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Who's to blame? Some of the reactions to the alleged rape of a 15-yearold student in Plymouth Canton High School don't surprise sexual assault awareness specialist Ilene Zisk at First Step. They're indicative of the clash between reality and longheld beliefs about the crime./B1

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Theater: Jeffrey Seller, one of "Rent's" producers, returns to metro Detroit April 8 when a touring company of "Rent" opens at the Fisher Theatre./E1

Music: Rick Monroe loves playing music. After the concerts, people will remember the lyrics. They touch them, people know them from first listen./E1

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Just-in-time delivery no labor for cop

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER AND VALERIE OLANDER STAFF WRITERS

Oh, the stories Nathan Craig Hill will be able to tell some day.

Nathan doesn't realize it yet, of course, but his dramatic, March 17 entrance into the world gave his parents - and Canton public safety officers quite a start.

Carolyn Hill, 22, gave birth to Nathan in her car, parked at the police station on Canton Center Road. Performing obstetrician's duties in the four-wheeled delivery room was Canton police Officer Michael Kowalski.

He was ably assisted by Canton firefighter/EMTs Steve Opostal and Chris Stocklein.

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District may go to voters ag



Plymouth-Canton school officials may seek another bond issue - this one for construction of a new middle school in Canton. The proposed fall vote could come before an appeals court ruling on last year's bond election.

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools voters may be asked later this year to approve a bond issue to build a new middle school in Canton.

The district will lose its lease at Lowell Middle School in Westland by Aug. 1, 2000, as the Livonia Public Schools district plans to take back the building after leasing it to Plymouth-Canton for nearly 20 years

Superintendent Chuck Little told school board members Tuesday night he wants to build the new middle school on 21 acres of land at Hanford and Canton Center roads in Canton.

There is no cost estimate for a new middle school, which is needed to house the 730 students who are now enrolled at Lowell. The district's housing committee will study the issue, and decide on an architect to move forward with the project.

Little told the board there are election openings in October and December, and he's hoping to have the project solidified and a bond committee ready to tackle the issue of gaining support for the new school soon.

The election could come before resolution of the \$79.7 million 1997 bond issue, which was narrowly approved by voters but is tied up in court.

Former state Rep. Jerry Vorva has sued the school district because 716 ballots cast on touch-screen voting machines didn't count. The measure to build two new schools and make other improvements passed by 96 votes.

A state appeals court panel has assigned expedited status to the suit.

If all goes according to the plan unveiled Tuesday, a completion date of the new school will come during the 2000-2001 school year. Little said since Livonia wants Lowell back at the beginning of that school year, there is the probability students will be housed

in other middle schools for at least size months as they await the completion of the new school

In his report, Little says "current and projected enrollment coupled with the need for a middle school in Canton are very strong reasons for immediate undertaking of this project."

No determination has yet been made whether the current Lowell students would be the first in the new building, or if there would be a reorganization of students from all the middle schools. However, a majority of the Lowell students currently live in the area where the new middle school is proposed.

During discussions, there were concerns that none of the current five middle schools are located in Canton, where the majority of the district's

Please see SCHOOL BOND, A2

First ladies stop in for a visit





Watching: Greg Ford of Canton enjoys the program with his son, Mitchell, 3.

Paramedic training to begin this spring

BY VALERIE OLANDER STAFF WRITER

Canton residents are about one year away from dialing 911 and getting a licensed paramedic to respond to their

Currently, the Canton Fire Department rescue squads are manned by EMTs, who aren't licensed to administer drugs, begin IVs or perform EKGs. The lifesaving techniques don't begin until a patient is brought to a hospital emergency room.

However, all that is about to change. Training for Advanced Life Support (ALS) is set to begin in the next 30-45 days, said fire Chief Mike Rorabacher.

On Tuesday, the township board agreed to spend \$26,250 for 15 firefighters to undergo 600 hours of paramedic training. They will be required to take a state board exam upon completion of the class.

Life Support Training Institute of Southfield (LSTI), an educational division of Community EMS, was awarded the contract as the low bidder. Others submitting a bid included Huron Valley Ambulance EMS Education and Emergency Education Inc. (EEI).

Five existing firefighters are already licensed as paramedics, although won't be able to provide advanced medical care until Canton becomes licensed as an ALS provider by the Wayne County Medical Board.

LSTI has trained firefighters in Redford, Farmington Hills and Trenton. They are currently training firefighters in Livonia and Allen Park, said Donna Pardonet of LSTI.

Firefighters will have an eight-hour weekly class for 10 months.

Included in the 600 hours of medical training is 250 hours of on the job expe-

Please see PARAMEDICS, A4

Local students will pay fee for driver's training

Driver's education is a rite of passage for most teenagers. However, the rite of getting behind the wheel is now going to cost Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students.

As of April 1, Michigan school districts no longer will have to offer driver's education programs for free, mainly because the state has cut some of its funding.

While many districts plan to scrap

Please see DRIVER'S ED, A16

Area school supporters blast Proposal A

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Historical vignette: Susan Berg por-

trays former first lady Frances Cleveland during

Saturday's Youth Variety Series program at the Sum-

mit. Berg also played first ladies Grace Coolidge

and Jacqueline

Kennedy.

Proposal A took a beating from most of the nearly 600 people who attended Monday night's Michigan Summit on School Funding Equity, hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools at the Summit in Canton.

The school funding reform, designed to narrow the gap in spending among school districts while at the same time lowering property taxes and capping future property tax increases, was the main focus of discussion. Residents from all over the tri-county area were joined by nearly a dozen state lawmakers and three gubernatorial candidates.

Most all agreed Proposal A helped stop escalating property taxes, and narrowed some of the spending gaps among school districts when it was approved nearly four years ago.

However, many lawmakers, educators and parents are now concerned about decreased local control, budgets which are frozen below the inflation

rate, and the continuing gaps in funding for many school districts.

I want the legislature to keep its promise to get rid of the gap, and they haven't done it," said Mark Slavens, who organized the event. "If they aren't going to keep that promise, then they have to give back the right of local control and allow us to have enhancement millages."

And that appeared to be the theme of the night from those who attended.

"I have a passion for public education," said Paula Bowman of Plymouth Township. "I'd like to see Proposal A rescinded. A lot of people voted for it with their wallets."

"I don't think it's fair that some districts get more money than others, but they don't have to be equal," said Tyler Walker of Plymouth, a sophomore at Plymouth Salem High School. "Some districts need more money to get equal opportunity."

Please see SCHOOL FUNDING, A10



Lashing out: Canton resident Susan Kopinski takes legislators to task during Monday's session on state inequities in per-pupil spending. Kopinski chaired the citizens' committee supporting the Plymouth-Canton bond issue last March.

Board move paves way for corporate park expansion

BY VALERIE OLANDER

Canton officials will allow for a \$1.3million special assessment district to build a road and drag water and sewer to a planned corporate park that neighbors the Holliday Park Nature Pre-

Burton Katzman Development Company and other property owners will pay back the \$1.3 million through an assessment on tax bills over the next

10 years. The township board unanimously

agreed to the SAD Tuesday despite opposition from residents of Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Westland and representatives from the Holliday Nature Preserve Association and Friends of the Rouge River

"If Canton agrees to bankroll this, then we lose most of it, if not all," said Jack Smiley of Westland, who sits on the board of directors for the Friends of the Rouge River.

Canton resident Dave Thomas told board members, "Nothing will replace what took nature hundreds of years to make. I think it's time to save the few

Related editorial, Page A14

natural areas we have left.

A group of preservationists has been attempting to get Wayne County Parks and Recreation to extend the 530-acre Holliday Nature Preserve by buying a portion of the Koppernick property.

"Once (Koppernick Corporate Park) goes through it will be totally enclosed by 'progress,' if you will," said Doug DiMeglio of Canton.

The Koppernick Corporate Park is planned for an area that extends between I-275 and the C&O railroad

tracks, between Koppernick and Warren. The Holliday Park is to the east of the railroad tracks in the city of West-

The Tonquish Creek, which feeds into the Rouge River, also runs at the southern edge of the property

Chuck DiMaggio of Burton Katzman said current plans are to build two office/warehouse buildings approximately 66,000 and 91,000 square-feet

in size on property nearest I-275. They don't have plans for the proper-

Please see CORPORATE PARK, A16

In his plan, Little calls for

determining the costs of renova-

tion, appraising the property for

Little is also recommending

building a district service center

at Plymouth-Canton Educational

Park. The service center would

put "transportation, mainte-

nance, warehousing, special ser-

vices and preschool special edu-

cation in the center of the school

district." Also included would be

a print shop, which Little

described as a facility similar to

To consider the proposal, the

board would be looking at such

plans as selling the current E.J.

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school population lives.
The Plymouth-Canton district pays \$90,000 to lease Lowell from Livonia Public Schools, and spends about \$300,000 on costs related to the upkeep of the

The lease on Lowell was due to expire in 1999, however Livonia atended the lease for another

"The need for us to have Lowell is based mostly on our growth and other configurations in the district," said Dave Watson, director of operations for Livonia schools. "If you look at the southwest corner of the school district, it's an area of significant

Watson would not rule out the Superintendent Chuck Little possibility of extending the lease Plan, Little calls for a study of to accommodate completion of a Central Middle School, to deternew middle school in Canton. However, he does note that the more concrete his district's plans Little says something needs to get, the harder it will be to be done about Central, which rearrange plans.

Other plans

Plans for a new middle school may not be limited to replacing

In his Facility and Property











mine if the school should be shut

down, replaced, or renovated.

It will be part of a study to

determine the future needs of

the district ... including whether

the district should have four or

five middle schools, and where

was constructed in 1919.

they should be located

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Delivery from page A1

"Things kind of happened faster than we expected but everything worked out OK," said new dad Craig Hill, 21. "I really sale, and figuring enrollment want to thank Officer Kowalski projections to determine the and the two EMS guys."

number of middle schools needed The Canton resident explained how he and his wife found them-In the report, Little suggests another bond may be needed to selves in need of roadside assistance shortly after 4 a.m. cover some of the costs of what-

They had already returned from an earlier trip, on March The report indicates "part of 16, to University of Michigan the funding source for this alter-Hospital in Ann Arbor when native, upon study, could be the Carolyn, who was 36 weeks sale of the Central property pregnant, went into false labor. Another doctor's appointment Sweeping changes in the way was scheduled for March 17, the school district may conduct Craig Hill said. ousiness don't stop there.

But Carolyn woke up at 3:30 a.m. and began having contractions again. So off the couple

"We got to Sheldon Road and she started pushing, so I knew at that point we weren't going to make it," he said.

Hill pulled into the new fire headquarters at Canton Center and Proctor but soon realized the building wasn't yet open. So he restarted the car and drove a few hundred yards to the police station to summon help.

Kowalski, who had just returned from picking up a prisoner at Oakland County Jail, was the first one to the car. "The contractions were less

than 10 seconds apart... It happened quickly," said Kowalski, a



Nice work: Officer Michael Kowalski holds newborn Nathan Hill. Also pictured are parents Carolyn and

four-year veteran of Canton hospital in the ambulance. "The head was already coming expression on everyone's face,"

said modestly. The couple's first child checked in at 4:12 a.m., weighing 5 said Carolyn. pounds 13 ounces. He was 19 inches long at birth.

born. He previously worked for the Taylor Fire Department. After Nathan was born, Opostal and Stocklein were on says, 'Canton Police Department hand to cut the umbilical cord. delivered by Officer Mike Kowal-

said Carolyn Hill. out, basically I just caught it," he "They hung around for awhile at the hospital. It was so nice," Craig Hill, supplied the police

"It was so neat, just seeing the

officers and firefighters with cig-This is Kowalski's third delivars. Last Friday, the new parery, but his first Canton new- ents arranged for Kowalski to stop by their home at Canterbury Mews for photographs. "On the birth certificate, it

Baby and mom then rode to the ski,' "Carolyn Hill said. District expels student accused in campus rape

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday night expelled the teen accused in the alleged sexual assault of a girl at Canton High School.

The board approved the expulsion of Christian Gerrard Armstead, 17, who is charged with one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct for allegedly assaulting a 15-year-old student under a stairwell March 5. Armstead had been suspended

from classes since the incident.

The board held a pre-expulsion hearing March 17, and gave final action at the meeting.

Armstead waived his preliminary exam March 20, and faces his next court date April 3 in Wayne County Circuit Court. He currently is free on \$10,000 personal bond pending trial.

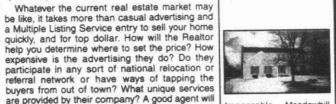
Police officials say Armstead could plead guilty to a lesser charge, thereby increasing his chances for a reduced sentence. The alleged victim is currently

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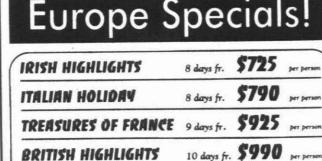
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High-tech: Jonathan Teegan examines the motherboard of a computer that is on board an automobile. Mechanic Denny Wheeler brought the board to help the students understand that today's autos require computer knowledge as well as mechanical skills.



Career Day Students see working models

ven a magician - Central Middle School fielded questions, which ranged from the obvious students got a first-hand look last week at what (training, salary) to the unusual. "What's the kinds of jobs will be available to them in as they strangest place you've ever gone to do a story?" finish school in the early years of the 21st Centusecretary Christine Abbott. Jason even provided a

While computers and other high-tech industries

ike law and law enforcement, the armed forces, dentistry and banking. This being Michigan, the auto industry was on

Central students chose three, 45-minute ses-

So, what do you want to be when you grow sions to attend based on careers that interested them. Speakers gave brief presentations and seven a magician - Central Middle School one journalism student asked a newspaper editor. The magician was Jason Abbott, son of school

were well represented at the school's annual few moments of light-hearted entertainment for Career Day, so were more traditional professions other presenters as they gathered in the Central cafeteria before school started. Central science and math teacher Richard Johnson gave a presentation on a career in teachhand with a contingent from GM, including Kevin ing. Surprisingly, Johnson's session is always one

of the more popular among students, said English Park of GM Delta Quality Control; and Susan teacher Debra Rosenblum. Samuel and Maria Simons from the Tech Center's "He does a good job and the kids get to see

things from a teacher's perspective."

Health screenings and more set for St. Joseph Mercy event

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM

Careers in

medicine:

bell, RN-

students

(from left)

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BSN, tells

Kris Camp

Who can turn down a free Beanie Baby?

The famed palm-sized bean bag toys, known for creating long lines around the country, will be among the free items given out at the St. Joseph Mercy Health building 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

After visiting with the Easter Bunny, children will receive plastic eggs. Lucky children's eggs will contain a Beanie Baby, said Sally Bailey, site administrator.

The 83,000-square-foot build ing opened at the corner of Summit Parkway and Canton Center Road last month.

In addition, the open house

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will feature health screenings, their lung capacity, receive body entertainment, refreshments, fat analyses and take stress prize drawings and more. The Canton Seniors Kitchen

Prizes include bike helmets, Tshirts, first-aid kits and of course, Beanie Babies.

variety of health services available, Bailey said. "There's all sorts of health

screenings," she said. Open house visitors will be able to test

OPEN HOUSE

Band will perform 3-4 p.m. Par-tives from health programs will ticipants will also be able to get be on hand to introduce themtheir favorite designs painted on selves and answer questions about their practices and ser-

Kids will be able to test their hand-washing abilities with a But the main purpose of the special "don't spread the germs" open house is to showcase the light. After washing their hands with soap treated with an invisiole dve, they will hold then hands under a special black light

that shows the spots they missed, Bailey said.



Q: Paper or plastic? A: One type of bag isn't necessarily better than the other. Paper uses up trees, reducing forest biodiversity, and produces pollutants during the manufacturing process. Plastic consumes petroleum, which creates pollution and increases the risk of oil ter still, try using canvas or Mort Crim" will be the featured

Housekeeping Magazine.

New fiction some new books in the library's not be sold at the door. As in the

Fool Me Twice" - Levine ■ "Nobody's Fool" - Russo The Union Station Mas-■ "To Play the Fool" - King ■ "Fool's Gold" - Wood ■ "Tears of Rage" - Walsh and

"Fool's Puzzle" - Fowler

Here are some new talking about library programs and serbooks available from the library vices call 397 0999. "Last Act in Palmyra"

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■ "Serpent's Tooth" ■ "The Van" - Kellerman ■ "Violin" - Rice

Hot topic of the week

Author luncheon. This year's author luncheon is hosted jointly by the Friends of the Plymouth. Novi, Northville and the Canton Libraries, along with the Observer Newspapers and spills. It's what you do with the Hometown Newspapers. Mort bag that matters most. Simply Crim, former WDIV-TV anchor using it twice reduces its impact and author of the newly pubon the environment by half. Bet- lished "Second Thoughts with

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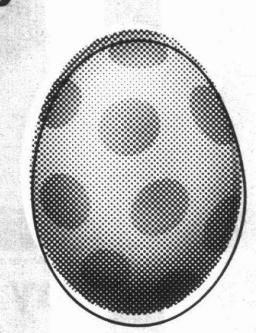
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CANTON CONNECTION

Empatheatre at Summit

Tickets are still available for Saturday's performance by the Ann Arbor-based improvisational troupe, Empatheatre, at the Summit.

The troupe offers slices of comedy, drama and even music - many based on impromptu suggestions from the audience. The 8 p.m. performance is part of the Spring Theater series presented by Canton Project ARTS

Theater-goers are invited to come early and enjoy a special reception for the opening of "She Be Me," a touring exhibit of artworks by ethnically diverse, female artists on display at the Summit. The reception is at 6 p.m. and the opening ceremony for the exhibit at 7 p.m.

For information on either event or tickets to Empatheatre, call Kathleen Salla, 307-6450.

Public Safety changes

EMS companies, said Pardonet.

There are three new faces in new places in the Canton Police and Fire departments. Police Lt. Patrick Nemecek has been assigned to the police administrative department as a Special Services. Nemecek will oversee training for all police units; manage shooting range operations and training; and handle special projects

for the department in the newly-created position. Nemecek, 39, has been with the Canton Police epartment for 10 1/2 years, the last four as a

Paramedics from page A1

rience at local hospitals and the company to the township. The entire cost of becoming an LSTI has an 88-percent pass \$250,000 for training, equipping service that should be in operatescue squads and overtime for tion by early 1999. rate in its 11 years in business, according to figures supplied by

Three new firefighters will be ALS provider is expected to be hired to operate the paramedic

Robert J. Kerr, 36, has been promoted to police lieutenant. Kerr has served as a sergeant in the

patrol division for the last four years and is a 13-

year department veteran. He has also served as

In the Fire department, Kevin J. Henderson

has been promoted to fire inspector. His new

duties include fire safety education, fire cause

and origin investigation, plan review and assist-

ing local business owners and residents in com-

Paul Letwinski Jr. won \$800 recently on the Michigan Lottery's weekly television game show,

The production supervisor for Westland Con-

trol System in Canton thought his chances were

"slim" to even appear on the show. Players can

enter a drawing to be a contestant on the "Road

to Riches" show by sending in three non-winning

tickets, one from each of three different instant

The 35-year-old father of two from Livonia

plans to share his winnings with his family.

Henderson, 27, has spent six years as a Canton

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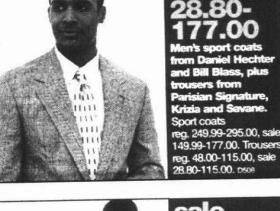




















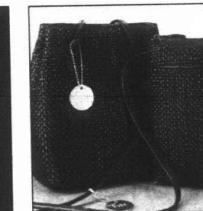




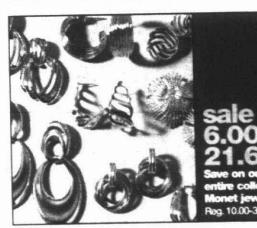












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ing \$47 million. Among area communities, the projects and state shares are: Canton Township, Wayne

County - widen Haggerty Road from two lanes to five to reduce congestion and allow truck and employee access to Yazaki North America Inc., adding 295 jobs -\$972,800 state grant toward

\$1.52 million total project. Novi, Oakland County widen and resurface the Nine Mile-Novi Road intersection, for trucks accessing local firms, including Ingersoll-Rand Co., which is adding 75 jobs -

\$500,500 state grant toward \$1.32 million project.

■ Westland, Wayne County widen Newburgh Road from two lanes to five to improve traffic flow to developments supporting 426 new jobs at various firms -\$570,825 state grant to support \$1.14 million project.

Appointments

Marcella Colling, Northville resident and director of environmental health and safety at Kettering University, to the Michigan Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Commission. The group ensures state planning and response for hazardous materials planning. Her term ends



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Millage showdown

Local officials want county to cut jail costs, increase prisoner space

Conference of Western Wayne officials will oppose the county jail millage - expected on a ballot this year - unless Wayne County increases prisoner space and cuts the cost of orisoner housing.

Meanwhile, Deputy County Executive Mike Duggan expects to go full steam ahead with the millage campaign - with or without CWW support.

Two police chiefs have repre sented the CWW, a legislative consortium of 18 communities in ongoing discussions with Wayne County.

The CWW passed a resolution last year opposing this year's 1-mill renewal of the countywide jail millage.

Garden City Police Chief Dave Kocsis, Westland Police Chief Emery Price and Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack sit on a CWW subcommittee studying the millage.

The chiefs want Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano and the county sheriffs to act as "central depository" for ordinance violators and misde-

"The sheriffs could contract out for that." Price said. "The sheriffs are supportive of this."

What they want

The chiefs have pushed for more than a year to obtain ncreased jail housing for their communities with ordinance violators and misdemeanants and a lower charge to communities for prisoners before they would support the 1-mill levy slated to be on the ballot.

A letter was mailed to County Executive Edward McNamara in February from the CWW, stating the following points of

■ The CWW believes that the Wayne County Jail should be the central depository for all

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Garden City • \$447,000 M Livonia • \$3.3 million Northville • \$101,000 ■ Plymouth • \$272,000

sentenced misdemeanants. The per diem charge for prisoner should be eliminated and replaced with an adminis-

trative charge ■ The CWW believes that the number of bed spaces and/or the availability of suburban bed spaces in the Dickerson Facility should be increased.

Contracting out?

The chiefs want county sheriffs to act as a "central depository" for ordinance violators and misdemeanants. In this capacity, the CWW believes the county could negotiate with outcounty facilities for additional

The CWW believes Wayne

cant economies of scale" in rep- down 12 percent in Wayne resenting the largest county in Michigan.

"With a standardized, lower daily fee for bed space, the Conference could realize a reduction in the additional funding its communities currently spend on securing out-county bed space," stated a letter to McNamara.

tory was an issue that could be discussed with the communi In 1996, CWW communities alone spent approximately \$2 million to house prisoners in communities and revenue for out-county facilities - above communities appear to be less and beyond the millage collectnegotiable items. ed by Wayne County.

"If Wayne County would assume the responsibility of arranging for alternative prisoner space in out-county facilities, the CWW would have no need for additional bed space in the Dickerson facility nor would it be necessary to eliminate the per diem charge with an administrative charge," the letter

· The CWW wants communito house criminals has worked ties reimbursed revenue equal for municipalities. to 2/10ths of a mill levied on

as municipalities and are mak-"While retaining 2/10ths (of a) mill would not totally alleviing these deals, why can't they?" Price asked. ate the ever-increasing costs borne by local units, it would on the jail \$16 million of county provide communities with the general fund money with the flexibility to employ best man-\$26 million generated by the agement and fiscal practices," millage, Duggan said. "McNathe CWW letter states. mara has made it his No. 1

Duggan reiterated that

Duggan said communities receive funds through their dis-Wayne County's Dickerson trict courts in their fines of mis-Facility in Hamtramck housed demeanants and that county 6,000 felons and misdecharges for those inmates have meanants from the suburbs. "They would rather advocate stood up in court.

that these people be released to the streets," Duggan said. "If fines, you must pay for their you look at our report, you will incarcerations," Duggan said. see that 500 people from Westland, 200 from Livonia and 200 not yet approved the millage proposal to be placed on any from Plymouth, Canton and Northville were held in our 1998 ballot. The millage expired

Duggan called the CWW posi-

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Charlotte Neuhauser, coordi- frequent e-mail communicanator of the program and protion with fellow students and

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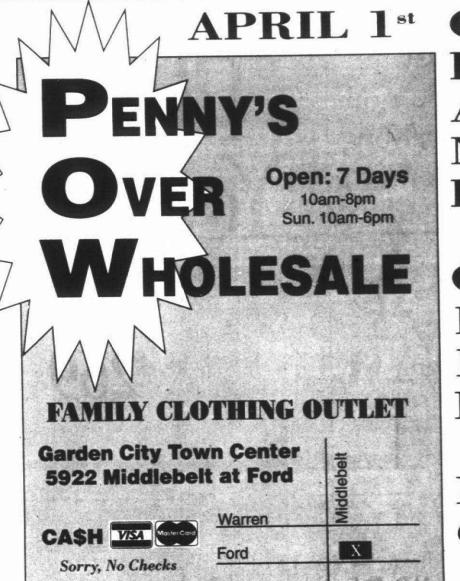
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Both the CWW and the

Wayne County Department of

Community Justice agree that

the county has inadequate jail

"They're saying they can't

release the felons early," Price

said. "We're not saying that

Price said out-county jail use

"If we're using these facilities

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Patterson seeks review of weapons permit board

County Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, wants to hold a number of public hearings on Wayne County's Concealed Weapons Permit process.

Patterson, who introduced a resolution last month calling for a plenary investigation of the permit process, expected the resolution to be discussed Wednesday (yesterday) at a scheduled meeting of the Committee on Public Safety and Judiciary.

Patterson's resolution asks the committee to proceed in collecting data, assembling witnesses, holding public hearings and obtaining research materials as they relate to concealed weapons permitting in other states and counties. The resolution also calls for the Public Safety and Judiciary Committee to make recommendations.

The county commissioner said yesterday's meeting was the first

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in many public hearings he expected to be conducted regarding this issue. Patterson has received numerous phone calls and letters from constituents interested in supplying information and giving testimony.

Patterson said anyone interested in contributing informa-tion on the Concealed Weapons

Permitting process and laws can contact his office at (313) 224-

Counsel questioned

Patterson also has requested an investigation into the process used in court-appointed attorneys for defendants who are unable to afford representation.

The county commissioner's request follows a recent newspaper story that indicated the major contributors and family members of judges have received a disproportionate amount of

cases and fees. Patterson wants the Public Safety and Judiciary Committee conduct an investigation into

calling witnesses and hold public hearings. The committee should make recommendations follow-

ing this process, Patterson said. The courts and the judges must be above reproach," Patterson said. "We cannot permit even the appearance of impropriety. I take this matter very seri-

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Schoolcraft to host speaker on Hong Kong

Schoolcraft College's Export Resource Center presents an international dinner seminar "Doing Business in Hong Kong: The Gateway to China" 5-8:30 p.m., Thursday, April 16.

Featured speaker Jacqueline M. Stavros will talk about opportunities for profit in China and Hong Kong.

U.S. exports to Hong Kong are up 41 percent between 1993 and 1996. Hong Kong presents a potential lucrative market for U.S. businesses and serves as the gateway to China.

Stavros is a professor of international studies at Madonna University. She serves on the board of governors of the National Association of Small Business International Trade Educators and is a member of the Michigan District Export Council and the American Marketing Associa-

Following the speech, partici-pants can talk about their personal business concerns in roundtable discussions with representatives from the Detroit Regional Chamber, the U.S. Export Assistance Center in Detroit, the Pontiac Export Assistance Center, the Michigan Jobs Commission and successful regional exporters.

