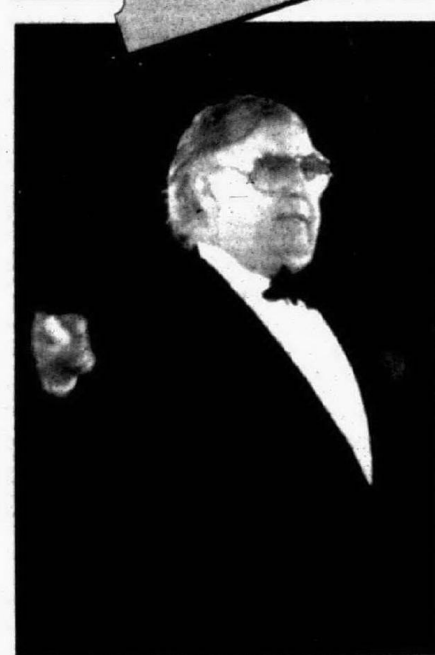


Join Suzie Gouine (left to right), Patrick O'Reilly of Farmington and Jason Smith of Garden City as they sing, dance, romp and play their way through the teachings of the Gospel of Matthew in "Godspell," 8 p.m. at the Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$10-\$13, call (313) 577-2960.

SUNDAY



Estonian conductor Eri Klas conducts the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in a program of two tone-poems "Don Juan" and "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks," by Richard Strauss, 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets \$19-\$50, call (313) 576-5111.



Hot Ticket: The Royal Hanneford Circus, featuring ringmaster Billy Martin, comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills for eight performances, Thursday-Sunday, April 6-9. Tickets \$12, \$8, and \$5. All seats opening night are \$4. Call (248) 645-6666 for show times and ticket information.

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Taking God's silence to task

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Elie Wiesel's only play is one Thomas Malcolm Olson has been wanting to direct for some time. Written by the Nobel Peace Prize winner in 1979, "The Trial of God" opens in a village where nearly all the Jews have been exterminated.

Wiesel speaks from experience in the play, and three dozen books he's written about the horrors Holocaust victims suffered during World War II. Deported with his family from Transylvania (Romania) at age 15, Wiesel survived Auschwitz and Buchenwald. His mother, father and youngest sister did not. A persistent literary witness to the Holocaust, Wiesel recalls his own struggle with God in the play and several of the books including his memoirs.

"It questions the silence of God when human beings are suffering," said Olson. "Wiesel originally set the play in a village in 1649. We're not doing it in period but more in the French bohemian era of the 1950s because these are timeless questions."

Mark Hammell of Lathrup Village plays Berish, the innkeeper. He and his daughter are the only Jews to survive the brutal raid on Shamgorod, a village in Ukraine.

"It's based on a real life event," said Olson. "When Elie was 15 he was a prisoner in Auschwitz when a rabbi took him under his wing. They met everyday to study and then with three other rabbis they put God on trial. Elie was the only witness to this."

In real life, God was found guilty

On Trial: Mark Hammell (Berish) and Guy Snyder (the priest) look for answers from God after nearly all the Jews of a village are exterminated.



Questioning God: Guy Snyder (left back), Mark Hammell, Hannah Riddell, Art Collings (left front), P.W. Henry, and Anessa and Scot Martin put God on trial in the Elie Wiesel play based on a true story.

"The Trial of God"

- What:** Trinity House Theatre presents the play by Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel.
- When:** Opens Friday, April 7 and runs weekends to Sunday, April 30 (except for Easter, April 23). Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday.
- Where:** 38840 W. Six Mile Road, between I-275 and Haggerty, Livonia.
- Tickets:** \$8-10 Friday-Saturday, \$5 Sunday, call (734) 464-6302.

of crimes against humanity. In the play no verdict is ever reached. Wiesel's own works consistently pose the question, how is it possible not to believe in God after these atrocities?

"You don't have to be religious to enjoy this play," said Olson. "Anyone who's struggled with evil will find resonance with these words. Elie describes it as a tragic farce. This is the biggest challenge to find out the humor in these lines and to find out what he means."

Soul searching

Olson's found himself doing a lot of soul searching in the eight weeks since rehearsals began for the play produced by Tim Dunham. More than ever, he believes theater makes a significant contribution in a variety of ways ranging from entertainment to social commentary.

"I'm realizing what an important art this is to be asking these questions," said Olson. "For me personally, the reward is to be participating in the asking of these questions. Trinity House's mission has always been to present brave, truthful and necessary works of art. It's not a play that can be easily dismissed. This is a play that's going to haunt."

Hammell finds himself examining his own beliefs as does his character. Berish is a man without answers after indicting God for his silence in the face of evil.

"It's been a test of Berish's will," said Hammell, a big, burly man who began acting in 1976. "The play doesn't answer any questions but inspires a lot of thought."

P.W. Henry, a Westland resident, plays one of the wandering minstrels who come to town hoping to perform a Purim play. Instead, Berish challenges them to put God on trial. The innkeeper is all too willing to serve as prosecutor but first they must find a defense attorney. That's when Sam, a mysterious stranger, arrives in town.

"We want to perform and get free drinks and food when sudden-

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Wiggles give kids the giggles

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Barney will have a quartet of special guests wriggling, squiggling, and wagging their way onto the stage of his Musical Castle as the Australian children's group "The Wiggles," comes to Detroit, Thursday-Sunday, April 6-9.

During the April 2000 tour of "Barney's Musical Castle," The Wiggles will perform during intermission at all of the Barney shows at Cobo Arena.

The Wiggles will also appear locally at FAO Schwarz in Troy on April 6, at Noodle Kidoodle in Northville on April 7, and Noodle Kidoodle in Rochester Hills on April 8. There is no charge for these performances.

Group

The Wiggles are the most successful children's entertainment group in the history of Australia, performing more than 500 shows a year, to sold-out crowds. The group of four Australians and four whimsical, costumed characters combines lives action with audience participation for a wiggling good time!

The Wiggles have captured the attention and hearts of children of all ages as they sing and dance to such favorites as "Wake Up Jeff," "Romp Bomp A Stomp," "Can You Point Your Fingers and Do the Twist?," and "D.O.R.O.T.H.Y. (My Favorite Dinosaur)." The sing-a-longs are performed by Anthony Field, Murray Cook, Greg Page and Jeff Fatt, four men from the Sydney area who are accompanied by costumed characters Dorothy the Dinosaur™, Wags the Dog™, Henry the Octopus™, and Captain Feathersword™.

Formed in 1991 by three "mates," Field, Cook and Page, who were studying Early Childhood Education at Macquarie University in Sydney, the group became a foursome after Fatt joined following graduation.

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What: Barney's Musical Castle and The Wiggles will appear at Cobo Arena in Detroit.

When: 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6; 7 p.m. Friday, April 7; 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8; 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 9.

Tickets: \$8-25, available at all Ticketmaster outlets, or call (248) 645-6666.

Free public appearances by The Wiggles include: FAO Schwarz at noon Thursday, April 6 (2800 West Big Beaver Road, Troy); 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 7 at Noodle Kidoodle (17783 Haggerty Road, Northville); and 5 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at Noodle Kidoodle (1336 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills).



Meet the Wiggles: Australian performers Anthony Field, Murray Cook, Greg Page and Jeff Fatt.

BENEFIT

A PERFECT MATCH: Old rocker pitches in to help new cause

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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Rock 'n' roll star Marshall Crenshaw grew up in Berkley within walking distance from the old Berkley Theatre, a landmark that's still selling candy and soft drinks but no longer showing movies.

Or making popcorn, for that matter.

The Berkley name remains on the marquee for city recognition but the building is now a drug store.

"It's disgusting," said Crenshaw, interviewed over the phone from his home in Brooklyn, N.Y. "It was a real nice theater with a natural echo and comfortable. They used to have two drug stores a



MARSHALL CRENSHAW

half mile apart (on 12 Mile Road). Now there's one right in the middle."

