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BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

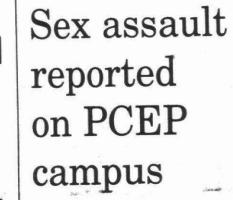
A recommendation to move the proposed new high school closer to Plymouth-Canton Educational Park sparked debate

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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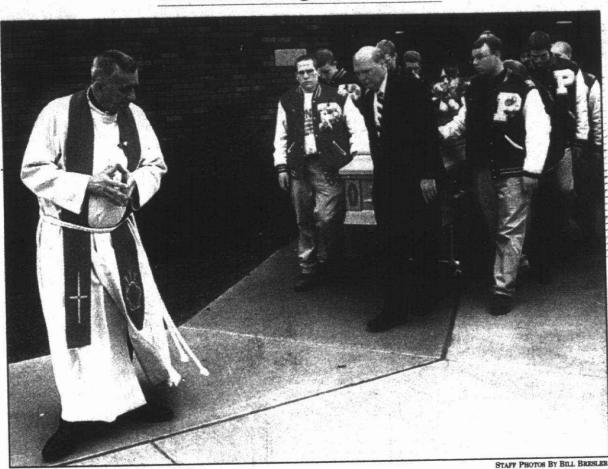
BY VALERIE OLANDER STAFF WRITER

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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Michael Dean Kilgore, 1981-1998



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

earing 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 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. Kilgöre was an honor student and

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Bonfire dispute still smolders in district court

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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

Since testimony was heard Oct. 26, even Judge Ron Lowe said he had diffi-

culty 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

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

Demopoulos. The motion was m 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 Perfetto, 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 Perfetto. 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





PHOTO BY DEANE HANS 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

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 stu-

"He's been fighting this fight for 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 receiv-

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ing 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 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

Good attitude

After he was diagnosed with cancer, Garry, a 13-year Plymouth resident, remained upbeat. "Garry has always been very, 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 who I work with have been very understanding and generous in giving me time off for the surgeries," said Lou, 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 Vision Bowling Lanes on Ford Gabriala's Shop in downtown Road, just east of Hix. The cost Plymouth.

three games of bowling. Terry Kocoloski-Young brainstormed the idea and has been helped tremendously by the Jerry Gibson family of Canton, the Phil Venables family, the Jim Hardy family and the Bill Applegate family, who came to know the Johnsons through the Steelers.

"At this point, he just breaks down in tears when he hears about the fund-raiser." Gibson said. "People have been very generous with donations for the auction and neighbors have brought over dinners. It's been overwhelming for him. He's been one of those people who has never had to lean on anyone before and now he does and to see all this outpouring of giving has been overwhelming for him.

Something for all

The fund-raiser includes a 50-50 raffle, mystery game, men and women's highest game. highest over 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 signaadding that co-workers have ture; meals at various restaurants; 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 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Baby, which was donated by



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

the fund-raiser.

come to our eyes. It's wonderful

Apparently, the Johnsons earned that love. "Garry and hands up. They're a very deservrequests. They're not the type squeak through this.' who have moaned and whined

been supportive of other people

Lou explained her family's gratitude simply: "I was telling Garry, You know how the Eskipeople. Once we are able to get ing family and without any Social Security we will be able to

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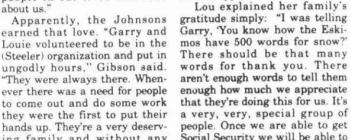




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Wild Wings; Phil Venables, Carhartt jacket. Call Gibson at 453-0555 if everyone has done," Lou said. "A and groaned about how tough ou're interested in attending day doesn't go by that tears don't things are. But they have always "My husband and I are so to know that there's that many and it would be nice if people touched by everything that

people in our lives who care would support them." about us.



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Appeals court denies motion timely finds to dismiss school bond suit

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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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

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

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

"The motions were delaying their "fundamental right to vote" Kim Hauser. "With the motions passed by only 96 votes. taken care of, the case can now be moved to an accelerated sta-

have been pending. However, 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 set-

Meanwhile, the district will new elementary school and a new high school.

that 716 voters were denied

the case, keeping it from having because the touch-screen voting an accelerated hearing," said machines failed to record their Court of Appeals assistant clerk ballots. The special bond issue "In essence, the Court of

Appeals has rejected the school district's claims, and instead Hauser said that means the desires to hear the case on its case will now jump to the top of merits," said Vorva. "I am fightthe list, past other cases which ing for the fundamental right to vote, while they are fighting for she still can't speculate on when 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 for-

ward," said Little. "Millions of dollars are being lost because of the delays." To comment via e-mail:

have to hold up plans to build a tschneider@oe.homecomm.net. If your comments are intended for publication, please include your In his lawsuit, Vorva claimed name and telephone number.



Weather alert

With spring-like conditions one week and winer returning the next, Canton has had its share f 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, Free throws net cash

McDonald's of Canton, owned by Al and Rosie

Fellhauer has donated \$535 to the athletic departments at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem High Schools. The donation will be used to enhance the

weight room The Ford Road McDonald's was the sponsor of the half-time shows held throughout the 1997-98 basketball season at both schools. During each game a McDonald's celebrity free-throw shooter was asked to step up to the free throw line and shoot for a cash donation for the athletic department plus win McDonald's food prizes for the fans in the audience. Celebrities included high school principals, teachers, coaches, etc.

The final shot this year was taken by James Head, a past McDonald's All-American basketball player and current Eastern Michigan University player. Head shot from mid-court to raise

the donation by \$150 and made it. The Canton/Plymouth, Canton/Salem athletics are planning on using the \$535 donation towards improving their weight room.

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"Barb (Kilgore) said to me in

College, careers focus of seminar

Keynote speakers from Johnson Controls and Easter Michigan University will discuss post-high school opportunities.

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The program is free and open quality for Johnson Controls will to all juniors and their parents. speak on the topic: "What For more information, please Employers Look for in the 21st contact Gloria Banks at 455-Century." Judy Tatum, director 6988 at Canton High school or than 500 students and parents of admissions, Eastern Michigan Jan Kavulich at 416-7761 at ^{\$}39 straw handbag Made exclusively for Jacobson's by Falchi Sport. Imported. Black, toast or natural. 10"H x 10"W. Receive a complimentary cosmetic case with your purchase Handbags

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Bonfire dispute from A1 Downsizing plan still up in the air

cookout on July 13 when he was issued the ticket. Yack testified in 35th District

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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 fight the ticket. Fire Chief Mike death of Skelly's 17-year-old stepson, Kevin Armstrong, on Jan. 5, 1996.

found guilty of involuntary has never been subpoenaed, manslaughter, discharging a firearm inside an occupied dwelling and felony firearm. He will serve a minimum of seven for 18 months from the time of 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- name and telephone number.

ing policy established by Publi Safety Director John Santomau ro

According to Officer Kevin Rise's testimony of Oct. 26, the Skellys would have been in vio lation of two of the five guidelines for not burning seasoned

able situation. Skelly is self-employed and has lost eight days of work to Rorabacher and Rise also are summoned to appear each hearing date. Yack was subpoenaed In November, Walker was to testify Oct. 26. Lisa Walker

> state's "speedy trial" law allows arraignment. A decision must be made by February of 1999.

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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, threestory 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,

authority later this month A meeting of the authority's finance subcommittee seems to

make another option, a scaleddown 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 and they will be presented to the udges, prisoners and the public.

The price tag is only \$540,000 less than the three-story struc-

> The court, in Plymouth, serves five communities including Canton Township.

Replacing the original 27,000 square-foot building and bringing it up to today's codes would cost \$4 million. While an exact replica of the burned-out structure would cost \$3.25 million. Those two options appear to be the least acceptable because they don't allow for expected future caseload increases of the court.

"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 **35TH DISTRICT COURTHOUSE** session we'll get a much better eeling 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 court-

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 repre sentatives 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 aware ness of inequities in school funding throughout the state; discuss

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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 con- over 3 percent. Little said this is quer a gap that exists between the fifth consecutive year the Bloomfield Hills (\$11,000 per district has operated with state student) and Plymouth-Canton (\$5,900 per student).

"We hope to show the public there are inequities in school spending for many districts like and poor," said Little. "However, Plymouth-Canton, and maybe it definitely hasn't worked here. urge the state to give back some ocal 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

increase in state funding, while

the Consumer Price Index was

funding increases less than the

"The system is supposed t

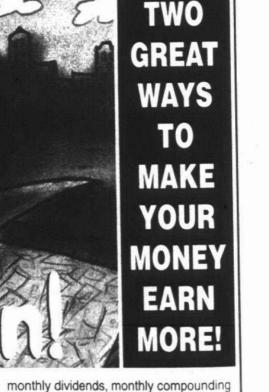
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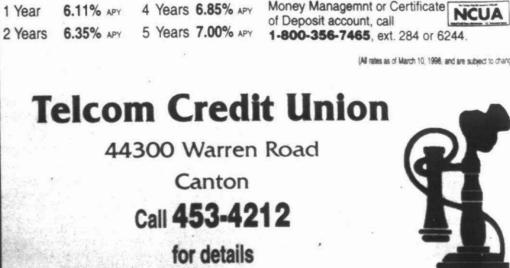


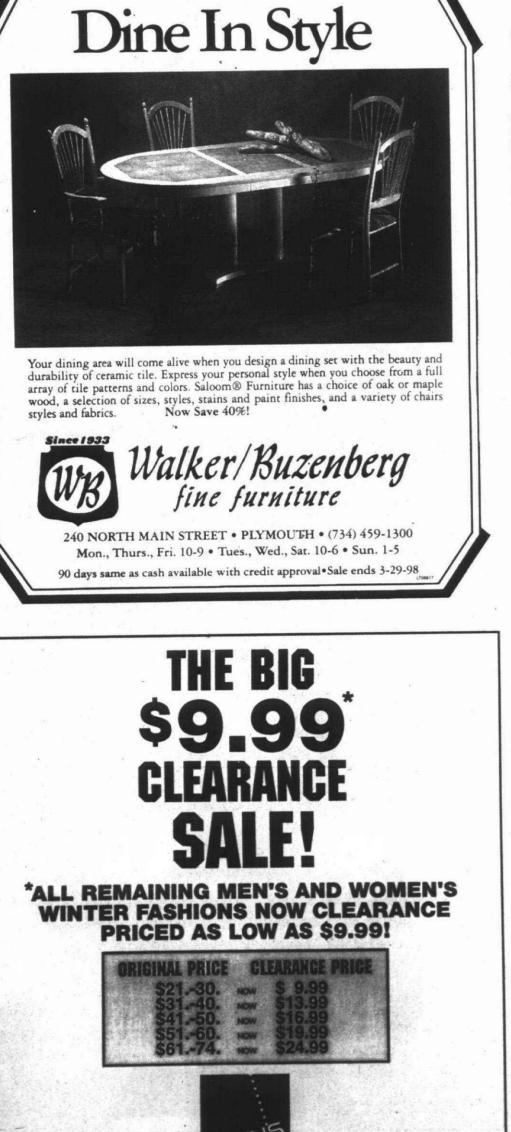
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according to court records. Attorney Demopoulos said the

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 Court of

Appeals judges will rule on that question after they listened to opening arguments Tuesday in 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 oneparty 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, Ply mouth, Plymouth Township

Redford and Westland. Was state law violated?

Richtarcik argued the money collected by Ameritech in 911

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 esented 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 ounty Board of Commissioners from collecting an "impermissible tax" outlined in the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act. County commissioners had adopted resolutions

surcharges was a tax, which in August 1994 which provided would make any Legislative for an increase in the fee action raising the surcharge in charged to telephone subscribers for emergency 911 phone ser-

> 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 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 Headled 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

oluntary 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."

cal, not a legal, question." Ernest Essad, an attorney representing the Conference of Western Wayne, a legislative



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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

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 retir-

Republicans - State Rep. ty. months away, but candidates are Jessie Dalman, 64, of Holland lining up for nominations to announced she will seek a nomistatewide education post. Here is nation. Former chair of the House Education Committee, she is being term-limited out. Priority: making the university affordable for middle-class fami-

David Brandon, 45, CEO of the Livonia-headquartered Valassis Communications and GOP fund-raiser, announced his candidacy for U-M regent during legislative budget hearings. Brandon, a Plymouth Township resident, chairs the board of Central Michigan University, an sweep. appointive position Gov. John Engler has

don will be the nominees, putting former regent Deane Baker, 72, on notice not to try a

comeback. Democrats have a 5-3 majori

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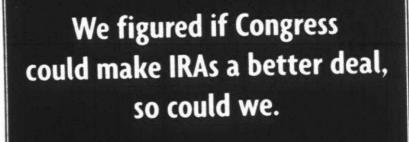
Republicans - Incumbent Delores (Dee) Cook, 65, of Greenville, has Engler's backing for a second term. The second incumbent, Jack Shingleton, 75 is retiring.

Engler is backing Dave Porte ous, 45, of Reed City; Porteou received an appointment to the MSU board in 1996 but lost hi re-election bid in the Democratic

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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 majori-

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 Edu-

cation Association. Republicans - Gary Wolfram, 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.

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

Democrats - Justice Patricia Boyle, 60, of Detroit, announced she won't seek a new term. Justice Michael Cavanagh, 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

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.

How to improve MEAP Educators offer feedback on state tests It gives the kids practice. This view of the pressures put on tests, give faster feedback, and

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

One year the Riverside Middle School fifth graders scored 70 percent proficient on the Michigan Education Assessment Program writing test, and eighth graders scored 76 percent proficient. Next year the fifth grade

boosted its score to 78.7 percent and the eighth grade to 96.3 percent. "We took those who weren't

proficient and sent them to remediation for five days, writing teacher Judi Kulchar told a state House Education subcommittee March 9 in Dearborn Heights. "We diagnosed their weaknesses and remediated that. Only one parent refused (permission for remedial work)." That remedial group consist-

ed of about 44 fifth graders and 40 eighth graders of about 200 in each grade. "We gave them strategies in writing," she said, such as outlining, following

through and sequence. Kulchar said she wrote her own version of the MEAP writing test, calling it a "pre-

proficiency, you've got to spot it cess. She cited a suicide when students were taking the (problems) before. "This year there were only 20

n 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 writ-

is the way to go. If you want kids by the whole testing pro- place them closer to the times attempt, a runaway, gang inci- appropriate courses. dents, 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 soon social studies. MEAP tests are geared to measure student outcomes rather than how many hours a student sat in a

Bogardus' panel was following up on 1996 changes written into state law. The changes

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 adminis-

trator "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 McIn-

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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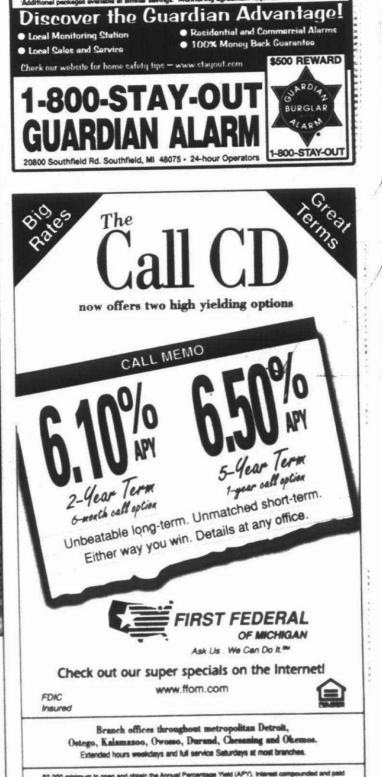
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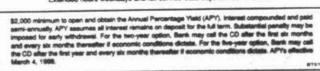
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said it was the nature of the emergency service that dictated the fee be spent around the district to have the 911 system Wayne County Taxpayers Asso-

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has upheld a law merging

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The law took effect last Oct. 1

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cases, became circuit judges.

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cases as well as criminal cases.

Wayne County Circuit Court.

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each user of service," Essad said. 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.

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district comparisons cannot and said.

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER The appellate court can rule on the issues at any time. Rose Bogaert, chair of the ciation, hoped the panel would

rule in favor of her organization. "You can't send out a bill for She calls 911 a "necessary and admirable service" but disagrees When Doctoroff responded that 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 Harretha Jarrett, Wayne that is unconstitutional. Nobody County's attorney, concluded should be allowed to levy a tax that the taxpayers' group had without a vote of the people."

terms of the Detroit court to which they were elected, but

then must run countywide to keep their posts, the state law

> We find that the manner in which the Legislature provided

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

Appeals panel backs court merger

for the election to fill the newlycreated Wayne Circuit Court the Legislature has exceeded its The 29 judges may fill out the udgeships was within the discretion recognized by the Supreme Court," said appellate Judges Hilda Gage, Maureen Pulte Reilly and Kathleen Jansen. "Plaintiffs have not, under the

circumstances, established that constitutional authority," they added.

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

Your Irish eyes are smiling

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 judge-

"Furthermore, his status as an Oakland County Circuit Court Please see MERGER, A10

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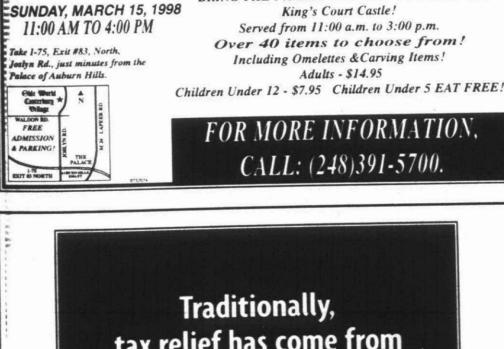
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Meanwhile, if there was any family backgrounds influence cate whether Detroit is a point doubt the MEAP tests are gaintest results, said Maiorano. So or origin or a destination. One ing in importance, a legislative do pupil-teacher ratios, teacher question asks why Michigan was experience, teachers with mas- such an important part of the proposal shows they're here to stay. On the House calendar is ter's degrees and other factors. Underground Railroad. The answer was that it was close to HB 5096, which would require with these factors instead of Canada, "but the map doesn't the Michigan Higher Assistance being reported raw. "District to even show Canada!" McFarland Authority to consider MEAP high school scores in granting should not be reported," he said.
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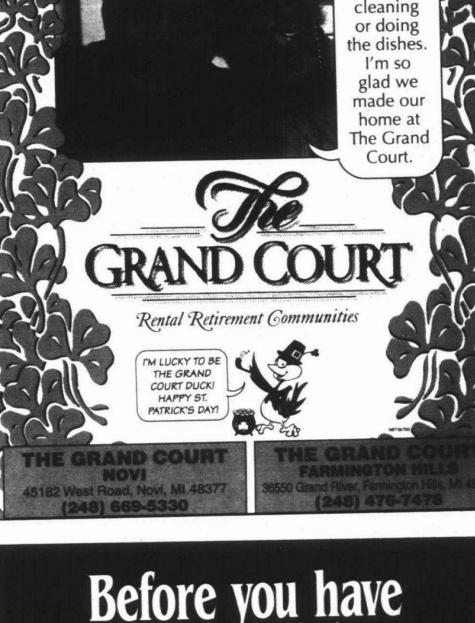
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to your graduation?" he asked. He received a resounding, "Yes." The "field of dreams" that became All Saints was on the

property of Resurrection Catholic Church - south of Warren Road, between Beck and Ridge roads Kathryn Kristoff and her hus-

band, 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 con-

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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 chil-

dren 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 thirdgrader 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.



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 Parents' Day '98 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 Partner**ships 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

The half-day event on Saturday, March 28 – 'You're a better parent than you think' - will feature a guest speaker and 26 mini-sessions which parents may attend. Featured speaker is Dr. Ray Guarendi, a clinical psychologist who specializes in parenting and families.

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, a 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 registered 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.

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.

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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 Coloi, 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-

"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 breakout 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-

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.

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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 Hapens!" - Helping your child cope with frustrations at school. Peggy Schneider, elementary chool 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

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 Shemanske.

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.

Middle School principal.

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Madonna offers summer program for high school grads

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University before acceptance to the Summer Start Program. is a great opportunity for these "We are result to for a great opportunity for these" English 101 and Computer Scistudents as they will participate ence 208. The courses will incorin learning seminars as well as porate writing and math/com- and study skills. develop a learning community puter skills to assist future acawith other first-year college stu- demic success. dents."