A dinner featuring cuisine from Hong Kong prepared by Schoolcraft's Culinary Arts Department will be served. Tickets are \$60 and are available through the Export Resource Center (734) 462-4438.

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Beekeepers will meet at S'craft

Novice and experienced beekeepers will find much to buzz about at the 60th annual Bee School sponsored by the Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers Association.

The school, held in cooperation with the Schoolcraft College Beekeepers Club and the Cranbrook Beekeepers Club, is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, in the Waterman Center on Schoolcraft's campus.

Featured speakers are Gard Otis, professor of entomology at the University of Guelph in Ontario, a honeybee researcher, and Roger Hoopingarner, an agricultural specialist recently retired from Michigan State University.

Breakout sessions include a series of beginner workshops dealing with different aspects of beekeeping aimed at helping the new beekeeper get started. Additional sessions will examine honey bee diseases, hive management, queen rearing, bee sting allergy, wax working and urban beekeeping. Other attractions include a display of beekeeping equipment and crafts, a wax-weight guessing contest, a honey show, a silent auction and a package bee hive

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SC students get close-up look at some colorful birds of prey

hildren and students at Schoolcraft College enjoyed birds from screech owls to redtail hawks at a "Birds of Prey" presentation at Schoolcraft College's Waterman Center earlier this

Awesome:

Ioanou, a freshman

Albert, a

freshman

Joe Rogers, a Mt. Pleasant resident, demonstrated and discussed the birds of prey with the students, who had a chance to closely examine birds. The event was sponsored by Schoolcraft's Student Activities Board and the

fraternity of Phi Theta Kappa.

Todd Stowell, the college's assistant director of student activities, said the educational program was to "tune people into the environment.

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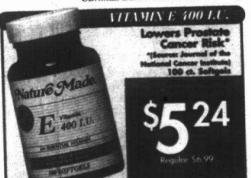
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School funding from page A1

The host district, Plymouth- (among districts) would widen. I Canton, currently receives am concerned about that." \$5,986 per-pupil from state funding and local taxes. Other area ment would bring an additional school districts include Livonia, \$567 per student in the Ply-\$7.967; South Redford, \$6,588; mouth-Canton district. That Garden City, \$6,145; Wayne- same 3 mills would generate Westland, \$5.883; and Redford Union, \$5,677.

Plymouth-Canton school officials like to benchmark their district with Bloomfield Hills (\$10,916), Birmingham (\$10,839) and Ann Arbor (\$8,196).

While many voters may have looked at their wallets in 1994 when approving Proposal A, several in the crowd declared they now want quality put back into their schools. Many even spoke in favor of enhancement millages Price Index was over 3 percent. to raise additional funds.

a local enhancement millage of three mills I would vote yes on doing business. that bill," Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, told the mostly local with Plymouth-Canton and gathering. "I do have some trou- Wayne-Westland, is that they ble with that decision ... because were at their lowest level of mills if every district avails itself to as both had just lost a big millthat opportunity, the gap age renewal," said Democratic

field Hills, 3 mills equates to \$1,299 more per student. Much of the problem for many districts is directly related to state funding that is less than the cost of doing business.

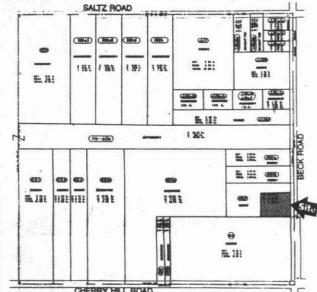
schools, Superintendent Chuck Little told the Observer his district received a 2.7 percent increase in state funding. He also pointed out the Consumer According to Little, it's the fifth "Pve gone on record that if a consecutive year the district has bill comes in the Senate allowing operated with state funding increases less than the cost of

"What happened, especially

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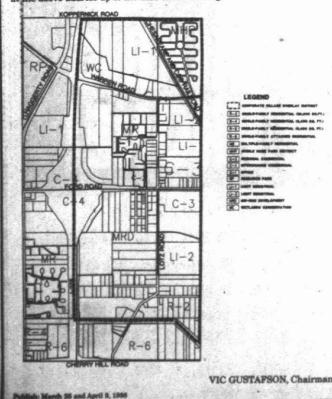
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 f the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning sion of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing Monday, April 20, 1998 in the First Floor Meeting Room of th nistration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

TOWNSHIP-INITIATED TEXT AMENDMENT (98-2) - CONSIDER AMENDING ARTICLE 6, SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC USES, BY CREATING SUBSECTION 6.08 SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR THE CORPORATE PARK OVERLAY DISTRICT, TO IMPLEMENT THE FORD/LOTZ CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN. The district is located within Sections 12, 13, and the south quarter of Section 1, bounded by Koppernick Road on the north, ship border on the east, Detroit Edison power lines north of eastern Township border on the east, Detroit Edison Cherry Hill Road on the south, and I-275 on the west.

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



Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland. "When Proposal A kicked in, they were at their low point. Bennett said a 3-mill enhance-They got deeper and deeper into a hole. They will never get whole again because they're being punished for that one time when voters voted no on the \$778 in Ann Arbor. In Bloom-

Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, who also serves Livonia, says Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland had a chance to have millage votes to catch up with In the Plymouth-Canton other districts before Proposal A went into effect.

millage renewal."

"Plymouth-Canton had a chance to be up with Livonia, but they chose not to go to voters with another millage," said Bankes. "I'm not sure why they didn't, unless they didn't think they could pass another millage." Bankes said it's up to con-

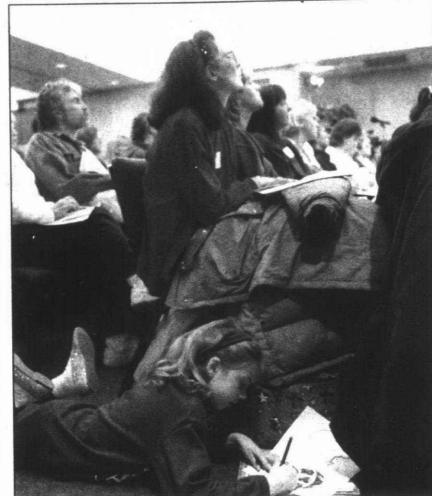
stituents to elect legislators and poard members who will support changes to Proposal A. According to some legislators, the state is actually \$500-million short in funding Proposal A. And, if every district were to get the same amount of per-pupil

raise a billion dollars.

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Bennett doesn't see that ever happening. "Taxpayers couldn't afford it," said Bennett. "We would have to raise property taxes by 42 mills to gain equity

funding, the state would need to



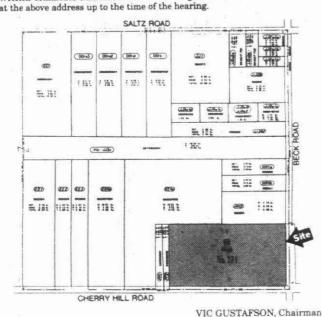
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PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B.4 FOR PARCEL NO. 068 99 0009 000. Property is located on the northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Beck Roads.

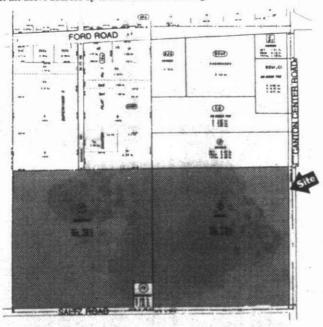
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ONSIDER A REQUEST TO ESTABLISH CAMBRIDGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCELS 061 99 0006 701 AND 061 99 0007 001. Property is located west of Canton Center Road and north of Saltz Road. Preliminary Plan-1st Public Hearing. Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.



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SHURGARD OF CANTON (HAGGERTY ROAD) SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR MINI-WAREHOUSES AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02B.12 FOR PARCEL NO. 053 99 0001 006. Property is located on the west side of Haggerty Road south of Ford Road.

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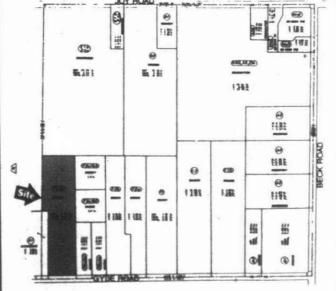


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LOCKARD/JABARA REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 017 99 0018 000 FROM RR. RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is cated on the north side of Gyde Road between Beck and Ridge Roads Rescheduled from March 2, 1998.



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Anonymous campaign flier takes swipe at candidate

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

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discussion.

This year's primary and general elections are months away, but the season of scurrilous campaign literature kicked off last week when someone took a swipe at a state Senate candidate for accepting a legal campaign contribution.

An anonymous person mailed a campaign flier taking to task candidate Thaddeus McCotter for accepting a \$10,000 campaign contribution, but an official at state Bureau of Elections said Tuesday that such a contribution is legal if it is made through a Political Action Committee registered with the state. In fact, the literature itself may be in violation of state law if it originated from another candidate or a campaign worker,

the state official said. Mailed on or about March 17 the literature claims that \$10,000 was "laundered" into McCotter's campaign for state Senate. The author also calls it a "campaign finance scheme."

McCotter wasn't surprised by the literature. "I expect this in this race, and I will ignore it and focus on a positive campaign. People can Plymouth and Northville,

without the disclaimers throughout the spring." A check with the state found the papers because I'm responsithat the donation was proper, ble, open and accountable to the and that no one has filed a complaint with the state about that

expect this kind of literature -

Two contributions - \$9,900 and \$100 - were made in September 1997 by Detroitbased Wulfmeier and Ottenwess PAC, according to McCotter's campaign finance reports filed with the Wayne County clerk on Feb. 2, 1998. The contributions

were reported as PAC receipts. Anne Corgan, director of the Michigan Department of State's compliance and rules division, said the contribution is legal for PACs. "An independent commit-tute a violation of state camtee can contribute \$10,000 to a paign laws. candidate," Corgan said. The

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Thaddeus McCotter

wess PAC has done.

which the Wulfmeier and Otten-

released his annual campaign

finance report to the Observer in

early February. "I released it to

McCotter is running for the

9th District Senate seat. The

district contains the cities of

Livonia, Northville and Ply-

public." McCotter said.

Jim Ryan

The piece also was mailed contributions are used for candidates' campaigns and spent on with stamps and not a postal campaign signs, literature and permit. Postal permits are generally used by candidates. PACs must register as a com-

months before the election, role in the literature. State Rep. Debbie Whyman,

R-Canton, said she received a In fact, McCotter, a county copy of the flier on Monday from commissioner representing the a newspaper. Whyman denied I will sign my name to it," Whycities of Livonia, Plymouth and that she had anything to do with man said.

Northville and the townships of the literature, calling the piece "It wasn't a particularly good CHESONO! **GETTING MARRIED?** All At FAST SERVICE! Because you don't want to wait

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"No, I have the courage to put my name on my literature," Whyman said. And if any litera-Two other Republican candi- ture critical of a candidate was mittee with the state at least six dates denied any participation or put out by her campaign workers, "they would sign it," Whyman added "I will have no problem talking

about my opponent's record, but

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piece. It's a stupid flier Whyman has not officially filed for the race, but expects to on where the literature may by the deadline of May 12. Jim Ryan, a former state rep-

of his campaign supporters.

"I've always run a positive

and clean campaign, and I don't

believe you bring yourself up by

The literature itself railing

against McCotter could be ille-

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Ryan said.

er, Corgan said.

have originated, but speculated the literature was anonymous so the author could not be sued for resentative from Redford, also has announced that he is running for the state Senate seat. Ryan said he was not respon-

In his report of Feb. 2, 1998, McCotter collected \$68,465 in sible for the piece, nor were any contributions and spent \$12,110.

McCotter would not comment



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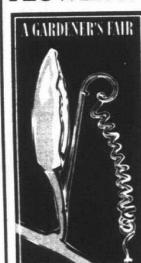
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Proposal may ask voters whether county millage hikes need more support

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

Wayne County voters may decide this year whether it should be more difficult to raise

A county ballot proposal calling for a two-thirds support on the commission - 10 out of 15 votes - and 60 percent from voters before Wayne County could increase a millage is being

considered. County commissioners may discuss the proposal re-introduced by Commissioner Ed Boike, D-Taylor, next week. A similar proposal was introduced last year by Commissioners Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia,

and Bruce Patterson, R-Canton. In its present form, the resolution asks voters to amend the county charter requiring a 2/3rds vote of commissioners serving to place on the ballot any proposal for a tax increase, and a vote of more than 60 percent of qualified Wayne County voters to adopt such an increase

"We've often attempted to return the county's surplus to everybody in Wayne County, but we're told we can't do that because we need the surplus," Boike said.

"I don't think we should make it easy to raise taxes. If a millage is to be passed by the voters, it should be a sounding majority, and I think we should make (the supermajority proposal) up to the voters."

The proposal didn't make it past the commission's committee on general government because commissioners were deadlocked 2-2, with one commissioner absent. Boike is confi

dent it will be approved by the committee at its next meeting to be placed on the full commission's agenda for action next

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D Westland, supports placing the proposal on the ballot, but doesn't like the idea.

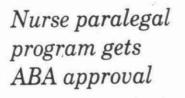
"I told my mayors, I would vote to put it on the ballot," Beard said. "I have great faith in the wisdom of the voters. But I am opposed to it philosophical ly. It is supposed to be the majority that rules.

"I have a problem to have onethird of an electorate to carry that particular issue."

McCotter and Patterson support the supermajority concept, but as the two lone Republicans, they probably would have difficulty getting 12 Democrats to support the idea, so Boike has troduced the proposal.

McCotter, Patterson and nmissioners William O'Neil, D-Allen Park, had submitted to the commission in February 1997 a proposal to require a 12vote backing of county commissioners to place a countywide tax issue on the ballot, and a 60 percent support from voters before the tax is considered

approved.
The Conference of Western Wayne passed resolutions last spring supporting the 10-vote minimum and 60 percent voter support. At the time, Westland Mayor Bob Thomas, who chairs the CWW, backed the two reso lutions because he believed they had a better chance at passage with the commissioners.



The American Bar Association has approved the new Nurse Paralegal Program at Madonna University in Livonia.

"The nurse paralegal program is designed for nurses who hold a bachelor of science degree in nursing and who wish to utilize their nursing knowledge while pursuing a different career path," said Jennifer Cote, chair of the Legal Assistant Department at Madonna and a Brighton attorney

It is the first of its kind in the metropolitan Detroit area. Designed for the nurse who holds a bachelor of science in nursing degree, the 30-semester hour certificate of achievement will be offered as an evening program and students will take only paralegal courses.

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BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

It's up to boaters to halt the spread of zebra mussels into inland lakes. Last year seven inland lakes

in Oakland County and one in Livingston were infested with zebra mussels, according to Michigan Sea Grant. The area lakes are among 19

new names on the 1997 list of lakes found to be contaminated by the mussels, which have spread through the Great Lakes. New to the list are Lakeville, Maceday, Pine, Union, Upper Straits and White lakes in Oakland County and Strawberry in Livingston County.

Large inland lakes with a high level of transient boats are likely carriers. Boats, trailers and fishing equipment pick up clinging veligers (larvae) from infested waters, said Sea Grant manager

Mike Klepinger. "It was originally a European freshwater resident," Klepinger said. "It crossed the Atlantic in the ballast of ocean-going ships. It was found in Lake St. Clair in 1986, and by 1988 it was explod-

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Michigan Sea Grant is a cooperative program of Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. Volunteers have done much of the sampling ■ The clear water admits more work. The project has produced inlight, stimulating the growth an award-winning instructional video with illustrated handbook.

of lake weeds. The weeds die, Sea Grant recruited volunteer monitors beginning in the spring Mussel shells encrust water of 1993. The 19 new lakes on intakes, piers and boats. In the Great Lakes, they encrust shiptheir infested list bring the total of confirmed infestations to 65.

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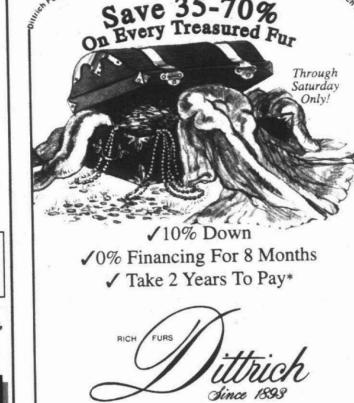
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Slow response

County inaction hurts Canton

here are times when the deliberate pace of Wayne County government is detrimental to constituents. The likely failed effort to protect a piece of rapidly-developing Canton by adding it to Westland's William P. Holliday Nature Preserve is one example.

The county's parks division has had a request for action on the property - 90 acres surrounding the Tonquish creek, east of I-275 between Koppernick and Warren roads - on the back burner since last summer. Members of the Holliday Nature Preserve Association, the volunteer group that helps maintain the preserve, want the parks division to seek state funds to purchase at least part of the land. The property is a natural buffer between the adjacent preserve and industrial development closer to the freeway, they argue.

Now the property owners, Burton Katzman Development Company, plan to expand an existing corporate park by putting in a road, water and sewer lines on the site. A sewer detention basin would also be built. The Canton Township Board of Trustees Tuesday declared a Special Assessment District on the western portion of the property. That means the township would pay for the improvements and then assess the cost to property owners over a 10-year period.

The designation all but starts the bulldozers rolling. And that's too bad.

There is a real value in creating such a buffer zone, not just for naturalists. Residents and the business community also benefit from | ward.

master planning that proceeds in progressive steps from land use that is less dense to fully-

As Canton continues to mushroom, so does the pressure to add tax base through light-tomedium industrial projects. Township officials are striving to add some balance to a mix that currently favors residential development by a nearly 3-to-1 margin. Recent efforts along Michigan Avenue are helping in that area. But there have to be some checks on how much land is targeted for industrial use.

Legitimate wetlands and other natural areas deserve government protection. Buying property is one way to accomplish that. Bill Craig from the Holliday Nature Preserve Association says inaction on the Canton property is part of a larger problem, namely that the county isn't doing much on its end to further the environment with the preserve. In fact, the group charges that failure to close off the Koppernick Road entrance has led to illegal use by off-road vehicles and dumping that has obliterated some of the nature trails.

Parks officials say the issue is more complex. It could take a year or more before the right steps are in place in order to seek land grant trust funds from the state, according to Hurley Coleman, Wayne County parks director. The parks division has other priorities and even if the county wanted the land, it ultimately might not be for sale, Coleman says.

Meanwhile, developers are marching for-

Spring debut no big surprise

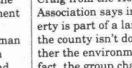
That observation came from Jeff Boyne, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service, in an Associated Press story

Make that spring storm) that dumped from 2 to 4 inches of snow and sleet on southeast Michigan last Friday and Saturday - the first official days of spring.

prise to Michiganians. Snow storms are not unusual in March and April. As Boyne pointed out, on the first day of spring in 1983 the area received 6 to 8 inches of snow. And 1983, coincidentally or not, was another year when El Niño was around.

complicated process that involves weakening trade winds, the eastward drift of warm Pacifis water from Australia to South America, the jet stream and chain reactions in weather patterns - has received so much press in recent to blame El Niño for whatever weather comes

Meteorologists seem to refer to El Niño on just about every TV weather show we watch and even the editors of the Old Farmer's Almanac admit that yes, they considered the effects of El Niño when writing the forecasts for the 1998 edition of that classic work.



11 The first day of spring doesn't mean a whole lot to Mother Nature.

about the winter storm (Oops!

The storm shouldn't have come as any sur-

The phenomenon known as El Niño — a

If El Niño brought us snow on the first day of spring, it also brought the springlike weather that resulted in a snowless February. If El Niño was responsible for the remarkably mild winter that just (officially) ended, it may also be to blame if we are served up a cold and wet



what to make of it all. We don't dispute the prognostications of the professional meteorologists, but we also know that it's spring and it's Michigan and the weather is going to be unpredictable. Which brings us

Gov. John Engler has declared the week of March 29 through April 4 as "Severe Weather

Awareness Week in Michigan," citing statistics that last year Michigan experienced 19 tornadoes, 72 episodes of flooding and many thunderstorms, resulting in seven deaths, 108 injuries and property damage of more than \$150 million. Western Wayne County seemed to get more than its share of this weather, with damage from tornadoes and flooding. The At a later date, interestingly enough, our 35th District Courthouse in Plymouth burned to the ground after a lightning strike during

The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness is conducting a campaign to alert residents about the importance of being prepared for severe weather and to educate people as to how to react should dangerous weather conditions develop. All schools in the state are being asked to conduct tornado drills on March 31 so students can practice safety

We urge all of you to do the same. Develop a plan of action both at work and at home as to what to do should severe thunderstorms, flooding or tornadoes strike your area. Discuss the plan with your family and maybe conduct a drill or two in your own home.

You may not be able to predict the weather, but you can prepare for it when it turns bad. And if you aren't prepared, you can't blame that on El Niño.

Under construction



Mixing it up: Canton building official John Weyer shows off one of the buildings going up in Ashley Capital's mega project in the Michigan Avenue corridor. The project includes light industrial and warehouse-type facilities. Township officials are trying to balance development that currently leans heavily toward resi-

LETTERS

Teach abstinence

On Wednesday, March 11, I had a 15minute phone conversation with (Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Charles) Little asking why an Oakwood Hospital doctor who presents sex education, health, and abstinence issues to high school students (in an open forum, non-religious manner) was not permitted to be considered for a presentation at Salem High.

We find it especially disturbing as information about the publicized "sexual incident" at Salem came out the same day we were debating this issue with the man who oversees the education of our children.

While we totally agree, the size of PCEP is out of control. I don't think that is the main reason why these kinds of incidents occur. We believe no one is too young or too old to be presented with options that have moral and common sense implications.

When we approached our son's "health ed" teacher at last year's open house about looking into having a infectious disease specialist come to make a presentation to the classes she seemed enthusiastic and asked for his name and number. She later refused, saying: "We decided not to have any special speakers."

son and his Salem Close Up class were made to sit in, (without prior notice), on a live teleconference with a Colorado school whose agenda was to promote homosexuality and the right for students to consider all forms of sexual experimentation. When we asked for a opy of this broadcast we were told by teachers and administration that no copy was available. The principal, Mr. (Gerald) Ostoin, indicated he was not aware that this particular class had taken place.

It especially outraged us because this class occurred after we had a letter on file requesting our son's exclusion from these types of programs. (We had even received a letter from Mr. Ostoin verifying that this request would be honored by the school and the teachers.) When we went in to ask the teachers and Mr. Ostoin why this happened, we received no apology and were told: "We have to teach students about their civil rights."

What about our civil rights and our son's? Since that time, our son has been permitted to exclude himself from those types of ses-

Basically, we wonder why school officials

act surprised when "rapes" or any kind of inappropriate sexual conduct occurs at school. After all, many classrooms promote it in their instruction. Yes, Dr. Little, we did first appeal to the classroom teacher to at least give the abstinence side of the story some equal time, but we came to a dead end!

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1998

Knowing the principal's apparent slant on the subject of responsible and moral sexual conduct, we next appealed to you. In light of the publicized and non-publicized sexual incidents that occur at the high school, will you, too, ignore the request of concerned parents? Will you still refuse to give character and abstinence instruction a try?

> Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Carlisle Cantor

More to story

suggest that you get a little more information on this story. ("Student charged in campus rape," Canton Observer, March 15). There's more going on than is being made public. My daughter is a student at Canton High School and the story is that it was not rape. The girl had passed notes saying she and this boy were going to have sex, etc., and that she was willing and pursuing him to have

Also, apparently other students are having sex during the lunch hour in the bathroom across from the stairwell where this happened and the school is aware that this is going on. They are trying to cover this up. I feel that this boy is being mistreated.

Name withheld upon request

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fray. By doing so, he has given us one

Time to move on

At the risk of being foolhardy by joining the debate in the Vorva ve election manipulation. First, I'm sorry that Bila's recent maturation has Plymouth-Canton Community caused him some memory loss. Whether it is actual or selective, I wil Schools, I offer the following observaleave to the readers.

Even though Jerry Vorva and I differ on many topics politically, I often recall his steadfastness when I needed his support a few years ago. Loyalfor numerous budgets and contained moneys for the policy of automatically ty to a person or cause can be a virtue sending out to seniors absentee ballot or stubborn streak depending on one's date, he used the automatic mailing Vorva's persistence in challenging list of seniors for his personal cam-

the recent school board bond election has long ago passed from a possible voter rights issue to "Let's get even with the educational community" for their perceived anti-Vorva voting record. While Vorva clearly seems to be

winning on the "getting even" level, our schools get more and more crowded. He should find a way to make his point without putting the education of our children in jeopardy. Further, I protest Vorva's do-good-

er attitude that suggests that as I enter the realm of the senior citizen (56 years) I now need assistance in order to perform my civic responsibili ty of voting.

Frankly, I am sick to death of those who want to give me assistance or a handout just because I've aged. Should the day arrive when I am unable to travel to the voting booth, I still expect to be capable of requesting my own absentee ballot, thank you. Self-reliance is also a virtue for the

The election was held and the votes counted. Vorva would be more credible in his protest if he volunteered his expertise and energy for the next election. Both for voter education and assistance in the voting process and on the issues

> Dennis Bila Plymouth

Vorva responds

am very pleased that Mayor Dennis Bila has decided to jump into the

vote manipulation to get our money. Our forefathers called it taxation without representation. I call it stealing! Also we can see what Bila and his cohorts are. Hypocrites!, and hypocrites of the worst kind, because they always hide behind their mantra "It's for the kids." It's stealing to satisfy

of the best examples of the problem of

Next, I must point out to Bila and

others that while he was mayor and

commissioner of Plymouth, he voted

request forms. Further, as a candi-

paign, which was supplied by the city.

So, the important question for all of

us is, if it was a great policy for Bila

Well, I'm afraid the answer lies in

member of the education industry. He

that seniors, who are usually on fixed

income, will disproportionately vote

"Ne" on issues that concern money.

Therefore, they devise schemes to

limit the senior vote turnout. This is

called voter suppression by politicos.

Now, I must point out, that if candi-

do so. After all he is a private citizen.

However, if a government (a school

Now, we can see this for what it

eally is - illegal, unconstitutional

district is a government) were to

the fact that Bila has been a lifelong

and other education people believe

then, why not now?

' Plymouth

Vorva wrong

their unbridled avarice

am a sophomore at Plymouth Canton High School. I am quite aware

of Jerry Vorva's actions, partly because my father was on the school board and my mom is active in the What Vorva is doing is not right.