It's no wonder Crenshaw has a great appreciation for historic sites that remain as they were intended, like the Royal Oak Theatre — his next stop in hopes

that others can go on.

Crenshaw's band is the headliner of a second-annual benefit concert for the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation, on Thursday, April 13, sponsored by General Motors Corp. and aided by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Crenshaw, who counts "Television Light," "Somebody Someway" and "Whenever You're On My



STEWART FRANCKE

Mind" among his hit songs, was eager to play.

"They explained to me what it was about, what their foundation does and I was impressed with it," Crenshaw, 46, said. "Their intentions are honorable and what I know about it is it's extremely well organized. I said 'that sounds cool and penciled it in.'"

Francke is a local musician who was diagnosed with Leukemia in June 1998. He received a successful stem cell bone marrow transplant from his sister, Kit Reece, months later.

Francke started the foundation to raise money for research and awareness on the importance of bone marrow donors, especially among African

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Americans and Hispanics who have a smaller chance of finding matches.

Francke and Commissioned, an award-winning Gospel group from Detroit, are also scheduled to perform.

"It's a tremendous gift on the part of Marshall and 'Commissioned' to donate their time," said Francke, whose fifth CD, "Swimming In Mercury," includes some songs about his diagnosis and recovery.

Crenshaw has lived in New York for the better part of 20 years, including quite a long stint in Woodstock, the site of some legendary outdoor concerts.

He said he enjoys playing in theaters the size of Royal Oak's. More importantly, he enjoys its cleanliness.

"The dressing rooms are clean, there's no 'BS' on the walls," said Crenshaw, who co-wrote the Gin Blossoms recent hit song "Till I Hear It From You."

"I don't like to play in 'Rock toilets.' A lot of places I used to play prided themselves on being 'grungy.' Royal Oak Theatre is classy, cool. I used to go to

movies there when I was a kid. There's a lot of nice theaters in Detroit."

Ironically, it was a concert by Crenshaw back in 1981 at the Royal Oak Theatre that convinced Francke to quit his first job after college and go into music full time.

"Marshall's a terrific guy, one of the great rock 'n' rollers, a big favorite of mine," said Francke, who has two children with his wife Julia. "If I could have a wish list of people to play he'd be at the top of it."

Francke considers himself fortunate to have found a bone marrow match in his family. There is a one in four chance of a family member being a match.

A search outside an immediate family costs Leukemia patients \$10,000 and Francke's organization wants to defray the costs.

"I woke up one morning and absolutely knew I was going to match, had a ton of faith going in," his sister said. "We realized how lucky we were that I was a match, then heard horror stories about people who don't have a match, couldn't find matching

What: Benefit concert for The Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation

When: Thursday, April 13, beginning at 6 p.m. with sample complimentary tastings from Royal Oak's D'Amato's Restaurant. A concert, featuring gospel group Commissioned, hometown favorite Stewart Francke and native Berkley rocker Marshall Crenshaw starts at 7 p.m.

Where: Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth between Washington and Lincoln.

Why: To raise money for research and awareness of the importance of blood marrow donors.

Tickets: \$75, includes food and entertainment and silent auction. Call (248) 828-2865 or TicketMaster at (248) 645-6666 or log on to www.sfff.com for tickets. Cash bar.

donors."

Francke said the foundation has raised more than \$100,000 since its inception. General



Fund-raiser: Stewart Francke founded The Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation in hopes of helping others receive successful bone marrow transplants.

Motors Vice Chairman Harry Pearce, the recipient of a successful stem cell transplant in 1998, has worked closely with Francke for the cause.

About 800 attended the inaugural event, according to Francke, and he anticipates 1,000 this year. He's hoping for a higher minority turnout.

"We're trying to change the face of the audience," Francke said. "Our mandate is to try to help people who need it the most. The chances of white people finding a match are twice as great as minorities."

"I'm lucky I had a match and lived. I depend on people. It's how I feel about the world, about life."

Crenshaw recently released a new CD, titled "Number 447," a name he said he picked for no particular reason.

"It's a watershed record for me," said Crenshaw, who has two small children with his wife Jane. "I couldn't think of a snappy name to give it."

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ly we're in the midst of this," said Henry. "A year before they had a massacre and only two Jews are left. My lines set me up to be preachy. I'm dealing with the attitude that I'm supposed to be wiser than I am. This play is pertinent to what's going on in the world even today. You look around at what's happened in Sarajevo."

Art Collings, a member of the minstrel troupe, plays Avremel.

"He was a jester and is the professional actor of the band," said Collings, a Livonia resident. "He's seen it all so it's old to him. Being in the play has been a learning experience. It's made me think about things. How I would answer some of the questions - where is God when tragedy happens?"

Anessa Martin provides comic relief with her role as the barmaid who's somewhat of a gruff mother-figure. Her lines prevent the characters from sounding like they are in a debate.

Learning process

"It's been a learning process,"

■ 'It's been a learning process. The play is very wordy. Our challenge as a cast is to make it interesting.'

Anessa Martin

Actress

said Martin of Redford. "The play is very wordy. Our challenge as a cast is to make it interesting."

Guy Snyder's character symbolically portrays the Catholic church. As the priest he asks, "what is the true nature of God?"

"Another massacre is on the horizon," said Snyder, a Livonia resident. "He wants Beresh to get out or to pretend to convert to Christianity. Every time we rehearse we discover something new about what Weisel is trying to say. There's a lot of substance to the play."

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"We never ever thought of touring the world with what we do," said Page who dons a bright yellow shirt in all the Wiggles videos. "It is certainly very satisfying to think that what we do has been so well received by people in Australia, and is now starting to gain some recognition in other parts of the world."

Page said in 1991 the group took a leap of faith by giving up their regular jobs to become entertainers - nearly 10 years later they're the hottest children's group down under and have been gaining momentum in the U.S. since their first appearance in Sept. 1998.

"We first came to the U.S. to perform ... at Disneyland in California and then Sea World in Florida. It was a very brief stay, only about six days, but we still played to over 18,000 people while we were there," said Page.

Stage show

The live stage show of "Barney's Musical Castle" will feature Barney and his friends Baby Bop™ and BJ®. Barney's Musical Castle is a "whimsical

journey born of a child's imagination." Through Barney's guidance a day of fun building sand-castles turns into an adventure that ends up at a real castle. Barney, BJ and Baby Bop, along with several new friends, begin an excursion through an enchanted forest where sunflowers dance and a bunny, fox and bear are on hand to pave a path to a castle on the horizon.

Approximately 30 songs and dances will be played during the show.

Popular format

Wiggles members Page says their success can be attributed to several things including their training as early childhood teachers.

"This gave us an incredible insight into the world of children, what they think about, how they think, what makes them act certain ways and of course, how to plan appropriate learning for them. Also, the songs seem to be quite popular with the children as well as the parents, so I think that if the parents can listen to the music it helps them tolerate, and then understand what it is the children are watching."


Coinciding with their April 2000 live performances will be



The Wiggles & Friends: Captain Feather-sword (left to right), Dorothy the Dinosaur, Jeff Fatt, Henry the Octopus, Anthony Field, Murray Cook, Greg Page, and Wags the Dog.

the Lyrick® Studios release of both audio and video versions of "Wake Up Jeff!" Wiggles merchandise is available nationwide at Noodle Kidoodle stores, Blockbuster Video stores, Amazon.com, etoys.com and FAO Schwarz stores.

"Small venues and those performances for us are always more rewarding," added Page. "It is a more personal way to see our audience and to ensure that we are connecting with the children."



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COMEDY

Second City-Detroit shoots, scores with show

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"The Puck Stops Here" at Second City Detroit through Sunday, April 16, where you can see the touring company in action.