Classes will be held three days the program and one lunch peri-Madonna University's second a week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. od each week will be designated

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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 tive responses. 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 crimi-

discounted up to \$1,900

ing because this statute does ties, criminal cases were decided 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 legisla-

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, howev-

judge does not grant him stand- nal court. In the other 82 coun- er, looked into "Convention Com-"ment" from the 1961-62 convennot dilute the power or integrity by countywide circuit court tion and found the Legislature may abolish statutory courts (such as recorder's) to transfer their duties elsewhere. Kuhn has filed a similar suit

For information, students may

contact their high school coun-

Admission Office at (734) 432-

Lunch will be included with seling office, or call Madonna's

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in U.S. District Court for eastern Michigan.

Reason for hope? But at one point, the Court of Appeals gave Kuhn reason to hope the state Supreme Court might find in his favor. It cited a 1974 opinion which upheld grandfathering in Berkley municipal judges as state district judges.

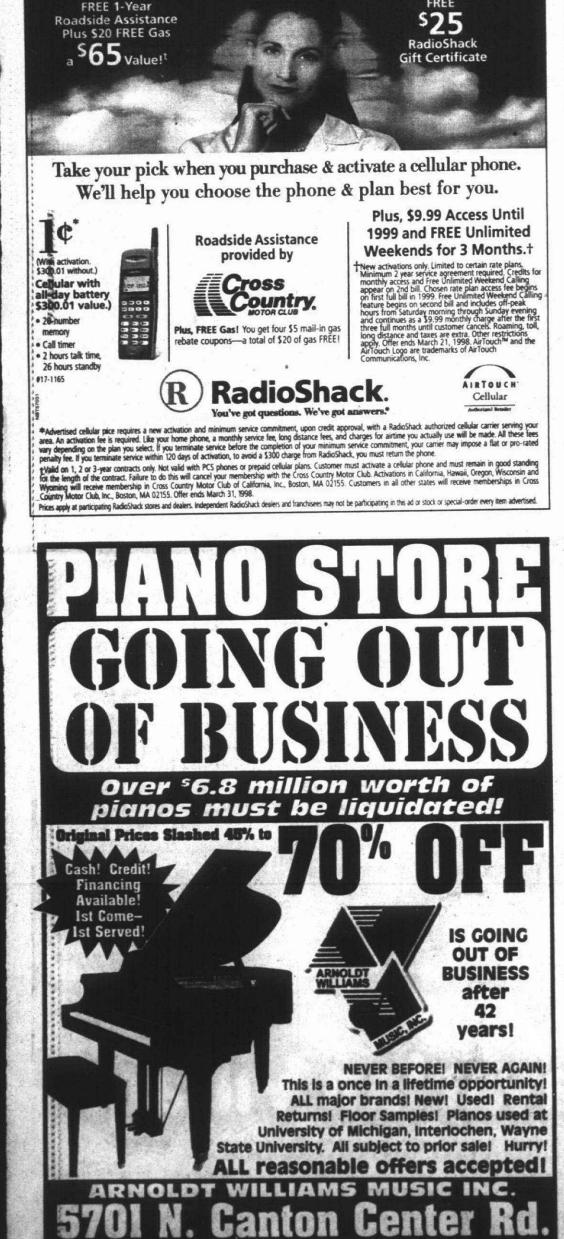
"Were we to decide Schwartz (the Berkley decision) today, we would not be so willing to grant the Legislature the same degree f discretion" in filling new udgeships. "Nonetheless, we are bound by the precedential effect of this Supreme Court opinion and obligated to follow it holding" in deciding Kuhn's suit. Source: CA case 206199, Kuhn us. Secretary of State.





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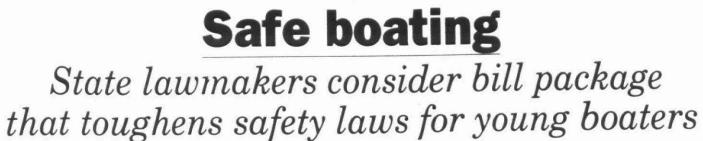




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Approximately 20 1997-98 for these courses will be funded high school graduates, who are through institutional funds. tunity to complete six college interested in attending Madoncredit hours at Madonna Univer- na University in the 1998 fall



BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Young boat and personal watercraft operators will have to pass tests, be closely supervised and obey stricter safety laws ty." under a package of bills heading to the House of Representatives Details aren't final. For example, Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, wants to clean up rules about operating boats in Holland, sponsor of two of the narrow channels where divers bills, prevailed when she argued:

are at work. The bills require 200-feet 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.

"We have an agreement with the Senate (committee). They won't let our bills go through unless there's action on theirs." The bills are on the calendar and could be voted on this week. The Michigan Boating Industries Association opposed the bills, arguing that "the need to

create a license for operation has never been statistically substantiated or proven to increase safe-

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"Of the U.S. boating fatalities in

1992, 40 percent involved opera-

tors with no formal boating safe-

ty instruction." Her bills would

require young motorboat opera-

tors to pass a course and carry a

Patrick McCullough, former

state senator from Dearborn,

said on behalf of boat manufac-

turers that the Michigan bills

are "very close" to national

model bills the industry is pro-

McCullough also favored use

of videotape instruction for

can't get parental transportation

Sharolyn Zagurny, an Oak-

land deputy representing Sheriff

John Nichols, voiced strong sup-

port for "educating more stu-

dents" on boat safety. Oakland

Dalman's House Bills 4247

to formal boat safety classes.

has 450 lakes.

certificate

and 4248 cover motorboats. Here are some main provisions as of But Rep. Jessie Dalman, R-

March 4: Effective this May 22, a person 19 or younger would have to pass a mandatory safety course. (The bill's earlier version placed the age at 30 and younger.)

■ No fee may be charged for the course or certificate. (McCullough argued for a small fee.)

A person under age 14 may not operate a motorboat without a boating safety certificate and supervision of someone 16 or older, and the motor is under 35 horsepower

Persons 14-17 may operate boating safety certificate issued youngsters in rural areas who after taking a safety course. The operator must carry the certificate and present it on demand to a peace officer. Peace officers may stop an operator for "probable cause" but not just to check for safety certificates.

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. Opera tors, 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 behind 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

They may not operate with a motorboat if they possess a in 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.

Madonna to host open house

Madonna University in learn about the more than Livonia is holding an open 50 career-oriented programs house for prospective stu- offered during the day, dents from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, March 28, in the Take 5 Lounge on campus.

ty, staff and students, and

evenings and weekends. For information, call Madonna University's Those attending will tour Admissions Office at (734) the campus, meet with facul- 432-5339 or e-mail: muinfo@smtp.munet.edu.

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School site from page A1

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

"Our schools are able to offer numerous opportunities to students only because we share facilities," said Cynthia Burn- classes - from all subjects stein, of the Bond Steering Committee

move the new building closer to tion. PCEP than planned, mainly to cut down on transportation costs grams, particularly band, would 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 wellpublicized and is what the public was promised.

"She was scared to the point

she could not yell or say any-

Two students may have wit-

nessed the sexual assault and

nonchalantly walked away with-

out reporting it to school admin-

always concerned me. During

thing," police said.

istrators.

"I get frustrated when public officials say they're going to do something and then do something differently," said trustee Mike Maloney.

If the three schools operated independently, about 69 elective would have to be canceled because of low enrollment, Now the committee wants to according to the recommenda-

> The cost of triplicating probe high. The estimated cost of triplicating the band program would easily be \$2 million, Burnstein said.

"We need to position ourselves so we're not forced to cut programs in lean economic times," Burnstein said during a presen-

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

Mike Maloney,

School board member

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.

talk when the boy coaxed her to

hide under a stairwell so that

The conversation turned to

rity officers.

"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 and Fiegel Elementary teacher. 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 Tenure for Dan Young, a

Pioneer teacher. Appointing Ken Jacobs, assistant principal at Canton High School to director of main-

tenance and operations. Hiring Jan Eggers, now a Salem High School English teacher.

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

(four in all) who patrol the hall-

Canada.

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CANTON TOWNSHIP ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliar aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of auds and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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

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 ollowing described project REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS to provide ENGINEERING CONSULTING

Run-off and Best Management Design for the Nine Hole Expansion of Pheasant Run Golf Club Request for Proposal documents are 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 Publish: March 12, 1998

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.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack Members Absent: None Durack, Machnik, Santomauro, Dingledey, Fox, Mills, Staff Present:

Olson, Voyles, Weyer, Wrublewski 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 grew to service the vehicles of twelve township divisions, Public Safety. Public Works and Grounds Maintenance being the largest groups in terms f vehicle maintenance needs. Mr. Machnik noted that with the move from Basic Life Support (BLS) vehicles to Advanced Life Support (ALS) an ncrease 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 n maintenance of their vehicles and equipment including vehicle set-ups. outside repair costs, vehicle replacement equipment, accident/inciden 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 areas 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 Baublitz 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

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

School Council. "Sure, there's issues here that need to be addressed. I'm not

sure how security works at the high schools, so I really can't comment on that," she added. Parent Mara Peterson had a similar response: "I find this a "My daughter is involved with little frightening, especially

a lot of extracurricular activities because my daughter is taking a so-(her safety) after hours photography class," she said. The 17-year-old alleged attackschool, no. Not really," said Ellie er has been suspended while a

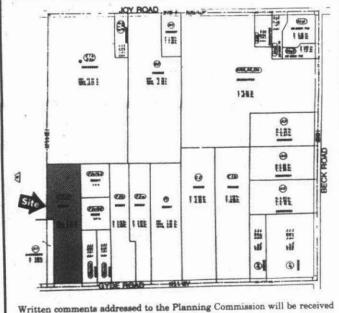
Shupra, president of the Ply- school investigation continues, mouth-Canton Community said Ken Jacobs, assistant prin-

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

Sex assault from page A1

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 nistration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

LOCKARD/JABARA REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 017 99 0018 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property i located on the north side of Gyde Road between Beck and Ridge Roads **Rescheduled** from March 2, 1998.

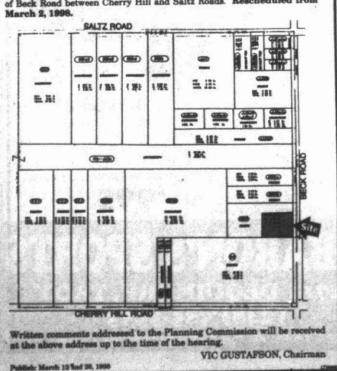


at the above address up to the time of the hearing. VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairma Publish: March 12 and 26, 1998

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RAY REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PART OF PARCEL NO. 068 99 0012 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 Saltz Roads. Rescheduled from



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cipal of general administration student to the school district this and discipline at the Plymouth- semester. The two students Canton Educational Park (PCEP)

tation to the school board.

disagrees with.

Blamer said

Trustee Carrie Blamer said

the PCEP land was originally to

have four buildings, a plan she

"I cannot see four high schools

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-

on one site. I can see two

because we've lived with it,"

"The detectives have finished their investigation and made a they wouldn't be caught by secuwarrant request to the (Wayne County) Prosecutor's Office. It's up to the prosecutor to decide what the charges will be," said Capt. Laura Golles.

boy pinned her arms to the The 17-year-old is considered ground and allegedly raped her. 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

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

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL LOTS AND PARCELS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: BETWEEN KOPPERNICK AND WARREN ROADS AND BETWEEN 1-275 AND THE & O RAILROAD INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING SIDWELL

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045-99-0008-001 WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts o 1954, this Board has initiated proceedings relating to the construction of a road, sanitary sewer, and water main to benefit the areas described in herein, and to accomplish this improvement and secure funds therefore by creating said premises into a special assessment district against which

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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the board will meet of Tuesday, the <u>24th</u> day of <u>March</u>, 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 specia ssessment 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.

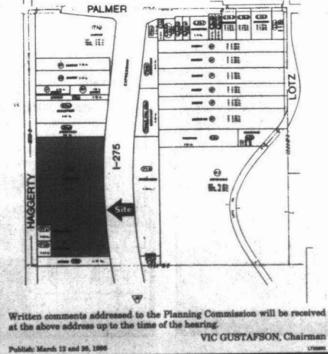
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Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance: GRIFFIN/CANTON TOWNSHIP REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST

RESEARCH PARK. Property is located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Palmer Road and Michigan Avenue.



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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

TERRY BENNETT, Township Cler

TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 098 99 0028 001 FROM 0-1, OFFICE, TO RP,

reports.

sexual advances, which the girl realized what was actually hapdeclined several times, she told pening," said Golles. police. After a brief struggle, the Jacobs said the school is talking to various students, but declined to say whether the two Even more surprising was the possible witnesses have been

reaction of two unknown girls who apparently went to the found. "This is a big place. If somestairwell to smoke cigarettes and thing like this happened, it's a saw the sexual assault taking real tragedy," he added.

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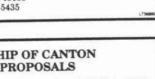
The district employs two security guards for each high school name and telephone number.

place. They asked if they could ways. Two others are stationed stay there to smoke. The boy told in both student parking lots to apparently left the lunch room to them to leave, according to police enforce the "closed campus" policy. A seventh security officer After the attack, the victim patrols between the two schools went outside and saw the two girls standing there. One asked outside "Do I think the school is too the victim if she "got f-----." "I don't know if (the two girls)

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 situa-

tschneider@oe.homecomm.net. If your comments are intended for publication, please include your





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 She was a homemaker and member of the First Presbyter-

ian 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, 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 resi-

dent. 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 Sympho ny. She was an avid traveler. Her survivors include her husband, Elvin A. of Plymouth; one daughter, Mary E. Taylor of Ply-

mouth; one son, Richard (Irene) Taylor of Plymouth; five grandchildren, Craig (Kim) Meyers of Pinckney, Mark (Marie) Meyers of Westland, Merrill (John)

McArdle of Canton, Kristal (David) Smith of Canton, Geoffrey (Maureen) Taylor of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and seven greatgrandchildren.

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 mar-

ried 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. Kuras 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

His was preceded in death by his father, Elmer Holten. His survivors include his wife, Margaret Holten; his mother, Made line Cousins; one son, Mark (Cheryl) Holten in Dearborn; on 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,

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OBITUARIES

Wednesday, March 11, at the MARY MATERIA Services for Mary Materia, 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. Materia 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 Materia. Her survivors include her three daughters, Alma Trackwell, Roberta (Larry) George, Betsy (Craig) Jueckstock; two sons, Luke, Kenneth (Carol); 12 broth ers; one sister; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchil-

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

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JOHN PAUL (JACK) BELLMORE Services for John Paul (Jack) Bellmore, 78, of Northville, for-

merly 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. 28 at University of Michigan Hospital in

Ann Arbor. He retired in 1987 from Ford Motor Company after 50 dedicat-

ed years of service. He was employed as a manufacturer's representative from 1987 to 1998. He lived in Plymouth for 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 Bellimore 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, Ply mouth region, 485 S. Main St. Plymouth 48170 or as Mass

offerings to the church. MARJORIE STEWART Services for Marjorie Stewart,

100, of Livonia were held on

Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. James Skimins officiating Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in ivonia.

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

Mrs. Stewart was a homemak er 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& A.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 Plynouth 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, Kaitlyn; 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, 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 nother 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.

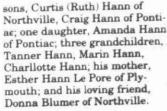
WILLIAM CURTIS HANN

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



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

n Jamaica. She died on March 5 in Canton. She was a mortgage counselor in the banking ndustry.

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

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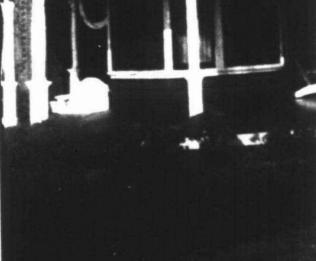
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THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1998

School board Keep process out in the open

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

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What else can be made of the almost cloakand-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 ubmitted a letter with his application saying be 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 like-

| ly 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 some-

one who has nothing to gain by being on the board. Someone who has a lot to offer, namely interest in students rather 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.

Happy 30th birthday, SEMCOG

f you look at a multi-colored map of south-east 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 poten-

All this comes to mind with the 30th anniversary this year of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, which was born n 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 nonprofit 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 informa-

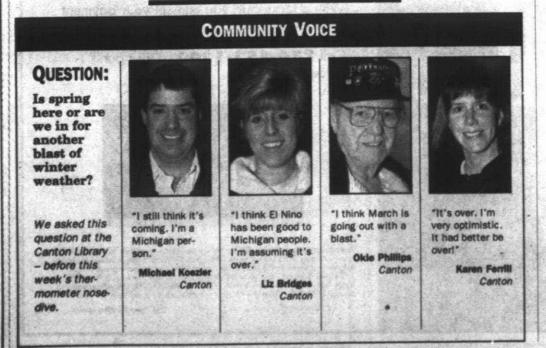
tion and cooperation to local officials as well as a voice on how the region should approach ong-range, mutual problems. Some of the problems facing the region in

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 county 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.





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.

LETTERS

politan Airport.

was being verbally abused by Wayne County's

Only stupidity and incompetence can allow

such conditions to exist at one of the busiest

and largest terminals in the country in one of

its major cities. What a welcome! With all of

the upbeat economic plans going on in the

Detroit, my place of birth, it is awful that a

visitor's first experience upon arriving in our

city is the negative one he or she encounters

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

moment to honor the contributions of those

who volunteer to be designated drivers.

St. Patrick on March 17, we should also take a

Why? Because designated drivers help in

doing what even the luck of the Irish cannot:

stop drunken driving. In fact, designated dri-

vers have contributed to a 36 percent decline

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Patrick with a toast, let's all remember to look

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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

Frequent flier annoyed

aving 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-anda-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 1982. 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 St. Patrick's Day gathering places in Michiinside 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. nated driver and drink responsibly. 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 out for each other and volunteer to be desigmiss my flight), seemed interminable and was nated drivers. extremely painful. And of course, the moving walkways going to the gates were not work-

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 carousel or any other and I walked around each carousel in a useless search. Meanwhile, the courageous soul waiting outside for me

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n deer heaven.

Ameritech chose b.

ings. Renting space to the pinocnle-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

course not. But the course of history ultimately is deterdisagreed. "Why couldn't an exemption be mined by the outcomes of millions and millions allowed?" asked another trustee. of little deals just like this one. Certainly, for "This group has been in existence since prior to the policy. I think it's an isolated group, and the seniors who have been playing pinochle on Monday mornings in Fire Hall No. 4, staying I don't see it coming back to bite us. They're put was a big deal. And it's exactly the job of home town newspaeven willing to pay rent." And like program managers the world over. pers like this one to contribute to countless township parks and rec officials asserted consoldeals - whether you think them big or little idating the pinochle game into the Recreation because they are relevant and therefore impor-Activities Center was good for the seniors. "It's tant to the daily lives of our readers. It's a wonalways been our goal to have senior citizen proderful job! grams under one roof. For the good of the Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Comsenior program, they are much better off cen-

ideas, as do your neighbors. That's why we offer this space on a weekly basis for opinions in your own words. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity, we ask that you sign your letter and provide a contact telephone number. foot, I found my bag was not on the announced Canton Observer, 794 South Main Street,

POINTS OF VIEW

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

heaven Up North, the cost of my weekly grocery bill umped: \$50 for food for me, \$25 for orn kernels for the neighborhood

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

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

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 l 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-

toes. One day I spotted a blush 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 miss-

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

Wour 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."

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 axed 399 workers. That's almost 800 workers, already half of what I had predicted. Customer care workers handle your

changes of address, requests for change of phone numbers and longdistance provider requests. Lovrenich and her friends are pondering demotions and transfers to other states.

One doubts Ameritech's business judgment because the staff had just received new computers, training in same, new chairs and a new batch of hires - a strange series of steps for a company about to trash 395 people. My Feb. 26 column was about the

class action lawsuit in Madison County, Ill., circuit court that Ameritech was proposing to settle for \$76.1 million to Line Backer customers and \$1.9 million for their

attorneys' fees. In it, I made one small mistake. I said all Line Backer customers must get theirs automatically. Only former Line Backer customers must file a

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.

