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Commission OKs Electropolit



The Canton Planning Commission Monday recommended approval for coin-operated devices at a planned entertainment complex on Haggerty. The township board will have the final say on the proposed complex.

A roar of cheers filled the air from family and supporters of George Marvaso as he approached the podium. Monday after the Canton planning commission recommended approval for

use of coin-operated devices at Electropolitan, an adult-style "theme park" planned for Haggerty between Ford and Cherry Hill.

"I thank God, thank the planning commission, my support team and my devoted family. I want to build some

thing Canton is proud of," exclaimed Marvaso after moving one step closer to owning one of the country's largest amusement complexes.

However some Canton residents still don't see the development, similar to the national Dave & Buster's chain, as a positive addition to their neighbor-

Kathleen Lekki of Bedford Villa Condominiums, who lives across the street from the proposed complex said, "Not only is the traffic my concern, my prob-

lem is possible crime coming into the area and too many people's home values going down."

Another Bedford resident, Lynn Ott, suggested the complex would be better off on Michigan Avenue where other entertainment complexes are located.

We are going to get drunk people coming out of there, I want the center but not right across from the subdivision." Ott said.

The planning commission voted 5-0

District

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Arts center moving forward

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BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER\

What's in a name?

A lot if you're trying to establish a center for music, dance, drama and education. "Partnership for the Arts" is the moniker the center, which would likely be located in Canton, will carry if it becomes reality.

"We wrestled with it for quite awhile," said Partnership for the Arts Board of Directors Secretary Joan Noricks. "We didn't want it to be geographical, but we did want it to be inclusive. We wanted to embrace what's really going on."

And there is a lot going on.

The board is in the process of hiring a consulting firm. The firm will conduct a needs assessment and prepare a business plan.

Other arts groups, such as the Center for Creative Study and the Michigan Opera Theater, will be contacted during the needs assessment. Consultants will gauge their commitment to using a Partnership for the Arts facility and what they're willing to pay, said Noricks.

That will help the firm devise a business plan. Noricks said it will give the board a firmer grasp of exactly what kind of facility could be built and selfsufficient

"We really want to get this going," said Noricks. "We hope to have the Scouts promote cultural awareness



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Thinking Day: Members of Girl Scout Troop 1234 dressed in authentic Indian costumes Friday to take part in Scout Cluster No. 1's annual Thinking Day at Hoben Elementary School in Canton. The costumes were donated by a University of Michigan professor. Scouts also shared samples of Indian rice and performed a dance as part of the exercise in cultural awareness, said troop leader Cathy Seay-Ostrows-

breaks ground

MIDDLE SCHOOL

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

It may have been a misnomer, considering the ground is as hard as a rock. However, that didn't stop nearly 100 people from attending Sunday's "groundbreaking" for Discovery Middle School, the first middle school to be constructed in Canton.

"Symbolically, with this groundbreaking, we are taking a step towards the future," Superintendent Chuck Little told the onlookers who were standing on Hanford Road. "Not only are we having a place called a school constructed here, but we believe it will symbolize our continuing commitment to education for everyone, and reach well into the future to shape our com-

"Think about the thousands and thousands of children who will benefit by what we are doing today," added Mike Maloney, school board president. "This community cares about children, and cares about education. That's what makes it a great place to live, and that's what's going to continue to make it a great place to live over the next

Site preparation for the Hanford and Canton Center roads location is expected to begin when the weather cooperates, hopefully by the end of this month. Bids for construction are expected March 31, with construction to begin shortly afterward.

"We're encouraged by the competition that's being generated," said archi-

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Police arrest 2 teens for armed robbery

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oe.homecomm.net

A 44-year-old Canton woman was robbed at knifetpoint in her driveway late Saturday night.

The Briargate Court resident was uninjured. Police apprehended two suspects, both juveniles, shortly after

"This is a severe armed robbery," Canton Officer Leonard Schemanske said. "It doesn't get much worse than

The teen suspects are both Canton residents. One is a 15-year-old and the

Because both are minors and the woman was uninjured, Schemanske said Wayne County Juvenile Court would likely handle the case.

According to court records, a preliminary hearing for both teens will be held Saturday. Charges will then either be dropped or a trial date will be

Armed robbery normally carries a felony charge with a multiple-year penalty, Schemanske said. He was unsure of what type of punishment, if any, the teens would face in connection with the robbery.

The incident began shortly before midnight when the two teens ran across the woman's lawn and approached her. Schemanske said she was taking bags out of her car when the boys arrived

One of the teens told her, "Give me your bag. Give me your purse," police reports said.

The woman originally said no. But one of the teens, who threatened her with a kitchen knife that had a four- to five-inch blade, snatched the purse.

At that point, Schemanske said she began to scream. Her husband came out of the home and the two teens ran

Please see ROBBERY, A2

Gershwin gets a '90s twist



Players on stage: Wes Farrow as New Yorker "Bobby Child" holds Nicole Reitz as Deadrock resident "Polly Baker" in the Plymouth Players production of "Crazy for You," the '90s musical revision of the 1932 Broadway show featuring music by George and Ira Gershwin. Performances of "Crazy For You" are scheduled for March 19, 20 and 26, 27. The March 26 performance is a dinner-theater fund-raiser for the Educational Excellence Foundation, with tickets at \$35. Tickets for the other shows are \$7 each. For ticket information, call (734) 416-7723.

Public Safety dispatch center goes high-tech

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out where accidents most frequently occur in Canton - namely Ford

But a new piece of technology will

help township police to accurately track more specific information about those accidents.

Exact locations, time of day and kinds of law violations are just a few types of data that will now be analyzed

and plotted on a map. "It will be a lot more cost-effective

and efficient," Canton Police Captain Laura Golles said of the department's new Computer Aided Dispatch system.

It will save a lot of trees, for one thing. The thousands and thousands of incident reports officers write each year will become computerized as part of the program.

"The ultimate goal," Golles said, "is.

to go paperless.

It will reduce the need for storage space for old incident reports, she added. That becomes a key issue as the department expands, Golles said.

Please see DISPATCH, A5

Electropolitan from page A1

to recommend special land use increase traffic flow on north-bound Haggerty. The analysis was looked at by commissioners, on Jan. 4. The proposal now goes to the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

Planning commission chairman Vic Gustafson and commissioner Karl Zarbo weren't pre-

Marvaso hopes to have 80,000 square feet comprised of arcades, billiards, a restaurant, a lounge, comedy club, theater, wide-screen televisions, wateralls, fireplaces and high-tech light and sounds. The closest Dave & Buster's is in Utica.

The hours of operation would be 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. The recommendation was tabled in January awaiting the Michigan Department of Transportation's and the townships traffic analysis. The traffic anal-

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Robbery

although Monday's recommendation was limited to special and use not the final site plans. The commissioners agreed Wayne County has input on

ways will be placed. Commissioner Ron Lieberman added the township should be aggressively be fighting for the best traffic situations and not let the county make all the deci-

where traffic signals and drive-

Melissa McLaughlin said most during evening hours, instead of peak daytime hours.

Residents trying to halt the development presented a petition containing more than 100 signatures against it.

from the woman's home near the

intersection of Burgundy and

A footprint adjacent to the Briargate Court home was later

found to match a sneaker of one

Once they were apprehended,

Admiralty streets.

ted the teens before the track of the juveniles, reports said.