POINTS OF VIEW

do not think it is reasonable for one man to go on a crusade that keeps nearly 5,000 kids from getting the space they need to get the best education they can. At my school, I observe fights, people skipping class, and people smoking. Even though the faculty may try hard to keep these everyday occurrences from happening, it is a fact that it is a challenge to monitor a little over 4,700 kids on a campus meant for less than 4,000. But the problems of overcrowding do not stop here. There are teachers who have to go from room to room to teach because there are not enough classrooms for them to have their own room. There are classrooms that are set in rooms that were not even built or a teacher

and 30 students. It seems almost as if a traffic light would be useful in this situation. The fact is that Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem are two schools with more kids than they are meant to hold. This problem was to be assisted by the building of another school on date Bila were to engage in voter sup-Beck and Joy. This school would propression it would be perfectly legal to vide space to spread out the student population, therefore making a better learning environment. The building of this new school was passed by the engage in voter suppression it would people who voted. Now Mr. Vorva not only be called illegal but unconstiseemed to think that the election was fraudulent because some people did not know how to vote on the machines that were present. Well I think that it is not only a person's duty to vote, but it is a person's duty to vote care-

> If someone was unable to work the voting machine, he or she should have asked someone for help This vote was in favor of building

the new school. The people made the choice to build a new school. The majority chose to give our communities students a better learning enviinacceptable. ronment. All this, and then one man decides it's fraud. One man decides to take it all the way to the Supreme Court if he has to. Mr. Vorva plans to appeal and appeal, until he gets his

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way. I do not see him ever getting his way in a courtroom with a ruling in his favor, but right now the school system cannot build. The school system is forced to fight these unreason-

able claims in court. As judge after judge may throw Mr. Vorva's case out, time still passes without the school being built. As this time passes, building expenses grow. Soon the school won't even have enough funding to be built. The time that Jerry Vorva is consuming as one citizen is destroying the vote of the majority. But possibly more importantly, Mr. Vorva is keeping this community's kids, like me, from getting the best education that this system can offer. In fifth grade, I took a field trip to the state's capitol and I remember going into a room to hear a man named Jerry Vorva speak. I remember what he said too. I remember him telling my peers and me how we did not legally own anything, not even our underwear, because we were minors. Now I may not be able to own clothes I wear, but I can own a strong opinion. My opinion is that Jerry Vorva is wrong. Wesley Farrow

A different opinion

y wife and I receive the Observer and enjoy the interesting sections on health, real estate, and community issues. In the Sunday issue March 8, I happened to scan the Job & Careers section where George Hayes has a front-page column about jobs, interviewing, resumes and the like. I have a very different opinion about this subject, and Mr. Hayes' views as a consultant, boss and

The last question in his column ref erenced the feelings or behavior that one should have about his/her supervisor/manager/boss and their conduct. The response was, in my opinion,

"Since we are all flawed, nobody has the right to criticize or demand that leaders act with honor." Geez, Mr. Hayes, straighten up and set high

standards for others to follow, not

We should all be concerned for the "boss" when his/her actions may not be in the best interests of the company. If the "boss" does not care about his conduct, should other employees

be concerned about theirs? You speak as if integrity is unimportant in running a business. I suggest that when the "boss" stops caring about the integrity of the company, he will have certainly stopped caring

about his, or their, future.

That is, unless you just don't care; about anyone other than yourself.

M.J. Parkinson

Don't credit Clinton

For a great many years, neither the Democrats nor the Republicans tried to do anything to put a rein on Medicare spending. Neither dared to try, fearing political suicide.

No serious attempt to reform welfare was made either. In recent months, the Republican-sponsored legislation reforming several of the Plymouth | liberal misadventures has been accomplished.

Too many have given Bill Clinton the credit for the march toward a balanced budget and the push to get people off welfare and put them to work.

Speaking smoothly and also with a forked tongue, one may have trouble guessing the direction the president will take when spurred to action. His moorings still seem to be liberal, big government, restricted enterprise, and suggest, at times, a decided antifree market inclination. His seeming middle-of-the-road and New Democrat posture has confused many in the populace. How else could one explain his poll popularity during the airing of suggested bathroom, bedroom, and dining room carpet escapades?

Neil Goodbred

Congresswoman does her best to decipher government mysteries

* m proud to be an American." These are words that roll off most of our tongues with little hesitation. However, if we ask, "What have you done for your country lately?," most would be hard-pressed to come up with an answer. Even voting, the most profound yet simple task we're called upon to perform as citizens, is put into practice by less than 50 percent of our population. It's a credit to our democracy that it functions effectively with so little participation from the masses.

Being uninformed on the issues or candidates seems to be a primary excuse for not casting a pallot. Although we manage to find time to watch TV, videos, and surf the Internet, the nature of material may choose to infiltrate our minds is not necessarily of the higher learning variety. The appeal of the hourlong Jerry Springer and Jenny Jones talk shows is evidenced by the elevated ratings numbers. Yet we relegate the most important incoming information, current events, to 10-second sound bites delivered by celebrities. Outside of all-out war or economic collapse, the only political communique that appears to garner nationwide attention involves an elected official's sexual scandal.

The enormity of our national government overwhelms its citizens. We feel so insignificant and incapable of making a difference. If we could only reach out and touch the power on occasion, if it came down to our level, maybe then we might get involved.

Well, my dear readers, I discovered that this opportunity already exists. While going through a pile of junk mail a while back, I came upon a newsletter of Congresswoman Lynn Rivers, our voice in Washington, D.C. I'm ashamed to saw I had no idea who she was, although she's been in office since 1994. To best serve the electorate. she has taken to presenting informational sessions in the form of "coffee klatches," forums and town hall meetings at convenient locations around the area. "Just what I've been looking for," I thought. Having some federal issues that I wanted addressed, I set out for coffee and conversation with Rivers at a local restaurant.

I was impressed! Close to 70 people showed up, some quite knowledgeable, most senior citizens. The information given on Social Security, the deficit, the Asian economic crisis, national disaster relief, health care, campaign financing and my personal pet peeve, public transportation, was immeasurable. The audience got the inside scoop on how and why bills are passed. Quite the politician, Rivers was able to make

each person feel he or she truly had a voice in



JANE MCCARTHY

ent. And that wasn't always easy. Outbursts occurred, the result of two overzealous right-to-lifers. Arriving separately, they came prepared to offer up a long-winded diatribe on the morality of abortion. Unmindful of the wishes of the group, each pressed to continue the sermons over Rivers' attempts to talk. Obviously experienced in this routine, Rivers skillfully managed to cut them short, state her views on the subject and move ahead with the discussion. The dynamics of the group were edu-

The hierarchy of government proved a puzzle to some. Water bills, child care, divorce and especially job-related questions were directed to Rivers. After explaining that these issues were dealt with on a state or local level, she still offered up names of officials that the questioner might contact for assistance. "Call my office" was the assignment doled out more than once for someone in need of more personal attention.

You've got to give this woman credit. Rivers sidestepped nothing and was open and candid with her constituents. Her courageous revelation of a lifelong battle with manic-depressive illness, controlled with medication, was insightful. The competency with which she addressed the questions of her audience exuded impressive knowledge of her duties in Congress. I can truthfully say I'm quite content with the part of her paycheck that's coming out of my pocket.

And I came away feeling a better American. I have now expanded my patriotic duties to more than just fulfilling my obligation to the IRS and singing the "The Star-Spangled Banner" before hockey games. By simply giving up one evening of TV situation comedies, you, too, can become an informed citizen. Call Lynn Rivers' office at (734) 722-1411 for a schedule of events, and I'll see you at the next coffee klatch.

Jane McCarthy is a Livonia resident.

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Peggy Schnel

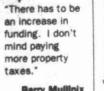




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become more pro kids. They need to put kids on the front burner.

Plymouth



Plymouth

I think there needs to be more equality among school districts. We need more state funding."



Matt Heiss

Canton

Driver's ed from page A1

their programs, the Plymouth-Canton schools will continue to offer driver's education, but with a fee

"We feel it is a public service to our district to continue the program," said Ken Jacobs, assistant principal at Plymouth Canton High School. "We also have studies that show public schools offer a much better program than private firms."

This Saturday, March 28, is registration for students who want to enroll in the district's driver's education program. The

cost will be \$163 at the time of registration.

Jacobs says the state is funding approximately \$70 per student, and the district is kicking in another \$70 per student to keep the enrollment cost down. Last year, more than 700 students participated.

The students will be divided into two sessions. The first is June 15 through July 8, with the second July 13 through Aug. 5. The class consists of 24 hours of classroom work, and six hours behind the wheel.

Successful completion gets the student a learner's permit. After three months of successful driving with a parent, the student will get an additional six hours in the classroom.

Registration is in the Canton High School cafeteria for students who are at least 14 years and 8 months old prior to the first day of class. Any Plymouth-Canton school district resident is eligible for the class by showing proof of residency.

Community School District. The petitions are to be returned to the E.J. McClendon Center. For further information, call the school election office at 416-

Corporate park from page A1 ty closest to the nature preserve,

"We initiated discussion with the county to buy the property before we were even made aware of the (Holliday Nature Preserve) group," said DiMaggio.

Burton-Katzman last met with Wayne County Parks and Recreation March 13, he said. DiMaggio said a price has yet to be mentioned, although Canton Supervisor Tom Yack estimated 50 acres to cost about \$6 million.

Thomas suggested Burton Katzman donate the property. "Just think of the tax deduction," he said.

The planned boulevard will extend one-third of a mile south from Koppernick almost splitting the property in half. The road ends in a cul-de-sac before reaching Warren and the Tonquish 'We initiated discussion with the county to buy the property before we were even made aware of the (preserve) group.

Chuck DiMaggio -Burton Katzman Development

Creek floodplain.

A storm water line will run on the east side of the road skirting along the property the Holliday Nature Preserve Association is attempting to save as parkland. Some of the tree will have to be removed, DiMaggio said.

The water and sanitary sewer

lines will run on the west side of the property. The water line tunnels underneath the Tonquish Creek. A 4.5-acre detention basin will be built to service the entire site.

Canton officials said they would act on a proposal by resident Dave Thomas to develop a task force of township board members, environmental groups and residents to inventory remaining natural areas in Can-

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin also encouraged residents to call the county parks and recreation department to dedicate a portion of the parks millage for local efforts such as preserving the Koppernick area.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BUILDING/FIRE BOARD OF APPEALS **APRIL 2, 1998**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a meeting of the Building/Fire Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Canton on Thursday, April 2, 1998 at 2:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in the lower level #1 Conference Room of the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. The following agenda will be discussed:

Roll Call: Korchak, Paciocco, Pennington, Scramstad, Acceptance of Agenda

- 1. Consider request from Pastor Jeff Ledbetter of Cornerstone Baptist Church, 1545 Ridge Road, for a variance to the fire prevention code, Section F500.7, and 500.8, fire hydrant requirements. (Tabled from Feb. 5, 1998, tabled from March 12, 1998)
- Consider request from Tom Gaines and Randy Czajka of Reliable Landscaping, 8285 Lilley Road, for a variance to the fire prevention code, Section F500.8, fire hydrant requirements.

Approval of March 12, 1998 minutes

Publish: March 26, 1998

School board petition deadline is April 6

People seeking election to two available seats on the Plymouth-Canton school board in June have until 4 p.m. April 6 to file nominating petitions with the

Nominating petitions are now available for any resident of the school district who is registered

to vote. Petition forms are available at the E. J. McClendon Educational Center (administration building) at 454 South Harvey Street in Plymouth.

The petitions must contain a minimum of 20 valid signatures of those who are registered to vote in the Plymouth-Canton

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Road. Motion By Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to move from an open session to a closed session at 7:07 PM., to discuss employee negotiations. Motion carried unanimously

ROLL CALL- CLOSED SESSION

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

None Members Absent: Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Santomauro

employee negotiations.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

Publish: March 26, 1998

BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, March 17, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center

Shefferly, Yack

Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order. Discussion occurred regarding Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to return to open session and adjourn the meeting at 9:32 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on March 17, 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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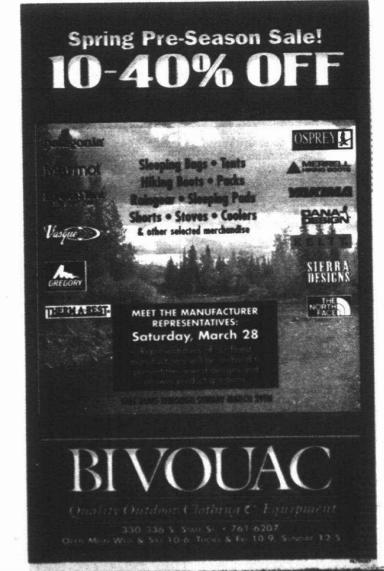
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PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH



LINDA CONNOLLY

What to do about teens, technology

very family with teenagers has issues with technology. Maybe ■your 13-year-old son plays Sega for hours after school each day, or your 15-year-old daughter ties up the phone every night after dinner, or your 17-year-old daughter listens to "grunge" tapes on her Walkman headset, which appears to be permanently affixed to her skull when you're anywhere nearby.

How do we, as parents, deal with the challenges of teens and technology? Here are some of the common problems parents face and some helpful suggestions on how best to handle

Spending too much time: Instead of cutting off your teen's access to the television, radio, Internet or phone, try negotiating with your teen about how much time each day is rational for both of you. Listen to your teen's reasoning, explain your own, and then reach a compromise.

You may think two 10-minute phone calls are enough, but your teen may have three good friends and lots to share with each of them. A compromised agreement could mean three 15-minute calls a night after homework is completed.

Your family might also set up a "tech-out" day or weekend. Everyone stays clear of the television, computers, radios, stereo and phone for a designated amount of days and, if the entire family is successful, the entire family goes out to dinner or on a trip to Cedar Point.

Have teens come up with the incentives, so they'll be motivated to participate. A "tech-out" weekend reminds all family members about fun, alternative ways to entertain themselves.

Avoiding other activities and/or responsibilities: Most of us are excited about our children's interest in technology and the door technology opens for them. But too much time chatting on the Internet or watching TV can end up being a distraction from homework, household chores, mental and physical exercise, or group socializing.

All technology is addictive in some way, and it's important for you to talk to your teens about resisting their reliance on technology. Let them know that too much of anything, including browsing the Web or gossiping on the phone, can be harmful.

Show teenage children that roaming a museum, mowing the lawn, walking the dog or going out for ice cream with a friend is a healthy break from hours of computer games or afternoon soap operas.

Make sure teens understand that watching television or listening to the radio is an idle activity - one that doesn't promote two-way interaction and often doesn't stimulate their minds or bodies.

Exploring inappropriate content: Parents have a tremendous fear about their children discovering inappropriate material on the Internet or on cable television. Whether or not you choose to install "blocks" on your TV or computer, you still need to talk with teens about what is appropriate for them to view or access and what isn't, and most importantly, why.

Curiosity is normal for teens, but with boundaries established, you can protect teens from repeated exposure to content you feel is inappropriate.

All technology offers benefits, but to what extreme your teenagers get involved is the question. At the core of this issue is developing a level of respect between you and your children. You may not be home after school each day, but if your children have "bought into" and respect your reasoning about technology limitations, you can trust that they'll abide

by your guidelines.

Try holding a family meeting when the TV listing arrives to decide together which programs are options to watch for the week. If you are unsure about a television program,

Please see PARENTING, R2

Something simple

American Girls' teas hark back to the basics

Little girls have a penchant for having tea with their dolls and often invite their parents to join them. But it's not make-believe anymore as area businesses invite girls to bring their dolls and their parents to a series of American Girls'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

Kids as young as preschool are learning to use computers. Students in junior high and high schools are communicating via e-mail and playing with Sony PlayStations and Nintendo sys-

Some girls and their parents, however, are looking for something a little more simple.

Mary Denning and Joan Adis, as well as Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, are acknowledging that by hosting events based on the American Girls series of books, dolls and merchandise.

Denning and Adis, who own Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe and Paperbacks 'n' Things, respectively, in Westland, are holding American Girls teas on Sundays during April at the bakery.

"I think a lot of parents and children want to go back to the basics," Denning explained. "The tea is also coming back. People are returning to comfort foods. And they got all these dolls that tickle and laugh. People want to return to the basics.

The teas will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 5 and 19, and at a time to be determined on Sunday, April 26, at the bakery, 8036 N. Wayne Road (next to Wendy's restaurant) in Westland. Tickets are \$12 for children and \$6 for adults. For more information, call (734) 261-3680 or (734) 522-8018.

The Westland business owners are encouraging girls who attend the tea bring along their favorite doll and even dress up like her.

Upon entering the cake shop, the girls will be photographed with their dolls and take part in craft projects. Fran Chause of Canton is going to help the girls make necklaces.

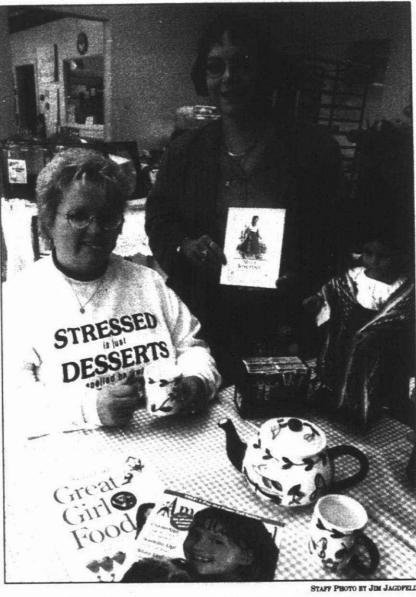
"We're going to have them string beads, and make a Victorian frame to put their pictures in," Denning said. We're going to serve tea sandwiches, fancy cookies and we'll probably give the girls pink lemonade. They probably won't want tea. We'll save that for the

A Josephina doll, valued at \$125, will be given away as well as many

Popular with kids

Adis came up with the idea for the teas after attending one last year.

"American Girls are so popular with



Tea time: Mary Denning, owner of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, and Joan Adis, owner of Paperbacks 'n' Things, are inviting parents and their daughters to bring the their American Girls dolls to teas of the same name they will be having at the Westland bakery during April.

tea and I knew I could do one even better. I just love the dolls. The girls dress up like their favorite dolls," Adis said. "We're encouraging girls to bring their dolls. At the tea I went to, some of them brought all their dolls.

The duo is also working on a future event to "keep boys corralled for awhile."

The American Girls Collection was created as part of the Pleasant Company's mission to provide girls with "beautiful books, dolls and pastimes that celebrate the experience of growing up as an American girl," according the American Girls Web page, http://www.americangirl.com.

Besides books and dolls, the Pleasant

Company also offers clothing for children and CD-ROMs. According to The Learning Company, which released the CD-ROMs in conjunction with the Pleasant Company, more than 45 million books and 4 million dolls from the "American Girls: Collection have been

Sales at the privately held company topped more than \$255 million in 1996.

More elaborate events

The events at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum are a little more elaborate - and expensive. The Dearborn complex is one of six licensed museums to offer an American Girls Museum Program. "Samantha at

Greenfield Village – An American Girls Museum Program" runs April through

The two-hour, 45-minute program, based on the 10-year-old character Samantha Parkington, will be offered at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. April 6-10 and 18-17, May 30-31, June 6-7 and 12-16, July 10-21 and 24-28, Aug. 1-11 and 21-25, Sept. 5-6 and 19-20, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8 and 14-15.

Tickets cost \$40 each and include light refreshments. They can be purchased at the Greenfield Village entrance building or by calling (313) 982-6180. Girls are encouraged to dress up and bring their dolls for this event as well.

"In our program, three of the main characters come to life," said Faith Kerr, special events team leader, at the complex. "The girls get to meet them. We've been able to combine a lot of the good materials out of the Samantha materials and use our sites and our characters to bring our stories alive."

Designed for adults and children ages 7-12, the event has been in the works for about a year, she said.

During the program, girls will be able to experience the sights, sounds: and scents of Samantha's time, 1904, and interact with characters from the books, including Uncle Gard and his fiancee, Cornelia. Samantha will not

"When you're designing a program like this, the girls make believe that they are Samantha or one of Samantha's friends. That way the girls really aren't disappointed," Kerr explained.

A visit to Samantha's world begins with a walk through the village to the Foster House to make old-fashioned lemonade from real lemons. Then the girls will get to try on clothes from an old attic trunk with assistance from Cornelia.

The adventure continues with a horse-drawn carriage ride and a trip to Mrs. Cohen's Millinery Shop where they will help Mrs. Cohen design a new hat for Cornelia. The girls also will have the chance to ride in Uncle Gard's

The program will end with the girls participating in a Suffrage Rally. They will march through the village carrying banners, flags and banging tambourines, all in support of women's

Kerr explained that the American Girls program is appealing because it offers a positive message.

"I think that they've managed to take all the good positive things about being a young girl and bring them to life, she said. "It teaches girls about selfesteem. It teaches them about history. They teach them manners. It's an

incredible thing for young women. "I think it's nice to have a positive program for young women and to have a program where adults and girls can do things together."

Sexual assault: Reality clashes with beliefs

"It seems like she did it without knowing what she got into, and that is her fault not his. He can't be blamed for her changing her mind."

"Has she considered the serious accusation she has made, because if she got into a situation she wasn't prepared for, she should be responsible.

"She physically made a choice to go to that location. Nobody held a gun to her head and forced her, did they?

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

The she is a 15-year-old student at Plymouth Canton High School. The he is her 17-year-old classmate and neighbor who has been charged with thirddegree criminal sexual conduct in connection with an alleged rape that took place under a stairwell at Plymouth Canton High School.

The quotes are from a Plymouth Salem High School senior. The sentiments reflect old beliefs that people have about sexual assault ... beliefs like the victim asked for it by the way she dressed or where she went, that she teased or led the man on, was under the influence of drugs or alcohol or drugs or went to a certain point that she had to finish.

"Attitudes are not easily changed," said Ilene Zisk, a sexual assault awareness specialist at First Step. "Blaming the victim helps keep people safe in their own minds. If they can point to the reason why it happened and find fault, it helps them keep their image of living in a safe world and that it can't happen to them."

- . Sexual intercourse
- Anal intercourse
- Cunnilingus • Fellatio
- · Object (anal) . Object (genital)

Criminal

Sexual

Conduct

(CSC) Act

Adapted by Mary Jane Hood for First Step. 3/97

ty of being raped.

The fact is sexual assault can happen

to anyone, anywhere and nothing a

person can do can make himself or her-

self 100 percent safe from the possibili-

According to National Coalition

Against Sexual Assault, one in three

women will be raped during her life-

time and one in seven rape victims will

The victims ranging in age from 2

months to 97 years, and an estimated

60-80 percent of all rape is date or

acquaintance rape. And a woman's risk

- · Breast
- Genital area . Inner thigh
 - * Buttock

· Groin

1) Victim under the age of 13. 2) Victim is 13, 14 or 15 and Assailant is a member of the

authority.

- 3) Victim is 13, 14 or 15 and Assailant is in a position of
- 4) Victim is 13, 14 or 15 and Assailant is related by blood or affinity. 5) Another felony is committed.
- 6) Multiple assailants and victim is known to be incapacitated. 7) Multiple assailants and force is used.
- 8) Assailant is using a weapon. 9) Assailant causes personal injury and force is used. 10) Assailant causes personal
- injury and victim is incapacitated. 11) Victim is 13, 14 or 15 12) Victim is incapacitated 13) Force is used.

their attackers.

of being raped by someone she knows

is four times greater than being raped

by a stranger. Typically, a rapist is

they're not like that image of a guy

jumping out of the bushes," Zisk said.

"Most are planned, most are in a famil-

iar setting, and most victims know

"Ninety-nine percent of the perpetra-

Zisk helps provide services to the

tors are male. Most are heterosexual

men with wives and girlfriends."

"Sexual assaults aren't random;

someone she knows and trusts.

- 1st Degree (felony) Penetration plus any one of circumstances
- 2nd Degree (felony) Contact plus any or of circumstances 1-10
- 3rd Degree (felony) Penetration plus any one of circumstances 11. 12 or 13
- . 4th Degree (high misdemeanor) Contact plus any one of circumstances 11,

Penetration OR Contact PLUS Circumstances EQUALS Degree of CSC Maximum sentences

- 1st Degree = Up to life • 2nd Degree = Up to 15 years
- 3rd Degree = Up to 15 years
- 4th Degree = 2 years or \$500°

fine or both

In addition: . If a person is convicted for a

- second offense of 1st, 2nd or 3rd degree CSC, there is a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years (this includes convictions in other states) Assault with intent to commit
- CSC involving penetration is a felony with a maximum of 10 years. · Assault with intent to commit
- CSC involving contact is a felony with a maximum of 5 years.

sexually assaulted and does community education on sexual assault, specifically with adults, but has a difficult time finding adults groups who want to hear about the trauma of acquaintance rape, reducing the risk or what to de

when someone you know is raped. A "huge mailing" sent to churches, schools, parent groups, business and women's organizations drew some response, but not as many as hoped for But when events, such as the assault

at the high school happen, people start Please see ASSAULT, B2

Zaborsky-Gulli

ivonia.

Detroit.

Robert and Carolyn Zaborsky

of Ann Arbor, formerly of Ply-

mouth, announce the engage-

ment of their daughter, Lisa

employed at Masco Corporation.

Gonzales-Sinnott

St. Thomas a' Becket Church.

Marguard-Terrell

Dr. and Mrs. Robert M. Mar-

quard of Plymouth announce the

engagement of their daughter,

Kristine Elizabeth, to William C

Terrell of Thousand Oaks, Calif.

the son of the late William

The bride-to-be is a graduate

of Michigan State University

with a bachelor of science in bio

chemistry. She works in the bio-

chemical research department

for Amgen in Thousand Oaks,

Her fiance is a graduate of

gy with a degree in electrical Church.

Rochester Institute of Technolo-

Thomas and Sally Terrell.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

he messages certain programs and commercials send. Many hows and ads display stereotyping, quick-fix solutions, or varydegrees of sexuality and vioence; it's important that we each children to observe those characteristics and their impli-

realize that television is drama friend's house, teens may be and doesn't always portray realistic situations.

Regarding the Internet, try etting up a contract with your enagers about what sites and hat rooms can and can't be vis-

Their belief is that they are

good people and they don't dis-

slay such risky behavior, but

henever there's an event like

his, it puts them off-balance and

makes them more open to hear

bout sexual assault," Zisk said.

Sexual assault is the most

attacks go unreported."

nderreported crime. One in 10

Assault from page B1

believe them.

In many instances, the victims liked being raped all over again,"

lame themselves. They wonder said Karen Porter, First Step's

what they could have done dif- associate director. "The key

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Sunday, April 5 4:00 PM

Friday, April 3

agree with all your decisions, explain your reasoning.

Be sure to outline the consequences for breaking the contract - bypassing boundaries on the Web may mean no computer access for a month. Talking to your children about

appropriate and inappropriate content also helps when you're Encourage your children to not around to monitor them. At a exposed to more than you would allow, but if you have discussed openly why certain content is telephone. unacceptable, teens will at least explore the content with a wiser

Finding private, unmoni-

acquaintance, according to Zisk.

Often, they will tell someone

about the crime who doesn't

"Rape is a humiliating crime

and the victim may have to tell

what happened three-four times

in a few hours, and in telling it

and being asked questions, it's

especially if the attacker is an disclosed.

ferently or what they did wrong, thing is the response when it is

dren, and although they may not tored space: Teenagers want their privacy, and as parents, it's important that we understand and respect that need. At the same time, we should address our own need to monitor our

> regard to technology. Whenever possible, centrally locate technology, so that you can observe what your teen is watching or accessing. The family room is a great spot for the family computer, and the kitchen is a good spot for the

teen's time and selection in

sions in teen bedrooms may promote too much isolation.

Scattering throughout the

"I went out on my first assault

intervention 18 years ago and I

see a vast difference between the

response then and now. Things

are done in a caring way now.

You hear the police officers, the

doctors say, I know it was diffi-

For victims, First Step offers a

cult for you to come forward."

24-hour telephone help line -

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- adult response advocates,

trained staff and volunteers who

accompany survivors to police

stations, hospitals and other safe

a year, counseling and referrals.

One issue Zisk focuses on is

understanding "that no means

no not yes." And for good rea-

son. The State of Michigan has

one of the strongest criminal sex-

ual assault laws in the country

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Spectacular craft show will be 10

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Clarenceville High School will

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For more information, call (734)

Cellular phones and televi-

house: As children grow older This is a challenge when picky "scattering" is bound to take teens thumb their noses at your place, and technology just adds ideas, so get them involved in to the challenge. If your young activity selection. Maybe the son is always playing a video game on the family room TV, your teen daughter is always listening to the radio in her bedroom, and your teen son is always searching the Internet for information on his favorite band, your family unity can

become frail.