"We tried to make it a hockey show, but we put together scenes anyone would enjoy," said Kirk Hanley of Farmington, one of the players. "We think the show will please both camps - diehard hockey fans who don't go to the theater much, and those who do."

The show, which opened Tuesday, is a mix of madcap skits, some of them musical, that are sure to score with fans.

"We've been working on it for about two months," said Hanley who described the show as a mix of original skits, and material from Second City archives.

During a preview performance on Tuesday, the company tried out some of their skits on a small, but enthusiastic audience. There's the wife who argues with her husband, the referee, about the calls he makes, and an old hockey coach who tries to teach intellectuals at the University of Detroit how to play football.

"A health club is a paradise where every man is free ... and look at all these towels" - is an entertaining musical number. You'll get a kick out of their dance - imagine an Esther Williams-style synchronized swimming routine, on stage.

There's the husband who wants to "commit" to season Red

"This is the finest ensemble that any of us have worked with. They're the most giving, cooperative, and talented people. It's always a joy to work together."

Kirk Hanley
Comedian

Wings tickets, and his wife who isn't sure she wants to. A young boy wonders what it's like to watch a baseball game with the crowd, instead of sheltered with his wealthy parents in their sky box. The butler, played by Hanley, to the horror of his parents, prepares a hot dog for the boy.

The cast also includes Carey Crim who has performed in shows at Meadow Brook Theatre and the Jewish Ensemble Theatre.

"I heard a song on the radio, and the lyrics were 'do something every day that scares you.' I was thinking about that when I called the Actor's Equity Audition hotline," said Crim explaining how she landed at Second City-Detroit. "There was an audition for the Second City-Detroit, and I was hired for the touring company."

She describes "The Puck Stops Here" as definitely hockey heavy, but also a lot of fun.

"Hockey is a metaphor," she said. "We try to build on themes of life. It's a marriage of the two. It's for the player and someone who doesn't get it. Hockey's not

her thing, but it's part of her world."

Hanley, Crim and the other members of the group - Jeff Fritz, Cheri Johnson, Topher Owen and Kiff Vanden Heuvel - have been working together for a year.

"This is the finest ensemble that any of us have worked with," said Hanley. "They're the most giving, cooperative, and talented people. It's always a joy to work together."

Hanley and the other touring company cast members are delighted to be performing on the mainstage in their first two-week show.

While the touring company is onstage, the mainstage cast will start working on their next show.

"Second City is always a work in progress," said Hanley. "Toward the end of the run, they'll start putting in new scenes to try them out for the new show."

Former mainstage cast member Margaret Exner is directing "The Puck Stops Here."

"Paradigm Lost" will return to the Second City-Detroit main-



Touring company: Members of the Second City Touring Company, including Kirk Hanley (center bottom row) and Carey Crim (back row, middle) take a break from rehearsal.

stage on Wednesday, April 19.

The Second City-Detroit Touring Company presents "The Puck Stops Here," 8 p.m. Thursday-

Sunday, April 6-9; and Tuesday-Sunday, April 11-16. Additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Tickets for Tuesday-Thurs-

day and Sunday shows \$10; \$17.50 on Friday, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. Call (313) 965-2222.

SCREEN SCENE

Trio earns stage career after acting on whim

When most of us think back to a silly moment in our lives, we usually don't recall it as a life-altering event.



ANN DELISI

With time, you may realize some significant things were happening when life was at its most crazy and comical. Silliness has been known to create deep, lasting friendships, reduce stress and provide free entertainment.

In the case of Arthur J. Beer, it even gave him a career.

A half-century ago, Beer and a pair of buddies from Warren High School formed the King Korn Trio, figuring their pantomimes of tunes from the immortal Spike Jones was a

great way to impress girls.

To their surprise, the act won the school's talent show, and the good fortune began to snowball.

"The King Korn Trio's timing couldn't have been better. Ted Mack's Original Amateur Hour was in town for a Boysville U.S.A. benefit, and the local competition at Olympia (stadium) earned us a trip to New York to appear on the show," says Beer.

Next came the group's selection to join the USO Tour of Europe.

The unlikely chain of events triggered a lifetime of stage work for Beer, who serves as associate director of the Theatre Company at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Now, those madcap moments from the early 1950s are being recaptured for audiences in The Theatre Company's production of "The King Korn Trio," which runs through Sunday, April 16 at

UDM's McAuley Theatre.

"My wife convinced me that the story is so ridiculous and unbelievable that it would be perfect for the stage," says Beer, who wrote and directs the play that features Mary F. Bremer and David Jeffrey in key roles.

Committed to the belief that silliness is always good for the soul and occasionally an artistic discipline, The King Korn Trio production will be featured on Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS series, in an edition that airs 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9.

Even though my silly moments wouldn't be worthy of Ted Mack's "Original Amateur Hour" or even the recent "Star Search" showcases, I value them.

Life isn't all high drama. Sometimes it is at its best when it's like a "Gong Show" revue.

FAMILY FUN

Museum salutes environment

PRNewswire - "Junk, Juice & Jive," a fresh, lively and edgy look at environmental action, takes over Spirit of Ford throughout the month of April. Test drive an electric Ranger, dive into a towering recycle pile, and find out what all the buzz is about as Ford Motor Company's (NYSE: F) pioneering spirit focuses on the areas of alternative fuel, electric vehicles and materials recycling.

Spirit of Ford, an automotive learning attraction, is open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Spirit of Ford is located at 1151 Village Road in Dearborn (across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village). For more details call (313) 31-SPRIT or check Spirit of Ford out on the web at www.spiritofford.com.

"At Spirit of Ford, guests have the chance to feel, smell, see, drive and literally immerse themselves in experiences which mirror the initiatives of Ford Motor Company. This month we are the site for a fun, active celebration of the company's many and diverse environmental activities and programs," says Jo Haas, director of Spirit of Ford.

Following is a rundown of the activities going on in April as Spirit of Ford salutes environ-

mental progress:

Activities

■ **Un-Plugged** - Be the first on your block to test drive an electric Ranger, the quieter vehicle you simply plug in to get its engine revvin'! These "juicy" test drives happen on Saturday and Sunday afternoons in April. Call for specific times. Drivers must be 18 and over and have a valid driver's license.

■ **Restoration Station** - For a different spin on "junk," kids can "dive" into a towering recycle pile and create something new out of something old. Take your new creation home with you or leave it behind to be transformed into something else.

■ **Fueling Your Dreams** - Turn your brain "green" through this dynamic interactive demonstration that makes fuel, energy and recycling come to life for big and little dreamers alike. Explore a junk pile and find out why some trash really isn't so "trashy." You'll be surprised to learn that Ford Motor Company actually uses pop bottles and old jeans to build vehicles.

■ **It's Natural** - Preview Ford's full line of natural gas cars, trucks and sport utility

vehicles (SUVs). Get behind the wheel of a Ford Crown Victoria police car powered by natural gas; a natural gas Ford Expedition used by the U.S. Park Service; a propane Excursion; and a bi-fuel Ford Contour.

■ **Environmentally Responsible Vehicles** - Explore the interior of a DIATA (Direct Injection Aluminum Throughbolt Assembly) engine and see how it gets "turned on." Take a look at the SUV fuel cell powertrain of the future - it's lightweight and efficient!

■ **Lightweight Parts** - Be amazed at what Ford is doing to lighten the load on vehicles and increase fuel efficiency. Compare brake rotors and brake drums made of either cast iron or steel or aluminum composite. You can actually "feel" how these lightweight parts make driving a breeze.

■ **Environmentally Responsible Shopping** - Buy cool, environmentally responsible gifts at Exit Ramp, Spirit of Ford's gift shop.