Bedford Villas resident Craig ysis calls for a right-hand turn Timko suggested routing Eleclane on Haggerty Road to tropolitan traffic on to Ford

Road instead of Haggerty. Bryan Amann, attorney for the development, said that plan was put forward, but the county and state rejected it because of

present at the corner. Marvaso's four children and wife of 32 years were in the audience to support him. They showed enthusiasm as one of the first phases of the complex was voted to be recommended to the ownship trustees.

the heavy congestion already

Marvaso's supporters said that the developer has strong family ethics and as a business owner traffic into the complex would be' he supports and contributes to The land is presently zoned

> Before the final vote commissioner Susan Dodson said: "It's the beginning of the process - it is a long process, it doesn't mean they will make it through the

stopped a short distance away the dog located the woman's purse and other belongings were found in nearby woods along

> Schemanske said solid teamwork resulted in quick arrests. "It was good old-fashioned police work," he added.

with ski masks and other gar-

ments the teens allegedly used.

Youth variety series features Songsister in Saturday show

Entertainer Julie Austin of Ann Arbor went from playing guitar in quiet music halls to becoming a Songsister - playing the noseflute in front of hundreds of singing children as she dishes out helpings of "Fandagumbo."

She said she prefers silly over subdued any day. "Children and families are my

favorite venue," Austin said, "They are a livelier audience." Austin will be performing 1 .m. Saturday at Summit on the Park for the latest installment of the township's youth variety

And she promises a good time. "Kids like singing and parents enjoy it because they get a taste of very good music, it's a very engaging performance," Austin

The children also have the opportunity to be exposed to diferent instruments. Austin and her partner, David Mosher will be playing banjo, violin, mandolin, noseflute, jawharp and the African drum. Austin said the performance is sure to provoke singing, toe-tapping, hand-clapping, singing hood education. along and sign language as she

participation. People really njoy our shows," Austin said. Austin previously performed in Ann Arbor preschools and elementary schools with a duo called The Songsisters. Austin has been performing for over 20

years and has a bachelor's

interacts with the audience.

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Austin has made a

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for Saturday's show is 3-10 years old. There will be a surprise "It really focuses on audience instrument given to all the children and a punch and cookie reception. Admission is \$3.

The series is sponsored by Canton Project ARTS and is designed to bring cultural arts programs to Canton families. For more information call degree in musical performance (734) 397-5381.

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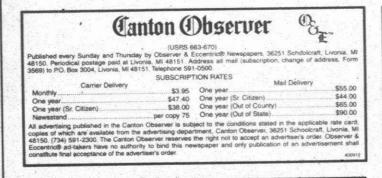




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PARENTS' DAY

He challenged high school students to live a drug and alcohol-free lifestyle. After The best gift a parent can give a child is becoming a teacher and coach his motiva-

Carawan will be sending that message tional message expanded. to parents of Plymouth-Canton Communi-"An outgrowth of all this is the rising ty Schools on Saturday, March 27, as demand for it in corporate America keynote speaker for Parents' Day '99. The because of the new generation of workthird annual event is held from 8:30 a.m. force. I'm from the Baby Boomer generato 12:15 p.m. at East Middle School, 1042 tion, but there's a new generation of workers out there with a different value sys-"There's a tem," he said. lot of choic-About 60 percent of his speaking

Building character

pays real dividends

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The point is bringing parents together to talk about the problems they are dealing with and realizing it's the same problems as others are dealing with.'

BY VALERIE OLANDER

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good character development, according to

motivational speaker Rolfe Carawan.

Betty Bloch Wash., edu-Plymouth-Canton schools cator. "We

can do that by modeling our behavior and ... practicing what we preach, so we don't have a double standard." "Moms, Dads and Other Endangered Species" is the topic of Carawan's talk. He

also will moderate one of the 14 breakout sessions that are being offered. The seminar is sponsored by the Educational **Excellence Foundation** "The point is bringing parents together

to talk about the problems they are dealing with and realizing it's the same problems as others are dealing with," said Betty Bloch, Business Education Partnership coordinator for Plymouth-Canton

About 400-450 people are expected to attend. Fourteen breakout sessions with topics such as "self-esteem," "single parenting," "parenting styles" and "taking charge of your TV" are slated. Carawan started out as a motivational

engagements are education-related, the The best other 40 percent are for the corporate secgift we can give our Carawan's message is said to be heart-

felt and humorous. He is the father of two elementary-aged children, although he gears his talk for parents with children of "We can insulate them without isolating

them," he said of societal and peer pressures all children face. "The better relationship they have with

their parents, the better they'll be able to deal with peer pressure... that doesn't mean being a friend, it means giving a child autonomy and to know their bound-

Bloch said one of the reasons Carawan was chosen as keynote speaker of Parents' Day '99 was because his message aligns with the Character Counts program that has been implemented by civic leaders in Plymouth and Canton. Character Counts emphasizes character development as Registration is suggested, although

walk-ins are welcome the day of the seminar. Free child care is also provided by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Extended Day program. Space is limited. Children must be between 3-10. "My wife and I went ourselves (last

year) and found it to be worthwhile. There's challenges to raising kids. This allows parents to ask questions and get some feedback and you can share with other parents.," said Jim Kosteva, chairspeaker while a college athlete in 1975.

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Students are EEF beneficiaries

By Valerie Olander STAFF WRITER volander@oe.homecomm.net

Parent's Day is just one of sev-Plymouth-Canton Community

EEF board chairman Jim Kosteva calls the EEF "a post-Proposal A foundation" that enhances and enriches programs in line with the school district's

Although formed 12 years ago to administer scholarships and endowments in pre-Proposal A days, the EEF expanded its focus

when fewer tax dollars were gen- cessful in boosting MEAP scores. erated through local property it was extended to include Hoben taxes for school coffers. The EEF last year, said Kathy Chorba-

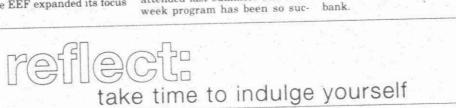
at Field Elementary is one such allows teachers to buy specialprogram that originated from ized equipment or study materithe EEF. The academy operates als for the classroom. The grants in conjunction with Eastern range in dollar amount depend-Michigan University to provide ingupon the request. additional educational opportu-

ing and math MEAP scores. About 100-120 students

provides the financial resources gian, who raises funds for the for curriculum enrichment pro- EEF. Eriksson Elementary is Excellence Foundation offers to grams that may otherwise not be expected to be added this year. À mini grant program also was The Summer Skills Academy initiated by the EEF, which

> "This year, we'll give out nities to students with low read- between \$10,000 and \$12,000, Chorbagian said.

> Other programs include attended last summer. The four- extended day care and a clothing



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High-speed chase ends with arrests at airport

Canton police apprehended two 18-year-old men Friday evening after a high speed

The incident began at about 2:30 p.m. A township officer was neading eastbound on Geddes Road when a vehicle described as, a white Mazda approached eading westbound, reports said. Officers clocked the car as loing 86 miles per hour. At that point, they turned around and

The vehicle continued west before turning southbound on to Denton Road. Canton officers gave chase, but lost some ground when a third vehicle got between them and the suspect, reports

The Mazda continued on Denton until it dead-ended at Ecorse. Police were then able to stop the car on an access drive to Willow Run Airport.

Both 18-year-old men, which reports failed to identify further. were then arrested. An off-duty Wayne County sheriff's deputy

According to reports, the duo said they were headed to an adult dancing establishment in Ypsilanti. The also told police that they simply wanted to outrun them.

The chase lasted approximate ly 2.5 miles, reports said. No niuries were reported.

Kidnapping A parental visit turned into

kidnapping Sunday, according to A female resident of Stoney-

ton Community Schools district

athletic director, was recently

Brian Wolcott, Plymouth-Can- ty College of Education.

notified that he will be honored Alumni Association K-12 Admin-

by the Michigan State Universi- istrator of the Year Award. Wol-

COP CALLS

brook Apartments in Canton told police that her son's father didn't return him after a scheduled visit. It was later learned that the man had taken the boy to a relative's home in Illinois.