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 dis-

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.

box is so full of attacks on Ameritech recent ones

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."



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.

News story hits close to home

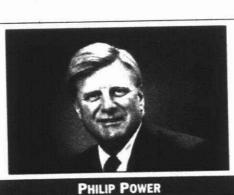
rom time to time. I devote this column to examples of how hometown newspapers make a big difference in the daily lives of our readers in ways that other news media can't. Here's another example:

Last December, the 30 or so senior citizens who for some 20 years have been playing pinochle 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 pinochle 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 meet-

trally located," explained one official. Late in December, the township board decided that the Monday morning pinochle game could stay in Fire Station No. 4, at least until



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

So in February, the pinochle players went on the offensive. As Kowalski's story put it, "The 30 or so club members have been going door-todoor 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.

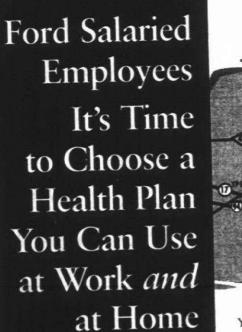
And what happened? Ta, da!

The commission decided the Monday morning pinochle 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 pettifogging governmental rules, hundreds of petitions and exten-

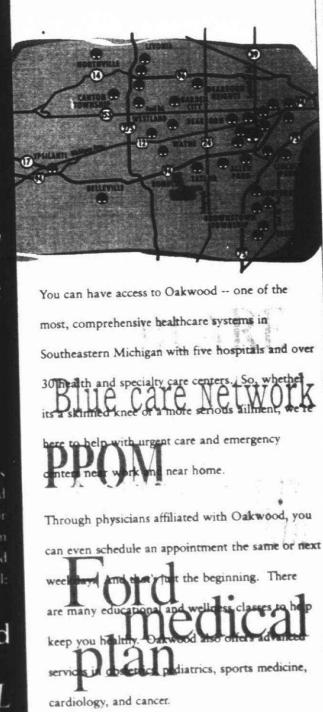
sive coverage in the local newspaper got results. Is this a big deal, the kind that will change for ever the course of Michigan history? Of

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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 vears

"We're seeing a lot more fami-lies 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

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

ticing law in Michigan and Washington, D.C., and is a partner in the Washington firm of Verner, Liipfert, 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 Michi-

Democrats have instituted a speaker's forum to contribute to public discourse within our community to encourage young peo-

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PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH



JANET TROST

Similarities between teens, 2-year-olds

s 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

12 plus 1 ways to overcome your superstitions

Community Life

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 anake 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.

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■ 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

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.

ch SIX

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

witch. 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

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.

cal arts. The Trinity hosting "Around the Sunday, Mar

feel like the "t ad 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 pårents" rule.

Suggest to your son that he can have only 'me 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.

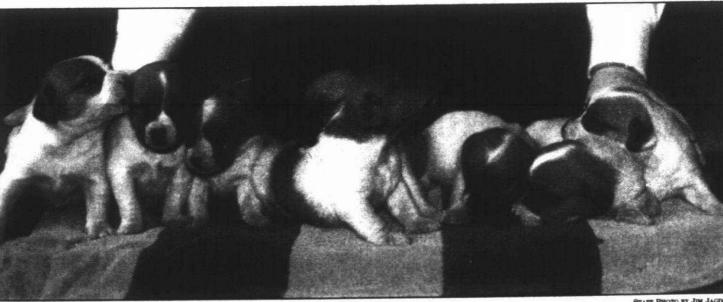
By giving your children choices you will not find yourself always having to say "no" to their requests.

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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So cute: Jan and Kermit Walter donated one of their Jack Russell terrier puppiess 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.

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.

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

ike 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, ovenroasted 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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anchor when they are most out they have gone past their abiliof control. Clearly set limits ties, help them to learn from about what behaviors you will their mistakes and encourage accept and what consequences them to try again when they feel will occur when limits are violat- ready.

Many teens begin to feel that turned down may feel awful, but they know more than their parents. It may be important to remind your teen that you don't like being corrected in front of others for every little mistake you make. The two of you may encouraging her to try again agree that you will extend this respect toward each other and only correct one another in private for the most serious of

errors. For toddlers, you may want to set safety limits about how close he can go toward the street when what teenagers will be like by he plays outside. If he crosses that line, immediately put him in the house. These rules provide hildren with a sense of security physical and verbal skills). In that comes from understanding and respecting boundaries.

Give them rope, but don't let go of the other end! Allow your child to try new experiences that are age-appropriate. When

Auction from page B1

computer network system, and to renovate the library. The \$170,000. academy needs to add classroom space for the secondary school and a large area to support multi-purpose student activities.

This year's goal is to raise "The school is growing and we need to keep one step ahead,"

Oswalt said. To preview the auction-dinner, the school is holding the "Mini-Live Auction," formerly called the "Thursday Walk-Through," a free family event at the PCA

Asking a girl out and being

it doesn't mean your teenage son

should never try again. Your 2-

year-old may want to pour her

own drink, but misses the cup.

Minimize the problem while

Be the safety net for your kids

- a place where they can talk

Prevention is best. Someone

told me once that you can predict

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doors as teens! This may also

mean that a complacent child

about their experiences without

when she is a little bigger.

feeling judged or ridiculed.

activity center at 6 p.m. Friday, March 13. The "Walk-Through" will feature items made and donated by each class. The children's choirs

will provide the entertainment. "It's shaping up to be a great event," Oswalt said. "All the kids get to participate in it. It gives the feel of a live auction. It's a

good introduction to auctions. "There's something for every-

Aspen chest and the class filled

Children and parents will also have the opportunity to be a principal for a day, have free unches in the school cafeteria for a year, sit in the front row for the school's concerts, or to park in a front-row parking space.

attended the preview night. tion of Excellence" has become an increasingly popular event, Oswalt said. Last year, tickets sold out prior to the event.

it in the past. It's fun. The purpose is fund-raising, but it's done in such a fun way that people really enjoy it."

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar LIVONIA FRANKLIN should be submitted in writing The Livonia Franklin High no later than noon Friday for the School Patriots Club will have a next Thursday's issue. They can craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia Joy Road, Livonia. More than 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

ST. SABINA St. Sabina School's Parents

Activities Club will have a spring craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 14 at the school, Ann Arbor Trail, east of Inkster Road. For more information, call Jane Palmer at (313) 953-5914. LIVONIA CHURCHILL

The Livonia Churchill High

School PTSA will have its juried spring arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the school, 8900 Newburg Road, Livonia. Admission will be \$1; strollers and wheelchairs welomed. For more call Diane at (734) 422-4507 or Garrett at (734) 464-7425. ST. DAMIAN'S

St. Damian's Church will have a collector's sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the church, 29891 Joy Road, Westdren under age 12 free. Table space, costing \$25, is available. Proceeds will benefit Christian Service. For more information,

the Observer Newspapers and Youth Living Centers can present gives a parent little trouble as a a four-part educational series as part of Parenting Awareness The key is to think about your Month.

child's characteristics and help

him or her to positively build on

those traits throughout child-

Work to build a good relation-

ship before the teen years hit,

which surprisingly strikes some

children as young as 10 or 11

years old. A good foundation of

trust, nurturing and support will

go a long way in surviving this

challenging time in your child's

Janet Trost is a local parent-

ing educator and the manager of

After Baby Comes (ABC), a pro-

gram that provides support to

first-time parents who deliver at

Oakwood Hospital Annapolis

Center Wayne. ABC is a project

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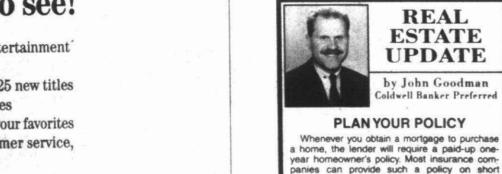
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175 crafters will be featured. Admission will be \$1 for those older than 5 years of age. No strollers will be permitted, how ever, people in wheelchairs will be admitted at 9:30 a.m.

LIVONIA STEVENSON Crafters are needed for the Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club's Spring Spectacular craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Spaces - 10 feet by 10 feet or 5 feet by 16 feet - cost \$50. Limited electricity is available at no additional cost, and chairs (no tables) are available upon request. For an application or more information, call (734) 464 1041 or (248) 478-2395.

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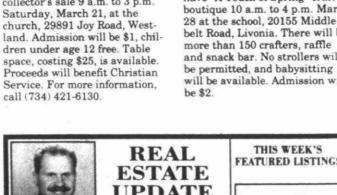
The Athletic Booster Club of Clarenceville High School will have "A Touch of Spring" craft boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28 at the school, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. There will be more than 150 crafters, raffle and snack bar. No strollers will be permitted, and babysitting will be available. Admission will



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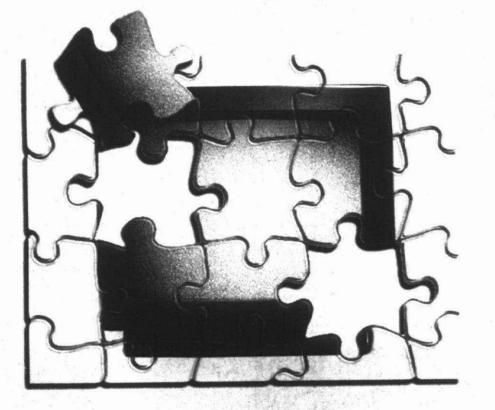
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For 'Walk Home': Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc. was on the receiving end of \$1,000, presented to Susan Hibbler, director of finance, by Richard Hess, president of the Flatlander's Bow and Gun Club of Westland. The money continues the club's support of CHHCS and its "Walk Home," an annual walkathon that will be held on Oct. 3 at the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park. For more information about sponsorships for "Walk Home," call (734) 522-4244.

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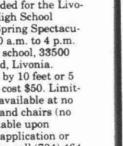
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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Losh-Harris

Gloria Hofer of Detroit announces the engagement of her daughter, Michelle Rene, to D. Scott Harris, the son of Willard and Diane Harris of Westland

The bride-to-be is a 1981 graduate of Redford High School. She is employed as the accounts receivable manager for D & D Landscaping Inc.

Her fiance is a 1981 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He is the owner of Harris Paint

A March wedding is planned in at the Flamingo Hilton Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev.

MacKenzie-Moellering

Anne Elizabeth Moellering and Dean Norman MacKenzie were married Oct. 18 at St. James Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Troy Waite officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Moellering of Grosse Pointe Park. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hawley A. Mackenzie of

The bride is a graduate of Central Michigan University and Wayne State University, where she received a master's degree She is employed as a teacher for Warren Consolidated Schools.

Central Michigan University. He is employed as a sales representative for Wausau Insurance Co. The bride asked Suzanne Wilson to serve as her maid of honor with Mrs. James Fets, Laurie Helin, Mrs. Neil Crane, Suzanne Saad and Christine Jerzy serv-

ing as bridesmaids. Martin Kopera served as best

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The groom is a graduate of man with Scott MacKenzie, Jonathon Cerne, Thomas Moellering, Richard Moellering and Gregory Herman serving as

After greeting guests at the Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods, the couple honeymooned at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. They are making their home in Royal Oak.

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Schumacher-Kautz John and Clemelia Schumacher of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter. Sarah Catherine, to Franz Andrew Kautz, the son of Franz

and Elizabeth Kautz of Southampton, Pa. The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a graduate of the University of Michigan, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1991 and a master of business administration degree

in 1995. Her fiance is a 1992 graduate of Pennsylvania State Universiy with a bachelor of science egree in engineering and a 1995 graduate of Ohio State Iniversity with a master of electrical education degree. A May wedding is planned in

Dayton, Ohio.

Harvey-Pace

David and Janet Harvey of Lambertville and Doris Harvey of Dearborn announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Gina Patricia, to Craig Joseph Pace, the son of Dennis and Wanda Pace of Canton and Jim and Nancy Magyar of West-

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Bedford High School in Temperance. She is employed as human resources manager at Marshall's Department Store in Ann Arbor.

Her fiance is a 1984 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland. He is employed as a welder at CCI Corporation in Imlay City.

A March wedding is planned.

Backyard





An April wedding is being planned. Norquist-Lyndrup

Redford.

Foltz-Gehringer

munity School District.

Jeanine Foltz of Ann Arbor

and Don Gehringer of Northville

have announced their engage-

The bride-to-be is employed as

teacher by the Westwood Com-

Her fiance, the son of Mar-

gueritte Gehringer of Livonia, is

partner at Gehringer Printing

Jerry and Susan Norquist of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacia, to Steven Lyndrup, the son of David and Barbara Lyndrup,

lso of Canton. The bride-to-be is a graduate f Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as an occupaional therapist by the St. John Iealth System. Her fiance is employed as

chief of security at General Motor Powertrain Plant in War-A May wedding is planned at

the First Baptist Church of Plymouth.



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WEEKEND ANTIQUE SHOW

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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 col lectors 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 Uni versity'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.

There will be a "Dad's Night Out" 7-9 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Youth Living Centers' Community Center, 30000 Hiveley 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. Trost at (734) 728-3400. Child care by request only during preregistration. 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, 426 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

D & M Studio's Once Upon an Easel presents "Teach and Parent 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 relat ed workshops include: Skills II and "How To Part ner Reading, Writing and Visual Arts." D & M Stu-

Dillenbeck at (734) 453-3710.

dio's Once Upon an Easel is

located at 8691 N. Lilley

Road in Canton. For more

information, call Sharon

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. Friday, March 20, in the Science Lecture Hall The event is free and oper 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

REGISTRATION

building.

Kindergarten registration for the 1998-99 school vear 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. 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 Ginnie 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-(734) 455-4726.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

of Beyer Hospital.

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The VFW Post No. 6695 ings 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

PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS Free prescription drugs

to middle-income seniors if crafters for its annual you qualify will be available by appointment only at the Plymouth Township Hall Clerk's Office 1-4 p.m. For more information, call

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-

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



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GALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

Join the poster contest

Army

Spring Arts & Crafts Show.

The show will be a one-day

event and take place 9 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4.

The cost of an 8-foot table

and parking are both free.

Interested crafters should

Recreation Department at

call the city of Plymouth

Madonna University is

accepting applications from

crafters for its 13th Annual

case, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Spring Arts & Crafts Show-

Saturday, March 28, in the

Activities Center on cam-

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chairs and one 6-foot or 8-

\$50. Booths with electrici-

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additional \$5. Exhibitors

may purchase up to three

spaces. For an application

or information, call (734)

IRISH WRITER'S NIGHT

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

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ST. MARY HOSPITAL

The Marian Women's

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(734) 455-6620.

space is \$50. Admission

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

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 t 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

Blood pressure screen-

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 459-6700. ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

The city of Plymouth Parks & Recreation Department is looking for

> Room A. Cost of the class CALENDAR

The Canton Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI, 48170, or by fax to 7344594224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the

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is \$55. Preregistration is required for this class. For ore information, call (734) 655-1100 or toll-free at 1-800-494-1615.

runners-up will each get \$25, courtesy of the Tonquish Creek Yacht Club. Com-

pleted posters should be sent or dropped

off to the Pen & Ink Print Shoppe, 531

S. Mill St. at Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth

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

48170. The phone number is 459-5544.

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The Marian Women's Center at St. Marv's Hospital in Livonia will offer a six-week Pre-Postnatal Exercise Class from 6-7:30 p.m., through March 25. The six-week class meets for 90 minutes one day a week and is designed to promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle prior to and following delivery. The class will meet in Pavilion Conference Room A. Cost of the class is \$35 per person. Registration is required by calling the Marian Women's Center at (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 open ings for the 1997-98 school year in the 3- and 4-yearold classes. The preschool is at 8820 Wayne Road, just north of Joy. For more information, call 422-1176. Suburban Children's Coop Nursery has openings now in all classes 18 months through 5 years old. Located in Livonia bordering Canton, Plymouth and Westland. Quality education offered

Low tuition. For more information, contact Michelle at (734) 421-6196. Henry Clay Preschool Cooperative in Marshall Elementary School, 33901 Curtis, Six Mile and Farmington, Livonia, is accepting applications for 1998-99 school year for 3-4-yearold classes. Morning and afternoon sessions are available. For more information, call Judy at (734) 953-9728.

New Morning School has new student openings. Openings exist for fall 1998 students in full and halfday 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 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 oundation for the first school experience. For more information, contact

Shari at 414-7792. Fairlane Christian School is having open enrollment for preschoo 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 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) 421-4420 or (734) 427-0222. For more information, call Esther Friedrichs at 427-0222 or

Marge Gade at 261-3191. SCHOLARSHIPS

The Gamma Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society Interna tional is offering college scholarships to Canton or Salem graduating seniors majoring in education. The scholarships provide finan cial 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,

SUPPORT

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

is at 4090 Packard Road in with parental involvement. Ann Arbor. There is a job resource room, financial counseling, job hunters and numerous support groups. Call (734) 973-7723 for fur ther information 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.

LEARNING ENHANCEMENT The Learning Enhancement Program helps people of all ages with visual, hearing, fine and gross motor skills. Working on oncentration, motivation, omprehension and memory, and simultaneous and sequential processing. Jsing all types of materials rom basal readers to library books, speech machines, the tape ecorder and computer Private counseling is provided. For more information, call Joel Marwil at

(248) 476-8741.

EMPOWER One free hour for parents or families to empower: counseling, resources and support for crisis situans, medical needs or ongoing issues. Call for an appointment, 981-3039. 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 Wintraub, board-certified physician, American Osteo pathic Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and Ameri-can Board 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 Presbyteri an Church on Newburgh. Open to all parents whose children have died. Bereaved parents only. For more information, call (734) 462-2774.

CELIAC SPRUE

For persons who have celiac sprue and dermatitis herpetiformis, their families and friends. Monthly meetings at the Southfield Presbyterian Church, 21575 W. 10 Mile in Southfield. For more information, call (248) 988-6996.

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.

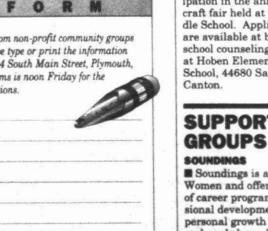
LIFE MINISTRIES Have a problem? Want to

talk? Call Life Care Ministries at (313) 427-LIFE 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Confidential. No charge.

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 (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 infor mation, call Nancy at (734) 455-8598.



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Zonta Club 'steps out' in style to help First Step

the fashions will emphasize spring when the Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi Area presents its annual "First Step - Stepping Out in Style" benefit Sunday, Slated for 6-9 p.m. at Parisian

n Laurel Park Place, Livonia, the fashion extravaganza will raise money for the programs offered by First Step, western Wayne County's Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual

nia.

per told us, 'Count me in any The evening will include a year you do this.' " strolling dinner, fashion show with an expanded segment on Silver Sounds, a professional DJ, men's fashions, informal modelcaricaturist Chuck Borshanian, ing throughout the store, free Sweete Harmony, vocals and makeovers at the cosmetics guitar, and Jamboree, a Sweet counter, raffles and entertain-Adelines group

"There'll be enough activity to Feel lucky? please everybody," said Beverlee McAllister who once again is at the helm for the fund-raiser.

men, women and children." More than 20 restaurants and caterers will provided food samples, ranging from barbecued ribs by Catering by Sayers/BBQ Man, chocolate-dipped strawberries by the Country Epicure, seafood tamales by D. Dennison's of Livonia, creme brulee by the Schoolcraft Culinary Gourmet Club, pasta station and

mini cannoli by Villa De Roma of Livonia and smoked salmon pate by the Water Club Seafood Grille

Cadillac, a Detroit Tigers auto-Also providing food will be the graphed baseball and auto-Outback Steakhouse of Livonia, graphed Detroit Lions shirt, to TGI Friday of Novi, Carlson's name a few. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or Catering in Taylor, the Botsford

six for \$5. Tickets for the fashion gan Star Clipper Dinner Train of Walled Lake, Coffee Beanery, donation to First Step, redeemable with a \$150 pur-Great Harvest Bread of chase at Parisian. Both tickets Northville, Schulz's Cap 'N' Cork are available by calling McAllisand Rio Bravo Cantina of Livo- ter at (734) 453-0824.

