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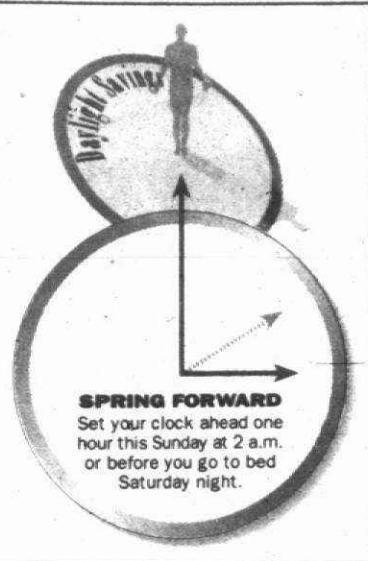
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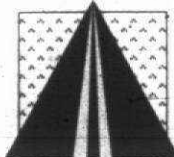
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# State: No repair for overpass



**I-275 overpasses at Michigan Avenue and Ford Road are crumbling. One is slated for repairs this summer but the other isn't, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation.**

Canton motorists may have noticed pieces of crumbling concrete on the embankments of the I-275 bridge overpasses on Michigan Avenue or Ford Road.

The Michigan Avenue overpass is scheduled to be rebuilt this summer, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

However, the Ford Road bridge isn't on the list of repairs — at least not yet. A wood support beam has been installed on the embankment of the eastbound lanes in an apparent attempt to stop the concrete from falling onto the road.

MDOT is believed to have placed the beams at Ford Road, although Gina Red, an engineer with MDOT's maintenance division, has yet to receive any work orders for the bridge repair.

No injuries have been reported at

either location, she said. The bridges are inspected every other year by the state.

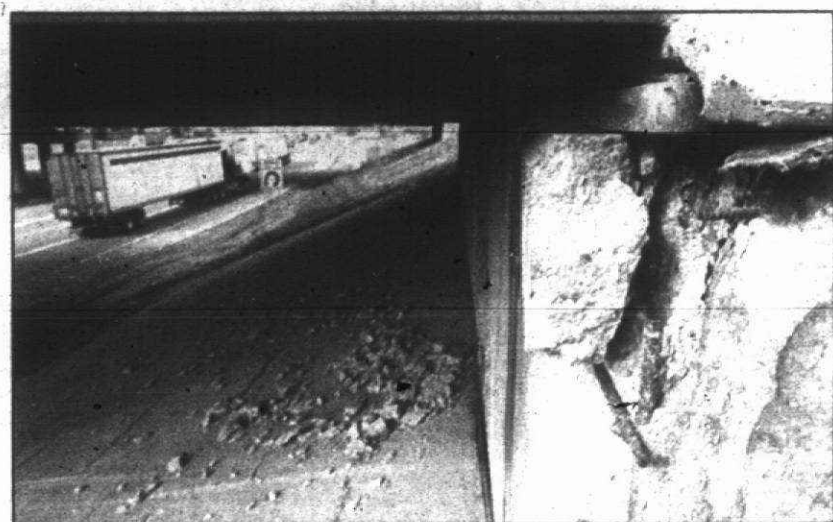
"There has been some problems with the slope ... and water leaking through," Red said of the Michigan Avenue overpass.

Plans are to rebuild the bridge approach on I-275 to relieve the pressure from the pavement onto the bridge itself, said John Sanford, engineer of construction for MDOT.

"We'll be putting in additional expansion joints in the bridge approach. It involves cutting across the pavement, small enough to keep debris out and large enough for expansion in changing weather conditions," he said.

The construction is expected to cost about \$48,000 and will begin sometime

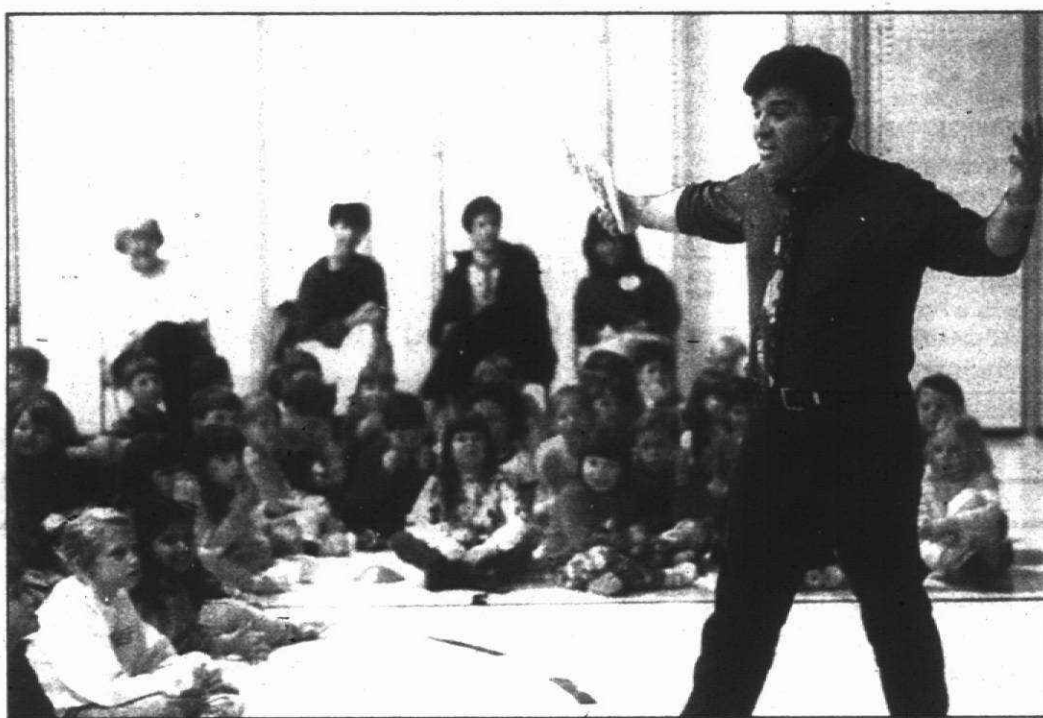
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**Bridging the gap:** This I-275 overpass at Michigan Avenue will be rebuilt this summer. Repairs haven't been scheduled for a bridge in similar condition at Ford Road. Concrete on that overpass has been propped up with wood beams.

## Author visits Eriksson

**Creative assembly:** Children's author and poet Brod Bagert gets expansive during an assembly at Eriksson School in Canton. Bagert's often humorous writing focuses on the joys, fears and dilemmas of childhood.



# Little interest so far in board seats

With only five days left to file, no one has yet turned in nominating petitions to run for the three Plymouth-Canton school board seats in the June 8 election.

However, two of the three incumbents say they plan on being in the race.

Voters will be asked to fill two, four-year vacancies on the Board of Educa-

tion, as well as fill the remaining two years of a seat which was vacated by Jack Farrow.

Farrow took everyone by surprise March 3 when he announced his resignation, allowing him to pursue a job

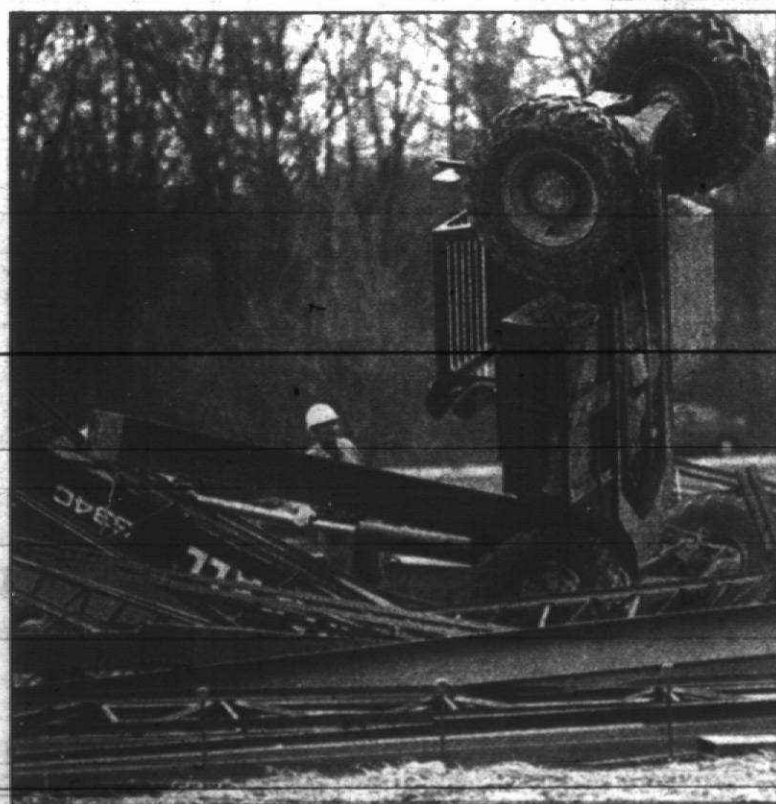
with the school district. His position was temporarily filled when the board appointed Judy Mardigan of Plymouth Township at its March 17 regular meeting.

Board President Mark Horvath, ending a four-year stint on the board, says he's not running for re-election. Vice President Susan Davis, who has taken

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## SCHOOLS

## Unintentional wheelie



**Storm damage:** Strong winds stood this forklift on its end Saturday at a construction site on Haggerty Road in Canton. A building under construction was also destroyed. A story on the storm and cleanup effort is on Page A2 in today's Observer.

# Green rush: Canton golf courses brace for crowds

'Tis the season for relaxation or frustration — depending upon how you swing the club.

Fellows Creek Golf Course opened last Friday with a record number of golfers teeing off on Sunday during sunny skies and mid-70s temperatures, according to Steve Mato, director of operations.

Pheasant Run Golf Club is expected to open this Saturday if the weather cooperates. Carts are mandatory on the 18-hole championship course, delaying its opening until the ground is dry.

A new rule also will be in effect at Canton's two public golf courses. Fellows Creek will be "soft spike preferred" until mid-year when it will be mandatory. Pheasant Run will open as "soft spike required."

"We posted signs last year that we were going there. It seems every golf course is doing the same thing," said Guy Samples, assistant golf professional at Pheasant Run.

The metal spikes on golf shoes can be replaced with the soft spikes at a cost of about \$5, said Mato. They will be available at both courses.

"Livonia courses did it last year. It saves so much on the greens. By the time leagues are done in the afternoon, our greens are spiked up. It also saves on the bridges and carpeting," said Mato.

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## Tee fees

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18 holes

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18 holes

Resident \$24 • Guest \$28

CARTS:

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18 holes

Resident \$47 • Guest \$50

WEEKENDS:

9 holes

Resident \$34 • Guest \$36

18 holes

Resident \$52 • Guest \$55

(all prices include mandatory cart rental)

Twilight fee \$35 starting at 2:30 p.m.



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CANTON CONNECTION

Business awards

Nominations are being accepted for Canton's Business Person of the Year and Athena Award winner.

The awards, presented by the Canton Chamber of Commerce, will be handed out during a special luncheon and ceremony Wednesday, May 6 at the Summit. Keynote speaker for the luncheon will be Ed Coury of radio station WWJ-AM.

Nominees in the business category must own, manage or do business in Canton; be involved in community service; economic development or the general interest of the community; and have a history of staying power, innovation and response to adversity.

The Athena Award is presented to a business owner/professional who demonstrates support and assistance to women in the workplace. Recipients must display excellence in business or a profession; provide a valuable service to the community; and exhibit initiative and creativity which enhances the efficiency of their business or profession; and contributes to the stability and improvement of the community.

Nomination forms were mailed Tuesday to Chamber members. Anyone else wishing to make a nomination may call the chamber office 453-4040.

The nomination deadline is Wednesday, April 15.

Bennett runs again

It's official.  
State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton,

announced his re-election bid Monday afternoon from the Canton Place senior citizens apartment complex.

Bennett is seeking a second term representing the 8th Senate District, which includes Canton south of Cherry Hill Road.

So far, the former Canton Township clerk faces no opposition in the Aug. 4 Republican primary. Democrat Ken Warfield, a Wayne County employee and Mayor for the city of Wayne, is running for the Senate seat.

Early Easter treat

There will be a children's egg hunt and Easter celebration from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, April 4 at Main Street Baptist Church, 8500 N. Morton-Taylor, Canton. For more information, please call 453-4785.

High achievers

Melissa Teeters of Canton, a 1995 Redford Union High School graduate, was honored along with other University of Michigan-Dearborn students this month for having been named to the Dean's List for three consecutive semesters.

Her sister Stephanie, a 1996 Redford Union High School graduate and a sophomore at the University of Michigan, has been accepted to the International Studies Program in Aix-en-Provence, France, for the 1998-99 academic year.

They are the daughters of Loney and Kathy Teeters of Canton.

Warehouse framework sheared by windstorm

Mother Nature had quite a temper tantrum Saturday afternoon by the looks of a construction site on Haggerty Road, between Palmer and Michigan Avenue.

The wind, estimated at reaching speeds of up to 90 mph, tossed around a crane and fork-lift like Tonka trucks. The fork-lift was left standing on end in the middle of a mangled steel heap that was once the main-frame of an 80,000-square-foot warehouse building.

The steel looks as if it were stomped on like a child's Erector set.

"The crane is virtually unharmed even though it has steel wrapped around it," said Mike Schonscheck of Schonscheck Construction, which was contracted to build the furniture warehouse and office building.

The forklift may have lost a main cylinder, but for the most part will be salvageable. "Three-quarters of the main-frame was up (when the storm hit)," he said.

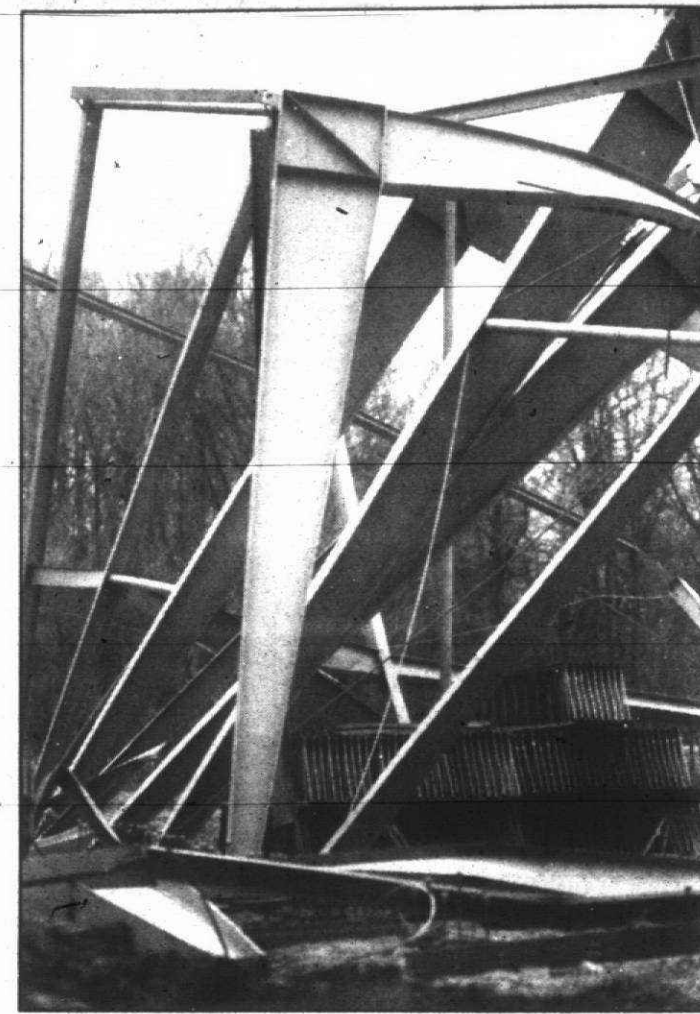
Construction crews started erecting the steel frame only a few weeks ago.

Mother Nature has set them back at least six to eight weeks, as demolition experts will have to be hired to disassemble the twisted steel pile.

"We're still assessing the damages. We won't know for awhile. The insurance company was out there (Tuesday) They're calling it a catastrophe," he said.

After 12 years in the construction business, Schonscheck said he has never seen anything like this.

"What's more common in the



Twisted metal: The steel framework of this warehouse under construction was destroyed by high winds Saturday.

spring is masonry walls blowing down. It happened a few times. Never have I lost a steel frame.

There's a piece of steel 25 feet long that is stuck right in the ground, just speared into the ground," he said.

No one was at the construction

site when the storm blew through. One employee had just left the area when it began raining.

Despite the setback, Schonscheck expects the building to be completed by late fall.

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**Thanks!**

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Legislative Action Committee thank the over 600 parents, citizens, legislators, educators, candidates, students and children who attended the 1st Michigan Summit on School Equity at the Summit. The children of the State of Michigan owe you a great measure of gratitude.

From The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Legislative Action Committee and Mark T. Slavens, Chairman of the Summit on School Equity

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Geography Bee contestants learn to think globally

Two Plymouth-Canton middle school students, who list atlases among their top books to read, hope their interest in geography will be rewarded with a trip to Hong Kong.

Tim Hannon, 13, from Plymouth, and Eric Varney, 14, of Canton, will represent the school district in the state competition of the National Geographic Society's Geography Bee being held Friday at Central Michigan University.

Hannon was the winner of the Central Middle School geography bee and qualified for state competition by completing a written test from National Geographic. Varney, an East Middle School student, also won his school competition and passed a written test.

"I like to read atlases and find different places and things on the Internet," said Tim, who is also a member of the Quiz Bowl team. "I remember a lot of facts, and it's helped me know about the world."

Hannon says his family not only has traveled much of the U.S., they've lived in five different states. He also has spent time visiting Europe.

"I generally help with the directions when we're traveling," admitted Tim.

It appears Tim is not the norm when it comes to geography.

"It can be hard to get students interested in geography," concedes Central geography teacher Linda Kahn, who coordinated the geography bee at her school. "I think geography is more important today than ever before. We need to know our competition and the people we deal with, which now is the world."

Like Tim, Eric Varney has traveled a lot, which he attributes to his interest in geography.

"I like looking at maps and atlases quite a bit, and remembering a lot of facts," said Eric. "We've been just about everywhere in the United States, and

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-East Middle School

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Tim Hannon  
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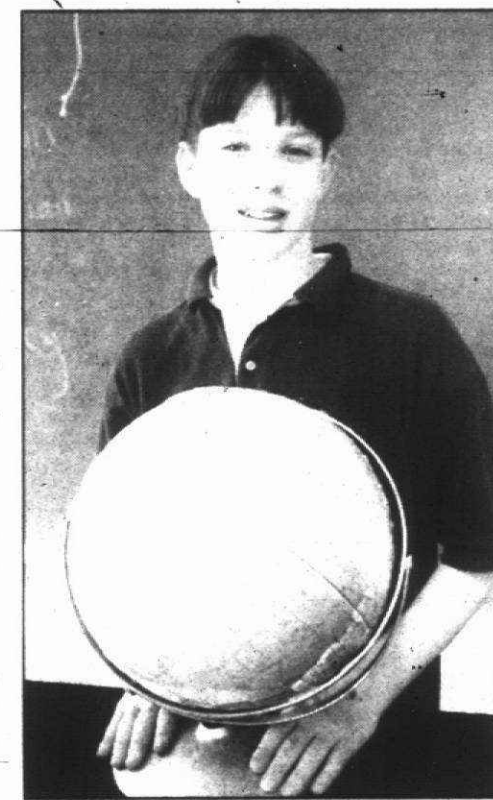
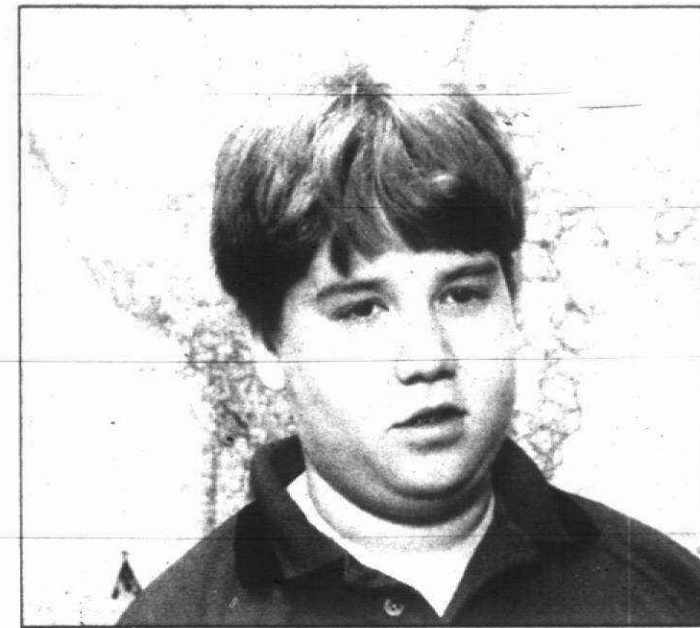
"I don't think the geography tests have been real tough," noted Eric, also a Quiz Bowl team member. "I think I'll do well."

Jerome Sullivan, assistant principal at East, is a former geography teacher.

"Geography is a lot more culture, a lot more interesting than when I studied it," said Sullivan. "Geography will become a big part of their studies as next year fifth, eighth and eleventh grade students will have a section of geography on their MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) tests."

There are 103 students competing in the state competition. The winner will receive \$100 and other prizes, along with an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington with a teacher escort for the May 19-20 finals.

The national competitors will vie for three scholarships. The winner will be awarded \$25,000 and a trip to Hong Kong; the runner-up will get \$15,000; and the student placing third will receive \$10,000.



**World knowledge: Eric Varney, 14, of Canton (above) and Tim Hannon, 13, of Plymouth (left) will represent Plymouth-Canton Community Schools at the state level of National Geographic Society's Geography Bee Friday at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant.**

Sample Geography Bee questions

The questions below were used in the school, state or national levels of the 1997 National Geography Bee and reflect the range of difficulty and subject matter that can be expected in new questions at these various levels. Take a chance and see how you fare.

1. Which state has a panhandle - Wyoming or West Virginia?
2. Which city has built subway and light rail lines in an effort to reduce heavy freeway traffic and smog - Los Angeles or Albuquerque?
3. Which gulf experiences more hurricanes - the Gulf of Mexico or the Gulf of St. Lawrence?
4. Hebrew and Arabic are the official languages of what country?
5. Approximately one-third of Argentina's population lives in and around what city?
6. What is the term for the side of the mountain that faces away from the prevailing wind?
7. Black pepper, a spice that was once so valuable it was used as money, is native to the largest country in South Asia. Name this country.
8. The tsetse fly, by serving as the carrier of a parasite that causes sleeping sickness and often death, has slowed economic development in a large area of which continent?
9. Wall Street, site of the New York Stock Exchange, was named for the defensive wall built by Europeans in the on what island?
10. Name the only country that borders Portugal.
11. Name the most populous city in the Southern Hemisphere.
12. More than half of the world's people live on which continent - Europe or Asia?
13. The Llanos is a grassland region that extends from Colombia into what other country?
14. If you sailed north through the Bosphorus, you would enter what sea?
15. Priests called Brahmins have traditionally held the highest social rank among followers of what religion?
16. Name the only South American country that borders both the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea.
17. Buildings in the arctic areas must be elevated above the earth's surface so their heat does not thaw the frozen ground. What is the term for this frozen ground?
18. To escape the fighting in their homeland in March 1997, thousands of Albanians sailed west to what country?
19. In February, 1997, the U.S. government agreed to allow several U.S. news organizations to open bureaus in which Caribbean country for the first time since the 1960s?
20. The world's leading olive-producing countries all border what sea?
21. If you followed the Tigris River from its source to its mouth, you would travel primarily in which intermediate direction?
22. "Pula," a word that means "rain," is the name of the currency in a country that is covered in large part by the Kalahari Desert. Name this African country.
23. The "K" in K2, the world's second highest mountain, stands for the name of the range in which the peak is located. Name this mountain range.
24. France, Ukraine, and Russia are among the leading producers of a root crop that is used to produce sugar. Name this root crop.
25. The Sava and Danube rivers are generally recognized as marking the northern boundary of what peninsula?

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**Cruising through the chamber auction**

Going somewhere: Rob Bulmer (above, left) receives the grand prize at Friday's Canton Chamber of Commerce Auction - \$3,500 worth of cruise to a destination of his choice from CruiseOne. Presenting are (from left) Bob Boyer, Robert Pniwski, and David Griffin. At right, Peggy Gerou and Julia Bargeon check out luggage donated by Pulte Homes that was part of the silent auction.

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# School facilities

A new middle school at Hanford and Canton Center roads. The committee also suggests redistricting the middle school population to accommodate the new school.

"We need a bond for a new middle school... which we think is fairly obvious," said committee member John Filios. "There's going to be some period of time when the new school will open and Lowell will close."

Some of the options to deal with that situation include asking Livonia for more time at Lowell, looking for classroom space outside the district, having double sessions at one of the current middle schools, and extending the school year. Double sessions could mean classes beginning at 6:30 a.m. and ending at 8 p.m.

The other possibility would be to crowd students into all the middle schools," said Filios. "But, we would need some portables, more lockers, and have to go to three lunches which would cut down on the use of the gym."

Committee member Chuck Portelli, who is also the president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association said "... to add 200 students into each of four schools you would have a mini-version of the high school at all four middle schools."

Ideal size

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The ideal size for a middle school, according to the committee, is 650 students. Central Middle School currently has 750 students, while the remaining four have 720 students.

"In my opinion, with the numbers we have now, the attractiveness of adding more kids to the other four middle schools is just not there," said Little.

If redistricting was done, it would be done next year and go into effect in the 2000-01 school year, and done only once.

"It's been the objective of this committee to go back to the feeder school system," said committee member Marcy Staley. "Currently, some elementary schools are feeding up to three middle schools. We want to end that so they will feed into a single middle school."

The committee notes its proposals only consider current student population. Any increases in population due to new housing starts would put an additional pressure on middle school facilities.

The committee has come up with several proposals dealing with the two high schools, to manage an overcrowded situation for the next four years.

If the litigation concerning the \$79.7 million bond issue isn't settled to allow for construction of a new high school, the committee recommends split shifts and staggered starts as possible

options to relieve overcrowded buildings.

"Our hope is that (this plan) will last us until we have a new high school," said committee member Joan Claeys, an assistant principal at Salem. "The alternatives are destructive."

Each of the high schools currently has enrollment of more than 2,300 students. The schools were built to house 1,700. And with enrollment projections for the next two years showing an increase of 170 students, the schools will be busting at the seams.

"With projected enrollment, our plan should last four years," said Claeys. "Depending on how soon new subdivisions are up and running, there could be big trouble."

## Options

Committee members did not like the options of split or staggered shifts, especially since they affect extracurricular activities, busing, maintenance, and both teacher and administration schedules. However, they do admit that without a new high school on the horizon, something will need to be done.

"If I had a choice, I would have to weigh the implications of extracurricular activities against the implications of poor instruction," school board member Elizabeth Givens told the committee.



Getting ready: Joe Yurich mows a green at Pheasant Run. The course is still wet.

## Golf courses

Golfers will see new carts at Fellows Creek that rent for \$12 for nine holes and \$24 for 18 holes - up \$1 from last year's prices. Half prices are allotted for single usage.

The resident discount also has been expanded at Fellows Creek at \$2 for nine holes and \$4 for 18 holes. Last year residents were given \$1 and \$2 discounts, respectively.

Golf rates went up by \$1 and \$2. Leagues at Fellows Creek are already full, said Mato.

Pheasant Run will not have league play again this year to allow for the afterwork crowd to take advantage of the twilight play, said Samples. After 2:30 p.m., twilight fees are \$35 every day.

Pheasant Run also has a large driving range and lessons available by PGA pros Dave Horstman and Samples for \$35. To make tee times, call Fellows Creek at 728-1300 or Pheasant Run at 397-6460.

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# Engler names Talbot to state appeals court

Michael Talbot, a Wayne County Circuit judge, was appointed Thursday by Gov. John Engler to the Michigan Court of Appeals, 1st District.

The following day, Engler appointed Richard Halloran Jr., an administrative law judge, to Wayne's 3rd Judicial Court to replace Talbot.

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# Transition Hospice chief resigns to head Phoenix-based organization

Hospice of Michigan's board of directors has asked its chairman, Lee R. Miskowski, to serve as interim CEO while it undertakes a search to replace President and CEO Carolyn J. Cassin.

