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HS site draws debate

■ A citizens' committee is recommending that the planned third high school be moved closer to the existing campus.



BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

A recommendation to move the proposed new high school closer to Plymouth-Canton Educational Park sparked debate

among some school board members Tuesday who said the district should stick to the plan presented to voters last year.

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The original plan was to build a high school at the corner of Beck and Joy roads in Canton. The proposed building

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Sex assault reported on PCEP campus

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

Parents and police are asking themselves how an alleged sexual assault happened at Plymouth Canton High School during school hours.

A 15-year-old girl told Canton police she was raped by another student last Thursday afternoon underneath a stairwell near the photography classroom. Charges are pending against the 17-year-old boy accused of the attack.

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Bonfire dispute still smolders in district court

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

Richard Skelly said he hopes the new plans for the 35th District Court building include padded seats for those awaiting justice.

Skelly was in court for an eighth time last Thursday to fight a citation issued July 13, 1997, for allegedly violating Canton Township's bonfire ordinance.

He is scheduled to make a ninth appearance 2 p.m. March 26, which he hopes will be his last.

Politics, a murder trial and a thorough judge apparently have resulted in

the numerous postponements.

Since testimony was heard Oct. 26, even Judge Ron Lowe said he had difficulty recollecting the status of the case. "We're in the middle of a bench trial, although it's hard to remember" he told the court.

Skelly was ticketed by police at the request of Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, who was listed as the "victim" on the report.

Skelly and his wife, Ruth, sat on a wooden bench outside of Lowe's courtroom for three hours last week. Shortly after noon, they were called inside for trial. They waited another hour as attorneys debated the merits of the

township's fire prevention ordinance.

Lowe ruled that the township's fire prevention ordinance is not "vague." Then he rescheduled the trial for March 26.

Lowe had a 1 p.m. meeting regarding plans for a new courthouse, which burned down July 2, 1997, in a lightning storm.

An outraged Skelly walked out of the court room: "How the hell am I suppose to figure out the township's ordinance when it takes a college-educated guy in a black robe two months to get all the papers and try to decipher what it means?"

Lowe denied a motion to dismiss the

case by Skelly's attorney Greg Demopoulos. The motion was filed Nov. 7.

"Once you have all the information this ordinance is not vague at all. It's extremely tedious, but not vague," Lowe ruled.

The judge was referring to the state's fire prevention BOCA code, Wayne County's law, a township law and three Canton Public Safety memos — all of which were used to make his decision. Obtaining the documents resulted in the numerous delays.

Skelly claimed he was only having a

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Cardinal says All Saints is 'a dream come true'

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

"Build it and they will come."

The modified phrase from the movie, "Field of Dreams," was on the minds of many at Sunday's dedication of All Saints Catholic School in Canton.

More than 500 students, teachers, parents, friends and clergy filled All Saints' gym as Cardinal Adam Maida blessed and dedicated the first new Catholic school built in the Detroit Archdiocese in more than 32 years.

Mary Rita Allen, a 19-year resident of Canton and principal of All Saints, pointed out that Lyndon Johnson was president then, the Ford Mustang was introduced that year "and I'm sorry I didn't buy one," she admitted with a laugh. "Flower children were blooming and I was not one of them," she added.

"I feel ecstatic because this is such a wonderful day, not only for the people of western Wayne County and our four parishes but also for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit," said Allen.

Attending pastors of the supporting

SCHOOL DEDICATION

parishes were the Rev. Richard Peretto, Resurrection; the Rev. George Charnley, St. John Neumann; the Rev. William Pettit, retired pastor; and the Rev. Joseph Malia, current pastor, St. Kenneth. The Rev. C. Richard Kelly Jr., St. Thomas a' Becket, was unable to attend.

"It's a job well-done," said Peretto. "The major credit goes to all the families and the parents who really worked. They're the main movers."

Malia added: "It's hard not to get all wrapped up in the excitement of it and the future looks very good. It's obvious that we need more schools in the area anyway and good Catholic schools are always welcomed by everyone."

"It's a great school and Mary Rita Allen is a great principal," added Charnley. "The four parishes are really proud to be part of the school."

Cardinal praised

Allen praised Cardinal Maida for his

insightfulness and dedication in bringing Catholic education to the western end of the archdiocese. "This is really a breath of fresh air coming into the Archdiocese of Detroit," said Allen.

"It's a dream come true," said Maida. "We're very proud of the school and very proud of the support given by parents. When I look to the future I just see many, many wonderful things happening."

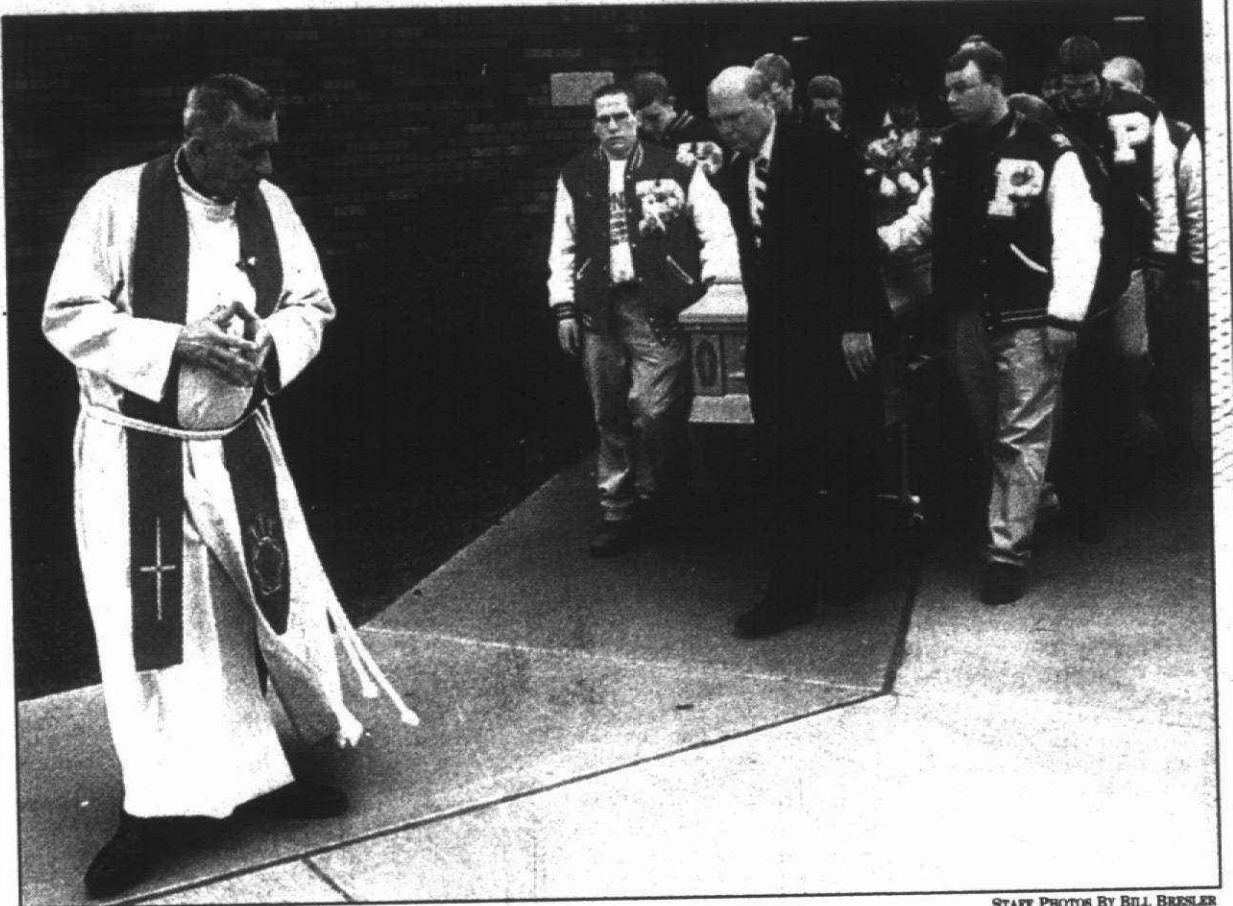
The students, seated on bleachers near Maida, sang with enthusiasm (including a verse of "Sto Lat" in honor of his upcoming birthday) and answered the cardinal's questions with equal enthusiasm.

When Maida asked for a show of hands on how many liked the school, it was unanimously affirmative.

"You know what?" Maida queried. "You are the most important thing in this whole school. You are more important than the teachers, the computers, and the books. God bless you and know that I love you and someday I'm going to come back. Will you invite me back

Please see **ALL SAINTS**, A8

Michael Dean Kilgore, 1981-1998



STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER

Fallen teammate: The Rev. Roger Aumann leads pallbearers from Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Monday. Below, Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton students put aside their school rivalry as Mike Kilgore's friends and teammates gathered to say goodbye.

Saying goodbye to a friend

Wearing blue varsity jackets and blue team sweat suits, six boys from the Plymouth Salem High School swim team carried the coffin of fellow swimmer Michael Kilgore, 16.

Dozens of other tearful teens walked in procession behind the casket wearing the blue Salem colors. Others wore red Plymouth Canton jackets. Those in blue and red embraced often to share tears and hugs.

More than a hundred people — of all ages — gathered to mourn Kilgore's death Monday morning at Christ the Good Shepherd



Lutheran Church. Burial followed at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

One student collapsed during the funeral service, apparently overcome

were on hand to direct traffic. Kilgore was an honor student and

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with emotion in the packed chapel.

The opening hymn was sung by two of Kilgore's close friends, Ryan Cooley, a member of Good Shepherd Church, and Jim Piece of the Salem swim team.

In all, there were three busloads of students from both high schools. Cars also lined Cherry Hill Road, between Lilley and Morton Taylor, and that of a neighboring subdivision across from the church. Canton police officers

were on hand to direct traffic.

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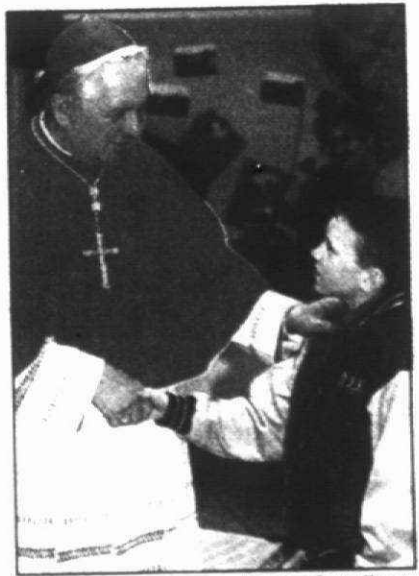


PHOTO BY DIANE HANSON

At dedication: Cardinal Adam Maida greets third-grader Kevin Jaskolski.

Friends strike a deal to help out cancer victim

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Garry and Lou Johnson were always the first to raise their hands when there was a call for volunteers to fill a need. Now, friends are trying to make sure their needs are filled.

Garry Johnson, 51, learned he had colon cancer almost three years ago. Since then, the cancer has spread through his stomach, took a kidney and most recently has manifested as brain tumors that were removed three weeks ago.

Friends are planning a bowling and silent auction fund-raiser for Garry, his wife, Lou, and their daughters, 17-year-old Amanda, a student at Plymouth Salem High School, and Molly, 14, a West Middle School student.

"He's been fighting this fight for 2 1/2 years and he's been very fortunate," Lou said. "Up until this last fall you would have never known anything was the matter."

Along with surgeries and the many side effects of cancer, Garry Johnson has driven weekly to Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit for treatments. "He worked the whole time," Lou said. "He was just an amazing man and he never complained about it."

Garry has been unable to work since the beginning of the year. So he and his family will depend on Social Security benefits, which aren't expected for at least six months and won't be retroactive. The fund-raiser is designed to pay bills until he starts receiving those benefits.

"Whenever anyone has a disease like this everyone says: 'What can I do?'" Lou said. "Mostly there's nothing you can do, because you can't take away someone else's pain, but they came up with this idea to help us out. One of my girlfriends said: 'Short of making the world right for you, this is what we'd like to do.'"

Good attitude

After he was diagnosed with cancer, Garry, a 13-year Plymouth resident, remained upbeat. "Garry has always been very positive about this whole thing—that he would be OK and that he could fight this," his wife said.

Garry worked for a large company as an accountant until about eight years ago when he was terminated during a downsizing effort. Johnson worked for a temporary agency for the last five years and Lou works full time as a bookkeeper at Telcom Credit Union.

"The people I work with have been very understanding and generous in giving me time off for the surgeries," said Lou, adding that co-workers have been thoughtful in many ways, like bringing her meals.

If there's a bright spot in this ordeal, Lou said, it's to see how kind people can be. The Johnsons are in awe watching their friends organize the Bowling/Silent Auction at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Vision Bowling Lanes on Ford Road, just east of Hix. The cost is \$15 per person, which includes



Helping hands: The "committee" putting together the fund-raiser for the Johnson family shows off some of the items up for bid: (foreground) Lou Gibson, with bear and a hand-made quilt; Bev Venables, Beanie Babies, featuring the Princess Di Bear; Bill Applegate, Lions autographed football; (standing) Terri Kocobski-Young, hockey puck signed by Red Wing Kevin Hodson and a photograph of and signed by Minnesota Viking Robert Smith; Karol Hardy, a Thomas Kinkaid lithograph from Wild Wings; Phil Venables, Carhart jacket.

The fund-raiser includes a 50-50 raffle, mystery game, men and women's highest average and more. Some of the items that will be auctioned are an autographed picture of Minnesota Vikings running back Robert Smith; a Red Wings hockey puck with Kevin Hodson's No. 31 signature; movie tickets; one year free of basic cable television; and Red Wings, Pistons and Viper tickets; jewelry; art work; rounds of golf; ski trip packages; gift certificates; a handmade afghan; and Beanie Babies including a \$5 raffle for a Princess Di Beanie Baby, which was donated by Gabriel's Shop in downtown Plymouth.

Call Gibson at 453-0555 if you're interested in attending the fund-raiser. "My husband and I are so touched by everything that

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Appeals court denies motion to dismiss school bond suit

BY TONY BRUNCAUTO
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The Michigan Court of Appeals has denied a request by the Plymouth-Canton schools to dismiss the controversial lawsuit which has halted the sale of \$79.7 million in bonds to build two new schools and other improvements.

In effect, the court denied a motion by the school district to affirm the ruling by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge James Rashid. Rashid ruled last August the Plymouth-Canton schools could move forward with the bond sale, striking down a lawsuit by Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva. Vorva subsequently stopped the district's bond sale in its tracks by filing an appeal.

With the motions out of the way, the appeals court will now move forward and give the case an accelerated hearing, which has also been requested by the district.

"The motions were delaying the case, keeping it from having an accelerated hearing," said Court of Appeals assistant clerk Kim Hauser. "With the motions taken care of, the case can now be moved to an accelerated status."

Hauser said that means the case will now jump to the top of the list, past other cases which have been pending. However, she still can't speculate on when that will be, only saying it's up to the court to decide.

Even when both sides get to argue their cases in front of the panel of three judges, there is no timetable as to when the trio will make their ruling. The case could very well be months, and possibly a year, from being settled.

Meanwhile, the district will have to hold up plans to build a new elementary school and a new high school.

In his lawsuit, Vorva claimed that 716 voters were denied

CANTON CONNECTION

Weather alert

With spring-like conditions one week and winter returning the next, Canton has had its share of weather-related miseries lately.

Heavy rainfall late Sunday and early Monday caused area water courses to swell near capacity, according to a township press release. The township received "very few" reports of flooded basements, Engineer Tom Casari said.

Problems appeared to be significantly less than a similar deluge on Feb. 17.

Still, Casari recommends that residents exercise care and caution on township roadways and they should also check sump pumps to make sure they are operating properly. Residents without sump pumps living in areas prone to flooding should remove valuable from the basement floor, he said.

Free throws net cash

McDonald's of Canton, owned by Al and Rosie

CLARIFICATION

A story in Sunday's Observer on Kay Shain's "arrest" as part of a Muscular Dystrophy fundraiser should not have said that Barb Wall helped with the arrangements.

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their "fundamental right to vote" because the touch-screen voting machines failed to record their ballots. The special bond issue passed by only 96 votes.

"In essence, the Court of Appeals has rejected the school district's claims, and instead desires to hear the case on its merits," said Vorva. "I am fighting for the fundamental right to vote, while they are fighting for the ability to continue to illegally manipulate elections. This will be a long and expensive fight, but the people will win."

School Superintendent Chuck Little told the Observer he's not surprised.

"Maybe now we can move forward," said Little. "Millions of dollars are being lost because of the delays."

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athlete, who competed in the Rocks' last swim meet of the season the night before he died. He died of a heart attack in his home March 4. The results of an autopsy are pending.

About two years ago, the teen was diagnosed as having a heart murmur, but was given a clean bill of health by doctors last year. His parents found him on his bedroom floor unconscious. He had been there about 45 minutes. Numerous attempts were made to save him, but to no avail.

"Barb (Kilgore) said to me in the emergency room that night, 'Why couldn't he have fallen into my arms?' He has fallen into the arms of the Lord," said the Rev. Roger F. Aumann.

College, careers focus of seminar

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park counseling department will present "Preparing to Live and Work in the 21st Century," a program for high school juniors and their parents from 8:30 p.m. today in the Canton High School Cafeteria.

The program is sponsored by the PCEP counseling department in cooperation with Eastern Michigan University and local employers. Last year, more than 500 students and parents participated.

Two keynote speakers will be making presentations: Bryan Jinnett, executive director of quality for Johnson Controls will speak on the topic: "What Employers Look For in the 21st Century." Judy Tatum, director of admissions, Eastern Michigan University, will speak on "Important Consideration for Post High School Planning."

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cookout on July 13 when he was issued the ticket.

Yack testified in 35th District Court Oct. 26 that he went to Lisa Walker's South Lotz Road home about 4:30 p.m. July 13 and observed "billows of smoke" coming from a firepit in Skelly's backyard.

The neighbor dispute allegedly ignited after Walker's son, Steve Walker, 26, was charged with second-degree murder in the death of Skelly's 17-year-old stepson, Kevin Armstrong, on Jan. 5, 1996.

In November, Walker was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter, discharging a firearm inside an occupied dwelling and felony firearm. He will serve a minimum of seven years in prison.

According to the township's fire prevention ordinance, no open burning is allowed unless authorized by the fire department. At issue are five guidelines under a recreational burn-

Downsizing plan still up in the air

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A new 35th District courthouse could cost in the range of \$3.35 million to \$8.92 million, depending on which of five options the court authority wants to approve.

The most expensive — and apparently least likely — option is a 53,173 square-foot, three-story complex which addresses security issues, courtroom size, and ample room to support the court until at least the year 2020.

That option was presented to the authority last month, and jaws dropped when the price tag was revealed.

The Southfield architectural firm was asked for more options, and they will be presented to the

35TH DISTRICT COURTHOUSE

authority later this month.

A meeting of the authority's finance subcommittee seems to make another option, a scaled-down version of the three-story structure more popular, especially the price-tag issue. That design is nearly 6,000 square feet smaller, and nearly \$1.3 million cheaper.

The architect has also come up with a 40,000 square-foot building to replace the original structure destroyed by fire July 2. While improvements include bringing the building up to code and upgrading some building systems, the architect doesn't believe the original footprint addresses security issues for judges, prisoners and the public.

"There's a big decision to be made on how much money is to be spent on the project," said Steve Walters, Plymouth city

manager. "I think at our next session we'll get a much better feeling of where we're headed — somewhere in-between is probably where we'll end up."

"We're the big guy on the block because we have over 50 percent of the cost, but we need to hear from the smaller communities because they depend a lot more on court revenues," said Tom Yack, Canton supervisor.

Yack is referring to the money each community gets from the court in unused operating funds from tickets, court fees and other assessments, which can be a significant part of a community's budget.

There is discussion that each community would give up half its revenue in order to support construction of a new courthouse.

911 appeal

Judicial panel hears opening arguments on telephone charges

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Are the 48-cent charges on telephone bills for Wayne County residents for 911 services a fee or a tax?

Three Michigan Courts of Appeals judges will rule on that question after they listened to opening arguments Tuesday in Detroit.

An attorney for the Wayne County Taxpayers Association argued that he believed the charges were a tax.

"There is no rationalization here (to allow the fees), because these persons pay the four percent charge whether or not they use the service," said Brian Richtarcik. Richtarcik represented the tax group in the appeal of a suit against Wayne County and the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

The charge represents 4 percent of the highest monthly flat rate charged by a service supplier — Ameritech — for a one-party access line within the 911 district or about 48 cents a month. In western Wayne County, that district's area is represented by the Conference of Western Wayne, including Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford and Westland.

surcharge was a tax, which would make any Legislative action raising the surcharge in violation of the Headlee Amendment since voters were not asked for approval.

"In present case, if in fact what is being charged is a true 'user fee' then persons should have the option not to receive the 911 service. However, no such option is available and in fact, the alleged user fee is really a mandatory user fee, and thus, a tax."

But attorney John Allen, who represented the Downriver Community Conference, a party amended to the lawsuit, one of the telephone districts that receives reimbursement from the surcharge from Ameritech, argued that Richtarcik had not met the burden of proof.

"It is a case of private individuals who want to use the judicial system to change state law to redefine the term 'tax,'" Allen said. He called it a "sincere but wrongheaded attempt."

The Wayne County Taxpayers Association originally filed a lawsuit in September 1995 seeking an injunction to prevent Michigan Bell, Ameritech, Wayne County and the Wayne County Board of Commissioners from collecting an "impermissible tax" outlined in the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act. County commissioners had adopted resolutions

in August 1994 which provided for an increase in the fee charged to telephone subscribers for emergency 911 phone service.

In August 1996 a Wayne County circuit judge sided with the defendants, so the tax group appealed that decision.

Tuesday's arguments were heard by Michigan Court of Appeals Judges Robert P. Young Jr., Martin Doctoroff and Michael Kelly.

Issue called 'political'

Richtarcik raised issues on whether the money collected was a tax, whether that money collected violated the Headlee Amendment, whether the tax group was entitled to a judgment as a matter of the law, and whether the trial court's decision was erroneous.

"Taxes are exactions — or involuntary contributions — of money, the payment of which is mandatory or compulsory by law. In contrast, a fee is a voluntary payment in exchange for a special service, benefit or privilege, not automatically conferred upon the general public."

Allen called the issue "a political, not a legal, question."

Ernest Essad, an attorney representing the Conference of Western Wayne, a legislative consortium of 18 communities,

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School funding inequity topic of March 23 forum at Summit

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

At the current rate of state funding, it will take the Plymouth-Canton school district more than 100 years to catch up to Bloomfield Hills when it comes to per pupil spending.

That's according to Mark Slavens, the chairman of Michigan's first Michigan Summit on School Funding Equity, slated for Monday, March 23, at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

Nearly two dozen state representatives and senators from both sides of the political aisle are expected to attend. They include Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton; Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville; Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland; and Rep. Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne. Several gubernatorial candidates are also expected to attend.

The purpose is to raise awareness of inequities in school funding throughout the state; discuss

with legislators the issues of school funding; talk about the pros and cons and possible changes of Proposal A; and gauge where the state's gubernatorial candidates stand on the issue.

School officials are expecting nearly 350 interested citizens and educators from around the state to attend the two-hour discussion, which begins at 7 p.m.

"Proposal A was supposed to control increases in property tax and narrow the gaps in per-pupil spending in Michigan," said Slavens. "However, it will take us more than a century to conquer a gap that exists between Bloomfield Hills (\$11,000 per student) and Plymouth-Canton (\$5,900 per student)."

"We hope to show the public there are inequities in school spending for many districts like Plymouth-Canton, and maybe urge the state to give back some local control," said Slavens.

Plymouth-Canton school Superintendent Charles Little is hoping to educate many who believe growing communities like Canton get more money, while the reality remains state funding is now determined by school population.

"I don't think a lot of people realize that we are currently being funded at a percentage less than the cost of doing business," said Little.

Little said last year the district received a 2.7 percent increase in state funding, while the Consumer Price Index was over 3 percent. Little said this is the fifth consecutive year the district has operated with state funding increases less than the cost of doing business.

"The system is supposed to close the gap between the rich and poor," said Little. "However, it definitely hasn't worked here."