Canton Police contacted local law enforcement in Illinois. The child was picked up Monday and is in the process of being returned to the mother in Can-

Township police are continuing to investigate the incident and may file charges against the father for kidnapping.

A 28-year-old Northville man was the recent victim of larceny

He purchased a 1980 Chevy from a Canton man on March 4, police reports said. He received the vehicle's title and, in return, gave the Canton man \$4,000. About \$3,000 of that was to fix mechanical problems with the car, reports said.

The Canton man allegedly gave the \$3,000 check to a mechanic to do the work. A few days after the purchase, the locate the mechanic, but could-

n't, reports said. He tried for several days to mechanic but was unsuccessful.

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Police have no suspects.

Home invasion

A 49-year-old Canton man's Lotz Road home was broken into

According to reports, an unknown person broke into the home between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. through a bedroom window. A 19-inch television valued at \$200 and a few dollars in coins

Ethnic intimidation

A 20-year-old Canton woman was the victim of ethnic intimi-

dation March 10. Reports said that she and a neighbor got into an argument over a parking space. At one point, the neighbor allegedly used racial slurs against her and her child

"B ---, I'll kick your ass," the Northville man attempted to neighbor said, according to reports. "You're just a n---- lover with a n---- kid."

The incident at about 9:30 contact the Canton man and the p.m. Reports didn't indicate whether the neighbor was a man or woman, nor did it state if the

tion at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 9,

at the University Club in East

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Groundbreaking from page A1 tect Ron Fanning of Fanning/ Plymouth-Canton school dishowey Associates, who noted at trict. It will be the largest mid-

members Roland Thomas and Darwin Watts.

PEAMOUTH-CANTON

New Discovery: Sunday's groundbreaking for the new middle school in Canton

McCotter; Lowell teacher Alan Kohring; school board member Mark Horvath;

ship and school district.

trative staff."

tively with the Plymouth-Can-

ton school district and adminis-

Cheers went up among the

drew a crowd of community leaders. Pictured are (from left): state Sen. Thaddeus

school board member Carrie Blamer; Lowell principal Roche LaVictor; school board

member Judy Mardigian; state Rep. Bruce Patterson; Lowell Student Council presi-

dent Katie Thompson; Canton Supervisor Tom Yack; school board President Mike

Maloney; board member Elizabeth Givens; board member Sue Davis; school board

least 60 bid packages were sent dle school in the district at out to prospective contractors in two days. "The market is pretty tight right now, so we'll have to keep our fingers crossed on the

Voters last October approved an \$18.1 million bond proposal to build the new middle school, which will replace Lowell.

With interest on the bonds, the total project budget jumps to more than \$19.7 million. That includes \$15 million for construction costs; \$775,000 for can name about 15 different proinstructional technology; \$775,000 for construction contingencies; and \$600,000 for educational equipment.

Discovery Middle School will be the first new middle school constructed in 30 years in the from Lowell who helped in New World, Discovery."

designing Discovery, when the ceremonial first shovels of dirt were overturned. 127,000 square feet, with a

"This is a big day in the life of the Plymouth-Canton school displanned capacity of 765 stutrict," said Lowell math teacher dents. The opening is planned Al Kohring. "I've been teaching for the beginning of the 2000-01 24 years, and this will be a nice Canton Township Supervisor way to finish out my career.' "This is so exciting," added Tom Yack praised the coopera-

chorus teacher Joann Gustafson, tive efforts between the townwho has been teaching 32 years. Gustafson is one of a handful "We can really celebrate the support that both units of govof teachers who began at Lowel 18 years ago, when Plymouthernment have towards each other," Yack told the crowd. "I Canton began leasing the school from Livonia. grams ... that we work coopera-

"We call ourselves the Pilgrims because we came on the Mavflower 18 years ago, quipped Gustafson. "It looks like crowd, many by staff members we're going to make it to the

Arts center from page A1

consultant retained by May." The needs assessment and business plan should then take about three months to put

together, she added. Noricks aid both are crucial. A recent six-month feasibility the Arts Board includes a dozen study, which was funded by the Canton Community Foundation of which Noricks is the executive director, revealed that proper funding for a 500-800-seat cen-

Potential donors said they vanted to see a strong business olan in place before they opened heir checkbooks, said Noricks. The center would primarily operate on donations and user

Despite the move forward on hiring a consultant, Noricks said the board is still being very care-

"We're being very cautious,"

another George Burns Theater." That closed Livonia facility was unsuccessful in bringing live you apply. theater to the area. Thus far, the Partnership for

local leaders. Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, Detroit Renaissance President Paul Hillegonds and Richard Lewiston, a local developer, are among the board members.

looking for a cross-section of "I don't think we're done yet," she said in terms of adding new high school at Beck and Joy board members. "There's not a maximum number. We are pleased with the people that

have said ves so far. Paperwork for establishing infrastructure, for \$1, to the cen-Partnership for the Arts as a nonprofit business has already having a performance theater she said. "We're not letting our been filed.

"It's about a six-month process to get that status," said Noricks "But you can move forward once

Canton has informally committed \$2 million to the project It's hoped that other municipali ties such as Plymouth and Northville townships as well as the city of Plymouth will come on board later. The Plymouth-Canton Com-

munity School District may play Noricks said the center is a key role in the creation of a Discussions of locating the facility adjacent to the district's

roads have taken place, school officials have recently said. Under such an agreement, the district would lease land and

Activities at the center ter. Students would benefit from AAA Michiga Gizmo the Robot

Dispatch from page A1

"Supervisors will review the often re-entered by booking

The new CAD and records comes in now, a service number

Between new software, hard- it's a booking clerk or the arrest-

ware (14 laptop computers will ing officer, now has the ability to

and phone service, the system tion. No more duplication of

management system was is automatically assigned.

will cost about \$700,000, Golles efforts, in other words.

Officers will eventually write

send back to the department via

report after it's sent and either

sign off on or send it back to the

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m "May the Circle Be Unbro-

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ken" by Lynn C. Franklin

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computer for five hours?

department fund balances.

Canton's Public safety Depart- entries."

will come from police and fire about a month.

since the early 1980s.

officer for revision," Golles said.

a modem.

Fiction for Easter Here are some seasonal selecions available at the library:

Under the old system, dis-

exact same information was

Under the new system, every-

thing is connected. When a call

data as they did before. But any-

one in the department, whether

"It's more efficient in terms of

information flow," Golles said. "It

clerks after an arrest was made.

service call information. The eran said.

Dispatchers enter the same direct officers in the field.

■ "1916" by Morgan Llywelyn "Death and the Easter

Bunny" by Lind Berry "The Robe" by Lloyd C. Dou-The Messiah" by Marjorie

■ "The Afterlife and Other Stories" by John Updike

Q: Why is the egg the most identifiable of all the symbols associated with Easter? A: The customs and traditions

of using eggs have been associated with Easter for centuries. Alessandra Originally, Easter eggs were painted with bright colors to represent the sunlight of spring and were used in Easter-egg rolling contests or given as gifts. After with various designs, the eggs valentines. In medieval time, Germany eggs were given to children along with other Easter gifts, or hung from shrubs and

trees during the Easter Week. The source for this information is "Easter on the Net."

■ Appearance by Plymouth

■ Blood pressure and vision

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Talk of reorganization began

last summer after the course's

started in turf management and

with experience in running

food/beverage, Horstman pitched

move made sense. He believed

"We felt it was time for a

He felt Horstman was the best

Put on your Sundae best

After some study, Administra-

the idea to Canton officials.