■ **Junk, Juice & Jive - the event!** - Bring your family to celebrate Junk, Juice & Jive with Spirit of Ford on Saturday night, 6-9 p.m. Saturday, April 29.

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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. Sunday, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

JET: Arthur Miller's "Broken Glass," April 6-9, 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE:

"Chagall's Arabian Nights," a love story inspired by the art of Marc Chagall by Meadow Brook Theatre Playwright-in-Residence Karim Alrawi, matinee and evening shows through Sunday, April 9, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$19.50-\$35. (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

EMU THEATRE: "Wuthering Heights," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8 and Thursday-Saturday, April 13-15, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Quirk Theatre, Ypsilanti. \$8 Thursday, \$13 Friday-Saturday, \$11 Sunday. (734) 487-1221

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE:

"Cactus Flower," theater performance only 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, in the Liberal Arts Theater, Schoolcraft College, Livonia. \$8. (734) 462-4596

U-D MERCY THEATRE: "The King Korn Trio," continues to April 16, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, in the McAuley Theatre on campus, Detroit. \$10, \$8 seniors/students. (313) 993-1130

U-M THEATRE: "Cabaret" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 6-8 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$14, \$7 students. (734) 764-0450

WSU BONSTELLE: "Godspell" opens Friday, April 7 and runs to Sunday, April 16, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$10-\$13. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERRY: "Five by Tenn" continues to May 6, at the theater, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

PARK PLAYERS OF NORTH

ROSEDALE PARK: "The Wizard of Oz" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, at the North Rosedale Community House, Detroit. \$15/\$13. (313) 835-1103

STAGECRAFTERS: "Barefoot in the Park," continues to Sunday, 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

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: Presents "A Little Princess" 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9 and 16, and 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15 at the Masonic Temple Cathedral Theatre, Detroit (park in back of facility, use rear entrance). \$7-\$12. (313) 535-8962

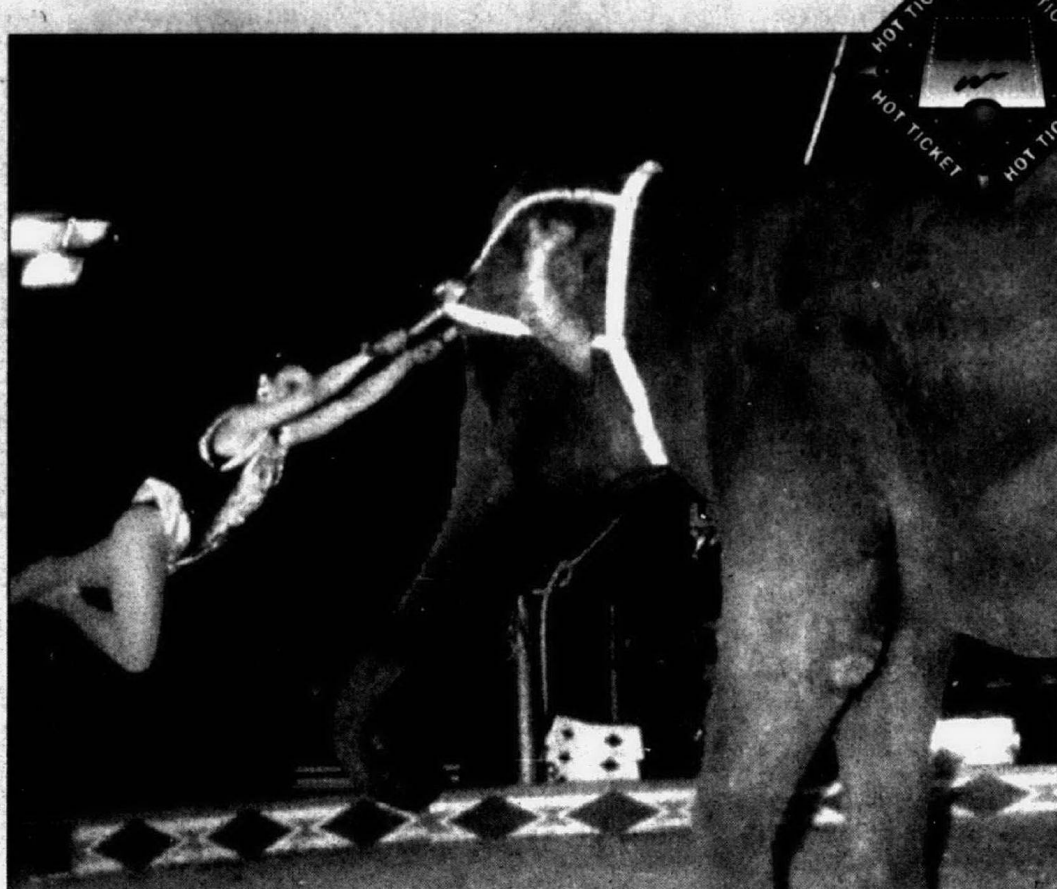
TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: "The Trial of God" opens Friday, April 7 and runs to Sunday, April 30, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Livonia. \$8-10 Friday-Saturday, \$5 Sunday. (734) 464-6302

DINNER THEATER

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 (\$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 Saturdays night 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



Royal treatment: The Royal Hanneford Circus swings into action for eight stunning performances, Thursday, April 6, through Sunday, April 9, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Drive in Auburn Hills. Look for "Elephant Leaps" and Mark Karoly the "horse riding fool." The Moroccan Connection of acrobats will perform the human pyramids and Olga and Vladimir present acts of magic and illusion. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday; 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$4-\$12 are on sale at The Palace box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Discounts are available for children 12 and under, senior citizens 65 and older, and groups of 15 or more. Call the group sales office at (248) 371-2055 or Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666, or visit www.ticketmaster.com. Call (248) 377-0100 or visit www.palacenet.com for more information.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

LIVONIA YOUTH CHOIR: Presents a spring concert with guest singers Churchill High School's Choralations, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at Churchill High School, Livonia. Free.

MARQUIS THEATRE: "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through April 30, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 24-28, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50. (248) 349-8110

PUPPETART: Celebrates Puppetry Month with guest artists, 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8, 15 and 22, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL HONORS BAND: Under conductor Edward Lucius, will give a Pre-Carnegie Hall Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9 in the school's gymnasium. Admission is free to the concert which previews the bands late-April performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City. The program includes music by Morton Gould, Tschernikoff, Sousa/Schissel, and Bennett's "Suite of Old American Dances."

YOUTHEATRE: "Jekyll and Hyde," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Music Hall, Detroit. \$8 advance, \$9 at door, \$8 Saturday morning Pre-Show Playshop. (313) 963-2366

SPECIAL EVENTS

BLUES CLUES LIVE: Join Blue, Steve and friends on a quest for the most spectacular place, 10 performances, times vary, Wednesday, May 3-7, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$14.50-\$25.50, includes notebook and crayon. (248) 433-1515

CELEBRATION BASH: Party planning event features hands-on activities for kids, and puppet shows every 30 minutes, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Southfield Civic Center. (248) 352-0990

FRIENDS OF POLISH ART: Celebrate Easter with a traditional "Swienconka" meal and a demonstration of Easter palm weaving 2 p.m. Sunday, April 16 at Polonaise Restaurant, Wyandotte. \$30 advance reservation by April 9. (248) 549-4527. If you wish to participate in the art of Easter palm weaving bring scissors and some palms for braiding.

KING OF KINGS: An Easter musical presented by the Celebration Choir, Hosanna Choir and Drama Ministry, 11 a.m. Palm Sunday, April 16 and 8 p.m. Good Friday, April 21, at Calvary Baptist Church, Canton.

(734) 455-0022

SPRING HOME & GARDEN SHOW: 2:10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 6-7, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and until 7 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Novi Expo Center. \$4, \$3 seniors/children ages 6-12. (248) 862-1019 or www.builders.org

U.S. ARMY FIELD BAND AND SOLDERS' CHORUS: 8 p.m. Monday, April 10, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. Free.