Cassin recently accepted a position as chief operating officer east for VistaCare, a national Hospice corporation based in Phoenix.

Miskowski, former vice president of the Ford Motor Co. and general manager of the Lincoln-Mercury Division, will head Hospice of Michigan's transition team during the search, the board announced Tuesday.

"We have a terrific leadership team at Hospice of Michigan," said Miskowski, who has led the organization's nine-member board since 1996. "Carolyn Cassin has a superb group of vice presidents who share her vision. Hospice of Michigan's style of participatory management means patient care services will be unaffected."

Cassin will remain at Hospice of Michigan for at least 30 days. She came to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, formerly Hospice of Michigan, in 1988. The board credited her with rescuing the organization from the verge of bankruptcy.

In 1994, Cassin spearheaded a merger of Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids, and eight smaller hospice programs into Hospice of Michigan, the first statewide hospice in the United States. Hospice of Michigan is the largest nonprofit hospice in the nation.

VistaCare currently operates in Arizona, Nevada, Utah and Texas and plans to expand into other states.

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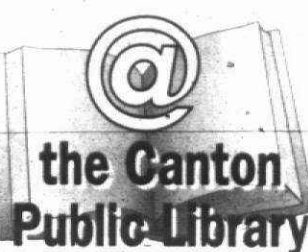
A 17-year-old student from Divine Child High School was arrested and lodged in Canton jail after a police officer on patrol noticed a 1988 Chrysler New Yorker heading eastbound in the westbound lanes of Cherry Hill.

During the traffic stop about 9:30 p.m. Monday, the teen told police he was unfamiliar with the area and that was why he was driving that way.

The teen first claimed not to have his driver's license with him after rummaging through his coat pocket. A police search of the coat turned up three driver's licenses and a bag of illegal mushrooms.

Police said the teen claimed to be only "a middleman" with the fraudulent identification. Plans were to use the ID for buying beer during spring break, according to police reports.

He was released on \$100 bond and scheduled to appear in 35th District Court April 30 for charges of possession of narcotics, possession of fraudulent identification and hazard to oncoming traffic.



### COP CALLS

#### Stolen motor home

A \$97,500 motor home was stolen from 1-275 near Ford Road sometime between 6:15 p.m. Saturday and 8 p.m. Monday after it had broken down on the side of the road.

The owner, a 45-year-old Troy man, told police he left the 1998 Cruise Air Motor Home on the side of the road with the keys in the ignition as instructed by his roadside service, which was sending a tow truck.

The motor home was gone by the time the tow truck arrived, police said.

#### Runaway

A Canton man was arrested at Sherwood Village Mobile Home park 1 a.m. Monday when police found a 16-year-old runaway locked in his shed.

Police were called to the home for a domestic dispute. When they arrived the man told police his girlfriend was inside the mobile home "going nuts."

#### Did you know:

- Detroit is the potato chip capital of the world?
- Dial-in users need a free Modem account to access the library data bases?
- "Dead in the Water" - Hardy Boys Casefiles?
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- "Mystery Date" - Sweet Valley High?
- "Cheerleaders: The Evil Lives!" - Fear Street?
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#### Web Watch

Check out these new Web sites:

- <http://www.go-organic.com>
- <http://www.nolo.com/briefs.html>
- <http://www.homepath.com>
- <http://www.bigleaguers.com>
- <http://www.finplan.com>

#### Multi-media

Here are some new CD-ROMs for kids:

- "Fun on the Farm With Barney"
- "Barney Goes to the Circus"
- "Barney Under the Sea"
- "Anastasia: Adventures With Pooka and Bartok"
- "Goosebumps: Attack of the Mutant"
- "Jump Start-Second Grade Math"
- "Where's Waldo? At the Circus"

#### Q & A

Q: Does Michigan have a state gem?

A: Chlorastrolite (literally "green star stone") is also known as greenstone or Isle Royale greenstone. Like the Potoskey stone, chlorastrolite is often crafted into unique jewelry and souvenirs. The gem ranges in color from yellow-green to almost black and when polished show a turtleback pattern. Primarily found in the Upper Peninsula, chlorastrolite was adopted as the state gem by Public Act 56 of

1972.

The source for this information is Michigan History Magazine.

#### In the garden

Here are some new books on gardening available from the library:

- "Green Places in Small Spaces"
- "Trilliums"
- "Big Book of Garden Design"
- "Tool Book"
- "Contained Gardens"

#### For your viewing pleasure

Here are some new videotapes available from the library:

- "The Hunchback"
- "Gigi"
- "Liberty!"
- "Some Mother's Son"
- "The Van"

#### Hot topic of the week

■ Announcing YA Place. Each Wednesday from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., young adults ages 13-18 are invited to enjoy games, free books, snacks and music in the large meeting room at the Canton Public Library. Bring friends, meet new friends, work on group projects and see what's new for YA's.

@ the Canton Library is compiled by Laura Dorogi of the library staff. The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. For more information about library programs and services call 397-0999.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 24, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**  
Members Present: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, Lajoie, McLaughlin, Sheffery, Yack  
Members Absent: None  
Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Santomaro, Rorabacher, Zevalkin

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**  
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick, to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of March 3, March 10 and March 17, 1998 as presented. Motion carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**  
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdick, to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

**EXPENDITURE REPORT**  
General Fund 101 \$115,717.95  
Fire Fund 206 21,989.23  
Police Fund 207 36,977.38  
Community Center Fund 208 20,819.31  
Golf Course Fund 211 11,062.71  
Cable TV Fund 230 53,469.30  
Community Improvement Fund 246 2,262.19  
E-911 Emergency Fund 261 5,466.90  
Special Investigative Fund 267 717.56  
Federal Grants Funds 274 2,537.80  
State Projects Fund 289 80,320.66  
Retiree Benefits 296 18.00  
Public Improvements 246 246.50  
Bldg. Auth. Construction Fund 469 2,889.00  
Water & Sewer Fund 592 536,125.45  
S. Haggerty Paving 815 163,690.42  
Total All Funds \$1,055,722.96

**RECOGNITION**  
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution recognizing Al Urbanek. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution recognizing Scott Chapman. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING OF NECESSITY AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3 FOR THE KOPPERNICK CORPORATE PARK ROAD, SANITARY SEWER AND WATER MAIN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 1998-3**

Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 7:15 P.M.

Speaking in favor of the S.A.D.: Chuck Dimaggio, Burton Katzman Development Co.

Speaking in opposition: Bill Craig, Livonia resident and president of the Holiday Nature Pres. (HNP); Dave Thomas, 43615

Candlewood; Jack Smiley, Westland Resident and Member of the Board of Directors of Friends of the Rouge; Julia Meixner, 42610 Cherry Hill; John Covert, Livonia resident and Churchill High School science teacher; Doug DeMiglio, 39756 Koppernick; Jim Britain, Plymouth resident;

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie, to close the public hearing at 8:20 P.M. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the Resolution No. 3 for the Koppernick Corporate Park Road Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Special Assessment District 1998-3.

Motion carried unanimously.

**KOPPERNICK CORPORATE-PARK ROAD, SANITARY SEWER AND WATER MAIN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

**% SIGNED CALCULATION**

**PROPERTY SIDWELL, PROPERTY OWNER ACRES SIGNED ACRES**

**IN DIST. PETITION SIGNED**

071-003-99-0008-713 Burton Katzman Dev. Co. 10.5 YES 10.5

071-046-99-0002-001 J.A.B. Investment Co. 8.1 YES 8.1

071-003-99-0003-714 J.A.B. Investment Co. 30.6 YES 30.6

071-004-99-0008-701 J.A. Bloch & Co. 8.0 YES 8.0

071-045-99-0008-001 J.A. Bloch & Co. 32.1\* NO 32.1

Total Acres 89.3 57.2

\* SIGNED CALCULATION = 57.2 ACRES/89.3 ACRES x 100% = 64%

\* OTHER PARTNERS NEED TO SIGN

**RESOLUTION NO. 3**

**KOPPERNICK CORPORATE PARK ROAD, SANITARY SEWER, AND WATER MAIN**

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 1998-3**

Minutes of a Regular Board meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, the Township, held on the 24th day of March, 1998, in the Township at 7 o'clock p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

PRESENT: Members Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, Lajoie, McLaughlin, Sheffery, Yack

ABSENT: Members - None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Bennett and supported by Member McLaughlin:

WHEREAS, this Township Board, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, and after notice to all of the record owners of land in the proposed special assessment district, tentatively declared its intention to undertake certain public improvements in the Township, as more particularly described in Exhibit A hereto; and

WHEREAS, plans have been prepared by a registered professional engineer showing the public improvements and the location thereof and an estimate of the cost thereof; and

WHEREAS, after due and legal notice, the Township Board has met on March 24, 1998 at 7 o'clock p.m. Eastern Standard Time, and heard all persons interested therein at said first hearing with respect to the proposed public improvements and the special assessment district;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Township Board hereby determines that the public improvements described in Exhibit A (attached) hereto and made a part hereof are necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the Township and that said public improvements shall be made and completed pursuant to aforesaid Act 188.

2. The Township Board hereby approves the plans and estimate of cost for the public improvements in the total sum of \$1,231,000.00 as prepared and presented by the Township Engineer. Of the aforesaid total cost of the project, the sum of \$1,231,000.00 will be spread against the heretofore named special assessment district pursuant to the aforesaid Act 188.

3. The Township Board finally determines that said special assessment district shall consist of all of the lots and parcels of land described in Exhibit B (attached) hereto and that the existence of said special assessment district

shall be maintained until all special assessments payable on the roll hereinafter described, and any bonds issued in anticipation of such special assessments, have been paid.

4. The Supervisor is hereby directed to make a special assessment roll in which shall be described all the parcels of land to be assessed as above set forth, with the names of the owners thereof, if known, and the total amount to be assessed against each parcel of land, which amount shall be such relative portion of the whole sum to be levied against all parcels of land in the assessment district as the benefit to such parcel of land bears to the total benefit of all parcels of land in the special assessment district.

5. When the Supervisor shall have completed the special assessment roll, the Supervisor shall affix thereto a certificate stating that said roll was made pursuant to a resolution of the Township Board of the Township adopted on the date of adoption of this resolution, and that in making the assessment roll the Supervisor has, according to the Supervisor's best judgment, conformed in all respects to the directions contained in said resolution and the statutes of the State of Michigan, and the Supervisor shall report the special assessment roll, with the certificate attached thereto, to the Township Board.

6. All resolutions and parts of resolution insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and they hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Members Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, Lajoie, McLaughlin, Sheffery, Yack

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular meeting held on March 24, 1998 and that the said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

**EXHIBIT A**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Koppernick Corporate Park road, sanitary sewer, and water main special assessment district 1998-3 includes extending a boulevard road of 9-inch thick reinforced concrete approximately 3,000 feet south of Koppernick Road. Project also includes extending approximately 3,050 linear feet of 10-inch sanitary sewer and 2,500 linear feet of 12-inch water main plus boulevard landscaping and irrigation. The project includes staking, inspection, contract administration and replacement trees along with other miscellaneous items.

**EXHIBIT B**

**PARCELS**

**PARCELS IN DISTRICT PROPERTY OWNER ACRES**

071-003-99-0008-713 Burton Katzman Dev. Co. 10.5

071-046-99-0002-001 J.A.B. Investment Co. 8.1

071-003-99-0003-714 J.A. Bloch 30.6

071-004-99-0008-701 J.A. Bloch & Co. 8.0

071-045-99-0008-001 J.A. Bloch & Co. 32.1

TOTAL ACRES 89.3

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$86,942 to the Summit Construction account to re-appropriate unspent 1997 funds for purchase of equipment for Summit on the Park in 1998. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendments in the 1998 budgets for purchase commitments carried over from 1997:

**FUND**

**CURRENT BUDGET**

**BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**AMENDED BUDGET**

General Fund \$13,282,384 \$ 8,494 \$13,291,878

Police Fund 8,243,100 10,160 8,253,260

**GENERAL FUND:**

**INCREASE REVENUES:**

Fund Balance Appropriation-Encumbrances #101-000-699-1000 \$ 8,494

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

Office Supplies-Building Inspection #101-371-727-0000 \$ 165

Transportation #101-670-860-0000 5,729

Maintenance & Repair - Sheldon School #101-803-932-3000 2,600

General Fund Total \$8,494

**POLICE FUND:**

**INCREASE REVENUES:**

Fund Balance Appropriation - Encumbrances #207-000-699-1000 \$10,160

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

Contracted Services #207-301-818-000 \$10,160

**PURCHASE ORDER DETAIL:**

**General Fund:**

Ben Weese & Associates PO#10542 \$ 165.00 Software update

Only Transportation Management PO#7478 5,729.56 Specialized Transport

Interstate Security PO#5134 2,600.00 Alarm Sheldon School

Total \$8,493.55

**Police Fund:**

Poco Sales PO#7983 \$10,000.00 Traffic Control Devices

Staples Business Advantage PO#10415 100.00 Design Consultant

Total \$10,100.00

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund Emergency Preparedness Department for the upgrade of five emergency warning sirens:

**INCREASE REVENUES:**

Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$16,060

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

Maintenance & Repair - Equipment #101-426-930-0000 \$16,060

This budget amendment increases the Emergency Preparedness Department budget from \$41,000 to \$57,060, and the General Fund budget from \$13,094,900 to \$13,110,960.

Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to set the public hearing for April 14, 1998 to consider the industrial facilities emergency application of Swiss American Screw Products, Inc. for their new facility located at 5740 Sheldon Road South. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to set the public hearing for April 14, 1998 to consider Speculative Building status for Canton Business Park, Building #1 located on the northwest corner of Beck Road and Michigan Avenue. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the renewal of the 5-year lease between Canton Township and the Flying Pilgrims R.C. Flying Club. Lease will be for the period of April 14, 1998 to April 15, 2003. The terms are one dollar per year for five years. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the Building Authority Construction Fund for the 1998 portion

of the Fire Headquarters construction project.

Increase Revenues \$765,782 Increase Appropriations \$765,782

This budget amendment increases the 1998 Building Authority Construction Fund budget from \$454,218 to \$1,220,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the Clerk's office: Misc. Contracted Services and authorize the expenditure of \$3,500 to Orchard, Hilt and McCliment Inc., for the purpose of creating a GIS layer on the Canton mapping system for voter precinct boundaries.

**INCREASE REVENUES**

Miscellaneous Contracted Services-Clerk 101-215-818-0000 \$3,500.00

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS**

Appropriations Fund Balance 101-000-699-0000 \$3,500.00

Motion carried.

**GENERAL CALENDAR**

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the Preliminary Site Plan for the proposed Emerald Pines Site Condominiums. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the Preliminary Site Plan for the proposed Creekside Villas Site Condominiums. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the site plan for the proposed Cornerstone Baptist Church.

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Lajoie, to amend the resolution by deleting the second clause of the resolution that reads "WHEREAS, the Fire Marshall has prohibited above grade construction on the site until the fire hydrants are installed in service and the Permit Sponsor, Pastor Jeff Ledbetter, has agreed to these conditions, and" Motion carried.

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Lajoie, to amend the resolution by deleting the clause that reads "the elimination of sidewalk along Ridge Road". Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Yack asked for a vote on the motion to adopt the amended resolution. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie, that the request from KOBMANN ENTERPRISES, INC., to transfer ownership of 1997 Class C licensed business with Dance Permit and Entertainment Permit without dressing rooms, located in escrow at 6166 N. Canton Center, MI 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County, from KENNYS LOUNGE, INC. be considered for APPROVAL, it is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick, to authorize Kucera International, Inc. to prepare aerial photography and digital orthophotography for the Township including:

-Option 2 (Film writer plots of each sectional orthophoto) and

-Option 3 (Two 1:5000 scale mosaics of the entire township @ \$1,560/each), for a total cost not to exceed \$30,838 to be charged



## S'craft hires consultants for business center project

Schoolcraft College has hired a team of an architectural firm and food services consultant to complete drawings for its new Business and Industry Training Center and the renovation of the Waterman Campus Center.

Trustees approved a \$103,858 contract March 22 with Ghafari Associates Inc. of Dearborn and E.F. Whitney Inc.

Trustees heard presentations from three different architectural/food service consultant teams on Feb. 28. They met again March 22 to hear recommendations from Butch Raby, Schoolcraft's vice president of business services, who had researched previous jobs completed by the bidders.

"All three teams were very good and very capable, but this team came across as the most organized and they had already begun to mesh," Raby said. That team also was the low bid for the design phase.

Raby visited Henry Ford Community College and University of Michigan-Dearborn to check on Ghafari's architectural work and the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village to research E.F. Whitney.

Raby was unaware of any

**Trustees approved a \$103,858 contract March 22 with Ghafari Associates Inc. of Dearborn and E.F. Whitney Inc.**

work that Ghafari and Whitney had completed together as a team, but contacted officials at each of the facilities he visited, and found that most were pleased with the architect's work.

"At University of Michigan-Dearborn, they designed a building for the physical plant staff. It was a very utilitarian building, but sparse in terms of design," Raby said. "At Henry Ford, they designed a building for Nursing and Allied Health programs. Functionally, it was very well designed, but not the kind we wanted."

Raby recommended to Ghafari that Schoolcraft wanted a "groundface" block in the new facilities that was used in the corridors at the McDowell Center because it requires low main-

tenance and is more durable.

Raby was impressed with Ghafari's arrangement of a conference room at its headquarters in Dearborn, a design of what Schoolcraft would want. "The technology is hidden, but available," Raby said.

The room contained a "closet" with projection and personal computer equipment. Raby expects Schoolcraft to have rooms at the conference center with "break-out" rooms for smaller groups to use with similar equipment.

E.F. Whitney designed an inn at the Henry Ford Museum-Greenfield Village complex, which created the feel of an inn, yet accommodate the masses of people that visited whether it was a conference or groups of tourists, Raby said.

Raby suspects the two buildings will be approached as one project. "But whether or not it will shake out that way, I can't tell you," Raby said. "That's why we have feasibility studies."

Schematic diagrams will not be completed until late summer, Raby said. Depending on when state funds are approved, ground breaking could be as early as 1999 or as late as 2001.

## Balanced budgets, high bond rating win praise for county

Wayne County has been awarded the certificate of achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its 1996 comprehensive annual financial report.

The certificate was issued by the Government Finance Officers Association, the highest form of recognition a governmental agency can obtain in accounting and financial reporting.

"This award recognizes the high standards achieved by the county," said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive. "Its

### WAYNE COUNTY

attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the county and its management."

In the last 10 years the county's financial health has improved.

The \$140 million general fund deficit from 1986 has been eliminated. In 1996, the general fund showed a \$20 million fund balance. Since 1987, the county has recorded 10 straight balanced budgets and received nine straight bond rating increases.

The county also received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its annual appropriated budget for fiscal 1996. For this award, Wayne County's budget was reviewed by a panel of judges of accountants, government officials and others.

County officials expect the recognition will help market securities to investors by informing them about the county's financial condition.

## DAR offers \$1,000 scholarships for students at Schoolcraft

Schoolcraft College students with serious financial needs are encouraged to apply for the John Sackett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution scholarship.

The DAR is offering a

\$1,000 scholarship for the entire 1998-99 academic year to a Schoolcraft student who can demonstrate he or she is deserving of financial assistance.

Applications are available in the Office of Financial Aid

in room 260 of the McDowell Center. Applications are due May 11.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

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# Newburgh Lake

## Project on track, November wrapup set

Wayne County officials are now saying that the Newburgh Lake restoration should be finished by late November.

Contractors and work crews are expected to complete this year the lake's excavation, the resurfacing of Hines Drive between Newburgh and Haggerty roads, fish kill and restocking and plantings of trees, according to Roger Van Omen, a chief engineer of Wayne County's Department of Public Works.

"The lake excavation is expected to be completed by Labor Day," Van Omen said. "The road and park restoration will follow that work this fall. We hope this is completed by late November."

Excavators from John Carlo of Clinton Township are removing soil and sediment contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from the lake. The soil is being transported to a landfill in Salem Township.

### Most PCBs removed

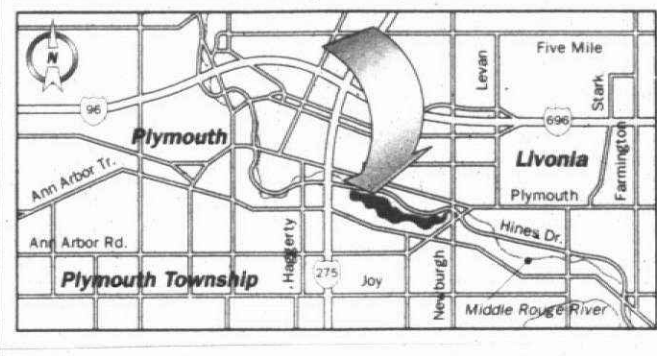
About 370,000 tons or about 95 percent of contaminated soil has been removed. About 585,000 total tons of contaminated and noncontaminated soil needs to be removed.

The excavation will make Newburgh about 8 feet deep, Van Omen said. The excavation phase is scheduled for completion by Sept. 7.

Van Omen said as recently as December the lake would not be completed until 1999, but officials now are revising that schedule. Contractor John Carlo

### Newburgh Lake

Contractors and work crews are expected to complete this year the \$10 million Newburgh Lake restoration project. Wayne County officials expect completion of the lake's excavation by Labor Day, Hines Drive resurfaced between Newburgh and Haggerty roads by Nov. 15, a fish kill and lake refilled with water in September and fish restocked in October. The lake is expected to be ready for public use in late November, according to a county official.



will remove less than the expected 700,000 tons because the soil that was to be removed weighed less than was first believed.

"The contractor didn't know exactly what it weighed," Van Omen said. "As the lake is lowered, and the soil dries, it consolidates. The tonnage isn't as much as we thought." Van Omen said soil samples are being collected continually throughout this phase by the firm of Environmental Consulting & Technology of Detroit.

Van Omen said many of the contractor's costs for equipment use in dredging are fixed costs, so he was uncertain whether the

county would save money in the excavation contract.

"They've been hauling 3,000 tons a day," Van Omen said.

### A busy lake

Here is a summary of the 1998 schedule:

■ A new sluice gate at the dam near Newburgh Road was installed in February.

■ Hines Drive between Newburgh and Haggerty roads will be resurfaced between Sept. 30 and Nov. 15.

■ A second fish kill - the first was completed last June - is scheduled for September.

■ The new sluice gate will be

closed to refill the lake between Sept. 25 and Oct. 10. A temporary cofferdam used at the site will be removed with a crane at the end of the project.

■ The site restoration is scheduled between August and October. Lake plantings and fish restocking will take place in October.

Van Omen doesn't expect a repeat of last year's fish kill when several thousand fish were killed downstream in a river impoundment, Nankin Lake, along with the ones planned for Newburgh Lake.

Rotenone, a natural pesticide, was used last year, but too much was applied too close to the dam at Newburgh Lake, which allowed less time and lake volume for workers to neutralize the rotenone with potassium permanganate. Both chemicals break down naturally depending on their concentration levels and water temperatures.

Most of those fish in New-

Please see LAKE, A13

## Northwest to add new routes to Japan June 2

Northwest Airlines has started a new "Motown Express" service between Detroit and Nagoya, Japan, which begins on June 2.

The new route connects the two largest automotive manufacturing centers in the world.

Nagoya is in the Chubu region of Japan which has a population of more than 18 million. Toyota, Honda and Yamaha have large manufacturing facilities in the region, and there are numerous auto parts suppliers.

"The economic impact of international air service is enormous," said Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. "When business and industry are scouting locations for headquarters, plants or branch offices, air service, especially international air service, is always near the top of the list."

"Detroit Metro Airport's superior airfield, which includes runways designed for

long-haul international departures and sophisticated instrument landing systems, provides the infrastructure which allows our air carriers to take advantage of destinations such as Tokyo, Osaka, Beijing and now Nagoya. Such air service generates jobs and economic opportunity for our local communities."

Wayne County, Northwest Airlines and the Federal Inspection Services dedicated an expanded international arrivals area last month, which increases the airport's arriving international passenger processing rate from 800 to 1,200 passengers per hour. A new international departures building was dedicated in September.

Northwest will operate the Detroit-Nagoya service three times a week with Boeing 747-400 aircraft, with enough cargo capacity to ship parts and supplies, as well as pas-

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# Youth prison is state's first

By TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Rejoice or cry? State lawmakers did both as ground was broken for the first "punk prison" near Baldwin in Lake County.

Privately built and run, the 480-bed maximum security prison will house violent offenders under age 19. Its programs will feature drug therapy, alcohol therapy, impulse control therapy, general education and vocational training.

"It's unfortunate you have to make an occasion and a press kit out of building a children's prison," said Sen. Jim Berryman, D-Adrian, an outspoken liberal. "I think it's a sad day."

Berryman called it "a prison patterned after what, I think, is a failed adult correctional system... Early intervention programs, prevention programs—that is the key."

Berryman also deplored that the prison was privatized, which "makes the administrators of

that facility and the guards not accountable to elected officials but accountable to a CEO."

Sen. Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, a former police officer, said the groundbreaking ceremony last month "is not a celebration but an affirmation of the policy of the state. That policy (toward) violent offenders—be they young or old—is punishment for their actions."

Bouchard said the majority recognize the need for early intervention and at-risk programs. He saw the use of a private company "as a cost-effective means of doing business" that will free up state money for other programs.

"These children who were mentioned (by Berryman) are criminals," said Sen. Joanne Emmons, R-Big Rapids. "They have committed crimes against the weaker members of this society. To pretend that they are only children and not criminals is missing the point."

"This is a day I have long

wanted for," said Gov. John Engler at groundbreaking ceremonies for the prison, being built by Granger Construction of Lansing and managed by Wackenhut Corrections. It's due to be finished in 1999.

"It will save taxpayers more than \$33 million in construction-related costs and \$4.5 million per year in operating costs," Engler said. "Michigan now has one of the toughest juvenile justice systems in the nation, and this prison another step to keep it that way."

Sen. William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison, said the prison's purpose is to protect citizens from violent offenders.

"This prison will help citizens on the outside feel secure from the threat of violent criminals, while helping those inside to face up to the personal problems which led to their crimes," said VanRegenmorter, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee which reported out the "punk prison" bills.

"We're squeezed" Sending Michigan inmates to a federal prison in West Virginia isn't cost-effective, so the Department of Corrections is bringing back 31.

"We're squeezed to the limit," said Ken McGinnis, director of Corrections.

He said Michigan was unable to persuade the U.S. Bureau of Prisons to accept more state inmates. After reviewing nearly 1,000 inmate files, the federal bureau accepted only 39—all for minimum-security facilities.

McGinnis said Michigan has space only in its own minimum-security prisons, including camps, "so sending them to a federal facility is just not cost-effective."

Michigan has a prison population of 44,000. More than 42,000 need to be in secure facilities. Gov. Engler's budget proposes construction prisons to house 5,400 inmates.

## Scholarship helps her spirit live on at Madonna

Julienne Hoff died March 18, 1997, but her spirit lives on at Madonna University.

A scholarship has been established in her name at the university.

Hoff came to Madonna (College) University in 1987 as the newly-appointed dean in the Division of Nursing and Health. In addition to her role as a division dean, she was chairperson of the nursing department which included both the undergraduate and graduate programs.

Under her leadership, the Division of Nursing and Health continued to excel. Each year, more than 96 percent of the nursing graduates passed the State Board Examinations on the first attempt. Previous to her position at Madonna College, Hoff was a professor and dean in the Division of Nursing at Mercy College.

Her formal education included a doctorate in academic administration of higher education from the University of Michigan. She did post-graduate study at Boston University and completed her master's degree in nursing education at Teachers College at Columbia University, New York. She received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Mercy College in Detroit.

Throughout her years as a professor and dean, Hoff was recognized on numerous occasions for her commitment and dedication to nursing and education.

Julienne Hoff resigned from Madonna College in 1990 to spend time with her husband, William R. Hoff, a 1977 Madonna University graduate, who had then



In memory: Throughout her years as a professor and dean, Julie Hoff was recognized on numerous occasions for her commitment and dedication to nursing and education.

recently retired from his position as deputy chief of the Livonia Police Department.