"The first day I used I didn't BY SCOTT DANIEL their reports in the field and patchers would take and enter have a problem," the 10-year vet-

> superintendent left. Having Where he previously had one screen to enter information on, undergoing some changes. The township's upscale 18-hole Quinn now must manage four or course isn't being reconfigured. An added benefit is having an Operations and management on-line man of the township. are, however. tive and Community Services the township salary and fringe

Head Golf Pro David Quinn said it makes it easier to Horstman is adding course main-"It's easier to see where things tenance and food/beverage responsibilities. Canton's Board Eventually, dispatchers will be of Trustees approved a 15 perable to see the location of each cent raise, from \$44,886 to soon go into patrol cars), training call the file up and add informa- patrol car on their computer \$51,619, for him Tuesday.

screens through an automatic "That's what I've done in the past," said Horstman, who has vehicle location system, Golles change," said Durack, who over- in place," Horstman added, "this been with the course since it opened in 1995. "It's what I know sees both township courses. dent location information, the how to do. I think it's what I

money will come from grants will reduce redundant data computer will suggest patrol cars for response based on their loca-

A portion of the new system the federal government. The rest has been up and running for tions The new CAD system will keep Police Dispatcher Mike Quinn Canton's police department on the cutting edge of technology,

more data windows at one time.

" he commented.

The captain said it's money said training was intense. But well spent. It will cut duplication using the new CAD system has Golles said. "We're trying to get ahead of of effort dramatically, Golles pretty much gone off without a

the game," she added

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Hot topic of the week

■ The Canton Public Library is anticipating more than 800 they were colored and etched first-graders during the month of March for First-Grade Round were exchanged by lovers and Up. This is a chance for firstromantic admirers much like graders to visit the library with their classes and receive their eggs were traditionally given at first library card. There is also a Easter to the servants and in tour of the library, a puppet show and a library game.

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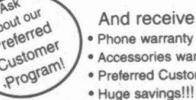
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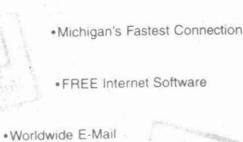
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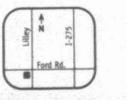
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Changes eyed for Hines Park, nature preserve

The William Holliday Forest Nature Preserve in Westland may obtain a new board walk and trail repairs, while park facilities throughout Hines Park will be continued to be made accessible for the disabled.

The Wayne County parks master plan listed these improvements for funding this year. The five-year plan was released to Wayne County commissioners in February.

Hurley Coleman, director of Wayne County parks, said the plan serves two purposes. "We get to look at Wayne

County parks and what we'd like to see in 2004 and 2010. It's a dynamic plan of action. It gives a good evolution of where

"We've gone through the master plans from local communities and look at what Wayne County ought to be doing. We've got 43 communities in Wayne County, so there is only a limited amount of what we can do.

Coleman said the parks department uses the report to elp lobby the state Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality to obtain grants through

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land trust and federal land conservation funds. One of the

their projects," Coleman said. The plan highlighted many of the \$31 million in improvements the groundwork for property made since 1997. Approximately 82 percent of the funds needed for the five-year action plan recreation in areas of developfor parks and recreation ment. ovement came from the spe-

2001. The remaining funds came County general fund. About 51 percent of the money from the tax, grants and general funds were spent in Wayne County parks, including 22 per-

1996 and scheduled to expire in

Hines with 16 percent. The remaining 49 percent went to "Partnership Parks," such as park," according to the report. historic Fort Wayne, Mariner Park and Chandler Park in

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PARK MASTER PLAN parks, that will have regional significance, the example there applications calls for an is the Chandler Park Aquatic approved five-year plan, Cole- Center (in Detroit), and the man said. "That requirement maintenance and programming forces communities to take the functions as performed at Crosstime and think of the scope of winds Marsh (in Sumpter Town-

Coleman hopes the plan lays acquisition. "We ought to be buying into areas for passive

"In the past we were not able cial five-year property tax, to do this because of a lack of approved by voters in August

Wayne County is not actively pursuing property tet, but Colefrom grants and the Wayne man identified Brownstown and Sumpter townships as areas Wayne County may be interest-

Property acquisition would help connect Hines Park and the cent spent in all the parks, and Lower Rouge Parkway where private land holdings "disrupt the flow and continuity of the

Land acquisition would assist with the protection of water resources, particularly along tributaries along the Rouge River and the Detroit River. Such a program would help protect historically significant sites, such as the Hines Drive bridge over Plymouth Road in Livonia, where Ann Arbor Road begins. That bridge was recently nominated by the State Historic Preservation Office as a histori-



Park programs: The annual Mud Day, sponsored by Wayne County Parks, is one of many activities which draws hundreds of youngsters and their families to picnic and recreation areas in Hines Park.

> University Residence Hall Renovation Project

Other ongoing projects in once owned by Henry Ford, will ers, soccer fields, basketball Hines Park were highlighted in review the history and nature of courts and ice rinks;

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The Observer & Eccentrict THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1999

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ng town or county, though not ments before the high court.

Court of Appeals agreed. But

Ameritech won't give up. "A customer in Southfield callstate Supreme Court over the dial an extra seven digits, in assistant-attorney general. addition to the number," said David Voges, an assistant attor-

> He referred to the 10-10-288 or 12 to 7 cents per minute. 10-10-321 prefixes a caller must Under the PSC-ordered "dial-

provide "dialing parity," and the company instead of Ameritech.

"There's no doubt that requiring an extra seven digits has taken a large bite out of competi-Lark noted that in recent

years Ameritech Michigan's flat take many months. is the "IntraLATA" market - ney general representing the rate went up 20 percent, from 15 Ameritech Illinois' rate fell from

dial in order to have the mid-dis- ing parity," a caller wouldn't added, "The Court of Appeals compete in InterLATA (long dis-

Dialing parity was supposed to ty to set a 55 percent discount

start Jan. 1, 1996. The Supreme Court tries to issue." decide cases within a year of Ameritech attorney Peter ing Ann Arbor would have to tion," added Peter Lark, another hearing oral arguments. Easy Ellsworth replied, "Competition decisions come out in a few weeks. Difficult ones like MCI that a federal law says

Arthur LeVasseur, AT&T's state PSC in March 11 oral argu- to 18 cents per minute while attorney, added that the PSC allowed into the long-distance and the Michigan Legislature ordered a 55 percent discount by market. So far that hasn't hap-wrestled with the problem. Ameritech "to the extent its pened. orders weren't applied." He

"The inability of Ameritech to

goes both ways." He complained

tance dialing parity when it is

Commission, prodded by MCI tance IntraLATA call handled have to dial the seven-digit preand AT&T, ordered Ameritech to more cheaply by a long-distance fix in order to use MCI or AT&T. Service Commission had authori
(Ameritech) has absolutely no ability to offer a package," rate. There's a constitutional

Ellsworth told the justices. Under federal law, said Ellsworth, there's a "linkage" between competitive markets for long-distance and mid-distance

business, "but Ameritech never was granted relief to compete. "In 1996 the U.S. Congress Congress linked IntraLATA par-



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DeHart, Kelly say tax break bill is nothing but corporate welfare

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER trichard@oe.homecomm.net

Sen. Bill Bullard's new business tax break ran into a couple of rough spots before landing this week on Gov. John Engler's desk for signing.

Bullard, R-Milford and chair of the Senate Taxation Committee, won 32-4 approval in the Senate on Feb. 25 and 93-15 approval in the House March 9.