Candidates gearing up for state education seats

State conventions are five months away, but candidates are lining up for nominations to statewide education post. Here is their status:

- Michigan State Democrats** — No announcements yet.
- Republicans** — Incumbent Delores (Dee) Cook, 65, of Greenville, has Engler's backing for a second term. The second incumbent, Jack Shingleton, 75, is retiring.
- Engler is backing Dave Porteous, 45, of Reed City; Porteous received an appointment to the MSU board in 1996 but lost his re-election bid in the Democratic sweep.
- Democrats have a 5-3 majority.*
- Wayne State Democrats** — No announcements yet.
- Democrats have a 5-3 majority.*
- University of Michigan Democrats** — Phil Power, an incumbent, announced he will seek a new eight-year term.
- Power, 59, of Ann Arbor is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., parent company of this newspaper. He was appointed in 1986 to fill a vacancy. Twin priorities: "moving research findings from the lab to the marketplace" and tuition aid.
- So far, no one has announced to be his running mate. Two persons are elected for eight-year terms.
- Incumbent Shirley McFee, R-Battle Creek, is retiring.
- Democrats have a 5-3 majority.*

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Incumbent Elizabeth Hardy, 42, of Franklin, is expected to seek a new term. Ditto for incumbent appointee Vernice Davis-Anthony, 53, of Farmington Hills; she's a former Wayne County and state public health director. Democrats have a 5-3 majority.

Supreme Court Officially, the seven-member high court is nonpartisan officially. In practice, there are four Democrats and three Republicans.

Democrats - Justice Patricia Boyle, 60, of Detroit, announced she won't seek a new term. Justice Michael Cavanaugh, 57, of East Lansing, is expected to seek a new eight-year term. She hasn't announced, but look for Court of Appeals Judge Kathleen Jansen, a Macomb County resident in her early 40s, to try again for a Democratic nomination.

Republicans - For a full term, Court of Appeals Judges Jane Markey, 46, of Grand Rapids, has Engler's blessing. Justice Clifford Taylor, 55, of East Lansing, is expected to run for the last two years of a term to which he was appointed (replacing the retired Dorothy Comstock Riley). No Democrat has announced for the post.

State Board of Education **Democrats** - Barbara Roberts Mason, 57, of Dimondale, hasn't indicated whether she'll seek a third term. She ran unsuccessfully for state representative two years ago. She is an official of the Michigan Education Association.

Republicans - Gary Wolfman, 47, a Hillsdale College economics professor, is expected to seek a full term. He is an Engler appointee and strong advocate of privatization.

The board is split 4-4 on party lines. On ideological lines, there are five supporters of public schools and three of private and charter schools.

How to improve MEAP

Educators offer feedback on state tests

By TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

It gives the kids practice. This is the way to go. If you want proficiency, you've got to spot it (problems) before.

"This year there were only 20 in remediation," Kulchar said. Bill McFarland, assistant superintendent in Crestwood School District, told lawmakers that Kulchar conducted "extensive in-service programs for teachers" as the western Wayne County district boosted its MEAP scores.

Rep. Bob Brown, D-DeARBorn Heights, asked whether she wasn't "teaching the test." No, she replied, because the district concentrated on teaching skills and remedying weaknesses, not teaching the test.

Added Sam Ewing, MEAP coordinator for the Wayne County Regional Service Agency (intermediate district): "We make sure we're not teaching the test but the curriculum behind the test."

Some throw up

But Paula Long, a Taylor district staff development coordinator for the science and writing MEAP tests, took a dim

view of the pressures put on kids by the whole testing process. She cited a suicide attempt, a runaway, gang incidents, and kids "so worried about taking the test they get sick and throw up."

A better evaluation of a school's performance, Long said, would be to ask kids: "Do you love to read? Do you love literature? Do you love art?"

"A lot of parents tell me their children aren't having fun in school any more," Long said. Subcommittee chair Rose Bogardus, D-Davison, a former music teacher, agreed. "We've heard this in other schools - children are stressed out by MEAP."

Started by the state in 1969 and developed more fully in the 1980s and 1990s, MEAP rates children three times in reading, writing, science, math and social studies. MEAP tests are geared to measure student outcomes rather than how many hours a student sat in a class.

Bogardus' panel was following up on 1996 changes written into state law. The changes were designed to shorten the

tests, give faster feedback, and place them closer to the times when students were taking the appropriate courses.

How to improve

Kulchar and a group of administrators suggested improvements the state Department of Education could make:

- Detroit gets its MEAP scores a week later than other districts. "That causes the media to distrust us. We have nothing to hide," said Bette McIntosh, a Detroit administrator.
- "Cut" scores make many schools and kids look bad. They may be one point below a "proficient" rating, but the labels make them look as if they've flunked entirely, said McIntosh.
- Some schools encourage all to take the MEAP tests while others freely grant exemptions and even solicit exemption requests from parents. Those with high rates of participation run the risk of poor overall scores.

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said it was the nature of the emergency service that dictated the fee be spent around the district to have the 911 system available.

"You can't send out a bill for each user of service," Essad said. When Doctoroff responded that that did not respond to question of whether the 911 charge was a user fee or a tax, Essad responded that the fee was collected to defray expenses.

Harretha Jarrett, Wayne County's attorney, concluded that the taxpayers' group had "no evidence...to overturn the lower court."

The appellate court can rule on the issues at any time.

Rose Bogardus, chair of the Wayne County Taxpayers Association, hoped the panel would rule in favor of her organization. She calls 911 a "necessary and admirable service" but disagrees with the way the surcharge was imposed on county residents.

"It's illegal without a vote. It's a tax, not a fee."

"The Legislature passed a law that is unconstitutional. Nobody should be allowed to levy a tax without a vote of the people."

"We find that the manner in which the Legislature provided

Appeals panel backs court merger

■ The appellate panel found Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Richard D. Kuhn lacked standing to file the suit because he "cannot establish that he will suffer an injury or that there is a likely chance of immediate injury different from the public ..."

for the election to fill the newly-created Wayne Circuit Court judgeships was within the discretion recognized by the Supreme Court," said appellate Judge Hilda Gage, Maureen Pulte Reilly and Kathleen Jansen.

"Plaintiffs have not, under the circumstances, established that the Legislature has exceeded its constitutional authority," they added.

Losser was Oakland Circuit Judge Richard D. Kuhn, who in 1961-62 was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention that designed the court system. Rul-

ing against him was a former Oakland Circuit Court colleague, Gage.

The appellate panel found Kuhn lacked standing to file the suit because he "cannot establish that he will suffer an injury or that there is a likely chance of immediate injury different from the public ..."

"Judge Kuhn, as an Oakland County resident, is neither a Wayne County resident, a voter registered in Wayne County, nor a potential candidate for one of those 29 newly-created judgeships."

"Furthermore, his status as an Oakland County Circuit Court

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■ Tests now given in mid-July should be moved back to March, said Kulchar, because "that Christmas break is a killer."

■ In one history test question, the founder of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals banged together the heads of two drivers who had treated animals badly. Jerry Maiorano, a Warren Consolidated district administrator, said, "I take offense. Violence was taught."

■ Students' socioeconomic and family backgrounds influence test results, said Maiorano. So do pupil-teacher ratios, teacher experience, teachers with master's degrees and other factors. Test results should be correlated with these factors instead of being reported raw. "District to district comparisons cannot and should not be reported," he said.

■ County administrator would

be helped if they could receive more than just test numbers. "I would like to see the (scorers') annotations on about 20 tests with a range of scores," said Wayne RESA's Ewing.

■ Some questions are poorly written. Crestwood's McFarland blistered a social studies question with a map of the Underground Railroad in Michigan, the routes used to smuggle slaves out of the pre-Civil War South. Detroit is shown as a point, but the map fails to indicate whether Detroit is a point of origin or a destination. One question asks why Michigan was such an important part of the Underground Railroad. The answer was that it was close to Canada, "but the map doesn't show Canada," McFarland said.

■ Jim Orme, a Romulus science teacher, said a geology

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to your graduation?" he asked. He received a resounding, "Yes." The "field of dreams" that became All Saints was on the property of Resurrection Catholic Church - south of Warren Road, between Beck and Ridge roads.

Kathryn Kristoff and her husband, Michael Mitchell, Plymouth Township residents and



Principal speaks: Mary Rita Allen reminded guests that Lyndon Johnson was president the last time the Archdiocese dedicated a school in Detroit.

■ 'It shows the power of prayer because every step of the way we felt the school was humanly impossible to get.'

Michael Mitchell,

-helped initiate campaign for new school

members of St. Kenneth parish, initiated a major push for a new Catholic school more than four years ago. ACCESS (The Action Committee for Catholic Educational School Systems) was established by a group of concerned parents in the Plymouth and Canton areas seeking quality parochial education for their children.

Tough going

But the going wasn't easy. Getting families to commit to a \$2,500 one-time building/maintenance fee along with a \$2,500 per student per year tuition was a major hurdle.

The desired enrollment had not yet been reached when Maida took a leap of faith and gave the go-ahead to break ground in September 1996. But once the school was built, students certainly did come.

Doors opened to the first 128 kindergarten through fourth-grade students last August.

Enrollment for fall 1998 is already more than 230 with the addition of a fifth grade. Plans are to add grades six, seven and eight in the next three years.

Enrollments will be accepted until classes are full.

"It shows the power of prayer because every step of the way we felt the school was humanly impossible to get," said Mitchell. The couple has three children; Elizabeth, 6, is in this year's kindergarten class. Mary Kate is 3 and Stephen is 18 months.

"It's so nice to be able to share it with Cardinal Maida," said Kristoff. "To have him actually come out now and see the children that he has been able to help and their shining little faces and how much love they have in their own hearts for the school too."

Kevin Jaskolski is a third-grader in Diane Ponagai's class and his sister, Michelle, will be in the kindergarten class of 2001.

Jaskolski has a lot of school pride. "It's a beautiful school," he said. The 8-year-old's favorite subject is science and he said he likes to go to Mass at school. Why? He answered simply, "I get to be with Jesus."

For information about All Saints Catholic School, call 459-2490.



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Head of the line: Veronica Livingstone (from left), Luke and Emily Petersen hold their class banner as the future kindergartners lead a procession of All Saints students.

Becoming a better parent is focus of March seminar

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

If you aren't sure how to discipline your child, or how to help your child when he's frustrated, or how children learn through technology, there's some help in sight.

Once again a cooperative effort between the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Educational Excellence Foundation and the Business Education Partnerships will bring Parents' Day, Saturday, March 28 to East Middle School, 1042 S. Mill Street, Plymouth.

The half-day event - "You're a better parent than you think" - will feature a guest speaker and 26 mini-seminars which parents may attend.

Dr. Ray Guarendi, a clinical psychologist who specializes in parenting and families - and a regular guest on shows such as Oprah, Joan Rivers and CBS This Morning - and author of "You're a Better Parent Than You Think" will take center stage as the main speaker.

Following his talk, parents will have their choice of the mini-seminars, which include: "Self-Esteem, You Can't Buy it!" "Managing Behavior in Young Children," "Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll," "Understanding Adolescents: True Colors" and "The Creative Child - Learning Through the Arts."

Registration for the event runs 8:15-8:45 a.m. Guarendi will speak at 9 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. The first group of break-out sessions will run 10:30-11:15 a.m. The second break-out sessions will run 11:30-12:15 p.m., followed by closing remarks and door prizes.

"Parents often feel isolated," said Carole Levine, EEF execu-

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tive director. "This is one way they can interact with people in the school district in a more relaxed setting. We will talk about social issues facing kids, as well as how they interact with each other."

The first-ever Parents' Day in Plymouth-Canton last year drew 330 parents. This year organizers expect as many, if not more.

"We are encouraging parents to register ahead of time," said Betty Bloch Business Education Partnerships coordinator. Admission is \$5. You may register in advance with the accompanying form or at the door the day of the event. Child care is available for children ages 3-10.

"As part of the development of students as positive citizens we are hoping to convey to parents the need to have a strong influence in their lives," Bloch said.

The mini-seminars or break-out sessions cover all age groups for children, preschool through high school. "We worked really hard to get that balance," Bloch added.

Subjects for the break-out sessions were determined through a joint effort and based on a 1996 survey of elementary school parents, as well as the topics chosen by attendants at last year's Parents' Day.

The idea of a Parents' Day came out of a Business Educa-

tion Partnership subcommittee that formed to find way to help kids develop skills and values, Levine said.

Common complaints from potential employers include that young people don't have skills such as punctuality, attention to detail and social abilities. "That makes them unemployable," Levine said.

The other question was how to get parents involved in the process of helping students. That's about when Connie Moore of Hegira, a social service agency, approached the group. Moore, a Plymouth-Canton parent, helps schools districts develop Parents' Day.

Vendors, such as social service agencies, also will be on hand throughout the event to provide information to parents.

Parents' Day is sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Community Federal Credit Union, Johnson Controls, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, St. Joseph Mercy Health System, Target stores and Tim Hortons.

To comment via e-mail: tschneider@oe.homecomm.net. If your comments are intended for publication, please include your name and telephone number.

Parents' Day '98

Registration Form

You may return this to any of the following locations:

✓ Any of the Plymouth-Canton Elementary and Middle Schools

or mail to:

✓ Business Education Partnership Office
550 N. Holbrook
Plymouth, MI 48170
Attention: Betty Bloch

REGISTERING IN PERSON

If you choose to register in person on Saturday, March 28, 1998, you may do so between 8:15-8:45 a.m.

Walk-ins are welcome.

QUESTIONS? Call:

Betty Bloch at 734/416-4903

or

Carole Levine at 734/420-7010



"You're a better parent than you think."

Saturday, March 28, 1998

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Break-out sessions offer expert advice covering toddlers to teens

The following break-out sessions will be offered during Parents' Day '98 Saturday, March 28 at East Middle School, 1042 E. Mill Street, Plymouth. Break-out sessions will run 10:30-11:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Selections for the sessions will be made the day of the event.

- Parenting Your Student Athlete - What parents need to know to foster their young athlete. Michael C. Ware, Ph.D.
- "I Hate When That Happens!" - Helping your child cope with frustrations at school. Peggy Schneider, elementary school counselor.
- Back to the Family - Reveals

those characteristics most common to strong families. Ray Guarendi, Ph.D.

■ Discipline is Love in Action - This presentation will empower you with the self-confidence and authority you deserve. Ray Guarendi, Ph.D.

■ The Journey Starts Here - Promoting young children's development from preschool to kindergarten. Mary Lou Boyd, PLUS Preschool Program teacher.

■ Tune in to Your Teen Through Technology - Find out how to use technology to reach and teach your teen. Roby Jarczewski, resource room teacher, Central Middle School.

■ "What Happened to My Baby?" - Perspectives and survival skills for the middle school years. Jeanne Knopf-DeRoches.

■ Paper, Pencils, Plus - A demonstration of how technology is used as a tool to facilitate learning in the elementary years. Michelle Foster, Barbara Greanya, Shelly Rybarsyk, Karen Huston, Plymouth-Canton teachers

■ The Creative Child, Learning Through the Arts - A discussion of opportunities for children to grow and learn through the fine arts. Jennifer Tobin, Plymouth Community Arts Council executive director.

■ The Middle School Years -

Nervous, apprehensive, unsure, scared. Alleviating common feelings as you send your child off to middle school. Pat Butzin and Nancy Kline, middle school counselors.

■ Parenting is C.O.O.L. - Parenting with love and logic is the C.O.O.L. way to handle the challenges of parenting in the '90s. Judith Minton.

■ Your Eyes and My Eyes - The world from an ADD point of view. Ellison Franklin, East Middle School principal.

■ Alternatives to Yelling and Threatening - Explore alternative discipline methods that can be more effective and preserve your relationship with your

child. Denise Collins-Robison, social worker.

■ Yummy in Your Tummy - Steps to healthy and delicious eating for your family. Linn Storch, St. Joseph Mercy Health System.

■ Connecting with Your School After the Elementary Grades - Tips on how to remain connected to your child's secondary school. Barbara Church, Joan Noricks, Ellie Schupra.

■ Parent Involvement in Student Learning - Practical activities to enhance learning at home for kindergarten-grade 5. Cynthia Morningstar.

■ Self-Esteem, You Can't Buy It! - How can you feel better

about who your child seems to be. Building self-esteem. Susan Davis.

■ An Intro to Gangs and Other "Unsavory Characters" - What every parent needs to know, but doesn't know who to ask, about gangs and peer groups. Canton police officers Steckel and She-manske.

■ Managing Behavior in Young Children - Steps to effective parenting in the early years. Mary Kay Herr and Teri Dillon, Tanger Center.

■ "Character Counts" for Older Children - Help in teaching ethics and values to older children. Sandi Jester.

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The high school graduates must be student applicants interested in attending Madonna University in the 1998 fall term and demonstrate an economic need. All participants must be admitted to Madonna University before acceptance to the Summer Start Program.

"We are proud to offer economically disadvantaged students a jump start on their education," said Sister Nancy Marie Jamroz, Madonna University vice president for student life. "This is Madonna University's second year providing this program. It is a great opportunity for these students as they will participate in learning seminars as well as develop a learning community with other first-year college students."

Classes will be held three days a week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Students will attend two classes, English 101 and Computer Science 208. The courses will incorporate writing and math/computer skills to assist future academic success.

Lunch will be included with the program and one lunch period each week will be designated "Lunch and Learn Session" which will cover such topics as time management, self-integrity and study skills.

For information, students may contact their high school counseling office, or call Madonna's Admission Office at (734) 432-5541.

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judge does not grant him standing because this statute does not dilute the power or integrity of his position."

Kuhn rebuked

The appellate panel even bawled out Kuhn and friends for filing his case so late in the game. "Plaintiffs waited for almost one year after the statute was passed to allege that it was unconstitutional. They filed their complaint three months before the effective date of the merger, after much of the work necessary to effect the merger had been accomplished."

"Even after the circuit court (Judge Robert Colombo Jr.) issued its opinion and order, plaintiffs waited two weeks to file an emergency motion for leave to appeal, which was filed only 12 days before the merger took place."

For more than 140 years, Detroit was the only city in Michigan to have its own criminal court. In the other 82 counties, criminal cases were decided by countywide circuit court judges and juries.

Gov. John Engler, fighting the growing number of courts and costs, threatened in 1993 to veto all new judgeships until the Legislature worked out better ways to deploy resources. Merging Recorder's and Wayne Circuit courts was one of several legislative responses.

Kuhn and two other plaintiffs hired attorney Lawrence Bunting to challenge the law on two grounds:

First, they objected that the Legislature transferred judges of the limited jurisdiction Recorder's Court to the general jurisdiction Wayne Circuit Court.

Second, they said the 29 new circuit judges should be elected by voters rather than transferred from the lower court.

The Court of Appeals, however, looked into "Convention Commission" from the 1961-62 convention and found the Legislature may abolish statutory courts (such as recorder's) to transfer their duties elsewhere.

Kuhn has filed a similar suit in U.S. District Court for eastern Michigan.

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Safe boating

State lawmakers consider bill package that toughens safety laws for young boaters

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Young boat and personal watercraft operators will have to pass tests, be closely supervised and obey stricter safety laws under a package of bills heading to the House of Representatives.

Details aren't final. For example, Rep. Bob Brown, D-Deerborn Heights, wants to clean up rules about operating boats in narrow channels where divers are at work.

The bills require 200-foot clearance on either side of a diving marker, said Brown, but what if the channel is narrower than 400 feet?

After a three-hour meeting March 4, the House Conservation Committee moved the bills to the House floor with the possibility that many amendments still could be made. Chairman Tom Alley, D-West Branch, explained why.

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Youngsters 7 and under must wear type I or II life jackets that will hold their heads above water even if they are unconscious.

A separate bill, HB 5426, governs personal watercraft, or "jet skis," and is sponsored by Rep. William Callahan, D-St. Clair Shores. Its main provisions:

Persons 19 and under must complete a boating safety course and carry a certificate. Operators, passengers and persons they tow must wear life jackets.

Hours are confined to 9 a.m. to one hour before sunset.

PWC operators may not cross within 150 feet of another vessel, operate in waters less than 2 feet deep, weave through traffic, jump the wake of another vessel, or play "chicken."

PWC operators must observe a "slow - no wake" speed limit within 100 feet of a dock or raft.

They may not operate within 200 feet of a submerged diver or underwater diving activities that display the international diving insignia.

Refer to House Bills 4247, 4248 and 5426 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, PO Box 30014, Lansing 48909.

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School site

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would be designed so that students would use major facilities such as the pool at CPEP, which is about a mile east.

"Our schools are able to offer numerous opportunities to students only because we share facilities," said Cynthia Burnstein, of the Bond Steering Committee.

"The committee wants to move the new building closer to CPEP than planned, mainly to cut down on transportation costs and to make use of facilities all three buildings would have to offer.

Superintendent Chuck Little and some board members said the Beck-Joy location was well-publicized and is what the public was promised.

'I get frustrated when public officials say they're going to do something and then do something differently.'

Mike Maloney, School board member

tation to the school board. Trustee Carrie Blamer said the PCEP land was originally to have four buildings, a plan she disagrees with.

"I cannot see four high schools on one site. I can see two because we've lived with it," Blamer said.

She initially wanted an off-site high school, mainly because of parents' and staffers' concerns that the schools are too big, Blamer said. Other board mem-

bers echoed her concerns. "I got a lot of parents saying they were uncomfortable with the size of the high schools," Blamer said.

But, building an off-site high school would be "totally unfeasible" financially, Blamer said. A lack of suitable off-site land contributed to her decision, Blamer said.

The schools' size benefits some students, said board member Sue Davis.

"The bigness has prepared them for the world. I think that for the most part the majority of students do very well," she said.

Others don't do as well in a larger school, she added. Board president Mark Horvath said the location discussion could be premature. Plans are tied up in a lawsuit over the March 1997 election.

Discussing a building "I am unfortunately not convinced we're going to be able to build is a waste of time," Horvath said, adding that it was a "moot point."

Committee member Sherry Frazier took offense at Horvath's statement, in one of the meeting's heated moments. "I can't believe that people

have come here and sat for four hours and have been dismissed so lightly," Frazier said.

In other news Tuesday, the board approved: ■ The retirement of Lucy Morris, a 40-year district veteran and Fiegel Elementary teacher.

■ Tenure for Dan Young, a Pioneer teacher.

■ Appointing Ken Jacobs, assistant principal at Canton High School to director of maintenance and operations.

■ Hiring Jan Eggers, now a Salem High School English teacher.

Sex assault

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"She was scared to the point she could not yell or say anything," police said.

Two students may have witnessed the sexual assault and nonchalantly walked away without reporting it to school administrators.

"My daughter is involved with a lot of extracurricular activities so (her safety) after hours always concerned me. During school, no. Not really," said Elly Shupra, president of the Plymouth-Canton Community

principal of general administration and discipline at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP).

"The detectives have finished their investigation and made a warrant request to the (Wayne County) Prosecutor's Office. He's up to the prosecutor to decide what the charges will be," said Capt. Laura Golles.

The 17-year-old is considered an adult and could be charged with first-degree criminal sexual conduct and/or having sex with a minor. The legal age of sexual consent is 16.

The alleged attacker is a new student to the school district this semester. The two students apparently left the lunch room to talk when the boy coaxed her to hide under a stairwell so that they wouldn't be caught by security officers.

The conversation turned to the prosecutor to decide what the charges will be," said Capt. Laura Golles.

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place. They asked if they could stay there to smoke. The boy told them to leave, according to police reports.

After the attack, the victim went outside and saw the two girls standing there. One asked the victim if she "got f-----."

"I don't know if (the two girls) realized what was actually happening," said Golles. Jacobs said the school is talking to various students, but two possible witnesses have been found.

(four in all) who patrol the hallways. Two others are stationed in both student parking lots to enforce the "closed campus" policy. A seventh security officer patrols between the two schools outside.

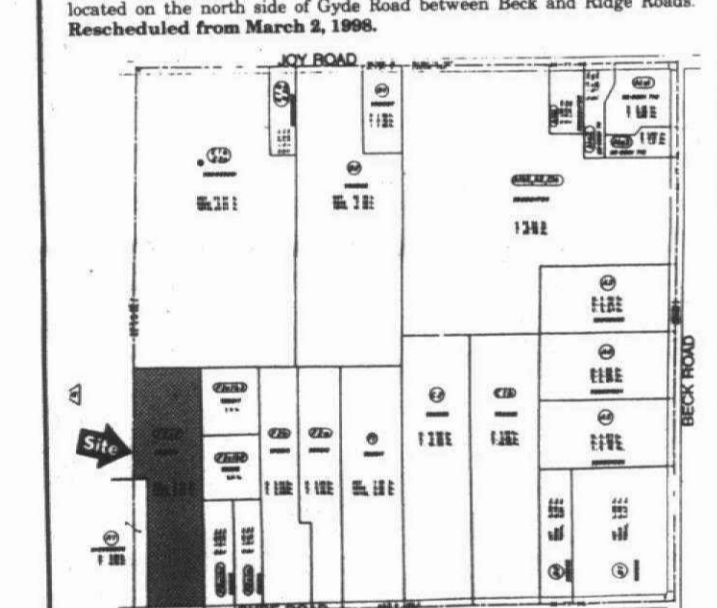
"Do I think the school is too big? Yeah. But, do I think the school is to blame? No. ... Yes, it concerns me, but it could happen anywhere," Peterson said.