This is the fourth year the Zonta Club has staged the fashlister said. "Continental Paper ion benefit for First Step. The agency, based in Canton, provides services to 35 communities in out-Wayne County and is celebrating 20 years of service later Entertaining guests will be this year. The nonprofit agency offers a

shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence, individual counseling, support groups, court advocacy, information and referrals for victims, a 24-hour helpline, violence intervention program, non-resi dential children's program and legal advocacy program

The club had staged several benefits for First Step and was looking for something that would raise considerably more than \$2,000-\$3,000. The club teamed up with Parisian for the fashion benefit, attracting some 400 people and raising \$19,000. Last year, close to 800 people turned out, generating \$30,000 for First Step. Hopes are for a turnout of

1,000 this year "We were looking for somecoln Continental from Varsity thing that would make a differcoln Mercury, weekend lease ence, so we were thrilled when ple more aware of violence in the their personal development, of a Cadillac from Don Massey

ANNIVERSARIES



What's your style?: Claudia Ruloff (left) of Farmington Hills shows off a a Evan-Picone 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 community." trols and the Ford (Visteon-Shel-

said. "I truly think a lot of the The club is part of Zonta Intersupport is because of the cause. national, a worldwide service The incidents at Johnson Con- organization of business women devoting their time, talent and Women interested in attending don Road) plant have made peo- energy to assist women with can call (313) 538-8043 for more

health, education and cultural needs The club meets at 6 p.m. the

fourth Tuesday of the month. information

League needs books for sale

Voters is looking for a few or a

make its April book sale a success and is need of used books. Donations of hard cover and paperback in different categories of nonfiction and fiction for read

Donations can be made by calling (734) 421-4420 or (734)

celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at family dinner at Kathy Vacca and husband Ernesto's Restaurant in ply-

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 for-

The Fawkes have four married children – Dale and wife Linda, Thomas and Christine Fawkes Janis Murfey and husband Chris; Gary and wife Bonnie and 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 Caseville.

Inn of Farmington Hills, Michi-

Macaroni Grille of Livonia.

"Everything is donated," McAl-

has supplied all the paper prod-

ucts every year. The Star Clip-

There will be several raffles,

including a special one for a TY

Co. Princess Bear Beanie Baby,

donated by the Dixboro General

Store. The second raffle will

have a first prize of \$500 cash,

with a second prize of a \$300 gift

certificate from travel from AAA

Travel and a third prize of a

Additional prizes include a

\$100 gift certificate from

Knightsbridge Antique Mall,

dinner for two at the Relish

Grill, a weekend lease of a Lin-

\$250 Parisian gift certificate.



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 Murfeys 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.



The Livonia League of Women ot of good books. The group is hard at work to

ers of all ages are welcome.

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RELIGION NEWS

Listings for the Religion Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

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. Classes have a minimum of 24 students. 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



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.

In concert:

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

Road, Livonia. Director of Women's Ministries at 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.

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

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

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

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 orien-tation 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.



12 - WAYNE

SPONSORED BY: Wayne Parks & Recreation (734-728-2900) Wayne Community Center (4635 Howe Rd., Howe & Annapolis) 10 weeks Resident/ Member: 1 day per week/\$32 2 days/\$44 Unlimited/\$59 Non-Res./Non-Mem: 1 day per week/\$40 2 days/\$54 Unlimited/\$69 \$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected on the first day of class by the inst M/W 7:00 P.M. Low/Hi Impact March 23 Staff

13 - WESTLAND

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Seidelman sparkles

Eric Seidelman, a 1995 graduate of Plymouth Salem who is now a sopho-more 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 sec-ond-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-spon-sored 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 Ass iation.

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

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.

CJ. Risak. Editor 734-953-2108

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.

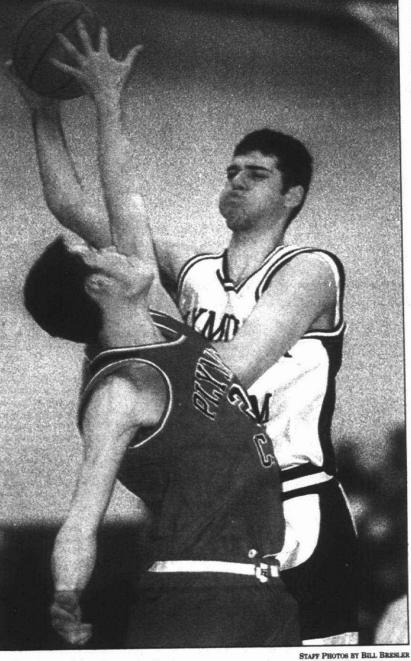
Salem 44, Canton 42.

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 Cortelli-ni 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.

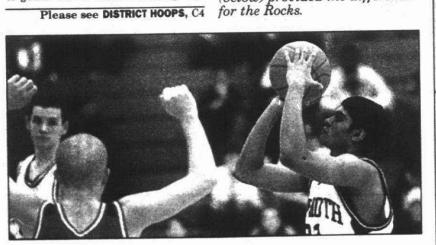


Then Cortellini took over in the third quarter.

"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

GYMNASTICS Chiefs 2nd at regional

BY C.J. RISAK

Going into last Saturday's MHSAA Gymnastics Region II Championships, hosted by Ply-mouth Canton, the Chiefs knew it would require some sort of miracle for them to catch Northville-Novi, 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-Novi 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."

exceptional. Canton's leaders all season — Liz Fitzgerald and Marcie Emerick — again led the Chiefs in the regional. Fitzgerald turned in a superb per-formance, taking second in the Divi-sion I all-around (35.85); Emerick was equally magnificent, taking fifth (34.95) in the all-around. Both qualified for all events at the indi-

vidual 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 sec-

ond in the vault (8.85). She was also fourth in beam (8.9), ninth in bars (8.55) and 10th in floor (8.65).

Salem In Division I competition.

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.

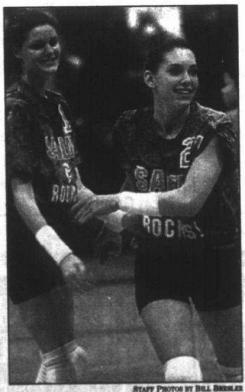
Women's teams may register through April 3.

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.



Job well done: Salem's Ellen Stemmer 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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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 Steinhelper 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-Novi, 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-Novi 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 Cunning-ham. "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 twogame, pool-play match, Lady- starters were sidelined with wood 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 create chaos," said Suffety. "We'll have to vary our offensive attack, from both the outside and the middle, and we'll kills and three digs, Kari Flynn have to do what we can with free balls - while not giving them

"They're a good serving team, so we're going to have to step up g 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 semis, after the Chargers had faced an injury-plagued Plymouth Canton in the semifinals and won easily, 15-3, 15-0.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY (state cut: 1:43.19) Livonia Stevenson 1:39.93 North Farmington 1:41.47 Plymouth Canton 1:42.39

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"To be truthful, I didn't think they were very competitive," said Suffety, noting three Canton injuries. "But our kids played

of our blocking, instead of one kid doing it all, and that was Angie Sillmon.

pretty well. We wanted more out

"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 got nine assists to kills and four digs, and Amanda Suder finshed 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 Pruett, 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 upended Novi 15-10, 15-7 in the opening round.

(state cut: 2:04.19)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 2:00.73

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 2:00.98

Tim Buchanan (Salem) 2:01.41

Brent Mellis (Salem) 2:02.66

Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 2:01.67

James McPartlin (John Glenn) 2:04.90

Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:05.14

Steve Domin (Stevenson) 2:05.49

Aaron Reeder (Canton) 2:07.32

Steve Domin (Stevenson) 21.47

Matt Zald (N. Farmington) 21.88

Nick Corden (Salem) 22.14

Jacob Varty (Stevenson) 22.39

Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.45

Tim Buchanan (Salem) 22.95

Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 22.97

Don LeClair (Canton) 22.85

Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:07.36

50 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 22.59)

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thing 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 vioneer 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 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. look for us to stay as close as possible to ninth or better."

Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:02.28

Tim Buchanan (Salem) 5:03.41

Matt Baran (Redford CC) 5:05.58

Brent Mellis (Salem) 5:03.43

Qualifying for the state meet as individuals are seniors Nick Sosnowski, Matt Baran and Paul Connolly. Sosnowski has qualified in three events, but will swim 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 (148.97) 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 breast-

"I look for personal best times out of every one of them and feel each one should place (among the top 12)," Knipper said. Sosnowski, Connolly, Baran and Meekins have qualified in the 200 medley relay (1:42.66)

and Baran, Markou, Meekins and Sosnowski have qualified in the 400 freestyle relay (3:20.71). The Shamrocks finished their

dual meet season with a 6-4-1 record and was clearly the second-best team in the Catholic League, Knipper said.

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100 BREASTSTROKE (state cut: 1:03.19) Paul Connolly (Redford CC) 1:02.84 Matt Walker (Harrison) 1:02.85 Ryan Zoumbaris (John Glenn) 1:03.26 Jody Gomez (Franklin) 1:04.00 Matt Beuckelaere (Farmington) 1:04.23 Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:04.92

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Steve Domin (Stevenson) 52.65 James McPartlin (John Glenn) 54.53 Tim Buchanan (Salem) 54.73 Matt Baran (Redford CC) 55.00 Keith Falk (Stevenson) 55.36 Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 55.66



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.

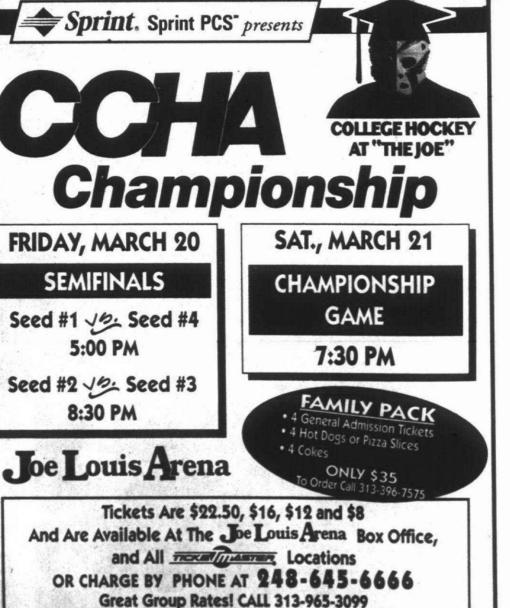
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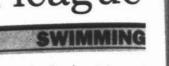
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Five different Lady Crusaders Michigan Community College were singled out for honors when the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball teams were announced. Chris Dietrich, Madonna Uni-

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Long road home Crusaders end spring trip with a victory

COLLEGE SPORTS

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

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

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

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.

COLLEGE ROUNDUP

Kevin Bilbia was the first of four Madonna pitchers to see action. He lasted just one ning, 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

versity's leading scorer, was points), second-leading reboundnamed 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

But the Ocelots, who enjoyed their best season in their history, percent of her three-point shots. finishing 24-7 overall and 13-3 in In addition, Lori Enfield was the conference (second to Mott named to the all-WHAC rookie CC), had others who sparkled. team. The freshman center from Like Derek McKelvey, who Williamston HS shot 56 percent ranked third in the conference in

(77 percent).

points and 5.5 rebounds a game. Madonna's greatest representation came on the WHAC allacademic team. Katie Cushman (Flint Powers HS), Mary Murray Dearborn Divine Child) and Angie Negri (Flint Powers HS) were all selected to the team, which requires members to be a junior or senior with a cumula-

MCCAA's best

The final statistics for the

ing (6.2) Athletic Association's Eastern And also Pete Males (from Conference in basketball have Garden City), who was second in been released, and for the men

assists (5.9), fourth in threepoint shooting (45 percent) and 16th in free-throw shooting (72.2 percent) Melson was named to the all-

Region 12, all-state and all-conference teams. McKelvey was Canton grad playing at Henry chosen to the all-state and allconference teams, and Males and tied for the regular-season con-Okonkwo were both honorable mention selections.

In the MCCAA Eastern Conference women's statistical race, SC's Theresa Cooper finished 12th in the conference in scoring (12.4 points), with Lady Ocelot teammates Amber Tackett (11.7) and Chrissy Harmon (11.1) plac ing 14th and 15th, respectively.

Cooper was also first in the conference in steals (3.6), second in rebounding (12.8), second in shooting (51.7 percent) and 19th in assists (2.3), while Tackett placed fourth in steals (3.1) ninth in assists (3.4) and 14th in free-throw shooting (62.1 per-

Other Lady Ocelots listed:

Stacey Cavin tied for first i free-throw shooting (75.5 percent) and Harmon was fifth in three-point shooting (33.5 percent)

SC finished tied for fifth at 9-7 in the conference, and went 13 14 overall.

Kristi Fiorenzi, a Plymouth Ford CC, led the Hawks (who ference championship at 12-4) in scoring (15.0 points) while placing fourth in the conference. She also tied for fifth in steals (3.0), was 11th in assists (3.0), and finished 12th in free-throw shooting (64.6 percent)

Becky Vachow, also from Canton HS and another HFCC standout, tied for second in three-point shooting (37.3 per cent), took 10th in free-throw shooting (65.3 percent) and was 12th in assists (2.9).

Fiorenzi was a second-team all-conference selection, while Vachow was honorable mention.

SC's Cooper, Harmon and Tackett were all honorable mention picks.

PALACE

.# games you're supposed to. That's been Plymouth Whalers coach Pete DeBoer's seron since the season's start.

Ambushed

Greyhounds stage rally,

jolt Whalers in overtime

the

But on Sunday, the Whalers et 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 lastplace 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 fter 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.

Then came the heartbreaker for Plymouth. With 3:48 elapsed n overtime, Chad Spurr scored a third-consecutive power-play goal for Sault Ste. Marie to give it a 4-3 victory.

The loss kept the Whalers two points behind London for first in the West (going into Wednesday's game against visiting Windsor). On Friday, Plymouth concludes its regular season with a game at London.

Eric Gooldy got the Whalers' first goal against the Greyhounds at 9:18 of the opening had 22 Sunday. period. Shaun Fisher made it 2-0

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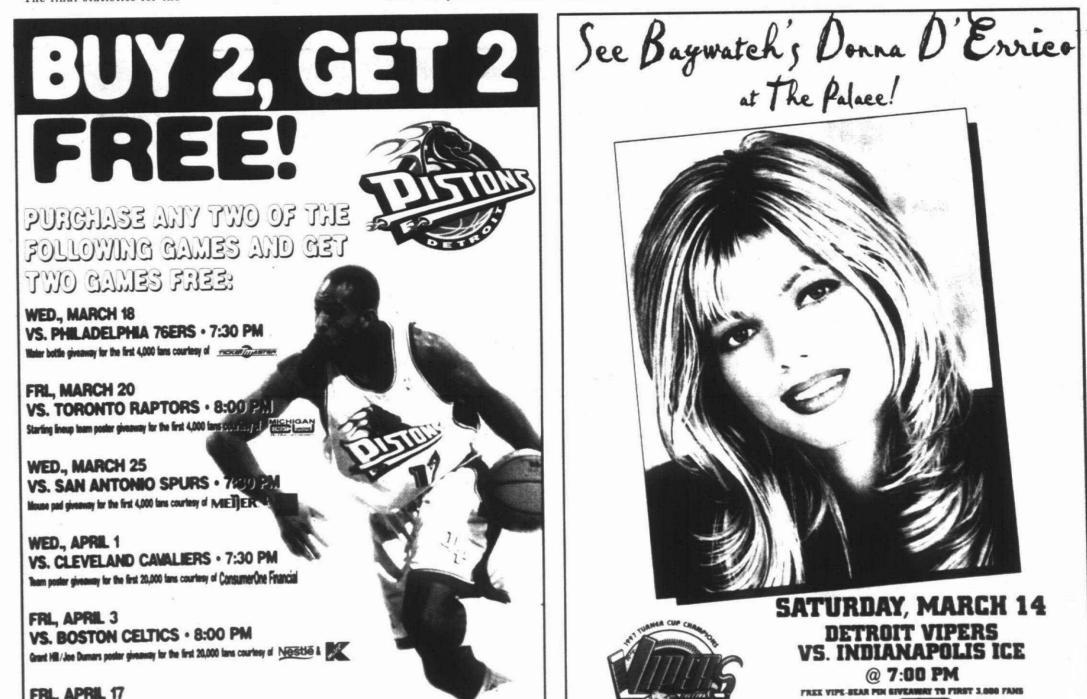
with a power-play score at 1:46 of the second. Jesse Boulerice and Steve Wasylko each assisted on both goals; Fisher picked up an assist on Legwand's thirdperiod score.

Spurr assisted on all three third-period Greyhound goals, before netting the game-winner in OT

On Saturday, the Whalers didn't have nearly as much trouble with the Greyhounds. Goals by Boulerice and Legwand in the first period put them in front, and third-period scores by Nik Tselios, Kris Purdy and Brian Passmore assured the 5-1 triumph at Compuware. Purdy also had an assist in the game.

Robert Esche was in goal for both games for Plymouth. He made 19 saves on Saturday and

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Salem overcomes slow start to sideline Novi

BY C.J. RISAR SPORTS EDITOR

It looked like a tough draw to begin with for Plymouth Salem's basketball team. The occurances 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 where one loss means elimination. Seaoptimism. After all, Salem was 17-3; no son over

one else in the district was above .500. But then, stuff started to happen.

The Rocks reached the final of the three games in five days to take the Western Lakes Activities Association

BASKETBALL playoffs. Which was good news.

However, the title game against West land John Glenn — the only WLAA 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, And they had the hardest draw of any team in their district. Salem must win

title, starting with the host team, Novi,

More bad news: Salem's leader and eading scorer, Andy Power, sprained 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 a 17-12 lead, the Rocks got it going.

away we're back on our heels. we're capable of playing. In the first his ankle late in the game Friday. He 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

BY STEVE KOWALSKI

nal game.

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Redford Catholic Central

nior guard Nick Moore made

two free throws with 3.5 sec-onds left Wednesday to tie host

outhfield, 72-72, in a Class A

boys basketball district semifi-

Before anyone could say

overtime, Moore provided an

Incredibly, Moore made

steal from a Southfield guard

at half-court, turned and

heaved the ball before the

buzzer sounded straight

through the basket to give CC

Being an 80 percent free

throw shooter, his two swishes

at the free throw line were far

more predictable than the half-

"A shot like that is once in a

ifetime," Moore said. "When I

let it go I seen it on the line

and I just kept running to the baseline (before getting

mobbed by his teammates).

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

CC senior guard Joe Jonna,

They finished the half with six consecu "In the second half, we played the way tive 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 upped the Rocks' advantage to 43-28. Novi, which made just 1-of-12 floor shots in the last quarter and 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 Snearly's 11 points paced the Wildcats; next best was Larry Drury with eight.

CC's final-second surge

District hoops from page C1 thing, it was just a great effort points in the final period, and ones.

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 riddled 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 throws to that point, converted half was unable to do anything 4-of-4 in the last four minutes. against Canton in the second.

Plymouth Christian Academy

was outscored 24-17 in the deci-

five final quarter Wednesday as

rost Jackson Baptist advanced

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eurnament with a 75-65 victory.

Jackson Baptist, which plays

Grass Lake for the district title

Tim Walz, a 6-foot-4 senior

enter, led the victorious Royals

with 28 points. John Hunsberg-

a 6-2 swingman, added 25,

Jackson Baptist held on for the

win by hitting four 3-pointers

Friday, improved to 7-15.

ncluding four 3-pointers.

ate in the game.

PCA finishes at 14-7.

Jackson Baptist drops PCA

24 points.

four of those came at the freethrow 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.

between the two teams down the game. stretch however. Salem, which had made just 9-of-19 free Canton was 0-for-2, both times game), got the ball inside and The Rocks managed just six missing the front end of one-and-

Four PCA players scored in

double figures led by senior for-

ward Chris Brandon's team-high

Sophomore forward Derric

Isensee, who was saddled with

three second-quarter fouls fol-

lowed by a fourth foul early in

and Jordan Roose, a sophomore

guard, each chipped in with 11

Scott Carty, a senior guard

Foul shooting also figured in

the final outcome as PCA was

just nine of 19 (47.3 percent)

while Jackson Baptist was 16 of

the third period, scored 16.