His SB 102 would allow local units - cities, villages and town-ships - in an "eligible distressed area" to exempt all new personal property of a business relocating there. Bullard said the goal is to encourage businesses to locate in older urban areas.

"Another form of corporate welfare," said Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland. "My communities are in jeopardy of losing business to a neighboring community who fits the criteria of being 'distressed.' '

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Added Rep. Ruth Ann Jam-nick, D-Ypsilanti: "There is no provision for repayment to the taxing units if a corporate decision is made to move to another community, county or state."

Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, also voted no. They were the only three area House members to

In the Senate, the four dis-senters were all Republicans, including John J.H. Schwarz of Battle Creek. They made no onthe-record protests, however. All area senators of both parties

voted yes. Bullard's bill defines an "eligible distressed area" as one that has seen population drop since 1970, has poverty and unemployment rate higher than the statewide average, and has an area certified by the state as a

"neighborhood enterprise zone." SB 102 also provides:

To be eligible for the tax break, businesses must employ at least 25 and be in the manufacturing, mining, research and development, wholesale or office operations.

Ineligible would be retail stores, professional sports stadiums or portions of a business used for retail trade.

"Personal property" includes machinery, equipment and

The Senate Fiscal Agency didn't calculate potential tax losses but it noted that school districts would be "held harmless" - that is, the state would pay their guaranteed per-pupil foundation allowances

A business planning to move

Please see TAX, All

Free shuttle service on tap for patrons at O&E job fair

Free shuttle bus service will be available to those attending the Observer & Eccentric/HomeTown Newspapers Job Fair on Wednesday, March 24, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The 18-seat shuttle bus will run in a continuous loop from Madonna University, located on the corner of Schoolcraft and Levan Roads, to Laurel Manor, located on Schoolcraft., just south of I-96. Job fair attendees who wish to catch the shuttle bus will be able to park for free at Madonna University's southeast corner parking lot and board the bus. The bus will make a complete loop every 15

minutes. This service is available from noon to 5 p.m. on the day of the job fair. Job fair hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"Due to the overwhelming success of our September 1998 job fair, we realized that a shuttle bus service was needed in order to grow this event," said Rick Ficorelli, director of marketing for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

"We anticipate an even larger attendance at the March job fair, and the shuttle bus service should help us realize that goal. We hope that those who come to the job fair and find limited parking at Laurel Manor, will drive one mile to Madonna University and catch the free shuttle.

This free shuttle bus service is provided courtesy of the City of Livonia Community Transit. For more information, contact Kurt Sonoras at the City of Livonia (734) 466-2700.

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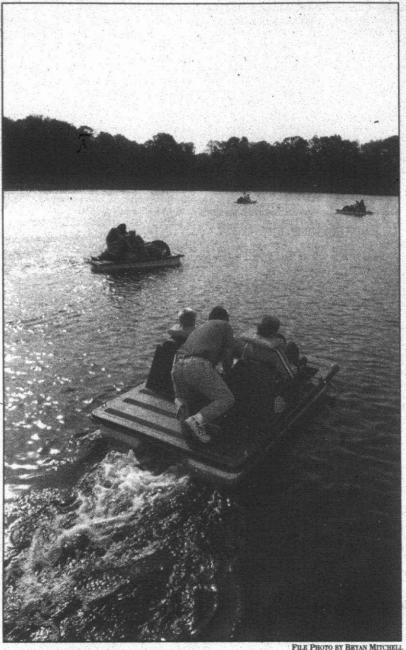


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Park users can reel in summer fun



Paddleboat party: Youngsters enjoy a paddleboat during the official dedication of Newburgh Lake in October 1998. Paddleboats will be available for rental at Newburgh Pointe after Memorial Day, according to Wayne County Parks Director Hurley Coleman.

By KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.home

You can get your fishing rod and reel ready for Newburgh Lake, but please, please don't eat the

Newburgh Lake will be open for catch-and-release fishing this year, but public fish consumption advisories from the Michigan Department of Community Health will remain in effect.

Newburgh Lake, an impoundment of the Rouge River in the city of Livonia and Plymouth Township, was officially dedicated in October after a 19-month, \$10 million restoration project to remove contaminated sediments, but Memorial Day will mark the lake's actual reopening to the public for recreational activities.

Canoes and paddleboats will be available at Newburgh Pointe after Memorial Day. Residents can bring their own small boat to launch at the lake's public site, but they will need a permit. Motor boats will not be

"Fishing will be allowed, but of course, they will have to follow the (Department of Natural Resources) rules," said Hurley Coleman, director of Wayne County parks. "We're not doing anything different from the DNR rules. For sportfishing, we'd always advise catch and release.'

Fish advisories against consumption will continue this year for the middle branch of the Rouge River, including the impoundment of Newburgh Lake, below Phoenix Lake.

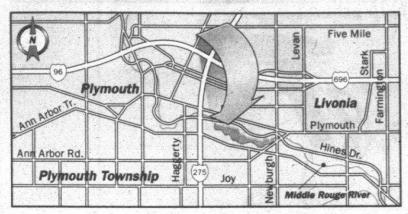
Gary Towns, district fisheries biologist, said the DNR encourages anglers to enjoy the lake, but they should, of course, follow state regulations outlined in fishing guides and advisories distributed when they purchase their fishing licenses. After the DNR had received requests from people who wanted to fish at the lake last fall. Towns met with county officials to discuss it.

"(Anglers) knew they weren't going to be able to catch any fish, if any at all, but they just wanted to wet a line and enjoy the park. There's no reason why they can't do that.'

Towns doubts that any fish would

Address

Newburgh Lake



grow large enough this year to be "keepers." "If they do get to the legal size, we have these regulations and we will be patrolling it. Those regulations protect 'subregulated' fish.'

Towns expects the fish to grow quickly and could reach legal size next year. "There's no reason for recreational anglers) not to enjoy it."

Wayne County commissioners are expected to study a proposed list of parks fees next week at a meeting of the commission's Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services, which will then return the fee schedule to the full commission for a vote, possibly for the following week.

The fees include a small-boating permit for \$5; canoe rentals from Newburgh to Nankin and Nankin to Merriman, \$10 each, or Newburgh to Merriman, \$15.

Coleman proposed \$100 fees for the daily rental of picnic shelters throughout the park system.

The canoe livery will be opened at the Nankin impoundment on Hines Drive just west of Ann Arbor Trail and, for the first time, at Newburgh Road. For the first time, canoeing will be permitted from Newburgh to Ann Arbor Trail.

A public health advisory against consumption will not be lifted by the Michigan Department of Community and Public Health until the fish are cleared of any possible contamina-

These contaminants that once

were present in Newburgh Lake polychlorinated biphenyls - bioaccumulate in large fish, so if any PCBs were present, they would be evident in species, such as largemouth bass. Contaminants are not expected to be found in the fish, as 558,000 tons of sediment were removed from Newburgh Lake over the past two years. Approximately 250,000 tons were contaminated with PCBs.

Two fish kills over the last two years removed about 30,000 pounds of fish, some contaminated with the PCBs.

Newburgh was stocked last year with 50 gallons of fathead minnows, 10,000 bluegills, 4,000 largemouth bass, 3,000 catfish and 1,000 walleye. None of these fish would grow to a catchable legal size except for possibly the bluegill.

Those same fish are expected to be restocked this year, along with 4,000 northern pike, 300 crappie and 100 pumpkinseed sunfish. In 2000, 3,000 catfish and 2,000 northern pike will be restocked.

Coleman said county parks staff have discussed having Newburgh Lake as a recreational activity since

"So much is being done on the Rouge, it's an exciting thing for the people to go out there with their families. There's more recreational activities for them.