She added, "If (the victim) had been following the rules she wouldn't have been in that situation."

CANTON TOWNSHIP 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, April 6, 1998 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

LOCKARDJABARA REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 017 99 0018 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the north side of Clyde Road between Beck and Ridge Roads. Rescheduled for March 5, 1998.



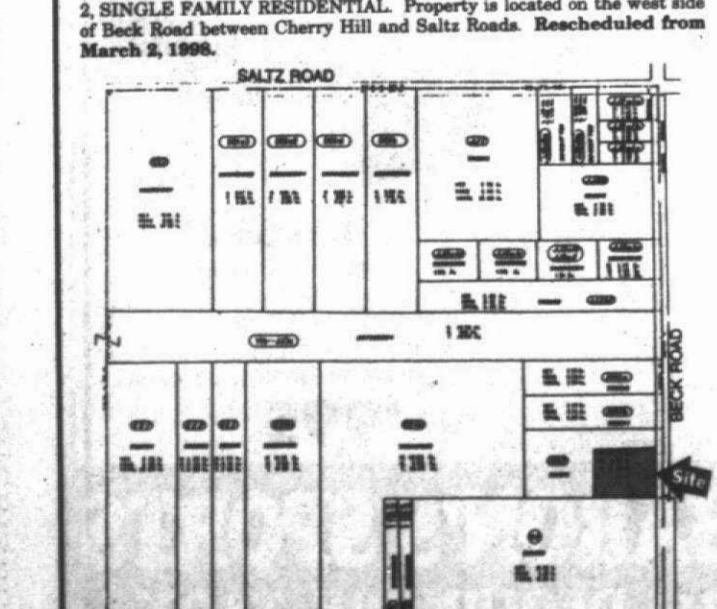
Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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RAY REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PART OF PARCEL NO. 068 99 0019 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the west side of Beck Road between Cherry Hill and Salt Roads. Rescheduled for March 5, 1998.



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

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

NOTICE OF HEARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the board will meet on Tuesday, the 24th day of March, 1998, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements, and to the special assessment district therefor.

ACT 188, PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN, 1954, AS AMENDED, PROVIDES THAT SAID PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SHALL NOT BE MADE WITHOUT PETITION IF THE RECORD OWNERS OF LAND CONSTITUTING MORE THAN TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THE TOTAL LAND AREA IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FILE THEIR WRITTEN OBJECTIONS THERETO WITH THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AT OR BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON Tuesday, the 24th DAY OF MARCH, 1998.

TERRY BENNETT, Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Pheasant Run Golf Club, 46500 Summit Parkway, Canton MI 48188 until 5:00 p.m., March 26, 1998 for the following described project: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS to provide ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES for the preparation of a Comprehensive Storm Management Run-off and Best Management Design for the Nine Hole Expansion of Pheasant Run Golf Club

Request for Proposal documents are available to be picked up at the Finance and Budget Dept., 3rd floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188. 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. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 3, 1998 the Canton Public Works Building, 4847 S. Sheldon Road, Canton, MI 48188. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Bennett, Burdzik, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sherryly, Yack

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Santomauro, Dingley, Fox, Mills, Olson, Yonke, Weyer, Wrablewski

ITEM 1 FLEET MAINTENANCE After a brief tour of the Department of Public Works offices, the Board moved to the fleet maintenance area. Aaron Machnik, Director of Municipal Services gave an overview of the Public Works facility. The facility was first occupied in 1980 to service seven vehicles. It has since grown to service the vehicles of twelve township divisions, Public Safety, Public Works and Grounds Maintenance being the largest groups in terms of vehicle maintenance needs. Mr. Machnik noted that with the move from Basic Life Support (BLS) vehicles to Advanced Life Support (ALS) an increase in service would be expected from the Fleet Maintenance division. He noted that many departments have a high degree of interface with the community, which required vehicles to be in the best condition mechanically and physically as they reflect on the township and its employees. Mr. Machnik presented the total amount spent by departments on maintenance of their vehicles and equipment including vehicle set-ups, outside repair costs, vehicle replacement equipment, accident/incident repairs and refurbishing for the last three (3) years. In 1995, the township total for all departments spent on fleet maintenance was approximately \$288,000. In 1996, the figure rose to approximately \$350,000, and the 1997 total amount came to approximately \$430,000.

Karen Fox, Finance and Budget Accountant, explained the process for requesting vehicle maintenance and the charge back billing to the requesting division.

Ed Olson, Fleet Maintenance Foreman, led the group on a tour of the fleet maintenance area of the facility. He explained how they purchase vehicles and parts through the State of Michigan, Oakland County or through the Wayne County competitive bid program. He noted that when the prices were competitive, he sought local vendors. In response to a question by Trustee LaJoy, Mr. Olson said that items purchased through bid programs had the same warranties as if purchased through any other vendor. He added that body work was not done at the facility due to the OSHA's environmental requirements. They purchase tires solely through the State and the township must pay to recycle old tires.

Mr. Olson introduced Rob Webster, Gary Michalak and Colin Duty. Canton's fleet maintenance mechanics. He added that John Baubits was stationed at the public works building at the Proctor Road site. He said that each mechanic worked primarily on a specific division's vehicles, but could cover one another's duties. Mr. Olson said that 25 percent of repairs were outsourced. For obvious liability reasons, Fleet Maintenance gives special consideration to on-site tire and brake inspection and repair.

Director Machnik noted that the facility was designed in 1978 and occupied in 1980. He said that the facility was not designed for the volume of services it currently rendered. The needs of the township continue to grow, requiring expansion of the Public Works facility in the future.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on March 3, 1998. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on March 24, 1998.

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

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DORIS M. BENTLEY

Doris M. Bentley, 85, of Ann Arbor, formerly of Plymouth, died Feb. 26.

Mrs. Bentley was born on Aug. 17, 1912, in Michigan. She came to the Plymouth community in 1930.

She was a homemaker and member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carvell Bentley, former principal of Plymouth High School, in 1993.

Her survivors include her son, Michael M. Bentley of Alberta, Canada.

No funeral services were held. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

IRENE I. TAYLOR

Services for Irene I. Taylor, 82, of Plymouth were held on March 7 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Tamara Seidel officiating.

Mrs. Taylor was born on July 4, 1915, in Plymouth. She died on March 4 in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker. She and Elvin Taylor had been married 60 years. Mr. Taylor was the former owner of Plymouth Stamping Company on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. She was a lifelong Plymouth resident.

She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1933 and the University of Michigan in 1959 with a liberal arts degree. She was a former member of the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth, the Plymouth Study Club and the Plymouth Synphony. She was an avid traveler.

Her survivors include her husband, Elvin A. of Plymouth; one daughter, Mary E. Taylor of Plymouth; one son, Richard (Irene) Taylor of Plymouth; five grand-children, Craig (Kim) Meyers of Westland, Merrill (John) McArdle of Canton, Kristal (David) Smith of Canton, Geoffrey (Maureen) Taylor of Pittsburgh, Pa., and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer of the Alzheimer's Disease Association.

WILLIAM J. SCHULZ

Services for William J. Schulz, 68, of Plymouth were held on March 7 at St. Kenneth Catholic

Church in Plymouth Township

Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Schulz was born on Jan. 26, 1930, in Saginaw. He died on March 4 in Plymouth.

He was self-employed most of his life. He was born in Saginaw, then moved to Detroit and later to Livonia where he lived until he moved to Plymouth in 1965. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township.

He graduated from St. Andrew's High School in Saginaw. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict, stationed in Panama. He was married to his first wife, Roselyn (Rose), from Aug. 11, 1956, to December 1981. He then married Mary Ellen Sept. 12, 1992.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Howard, in 1980.

His survivors include his wife, Mary Ellen of Plymouth; three sons, William J. Jr. (Karen) of Midland, Mich., Stephen L. (Linda) of Plymouth, Leland M. of Farmington Hills; and one grandson, William III (B.J.).

Memorials may be made in the form of Mass offerings.

ROBERT J. HOLTEN

Services for Robert J. Holten, 54, of Canton were held on March 5 at Divine Savior Catholic Church with the Rev. Alexander A. Kurus officiating.

Mr. Holten was born on Dec. 26, 1943, in Detroit. He died on March 2 in Canton.

He recently retired after 30 years with the State of Michigan Protective Services Department. He was a member of the Church of the Divine Savior; he was an avid runner and ran in 12 Detroit Free Press Marathons. He enjoyed gardening and cooking. He lived in Canton since 1975.

He was preceded in death by his father, Elmer Holten. His survivors include his wife, Margaret Holten; his mother, Madeline Cousins; one son, Mark (Cheryl) Holten in Dearborn; one daughter, Rachel Holten of Westland; and two sisters, Ann Robinson of Detroit and Beverly Vojeck of Detroit.

Memorials may be made in Mass offerings or to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 212, Southfield 48075.

MARY MATERIA

Services for Mary Matera, 74, of Canton were held on Feb. 24 at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City, with the Rev. Alberto Bondy officiating.

Mrs. Matera was born on March 24, 1923, in Altoona, Pa. She died on Feb. 22. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel Matera. Her survivors include her three daughters, Alma Trackwell, Roberta (Larry) George, Betsy (Craig) Juckstock; two sons, Luke, Kenneth (Carol); 12 brothers; one sister; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Home Care.

JOHN PAUL (JACK) BELLMORE Services for John Paul (Jack) Bellmore, 78, of Northville, formerly of Plymouth, were held on March 4 at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia. Visitation was held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth Township. Private entombment was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mr. Bellmore was born on Sept. 11, 1919, in Houghton, Mich. He died on Feb. 25 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

He retired in 1987 from Ford Motor Company after 50 dedicated years of service. He was employed as a manufacturer's representative from 1987 to many years. He was an Army veteran. He served during World War II.

His survivors include his three daughters, Camille (Buzz) Elliott, Susan (Michael) Mikail, Mary Lou Ely; one son, Christopher (Laura Jane); one brother, Ivan Bellmore of Florida; one sister, Olive Oldfield of Novi; nine grandchildren, Jeffrey, Molly, Max, Amanda, Carl, John, Christopher, Christine, Zachary; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth region, 485 S. Main St., Plymouth 48170 or as Mass offerings to the church.

MAJORIE STEWART Services for Marjorie Stewart, 100, of Livonia were held on

Wednesday, March 11, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. James Kimmins officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

She was born on Nov. 8, 1897, in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. She died on March 7 in Plymouth.

Mrs. Stewart was a homemaker most of her life. She worked for the Canadian government prior to being married. She was a secretary in the deputy minister's office. She came to the Plymouth community about eight months ago from Livonia. She was a member of the Presbyterian Faith Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, and her son, John. Her survivors include her three sons, Robert Bruce (Mary Jane) of Livonia, Richard (Patricia) of Connecticut, Harold (Carol) of Illinois; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

CARLOS M. SYMONS

Services for Carlos M. Symons, 75, of Canton were held on Monday, March 9, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. David A. Davis officiating. Burial was at Crestwood Cemetery in Flint.

He was born on Jan. 21, 1923, in Flint. He died on March 5 in Ann Arbor.

Mr. Symons was a general foreman with Fisher Body in Livonia, retiring after 34 years of service. He came to the Plymouth-Canton community in 1954 from Flint. He was a former member of First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.

He was a member of the Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780 and the Plymouth Rock Masonic Lodge No. 47 F&M. He was also a member of the Plymouth Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post Number 6695 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He served in World War II. He was treasurer and coach of Little League baseball in Plymouth. He played fastpitch softball for local Plymouth teams.

He was preceded in death by his brother, William.

His survivors include his two sons, Gregory (Susan) Symons of

Lincoln Park, Gary (Kelli) Symons of Canton; six grandchildren, Ryan, Melissa, Joseph, Jenna, Jessica, Katlyn; and one sister, Norma Hill of Linden, Mich.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association of Michigan.

TERESA STOWELL

Services for Teresa Stowell, 59, of Plymouth were held on Wednesday, March 11, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Mallia officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

She was born on Dec. 24, 1938, in Plymouth. She died on March 8 in Plymouth.

She was a homemaker. She was a lifelong Plymouth resident. She was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church. She graduated from Ladywood High School in 1956. She enjoyed crafts and volunteered as a room mother for her grandchildren.

Her survivors include her husband, Wendell E. of Plymouth; three sons, Steven Stowell of Iowa, Michael (Kathleen) Stowell of Plymouth, Daniel (Sandra) Stowell of Dearborn Heights; one daughter, Elizabeth Foote of Plymouth; five grandchildren, Joshua Foote, Jeremy Foote, Sean Stowell, Emily Stowell and Danielle Stowell.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

WILLIAM CURTIS HANN

Services for William Curtis Hann, 63, of Northville Township will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Steve Baker officiating. Visitation will be held from 1-4 p.m. Thursday, March 12.

He was born on July 19, 1934, in Northville. He died on March 9 in Ann Arbor.

He was the owner/operator of the Mayflower Beauty Salon, the Total Image Beauty Salon and the Classy Lassy Beauty Salon. He was a longtime Plymouth resident (from birth to 1985). Then he moved to Northville. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. He enjoyed shooting sports and the outdoors.

His survivors include his two

sons, Curtis (Ruth) Hann of Northville, Craig Hann of Pontiac; one daughter, Amanda Hann of Pontiac; three grandchildren, Tanner Hann, Marin Hann, Charlotte Hann, his mother, Esther Hann Le Pore of Plymouth; and his loving friend, Donna Blumer of Northville.

WYNNETTE A. HAWKINS Services for Wynnette A. Hawkins, 36, of Canton were held Monday, March 9, at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. A second service will be held on Thursday, March 12. Burial was at Warren Cemetery in Gurnee, Ill.

She was born on Aug. 9, 1961, in Jamaica. She died on March 5 in Canton. She was a mortgage counselor in the banking industry.

Her survivors include her husband, Robert; one daughter, Lauren Slusser; stepfather, John Taylor; and three brothers, Michael Coke, Mark Rainford and Wayne Peart.

SHURGARD OF CANTON
Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by open auction on April 14th, 1998 at approximately 9:30 a.m. at Shurgard Storage located at 2131 Haggerty Rd., Canton, MI 48187. (313) 961-0000
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School board Keep process out in the open

We know the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board isn't a private club. Now if only some trustees would recognize that as well.

What else can be made of the almost cloak-and-dagger resignation last week of Jack Farrow, who chose to "announce" his decision to other board members and school administrators during a legally closed meeting? (The meeting was held to discuss the expulsion of a student.)

Admittedly, Farrow was in a tight spot. He was applying for a position within the district — executive director for research and technology — which meant he had to give up his board seat by Friday's application deadline. The school board had no regular meetings scheduled until this week.

But with a little ingenuity he could have served two masters well, the district and the public.

Farrow could have submitted a letter of resignation at any time, and ask that the district make his decision public. Or he could have submitted a letter with his application saying he intended to resign his board seat at the next public meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, March 10.

So what's the big deal here?

First, think of the message Farrow's action sends to district residents. A school board vacancy is certainly more than a routine business matter — one that can be handled behind closed doors, at that. Remember, Plymouth-Canton officials are already suspect in the eyes of some with the ongoing legal battle over last year's bond election.

Second, there's a rather short timeline involved here. The board faces a March 17 deadline to appoint someone to replace Farrow until the June election. The sooner the public becomes aware there is an opening, the wider the field of interested applicants is likely to be.

Anyone filling the seat capably for the next two months would likely gain an advantage in the June 8 election.

Which brings us to the makeup of the school board. Three seats will be up for grabs this spring, including the final two years of Farrow's term and the four-year seats currently held by President Mark Horvath and Susan Davis.

We urge the school board to appoint someone who has nothing to gain by being on the board. Someone who has a lot to offer, namely interest in students rather than their own political career. And someone who is not a member of the insider's ring or the private club. New blood is needed. New perspective is needed.

Among some of the community residents who should be considered for this post are those who ran in recent elections, such as Carol Bollman and Suzanne Dershem of Canton, not to mention former candidate Paul Schrauben, also of Canton. Their hearts are in the right place.

Tapping into PTOs is another good idea. Who is more in tune with what's actually happening in the schools? Or how about those involved in the Class-Size Action Partnership, such as Sheryl Khoury? There's also former Plymouth Mayor Bob Jones, a constant audience member, who consistently asks the tough questions and often prompts the school board to think.

There are plenty of community residents who care about the schools and especially the children who would make fine board members.

Again, we urge the school board to look into the community — rather than in their own inside ring — for a new board member to serve for a couple of months until the June election. What the community needs on the board of education is a cross-section of residents, with varying interests and strengths.

Moving day for the Secretary of State



New digs: The Canton branch of the Michigan Secretary of State has moved to a new location. Beginning today, people will find the branch office at 44948 Ford Road, west of Sheldon, behind Palermo Pizzeria and Restaurant.

FILE PHOTO BY BILL REISLER

LETTERS

Editorial hit mark

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your editorial and the letters to the editor published in your Feb. 5 edition.

Maybe the voting public will finally realize that "Life before Engler wasn't bad" and that he has raised our "sales, use and gasoline taxes" and that he does have a "cold heart."

Hopefully, voters will say time for a change. After all, Mr. Engler did promise only two terms.

Brian Kolka
Canton

Joann Gargaro
Plymouth

Frequent flier annoyed

Having just traveled on Northwest Airlines from Detroit to Minneapolis and back, I experienced enough rudeness, incompetence, inconvenience, and discomfort for a lifetime of travel.

I am a frequent flier and my last year-and-a-half of experiences with Detroit Metropolitan Airport and Northwest Airlines have just about nullified any good past experiences with these facilities. My requests for a wheelchair are no longer honored, resulting in a fruitless wait for a motorized cart. On my last four trips I have had to give up waiting for the cart and have had to walk to my gate in order not to miss my flight.

The lines to check in are much too long both inside and outside. On my last trip I chose to check inside due to the bitter cold and very long line outside. I waited from 8:20-9:45 a.m. just to get to the counter. Then there was no cart or wheelchair available to help me to the gate and my walk, (a necessity in order not to miss my flight), seemed interminable and was extremely painful. And of course, the moving walkways going to the gates were not working.

My experience in Minneapolis was so gratifying in comparison, organization, courtesy, adequate help and all. However, my fears of returning to Detroit were fully justified: no wheelchairs, no carts, no assistance at all, just a cavalier "wait in the corridor lady, a cart will be by." Needless to say, no cart came by. Then, after reaching the baggage claim by foot, I found my bag was not on the announced carousel or any other and I walked around each carousel in a useless search. Meanwhile, the courageous soul waiting outside for me

Safe and sober

St. Patrick's Day gives everyone a chance to kiss the Blarney Stone and celebrate our country's rich Irish-American heritage. As many of us here in Michigan raise a toast to St. Patrick on March 17, we should also take a moment to honor the contributions of those who volunteer to be designated drivers.

Why? Because designated drivers help in doing what even the luck of the Irish cannot: stop drunken driving. In fact, designated drivers have contributed to a 36 percent decline in drunken driving deaths nationwide since 1982.

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As the Irish and would-be Irish honor St. Patrick with a toast, let's all remember to look out for each other and volunteer to be designated drivers.

Bill Ventola
Central Distributors of Beer Inc.
Romulus

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POINTS OF VIEW

Deer Up North pick, choose at Marie's 'restaurant'

When I bought my piece of heaven Up North, the cost of my weekly grocery bill jumped: \$50 for food for me, \$25 for corn kernels for the neighborhood deer.

Practically the first thing I did when I got there was tie a wooden box around the apple tree in the back yard.

It didn't take long for the local deer to find out that this was a new, fine place to dine. For months, I was deep in deer heaven.

Then came the day I looked around my back yard and decided I needed some gardens. So I dug turf, hauled dirt, huffed and puffed and sweated, and one day I had these tidy little spots to plant my vegetables.

I imagined tomatoes planted in some of those spots and relished every one long before they were ever planted. Then it struck me — these were near the spots my beloved deer

danced and dallied on.

I was heartsick, first for my imaginary tomato plants that would get trampled on, then for the growing conviction that I had to backtrack and uninvite my deer to dinner.

That was a tough one. I had fallen for Big Mama, who visited me sometimes alone, sometimes with her spotted twins. I'd turn a corner, come unexpectedly upon her at the feeding box, and sit down quietly just to watch her eat. When the last kernel was gone, she'd shake her head, snort, and strut off into the ferns without so much as a "thank you, ma'am." All I'd see is the swish of her white-tufted tail.

But I knew what I had to do, if I wanted to have gardens. So one day I cut down the feeding box, all the while rationalizing that this was the right thing to do. It was for their own good. They had to learn to fend for themselves.



MARIE CHESTNEY

But shutting down my diner did not make me happy. I felt I had betrayed them in my ignorance, first by welcoming them in, then by slamming the door shut.

If hope springs eternal, it also springs eternal in the animal kingdom. Big Mama continued to come to the tree. She'd sniff, glance at the house, paw around a bit, and then slowly move on.

After a while, I rarely saw her. The next year, I planted my toma-

atoes. One day I spotted a bluish of pink on one of them. The next day, the pink tomato was gone. Hmmmm, I thought. Must have been my imagination.

The next day, all — and I mean all — my green tomatoes turned up missing.

Thunderstruck, I stormed to my neighbors. What would someone do with a pile of green tomatoes?

"Someone stole my green tomatoes," I howled to my neighbor. He must have thought I was one sentence shy of accusing him, for he quickly blurted, "I didn't take them."

I rechecked the tomato patch. The ground around the plants was riddled with hoofprints.

The brazen thief returned at dusk. She waltzed up to the plants, stuck her nose into each one of them (still burping, I guess) and wandered off when she found not a one.

Next year, I'll have a big bag of

dirty tricks to fight my backyard battle. There'll be clanging pie tins, reeking soap, smashed garlic and red hot goop to smear on twigs and branches. I'll even encircle my tomatoes with onions.

When the deer meet to decide where to dine for dinner, I'm determined that they'll say: "Forget Chestney's. Her place stinks."

Will my dirty tricks work? I don't know.

Was I right two years ago, pre-garden, when I welcomed deer with open arms and made life easier for them?

Or am I right now, having learned the wisdom known for centuries by farmers, that crops must be protected from animals, if humans are to eat?

It's a dilemma now being faced across the U.S. as the deer population continues to thrive and multiply.

Marie Chestney is a staff writer for the Livonia Observer. She treasures her time spent Up North in Michigan.

Ameritech workers victims of 'business as usual'

"Your Feb. 26 column," said the caller, "said Ameritech had three options to settle a customer lawsuit. Option B was to lay off another 1,560 employees. Well, it looks like they're taking Option B."

My column closed by saying: "The only question is whether Ameritech will cover the \$78 million by a) cutting its dividend, b) axing another 1,560 workers or c) cutting the executive payroll and bonuses. I vote for c." Ameritech chose b.

The caller was Anne Lovrenich, a Howell resident and 18-year Ameritech Michigan employee. She used to work in Livonia until that operation was closed, and she was transferred to Lansing.

Her message: Last week, Ameritech told 395 workers in the Lansing customer care center their office would be closed by June 1. At the same time, Ameritech Wisconsin

filed a claim to get their money. Actually, current Line Backer customers will get theirs automatically. Only former Line Backer customers must file a claim.

They must use the "proof of claim" form, write out their name address, zip code, Ameritech telephone number with a signature and mail it, along with a copy of a bill showing a Line Backer charge, to: Ameritech/State Bell Companies IWMS Settlement; PO Box 9454; Garden City, N.Y. 11530-9454.

Thanks to the callers who pointed it out. Most thanked me for bringing the settlement to their attention.

"You're the only one noticed it," said a gentleman from Birmingham and a lady from Brighton.

I missed that fine point because it was the last paragraph in a notice of more than 4,000 words printed on both sides of a 6 1/2-by-12-inch sheet.

The type was half as high as this newspaper's type, and half as wide — therefore, about 25 percent of the size our type. Ameritech designed the legal notice, under court order, to discourage readership.

In my February phone bill was an advertisement for Voice Mail 98. It was on a 7-by-9-1/2-inch sheet with fewer than 200 words. Compare that with a 4,000-word payout notice on a similar sheet.

My State Capitol press room mailbox is so full of attacks on Ameritech that I junk most, but I saved two recent ones:

■ The Michigan Competitive Telecommunications Providers Association has a long list of complaints against Ameritech's blocking of competition. I cite just one: "Ameritech's charging of \$100 per hour 'escort fees' when competitors must enter leased space in an Ameritech central office."



TIM RICHARD

■ Attorney General Frank Kelley complains that Ameritech, instead of fixing its 911 emergency system mess in Southfield, has gone to the state Court of Appeals to overturn a Public Service Commission order requiring a fix. Kelley summed it up: "Ameritech has chosen to focus its time and resources on court battles instead of helping to protect the public."