FAMILY EVENTS

ROYAL HANNEFORD CIRCUS: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 6-7, 11 a.m. Friday, April 7, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$5-\$12, \$4 opening night. (248) 645-6666, group sales (248) 371-2055

BENEFITS

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE: "Celebrate the Dance," 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, silent and live auctions, formal dinner, and performance by ensemble members, at The Community House, Birmingham. \$75, \$125, \$200. (248) 362-9329

POP FOR ART: Winefest to benefit the Ann Arbor Art Center, Saturday, April 15, in eagle Crest at the Ypsilanti Marriott. (734) 994-8004, ext. 106

TASTE OF THE NATION PREVIEW: Strolling dinner and preview gala of Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation (May 7), 7 p.m. Friday, April 7, at Somerset Collection, Troy. \$125, black tie. Proceeds to benefit anti-hunger efforts at Forgotten Harvest, Gleaners Food Bank, Food Bank of Oakland County and the Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute. (248) 557-2510

CLASSICAL

AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: With pianist Anne-Marie McDermott perform 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, at Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$34. (734) 764-2538

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE: Flavio Varani, piano; Nadine Deleury, cello and Velda Kelly, violin, 7 p.m. Sunday, April 9 in Varner Recital Hall on campus, Rochester. \$15-\$25, proceeds go to Birmingham Musicale's scholarship and philanthropic programs. (248) 738-9827

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Estonian conductor Eri Klas leads the orchestra in "Don Juan" and "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks," 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at

Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$19-\$50; "Overtures" pre-concert buffet dinner followed by concert Friday, April 7, (313) 576-5111

GRAMERCY TRIO: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

JOEL HASTINGS: An evening with Chopin, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$5-\$15. (734) 769-2999

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY CHAMBER ENSEMBLE: 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9, in Varner Recital Hall on campus, Rochester. Free. (248) 370-3013

POPS/SWING

DETROIT SYMPHONY POPS: "A Musical Journey Through the Golden Age of Radio," 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$18-\$47. (313) 576-5111

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.

THE SPRING SWING: Pops Concert featuring Barry Baker playing the music of Gershwin, Ellington and more on the Barton Theatre Organ 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Redford Theatre, Detroit. \$10. (313) 531-4407

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

MACOMB BALLET COMPANY: Open auditions for male and female ballet dancers, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 15, at Ann Parsley School of Dance, Clinton Township. \$10. (810) 286-8300

MICHIGAN THEATER AND DANCE TROUPE: Open auditions for dancers age 16 and older. (248) 552-5001

SUMMER SYMPHONY OF ANN ARBOR: Auditions begin Saturday, April 19 and run for three week-ends at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. For six performances of three programs scheduled May 18 to Aug. 6. To receive an audition packet, call (734) 741-9418, general orchestra information, (734) 677-4831

TONY 'N' TINA'S WEDDING: Auditions for female keyboardist/pianist 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 full-time. (248) 253-8843

VSA ARTS: The Southeast Michigan region committee of VSA Arts (formerly known as Very

Special Arts) is looking for children and adult performers with physical and mental challenges to take part in their festival Friday-Saturday, May 5-6 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia, special needs school/community groups and solo acts from the metro Detroit area will display their dance, vocal and instrumental music achievements at the festival. Call Connie Lott at Far Conservatory (248) 646-3347. A \$500 scholarship is also available to assist a person (ages 13 and up, including seniors living in Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw, Monroe, Macomb, Livingston, Lenawee or Jackson County) with a disability who wants to further their creative talent in the visual, performing or literary arts. Deadline for application is Sunday, April 16. The scholarship must be used for independent work and not a student group project. Call (248) 543-9158

JAZZ

JOHNNY BASSETT & THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

THE BROTHERS GROOVE: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 8 and 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

THE COURIERS: And the Eastern Michigan University Jazz Ensemble, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Pease Auditorium at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. \$12, \$8 seniors, \$5 students, proceeds to benefit for the jazz ensemble. (734) 487-1221/(734) 487-2282

BOB DEMING & THE BLUE SUIT BAND: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

STEFON HARRIS QUARTET: 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at the Bird of Paradise, 312 S. Main (new address), Ann Arbor. \$15 advance. (734) 662-8310

DAVE HOLLAND QUINTET: 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, at the Bird of Paradise, 312 S. Main (new address), Ann Arbor. \$15 advance. (734) 662-8310

RAMSEY LEWIS TRIO: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$16-\$62. (313) 576-5111

MARIAN MCPARTLAND: With Paul Keller, bass and Pete Siers, drums, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$40, to benefit the U-M Marian McPartland Jazz Piano Scholarship Fund. (734) 769-2999

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With vocalist Harvey Thompson 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. \$5 cover in Jazz Room, waived with dinner order, \$5 drink minimum. (734) 762-7756

WAYNE NEWTON: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township. \$35-\$44. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

EVAN PARKER/NED ROTHENBERG: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

CAMILLE PRICE & THE BECHET BLUES BAND: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON: With Dan Kolton, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241

WORLD'S OLDEST LIVING SAXOPHONE SECTION: Perform music of the Big Band era, 10 a.m. Thursday, April 13, in Smith Theater, at Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills. Free.

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

SHARON ISBIN/SUSANNE MENTZER: Perform French and American folk songs, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$40. (734) 764-2538

WORLD MUSIC

CHULRUA: The trio, named after the favorite wolfhound of an ancient Irish hero, play traditional Irish music 5 p.m. Sunday, April 9 at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub & Restaurant, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

ORGAN

JAMES KIBBIE: Bach Recital, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 9 and 16 (infor-

mal talk begins 3:30 p.m.), Blanche Anderson Moore Hall at U-M School of Music, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 764-0583

CHORAL

MUSIC AT MEMORIAL: Concert of sacred music by Duruffe, Britten, Ravel and Bloch, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. \$15, \$10 students/seniors. (313) 882-5330

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY CHORALE/UNIVERSITY CHORUS: 8 p.m. Friday, April 7 in Varner Recital Hall on campus, Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$6 students. (248) 370-3013

U-M MEN'S GLEE CLUB: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$10, \$7, \$5 students. (734) 764-1448

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

MUSE ALIVE: Charleen Berels, 8-10 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Tucker's Cafe, Ypsilanti.

THE WRITER'S VOICE: Novelist Rebecca Brown and poet Aaron Shurin, 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. (313) 577-2450/(313) 267-5310, ext. 338; 4th annual Poetry Month Reading Wednesday, April 12, on the third floor of the Language Arts Dept., Detroit Public Library's Main Branch, 5201 Woodward. Free. (313) 267-5310, ext. 338/(313) 833-1470

DANCE

AVODAH DANCE ENSEMBLE: The Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies and Congregation Beth Ahm presents a dance workshop 9:30-11 a.m. Sunday, April 9, and a dance recital "Revisiting Judaism through the Art of Dance" featuring the Avodah Dance Ensemble 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (313) 577-2679/(248) 851-6880; also the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies and the dance department at Wayne State University will present a dance workshop featuring JoAnne Tucker, artistic director of the Avodah Dance Ensemble, 2 p.m. Monday, April 10, at the Maggie Allee Dance Studio on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. reservations required (313) 577-4273/(313) 577-2679

DANCE GALLERY: Mambo workshop 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the dance studio, Ann Arbor. \$35 couple. (734) 747-8885

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE: The dance company celebrates its 20th anniversary with a gala concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, champagne reception for patrons begins 6:30 p.m., at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. \$16.50 concert; \$35 concert and reception for patrons. No charge for afterglow following performance. (313) 963-2366

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE: Entrances and Exits: Dances for a New Millennium, 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, in the Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills. \$16. (248) 471-7667

OLD-TIME MUSIC CONCERT/DANCE: With fiddler Bruce Molsky 8 p.m. Sunday, April 9 (7 p.m. concert), at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$7 concert, \$10 dance, \$15 both. (734) 623-0624

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, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$8, \$5. (248) 473-9570

TRISHA BROWN DANCE COMPANY: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$32. (734) 764-2538

VAHINI: A classical Indian Ballet, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$5. (313) 763-TKTS

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7. (810) 573-4993

COMEDY

B.J. WARD: Stand-up Opera, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township. \$24, \$22. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

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SECOND CITY: "The Puck Stops Here," touring company presentation, 8 p.m. April 6-9 and April 11-16. Tickets \$10 Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday; \$17.50 Friday, and \$19.50 Saturday. (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

SINBAD: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit.