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After earning his medical degree at Wayne State University, Dr. Dodds completed his internship and residency at Providence Hospital. Among his other awards and activities, Dr. Dodds was honored as Resident Teacher of the Year each year from 1995 through 1998. He is also a member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Medical Association.

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Legal review

In a letter received Tuesday ing tax on the entire amount, by Wayne County commissioners County commission

Corporation Counsel Edward they were to study a recommend-

Ewell and Airport Director ed approval of APCOA to a

David Katz, O'Hair said: "We three-year contract, but decided

have not yet reached any conclu- to pass the contract for the day,

sion with respect to intentional which means it is expected to be

decide whether to attempt to Williford Parking an amount

Dunleavy's report also found total gross revenues. APCOA-

Prosecutor to examine airport bus leases

County commissioners

are meeting today for a regularly

The contract calls for APCOA

to operate and manage the pub-

lic parking facility's 11,810 park-

ing spaces at Metro. Wayne

County would pay to APCOA-

equal to 0.23297 percent of the

Williford Parking is a joint ven-

ture between APCOA of Cleve-

land and Williford Enterprises of

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-

Westland, wanted to wait to dis-

cuss APCOA's contract until the

prosecutor's office completed its

tract was one of the most shock-

ing things I've ever read," Beard

Beard said she was "disap-

said. "Things were egregious."

Katz or Ewell about the letter.

"The report on APCOA's con-

Commission to act

scheduled business meeting.

March 30. Commissioners also Ward said.

and addressed to Wayne County received the letter the same day the contract)," Beard said.

Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair is reviewing the vehicle lease agreements of an airport parking operator after an auditor general's report indicated that Wayne County may be overpaying an airport parking perator \$400,000 for the lease of 37 shuttle buses.

The prosecutor's office stopped short of calling it a criminal investigation, referring to it as a review to check whether the the prosecutor's review would be lease reimbursements were Auditor General Brendan

Dunleavy released a report in December, which disclosed that lease agreements with the Cleveland-based APCOA cost an average of \$28,000 per vehicle. Dunleavy and his staff found that airport could have leased the majority of these vehicles for an average of about \$17,000 per

"At this rate, the airport could be paying as much as \$400,000 too much to lease the 37 vehicles," Dunleavy said.

Auditor's report

that amount was less than 25 Dunleavy sent his report to the prosecutor's office in accor- percent of the total charge of the dance with the county ethics parking tax. Airport officials say aPCOA now computes the park-

Great Lakes trends analysis

have been printed and are avail-

Extra copies of the Depart- demand for the report "Great trends such as polychlorinated exotic species.

Said George Ward, chief assis-tant prosecutor: "We're still get-

ting information. We've been

focusing on whether the pay-

ments and reimbursements were

unreasonable." Ward expected

completed in two weeks, at

which time the county would

that \$1.4 million in parking

taxes were underreported, but

O'Hair's office was not reviewing

"The state Treasurer's got

urisdiction on that," Ward said.

Wayne County was waiting for

an interpretation of state statute

APCOA deducted labor costs

from the valet parking receipts

before calculating the parking

tax. Dunleavy calculated that

on what percentage of the park-

ing tax should be levied.

that audit problem, Ward said.

recover any reimbursement.

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Dems balk at bill to fill lieutenant governor vacancy

November 2000 ballot as a con- Livonia, Mike Rogers of The vote came March 9 after floor leader, moved for reconsid-

senators rejected, by voice vote,

Republicans rejected it, argu-

an amendment by Alma Smith,

D-Salem, to require concurrence

ing that only Senate concurrence

is needed for most appointments.

And the governor is allowed to

fill vacancies for secretary of

by both the House and Senate.

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Senate Democrats balked, defeating a plan to fill any vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor.

The plan required a two-thirds governor with the concurrence of vote of the Senate, or 25 of the the Senate. Here is how area senators 37 sitting members. It died when just 20 Republicans voted yes, YES - Republicans Loren Ben- Lake Orion, along with one other state and attorney general with and 14 Democrats said no. nett of Canton, Bill Bullard Jr. of Republican and one Democrat. no legislative concurrence at all. Both House and Senate would

the contract. "Let the prosecutor complete his review before you from page A7 makes the board comfortable. Katz said in a recent interview the APCOA contract was the low bidder, less than one-half the cost of the other bidders.

Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, said she wanted a copy of the previous contract to compare it to the new one before she acted on it. Dunleavy listed some recommended changes to the contract, which he forwarded to

Katz said APCOA has acted in good faith during the last contract and bid process. He said his department has answered questions from Ward and others from the prosecutor's office. Ward also said Katz was cooperative.

"If we feel we are owed some money, we will get a refund," pointed" she didn't hear from

"Until things are cleared up, I

Ward told the commissioners

think it would be unwise (to OK

they could approve the contract,

if they chose to do so, but it

would not affect the prosecutori-

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discussed again at the next com- do will not prejudice our review

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ity to InterLATA with two exceptions. One doesn't apply to Michigan.

"The other applies to states with dialing parity. This allows states to proceed with dialing parity, but not until Ameritech can compete in InterLATA," said Ellsworth, contending federal regulations are controlling over

"This case is moot," said the Ameritech attorney, saying it should be held in abeyance and not decided by the Michigan Supreme Court. He said a U.S. Supreme Court decision held the Federal Communications Commission had authority to control IntraLATA (mid-distance) rates.

"It is not moot," shot back Albert Ernst for MCI. "We still have the 55 percent (discount) issue. Michigan could implement dialing parity on its own. Thirty-five states have implemented dialing parity. We (Michigan) can't get it.

"They (Ameritech) want to keep their 1+ monopoly. That's all it's about. Ameritech won a great victory by delaying."

Justice Maura Corrigan, who was elected in November of 1998, asked about the state act that limited Ameritech's requirement to offer mid-distance dialing parity to 10 percent of customers on a graduated scale. "Ameritech made a good case with the Legislature for a level playing field," she

"Ameritech has an obligation," said Voges, the assistant attorney general. "It doesn't say the converse (that Ameritech must be allowed access to the long-

Tax

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would have to give notice to the gan Jobs Commission and the osing local unit of government.

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County parks to host marshmallow drop

More than 20,000 marshmallows will be dropped April 2 from a helicopter to the delight of hundreds of awaiting children, who will scramble to collect these goodies during the county's 14th Annual Great Marshmallow Drop, which also falls on ate, the event will be resched-

Nankin Mills in Westland. Chillows in different age groups. If the weather does not cooper-

eggs at the drop at 11 a.m. at County Executive Edward for 1999. McNamara. "What a great way dren will collect the marshmal- to start out the spring with a Hines Drive just east of Ann wonderful outdoor activity." The Great Marshmallow Drop

children of all ages," said Wayne planned by Wayne County Parks Nankin Mills is located on

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OBITUARIES

FRED W. SCHEBOR Hartford, Conn. She died March Services for Fred W. Schebor. 77, of Midland, formerly of Ply-12 in Ann Arbor. She was a mouth and Canton, were March lubrication engineer. She 17 in the Schrader-Howell worked for General Motors for Funeral Home, Plymouth. Buri-23 years. She came to the Canal was in Cadillac Memorial Garton community in 1977 from

Indiana. She was a member of dens. Westland. He was born April 23, 1921, in the U.A.W. at General Motors Detroit. He died March 13 in and she was also a member of the Ypsilanti Eagles. She loved Midland. He moved from Plymouth/Canton to Midland 15 gardening, crafts, sky diving, years ago. He was a member of snow skiing, horse back riding, St. John's Lutheran Church in water skiing, boating and family Midland. He served in the U.S. gatherings. Army during World War II. He also was a member of the V.F.W nusband, Chris Jensen; mother, Post 6695, Plymouth. Mary Florence Lake of Florida;

Survivors include his wife, Mabel of Midland; three daughters, Lynn A. Schebor of Pigeon, Mich, Patricia J. (Jerome B.) Schaefer of Sterling Heights, Karen G. (William J.) Schultz, Jr. of Midland; one son, Fred A. Schebor of Farmington Hills; and six grandchildren, Karin L Jason) Dillabough, Jeffrey J. Vaicunas, Jr., Kimberly A. Schaefer, Kristen J. Schaefer, William J. (B.J.) Shultz III,

Andrew V. Schulz. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church in Midland or the American Heart Association of Michigan.