There is more about how Ameritech prefers to hire lawyers to bleed plaintiffs to death in the appellate courts, but it must wait for another day.

Tim Richard's voice mail number is (734) 953-2045, Ext. 1881.

Happy 30th birthday, SEMCOG

If you look at a multi-colored map of southeast Michigan, you see seven counties and some 400 municipal governments, not to mention scores of school districts.

Politically, local officials view their governments as independent territories with little relationship to each other.

But in fact, those 400-plus municipalities — ranging from large urbanized cities to small villages and rural townships — are linked together by a series of geographical, historical and social factors.

An excellent example is the Rouge River and its three branches — left over from the Ice Age. But that geographical history links western Wayne County and southern Oakland County when it comes to flooding problems as well as recreational and transportation potential.

All this comes to mind with the 30th anniversary this year of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, which was born in controversy and has matured into a responsive organization helping plan the present and future of the sprawling region.

Regionalism was born with a 1964 federal highway act that required metropolitan areas to do multi-community planning in order to obtain highway money.

The Metropolitan Fund Inc., a private non-profit regional affairs organization, was a key player and through money and staffing it created SEMCOG.

Initially, SEMCOG was viewed by many

local officials as "big brother government" in a move to supersede the responsibilities of local officials.

Those fears never materialized. Over the years, SEMCOG has provided more information and cooperation to local officials as well as a voice on how the region should approach long-range, mutual problems.

Some of the problems facing the region in 1968 when the organization was formed are still with us today. But at least officials on all levels of government are better equipped to study the problems, analyze information, discuss alternatives and come up with an action plan.

When a motorist struggles in a traffic jam while trying to commute from Canton to Troy, the person isn't thinking "locally." The motorist wants a solution to the traffic gridlock — and SEMCOG, working with the road commissions and state transportation department, is in a position to help.

Although SEMCOG has less success in slowing down the urban sprawl of non-connected subdivisions across seven counties, the organization's accomplishments far outweigh its failures.

In reflecting on the history of SEMCOG, the Observer hopes that the four million-plus residents in the region appreciate its efforts. In the long run, SEMCOG has clearly been a major factor in improving the quality of life for everyone in the region.

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News story hits close to home

From time to time, I devote this column to examples of how hometown newspapers make a big difference in the daily lives of our readers in ways that other news media can't. Here's another example:

Last December, the 30 or so senior citizens who for some 20 years have been playing pinocle every Monday morning in Fire Station No. 4 in West Bloomfield faced eviction. The township Parks and Recreation Department told the group it would have to move its weekly game to the Recreation Activities Center.

Enter the West Bloomfield Eccentric, part of the HomeTown Communications Network. Staff writer Greg Kowalski heard about the problem and started asking questions.

How come the senior pinocle group had to move? Since 1990, the township has had a policy of not renting space to groups not directly associated with township operations. (Rent, in this case, was \$7.50 a week.)

Did the seniors want to move? Certainly not. The Recreation Activities Center, near Town Hall, is a long way, according to Joan Feldman, spokeswoman for the group. "Many of us are unable to drive that far. And none are adjacent to where they can be picked up by buses."

So the matter went to the West Bloomfield Township Board. Kowalski covered the meetings.

Renting space to the pinocle-playing seniors could force the township into renting space to all kinds of terrible groups, some trustees said.

"I'm not willing to open up that policy. It could snowball," said one township trustee. "If we set a precedent to allow a private group to use township facilities, we have a number of groups who want to use Town Hall. It would be difficult to deny them," said another. To such minds, proper public policy is to be determined by precedent, not by common-sense fairness.

Like elected officials the world over, others disagreed. "Why couldn't an exemption be allowed?" asked another trustee.

"This group has been in existence since prior to the policy. I think it's an isolated group, and I don't see it coming back to bite us. They're even willing to pay rent."

And like program managers the world over, township parks and rec officials asserted consolidating the pinocle game into the Recreation Activities Center was good for the seniors. "It's always been our goal to have senior citizen programs under one roof. For the good of the senior program, they are much better off centrally located," explained one official.

Late in December, the township board decided that the Monday morning pinocle game could stay in Fire Station No. 4, at least until



PHILIP POWER

the next March. But a continuing power struggle on the township board has paralyzed most local business, including where the pinocle game was to take place.

So in February, the pinocle players went on the offensive. As Kowalski's story put it, "The 30 or so club members have been going door-to-door and standing at shopping centers collecting signatures of support. They have 300 so far and expect to have 600 by the March meeting of the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission."

And what happened? Ta, da!

The commission decided the Monday morning pinocle club could stay put in Fire Station No. 4 for the duration. Parks and rec will pay the \$7.50 a week rent for use of the space. But the authorities will not have a program coordinator on site, and the seniors will be responsible for providing their own refreshments and for setup and cleanup.

As in the world over, the combination of a bunch of citizens grumpy at pettifoggish governmental rules, hundreds of petitions and extensive coverage in the local newspaper got results.

Is this a big deal, the kind that will change forever the course of Michigan history? Of course not.

But the course of history ultimately is determined by the outcomes of millions and millions of little deals just like this one. Certainly, for the seniors who have been playing pinocle on Monday mornings in Fire Hall No. 4, staying put was a big deal.

And it's exactly the job of home town newspapers like this one to contribute to countless deals — whether you think them big or little — because they are relevant and therefore important to the daily lives of our readers. It's a wonderful job!

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

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QUESTION:
Is spring here or are we in for another blast of winter weather?

We asked this question at the Canton Library — before this week's thermometer nose-dive.

 Michael Koetzer Canton	 Liz Bridges Canton	 Okie Phillips Canton	 Karen Ferrill Canton
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"I still think it's coming. I'm a Michigan person."

"I think El Niño has been good to Michigan people. I'm assuming it's over."

"I think March is going out with a blast."

"It's over. I'm very optimistic. It had better be over!"

Call ahead for Metro parking lot information

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Air travelers are advised to call Detroit Metro Airport to check on parking conditions before driving to the airport.

Airport officials cited increases in pleasure travel during school winter breaks — coupled with the normal business travel — creating crowded parking conditions at the airport.

"Airport staff has researched the mid-winter break schedules of the public schools and the

spring break schedules of the colleges and universities," said David Katz, airport director. "We expect demand will remain heavy from now throughout the Easter holiday period (April 12)."

Barbara Hogan, airport spokeswoman, said air travel has increased over the past two years.

"We're seeing a lot more families flying," Hogan said. "Fares are affordable and their time together is at a premium."

While parking is available

■ Detroit Metro's parking hot line is staffed 24 hours a day

most of the time, Wednesdays and particularly Thursdays, are peak periods and parking can reach capacity. Local passengers are advised to call the airport's parking hot line at (800) 642-1978 before leaving for the airport.

Parking conditions change,

Hogan said. "We have the parking management firm monitoring the surface lots in the deck. They monitor changes constantly. If five vehicles leave a full lot, they will let five in. If the lot is full, customers will be directed to the next lot.

"We don't want them to be sit-

ting in a line in their cars waiting for a place in a parking lot."

Airport management has opened two overflow lots. A red lot is located east of the east service drive in a corner of the airport near the rental cars. A blue lot is located almost directly across the street from the red lot, on the west side of the service drive.

Detroit Metro's parking hot line is staffed 24 hours a day. Callers can ask for up-to-minute parking information and learn

which lots are open and available. Those staffers do not have flight information, which is available by calling the airlines.

Calling ahead will give customers time to arrange other rides to the airport if necessary. Airport officials are recommending that, during this busy time, domestic passengers arrive at the airport at least two hours in advance of their scheduled departure. International departing passengers should allow three hours.

Ex-gov to address new group for young Democrats

James Blanchard, former Michigan governor and former U.S. ambassador to Canada, will speak at the inaugural speaker's forum on Saturday of the Young Democrats of the 13th Congressional District.

Blanchard will speak on "The Role Young People Can Play and Contributions Young People Can Make to Public Service and Public Policy." Young people between the ages of 18 and 35 are invited to attend.

The forum is scheduled from 10-11:30 a.m. at Washtenaw Community College in the College Theater - Liberal Arts Building, 4800 East Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Coffee and doughnuts will be served at 9:30 a.m.

Blanchard currently is practicing law in Michigan and Washington, D.C., and is a partner in the Washington firm of Verner, Lipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand. Blanchard recently formed a political action committee called Next Century Michigan in an attempt to stimulate future leadership in the state of Michigan.

The 13th District Young Democrats have instituted a speaker's forum to contribute to public discourse within our community to encourage young people to engage in public service.

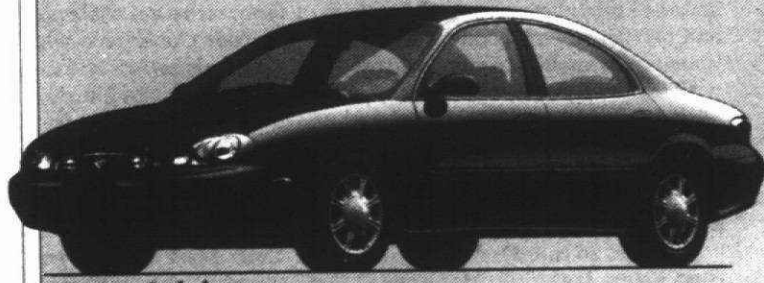
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JANET TROST

Similarities between teens, 2-year-olds

As a new mom, I can remember gently holding my newborn baby, feeling great joy and hope for the future. But I encountered friends, family members and strangers who warned me to enjoy my baby now because when she turned 2 she wouldn't be so easy. I refused to heed their warnings, believing that my child would be different.

Then she began to grow and have a mind of her own. As she approached 2, I realized that even the best of intentions could not prevent us from experiencing the challenges that come from a child growing. And as she approached the teen years, we again encountered strains on our relationship as she worked toward adulthood.

These very dilemmas of independence versus dependence between a parent and child result in the complex experience of the terrific twos and teens.

"I can do it myself ... but I might need you to lend a hand."

Around the age of 2, your child begins to learn that he is capable of acting independently of you. This knowledge is a cause for celebration and a source of fear. He may rejoice while darting away from you in the mall to hide under clothes racks until he is overcome with fear that you may not find him.

In many ways, a teen experiences the same phenomena. She feels independent as she prepares for her first day of summer camp, but then wants you to stay with her until she has checked in, found her bed and met her camp counselor.

The terrific twos and teens are challenging, but they are also times of tremendous growth and cause for celebration. With every new achievement, your children gain confidence and a stronger sense of their own abilities. However, the accompanying defiance of these periods in your child's life can cause struggles, and so I recommend the following guidelines for survival.

"Just say no" to saying "no." As you attempt to set limits for rebellious 2-year-olds and teens, you may feel like the "bad guy." Avoid this guilt by giving children choices rather than saying "no."

Say that your 13-year-old son and his dad built a skating rink in the back yard, and the neighborhood boys play hockey every day after school. One day, you won't be home. You've always held a "no friends without parents" rule.

Suggest to your son that he can have only one trusted friend over for hockey or that he makes arrangements with a nearby adult neighbor to provide supervision. Perhaps your son will have some acceptable options as well.

Toddlers also want choices. Your little one can decide if she wants to wear the red shirt or the blue shirt, or wants a story or a song before napping.

By giving your children choices you will not find yourself always having to say "no" to their requests.

Choose your battles. Decide which issues are worth fighting for, and let go of some of the other concerns. Whether or not your 2-year-old dismantles his peanut butter and jelly sandwich before eating may not be as important as whether or not he jumps up and down in the slippery bathtub.

Your daughter and son piercing their ears may not be worth fighting about, but insisting on school and homework is important. By deciding what is truly important, you send a clear message to your child while preventing every interaction between the two of you from resulting in conflict.

Set clear limits on expected behavior. During the toddler and teen years of your child's life, there is tremendous confusion. Children want to grow up and feel scared at times. They will rely on you to be their

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12 plus 1 ways to overcome your superstitions

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Triskaidekaphobes should take tip from psychic medium Wendy Fraser-Bailey.

She doesn't fear the number 13 or Friday the 13th. Fraser-Bailey said she believes 13 gets a bad rap.

"Thirteen is the luckiest day of the year. People spend too much energy fretting over the number 13. It's always been a lucky number for me," said Fraser-Bailey, who works at Mystiques West in Westland Center.

The good news for Fraser-Bailey is that there are three Friday the 13ths this year. One - in February - has already passed, but there's still ones in March and November to go.

The Friday the 13th hat trick reflects the changes that Fraser-Bailey sees in 1998.

"There's a lot of changes going on this year with the planets like with El Nino. It's a nine year in numerology. The Friday the 13ths being here has a lot to do with resembling those changes."

In the spirit of Fraser-Bailey's thoughts, here are 13 things to do on Friday the 13th to keep your spirits up.

ONE

Adopt a black cat. As of Tuesday, March 10, the Michigan Humane Society's Westland Shelter at 37255 Marquette had two black and white cats available - the closest you'll get to black. According to James Byrne, the branch's assistant manager, black cats make great pets: "A lot of black cats are a lot sweeter; that's just my own personal opinion." For more information, call (734) 721-7300.

TWO

Rent or see horror films. A good choice is "Scream" or its sequel "Scream 2," both of which purposely inject humor into the plots.

THREE

Scare your friends. Visit a local costume shop, rent a "Jason" mask and sneak up on a buddy. At least you'll get a good laugh.

FOUR

Carry a good luck charm. Search through the numerous knick-knack stores around the area to find a good luck charm and carry it around on Friday. Remember - rabbit's feet are un-



Where it all started is unclear

The fear of 13 has long been a superstition, but its roots are vague.

According to Compton's Encyclopedia, it is based in religion. At the Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples, there were 13 persons, one of whom was Judas, the traitor.

The avoidance of black cats also religion-based. During the Middle Ages, it was believed that witches could turn themselves into black cats.

Wendy Fraser-Bailey, a psychic medium at Mystiques West in Westland, related a similar story. In the Middle Ages, there was a goddess named Fria who was a practicing

with. Every Friday, she and 11 fellow witches would form a circle.

At one of the cult meetings, a witch gave her a cat. Because cats are "very unpeople like" they considered this cat a witch as well. Therefore, the circle expanded from 12 to 13 witches.

"Friday is considered an unlucky day anyway so by having to put the number 13 makes it doubly unlucky. What they have found through past research is that plays have been postponed, critical things happen, accidents, death. Putting the two together intensifies the effect."

- Christina Fuoco

politically correct.

FIVE

Donate blood. Instead of letting the bad guys get your blood, donate some to help out those who really need it. Call or visit the American Red Cross's local service center at 29691 Six Mile Road in Livonia or call (734) 422-2787.

SIX

Support the local arts. The Trinity House Theatre is hosting "Around the House," a variety show featuring come-

dians, dancers, musicians, actors, storytellers and multi-media performers in a cabaret-style environment. Showtime is 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, (and Saturday, March 14), at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile Road (at I-275), Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-6302.

The Theatre Guild of Livonia and Redford is having a Festival of One-Act Plays at 8 p.m. Friday, March 13 (and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile

Road in Redford. Tickets are \$10, or \$9 for students and seniors. Call (313) 531-0554 for more information.

SEVEN

Experience the Mexican culture. Mexicans consider Tuesday the 13th unlucky, so to avoid the curse eat at a Mexican restaurant or visit the Mexican Village area of Detroit. Remember, no meat, if you're Catholic.

EIGHT

Hear some good music. Matt Watroba, an English teacher at Plymouth Canton High School and the host of WDET's "Folks Like Us," celebrates the release of his CD "Live at the Ark" with a performance from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, at Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Call (248) 203-0005 for more information.

Other options include Marcy Playground at the 7th House in Pontiac, (248) 335-8100; Third Eye Blind and Smashmouth at the State Theatre, (313) 961-5451; Puff Daddy and his family at Joe Louis Arena, (248) 645-6666; or the big Elvis show at The Palace of Auburn Hills, (248) 377-0100.

NINE

Support the fallen Wings. Sergei Mnatsakanov and Vladimir Konstantinov were severely injured in a limousine accident on Friday, June 13, 1997. Fans can make donations to the Family Trust Fund for their families, which will help ensure the financial security for the purpose of education for their children and for the expenses incurred in their further recovery/rehabilitation. For more information, call the Detroit Red Wings at Joe Louis Arena, (313) 396-7444.

TEN

Get something pierced. Many cultures believe that spirits enter through the mouth or the nose. So head over to a tattoo/piercing parlor and get your lip or nose pierced to ward off evil spirits.

ELEVEN

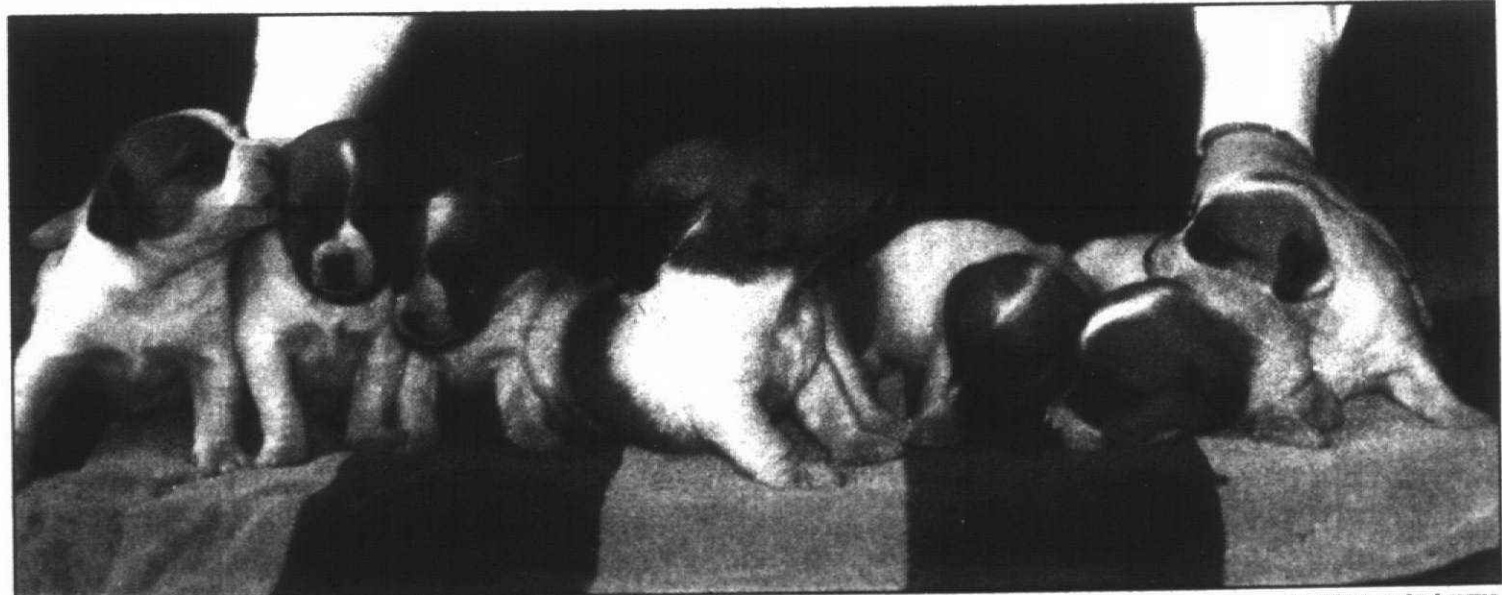
Take care of those fangs. Visit the dentist to make sure your teeth are healthy just in case you encounter a vampire. Don't forget garlic, crucifixes and stakes.

TWELVE

Look at the cards. If you're still fretting about Friday the 13th, visit or call a psychic today and find out what kind of a day you'll have tomorrow.

THIRTEEN

Go to church. If psychics don't do the trick, visit a local church and pray for your sanity.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Jack Russell pup among 'stars' at auction

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Parents of children who watch the PBS television show "Wishbone" can buy their kids the ultimate present - a Jack Russell terrier puppy just like Wishbone - at the Plymouth Christian Academy "Celebration of Excellence Auction."

The eighth annual auction will be 6 p.m. Friday, March 20, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. The Jack Russell, born Monday, Jan. 26, will be donated by the school's librarian, Jan Walter, and her husband, Plymouth veterinarian Kermit Walter. Jan Walter said the dogs make good family pets.

"They're small; they're easy to care for, but they're muscular," said Walter. "They can take a lot of rough treatment from kids. They're big enough and tough enough. They're real easy. It's not like having a great big dog around. They have a lot of energy and they

like to run.

"If someone's looking for a lap dog, Jack Russells won't do that. They do that in the evening. They curl up next to me and we have a good time."

Tickets for the black-tie event, dubbed "Puttin' on the Ritz," are \$50 and include a dinner of soup, salad, a duet of beef tenderloin and chicken piccata, oven-roasted potatoes, buttered baby carrots, warm rolls, chocolate eclairs and coffee or soft drinks. Tickets are available by calling Sandra Oswalt, auction secretary, at (734) 459-3505, Ext. 48.

Trips to Mexico and Chicago, fine furniture, electronics, autographed memorabilia, artwork, the use of a Jaguar for a week, a signed and framed Charles Woodson jersey, the 10 brand new Beanies in a collector box, and Princess, the Princess Diana Beanie Baby, will also be up for bid. Oswalt is setting up several different packages this year, including a "Queen for a Day" package where women will be pampered with a house-cleaning service, a facial and

a new hairstyle.

"We have some other things in the works ... Things are still coming in. It's going to be an elegant, very well-done event," Oswalt said.

New this year is the location of the auction. "In the past, we had the auction at Laurel Manor; this year it's at Burton Manor," she said. "Since it's newly remodeled we thought it would blend well with our theme of 'Puttin' on the Ritz.' It's very exciting to have it at a new place."

The auction helps fund capital improvement projects at the 22-year-old private, nonprofit school located behind Calvary Baptist Church in Canton. This year's enrollment will exceed 800 students in preschool through 12th grade.

During the last seven years, "Celebration of Excellence" has raised more than \$750,000, allowing the school to add a new gymnasium, lunch room and a

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So cute: Jan and Kermit Walter donated one of their Jack Russell terrier puppies for the academy's auction. Bids will start at \$300 while the remaining pups, born Jan. 26, will be sold for \$375 for males and \$425 for females.

CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

ANTIQUE SHOW
 The Great Lakes Chapter of the Coca-Cola Collectors Club will hold its annual Antique Advertising Show 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Livonia Elks Club, 31117 Plymouth Road, Livonia. More than 50 dealers from four states will provide collectors an opportunity to buy, sell and trade Coca-Cola and other soda-related advertising items. It will be open to the public and a \$2 adult admission fee will be charged. Contact John Pace at (313) 284-2943 for additional information.

EMU CONCERT
 Eastern Michigan University's Department of Music will present a performance of Johannes Brahms' "A German Requiem" at 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, in Pease Auditorium, which is on the corner of West Cross Street and College Place in Ypsilanti. The concert is under the direction of Kevin Miller, associate professor of music. Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for students and seniors, and are available at the Quirk Box Office (734) 487-1221, or at Pease Auditorium, beginning one hour before performance time. For more information, call Kristy Meretta in EMU Music Events Office at (734) 487-2255, or Kevin Miller in the EMU Orchestra Office at (734) 487-2448.

CASINO NIGHT
 The Ann Arbor Jaycees, a leadership training organization for people ages 21-39, is hosting a Casino Night from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at the North Campus Holiday Inn, 3600 Plymouth Road, just off US 23, Ann Arbor. This fund-raiser features a range of Las-Vegas style casino games including blackjack, roulette, and bang dice. This event is open to the public. Individual winnings are limited to \$500. Participants must be over 18 years of age to play. Admission is \$5. For more information, call (734) 913-9629.

DAD'S NIGHT OUT
 There will be a "Dad's Night Out" 7-9 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Youth Living Centers' Community Center, 30000 Hivley Road, just south of Cherry Hill and just west of Middlebelt in Inkster. There will be open basketball, card games and board games, food and beverages, interactive theater presentations on topics relevant to dads, and door prizes. Space is limited to first 50 dads. To register, call J. Trust at (734) 728-3400. Child care by request only during pre-registration.

BEANIE BABY SHOW
 There will be a Beanie Baby show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Plymouth VFW Hall, 1426 S. Mill St. (Lilley) in Plymouth. Admission is \$3 for those age 12 and older, children under 12 admitted free with paying adult. There will also be a Princess Di Beanie Raffle. For more information, call (734) 544-0050.