"We treasured her very much," said Mary Wawrzynski, who succeeded Hoff at Madonna. "I knew her as a deeply caring woman with a supportive personality who helped people achieve their goals."

In her memory, a scholarship has been established in her name. Contributions may be made to the Dr. Julie Hoff Memorial Nursing Scholarship, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

For information, call (734) 432-5589.

## Routes from page A9

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\* Observer News Roundup provides a summary of headline stories throughout western Wayne County.

## CANTON TOWNSHIP

**DDA TABLES MEGA-PLAN**

Canton's Downtown Development Authority isn't sold yet on a partnership with private backers of a \$150 million mega-development at the southeast corner of I-275 and Ford Road.

In fact, the DDA may not have the extra \$3.2 million in bond capacity to get the project off the ground.

A multiplex theater, several hotels, restaurants, retail center and apartment complex are proposed for the 124-acre site.

DDA members debated for two hours March 25 whether to kick in \$3.2 million in public assistance. Burton Katzman Development Company would use the money for an interior roadway network and waterway management system.

The issue was tabled once again, despite a recommendation from a DDA subcommittee to go ahead with the financial contribution.

"This could be the park that sets off your office and research segment of the community... it will put Canton on the map," Peter Burton told the DDA board.

Burton-Katzman Development Company and partners, Phoenix Land Development, have been working for two years on the 124-acre project, which involved assembling 17 pieces of property from various owners.

**BRIDGEWORK ON I-275**

Motorists may have noticed pieces of crumbling concrete on

the embankments of the I-275 bridge overpasses on Michigan Avenue or Ford Road.

The Michigan Avenue overpass is scheduled to be rebuilt this summer, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

However, the Ford Road bridge isn't on the list of repairs—at least not yet. A wood support beam has been installed on the embankment of the east-bound lanes in an apparent attempt to stop the concrete from falling onto the road.

No injuries have been reported at either location, she said. The bridges are inspected every other year by the state.

The construction is expected to cost about \$48,000 and will begin sometime around Memorial Day.

The bridge repair will be coordinated with the \$17.7 million overlay and resurfacing of I-275 from Northline Road in Romulus to Five Mile in Livonia, which is also set to begin this spring.

## GARDEN CITY

**MONITORING WATER METERS**

In an effort to get an accurate account of water use by some homes and business, the Garden City administration has proposed hiring the Plante & Moran auditing firm to study the cost and feasibility of upgrading the water meters and automated meter reading.

We budgeted \$100,000 last year in capital outlay for a water meter project," said City Manager Jon Bayless. "Over several years, it will probably cost \$500,000 to \$1 million ultimately. We need a cost analysis of the impact on the water-sewer fund."

Over the last several years, some exterior meter reading

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The water meter study is scheduled to be discussed further at Monday night's meeting.

## LIVONIA

**MEIJER EYES THEATER**

A longtime Livonia landmark, the George Burns Theater, could be demolished if plans to build a Meijer store at Farmington and Plymouth take root.

Southfield-based Schostak Brothers & Co. Inc. and city officials met about a month ago to talk about redeveloping the 23-acre site for a top-of-the-line Meijer store, complete with garden center, said Mayor Jack Kirksey.

The developers are expected to present conceptual plans for the megastore shortly to the Plymouth Road Development Authority.

The building formerly housed the Mai Kai Movie Theater.

It reopened twice to live theater. Both ventures failed, and the parking lot is now used to store vehicles for Bill Brown Ford.

## PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

**BODY FOUND**

A dead man and the weathered, rusty gun likely used to end his life were found Monday

in a wooded area east of I-275 in Plymouth Township.

A nearby resident called police after finding skeletal remains and clothing "that tends to make us believe it was a male," said police Detective David Hayes.

"It was just clothing and bones," Hayes said. "The skull wound to the head." He declined to speculate how long the man had been dead.

The body is being examined by the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office. Police are also checking missing persons records.

The body was found behind houses along a strip of Eckles. The houses face east on the road, which marks the Livonia-Plymouth Township border.

The man had no identification on him, police said. They found \$11 and some change in his pocket.

**WESTLAND**

**10 WORST INTERSECTIONS**

The Wayne-Ford intersection kept its long-standing No. 1 ranking for accidents even though the number of crashes dipped from 110 in 1996 to 90 last year, Westland police Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

Overall, the number of roadway crashes in Westland climbed from 2,094 to 2,247 during the two-year period.

"People have too much to do in a car," Brokas said. "They're using cell phones and fiddling around with CD players. Men are shaving in the car and women are putting on makeup."

"A lot of our accidents are occurring because people are speeding and not paying attention," he added.

Other intersection rankings were:

- No. 2: Wayne and Cherry Hill
- No. 3: Warren and Newburgh
- No. 4: Ford and Newburgh
- No. 5: Wayne and Warren
- No. 6: Wayne and Hunter
- No. 7: Wayne and Cowan
- No. 8: Warren-Central City Parkway
- No. 9: Cherry Hill and Merriam
- No. 10: Merriam and Ann Arbor Trail

## REDFORD TOWNSHIP FORMER LAWMAKER DIES

Former Township Treasurer and longtime State Rep. John Bennett, a Democrat, died March 29. He was 85.

"He really was close to people. He always took time to take a phone call," said Carol Marra, his daughter.

He attended Wayne State University and Walsh College. He worked as an accountant at Ford Motor Co. In 1955 he was elected Redford Township treasurer. He was later elected to the 34th state House seat, serving for 26 years. The district also served part of Livonia.

His accomplishments in the legislature include a law that can be used to stop hostile takeovers of small or individual businesses.

He was also instrumental in getting legislation passed that requires drivers and front-seat passengers to wear their seat belts.

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# Tunes in, sports out for Kenny's Lounge patrons

A piano bar will be replacing First Edition Bar & Grill on Canton Center Road, which has been known as a sports bar for the past four years.

The new name may sound familiar - Kenny's Lounge.

The bar was originally Kenny's when it was opened in 1989 by Ken Kobmann, also the original owner of the Press Box on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Kobmann, his wife, Jan, and Larry Farr plan to reopen the Canton bar in mid-April or May, as soon as the Michigan Liquor Control Commission approves the transfer of the Class C liquor license.

"It's a fun thing. People can sing along. A lot of bars have karaoke, but that's getting old," said Jan Kobmann.

"We always liked going to places with a piano bar."

The nearest one is Red Timbers in Novi.

**'It's a fun thing. People can sing along. A lot of bars have karaoke, but that's getting old.'**

Jan Kobmann  
-Kenny's co-owner

The bar has been completely remodeled with a marina or tropical theme. The exterior of the building is roped off to look like a dock. Ken is also in the process of finding an anchor to hang in front.

"The sign will be changing soon. We want people to drive by and see that something new is here," said Ken.

The inside of the bar has also been remodeled to not only make room for the piano, but ornate palm trees and art depicting the tropical theme.

"It will be more of a restaurant with steak and seafood," said

Ken. "We'll still have a big screen, but we're not pushing a sports bar."

"We want to draw a more mature crowd, business people," she said.

"Canton is full of restaurants, we wanted to push the piano bar."

They are in the process of hiring a piano player.

Kobmann has owned Livonia Magnetics, a machine shop on Michigan Avenue, east of Sheldon, for the past 33 years.



**Keys to success:** Kristin Wylie sits at the piano of Kenny's Lounge, formerly First Edition Bar & Grill on Canton Center Road with Jerry Esch and owner Ken Kobman in the background.

## Overpass from page A1

around Memorial Day.

"The construction won't affect the motoring public. Maybe, there'll be one lane closure for equipment. The crews will be working on weekends for about six weeks," Sanford said.

The bridge repair will be coordinated with the \$17.7 million overlay and resurfacing of I-275 from Northline Road in Romulus to Five Mile in Livonia, which is also set to begin this spring.

MDOT road crews also be

returning to Michigan Avenue to complete the \$7.8 million road reconstruction project from Haggerty Road to 1,000 feet west of Belleville Road.

The four-lane construction project stretching 2.5 miles began last spring. The first phase of construction was delayed six

weeks due to improperly-marked Ameritech fiber optic lines. It was reopened late last year.

The second phase, which will complete the project, involves the top layer of paving.

**CANTON TOWNSHIP ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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Published: March 5, 1998

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 2:00 p.m., April 23, 1998 for the following:

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The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT  
Clerk

Published: April 2, 1998

**"NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS" CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

TO THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OR ANY PERSON OR PERSONS, FIRM OR CORPORATION HAVING CHARGE OF ANY LAND IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON:

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan must be cut and destroyed on or before the first day of May, the first day of June, the first day of July, and the first day of August in each year and/or as needed and as often as may be necessary to prevent same from going to seed. Any owner, occupant, or person having charge of any such land must notify the Township that such weeds have been destroyed within three (3) days of such cutting. Any person failing to comply with this notice shall be liable to the imposition of the penalties set forth in Ordinance No. 64 of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the Township in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the Owner or occupant, shall be spread against the property on the next County and State tax roll or the next general Township tax roll and/or place a lien upon the property to secure the collection of such expense. The Township of Canton may notify by certified mail with return receipt requested, the owner, agent or occupant as shown on the current County and School tax roll, of any lands on which said noxious weeds are found growing. Such notice shall contain a summary of the provisions of this section of the Ordinance. Failure of the Township to give such notice shall not, however, constitute a defense to any action to enforce the payment of any penalty provided herein or any debt created hereunder.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Published: April 4, 1998

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

April 9, 1998

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1998 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  
Roll Call: Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern, Williams  
Acceptance of Agenda

1. Mass, Mass Enterprises, Inc., 5445 S. Sheldon Rd., Canton, MI 48188, for property located at 5445 S. Sheldon Road, Canton, MI 48188. Regarding Article 27, Section 05, Variances and Appeals, the applicant is appealing a decision by the Planning Commission relative to whether a specific use was permitted in the L-2 zoning district pertaining to Article 22, Section 02, Permitted Uses and Structures. Parcel No. 138-99-0003-000 (Planning). (Tabled from November 13, 1997 meeting; Tabled from January 8, 1998 meeting; Tabled from February 12, 1998 meeting; Tabled from March 26, 1998 meeting.)
2. Frank Robesky, Jr., 46878 Creekside Bend, Canton, MI 48188, for property located at same. Appealing Article 2.009, Yard & Bulk Regulations in Rear Yards. The request is for a variance in order to build a wood deck. Parcel No. 111-04-0194-000 (Building).
3. John & Fran Bernard, 6050 N. Ridge Rd., Canton, MI 48187, for property located at same. Appealing Ordinance No. 110, Article 17.021, Section 2.1 (A), Pool Clearance. The request is for a variance in order to put an above ground swimming pool in the front yard. Parcel No. 031-99-0009-000 (Building).
4. Steve Sievers, 2230 Hannan Rd., Canton, MI 48188, for property located at same. Appealing Article 2.03 (D.1), Specific Requirements for Accessory Structures and Uses in Residential and Agricultural Districts. The request is for a variance to build a pole barn for storage. Parcel No. 097-99-0004-000 and 097-99-0005-000 (Building).
5. Rex & Terry Tobbe, 46239 Westminster Way, Canton, MI 48187, for property located at same. Appealing Article 20.02, Requirements for Agricultural and Residential Districts, Rear Yard Setbacks. The request is for a variance in order to add a screened in porch on top of a deck. Parcel No. 040-01-0066-000 (Building).

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 1998  
Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of March 26, 1998

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# Nursing students help scouts earn badge



**Be Your Best:** Madonna University nursing student Anita Williams discusses the importance of keeping your teeth clean to scouts at the "Be Your Best - Developing Health and Fitness" program at Madonna University. Amy Cronk, 7, (left) and Bethany Smith, 6, from Brownie Troop 1469 draw a picture to illustrate how to say no to drug use.

Students from Madonna University's nursing program instructed Brownies and Girl Scouts last Saturday morning on the components of the badge "Be Your Best: Developing Health and Fitness."

The components of the merit

badge include: looking your best, avoiding harmful substances, physical fitness, nutrition, environmental factors and reducing stress.

The 13 girls moved from session to session throughout the four-hour workshop receiving information and participating

in an activity specially planned by the nursing students. Madonna nursing school faculty and staff from St. Mary Hospital Community Outreach Department collaborated on the planning for this special program.



## Lake from page A9

burgh Lake were carp, Van Omen said.

The lake will be restocked with several species of fingerlings, which are small fish less than a year old, including bluegills, largemouth bass, chan-

nel catfish, walleye, black crappie, northern pike and pumpkinseed sunfish.

The county also will restock bluegills, catfish, largemouth bass and northern pike at the Nankin impoundment of the

Rouge River, located downstream from Newburgh Lake between Stark and Merriman roads in Westland.

The fish restocking must take place within 30 days of the completion of the restoration project, according to an administrative order between Wayne County and the Michigan Department of

Environmental Quality.

Fish advisories remain in place for Rouge River fish. The state Health Department will need to lift that same advisory on Newburgh Lake, possibly in the year 2000, before any restocked fish can be caught and consumed by anglers there.

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## Bad timing Bond plan faces uphill battle

We credit Chuck Little, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools superintendent, for taking an aggressive approach to what he sees as a big problem three years from now — adequate space for middle school students. But we also have to question his political savvy.

Little announced his administration's intention to seek another bond issue by year's end as part of a sweeping package of proposed changes in the district over the next decade. The bonds would pay for construction of a new middle school in Canton designed, in part, to help offset the possible loss of space leased by Lowell Middle School. Some 730 Plymouth-Canton students currently attend Lowell, located in Westland and owned by Livonia Public Schools.

Little has said all along that voters would see additional ballot proposals as Plymouth-Canton continues to grow. In politics, though, timing is everything.

Coming back so soon after the March 1997 bond issue — approved by a margin of less than 1 percent and still facing a court challenge — could do more harm than good for Plymouth-Canton schools and for the community as a whole. A crushing defeat at the polls this time around could forever change the district's dynamics.

Last year's vote, although successful from the district's standpoint, was hardly a mandate for new school construction. Voters still have strong feelings about the fact that 720 ballots miscast on touch-screen voting machines didn't count.

Although an appeals court panel has assigned expedited status to the lawsuit filed by former state Rep. Jerry Vorva, there's a good possibility the case will still be undecided when this second bond goes on the ballot.

Remember that three-fourths of the district's voting population has no direct connection to the schools. And even for likely bond supporters, there will be no tangible way to measure the district's progress in accommodating future growth.

Which brings up another point. School officials have been delivering mixed messages in recent months about Plymouth-Canton's future. Based on comments at recent school board meetings and enrollment projections released by the district, the public has to wonder:

■ If neighborhood schools are bursting at the seams, why does Plymouth-Canton need to "recruit" students from adjoining districts?

■ If portions of the district are seeing tremendous growth, that should lead to more state funding. Yet school officials have hinted of an upcoming financial crisis.

Then too, the district has known about the Lowell situation for years. Why wasn't it covered by the 1997 bond issue? Isn't the new elementary school on the 1997 bond supposed to be built so that it could be expanded into a middle school?

At first blush, a new bond proposal raises more questions than solutions. That's not the mindset you want from voters headed to the ballot box.

## Health event has wide appeal

On Saturday, April 25, Canton will once again host Project Health-O-Rama at Summit on the Park. The program of free and low-cost health screening, sponsored area-wide by the United Health Organization and WXYZ-TV, has been a spring fixture in Metro Detroit for three decades now.

Local sponsors for the Canton site are Canton Township, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, St. Joseph Mercy Health System and the Observer Newspapers.

Free services include a blood pressure check; hearing, vision, glaucoma checks; oral and dental screening; body composition; nutritional counseling; and mental health.

Appraisal. For a nominal fee (\$8-\$35 per procedure), participants can get a full blood

panel, bone density screen, take-home prostate exam and other services.

One of Project Health-O-Rama's goals has always been to bring health care to people who don't otherwise have access. But that doesn't necessarily mean poor people, those without jobs, or senior citizens.

Many people who come to Health-O-Rama work in service jobs with little or no health insurance coverage. Some work part-time — by choice — or are independent contractors. Still others work more than full-time, making a weekday doctor visit — when there isn't a pressing health problem — a major inconvenience.

Canton's site will be open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. A complete check-up should take about an hour.

## Don't relax concealed gun law

Guns. Next to abortion and assisted suicide, it is one of the most emotionally-charged public issues in Michigan.

While many people are split on whether there should be more or less control on handguns, the public should be aware of an innocent-looking package of bills proposed by state legislators that threatens to do much more harm than good.

On the surface, the package of related bills, whose chief sponsor is state Rep. Alan Cropey, R-DeWitt, has some advantages. It would standardize statewide the rules for people applying for a concealed weapons permit and require that applicants complete a 12-hour firearms training course. One bill also allows government to revoke a permit of anyone with a blood alcohol level of 0.02 percent while carrying the pistol.

At present, each county has a board which reviews requests and approves them if the applicants can prove a reason to have the permit.

But the bill package in Lansing starts at the opposite end — requiring that the boards "shall issue" permits unless there are problems with the background of the applicant.

If approved, the bills will put more weapons in the hands of persons going about their daily business and pose a serious public safety threat to everyone.

While many believe that "law-abiding" citizens don't pose a threat while carrying a handgun to protect themselves outside their homes, the increase in the accessibility of handguns has a potential for misuse in a variety of situations.

The proposal to liberalize the concealed weapons permit laws, supported by a majority of the state House, is poor public policy and a clear public safety threat.

It should be rejected by the Legislature

with support from the public.

There are several good reasons for opposing the bill.

One bill gives gun boards potentially abusive discretion to go in to closed-door sessions when discussing applications.

Michiganians should heed the warnings of two well-informed organizations which have voiced strong opposition to the bill.

While the bills seem harmless enough on the surface, the Observer agrees with the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan and the American College of Physicians in opposing the package of bills.

The prosecutors' association made the public policy position clear in a letter to a state representative.

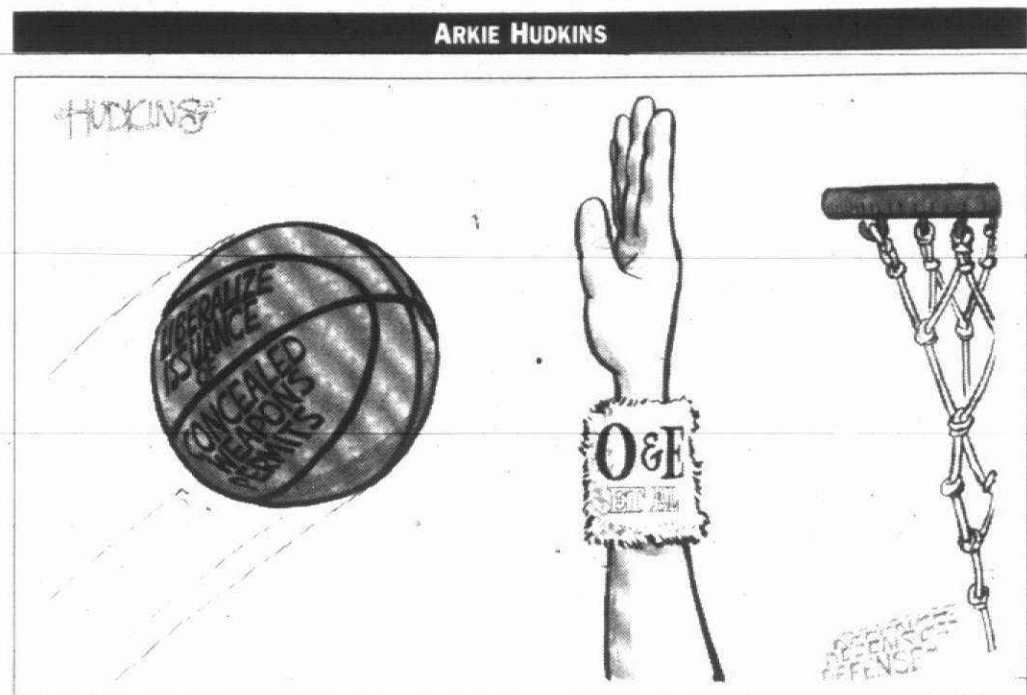
"Every effort should be made to reduce the level of violence in our communities and to protect the lives and safety of our citizens," it said. "The medical organization went one step further."

"The growing incidence of firearm violence has reached epidemic proportions. Members of the college overwhelmingly agree that firearm violence and the prevention of firearm injuries are public health issues of increasing concern and that physicians should be involved in counseling patients and support community actions to reduce injuries and deaths involving firearms."

Under Michigan law, a person with a permit to own a gun may carry that gun; he or she just may not carry it concealed. Michigan already has common-sense rules on carrying handguns. To roll back these restrictions and make Michigan a "shall issue" state would be a mistake.

The bottom line is that the life you save may be your own.

If writing to your state legislator, refer to House Bill 5551 through 5559, inclusive.



ARKIE HUDKINS

### LETTERS

#### Election a 'sham'

Usually, someone writes an editorial that mirrors my views on controversial subjects, thus relieving my anxiety, and I no longer feel obligated to write one myself. There are a couple of points, which I believe, have not been properly addressed to this date. I feel it is important to bring them to the people's attention.

One of the very first, and important lessons taught me as an apprentice was the premise of "Murphy's Law." "Anything that can go wrong, will go wrong." Another possibly even more poignant version of Murphy's law is "If they can, they will."

In the most recent publication of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools "Newswire" dated March 1998, Superintendent Charles Little again points out that there have now been four hearings, whereby local canvassers, Wayne County canvassers, the Michigan Secretary of State, and the Wayne County Circuit Court found no fault with the district, or the equipment used in the March 1997 school bond election.

The first point I wish to make is this. Given that all of these good people, who were involved in these hearings, are probably all very likely to be competent in their various fields, all of them nevertheless demonstrate an extreme lack of understanding of very basic and simple electro-mechanical devices. When it comes to their consensus that there was nothing wrong with the equipment used in the March 1997 election, baloney!

Point No. 2. I find it incomprehensible that the Unilect Corporation, the company providing touch-screen voting machines, would provide a reliable and dependable piece of equipment, that could not possibly be inadvertently misused, by an uninformed, unaware, unsuspecting, unsophisticated, trusting voter. In so doing they would be making a complete admission of their incompetence.

What I believe this company did to build these voting machines to the very best "specific requirements" of the people who purchased, and paid for them.

The person that purchased these imperfect, and undisputedly flawed, pieces of equipment was Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill. Perhaps it was through ignorance, perhaps by design. At any rate, these machines provided Superintendent Charles Little and the school board the means to sway the voting in their favor, possibly in a deliberately immoral, and quite possibly criminal manner.

What I would like to know is, why in hell didn't a red flag go off in these machines to warn an unwary voter, that he did something wrong, and voided his vote? He then could have had the machine reset by an election

board official, recast his vote, and had it count.

It is my conclusion, that this election was a complete and obvious sham. To attempt to place the blame on human error is ludicrous and downright shameful. The persons claiming this, should be ashamed of themselves.

What is at issue here, is not that the bond vote passed, or failed, but the manner in which the election was conducted.

In conclusion, if this letter causes Superintendent Little, and Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill, and a host of others to lapse into a sudorific state, it well should.

Ramon E. Lavins  
Canton

#### Responds to report

I would like to respond to "District may close 'unsafe' PCEP areas" (Canton Observer, March 19).

Some of my colleagues and I were concerned that Canton High School teacher Jan Sutherland was named ("The loft above Jan Sutherland's production room") in listed locations where students could congregate unseen at Canton High School.

In the more than two dozen locations listed in your article no other teachers were named, the readers were just told where the locations were.

The video production room referred to in the article is located in the back of the Little Theater at Canton High School and there is a hallway across to it. Ms. Sutherland only has a class in there once a day.

All of the other locations in the article could have been identified by staff members who use them or who are nearby but that wasn't the purpose of the list.

We just wanted to assure readers that Ms. Sutherland is an alert, successful teacher who is in no way responsible for creating a location at Canton High School where students can meet unseen.

Dave Seemann  
English teacher  
Canton High School

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### POINTS OF VIEW

## A different kind of Spring Break for EMU senior

BY JULIE NORICKS  
GUEST COLUMNIST

I nominate myself 1998's travel agent extraordinaire. I had the opportunity to help coordinate

Eastern Michigan University's Alternative Spring Break Program (ASB) this school year. This means that I basically took on an amazing number of roles in just a few short months. I was a mother, encourager, budgeter, bully and participant.

Along with five other coordinators, I sent out approximately 100 students to 10 different sites all across the country for their spring breaks in the name of community service. Each of the 10 trips consisted of six to 13 students who were dedicated to a particular issue that was site-specific. For example, our students who went to New Orleans volunteered at an elementary school in a low-income area working with children and assisting teachers in numerous ways.

Though planning a trip like this can frequently be a bit discouraging, it is the end results of the program

that make it all worthwhile. All sorts of roadblocks occurred along the way that simply had to be eased around with persistence and a very ready sense of humor.

On the morning we were to leave, I thought everything was finally going to go smoothly. But two hours before "lift off" three of the vans fell through that were going to take the students to their destinations. This meant that approximately 25 people had no transportation to get to places like North Carolina and South Dakota.

Two of our coordinators called every rental company in the phone book until the last listed company was able to find some vans for us. The trips only had to leave about an hour behind schedule.

Aside from all the red tape and hard work that goes into each trip, the most important factor that assures an amazingly positive experience is the group cohesion that takes place within each trip group. Most of the students who attend ASB have never met each other, come from a wide variety of backgrounds, and

### GUEST COLUMNIST



JULIE NORICKS

have no other perceptions of what the trip will actually be like.

After everyone's baggage and gear is snatched into their vans, the ASB experience finally begins. Traveling in a van for more than 36 hours straight like our Arizona trip did promise some group tension, laughter, poorly sung songs and new friendships — and perhaps a missed exit or two.

Last year I ventured to Oklahoma, and this year, to work with the Cherokee Nation Head Start Program. This year I traveled to

Washington, D.C., to work with an organization called Food and Friends that prepares and delivers meals to homeless HIV/AIDS patients.

Although my experiences were vastly different between the two years, the bond formed within both of my trips was phenomenal.

It's quite a moving experience to work side by side with people in a way you hope will have positive effects. The most important aspect of the trip is the relationships you build with your group members and those you work with at the various organizations.

At the Head Start school last year, I played with young children and heard their laughter. This year, I delivered meals to people who had such grateful looks on their faces it brings tears to my eyes and makes me realize just how fortunate I am. I also got to know some of the kitchen staff and volunteers at Food and Friends while chopping enormous amounts of green onions, which also brought tears to my eyes but for a thoroughly different reason!

The experiences of an ASB trip are unfortunately so euphoric for that week during spring break that those feelings are soon forgotten once school begins again and the grind of classes returns.

The friendships live on and the backs of our minds while looking through photographs and remembering what it was all about.

But each year, EMU and other schools across the country send out students for the sake of donating a little time to a variety of causes.

Although the work everyone does may not have a greatly visible effect on some of our nation's largest problems, we hope a few lives were touched and a few positive moments were shared.

Julie Noricks is a Canton resident who will graduate from Eastern Michigan University this spring with a bachelor's degree in technical writing and literature. She hopes to go to the New York University Summer Publishing Institute and will enter graduate school next fall.

## Ameritech has its share of critics — and not just on these pages

Every time I open the mail, Ameritech has a new opponent. Not just a competitor, but someone who thinks the telephone-fag company is evil.

Attorney General Frank J. Kelley has joined the fray. And if you think this columnist has been tough on Ameritech's badly-written and unreadable legal notices, you should read Kelley's attacks on the monopoly.

Next week is a big one in Judge Randall Bono's courtroom in Madison County, Ill. The judge is scheduled to approve or reject Ameritech's offer to settle a lawsuit for \$78 million. It's a class action case brought by Line Backer customers who said they were

cheated. "Plainly, this settlement is a complete ripoff for Ameritech customers," said Kelley as he objected to approval of the settlement. He cited these grounds:

■ The amount is inadequate. The original suit sought \$226 million. Ameritech is trying to settle for one-third of that amount plus the customers' attorneys' fees.