While children do "need their own space," scattering too often becomes the norm, especially in homes where technological knowledge and interest is high. Make a concerted effort to do activities together as a family.

agreed upon can be construed as

The law's "mathematics" is

penetration (the type of inter-

course) or contact (areas of the

body) plus the circumstances

(victim's age, use of force, use of

sexual conduct in either the first

through fourth degree (first

through third degrees are

felonies, while fourth degree is a

"If she's not said yes to some-

thing, it's sexual assault," said

Zisk. "It's any unwanted contact,

and kids don't know that. They

where education is so important.

means no not yes. Yes, we need

to educate girls, but also the

boys because they are the only

But saying no crashes head on

which in part, states that any into the high value teenage girls potential damage it can do in

have "A Touch of Spring" craft

boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March

28 at the school, 20155 Middle-

more than 150 crafters, raffle

be permitted, and babysitting

FINNWEAVERS

and snack bar. No strollers will

will be available. Admission wil

The Finnweavers of the Finnish

belt Road, Livonia. There will be

kind of unwanted contact not place on having boyfriends or addition to the assault, Zisk it's no guarantee."

CRAFTS CALENDAR

ones that can stop this."

"Boys need to know that no

high misdemeanor).

places 24 hours a day, 365 days don't have any idea. That's

a weapon, etc.) equals criminal

riminal sexual conduct.

family has a board game night,

eats meals together, or hikes weekly at a nature preserve. While it is up to you, the parent, to create guidelines for teens and technology, always ask teens to help contribute to decision-making and learn about

Try to engage your children in selecting alternative activities, so that they don't always turn to the radio, television or computer games when bored. But most importantly, work every day to throughout southeastern Michibuild respect between you and gan.

There's a belief that if they

don't go along, no boys are going

to like them," Zisk said. "Kids

are making decisions that affect

their lives with limited informa-

tion. If they have sex with some-

one who is incapacitated -

drunk, drugged or incapacitated

And with the date rape drugs,

the problem is even bigger. Rape

involving a date rape drug can

result in prosecution for sexual

assault as well as on a felony

known as Roofies, which medi-

cally is used as a sedative for

surgical patients, Ketamine, or

Special K, an animal tranquiliz-

er, and GHB, the most danger-

ous of all because it attacks the

central nervous system. It's

"most alarming" because of the

Center Association will have an

arts and crafts fair 10 a.m. to 5

Cultural Center, 35200 W. Eight

Free admission and food will be

available. For more information,

Madonna University will have

its 13th annual spring arts and

p.m. March 28 at the Finnish

Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

call (248) 546-6527.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Those drugs include Rohypnol,

drug charge, Zisk said.

your reasoning.

having boys like them.

- that is rape.'

Mutual respect leads to trust

and faith that the family will hold true to agreed upon rules for technology and for all other aspects of family life!

Linda Connolly has been working with teenagers and their families for 20 years at Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center. She is also the director of Inkster Youth Assistance Program, which is operated from Counterpoint.

Date rape drugs are "odorless

colorless and tasteless" and can

easily be put into a the beverage

of the unsuspecting victim. It's

one reason Zisk recommends

young women take precautions

when going out like using the

buddy system when they go out,

never accept open drinks and

"They can cause an amnesia

effect and the victim may wake

up, bleeding, bruised and sore

and not know why, but then

start having flashbacks," she

said. "They're easy to access.

reproduce and make, and we're

definitely seeing more of them

among high school and college

"The only way to prevent sexu-

al assault is to stop people from

raping. There are steps you can

take to make vourself safer, but

crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 4:30

p.m. March 28 in the Activities

Center on campus, Schoolcraft

and Levan, Livonia. There will

be a bake sale and raffle, and

the Easter bunny will be there

for adults and children under

age 12 free. For more informa-

tion, call the university at (734

noon to 2 p.m. Admission will \$2

never leave their drinks unat-

Counterpoint is a program of ritania in northeast Africa for Youth Living Centers, a private two years. She is employed as a administrative assistant for nonprofit organization serving children and families from U.S. Aid in Conkry, Guinea. The groom is from Holidaysburg. Pa. He is a graduate of

Carnagie Melon University with a bachelor of arts degree and Harvard University with a master's degree. He is director of the Peace Corps Education program for Guinea.

Powers-Lyon

east coast of Africa.

Plymouth Township.

R. Southwick Powers and

Gillian E. Lyon were married

Oct. 3 in Seattle, Wash., while

on leave from Guinea on the

The bride is the daughter of

The bride is a 1984 graduate

of Plymouth Salem High School

and 1990 graduate of Western

Washington University. She was

a Peace Corps volunteer in Mau-

Ken and Lynn Lyon, formerly of

Attending the ceremony were the bride's brothers, Greg of Canton and Ross of Seattle

Cyr-Bailey

Sheryl Ann Bailey and James Michael Cyr were married Dec. 27 at First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor by the Rev. David Eardley.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Eleanor Bailey of Dexter. The groom is the son of James O. and Elaine Cyr of

The bride is a Michigan State University graduate. She is employed as a medical technologist at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The groom is a graduate of Schoolcraft College. He is employed as an administrative assistant at the University of Michigan College of Engineer-

Laura Giuffrida, Barbara attendants. Lind, Diana Bailey, Kati Bailey and Kristen Giuffrida served as the bride's attendants.

John Muckler, Mark Giuffrida, Allen Cyr, Michael Cyr Sr. and Michael Cyr Jr. were the groom's



of Boulder, Colo.

announce the engagement of The couple are moving to Addis Abada, Ethiopia, in April. their daughter, Maria Sirikit, to

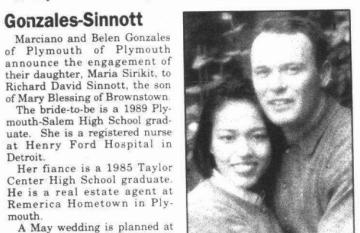


After receiving guests at the Clarion Inn in Ann Arbor, the couple honeymooned in Cancun,

Mexico. They are making their

Ann, to Joseph R. Gulli, the son of Giuseppe and Beverly Gulli of The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1996 graduate of Miami University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. She is employed by Masco Corp. Her fiance is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1993 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree. He also is

planned at First Baptist Church of Plymouth. A September wedding is



York-Stelovich

Tom and MaryGrace York of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Molly, to Thomas Allan Stelovich, the son f Frank and Jean Stelovich of Everett, Wash.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 gradiate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1993 graduate of Arizona State University where she majored in finance. She is employed as a business development specialist with Eagle Insurance Group in Seattle

A September wedding is planned at Northville Historical



degree in April at Eastern Michigan University. She is working as a substitute teacher in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. Her fiance is studying busi-

ness at Eastern Michigan University. He is employed at the Society of Manufacturing Engineers in Dearborn. A May wedding is planned at

St. Thomas a' Becket Church in

Franklin.

Matthews-Peal

Kravez-Doran

Melissa Matthews of Ann Arbor and Wayne Peal of Bloomield Hills have announced their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of John Edward Matthews of Redford and the late Betty Jean Matthews. She is a graduate of Eastern

Michigan University and is an advertising representative for the Ann Arbor Observer. Her fiance is the son of Clay-

ton and Patricia Peal of Fairfield Glade, Tenn., and the late Jean He is a graduate of Michigan

State University. He is the editor of the Southfield Eccentric.

1995 graduate of Arizona State Iniversity where he majored in purchasing and logistics. He is planned.



An August wedding is being



Her fiance is a 1986 graduate employed as a purchasing agent of Everett High School and a by Allied Signal in Redmond,

NEW VOICES

birth of Dakota Richard Dec. Roy, 15, and two sisters, Jennifer, 11, and Rachael, 4. Grand- Karen Schwark of Toledo, Ohio. parents are Terry A. Minnick of

Glenn and Cathy Hunter of Canton announce the birth of are Fred Abel of Canton and Virginia Uhl of Dundee.

Reece of Westland announce the Arial Firman Dec. 25 at the Birthing Center at Garden City She joins a sister, Jasmine, 3. 24 at the Birthing Center at Hospital. Grandparents are John Garden City Hospital. He joins and Sherrie Helton of Westland, two brothers, Joshua, 16, and Eddie Firman of Taylor, Ricky Williams of Mirmar, Fla., and

Lee and Lisa Moss of West-Westland and Toylene Reece of land announce the birth of Leah Frances Dec. 30 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins two sisters, Courtney Caitlin Teresa Jan. 19 at Uni- Marie, 7, and Katelyn Elizabeth, versity of Michigan Hospital in 5. Grandparents are Lee Moss Ann Arbor. She joins a sister, Sr. of Arden, N.C., Edward Hall Magen, 6. Grandparents are of Canton, Norma Moss of Plyrances Recinella of Livonia.



Roy D. and Kimberly A. announce the birth of Raven Arnold Dec. 26 at the Birthing Beverly Rockwood of Plymouth Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Rex and Gail Bird of Westland, Gerry and Debbie Mayer of Redford and Joseph Arnold and Elizabeth

Arnold of Detroit. Dominic Smith and Marcia Rockwood Smith of Royal Oak

announce the birth of Abigail Christine Feb. 15 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal

Oak. Grandparents are Les and a sister. Renae Marie, 18 Royal Oak and Eduardo and Vic- Fla.

Anne Smith of Swansea, Wales. Christopher and Mary Kay DeBrito of Canton announce the birth of Marianne Christine Jan. 28 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins are Dennis and Lorraine Daly of

and Melvyn and Mary Smith of

Hurricane, W.Va. Great-grand-

Convey of Dowra. Ireland, and

engineering. He works as a com-

puter engineer at Troika.

Sylvester A. Noetzel of Livonia. Basinski of Marine City, Mich., Christian and Laurine Irene Wike of Ypsilanti, Ann Mura of Redford Township announce the birth of Nicholas Giovanni Dec. 27 at the Birthing Center of Garden City spital. He joins a sister, Alison Catherine, 4. Grandparents

months. Grandparents are Mary Jeffrey and Jean Troop o and Syl Noetzel of Canton and Garden City announce the birth Marcia and Joe DeBrito of Monof Joshua Michael Feb. 16 at parents are Dennis and Ida roe. Great-grandparents are Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn Grandparents are Roger and Susan Brittain of Lincoln Park, Janice Troop of Westland and Melvin Troop of Ocoll, Fla Great-grandparents are Helen Smedo of Santa Maria, Calif. Iona Brittain of Gaylord and William Barnett of Clearwater,

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WEEKEND

Steppingstone, an inde pendent, nonprofit elemen-tary and middle school for he gifted, will hold its Fifth Annual Benefit Auction from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 28, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. Proceeds from the fund-raiser enable the school to provide financial aid and technological development of its programs to students. This year's theme is "Carnivale" and features a festive array of auction items and door prizes, live music and entertainment. In addition, special guest and hon-

orary chairwoman is Mary Conway, WXYZ-TV news reporter. Tickets are \$20 and can be ordered from Steppingstone. Price includes continuous intertion, call Ginnie Murdoch national hors d'oeuvres at 416-4842. with cash bar and bottle of wine for reserved tables of 10. All are invited. For more information, call (248) 473-1808.

VORKSHOP ■ Keller & Stein presents a "Let's Create an Herbal Vinegar" workshop at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at 42158 Michigan Ave., Canton, with guest speaker Judy Laban f Herb Depot, Dundee, Mich. Come and learn how easy it is to make your own herbal vinegars and how to enjoy them in your cooking. There is a \$10 fee, which ncludes all materials and your finished product. For reservations, call (734) 397-0800.

SPRING FEST Yankee Air Force Museum presents its 17th nniversary Spring Fest Dinner Dance at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the UAW Local 725, 48055 Michigan Ave., Canton. Cost is \$30 per person. Doors open at 6 p.m. Proceeds go toward the new building fund. For tickets or for more information, call YAF Hangar at (313)

483-4030. VEGAS NIGHT The Plymouth-Canton Javcees will host a Vegas Night 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sat urday, March 28, at 41700 E. Ann Arbor Road, Ply-There will be a cash bar, craps, blackjack, roulette and much more fun. All roceeds go to the Plynouth-Canton Jaycees general fund. For more formation, call (734) 761-8469.

INVITATION The Iglesia Ni Cristo (Church of Christ) is extending an invitation at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the chapel located at 41390 Five Mile. Plymouth Township, for the grand evangelical mission. The event includes a video prentation, short program, and refreshment. For more information, call (313) 453-

DANCE COLLECTION Dance Ensemble West of Plymouth will present "Dance Collection 1998" at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Plymouth Canton High School Little Theater. The concert is an annual preentation of ballet and modern dance works. Admission is \$9.

DANCE RECITAL

Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers of Plynouth presents its 18th annual "Extravaganza Dance Recital" at 2 p.m. unday, March 29, at wille High School Seven Mile and Eight Mile olish Centennial Dancers

Emil Zapalski Band will play for dancing and listen ing pleasure. An afterglow will follow in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door. For more information, call (734) 453-7161.

AROUND TOWN REGISTRATION

tion for the 1998-99 school year will be held in all elementary schools the week of March 23. Children are eligible to attend kindergarten if they will be 5 rears 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 informa-

Kindergarten registra-

FALL FESTIVAL BOARD ■ The Plymouth Fall Festival Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the Plymouth Township Hall Annex (formerly Friendly's). All organizations who are considering participating in the 1998 Fall Festival should send a representative to this meeting. 1998 applications will be available at this time. For more information, call Curt Lamar at

(734) 453-7820. TOWN MEETING ■ The VFW Post No. 6695 and the Auxiliary presents the fifth Tuesday town meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday,

March 31, at the VFW No. 6695 Hall, 1426 S. Mill St. Plymouth. Guest speaker will be Kathleen Keen McCarthy, supervisor of Plymouth Township. She will discuss taxes and township problems. This event is open to the public For more information, call

Ann Smith at 453-1529. BENEFIT GAME ■ The Red Wing Alumni

Association Hockey club presents its 10th annual benefit game against Law Auto Sales Senior Hockey team at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 27, at the Wavne Ice Arena located on Howe, at the corner of Annapolis Road, Wayne. An auction of Red Wing memorabilia and other merchandise wi be held between periods. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Make-A Wish Foundation of Michigan. All tickets are \$3. A family pass (two adults and up to four children) is available for \$10. Tickets are available at the Wayne Ice Arena or can be

obtained by calling (734) 722-5200. YOUTH EXCHANGE

■ Local Rotary Clubs are currently accepting applications from students in the community and surrounding areas who are interested in spending a year overseas with Rotary International's Youth Exchange Program during the 1999-2000 school year

Participants must be between the ages of 16 and 18 when they depart and at that time may be current students or immediate graduates of high school. If you would like more information on Rotary Youth Exchange, call Dawn Ross

at (734) 420-4171. EASTER DROP Canton Parks and Recre ation is sponsoring its Annual Easter Marshmallow Drop at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at Heritage Park. Canton youngsters ages 10 and under will be divided into age groups for marshmallow drop. Children will have the opportunity to retrieve marshmallows in exchange for good-



Cancer Society fund-raiser: The American Cancer Society is holding its 13th Annual Great American Lock Up event through Friday at nine local jail site locations throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. For just \$25, you can have someone "arrested" by calling the Lock Up hotline at 1-800-543-JAIL. You can put someone behind bars until they collect enough pledge money to make "bail." The society will send uniformed ploice officers to pick up your requested prisoner. A "judge" will determines guilt or innocence and impose the pledge sentence.

ies and treats. The event is | Spring Arts & Crafts Show. | bound. Call 397-5444 for

BLOOD PRESSURE

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

SEREAVEMENT SEMINAR ■ McCabe Funeral Home is sponsoring "Surviving Loss-Free Bereavement Seminar" at 7 p.m. Mon-

day, April 6, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Cathy Clough, director of bereavement services at Arbor Hospice, will conduct the seminars. The seminar will involve discussions on basic steps people can take to get through difficult times and cope with the death of loved ones. There will suggestions and ideas on how to cope with a loss. For more information, call (248) 851-3993.

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

455-7526. ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW ■ The city of Plymouth Parks & Recreation

crafters for its annual

Department is looking for

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 space is \$50. Admission and parking are both free. Interested crafters should call the city of Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620.

BREAKFAST WITH BUNNY Fox Hills presents breakfast with the Easter Bunny 9-11 a.m. Saturday, April 4 and 11, at 8768 N. Territorial. Salem Township. There will be a bountiful breakfast buffet with fresh fruit, breakfast pastries, cold cereals, scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage, waffles, hot chocolate and fresh fruit juices. There will be crafts, games, story time and prizes, too. Then between 10 and 10:30 a.m., colorful eggs will be dropped from an airplane and after landing, there'll be an Easter egg hunt.

Price is \$10.50 per person No charge for children inder 2. Reservations are from 9-11 a.m. For more information, or for a reservation, call (734) 453-7272. 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 home-

more information. SCHOOL OPENINGS Livonia Little People's Co-op Preschool has openings 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 with parental involvement. 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 the 1998-99 school year for 3-4vear-old 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 nonprefit school For more information, call (734) 420-

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FORM The Canton Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI. 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

Date and Time: Location: Additional info... Use additional sheet if necessary

School is having open enrollment for preschool through grade 12 at 24425 Hass, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call **EMPOWER** 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 financial assistance, promoting the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Funds are the result of community participation in the annual fall craft fair held at West Middle School. Applications are available at both high school counseling offices or at Hoben Elementary School, 44680 Saltz Road. Canton.

SUPPORT **GROUPS**

■ Soundings 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 Ann Arbor. There is a job resource room, financial counseling, job hunters and numerous support groups. Call (734) 973-7723 for fu ther information.

COMMUNITY HOSPICE Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. (CHHCS) invites adults who have experienced the loss of someone significant in their lives to participate in the Adult Grief Support Group. The group meets the third Monday of every month at from 6:30-8 p.m. at CHHCS Westland office 32932 Warren Road, Suite 100, northwest corner of Warren and Venoy. To reg ister for the support group, contact Becky Rouse, bereavement coordinator at (734) 522-4244.

A.I.M., a nonprofit selfhelp 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 concentration, motivation, comprehension and memo ry, and simultaneous and sequential processing. Using all types of materials from basal readers to library books, speech machines, the tape recorder and computer

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

tial. 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)

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

SUBURBAN WEST Suburban Nights pre-

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Alzheimer's. To learn more or to volunteer, call Adam Sterling, (248) 557-8277. VOLUNTEER DRIVERS ■ Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of th Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support * Group. Meetings are 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Senior Center.

Award honors child, elder care providers

Gov. John Engler is seeking fessionalism in Michigan's child ents, relatives or friends in long- in April, the Month of the Young nor's Quality Care Awards for viduals with special needs, nursexcellence in care for Michigan's ing homes, adult foster care, most vulnerable citizens - children, elderly and those with special needs.

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the extra mile to enhance the quality of life for our most vulnerable citizens," the governor said. "By recognizing their outstandards for Michigan. Criteria for the awards were developed in cooperation with

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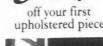
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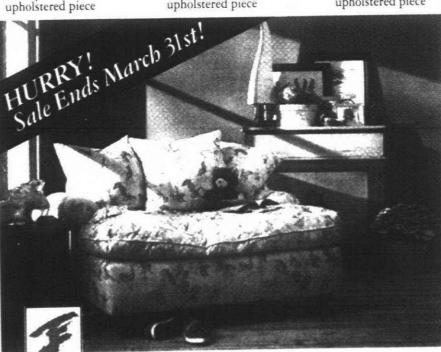
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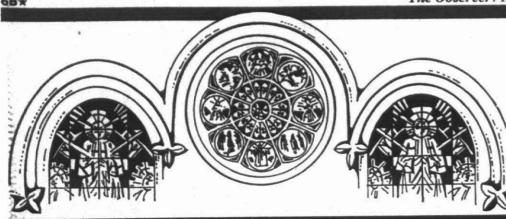


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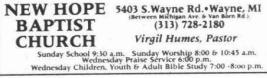
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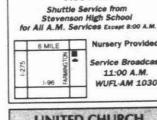


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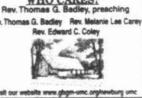
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FREE CONCERT The Youth and Music Ministries and Missions Conference Committee of Trinity Presbyterian Church will present a free concert, featuring Matt Beckler, at 7 p.m. Friday, March 27, at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 459-9804. EXPERIENCING GOD

734) 953-2131.

Canton Community Church continues its seven-week series "Experiencing God" with Pastor Eric Moore at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, March, at the church, 41600 Ann Arbor Trail, Ward welcomes Psalty

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tion at both services. A course in miracles is taught year-round at 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Other basic courses include 4T, meditation and unity basics. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit its Web site at http://www.cotw.com. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE The radio series, "What is This Christian Science and Who

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> (248) 661-8400. PLANET X MINISTRIES Former Detroit Tigers pitcher Frank Tanana will be the guest speaker at Planet X Ministries' Thermonuclear program from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at Tri-City Christian Center, 39390

Michigan Ave., Wayne. The

information, call the center at

sports, pizza and a love offering. Tickets are \$3. For more information, call (734) 326-7717 or write to plan-

church, 5885 Venoy Road, West-

■ Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church is serving dinner 5:30etxmin@aol.com. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays during Lent in the school gymnasium. The Senior Youth for Christ at They are followed by a worship St. Matthew Lutheran Church is service in the church, 9600 Levserving Lenten dinner 5-6:30 erne, north of West Chicago,

In concert: The Detroit Lutheran Singers will present a concert rich in sacred choral music at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The 50-voice choir will perform works by Bach (B Minor Mass), Lotti, Brahms ("Blessed They" from his Requiem), Virgil Thompson, Tchaikovsky, Durante, Bruchner, Holst, Rachmaninoff and Mendelssohn, accompanied by organist Doris Hall. Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and senior citizens, and are available at the door. For more information, call the church at (734) 522-6830.

■ Rice Memorial United

Methodist Church is having a

Lenten potluck dinner at 6:30

High Priestly Prayers. A freefor a family of four and \$3 for senior citizens. There also will be dinner. For more information, Lenten worship services at 7 call (313) 937-2424. p.m. and 11 a.m. Thursday. For more information, call (734) 422-

Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will have mid-week Lenten services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Pastor Gregory Gibbons will preach on the general theme of "Walk with Jesus." Each service will be followed by a fellowship time. For more information, call (313) 532-8655.

■ The Lenten series, "By My Hand? For My Sake!" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. April 1, at St. James Presbyterian Church's McCalmont Chapel 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redevening also includes interactive ford. Each week there will be a different Biblical visitor. For more information, call (313) 534-

■ St. Matthew's United Methodist Church's Lenten programs and meals will continue with a potluck salad supper and the puppet musical "Outer Space Inner Space" on Sunday, March 29. Dinner is at 6:15 p.m and the program at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call (734) Redford. The Lenten series is based on John 17 and the Lord's

(734) 422-0149.

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EASTER DRAMA

A multi-media dramatization will offering will be accepted for of the Stations of the Cross, "An Evening of Reflection," will be presented at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, Farmington Road north of Six Mile Road, Livonia. An p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the internationally famous religious church, 20601 Beech Daly, Redleader will make an appearance ford. Participants are asked to during the presentation. Admisbring a dish or two to pass and their own table service. There sion is free. Gang Retirement and Conwill be a program and service at

tinuing Education/Employment 7:30 p.m. For more information, (GRACE) Program and St. Anne's Parish in Detroit, in col-■ Newburg United Methodist Church's Lenten dinner/ prolaboration with the Catholic gram will be 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Youth Organization, will present "Jesus in the Hood" at 1 p.m. March 29, at the church, 36500 Thursday, April 2, in Kresge Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The pot luck dinner buffet will be fol-Hall of Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia lowed by "Portraval of Mary" by Reservations are necessary for the Rev. Laurie Plate, at 6:30 the free performance. Call the p.m. For more information, call university's Office of Multicultural Affairs at (734) 432-5541.

The play was created by Alex Montaner, a Madonna student and GRACE program director, as a means of helping youth deliver a message of peace. It depicts a bilingual modernization of the life of Jesus were he born in southwest Detroit. in a fun and interesting setting.

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STATE PROTOS BY TOM HAWLED

Wee bit o' fun benefits Hospice



The theme was Irish and the air was filled with the sounds of bagpiper Alistair Hill of Farmington Hills, for the annual St. Patrick's Party to benefit Community Hospice and Health Care Services.

Mercy mime Kristen Legg (top photo), a senior at Mercy High

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Enjoying the benefit were Maureen and Norm Root (top photo at right, from left) and Tim and Pat Muldowney, all of Livonia, and Russ and Vicki Thomas of Clinton Township who had their eye on an autographed Steve Yzerman jersey.

Steve Yzerman jersey.

Held at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia, proceeds are earmarked for the proposed Community Hospice





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SCENE

Sarkesian All-American

Mia Sarkesian, a senior on Plvmouth Salem's girls soccer team, has been named to the Parade All-American soccer team. She is one of 41 players nationwide selected by coaches, scouts, recruiters and several soccer organizations.

Sarkesian, a midfielder, led the Rocks in scoring last season with 17 goals and eight assists. She has already committed to attend and play at the University of Notre Dame in

Whalers: Round 2

The Plymouth Whalers, having disposed of the Sarnia Sting, were still waiting to see who was next on their agenda at press time. It seemed likely that they would play their next home game at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, probably against the Belleville Bulls.

To confirm this information, call the Whalers at (734)453-8400 during business hours, or call the Whaler hotline at (734) 480-3916.

Rockers still tumbling

The Detroit Rockers kept it tight for a half against the Edmonton Drillers Sunday at Joe Louis Arena, but the Drillers owned the second half, outscoring the Rockers 8-0 in claiming a 13-4 National Professional Soccer League victory.

Jeff Gold (from Plymouth) gave the Rockers the early lead, scoring a twopoint goal at 7:30 of the opening period. Tim Ernst assisted.

The Drillers rallied to take a 3-2 advantage into the second period, before Travis Roy (Livonia Stevenson) netted a two-pointer to make it 4-3, in Detroit's favor. Joe Malachino assist-

After that, however, it was all Edmonton as Detroit lost for the 10th time in 11 games, its record falling to

Volleyball tour

Continental Teams is currently taking applications for this summer's European Girls Volleyball Tour.

The team will travel to England, Holland, Belgium, Germany, France and Switzerland to play local club teams and to compete in various tournaments, including the London International Tournament.

The 18-day tour leaves June 28 and returns July 15. The team is open to all high school-aged girls with average or above-average skills, including those graduating this year.

Continental Teams is a non-profit organization formed 14 years ago, dedicated to promoting sports in conjunction with education and travel. For more information, or for application, brochure, trip cost and fundraising information, call (708) 848-0070, or write to Continental Teams, 804 S. Ridgeland, Oak Park, Ill.,

Baseball clinic

The Plymouth Salem HS baseball team and coaching staff will sponsor a clinic on Saturday, March 28, in the Salem gymnasium.

Cost is \$20, which includes a Tshirt. The session for 11-15 year-olds will be from 9 a.m.-noon; the session

for 7-10 year-olds will be from 1-4 Checks should be mailed to: Plymouth Salem Dugout, 13900 High Ridge Ct., Plymouth, MI, 48170. For

more information, call Salem coach

Dale Rumberger at (734) 453-4003.

Men's golf league

A 20-week men's golf league will begin play April 22, with all rounds at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. Tee times for the league will be 5-6

p.m. each Wednesday, with a player limit of 36 golfers (Canton residents only, unless the league fails to fill up by March 27).