AROUND TOWN WORKSHOP
 D & M Studio's Once Upon an Esel presents a Teach and Feast Sunday Workshop I March 15 and March 22. A hands-on approach to learning basic skills, a walk through pencils, pastels, watercolor and more. Enhance your art curriculum, reinforce your child's lessons or just have fun. Fee is \$15, which includes workbook and basic implements used in the workshop. Other related workshops include: Skills II and "How To Partner Reading, Writing and Visual Arts." D & M Studio's Once Upon an Esel is located at 8691 N. Lilley Road in Canton. For more information, call Sharon Dillenbeck at (734) 453-3710.

HIV/AIDS WORKSHOP
 Madonna University in Livonia will offer the workshop, "The Values Dimension of HIV/AIDS: From Caring to Conviction," 1-3 p.m. on Friday, March 20, in the Science Lecture Hall. The event is free and open to the public. A video and group activity will be included in the workshop. Refreshments will be served. Registrations may be made through Wednesday, March 18, by contacting Dr. James Copi at (734) 432-5510.

MUSEUM
 The Canton Historical Museum is open for the 1998 season. Hours for the museum are 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday. The museum is on South Canton Center Road at Proctor Road in the former Canton Center School. For more information, call 397-0088. Parking is available at the rear of the building.

REGISTRATION
 Kindergarten registration for the 1998-99 school year will be held in all elementary schools the week of March 23. Children are eligible to attend kindergarten if they will be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1. While registration can be made anytime during the year, parents are urged to register their children during this period in order to permit adequate planning for fall kindergarten classes. For more information, call Ginny Murdoch at 416-4842.

GARDEN WALK
 The Canton Garden Club wants to host its first garden walk this summer. This is not a contest, but a way of finding those wonderful gardens within our community. If you think you'd enjoy being a part of the Canton Garden Club's first walk or future garden walks, send photos of your garden to: Donna McDonald, 7530 Chichester, Canton, Mich. 48187. For more information, call (313) 455-8446.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
 Blood pressure screenings are held at 1 p.m. every third Monday of the month at the Summit in Canton. No appointments are necessary, just check in at the Senior Desk in the Parkview Room. This free service is provided by the Senior Advantage Program of Beyer Hospital.

PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS
 Free prescription drugs to middle-income seniors if you qualify will be available by appointment only at the Plymouth Township Hall Clerk's Office 1-4 p.m. For more information, call 455-7526.

EMU
 Campus Life Programs will host the Winter 1998 Leadership Conference 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, March 13, in McKenny Union on the Ypsilanti campus. More information is available at Campus Life Programs at (734) 487-3045.

To offer an alternative for students wanting to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, EMU will host Go For the Green Campus Challenge and Pancake Breakfast

Awareness: Jessica Beaudoin, 11, (from left) Kim Mason, 11, and Ashley Seamans, 13, take part in the annual CROP Walk.



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CROP Walk

Join the poster contest

To promote the 1998 CROP Walk, a poster contest is under way. Entrants are asked to create a poster to raise awareness of hunger around the corner and around the world, and to promote the 1998 CROP Walk Sept. 27. One hundred copies of the winning poster will be distributed in Plymouth and Canton courtesy of the Pen & Ink Print Shoppe in Plymouth. The winner will receive \$50 and two

runners-up will each get \$25, courtesy of the Tonquish Creek Yacht Club. Completed posters should be sent or dropped off to the Pen & Ink Print Shoppe, 531 S. Mill St. at Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth 48170. The phone number is 459-5544. Entry deadline is Friday, May 8. Last year, more than \$16,000 was raised to feed the hungry on behalf of the CROP Walk, through the Plymouth Salvation Army.

from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 17. Beginning with check-in at 7:30 a.m., the event is a fun, challenging course requiring students to acquire designated objects or complete assigned tasks at 10 locations on campus. Students can register by donating a single nonperishable food item to a local charity. Participants will be given paper shamrocks with a list of 10 campus locations they have to visit. Upon finishing, the shamrocks will qualify them for a big prize giveaway. Participants will then be treated to a free pancake breakfast with all the trimmings. For more information, call (734) 487-2226.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
 The League of Women Voters is presenting a program, "Erosion of Abortion Rights," with Jenna Wiersma of Planned Parenthood Inc. speaking. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road in Meeting Room A. The public is invited. For more information, call Paula Bowman at (734) 455-4726.

DINNER
 The VFW Post No. 6695 is hosting a corned beef and cabbage dinner from noon until food runs out Tuesday, March 17, at the VFW Hall No. 6695, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. Price is \$5.50. Public welcome. For more information, call 459-8700.

IRISH WRITER'S NIGHT
 The Plymouth Poets group is sponsoring the annual Irish Writer's Night at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the Box Bar, Main at Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth. There will be open microphone for those who love the literature of Ireland. Admission is \$5 at the door. For more information, call (734) 459-7319.

ST. MARY HOSPITAL
 The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a child-birth preparation class based on the Lamaze method that increases expectant parents' knowledge of the birth experience. A six-week session will be 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday through March 17, in West Addition Conference Room A. Cost of the class is \$55. Preregistration is required for this class. For more information, call (734) 655-1100 or toll-free at 1-800-494-1615.

SUMMIT ON THE PARK
 Summit on the Park Senior Center is offering tax counseling for seniors. This service is offered every Tuesday through April 14 in the Parkview Room. Appointments are necessary for counseling, and will be taken for morning or afternoon times. Arrangements can be made for those who are homebound. Call 397-5444 for more information.

SCHOOL OPENINGS
 Livonia Little People's Co-op Preschool has openings for the 1997-98 school year in the 3- and 4-year-old classes. The preschool is at 8820 Wayne Road, just north of Joy. For more information, call 429-1176.

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NEW MORNING SCHOOL
 New Morning School has new student openings. Openings exist for fall 1998 students in full and half-day kindergarten through the fifth grade at New Morning School. Mid-year openings are available for upper elementary students. New Morning School is a state-certified and licensed nonprofit school. For more information, call (734) 420-3331.

LITTLE LAMBS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL
 Little Lambs Christian Preschool will be hosting an open house 4-7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at 45000 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, inside the First Baptist Church of Plymouth in Plymouth Township. The open house is to provide enrollment information for the 1998-99 school year. From 1-6 p.m. Monday, March 16, open registration will be starting for hands-on, theme-based, academic program that provides a Christ-centered foundation for the first school experience. For more information, contact Shari at 414-7792.

FAIRLANE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
 Fairlane Christian School is having open enrollment for preschool through grade 12 at 24425 Hass, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call the school office at (313) 565-9800 or the preschool at (313) 565-9873.

GARFIELD COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL
 Garfield Cooperative Preschool is having open enrollment for children 18 months to 5 years old. Registration is located at Cass Elementary School, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and east of Wayne. For more information, call (734) 462-0135.

BOOK SALE
 The Livonia League of Women Voters is working to make this year's April book sale another successful fund-raising event. New batches of used books are always needed. Hardcover and paperback books in different categories of nonfiction and fiction for all ages are received. The public is encouraged to donate used books by calling (734) 421-4200 or (734) 427-0222. For more information, call Esther Friedrichs at 427-0222 or Marge Galar at 261-3191.

SCHOLARSHIPS
 The Gamma Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is offering college scholarships to Canton or Salem graduating seniors majoring in education. The scholarships provide financial assistance, promoting the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Funds are the result of community participation in the annual fall craft fair held at West Middle School. Applications are available at both high school counseling offices or at Hoben Elementary School, 44680 Saltz Road, Canton.

SUPPORT GROUPS
SOUNDINGS
 Soundings is a Center for Women and offers a variety of career programs, professional development and personal growth classes and workshops. The center

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A.I.M.
 A.I.M., a nonprofit self help support group for those suffering with anxiety, panic, fear, phobias and depression, meets at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. For further information, call (248) 547-0400.

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MIGRAINE SUPPORT GROUP
 The Livonia Migraine Support Group meeting will be held in Ann Arbor from 7-9 p.m. Monday, March 16. Dr. Jim Winttraub, board-certified physician, American Osteopathic Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and Director of Sleep Disorders, who specializes in headaches and pain, will discuss sleep disorders associated with headaches and pain. For more information, call (313) 662-4278.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS
 The Compassionate Friends support group meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church on Newburgh. Open to all parents whose children have died. Bereaved parents only. For more information, call (734) 462-2774.

CELIAC SPRUE
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HIV/AIDS TESTING
 The HIV/AIDS Resource Center (HARC) offers free walk-in testing at a variety of locations throughout Washtenaw, Livingston and other counties. Call (313) 572-9355.

LIFE MINISTRIES
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LEARNING DISABLED
 Joel's Group is a group for the learning disabled and the educable mentally impaired that is looking for members. The group meets for social and educational activities Saturday nights. Call Joel Marwil at (248) 476-8741.

MDDA
 MDDA (Manic Depressive-Depressive Association) holds its meeting 2-4 p.m. the second and fourth Sundays of the month at Oakwood-Canton Health Center Community meeting room. For more information, call Nancy at (734) 455-8598.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Fawkes
Thomas and Christine Fawkes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at family dinner at Ernesto's Restaurant in Plymouth.
Twenty-three year residents of Livonia, they met while attending Detroit Cooley High School and were married on Feb. 7, 1948 in Detroit. She is the former Christine Rollo.
The Fawkes have four married children - Dale and wife Linda, Janis Murfey and husband Chris; Gary and wife Bonnie and Kathy Vacca and husband Augie, all of Livonia. They also have 10 grandchildren.
He is retired from Citizens Insurance Co.
Their interests include spending the summer months at their cottage in Casewille.

Murfey
Chris and Janice Fawkes Murfey of Livonia will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on March 16.
The couple married in Detroit and then moved to Seattle, Wash., where Chris played hockey. The Murfeyes have lived in Livonia for 20 years.
They have two daughters, Erin, a pre-medical student at Hillsdale University, and Lindsay, an engineering student at Michigan State University.



What's your style?: Claudia Ruloff (left) of Farmington Hills shows off a Evancione three-piece career separate while Laverne Eady of Redford displays a special occasion dress, which will be among fashions modeled at the Parisian store at Laurel Park Place in Livonia as part of the Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi Area's annual fund-raiser, "First Step - Stepping out in Style," March 29.

We made \$19,000," McAllister said. "I truly think a lot of the support is because of the cause. The incidents at Johnson Controls and the Ford (Visteon-Sheldon Road) plant have made people more aware of violence in the community."
The club is part of Zonta International, a worldwide service organization of business women devoting their time, talent and energy to assist women with their personal development, health, education and cultural needs.
The club meets at 6 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. Women interested in attending can call (313) 538-8043 for more information.

League needs books for sale
The Livonia League of Women Voters is looking for a few or a lot of good books.
The group is hard at work to make its April book sale a success and in need of used books. Donations of hard cover and paperback in different categories of nonfiction and fiction for readers of all ages are welcome.
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FREE LIFE ASSEMBLY

Free Life Assembly is sponsoring more than 50 public school assemblies throughout the Detroit metropolitan area this week as part of the Free Life Assembly Tours. Free Life has five different speakers visiting the school, including Livonia Churchill, Livonia Stevenson, Redford Union, Clarenceville, Garden City and Plymouth Salem high schools.

The speakers include Anthony Clark, weightlifter and holder of the "World's Strongest Man" title, youth speakers Mark Muirhead and Reggie Dabbs, former Harlem Globetrotter Dexter "Loveboat" Williams and the high school assembly team, Team Rage.

In addition to the assemblies, Free Life is sponsoring Freedom '98, The Crusade Friday and Saturday, March 14-15, at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 W. Chicago, Redford. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. each night. Dabbs will be the keynote speaker with special appearances by Clark, Williams and Muirhead.

For more information, call (313) 794-5153.

OPEN HOUSE

The open house for Little Lambs Christian Preschool will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon Road. Enrollment information for the 1998-1999 school year will be available. Open registration will take place 1-6 p.m. March 16 for the hands-on, theme-based academic program that provides a Christ-centered foundation for the first school experience. For more information, call Shari at (734) 414-7792.

Northville Christian School will offer tours of the facility 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25. The school, at 41355 Six Mile Road., west of I-275, has an enrollment of 450 students in preschool through the eighth grade. Students have a minimum of 24 classes. Parents interested in visiting the school can call the office at (248) 348-9031 to schedule a tour.

INFORMAL MEETING

Jackie Oesch, founder and president of the Christian Women's Ministries, will meet informally with women at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, in Room 4 of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington



In concert: The Chapels - Bobby Crumpler, Ron Newsome and Jimi Talbott Jr. - will present their southern gospel music and testimonies at Riverside Park Church of God Sunday, March 15.

Chapels perform at Riverside Park Church

The Chapels will bring their southern Gospel music and testimonies to the Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road, at Plymouth Road, Livonia, at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, March 15.

Bobby Crumpler, Ron Newsome and Jimi Talbott Jr formed the group with the thought of helping the church fulfill God's command of winning the lost, edifying the church and bringing honor to the name of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Crumpler, a Plymouth resident, is following in the footsteps

of his father, the late Denver Crumpler who sang with the legendary Rangers and Statesman Quartet in the 1950s.

He is continuing the tradition with a classic southern gospel sound and also has written songs for several of The Chapels' albums.

Newsome lives in Allen Park and is the son of Buck Newsome for the Detroit-based Good News Quartet. He recorded his first album with The Keynotes at the age of 14.

He has recorded two more albums and in 1974, performed

with The Keynotes at the Grand Ole Opry.

Talbott is a Redford resident whose father James is a former piano player for The Toney Brothers Quintet. The younger Talbott, who recently sang baritone and played the piano for the group Crimson, counts quality song writing, arranging and piano playing among his many musical skills.

The care for people of all ages. Nursery is provided for children up to age 4. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-0990.

Road, Livonia. Director of St. John's Lutheran Church in Orange, Calif., she will be discussing contemporary women. For more information, call Suann Dibble at (734) 522-6830.

LENTEN DINNERS

St. Sabina Parish is having its Lenten fish fry 4-7 p.m. Fridays during Lent at the Activities Hall, 8147 Arnold, Dearborn Heights. Fish dinners cost \$5.50 for adults, \$5 for seniors over age 62 and \$3 for children under age 12. Shrimp dinners are \$6, baked fish \$6.50 and macaroni \$3. Pierogis are \$4.50 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12. For more information, call (313) 561-1977.

The Senior Youth for Christ at St. Matthew Lutheran Church are serving Lenten dinners 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays through April 1 at the church, 5885 Venoy Road, Westland. Cost will be \$4 per person, \$12 for a family of four and \$3 for senior citizens. Proceeds will be used to help the youth finance their trip to the National Youth Gathering of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in Atlanta in July. There also will be Lenten worship services at 7 p.m. and 11 a.m. Thursdays. For more information, call (734) 422-0260.

GARAGE SALE

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will have a garage sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. In addition to used household items, fresh baked goods will be for sale.

AFTERNOON RETREAT

Risen Christ Lutheran Church will host and afternoon retreat at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Marriott Hotel at Laurel Park, Six Mile west of Newburg Road, Livonia. Diana Pintar will speak on the topic of Christ as Lord in your life. There is a \$15 charge that includes Lunch. For more information and reservations, call (734) 453-5252.

BREAKFAST/BAKE SALE

The Open Arms Church will have a breakfast/bake sale 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 14, at the church, 33015 W. Seven Mile Road, east of Farmington Road, Livonia. The cost of the breakfast is by donation. Baked goods will be marked. The money raised will help some of the youth go on a mission trip to Belize. For more information, call the church at (248) 471-5282.

PRAYER SEMINAR

The Rev. Anthony M. Coniaris, noted theologian, author and publisher, will speak during a

Lenten seminar on prayer and its role in helping us answer the following questions: "Why am I here?" "What is my purpose in life?" and "Where am I going?" from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 36375 Joy Road, Westland.

The cost is \$15 and includes the seminar, materials and lunch. The registration deadline is Saturday, March 7. An orientation will be held from 8-9:30 a.m. Friday, March 13. For more information, call (734) 525-6789.

WOMEN'S AGLOW

"How to have Breakthroughs in Families" will be the topic when Women's Aglow of Westland/Canton meets 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 14, in the Community Room of AutoNation, 39600 Ford Road, Canton. There will be short testimonies on answered prayers to help build faith. Participants should bring a written list of immediate family members and prepare their hearts to receive God's word, encouragement and practical applications to get that breakthrough in their families. For more information, call Penni at (734) 261-5268. Complimentary child care will be available for children ages 3-12.

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Sat 8:30 A.M. Sculpt&Tone April 4 L. Prevost

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M/W 6:00 P.M. Low Impact March 23 K. Kaley
M/W 7:10 P.M. Hi/Low Impact March 23 K. Kaley
* T/TH 9:20 A.M. Sculpt/Tone March 24 T. Brandon
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(30000 5 Mile Rd., W. of Middlebelt) 10 weeks
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*Babysitting available/\$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

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M/W 7:10 P.M. Hi/Low Impact March 23 Kerwan/DeLauw
W 8:20 A.M. Aerobic Circuit March 25 S. Kambouris
* T/TH 9:35 A.M. STEP March 24 P. Kerwan
T/TH 6:00 P.M. Hi/Low Impact March 24 Lokar/Lindy
T/TH 7:05 P.M. STEP II March 24 S. Schelske
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** \$10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step
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* T/TH/F 9:30 A.M. **Hi/Low Impact March 24 J. Stec
Sat 9:00 A.M. Hi/Low Impact March 28K. Truesdell-Smith
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NO CLASSES ON MAY 25TH
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(30415 Shiawassee, bet. Tuck & Orchard Lk. Rd.)
* M/W 9:00 A.M. Hi/Low Impact April 20 D. Kramer
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M/W 6:15 P.M. Hi/Low Impact March 23 L. Burka
M/W 7:25 P.M. STEP II March 23 S. Kabodian
* T/TH 9:00 A.M. Sculpt&Tone March 24 S. Flanagan
Sat 8:00 A.M. STEP II March 28 B. Kabodian
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Novi Meadows (25549 Taft, N. of 10 Mile)
(Register through Novi Comm. Ed. - 248-449-1206)
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Seidelman sparkles

Eric Seidelman, a 1995 graduate of Plymouth Salem who is now a sophomore at Eastern Michigan University, helped the Eagles recapture the Mid-American Conference Men's Swimming Championship last weekend at Ohio University.

Seidelman placed in the top eight in three individual events and scored in three relays, helping EMU accumulate 715 points — enough to nip second-place University of Toledo, which finished with 709. Defending MAC champion Miami University (Ohio) was third with 615, followed by Ohio University (488), Bowling Green State (392), Ball State (262.5) and Northern Illinois State (213.5).

Seidelman placed second in the 200-yard freestyle (1:39.98), sixth in the 50 freestyle (20.83) and eighth in the 100 freestyle (46.36). The 200, 400 and 800 freestyle relays which Seidelman swam on each finished second.

Seidelman's efforts earned him second team all-MAC honors. He was responsible for scoring 41 points.

EMU had won 17-straight MAC championships until last year, when Miami finished first.

Division III gymnasts

Last Saturday, the MHSAA-sponsored Region II State Gymnastics Meet was hosted by Plymouth Canton. A day earlier, Canton also hosted a Division III gymnastics final, sponsored by the Michigan High School Gymnastics Coaches and Judges Association.

Several local athletes excelled at the meet. Canton's Kathy Bak was first in the vault, with teammates Lori Burleson third and Kristin Brooks fifth.

In the balance beam, there were two Chiefs in the top six. Heather Zawol took second, and Rachel Demsky placed sixth.

Hawks place second

The under-13 Michigan Hawks premier girls soccer team finished second at the North American Indoor Nationals, a tournament that featured teams from Ohio, Iowa, New York, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

Members of the Hawks are Marissa Sarkesian (Canton); Katie Ales and Nikki Herman (Novi); Erin Doan (Dearborn); Bethany Dobbyn and Melissa Dobbyn (Livonia); Caitlin Gill (Rochester Hills); Jessie Jandesak and Andrea Tyler (Brighton); Nicole Cauzillo and Whitney Guenther (Northville); Kathryn Cumming, Jamie Poole and Jennifer Szymanski (Troy); and Jillian Kehler (Grand Blanc).

The team is coached by John Buchanan.

Salem boosters to meet

The Plymouth Salem Linebackers Football Booster Club will have its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, in the Salem HS cafeteria.

Parents of any boy playing, or wishing to play, Salem football are welcome and encouraged to attend. Among the upcoming events to be discussed are the golf outing, picnic and fund-raisers.

For more information, call club president Joe Mestrovich at (734) 459-1122.

Softball sign-up

Registration for adult softball leagues sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services — men's, women's and co-ed teams — are now underway.

Men's returning teams may register through March 13, while men's new teams may sign up from March 16-27. Women's teams may register through April 3.

Returning co-ed teams may sign up through March 13, with new co-ed teams registering March 16-27.

All registrations may be completed 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Cost is \$290 per men's team, \$360 per women's team (which includes a \$50 refundable forfeit fee), and \$320 for co-ed teams (which includes a \$50 refundable forfeit fee). The co-ed and women's leagues are run jointly with the city of Plymouth.

For further information, call (734) 397-5110.

Taken to the limit!

Salem survives Canton's late charge

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

The history between these two rivals is brimming with fantastic finishes and unbelievable upsets. Last night in the state district basketball semifinals, Plymouth Salem narrowly averted adding this season's team to that list.

The scene was so familiar, particularly to any fans of either schools' basketball programs who may have been in the very same Novi HS gym last November when Salem's and Plymouth Canton's girls basketball teams battled down to the final possession.

Remember? An off-balance shot by Canton's Melissa Marzolf missed everything, but Kristen Mayer picked off the rebound and looped in the game-winning shot at the buzzer.

Now: fast-forward to present day. Salem, the heavy favorite, fritters away a 16-point first-half lead, eventually allowing the Chiefs to tie it on a (get this) off-balance shot from in the lane by Dan McLean with 1:54 left to play.

The Rocks manage to regain the lead, thanks to Bhavin Patel's two clutch free throws with 29 seconds remaining. The Chiefs bring the ball downcourt, the ball in Joe Cortellini's able hands.

Same gym, same end of the court, and there goes Cortellini, putting up an off-balance shot from in the lane with eight seconds left that bounces out, and there's a Canton teammate — Eric Larsen — grabbing the loose-ball rebound not two feet from the spot where Mayer scored the game-winner last November.

Only Larsen, nearly falling out of bounds, couldn't convert. His desperation shot hit the side of the backboard, Salem's Jeff McKian boarded the miss, and the buzzer sounded.

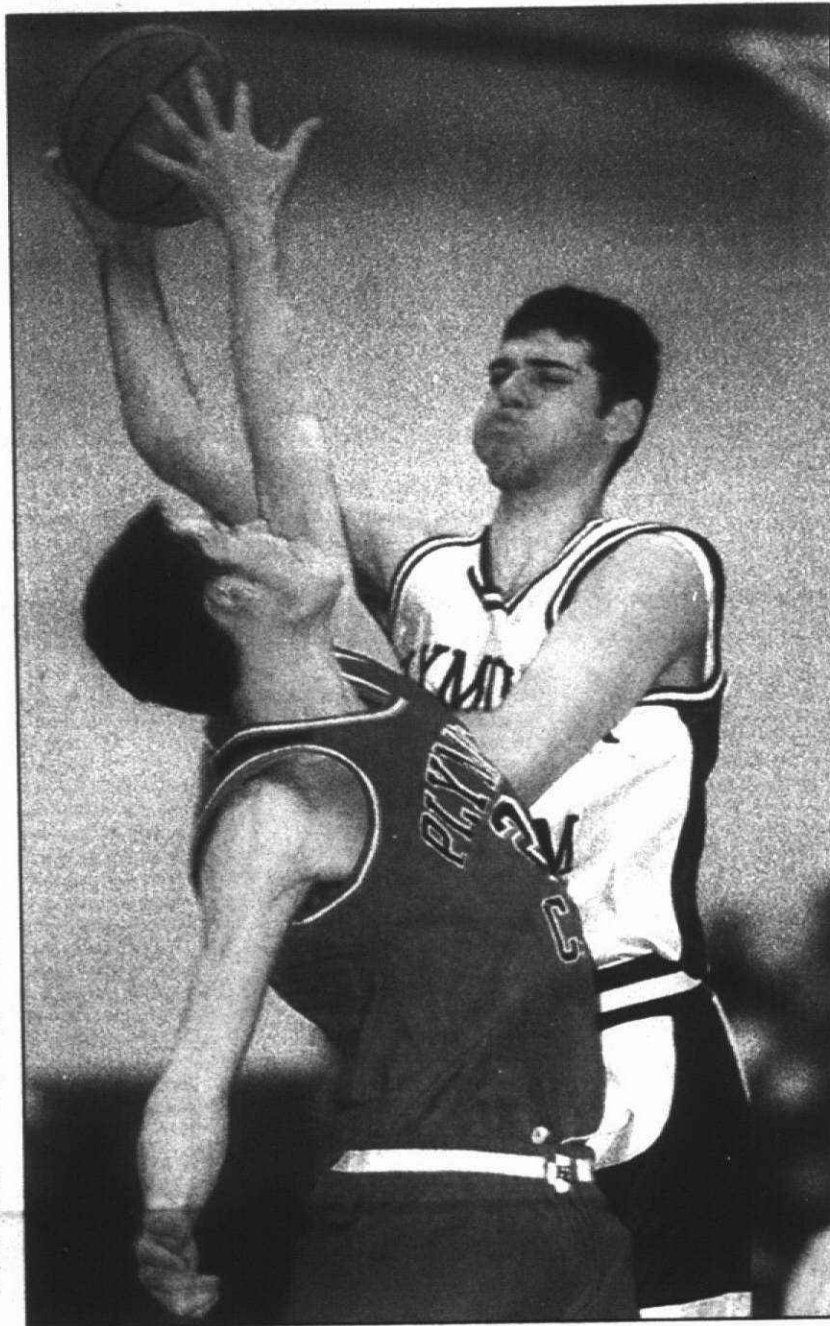
Salem 44, Canton 42. The result allows the Rocks to take a 19-3 record into the district final against Northville (11-10), which defeated Livonia Churchill 63-61 in the other district semifinal Wednesday at Novi. The final is at 7 p.m. Friday at Novi.