■ Ameritech isn't offering to pay cash but more of its dubious services. "Class members who are current IWMP (Inside Wire Maintenance Plans, or Line Backer) subscribers will receive a limited number of pay-per-use services (three-way calling, automatic dial back and repeat dial-



TIM RICHARD

ing), prepaid cards for Ameritech pay phones and expanded IWMP coverage," Kelley said.

"Since customers paid cash, they should get cash back, not additional services," said the attorney general. In other words, customers should be

free to spend their money as they wish, not forced to let Ameritech keep it.

Class members would be forced to release Ameritech from liability for all deceptive practices which the company might have used since 1987. As I pointed out in an earlier column, Ameritech, even when caught and brought to court, refuses to admit it did anything wrong.

The attorneys general of Wisconsin and Ohio joined Kelley in objecting to the settlement. The Illinois attorney general filed a separate objection.

FYI, besides denouncing Ameritech in this column, I filed my own objection to the settlement. I asked Judge Bono to require Ameritech to re-send

out notices of the settlement in the same-size headline and body type that it used on its mailed advertising.

I also asked that the notice be written with sentences of 30 words maximum. The Ameritech notice had a sentence with 170 words and was virtually incomprehensible. I suspect Ameritech's lawyers deliberately made it unattractive and unreadable.

One gets bruised knuckles beating up on Bob Cooper and his company's knavery, but it looks as if Ameritech doesn't want to do anything fairly.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

### LETTERS

#### Lean times for schools?

I would like to comment on Cynthia Burnstein's comments regarding "positioning ourselves so we're not forced to cut programs in lean economic times." ("HS site draws debate," Canton Observer, March 12.)

I moved to Canton one year ago. I've never been involved in school, public, or political issues much but I felt I had to comment on her remarks. I am amazed at the amount of growth that the Canton area has had (commercially and residentially) in the last 10 years. Formerly from Plymouth Township, I was almost scared to move to Canton because it seemed to be too thriving!

"Lean economic times" is the last thing I would expect to read about the Canton community. I only hope that she is basing her statement on legitimate facts, and not intentionally misrepresenting the district's financial condition in order to back up her own position on this matter.

James Freeman  
Canton

#### Make leaders accountable

Regarding the editorial, "Numbers game: Rerouting salaries serves public" (Canton Observer, Feb. 5):

On Jan. 5, I attended the Canton Township meeting. I had two reasons: the number of firefighters and their beginning pay. There are 30-plus firemen, but 27 firefighters. Starting pay is \$29,400 for three-five years, then it's up to \$45,000. My point was its near impossible to live where they risk their lives.

Last on the subject, we are one of the largest townships in Michigan, growing at an unbelievable rate. We are covered by one firehouse on Warren and the new one on Canton Center that won't be complete for a month. I asked when will a third one cover the south position? We are just fine, these heroes make their runs in six minutes.

My second purpose was to ask (Supervisor Tom) Yack and board why they decide their own salaries. Mr. Yack was specifically asked, according to records he will have received \$15,000 over the last three-four years plus bonus and the ridiculous pattern, when increases are given to any department head, Mr. Yack gets the same. I asked Mr. Yack if he could explain what duties or new responsibility he had taken on to justify \$15,000. No answers, of course.

There is a habit of the township telling its residents that we actually don't pay much in taxes to run the government of the township.

Final: So where does the money come from? State, federal, county taxes? This answer attempts to make the residents feel their ideas aren't too important. We just aren't paying for it, or it doesn't cost very much.

We also aren't paying for the Summit. Wall, something did not go just right so far now we taxpayers are helping out \$18,000 was needed for a new transformer, the first one failed and is useless.

We have wonderful police and fire departments. They make so many runs and risk their lives every time they take a run on our overcrowded roads. In my lowly opinion, more firefighters and paramedics 24 hours a day are needed for close to 70,000 people, \$15,000 would help in that area versus aiming for CEO status.

We also have a top of the line library with great people and information. I attempted to compare the running of the township to Maslow's hierarchy of needs. The focus of government is to first meet all safety needs.

When land developers come in their trucks ruin our roads and they have their fortune and leave — we are left to build new schools as we are doing, joining the Van Buren system.

The Summit/golf course that has taken so much of the township's attention is not for Canton residents — it is too expensive.

Finally, the Merit Commission is a public insult. We need a nonpolitical, objective group or we need to vote the salaries. Public servants must answer to their employers.

Barbara Orston  
Canton

#### Bennett stands out

I want to thank Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, for participating in the recent Michigan Summit on School Equity; he was the only legislator from the Plymouth-Canton area to attend.

School funding and Proposal A are hotly debated topics, and it's never easy to be charged with changing a sometimes unpopular law. I appreciate Sen. Bennett's willingness to state his views and answer questions, and especially for staying after the program to speak with individuals. (Several other legislators left immediately after the program, or even sooner.)

Whatever an individual's view of Proposal A, one thing is clear. It will take cooperation from everyone involved to make our schools better. Thanks again, Sen. Bennett, for being part of the solution.

Herbert Scott  
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# Supporters work to revive bilingual teaching

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Teachers and parents from area school districts have started an uphill battle to revive bilingual teaching in public schools.

"In Southfield, the commitment is there. We need a commitment from the state," teacher Nidahl DeCesare told the House Education Committee last month.

"There are many, many success stories of people who came here speaking Russian, Arabic, Spanish."

Rasmia Kassab, a Southfield mother wearing a Vandenberg School sweatshirt, credited bilingual classes for teaching her

English.

Professor Phyllis Noda, of the Eastern Michigan University faculty and president of the Michigan Association for Bilingual Education, said Michigan looks at bilingual teaching as a burden when it should look at bilingual kids as "a precious resource — they all have a second language. We're a free-trade zone, folks."

"We don't want that money (\$4.2 million from the state in the last year of the program). We want that mandate. The only thing that motivated some districts was the stick (state mandate)."

Bilingual education means teaching pupils in their native

language for three years or until their English proficiency is great enough to allow mainstreaming. Michigan mandated it for more than 20 years until 1996 when the School Code was revised to eliminate as many rules as possible.

Michigan spent \$4.2 million a year for bilingualism's last 11 fiscal years, with no inflation adjustment. With the new School Code, the money was folded into the school aid budget. The money is there, but school districts have no mandate from Lansing to continue bilingual instruction.

Rep. Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, is sponsor of a bill to restore bilingual instruction.

"There is an allegiance to the flag that includes all persons. There is no better way to give them an opportunity than this," she told the panel.

Scott's bill would require a school district with 20 or more children of "limited English-speaking ability" in grades K-12 to operate a bilingual instruction program. If fewer than 20 had limited English in a district, the county intermediate district would determine whether to operate a countywide program.

Education chair Sharon Gire, D-Macomb County, took testimony but hasn't scheduled a vote.

Committee members prodded Professor Noda about costs. "If we mandate it," said Rep. James

McNutt, R-Midland, "we have to fund it."

Noda said "nebulous estimates" placed the number of eligible students at 56,000 to 75,000 statewide. At \$289 per pupil, the minimum cost would be \$16 million a year.

Deborah Vargas, a Rochester Hills resident teaching in Pontiac, recalled that when her parents came from Puerto Rico, "I couldn't speak a word of English. After kindergarten, I was looked at for special education because they thought I was dumb."

Now in charge of bilingual education in Pontiac, Vargas said a second language should be looked at as an asset.

Javier Garibay, a Detroit

father, said, "My wife and I have made a decision to teach our children in Spanish. This (bill) will protect bilingual education." He estimated 9,500 Detroit children have limited English proficiency.

The battle is uphill because the mood in Lansing is against writing mandates into law that may contain growing costs down the road.

No one spoke against the bill — a sign that many education lobbyists saw no need to fight a bill that probably isn't going anywhere.

Refer to House bill 4196 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, PO Box 30014, Lansing 48909.

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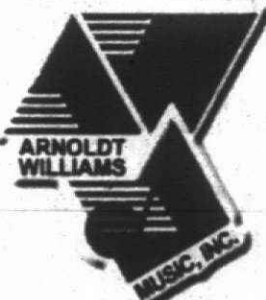
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## COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

## Pride gets in the way sometimes

John and Sue were in the car, driving to a party on the other side of town. As they got closer to their destination, John realized that he wasn't exactly sure about where he was going.

Sue noticed his hesitancy and piped up with, "John, if you don't know where you're going, why don't we stop and ask?" This infuriated John.

"I know exactly where I'm going," he shot back.

Why did her question make John so angry? What gets in the way of our taking a suggestion?

That ugly old four-letter word called pride does. Pride can get in the middle of more relationships than we can count, wreaking havoc on them. A client came into the office several years ago and could not stop raving and ranting about how her husband never took her advice.

"He just won't listen to me. Just yesterday he was trying to fix the garbage disposal. I tried to tell him that he was using the wrong tool, but his pride got in the way and he'd sooner shoot the messenger than do it the right way. I don't get it."

As John Gray points out in "Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus," men have a need to be autonomous and achieve on their own. This proves their competence and gives them power. When they hear someone giving them advice it makes them feel like, "You don't trust me ... you think I'm incompetent." Then their prideful nature takes over. "I won't succumb to her ... I'm going to do it my way."

Does this mean women are exempt from being prideful? No, it's an equal opportunity ailment. Women's possessiveness to their principles can also override truth, as in the lady who insists on driving 60 miles per hour in the left lane. "I have a right to drive in the left lane."

Pride can be boastful. Pride can be arrogant, self-righteous. As Webster's Dictionary says, "pride makes one feel like they possess a high and unreasonable opinion of their own excellence."

### Can it be good?

Can pride ever be good? Yes, when you speak with pride about how your child won the soccer tournament. Yes, when you passed that extremely hard test. Yes, when you conquered something that took massive willpower like losing weight. But pride can also eat at your relationships with family and friends.

If you're serious about having meaningful, fulfilling, productive relationships you can't afford to let the "bad" pride get in the way. You know pride has reared its ugly head when self-defensiveness and self-protection emerge. You know your prideful self has come out when you've done something wrong and you cannot admit to it. That darn old pride just gets in the way of eating crow.

Sammy was a 12-year-old boy. When he arrived in the counseling office, he looked like an average sixth-grader, though he acted quite brash and cocky. The therapist suspected that he might be on the verge of getting into trouble.

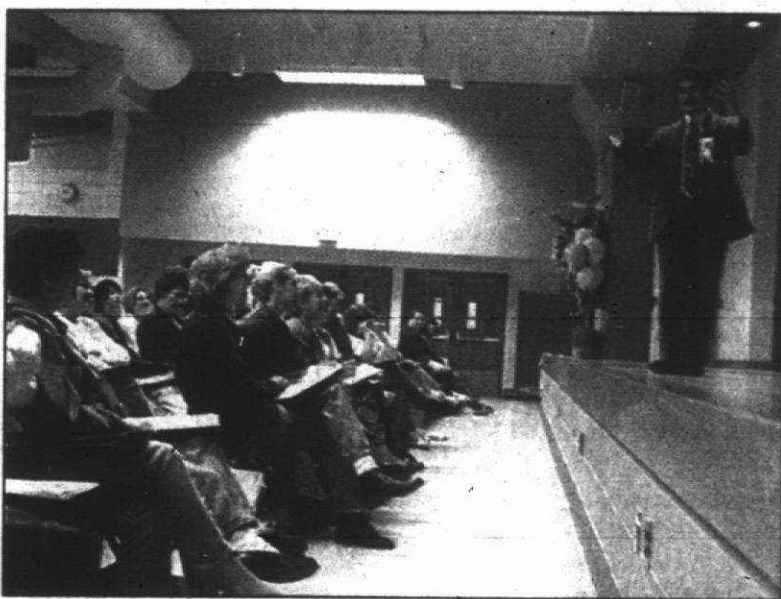
His suspicions were confirmed when he heard Sam's latest escapade. He told stories to the therapist about how he started smoking cigarettes when he was 11, and how last week-end he and his friends had stolen beer from the party store and downed all 12 beers in rapid succession.

When the therapist later shared the information with mom, recommending a drug assessment be done on the boy, he suspected appearance was everything to that mother.

"Well," she commented, "you know how boys experiment with all kinds of things. I really don't think a drug assessment is necessary. I'll just tell him I won't tolerate that behavior."

Please see SENSORS, B2

## Parents get pointers on parenting



Dispelling the myths: Ray Guarendi, a clinical psychologist specializing in parenting and childhood, told his audience that "discipline without love is harsh" and "love without discipline is child abuse." Listening closely to what was said by the Parents' Day keynote speaker was Barry Levine, who gave his daughter, Jessica, a hug.



They may have been there because they're considerate and involved or being eaten up by their kids, but parents found plenty of information at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Parents' Day '98.

While rumors swirled of a tornado in Livonia, a whirlwind captured the attention of parents visiting East Middle School in Plymouth on Saturday.

Enthusiastic Ray Guarendi darted across the stage and alternately raised and lowered his voice as he told humorous stories about parenting at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' "Parents' Day '98."

Laughter filled the auditorium as Guarendi, a clinical psychologist specializing in parenting and childhood problems, kicked off the 4 1/2-hour seminar with his talk on "You're a better parent than you think."

He guessed that there were one of two reasons why the 300 parents came to the event, co-sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

"You're either loving, considerate, involved parents or your kids are eating you up," he said.

That comment introduced the participants to his talk which was

focused on parents and anyone else who works with children who "are having their confidence, peace of mind and authority undercut by a number of widespread myths that have been pushed upon them by the experts, the media and almost everybody else," his literature reads. "Victimized by these false notions, many parents and educators are plagued by groundless worry, guilt and frustration."

Guarendi's talk identified several of these myths.

The Canton, Ohio, resident said discipline is the No. 1 problem he sees as a psychologist.

"What a struggle discipline has now become for American parents. Why are so many big people frustrated with so many little people?"

Guarendi said he doesn't understand why adults, who are much larger than children, let their kids do what they want. He explained that discipline is an integral part of morals and character.



"If you love the boy and you're his mother, discipline comes with a soft landing," he said. "If we don't discipline them now, automatically we're turning it over to the people out there and it's hard. If you're standing in front of a judge and you say 'I'm the middle child, I have an identity problem and I'm left-handed,' do you think he's going to say, 'Did you tell the prosecutor that? I'm sure they'll drop the case.'"

"Discipline is a loving, durable gift. Discipline without love is harsh. Love without discipline is child abuse."

### 'Psychological correctness'

Parents who are lax in disciplining their children, he said, suffer from "psychological correctness." They worry too much about what the experts deem to be correct way of handling children. As a psychologist, Guarendi said he sees doctors and child psychologists as clients who are concerned about that.

"They're up on all the child development theories and their children are eating them up alive," he said.

Other parents, he said, come up with creative ideas on how to get their points across. One mom, Guarendi explained, gave her son a road map when he threatened to run

away. Another parent told her son to take off all his clothing before he left.

"You came into the world naked, you're not leaving with my stuff," he recalled the mother telling him.

Parents, he said, should not "parent by consensus." If a child says, "Well, everyone else in school gets to watch television," stick to your guns.

"Go to parent-teacher conferences all the way to the 12th grade," he said. "I am convinced that if you are going to be a great parent and raise great kids, you are very often going to feel alone," he said.

Manners are one of the easiest things to teach children, he explained.

"The procedure is simple; the repetition will kill you," he said. "Manners make parents look good in public. That's why they don't use them. Don't take them out in public. Invariably they will pull some stunt that is embarrassing. If people know you're a shrink, the pressure is worse."

He shared stories of the nine children he and his wife have, all of whom are adopted.

"You're out with your spouse for the first time alone in four years; all you want is peace," he said. "Then you look at the door and you see me."

Please see PARENTS' DAY, B2

## Holy Week: God's people ready for Easter

Palm Sunday, April 5, marks the beginning of Holy Week as area churches celebrate the passion of Christ. His journey to the cross begins with this festival and continues through to His resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 12.

The Christian life is a journey of faith in God's love through Christ. The season of Lent - "springtime" in Middle English - is a time for growth in faith that is a work in love.

During the 40 days of Lent, Believers make their own journey to Jerusalem with Jesus, determined to leave behind the "old self," equally determined to put on the "new self," to borrow terms from St. Paul.

Traditionally, this journey has included such practices as fasting, giving up personal pleasures, giving extra time to prayer and special services of worship.

During Lent, Jesus beckons people to join Him as He travels towards death and resurrection. With that journey in mind, local churches are putting the finishing touches on their Holy Week and Easter observances.

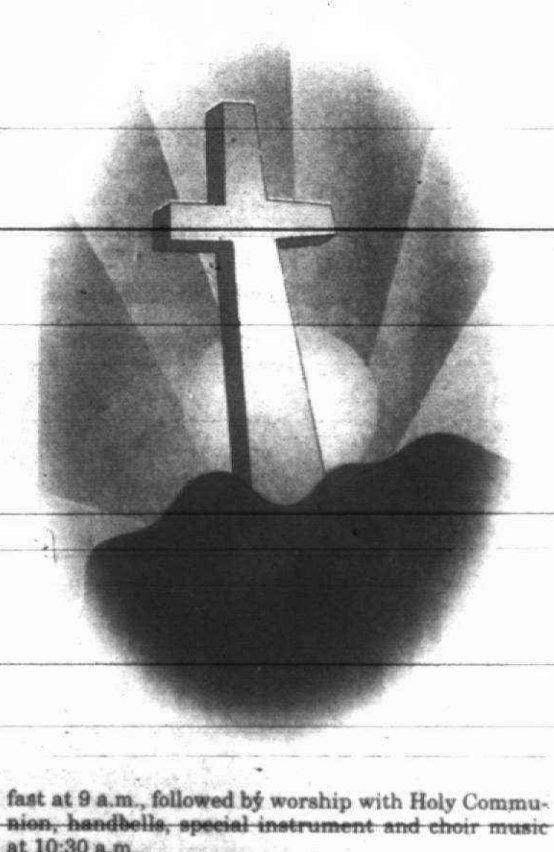
St. John's Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes Ave., east of Inkster Road and south of I-96, Redford, (313) 538-2660

Holy Week at St. John's will begin with Palm Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m.

On Maundy Thursday, April 9, worship will be at 7:30 p.m. The service will include the ritual foot washing, Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar, while worship on Good Friday, April 10, will be a candlelight Tenebrae service at 7:30 a.m.

An Easter Vigil will start at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11, and include music, Holy Communion and a prelude to the Resurrection.

Easter Sunday will start off with an Easter break-



fast at 9 a.m., followed by worship with Holy Communion, handbells, special instrument and choir music at 10:30 a.m.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, and the Canton Campus, 46001 Warren Road, Canton (734) 522-6830

Festival Palm Sunday services will be at 8:30 and 11 a.m. The Christ Our Savior Choir and handbell choirs will perform "All Glory Laud and Honor," while the Cherub, Choristers, Handbells, Brass and Christ Our Savior choirs will join in singing "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" by Timothy Mayfield. Palm crosses will be distributed to all worshippers.

Special music will highlight the 9:30 a.m. service at Christ Our Savior-Canton, and each worshipper will receive a palm cross.

On Maundy Thursday, worship will be at 7:30 p.m. with Holy Communion at both the Livonia and Canton campuses.

Special music from the Christ Our Savior Choir and Woodwind Choir will enhance the Livonia worship, and there will be a drama, "Rock Like," in which a remorseful Peter, whose faith was rock like, denies Christ but is remembered by Him. As part of the service, the altar will be stripped of all cloths, candles and furnishings in preparation for Good Friday.

The Good Friday service of the cross will be at 12:30 p.m. in Livonia with special music. There also will be a drama involving the Roman Centurion who nailed Christ to the cross and then realizes He is truly the son of God.

At the Livonia campus, a Tenebrae service of "The Deepening Darkness" with scripture and music will unfold the story of Christ's crucifixion and death.

Please see HOLY WEEK, B8







# CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

## WEEKEND

### 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 presentation of ballet and modern dance works. Admission is \$9.

### ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

The city of Plymouth Parks & Recreation Department is looking for crafters for its annual Spring Arts & Crafts Show. The show will be a one-day event and take place 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4. The cost of an 8-foot table 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 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 under 2. Reservations are from 9-11 a.m. For more information, or for a reservation, call (734) 453-7272.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The VFW No. 6695 Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast 9 a.m. to noon Sunday April 5, at the VFW No. 6695 Hall, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. Cost is \$3.50. This event is open to the public. For more information, call Ann Smith at 453-1529.

## AROUND TOWN

### REGISTRATION

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

Registration for kindergarten will be held from 8-3 p.m. Monday, April 6, at Tanger Kids' Time Office, 40260 Five Mile, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 420-7040.

### 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 Rossi at (734) 420-4171.

The Plymouth YMCA is now taking registration for Spring T-ball, Coach Pitch, Youth Softball League and Spring Soccer League.

Other programs being offered are Preschool sport classes, Aerobics, Camp Tonquish, Camp Jelly-beanz and much more. Call the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904 to register for more information.

### EASTER BUNNY

The Easter Bunny will make an appearance from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at Keller & Stein, 42155 Michigan Ave., Canton. Be sure to stop in and receive your free picture with the Easter Bunny compliments of Keller & Stein.

### EASTER DROP

Canton Parks and Recreation 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 the helicopter marshmallow drop. Children will have the opportunity to retrieve marshmallows in exchange for goodies and treats. The event is free.

### GOLF LEAGUE

The "Sundowners I" women's golf league still has openings for play at 5:15 p.m. Mondays at Hill-top Golf Course in Plymouth. Golf begins April 20 and runs 18 weeks. For more information, call Kathy Santos at (734) 453-5929.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

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

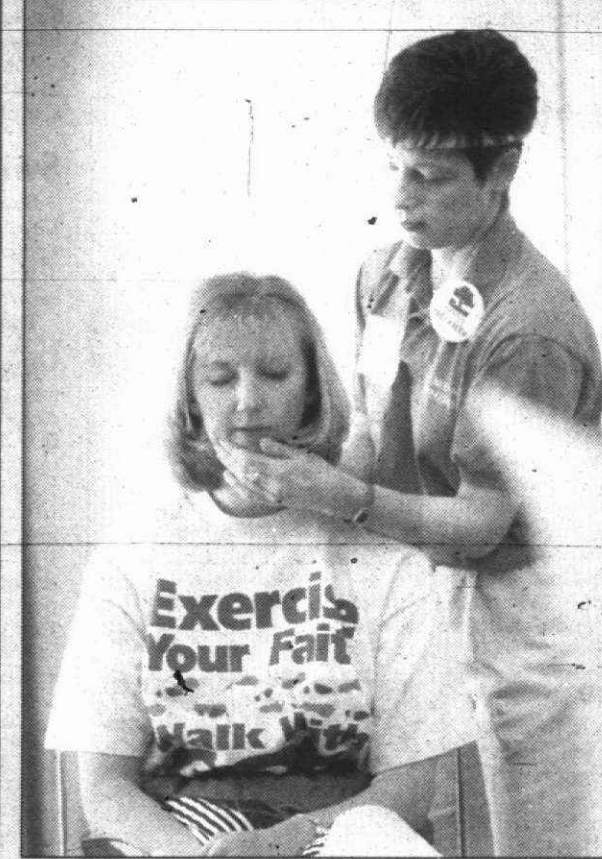
McCabe Funeral Home is sponsoring "Surviving Loss-Free Bereavement Seminar" at 7 p.m. Monday, April 6, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Cathy Clough, director of bereavement services at Arbor Hospice, will conduct the seminars. The seminar will involve discussions on basic steps people can take to get through difficult times and cope with the death of loved ones. There will be suggestions and ideas on how to cope with a loss. For more information, call (248) 851-3993.

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.

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

Livonia Little People's Co-op Preschool has openings for the school year in the 3- and 4-year-old classes. The preschool is at 8820 Wayne Road, just north of Joy. For more information, call 422-1176.

## Easy does it



Get the Massage: Message therapy will be one of the health offerings at Project Health-O-Rama, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Summit on the Park. The day of free and low-cost health screening is co-sponsored by Canton Township, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System and the Observer Newspapers. For more information call the Project Health-O-Rama Hotline, (248) 424-8600 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays.

Suburban Children's Co-op 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 3-4 year-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 half-day kindergarten through the fifth grade at New Morning School. Mid-year openings are available for upper elementary students. New Morning School is a state-certified and licensed nonprofit school. For more information, call (734) 420-3331.

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

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

### BOOK SALE

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

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### SOUNDINGS

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

### ALZHEIMER'S

The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to people experiencing memory loss. Those who volunteer receive an excellent orientation that provides them with the information and skills to brighten the life of someone with 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 the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Meetings are 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile Road. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others are welcome to attend meetings which serve Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Livonia, Redford and Garden City. Interested volunteers may call 459-0216 or 421-4208.

### COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

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

### CELIAC SPRUE

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

### HIV/AIDS TESTING

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

### LIFE MINISTRIES

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

### LEARNING DISABLED

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

### MDDA

MDDA (Manic Depression-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 presents a consumer-run drop-in center open to persons with psychiatric disabilities (18 years and older) who want to meet new people. The program is open from 4:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 12:30-9 p.m. Saturdays. For information, call before 4:30 p.m. at (734) 425-3777. The club is located at 27595 Schoolcraft, Building Three, Livonia.

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# Family trip puts pioneers' treks West in perspective

## HOOKED ON HISTORY



VIRGINIA PARKER

Twenty-five years ago, we took an extended family trip out West. At the end of each day, six of us plus our dog, Dandy, piled into our cozy, self-contained trailer. We traveled in relative luxury compared to the pioneers whose basic trail we followed.

The first leg of the trip - Michigan, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska - was a long haul, especially the drudgery of Nebraska's flat terrain. Every once in a while we reached Colorado and Wyoming. "Imagine how weary the pioneers must have been by this point," we kept saying.

Each of us was awed when we finally approached the foothills of the Rockies. They rose in magnificent contrast to the tiresome landscape around us. Our first thought was again of the pioneers. "Think how they felt, having come this far - then to see the Rockies loom up before them and realize, 'Now we have to cross those mountains!'"

I have since read many pioneer journals and diaries. Every time, I recall our trip. It gives me a frame of reference to fix their experiences in my mind. I thought of Nebraska when I read about a woman who settled in the bleak western half of Kansas. She lived in a soddy - a dwelling that gave real meaning to the saying, "Sleep tight, don't let the bedbugs bite." She had not been away from the desolate prairie in two years. Finally, she accompanied her husband to the nearest town east of them. It was a considerable journey, undertaken only once every six months.

I can only imagine this poor woman's isolation when I read that she hugged a tree and wept because it was the first one she had seen in two years!

Burdened by breakdowns, many pioneers unloaded their belongings beside the trail to lighten their load. Many also buried their loved ones there, children and spouses alike. Diarists commonly noted the passing graves dug by earlier travelers. Each must have been a grim reminder of the newcomers' own vulnerability.

Rivers took a fair share of lives. Not infrequently, wives and children were left to their own devices after the trauma of watching their men drown, often while trying to retrieve cattle that had swum to the other side. Such losses were oft times recorded in tandem with daily notations about the weather. Occasionally, however, the grief and trepidation spilled forth.

Elizabeth Dixon Smith holed up in a shed in Portland, Ore. - with two widows and their children - while she tended her dying husband. Soon, the others moved on and left Smith alone to fend for her family in what she called their "leaky concern." The flimsy lean-to, tacked onto a cabin, admitted enough rain to put out their fire.

Smith's husband was so debilitated that she could only move him by lifting each corner of the sheet. For six weeks, she never even changed her clothes to sleep. The demands of parenting in the midst of this crisis must have been frizzling because, she wrote, in addition to all the sickness, she had to contend with an irritable baby.

Following part of their trail 25 years ago gave me strong and lasting images. These allow me, in some small measure, to relate to where our pioneer ancestors went and what they saw. That experience helps bring the pages of each pioneer diary I read to life.

Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a d.bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation. She lives in Canton Township.

After the sad task of burying her husband, like pioneer widows before and after, Smith continued on. She was penniless and friendless, but Smith packed up her seven children, the belongings they could manage and finished the harrowing journey.

Laura Callow, the Michigan ERA representative to the ERA Summit, will be the guest speaker when Farmington OWL (Older Women's League) meets at 7 p.m. Monday, April 6, at the Farmington Community Library, 23500 Liberty St.

Callow will report on the latest activities in the ongoing struggle to gain constitutional equality for women.