REBECCA MARY JENSEN Services for Rebecca Mary Jensen, 46, of Canton Township were March 14 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with Rev. John Sullivan officiat-

18600 Haggerty, between Six

ROSEMARY HELEN SPALL

and Matthew.

Services for Rosemary Heler Spall, 75, of Plymouth were March 15 in St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev Joseph S. Mallia officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Ply

She was born Oct. 16, 1952, in

Survivors include her former

two daughters, Shannon Sulli-

Richard (Debbie) Lake of Can-

ton; and two grandchildren, Sara

(Debbie) Lake of Canton,

van of Ypsilanti, Lynn Trevor of Howell; two brothers, David

She was born Oct. 13, 1923, in Louis, Mo. She died March 13 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON 1999-2000 ACTION PLAN 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FY 1999 CDBG PROGRAM

On March 15, 1999 and for 30 days thereafter, public comment will be ccepted on the 1999-2000 Canton Charter Township Action Plan. The Action Plan is part of the Consolidated Plan (mandated in 24 CFR Parts 91, 92, 570, 574, 578 and 968 (August 5, 1994/Proposed Rules), which replaces the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS). The documen plus the Action Plan will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Resource Development Division office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. Comments received during the review period will be answered in writing and appended to the Plan. The Consolidated Plan must be submitted to the Department of HUD no later than May 15, 1999. The 1999-2000 Action Plan has been amended to stipulate that the expansion of the Human Services Center is the primary Plan priority. The Plan is otherwise consistent with the 1996-97 ated Plan which states that the housing rehabilitation program is the only direct intervention housing program for Canton Township. Canton Township, when appropriate and after diligent review, will support applications by outside agencies to the Department of HUD for non public housing funds to alleviate the housing/support needs of low and moderate come residents and others who meet relevant federal criteria for housing need. Canton Township will not support the loss of subsidized housing units in Canton. There are no homeless in Canton Township supported by census date and the problem will not develop during the Plan period. Canton Township certifies that it will affirmatively further fair housing and that it is in compliance with a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan as required and provided under Section 104(d) of the

Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

On March 9, 1999, the Board of Trustees, at a regularly scheduled public ession, approved the FY 1999 Community Development Block Grant CDBG) programming recommendations of the Canton CDBG Advisory Council, adopted at the Council meeting of February 24, 1999, to wi Program Administration, \$78,000; First Step, \$30,000; HelpSource Adult Day Care, \$3,000; Growth Works, \$10,000; Salvation Army summer day camp, \$9,100; Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, \$4,900; Housing rehabilitation, \$20,000; Human Services Building expansion (multi-year), \$261,500 (new project); Canterbury Mews accessibility assessment, \$3,000 (new project) Total: \$426,000. Questions or comments may be directed to the Resource Development

Division at the above address or (734) 397-5392. TERRY BENNETT Clerk Publish: March 14 and 18, 1999



CITY OF PLYMOUTH **ORDINANCE NO. 99-1**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 74 OF THE PLYMOUTH CITY CODE TO DELETE SECTIONS 74-183,74-184, 74-185, 74-186, 74-187, 74 189, 74-190, 74-191, 74-192, 74-193, 74-194, AND 74-196 AND TO ADD A NEW SECTION 74-199 TO PROVIDE FOR WATER AND SEWER RATES CHARGED FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE WATER SUPPLY AND SANITARY SEWER DISPOSAL.

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Section 1 Purpose. To provide for the establishment and collection of rates and charges for the use of the City's Water Supply and Sanitary Sewer Disposal System (herein the "System") to ensure adequate revenues are collected for the proper operation and maintenance of the System and the payment of the obligations of the System.

Section 2. Water charges. (a.) Rates and charges for the supply of water services and procedures relating to the payment of same shall be established by the City by resolution of its City Commission.

(b.) Rates and charges for the supply of water services shall be fixed by the City Commission in such amounts as are necessary to preserve the System in good repair and working order, to provide for the payment of debt obligations and the maintenance of any resources therefor and to provide for all other obligations, expenditures and funds for the System as are for all other obligations, says and ordinances of the City. The rates shall be fixed and revised from time to time and reviewed by the administration on an annual basis to insure that rates are adequate to provide for expenses as required. Such rates shall be published thereafter.

Section 3. Ordinance No. 93-1. Ordinance No. 93-1 which added section 2.138 shall continue to be of effect unless specifically amended by this

Section 4. Severability. Should any section, clause, or paragraph of this Ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance, as a whole or part thereof other than the part declared invalid.

Section 5. Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances. All other ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of the Ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies be and are hereby repealed.

Section 6. Publication and Recordation. This Ordinance shall be published in full in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Plymouth qualified under state law to publish legal notices, promptly after adoption, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the City and such recording uthenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk.

Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become operative and effective on the 5th day of April, 1999.

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DONALD DISMUKE

LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC/AAE City Clerk

All Aves.

her parents, Joseph J. and Rose Walsh. Survivors include her husband, William E. Spall of Plymouth: one son, J. Michael Spall of Plymouth; and one sister, Veronica Walsh of St. Louis,

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Memorials may be made in mass offerings.

charity of your choice. Services for Henry T. Janks, 69, of Northville were March 16 in the McCabe Funeral Home. Farmington Hills with the Rev.

Eric Majewski officiating. He was born Feb. 25, 1930, in Dearborn. He died March 12 in Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He was a retired postal

HENRY T. JANKS

JANE ROWE WELLS Services for Jane Rowe Wells, 74, of Syracuse, Ind., formerly of Plymouth, were Feb. 16 in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, Ind.

Survivors include his wife.

Gloria Janks: four sons. Tom

Janks, Ken Janks, Jim Janks,

Bob Janks: one daughter. Eller

Rose, Tim Kulig; two brothers,

Janks; two stepchildren, Connie

Dick Janks, Tony Janks; and 15

Memorials may be made to the

She was born Oct. 21, 1924, in Akron, Ind. She died Feb. 12 in

ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Sealed bids will be received in the Office of the Clerk, Charter Township Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 1, 1999, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

EMERGENCY MEDICAL VEHICLE TYPE III CLASS 1 (4x2)DRW Specifications are available in the Finance & Budget Department. The discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age of disability in employment or the provision of services

Canton man Kosciusko Community Hospital wins trip Indiana. She was a Syracuse area resident since 1985 moving

Steven Henderson, a Canton resident won a trip to Las Vegas as part of the Blockbuster Video Trip-A-

(C)AL3

Day Contest. "I was surprised when I ound out," said Henderson, "I've never won anything in

Henderson, who loves Las Vegas and tries to go at least every other year, is bringing his daughter along with him.