Canton finishes at 7-14. "I don't think we played very well," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, adding that Canton's determination had a lot to do with that. "We got the lead, then we just tried to put our finger in the dyke and hold them off. But Canton kept on coming after us."

There was nothing in the first half to indicate a barn-burner was in the making. Salem scored the game's first 12 points and led 16-3 after one quarter, allowing Canton just one Cortellini three-pointer (the Chiefs were 1-of-10 from the floor and 0-for-2 from the line in the first, and they had five turnovers).

There were less than five minutes left in the first half when Canton reached double-figures in points. Jimmy Reddy's two free throws made it 24-11 with 4:48 left.

Salem's lead reached 30-14 on a Matt Mair basket with 2:11 to go in the half. Only poor free-throw shooting by the Rocks (6-of-12 in the quarter) enabled the Chiefs to keep it relatively close; they trailed 31-18 at the half.



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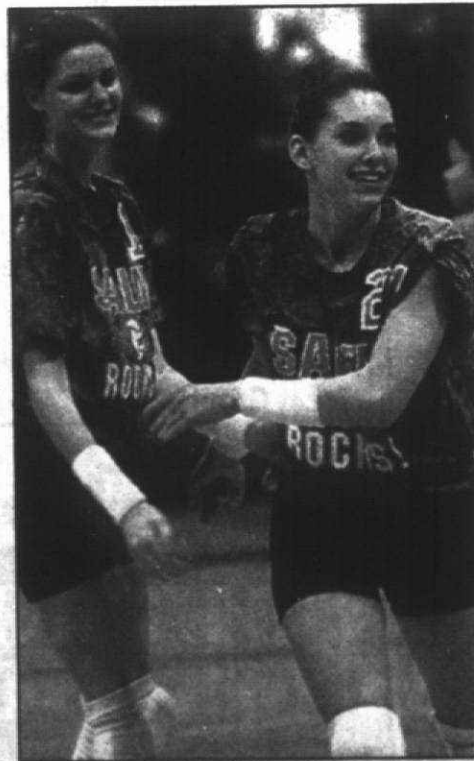
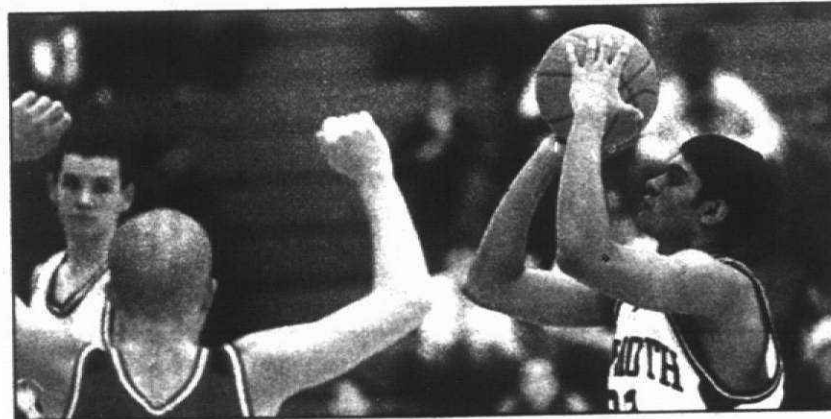
Then Cortellini took over in the third quarter.

"We didn't change anything," said Canton coach Dan Young. "They just decided to come out and play."

"Salem's a good team — they're hard to guard. But it wasn't me doing any-

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Hard-fought: Salem's Tony Jancevski found little room to operate against Canton's Erik Larsen (above). But in the end, two free throws by Bhavin Patel (below) provided the difference for the Rocks.



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Job well done: Salem's Ellen Stemer is congratulated by teammate Wendy Donica. The Rocks have reached the state regionals again.

Regional rematch is awaiting Rocks

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

The preliminaries are over. "Am I anxious?" Plymouth Salem co-coach Allie Suffety asked rhetorically. "Yeah, I am. To be honest, I've been waiting for this week all year. I really wanted to get back to the regionals."

And that's just where the Rocks will be come Saturday, when they host Farmington Hills Mercy, Ferndale and — their ultimate nemesis — Livonia Ladywood in a Class A state regional tournament, starting at 10 a.m.

Salem takes on Mercy (32-20 for the season) in the opening match at 10 a.m., with Ladywood (51-8-1) battling Ferndale at 11:15 a.m. The regional championship is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

And getting to the final, to play Ladywood, is the Rocks' ultimate aim. For three-straight seasons, the Blazers have eliminated Salem from the state tournament.

"I keep telling the girls that we can't look past Mercy," said Brian Gilles, who shares the Salem coaching duties with Suffety. "They've got some great athletes."

But so does Salem. In fact, both Gilles and Suffety have said throughout the season that this is their best team ever — and they have had several good ones.

The team featuring Shellye Sills (among others), now a standout at Ohio State, was one of those. But last Saturday, when the Rocks defeated Northville 15-10, 15-7 in the district final at Novi, they broke the team record for wins in a season set by Sills' 1994-95 squad.

Salem takes a 46-5-1 record into the regionals. The previous team record for wins: 45-8-3.

The Rocks are ranked sixth in Class A in one statewide poll and eighth in another. Ladywood is third in both polls.

The two teams have met once

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GYMNASTICS

Chiefs 2nd at regional

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Going into last Saturday's MHSAA Gymnastics Region II Championships, hosted by Plymouth Canton, the Chiefs knew it would require some sort of miracle for them to catch Northville-Nov, the reigning Western Lakes Activities Association champion and a favorite to win the state title.

When Amy Driscoll went down with a severe ankle sprain two days before the meet, Canton coach John Cunningham knew his team's goals would have to be altered.

"I was thinking (Driscoll) could maybe be state champ in the Division II vault, or maybe the floor exercise," he said. "She was getting better and better. Now she'll have to wait until next year."

The same could be said for any slight aspirations the Chiefs may have entertained regarding a regional title run. "I had no hopes — none," said Cunningham. "Once Amy went down, I just said to the girls, 'Let's make it to states.'"

That they did, and with relative ease. Yes, Northville-Nov finished first, scoring 146.10; but Canton rolled to a second with a 136.35. The third team qualifier for the state final, which begins at 4 p.m. Friday at Rockford, is Hillsdale (134.95), which edged Saline (134.55). Plymouth Salem placed 10th (122.60) in the 15-team field.

"We didn't have a good meet," said Cunningham. "We had an exceptional meet. You've heard the phrase, 'Who's going to step up for the big meet' . . . Well, they all stepped up."

"Performance-wise, we weren't perfect, but we were certainly exceptional."

Canton's leaders all season — Liz Fitzgerald and Marcie Emerick — again led the Chiefs in the regional. Fitzgerald turned in a superb performance, taking second in the Division I all-around (35.85); Emerick was equally magnificent, taking fifth (34.95) in the all-around. Both qualified for all events at the individual state championships.

Fitzgerald's best individual-event finish came in the uneven parallel bars, in which she was second (9.15). But she was steady throughout, placing third in the balance beam (9.0), fourth in the vault (8.55) and fifth in the floor exercise (9.15).

Emerick's best showing was a second in the vault (8.85). She was also fourth in beam (8.9), ninth in bars (8.55) and 10th in floor (8.65).

In Division I competition, Salem had one scorer: Alison Bracht, who finished fifth in the vault (8.45), sixth in the floor (8.95) and 12th in the beam (7.2). Bracht qualified for the individual state finals in both the vault and floor.

In Division II, Canton had one state qualifier: Holly Graham, who was sixth in the beam (8.55). Graham also tied for 12th in the floor (8.6).

Also among the top 18 placers for Canton was Nicole Vaagenes, who was 15th in the all-around (32.35), with a tie for 11th in the bars (8.6) and a tie for 17th in the floor (8.45).

Salem's Beth Steinhilper finished ninth in the floor (8.8) — one place out of qualifying for state — and the Rocks' Kate Deroche tied for 13th in the beam (7.95).

"Liz just had an excellent day," summarized Cunningham. "You know, the ultimate team performance that I talked about before . . . There was always that 'If only we had done this' or 'If only we had done that.'"

"In this meet, there was just nothing like that."

Northville-Nov, which featured three of the top four all-arounders in Division I, will be a challenge to beat at the state final. Holland, which has won the last four Class A championships, figures to relinquish the crown to Northville-Nov or one of five other challengers: Troy Athens, Rochester, Rochester Adams, Hartland or Freeland. All scored in the 140s at their respective regionals.

And Canton? "We'll be pleased to be sixth or seventh," said Cunningham. "If we match what we did at the regional at state, I'll be very, very happy."

The state individual gymnastics finals will start at noon Saturday at Rockford.

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previously this season: at the Schoolcraft College Invitational Feb. 7. They split their two-game, pool-play match, Ladywood winning 15-11 and Salem answering with a 16-14 victory.

"There's no doubt about it, they're a good team," said Suffety. "We're going to have to be at our best to beat them."

"But I know we can."

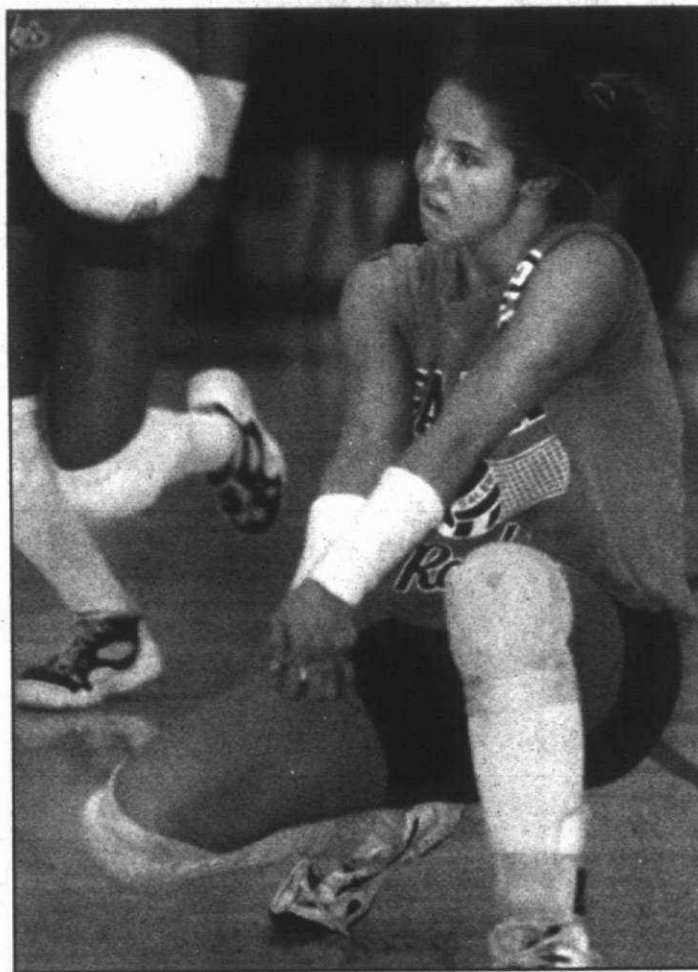
There are several things the Rocks must do to accomplish that, most of them very basic. "We have to vary our offense," Suffety said. "We'll have to have our offensive attack, from both the outside and the middle, and we'll have to do what we can with free balls — while not giving them any."

"They're a good serving team, so we're going to have to step up big in our serve receive."

After three "heartbreaking" losses, as Suffety described them, to Ladywood the last three seasons in the state tournament, it's easy to understand why one might look beyond the first match to the final.

Like Gilles, Suffety is trying not to. "We can't overlook Mercy," he said. "They're too good a team."

The Rocks didn't play their best in the district tournament, but it didn't seem to matter. After a first-round bye, they faced an injury-plagued Plymouth Canton in the semifinals and won easily, 15-3, 15-0.



Key defender: Salem's Jenny Trott is the best at serve reception among the Rocks — which means much will be expected of her if they are to advance.

"To be truthful, I didn't think they were very competitive," said Suffety, noting three Canton starters were sidelined with injuries. "But our kids played pretty well. We wanted more out of our blocking, instead of one kid doing it all, and that was Angie Sillmon."

"Hopefully, that will get better this week."

Amanda Abraham's five kills paced Salem against Canton, with Sillmon adding four kills, two solo blocks and a block assist. Kelly Street also had four kills, Jenny Trott collected three kills and three digs, Kari Flynn got nine assists to kills and four digs, and Amanda Suder finished with three service aces.

The final against Northville was much more difficult. "It forced us to play hard, which was good for us," said Suffety. Abraham had six kills, while Trott totaled five kills and four digs, and Street, Amanda Pruitt, Stemmer and Sillmon each got two kills, with Sillmon collecting three solo blocks. Suder added four aces and seven digs, Flynn got seven assists to kills, and Laine Sterling contributed six assists to kills.

Northville reached the district final by beating Livonia Churchill 15-13, 17-15 in the semis, after the Chargers had upended Novi 15-10, 15-7 in the opening round.

Kevin Bibbia was the first of four Madonna pitchers to see action. He lasted just one inning, surrendering four earned runs. The loss, however, went to reliever Jason Carter (0-1), who gave up eight unearned runs on six hits in one inning of work.

Rocho had two hits, including a home run, and three RBI to pace Madonna's offense. Todd Miller (from Farmington Hills/Birmingham Brother Rice) had three hits and an RBI, Pete Quinn (Redford Thurston) had a hit and three RBI, and Foley contributed a hit and two RBI. Eric Marcotte (Plymouth Canton) got one hit, stole two bases and scored three times.

Four errors proved costly to Madonna. In their last three games, the Crusaders committed nine errors and surrendered 13 unearned runs.

Kevin Foley sparked Madonna's six-hit attack with two hits and two runs batted in. J.R. Taylor added a run-scoring double and Bob Hamp had an RBI single.

On Friday, the Crusaders were bounced around twice, losing 9-0 to Bethel College and 18-13 to Milligan College. Both games were played in Lake Wales.

Mark Serra started and took the loss against Bethel; he lasted four innings, allowing nine runs (five earned) on 10 hits and three walks in falling to 0-2. Nick Newman followed Serra to the mound and tossed two scoreless innings of relief.

Daryl Rocho had two of Madonna's five hits.

In the slugfest against Milligan, the Crusaders battled back from a 9-4 deficit to take a 10-9 lead with a six-run fourth. But Milligan tied it with a run in the fifth, then won it with an eight-run seventh.

CC 2nd in league

SWIMMING

Second place in the Catholic League Swim Meet Sunday at Royal Oak Dondero was something Redford Catholic Central coach Danny Knipper expected from his swimmers.

Birmingham Brother Rice, the four-time defending Class A state champion, finished first, more than 100 points ahead of the second-place Shamrocks.

"They placed everywhere," Knipper said.

As for the upcoming state meet, to be held Friday and Saturday at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium, Knipper said the Shamrocks' performance is more unpredictable.

Knipper expects Rice to win for an unprecedented fifth straight year with Ann Arbor Pioneer probably headed for second place. Knipper feels the order of teams after that is up for grabs, although it's unlikely the Shamrocks will finish in the top five.

"I think Rice is going to win it, Pioneer will finish second, will give Rice a little bit of a run but I don't think they're going to take it from them," Knipper said. "Third, fourth and fifth is going to be a big fight. Sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and 10th — it's all going to be a race for the money. I look for us to stay as close as possible to ninth or better."

Qualifying for the state meet as individuals are seniors Nick Sosnowski, Matt Baran and Paul Connolly. Sosnowski has qualified in three events, but will finish in only the 200 yard individual medley and 100 backstroke. His best time in the 200 IM is 2:01.67 and his best time in the 100 backstroke is 55.91.

Baran has qualified in the 100 butterfly (55.00) and Connolly the 100 breaststroke (1:02.84).

A junior, Ryan Meekins, is also a double qualifier. He will swim the 200 freestyle (1:48.97) and the 100 freestyle (49.25).

Sosnowski placed ninth in the 200 IM and 10th in the 100 backstroke last year. Connolly was ninth in the 100 breaststroke.

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Chris Dietrich, Madonna University's leading scorer, was named to the all-WHAC first team. A sophomore guard from Monroe Jefferson HS, Dietrich averaged 13.3 points, making 78 percent of her free throws and 41 percent of her three-point shots.

In addition, Lori Enfield was named to the all-WHAC rookie team. The freshman center from Williamston HS shot 56 percent from the floor, averaging eight points and 5.5 rebounds a game.

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Five different Lady Crusaders were singled out for honors when the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball teams were announced.

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COLLEGE SPORTS

Long road home Crusaders end spring trip with a victory

The journey south for their annual spring trip at least ended on a positive note for Madonna University's baseball team — a good thing, since the Fighting Crusaders absorbed a few thumpings en route to their 5-8 record.

Last Saturday, Madonna closed out its trip with a 5-3 triumph over King College in a game played at Lake Wales, Fla. Bob Mason went all seven innings for the Crusaders, tossing a five-hitter with two walks and five strikeouts to improve to 1-2. Two of the runs he allowed were earned.

Kevin Foley sparked Madonna's six-hit attack with two hits and two runs batted in. J.R. Taylor added a run-scoring double and Bob Hamp had an RBI single.

On Friday, the Crusaders were bounced around twice, losing 9-0 to Bethel College

MADONNA BASEBALL

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OHL HOCKEY

Ambushed

Greyhounds stage rally, jolt Whalers in overtime



Win the games you're supposed to. That's been Plymouth Whalers' coach, Pete DeBoer's sermon since the season's start.

But on Sunday, the Whalers let another slip away — and with it, the chances for an Ontario Hockey League West Division title got slimmer.

A win over the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, the last-place team in the division, at Plymouth's Compuware Arena would have allowed the Whalers to forge a tie with the London Knights for first in the division.

And it was easily within their grasp. Plymouth had a 2-0 lead after two periods; when David Legwand poked in a power-play goal (his 53rd score of the season) at 4:57 of the third, the Whaler lead was at 3-0.

But in a 2:08 span of that period, the Greyhounds turned the game around, scoring three quick goals — the last two, by Dan Passero and Nick Grady, on the power play to tie it at 3-3 before the period was half over.

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Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Ottawa 67s	39	17	9	87
Beltoville Bulls	40	22	3	83
Kingston Frontenacs	35	26	4	74
Oshawa Generals	24	31	8	56
Peterborough Petes	19	35	10	48
Toronto St. M. Majors	14	40	9	37
Central Division				
Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Quebec Storm	41	18	6	88
Barrie Colts	38	21	5	81
Kitchener Rangers	27	28	9	63
Owen Sound Platers	26	24	5	57
Sudbury Wolves	24	24	7	55
North Bay Centennials	15	43	6	36
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Plymouth Whalers	38	21	7	79
Sarnia Sting	31	20	13	75
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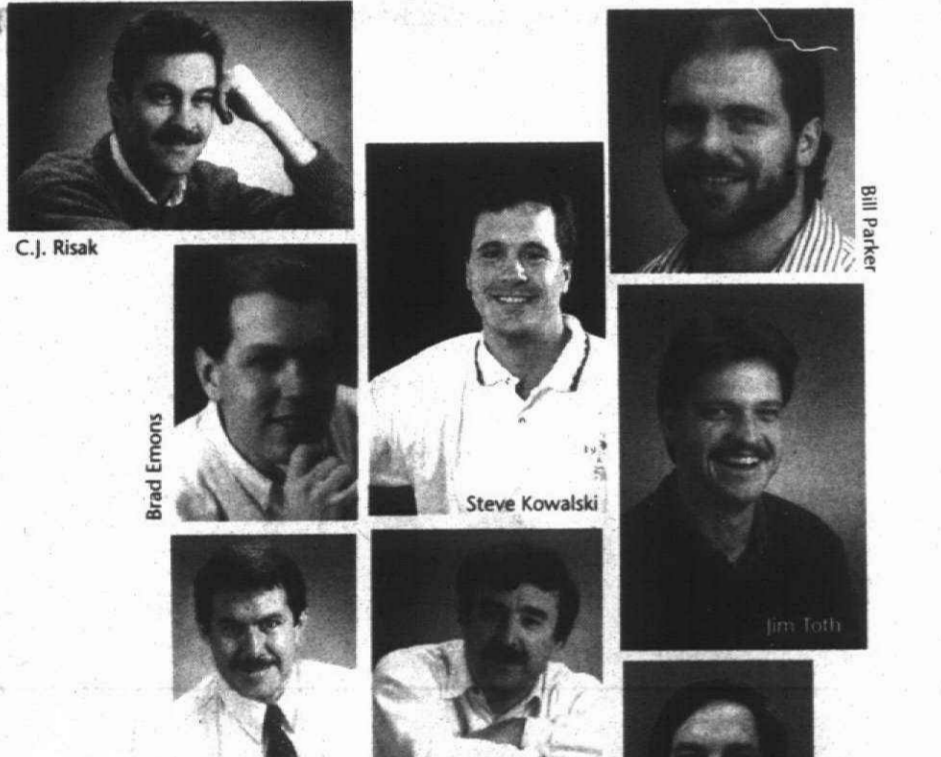
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Salem overcomes slow start to sideline Novi

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

It looked like a tough draw to begin with for Plymouth Salem's basketball team. The occurrences of last Friday multiplied that difficulty.

Well, at least the Rocks overcame the obstacles piled in their state tournament path long enough to win their first game, 47-34 over Novi Monday at Novi.

A cursory examination of the competition in Salem's district prior to the tournament draw could only have generated optimism. After all, Salem was 17-3; no one else in the district was above .500.

But then, stuff started to happen.

The Rocks reached the final of the Western Lakes Activities Association

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playoffs. Which was good news.

However, the title game against Westland John Glenn — the only WLA team to beat Salem this season — was played last Friday. That was bad news.

Because it meant whatever happened (Salem won 65-64), the Rocks could not dwell on it. Two days later they would be playing in the state tournament, where one loss means elimination. Season over.

And they had the hardest draw of any team in their district. Salem must win three games in five days to take the title, starting with the host team, Novi,

Monday.

More bad news: Salem's leader and leading scorer, Andy Power, sprained his ankle late in the game Friday. He would not be available against Novi, for certain.

Fate was not favoring the Rocks, or so it seemed. And the way Monday's game started, Salem's chances seemed to be sinking fast.

The first two shots Novi attempted were three-pointers. Both were on target. The game was barely 90 seconds old and the Rocks were down six points.

"There were a lot of factors involved (in our slow start)," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "Losing Andy, coming off a big game Friday, then they start off by hitting their first two shots, and right

away we're back on our heels.

"In the second half, we played the way we're capable of playing. In the first half, it was like we stood around and watched a lot."

What Salem does have is senior leadership and depth. The guys that stepped up and filled Power's void best were Matt Mair and Jeff McKian.

Mair kept the Rocks in the hunt until they got their collective game on track. The 5-foot-11 senior guard knocked down two three-pointers of his own in the first quarter and scored eight points as Salem rallied to take a 12-11 advantage into the second period.

After Novi scored six straight in the first four minutes of the second to take a 17-12 lead, the Rocks got it going.

They finished the half with six consecutive points, taking an 18-17 lead at the break.

McKian took over in the third quarter as Salem outpointed the Wildcats 16-9. The 6-4 senior forward had seven points in the period, with Mair contributing five more.

A 9-2 Salem surge to start the fourth upset the Rocks' advantage to 43-28. Novi, in the last quarter, was 4-of-20 (20 percent) in the second half, could get no closer than 10 after that.

Mair finished with 17 points, while McKian totaled 14. Kyle Sneath's 11 points paced the Wildcats; next best was Larry Drury with eight.