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DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Cynthia Canty is tour guide for "On the Air! Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 9, exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30, at the museum, Detroit. Museum hours a 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3, \$1.50 seniors/children ages 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS: T.G.I.Oops!, an evening of art, music, friends and fun 7:30-11 p.m. Thursday, April 6 (\$35 non-members), (248) 691-1800, ext. 107; First Friday, 6-9:30 p.m. April 7, drop-in portrait workshop, recital by member of Michigan Opera Theatre's "Der Rosenkavalier" production, drawing in the galleries, African weaving demonstration; Iwruen on Paul Gauguin 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the museum. Free with donation of \$4, \$1 children. (313) 833-7900

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM: Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing 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

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure," continues through August, 7:30 p.m. at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART: Annette Lawrence's installation fills the Apse of the museum with wonder, the paper and string work continues through Sunday, April 16. A free, docent led tour will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9, hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, until 9 p.m. Thursday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Free, but a \$5 donation is suggested. (734) 764-0395

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BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD: 10 p.m. Sundays in April, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

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LTIJ BUKEM: Friday, April 7, Motor, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com.

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TRACY CHAPMAN: 7:30 p.m.

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MOVIES

Too much talk weighs heavily in 'Waking The Dead'

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

A.P. — "Waking the Dead" begins in 1974. Fielding Pierce (Billy Crudup) learns from watching the news that his girlfriend, Sarah Williams (Jennifer Connelly), has died in a car bombing.

Flash forward to 1982. The governor hand picks Fielding, an up-and-coming young lawyer in the district attorney's office in Chicago, to run for Congress. Fielding has good looks, a Harvard education, a socialite girlfriend and powerful political backing. He's on the verge of attaining everything he has ever wanted.

But Fielding can't get Sarah out of his mind. He thinks he sees her and hears her voice everywhere. He slowly starts losing his mind and wonders whether she ever really died.

Through flashbacks to a snow-covered New York City in 1972, we see Fielding and Sarah meet and fall in love. Both are liberal and idealistic.

Fielding wants to make a difference by becoming part of the political system. Sarah favors revolution, and her activism is what leads to her early demise. She dies while helping a group of Chileans flee their country.

Director Keith Gordon flashes back and forth in time — too much, really — to reveal their

passionate, rocky relationship. It's hard to get emotionally involved with the movie, though, because it skips around so often.

Robert Dillon bogs down his script, which he adapted from a 1986 novel by Scott Spencer, with tedious, talky speeches. Fielding ruins dinner with Sarah's church friends by spouting his political beliefs. Sarah makes a similar scene at one of Fielding's stuffy cocktail parties.

As the two overanalyze their relationship, she also gets to say things like, "You have to love me,

too, not in image and not in idea." Granted, Sarah is a philosophical woman caught up in the idealism of the Vietnam era, but do people really talk like this?

The movie, which Jodie Foster executive produced, also wastes Janet McTeer in a poorly developed supporting role. The Tony

winner, who was nominated for a best actress Oscar for "Tumbleweeds," plays Fielding's older sister, Caroline. She pushes his campaign, and, like the rest of Fielding's working-class family, has pinned her hopes on his success. But that's all we learn about her.

Crudup and Connelly, who also worked together in 1997's "Inventing the Abbotts," manage to muddle through, however, and deliver strong performances.

They look great together and have terrific chemistry.

Connelly shows warmth and vulnerability as Sarah. She is alternately sultry and strong-willed.

Crudup looks every bit the ambitious young politician. He also does a good job of making his character's agonizing grief seem real. If only the rest of the film were as compelling as his performance.

Flash Gordon: Director Keith Gordon moves back and forth through time with his drama "Waking The Dead." It stars Billy Crudup (left) and Jennifer Connelly (right).



Farmington resident wins O&E Academy Award contest

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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This year's *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* "Oscar" award goes to Libby Lucas of Farmington.

Lucas was one of two readers to pick the winners of this year's Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Actor/Actress in a Leading Role, Best Actor/Actress in a Supporting Role, Best Directing, and Best Original Screenplay. Her name was chosen in a random drawing. Over 300 readers submitted ballots for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*' annual Academy Award contest.

Lucas won an annual movie pass for two from AMC Theatres. She was surprised and happy to win.

"I love movies, I go once a week," she said. "I like good stories."

"The Cider House Rules," was her favorite movie of the year, but she chose "American Beauty," because she thought it would win.

Her strategy for choosing this



Oscar winners: Lester Burnham (Kevin Spacey) is enjoying the changes he has made in his life, to the complete exasperation of his wife Carolyn (Annette Bening) in "American Beauty."

year's winners included watching the Golden Globe Awards and People's Choice Award shows.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, April 7

READY TO RUMBLE

Comedy about two wrestling fans willing to do whatever it takes to restore their fallen idol to the WCW championship. Stars David Arquette and Oliver Platt.

WEST BEIRUT

Directed by Ziad Doueiri and showing exclusively at the Detroit Film Theatre April 7-9, the story of a Christian girl and two Muslim boys who are doing their best to survive adolescence in 1975 Beirut despite a civil war.

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

Military suspense drama tells story of a decorated officer on trial for rescue mission gone wrong. He chooses a fellow officer to represent him, but the officer begins to doubt the story of this man who saved his life decades before. Stars Samuel L. Jackson, Tommy Lee Jones and Blair Underwood.

RETURN TO ME

A widower falls in love with the woman who received his wife's heart. Stars David Duchovny and Minnie Driver.

Scheduled to open Friday, April 14

KEEPING THE FAITH

Ed Norton directed and stars in this romantic comedy about two men who fall for the same woman. The twist is that one man is a Catholic priest and the other an Orthodox rabbi. Also stars Ben Stiller, Jenna Elfman and Anne Bancroft.

AMERICAN PSYCHO

Chilling tale, based on a Brad Easton Ellis novel, of a Wall Streeter who goes



One heartfelt story: Minnie Driver and David Duchovny fall in love in "Return to Me," opening in metro area theaters Friday.

on a rage fueled killing spree. Stars Christian Bale, Willem DeFoe, Jared Leto, Reese Witherspoon and Samantha Matis.

TITUS

At the Landmark Maple Art Theatre, this take on Shakespeare's "Titus

Andronicus" has a surreal, time-bending fusion of costumes and settings from many eras. Written and directed by Julie Taymor, it stars Anthony Hopkins, Jessica Lange, Alan Cumming, and Jonathan Rhys Myers.

WHERE THE MONEY IS

A master criminal fakes a stroke and is transferred from jail to a nursing home, but he meets a nurse who won't make his life any easier. Stars Paul Newman and Linda Fiorentino.

Scheduled to open Friday, April 21

JOE GOULD'S SECRET

Director Stanley Tucci stars with Iam Holm in this true story of a "New Yorker" writer and the eccentric bohemian he turns into as a minor celebrity in the 1940s.