Carty nailed three triples.

21 (76.1 percent).

Two free throws by McKian upped 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 There was one difference given Canton its first lead of the Patel, who bedeviled the Chiefs in the first half by scoring

10 points (he had 14 in the

went up for a shot. Scott Samuls-

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Friday, March 13: Redford Catholic Central

vs. Detroit Redford, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Dearborn Fordson vs. Detroit Cody district champion.)

at NOVI HIGH SCHOOL

Friday, March 13: Plymouth Salem vs

Northville, regional se

at BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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."

Patel (for Salem) and Cortellini (for Canton) were the only ones to score in double-figures. Mair got nine for the Rocks, and McLean had seven for the Chiefs.

The Rocks were without their leading scorer, Andy Power, still sidelined with an ankle injury suffered last Friday against Westland John Glenn

BASKETBALL DISTRICT DRAWS Friday, March 13: Farmington vs. Farming

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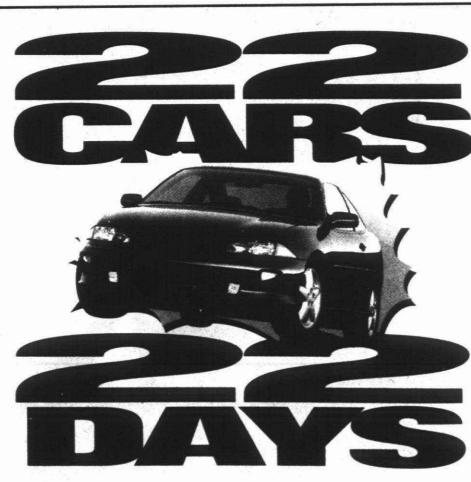
Friday, March 13: Redford Bishop Borgess vs. Southfield Christian, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Dundee vs. Riverview Gabriel Richard district champi-

CLASS D at WATERFORD OUR LADY Thursday, March 12: Bloomfield Hills

Roeper vs. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 6 p.m.; Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest vs. p.m., Rochester Hills Luteralin Northwest vs. Redford St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifi-nals at Harper Woods Lutheran East vs. Detroit Urban Lutheran district champion.)

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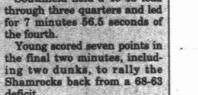
shocks Southfield, 74-72 who had to leave the game who had to leave the game with a groggy head after a first-half collision, returned late in the fourth quarter and finished with 10 points after making a three-point shot dur-ing the Shamrocks' rally. The win sends CC, 17.4 over-all to Evider's district final to

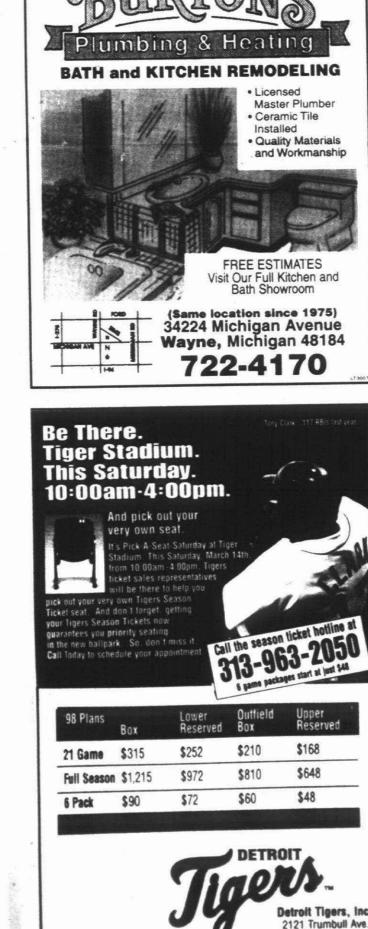
all, to Friday's district final to play Detroit Redford. Redford liminated the Shamrocks in last year's district final and lost in the Class A title game to Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills.

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

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





Deadeye: Juziuk wins NCAA shooting title

RY NEAL ZIPSER STAFF WRITER

Karvn 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 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."

Juziuk outperformed 47 other competitors with a score of 1,169 points (out of a possible 1,200), beating out her two closest competitors by two points. She also finished a mere three points ahead of her cousin, Jacksonville (Ala.) State's Lucinda Roddy, a Livonia Clarenceville alumnus.

Juziuk shot a personal-best

score of 385 in the stand ing position which may have been the difference Her total score was based on her total points in the prone (laying on stomach with gun in a sling), standing and kneeling positions.

"I didn't consider myself one of the favorites because there were some shooters in the competition who posted phenomenal scores at the sectionals. she said. "But I wasn't ner vous going in because didn't have to defend a high score. I think that contributed to the win."

Juziuk also became the third woman ever to win NCAA Rifle Championships. The the NCAA title which pits junior won the title Friday in the the women against the championships held at Murray 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 l chose not to use any extra equipment. Skill won this title and not technology.

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.

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it's somewhat like what football to shoot and that doesn't happen is over here," she said. "Euro- as much over here." peans are trained at an early age

Juziuk, who shot archery honors in air rifle in 1996 and at the age of five, began 1997. She also competed in the 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 earned first team All-American

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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 earning to shoot, you gain a 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 feel ing 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 focussing on goal. You have to learn to focus your mind."

After Juziuk completes her career at Xavier, the Observerland area will still be well repre sented. Shari Jedinak, a 1997 graduate of Westland John Glenn, is considered one of the great career at Xavier, as she team's most promising shooters.

iuk 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.

shooting is a spectator sport and



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Goalie's efforts not enough for Shamrocks

PREP HOCKEY

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central senior goaltender Rick Marnon probably had Grosse Pointe South's Charlie Braun feeling more like the cartoon character Charlie Brown during most of Saturday's Class A hockey regional at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Remember how Lucy used to pick the ball up just as Charlie Brown was going to kick it? Marnon had the same effect on Braun

and his Blue Devils' teammates, steering away 23 shots, including several that required spectacular moves.

"We knew his glove hand was awesome and we had to score in the five hole or low," said Braun, a junior forward. "He's great, the best in the league (Michigan Metro Hockey League), but we knew what we had to do."

CATHOLIC CENTRAL

They did just enough to beat the Shamrocks, 2-1, using a short-handed goal by Braun in the third period to reak a 1-1 tie. Marnon came into the game red-hot, recording consecutive shutouts over

Birmingham Brother Rice and sharing another against Redford Union with teammate Tom Monnier. Marnon's finest save, perhaps, came

in the third period when the score was 1-1 and he robbed South's Brad Balesky with a glove save while the Blue Devils enjoyed a 4-on-3 advantage.

"It hurts," said Marnon. "I'd rather come out on top. I don't care if I have to make all the saves at the end or not. South was ready to play. That's all it was. I'll always miss the guys."

The Blue Devils broke Marnon's motion scoreless string with a goal by Matt Moran, assisted by Adam Whitehead and Ben Weaver, at 6:40 of the first

shot by Keith Rowe and scored with 9:06 left in the second period. Todd Bentley also assisted on the goal.

The Blue Devils scored the game-winner with 7:53 left when Braun took a Marnon.

It came less than a minute after Marnon made consecutive stops on Manion and Braun from point-blank range

South defenseman Dave Bilbrey made a key move leading to the goal, keeping have him. the puck in at the point and knocking a CC player on his **behind** in the same

"I think we were leaning toward getting in the other zone, neglected to take care of responsibilities in our zone and it cost us," CC coach Gordie St. John The Shamrocks tied the score when said. "Marnon was outstanding, we just David Moss picked up a rebound off a couldn't get another one for him. I thought we had some momentum going in the second period and I thought we'd be stronger in the third but give them credit. They're a very quick team."

The Shamrocks pulled Marnon for an pass from Pat Manion in the slot and extra attacker in the final minute and buried the puck between the legs of generated three face-offs in the Blue Devils' zone and a couple scoring chances South senior goalie J.C. Tibbitts was

up to the challenge, finishing with 18 saves. His coach, Bob Bopp, feels as Greg Berger, John Hunt, Dan Morrell, blessed as St. John is with Marnon to

"Marnon may be the best in the league - I know we're pretty happy with

number 27 (J.C. Tibbitts)," South coach Bob Bopp said. "Both were very good today.

Bopp advanced to the quarterfinals for the first time with a 24-3 record. This was the first time South has beaten CC in the state tournament in Bopp's six years as coach.

"Every year we have CC, Rice or Trenton (in the regionals) and it's tough to move on," Bopp said. "We've beaten CC (in the regular season) and done pretty well against Rice but we've never beaten Trenton. We want another chance to beat them and if we do it

would be the last game of the year." This was the final high school game for CC seniors Ian Devlin, Monnier, Jason Tardif, Dave Turner, Jim Melton, Joe Beaudoin, Tony Keshishian and Marnon.

"They'll be missed," St. John said.



season ended on a sad note, but not before giving Trenton a scare in the Class A regional final Saturday night at Kennedy Ice Arena, falling 5-3 to the host Trojans in front of a standingroom only crowd.

The Chargers finished the year 19-5-3 overall, while Trenton moved into Wednesday's quarterfinal at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube at 22-3-2

(Ironically, in the second game of the season, Churchill lost 5-3 on Nov. 22 at Trenton.)

After a somewhat flat second period by Churchill which resultd in a 3-2 deficit, the Chargers stepped up their game in the final period and evened the count at 3-all on Matt Grant's unassisted backhand with just 6:55 left.

But Trenton, a six-time state champion and last year's runnerup, answered with two quick roals to earn the win.

Off a scramble in front of

Trenton's Nate Schmoekel scored the game-winner from Pat Maloney and Ken O'Connor with only 4:07 to go. The Trojans then made sure

with 3:02 left when Angelo Petrucco banged home a rebound from Brian Hancock and Adam Youngblood. "We're an experienced team and we've been in this situation

before," Trenton coach Mike Turner said. "We didn't panic (after Grant's goal), we just kept working." For the game, the Trojans only

outshot the Chargers, 21-20. Churchill, in fact, had a 7-2 advantage in the final period. But Trenton made both shots

count. It was 1-1 after one period. rected a shot from the point with

assisting to put the Chargers on top, 1-0, at 4:15.

Churchill netminder Dwaine at 9:45 on a backhand after Han-

Derek Nykiel to take a 3-1 lead. Nykiel's second was caused by traffic in front of the Churchill 'We haven't scored a lot of

goals this year in comparison to proud of their effort because we past years so we have to create gave it everything we had." intensity down low," Turner said. After Nykiel's second goal,

Churchill coach Jeff Hatley immediately called a timeout to regroup his troops.

"They (Trenton) play the grinding style and that little letdown in the second period hurt us," said Hatley, a former Trojan Hills Mercy, 10 a.m.; Livonia Ladywood vs. goalie and alum. "We had trou-Ferndale, 11:15 a.m. ble because of the stick-handling in our zone and we were making advances to the state quarterfinals 7:30 p.m.

a lot of soft passes. If we had continued to play like that, we were going to get blown out. "But to the credit of our team, we got the next goal and then

tied it up.' At 10:02 of the second, B.J. Tehan off a pinpoint pass from 5 p.m.; Carleton-Airport vs. Tecumseh, 6:30

"We knew they (Churchill) were a very good team and all they wanted was a chance to to be around," Hatley said. "And

Turner said. "They've got to be

got in the way this year. Everybody put the team first. The loss marked the final

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

CLASS A

at PLYMOUTH SALEM

(Saturday, March 14)

Semifinals: Plymouth Salem vs. Farmingto

Championship final: 12:30 p.m. (Winner

Tuesday, March 17, at Ann Arbor Huron vs.

CLASS B

at CARLETON-AIRPORT

(Friday, March 13)

Semifinals: Redford Thurston vs. Riverview

Temperance Bedford regional champion.)

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"And as a coach, you can't ask THE WEEK AHEAD

> Championship final: 8 p.m. (Winne advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday. Light & Life Christian, 10 a.m.; Waterford Our March 17, at Parma-Western vs. Fowlerville regional champion.) CLASS C

at NEW HAVEN (Saturday, March 14) Semifinals: Redford Bishop Borgess vs. Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher, 5 p.m.; Almont vs. Southfield Christian, 6:30 p.m. Championship final: 8 p.m. (Winner

advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday. March 17, at Almont vs. Bath regional cham pion.) CLASS D

at WATERFORD OUR LADY

"They (Trenton) got the bounces and we didn't," he said. "They're just good kids and fun "I'm glad our kids had the opporbeat us and it only takes one," the parental support we got tunity to play in a game like made all the difference. No egos this. "This is the best hockey game Churchill has ever had - hands down.

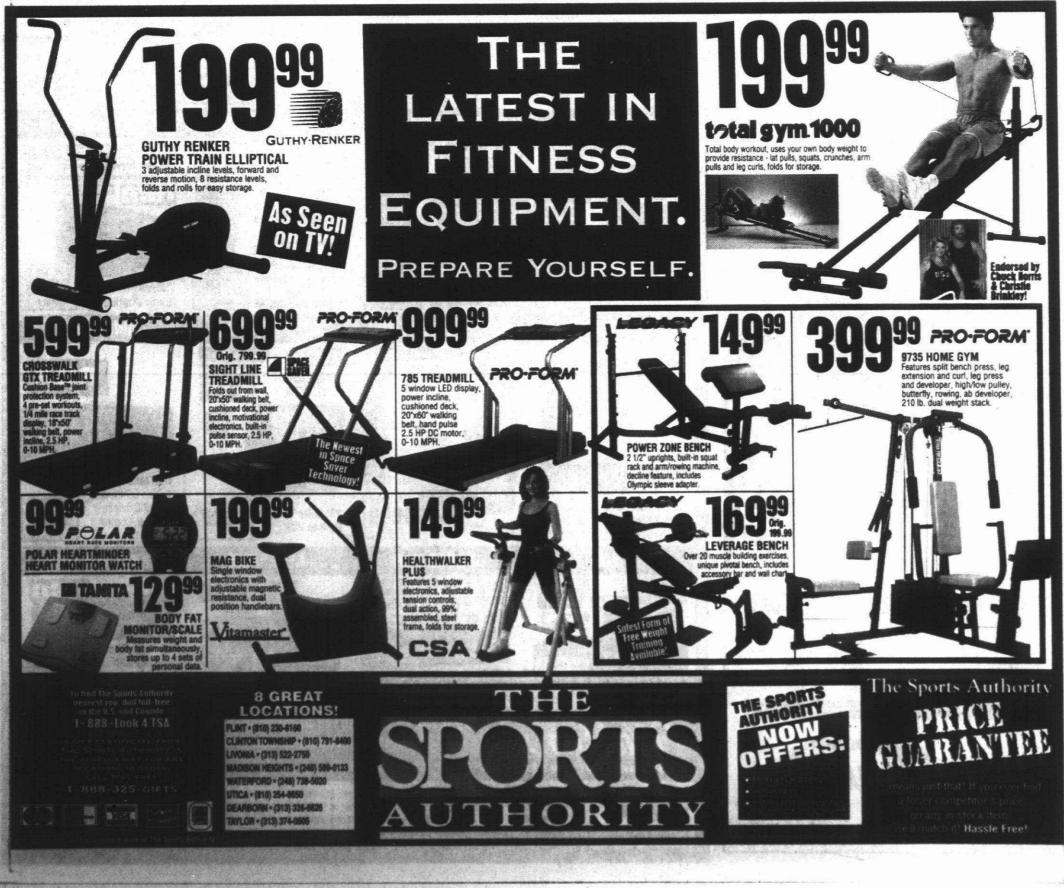
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advances to the state guarterfinals Tuesday. March 17, at Ann Arbor Huron vs. Potterville regional champion.)

> ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Friday, March 13 Whalers at London Knights, 7:30 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

Saturday, March 14 Madonna at Walsh (2), 1 p.m. Sunday, March 15

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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 pho-Sographer and an Eagle Scout will present a clinic on back country must haves and every day 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

MUNTER 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, 9a.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.

meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.)

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is The board of Education of the riymouth-Lanton Community Schools is requesting proposals for a Group Dental Insurance Program. Interested and qualified companies may obtain information and proposal forms by telephone (734) 416-4834 - Personnel Department - during regular business hours. Proposals are due on or before 2:00 P.M. on Friday, April 3, 1998.

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. 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

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Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to 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.

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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.

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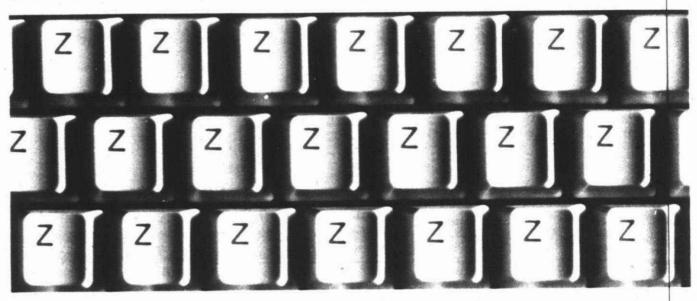
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club presents the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo on Saturday and Sunday, March 14-15, at the Southfield Civic Center. Featured speakers include Jason Borger (Reading the Water and Bait Presentation), Ernest Schwiebert (Rivers of Patagonia), and Trey Combs (Fly Fishing for Steelhead). Show hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Adult admission is \$8 and children 12 and under will be admitted free. Call (810) 486-4967 for more information.

WILDLIFE ART FESTIVAL

The 15th annual Michigan Wildlife Art Festival, sponsored by the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation will take place March 27-29 at the Southfield Pavilion. The show features the Midwest's largest jurried show of wildlife and environmental art; 60 nationally acclaimed artists; thousands of affordable paintings, prints, photos, carvings, etchings, sculptures, stained glass pieces, batiks, scratchboards and more; exhibits by Michigan's leading conservation organizations, seminars on Michigan wildlife topics, a celebrity decoy painting contest and more. Show hours are 4-9 p.m. March 27, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. March 28, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 29. Admission is \$6 and children under 12 will be admitted free

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 Too in Madison Heights, and Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor or by calling the River Crab at 1-800-468-3727



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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. OdeM 1998 Goals Report - received and filed. OdeM 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. ns Manager's Contract Amendment - approved. lar meeting was adjourned at 5:15 - ng 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. ah March 12, 1990

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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 handson 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.



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.



Celebrations of Irish Music

- If The 13th Annual St. Patrick's Day Inish Fest 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, at The Helienic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, (east of Newburgh Road) Westland. Admission \$8 at the door, children free, call
- (313) 537-3489 for information.
- (313) 537-3489 for information. **Cathle Ryan** 7:30 p.m. (doors open) 8 p.m. (concert) Tuesday, March 17 at The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, (313) 761-3451. Tickets \$13.50. **St. Patrick's Day Brew and View Partyl (The Day Atar)** 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., Ferndaler. 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.



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. Guiness 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, Glengarry Road, Ed McGlinchey, John Sands, Dawn Moskovich, Terence McKinney, and Paul Cusak, All-Ireland Champion Dancer, the Kitty Heinzman Ceili Dancers,

were no other musical influences. We didn't have TV, just one radio, and kids weren't allowed to touch

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

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

Clancy's not so confident

today's songwriters will sur-

vive 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

with the good ones."

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



dancer: Paul Cusack, All-Ireland Champion Dancer, will be participating in the St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest at Hellenic Cultural Center.

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

Hot Tix: "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.

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

Family folk group: The Clancy Brothers, Paddy Clancy, Bobby Clancy, Eddie Dillon and Finnbar Clancy.

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."

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

The Shrine Circus

hat: A 90th anniversary gala Verse: A sign entiversary gain celebration features a recreation of the Wallends Family's arean person pyramid, the Garza Broth-ers Living Statuse, and the Pyring Pages, plus clowns, horses, dogs, elephants, acrobets, serial-ists, and Add Smilgs from the Potleb State Circus with her bises, including nos that welfs a ers, including one that walks a nce times are noon 22. Pe ys to Fri LQ:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m s, and 1:30 p.m. and

\$5, \$10, \$12, \$14, and

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 erformers 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

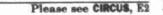
every day, the trapeze and the animals and the clowns. My children used to look forward to it and now my grandchildren look forward to it. They love the circus. I don't think we ever grow out of it."