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thing, it was just a great effort by our guys."

Cortellini, Canton's junior guard and leading scorer, drilled his first two shots of the second half, and the chase was on.

Salem did not just lay down and surrender. Although Cortellini rattled them for two three-pointers and all 10 of his team's third-quarter points (he finished with 16 in the game), the Rocks still led 38-28 entering the final eight minutes.

But the offense that had seemingly scored at will in the first half was unable to do anything against Canton in the second. The Rocks managed just six

points in the final period, and four of those came at the free-throw line.

Everyone contributed for the Chiefs as they rallied to tie the game. A Cortellini triple trimmed the deficit to 40-36, and Jason Waidmann followed with a basket to bring Canton to within two with 4:05 left.

There was one difference between the two teams down the stretch, however. Salem, which had made just 9-of-19 free throws to that point, converted 4-of-4 in the last four minutes. Canton was 0-for-2, both times missing the front end of one-and-

ones.

Two free throws by McKian tipped the Rocks' lead to 42-38 with 3:02 left, but a short jumper by Larsen preceded McLean's game-tying shot.

Salem was in trouble, especially when Larsen picked off a pass from McKian. However, McLean missed a one-and-one with 55 seconds left that would have given Canton its first lead of the game.

Patel, who bedeviled the Chiefs in the first half by scoring 10 points (he had 14 in the game), got the ball inside and went up for a shot. Scott Samul-

ki fouled him and, with 29 seconds left, Patel drilled the eventual game-winning points.

"Anytime you play Canton, it's going to be a tough game," said Brodie afterwards. "All I can say is, we made it."

Redford Catholic Central junior guard Nick Moore made two free throws with 3.5 seconds left Wednesday to tie host Southfield, 72-72, in a Class A boys basketball district semifinal game.

Before anyone could say overtime, Moore provided an encore.

Incredibly, Moore made a steal from a Southfield guard at half-court, turned and heaved the ball before the buzzer sounded straight through the basket to give CC a 75-72 win.

Being an 80 percent free throw shooter, his two swishes at the free throw line were far more predictable than the half-court shot.

"A shot like that is once in a lifetime. When I let it go I see it on the line and I just kept running to the baseline (before getting mobbed by his teammates). I knew I could hit the free throws and I went to the line calmly. We're glad to get it in regulation. The crowd was rowdy and they were feeding off it."

CC senior guard Joe Jonna,

CC's final-second surge shocks Southfield, 74-72

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

who had to leave the game with a groggy head after a first-half collision, returned late in the fourth quarter and finished with 10 points after making a three-point shot during the Shamrocks' rally.

The win sends CC, 17-4 overall, to Friday's district final to play Detroit Redford. Redford eliminated the Shamrocks in last year's district final and lost in the Class A title game to Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills.

Moore and senior center Chris Young (from Plymouth) led CC with 17 points each. Don Slankster had 13 and Jonna 10. Rob Sparks contributed nine.

Southfield guard Joe Shephard, a Central Michigan signee, had a game-high 26.

CC enjoyed a 12-point first-half lead but Southfield caught the Shamrocks after Young went to the bench with foul trouble in the second quarter.

Southfield held a 49-48 lead through three quarters and led for 7 minutes 56.5 seconds of the fourth.

Young scored seven points in the final two minutes, including two dunks, to rally the Shamrocks back from a 68-63 deficit.

Jackson Baptist drops PCA

Plymouth Christian Academy was outscored 24-17 in the decisive final quarter Wednesday as host Jackson Baptist advanced in the Class D boys basketball tournament with a 75-65 victory.

Jackson Baptist, which plays Grass Lake for the district title Friday, improved to 7-15.

PCA finishes at 14-7.

Tim Walz, a 6-foot-4 senior center, led the victorious Royals with 28 points. John Hunsberger, a 6-2 swingman, added 25, including four 3-pointers.

Jackson Baptist held on for the win by hitting four 3-pointers late in the game.

Four PCA players scored in double figures led by senior forward Chris Brandon's team-high 24 points.

Sophomore forward Derric Iseawase, who was saddled with three second-quarter fouls followed by a fourth foul early in the third period, scored 16.

Scott Carty, a senior guard, and Jordan Roose, a sophomore guard, each chipped in with 11. Carty nailed three triples.

Foul shooting also figured in the final outcome as PCA was just one of 19 (47.3 percent), while Jackson Baptist was 16 of 21 (76.1 percent).

BASKETBALL DISTRICT DRAWS

STATE TOURNAMENT BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

CLASS A
at BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
Friday, March 13: Belleville vs. Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Ypsilanti vs. Flat Rock-Woodhaven district champion.)

CLASS B
at SOUTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
Friday, March 13: Redford Catholic Central vs. Detroit Redford, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Dearborn-Fordson vs. Detroit Cozy district champion.)

CLASS C
at REDFORD BISHOP BORGESS
Friday, March 13: Redford Bishop Borgess vs. Southfield Christian, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Dundee vs. Riverview Gabriel Richard district champion.)

CLASS D
at WATERFORD OUR LADY
Thursday, March 12: Bloomfield Hills Roper vs. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 6 p.m.; Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest vs. Redford St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 14: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Harper Woods Lutheran East vs. Detroit Urban Lutheran district champion.)

CLASS D
at BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER

Deadeye: Juziuk wins NCAA shooting title

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

Karyn Juziuk returned to Xavier University Saturday to see an exuberant campus.

The Xavier (Ohio) student body was excited, anticipating a berth in the NCAA basketball tournament, which was going to be announced Sunday evening.

The student body didn't have to wait until the end of the month, however, to discover they already had a NCAA champion in their midst.

Juziuk, a 1995 graduate of Livonia Churchill, became the school's first Smallbore Individual National Champion at the NCAA Rifle Championships. The junior won the title Friday in the championships held at Murray State University in Kentucky.

Juziuk also captured All-American honors in air rifle by placing sixth with a score of 386.

"I came back to a lot of fanfare for the basketball team, but not too many people knew what happened at the shooting championships," Juziuk said. "You might feel a little slighted that the basketball team gets all the attention, but all small sports have to go through that."



Right on target: Karyn Juziuk brandishes one of the weapons she used to win a pair of NCAA medals with. The Livonia Churchill graduate finished first in the smallbore division.

Juziuk also became the third woman ever to win the NCAA title which pits the women against the men. She was also selected by the coaches as the "Athlete of the Championship."

"Gender is not an issue in this sport," Juziuk said. "Men are allowed to use extra equipment on their rifles for better support, and that add-on equipment was just made available to women last year. But I chose not to use any extra equipment. Skill won this title and not technology."

The championship allows Juziuk to compete in tournaments overseas and in Europe which begin the stages toward an Olympic tryout. Shooting is a major sport in Europe as Germany dominates many of the competitions.

"In Europe, unlike the U.S., shooting is a spectator sport and

Juziuk, who shot archery at the age of five, began her rifle shooting at age 10. Her mother, Elizabeth, returned to shooting after an absence and soon began taking her to the Livonia Junior Rifle Club.

Juziuk increased her training as she entered her teens and her mother became her coach. Still, her shooting prowess was virtually unknown during her days at Churchill.

"Churchill has good hockey and soccer programs and I didn't play any varsity sports, so only my friends knew about my shooting — and they thought it was cool," Juziuk said.

She also was able to get some good competition going at the club with her cousin, mother and her younger brother, Karl, a promising shooter at Tennessee Tech.

Juziuk chose Xavier because it was one of the few universities that had a competitive rifle team while offering a respected biology program.

Juziuk has enjoyed a great career at Xavier, as she earned first team All-American

honors in air rifle in 1996 and 1997. She also competed in the 1996 Olympic Trials in Atlanta (seventh-place finish).

"For those unfamiliar with shooting, air rifle uses air pressure to propel pellets while smallbore utilizes a 22 caliber rifle that uses gun powder to propel bullets.

"It's a safe sport," Juziuk said. "Before you learn to shoot, you learn safety. And then after learning to shoot, you gain respect for the equipment. You learn the power a rifle has and you learn to keep it in control.

"It's a good sport because it's a lifelong sport; you can shoot at any age. It's also a sport where gender doesn't matter and it's a sport that stresses the mental aspect.

"I come out of competition feeling fine physically, even though my back hurts every now and then. But I'm mentally exhausted when a competition is done. It's three hours of focusing on goal. You have to learn to focus your mind."

After Juziuk completes her career at Xavier, the Observersland area will be well represented. Shari Jedinak, a 1997 graduate of Westland John Glenn, is considered one of the team's most promising shooters.

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OUTDOORS CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES

COTTON IS OUT
Eric Stockinger, a veteran kayaker and backpacker will bring participants up to date on the latest and newest new fabrics during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

WHAT'S IN DAVE'S PACK
Dave Tate, a veteran backpacker, alpine skier and outdoor photographer and an Eagle Scout will present a clinic on backcountry must haves and everyday backpacking necessities during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

SPRING WALK
Bill Graig will lead a spring walk beginning at noon on Saturday, March 21, at the William P. Holliday Nature Preserve in Westland. Participants should meet at the parking lot at Newburg Road, north of Warren. Call (313) 522-8547 for more information.

LIFE LINKS
Learn about some of the fascinating connections between plants and animals and their habitats during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at U-M Dearborn. Call (313) 593-5338 for more information.

LAND NAVIGATION
The School of Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR) presents a class on land navigation on Saturday, March 28, at the Waterloo Recreation Area. Call Linda Burke at (248) 471-9185 for more information.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

CLASSES

HUNTER EDUCATION
Wayne County Sportsmen's Club

will hold several hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered March 28-29, Aug. 29-30, Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. To pre-register call (313) 532-0285.

YOUTH FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will hold a Youth Fly Fishing School, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center. The school is open to youths age seven to 15 accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Admission is \$5 and includes pizza, donuts, pop and hot chocolate. Call Dale Ross (734) 420-2233 or Tony Yuhas (248) 478-7461 to register and for more information.

CLUBS

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.)

The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for information.

MEETINGS

NRC
The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, March 11-12, at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

SEASON/DATES

RABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

PIKE
Pike season ends March 15 on inland lakes statewide. Spearing season ends Feb. 28.

SMELT
Smelt netting season runs March 1-May 31 south of M-72 and April 1-May 31 north of M-72.

SEMINARS

BEAR SEMINAR
The Michigan Big Game Hunter's Association presents

Karl Hosford, retired chief of the DNR's wildlife division, who will give a seminar on bear hunting, beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Gander Mountain store in Taylor.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to dusk on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

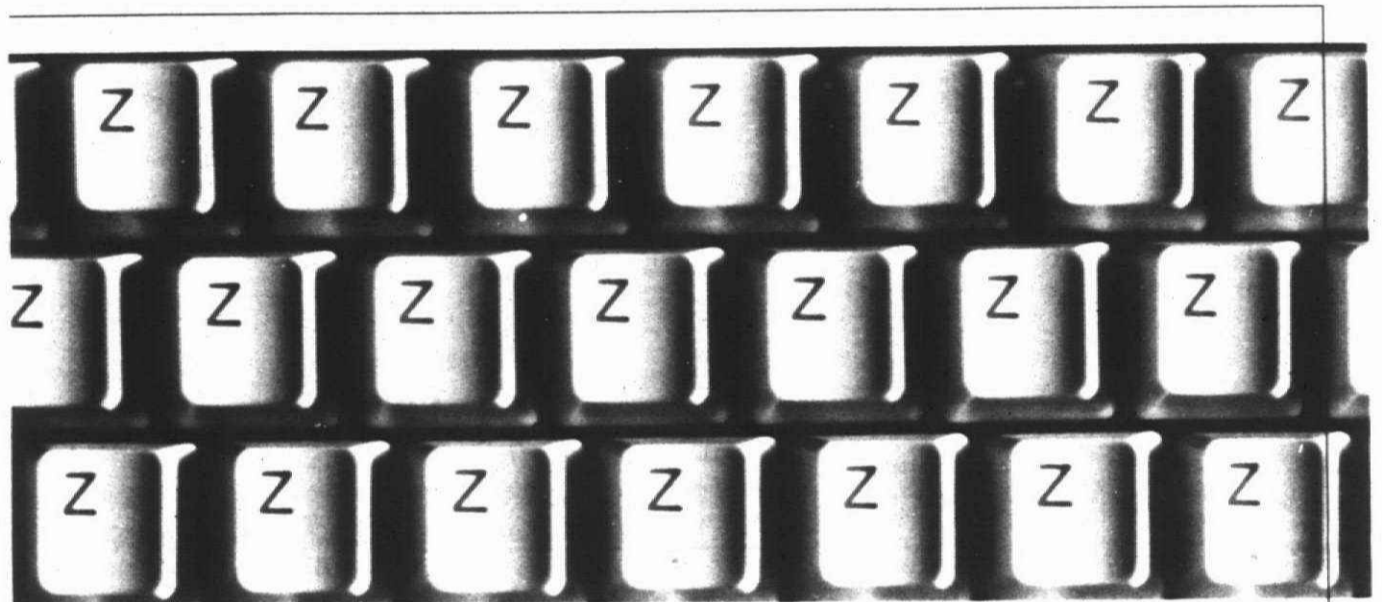
PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-1020 for information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for information.

SHOWS

TOURNAMENTS

SALMON STAKES
The 20th annual River Crab Salmon Stakes benefit fishing tournament will be held Saturday, May 2, in St. Clair. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to support the Blue Water Mental Health Clinic and other programs across the state that serve troubled children, adults and their families. Raffle/entry tickets are \$10 each and enters the holder into a raffle and the fishing tournament. Raffle prizes include a four night cruise for two adults and two children in Cape Canaveral, Florida; use of a private suite at a Tiger baseball game; a weekend for two in Chicago; gift certificates, and a charter fishing trip. Tickets are also redeemable for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at any Chuck Muer restaurant. Anglers can win \$250 cash for the heaviest total catch in one boat as well as \$250 for the largest fish in each of four categories - king salmon, steelhead, brown trout and coho salmon. Tickets are available at Charlie's Crab in Troy, Muer's Seafood Tavern in West Bloomfield, Meriwethers in Southfield, Big Fish in Dearborn, Big Fish Toq in Madison Heights, and Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor or by calling the River Crab at 1-800-468-3727.



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The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

JOHN F. FARROW, Secretary
Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

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**PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY
PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**Western Townships Utilities Authority
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Synopsis
4:00 p.m., Monday, February 23, 1998**

Regular meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Karen Woodside, Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy
Agenda - adopted as presented.
Minutes - regular meeting of December 22, 1997 - approved as presented.
Minutes - regular meeting of January 26, 1998 - approved as presented.
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$790,825.71 - approved.
Operations and Maintenance Monthly report - received and filed.
Operations Manager's Report - received and filed.
O&M 1998 Goals Report - received and filed.
Audit; Fiscal Year 96/97 - accepted.
Bid Award-Middle Rouge Office Expansion - approval to award bid to Davenport Brothers Construction Co., of Belleville, Michigan.
Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc., Settlement Agreement - approved.
Mechanical Seals Purchase (Lower Rouge) - approved.
Sewer Cleaning & CCTV Inspection Contract; Phase 2 - approval to advertise for bids.
Operations Manager's Contract Amendment - approved.
The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

THOMAS Y. JACK, Chairman

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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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



At 8 p.m., "1964 - The Tribute" brings the music of the early Beatles to Varner Recital Hall, on the campus of Oakland University. Tickets \$12, with discounts for students, senior citizens, call (248) 370-2020 or (248) 370-3013.

SATURDAY



Henry Ford Museum on Oakwood, just west of the Southfield Freeway, in Dearborn, celebrates Family Fun Month with hands-on activities and entertaining programs, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Included with museum admission, \$12.50 adults, seniors \$11.50, children 5-12, \$7.50, (313) 271-1620.

SUNDAY



Viola (Ivana Grahovoc of Bloomfield Hills), and Sebastian (Dusan Dean Chehvala) in "Twelfth Night" 2 p.m. at Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$8 to \$10, (313) 577-2960.



Hot Tip: "Elvis - The Concert" 8 p.m. Friday, March 13 at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., features a 16-piece orchestra and the King's original tour cast performing live on stage with Elvis singing lead vocal via the magic of video. Tickets \$25 and \$17.50 reserved, call (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100 for information.

Celebrations of Irish Music

- **The 13th Annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest** - 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, at The Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, (east of Newburgh Road) Westland. Admission \$8 at the door, children free, call (313) 537-3489 for information.
- **Cathie Ryan** - 7:30 p.m. (doors open) 8 p.m. (concert) Tuesday, March 17 at The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, (313) 761-1451. Tickets \$13.50.
- **St. Patrick's Day Brew and View Party! (The Day After)** - 8 p.m. (doors open) Wednesday, March 18 music by The Young Dubliners 9 p.m. followed by the film "The Commitments," at 10 a.m., Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets \$5, at the box office 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, or Ticketmaster (248) 644-6666. Call the event hot line (248) 544-3030 for information.
- **The Clancy Brothers** - 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Magic Bag, tickets \$20. Call number listed above.

St. Patrick's Day Fest

CELEBRATES Irish MUSIC, SONG & DANCE

STORIES BY KEELY WYGONIK

A musician and a family man, Mick Gavin wanted to present the music of his beloved Ireland in a place where families could enjoy it together on St. Patrick's Day.

Most of the celebrations are held in pubs, and Gavin who lives in Redford, had something else in mind.

In 13 years, the Irish Music Song & Dance Fest he helped organize has outgrown two locations. About 300 people came to the first one at Bonnie Brook Banquet and Conference Center. Last year's event at The Hellenic Cultural Center drew over 1,200.

"It's an annual thing now. We couldn't stop it if we tried, a lot of people would be mad if we did," said Gavin. "We get a lot of families. It's music to celebrate the day."

As the years go by, the festival gets easier to organize, but Gavin and crew are still learning and trying to improve it.

"This year we'll have better seating with tables," he said. Food will also be available for purchase including corned beef and cabbage dinners, Scottish meat pies, Irish soda bread, and hot dogs. A cash bar, Guinness on tap, coffee and other beverages will be sold as well.

More than 60 musicians and dancers from the United States, Canada and Ireland, will be performing including Gavin, Gleggarry Road, Ed McGlinchey, John Sands, Dawn Moskovich, Terence McKinney, and Paul Cusack, All-Ireland Champion Dancer, the Kitty Heinzman Ceili Dancers, and dancers from the O'Hare School of Irish Dance.

"It's a huge cross section," said Gavin. "From Celtic pipes, Scottish to Irish, ballads and fiddle music."

With "Riverdance" has come a renewed appreciation for all things Irish, and not just on St. Patrick's Day. "People are becoming much more aware of what it's all about," said Gavin who has been playing fiddle and accordion since he was 10. "There was always music in our house, it's really part of my soul. Growing up in County Clare, Ireland, there

were no other musical influences. We didn't have TV, just one radio, and kids weren't allowed to touch it."

When Gavin moved to the United States no one was playing traditional Irish music - jigs, reels, set dances and slow airs. "Every Tom, Dick and Harry was singing pub songs," he said. "Now there are hundreds of people playing old-time music."

Gavin is self-employed - Mick Gavin Floors and Remodeling -

but continues to play the music he loves performing at parties, pubs and even the Ark in Ann Arbor. His son Michael will also be performing at the Festival on St. Patrick's Day.

"Last Saturday I spent three hours teaching a young man the Irish fiddle style," he said. "I do it for the love of the music. I don't charge, but I'm compensated in other ways - in my heart."

Like Gavin, Kitty Heinzman raised her children with Irish

music and dance. It's important to continue the culture.

"There are no immigrants," she said. "In order for the culture to continue it has got to be taught. It's very important."

Her son John, 32, and daughter Liz, 21, teach dancing also. "There's no generation gap," said Heinzman. "We have children and grandchildren. There are a whole bunch who are not Irish, but love the music and tradition, and some who missed out, because they didn't grow up in an Irish community."

Heinzman began teaching Irish dance in 1976. On Fridays she teaches a Ceili - folk dance class at the Gaelic League in Detroit.

"It's very casual," she said. "They're neat people, welcoming, we have fun."

She's participated in the festival with Gavin since it started. "The dancers really enjoy it," she said. "There's all types of great Irish music and dance. It's a festival, and a lot of fun."

At 17, Paul Cusack of Plymouth, All-Ireland Champion Dancer, is doing his part to keep the rich traditions of Ireland alive.

"I started dancing when I was five," said Cusack. "I love to compete in contests. My two older sisters were also involved in dance, but they quit."

Cusack loves dance, and the travel that goes with competing in dance contests. He has friends all over the country. When he used to tell his friends about dance, they dismissed it as just folk dance. "Riverdance" changed that.

"Now they think it's pretty cool," said Cusack. "It's become popular worldwide."

A junior at Catholic Central High School, Cusack dreams of joining the cast of "Riverdance" when he graduates, and plans, of course, to go to college, too.

"Irish dancing will always be a part of my life," he said. He's looking forward to the festival. "The audience is really great. There's Irish music, dance and food. It's a chance to see what Irish culture is all about."

Clancy Brothers tour stops at Magic Bag

Be prepared to sing your heart out when the Clancy Brothers come to the Magic Bag on Saturday, March 21. They'll thank you for it.

"It's a lovely feeling when you hear the whole house singing," said Paddy Clancy. "There's a sense of involvement. It's a great feeling for us, that's the enjoyment."

Since 1958, the Clancy Brothers have been entertaining audiences with their music. They have over 50 albums to their credit.

"Folk music has been edited

over the years by the sort of subconscious of the people," said Clancy. "Time does a great editing job. People stop singing the bad ones and we're left with the good ones."

Clancy's not so confident today's songwriters will survive the test of time. "People are writing Tin Pan Alley songs to make money," he said.

"There's a big difference between that and writing songs you feel. 'Finnegan's Wake' was written as a music

Please see **CLANCY, E2**



Family folk group: The Clancy Brothers, Paddy Clancy, Bobby Clancy, Eddie Dillon and Finnbar Clancy.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

The Shrine Circus

What: A 90th anniversary gala celebration features a recreation of the Wallendas Family's seven person pyramid, the Garza Brothers Living Statues, and the Flying Pages, plus clowns, horses, dogs, elephants, acrobats, aerialists, and Ada Smieja from the Polish State Circus with her tigers, including one that walks a tight rope.

When: Through Sunday, March 22. Performance times are noon and 7 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturdays, and 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sundays.

Where: Michigan State Fair Coliseum, Detroit.

Tickets: \$6, \$10, \$12, \$14, and available at all Ticketmaster outlets, or by calling the Shrine Circus Ticket Office at (313) 831-1620/366-8200. Discount tickets for select performances available by calling (248) 644-9494.

Leaders master art of the circus ring

LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Southfield Mayor Donald Fracassi never tires of parading elephants, flying trapeze artists and clowns. More than 20 years ago Mayor Fracassi began volunteering his time to serve as a guest ringmaster whenever the Moslem Temple Shrine Circus is in town just to experience the magic. He takes to the spotlight 7 p.m. Friday, March 20, to lead circus performers such as Ada Smieja from the Polish State Circus with her tigers, including one that walks a tight rope.

"We all get excited about the circus, about all the children they've touched," said Mayor Fracassi. "I'm always amazed. It's a spectacle you can't see

every day, the trapeze and the animals and the clowns. My children used to look forward to it and now my grandchildren look forward to it. They love the circus. I don't think we ever grow out of it."

This year's Shrine Circus celebrates 90 years of entertaining metro Detroit crowds. Mayor Fracassi is one of more than a dozen guest ringmasters, including Bloomfield Township Police Chief Jeff Werner, who will lead Jorge and Lou Ann Barreda's mighty African elephants, the Garza Brothers Living Statues, the Flying Pages, horses, dogs, elephants, acrobats, and aerialists into the ring.

"You just get into it and then you get involved and see all the work that goes into the circus," said Mayor Fracassi.

"Then you understand where the money goes and you want to see that that tradition goes on. So many traditions go by the wayside, but this is an important one. The Shriners do a lot of great things for our young people and hospitals. They touch our community."

The star attraction of the 90th anniversary gala celebration is the Flying Wallendas. For the third time since 1962, members of the family will perform their 7-person pyramid act. More than 35 years ago, two of the Wallendas were killed and another paralyzed after falling from the wire during a Detroit performance. First performed in 1948, the 7-person pyramid involves four men

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Fun for all: The Shrine Circus celebrates 90 years of entertaining metro Detroit crowds by featuring a recreation of the Wallendas 7-person pyramid

THEATER

COMMUNITY THEATER

Golden 'Dreamgirls' comes up short on glitter

'Dreamgirls' continues at the Detroit Opera House, 1525 Broadway, downtown Detroit, through Sunday, March 22. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, matinee 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Tickets \$24-\$49, on sale at Ticketmaster outlets, the Fisher Theatre and the Opera House box office. To charge by phone, call (488) 645-6666.