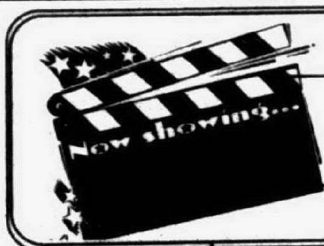
GOSSIP

Suspense drama about a group of college students who innocently begin class by planting a rumor that escalates out of control, leading to a web of sexual betrayal and revenge. Stars Norman Reedus, James Marsden, Lena Heady, Kate Hudson. Directed by Davis Guggenheim.

Scheduled to open Friday, April 28

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STREET SCENES

Red carpets ready to roll for Detroit Music Awards



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Just when you started to recuperate from the rock spectacle of the Grammy Awards and the plunging necklines worn at the Oscars, another pat-on-the-back award show shifts into high gear. In the metro area, the 2000 Detroit Music Awards isn't just any awards show — it's a chance to support promising new local musicians and those who've impacted the scene for some time.

With Kid Rock and Twisted Brown Trucker scheduled to host the big event April 15 at Detroit's State Theatre, the show has veered into a high-profile position — one that's expected to sell out.

"It's gonna be a good time," said Joe C., who just found out he'll be hosting along with Kid and the rest of the band. "It's good to get back to Detroit because Detroit's been nothing but good to us."

Kid Rock, Joe C. and crew have been nothing but true to their roots. They're a raucous, in-your-face example of the aspirations this year's nominees share. "It's great for people playing the local Detroit music scene to go out there and let people know," advised Joe C., who credits the Detroit Music Awards for putting them on the map. "We'd do anything for Detroit."

His enthusiasm shows a few days before Joe C. headed out to Los Angeles for a video shoot. Yet he's fully focused on the local scene. "In Detroit right now, the music scene is just so hot," he said.

Other artists steaming up the metro area streets — like Livonia's Paradime, the Howling Diablos and Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise — will also heat up the Detroit Music Awards stage. "There is so much talent in Detroit," assured Joe C. "For bands ... that haven't sold 7 million records, this could be a breakthrough event."

Sue Barnowski, executive director of the Motor City Music Foundation which organizes the show, expressed her enthusiasm for this year's show and its hosts. "People are coming from all over," she said.

Inside that national spotlight, Howling Diablos will be a permanent fixture as house band this year. Lead vocalist Tino promised: "We're gonna provide the lowdown, funkified action for the event. As house band we're gonna be dropping the grooves between all kinds of other scheduled acts and announcements. We're just gonna have our own party on stage. The Diablos section will be out of hand."

He echoed Joe C.'s sentiments about the awards show's role in bringing local talent to light. "Detroit's what's happening right now," said Tino. "It's good to see this city coming together to celebrate their own, being proud of what's going on here ... All eyes are on Detroit with my boy Kid Rock hosting. He's the hottest thing going and will continue to be so."

Tino said the Diablos, nominated for four awards in the Urban/Funk/Hip Hop category, are just "happy to be in the mix."

In the mix and behind the scenes is Terri Koggenhop, who serves on the advisory board, several MCMF committees and manages local reggae favorite Immunity. She's proud to be



Your gracious host: Kid Rock and Twisted Brown Trucker welcome the listening public to the 2000 Detroit Music Awards.

involved with a show that honors local music. "The crux of the awards are given to local musicians," said Koggenhop, adding that the main focus of this year's DMA's was credibility.

With the ballots counted and the nominees notified, the show has undergone changes. Just two years since two separate organizations merged to collaborate as the Motor City Music Foundation's Detroit Music Awards, the process continues to evolve. Each genre of music on the DMA ballots expanded its list of nominees from five to between six and eight this year, offering more recognition for musicians. Categories have been added, including Christian Contemporary and Live Sound Technician.

The MCMF has established a database of 2,600 DMA voters in the music industry. They range from club owners and booking agents to previously nominated musicians. Rochester Hills resident Rick Matle, nominated for an award with Sheila Landis for Jazz, noted that the balloting system makes the show more credible. But he also believes the public should have a say in nominees and winners. "It's not always necessarily the best musicians that get nominated," he said, but the "most visible" musicians. "Part of it is how you promote yourself."

Another nominee agreed. Liz Larin, owner of Bona Dea Music in Bloomfield Hills, said the caliber of nominated acts this year confirms that Detroit music is gaining attention. "It's really about everybody getting together," she said. "It's about confirming we have a lot of talent (in the metro area)."

The acts performing at the



Howling Diablos

show range from Motown's The Contours, to rappers like Paradime and, a new addition this year, Latin sparks from Johnny Rodriguez and the Fiery Latin Jazz Band.

"Our goal is to put on a well-rounded show," said Koggenhop. To do so, the MCMF pools resources to get the most eclectic mix of talent, all of whom perform for free. The Metro Times Hamtramck Blowout, held last month, helped fund the event. "We could not do this without the 'Metro Times,'" noted Koggenhop.

Proceeds from the show will be used for music seminars and showcases meant to promote the scene. Take it from Joe C., "It'll be off the wall. I know if I get up to the mike, it'll be off the wall."

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REVVING UP FOR DETROIT MUSIC AWARDS 2000

What to wear: Anything goes at the Detroit Music Awards. Nominees and audience members alike are bound to come dressed in anything from Versace to jeans, tuxedos to glitter. Whether you like it wild or mild, the crowd will supply interesting people-watching opportunities for all. Keep an eye out for Bob Seger and Ted Nugent, regular attendees at the show, as well as the unforgettable host, Kid Rock.

Early warning: While it may be tempting to come fashionably late to such high-profile events, this year's show coincides with a Detroit Tigers game at the new Comerica Park, just across the street. Come early if you plan on parking somewhere near the State Theatre.

Add a little Latin fire: A highlight this year includes the stage spectacle of the 15-piece latin band Johnny Rodriguez & The Fiery Latin Jazz Band.

What to know: The Detroit Music Awards begin 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, State Theatre, Detroit. 18 and older. Tickets \$15, call (248) 645-6666 or log on to www.ticketmaster.com.

STAY TUNED...

Boston trio The Push Stars pushed more than the limits when they performed at Pontiac's 7th House Wednesday, March 29. The band — known for their singles "Everything Shines" featured in the film "There's Something About Mary" and "Drunk is Better Than Dead" featured in the film "Gun Shy" — performed before an intimate crowd at candlelit tables, practically inviting fans onstage.

One friendly Push Star fanatic, John Zautcke, talked them into letting him sing "Me" from their debut album "Meet Me at the Fair." He bounced up on stage, belted out the tune, com-

plete with high-pitched harmonies and a jiggling dance, while the band rocked out behind him. Get this, it wasn't even John's first time singing karaoke-style with the up-and-coming band.

Leave it to singer-songwriter and "Uncle" Chris Trapper to be so welcoming. After all, he politely interrupted the show to make a public cell phone call to his niece on her birthday. She got a warm response from the entire crowd. Bands like this don't come around often, which is probably how they've earned such a loyal following.

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Lent is winding down, but there's still lots of time to go fishing ... for fish and chips. Eaten with fork or fingers, there's nothing like a crunchy, succulent piece of fish fresh from the deep fryer.

Bless their hearts, our friends, family and co-workers shared some their favorite fish and chip

places with us. Here are their suggestions:

■ **Hope's Fish & Chips** - 28370 Joy Road (between Middlebelt and Inkster), Livonia, (734) 427-2130. Hours: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 2-9 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday. Menu: Fish, homemade pasties, chicken and burgers.

Since 1958, Hope's Fish & chips has operated under the slo-

gan "The better batter people."

"Our customers are as faithful as they come, and they come every week," says owner Byrum McBride, who bought the restaurant from his aunt, Hope Hebert, 15 years ago. "Our motto is 'In Cod We Trust.'" His mother, Shirley, still works there as a waitress, making sure her customers have plenty of hot coffee and fresh rolls.