Cost is \$420 per golfer, which includes all league green fees, prize money, league outing and awards.

Open registration begins Monday and can be completed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Canton Parks and Recreation offices, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

There will be a league meeting at 6 p.m. April 8 at Fellows Creek to discuss league rules and regulations.

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

Whalers eliminate Sting in 5

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Whalers proved March Madness isn't limited to the hardwood Sunday at Compuware

Looking to close out their first round Ontario Hockey League playoff series with Sarnia, the Whalers' Randy Fitzgerald scored 30 seconds into overtime to give his team a 3-2 victory. Yuri Babenko and Julian Smith assisted on the left winger's first goal of the playoffs, which came on a scramble in front of the Sting's net.

"I give the credit to those three guys," coach Peter DeBoer said. "It was a great goal."

The Whalers took the best-of-seven series, four games to one. Plymouth will likely face London (Ont.) or Belleville (Ont.) Friday on the road in the second

"Whoever we play," DeBoer said, "it'll be a heck of a tough series.

Sunday's game with Sarnia wasn't a picnic, either. The Sting clearly had the jump in the first period. Whalers' goalie Robert Esche turned away 13 Sarnia shots to keep the game scoreless heading into the first intermission.

"He kept us in the game," DeBoer said. "He made some big saves. Robert's playing like he has to for us to be successful.

While the Whalers did manage 10 shots on net in the first period, the coach said his team wasn't sharp in the first period.

"It was a matter of being a little flat," DeBoer admitted. "We had an emotional win in Sarnia last night. It was the first time we had won there in two years. I think there was bound to be an emotional

Plymouth showed more energy from the opening face off in the second period. The Whalers applied solid pressure on Sarnia's net the first 1:30 of the period, but were unable to score.

It was the Sting who broke through first. Greg Willers drilled a low, hard shot from the left point after a face off deep in Plymouth's zone. Jon

Sim and Darryl Knight assisted on the goal, which came at the 15:25 mark. The Whalers continued to play a strong period despite the tally. Finally, with just more than 10 minutes gone, Sergei Fedotov put Plymouth on the

scoreboard, rifling a shot past stingy Sting goalie Greg Hewitt from about 30 feet directly in front of the net. Babenko and Steve Wasylko assisted on the power-play goal, Fedotov's second goal of the playoffs. Plymouth continued to apply pressure. Harold

Druken got a good backhand shot off moments after Fedotov's tally, but Hewitt was quick enough to kick It wasn't until the third period that the 1-1 tie was

broken. Both squads played it conservatively, but



Goal-saver: Goalie Robert Esche was superb in the four Whaler wins over the Sting. He allowed just five goals in the last three games, all victories, including just two in Saturday's 7-2 triumph, the Whalers' first win in Sarnia since early in the 1996-97 season.

Plymouth appeared to take things in hand with about 11 minutes gone by when Troy Smith scored unassisted on a soft shot from the right point.

The visitors fought back to re-tie it less than two minutes later. Jeff Heerema beat Esche on a high shot to the stick side, a shot that Esche appeared to be screened on. That virtually ended all scoring chances. Both teams appeared content to play for

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Spring is here — and soccer, too!

Salem should be more experienced — and improved

BY C.J. RISAK

Doug Landefeld's second year as coach of Plymouth Salem's girls soccer team was nothing like his first.

The Rocks struggled early, turned it around in the middle, and were playing well in the state district tournament when they were beaten by Plymouth Canton in overtime. Salem finished with an 8-6-3 overall record.

In his first season as coach, the Rocks posted a 15-4 mark. But that didn't get them any further in the state tournament; they lost to Canton in the district finals that year, too, and the Chiefs went on to win the state championship.

So what should be expected this year? Well, as in Landefeld's first two seasons, something a bit different.

"Last year, we lost some games early but we played well at the end," he said. "But we never quite found our rhythm. It was tough at times."

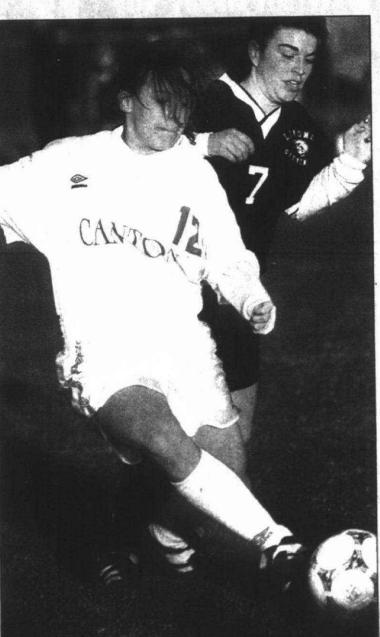
Four seniors have graduated from that team: Jodi Coyle, Lisa Bacyinski, Janell Davis and Jenny Storm. There's little doubt they'll be missed, but at the same time, six freshmen saw considerable playing time last season; as sophomores this year, they should be much

"I think we're a better team than last year's, in terms of experience," Landefeld said. "We're in pretty good shape."

He can say that even though he knows he has just two seniors to call upon. But oh, what seniors: Mia Sarkesian, a senior midfielder who was recently named to the Parade All-American soccer team (one of 41 selected nationwide); and Missy Simons, a ver-satile and talented defender/midfielder.

"Mia is perhaps the best player in the state," said Landefeld. "The question for us is, are our people going to help her,

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Strong senior group: Forward Lisa Reissenweber is one of six seniors on the Canton team, and is one of four of them with at least three years varsity experience.

Canton still has a strong nucleus. to provide a lift

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

So: What's the biggest problem facing Plymouth Canton soccer coach Don Smith this year?

Finding adequate replacements for the six seniors he lost?

Finding goal-scorers?

Probably not.

Finding enough players to scrimmage with during practice?

Definitely not. Finding a way to beat Livonia

Stevenson? Uh, well, maybe.

In 1996, Canton stormed through the Class A playoffs to capture the state championship. Last year, the Chiefs could not duplicate their feat; two of their three losses came against Stevenson, which rolled to the state title.

Still, the Chiefs went 13-3-2. Missing from that team are Jenny Parviainen, Emilie Meier, Jill Rahnert, Emily Stachera, Beth Knight and back-up keeper Becky Haynert.

So how do you replace half your line-up without missing a beat?

In Don Smith's system, it's not a big problem. Because he uses loads of players, so most have some varsity experience already.

And those without experience who still make the varsity must be something special. And Smith has some of them. too.

"We should be in pretty good shape," Smith said. "We've got a nice group, with a lot of returnees, a lot of kids who can play.

So where, in particular, are the team's strengths? "We should be pretty strong defensively, up in front and in the midfield," he noted. "Actually, we've

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And the Spartans have nearly

"Frankly I'll be very much

surprised if anyone challenges

Stevenson," Landefeld said. "I

think they've gotten better than

last year. Their starting 11

Meanwhile Landefeld, whose

experience in soccer is extensive

promises a more direct approach

this season, hoping to make it

easier for his young team to

A lack of time to prepare ade-

quately hurts all soccer teams.

Salem opened its season

champ is Livonia Stevenson.

everyone back.

Stevenson prepares state championship defense

Tough as it is to win a state championship in any high school sport, it's even more difficult to do it again. It's an experience Livonia Stevenson's

girls soccer team will go through this "We've never been in this position, with the girls," coach Jim Kimble of the

Spartans said of the Class A champions. "We've never been in position to defend a state title. We've always fallen short, so there's that hunger to keep you "We had a phenomenal year last

year. The question is going to be, 'Do the kids want to repeat and advance on that season?'

more celebrated Plymouth neighbors in the Western Lakes Activities Association last season.

EIVONIA CHURCHILL

Last year's overall record: 13-4-4.

larch 27, at home, vs. Rochester,

Il-Area), Lindsay Murfey.

non: WLAA (Western Division

Head Coach: Chad Campau, second sea

Titles won last year: Class A district cham

Notable losses to graduation: Andrea Wil

irst-team All-Area), Lizz Szkrybalo (first-team

Leading returnees: Kersten Conklin, junior

, senior midfielder; Jamie Scott, senior mid

elder; Stacey Supanich, junior forward

mer, sophomore defender; Susan Hill;

ard; Lisa Fabirkiewicz, senior defender; Kris-

aPorte, junior goalkeeper; Jenine Lawson,

nior defender: Nicole DeDominicis, senior

Promising newcomers: Luca Steca, sopho-

nore midfielder; Natalie Pickelhaupt, Junior

fielder: Jennifer Gibson, junior goalkeeper.

Campau's '98 outlook: "We'll be stronger

ot of goals last year with the exception of the

enson game (a 6-0 regional final loss).

"And offensively, I think we'll be even

Will, but we have some good young play

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

feed Coach: Mary Kay Hussey, second

ers who will fill in nicely."

nger. It's going to hurt losing Szkrybalo

ively than last year. We didn't give up a

defender; Karrie Bewersdorf, senior for-

vnski, sophomore midfielder: Kerrie

Stevenson played in the shadow of its

"Last year we felt we were as good as we were," Kimble said, "but it wasn't until the middle of the season, the playoffs, that other people noticed." No such luck this season.

Ever seen that Gary Larson (Far Side) cartoon where the two cows are standing next to one another? One has a big bulls-eye on its side. The other says, "Bummer of a birthmark, Hal."

That's sort of what the Spartans will go through this season. They've got the oulls-eve on their back.

"In '98, everybody knows we're as good as we are, so everybody's geared up to play us," said Kimble, whose team was 21-0-2 and allowed just one goal all season. "There's only one way to go when you're on top. The question is, 'Do

"That's the question I'm going to pose to them every day at practice. If the record. She is 47-7-4 during her career

Leading returnees: Emily Kracht, senior

sophomore; Kristin Dougherty, senior; Angle

Promising newcomers: Lisa Balko, fresh-

sa Matthews, freshman; Megan Palmer, fresh

oster. They will be searching for first victory

under coach Mary Kay Hussey, Friday at Tren-

on. Hussey coached Livonia Stevenson to the

Class A state title in 1990 and posted a

record of 80-24-10 in six seasons with the

Spartans including two regional, three dis-

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Titles won last year; State Class A

mps, regional and district champs, West-

Scheduled season opener: 7 p.m. Monday

Notable losses to graduation: Nicole Tobin.

forward (first-team All-Area); Anne Fedrigo,

midfielder (first-team All-Area); Melissa

Leading returnees: Allison Campbell, senior

Jacobs, defender (second-team All-Area).

Head Coach: Jim Kimble, fourth season,

Last year's overall record: 21-0-2.

March 30, at Walled Lake Western,

nifer Walter, Junior; Karen Black, Junior,

Bowman, sophomore; Jessica Decker,

and the tournaments commenced.

Stevenson had three quality seniors doing the leading last year - first-team All-Area midfielder Anne Fedrigo, second-team All-Area defender Melissa Jacobs and state championship hero records this year at Siena Heights Col-

This year the Spartans come back at you with 10 quality seniors. Three All-Observer first-team selections return led by Tennessee-bound

Allison Campbell, who had 34 goals and 13 assists. Campbell, with 68 career goals, is a three-year starter. Another top-flight returnee is sopho-

more defender Andrea Sied, who anchored a Stevenson defense which Lizz Szkrybalo and Andrea Will, but gave up just one goal. Senior goalkeeper Jenny Baker post-

against average of .446.

Also returning are second-team picks Stacey Nastase, a senior defender, and Sarah Wittrock, a junior midfielder. And if that isn't enough, Stevenson

also has an outstanding freshman on Nicole Tobin (who set numerous scoring the horizon - remember the name Lindsay Gusick. "We'll throw the ball out there and see what happens," Kimble said.

If any team will challenge, it will be Livonia Churchill (13-4-4), under second-year coach Chad Campau. The Chargers won their district and reached the regional championship

before being thumped by the Spartans, Churchill lost All-Area first-teamers return seven starters.

"Stevenson is the team to beat again, ed 20 shutouts en route to a 19-0-2 a team you shoot for," Campau said. Jeff Shuk, who has led the Redford "We play them early this year (Friday,

Until the regular season was over desire is there to repeat, yeah, we can with 44 shutouts and a career goals- April 4 at Stevenson) and it's going to give us a good indication early where

With Simons, it's a matter of we're at and where we have to go. finding a home. "She's been all "The girls are hungry and feel they over the place: sweeper, stopper, have something to prove after last midfielder. Every year she's year's regional." moving further up the field," Meanwhile, another Western Division said her coach.

team in the WLAA, Livonia Franklin (0-12-2) hopes to avoid another winless But things are looking up for coach

Jerry Poniatowski at Westland John Glenn, who will field a nice young team that's just starting to come into its own. The Rockets (7-9-1) have the misfor-

tune, however, of being placed in the same division of the WLAA as powerhouses Stevenson and Salem, whose programs year in and year out are among the best in the state.

Meanwhile, Livonia Ladywood (2-9-3) is under new management with coach Union boys program.

but three days. Friday's game will be a good

measuring stick. I'm not worried about speed

our system doesn't call for a lot of speed.

"In September, we met with the team and

started a long process of putting this team

together. They're not strangers to me. It's

have nine seniors so it's their last chance to

make a mark. One strength is that we have a

lot natural athletes, maybe not great socces

layers, but athletes and that should help

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND

Head coach: Amenda Geidel, first season.

Scheduled season opener: 4:30 p.m. I

day, April 3, at Dearborn Heights Fairland

Last year's overall record: First-ever varsi

Top goalles: Renee Meyer, junior; Kris

Top defenders: Jessica Anthony, Junio

sweeper; Christen Rae, senior stopper; Sara

Burkee, junior fullback; Monica Gyorke,

Christian.

Rose, freshman.

sophomore fullback.

League affiliation: Metro Conference.

been a big change from top to bottom. We

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Salem soccer from page C1

Andrea Weinman, Brooke alone their conference. That's

got a lot of talented girls

attention away from her?"

Landefeld knows what to

fate will be decided by how much

"We've got a whole lot of young

Indeed it should. Landefeld

also has four juniors with experi-

ence to call upon: Danelle Filips,

Schupra and Kristina Seniuch.

players," he noted. "We just hope

the rest of the team improves.

"It should be interesting."

they can step up.

has 26 on his junior varsity

making it a bulky group to practice with, the Chiefs' coach is up front with his players: Those who work hard and are the best players will play the most.

Marzolf,

In addition, all four juniors on the squad have three years var-

men last year and should help

considerably: Jessica Bucks, Jea-

nine Edwards, Jamie Coyle,

Susie Towns, Jenny Fitchett and

Christen Shull. Fitchett played

Will this team be experienced

expect from those two. Salem's tive start than last year, when might be as good as anybody's

Salem lost two early-season ever had in the state.

because the defending Class A Wednesday against Walled Lake

enough to get off to a more posi-

games? "I hope so," said Lande-

feld, adding that "we've only

"But the end of the season last

improved, it might not be

enough to win their division, let

However much the Rocks have

The six sophomores who state champion and Western Central at the Wixom indoor

been outside to practice once.

year was pretty positive."

goal for the Rocks last season.

sity experience: outside midfielder Janell Cobor, attacking midfielder Kelly Connell, defender Cheron Rice and outside midfielder Lisa Tomasso

Christina Broda, Sarah Debien, Emily Kaatz, Kristin Lyman, Theresia Radtke and Elise Thornell are juniors who played iunior varsity last season. Broda, Debien, Kaatz, Lyman and has keeper experience). Palis is a

Ladywood at Woodhaven, 4 p.r.

W. Bloomfield at Mercy, 4 p.m.

Franklin at Trenton, 4 p.m.

Rochester at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 28

Salem at Troy, 1 p.m.

Novi at Canton, 1 p.m.

Farmington at W. Bloom., 12:30 p.m

BOYS TRACK

Thursday, March 26

John Glenn at A.A. Huron, TBA

son: midfielders Abi Morrell and Pam West, and defender Amy Dorogi and Amy Jachym. and midfielder Jessica Palis, are sophomores who were on the JV last season.

Despite the abundance of skilled - and experienced players, Smith has three freshmen (Anne Morrell, Amanda Lentz and Beth Zandusky) he plans to use extensively, and

a very good ballplayer, very day

Huron Relays at EMU, noon

GIRLS TRACK

Thursday, March 26

John Glenn at A.A. Huron, 3:30 p.m.

Huron Relays at EMU, 11 a.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Saturday, March 28

E. Gr. Rapids at Redford CC, 2 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

Saturday, March 28

Three of the Chiefs' six sopho- intense," said Smith. "She fits in mores spent some time playing nicely with our group. But we've defense on the varsity last sea- got a lot of kids who can play." Of course, so does defending state champ Livonia Stevenson, Heather Thompson. Keepers and Plymouth Salem, and Northville, and Livonia Churchill, All are Western Lakes

Activities Association rivals.

arena; on Saturday, the Rocks

Whoever can keep the other team from scoring will do well," said Smith, stating the simplest of soccer facts. "We've just got to get a good, solid team effort. We've got good senior leadership this year. We've got quality kids, a good group of kids."

Canton's season was scheduled to open yesterday at Walled Lake Western, with a 1 p.m. Anne Morrell, a forward. "She's home match against Novi Satur-

Whalers from page C1

But it didn't take long to set- fragile coming into the playoffs. tle the matter in OT. The puck Now, I think we're on a good squirted into Sarnia's zone high. y seconds later, Fitzgerald

lutch goal. Which didn't come as a huge surprise to DeBoer. "Randy Fitzgerald has been great all playoffs," the coach commented. "We call him the Claude Lemeuix of the OHL because he gets under everybody's skin. But those character guys come to the forefront when you need

After 14 games in 24 days, DeBoer said the time off between playoff series would added another in the third.

really help his club. "We're tired," he said. "We need this break. Not starting until Fri-

ferent frame of mind, DeBoer "We staved really disciplined added, going into their second "We gained some confidence."

Softball sign-up

Registration for adult softball

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teams - are now under way.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Teams sought

day will be great for us."

South Farmington Baseball is seeking additional teams to participate in its first SFBI Invita-Parks and Recreation Services tional Baseball Tournament June 19-21 at Founders Sports Park in Farmington Hills

The tournament will have a through Friday. Women's teams four-game, round-robin format, may register through April 3. weather permitting, with separate house all-star and federation divisions. There will be 10-and-under,

12-and-under and 14-and-under age groups. For information and registration forms call Steve Pelletier at (248) 476-8968.

Baseball sign-up The Waco Wolves, a 10-and-

under travel baseball team, is looking for players. The team will play a 45-50 game schedule. with trips to Sylvania, Ohio; Chicago; and Cooperstown, N.Y. For information, call Bill

Plymouth.

(734) 397-5110 Hardin at (313) 562-4667

from the opening face off. Thir-

Plymouth 7 Sarnia 2: The two became the hero with his teams met Saturday night in Sarnia with the Whalers pick ing up where they left off Thursday (a 7-1 Whaler victory), claiming an easy win their first in that rink since the start of the 1996-97 season. Plymouth took a 3-1 lead

after one period on goals by Eric Gooldy, Wasylko and Paul Mara, then increased their lead to 5-1 with two second-period

Wasylko netted his second of the game and Andrew Taylor DeBoer said his team capital

ized on numerous power play opportunities. Avoiding unnec-The Whalers will have a difessary penalties was a key fac tor he added.

throughout the series," the Whalers' coach said. "It won us he said. "We were mentally a couple of games."

the varsity. Lukasik started in goal last season.

Actually, Canton has a lot of

girls, period. Smith will carry 27 on his varsity; why? Because he

Melissa

and both keeper Kristin Lukasik and defender/stopper Kristin midfielder, and Morency and Mayer have spent two years on Thornell are forwards.

lie Buczek, sophomore; Anna Rolf, sophomore Sarah Hoffmeler, senior Top forwards: Mary Ebendick, freshmar

Goldel's '98 outlook: 'Most of the girls have not played soccer with the exception of Voight and Buczek, both whom have a lot of

team at Lutheran Westland for years. They're excited and eager to learn. They've been dynamite to work with.

"Defensively we should be strong. We have

While the numbers are great,

Smith still has six seniors to call upon, and three of them are Alison Morency, Vicki Palis, in their fourth varsity season: sweeper Elisa Esper, forward stopper/midfielder Angela Lebis in her third year on varsity,

bon. Forward Lisa Reissenweber Radtke are defenders (Broda will with good reason. "They're good," play midfield, too, and Debien he said.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Particularly impressive is

Saturday, March 28

Madonna vs. Tri-State

at University Park (2), 1 p.m

Sunday, March 29 Madonna vs. Concordia at University Park (2), 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL Saturday, March 28 at Ladywood H.S. (2), 1 p.m

TBA - time to be announced

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

For further information, call





defender (second-team All-Area): Andi Sied. sophomore defender (first-team All-Area); Sarah Wittrock, Junior forward (second-team All-Area): Brianna Roy, junior midfielder; Melissa Backus, senior midfielder. Promising newcomers: Lindsay Gusick, freshman forward: Megan Urbats, sophomore

senior midfielder: Stacev Nastase, senior

inzio, lunior, Dawn Vorhes, Junior; Jen-Stevenson's success will come down to attitude, the desire to repeat as state champs man: Deby Carlin, freshman: Jamie Harb. and obviously health. freshman: Jessica Katinsky, freshman; Melis-

"If we can get the same senior leadership from the 10 seniors that we have as we did tain our defense. Franklin '98 outlook: The Patriots, winless est season, list six freshman on their varsity

Western Lakes title and possibly state hon-

we'll be sadly surprised.

"We have all the components, it's just a matter of putting them together." WESTLAND JOHN GLENN Head Coach: Jerry Poniatowski, fourth sea

League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division) Last year's overall record: 7-9-1. Scheduled season opener: 4 p.m. Wednes

day, March 25, at Farmington Harrison. Notable losses to graduation: Lesa Mahoney, sweeper; Nicole Farrar, left wing. Leading returnees: Kristen Krohn junior midfielder: Katie Krause, junior forward; Katie Hover, lunior fullback; Valerie Kurzynski, sophomore forward; Jessica Blanchard, sophomore fullback; Noelle Swartz, sophomore mid-

Poniatowski's '98 outlook: 'With the Giordano, sophomore defender. we've got a lot of people back.

"But it's not only them. We have a lot of

"This is a good group which is looking to il. We're looking forward to the season. We're in the toughest division in the state."

League affiliation: Michigan Mega Confer ence (Blue Division). Last year's overall record: 6-7-3.

lefense; Sarah Raupp, midfielder; Missy

Promising newcomer: Jessica Sanchez, forward (first-team All-Area); Leah McGrath, sophomore fullback

exception of losing the best sweeper and the best left wing on our team from last year,

*Our captains (senior) Katrina Zacharczyk,

people who follow directions and will step up. "We're going to try to be a little stronger on offense than were last year and still main

WAYNE MEMORIAL Head Coach: Larry Brenner, fourth season

Scheduled season opener: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at Dearborn Heights

asiAndrea McCahill, senior forward; Kristina McCahill, sophomore forward; Alana Tucker, senior forward; Leona leadland, senior midfielder; Christine Raupp, sophomore midfielder; Joselyn Nemeth, senior Clark, sophomore defender; Natalie Garrison,

omers: Jenny Young, senior forward; Tina Bradley, sophomore midfielder; Amanda Biedsoe, sophomore defender; Lori any time outside. We've been in the gym all

Brenner's '98 outlook: "We were pretty much a close-knit group last year. *Our varsity and junior varsity worked well

together - pretty much because they don't "Our people are pretty healthy. We're ready to play some decent soccer. We should play have a choice, because I'm the coach of both "We're in the Mega Blue Conference and I

(junior) Krohn and (sophomore) Kurzynski will expect us to put on a good show this year. "I think both our offense and defense are going to be pretty strong this year. "The middle of the field is where we're going to be tested the most, I think,"

> LIVONIA LADYWOOD Head Coach: Jeff Shuk, first season League affiliation: Catholic League (Central

Scheduled season opener: 4 p.m. Friday

March 27, at Woodhaven.

Notable losses to graduation: Michelle Roy, Nikki Pampreen. Leading returnees: Meryl Denton, senior defender; Annie Obrecht, senior defender: Jenny Lachapelle, senior forward: Melanie York, senior defender; Megan Reardon, senior midfielder: Kristena Stachura, senior midfielder: Traci Stewart, senior defender; Jenny Wychowski, senior goalkeeper; Emily Bauer, junior forward; Tina Lopez, sophomore forward

midfielder: Andrea Schimmel, sophomore mid-

freshman midfielder. Shuk's '98 outlook: "We've got our goals this season, but we'll keep them quiet. They have the ability to play as a team. We've

totally overhauled the program. "Because of the weather really haven't had

GIRLS SOFTBALL Thursday, March 26 Salem at Harrison, 4 p.m. North Farmington at Canton, 4 p.m. Luth, Westland at Aguinas, 4:30 p.m.

BOYS BASEBALL Wednesday, April 1 Canton at North Farmington, 4 p.n Farm. Harrison at Salem, 4 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER Friday, March 27

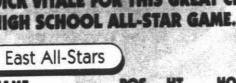
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The School of Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR) presents a class on land navigation on Saturday, March 28, at the Waterloo Recreation Area, Call Linda Burke at (248) 471-9185 for more informa-BACKPACKING

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more information

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CLASSES

HUNTER EDUCATION Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold several hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must e 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, doughnuts, pop and hot choco-

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METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS Metro-West Steelheaders meets

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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.

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

CLINTON VALLEY BASS Clinton Valley Bass Anglers is seeking new members (boaters

and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gan der Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for

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 more informa-

BANQUETS

BIG GAME HUNTERS

The Michigan Big Game Hunter's Association will hold its 10th annual fund raiser and panquet on Sunday, April 26, at the Laurel Manor Banquet Center in Livonia. The event includes dinner, awards, raffles, auctions and door prizes and much more. Tickets are \$40 and doors open at 4 p.m.. Call (313) 513-7471 for more information

MEETINGS

The monthly meeting of the

state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, April 8-9, at the St. Joseph Hotel in St. Joseph. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 a week in

SEASON/DATES

EXTENDED TROUT The extended trout and salmon

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ing waters.

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STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and addi tional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 49-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

BIRDING AT HAVEN HILL Take a stroll through the natural areas of Highland Lake

Recreation Area during this pro gram, which begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 4. FROGS AND TOADS Learn about frogs while taking a naturalist-led walk in search of wood and chorus frogs during

this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at Proud Lake.

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS Most Metropark programs are the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

DePorres bounces Borgess

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER

Redford Bishop Borgess senior guard Aaron Jessup didn't mind taking his jersey off, but giving it up was another story

Jessup played his final high school game Friday night as the Spartans lost to Catholic League rival Detroit St. Martin DePorres, 64-49, in a Class C boys basketball regional final at Dundee.

"I want to frame it," said Jessup, who surpassed 1,000 career points earlier in the year. "I don't even want it to be washed. I'm going to miss the whole program. We always stick together, on the court and on the street That's important."

DePorres took advantage of foul trouble to Borgess senior center Sam Hoskin, outscoring the Spartans 19-2 at the end o the third quarter and the start of the fourth to turn a 41-40 deficit

The Eagles improved to 20-4 overall and became the favorites to win the Class C state championship with the victory. Borgess, the defending Class C state champion, bows out with a 14-10

CLASS C HOOF

DePorres made 12 straight shots during its second-half explosion compared to one of 10 during the same stretch by

Most impressive about the Eagles' surge, perhaps, was only four points came from their 6foot-7 junior star forward Aloysius Anagonye.