Pacing was also a problem for the orchestra, which often lagged behind performers on stage by a measure or two. Not only did the music drag, but it was sometimes too loud and brassy, not at all what Motown is supposed to be. That's not to say there's not a lot to like about 'Dreamgirls,' which received a standing ovation opening night.



Posed for stardom: Kimberly Jujan (left to right), La Tanya Hall, and Tonya Dixon in a scene from the national tour of 'Dreamgirls.'

Company formed to organize a classical music station

Every Friday, former WQRS-FM host Dick Wallace would play Dvorak's 'Carnival Overture.' It was a popular weekly rite of passage to kick off the weekend for the station's classical music listeners.

organizational structure has been put in place to eventually operate a full-time classical music station. Board members' estimates range from three months to one year before a new classical music format will debut in metro Detroit.

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'Trinity House' cabaret makes a warming diversion

Trinity House Theatre presents 'Around the House,' a cabaret of music, poetry, dance, drama and art. Gourmet coffee and baked goods are served. Remaining performances 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 13-14, call (734) 464-6302 for information.

Deil and Rough Cuts, a band led by Idell Smith and inspired by Peter, Paul and Mary open the first act with 'Blowing in the Wind,' encouraging the audience to sing along.

amazing imagery of 'White Glinings.' Ocean surf was captured in the modern dance of choreographer and dancer Susan Vanden Brink with dancers Anessa Thompson and Beth Temple and poet Ann Horn.

One-acts alternately funny, insightful

A Festival of One-Act Plays - presented by the Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford, continues 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 13-14; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 15138 Beech Dale (south of Five Mile Road), Redford. Tickets \$10, \$1 discount for students and seniors, call (313) 531-0554.

'Private Lives?' Shakespeare's 'Hamlet?' When out of ad libs, Howell does the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and even confesses an Act of Contrition.

NEW SHOW The Second City 'Down Riverdance' presented by The Second City Cast. Shows Wednesday-Sunday. Live Comedy Theatre. Open for lunch & dinner. (313) 965-9500.

Players Guild shines in 'Crimes of the Heart'

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents 'Crimes of the Heart' 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays March 13-14 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15 at the theater, 21730 Madison (near the southeast corner of Monroe and Outer Drive), Dearborn, (313) 561-TKTS.

Hills. Meg, who lost her dream job as a singer in L.A. and is stuck in a dead-end office job, comes face-to-face with the lover she deserted years before.

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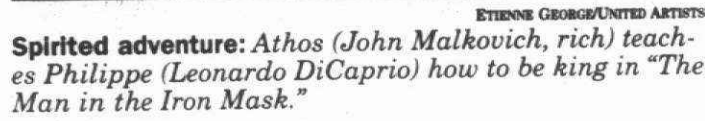
MOVIES

Performances lighten burden of 'Iron Mask'



JOHN MONAGHAN

All for one and one for all! It used to be the battle cry of the Three Musketeers...



STYLING: GEORGE/UNITED ARTISTS

Spirited adventure: Athos (John Malkovich, rich) teaches Philippe (Leonardo DiCaprio) how to be king in 'The Man in the Iron Mask.'

talent. Yet writer-director Randall Wallace almost does the early scenes especially lack spark, as forced dialogue serves to introduce the devout Aramis (Irons) and the earthy Athos (Byrne) as they touch upon the key character concerns of forgiveness and farting.

Young actor Peter Sarsgaard has picked up on many of Malkovich's mannerisms...

Wallace, who also wrote "Braveheart," struggles with a sometimes unwieldy script. The revelations aren't all that revelatory. Even Porthos cries out at one point for more action and less plotting.

But, as with his earlier work, Wallace has a nice way of infusing fact and fiction. He almost puts over Dumas' fanciful theory that the Man in the Iron Mask (a real-life French prisoner)

While the "Titanic" heartthrob will deliver the female fans, the movie has enough male bonding and swashbuckling action...

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. You can listen to him on Dave Dixon's Radio Show AM 1270, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays...

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

The Birmingham Theatre, 211 S. Woodward (south) of Maple, downtown Birmingham. Call (248) 644-FILM for information.

Second Annual Best of the Academy Film Festival, Friday, March 13 through Monday, March 23. Ten day festival leading up to the Academy Awards...

The festival will also honor several Academy Award nominated documentaries including "The Long Way Home," and "Ayn Rand: A Sense of Life."

"Fireworks" (Japan-1997). Friday-Sunday, March 13-15 (call for showtimes). The Grand Prize winner at last year's Venice Film Festival focuses on a former police detective who embarks on a daring criminal plan...

"For Ever Mozart" (France-1996). 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 16. French legend Jean-Luc Godard fashions a trio of shaggy dog tales that evolve into stream-of-consciousness poem about art, politics, war, and the nature of cinema itself.

"Year of the Horse" (USA-1997). 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12. Critic Roger Ebert called this the worst film of last year, and he may be right. When director Jim Jarmusch turns his lens on Neil Young's recent tour with Crazy Horse...

"The Committments" (Britain/Ireland-1991). 10 p.m. Wednesday, March 18. In celebration of the day after St. Patrick's Day, a concert with The Young Dubliners followed by this spirited story of some rag-tag musicians who try to bring soul to Dublin...

"Jackie Brown" (USA-1997). 9:15 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, March 12-15. Quentin Tarantino's latest, based on the Elmore Leonard novel "Rum Punch," has impressed as many viewers as irritated for its relentlessly slow pacing and intentional lack of action...

"Wings of the Dove" (Britain-1997). 7 p.m. through Sunday, March 15. First it was Jane Austen. Now the novels of Henry James seem ripe for the retelling. Here a couple attempts to manipulate love for purely selfish reasons.

"Afterglow" (USA-1997). Julie Christie copped a Best Actress Oscar nomination for this tale of two couples whose troubled marriages become intertwined. Nick Nolte co-stars. Directed by Alan Rudolph ("Choose Me," "The Moderns").

"The Newton Boys" (USA-1997). The true-life chronicle, set in the 1920s of the four Newton Brothers who regularly were the most prolific bank robbers in American history. Their "mag num opus" — the \$3 million heist of a mail train, which was also their downfall. Stars Matthew McConaughey, Ethan Hawke.

"Ride" (USA-1997). A ride to riches comedy that chronicles the adventures of a group of inner city kids striving to change their fate and find stardom. Stars Malik Yoba, Julie Brown and Snoo Dog.

James Wailin draws inspiration from secret journal



CHRISTINA FUOCO



Celebrating release: Wailin - from left, bassist Kevin Floyd, guitarist Brett Lucas, drummer Skeeto, singer James Wailin, and guitarist Anthony Musto - record their live CD at Memphis Smoke in West Bloomfield.

A Kangol-topped, corduroy-wearing bluesman James Wailin opens his journal. In it he reveals his insecurities, his loves and his inner-most thoughts.

Listeners can tap into Wailin's thoughts on "Wailin Live," a rollicking romp through blues and funk, recorded at the now-closed Memphis Smoke in West Bloomfield last fall. He and his band — guitarist Anthony Musto, bassist Kevin Floyd, drummer Dylan McCarty and guitarist Brett Lucas — will celebrate its release Saturday, March 14, at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

"We really got a lot of good energy working with George. We come from the same kind of background — real roots-based music. He was the perfect guy for us to work with."

Wailin recorded the album with New York-based producer George Racile, whose credits include The Neville Brothers, Keith Richards and James Brown.

Wailin's next studio album. The recording dates for that album are contingent upon several issues.

"George is making some contacts for us in New York. We're gonna approach some people and see what they think and see if we can get some kind of a budget from a record company," Wailin said.

The live album is the band's first since 1994's award-winning release "Rhythm of Life."

"Our first CD is out of print. It's been frustrating playing big shows and being on the road and not having product to leave with them."

Since "Rhythm of Life" Wailin has made several lineup changes. Most notably the addition of drummer McCarty, the son of Jim McCarty of Mystery Train and 21-year-old guitarist Lucas.

"When I met Brett he was very well versed in the blues. When other kids were listening to rock, he was listening to B.B. King or Albert King," said Wailin of Lucas, who is studying jazz at Wayne State University.

"When I first heard him play I was impressed. He still listens to new music though. He's really diligent about furthering himself musically."

Each band member brings in a different musical style. Bassist Floyd listens to the Weather Report and Tower of Power. Musto, Wailin's guitarist, "is the blues aficionado of the group. He kept us on the blues path when we wanted to stray."

Wailin's aunt and uncle, whom he describes as '60s hippies, played a large part in creating his musical style.

"They were hippies, but they listened to a lot of hard-driving R&B like War or the Spencer Davis Group. I am also influenced by Motown and Stevie Wonder. Stevie Wonder is my No. 1 influence. It's not like I try to sound like him. He's just an influence," Wailin explained.

music frequently fills his carriage-style Royal Oak home. A deacon's bench inside the doorway holds a book about Wonder. One of Wailin's first gigs was with a jazz band in Ann Arbor. From there he went on to a rock/reggae band. It was during the making of that industrial film he was introduced to the blues through Floyd, one of his co-workers.

"I was singing jazz and R&B, and I thought I had to have a huskier rougher voice (to sing the blues). But it actually does work because I've always been fond of being expressive and emotional."

Besides his influences, Wailin doesn't reveal much about his childhood. He keeps his age and the name of the high school he graduated from to himself.

"I've lived all around — Macomb County, Ann Arbor," he said coyly.

The Royal Oak resident will, however, tell of living in Mexico. "It's part of my heritage. I'm half Mexican. It gave me a connection with my heritage."

The rest is buried in his journals. Wailin celebrates the release of his CD with a party and performance, 10 p.m., Saturday, March 14, in the Burns Room at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$5 for the 18 and older show. Call (313) 961-MELT or visit http://www.961melt.com for more information. The band also performs an 18 and older show with The Kinkles at 10 p.m., Friday, March 27, at The Sardine Bar, 1548 Franklin St., Detroit.

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GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Table listing movie theaters and showtimes. Columns include theater name, address, phone, and movies being shown with their ratings (e.g., PG, R, NC-17).

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Dry out any food? Glide your way to a thinner, trimmer body? Make millions with no capital investment? Who doesn't love a good infomercial? The word "infomercial" didn't even exist a few short years ago, and they're some of the best viewing options an insomniac has. Infomercials are the solution-oriented. What's mesmerizing is how the denizens of infomercial-land unabashedly sell themselves and their wares. We don't often enough show the same gusto, even when what we have to offer is great — way better than any car sealer.

Such is the case this week on Backstage Pass. We're smack in the middle of the Spring Festival '98 pledge drive at Detroit Public Television. Of course, they keep track of the funds that are raised during a program — experience shows that audiences support the shows they value. During last spring's pledge drive, not many people called to support Backstage Pass. Maybe it was because we had only been on for three weeks, but the phones weren't ringing.

So this year, we're going to pull out the stops and do some serious testifying. Starting with a very special show: we're breaking format with three music-related segments. First, Kim Hunter talks with a quartet of Detroit jazz's greats about our city's unique reputation for mentoring in jazz. Young sax man James Carter fronts the quartet, which is rounded out by Harold McKinney on piano, Don Maynard on drums, and "Pistol" Allen on tenor. Each of these men made indelible impressions on James, who is now one of the jazz world's top young stars. They'll talk about the importance of handing down hard-earned knowledge.

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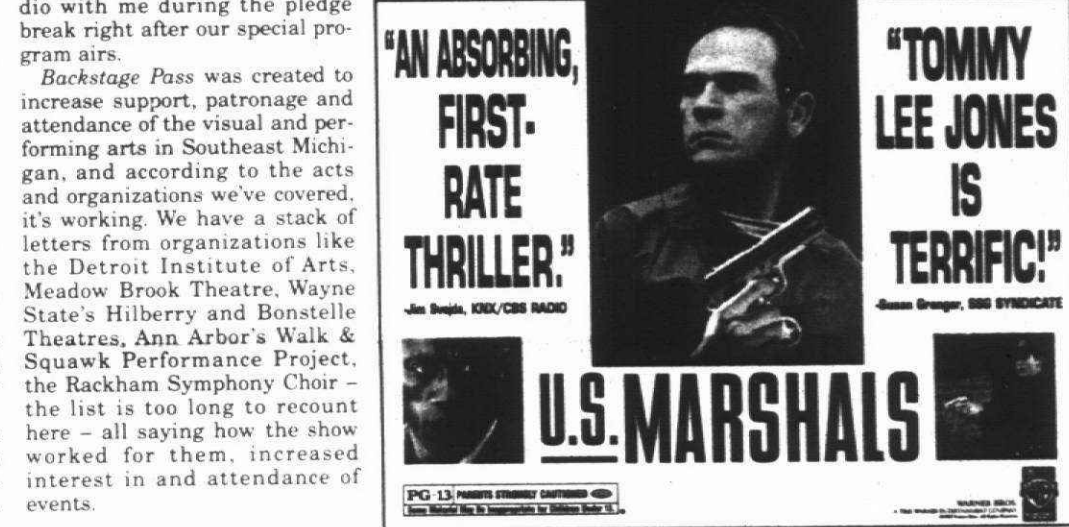
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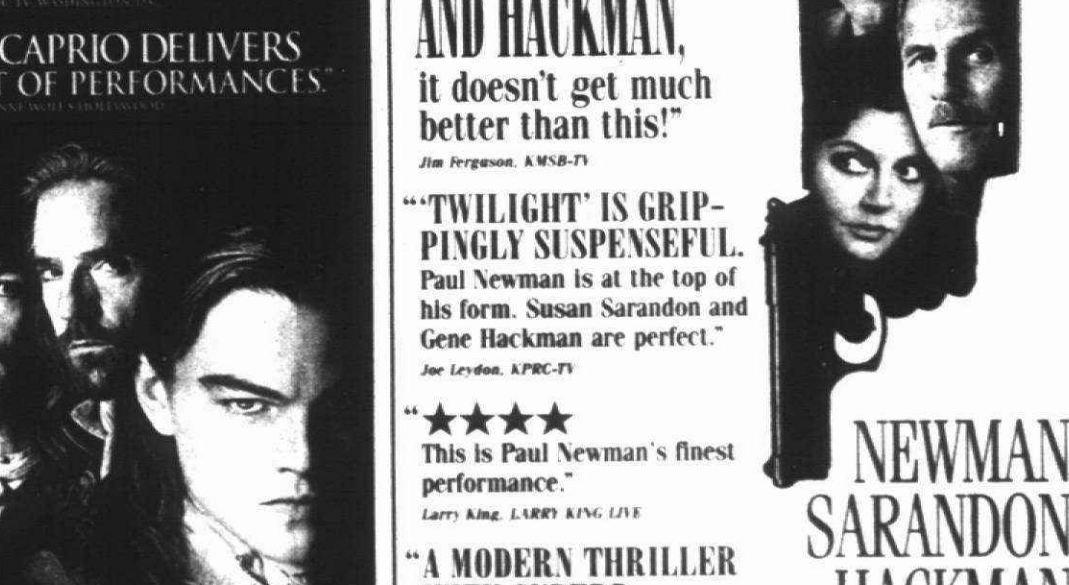
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Large advertisement for 'The Man in the Iron Mask' featuring Leonardo DiCaprio, Jeremy Irons, John Malkovich, Gerard Depardieu, and Gabriel Byrne. Includes promotional text, showtimes, and theater listings.

DINING

O'Grady's Irish Pub brings a bit of Ireland to Troy

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

With a "things Irish" fascination sweeping the nation, it was only a matter of time until it hit Troy in a big way. Big Beaver Road, the city's main corridor, became home to O'Grady's Irish Pub on Wednesday, March 4, with a grand opening benefiting the Boys and Girls Club of Troy.

In addition to Irish addiction is the escalating trend toward neighborhood pubs - informal gathering places for families and friends with good food at moderate prices. O'Grady's in Troy combines the best of both with an Irish-American twist.

Irish specialties such as Corned Beef and Cabbage, Mrs. O'Grady's Irish Lamb Stew, Shepherd's Pie, and homemade Crock-a-Leekie soup, a spin on the standard, have star billing. But the rest of the menu includes house-made items Americans like to eat.

This and more is the half-million dollar transformation of the former Hershel's Deli into a neighborhood pub seating 190. Friendly waitstaff questioned, "Doesn't this look like an Irish pub?" I had to say, "No." But that's not negative. This is not Dublin and Americans want more in "their" pub atmosphere.

However, there are many appealing "things Irish" about O'Grady's. Guinness and 15 other beers on tap get top billing. To complement, is a large 25-seat wooden bar, two double-sided fireplaces accenting cozy side rooms with polished wood floors and three dart boards in a game room, also housing two pool tables.

Some Dublin pubs have a TV for soccer fans. O'Grady's has 18 fed by five satellite dishes. Eight different sports events can be watched on-premise simultaneously! Table seating is comfortable at wood high tops or standard-size. A large portion of the

O'Grady's Irish Pub

Where: 585 W. Big Beaver, Troy, (adjacent to the Drury Inn) (248) 524-4770.

Hours: 11-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 1 a.m. Sunday

Menu: Irish theme, emphasis on fresh is best. Over 75 menu items from Irish specialties to Hebrew National award-winning corned beef to deep-dish Chicago-style pizza with crispy crust are home-made.

Cost: Starters and soups \$3-\$7; burgers and sandwiches \$6-\$8; Irish specialties \$10; chicken, seafood, beef and ribs \$8.50-\$15.

Reservations: Not accepted.

Credit cards: All majors accepted.

floor is carpeted in dominantly green plaid accenting warm wood furnishings and a wide-open feeling.

The brainchild behind this gathering place is Brian Kramer, partner and president of O'Grady's with his father, Stuart. Mom Diane is anxious to greet patrons and brother David is learning the pub business. This is a family-owned and operated pub where an owner will be on-site at all times.

Since 1992, Brian has worked his way up from dishwasher to a vice president of Duggans, partner in Payne's Woodward Inn in Berkley and Woody's in Royal Oak. Stuart, recently retired from corporate life in Blue Cross Blue Shield, said he "always wanted to own his own business."

Jim Bolton, Oakland Community College culinary grad and former executive chef at Embassy Suites in Livonia, directs O'Grady's kitchen turning out 1,500 pounds of corned beef weekly. His recipe recently



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Gathering place: David Kramer (left to right), Chef Jim Bolton, Stuart Kramer, Diane Kramer, and Brian Kramer at O'Grady's Irish Pub. Family-owned and operated, O'Grady's offers good food at moderate prices with an Irish-American twist.

won top award in Hebrew National's contest on "how best to cook corned beef" conducted in New York.

Menu items showcasing the Guinness-flavored corned beef are on the sandwich board. They are served with creamy cole slaw and a pickle spear. English fries can be added for 95 cents. A cup of soup with any sandwich is \$2.25. A traditional corned beef Reuben can be turned into lighter fare with turkey. Whole turkeys are house-roasted and meat is pulled from the bone to make all turkey sandwiches. "Just like the day after Thanksgiving," Bolton quipped.

A number of menu items

appeal to those preferring meatless selections.

Bolton also lays claim to the "best pizza in town." His three-flour dough crust is handmade daily as is the pizza sauce from a recipe originating in Fano, Italy. One topping not to be missed is hand-cut pepperoni. A five-topping large pizza is \$15.

Chef Jim is particularly proud of his perfected recipes for barbecued baby back ribs, original orchestration of Salmon with Honey Mustard and Planked White Fish. If imitation is the best form of flattery then the white fish makes the adage true. Bolton credits his chef friend Randy Emert, executive chef at

Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant, for all the pointers on making it to perfection.

On St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17, it won't be leprechauns you'll see at O'Grady's. Neighborhood folks will be leavin' to the music from WCSX-FM 94.7 from 6 p.m. to midnight. A live Irish band will also perform. A limited menu of corned beef and cabbage with mushroom potatoes, Irish stew and the highly-touted O'Grady Pub Burger will be offered.

An old Irish proverb states, "Laughter is brightest where food is best." In a new-age, that's O'Grady's Irish Pub in Troy.

Just in case you missed it, or lost the paper. Here are some of the restaurants we've recently visited:

■ **Mesquite Creek** - Two locations, 45250 Ford Road, Canton (734) 414-0100; and 7228 Ortonville Road, Clarkston, (248) 620-9300. Open 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Menu: Steakhouse fare with great seafood. Mesquite Creek takes a Tex-Mex spin on everything they do, and uses Certified Angus Beef. Reservations: Sunday-Thursday for parties of eight or more. Credit Cards: All majors accepted. Cost: \$5-\$12 lunch; \$9-\$27 dinner. Children's menu available. Entertainment: Canton location - 7-11 p.m. Wednesdays, The Hits plays soft pop rock favorites. They perform 7-11 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Clarkston location.

Eating out is a treat, and if you're hungry for steaks or seafood, comfortable Mesquite Creek aims to please. Owned by Brian Hussey of Ann Arbor and Mark Laramie of Plymouth, they just opened a second location in Canton and are celebrating their fifth anniversary in Clarkston.

■ **Marvin's Bistro** - 15800 Middlebelt, (between Five Mile and Six Mile roads) Livonia, (734) 522-5600. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday, Bar stays open to 2 a.m.; closed to the public Sundays, open for banquets. Menu: American regional cuisine with an Italian/French influence. Cost: Lunch ranges from \$4.95-\$6.95; dinner \$6.95 to \$13.95. Credit Cards: All majors accepted. Reservations: Not necessary, but advised on Fridays and Saturdays. Carryout: Available. Entertainment: Carl Larson and Ernie Horvath at the piano bar, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 7-10 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. to midnight Wednesday-Saturday. Like her father, comedian Marvin Welch, Susan Anastasiou, who named her restaurant Marvin's Bistro in his honor, enjoys entertaining, but she's a food person.

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Restaurant Specials lists menu specials, anniversaries and other special events. To be included, fax or send information to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI or call (734) 953-2105. You can also e-mail information to keelywygonik@oe.homecomm.net

"DINE OUT DETROIT"

Will give metro Detroit area residents the opportunity to fight AIDS by doing something they frequently do: going out to eat.

Over 100 metro Detroit area restaurants from nearly 40 cities will participate in the third annual "Dine Out Detroit" benefit Friday, March 13. Local restaurants will donate 10 percent of that day's lunch and dinner sales to the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project, Michigan's largest non-profit AIDS education organization. Participating restaurants include Sweet Lorraine's in Southfield, Fonte D'Amore in Livonia and Hawthorne Valley Country Club

in Westland. For more information about "Dine Out Detroit," or a complete list of participating restaurants, call (248) 545-1435, or (800) 627-7769.

BEVERLY HILLS GRILL

Will mark their 10th anniversary on Monday, March 16. The restaurant on Southfield Road (just north of 13 Mile Road) in Beverly Hills will serve complimentary hors d'oeuvres in the evening to celebrate their anniversary, and owners Bill and Judi Roberts will meet customers. Call (248) 642-2355 for information. The Beverly Hills Grill serves breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week. The Roberts also own 220, Edison's and Streetside Seafood, all in downtown Birmingham.

BOTSFORD INN

St. Patrick's Day buffet featuring Irish soda bread, roasted lamb, chicken and ham pie, fish cakes, Colcannon and other Irish specialties served 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 28000 Grand River (at 8 Mile Road) Farmington Hills, (248) 474-4800. There will be entertainment. Cost

\$19.95. A deposit will be required for a reservation.

MARVIN'S BISTRO

St. Patrick's Day specials, corned beef & cabbage, Irish stew, spinach fettuccine with sautéed shrimp, old-fashioned cabbage soup, green beer and Irish creme cheese cake. Entree prices range from \$9.95 to \$13.95. Piano bar will be open during lunch and dinner, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia (734) 522-5600.

HERC'S ROAST BEEF & SPIRITS

St. Patrick's Day specials include corned beef & cabbage, corned beef sandwiches, Irish stew, 36685 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 425-1830.

ARRIBA RESTAURANT

New restaurant opened March 10 in the former Maude's in downtown Ann Arbor on Fourth

Ave. (between William and Liberty).

The restaurant serves moderately-priced Mexican regional specialties, and is open for seven days a week, and is scheduled to begin offering lunch soon.

"People will see; our new place is vibrantly different," said owner Dennis Serras. The private party room is gone, and an immense tree dominates Arriba's larger dining area. "It's like being in the courtyard of a Mexican villa," said Serras. For reservations and information, call (734) 662-8485.

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

"Yesterday's Memories and Tomorrow's Dreams," an evening of dining and entertaining Saturday, April 4 in the Student Center, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Fund-raiser for the Hospi-

tality Studies student scholarship. Event begins 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:15 p.m. Tickets \$35 per person, call (313) 845-9651.

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