The Livonia resident served as chairwoman of the Michigan Reamer from 1976 to 1988 and was an advocate for the Equal Rights Amendment and other women's rights issues on WJR Radio's "Point of View" program for eight years.

She is a founding member of the Northwest Wayne County Chapter of the National Organization for Women and was honored by Detroit NOW with the Alice Paul Award in 1977.

Callow also is a member and past president of the League of Women Voters of Livonia, and the American Association of University Women and a recipient of the Livonia AAUW branch's annual Salute to Women Award in 1978.

She also is a member and past chairwoman of the Livonia Human Relations Commission, and since a Livonia City Council appointment in 1996 has served on a committee charged with drawing up an Ethics Ordinance for the city.

Callow also is a member of the Women's Advisory Board of Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Arrington

Robert and Bonnie Arrington of Plymouth will celebrate their 50th anniversary with family and friends in Kansas City, Mo., in April.

The couple married March 26, 1948, in Osawatimie, Kansas. She is the former Bonnie Shawman.

They have one married daughter, Deborah McLaughlin and husband James of Plymouth. He retired 15 years ago from Ford Motor Company, and she retired from Hallmark gift store five years ago.

They are active members of Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia.

Gerry and Patricia Rogers of Bad Axe celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a family dinner on Dec. 6 at Bill Knapp's in Livonia.

The couple graduated from Franklin High School in Livonia in 1969. She is the former Patricia Waling.

They have two children, Jason, 18, and Clayton, 15. He is employed as a police officer for the Bad Axe Police Department while she works as a secretary in the pathology department at Huron Memorial Hospital.

Michael and Doris Prosyk of Plymouth Township celebrated their 25th anniversary at a small gathering of family and friends. The couple married March 16, 1973, at Newburgh Church of Christ. She is the former Doris J. Guindon.

They have three children - Barbara, Mike and Karen - and three grandchildren.

He has been employed as a quality analyst at Delphi Chassis for 30 years. She is employed as a word processor for the law firm of Wood, Kull, Herschfus, Lay and Kull P.C.

They are members of the First Methodist Church of Plymouth and are active in the American Legion. They also enjoy hunting, fishing, camping and growing old together.

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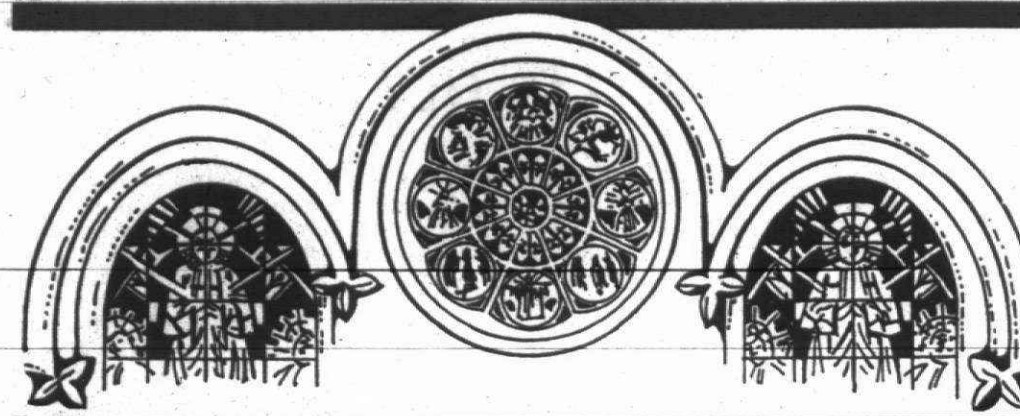
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Livonia, Michigan 48154  
421-8451

Mon-Fri 9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist  
Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Dinner & Classes  
Saturday 5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist

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Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Phil. 2:11

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8:00 Praise & Worship Service  
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# Holy Week

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choral piece, "There Is a Green Hill Far Away" by Charles W. Ore.

Easter Sunday will be celebrated at the Livonia campus with a 6:30 a.m. sunrise devotion and festival Communion services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. The Christ Our Savior, Cherub, Choristers, Handbell and Brass choirs will join together in performing "On the Third Day" by Allen Pote at each festival service. A staffed nursery will be available throughout the morning.

An Easter breakfast will be served by the church youth 7-10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children 4-10 years and free for children 3 and under.

Special music will highlight the Easter festival service at 9:30 a.m. at the Canton campus. An Easter brunch will be held after the service.

**Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, (734) 422-0149**

Palm Sunday services will be at 9:15 and 11 a.m. The Cantabile Bells, Cherub, Children and Youth Choirs will perform special music.

On Maundy Thursday, the Tennebrae service will be at 7:30 p.m. and include a dramatic portrayal of the Last Supper and Holy Communion. The Good Friday service will be at 12:15 p.m. Music for both services will be by the Chancel Choir, and child care will be provided.

On Easter Sunday, the sunrise worship service will be at 7:30 a.m. at Newburg Church at Greenmead Historical Village. A sunrise breakfast, sponsored by the United Methodist Men, will be served 7:30-10 a.m. in Guthrie Hall. The also will be worship services at 9:15 and 11 a.m. and Sunday School.

**Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-6722**

The celebration of the resurrection of Jesus will begin at 7 p.m. Good Friday with a service focused on the events of that

day. There will be singing, led by the Rev. Les Hardin, a message by the Rev. Mark McGilvrey on Golgotha, and an opportunity to participate in the Lord's Supper.

On Resurrection Sunday, the high school youth group will lead a sunrise service at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium. A continental breakfast will be served in the main foyer after that service and those at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-0211**

The Passion history, choirs and a palm procession will be part of the Palm Sunday services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. And at 7:30 p.m., the Adult Choir and Trinity Bells with Chamber Orchestra will present the original 1893 version of Faure's Requiem. The Bells also will perform Faure's Pavane.

On Holy Wednesday, a healing service with lessons, meditation, prayers and individual anointing with oil for those who desire it will be conducted at 7:30 p.m., while on Maundy Thursday the 7:30 p.m. Communion service will include individual absolution and a stripping of the altar.

On Good Friday, Holy Trinity will join the St. Matthew's United Methodist, Church of the Savior, Reformed, Nativity United Church of Christ, Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian, St. Edith Catholic, St. Paul of the Cross Monastery and St. Timothy Presbyterian for a combined service at 1 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church. The Rev. Church Sonquist of St. Matthew's will be the speaker, and an interchurch choir will perform.

Good Friday evening there will be a dramatic service of readings with increasing darkness, climactic moment of Jesus' death and solemn closing at 7:30 p.m.

There will be three festival Communion services, with choirs, instrumentalists and a joyful Eucharist, at 8, 9:45 and 11:30 a.m. Easter Sunday

**Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, (734) 421-7620**

The Holy Week observance will begin with Palm Sunday worship services with Communion will be at 9:15 and 11 a.m.

On Maundy Thursdays, there will be a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Tennebrae Service of Shadows and Commu-

nion at 7:30 p.m., while an ecumenical service will be held noon to 3 p.m. Good Friday at Garden City Presbyterian.

On Easter Sunday, there will be a sunrise service at 7 a.m., followed by breakfast at 10:15 a.m. Worship services also will be conducted at 9:15 and 11 a.m.

**St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 422-6038.**

The Palm Sunday service will be at 10 a.m. The Sunday School children will grace church goers with palms.

On Maundy Thursday, there will be a 9:30 a.m. breakfast, followed by a 10:15 a.m. service. Marsha Woolley, associate pastor of the Ann Arbor First Methodist Church, will speak. The soloist will be Kathy Roseanne with accompanist Mickey Fiegel. Tickets are \$4 and are available in the church office.

The Easter Sunday worship service will be at 10 a.m.

**Canton Community Church, 41600 Ann Arbor Trail, Canton, (734) 455-6022**

The Palm Sunday services will be at 9:15 and 11 a.m. and feature a modern-day re-enactment of the Last Supper, while the Good Friday service will be at noon and feature a dramatized version of the folk tale, "The Tale of Three Trees."

Easter will be celebrated in song and drama at 9:15 and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday.

**St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 422-1470**

A Maundy Thursday communion service at 7:30 p.m. will feature the one-man play, "Pontius Pilate" with Ron Smeenge.

Good Friday services will be noon to 3 p.m. Participants are invited to stay for the entire service or drop by and leave at any time.

Easter Sunday services will be at 7, 8:30 and 11 a.m. A pancake breakfast will be served 7:45-11 a.m. with proceeds benefitting the St. Paul's Habitat for Humanity mission trip to Americus, Ga.

**Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville, (248) 348-7600**

Holy Week at First Church will begin at the 11 a.m. Palm Sunday service when the orches-

tra, drama, adult and children's choirs combining to present "He's Alive," a theatrical-musical celebration that will bring the sacrifice of Good Friday and the joy of Easter home to participants' hearts. Don St. John, director of music ministries, will direct the sanctuary choir and orchestra.

The Easter celebration will

include early Easter Baptism and Communion service at 8 a.m. Easter Sunday, a free Easter fellowship breakfast at 9 a.m. and worship with music, orchestra, compelling drama and inspiring Easter message by Dr. Carl Leth at 10:30 a.m.

There also will be an children's worship service, free child care and a gift for guests.

**Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile, Northville, (248) 348-9030**

Northville Christian Assembly is inviting the community to communion services at 12:30 and 7:30 p.m. Good Friday. The Rev. Otis Buchan will lead worshippers in the memorial and celebration of Christ's death and resurrection.

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Title game run

Hope College's men's basketball team reached the NCAA Division III championship game before losing, 69-56 to Wisconsin-Platteville in Salem, Va.

Mark Bray, a 6-foot-2 sophomore guard from Plymouth (Plymouth Canton HS), appeared in 27 games for the Flying Dutchmen, who finished 26-5 for the season. Bray scored 53 points (2.0 a game), making 19-of-39 floor shots (48.7 percent).

### OT game-winner

Jeff Gold knocked in the game-winning goal 6:52 into overtime Saturday to enable the Detroit Rockers to beat the Buffalo Blizzard 17-15 at Joe Louis Arena.

The victory ended a streak of 11 losses in 12 games for Detroit, which finished its season at 13-27. Buffalo slipped to 21-18.

Gold, from Plymouth, got the game-winner on an assist from Dennis Brose, who scored three goals himself — one of them assisted by Gold.

Gold finished the season with 14 two-point goals and 11 assists for 39 points.

### Impact champions

The Canton Impact under-13 boys soccer team finished on top in their age division at the Sonny Therrien Memorial Tournament March 28-29 in Cincinnati.

The Impact, coached by Tom Masters and assisted by Bob Klump, held their opponents goalless (scores were 1-0, 1-0 and 4-0) to win their division. Against Team Cincinnati in the championship game, the Impact prevailed by a 3-1 margin.

Brad Westlund scored for the Canton team 13 minutes into the title match, but Team Cincinnati came back to tie the score before half time. Westlund scored again five minutes into the second half, and the Impact put the game away after Brent Clodgio's direct kick was mishandled by the Cincinnati keeper and Evan Baker, following the shot, pounded it into the back of the net.

Members of the Canton Impact are Evan Baker, Iain Bryant, Brent Clodgio, James DeLos Reyes, John DeVries, Kyle Grenfell, Justin Hajduk, Steve Kacala, Brian Klump, Mike Masters, Tim Oswalt, Jeff Packard, Tim Strabbing, Brad Westlund, Matt Wielechowski, and Steve Cox as a guest player, all from Canton; Charlie Carlson from Plymouth; and Paul Giordano from Westland.

### Stingrays win league

The Plymouth-Canton Stingrays Midget AA hockey team followed their state championship run with a victory in the Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League playoffs Monday at Joe Louis Arena.

The Stingrays blanked both the Midland Stars and the Flint Ice-landers in earlier playoff games. That advanced them to Monday's championship game against the Grosse Pointe Bulldogs. It didn't end in another shutout, but the Stingrays prevailed 4-2.

Goals came from Brad Feiler, Matt Krupa, Mike Deschaw and Matt Hosch. Krupa, who was named player of the game, and Hosch also had assists. Jesse Jones stopped 19 shots in goal for the Stingrays, who are in Anaheim, Calif., for the National Midget AA Hockey Championships this weekend.

### Chief football boosters

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday (April 8) in Room 165 of Plymouth Canton HS.

Fund-raising goals for the 1998-99 school year will be discussed. All parents of Canton football players, or parents of freshmen who wish to play football at Canton this fall, are encouraged to attend.

For further information, call Anne Sicille at (734) 397-3046.

### Adult softball

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services still has a few openings for its men's adult softball leagues. League play begins late this month.

Cost is \$290 per team. Sign-up at the Parks and Recreation office (located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton) or call (734) 397-5110 for more information.

# OT win gives Whalers 3-0 series lead



The Plymouth Whalers have quite apparently turned it around.

Through the end of the regular season, the Whalers had problems holding onto leads in the third period — a concern a team

does not want to be saddled with going into the playoffs.

Well, the Whalers don't have to worry about that any longer. Last night in Belleville, Plymouth upended the Bulls 4-3 in overtime.

That gives the Whalers an almost insurmountable 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven playoff series. They can

wrap it up — and move into the Ontario Hockey League semifinals — with a victory over the Bulls Friday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Although the Whalers have a lead that seems unbeatable, it should be noted that they have outscored Belleville by just three goals. That's correct: All three games have been decided by one goal (scoring for Wednesday's game was unavailable).

Before 2,867 fans Tuesday in Belleville, the Whalers took a 2-0 series lead with a 3-2 victory.

Goalie Robert Esche, the game's first star, stopped 40-of-42 Bulls' shots.

It was 1-1 after one period, with Belleville's Jim

Midgley scoring first and Plymouth's Paul Mara tying it with a power-play goal.

Jesse Boulerice's goal 8:54 into the second period put the Whalers ahead, but this time the Bulls tied it, with a goal 1:43 later by Dan Cleary.

The game-winner came from Randy Fitzgerald just 2:05 into the final period. Yuri Babenko earned his second assist of the night on the goal.

Esche made 16 saves in the third period.

Steve Wasylo and Eric Gooldy also had assists for the Whalers.

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Returning ace: Gretchen Hudson was 16-3 for the WLAA champions last season, with a 0.90 earned run average.

## Aiming to repeat Chiefs hopes rest on new cast

Looks like trouble for Plymouth Canton's softball team.

Lose 12 seniors from a team that won 31 games the previous season and you can't expect a heckuva lot — can you?

Well, don't count the Chiefs out quite yet. Sure, they have just four starters back, but they're four pretty good ones. This team could rebuild very quickly.

What would lead anyone to such a conclusion? How about this: 16-3, 0.90 earned run average.

Those are the numbers posted by Gretchen Hudson, Canton's pitching ace. A junior, she returns to give the Chiefs' hopes a major boost.

But as important as it is to have solid pitching, a team still needs defense and some hitting to be successful. Canton coach Jim Arnold, who guided the Chiefs to the Western Lakes Activities Association championship and a state district title last season, figures his team will have the latter. The former — defense — is another question.

"Our pitching is good, and

we're good at the corners (first and third base)," Arnold said. "The other positions are getting there, but still got a ways to go."

Elizabeth Elsner, a junior who played outfield last season, will be at first base. Sarah Freel, a senior, will be at third base.

Erica Hancz, another senior who played at third last season, moves to catcher to fill one of the many holes Arnold has in his lineup.

"There are a tremendous amount of holes," he said. "But the young ladies are working very hard. I'm very pleased."

"I don't know if we'll win our division again, but we'll give it a shot."

Among the missing are outfielders Jenny Sikora (now at Henry Ford CC) and Amber LaGrow; shortstop Nikki Kovachevich (also at Henry Ford CC); second baseman Angela Litwin (now at Madonna University); and catcher Amy LaGrow.

Elsner's move to first base means all three outfield positions must be refilled.

But there are plenty of pos-

sibilities. Shortstop/outfield possibilities are sophomore Paula McKernan, who will also play centerfield ("She's a real good athlete — I've got a lot of confidence in her.") and junior Melissa Brown; at second, Carrie Kovachevich, another junior, will get the first shot.

Other outfield prospects are juniors Becky Mize, Kathy Mokienko (who will also see action at catcher), and Shelly Pribe, and senior Julie Price (she'll play second base, too). Kristy Even, a senior, will play some first base; Marie Cochran, a junior, will play catcher; and Lisa Baker, a sophomore, will be at third base.

Patty Snook, a senior, and Jenny Fisher, a junior, will back up Hudson at pitcher.

Although most of the team has no varsity experience, the offense has looked strong thus far. "Right now, for the beginning of the season, they're hitting the ball real well," said Arnold.

And weaknesses? "Our defense, maybe in the first part of the season," he said.

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## Pitching is the key for Salem

There are two major losses on Plymouth Salem's softball team from last year: shortstop Kara Best and center-fielder Kristan Los.

There's something else from last year the Rocks wouldn't mind losing — free passes.

An inexperienced pitching staff resulted in a team-record 283 walks. That won't be repeated, according to coach Bonnie Southerland.

The reason is the pitching returns. Shannon Coultas is back, but now she's a senior, with an additional year of experience.

"Our pitchers have a lot more confidence," said Southerland, including sophomore Amanda Sutton. "It's definitely improved. Shannon's developed some new pitches she didn't have last year. They both worked very hard dur-

ing the off-season."

Which is terrific, because if Salem can get its staff in order, the team could take off this season. That 14-19 overall record of a year ago, which included an eighth-place finish in the Western Lakes Activities Association, could be altered drastically.

But when Salem softball is the subject, the conversation should start with Stefanie Volpe. Now a senior, the catcher is coming off her "worst" season, at least as far as batting average is concerned. Volpe hit for a mere .500 average last season, with eight doubles, three triples, four home runs and 41 runs batted in.

As a sophomore, Volpe batted .573; as a freshman, she hit .512. That makes her career average at Salem .527, with 16 homers and 116 RBI. No

wonder the University of Michigan was quick to sign her.

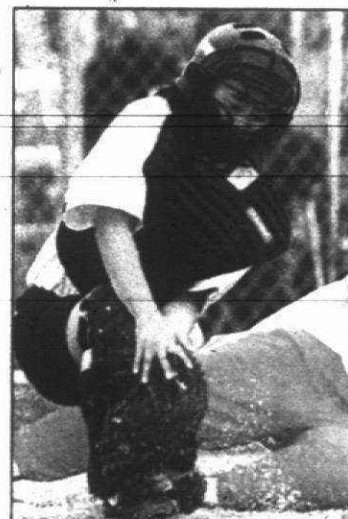
One other key stat from last season — Volpe did not strike out. Not once. She walked 25 times.

"She's got it all," said Southerland. "I haven't seen anyone hit like Stefanie in all my years of coaching."

The Rocks have four other seniors: Karen Prosyk (.265, seven RBI), who will play first base and outfield; Jill Schmalhurst (.290, 28 RBI), who will share first base and the outfield with Prosyk; Becky Esper (.351, a team-high 50 runs scored, four triples, 26 RBI) at third base; and Katie Gagleard at second base and some pitching.

Two other returnees are juniors Maureen Buchanan, a utility player who was 4-1 as a pitcher and hit .287

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Among the best: Stefanie Volpe has already accepted a scholarship to U-M.

## Spartans stop Canton

A misleading score?

No other way to define Wednesday's early-season match between two of the state's best girls soccer teams.

For example: Match coaches with teams. One team scored three goals. The other team was shut out.

One coach wasn't entirely pleased. The other coach wasn't entirely displeased.

If you figure this to be a trick question, then you're absolutely right. Defending Class A state champion Livonia Stevenson owned the scoreboard, blanking visiting Plymouth Canton (the 1996 state champ) 3-0.

"We're happy with the win — don't get me wrong," said Stevenson coach Jim Kimble. "Anytime you come away with a win against Canton, you've got to be happy."

"But we're not happy with the way we did it. We're going to have to cut down on the number of opportunities we're giving up."

At the other end of the field, Canton coach Don Smith didn't like the way his team surrendered two first-half goals to the Spartans.

"They had two scrappy goals down there," Smith said. "They just kept coming. We were scrapping, but they just outscrapped us."

But did Stevenson outplay the Chiefs? The scoreboard indicated yes; Smith said "no, not at all."

And his counterpart, Kimble, concurred.

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Indeed, the Spartans were struggling a bit defensively against the hard-charging Chiefs in the first half. With freshman Anne Morrell applying relentless pressure up front, it seemed only a matter of time before Canton got on the board.

But as it turned out, that time never arrived. Which, ultimately, was the difference in the contest: the Chiefs couldn't finish their offensive opportunities.

And the Spartans? Well, they have Allison Campbell and Lindsay Gusick. "Nuff said."

With the first half nearly half over, Gusick retrieved a free ball near the left corner and angled a pass to the front of the net. Campbell appeared to be marked, but as Canton keeper Kristin Lukasik charged out after the pass, Campbell slid past the Chiefs' defender and tipped the ball into the net, making it 1-0.

It was a defensive breakdown, and it wasn't the only one in the game for Canton.

With less than eight minutes left in the half, Gusick outfought several Canton defenders and put the ball past Lukasik to make it 2-0 with 7:21 remaining. Campbell drew the assist.

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### BOYS TRACK

## Rocks prove best at Huron Relays

Now that's the way to open a season.

Yeah, sure, the weather's been great. As Plymouth Salem boys track coach Geoff Baker noted, all his guys were anxious to get out and run.

But you gotta figure other teams were just as eager. So the Rocks stirring start is due to much more than blue skies and warm temperatures.

Salem's first dual meet, at home Tuesday, against Dearborn Divine Child, ended with a 70-54 score favoring the Rocks. But if that was impressive, it paled in comparison to their championship at last Saturday's Huron Relays in Ann Arbor.

More than 75 teams, from Ohio and Indiana as well as Michigan, were represented at the Huron Relays — adding that much more prestige to Salem's victory, which came by the narrowest of margins.

And as Baker will admit, with a bit of good fortune, too.

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# Chiefs seek better fortune

The numbers are improved. And so, too, will Plymouth Canton's fortunes in boys track — or so coach Bob Richardson hopes.

There's a solid nucleus of returnees for Richardson to call upon, but then again, it must be noted that the Chiefs finished 10th out of 12 teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association last season. Still, with 75 out for the team, bolstered by a strong group of freshmen and sophomores, Richardson is confident his team will move up in the standings.

"Every year you think maybe this will be the year we make the big jump," said Richardson. "We lost some good seniors from last year, some sprinters and hurdlers. So right now we're looking for the right combinations (in those events)."

"We're hoping to at least be in the top six (in the WLAA) this year."

If Canton is to make a major move up in the league standings, it will require a strong season in its two strongest elements: distance running and field events.

Shaun Moore, one of the team's senior tri-captains, leads a distance group that returns everyone from last season but Adam DeGiorgio, who graduated. Moore placed 22nd in the state in cross country last fall.

He'll be joined by seniors Jerry Reynolds and Bryan Boyd, juniors Steve Blossom and Jason Rutter (who missed last season with an injury), and promising freshmen Marty Kane and Jon Mikosz.

In the sprints, the absence of Kwaku Dankwa, who suffered a knee injury in football, further depleted the Chiefs in an area hurt from the loss of Dave Koshizawa and Bill Iler, who graduated. Dankwa's availability for this season remains in question.

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with 24 RBI; and Heather Sonntag, a left-fielder who hit .278 with eight RBI.

There are a half-dozen newcomers who are counted on to blend in at some key positions — like freshman Katie Kelly, who will take over for Best at shortstop. "She's got big shoes to fill, but I think she can do it," said Southerland. "She's got the knowledge, she knows her area. And she's very quick."

Dawn Allen, another fresh-

man, will be much like Buchanan — a do-everything type of player. Three sophomores help make Salem's depth one of the team's strengths: Jessica Chapman in the infield, Shae Potocki in the outfield and Julie Gowan at second base. "She'll be doing a lot of baserunning — this kid is fast," said Southerland. "She's got the knowledge, she knows her area. And she's very quick."

Bea Ferguson, a junior, will also see playing time in the outfield.

All in all, Salem is solid and deep everywhere but on the mound, where Coultas was just 5-14 with a 6.81 ERA last season. If those numbers improve, so will the Rocks.

"Our offense is probably the strongest" element on the team, said Southerland. "And we've got a lot of depth this year. I know I can call on anyone and they'll perform. Our leadership is good, too."

"If we can put it all together, if

our pitching comes through, if they can put it over the plate this year, we'll do it."

The teams Salem will be facing in the WLAA (or vice versa) are defending champ Plymouth Canton, Livonia Franklin and Walled Lake Central.

Should the Rocks match last year's .320 team batting average, if the defense is solid and the pitching is as improved as Southerland thinks, this could be a turnaround year.

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Top returnee: Kevin Keil leads a strong discus group for Canton.

Senior co-captain Eric Larsen does return, however. Joining him in the sprints are seniors Larry Anderson and Jason Falardeau, junior Pete Andreoli, sophomores Nathan Howe and Gary Lee, and junior Udo Nolin, a transfer student from Toronto who figures to see plenty of action in several events. Sophomore Clint Harris and freshman Jerry Gaines are also promising.

With the graduation of B.J. Page, Jeff Soash and Mike Zdzienko, Canton needs hurdlers. Aiming to fill the gap will be senior Wally Stang, junior Brian Kulczyk, sophomores Steve Haradon, Jim O'Brien and Harris, and freshmen Chris Kalis and Gaines.

There are plenty of possibilities in all the field events. Senior Kevin Keil, another tri-captain, was second in the discus at the state regional meet and fifth at the WLAA meet. He'll be joined in the throwing events by senior Mark Popejoy and juniors Pat Holland

and Jared Chapman.

Nolin, Larsen, Kalis, Gaines and senior Josh Brunkole are candidates in the high jump; Larsen, Nolin, Lee, Gaines, Harris and freshmen Jordan Chapman and Ugo Okumabua are all possible long jumpers.

One more thing: The Chiefs won't be just giving away points this season. They will, indeed, be competing in the pole vault. Freshmen Jordan Chapman and Brian Page, and sophomore Mike Carpenter, are current vaulters.

"We do appreciate the opportunity," said Richardson. "We may not score, but at least we have the chance."

Ken Costantino will be the assistant coach handling vaulters for both Canton and Plymouth Salem, joining the Canton coaching staff that includes Paul Bedford, Jeremy Rheault and Terry Barnhart.

Last year, Westland John Glenn — the team the Chiefs open their season against, today at 5:30 p.m. at Canton — won the WLAA championship, with Farmington Harrison second and Salem third. Richardson figures those three will again challenge for the title, although the finish is likely to be altered.

"Most people are thinking Salem will be up there," he said. "John Glenn always finds a way to beat people, and Harrison has a way to beat people. Livonia Franklin will be in there again, and Walled Lake Central is coming on, too."

So where will Canton fit in? With so many new faces, and question marks in the sprints and hurdles, it's difficult for Richardson to accurately predict. But after a 10th place finish in the WLAA last year, there seems only one direction open to the Chiefs.

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Salem scored 37 points in the Relays, edging runner-up Grand Ledge by a half-point. And the closeness didn't end there.

Eight teams were jammed within seven points of first place. A half-point behind Grand Ledge, in third, was Traverse City Central with 36, followed by Lima (Ohio) Senior and Port Wayne (Ind.), tied for fourth with 34 points. East Lansing was sixth (33), with Kalamazoo Loy Norrix seventh (32) and Detroit Mumford eighth (30).

"There were some pretty good teams there," said Baker. "And for once, finally, we got a break at the end that got us the win."

The Relays didn't start that way. Baker wondered why some of his relay teams were seeded in a slower heat than teams they beat easily. Had the Salem squads been seeded in a faster heat, they might have placed higher and scored better.

But if some schools took advantage of the system by submitting inaccurate seed times, so they could get into a faster heat, well — it all evened out in the end.

In the final race, the 4x400-meter relay, any of the top half-dozen teams could have won the meet. Salem's victory came in one of the unlikely of scenarios.

Grand Ledge led going into that event, with Fort Wayne right behind. But a Port Wayne runner knocked down a Grand Ledge runner during the race; Fort Wayne was disqualified and Grand Ledge's chances were crippled by the mishap.