David Denham, a 6-3 senior forward, had seven of his 12 play, mom, dad, sister, anybody, points to lead the run. He also made a neat feed to 6-foot junior guard Marc Sturdivant to finish a fast break and give the Eagles a commanding 53-43 lead midway through the fourth.

Hoskin, bound for Eastern Kentucky, scored 12 points before fouling out in the fourth

"One thing we didn't want to coach Derrick Owens said. "With Sam getting his fourth foul it took away from his game. I told them to run the offense and I don't care if we have to delay because we have the lead and the clock is tick-ticking. We had

you can't key on one person."

Anagonye led DePorres with a game-high 23 points, surely impressing Michigan State coach Tom Izzo, who was in attendance. Izzo drove through a snowstorm to get home and probably thought it was worth it

"He has all the potential in the world," Owens said. "He has size 17 shoes and he's still growing. "It's always extra incentive

when someone comes see you

Teremun Johnson, a 6-6 senior center, and 6-2 junior guard Calvin Hughes also finished in double figures with 13 and 12

The Spartans led 18-17 after one quarter and finished the half with a 30-29 lead, thanks to a 6-0 run to end the second quarter.

points, respectively.

Three-straight turnovers by do is stop attacking," DePorres the Eagles led to the Borgess points, all scored by Jessup, who finished two fast breaks with dunks.

"At halftime I was upset, they end the half with two momen- League this year. They're all tum dunks and I'm like, 'Oh my winners.

four kids in double figures and goodness," Owens said. "We've got to get some stops, some points and get the lead back."

The Spartans, who had 14 fouls called against them, were seven for nine at the free throw line. DePorres, assessed 13 fouls, finished 5-11 at the line.

Anagonye finished with three fouls and Hoskin had that many with 3:15 left in the first half.

"That hurt tremendously 12-26 record. Travis Roy, a Borgess coach Rosey Barnes Livonia Stevenson graduate, said. "I thought we played them has been one of their bright pretty well but didn't see the spots, being named the NPSL's ame fouls called the both ways. Rookie of the Year. It took away his physical pres Fans attending the season ence inside. finale will have an opportunity to win a trip for two to Cancun, Kevin Jordan, who also played

sophomore year they won the

eague and the Aquinas Christ

mas Tournament, they won the

state last year and the Catholic

Mexico, in a promotion offered his final game in a Borgess uniby WNIC 100.3 FM, Kroger orm, scored 13 points. The other and MLT Vacations. All fans seniors on the Borgess roster vill receive a numbered WNIC Marwan Williams, Jason Doss keychain as they enter the James Williams, Wallace Turner irena and the winning keyand Walter Malone gave Barnes hain will be announced in the plenty of memories. 'We're going to miss them tremendously," he said. "Their

econd quarter. Autographed memorabilia from the Detroit Red Wings and promotional materials from the Detroit Tigers will be raffled off to lucky fans who enter their names into a ballot box near the main information table on the concourse level.

The game will kick-off at 1

The Rockers, are in last place

in the National Conference and

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Fans appreciated by Rockers in Saturday's season finale

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It will be Fan Appreciation Night on Saturday when the Detroit Rockers host the Buffa-Blizzard in the National Pro-Rockers staff members wi essional Soccer League season also distribute selected soccer finale at Joe Louis Arena.

> the game to fans seated in the lower bowl of Joe Louis. Another highlight will be the announcement of the winning entry in the Chrysler Finan cial/Detroit Rockers/Fox Sports Detroit My Family Rocks essay contest. The contest asked youth soccer players to submit an essay in 300 words or less that explains why their parent (s) are the best soccer parent (s) in Detroit. The Grand Prize winner will receive a one-year lease on a Dodge Caravan mini-van (courtesy of Chrysler Financial) and will be announced in a pre-game cere-

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Rouge ruins DCD chances

BY MARTY BUDNER

Kurt Keener and his Detroit Country Day basketball team stood in line waiting to shake hands with River Rouge shortly after losing their first state tour nament basketball game in four vears. They never made it.

Delirious River Rouge fans poured onto the gym floor to cel ebrate their team's emotional 76-65 quarterfinal triumph over Country Day in a Class B quarterfinal playoff game played before more than 6,000 fans Tuesday evening at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall.

It turned out the Panther players and fans deflated Detroit Country's Days best intentions all evening.

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Mike Bradley, Jim Harper.

CLASS B HOOP

The hot-shooting Rouge basketball team halted DCD's dream of a fourth-consecutive state championship just like its fans blocked the Yellowjackets' effort to shake hands with the

victorious Panther players. Country Day had high hopes of defending its state championship and the sting of defeat hit the Yellowjacket players hard. The loss snapped DCD's string of 28 consecutive state tournament victories dating back to March of 1995. The Jackets ended this

year with a 21-5 overall record. "We didn't do it. We didn't get it done tonight and we're disappointed," said Keener, whose

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46) was in a district semifinal game to Oak Park during Shane Battier's freshman season.

"(Winning a fourth state title) was something that was real, real important to our seniors and ve're disappointed for them that they couldn't end their great careers (with a championship). Mike (Manciel), Javin (Hunter) and David (Webber) had such a great run here.

"But that's part of life. I told the kids afterwards that we like to think in our program we teach lessons that go beyond basketball. And one of those lessons is sometimes no matter how hard you work, how dedicated you are and no matter how much you

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fishing season on designated

The 1997-98 fishing and hunting licenses expire March 31.

A special catch-and-release trout season runs April 1-24 on a des-River at the Proud Lake Recreation Area.

STURGEON Sturgeon season ends April 30 on the Great Lakes and connect-

WALLEYE Walleve and sauger season opens April 25 on inland waters

Muskie season opens April 25 on

Peninsula

Bald Mountain is located at 1330

p.m. on Sunday, March 29, at the Southgate Civic Center. Red ford's Bob Mitchel will be a guest speaker and will give a presentation on salmon trolling and Great Lakes fishing 9:30 a.m.

TOURNAMENTS

SALMON STAKES The 20th annual River Crab Salmon Stakes benefit fishing tournament will be held Satur day, 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

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Sosnowski is headed to Oakland Uni-

Steve Domin, Livonia Stevenson: A

senior. Domin was the Spartans best

sprinter and butterflier. He placed sev-

A five-time league champion, Domin

ler, Stevenson's coach. "We will miss

three-year letterwinner and a junior, fin-

Because there's no diving board at



Garden City



Mark Sgriccia **Nick Corden** Plymouth Salem Livonia Stevenson



Dan Gabriel



Matt Walker



Farmington Harrison

Top swimmers, top teams

Two boys swim team dominated Observerland this past season, but every team seemed to have at least one or two outstanding individuals.

Which is why, of the 18 swimmers selected by coaches in the nine individual events, eight Observerland schools are represented.

Still, it wasn't difficult to figure which teams were best. Plymouth Salem won its sixthstraight Western Lakes Activities Association championship, with Livonia Stevenson placing second

At the Class A state finals, Stevenson edged Salem, placing eighth to the Rocks' ninth.

The relays are another indication of team strength. Stevenson/Salem, or Salem/Stevenson, placed one-two in all three in the Observerland best swim times

listings. There's been one change to the all-Observer team for this vear - an honorary team cap-

tain. That distinction goes to Salem's Mike Kilgore. Mike Kilgore

gore - one of the team's upand-coming distance freestylers - had his final race of the season March 3. The next day, he collapsed in his room at home and died, apparently of heart

failure. Kilgore scored in both distance diving coach has had to kick him off the freestyle events at the WLAA championship meet, placing ninth in the 500-yard free has steadily increased his grade point (5:17.20) and 11th in the 200 average (to 3.3). free (1:54.89). He was voted Mark Sgriccia, Livonia Stevenson: Salem's most improved swimmer senior. Sgriccia scored at state meet in

A junior, Kil-

for 1997-98. three events this season, including the His abilities extended beyond the pool. He had a 3.9 gradethe WLAA finals, Sgriccia was second to point average, and he had already been elected Salem's

team captain for next season.

admiration."

standards?

First team

"He's a real hard worker who I'm

state meet was nothing new - he'd

to be a world-class swimmer."

to go with superb swimming skills. "Mike Kilgore was the type of Sgriccia posted a 3.84 grade point. boy every coach enjoys having as "Mark's team commitment and hard a member of the team," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "An excellent student, a hard worker fits of hard work." at every practice, a tough competitor at meets and a teammate

Besides relays, Corden — a senior — area. who knew and respected his teammates, and had both their's and their coaches' respect and (1:44.50). He placed ninth in both. He state meet. As for coach of the year, well, perhaps it's time to consider the 50 free

Domin in the 100 fly (54.09).

Another Spartan with high academics

retiring the trophy. And that's not a reflection on the job other coaches in Observerland have done, it's just that, against such difficult competition, Salem's Chuck Olson always gets the job

Rocks' coach Chuck Olson, "Beginning great senior year," experience to become one of the best senior and team co-captain, Mellis school record. The Rocks won their sixthstraight WLAA championship this season and ranked among conference meet says it all." the state's best teams. Can any-

one else measure up to those junior - qualfied for state meet in the finals (2:00.96). Kelth Falk, Livonia Stevenson: A junior, Falk was the WLAA champion in 500 free and placed second in the 200 (4:51.46) free. His best performances came just

when they should: at season's end. He improved so much in the last two know about it. The four conference both proved to be integral parts of placed eighth at the state meet in the 500 (4:42.48) and 12th in the 200 the hardest-working swimmers I have Matt Zaid, North Farmington: Zaid, a year, from earning a spot in the varsity

looking forward to having another outstanding year next year," said Steven-Gabriel placed third at the WLAA cham- varsity record in the 50 (21.88), finish- said Olson, his coach. "Dan had a great on this relay," said Doug Buckler, WLAA meet (3:17.31). son coach Doug Buckler of Palk, a sixtime state scorer with a 3.64 grade

on this relay, said Doug Buckler, WLAA meet (3:17.31).

Stevenson's coach. Brad Buckler also

Stevenson's coach. Brad Buckler also point. "He shows he has the capability league champion ever since, winning (49.29). Nick Sosnowski, Redford Catholic Central: For Sosnowski, a trip to the

last three seasons.

been there all four of his years at CC. state in 51.75 in the 100 back. "It has a junior, Matt has become a very Now a senior, he qualified individually been a real pleasure coaching Dan focused athlete." this year in the 200 individual medley Gabriel for four seasons," said North J.T. Svoke, Farmington Harrison: A team-oriented.

"Dan is the fastest backstroke swim-"Nick has been a pleasure to work is self-motivated and knows what has to North Farmington HS. Matt Walker, Farmington Harrison: be done. He trains very hard, is a great

team leader, and is our most versatile Walker, a senior, excelled at a couple said Collins, his coach. "He is a great events for Harrison, his best being the . competitor and asset to the team." 100 breaststroke. He placed second at (1:00.01), placing 12th.

the 50 free (21.55) and the 100 fly leader and competitor."

Stevenson, 200-yard medley relay: Steve has been a real leader this WLAA finals, they still finished first by his teammates and coaches." year, in and out of the pool," said Buck- (1:39.93)."

Stevenson team went nearly two secties at Farmington. He finished fourth at Chris Totten, Garden City: Totten, a onds faster (1:37.99), placing seventh. "It was an excellent swim, and these ished fourth at the Class A diving four swims will be hard to duplicate," regional (392.85 points) and 15th at said Buckler, Stevenson's coach.

Salem, 200-yard freestyle relay: Dan Cougars' 200-yard medley and 200-yard later, they did even better, finishing fifth meet, and this year he swam 1:46.76. (1:27.61) in Class A.

niors. Locke scored in the 50 free Naval Academy (and swim). It was just Garden City, Totten works out at Wyan-(22.61) and the 100 breast (1:05.28) a pleasure to have him on the team." dotte Roosevelt under the direction of at the WLAA finals, while Kelly earned "Chris is our best all-around athlete, a points in both the 50 free (23.33) and Mertens represents the future of Salem relentless worker - a lot of times his 100 free (51.93).

seniors except Falk, a junior. The Spar-student. tains went from second at the WLAA meet (3:17.84) to a fourth overall at the

state finals (3:12.39). in the 50 free (22.39).

Second Team

Ryan Meekins, Redford CC: A junior, Meekins was a Catholic League Meet work will be missed," said Buckler. "He champion in the 100 freestyle, recordis an excellent role model for the bene ing a season best of 48.43 in the event. Nick Corden, Plymouth Salem: 200 freestyle, which ranked third in the

qualified for state meet in four individual He was part of the Shamrocks' 200 events, and he scored in two of them: medley and 400 freestyle relay teams. freshman," said Buckler, his coach. "To the 100 free (47.37) and the 200 free both of which took 13th place at the qualify for state as a freshman is a great

also qualified in the 100 backstroke and "Ryan has a lot of potential inside of three more excellent years with Joe."

Justin Barringer, Farmington Harrison: this season in the 200 individual med-time of his career."

200 and 500 free. At the WLAA champi- "When Brent Mellis began his career state, finishing 11th in 1:39.79. It was onships, Barringer placed third in the four years ago at Salem, one thing was nearly three seconds faster than the 200 (1:46.93) and second in the 500 clear," said Olson, his coach. "Bring Rocks' 200 medley relay had clocked in your best to practice and to the meets, placing fifth at the WLAA meet. "Justin is a great trainer - he has because if you don't Brent will let you Locke, a junior, and Kelly, a senior,

junior qualified for state meet in both line-up to scoring at the conference sophomore Varty a senior.

(best time: 1:58.08), the 100 back- coach Pat Duthie. "He is a very dedicat- senior, Svoke placed second at the stroke (53.74) and the 500 free ed and hard-working athlete. He is very WLAA championships in diving (383.20 points) and he was 11th at the state regional diving meet. His six-dive high with," said CC coach Dan Knipper. "He mer in the 30 years of swimming at score for the season — 242.20 points. *J.T. is very committed, training for

both swimming and diving every day." Tim Buchanan, Plymouth Salem:

versity in the fall on a swimming schol- the WLAA championships, then turned Examine Buchanan's credentials and in his best time at the state finals one discovers there wasn't much in a pool he couldn't do. The senior co-cap-Walker was also sixth in the 50 free tain reached state meet qualifying stanat the league finals (23.36). "Matt is dards in the 50 free (22.36), 100 free enth at the state finals in the 100 fly very committed and focused," said (49.07), 200 free (1:49.11), 100 butter-(51.47) and at the WLAA meet he won Collins, Harrison's coach, "He has fly (53.41) and 200 individual medley improved every year. He is a great team (2:01.41). At state, he helped Salem score on all three relays. "Tim has had an outstanding career

holds the WLAA record in the 50 free Joe Bublitz, a freshman, combined with at Salem," said Olson, his coach. "From and school records in the 50 and 100 Falk, Sgriccia and Domin for a very his commitment to the team to his hard free and the 100 fly. Domin also carries formidable medley relay for the Spar- work at practice to his accomplish-Pete Bosler, Farmington: A senio

At state, with Falk filling his role, the Bosler made the most of his opportunithe WLAA meet in both the 100 (49.42) and 200 (1:47.77) free this season, qualifying for state meet in

"Pete was one of the most improved He is a three-time division champion Kelly, Andrew Locke, Tim Buchanan and swimmers over a four-year period of time in the Mega Conference, holding the Corden broke a WLAA record in winning that I've ever had," said Falcons' coach record for points in both the Blue and this event at the conference finals Ross Bandy. "As a freshman, he swam White divisions. He also swims on the (1:28.25). At the state finals two weeks 2:05 in the 200 freestyle at the league "Pete was a captain this year, just a

Brian Mertens, Plymouth Salem swimming. A freshman, he qualified for Stevenson, 400-yard freestyle relay: state and finished third in the WLAA in board," said Garden City coach Dale Domin, Jacob Varty, Falk and Sgriccia the 500 free (4:53.87). He clocked Duquette, "He's extremely focused and ranked with the state's best. All are 4:51.36 as a best time. He's also a 4.0

"Brian became a very important member of the Plymouth Salem team as a freshman with outstanding perfor-Varty, a senior, also scored for the mances at the MISCA meet, the WLAA 100 butterfly, placing ninth (52.39). At Spartans at the WLAA finals with a sec- conference meet and the state meet, ond in the 100 free (49.18) and a third said Olson, his coach. "But his pure enjoyment for practices and competing earned him the respect of all his teammates and coaches."

Joe Bublitz, Livonia Stevenson: Another in the up-and-coming new breed, Bublitz, a freshman, qualified for state meet in both the 100 backstroke (best He also carried a time of 1:45.85 in the time: 55.22) and the 200 individual medley (2:00.96). He finished fourth in the 200 IM at the WLAA meet.

"He contributed a great deal as a accomplishment. We look forward to

him," CC coach Danny Knipper said. "If Ryan Zoumbarls, Westland John A team co-captain, Corden won the he was to train year round I know he Glenn: At the WLAA meet, Zoumbaris, a same two events at the WLAA meet. could surprise a lot of people, including senior, finished fourth in the 100 breast-"Without question, Nick had an unbe- himself. He's a real hard worker and stroke in 1:03.51. Two weeks later, he finishing 17th at state, clocking Keith Falk, Steve Domin, Brad Buckler, Jacob Varty. as a freshmen with limited skills and Brent Mellis, Plymouth Salem: A 1:01.97. His state meet time is a Glenn

swimmers ever at Salem ... Nick win- helped take the Rocks to the WLAA "Ryan did an outstanding job this ning all four of his events at the WLAA championship all four of his years at year," said his coach, Jim Daniel. "He Salem. He qualified for the state meet finished at the state meet with the best

A senior co-captain, Barringer - Harri- ley; after placing fifth in the WLAA, he Salem, 200-yard medley relay: Mellis, son's most valuable performer as a turned in his best time at the state. Andrew Locke, Buchanan and Dan Kelly turned in an outstanding performance at

state meet."

Pete Bosier

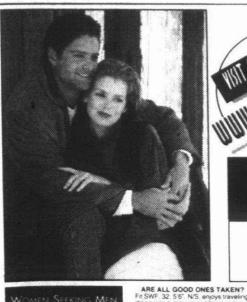
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placing sixth in 3:15.49. Jones. Corden. Dan Gabriel, North Farmington: the 50 and 100 free. He set a school meet to scoring at the state meet." "Jacob and Brad really came through Buchanan and Mellis placed first at the

that was as a freshman. He's been the also third in the WLAA in the 100 free part in qualifying and scoring at the scored in both the 50 and 100 free at comer on the relay. Indeed, he was on three relays that made state cuts. "Dan this year in 54.15, and he has scored in "Matt has made great improvement Stevenson, 200-yard freestyle relay: Salem, 400-yard freestyle relay: has shown the ability to do whatever he the back at state meet in each of the in his swimming, attitude and approach Domin, Brad Buckler, Jacob Varty and Locke, Dan Jones, Corden and can to improve at practice and in com-







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tans. With Mike Nemer in for Falk at the ments at state meets, all were admired Corden, Andrew Locke, Tim Buchanan and Dan Kelly.



Locke is a junior; the others are fine student. He plans to attend the First team 400 freestyle relay (from left): Stevenson's Mark Sgriccia, Steve Domin, Keith Falk, Jacob Varty.



Second team 200 medley (from left): Salem's Brent



years," said Harrison coach Lisa Collins. championships were due to the desire Salem's team, both in relays and individ-

Plymouth Salem



Livonia Stevenson







First team 200 freestyle relay (from left): Salem's Nick





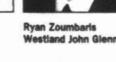


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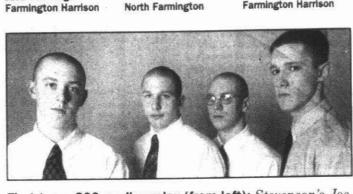
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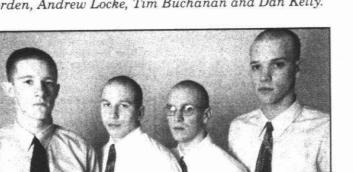
to training over the past three sea- Falk came through with a second at the Buchanan gave the Rocks their best petition so he can get the job done." Now a senior, Gabriel placed fourth at sons," said Duthie, North's coach. "As WLAA meet (1:29.14). Buckler is a time of the season at the state finals, said Olson, his coach.













Mellis, Andrew Locke, Tim Buchanan, Dan Kelly.

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want it, the other person is bet-

"You've got to learn to accept it and move ahead," he said.

Webber, who did all he could to erase a second-half deficit with a sensational 16-point fourth-quarter, had a tough time accepting the fact his prep cage career ended without a fourth state championship.

"It's probably the most disap-

pointing thing in my life," said Webber. "But Rouge was a better them. They had great players and I tip my hat to them.'

Neither team came up short in a punch/counter-punch first half that ended with the teams tied 23-all at halftime.

Country Day played a slowdown game and controlled the tempo en route to a 14-10 lead after the first quarter only to

have Rouge, playing minus two team members because of a state-imposed suspension for transfer rule violations, rebound in the second quarter to force the halftime tie.

The second half was a different story.

River Rouge, which takes a 25-1 record into Friday's Class B state semifinal game, took control with a 24-14 third-quarter

scoring blitz. The Panthers were 10-10 from the field in that quarter and 3-4 from the line.

Country Day never recovered. Despite Webber's individual fourth-quarter effort, River Rouge outscored DCD by a 29-28 margin to send its fans into a wild celebration.

The Yellowjackets' normally tenacious defense was no match for the swift and talented Rouge players. It was the most points Country Day allowed all year. Offensively, DCD never got untracked.

"I thought they were tremendously well-prepared for us,' said Keener. "They took us out of some of the things offensively

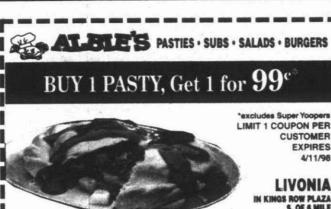
that we are comfortable doing. Webber netted a game-high 27 points and Manciel finished with 24. Hunter never got into a

groove and finished with five points. Country Day made 25 of 32 free throws.

River Rouge also had two double-digit scorers, including junior guard Brent Darby with 26 points and senior forward Duez Henderson with 18. Senior center Charles Kage and senior Arnold Boyd each had nine points. The Panthers were 20-32 from the line.

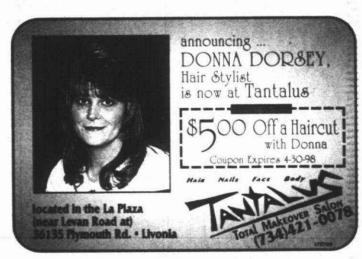






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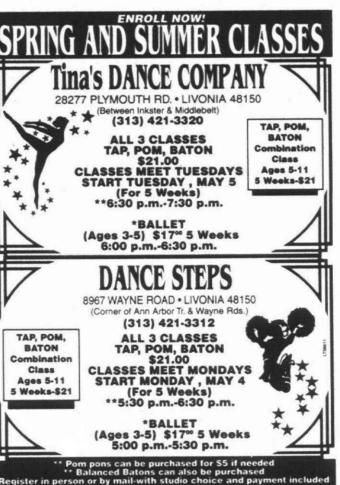
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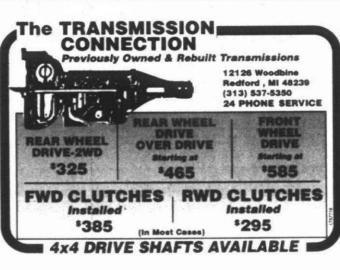
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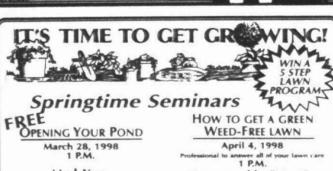


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Entertainment

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Sandy (Olivia Newton-John) and Danny (John Travolta) star in the 20th anniversary re-release of the blockbuster musical "Grease, opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.



Eisenhower Dance Ensemble presents "Power and Passion," 8 p.m. at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets \$16, adults; \$14, students/seniors, call (810) 286-2222, or (248) 645-6666.



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On tour: Manley Pope and Simone in a scene from the national touring com-

Musical helps producer pay the



GALLAGHER



Jeffrey Seller was in the sixth grade when an inspiring teacher named Peggy Shivley introduced him to theater. He's never been the same since, despite the fact the teacher moved away over that summer and "deserted" him.

Ms. Shivley was performing with Stagecrafters (then in Clawson) at the time and the enterprising 11-year-old Seller called them up and asked if he could audition for a play. His role in the

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Musical drama by Jonathan Larson

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based on Puccini's opera "La

Detroit's Fisher Theatre.

"adult" mystery, "Speak of Murder," was the first step toward a highly successful theater career. Seller returns triumphant to metro Detroit April 8 when a touring company of "Rent" opens at the Fisher Theatre. Seller is one of "Rent's" producers. He has

guided the hit musical from its inception by Johnathan Larson, through Larson's tragic death just before the off-Broadway opening to its surprising Broadway success.

The effusive produce known what he wanted to do for a long time, even as far back as his days with the Stagecrafters' Ragamuffin youth theater

"I started being interested in who picks the play, who sells the tickets, who designs the posters. I was already starting to do the role of producer on a small scale," Seller said. "All of this has contributed to me becoming a Broadway producer."

Seller continued his interest in theater with the Ridgedale Players, at Oak Park High School and at the University of Michigan. But he didn't major in

University, Rochester.

"I knew I would be in theater my whole life, but I wanted to study poli sci as an academic pursuit," Seller said. "Politics is my avocation. I'm a politics

Politics plays a major role in being a producer. The producer picks the play, assembles the creative staff, raises the money, conceives and executes the advertising and, sometimes, even takes a hand in helping shape the production.

"The producer's job is promoting, selecting, P.T. Barnum, but it's also the nurturer. You nurture the artist to give the artist what he needs to develop his potential. To nurture the artist you create the circumstances the artist needs to survive and then hock what the artist makes," Seller said. Seller graduated from U-M in 1986 and moved to

New York City where he joined National Artists Management Co. and became a theatrical booker. In 1991 he started his own booking company with

Kevin McCollum, The Booking Office. His first work as a producer was "The Real Live Brady Bunch," and touring companies of "West Side Story" and "Man of La Mancha."

Then came "Rent." "Rent" is a musical based on Puccini's opera "La Boheme," with the setting changed from the garrets of Paris to New York's Lower East Side.

"I went to see Jonathan Larson's rock monologue, 'Tick...Tick...Boom.' I didn't know Jonathan at the time, but I was interested in the idea of a rock monologue, the juxtaposition of those ideas," Seller said.

The monologue, said Seller, was an emotional review of Larson's life as a 30-year-old man in

Please see RENT, E2

Singer/songwriter Rick Monroe will be performing at these Border Books:

- 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 31 34300 Woodward, Ave., Birmingham. (248)203-0005.
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Songwriter shares 'Legends'

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

Rick Monroe loves playing music, for the sake of music, and he'll be in metro Detroit next week playing cuts from his newly released debut CD "Legends

Visualize a diner late at night, the coffee's not fresh, but stale, it's been there awhile, sitting, like the people. "They're all human ghosts that no one cares to know. Convicted of a dream they're sentenced to keep doing time...' His music has been described as

"Blue Jean rock roll, hot Southern bluesy rock, and somehearttimes touching soul." One critic said listening to Monroe is like "shaking hands with an old friend."

So what are you? I ask. He laughs, and says it happens all the



Rick Monroe

time. People want to know what his demographics are; they want to describe a style. You can feel the shrug as he answers in a telephone interview from Minnesota, one stop on a national tour of radio stations that began in

"Little kids love it, I have a wide range of listeners, I speak from the heart, and people relate to that. I'm a big Jimmy Reed fan. I like blues, but some of my songs have a rock/country feeling. My music depends on my mood - happy, sad, blue, country, rock. It's not linear. I never thought it out."