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





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

Golden 'Dreamgirls' comes up short on glitter

"Dreamgirls" continues at the Detroit Opera House, 1525 Broadway, downtown Detroit, through Sunday, March 22. Perday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, matinees times too loud and brassy, not at La Tanya Hall are believable as tainers, and good actors. Every-\$24-\$49, on sale at all Ticketmas- be. ter outlets, the Fisher Theatre and the Opera House box office. To charge by phone, call (248) 645-6666

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

performance of "Dreamgirls" was a lot like show biz - lots of ups and downs.

Award-winning musical, based to Broadway.

can be excused to opening night ture. jitters, but not slow pacing. Inapfor "Dreamland."

Every Friday, former WQRS-

play Dvorak's "Carnival Over-

ture." It was a popular weekly

rite of passage to kick off the

weekend for the station's classi-

controversial change in format in

Nøvember, however, that kind of

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Pacing was also a problem for Wagner. Costumes by Theoni V. of the price they pay, but in measure or two. Not only did the Musser. music drag, but it was some-

which received a standing ova-

tion opening night. With music by Henry Krieger, book and lyrics by Tom Eyen, The March 3 opening night "Dreamgirls" opened on Broadway in 1981, making history with its Motown sounds and sim-Overall entertaining, there are tumes to define time period. some wrinkles that need ironing Four metal towers, moved about out before this Tony, Grammy the stage for various scenes, suggest everything from backstage on Motown's Supremes, returns to recording studio. There is no other scenery, just colored back-Line fumbles in the first act drops, and a few pieces of furni-

Tony Stevens, director and ence anxious to leave the "girls" Line" fame, and reunites the ers in the process. team of scenic designer Robin

2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Tickets all what Motown is supposed to the "Dreamettes" Effic Melody White, Lorrell Robinson and That's not to say there's not a Deena Jones, singers from Chica- outs lot to like about "Dreamgirls," go determined to win a talent contest at The Apollo Theatre. They lose but win a contract to tour as backup singers with the soulful James "Jimmy" Thunder Early (Kevin-Anthony). Effie's brother C.C. White (Gary E. Vin- Goodbye, My Love." The similarcent) writes a hit song for James, ple set design relying on cos- and with guidance from manager Ross' "Never Can Say Goodbye," Curtis Taylor Jr. (Brian Evaret are striking. Chandler) the girls are on their way to making "Dreams" come

Act 2, and quick glances at original staging by the late Jimmy, too, taking R&B to the Telling You I'm Not Going." watches, were signs of an audi- Michael Bennett of "A Chorus pop charts, breaking racial barri-

the orchestra, which often lagged Aldredge are authentic 1960/ between, there's a lot of great behind performers on stage by a 1970s. Lighting is by Tharon music and dancing. Fame changes all of the characters B.J. Crosby, Tonya Dixon and requiring them to be good enterone in the cast meets this challenge, but there are some stand-

> La Tanya Hall evolves from the school teacher her mother wants her to be, to glamorous superstar. It's hard not to think of Diana Ross and the Supremes when Hall sings "Hard to Say ities between that scene, and

Crosby, steals the show more than once as Effie. Even though she's upstaged by the others, "You could be a star, but pushed from lead to back-up you've got to trust me," says Cur- singer, and eventually fired, she's tis, and the girls do. He makes truly the star of this show. Effie the American dream come true is funny, she wins our sympathy, for the Dreamettes, whom he and her strong voice, commands propriate giggles near the end of choreographer, recreates the renames "The Dreams," and attention, especially "And I Am

Jimmy's got to have soul, and there isn't any in the 1970s. Cur-Heartbreak and pain are part tis cuts him loose. You can't ing with his sister and her fami-



Posed for stardom: Kimberly Jujuan (left to right), La Tanya Hall, and Tonya Dixon in a scene from the national tour of "Dreamgirls."

"Fake Your Way to the Top," and ly in Birmingham during the run Kevin-Anthony shows he's a of the show, appears as Frank, great performer and actor as he the press agent. Although it's not changes from superstar to has- a major part, Frank plays a pivbeen.

press they need. Goodman is Michael Goddard, who is stay- believable as Frank, and plays a solid supporting role Company formed to organize a classical music station

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station debuts.



and Eddie Dillon on tour is Finnbar Clancy, Bobby's son. "He keeps the rest of us on our toes," said Clancy. "He's a very Their tour, which began Thurs-

"I can pick up some money and help educate my grandchildren." "I said to Tom, 'This thing he said when asked why he'd could go on indefinitely. I can see want to leave his farm in Ireland to tour. "It's worthwhile doing." As the new millennium would have loved to have gone to Then there are the fans.

Clancy retired and lives on a

farm in Ireland near the place he

grew up. "I love living in Ire-

knew as a child. Near my grand-

Joining Paddy, Bobby Clancy

mothers. I can walk, fish.

the rest of us had.'

A whole new generation is said. "I was asked to do a record, enjoying his music. "People will and decided to start my own say, 'Learned your songs because record company. I knew all the my parents and grandparents performers. I borrowed \$6,000 had your records," said Clancy.

FM host Dick Wallace would revival. And now, there are signs that it might be time to strike up the band, revive the orchestra and

recall those virtuosos in waiting. Setting the dial, however, will have to wait. With the formation of the

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mid February, the legal and Corp., a non-profit with a three- a current radio station to switch

But former WQRS listeners been put in place to eventually employee, longtime on-air talent haven't stopped hoping for a operate a full-time classical music station.

Board members' estimates range from three months to one ing envelopes to offering legal year before a new classical music services," said Wallace, who also Detroit. Currently, four stations have Sundays.

entered into tentative talks with Detroit Classical Radio Corp. in the Detroit Classical Radio Radio Corp.'s idea is to convince

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Wallace. "Nine out of ten who call are

people volunteering, from stuffformat will debut in metro hosts a pops music program on WYUR-AM (1310) 6:30 p.m.

Basically, the Detroit Classical

organizational structure has member board and one full-time its current format to a classical music format. In essence, Detroit Classical Radio Corp. would pay a leasing fee to the station's owner, and handle the day-to-day opera-

tions, from programming to promotions. The lease-management agreement isn't an unproved arrangement in the local market. Currently, WYUR leases the 1310 AM frequency from WNIC, which formerly operated a Motown

Gold format in its place. There is no full-time classical music station based in metro Detroit. Windsor's CBC-FM (89.9) is the only classical format in the market.

Clancy from page E1

hall song, but it became a great It's still going." ballad. James Joyce saw a whole circle of life in it."

Clancy came to the United States with his brother Tom, an land," he said. "It's a place I actor. "He did a play in Greenwich Village, and it was a flop. We had to pay the rent, so we gave folk music concerts at midnight. At midnight Greenwich Village was alive. Pete Seeger would perform. That was before he was anybody. Half of the talented lad, and has formal money we collected went for the music training, which none of rent, the rest we divided equal-

Tom said he'd give it a year, day, March 5, in Pittsburgh ends and give up acting if the singing at the Magic Bag. went well. At the end of that year, they gave it another year.

us as old men in 1972."" approaches, Clancy looks back college, but I was never able." and thinks about all the fun

things. "We were very lucky," he and started Tradition Records. "It's good fun."

air. The two pairs are yoked lapsed causing three men to fall together by shoulder bars. Two to the ground. The act is permen, yoked together on the sec- formed without safety devices. ond level, stand on top of the first level's shoulder bars. A

Circus from page E1

the third level. The tragic accident on Jan. 30, member, and Nick Wallenda-1962 in Detroit happened when Troffer will be among the per-

standing on a wire, 35-feet in the his grip and the pyramid col-

Kari Wallenda's grandchildren woman sits and then stands on Tino and Delilah; Alida, a seventh generation Wallenda family





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Other stations, such as WDET-FM (101.1), WDTR (90.9) and WUOM-FM (91.7) broadcast classical music programs. Detroit Classical Radio Corp. and its supporters are optimistic.

SPECIAL WRITER

'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.

BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

Trinity house Theatre takes a bite out of winter with its warm reception, and the delightful diversion of their mid-winter cabaret offering - "Around the House." Music, drama and dance form a rich tapestry of visual

vide food for the soul as well. Dell and Rough Cuts, a band led by Idell Smith and inspired by Peter, Paul and Mary open the first act with "Blowing in the expertly coaxed enchanting Wind," encouraging the audience to sing along. They followed with "If I Had A Hammer," and "Runaway," warming up the audience as much as the mugs of delicious gourmet coffee. Trinity House regular Dan Gumina revealed

his talent on the harmonica. The opening band was foloccupied Holland during World word picture recreated a young for a spiritual awakening. and auditory delight, and pro- boy's terror and will to survive The first act closed with the

during an aircraft strafing raid. The Gumina family revealed another of their musically talented members as Greg Gumina melodies from the dulcimer. Young Jenna Vanden Brink and seasoned veteran Carl Dumas followed with humorous mono-

logues. Teenager Matthew Judge showed a maturity beyond his years in his deeply moving dramatic solo, "In Deep." The story lowed by the stirring story of of a young man trapped alone in Mac Vanden Brink's survival in a pit was rich in spiritual personal choices, and his cries for War II. His simple yet eloquent help representing the yearning

tured in the modern dance of invoked side-splitting laughter. choreographer and dancer Susan Vanden Brink with dancers Wizard, science teacher Kathy Anessa Thompson and Beth Temple and poet Ann Horn.

After an intermission and more of the aromatic coffee, the chameleon. It would have been a band "Love Bucket," an "Ameri- nifty touch if she had coaxed a ca" or "Supertramp" sound-alike, tune out of the water-filled glass performed five numbers. Their soft rock sound was pleasant listening, but the group performed way too long for a cabaret setting.

A comic delight followed the band, as Trudy Mason landed in the dentist chair and Mark Barrera clasped a drill in the short

The female equivalent of Mr. Kitzmann, entertained with

water-filed beakers that changed colors more frequently than a vessels as well. Elizabeth Ladd Lee's character

> had her switching rapidly between personalities during a

amazing imagery of "White sketch "Drill" directed by Laura each character's quirks. Lee's Glintings." Ocean surf was cap- Gumina. The physical humor performance clearly indicated her ability to take on more chal lenging roles in future Trinity House productions.

> Susan Vanden Brink took to the stage for another modern dance, and captivated the audience with her strength and presentation in, "Don't Forget to Breathe.

Trinity House Theatre closed their performances with the study, "Emotional Perceptions" band "All Saints Day." While young, enthusiastic, and very centered in their religious series of monologues. Comic and beliefs, their lyrics were impossipensive photos were projected ble to follow, let alone underbehind her - photos reinforcing stand, over the amplification.

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One-acts alternately funny, insightful

presented by the Theatre Guild of March 13-14; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly (south of Five Mile discount for students and seniors, call (313) 531-0554.

BY BOB WEIBEL SPECIAL WRITER

The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford "Festival of One Acts" mare." Director Tony Lawry has actor. great fun with this farce, and ferociously funny playwright.

Ed Howell is terrific as a confused actor who doesn't know

confesses an Act of Contrition.

actress who gives new meaning es, etc. Road), Redford. Tickets \$10, \$1 to method acting, as she reads stage directions) and burlesques a gaggle of gestures. Jason Smith is a scream a Also on the playbill are four

shows why Durang has been delightful unpublished plays, described as America's most and a discussion at the end of the evening with the writers and directors.

he is doing. Is it Noel Coward's ship of some friends as a model and son. Kurt Kinde convinc- Fay Sommer.

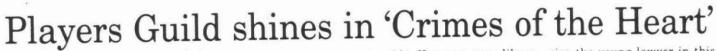
lines like a robot (including Harrison High School in Farm- formances. ington Hills, got his idea for "A Funny Thing Happened on the has a "Twilight Zone" quality. Way to Africa," one rainy Satur- It started as a drama, but direc scene-eating Shakespearean day afternoon. Director tor Rob Papineau encouraged actor. Maxine Parshall is ele- Matthew Ripper, has taken a Feldt to add a comical twist. gantly witty in a variety of simple idea (packing for a trip) gets off to a laugh-a-minute roles. Tiffany Bedwell adds to and fashioned an illuminating start with Christopher the merriment as a stage man- look at opposite personalities. advise a town about the will of Durang's "The Actor's Night- ager prompting the harried One partner (Trisha Ali) packs a wealthy resident who died. It about the next morning, stuffing his suitcase.

Writer/director Del Johnson, Gregor's "The Waiting Room" is McKenzie, Maxine Paarshall his role, his lines, or what play for example, used the relation- a revealing story about a father Mark Ripper, Lisa Shaw and

A Festival of One-Act Plays - "Private Lives?" Shakespeare's for his play "Metamorphosis." It ingly portrays a middle-age "Hamlet?" When out of ad libs, is an interesting vignette about man about to marry for the sec-Livonia Redford, continues 8 Howell does the Pledge of Alle- a wife (Marie Majewski), who is ond time. Keith Prusak is p.m. Friday and Saturday, giance to the Flag, and even a nature lover, and a husband equally good as a son, painfully (Donald Lee) who complains working out some unresolved Lisa Melinn is hilarious as an about the expenses of bird hous- conflicts regarding his dead mother and father. This play is Paul Kittinger, a freshman at well written with first-rate per-

Pat Feldt's "Town Meeting"

An attorney shows up (played expertly by Jeff Walters) to the night before, leaving noth- provides for a substantial donaing to chance. The other (Drew tion if, by midnight, the town Parker) frantically scurries can determine how to use the money. The engaging cast includes Dennis Day, Annette Writer/Director David Mac- Hissong, Sean Kelley, Fred



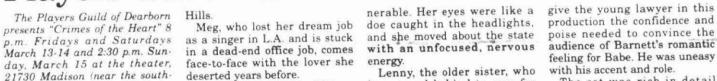
The Players Guild of Dearborn 21730 Madison (near the southeast corner of Monroe and Outer Drive), Dearborn, (313) 561-

BY SUE SUCHYTA

Set in the small Southern 1974, Beth Henley's Pulitzer Babe, the youngest sister, whose Prize-winning comedy, "Crimes years with an abusive husband of the Heart" is the story of three sisters hastily reunited by a family crisis. The sisters' emotional baggage far outweighs their suitcases, and we laugh and sympathize with their remscences of the past and their struggles with their current predicament.

Babe, the youngest sister, has just shot her husband, "because she didn't like his looks." He survived the ordeal, but whether the sisters will is another story, as they discover what really happened. Their annoying, social climbing cousin Chick lends comic relief to the story. Middle sister Meg's reunion with a long-lost love, Babe's lawyer's desire for her, and Lenny's liaison with a lonely hearts club suitor fill the story with romance.

The female actresses are the strength of the show. The impetuosity of Meg, the middle sister, was skillfully captured by Kim Donovan of Farmington



dialect.

Lenny, the older sister, who with his accent and role.

The Players Guild of Dear- has stayed behind to care for second and third acts.

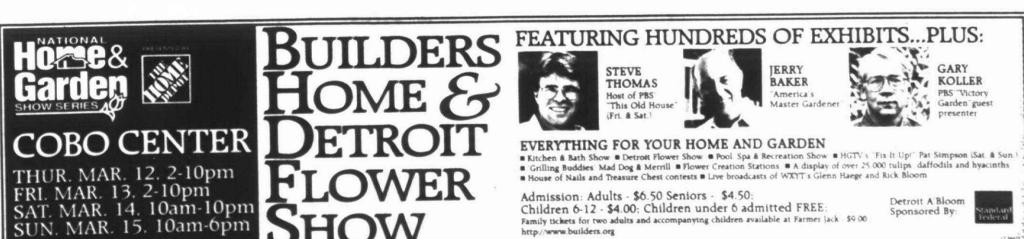
have left her emotionally vul- the stage presence needed to stage

nerable. Her eyes were like a give the young lawyer in this feeling for Babe. He was uneasy

The set was rich in detail born actresses had strong their ailing grandfather, is the such as running water and Southern accents, and let the most inhibited of the three sis- hissing gas, and very functioncharacters pace their lines with ters, and a challenging charac- al. The costumes were a delightthe slowness inherent to the ter to win over the audience's ful throwback to the 1970s, sympathies. Nancy Valentini of when miniskirts and polyester Vicki Briganti was deeply Livonia made the most of the reigned. Playgoers should note town of Hazelhurst, Miss. in moving in her portrayal of role becoming stronger in the that smoking is integral to the plot and will be noticeable to Michael Sametz did not have anyone sitting close to the







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A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

CAPITOL THEATRE "Bye Bye Birdie," with Troy Donahue, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 15, in the theater's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. \$25 and \$30 (Canadian) (519) 253-7729 or http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE Fences," through Sunday, March 22, at

the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 868-1347 **7TH HOUSE**

"A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12 and Saturday, March 14; 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15, downtown Pontiac, tickets \$22 and \$27 discounts for seniors, students and groups, dinner packages available with Baci Abbracci Restaurant, (248) 335-

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY "Julie Johnson," Wendy Hammond's poignant story of an uneducated young

ther who seeks a better life for hersel and her two children, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12 (\$20), 8 p.m. Friday, March 13 (\$25), and 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14 (\$25), at the theater, 137 Park St., Cheisea. (734) 475-7902. group sales 475-5817

OPERA NEW YORK CITY OPERA NATIONAL

Donizetti's "Daughter of the Regiment, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 12-13, 2 p.m. 75-minute family show Saturday. March 14, and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$22-\$44. (800) 221-1229 of http://www.ums.org

COLLEGE

EMU THEATRE "Anne of the Thousand Days, Maxwell Anderson's epic tale of the lives of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 12-14, Quirk Theatre or Eastern Michigan University campus, Ypsilanti. \$7 Thursday, \$12 Fridays and Saturdays, and \$10 Sunday matinee. \$2 discount for tickets purchased in dvance. (734) 487-1221 ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

"Love Letters," a touching and often numorous play about a relationship between two people from childhood to middle age based on letters, a Skarga Society production of J.R. Gurney's play 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, at the college, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, \$7, \$4 students. (248) 683-0324 WSU BONSTELLE THEATRE

Twelfth Night,' by William Shakesper 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the theate 3424 Woodward Ave. on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE "Two Gentlemen of Verona," by William

Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 12-13: "A Woman of No mportance," by Oscar Wilde, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the the ter, 4743 Cass Ave, on the Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE ig River," the adventures of Huckleberry Finn, 8 p.m. Thursday

Saturday, March 12-14, and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and Sunday, March 15. at the theater, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$16 seniors/students. (734) 971-AACT AVON PLAYERS

"The Odd Couple," (female version), 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, Rocheste \$11, student, senior and group rates available at the Thursday and Sunday performances. (248) 608-9077 RI DOMFIELD PLAYERS Annie," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March

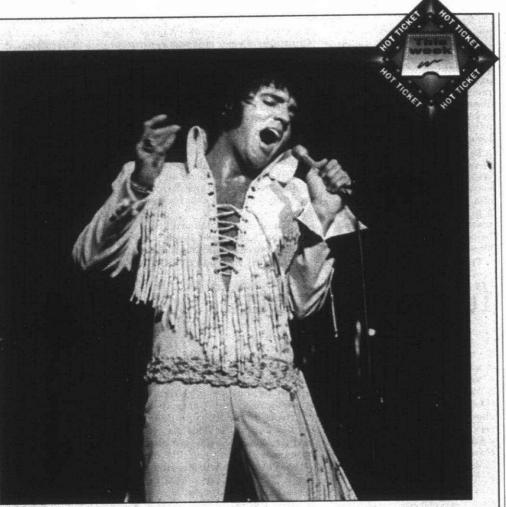
13-14, 20-21, and 2 p.m. Sundays March 15 and 22 at Lahser High School auditorium, 3456 Lasher Road Bloomfield Hills. (248) 433-0885 THAT BROADWAY BEAT