Salem's foursome of Andy Briggs, Mark Sheehan, Scott Kingsien and Ian Seary finished fifth in the race (3:34.9). When Baker went to the officials' table to get the final results, he was astounded.

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when he was informed. "We didn't know we'd won," he said. "We were flabbergasted."

The Rocks' best previous score at the Huron Relays was last year, when they totaled 14 points. They came close to tripling that number.

The best finish for a Salem relay was a second in the 4x800 (8:12.6), by Briggs, Matt Anderson, Bobby Cushman and Seary. The sprint medley team of Kingsien, Chris Mason, Mike Shull and Seary was third (3:40.9).

Other scoring finishes for the Rocks: the distance medley relay team of Briggs, Sheehan, Cushman and Anderson, fifth (11:16.0); the 4x200 relay team of Shull, Sheehan, Kingsien and Seary, seventh (1:37.4); and Jon Little in the open 3,200 meters, fifth (10:02.6).

Such an uplifting start to the season could not be derailed by Divine Child in Tuesday's dual meet.

The Rocks had one double-winner in individual events: Ryan Thomas, who was first in both the 110-meter (16:02) and 300-meter (43:8) hurdles.

Other individual event winners for Salem were Seary in the high jump (6-foot); Karl Brandenburg in the shot put (42-0); Shull in the 100 (11.57); Briggs in the 1,600 (4:42.5); Theron Stinar in the 400 (56.6); and Donnie Warner in the 3,200 (11:08.0).

Shull, Dave Clemons, Kingsien and Seary combined for a first in the 800 relay (1:34.7), and Briggs, Matt Fair, Trevor Davis and Kingsien teamed for a win in the 1,600 relay (3:42.4).

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"But as we work together longer, once I get them set in their positions, I think they'll come on late in the season."

"We are going to have to improve our defense a little more, we'll have to be more aggressive on the basepaths and we'll have to jell as a team. They're learning, and they're

eager to learn."

How quickly they learn and jell may make the difference. Arnold sees several tough teams in the WLAA: Farmington, Walled Lake Central, Livonia Franklin and Livonia Stevenson all have potential.

But then again, so does Canton.

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## COLLEGE SPORTS

### Madonna scoring surge ends 3-game losing skid

Finally — bustin' out.

Madonna University's baseball team hasn't had much trouble scoring runs. In their last four games, the Fighting Crusaders scored 35 runs (for the season, they're averaging nearly eight runs a game).

But they lost the first three in that string before breaking out with 20 runs in the fourth, beating Concordia College 20-1 in the second game of a double-header Sunday in Ann Arbor.

The problem with Madonna has been pitching and untimely errors. The Crusaders have given up 23 runs in those four games, five of them unearned (they have committed six errors). For the season, they have a 5.81 team earned run average, but they have also surrendered 42 unearned runs (on 42 errors), an average of 2.33 per game.

Last Sunday at Concordia, Mitch Jabczynski improved to 2-1 with the win in the second game, tossing three scoreless innings; he allowed one hit and no walks, striking out one.

J.R. Taylor led the offensive assault with a double and a single, scoring four runs and driving in four more. Brandon Jaskolski added three hits, scoring three runs with one run batted in; Neil Wildfong (from Plymouth Canton) and Todd Miller (Farmington Hills/Brother Rice) contributed two hits and three RBI apiece; Bob Hamp had a double and three RBI; Dave O'Neill had two hits and two RBI; and Mike LaPointe had two hits.

Eric Marcotte (Plymouth Canton) had two hits and two RBI to lead Madonna in the first game.

## Crusaders get split

She deserves better.

Angie VanDoorn has emerged as the pitching ace for Madonna University's softball team, even if her won/loss record doesn't indicate it. She has given up just seven earned runs in her team-high 48 innings pitched, giving her a 1.08 earned run average. Unfortunately, that's translated into a 2-4 record. Last Sunday against visiting Tri-State University, VanDoorn allowed two runs (one earned) on six hits and no walks, but took the defeat in a 2-1 Madonna loss.

The Lady Crusaders bounced back in the second game, posting an 8-3 triumph to improve their record to 9-6-1 overall. Tri-State is 7-6 overall.

Rachel Steffner was the winning pitcher for the Thundering Herd in the first game, allowing six hits. Stephanie Dick had two of those, driving in Madonna's only run. Shawna Greene also had two hits.

In the second game, Janell Leschinger improved to 4-1, allowing two runs (one earned)

on six hits and a walk in six innings. She struck out five.

The Crusaders collected 12 hits, with Kristy McDonald (from Redford Thurston) getting two hits, one a double, and three runs batted in, and Christy Riepelle slugging a two-run home run.

Jamie Heins and Stacey Piontkowski each had two hits and an RBI, and Vicki Malkowski had two hits.

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## Salem holds off Mustangs

Things are different this year. And Plymouth Salem soccer coach Doug Landefeld is glad of it.

A year ago, the Rocks stumbled at the start of the season, included in that beginning was a 3-0 loss to Northville. On Monday at Northville, Salem got off to a rocky start again, allowing the Mustangs to draw first blood. But the Rocks recovered quickly, scoring twice before halftime and then repelling all second-half efforts by Northville to knot it as they posted a 2-1 victory.

The win raised Salem's record to 2-0 (the match scheduled at Troy last Saturday was postponed).

Lori Carbutt opened the scoring, getting a goal early in the match for Northville. But the Mustangs couldn't make it stand up; Missy Simons, moved to an attacking position by Landefeld, got the equalizer for Salem.

The game-winner came before halftime, with Kristina Senichuk knocking it in with an assist from Jamie Cogle.

Two factors helped Salem take control of the match: Simons' offensive presence, and an improved defense that allowed Landefeld to keep his senior co-captain up front.

In the past, Simons has played several positions — but they were always defensive-oriented. "Now we've got her playing up front and she's playing great," said Landefeld, noting

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Simons' team-leading three goals scored in two games. "She's dangerous. We're attacking with less numbers, but we're hoping Missy and Mia (Sarkesian) can create opportunities. And it works."

Landefeld has gone to a more aggressive, somewhat simpler style. But it's an improved defense that's helped most.

"We start a lot of young people," he said, "but they're a year older and more experienced."

Against Northville, the key was neutralizing Bridget Bodell. That job went to junior Danielle Filipis, a task she handled well.

Also, the play of sophomore Kristen Shull at sweeper proved a plus. The Mustangs got few true chances to score the tying goal in the second half.

One that did get through, with 18:50 left in the second half, went off the post and was smothered by sophomore keeper Jenny Fitchett.

The best of the rest of the scoring chances belonged to Salem. With 8:15 remaining in the match, sophomore Jennine Edwards got in behind the Northville defense, which was forced to push forward in an attempt to get the tying goal. Edwards put her chance right at Mustang keeper Stephanie Myers, however.

"Now we've got her playing up front and she's playing great," said Landefeld, noting

It turned out another goal wasn't needed. The Rocks had enough to collect the win, their second-straight in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Canton 9, W.L. Central 0: A scary start to the season last Saturday may have served Plymouth Canton well Monday against visiting Walled Lake Central.

Janelle Cobor, Anne Morrell and Vicki Palis combined for seven of the Chiefs' goals in the lopsided victory, which raised their record to 2-0 (1-0 in the WLAA).

Cobor had three goals and an assist to lead the assault. Morrell contributed two goals and three assists, and Palis had two goals.

Melissa Marzoff chipped in with a goal and an assist, and Kelly Connell added a goal for Canton.

Kristen Lukasik started at keeper for the Chiefs.

Canton 3, Novi 2: Complacency and carelessness go hand in hand.

The Chiefs found that out in their season-opener Saturday against visiting Novi. Canton scored twice in the first half, then had to hang on when faced with a second-half Wildcat comeback.

Freshman Anne Morrell led the assault for the Chiefs with two goals. Vicki Palis got one goal, with Janelle Cobor collecting two assists and Abi Morrell getting another.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### LIVONIA-WESTLAND SPORTS CARD

#### PREP BASEBALL

##### Thursday, April 2

Redford Union at Franklin, 4 p.m.

Wayne at Taylor Truman, 4 p.m.

Luth. West at St. Christian, 4:30 p.m.

##### Friday, April 3

Ply. Canton at Northville, 4 p.m.

Ply. Salem vs. W.L. Central (at W.L. Western), 4 p.m.

Churchill at Franklin, 4 p.m.

Farmington at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

John Glenn at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.

##### Saturday, April 4

(all double-headers unless noted)

Redford Union at Stevenson, 11 a.m.

Berkley at Churchill, noon.

Notre Dame at Redford CC, 2 p.m.

Thurston at Wayne, 2:30 p.m.

##### GIRLS SOCCER

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Franklin at Redford Union, 4 p.m.

Thurston at Wayne, 4 p.m.

SF Christian at Luth. West, 4:30 p.m.

#### Friday, April 3

Northville at Ply. Canton, 4 p.m.

W.L. Central at Ply. Salem, 4 p.m.

Franklin at Churchill, 4 p.m.

Stevenson at Farmington, 4 p.m.

N. Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Ladywood at Mercy (2), 4 p.m.

#### Saturday, April 4

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Ply. Canton vs. Grosse Pointe South.

Canton vs. Grosse Pointe North.

### BOYS TRACK

#### Thursday, April 2

Salem at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.

Stevenson at Harrison, 3:30 p.m.

Redford CC at Thurston, 3:30 p.m.

Country Day, St. Field Christian at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.

John Glenn at Canton, 5:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, April 4

Canton, Salem at Pioneer Invit., 10 a.m.

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Spokane Relays at MSU TBA.

### GIRLS SOCCER

#### Friday, April 3

TBA — time to be announced.

## ROUNDUP

### Spring hockey

Registration is now under way for recreational Adult Spring Hockey Leagues.

The Plymouth Rockets (over 20), Plymouth Masters (over 40), Golden Eagles (over 50) and Lady Rockets hockey leagues are now accepting sign-ups.

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# Salem tops Observer team

Observerland's top two volleyball teams were once again state Class A quarterfinalist Livonia Ladywood and regional runner-up Plymouth Salem.

Ladywood (53-9-1) won its seventh straight Catholic League playoff title and repeated as regional and district champions. The Blazers were ousted in a "thrilling three-game match in the state tournament by eventual champion Temperance Bedford."

Salem (47-6-1) completed a perfect season in the Western Lakes Activities Association and went on to win a district title.

This year's All-Observer girls volleyball team reflects the strength of those two schools, each landing three on the first team.

It was also a breakthrough season for Livonia Franklin (26-16-7), which captured the Western Division title in the WLA under coach Ann Hutchins.

The Patriots also pulled a surprise by knocking off WLA runner-up Livonia Stevenson in the district semifinals.

For her efforts this year, Hutchins, who just completed her seventh season, came away with Observerland Coach of the Year honors.

Introducing the 1997-98 All-Observer Girls Volleyball Team as selected by the Observer sports staff.

## FIRST TEAM

**Sarah Pogits, Sr., Livonia Ladywood:** The 6-2 Pogits, a repeat All-Area selection, gave Ladywood power on the right side as well as setting.

She paced the Blazers with 771 total assists and a kill efficiency of 438. She also had 75 total blocks and 106 aces.

"Being left-handed and 6 feet, 2 inches

as tall made her an offensive threat on the first, second or third touch," Ladywood coach Tom Teeters said.

"This, along with her ability to hit from the back row, gave Ladywood the edge necessary to win the regional."

Pogits, an All-Catholic League selection who played on four league championship teams, is headed to Loyola (Ill.) University on a volleyball scholarship.

**Jenny Trott, Sr., Plymouth Salem:** Perhaps the most telling moment regarding this 5-foot-9 outside hitter's value to the Rocks came when she wasn't in the lineup.

In the first game of the state regional tournament against Farmington Hills Mercy, Trott twisted her knee when she stepped on the referee's stand. She suffered a major knee injury, which will require surgery later this month.

With Trott out of the lineup, Salem managed to get past Mercy, but the Rocks were no match for Livonia Ladywood in the regional final.

Her greatest value to the team, according to Salem coach Allie Sully, was "her leadership. I thought that was pretty indicative against Ladywood. She was the guts and glue that kept things together."

"When she went out, the team didn't adjust very well. She's one of the best athletes I've ever coached."

Trott, a second team all-state selection who's accepted a scholarship to play at Central Michigan, led Salem to serve reception, handing opponent's serves 48 percent of the time. She also served at 96.4 percent with 39 aces, had a team-high 304 digs, 29 blocks and 261 kills (second on the team).

"She deserves the opportunity to play at CMU," said Sully. "Jenny is very motivated. She'll come back and play if she's physically able."

**Jenny Young, Jr., Livonia Ladywood:** Developed this season into one of the area's most dominating attackers leading the Blazers with 3.68 kills per game.

The 6-1 Young was one of the main reasons Ladywood reached the state Class A quarterfinals and finished 53-9-1 overall. She was also named to the All-Catholic League squad.

Young had 450 total kills hitting at a 301 clip.

"Jenny is a leader by example and has developed defensively as well as offensively," Teeters said. "Jenny has a bright future ahead of her. Her role at Ladywood will change as more responsibility is added."

"She was a very exciting player to watch. It is nice for me to know that I will have her talent, experience and leadership for another year. She was definitely one of the best middle hitters in our conference and will be again next season."

Dulz, an All-Western Lakes, team MVP, All-Academic, for the region and nominated for the All-State team.

**Amanda Abraham, Sr., Plymouth Salem:** Although she led one of the best teams in Observerland in kills, Abraham will not receive a scholarship to play volleyball at the next level. That's because she's already accepted one to play basketball at Holy Cross.

The 6-foot-2 middle hitter led the Rocks in kills (299) and blocks (88 solo, 79 block assists). She also served at 91 percent with 34 aces and had 126 digs.

"I wouldn't be at all surprised if (volleyball) wasn't something she went into later," Sully said. "Amanda was a great player/coach, an amazing athlete. She's always been that way."

"She's really very coordinated and she works very hard to become better."

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## Despite losses, CC will be tough in track

Redford Catholic Central has 130 boys on its track team and only 10 are seniors.

That's the usual scenario at CC, where the team seems to be top heavy with underclassmen year in and year out. CC coach Tony Magni would like more to stick around for four years — but it's usually just wishful thinking.

Even without a big senior class, the Shamrocks always rank among the Catholic League's best and challenge for one of the top three spots at the

Class A regional.

"We have a lot of freshmen, unfortunately, we don't keep all of them," Magni said. "If they give it a chance a lot could contribute by the time they're seniors."

The Shamrocks lost a handful of state qualifiers to graduation: Brian Teeley, John Griffin, Chris Lane, John Faunce, Brian Douglas and Dan Dominguez.

The top individual returning appears to be senior Dave Popiel, a first-team All-Observer choice

in the high jump. He has a chance to qualify for the state meet, clearing 6-foot-5 in a recent indoor meet.

Other top returnees include senior long distance runners Joe Hubert and Matt Shannon. Hubert has run the 1,600 meters in 4:35 and Shannon has run a 10:20 3,200 time.

Senior Tim Finnerty runs the 100 and 200 dashes and is a valuable member of the 800 relay, running a 55.0 split. Brigue, a senior, is a strong 800

meter performer, while junior Chris Woelke has run the 110 hurdles in 15.3 and junior Brent Barrick has jumped 19-10 in the long jump.

Senior Don Slankster runs the hurdles.

The Shamrocks are usually strong in the throwing events but experience is lacking.

The top returnees are sophomore Mike Morris and John Kava. Junior Nick Brzezinski has come out for the team for the first time.

## Whalers

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**WHALERS 6, BELLEVILLE 5:** The Whalers should have been ready and raring to go. And yet, they had to battle back from behind to beat Belleville Saturday at Plymouth's Comware Arena in the best-of-seven series opener.

Certainly Andrew Taylor and Fitzgerald did their share offensively for Plymouth.

Taylor scored three first-period goals, the first two on power plays, both assisted by

Nik Tselios. He scored his third goal with five seconds left in the first period; Harold Drucken got the second of his three assists in the game.

But the Bulls also scored three times in the first, with Joel Trotter and Ryan Ready getting a goal and an assist each in the period.

The Whalers' third power-play goal of the game, this one by Julian Smith, came 3:09 into the second period. Midgley tied it 4:22

seconds later, and 27 seconds after that Trotter scored for the second time in the game to put the Bulls in front, 5-4.

Fitzgerald brought the Whalers back, scoring the tying goal with 10:23 left in the second, then getting the game-winner with just 28 seconds to go in the period. David Legwand got his second assist of the game on the winning score. Mara also had two assists in the game.

Esche made 32 saves for the Whalers.

## Canton soccer

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The Spartans came very close to adding another goal to their total with 2:20 to go in the half, but Deanna McGrath's hard shot from the left side rattled off the crossbar.

"The difference tonight," said Kimble afterwards, "was Campbell and Guskic."

The Chiefs kept attacking throughout the second half, with the Morrills — Anne and her older sister, sophomore Abi — each coming very close to putting a shot past Stevenson keeper Jenny Barker.

Anne twice outthrust the Spartan defenders and got off shots on goal — once from the right side, once from the left — that got past Barker but went just wide of the far post.

Abi came even closer, taking a direct kick from 25 yards out, to the right of the Stevenson goal. Her hard drive went over both the Spartan wall of defenders and Barker before slamming off the crossbar with

21:20 left in the match.

The game's final goal was simply a spectacular play. Guskic got possession on the Stevenson side of midfield, on the left wing, she spied Campbell breaking towards goal on the right.

Guskic sent a sharp pass that split the Canton defense and hit Campbell in stride, behind the Chiefs. Lukasik rushed out to challenge, but Campbell could not be stopped. Her goal, with 28:01 left, upped Stevenson's advantage to 3-0.

Which proved to be an unsalvageable lead, although the Chiefs remained aggressive — much to Kimble's dismay. "We're not as cohesive defensively as we'd like to be," he said. "We need to jell as a team."

That will happen. And there's a good chance these two teams will meet again later in the season, with higher stakes.

## MILITARY NEWS

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**TRAINING EXERCISE**

Marine Sgt. Steven C. Sullivan, a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School of Canton, recently participated in a training exercise while on a six-month deployment to Okinawa with 2nd Battalion 6th Marines, homebased at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Sullivan's unit is part of the Unit Deployment Program (UDP). UDP units based in the United States go to Okinawa for six months to train. From Okinawa they can deploy to mainland Japan, Korea and many other Pacific countries. He joined the Marine Corps in June 1991.

Marine Capt. Kerry J. Block recently participated in a training exercise while serving with

the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. The 1982 graduate of Livonia Stephenson High School of Livonia, joined the Marine Corps in Oct. 1988. Block is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, with a BS degree.

**OPERATIONS**

Marine 1st Lt. Douglas W. Smith, son of Nicholas and Joan E. Smith of Plymouth, has arrived in the Arabian Gulf with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Guam Amphibious Ready Group (ARG). President Bill Clinton ordered the ARG to the area in response to rising tensions there. The 1989 graduate of Chesterton High School, joined the Marine Corps in Nov. 1988. Smith is a 1993 graduate of Indiana University Alumni Association, Bloomington, Ind., with a BA degree.

Army Sgt. Paul L. Harris has returned to Fort Hood, Killeen, Texas from Kuwait after participating in a training operation termed "Intrinsic Action." The returning soldiers were assigned to Task Force 1-29th Infantry at Camp Doha, Kuwait. Harris is a gunner assigned to the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry at Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colo. He is the son of James K. and Lee H. Harris of Livonia.

**GRADUATED**

Army Pvt. Phillip N. Jeffers has graduated from One Station Training (OSTUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training combines basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT). Jeffers is the son of Phillip W. Jeffers and Debra M. Norrigan of Canton. He is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School in Canton.

## Law pushes tornado awareness for schools

Legislation requiring schools to conduct tornado safety drills received unanimous support from the House Education Committee.

House Bill 5237, sponsored by Rep. Gerald H. Law requires

that at least two of the current 10 required fire drills in schools be conducted as tornado drills.

Michigan ranks fourth nationally in total tornado-related deaths, according to a study conducted from 1953-1995. In

recent years, Michigan has seen rashes of tornadoes across the state.

Last July, six tornadoes hit south central and southeast lower Michigan.

## Clarification



Thinking Day: The Girl Scouts pictured above are taking part in Thinking Day at Hoben Elementary School in Canton. Mio Nakamura (left) winds a scarf around Megan Leach in one of the activities designed to foster thought and creativity.

## OBITUARIES

### LENORE D. KITE

Services for Lenore D. Kite, 91, of Plymouth were March 31 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Richard Bod officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East, Clinton Township.

She was born on April 19, 1906, in Granite, Tenn. She died on March 28 in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1996 from Tennessee. She originally was from Anderson County, Tenn. When she married she moved to Detroit. In 1968, she moved back to Tennessee and returned to Michigan in 1996.

She loved to read, work in her flower beds, and watch western movies. She was an avid letter writer among family members. She loved to travel and play the piano. She was a caring person and worked with Dr. Levy in Detroit for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dewey Jennings Kite, and her son, George Dewey Kite.

Survivors include her five grandchildren, William Cronk of El Paso, Texas, Sharon (Jerry)

Anthony of Plymouth, Robert (Roseanne) Kite of St. Clair Shores, Kevin (Chris) Kite of Plymouth, Corrine (Jenny) Kenney of New Haven, Mich.; six great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice, 2885 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor 48107.

**NORMAN W. REED**

Services for Norman W. Reed, 81, of Tice, Fla., were March 27 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

He was born on Aug. 21, 1916, in Delphos, Ohio. He died on March 24 in Ft. Meyers, Fla. He was a moulder in a foundry.

After they moved to Florida, he owned and operated Spud Nut Donut Shop. He retired from the donut shop five years ago. He came to the Tice community in 1968 from Howell. He lived in Howell from 1943-1968. He belonged to the American Legion. He served in the Army during World War II in the European Theater. He loved doing crafts and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Beatrice of Florida; two sons,

Gene (Cassandra) of Plymouth, Jerry (Irwina) of Madison Heights; four grandchildren, Tyler (Michele) Best of Greensboro, N.C., Brent (Heather) Best of Roseville, Calif., Derek Best of Rochester Hills, Jason Best of Madison Heights; two great-grandchildren, Andrew Best of Greensboro, N.C., Ashley Best of Greensboro, N.C.; four brothers, Richard (Sharon) Best of Lafayette, Ind., Clarence Best of Auburn, Ind., Norman (Lois) Best of Indianapolis, Ind.; and one sister, Martha Garrison of Garrett, Ind.

Memorials may be made to American Heart, American Lung or American Cancer Association.

**VINCENT B. KLUGER**

Services for Vincent B. Kluger, 90, of Dearborn were March 31 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph S. Mallia officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born on Aug. 17, 1910, in Rock Island, Ill. He died on March 26 in Plymouth. He was self-employed. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Benedict Frederick and Anna Dorothea Kluger. Survivors include his daughter, Joni Heyman of Lake Oswego, Ore.; one son, Brian (Laura) Kluger of Plymouth; three grandsons, Brandon Kluger of Plymouth, Russ Heyman of Lake Oswego, Ore., and Randy Hey-

man of Oakland, Calif.

Memorials may be made in Mass offerings or to Heartland Hospice, 28588 Northwestern Highway, Southfield 48034.

**RONALD J. CLEMENTS**

Services for Ronald J. Clements, 60, of Plymouth were scheduled for today at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Nancy J. Zernan officiating. Burial is at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

He was born Feb. 13, 1938, in Ottawa, Ill. He died on March 30 in Plymouth. He worked for Ford Motor Co. as a development engineer in the heating and cooling field. He worked in Dearborn for 34 years of service he retired one year ago.

He came to the Plymouth community 34 years ago from Ottawa, Ill. He was a member of the Blazing Star Lodge Number 555 of Detroit. He was a Master Mason, a member of the Knights Templar, and a member of the Plymouth Elks Lodge Number 1780.

He graduated from Illinois College with a degree in physics. He graduated from Ottawa High School in Ottawa, Ill., where he played basketball.

He was preceded in death by his son, Christopher. Survivors include his wife, Linda L. of Plymouth; one son, Scot (Kristen) Clements of Milford; two brothers, Fran (Wendy) Clements of San Diego, Calif., Keith (Janine) Clements of San Diego, Calif.; one niece, and two nephews.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association.

## NOTICE

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

Please take Note: On or before May 1, 1998, it shall be the duty of every owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the Township of Plymouth, Michigan, to cut and destroy noxious weeds before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from perpetuating themselves or becoming a detriment to public health, or shall cause the same to be done. Failure to comply with this notice and Section 32.05 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance means that the Township will enter upon such lands and mow the weeds and bill the property owners for the service, as provided in Section 21.070 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will begin mowing all unmowed lots or plots of land on May 15, 1998, without further notice to the property owners.

Published April 2, 1998

## PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE

CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN  
7:00 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1998

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

**SITE PLAN APPROVAL**  
BOX BAR & GRILL  
777 W. ANN ARBOR TR.  
ZONED: R-3, GENERAL BUSINESS  
APPLICANT: LAUREN & JOHN FALCUSAN, JR.

In accordance with the Americans with disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator  
201 S. Main Street  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
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All interested persons are invited to attend.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF WAYNE  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
ORDINANCE NO. C-98-03  
SUMMARY OF  
AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE  
(CHAPTER 60)  
NO PROOF OF INSURANCE/NO INSURANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 60, UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, BY ADDING SECTION 5.706 TO PROVIDE THAT THE OPERATOR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE MUST HAVE INSURANCE AND SHOW PROOF OF INSURANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE SURRENDER OF THE OPERATOR'S LICENSE IN THE ABSENCE THEREOF, PROVIDING FOR SUSPENSION OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES IN THE ABSENCE THEREOF, PROVIDING FOR NON-RENEWAL OF THE REGISTRATION PLATE OF THE VEHICLE, PROHIBITING FALSE EVIDENCE OF INSURANCE, PROVIDING FOR PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR THE SAVING OF ALL PENDING MATTERS AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1. ADDITION TO THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE (CHAPTER 60).**

Section 5.706 of Chapter 60 of the Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinances, the Ordinance adopting by reference the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships, and Villages, is hereby adopted to read as follows:

Section 5.706 Production of Evidence of Insurance; Certificate of Insurance; Violations and Penalties; Renewal, Transfer, or Replacement of Registration Plate; Points; Exemptions.

- (1) This subsection requires the owner/operator of a motor vehicle to have insurance and carry proof thereof.
- (2) This subsection provides that a certificate of insurance is proof of insurance and describes its contents.
- (3) This subsection provides for surrender of the operator's license, fees and suspension of driving privileges for an operator who violates subsection (1).
- (4) This subsection provides for non-renewal of the vehicle registration until insurance is secured.
- (5) This subsection provides that false evidence of insurance is a misdemeanor.
- (6) This subsection provides that a violation causes points to be entered on the driving record.
- (7) This subsection provides that this Ordinance does not apply to vehicles registered in other states or countries.

**SECTION 2. PENALTY.**

This Section provides that violation of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor and provides for penalty for any violation of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

This Section provides that the Ordinance is severable, and if any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain valid.

**SECTION 4. REPEAL.**

This Section provides for the repeal of all conflicting Ordinances.

**SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

This Section provides that the adoption of the Ordinance does not abrogate or affect any ordinance or act committed or done, or any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Section provides that the Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

This Ordinance was duly adopted and/or considered by the Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting held on the 24th day of March, 1998, and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law, copies of the complete Ordinance are available for inspection from the Township Clerk at the offices of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
MARILYN A. MASSENGILL, Clerk

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## CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material, printed or typewritten to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main, Plymouth Mich. 48170.

## WALSH GRADUATES

Walsh College is pleased to announce that the following students have recently graduated with an undergraduate or graduate degree: Sandra Andre, Viswanath Narayan, and Kurt Wilhelm of Canton; also Tammy Croxall, Heidi Lipp, Kevin Lipp, and Jacqueline Pascarella of Plymouth.

## KETTERING UNIVERSITY

Twenty seven students from Kettering University will be included in the 1998 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Among the twenty seven students included in Who's Who is Robert Ford, son of Robert and Irene Ford of Plymouth.

## TAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Taylor University is pleased to announce that Ryan Jefferies, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis

Jefferies has been accepted to Taylor University for the Fall 1998 term. Ryan attends Plymouth Christian Academy.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Walsh College is pleased to announce that the following Walsh students have been awarded a scholarship based on merit and/or financial need for the Winter 1998 Semester: Canton residents, Amy Tolstyka, Joseph Stevens, Lila Gould, Lynn Cannon, Olen Noe, and Therese Tyler.

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Walsh College is proud to recognize the academic achievement of students during the Fall 1997 semester who attained a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or better, and have completed at least 12 semester credit hours at Walsh College. These students include Canton residents; Danielle Sugg, Dawn DeBarr, Kurt Wilhelm, Lila Gould, Lynn Cannon, Michael DeBarr, Reid Cameron, Richard Florence, Shelley Schroeter, and Therese Tyler. Also, Plymouth residents, Kevin Lipp, Tammy Croxall, and Terry Hoffman.

## MILITARY NEWS

To submit your military announcement, send the material printed or typewritten to: Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, Mich 48170.

## ENLISTMENTS

Paul Justice of Canton, has joined the United States Army under the Delayed entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Westland. The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$40,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty. Justice, a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., for basic training on June 11. He is the son of Michael J. and Lorraine Justice of Canton.

Erik Hautly, son of Kathy and Gerald Hautly of Canton, enlisted in the Air Force. Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training as a missile and space systems electrical maintenance apprentice. Hautly, a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, will earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

## DEPLOYMENTS

Marine Cpl. David C. Smith, son of Linda C. Drury of Canton recently returned to his home base of Camp Pendleton, Calif., after a six month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans and Arabian Gulf, with

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 164, part of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) embarked aboard the ships of the USS Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group (ARG). The 1993 graduate of Canton High School joined the Marine Corps in Feb. 1994.

## COMPLETED COURSE

Marine Pfc. Ryan T. Sequin, son of Frederick M. and Kathy M. Sequin of Canton, recently completed the Administrative Clerk course at Personnel Administration School, Marine Corps Service Support School at Camp Lejeune, N.C. As a graduate of the Administrative Clerk Course, Sequin demonstrates his ability to excel in a force of more than 160,000 men and women. The 1995 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School joined the Marine Corps in June 1997.

## DEGREE

Army Capt. Scott Swartzwelder, a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, recently received an MS Degree in engineering management from the University of Missouri, Rolla Campus. He's attending the Combined Arms and Services Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth. After graduation, he's been assigned to the 82nd Airborne division at Ft. Bragg, N.C. Scott graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. in 1993.

## Students, company bottle partnership

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

When Plymouth-Canton Educational Park students talk, Absopure listens.

The Plymouth company has been listening to PCEP marketing students for about four years. The water bottling company and the marketing students have formed a partnership that allows students to give their input on products and gives the company a chance to sell its products in the Rock Shop, the school store at Salem.

Byron Richardson, a marketing teacher at Salem, said students have been chugging more water than ever. Why? Because they have a say in what the bottles look like.

"We've been working with Absopure for the past four to five years selling water in the stores," Richardson said.

The store is selling several cases of water a day, up from only about one case a day when they started out.

Marketing students work with Absopure marketing employees to develop new logos and new bottle sizes, among other things.

Ask and ye shall receive.

Salem students have told Absopure marketers that they want 20-ounce bottles, sport caps and have provided input on what they think the design for Absopure's "Buffalo Water" should be.

"We were one of the reasons (Absopure) went to sport caps," Richardson said, referring to the caps which allow the drinker to squirt water into the mouth.



Business partners: Kim Sikes gets a bottle of Absopure water from Dave Boucher and Chachi Lewis at Salem High School's Rock Shop.

Salem students have also been guinea pigs of sorts. They help the company with taste testing of different types of waters at different temperatures.

Eleventh-grade Salem student Trevor Blumberg said it was fun coming up with bottle designs.

"The logo didn't look appealing," Blumberg said of the "Buf-

falo water" logo. "We changed the color and thought of different ways to present it."

One suggestion the students had was in using cowboys in the design instead of buffaloes.

"We wanted to come up with a design that still had to do with the product," Blumberg said.

The profits from the water go

back into the store. The store's main wish list includes two new computers and a security system.

The Rock Shop sells homemade cookies, snack foods, stuffed toys, including Beanie Babies, clothing and seasonal items.

## REAL ESTATE UPDATE

by John Goodman  
Coldwell Banker Preferred

## STAY LOOSE

It is a week before you are supposed to close on your new home. You have arranged for the movers, the utility companies have set up an orderly transfer of your telephone, electric, water, and gas accounts. Now you feel completely organized about the move and plan to take a few days off. Good!

Remember that closing dates aren't set in stone. Lenders, appraisers, title attorneys, credit check services, and anyone who is involved in the transaction can delay the closing for one reason or another. Keep this in mind as you make your arrangements so that you can minimize the cost and inconvenience due to a delay.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 1998, commencing at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of considering the Single Family Cluster Housing Option for property located on the east side of Beck Road, south of North Territorial Road, and north of Ann Arbor Trail containing 4.84 acres, more or less. Legal description of the property is:

Beginning at the West ¼ corner of Said Section 28, thence North 2 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds East along the West Section Line of said section 28, 212.4 feet to a point, Thence South 84 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds East 1031.87 feet to a point, Thence South 2 degrees 17 minutes 30 seconds West 212.4 feet to a point, Thence North 84 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds West 1031.43 feet to the point of beginning.

Tax I.D. No. R78-034-99-0023-000.

Public Hearing is required by Ordinance No. 83 and/or Subdivision Ordinance No. 32, of the Charter Township of Plymouth. (Application No. 1514/0298)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The application review and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 46565 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 734-453-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address of Township Hall is 46350 Ann Arbor Road.

MARCIA SAYLES, Secretary  
Planning Commission

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as sign language interpreters and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities in the Meeting Room upon request. Call 734-453-3840 x 801. TDD users: 1-800-438-2777. Michigan Relay Service. Publish: April 2, 1998

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1998  
REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES  
EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE  
FOR ILMOR ENGINEERING, INC.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 1998, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Ilmor Engineering, Inc. The new facility is located at 43939 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Township, County of Wayne, Michigan.

The request of Ilmor Engineering, Inc., is on file in the Clerk's office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, April 14, 1998, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting. Telephone number 453-3840 X 224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: April 2, 1998

CITY OF PLYMOUTH  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the City of Plymouth 1998 Sidewalk Repair Program will be received by the City Clerk, City of Plymouth, Michigan, 201 S. Main Street, until 2:00 P.M. Local Time, on Thursday, April 23, 1998, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

Major Estimated Quantities are:

4" Concrete Sidewalk or ramp	80,000 S.F.
6" Concrete Sidewalk or Driveway Approach	12,000 S.F.
Concrete Curb Opening at Sidewalk Ramp	2,000 L.F.
3/4" Expansion Anchor Hook Bolts	250 EA.

Specifications may be examined and obtained from the City of Plymouth Building and Engineering Department, 201 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan for a nonrefundable charge of \$15.00 per set. Bid documents will be mailed for an additional charge of \$5.00.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid, payable to the Owner, as security for acceptance of the contract. A bid bond in the Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified Check.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within 60 days after the date set for the opening thereof.

The right is reserved by the Owner to reject any or all proposals, either in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities therein.

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WSDP auction  
set for May 9

Heading into it's 26th year, WSDP is preparing for it's tenth auction, which will be 9 a.m.- 10 p.m. Saturday, May 9.

The auction was started to help the station to raise funds for equipment updates. From there the auction has grown into a full community event which many people look forward to. At the auction donated items are auctioned off over the airwaves of WSDP and bidders call up to make bids. Each half hour there is a new group of items to bid on.

There is also a "Dream Board," which features special items which can be bid on all day long. Last year the dream board included Tigers tickets, Red Wings playoff tickets, autographed memorabilia, and a prom package. The auction also features special guest auctioneers. Some of last years guests included Plymouth Mayor Ron Loiselle, U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, and State Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

WSDP will be donating a portion of the funds raised to a community charity. Last year, WSDP benefited the Community Hospice Services. This year, the staff has chosen First Step.

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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



Wayne State University's Studio Theatre presents "Speed the Plow," by David Mamet, 8 p.m. at the theater below the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$5 to \$7, call (313) 577-2972.

### SATURDAY



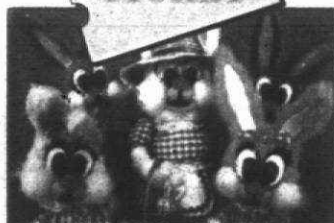
18th century composer George Frederic Handel comes to life in "Hallelujah Handel! Angels in the Opera House," a Detroit Symphony Orchestra Young People's Series Concert 11 a.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$18 to \$7, call (313) 576-5111.

### SUNDAY



Junior Actors of Ridgedale present "Where is Spring?" 1 p.m. at the Ridgedale playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. Admission \$6.50 includes meal, show, and visit with the Easter bunny. Reservations essential, call (248) 988-7049.

## HOT TICKET



**Hot Tix:** Youtheatre at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, presents "Tales of Beatrix Potter," Melikin Puppet Theatre's salute to spring 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5. Tickets \$7 (advance) and \$8 (at the door). No one under the age of 3 admitted to theater, call (313) 963-2366.



Magical musical: Dorothy, portrayed by Birmingham-native Jessica Grove, in a scene from "The Wizard of Oz."

FROM BIRMINGHAM TO OZ

# Dorothy

FOLLOWS THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD

By HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Birmingham-native Jessica Grove, 16, is having no trouble slipping into Dorothy Gale's ruby red slippers. She didn't need any special preparation.

"I didn't have to do a lot. I'm a girl from Michigan and Columbus, Ohio, which has lots of farm land around it. And going to New York was like going over the rainbow for me, a place I've always dreamed about," she said.

Grove (pronounced Grow-vay) played the role last May at New York's Madison Square Garden in a stage version of the MGM classic musical "The Wizard of Oz." Roseanne played the Wicked Witch.

Now Grove is in New York rehearsing for a yearlong national tour with Mickey Rooney as the Wizard and Eartha Kitt as the Wicked Witch. The show comes to Detroit's Fox Theatre April 10 for a two-week run.

Grove was born at Beaumont Hospital and lived a year in Birmingham before her father was transferred to the Columbus area. She has already accumulated an impressive resume including performances in Columbus in "Really Rosie," "The Sound of Music" and, her favorite, a musical version of "The Diary of Anne Frank," "Yours, Anne." She has also toured before in a production of "Oliver."

And she had experience playing Dorothy. So she was ready when her agent called to have her fly to New York last year with her mother.

"They had me sing and read some scenes. I felt good about it, so Mom and I went to Macy's to cele-

## The Wizard of Oz

**What:** 90-minute stage adaptation of the classic MGM musical based on L. Frank Baum's children's books.

**Where:** Detroit's Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., downtown Detroit.

**When:** April 10-26, 7:30 p.m. April 10; 11 a.m., 3 and 8 p.m. April 11, 18 and 25; 2 and 5 p.m. April 12; 2 and 7:30 p.m. April 15 and 17; 1, 4 and 7 p.m. April 19; 7:30 p.m. April 21 and 23; 12:30 and 7:30 p.m. April 22 and 24; and 1 and 4 p.m. April 26.

**Tickets:** \$17.50 to \$45.50, on sale at the Fox, Joe Louis Arena and all Ticketmaster locations. To charge by phone, call (248) 433-1515.

brate," she said. "I called my agent from Macy's and she talked to Julie Hughes, the casting director, and she said they wanted me to come back right away because the producer wanted to see me."

The young actress is excited about coming to Detroit, which she has only seen a couple times since her family moved away. And she's excited about performing with such seasoned performers.

"It's really a wonderful experience. I know not a lot of girls my age get to have," she said. "Lara Teeter, the actor who plays the Scarecrow, said to me, how many kids of my generation will be able to say they worked with Mickey Rooney. I know that's true because he's getting on in years, but I know he'll keep performing as long as he can."

Rooney, 77, is a true American icon. In the late 1930s and early '40s his face and personality defined the youth of his time in the same way that Elvis and the Beatles would for later generations.

Through numerous Andy Hardy movies and Mickey and Judy musicals, Rooney and Judy Garland were presented by MGM as the ideal of American youth.

When Garland was making movie history as the most famous Dorothy of all in "The Wizard," she and Rooney were also making Andy Hardy comedies. Their friendship began in childhood and ended with Garland's early and tragic death in 1969.

"We talked a little about her, but he gets choked up talking about her. He really had a love and respect for her," Grove said. "But he complimented me a lot and that means a lot from him. He had Judy in the back of his mind, but he says I bring my own individuality to the role."

Rooney called his young co-star "marvelous," and said she was a true professional who needed no advice from him.

The veteran troupier was curly polite, barking answers in his familiar voice over the telephone from his room at the Waldorf Astoria in New York. Maybe it was because he was rehearsing his best Frank Morgan gruffness as the Wizard or maybe it was because he had just come from being on radio with Howard Stern, enough to unnerve anyone. In any case, he wasn't interested in giving long answers.

But then, when you've been performing since you were a toddler and your career spans practically the history of American movies, what's left to say. Rooney began appearing in movies when he was 6 years old in a series of "Mickey

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**What:** "Play By Play," a 12-hour marathon of short plays presented by Heartland Theatre Company

**When:** Noon to midnight Saturday, April 4

**Where:** Millennium Center, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield

**Tickets:** \$20, all-day; \$5, per hour; (248) 988-1094

■ Proceeds go to Heartland Theatre Company, a nonprofit arts organization

## Actors go distance for marathon

Every once in a while, Beverly Hainault-Buzinski gets to do some real acting. Something more than a restrained interpretation of a housewife for a sanitized industrial training film.

Yet for the first time in years a smile and a sense of relief spreads across her face when talking about opportunities in local theater.

Hainault-Buzinski of Rochester Hills will perform in "Leaving the Baggage Behind," one of the many short plays in the second annual "Play By Play" fundraising marathon presented Saturday by Heartland Theatre Company at the Millennium Center in Southfield.

"We're bringing the theatrical community together under one roof," said Jan Radcliff, executive director of Heartland. "No one really knows what anyone else is doing."

The prototypical American "have it your way" play festival showcases more than 50 actors and 29 playwrights, mostly from the metro area.

"Play By Play," a 12-hour theatrical deluge offers a steady flow of slice-of-life stories from five to 20 minutes, including monologues, skits, dramas and comedies.

"I thought the quality of plays last year was a fluke, but this year it seems even better," said Radcliff of Birmingham.

If one play doesn't catch your fancy, sit tight. In a few minutes another one will be on its way.

## Ultimate networking

The format of continuous short plays is well suited to the contemporary attention span and remote-control sensibilities.

But in many ways, "Play By Play" is the ultimate insiders festival.

"We don't serve an audience as much as the artists in the theater community," said Radcliff, who organizes annual acting workshops with legendary thespian Uta Hagen, and a summer festival of new plays.

At "Play By Play," up-and-comers are given their due alongside the established names. And overall, the local theater community revels in a cathartic networking bliss.

"The only drawback is deciding whether the best place to socialize is in the theater or the lobby," said Gillian Eaton of Plymouth, who'll perform and direct her playlet, "Bread and Marge."

Please see ACTORS, E2

## MUSIC

# Suicide Machines rages at a furious speed

The Suicide Machines subscribe to the belief that many albums suffer untimely deaths. They aren't satisfying all the way through.

"There's too much filler, not enough killer," singer Jay Navarro said.

On the punk band's latest album "Battle Hymns" (Hollywood Records), The Suicide Machines put up a tough fight against that theory. The album is a 22-song, 29-minute lesson on the band's thoughts on racism ("Hating Hate," "Black and White World"), friendships gone sour ("Give," "Pins and Needles"), war ("Confused"), the environment and pesticides' effects on it ("DDT"), and trust ("Empty Room").

With the help of racing guitars and machine-gun drums, The Suicide Machines quickly get to the point.

"We can put all the elements of a song into a small amount of time. Not very many bands can do

**Who:** The Suicide Machines

**What:** Perform with special guests Telegraph

**When:** Friday, April 17. Doors open at 7 p.m.

**Where:** Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac.

**Why:** To celebrate the release of its sophomore album

"Battle Hymns," on the Disney-owned Hollywood Records, due in stores Tuesday, April 7.

**How:** Tickets are \$8 in advance for the all-ages show. For more information, call (248) 333-2362 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>. Hollywood Records' website is <http://www.hollywoodrec.com>.

## OTHER EVENTS

Fans of The Suicide Machines will also get the chance to dunk singer Jay Navarro on 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at Record Time, 27360 Gratiot Road, Roseville. When someone buys a CD or cassette copy of "Battle Hymns," he or she gets a shot at Navarro in the "punk tank." Call (810) 775-1550 for more information.

that," guitarist/vocalist Dan Lukacinsky said.

The tirade leaves listeners with one of two feelings, Navarro explained.

"You either want more or you're satisfied. Both reactions are good."

"Battle Hymns," which hits stores Tuesday, April 7, is much more political than The Suicide Machines' debut "Destruction By Definition" (Hollywood Records).

"I had a lot more to say about things in general," said Navarro, a Berkley resident who attended Livonia Franklin and Churchill high schools.

The lyrics got more personal, and we admit that we're as confused and frustrated as everyone else when it comes to screwed-up politics. Being from Michigan, we all write from that local perspective. The factory down the river spills out pollution,

Please see MACHINES, E2



**Celebrating release:** The Suicide Machines - from left, vocalist Jay Navarro, guitarist/vocalist Dan Lukacinsky, drummer Erin Pitman, and bassist/vocalist Royce Nunley - celebrate the release of its sophomore effort "Battle Hymns."



## Machines from page E1

unregulated and unconcerned; we see a lot of racial tension, a lot of hate groups. Our surroundings affect us personally and in our songwriting," he added.

Lukacinsky, a Farmington Hills resident, added that those issues inspired the album title "Battle Hymns."

"It has nothing to do with violence. Instead, it's more about battling ignorance and racism. The music is therapeutic - it's a good way to get stuff out of our system. I hope that when people listen to the album they get the messages. But even with the seriousness of the music, we're definitely not trying to be preachy. We try to always keep sight of the fact that this band is mainly about having fun," he explained.

Weaving back and forth between ska, punk and hardcore, the music of "Battle Hymns" keeps the mood of the album upbeat.

The issues that we bring up are depressing, but the music counteracts that. It makes it fun," Navarro said.

The album was recorded in December with producer Julian Raymond, who also produced "Destruction by Definition," and mixer Chris Lord-Alge. Lukacinsky described the album as "a lot less produced. There's no second guitar parts, no horns, no keyboards. But sonically, this record is what."

Lord-Alge's influence gave "Battle Hymns" less of a pop sound than "Destruction by Definition."

"Chris is a different mixer than Jerry Finn (who worked on 'Destruction by Definition'). He was into more of a pop sound. This guy is into more of an in-your-face phat mix," Lukacinsky explained.

### Quick success

The Suicide Machines - which also includes bassist/vocalist Royce Nunley of Redford and drummer Erin Pitman of Dearborn - formed in 1991 and soon thereafter opened for the Mighty Mighty Bosstones at the band's second Detroit show.

Its reputation as an energetic live band led to gigs opening for Rancid in Detroit in 1993 and 1994. The Suicide Machines, a former Observer and Eccentric Newspapers' Band of the Year,

organized its own tours in 1994 and 1995.

After releasing two self-produced recordings, The Suicide Machines made its major-label debut with "Destruction by Definition" in 1996. Named "one of the best American pop albums of '96" by Alternative Press magazine, "Destruction by Definition" has sold more than 200,000 copies and landed at No. 15 on Soundscan's 1997 ranking of alternative new artists.

Besides touring with the U.S. Warped Tour, The Suicide Machines played its music to audiences in Eastern Europe and Japan.

"Prague is the most amazing city. Honestly if I were to move to any city in the world, that's one of them," Navarro said.

With "Battle Hymns," The Suicide Machines is hoping to expand its touring schedule to include Australia.

"We want to take the music to as many places as we can. Those people want to hear our music too," Lukacinsky said. The Suicide Machines will kick off its U.S. tour Friday, April 17, with an all-ages show at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac.

Touring, Lukacinsky explained, helps the band hone its sound.

"The real growth comes from live shows. I can see from the last album that the music has come a long way. The music, the songwriting, you can really see the progression," he said.

"Destruction by Definition" is what it is. It's a different record.

It has more of a pop type of sound. The next album might be a collection of love songs."

"This is what The Suicide Machines is all about. This is the doing for the last seven years. I want people to understand that we're not going to make the same album every time," he added.

The bottom line, according to Navarro, is that the band is satisfied with "Battle Hymns."

"We're happy with the way it came out. A lot of albums you can't listen to the whole thing," Navarro added saying his album is different.

"We're not shoving our ideas down anyone's throats. You can take it or leave it."

## Actors from page E1

While the work of actors, directors and playwrights appear as a smorgasbord, there's a unmistakable camaraderie.

The general attitude is that artists have to create opportunities for themselves.

### Coming together

For Hainault-Buzinski, a founding member of the mid 1970s theater group Roadside Attractions - the precursor to the Attic Theatre - on-stage performances have been infrequent since her days a decade ago performing Shakespeare.

It's the same story for many actors across metro Detroit who patch together free-lance acting assignments to support their insatiable yearnings as serious thespians in search of a compelling script, stage and audience.

As anyone bitten by the theater bug can attest, theater might be the ultimate artistic laboratory to appreciate human motivations, but it's a lousy place to make a living.

"Part of being an actor is thinking on your feet, creating your own work," said Kirk Hanley of Farmington, who will perform in three short plays, "Labor of Love," "Hypothetical Situation," and "Paternity Ward."

A self-described "struggling actor," Hanley said he often has several auditions per week for industrial films and voice-over work.

"(Play By Play) is a way to get your work out there," said Hanley. "You can see the process of how a play comes together."

In fact, "coming together" is also an appropriate description

for the theater community.

For many of the participants in "Play By Play," there's a hope that the marathon is both a catalyst and a microcosm of the

changes ahead.

### Local participants

Kitty Dubin, Loretta Higgins, Jan Radcliff, Joyce Uzelac of Birmingham; Marshall Zweig of

Bloomfield Hills; Shirley Benyas of West Bloomfield; Steve Domrowski, Dean Vanderkolk of Clarkston; Kirk Hanley of Farmington; Sarao Kamoo of Lathrup Village; David MacGregor of

Livonia; Elaine Kaiser of Novi; Gillian Eaton of Plymouth; Beverly Hainault-Buzinski of Rochester Hills; Chris Guyotte of Southfield; Diane Pickert of Troy; P.W. Henry of Westland.

## Dorothy from page E1

McGuire" shorts two years before the Detroit Fox Theatre opened (in 1928). He was the No. 1 box office attraction for three years in 1938-40, has been nominated for three Academy Awards, honored with two special Oscars and won the Golden Globe and Emmy for his performance in "Bill." He has also been a hit on stage in the long-running "Sugar Babies."

He wouldn't name a favorite film.

"After 360 pictures what are you going to say. I enjoyed doing a lot of them," he said.

He also didn't want to talk about this production ("It's fine, great for the kids") or the original "Wizard" and its star.

"I don't believe anyone knew what it would become, it's one of

those cult films," he said, and then reeled off the names of the film's famous stars (Ray Bolger, Jack Haley, Bert Lahr, Frank Morgan, Margaret Hamilton) as the reason for its endurance.

He said he can't wait to come to the Fox and has good memories of Detroit from performing here in "Sugar Babies" at the Masonic.

He has a practical approach to show business.

"I enjoy getting a check every week. I love it. No, really I love the business, I'm happy to be performing," he said.

Rooney recently completed filming on "Babe in Metropolis" featuring the talking pig and scheduled for Thanksgiving release.

**I'd really like to do a show on Broadway and stay a few months, originate a role, make a cast album because that's really the best way to become known.**

Jessica Grove  
Dorothy in "Wizard of Oz"

Jessica Grove still has more stardom views of show business and a set of goals and ambitions.

"I'd really like to do a show on Broadway and stay a few months, originate a role, make a cast album because that's really the best way to become known," she said.

And when this tour is over?

"I just got my driver's license and I can't wait to drive," she said.

Meanwhile, for the next year or so, she'll be dancing down the yellow brick road with Scarecrow, Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion.

## Wayne State hosts conference on dance

Michigan Dance Archive is co-sponsoring "Dance Preservation in Michigan for the 21st Century," a conference on the campus of Wayne State University Friday-Saturday, April 24-25.

For registration information, call the Wayne State University Dance Department at (313) 577-4273.

Dance resources and information are becoming readily acces-

sible through the Internet, CD-Rom information storage and retrieval, and digital imaging technology.

The conference offers a series of "getting started" presentations and networking opportunities to Michigan dancers and archivists.

Guest speakers include Carolyn Adams (artistic director of the New York State Summer School of the Arts, School of the

Dance; curator at the American Dance Legacy Institute, co-director of Harlem Dance Foundation, and principal dancer with Paul Taylor from 1965 to 1982) and Leslie Kopp (executive director of Preservation, Inc., New York, and editor of Afterimages, the newsletter of performing arts documentation and preservation).

Will Smith (technical director of the Ohio State University Multimedia Dance Prototype

Lab) will give an in-depth discussion and demonstration of CD-Rom technology.

On the evening of Friday, April 24, a dance concert featuring the Detroit Dance Collective, Karen Prall's Artistry in Motion, Dance Gallery/Peter Sparing and Co., and the Wayne State Dance Company will be presented in the new Maggie Allesee Studio in the Wayne State Dance Department.

## 'Charlotte' spins a delightfully humorous web

"Charlotte's Web" continues through April 26 at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., downtown Northville. Show times 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays until April 26. Weekday performances 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 13-17. Tickets \$6.50, call (248) 349-8110.

BY LIBBY PRYSBY  
SPECIAL WRITER

The classic story "Charlotte's Web" has warmed the hearts of many, so will the Marquis Theatre's latest production of this familiar tale. Twenty smiling faces, wonderful scenery, and lots

of audience participation will keep most of the youngest theatergoers entertained throughout the entire performance.

Once the lights have gone down, and the overture has ended, the audience is welcomed by the humorous and amusing rat, Templeton, played by Steve Tadevic.

Tadevic is such a natural, and immediately loved by all, although his character probably would hate to have anyone feel such a strong emotion for him.

Wilbur, the "radiant and humble" pig, is portrayed by Chris

Kirouac. Also a crowd pleaser, Kirouac has exaggerated gestures and some terrific movements. Not only is he some pig, but also some actor.

Charlotte, the sweet, yet strong spider, is performed by Kathleen Coleman-Lozelle. Her elegant and graceful moves, along with the aid of her costume, truly turn Coleman-Lozelle into a willowy spider.

Barnyard friends, the Old Sheep, portrayed by Jackie Marns, and the Goose, portrayed by Emily Wilk, add a light-hearted touch which mixes well with

the music and choreography. Wilk, along with her Goslings, Elyanne Rosenthal, Jamie Somerville, and Jessica Menyhart, do a snappy little number, showing off how talented these cast members are.

Some other fine performances can be seen with Ken Haering portraying Uncle Zuckerman, Stacie Guerrero portraying Fern, Justin Wilk portraying Lurvy, the Indian Chief, the Fair president, and the gifted Children's Chorus.

Zuckerman's Barn has been created with precision and cre-

ativity. The web spun by Charlotte is cleverly crafted and serves its purpose well. The fair scene, a painted backdrop, takes the audience to a realistic state fair with a ferris wheel and ticket booths. Both are nicely constructed and transform the Marquis from a theater to a rural area.

Probably the best aspect of this musical is the audience participation. Dialogue, as well as lines, if the music draw everyone into the action on the stage, along with the action in the aisles. Not only does this grab

everyone's attention, but sustains it for over an hour. No one should be bored during this theater production.

If you are looking for a great performance with a meaningful story line, energetic actors, and lots of fun, plan to attend the Marquis Theatre's performance of "Charlotte's Web." Everyone will have a terrific time.

Libby Prysby, a junior at Groves High School in Birmingham, has been involved in community theater for over 10 years.