He met at a recording studio for a three-day jam session with Matt Laug on drums, Lance Morrison on bass (both of whom worked on Alanis Morissette's "Jagged Little Pill") and Keith Howland (lead guitarist for "The first day we knocked out four songs. The next day four more. It just happened. I literally would start playing a song, the guys would pick it up, we'd run through it twice and lay it down, then move on to the next one.

Monroe plays and speaks from his heart. He was born in Clearwater, Fla., and grew up listening to Jim Croce and James Taylor, but lived in a lot of places including England, Kansas and Connecticut. Hollywood, Calif., is his home, but "I have a gypsy soul," he says. "Tve lived in my house four days this year."

A poet and musician, Monroe doesn't separate the two. He wants people to feel his music, and they do.

"After the concerts people will remember the lyrics. It touches them,

Please see LEGENDS, E2

COLLEGE THEATER

Students line up for 'A Chorus Line'

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

For Radio City Rockette Denise Caston of Clarkston, performing on "A Chorus Line," was the perfect next step.
"It's great," she said. "My goal is to work on voice

training and acting to be more marketable. If I go to an audition, and they say 'can you stand on your head and sing Hallelujah Chorus, I'll be able to do

In "A Chorus Line," continuing through March 29 at Oakland University's Varner Recital Hall, Caston plays Mary a dance coach.

"It's overwhelming. There's so much talent," she said. "I'm honored to be surrounded by so many

talented people."

Caston will audition for the Rockettes on April 8, and hopes to return to the Fox Theatre this year.

ON STAGE

8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 26-28; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Varner Recital Hall stage, Oakland

\$12 general, \$10 seniors, \$6 students, (248) 370-

"They must listen to Christmas music all year," she said about the people conducting auditions While she dreams of a performing arts career, Caston has an alter ego - computer engineer, just in case things don't work out.

"A Chorus Line," part of OU's "Festival of Arts Saluting the Twentieth Century," celebrates the

1970s. This production by the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance features a cast of 26 students.

"We have a long, expansive stage that augments the kick line," said Kim Fletcher of the university. "We've got solid singing and dancing professionals. We're so lucky they chose this program."

Michael Gillespie, Oakland University's associate professor of theater, is directing with choreography by Gregory Patterson, associate professor of dance, and Meadow Brook Estate director Paul

Moran as music director. "It brings all our forces together for one event," said Gillespie. "Aside from being one of the most popular musicals ever written, it captures the 1970s, the 'Me Generation' and the attempt of indi-

Please see LINE, E2



Musical: The director Zach (Steven Price) coaches a chorus line hopeful, Cassie (Meaghan Hurley) in "A Chorus Line."

Juggling school, theater challenges producer

tionships, work, creative desires and losing friends to AIDS. These are also the elements of people, gay and straight, who too. And they have," deal with the many trials and drug addiction and HIV/AIDS. , theater.

tribulations of living in New man with a towering exuberance York City and trying to find a for the arts and a mission to temporary like that, I never lost break and also struggling with bring younger people into live a friend in such a shocking way,"

On Jan. 25, 1996, Johanthan "Jonathan's work made me feel something," Seller said. "I was 25 Larson died of an aortic at the nonprofit New York Theand he was telling my story, and aneurysm, just hours before the atre Workshop and then com-I didn't even know him. I love dress rehearsal off-Broadway of mercially off-Broadway. Original-'Rent' and I did it because I loved "Rent," which focuses on a group of artistically creative young it. I hoped others would love it, his 36th birthday.

"It was probably the worst Seller described Larson as a grief I ever felt. I lost my grandparents, but I never lost a con-

Line from page E1

"Rent" was originally produced "Rent," and just 10 days before ly Larson and Seller and his two co-producers saw the rock musi-

> "When we saw it in performance, in front of an audience, I to theater.

musical. It was big - big in feel- awards, including the 1996 Tony ings, big in character, big in music," Seller said.

Seller's assessment proved right. The play moved to Broadway in April, 1996, to rave cal as strictly an off-Broadway reviews and sold-out audiences and, along with "Bring in 'da planning London and Sydney Noise, Bring in 'da Funk," has helped bring young people back

"Rent" swept all major theater ning work on a new musical. said it feels like a Broadway

for Best Musical and became the seventh musical drama to win the Pulitzer Prize.

Seller is currently overseeing four companies of "Rent" and productions. He is also importing an Argentine musical for Broadway opening in spring and begin-

Legends from page E1

With the music part they know them from first lis-

"Day by Day," the initial single from "Legends Diner," was a Top 40 track on the Gavin Adult Contemporary Charts. "Life Goes On In L.A." is climbing the charts. With the music part figured

out, Monroe is learning about the business "day by day." "Legends Diner" is the first thought of while going through a clease on Monroe's independent label, Divorce Records. "I get a realistic view of what it takes to get a record done this way," he said. "Not only writing it, but seeing it all the way brough, from production to ackaging, to getting it in stores and out to the public. It's great knowing that something that ame from my head can get on radio and that people take time not only to buy it, but nd letters, faxes and e-mails."

figured out, Rick Monroe is learning about the business 'day by

divorce. "It's severing the old to make way for the new, because with every ending there's a beginning," he said.

At Borders, you'll just see "Me and my acoustic I," said Monroe. Michigan is the first stop on a bookstore tour that will take him to Texas and California.

"It's a song showcase, and set up nicely," he said. "People are there to study, the audience will listen. It's real direct, not loud

society, and the difficulty of the ban make this a truly memoarts, and discipline of dance." Originally directed and choreographed by Michael Bennett, "A

viduals to say here I am, to get times, surpassed only by "Cats" out of the crowd.' It's about the in 1997. Music by Marvin Ham-

Gillespie says this is one of the strongest musical casts he's ever behind-the-scenes look at chorus put together. Caston isn't the always wanted to play. "Tve been Chorus Line," which takes a dancers auditioning for a part in only student with professional dancing since I was in eighth a Broadway musical, played on experience, cast members have grade," he said. Like the characin the 1990s, and there's a sur-Broadway 6,137 consecutive spent summers performing at ter Mike who sings - "I Can Do prise ending.

Universal Studios.

A sophomore, Mike is a role he going. Like us in college."

Dispey World, Cedar Pointe and That" - David is preparing for a career in the arts, doing model-David Havasi of Rochester who ing on the side. "'A Chorus Line' performer in the summer at Dis- "It's all about people discovering ney World and Universal Stu- where they're at, where they come from and where they're

This "Chorus Line" will be set

Schoolcraft's 'Moon Over Buffalo' great fun

Schoolcraft College Theatre
Department presents "Moon Over Buffalo," by Ken Ludwig, in a cods), Livonia. (313) 462-4409

Tolled up newspaper. Which is just what Charlotte does to George - and for good measure, hand, purposefully dinner-theater format, 6:30 p.m. dinner and 8 p.m. show, Friday-Saturday, March 27-28 (\$19), and as a show only, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 (\$8), at

BY BOB WEIBEL

One could imagine staging playwright Ken Ludwig's riotous farce, "Moon Over Buffalo," many

James Hartman, chose to emphasize physical comedy reactions appear so comically and judging from the warm and sustained applause, the audience loved the comic mayhem to the

The time is the early 50's. The place is Buffalo. More specificaly, the dressing room of a secondrate theater (marvelously created for us by Hartman's welldesigned set). A third-rate acting company is presenting "Cyrano deBergerac" and "Private Lives" in repertory.

Heading the pathetic troupe of actors are George and Charlotte scene where the rest of the char-Hays (Brian Taylor and Brenda acters are doing "Private Lives." Lane). They get along about as well as the Bickersons. Char- creates an on-the-money affeclotte learns George has bedded tion and persona of an actress in the troupe's ingenue, Eileen the "theatre." Lane knows how (Lindsay Crain). Then, thing to deliver a laugh line and com-

An old vaudevillian axiom

(between Six and Seven Mile just what Charlotte does to Lisa Brawley, on the other whacks.

It makes for great fun, and typifies most scenes in the show. of the evening. Physical comedy always looks so simple and easy when done well. different ways.
Schoolcraft College's director, Kudos to the cast for putting in the many hours of rehearsal

> The few slow spots in the show appear to be caused more by the script than the performers.

Brian Taylor, as George, gives an outrageously campy performance as an over-the-hill actor scene is sheer lunacy, as George still hoping of one last chance at thinks howard is there to kill the big time. His seemingly him for his indiscretions. inexhaustible supply of energy serves him well, whether as a the company's befuddled busidrunk, a beleaguered husband or ness/stage manager and Rosa bewildered "deBergerac" in a alind's former lover.

Brenda Lane, as Charlotte, mand the stage.

Lindsay Crain has her But in all good farces, we know guarantees laughs if you beat moments as the ingenue, Eileen, that everybody lives happily ever the tar out of somebody with a but sometimes lacks the energy after - even in Buffalo.

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George - and for good measure, hand, purposefully portrays a she gives Eileen a couple of slow-moving, deaf grandmother, Ethel. Good stuff. Perhaps the most distinctive characterization

Among many complications, the Hays' daughter, Rosalind. returns to introduce her fiance to her parents. Tiffany Byars is required to make the timing and very good as Rosalind. And her Joan Crawford-like outfits are a

Adam Conger is a howl as her nervous weatherman, Howard. He somehow never gets to meet her parents - until he shows up dressed as George S. Patton. The

ly coupled in the end.

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A more appropriate metaphor David Ormsby scores as Paul, would be "tuning in." For its utterly checkerboardlike maneuverings and superficiality, "Murder By Misadven-Larry Pellicconi is terrific as ture" is the type of prime-time the company's suave, urbane

drama for the boob tube, fitting attorney, Richard, who makes a alongside formulamatic TV hits play for Charlotte upon learning like "Murder, She Wrote" and of the troubled marriage. Unfortunately for Richard, however, As a theatrical whodunit. he's the only one who isn't happi-"Murder By Misadventure" is tirelessly clever, if not altogether loopy. (Happily, there are no

insipid commercial breaks.) Audiences who like to follow along with the well-timed clues, twists and turns and an all-tooapparent murder plot won't likely be disappointed.

Jennifer Rembisz of Livonia

and her friends had so much fun

performing in shows at Mercy

High School that they decided to

keep on doing it after they grad-

work on.

Drama: Christopher Cain (Jerry, left) and Bryon D.

Harvey (Peter) in a scene from "The Zoo Story."

"Murder By Misadventure"

runs through April 12 at Mead-

ow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall,

Oakland University campus,

Rochester Hills. Evening shows 8

p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 6:30 p.m.

Sundays; matinees 2 p.m.

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Waiting for the curtain to go

up on Meadow Brook Theatre's

current production is the first in

BY FRANK PROVENZANO

a long line of misnomers.

seen a rerun.

The bourge don flat of Harry Kent is a place thenics than compelling live the for a bevy of clues, apparent ater.

poltergeist and a level of alcoholic imbibing not seen since the celebration of the end of Prohibi-

The misadventure involves Harry, a partner in an awardwinning television writing team. Harry (Thomas Mahard) is the nuts-and-bolts pragmatist. Meanwhile, his partner, Paul (John Seibert), is flowing with creative ideas and a blood-alcohol level that would kill a moose.

When Harry wants to split up Paul threatens blackmail Harry's response: "I guess I'll have to kill him." At nearly every turn, Edward

Taylor's script doesn't miss a chance for an easy laugh. Harry's wife (Denise Dailey McCauley) responds, "There must be laws against murder." Once it's clear that committing an undetectable murder is the

story Paul has recently conceived for a made-for-TV mystery. As he showed in Meadow Brook's last production, "What the Butler Saw," Seibert not only has outstanding comedic timing,

but an enduring appeal.

to shift gears, the rest of the Anyone who expects more - cast, including inspector Egan like authenticity and originality (Paul Hopper) often times gets - might leave scratching their stuck in an exasperated, frantic heads, wondering if they've just tone. But as a piece of contemporary theater, "Murder By Misadventure" feels more like calis-



"Let's just do one," she said in 1996 while talking to friends she show "The Zoo Story" Friday-Sunday, March 29, University of Michigan-Dearborn's ROC. The to." met through Mercy High School regretted not having a show to

Cain of Redford as the "dis-In-The-Box Productions, preturbed fanatic 'permanent transient' Jerry, and Bryon D. Harvey as the clean-cut suburban character. Peter.

Set in a peaceful park in New ety." York, Jerry disturbs bookworm Peter about his recent "trip to the zoo.'

Washington of Southfield is Cisco of Livonia, lighting engi-"I've always loved his (Albee's)

work," said Rembisz explaining services. why she wanted to produce this show. "He's an absurdist who "If you're going to go into the- there. The ROC is centrally

Sunday, March 27-29, at the Uni- campus is off Evergreen Road (between Ford Road and Michigan in Farmington who said they versity of Michigan-Dearborn's Ave.). Tickets \$5, buy two get one free, (734) 797-JACK.

■ "Speed-the-Plow" - 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 2-4 and April The cast features Christopher 9-11; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Studio Theatre, downstairs at the Hilberry Theatre on the campus of Wayne State University. Tickets \$5 to \$7, call (313) 577-2972.

Rembisz, whose main aspira- ater is a good outlet for young tion is to be a lawyer, truly people because it's creative. enjoys theater, and the challenge Rembisz is producing, Karri University of Michigan, Ann stage manager and Theresa Arbor, and working as a sales to presenting high-quality thetelegrams, magicians and other

attacks the moral values of soci- ater, do it because it's fun." Rembisz said she believes the-

"We're hoping to keep going of juggling 17 credit hours at the with this production," she said. "We're loving it, and committed rep for Joker's Entertainment, ater at prices affordable to an agency that offers singing patrons. My show is \$5, cheaper than a movie. I went to the University of Michigan-Dearborn,

tickets, you can bring a friend for

"Speed the Plow," David Mamet's dark comedy, opens April 2 at Wayne State University's Studio Theatre.

Mamet explores the savage underside of the American film industry as he looks at two friends (Gould and Fox) planning to pitch a new script to a major Hollywood film studio while destructively interacting with

the office secretary (Karen). "Speed-the-Plow" contains adult language and situations. The technical staff includes "I'm having a blast," she said. and still have a lot of friends Shatha Faraj of West Bloomfield (stage manager).



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MEADOW BOOK THEATRE "Murder By Misadventure," a mysterywriting duo plots the perfect murder, through April 12, at the theater at Dakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays (\$22), 2 p.m. Wednesdays (\$22), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$26.50), 2 p.m. Saturdays (\$22), 6 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 8 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 2 p.m Sundays (\$22), and 6:30 p.m. Sundays (\$26.50). Students, seniors and group

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Book of Days," by Lanford Wilson, previews Thursday, April 2-Thursday, April 9 (\$15-\$20), and regular run Frid Sunday, April 10-May 24 (\$20-\$25), at the theater, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Special benefit performance 8 p.m Saturday, April 11 (\$500). (734) 475-

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COLLEGE

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE 'Moon Over Buffalo," by Ken Ludwig, in a dinner-theater format, 6:30 p.m. dinner and 8 p.m. show, Friday-Saturday, March 27-28 (\$19), and as a show only, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 (\$8), at the college, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia, (313)

U-D THEATRE COMPANY "A Lie of the Mind," by Sam Shepard. through Sunday, April 5, at the McAuley Theatre on the Outer Drive campus of University of Detroit-Mercy. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$10, \$8 seniors and students. (313) 993-1130

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students. (734) 764-0450 U-M SCHOOL OF MUSIC, OPERA "The Turn of the Screw," based on the ghost story by Henry James, 8 p.m.

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Wilde, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, and Friday-Saturday, April 3-4; "Two entlemen of Verona," by William hakespeare, 8 p.m. Friday, March 27 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28, 2 .m. Wednesday, April 1, and 8 p.m. hursday, April 2; "Of Mice and Men," by ohn Steinbeck, 10 a.m. student mating sday, March 31, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave. on the Wayne State University

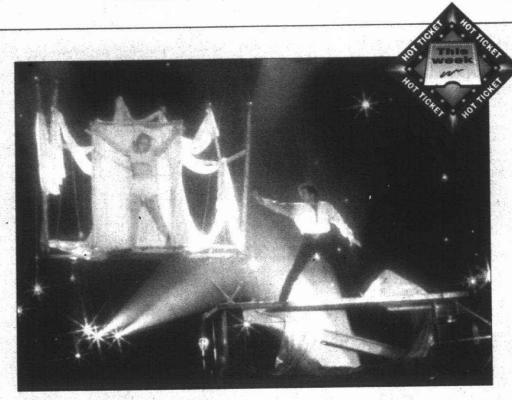
VSU STUDIO THEATRE losed the Plow," by David Mamet, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 2-4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the theater low the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 577-2972

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COMMUNITY

THEATER HURCH OF THE DIVINE CHILD

days, March 27-28, and on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. pril 3-4, and 3 p.m. Sundays, March 29 (west off of Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill), Canton. Empatheatre livery Lane (west of Telegraph Road, outh of Ford Road), Dearborn. \$5.50 ickets \$10, art exhibit free. (734) 397 dults and students with ID, \$4.50 and children. (313) 562-1990 CERAMIC DOLL EXPO CK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIO ioon to 5 p.m. Friday, April 3, 10 a.m. t The Zoo Story," by Edward Albee 5 p.m. Seturday, April 4, and 11 a.m. to m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and 6 m. Sunday, March 29, University of 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Gibraltar Trac Center, 15525 Rancho Road, Taylor. \$4. between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thurso een Ford Road and Mi April 2, at the TAN entrance. (847) 223orn. \$5. (734) 797-JAC 8555/(734) 287-2000 COLLAGE VI A concert spotlighting Schoolcraft March 27-28, spaghetti dinner



Magic show: Illusionist David Copperfield takes audiences on a journey through the history and wonder of the "Art of Magic," with "Dreams and Nightmares" Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Eight performances, tickets \$29-\$46.50, call (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-6611 for show times and information.

riday, March 27, at the theater 18845 Scarsdale, Detroit. (248) 644-8411 SRO PRODUCTIONS "The Sunshine Boys," by Neil Simor

Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, Burgh Site, on Civic Center Dr., between Berg and Lahser roads, Southfield. (248) 827-STAGECRAFTERS Lend Me A Tenor* continues through

April 5, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Tickets \$10-\$12. call (248) 541-6430, Performances 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26; Fridays & Saturdays through April 4; 7 p.m. Sunday, March 29; 2 p.m. Sunday, April HAT BROADWAY BEAT

musical revue featuring songs from "Evita," "Ragtime," "Chicago," and "La Cage Aux Folles," Saturday, March 28, the Wunderground Theatre, 110 S.

Oak. \$10. (248) 541-1763

DINNER THEATER

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL 'Trial By Error," live interactive comedy dinner theater, through June at the estaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$39.95 includes seven-course dinner of soup, bread, pasta, antipasto salad, baked chicken, Italian sausage, Italian steak, vegetables and dessert, the show tax and tip. (248) 349-0522

> YOUTH PRODUC-TIONS

JUNIOR THEATRE

"Heidi," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday March 26-27, and 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor, \$5 for children and students through high school, \$6 adults. (734) 994-2300 MARQUIS THEATRE "Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays

March 28, and April 4, 18 and 25, and Sundays, March 29, and April 5, 19 and 26, and Monday-Friday, April 13-17, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville \$6.50. Children ages 3 and younger will not be admitted. (248) 349-8110 MILLENNIUM YOUTH THEATRE CO. "The Brementown Musicians," a staged adaptation of the Brothers' Grimm fairy tale, 10:30 a.m. Saturdays March 21 and 28, at the center, 15600 J.L. Hudson

Dr., Southfield. \$5, \$4 groups of 10 or more. (248) 552-1225 PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

"The Wizard of Oz," Saturdays and Sundays through Saturday, April 11, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Noon lunch and 1 p.m. show Saturdays, and 1 p.m. lunch and 2 p.m. show Sundays. \$7.50 includes lunch. (810) 662-8118

SPECIAL EVENTS

tition entries accepted

CANTON PROJECT ARTS otlights the arts with two events, a performance by Empatheatre, an improvi sational theater troupe from Ann Arbor, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28, and the opening of "She Be Me," a touring fine arts and fine crafts exhibition by women Plymouth, \$45, reservations by Friday artists of African-American, Asian-March 20, (248) 349-1831/ (734) 454 American, Hispanic-American, and Native 7689, or http://www.detroitscots.com American ancestry, precedes SPORTS CARD SHOW Empatheatre's performance with an artists reception at 6 p.m., opening cere

Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 27, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road (Eureka Road and I-75), Taylor. (734) 287-2000 GREENBERG'S TRAIN, DOLLHOUSE

TOY SHOW Featuring model railroading clinic, deale marketplace, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday,

pril 4, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi. \$6, \$2 children ages 6 12 (248) 348-5600/(410) 795-7447 WILD THING '98 The 15th annual Michigan Wildlife Art

wildlife and environmental artists, 4-9

College's Chamber Singers, Community Choir, Wind Ensemble, SCool JAzz and SCool JAzz PRime, the computer-genera Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road

> proceeds go to the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation. (517) 882-3630

EASTER BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY Southfield's 11th annual pancake and ausage breakfast with the Easter Bunny, for Southfield residents (fourth grade and younger) and non-residents children attending Southfield Schools, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m saturday, April 4, at the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road

(between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads). Southfield, \$8 children, \$10 non-resident children, \$3 accompanying adult. Register in person at Southfield Parks and Recreation by April 1. Entry by tick-253-7729 or http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol

hildren's musical program by Marc Thomas, 1,000 eggs (stuffed with cand) and coupons for prizes) will be hidden around the cemetery office and mausoleum grounds, 1 p.m. Saturday, April at the Acacia Park Cemetery, 31300 Southfield Road (north of 13 Mile Road) Beverly Hills. (248) 646-4228/(313)

A Polish Easter breakfast with a performance of Polish Dance Suites, noon unday, April 5, American Legion Stitt Post, 23850 Military Road, Dearborn Heights. \$16, reservation deadline March 28. (734) 981-4365/(313) 791-2832

FAMILY EVENTS

TINY TOTS SERIES Fancy Footwork," featuring conductor a-Hui Wang, narrator and host Rheda Becker, and the Pointe Repertory Dancers performing a musical version of Soldilocks and the Three Bears," 10:15 Birmingham Seaholm High School, 2436 W. Lincoln St., Birmingham, \$10, (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsym

FRED PENNER Saturday, April 4, concert at Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University, Valton Boulevard and Adams Road Rochester, cancelled, Refunds at point of purchase. (248) 377-3300 JON ROSS'S "WITNESS THE MAGIC"

2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the club, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$7.50, \$5 children. All ages (810) 465-5154 MAGICIAN GORDON RUSS Presents close-up magic at your table, 6

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and 5:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Roger's Roost Restaurant, 3362 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights. Free. (810) 979-7550

WADE CARNIVAL With rides and games, Friday-Sunday April 3-19, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road, Taylor. 3-11 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 3 p.m. to midnight Fridays, noon to midnight Saturdays-Sundays. (734) 287-2000

CLASSICAL

AMERICAN STRING QUARTET Performs a "Beethoven the emporary" program, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washingto St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$30. All ages. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org ATLANTIS ENSEMBLE 8 p.m. Monday, March 30, Kerrytown

Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann | resume and salary requirements to the chorus, P.O. Box 165, Troy, MI 48099 Arbor. \$25 rows 1-5, \$15 rows 3-5, \$10 (248) 879-0138 general seating. (734) 769-2999 or

http://www.peus.com/kch DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With Conductor Robert Bernhardt, soprano Nancy Davis Booth and tenor Douglas Ahlstedt, as part of "Opera Pops" featur ing selections from Mozart's "The Magic Flute," Verdi's *Un di se ben rammentomi" and Puccini's "Nessun dorma," 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Orchestra Hall, Detroit: With Conductor Donald Runnicles and pianist Eldar Nebolsin 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, April 3, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or

http://www.detroitsymphony.com FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND Spring Symphony concert originally scheduled for March 22 will be held 3 o.m. Sunday, March 29, at Harrison High School, 29995 W. 12 Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads), Farmington Hills. \$3, \$2 students and available at the door, senio citizens free. (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412 or

http://www.mystery.com/fcb MARINERS' CHURCH OF DETROIT Presents a series of organ concerts with Kenneth Sweetman and Kevin Bylsma playing the music of Bach, Brahms, Franck, and Pachelbel during lent, 12:35 p.m. Thursdays, March 26 and April 2. following 12:10 services, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Free parking in Ford Auditorium Underground Garage at the median of Jefferson Avenue at the foot of Woodward Avenue. (313) 259-2206 **URSULA OPPENS**

Pianist performs a "Beethoven the Contemporary* program, 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, Rackham Auditorium Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$30. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org OWAIN PHYFE

As part of "garb night," 9 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 26, O'Mara's Restaurant, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (248) 399-PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Double Your Pleasure" concert featuring father and son planists Joseph and Michael Gurt performing Poulenc's "Concerto for Two Pianos in D Major," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Novi High school Auditiorium, 24064 Taft Road, Novi. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students \$6 children K-12th grade. (734) 451-2112. Afterglow at Botsford Inn. 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR'S WIND

ENSEMBLE AND CONCERT BAND Soundsation" show features music by Stravinsky, Barnes and Vaughan Williams, Capitol Theatre's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave., West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. \$10, \$6 seniors and students (Canadian) (519

WARREN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With sopranos Ellen Chickering, Jan Albright and Barbara Wiltsle, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Macomb Center fo the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, \$17, \$15 seniors, \$5 children ages 12 and younger, \$13 groups of five or more. (810) 754-2950

POPS/SWING

BIG SANDY AND HIS FLY RITE BOYS With Swingin' Demons and Starlight Drifters 8 p.m. Friday, April 3, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac, \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (swing) (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA 3. Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 21 and

Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, Cover charge, 19 and older. (swing) (734) 485-5050/(734) 996

PINO MARELLI Sings international pop standards and originals in English, Italian and Spanish, 6 p.m. Tuesdays through March, Ardo's Grill Nº Chill, 27900 Hoover Road Warren. Free. All ages. (810) 582-0080

AUDITIONS/NOTICE

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE Auditions for a male dancer to perform with the company March to May and Aug. 26 to May 1999 by appointment only, must be highly skilled in modern dance technique and improvisation and have training in ballet, auditions will take place during company classes 9:30-11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, at Central United Methodist Church, corne of Woodward and Adams, Detroit. (313)

ing, not more than two minutes long Performances May 8-June 6. (248) 349-

MICHIGAN THEATRE AND DANCE TROUPE Open auditions now through August for dancers ages 16 and older, by appoint ment only 2 p.m. Saturdays. The pe forming arts company regularly appears year round. (248) 552-5001

rehearsals from 7:30-9:30 p.m., two for

ments. Candidates should send their

mal concerts in May and December, and

"MUSICAL MAGIC" Dave Wagner, radio personality at forme classical station WQRS, gives a special organ performance with flautist Suzanne Bona, program augmented by the spoke Nardin Park United Methodist Church

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 2, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham Free. 21 and older. (trumpet/bass/piano trio) (248) 645-2150

Free, 21 and older, (sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150 SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD

Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. "acoustic gypsy jazz") (248) 544-1141/(248) 334-2275

7-11 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Edison's 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, Free, 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248 645-2150 RON BROOKS TRIO

Arbor, \$5, 21 and older, (734) 662-8310 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourti Ave. Ann Arbor, \$25 rows 1-2, \$15 row

ogga or http://www.peus.com/kch "THOMAS CHAPIN TRIBUTE" With Transmission and an all-star quarte featuring Ben Abarbanel-Wolff, Tim Flood. n.m. Tuesday, March 31, as part of Mood

KOG'S KATZ 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28. O'Mara's Restaurant, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (248) 399-6750 SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE With sax player Wendell Harrison and

313) 961-5152/(248) 652-1600 With guest vocalist Judie Cochill, 8 11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at the

Botsford Inn. 28000 Grand River Ave.. Farmington, \$5 cover waived with dinner (5:30-8 p.m.) plus \$5 drink minimum 248) 474-4800 CARL MICHEL GROUP 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 27, Borders Books and Music, 43705 Crescent

JEANNINE MILLER Vocalist and flutist performs with pianist Vince Shandor, 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. hursdays, and 8:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. ridays and Saturdays, Ernesto's, 41661 lymouth Road, Plymouth. (734) 453-

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday. March 27, Edison's, 220 Merrill St.. mingham. Free. 21 and olde (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150 DOC POWELL With Paul Taylor, 8 p.m. Thursday, March

26, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak, \$25 in advance 21 and older. (248) 546-7610 RANDY SCOTT

Writer and producer for Anita Baker and Patti LaBelle, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Somerset North, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge Highway, Troy, Free. All ages. (248) 816-2075 LOUIS SMITH TRIO 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 28

Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham Free, 21 and older, (trumpet/piano/bas io) (248) 645-2150 STRAIGHT AHEAD 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Detroit listorical Museum, 5401 Woodward Ave

at the Plymouth Canton High School's Little Theater, 8415 N. Canton Center Road (at Joy Road), Canton, \$9, (734) \$5, 21 and older, (734) 662-8310 MICHAEL FLATLEY'S LORD OF THE URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY DANCE 8 p.m. Tuesday Friday, March 31 April . With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.n 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday. April 4, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. April 5. Fox

Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroi \$10-\$60. All ages. (313) 983-6611 P.N.A. CENTENNIAL DANCERS The 18th annual extravaganza dance recital with the Polish Centennia Dancers, the Radomianie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble, and The Emil Zapalski

Band, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia \$6 in advance \$7 (734) 453-7161 STREB: POPACTION 8 p.m. Friday Saturday, April 3-4, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor \$15 \$35. (800)

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY DANCE COMPANY Presents "Rebounding," the 69th annual spring concert of dance, featuring choreography by Garth Fagan, Eva Power and Linda Cleveland Simmons, Fagan choreo graphed the Broadway musical "The Lion King,* 8 p.m. Friday Saturday, March 27 28, at the Bonstelle Theater, on campus.