A musical revue featuring songs from "Evita," "Ragtime," "Chicago," and "La Cage Aux Folles," Saturdays, March 14, 21, 28 at the Wunderground Theetre, 110 S. Main St. (above ACE Hardware) Royal Oak. \$10. (248) 541-1763 ORN HEIGHTS CIVIC THEATRE The Carpenter," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturd arch 13-14, and 4 p.m. Sundays March 15, at the Berwyn Center, 26155 rdson (three blocks west of Beech Daly, two blocks south of Warren Avenue), Dearborn. \$7, \$5 students and

seniors, Group discounts available. (313) 277-7900 NORTH ROSEDALE PARK PLAYERS 'Once Upon a Mattress," 8 p.m. Frida turdays, March 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 15, 22, din-ner theater Friday, March 13, spaghetti nner Friday, March 27, benefit perfor-

ances Sunday, March 15 and Friday March 20, at the theater 18845 Scaradale, Detroit, (248) 644-8411 THE NOVI THEATRES Niver!" the musical, 8 p.m. Frida turday, March 13-14, and 2 p.m. anday, March 15, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

lovi. (248) 347-0400 APER BAG PRO The Wizard of Oz," Saturdays an undays through Saturday, April 11. Istoric Players Club, 3321 E. Jeffe ve., Detroit. Noon lunch and 1 p.m. days, and 1 p.m. lunch and 2 un. show Sundays, \$7.50 includes unch. (810) 662-8118



Elvis - The Concert: Features Elvis's original tour cast with musical director / conductor Joe Guercio and a 16-piece orchestra performing live on stage with a video-projected Elvis, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Tickets \$25 and \$17.50, at Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666 or call (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

(734) 287-2000 BOAT AND FISHING SHOW

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

east of Monroe and Outer Drive

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

"Crimes of the Heart." a story of three

sisters in Hazelhurst, Miss., in the early

13-14, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15

at the theater, 21730 Madison (south-

Dearborn, \$10, \$8 for students younge

than age 18 with proper ID. (313) 561-

"Brigadoon," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March

12, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14,

and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the the

west of Livernois Road), Troy, \$13, \$12

Thursday and Sundays for students and

seniors, coffee and sandwich afterglow

A Delicate Balance," 8 p.m. Fridays

Saturdays, March 13-14 and 20-21, and

2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, St. Dunstan's

Guild of Cranbrook, 400 Lone Pine Road

ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD

Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-0527

"The Sunshine Boys," by Neil Simon,

Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Friday-

Sunday, March 20-22, and Friday-Sund

March 27-29, Burgh Site, on Civic

Center Dr., between Berg and Lahse

Performs her one-woman show "Off the

Wall: The Life and Works of Charlotte

March 14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15

911 N. University, University of Michigan

"Around the House," featuring a variety

of comedians, dancers, musicians rang-

ing from alternative to folk, actors, story

cabaret-style environment, 8 p.m. Friday-

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD

A Festival of One-Act Plays 8 p.m. Friday

Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 15138

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

March 14, 21, 28, and April 4, 18 and

25, and Sundays, March 15, 22 and 29

Friday, April 13-17, at the theater, 135

ages 3 and younger will not be admitted.

heatreworks/USA, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Saturday, March 14, and 2 p.m. Sunday,

Season for children ages 7 and older,

Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

\$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. Children

SPECIAL EVENTS

ooks, Victorian-period furniture, pattern

glass, porcelain, toys, china and pottery.

noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, 10 a.m

to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 10

Road (Eureka Road and I-75), Taylor.

a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 15, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Ran

INTIQUE AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW

Featuring antiques and collectibles

nostalgic and vintage, rare and old

younger than 5 will not be admitted.

March 15, as part of the Movin' Up Club

and April 5, 19 and 26, and Monda

Main St., Northville, \$6.50. Children

Jungle Book," presented by

e's Web." 2:30 p.m. Saturday

Beech Daly (south of Five Mile Road).

Redford, Tickets \$10, \$1 discount for

students and seniors, call (313) 531-

Saturday, March 13-14, at the theater

38840 W. Six Mile Road (at I-275),

and Saturday, March 13-14; 2 p.m.

ers and multi-media performers in a

Kuenzel Room of the Michigan Union,

Ann Arbor. (734) 763-3202

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Livonia. (734) 464-6302

ARQUIS THEATRE

(248) 349-8110

YOUTHTHEATRE

(313) 963-2366

0554

Perkins Gilman," 8:30 p.m. Saturday,

roads, Southfield. (248) 827-0701

included, (248) 988-7049

SRO PRODUCTIONS

ANN TIMMONS

ater, 205 W. Long Lake Road (1/4 mile

1970s, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March

Featuring 50,000 square feet of boats, trailers, fishing equipment and watersports and information about charter s vices and marinas, noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 20, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 21, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunda March 22, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road (Eureka Road and I-75), Taylor. (734) 287-2000 BUILDERS HOME AND DETROIT

FLOWER SHOW

With more than 25,000 tulips, daffodils and hyacinths, Steve Thomas, host of PBS's "This Old House," "America's Master Gardener" Jerry Baker, and PBS's "Victory Garden" guest host Gary Koller, Home and Garden Television's "Fix-It-Ip!" host Pat Simpson, how-to clinics, Michigan Kitchen and Bath Show, Pool. Spa and Recreation Show, 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 12-13, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 15, Cobo Hall, \$6,50, \$4,50 seniors, \$4 children ages 6-12, free for children ages 6 and younger. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are \$9 at Farmer Jack. Discount admission oupons at The Home Depot. Target and Hudson's stores. (248) 737-4478 or ttp://www.builders.org

THE CHENILLE SISTERS 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University, Walton levard and Adams Road, Rocheste \$25, \$15 students, \$35 patrons, \$50 benefactors, benefits Birminghan

Musicale's scholarship and philanthrop programs. (248) 651-2316 COCA-COLA COLLECTORS ANTIQUE

ADVERTISING SHOW More than 50 dealers from four states provide collectors an opportunity to bu sell and trade Coca-Cola and other soda related advertising items, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Livonia Elks Club, 31117 Plymouth Road, Livonia. \$2 adults. (313) 284-2943 COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY SHOW Featuring new and used computers, hardware including modems, printers, keyboards, CD-ROM drives, scanners, shareware, computer furniture and more, noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 15, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road (Eureka Road and I-75), Taylor, (734) 287-2000 TROY NIGHT AT THE OSCARS The Troy Public Library is offering the chance to win prizes for correctly guess ing the Oscar winners, with help from Kurt Eli Mayry, president of the Motio

Picture Institute of Michigan, and film critic John Monaghan of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Troy Public Library 510 W. Big Beaver (east of I-75), in the Civic Center Complex. (248) 524-3538

FAMILY EVENTS BLUEBIRD FESTIVAL & WILDLIFE ART

The 14th annual festival includes guide walks to the bluebird habitat, art, food, storytellers and guest speakers, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 15, on the cam pus of Jackson Community College, 2111 ons Road, Jackson. (517) 782-3453

1 p.m. Sunday, March 15, The Ark, 316 Main St., Ann Arbor. \$6. All ages. 734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org UDY AND DAVID uno Award-nominated family entertainers from Toronto perform 4 p.m. Sunday,

March 15, Jewish Community Center Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, 15110 W 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. \$4, \$3 child nembers, \$5 adult non-members, \$4 child non-members. (248) 967-4030 SHRINE CIRCUS Noon and 7 p.m. Mondays-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, through Sunday, March 22, Michiga State Fair Coliseum, Detroit, \$6-\$14. (313) 831-1620/(313) 366-6200

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE Crusade for Strings," 1 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Birmingham Community House, 360 S. Bates St., Birmingham (248) 475-5978 PENELOPE CRAWFORD lassical pianist, 8 p.m. Thursday, Marcl 12, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25 rows 1-5, \$15 rows 3-5, \$10 general seating. 734) 769-2999 or

ttp://www.peus.com/kch DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With conductor Yuri Temirkanov performs Elgar's "Enigma Variations" and Rachmaninoff's "Symphony No. 2." 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 3 p.m. Sunday March 15: With Conductor Eri Klas and pianist Grigory Sokolov performing Mussorgsky/Rimsky-Korsakov's introducanshchina." Rachmaninof Piano Concerto No. 3," and Prokofiev' Romeo and Juliet" excerpts, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 10:45 a.m. Friday March 20, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsympho

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Eastern Michigan University's Department of Music presents a perfor

mance of Johannes Brahms' "A German Requiem," performed by the EMU Iniversity Choir, EMU Festival Choir, First Presbyterian Church Choir of Ann Arbor and the EMU Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Kevin Miller, associate professor of music, soloists are fac ulty members Glenda Kirkland, soprano and Donald Hartmann, bass-baritone, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, in Pease Auditorium, corner of West Cross Street and College Place in Ypsilanti. \$5, \$3 students/seniors, and available at the Duirk Box Office (734) 487-1221, or Pease Auditorium one hour before the

DEMARRE MCGILL

Flutist performs as part of Detroit Chamber Winds' Nightnotes series, p.m. Friday, March 20, Hagopian's World of Rugs, 850 S. Old Woodward Ave. Birmingham. \$16 includes performanc hments. (248) 362-9329 MACOMB SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Presents "DanceXotica" featuring pianis Leszek Bartkiewicz and tap dancer Scott Johnson, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts 44575 Garfield Road (at M-59), Clinton Township. \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (810) 286-2222/(248) 645-6666 **RS' CHURCH OF DETROIT** Presents a series of organ concerts with enneth Sweetman and Kevin Bylsma slaying the music of Bach, Brahms, Franck, and Pachelbel during lent, 12:35 p.m. Thursdays, March 12, 19 and 26, and April 2, following 12:10 services, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Free parking Ford Auditorium Underground Garage a the median of Jefferson Avenue at the foot of Woodward Avenue, (313) 259-

MICHIGAN CHAMBER PLAYERS

Featuring members of the University of Michigan School of Music faculty, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 15, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. (800) 221-1229 o http://www.ums.org

FABIO ZANON AND VICTOR SAKALAUSKAS

A concert of classical guitar, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, in Kresge Hall of Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road (I-96 at Levan Road), Livonia.

\$14.50 advance, \$16 at the door. (248) 975-8797 POPS

TONY BENNETT Concert 7 p.m. Sunday, March 15 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, o benefit the J.P. McCarthy Foundation Tickets start at \$35 and available at Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. Special seats can be reserved for \$250 by calling (248) 355-7575.

PINO MARELLI Sings international pop standards and originals in English, Italian and Spanish . Tuesdays through March, Ardo's Grill N' Chill, 27900 Hoover Road, Warren. Free. All ages; 7 p.m.

Wednesdays and Thursdays and 8 p.m. Fridays, through March 27 at Luciano' 39031 Garfield, Clinton Township. (810 582-0080/(810) 263-6540

BOB MILNE Plays ragtime 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15. at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile Road (east

of Farmington), Livonia. Free. (734) 421-7238

AUDITIONS/ WORKSHOPS

DETROIT SHOCK Open auditions for ages 13-17 for its first Dance/Spirit Team, 4 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. Semifinalists invited back for inter views 5 p.m. March 17 or 19, final auditions 8:30 a.m. March 21. Team will be introduced at the Detroit Vipers games vs. Cleveland Lumberjacks 7:30 p.m. March 21, at The Palace. The Detroit Shock opens the 1998 WNBA season June 13 at The Palace. (248) 377-0199 MUSIC THEATRE OF MICHIGAN "Audition workshop" for those ages 15 and older with Broadway actor Danie Cooney teaching "Acting Technique," "How to Connect Emotionally With You Work," and "Basic Vocal Technique," 6-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, March 16-17. \$45; Auditions actors and singers from area high schools for a summer acting workshop with New York acting instruct tor Jim Bonney and Cooney, 5-9:30 p.m. hursday-Friday, March 19-20; Auditions those 15 and older for *Broadway in Concert," its summer production, 5-9:30 m, Thursday-Friday, March 19-20. Performances in July. Audition by appointment only. (734) 425-5782 PETER SPARLING & CO. Auditions for two male dancers to join Peter Sparling's professional modern dance company, noon to 3 p.m. Saturday March. 14, at Dance Gallery Studio, 111 Third St. (off Huron Street), Ann Arbor Audition is a modern-class format. Dancers should bring a resume. Rehearsals begin in May for July 10 per formance at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival, (734) 747-8885 TWO LANE AMERICAN TOUR Songwriter's Workshop noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 14, to learn the craft and business from award-winning profe onals, \$65, (248) 691-4283/(888) 266-4275, pin 9179; concert featuring Kate Wallace, Michael Camp, Sally Barris, and Dana Cooper performing origi nal songs "in the round" in the style of Nashville's world famous Bluebird Caf follows workshop, 8-10:30 p.m., at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$11, (248) 647-2380

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS Host workshop, Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Italian American Cultural Center Warren, (313) 526-9432/(810) 573-

JAZZ

PAUL ABLER 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050 ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "And All That Jazz" concert featuring Gershwin's "Plano Concerto in F. Milhaud's "La Creation du monde, Copland's "Music for Theater," and Stravinsky's "Rag Time," 7:30 p.m Saturday, March 14, Michigan Theatre 603 Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$29 (734) 994-4801 or e-mail a2so@wwnet.com B'JAZZ VESPER

Featuring Gary Schunk Trio with Tom Starr and Jack Dryden, 6-8 p.m. Sunday March 15, at First Baptist Church, 30 Willits (at Bates), Bates, Birminghan Free. (248) 644-0550 or http://users.aoi.com/churchwww/first.

SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Point Farms, Free, 21 and older; 9 p.m. Frida Saturday, March 20-21, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester, Free, All ages, ("acoustic gypsy jazz") (313) 861

8101/(248) 652-1600 REGGIE BRAXTON 7:30-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 12 and 19, Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washing streets), Royal Oak, Free, All ages.

(248) 541-80 AARON FLAGG TRID 8-10 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Espres Royale Caffe, 214 Main St., Ann Arbor.

Free. All ages. (jazz standards on trumpet) (734) 668-1838 DOUG HORN TRIO

7-11 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150 KIMMIE HORNE 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, and

20-21, D. L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. (top 40/R&B/ jazz) (248) 852-0550 MARLA JACKSON TRIO 7-11 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Edison's,

220 Merrill St., Birmingham, Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248 645-2150 AHMAD JAMAL QUARTET

8 p.m. Friday, March 20, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsymphony.com JAZZODITY

9 p.m. Friday, March 20, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (experimental) (734) 485-5050

PHIL KELLY TRIO 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, March 13, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and olde (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

SHEILA LANDIS 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages; 10 p.m. Friday, March 20, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 652-1600/(248) 332-HOWL

TERRY LOWER TRIO 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21 Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 FRANK MCCULLERS TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 14 Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave. (at Cente Street), Royal Oak. Free, 25-cent surcharge on drinks during live entertain ment. All ages. (248) 546-1400 MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With guest vibist Jack Brokensha, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, and with guest saxist Russ Miller, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Botsford In 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington. \$5 cover waived with dinner (5:30-8 p.m.) plus \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800 PACHORA 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Kerrytown

Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$15 rows 1-5, \$10 general seating. ("Eastern European/Mediterranean influenced old jazz with downtown edge (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch

ROBERT PIPHO TRIO 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, March 20. Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and olde (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150 AURELL RAY QUARTET

9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturda March 20-21, and 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, SereNgeti Ballroom 2957 Woodward Ave. (at Charlotte, six blocks north of the Fox Theatre), Detroit \$15. (313) 832-3010 STANLEY CLARK

With Larry Carleton, Jeff Lorber, Lenny White and Phil Perry, 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$17.50, \$27.50 and \$37.50. (313) 730-3490/(313) 963

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300 PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 14 Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham Free. 21 and older. (vocals and sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2151

WORLD MUSIC ENIE MAN AND THE BLAZE BAND With Tonto Metro and Little Kirk, 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance 18 and older. (reggae) (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com BLACK MARKET

9 n.m. Thursday, March 19, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 543-4300 IMMUNITY

10 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Kodial Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. \$2. 21 and older. (reggae) (810) 731-1750 INDIAN CULTURAL SHOW In annual event hosted by the East Indian Students' Association of The University of Windsor, 8 p.m. Saturda March 14, Pentastar Playhouse in the Capitol Theatre, 121 University Ave. Nest, Windsor, Ontario, (519) 253-8065 or http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol or

capitol@mnsi.net LOS MUNEQUITOS DE MATANZAS Afro-Cuban band of percussionists, singers and dancers performing three styles of rumba and ritual music from th Yoruba and Abacua religions, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, Power Center for he Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St. Ann Arbor. \$14-\$26. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

BALDUCK MOUNTAIN RAMBLERS 3 p.m. Sunday, March 15, and noo luesday, March 17, for the St. Patrick's Day celebration at Nemo's, 1384 Michigan Ave. (east of Tiger Stadium) Detroit. (313) 965-3180 NER DANCE St. Patrick's Day party with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and dancing to Joe Vitale's Band, 7-11 p.m. Sunday, March 15.

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all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

Continued from previous page Bishop Foley Knights of Columbus Council No. 2660 Dearborn, 15800 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. \$20, bene fits religious vocations. (734) 422-1072/(313) 565-3656 DENNIS MCCOTTER & FRIENDS 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, at D. L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks

Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-0550 MARIANNE MURPHY 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (Celtic) (248) 544-

KAREN NEWMAN

1141

Detroit Red Wings "National Anthem singer performs along with traditional Irish bands, and a traditional Irish buffet will be served, 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut ., Mount Clemens. Cover charge, benefits Muscular Dystrophy Association of Michigan. Detroit Red Wing jerseys and other items will be auctioned off. (810)

465-5154 ROSIE O'GRADY'S

The Ron Coden Show, 1-5 p.m. Tuesday March 17, 175 Troy St., Ferndale. (248) O'MARA'S RESTAURANT

Entertainment by Irish singer John

Hyaduck from 2:30-5:30 p.m. and Ron Coden from 6:30-9:30 p.m., and a menu of Shepherd's Pie, corned beef and cabbage, fish and chips, roast leg of lamb and Irish stew (\$9.95), 2-10 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Coden also appears 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14. O'Mara's, 2555 W, 12 Mile Road (at Coolidge Highway), Berkley. All ages. (248) 399-6750

CATHIE RYAN Lead singer of Cherish The Ladies, 8 p.m Tuesday, March 17, The Ark, 316 S.

Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (Irish) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org TANGERINE TROUSERS

8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Coyote Club. 1 N Saginaw Pontiac \$3 21 and older.

(248) 332-HOWL With The Grip and Explosion Cerebral, 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S.