## Redford singer performs Requiem

Dramatic soprano Julie Rose of Redford will be a featured soloist with the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra in the Verdi Requiem 3 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at St. Clare of Montefalco Church on Mack at Outer Drive. Tickets are available at the door for \$12 adults, \$10 seniors and \$5 students. For more information, call (313) 885-0744.

Rose has tour Europe seven times, giving more than 40 concerts in Germany, Austria,

Switzerland, England, Italy and Poland. She has also performed as a guest soloist with many local orchestras. She is soprano soloist and cantor at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit and has often appeared in the popular Cathedral Culture Series. She has also sung as a chorister with the University of Michigan Choral Union and the Michigan Opera Theatre Chorus.

Rose has performed in Fanchawe's "African Sanctus" at

Wayne State University, Purcell's "Didio and Aeneas at Ford World Headquarters and Fauve's "Requiem" at Blessed Sacrament. Upcoming performances include the Mozart "Coronation Mass" in Salzburg, Austria in July.

Rose is also a master gardener, author of several textbooks and a chemistry teacher at Eastern Michigan University. She lives in Redford with her husband, Mark.

## Rockettes looking for a few good legs

Radio City Productions will host an open casting call for all qualified performers including Rockettes Wednesday, April 8 at the Wayne State University Dance Department, 3317 Old Main Boulevard, third floor, Detroit. For more information, call the Audition Hotline (212) 632-3630.

The Radio City Rockettes are looking for dancers to join the troupe of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular which returns this holiday season to the Fox Theatre. In 1997, the legendary show was seen by a record 1.7 million people in New York, Chicago, Detroit, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Missouri. The Detroit production, presented by Hudson's, was completely sold out.

Radio City Productions is looking for more Rockettes, more dancers, more singers, and more children to perform in this year's holiday extravaganza. All Rockettes, dancers and singers must be at least 18 years of age. Call backs will be held the day after audition. Christmas Spectacular rehearsals begin in mid-October with performances running from mid-November to December.

Auditions for Rockettes, who must be between 5 feet 5 1/2 inches and 5 feet nine inches, start at 10 a.m. Performers must be prepared to learn tap, ballet and jazz combinations.

Auditions for male dancers begin at 1 p.m., followed by female dancers at 2 p.m. Dancers should be prepared to learn ballet and jazz combinations. If you

also sing, bring music. All female dancers must work on pointe and have their pointe shoes with them to audition. There is no height requirement, though some costumes limit vision.

Auditions for singers begin at 4 p.m., children's auditions at 5 p.m.



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**SOME EXCITING ATTRACTIONS AT THIS YEAR'S SHOW:**

- Make money turning "Trinkets into Treasures." Tony Hyman shows you how. As seen on Oprah and Vicki.
- Joe Gagnon, WTR's "The Appliance Doctor" broadcasts live from the show.
- Parade of Homes
- Home decorating demonstrations
- Home repair and remodeling demonstrations
- Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes.

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## THEATRE

**DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE**  
"Scott Joplin," a musical play about the king of ragtime with music by Scott Joplin, through Sunday, May 24, at the theater, 13103 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 868-1347

**FOX THEATRE**  
"The Wizard of Oz," with Mickey Rooney as the Wizard, American Music Classics host Bob Doran as Uncle Henry and the understudy to The Wizard, Earthe Kitt as the Wicked Witch of the West, and Jessica Groves as Dorothy. 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, April 11, 18 and 25, 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 12, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, and Friday, April 17, 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 19, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, and Thursday, April 23, 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, and Friday, April 24, and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$45.50 (main floor and mezzanine), \$32.50 and \$17.50, with school group discounts available. (313) 853-1515 / (313) 596-2111

**HEARTLAND THEATRE COMPANY**  
"Play by Play," a 12-hour marathon of 10-minute plays written by local and regional writers, noon to midnight Saturday, April 4, Millennium Theater, 15600 1/2 Hudson Dr., Southfield. \$20 for all-day passes, \$5 per hour, benefits Heartland's "Playhouse '98." (248) 988-1054, ext. 1

**HEADBOY BOOK THEATRE**  
"Murder By Misadventure," a mystery-writting duo plots the perfect murder, through April 12, at the theater at Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel roads, 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. Sundays (\$32), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$22), and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (\$26.50). Students, seniors and group discounts available. (248) 377-3300

**MUSIC HALL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**  
"Perilous Times," with Tommy Ford, tells the story of a man's life and decisions after his angel shows him the life of a man who lived almost 2,000 years ago, Tuesday-Sunday, 7-12, at the hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday (\$16.50), 8 p.m. Thursday (\$19.50 and \$21.50), 8 p.m. Friday and Sunday (\$21.50 and \$24.50), and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday (\$21.50 and \$24.50). (313) 963-2366

**PLOWSHARES THEATRE CO.**  
"The Sun in the Sun," 6 p.m. Friday, Saturday, April 3-4, and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Museum of African American History & Dr. Charles H. Wright Theatre, 315 E. Warren (at Brush), Detroit. \$15. Plowshares students, MAH members, students and ID, and seniors ages 60 and older. (313) 872-0279

**"RENT"**  
Premier Wednesday, April 8, for Congregation Shir Tikvah in Troy, at the Fisher Theatre, 575, \$125 and up includes buffet dinner donated by Matt Prentice's Unique Restaurant. (248) 525-7032, Special Showbox service 7:45 p.m. Friday, April 3, to thank "Rent" honorees and non-honorary contributors, for location, call (248) 619-9669

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE**  
"Moon Over Buffalo," by Ken Ludwig, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, at the college, 18600 Highland Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia. \$8. (313) 462-4400

**OAKLAND UNIVERSITY THEATRE**  
Children of a Lesser God, a love story by Mark Medoff, Thursday-Sunday, April 7-9, Varner Lab Theatre, Oakland University, Rochester. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19, student matinees 10 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, April 7-8, sign interpretation 6 p.m. Friday, April 17, \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. (248) 377-3013

**YOUTH**  
"Antigone," Sophocles' powerful Greek tragedy set in Kenya during the 1930s, Thursday, April 2 to Sunday, April 12, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, April 5 and 12, at the Truistone Theatre, inside the Griess Building at State and Huron streets, Ann Arbor. \$14, \$7 students with ID. (734) 764-0450

**WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
"Wishin's Rainbow," directed by Tony Harrison, in the New National Theatre, 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, April 2-4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the college, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor. \$12 and \$15, \$5 and \$7 for students. (734) 973-2923

**WILSON THEATRE**  
"A Woman of No Importance," by Oscar Wilde, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4; "Two Gentlemen of Verona," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2; "Three Sisters," by Anton Chekhov, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 10-11, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave. on the Wayne State University. Detroit. (313) 571-2972

**COMMUNITY THEATRE**  
"Church of the Divine Child," Anything Goes, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the church, 1001 N. Silvery Lane (west of Telegraph Road, south of Ford Road), Dearborn. \$5.00 adults and students with ID, \$4.50 seniors and children. (313) 562-5050

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Family show: In a festive salute to the spring holidays, Youtheatre at Music Hall, 350 Madison, Detroit, will present Chicago's Melikin Puppet Theatre's "Tales of Beatrix Potter," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5. Parents should bring their cameras and plenty of film as the young theatergoers will be greeted by live costumed characters, including Youtheatre's Bunny Mother, in the lobby before and after each performance. Tickets \$7 (advance) \$8 (at the door). No one under the age of 3 will be admitted to the theater. Call (313) 963-2366.

## DINNER THEATRE

**GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL**  
"Trial By Error," live interactive comedy dinner, through June, at the restaurant, 308 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

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## FAMILY EVENTS

**AMERICAN GIRLS TEA**  
2-7 p.m. Sundays, April 5 and 19, Mary Denning Cake Shoppe, 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland. \$12 children, \$6 adults. (734) 261-3680

**"BIRDS AT HAVEN HILL"**  
Nature walk, 9 a.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Goose Meadow parking lot at Highland Recreation Area, 5200 E. Highland Road (M-59), White Lake. State college vehicle permit required for entry. (248) 685-2187

**"FROGS AND TOADS OF MICHIGAN"**  
Side presentation introduces visitors to frogs and then they get to see the amphibians up close during a walk, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at Annex parking lot at Proud Lake Recreation Area, 3500 Wixom Road, Milford. State motor vehicle permit required for entry. (9248) 685-2187

**MAGIC'S ROUNDABOUT CLASSIC**  
6 p.m. Sunday, April 5, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$9 reserved, \$5 general admission. (248) 552-0550

**"MARTINIS AND MARGARITAS"**  
Tremors' spring craft social with an all-you-can-eat gourmet hors d'oeuvres, sampling of St. Louis flavored martinis, margaritas with Don Julio tequila, wine and two premium hand-dipped cigars of choice, 5-8 p.m. Thursday, April 2, 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 3, at the club, 311 Walnut St., Mount Clemens. (810) 783-6400, ext. 7989

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## MOVIES

## 'Lost in Space' needs someone at the helm



JOHN MONAGHAN

I spent way too much of my young life parked in front of the television set watching reruns of "Lost in Space." I liked it better than "Star Trek." It had more monsters.

So imagine the pain, the pain of seeing it botched so badly on the big screen. The inevitable "Lost in Space" movie, which opens Friday, may have better special effects, but it can't make up its mind between serious science fiction and B-movie camp.

The original show ran for three seasons starting in 1965 and the plot remains much the same. The Robinson family are pioneers, circa 2058, who set off to colonize other planets. Joining

them is Don West, the fighter pilot who grumbles about hauling the family across the galaxy. Enter the evil Dr. Smith, a resistance-led saboteur who programs the Robinsons' robot to crush, kill, and destroy them shortly after takeoff. When that plot fails, he's stranded on the new runaway ship.

Add to this the same old sexual tension between pilot West, and Robinson daughter Judy, and you've got the basic elements of the old show.

So where does the movie go wrong? By not having a firm grasp on the material. By now, rules have been established for turning old TV shows into viable movies. When the material is good to start with, like "The Fugitive," a decent movie can still result.

When it was hokey to begin with, like "The Brady Bunch," it's best to not take things too seriously. Betty Thomas, director of

the first "Brady" movie, had a fondness for the material and knew how to poke fun at it while still being somewhat reverent.

There's no doubt that the forces behind "Lost in Space" (namely writer Akiva Goldsman and director Stephen Hopkins) genuinely like the show, but they never have a grasp on what made it special. Certainly it wasn't the special effects, but the imaginative way it presented crazy science fiction concepts with a definite sense of the absurd.

Here you've got serious scientific musings about the nature of time travel. In the next breath you've got Mimi Rogers delivering lines to the kids like, "stop it, you two, or we're going to turn this ship right around." There's even a lame "night mama"-style "Waltons" joke.

Remember Penny's friend the space monkey? It's back as Bloop, a computer-generated



Family adventure: Jack Johnson (left to right), William Hurt, Mimi Rogers and Lacey Chabert star in "Lost in Space."

free-fall from a ghost space ship and attach to the Jupiter 2. And there's a nifty cryogenics tube that freezes the family in flight.

The whole project ultimately goes the direction of the old series. What starts out as something genuinely cool panders more and more to the kiddie audience by the end. Still, when

the electronic version of the old "Lost in Space" theme song rolls over the closing credits, I know I'll be back for the sequel.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

## Songwriter Marc Cohn returns from family break

Introspective singer/songwriter Marc Cohn earned a Grammy in 1991 for "Best New Artist," and had a hit single with "Walking in Memphis." Two years later he followed it up with "The Rainy Season" but realized that there was something much more important than music.

"I took four years off because I wanted to be with my children and have a little bit of my life as opposed to just life on the tour bus," Cohn explained. "Part of why I took such a long break is that's all I did was tour. I toured almost non-stop for almost 14 months."

His marriage also fell apart. All those elements inspired "Burning the Daze," his third effort which hit stores Tuesday, March 17.

"Being with my kids, it certainly had an effect on me. There's no songs here specifically about them. But I spent most of

my time with them, that impacted me in every possible way. This record would have been different had I not spent time with them," he said.

The confessional, emotional album tracks Cohn's need to find salvation and to understand love. On the album, he is joined by a variety of artists including Roseanne Cash ("Olana"), Patty Griffin ("Healing Hands") and "Already Home"), and T-Bone Wolk ("Valley of the Kings").

"I met them (the guest musicians) all different ways. Roseanne is a friend of mine and married to my producer and best friend. There was kind of a family atmosphere there. Patty was just somebody that I really admired and thought was a great singer. I was looking for a specific sound and Patty was that sound. She was nice enough to fly down and do it," he said.

In a rare move, he collaborated with someone to write a song.

"Turn to Me" was written with Kevin Salem.

"That's the fun part of the process. Songwriting for me is a pretty solitary process. I don't collaborate often. When you get into the recording stage of things, that is really a collaborative effort. I have the most fun doing that."

Although he worked with a family of musicians on "Burning the Daze," he will be joined only by a guitarist at his show Thursday, April 2, at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac.

"That's always been the way I've liked it the most. It's the most intimate way to present the songs. In a way, it shows people a more authentic view of the song. It's as close as the way it sounded when it was written."

Ironically, this is his first performance in the Detroit area, he said.

"It's probably nothing person-

al," Cohn said with a laugh.

"Sometimes you go to a place and there's a certain radio station that's really been supporting you. Maybe there's not an appropriate venue on the night that you're nearby. You kind of have to set up a tour to find which places work on. I've never played Nashville either, which is a major disappointment."

For this album, however, he's hitting as many cities as possible.

"It exceeded everyone's expectations," he said about the album. "I'm committed to really giving this record everything I have."

■ "OzzFest" will make its way to Pine Knob Music Theatre on Thursday, July 23. This year's lineup includes Ozzy Osbourne, of course, Tool, Megadeth, Coal Chamber, Incubus, Kilgore, Limp Bizkit, Melvins, Monster Machine, Sevendust, Snot, Soulfly, System of a Down, 21 featuring Rob Halford, and Ultraspank. Look for ticket information soon.



He's back: Marc Cohn spent time with his family and now he's back performing.

## 'Antigone' raises old themes in new setting



ANN DELISI

reference encompasses only the most recent sliver of the timeline of human existence. Eavesdrop over breakfast at a Bob Evans some time. You can actually hear patrons claim that any story that can ever be told has already been done by "I Love Lucy." That may be true, but something had to have happened before Lucy started babbling or she wouldn't have had any stories to tell.

This week on *Backstage Pass* on Detroit Public Television, we're stretching both ends of the cultural timeline. At the old end, we'll look at some classical Greek tragedy, which was probably based on something even older, like *The Honeybees*.

We sent our own Gary Anderson to the Trueblood Theatre on the University of Michigan campus to check out the Theatre and Drama Department's production of "Antigone." I asked for some background for those of us who didn't retain our Cliff's Notes.

"Antigone" is a major classic, over 1,000 years old, written by

Sophocles, one of the oldest playwrights known to man.

So, what's it about? "The title character, Antigone, seeks to bury her brother, Polyneices." How did he die? Gary had to really remediate me here.

"Antigone is the third play in the Oedipus trilogy. Oedipus is both Antigone's father and brother. In the first play, "Oedipus Tyrannus," Oedipus killed his father, the king, and married his mother, the queen, thereby assuming the throne. Only he doesn't know that they're his mother and father at the time. When he finds out what he's done, he blots his eyes out and leaves the throne and becomes a wanderer."

In the second play, "Oedipus at Colonus," we see Oedipus later in life, ready to die. He wants to find a resting place, but because of his tragic - and in some people's minds jinxed - past, he's not allowed to have rest. After some doing, he's finally buried at Colonus.

"In Antigone, Polyneices builds an army to destroy Creon, who replaced his father on the throne. He loses the battle and dies. Antigone brings her brother to the city gates of Thebes to be buried, and Creon refuses. Antigone fights the system."

Handy history lesson, but what does it mean now? The play has relevance to modern days, especially in this production, which explores the relationship of women to power. The

director, Glenda Dickerson, has even added an element of the death of Princess Diana, and the way Diana was perceived while she was alive. In the prelude to the play, Antigone is mentioned as "the people's princess."

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## SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

**Detroit Film Theatre** - Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors).

**"Taste of Cherry"** (Iran-1997). April 3-5 (call for showtimes). In a story reminiscent of our own Dr. Kevorkian, a man drives through the outskirts of Teheran, searching for a doctor to assist in his suicide.

**"The Long Way Home"** (USA-1997). 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 6. The Oscar-winning documentary that focuses on the plight of those that survived the Holocaust, chronicling the often torturous years following their liberation from the camps.

**"Magie Bag"** - 22813 Woodward, Farmdale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information (\$2).

**"Boogie Nights"** (USA-1997). 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2. A nearly epic look at the salad days of the porno industry in the late '70s and early '80s where a not-too-bright busboy (Mark Wahlberg) becomes a star. Burt Reynolds and Julianne Moore copped Oscar nominations (but

lost) for their supporting roles.

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**"LOST IN SPACE"** - Based on the popular TV series, the space traveling Robinson family wanders from planet to planet in their quest to return home. Stars William Hurt, Mimi Rogers.

**"MERCURY RISING"** - Action thriller centers around a nine-year-old autistic savant who is chased by government assassins after inadvertently deciphering a secret military code. Stars Bruce Willis, Alec Baldwin.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, April 8

**"PLAYERS CLUB"** - Provocative peek behind the scenes of a small-time gentlemen's club. Stars Ice Cube, Jamie Foxx.

Scheduled to open Friday, April 10

**"NEIL SIMON'S 'THE ODD COUPLE II'"** - Sequel to the 1968 comedy hit reunites Felix and Oscar who get terribly lost on the way to the wedding of their children. Stars Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau.

**"3 NINJAS: HIGH NOON AT MEGA MOUNTAIN"** - An action comedy about the unstoppable Ninja brothers. They're on vacation to Mega Mountain amusement park and find themselves up against the evil bandit queen Medusa when she takes over the park and holds it for ransom. Stars Hulk Hogan, Lori Anderson.

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**"OFFER AN ANGEL"** - A restless angel must choose between Eternal life and passionate love. Stars Nicolas Cage, Meg Ryan, Dennis Franz.



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**"THE OBJECT OF MY AFFECTION"** - Romantic comedy about a woman who leases a room in her apartment to a gay man and then finds herself falling in love with him. Stars Jennifer Aniston, Paul Rudd, Alan Alda.

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## DINING

## Creative new chef makes a 'Landing' in Plymouth

Plymouth Landing has been around for a long time, but it's not the same since January when Chaz West left New York to take over as executive chef.

He and owner Jim Plakas, former mayor of Garden City, met through mutual friends. West left his job as executive chef for Ramada, moved here, and bought a house in South Redford.

Plakas has given West the license to "be as creative as he wants to be," and West is having a blast.

"We are here, and we're out to impress and give good service. I'm here, fresh out of New York," said West. "It's very creative cooking, something new. This is my first restaurant and I'm having a good time. It's a change of atmosphere, a slower life."

An animated chef, who enjoys making people laugh as much as he enjoys cleaning and cooking, West has a favorite saying - "Old is Gold."

The Plymouth Landing is located in the Markham Building, the oldest commercial building still in use in Plymouth. When the building was built in 1882. It's been a restaurant for 20 years, and Plakas is the second owner. He's operated it for the last nine-and-a-half years.

West begins his day at 5 a.m. cleaning. "I hate grease," he said. "You can eat off the floor, my kitchen is so clean."

Plymouth Landing reminds West of the first restaurant he ever worked at, a supper club in Niagara, New York.

His family lived near the club and West kept bothering the owners to hire him. "I went up to the door and said 'I want to be a chef.' I was 13, and the owners said I was too young."

He told him he could wash dishes, and when he turned 15 they hired him. A classically trained chef, West completed internships at hotels in Switzerland and Paris, and has won numerous awards for his cooking and presentations.

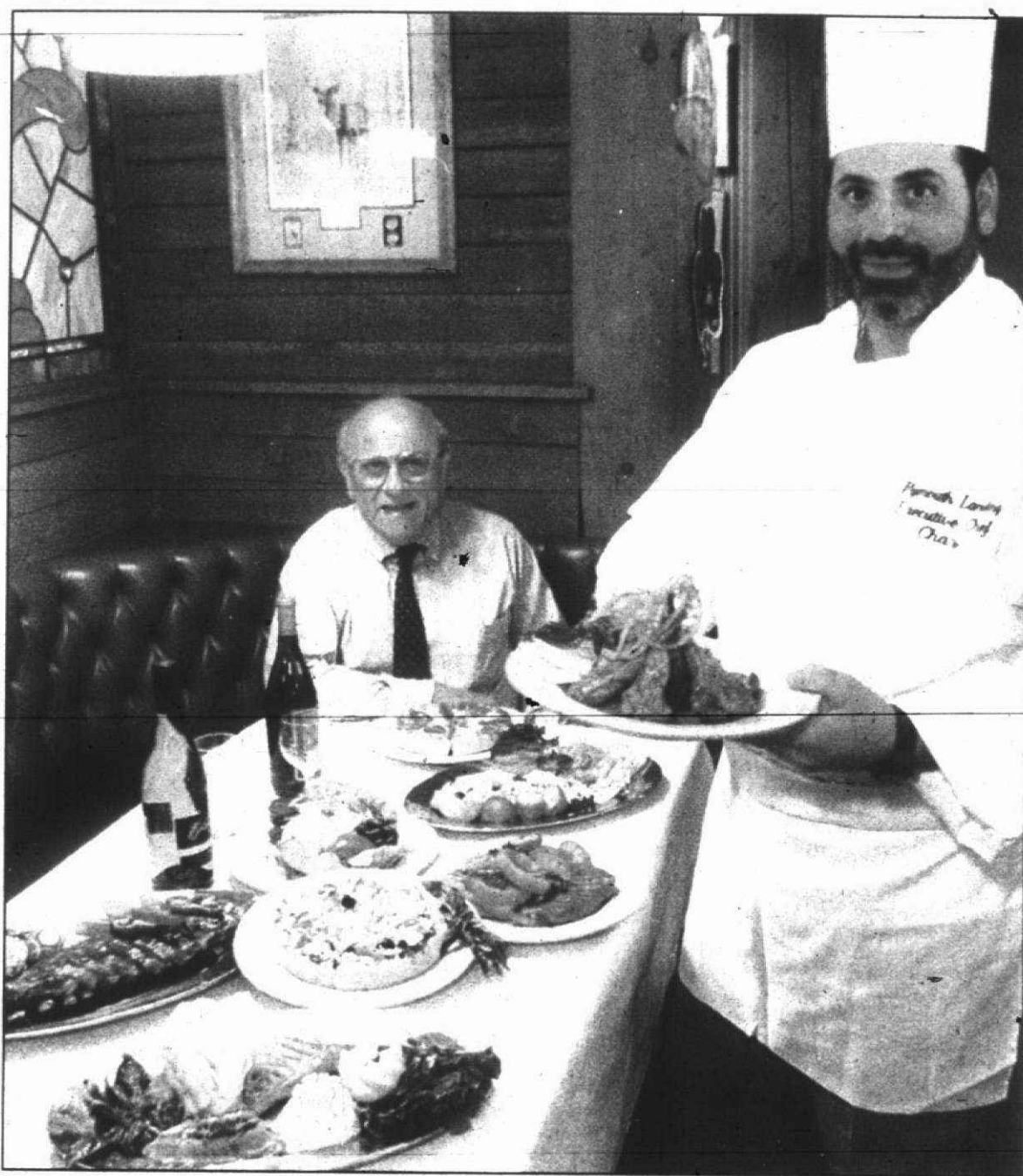
Cooking is an art, and West views every plate as a canvas. He recently made a peacock from a watermelon.

"Whatever our customers want, we have on hand," he said. "We can accommodate special dietary requests. Everything served is made fresh, with the highest quality ingredients. West uses fresh herbs and vegetables, and makes everything including desserts and soups from scratch."

For lunch, dinner, or just a snack, Plymouth Landing aims to please with an extensive dinner menu, which includes prime rib, seafood, veal, steaks, and pasta.

The lunch menu features a variety of sandwiches, salads, and lighter entrees such as Honey Lemon Chicken Linguini, Spinach Cheese Pie, and Orange Roughy Fish & Chips. Try the Greek Pizza, or a cup of Plymouth Landing's Signature Three Onion Soup. Be sure to ask about the daily specials, three are offered each day.

Customer favorites include prime rib, Jim's Whitefish, and Veal Frangelico served with



Plymouth Landing

**Where:** 340 N. Main St., Plymouth, (734) 455-3700

**Hours:** 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday (bar stays open until 1 a.m., limited Casual Fare menu after 10:30 p.m.); 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, brunch served until 2 p.m.

**Menu:** Creative cooking with Greek, Italian and French flare, American fare also.

**Cost:** Lunch ranges from \$6.50 to \$12.95, dinner \$7.95 to \$21.95; brunch \$10.95 adults, \$5.95 children ages 5-10; no charge children age 4 and under.

**Reservations:** Recommended

**Credit cards:** All majors accepted

**Banquet Room:** For up to 50 people

**Special event:**

■ **Easter Buffet** - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 12, \$12.95 adults, \$6.95 children ages 5-10; no charge children age 4 and under. Menu includes ham and turkey, pasta with tomato sauce, mixed vegetables, roast pork with gravy, Polish sausage, rice pilaf, dressing, mashed potatoes, sweet & sour cabbage, variety of salads, assorted pastries and desserts.

■ Ask about the VIP Club Membership for discounts for brunch, lunch and dinner.

salad and choice of baked potato, rice pilaf or garlic red skins and fresh vegetable of the day. Flaming "Opal" cheese is a popular appetizer.

There's also a Casual Fare menu with sandwiches and appetizers, such as Open Face Prime Rib Sandwich, Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich, Traditional Shrimp Cocktail, Wild Wings or Buffalo Wings that's available later in the evening.

West's baby back ribs are also popular with customers, and will be added to a new menu now in the works.

"He's involved, he's a chef and a teacher, and it's made a big difference," said Plakas. "He instills confidence in everyone around him."

Metro Detroit seems an unlikely move for a chef with West's experience, but he has found much to like since moving here in January.

"Your prices, everything is much cheaper here than in New York," he said. "I like the people, they're not plastic. They are real, wholesome people."

**Fabulous fare:** Jim Plakas (left), owner of Plymouth Landing, and Executive Chef Chaz West, present some of the new, creative dishes the restaurant has to offer.

Just in case you missed it, or lost the paper. Here are some of the restaurants we've recently visited:

■ **Flying Fish Tavern** - **Where:** 6480 Orchard Lake Road, (corner of Maple Road) West Bloomfield (248) 865-8888. **Hours:** 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday; 3 p.m. to midnight Sunday. **Menu:** Casual neighborhood family eatery serves comfort foods with special focus on fresh catches of the day. **Cost:** Appetizers and dinner salads \$4-8; sandwiches and burgers \$5.50-7; pastas \$7-9; big plates, specials and catch of the day \$9-15; desserts \$2-4. **Reservations:** For parties of six or more only. **Credit cards:** All majors accepted.

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.

■ **Wood-Ruff's** - **Where:** 212 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak, (248) 586-1519. **Hours:** Monday through Saturday 4 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sunday 4-9 p.m. **Menu:** Modern culinary twists on classics such as steaks, chops, duck and seafood served in a highly stylized, adult supper club atmosphere where jazz is king of sound. **Cost:** Starters \$3-7. Entrees \$14-24 accompanied by salad, starch as appropriate and vegetable garnish. **Reservations:** Recommended. **Credit cards:** All majors accepted.

Steve Woodruff believed downtown Royal Oak needed a restaurant catering to a mature audience who appreciate excellent food, exceptional service and great live jazz.

■ **Mesquite Creek** - Two locations, 45250 Ford Road, Canton (734) 414-0100; and 7228 Ortonville Road, Clarkston, (248) 620-9300. **Open:** 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday. **Menu:** Steakhouse fare with great seafood. Mesquite Creek takes a Tex-Mex spin on everything they do, and uses Certified Angus Beef. **Reservations:** Sunday-Thursday for parties of eight or more. **Credit Cards:** All majors accepted. **Cost:** \$5-\$12 lunch; \$9-\$27 dinner. **Children's menu:** available. **Entertainment:** Canton location - 7-11 p.m. Wednesdays, The Hits plays soft pop rock favorites.

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