221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

10 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110

AUSTIN LOUNGE LIZARDS 8 p.m. Sunday, March 29. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (goofball acoustic quintet) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org JOCE'LYN B AND THE DETROIT

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, Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 19 and

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and older, (rock) (313) 533-4477

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p.m. Thursday, March 26, Memphis

ree, 21 and older, (rock) (248) 543-

Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak

All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT

March 27, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw.

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folk/pop) (248) 642-2233/(248) 745-

Oril 2, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann

Arbor, \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451

Initarian Church of Farmington, 23501

enue and 11 Mile Road), Farmington

\$8. \$4 seniors and students. (248) 542-

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Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe

Wednesday, April 1, Royal Oak Brewery

and older. (folk) (313) 861-8101/(248

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SEXTET

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE Claudia Sherman, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26 (\$7), 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28 (\$10 at the club. 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. 7341 996-9080 SECOND CITY

wn River Dance," 8 p.m. Wednesdays \$10), Thursdays (\$10) and Sundays (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. ridays (\$17.50) and Saturdays (\$19.50), through spring, at the club 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER

7:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. 734) 761-1451

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM/SOCIETY

Remembering Downtown Hudson's xhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store a con of the city's prosperous era, runs rough December: "A Community Between Two Worlds: Arab Americans i Greater Detroit," exhibit focusing or Arab Americans and their daily life after settling in the Detroit area, runs, through 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays: \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free f children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

MAX movies showing indefinitely include: "Super Speedway." 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; and "Special Effects." 12:20 p.m. a.d 1:20 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; at the museum 20 John R (at Warren Road), Detroit \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-11 and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstra ion in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. \$2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups to 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 on m. Mondays Fridays, and 12 30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and

Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or p://www.sciencedetroit.org HENRY FORD MUSEUM / 'D GREEN-FIELD VILLAGE

ctivities such as a family radio show where they can produce and perform a radio play, classic cartoons and/or sen als as part of "Automobile in American Life" exhibit's drive-in theater, "Making Do and Having Fun" with puppet-making shadow puppetry, cat's cradle and paper airplane-making, and "Take a Trip Down Memory Lane" treasure hunt, weekends roughout March at the complex 20900 Oakwood Boulevard (at Village load, just west of the Southfield Freeway, south of Michigan Avenue Dearborn, \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 seniors 62 and older, \$6.25 for kids ages 5.12. and free for children younger than 5 and pen 9 a.m · 5 p.m. daily. (313) 271

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY A Communion of the Spirits: African-

American Quilters, Preservers and The Stories" exhibits featuring 175 pho tographs of varying sizes, a selection of he surveyed quilts, interpretive panels. and a limited amount of other artwork elated to the quilters, through Sunday, June 7. The exhibit features area quilt and celebrity quilters such as Maya. Angelou, Rosa Parks, Bernice Johnson Reagon, Faith Ringgold, Sonia Sanche and Alice Walker, "The Life and Times of Paul Robeson" exhibition featuring records, photographs and paintings toan from private citizens and from the pliection of the MAAH, runs through uesday, June 30, at the museum, Warren Ave. (at Brush Street) Detroit Museum hours 9 30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays Sundays. \$3 for adults

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V. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Free. All ages. (acoustic) (734) 416-9288 FRANKLIN STREET BLUES BAND 9 p.m. Friday, April 3, Fox and Hounds 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

STREET PLAYERS 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Soup Kitchen 10 p.m. Friday, April 3, Library Pub 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110 **GETAWAY CRUISER** With Velour 100 and Scratching Post 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Blind Pig

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> Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3, 21 and older. (rock) Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 (313) 533-4477 and older. (blues) (248) 682-2295 **COREY HARRIS** NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 3. Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and advance, 19 and older, (blues/rock)

Saturdays through June 27, Bacc Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free THE HATCHETMAN All ages, (variety) (248) 253-1300 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, Memphis BENNY AND THE JETS Smoke 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak 9 p.m. Sundays through April 26, Buck' ree. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-Place, 23845 W. Warren Road (one 4300

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featuring Dana from the Motor Dolls. Club 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, Cover Jake Smith from Brothers From Anothe charge, 21 and older; 10 p.m. Thursday net. Tom Harmon and Peder Seglund April 2, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River both of Down with Hatred, and Brian Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) Smith of Black Mali, and the Nathan 248) 332-HOWL/(248) 349-9110 Whitt Band, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28 BIZER BROTHERS Magic Bag in Ferndale, \$6 in advance 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday, March 27 18 and older. (funk/rock) (248) 544-Saturday, March 28, Pages, 23621

3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com Farmington Road, Farmington, Free. 21 INCUBUS and older. (pop) (248) 477-0099 With Ultra Spank and Forge, 7 p.m. BLACK FUZZ Monday, March 30, The Shelter below 10 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Library Pub, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress. 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Detroit, \$6 in advance. All ages. (rock Free. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT or

http://www.961melt.com INSANE CLOWN POSSE With Myzery and Twiztid, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, State Theatre, 2115 Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12 and \$15. All ages. (rap) (313) 961-5451 th Son of Adam, 9 p.m. Thursday, Apri

> St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (pop (313) 961-MELT or ttp://www.961melt.com JILL JACK 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28. Smitty's, Main St., Rochester, Free, All ages. (roots rock) (248) 652 1600

With Steve Poltz of the Rugburns, 6:30

p.m. Friday, April 3, The Shelter below

JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, Fox and north of Five Mile Road), Redford, \$3, 21 Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues

(248) 644-4800 NIKKI JAMES AND THE **FLAMETHROWERS** o.m. Friday, March 27, Library Pub. 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free, 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday With Soilent Green, 6 p.m. Friday, March March 28, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound 7. The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall. Road, Utica. \$2, 21 and older, (blues 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance.

MIKE KING BAND 10 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Library With Six Foot Something, 10 p.m. Friday Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway. Westland, Free, 21 and older; 8:30 p.m. hursday, April 2, Royal Oak Brewery. 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (734) 421-2250/(248) 544-1141

THE REGULAR BOYS Pub. 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi, Free 21 and older: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28. Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac RIGHTEOUS WILLY Free, 21 and older, (rockabilly) (248)

349-9110/(248) 338-6200 LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND Smoke 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth, Cover charge, 21 and older, (blues) (734) 451

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7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron Pontiac. \$10 in advance. All ages. (alter

9:30 p.m. Friday, March 27, Bo's Bistro 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, Free, 21 and der. (rockabilly) (248) 338-6200 With Jeffrey Allen and the Soulshakers

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With El Carbon, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St. Ypsilanti Cover charge 19 and older (rock) (734) 485-5050

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Rick Matle, 8 p.m. to midnight Sunday March 29, Bomac's Lounge, 281 Gratio Detroit, Cover charge, 21 and older 8:30-11 p.m. Friday, April 3, Smitty's 222 Main St., Rochester, Free, All ages MATT MICHAELS TRIO

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ages. (sax/piano/bass) (248) 546 1400

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sense tells you otherwise. "Wild Things" treats its one-dimensionswooping cam- al characters and hokey plot so sincerely that you can't help but on alligators get swept into it.

Blue Bay, Florida, is a modernday Peyton Place where you fall into one of two categories: counroofs of trailer try club or trailer trash. Whenever these worlds collide, you know

> Here two high school girls from opposite sides of the tracks join to accuse Sam (Matt Dillon), their high school guidance counselor, of rape. The movie leaves it unclear whether he did it or not. setting in motion a chain of the most die-hard mystery fan of a copy of "Double Indemnity. will have trouble unraveling it.

The girls are Neve Campbell (from "Screams" 1 and 2) and For the uninitiated, a guilty ensembles of both "Melrose erations as well. pleasure is the kind of movie Place" and "Starship Troopers.")

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While the young actresses have only worked in this kind of schmaltz, Dillon and Kevin Bacon (as the crusading police detective intent on busting Sam) should probably know better. Yet they play it straight, as if they're reciting James M. Cain instead deception so complex that even of McNaughton's copy of a copy

You know you're getting old when Dillon and Bacon serve as elder statesmen, but there are Denise Richards (formerly in the representatives from other gen-Even in her 50s, Theresa Rus

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They are a clever study in con-sell obviously hasn't shied away trasts, from the former's raccoon- from nude scenes (can you eyed makeup and arm-length remember a movie where she tattoos to Richards' sexy turn as didn't bare her breasts?). She plays Richards' witchy mother, who has her own reasons for seeing Dillon's character take a fall.

As a family lawyer, Robert Wagner represents the kind of woodenness inherent in most of Blue Bay's men, the very thing that makes the studly Sam character so popular.

You get the sense throughout the film that McNaughton is standing just outside the frame wearing a wicked smirk. He did it in his pseudo-verite "Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer" and again here, creating entertainment from the most unsettling of

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Unlikely Conspirators: Waiting outside the Glades Motel, Blue Bay High guidance counselor Sam Lomyour calls and comments. To bardo (Matt Dillon) and Blue Bay outsider Suzie Toller eave John a voice mail message, (Neve Campbell) make unlikely conspirators in "Wild Things."

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1997). Friday-Sunday, March 27woman (Vanessa Redgrave) encounters a man she knew some 30 years earlier, it causes her to reevaluate the path her life has taken. Based on a novel by Virginia Woolf.

Gavras' thriller is based on the ALL FOR COMPLETELISTINGS AND TIME real-life investigation that followed the assassination of a liberal Greek politician (Yves Mon-

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"The Rainmaker" (USA-1997). 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26. Another John Grisham novel hits the screen, but this time it's detective who hopes to tie up a pretty good one. Francis Coppola directs the story of a young lawver ("Goodwill Hunting's" Matt Damon) who goes up against a big-time insurance

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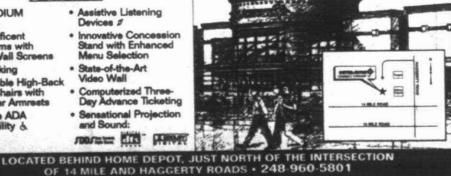
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"Live Flesh" (Spain-1997).

The latest from Pedro Almodovar

"Women on the Verge of a Ner-

vous Breakdown") is a well-

drawn, but surprisingly ordinary,

tale of murder, obsession, and

"The Apostle" (USA-1997)

Robert Duvall served as writer,

director and star in this story of

a preacher who finds his person-

al road to salvation, helped in

part by his wife (Farrah

"Afterglow" (USA-1997)

Julie Christie copped a Best

Actress Oscar nomination for

this tale of two couples whose

troubled marriages become

Directed by Alan Rudolph ("Choose Me," "The Moderns").

intertwined. Nick Nolte co-stars.

"Fireworks" (Japan-1997). A

police drama written, directed

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"Z" (France-1969). 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 30. Costa-

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"The Full Monty" (Britain 1997). 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1. A group of unemployed blue-collar workers decide there's money to be made in

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stripping at the local pub. The another anthology of adultonly problem: their non-Chip-

Michigan Theatre 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 668-TIME for information. (\$6.50; \$5 students/seniors) "General Chaos: Uncensored Animation." 7 p.m. Friday, March 27 and Sunday, 29; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 28. In the tradition of Spike and Mike,

"The Godfather" (USA- up in a bank robbery.

of a Mafia family still looks good 25 years later, with Marlon Brando in his signature role as Don Corleone and introducing Al-Pacino as son Michael, who

reluctantly takes the helm. South East Michigan Pride Abbey Theater, I-75 at 14 Mile Road, Madison Heights. (\$10; advance; \$15 door)

"Lilies" (Canada - 1997). 7:45 p.m. Saturday, March 28. From Canadian director John Greyson ("Zero Patience") a gay-themed story set in two different time periods: a 1952 prison and a akeside French-Canadian village 40 years previous. The movie explores universal themes of tolerance, love, remorse, and

Star Southfield 12 Mile Road (west of Telegraph), Southfield. Call (248) 372-2222 for information (\$6.50; \$4.50 before 6 p.m.) "Afterglow" (USA-1997). See

Main Art Theatre listing above. Windsor Film Theatre 2135 Wyandotte Street, Windsor, Canada. Call (519) 254-FILM for information. (\$5.25 Canadian; \$4

"Eve's Bayou" (USA - 1997) 7 p.m. through Sunday, March 29. A tale of magic, passion, and the power of women by first-time director Kasi Lemmons "Heaven's Burning" (Aus-

tralia - 1997). 9:15 p.m. through Sunday, March 29, A shaggy dog story about a Japanese bride in Sidney who fakes her own kidthemed animation from around napping and then gets wrapped

Backstage Pass returns with the Friars Whew! Pledge immense personal vitality has arrange all of the music that the have a concert 8 p.m. Saturday, is over, and sustained it." "The Master's Eye" group performs. Many academic March 28 at Rackham Auditori-

The song, Zuniga explains, desire to have a casual relation- Zuniga said.

come true," Zuniga sings.

his band's latest video.

away. Maybe they went to renew undeniable hooks with the help

their romance," Zuniga said of of vintage-sounding keyboardist,

An a more upbeat note, the

Kweller, the teenage lead singer

who wore a Fastball T-shirt in

The pop noir of "All the Pain

Money Can Buy," however, offers

odd time changes, horns and cel-

Scalzo-penned "Warm Fuzzy

"I actually immediately booked

vesterday and we were going to

drive to Austin right after," Zuni-

"We have a full day of radio

and promotion tomorrow and if

we drove we'd be getting in at 11

or 12 tonight and just have to go

to bed and give up on sleep. But

when I saw we were at No. 111. I

said 'I'm flying.' We were going to

ga explained during a phone con-

versation March 19.

plane. We played in Phoenix stroke.

mployees at Robert Kidd Gallery. Detroit Public Back home in the Detroit Pub-

generosity. Thanks to everyone Watchorn and Chris Jardis. who donated - with dollars, time Television is truly a partnership: We can't do anything without you, the viewer.

we're returning to regular air- party school! ings with renewed vigor. That's right, no vim, just vigor. Nobody really knows what "vim" is, any-

Typical of our return to regularity (if not normalcy) our own Gerry Craig will take a Backstage Pass camera crew to Robert Kidd Gallery in Birmingham to see "The Master's Eye," an exhibition of work by contemporary artist Larry Rivers. Rivers' art often speaks to the Rivers says, "I continually picempty theater."

play many roles - realist, tradi- Men's Glee Club. tionalist, rebel, iconoclast and The Friars sing all types of

viewers of and runs through April 18 at the

album "All the bolstered by the hit single "The vacation spot.

Alzheimer's and the husband

"It's just Tony's (bassist/vocal-

ist) idea of what might of hap-

pened. They may have just got-

ten tired of their jobs and decid-

ed to go in an RV and drove

After Fastball finished record-

ing the song, the Texas-based

his songwriting partner's idea.

was partially paralyzed from a

board charts at speculates on what happened to ship. "I don't wanna make you

No. 111 and an elderly couple from Texas mad/I don't wanna meet your

singer/guitarist who were reported missing when dad/I don't wanna be your dream

Pain Money Can Way," a snappy low-fi number

Buy" (Hollywood that opens with the cracking and

Miles Zuniga they didn't show up for a family

already reunion. The woman had

Records) debut- snapping of an old 45.

Television can lic Television studio, we're hostbreathe a sigh of ing the unbridled fun of The Frirelief. The nasty ars. The Friars is a vocal octet business of the made up of members of the Unibottom line is versity of Michigan Men's Glee done, and now Club. The group is currently we can go back comprised of students Dante to enjoying the Mastri, Todd Claybaugh, Ryan fruits of our Clarkson, Patrick Evoe, Jeff labor - and your Hogg, Nate Pierantoni, Andrew

The boys sent us some interand feedback. Detroit Public esting advance press. Listen to this: "The group took its name from a prestigious drinking society that flourished at the U of M And who would want to? With- in the early 1900s. The frothy out viewers, broadcasters are beermark, the Friar trademark, the proverbial trees falling in the pays tribute to the light-hearted woods. It's the audience, stupid! spontaneity of each Friar perfor-So after a Backstage Pass pledge mance." Exactly what is a "drinkspecial that broke format and a ing society" and how do they week off the air to make way for become "prestigious?" And they special pledge programming, have the audacity to call MSU a

As anyone who has seen them perform can attest, the Friars create a party atmosphere at their shows. And they've brought the party all over. The past 40 years have seen the group at the White House, the Rose Bowl, the Miss Hawaii USA contest, the islands of the Caribbean, the Pirates of the Caribbean, Iguassu Falls, the beaches of Rio and the handicrafts fair in Santiago.

Closer to home, they also stay absurdity of the very concept of busy planning activities and art. Assessing his vocation, singing for various campus organizations. Weekends are often ture the artist as a minister spent performing for alumni or without a parish or as some ludi- campus groups, with an occacrous opera singer, serious, with sional local business or social hand on breast, bellowing to an gathering thrown in. And, of course, they perform at Michigan He may attempt to diminish football games. Over Martin the grandiosity that is too often Luther King Jr. Weekend, the part and parcel of the art world, Friars traveled to New York City but he's the real deal. As Prince- to perform for an alumni club ton University Professor Sam there, which marked the first off-Hunter writers, "In his career, campus alumni performance Rivers has had, on occasion, to engage independently of the

even buffoon. His art grew out of music including barbershop, his life, to a degree unusual in rock, pop, soul and country contemporary art, and his own Members of the group write and

interests are reflected in this um on the UM campus. They year's group, including engineer- also have a CD available for sale ing, archeology, communications called, "Nice." and political science. The group

"It's all about taking risks. Pain Money Can Buy."

rehearses twice a week for two hours - I guess that's whenever stage Pass, airing tonight at midthey're not busy maintaining night, repeated Friday night at their status as a venerable 7:30 p.m. on Detroit Public Teledrinking society! The Friars vision.

Fastball's pay for it but Hollywood offered." car had been found at the bottom something a little more expan- and sometimes people can really keep doing it and not worry Sales of the album have been of a canyon near an old family sive and a bit more mysterious. relate. We're pretty 'old school.' We didn't worry about what We like rock 'n' roll. I don't mean "The Way" went to No. 7 on Bill-Dark lyrics are commonplace other people were going to think, alternative rock. I mean rock 'n' board's Modern Rock charts last roll, like Elvis and Chuck Berry," week and the band is planning he said. on touring through Christmas

"I love Chuck Berry. I try to That recording process was emulate Chuck Berry and people completely different than the one influenced by him like Angus Young from AC/DC. I have a lot for "Make Your Mama Proud." its of respect for rock 'n' roll and where it comes from. We also liswith things and really use the ten to blues and country music

record we pretty much just went Fastball is Zuniga and drummer Joey Shuffield's second foray "This time we let the songs into the major leagues. The duo formerly played in Big Car and That helped a lot. A song could Zuniga calls their experience with record companies "a night-

Zuniga cites that experimentation and his band's influences as "Everything that could go reasons for the success of "All the wrong did go wrong. I thought about maybe not playing music

professionally anymore and just playing for fun." All that changed when Zuniga traveled to Europe and played in

\$62.50 and \$75. For more inforthe subway in Paris and at a mation, call (313) 596-3200 or bridge in Italy. (248) 645-6666. "That probably factored me into continuing to play music. I went to Europe and played on the street there, played in bars,

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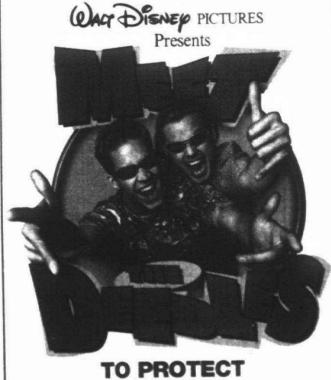
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BY ELEANOR HEALD SPECIAL WRITER

Area restaurant trend setter Matt Prentice and his Unique Restaurant Corp. couldn't sit on the number 13 very long. He opened Flying Fish Tavern in West Bloomfield, restaurant number 14, last week. Area foodies can reel in some great eats on Orchard Lake Road, most affectionately dubbed "restaurant

Architectural and design talents of Birmingham-based Marc Therrian removed any trappings of former eateries at this location. Capital infusion allowed conversion from well water, formerly serving the site, to city water that now tastes good. Bright colors from floor to ceiling give Flying Fish an up-tempo Well-placed sound feeling. breakers reduce noise when the place is going full tilt. Those clouds on the ceiling - they're

Flying Fish is about food; good food at modest prices. But it's more than that. It's a place families will enjoy. Kid Stuff has its own menu spot. Little Tavern Burger with Fries, Grilled Cheese with Fries, Chicken Tenders or Pasta Marinara are served with a bottle of root beer for kids 12 and under. A game room in back makes children of all ages happy. Sports fans won't miss a down, face-off, slam dunk or homerun. TV monitors carry Fox Sports programming.

Flying Fish is also a gathering spot, a place to kick back with friends, after work or later in the evening. There are 40 brews, eight on draft served in 16-ounce mugs, 1/2 yard or yard. Atwater Brewery has made a suds special, exclusively for Flying Fish. American-style pilsners, international lagers and ales are available by the bottle. Woodchuck Hard Cider (sparkling cherry) and non-alcoholic brews are among the broad selections.

URC's wine director Madeline Triffon has made her imprint with modest, but savvy, valueoriented wine selections.

Frequenters to Tavern on 13 in Beverly Hills may see some similarities in the menu, but Flying Fish has its unique items. Two appetizers make their debut: Lobster & Shrimp Spring Roll Flying Fish Tavern

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served with ginger-garlic aioli and honey mustard sauces \$8 and Veggie Chili, billed as a chili carnivores will love. It comes topped with sour cream, scallions, Jack and cheddar cheeses

New on the burger scene is Whitefish Burger made with Fresh Lake Superior Whitefish served with lettuce, tomato and horseradish dill cream \$6.50. To eat light, try it instead of a turkey burger. Two sandwiches are flavorful newcomers: Grilled Garden Vegetable Wrap \$7 and Ahi Tuna Melt, prepared from fresh-grilled Ahi tuna, thick sliced tomato and melted cheddar, served open faced on grilled country bread \$7. All sandwiches are served with dills and housemade potato chips. Chips from fresh roasted thinly sliced potatoes fried in canola oil are made on-premise daily. Tossed with Chef John's seasoning, they

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Having been trained by Matt Prentice, Detroit native Executive Chef John Arnold is a 12year veteran of Unique Restaurant Corp. kitchens. He'll be busy because he doubles as executive chef and managing partner at Flying Fish and Tavern on 13.

"I like the tavern concept," he said. "For people on the go, we offer fast service, but not fastfood taste. The kitchen challenge is creating something inexpensive that tastes good."

Big Plates are guaranteed to be "everything larger than life except the check." Chef John has added to his very popular Tavern on 13 Southwestern Torte, Sizzling Steak or Chicken Fajitas \$11. Also good bets are the portion-sized pastas, all served with warm sourdough bread. A cup of soup, tavern or Caesar salad can be added for \$2.

Each day, a "Flight Arrivals" board, easily noticed upon entering the tavern, announces the day's fresh catches. The "flying and flight" theme underscores the fact that the kitchen daily receives fresh seafood, flown in from the best seaports across the United States.

In the model of URC's Northern Lakes Seafood Company in Bloomfield Hills, all seafood is served with vegetable, fried rice and choice from three sauces: tropical fruit salsa, Bearnaise or roasted garlic Provincal and can be prepared broiled, grilled, sautéed, blackened or poached. But portions are downsized from those at Northern Lakes.

Special menu recognition has been given to URC's largest seafood purveyor, Foley's in Boston. So, when you see Foley's Boston Sole on the menu, you know the meaning.



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Fresh fish: Executive Chef/Managing Partner, John Arnold (left) and General Manager/Managing Partner, Marc Forrest present Broiled Sole inside the new Flying FishTavern.

seafood compares to a Cadillac in the auto industry," URC's corporate chef Jim Barnett remarked. Man-up-front at Flying Fish Tavern is general manager Marc Forrest. Over the last three years, he has worked his way up from a server at Relish to a management position.

Working tavern-style is fun because it's different every day," he noted. If you leave room, Marc will convince you that Oreo Cheesecake is the best dessert! Flying Fish Tavern's mark on the

"The reputation of Foley's for area dining scene will be made with the freshest ingredients. Prices compete with national chains, but Flying Fish has personality on the floor, with competent and friendly wait staff, and in the food, made from scratch by Chef John and his kitchen crew.

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■ Hospitality Banquet Henry Ford Community College - "Yesterday's Memories and Tomorrow's Dreams," begins 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4 in the Student Center. Fund-raiser for the hospitality studies student scholarship program features appetizers, beer and wine tasting, art auction of works by HFCC students and music by the HFCC Trio. For dinner entree choices are Beef Tenderloin Wellington Bordelaise or Salmon en Croute with Dill Beurre Blanc Sauce. Entrees will be served with roasted Yukon Gold potatoes and mixed vegetables. Tickets are \$35 per person, call (313) 845-9651. The college is at 5101 Evergreen.

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