Ashley, Ann Arbor, Cover charge, 21 and older. (avant jazz/Irish) (734) 662-8310 THE YOUNG DUBLINERS Perform at 9 p.m. followed by the 10 p.m. screening of the film "The

Commitments," Wednesday, March 18. Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave .. Ferndale, \$5. 18 and older. (Irish rock (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

FOLK/BLUEGRASS LES BARKER

7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15, The Ark 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org PATTY LARKIN

With Sister Seed, 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave. Ferndale. \$13 in advance. 18 and older (folk/pop) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.961melt.com THE NIELDS

With Greg Greenway, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 20, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., An Arbor. \$11. All ages. (folk/rock) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org TOM PAXTON

With Joel Mabus, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org CLAUDIA SCHMIDT

8 p.m. Thursday, March 19, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$12.5 (734) 761-1451 or

http://www.a2ark.org **JO SERRAPERE** 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, Royal

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Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 544-1141 MATT WATROBA Celebrates release of CD *Live at the

Ark," with a performance, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, Borders Books and Music. 34300 Woodward Ave... Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 203-

DANCE

ANN ARBOR COUNCIL FOR TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE'S

INTERNATIONAL DANCE AND DINNER An afternoon of international dancing and live music and dance instruction by Galata (2-4:30 p.m.), and a homemade community dinner of Eastern European food (4:30-6 p.m.), Sunday, March 29. Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Salini toad (1/4 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$12 Reservations by Friday, March 20. (248) 698-9527 or rbantle@bizserve.co

9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE Countdown," favorite works from the Saturdays through June 27, Bacci dance company's modern dance reperto Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free ry, and preview of "The Unknown All ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300 Sequence," 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, the BENNY AND THE JETS Adray Theater, Mackenzie Fine Arts Place, 23845 W. Warren Road (one Building, Henry Ford Community College. block east of Telegraph Road), Dearborn on Evergreen Road, south of Ford,

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING

Dearborr

Led by Eric Arnold and Don Theyken with live music by David West and Donr Baird, 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse 3350 Green Road (north of Plymout) Road), Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 663 0744/(734) 662-5158

GENDER-FREE CONTRA DANCE

With the Ann Arbor Rainbow Contra Dancers and caller Joseph Pimentel, 2.5 o.m. Sunday, March 15, Fellowship Room, Ann Arbor Friends Meeting He 1420 Hill St. (west of Washtenaw Avenue), Ann Arbor, \$6, \$5 students (734) 764-6958 or yusuf@umich edu

SANFORD BLAZE 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Moby Dick's 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581 Man*) and Jesse Lunde, Friday-Saturday, March 13-14; Rob Haney and Ken Dumn BLUECAT Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, inside Mr

Qdays a week

COMEDY

Jeff Simms ("Simbo the Magic Dude

B's Roadhouse, 595 N. Lapeer Road (M

24), Oxford. Cover charge. (248) 628-

Third Level and Joey Bielaska, Thursday,

March 12 (free), and Friday-Saturday,

March 13-14 (\$10); Billy Garan, Moody

McCarthy and Joey Bielaska, Thursday

March 19 (free), and Friday-Saturday,

March 20-21 (\$10), at the club above

Kicker's All American Grill, 36071

mouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m.

hursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

ridays Saturdays, and 8 p.m. Sundays

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

o.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14

Gilbert Gottfried, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45

\$17.50, \$29.95 dinner show package

Leo Dufour, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March

19 (\$8, \$18.95 dinner show package).

ner show package), at the club, 5070

Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Taylor Negron, 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

March 12 (\$9), and 8 p.m. and 10:30

p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14 (\$12)

Wednesday, March 18 (\$4); Jim Dailakis

8:30 nm Thursday March 19 (\$9), and

8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday,

March 20-21 (\$12), at the club, 314 E.

Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14,

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 E. Main

course, family-style Italian dinner. (248)

"Down River Dance," 8 p.m. Wednesdays

(\$10), Thursdays (\$10) and Sundays

(\$19.50), through spring, at the club

2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313)

Formerly known as "Pubs and Clubs" pro-

doors to some of metro Detroit's land-

marks, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12,

Detroit Historical Society members, \$60

Five Dresses from the Collection of

Diana, Princess of Wales," on display 10

a.m. to 9 p.m. through Sunday, March

15, at the museum, 1221 N. Woodward

children ages 12 and younger, for "timed

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or http://www.cranbrook.edu / (248

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Do and Having Fun" with puppet-making,

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Memory Lane" treasure hunt, weekends

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embers. Group rates ava Museum

62 and older, \$6.25 for kids ages 5-12.

20900 Oakwood Boulevard (at Village

throughout March at the complex,

Road, just west of the Southfield

Freeway, south of Michigan Avenue

open 9 a.m. 5 p.m. daily.

Detroit, Cover charge, 21 and older.

9 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Moby Dick's.

5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn, Cover

charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581-

9:30 p.m. 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, March

18. Fifth Avenue Billiards, 105 W. Fifth

p.m. Sundays through April 26, Buck's

) p.m. Thursday, March 12, Coyote

charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 332

Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover

7 p.m. Saturday, March 14, The

9.30 p.m. 1.30 a.m. Fridays and

Patladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho

Road, Roseville, \$10 in advance, 18 and

metal) (810) 778-6404

Saturdays in March, Pages, 23621

and older. (pop) (248) 477-0099

Farmington Road, Farmington, Free, 21

Ave. Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older.

NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL

(blues) (313) 259-2643

BUGS BEDDOW BAND

(blues) (248) 542 992

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BIOHAZARD

RIZER BROTHERS

radio play, classic cartoons and/or seri-

Ave., Bloomfield Hills. \$10 adults, \$7

Detroit Athletic Club, Detroit. \$50

non-members. (313) 833-1405

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Fridays (\$17.50) and Saturdays

"BEHIND THE SCENES"

St., Northville, \$50 includes seven

Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 20-21 (\$10, \$20.95 din

8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Frida

new talent/Third Level improv. (734

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SOUPY SALES

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645-6666

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FIELD VILLAGE

SECOND CITY

10 p.m. Friday, March 13, Library Pub. 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland Free, 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, The Roadhouse 24276 Hall Road, Clinton Township. \$2 21 and older (blues) (734) 421-2250/(810) 463-7133 BLUE EYED SOUL

With Vietnam Prom, 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. \$5. 18 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, March 14, as part of a Detroit Music Awards showcase, at Holbrook Cafe, 3201 Holbrook, Hamtramck, Cove charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 567 6020/(313) 875-1115 o ttp://www.blueevedsoul.com

BLUE HAWAIIANS 9 p.m. Friday, March 20, Fox and lounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older ues) (248) 644-4800 BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS 9 p.m. Thursday, March 19. Fox and

ounds, 1560 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills, Free, 21 and older (blues) (248) 644-4800 BLUE OYSTER CULT With Tiles, 10:30 p.m. Thursday, March

12, Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho oad, Roseville. \$15 in advance. 19 and older, (rock) (810) 778-6404 "THE BLUES PARADE" ith Johnnie Taylor, Clarence Carte Dorothy Moore and Latimore, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 20, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$26 and \$32.50. All ages. (blues) (248) 433-1515 BRIDGE 9 p.m. Thursday, March 12, and

Thursday, March 19-Saturday, March 21 Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford, \$3. 21 and older. (rock (313) 533-4477 JONATHA BROOKE

With Kami Lyle and Uma, 8 p.m hursday, March 12, St. Andrew's Hall,

431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$18.50 in advance. All ages. (pop) (313) 961-MELT http://www.961melt.com BUSTER'S BLUES BAND 10 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Coyote MUSEUMS AND TOURS Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover

charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 332-CAELUM BLISS

vides adventures in dining and opens the With Brilliant, Supra Argo, Atomic Numbers and American Mars, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, as part of the Detroit Music Awards showcase at Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramci Cover charge. 21 and older. (variety) 9313) 369-0080 DAWN CAMPBELL AND BLUE FUSION

10 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway. Westland, Free, 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, March 20, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free, 21 and older. (R&B) (734) 421-2250/(248) 543-

4300 CATCH 22 9 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Cross Street

Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5054 CHAIN REACTION

9 p.m. Thursday, March 19, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St.

Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154 CHURCH OF THE OPEN BOTTLE With Sector 7, 10 p.m. Friday, March 13. Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac Cover charge, 21 and older, (rock) (248)

CONSOLIDATED With Daniel Cartier, 8 p.m. Thursday

March 19. The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit \$8 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313)

961-MELT DANNY COX 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Royal

Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak Free 21 and older: 7:30 p.m.

POPULAR MUSIC Friday, March 20, The Coffee Beanery 307 Main St., Rochester, Free, All ages BACK DOOR BLUES BAND (acoustic rock) (248) 544-1141/(248) 9 p.m. Friday, March 20, Soup Kitcher 650-3344 Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans)

CROCODILE 9 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Moby Dick's 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn, Cove

charge, 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581-2650 TOMMY D BAND 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Bistro 313. 313 Walton Boulevard, Pontiac, Free, 21

and older. (blues/rock) (248) 332-9100 THE DAMNED 8 p.m. Monday, March 16, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit \$18 in

advance. 18 and older. (punk) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com DISGUST

With Corrosive, 10 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac.

Cover charge, 21 and older. (rock) (248 334-9292 DOMESTIC PROBLEMS With Heavy Weather, 9:30 p.m. Thursday

March 12, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$4, 19 and older (rock) leights. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 734) 996-8555 http://members.tripod.com/~BennyJet/

DUNGBEATLES 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, Bo's Bistro. 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and lder (rock) (248) 338-6200

"ELVIS - THE CONCERT" eaturing Elvis's original tour cast with

musical director/conductor Joe Guercio and a 16-piece orchestra performing live on stage with a video-projected Elvis, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (1-7 and Lapeer Road). Auburn Hills. \$25 and

\$17 50. All ages. (Elvis) (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

5 TON CREEK 10 p.m. Friday, March 13, Kodiak Grill,



Alding benefit: The Neville Brothers (pictured) and Take 6 perform during the Ann Arbor Summer Festival's annual Winter Warm-Up Benefit at 8 p.m. Satur day, March 14, at Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. The evening begins with 6 p.m. dinner at the Trueblood Theatre in University of Michigan's Frieze Building, continues with the concert at 8 p.m. and a champagne afterglow. Tickets are \$150 for preconcert dinner, priority concert seating, champagne afterglow and a \$70 tax-deductible donation; \$65 for a \$45 center main floor concert ticket and a \$20 taxdeductible donation; or \$15-\$45 for the concert only. For more information, call (734) 647-2278.

Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal

Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248

10 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Library

21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110

Pub. 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14.

With G.B. Leighton, 8 p.m. Friday, March

Pontiac. \$17.50 in advance. All ages.

10 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Library

Pub. 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free

21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21,

Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union

Lake Road, Commerce Township, Free

JERRY MACK AND THE TERRAPLANES

21 and older. (rock) (248) 360-7450

9 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Fox and

Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older.

With Jolene, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13,

7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$8

All ages. (alternative rock/roots rock

With A Deuce, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March

13, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann

10 p.m.-2 a.m. Wednesdays in March,

Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph

9 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Cross Street

Cover charge, 19 and older, (rock) (734)

LEONARD MOON AND BONNE TEMPS

9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Captain Tony's

\$3. 21 and older. (R&B) (248) 288-6388

30919 N. Woodward Ave., Roval Oak

9 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Memphis

Free 21 and older (blues) (248) 543-

9 p.m. Friday, March 13, as part of a

Detroit Music Award Showcase at The

Attic, 11667 Jos. Campau, Hamtramck

Saturday March 14, Fifth Avenue, 21

W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and

21 Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855

21 and older. (blues) (313) 365

older; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20

Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. Cover charge.

4194/(248) 542 9922/(313) 278 5340

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY

35230 Central City Parkway, Westland

10 p.m. Friday, March 20, Library Pub

Free, 21 and older. (blues) (734) 421

9 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, Fox and

With Take 6, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14

Arbor, \$150 (includes pre-concert dinne

afterglow and a \$70 tax deductible dona

\$24, and \$15 for concert only, as part of

the Ann Arbor Summer Festival's Annual

Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann

priority concert seating, champagne

tion), \$65 (includes \$45 center main

floor concert ticket and a \$20 tax

deductible donation), and \$45, \$45

Winter Warm-Up Benefit. (734) 647

Bloomfield Hills, Free, 21 and older

Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave.

blues) (248) 644-4800

NEVILLE BROTHERS

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19 WHEELS

STEVE NARDELLA

Cover charge, 21 and older, 9 p.m.

Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak

Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti.

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Road), Redford, Free, 21 and olde

Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (alternative

Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave.

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Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 349-

13, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron,

blues) (248) 333-2362 or

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Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free 45660 Mound Road, Utica. \$2. 21 and older. (rock) (810) 731-1750 21 and older, (blues) (248) 360-7450 ROBERT JONES FOOLISH MORTALS 10 p.m. Friday, March 20, Library Pub, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Royal

2100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older, (rock) (248) 349-9110 THE FRINGE With This Island Earth, 10 p.m. Friday. March 20, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw

Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. rock) (248) 334-9292 FUNKTELLIGENCE With Sugarbuzz, 9 p.m. Friday, March 13

ross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St .. Ypsilanti, Cover charge, 19 and older. funk) (734) 485-5050 LARRY GARNER AND THE BOOGALOO BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Roval Oak Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday March 14, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 64-4800/(313) 259-2643 JULIE GENEVIS

7-9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Borders ooks and Music, 45290 Utica Boulevard, Utica. Free. All ages; 8-10 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, Espresso oyale Caffe, 214 Main St., Ann Arbor Free, All ages. (pop) (810) 726-

3555/(734) 668-1838 GILLESPIE, RASMUSSEN AND RAFFOUL 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14. and Wednesday, March 18, Woody's liner 208 S Fifth Ave Royal Oak, Free 21 and older: 9 p.m. Monday, March 16. our Green Fields, 30919 N. Woodward Ave. Royal Oak Free 21 and older: 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free 2

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is a horrible womanizer who lets his people starve in the "let them eat cake" tradition of French nobility. When he eves a beautiful woman in the crowds, he tory. Even Porthos cries out at immediately sends her fiance to one point for more action and the front lines and certain death. This is Louis' big mistake. The dead boy is the son of Athos (Malkovich), the most hot-head- ing fact and fiction. He almost ed of the Musketeers, who now

becomes a sworn enemy of the that The Man in the Iron Mask King and anyone else who stands in his way. When the Musketeers discover that the King's twin brother Phillippe is alive and locked in a

es Philippe (Leonardo DiCaprio) how to be king in "The tower, his face concealed by an iron mask, they hatch a plot to would impress me least, I would switch them. Of course, they'll talent. Yet writer/director Ran- spark, as forced dialogue serves need the help of old buddy dall Wallace almost does. The to introduce the devout Aramis D'Artagnan, who stubbornly early scenes especially lack (Irons) and the earthy Porthos neads the King's security force. The conflict is a good one

because vou know deep down D'Artagnan hates Louis as much

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Leonardo DiCaprio plays the Louis will grow into the king we

Wallace, who also wrote "Braveheart," struggles with a pers. sometimes unwieldy script. The revelations aren't all that revela-

less plotting. But, as with his earlier work. Wallace has a nice way of infusputs over Dumas' fanciful theory (a real-life French prisoner incarcerated from 1669-1703) was the brother of Louis XIV, the last of the great French kings.

If you had asked me before which of the Musketeer actors have said Gabriel Byrne. Yet he's the actor with the most presence in "The Man in the Iron Mask;" you can barely take your eyes off of him when he's on screen.

There's also some clever acting in the role of Athos' son Raoul

than once, "I keep hoping that Malkovich's mannerisms, from his world-weary eyes to his slightly nasal voice which bubbles with intensity even in whis-And Leonardo? Despite some

viewers' belief that the 22-yearold actor is too cute to be truly evil, he certainly engages in some nasty behavior. He also does an admirable job in the "Patty Duke" department where he must talk to himself during key scenes.

While the "Titanic" heartthrob will deliver the female fans, the movie has enough male bonding and swashbuckling action, or at least the promise of it, to make "The Man in the Iron Mask" a good old-fashioned date movie.

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An action comedy about the unstoppable ninia brothers. They're on vacation to Mega Mountain



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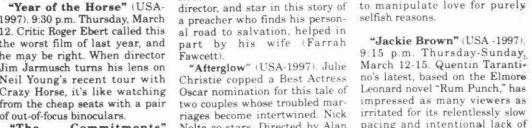
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Crazy Horse, it's like watching Oscar nomination for this tale of from the cheap seats with a pair two couples whose troubled mar- impressed as many viewers as

Wednesday, March 18. In cele- Moderns." Patrick's Day, a concert with The (west of Telegraph), Southfield.

Young Dubliners followed by this Call (248) 372-2222. (\$6.50; spirited story of some rag-tag \$4.50 before 6 p.m.)

"The Commitments" (Britain/Ireland-1991). 10 p.m. Rudolph ("Choose Me," "The action. The cast is uniformly



Nolte co-stars. Directed by Alan pacing and intentional lack of

STREET SCENE

Kangoltopped, cordurov-wearing bluesman James Wailin opens his journal. In it he reveals his insecurities, his loves and his inner-most thoughts.

However, we're going to have to take his word for it. While in his 20s, he created his own, Oriental-style alphabet after getting into trouble with a girlfriend who read through his

These books, which Wailin has kept since he was 17, had a profound effect on her and his fans as well. From these journals, the singer/harmonica player culls lyrics for his band Wailin.

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

Wailin recorded the album George Racile, whose credits song." include The Neville Brothers, Keith Richards and James



Celebrating release: Wailin - from left, bassist Kevin Floyd, guitarist Brett Lucas, drummer Skeeto, singer James Wailin, and guitarist Anthony Muston - recorded its live CD at Memphis Smoke in West Bloomfield.

energy working with George. We Wailin's next studio album. The kept us on the blues path when music. He was the perfect guy for us to work with." Racile "simplified a lot of

things" for Wailin. "He made us look within ourselves and the songs. He made us look at the cores and the foundations of the songs. He said it's said. like building a house. You have

with New York-based producer to have a good foundation for a It was during those sessions

"We really got a lot of good his best songs. It will appear on blues aficionado of the group. He come from the same kind of recording dates for that album we wanted to stray." background - real roots-based 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

The live album is the band's first since 1994's award-winning 1 influence. It's not like I try to 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. release "Rhythm of Life." "Our first CD is out of print. influence," Wailin explained.

Since "Rhythm of Life" Wailin has made several lineup changes. Most notably the addi tion of drummer McCarty, the Lucas.

"When I met Brett he was very well versed in the blues. When other kids were listening to rock, co-workers. 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 nusically."

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

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 istened 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. sound like him. He's just an

that Wailin wrote "Monday It's been frustrating playing big Wonder is still a presence in Morning," which he calls one of shows and being on the road and Wailin's life. The soul singer's http://www.themagicbag.com

way holds a book about Wonder.

One of Wailin's first gigs was with a jazz band in Ann Arbor. son of Jim McCarty of Mystery From there he went on to a Train and 21-year-old guitarist rock/reggae band. It was during the making of that industrial film he was introduced to the blues through Floyd, one of his

"I was singing jazz and R&B, huskier, rougher voice (to sing the blues) But it actually does work because I've always been fond of being expressive and and Eric Bleau. emotional.

doesn't reveal much else 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 covly. 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 its live CD with a party and performance, with special guest Susan Calloway, at 8 p.m. Satur-

day, March 14, at the Magic Bag, Tickets are \$6 for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit

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deacon's bench inside the door- ley have decided that 1998 is the year to take its music seriously.

"We released a cassette and an, EP but we didn't do much with it," said bassist Jared Styles of Royal Oak. "This one we're putting together packages for clubs and contacting the press."

He is speaking of "Driving" Music For One," a collection of eight upbeat pop songs, recorded and I thought I had to have a at The White Room studios in Detroit with Al Sutton and Robert East, and The Hardiman House in Highland with Kirk

Styles described it as an Besides his influences, Wailin album that St. Ashley can be proud of thanks to the addition of drummer Brian Perrone, for merly of the bands Downer's Grove and Vietnam Prom. and guitarist and Rochester resident Eric Cojocari.

Since solidifying the lineup last year, the band has improved even more, he added.

Saint Ashley celebrates the release of "Driving Music for One" 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 Krinkles at 10 p.m. Friday, March 27, at The Sardine Bar, 1548 Franklin St., Detroit

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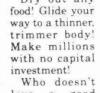
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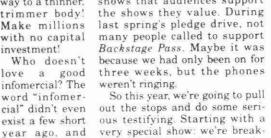
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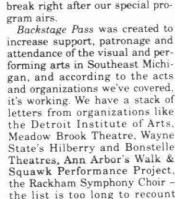
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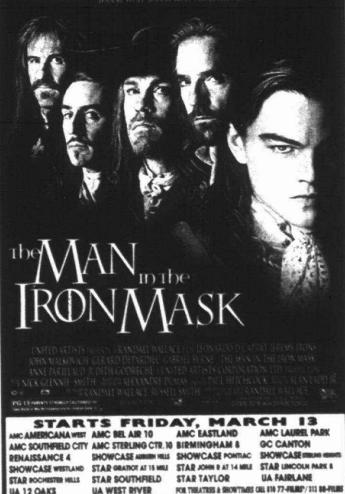
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O'Grady's Irish Pub brings a bit of Ireland to Troy EATING OUT IN

BY ELEANOR HEALD SPECIAL WRITER

DINING

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, Shepherds 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 25seat wooden bar, two doublesided 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 homemade.

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 wideopen 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



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 threeflour 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 leapin' 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 kwgyonik@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

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.

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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 'said is vibrantly different, 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.

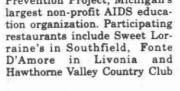
HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

"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-

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