Hope's specializes in fresh cod. A typical dinner includes three to four pieces of fish, French fries or a baked potato, coleslaw, a roll and tartar sauce for \$7.15. They also offer lake perch, pickerel, smelt and halibut. Some fish is available baked or broiled.

Hope's goes through 2,200 pounds of fish a week during Lent, and about 30 gallons of clam chowder. "We make the best clam chowder," says McBride. Everything at Hope's is good, he adds. Homemade and just plain delicious.

■ **Page's Food & Spirits** - 23621 Farmington (one block south of Grand River), downtown Farmington. Hours: 11 a.m. to midnight Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday; noon to midnight Sunday. Menu: New menu includes everything from burgers and pizza to steak and seafood with a dash of Mexican.

When it comes to fish and chips, owner Dennis Page claims bragging rights. "Because we use only choice Icelandic cod. It's lightly beer-battered. We take great pride in that fish." Want proof? Just show up on Friday night and get in line.

Customers can order the "all-you-can-eat" fish dinner for \$10.95, which comes with fries and cole slaw. The regular dinner for the same price includes a "big portion" of fish (cooked the way you want it), choice of potato and dessert, like homemade ice-cream pie with Sander's hot fudge.

Page and chef Richie Ferna say new customers quickly become regulars. Like the motto on their menu says: "You're only a stranger once at Page's."



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Dinner destination: Behind every great fish and chips dinner at Hope's Fish & Chips are people like (left to right) Carolyn Jones, owner Byrum McBride, Jack Tabone and Shirley McBride.

■ **Plymouth Fish Seafood Market & Restaurant** - 578 Starkweather, Old Village, Plymouth. Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Menu: Fish (a zillion varieties, including frog legs and crab cakes), some chicken, soups. Fish and chips cost \$7.95; other fish dinners range from \$7.95-\$11.25. Dinners include coleslaw and choice of potato or rice.

■ **Red Robin Restaurant** - 36350 Warren Road, Westland, (734) 421-4081. Hours: 11 a.m. to midnight Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday. Menu: Huge! Terrific burgers and sandwiches. About their fish and chips with all-you-can-eat French fries for \$7.79, server Kerrie Swanson says, "I think they're awesome. They're hand-battered in tempura batter, and

our tempura is great."

■ **Johnson's Family Restaurant** - 42400 Ford Road, Canton, (734) 981-6877. Hours: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. Menu: American family fare, including fish, chicken, meatloaf and burgers. Server Lyn Vandivier is not a fish-eater, but she likes the fish and chips. "It's satisfying to the taste buds," she says.

■ **Fox Creek Golf Course** - 36000 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, (248) 478-4550. Friday fish-fry hours: 5-9 p.m. All-you-can eat fish and chips made with fresh cod for \$7.95.

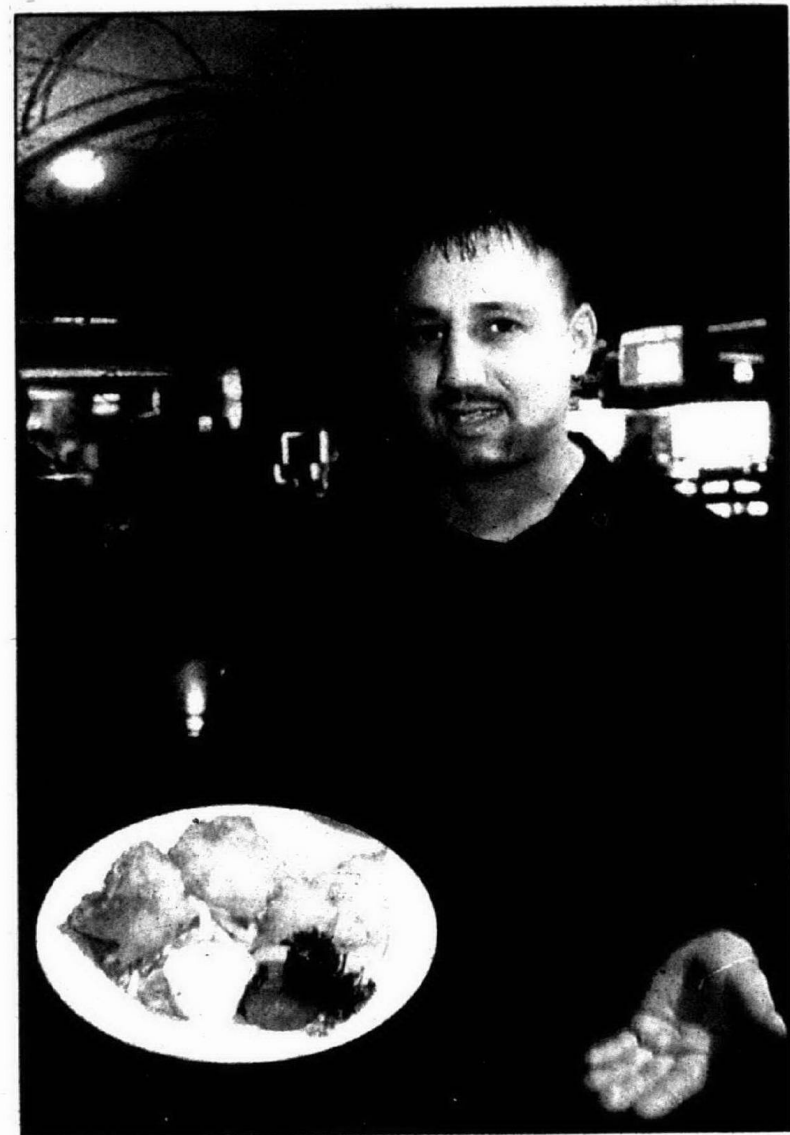
■ **Fellows Creek Golf Club** - 2636 Lotz Road, Canton, (734) 728-1300. Hours: 2-10 p.m. Friday. Menu: Dinners and bar food. Chef Bradley Paterson serves up generous portions of pickerel, lake perch and southern-style

catfish. Dinners cost \$6.95-\$7.95 and include vegetable, potato, roll and salad.

"Just send them to me," says Paterson about fish and chips-loving customers.

■ **Fox Hills Golden Fox (Log Cabin)** - 8768 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, (734) 453-7272. Hours: 4-9 p.m. Friday only. Menu: All-you-can-eat fish fry, with beer-battered cod, French fries, cole slaw and roll for \$8.50 per person. Early Bird special 4-6 p.m. (2 pieces of fish with cole slaw and fries, \$6.50 per person). You can also order off the regular menu. Specials change weekly. Reservations accepted for parties of six or more.

Look for more of our favorite fish fries next week.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Fabulous fish: Richie Serna, a chef at Page's, shows off his all-you-can-eat fish and chips platter.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send dinner specials, menu changes, restaurant renovations, and other items to Keely Wygonik, Assistant Managing Editor Features Group, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.hometown.com. We'd love to hear about your favorite seafood and fish restaurants.

■ **La Bistecca Italian Grille** - offers live jazz featuring Larry Nozero and Friends, starting at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of every month. The restaurant, which specializes in Piedmontese Beef, is at 39405 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 254-0400 for reservations/information.


■ **Golden Mushroom:** The new head toque is Randy Emert,

formerly executive chef at Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant in Rochester.

Former executive chef and member of the U.S. Culinary Team Derin Moore resigned this position at the Golden Mushroom to head the kitchen at a Charlotte, N.C. country club.

"Chef Randy will continue the quality reputation that Chef Milos Cihelka first brought to the Golden Mushroom," owner Reid Ashton said. "It's also important that the Golden Mushroom continues as a training facility for area chefs. With his approach and management skills, Chef Randy has this leadership ability."

The Golden Mushroom is at 18100 W. 10 Mile Road in Southfield. Call (248) 599-4230 for reservations/information.



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