STOW & GO SELF STORAGE

Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at Stow & Go Self Storage, 4,1999 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI on April 16, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. on past due tenants isted below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest hidder on each unit Cash Dalv.

each unit. Cash Only.
569. ROBERT DEVYAK OF 272 W. LIBERTY ST #202, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170
Fish Lank, stand, bed spreads, office files approximately 60 boxes, patic table, blinds, fireplace

#226 - RICHARD ZARKOWSKI OF 11160 SW 154 PL, MIAMI, FL 33196

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Unit #715 - CHRIS DOW OF 33432 BENTLEY, WESTLAND, MI 48196
4 bikes, twin mattress, red twin metal bed frame, toy chest, kids toys, kids clothes, other

Unit 4016 - GERALD ROBBINS OF 50558 TYLER, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170
Tool box, lunch box, 5 bags of stuffed animals, remote control car, milk crate, misc. household

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from Plymouth. She was a

omemaker. She was a volun-

Goshen, Ind. She was an avid

Survivors include her three

Denver, Colo., Charles Wells of

Denver, Colo., Andrew Wells of

Hood River, Ore.; and two sis-

ters, Nancy Denton of San

Bernadino, Calif., Charlotte

Johnson of Elmhurst, Ill.

sons, Richard (Lynn) Wells of

teer at Goshen General Hospital,

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Canton was held Tuesday, March 9, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin (arrived 7:02), Shefferly, Yack

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the agenda as presented. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the Minutes of February 23, 1999 Ayes all present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the Minutes of March

2, 1999. All ayes present. Absention LaJoy.

PAYMENT OF BILLS		
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by All Ayes.	Burdziak,	to pay the bills as
Expenditure Recap		
General Fund	101	260,438.82
Fire Fund	206	50,786.03
Police Fund	207	85,902.51
Community Center Fund	208	2,929.28
Golf Course Fund	211	11,323.91
Street Lighting Fund	219	16,497.30
Cable TV Fund	230	5,937.29
Community Improvement Fund	246	18,967.50
E-911 Emergency Funds	261	415,00
Special Investigative Funds	267	220.00
Federal Grants Funds	274	6,035.80
State Projects Fund	289	385.20
Retiree Benefits	296	7,843.99
Cap. Proj-Bld Construction	402	4,980.00
Cap. Proj-Road Paving Fund	403	37.80
Blg. Auth. Construction Fund	469	1,490.00
Water & Sewer Fund	592	1,275,383.35
Trust & Agency (Trailer Fees)	701	6,672.00
Construction Escrow	702	14,296.27
S. Haggerty Paving	815	27,220.00
Total-All Funds		\$ 971,942 44

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, that the Board of Trustees of e Charter Township of Canton approve the appointment of Tony Farrell. Denise Fotis and Russel Wargin to the Canton Tax Board of Review. All ayes Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget mendment in Parks and Recreations Services: Donations - Inc. Rev. Duck

Derby #101-000-675-6000 \$500 Inc. App. Duck Derby #101-691-882-0000 \$500. All ayes

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, that Canton Township amend its current investment policy per the recommendations made by the Investment Policy Certification Committee of the Municipal Treasureris ssociation, US & C. Washington, DC, for Articles 8.2, 9.0, 11.0 and 12.1 in order to ensure that Canton Township is current investment practices remain in compliance with Public Act 20, as amended-All ayes

rom PIZZA HUT OF AMERICA, ING. be considered for approval. All ayes Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to appoint Gregory Trombley to the Building/Fire Board of Appeals (term expiring December 31, 2003); All

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the bid for 40,000 feet f 1-inch type K Copper tubing to Liberty Plumbing supply in the amount of

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to dispose of Township vehicles/equipment locally using sealed bid process. The funds received would be transferred to the disposing departments: Capital Outlay Account

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the Building Authority Construction fund to complete the Fire Headquarters and Public Safety Building addition construction project. All

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendments in the 1999 budgets for purchase order commitments carried

Fund	Budget	Amendment	Budget
General	\$16,089,136	\$262,547	\$16,351,68
Fire	5,274,050	134,118	5,408.168
Police	9,106,275	310.677	9,416,95.
Community Center	2,203,244	32,738	2,235.982
Golf Course	2,429,839	5,185	2.435.02
Cable TV	394,000	1.652	- 395,65.
Public Improvement	2,175,000	930	2,175,930
Community Impr	2,635,000	698.729	3,333,725
911 Service	184,590	31,954	216.54
Downtown Develop	2,859,366	647.642	3.567.008
Capital Proj-Roads	1,600,000	272.490	1,872,490
Bldg. Auth Constr	2,550,000	76.281	2,626,28
Water & Sewer	19,112,181	133,967	19,246,149
Tonguish SpAssmt	0	344.851	344.85
Koppernick SpAssmt	0	345,289	.145.288
Beck Rd. SpAssmt	. 0	9.057	9.05
Motion by Bennett, su amendment in the G Township Utihty Cove	eneral Fund for th	ter to approve the for ie GIS Round 1 Pro	Howing budge Spect - Cantor
F		101-0693-529-1-995	\$ 19 100

Revenues Coverage Project

Fund Balance Total Revenues GIS Utility Appropriations Coverage Project

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the property split for parcel 057-01-0518-000 as requested by Mr. Kevin Iddings. All Ayes

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, that the Canton Board of Trusteen enter into a Host Community Agreement with Allied Waste and adopt the Resolution in Support as presented in Exhibit B (owners of the Sauk Trail Hills Landfill) to permit the vertical expansion of the Sauk Trail Hills Landfill. Upon approval of the County of Wayne and the State of Michiganis MDEQ the Supervisor is directed to implement the agreement and to identify a staff member to serve as a liaison to the Citizens Committee identified in the Host Community Agreement. Further, the Supervisor is directed to work with the Canto Hills Homeowners Association, Frankel Development, Sauk Trail Hills Landfill operator and various Township Departments to construct a natural visual barrier between the proposed industrial development and Canton Hills Subdivision. The Supervisor is further directed to provide

periodic updates to the Board on the progress of the project. All Ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve the Amendment to and Addendum to Offer to Purchase Real Estate, and the Option to Purchase greement between the Charter Township of Canton and Tri-City Christian enter and furthermore to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution to grant site plan approval for the proposed Abbey Woods Condominiums. All Ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution granting approval of the Links West Planned Development District. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to grant

approval of the Pheasant Ridge Preliminary Planned Development District

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to authorize the purchase of the 48-parcel at the northwest corner of Ford and Ridge Roads, including all buildings on the site for the purchase price of \$1,200,000, and further authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute any and all documents that are necessary to effectuate the closing. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the additional payment of

\$164.53 to Roscor, Farmington Hills, Mi for audio/visual equipment. All Ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to award the radio systems maintenance agreement to Mobile Communications Sales & Services, Inc.for a total cost not to exceed \$15,804.00. All Ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve Sgt. Raycraft attending

the MAGLOCLEN Conference in Atlantic City, for a cost of \$801.50, of which

\$564.50 will be reimbursed by MAGLOCLEN. All Ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the signing of a contractual agreement with Pest Patrol for the removing of nuisance animals which are in violation of the ordinances of the Township and/or pose a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of Township residents, for a flat monthly fee of

\$1,750.00. All Aves Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to authorize payment to Wayne ounty for three applications of dust control on local roads for the 1999 calendar year, in the amount of \$12,000. All Ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the purchase of one

1999 GMC 2500 four-wheel drive pickup truck and one (1) 1999 GMC 500 Township-wheel drive pickup truck at a total cost of \$41,074.00 from Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve a three year contract with Van Dyne Crotty, Inc., 45700 Port ST., to supply uniforms, shop towels, mats, coveralls and shop coats in an annual amount of \$10,381.60 — as per

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to award the preparation of before and after appraisals for the right-of-way along Beck Road from Cherry Hill to Ford to William G. Steinke, SRA for \$28,050.00 plus a 10 percent contingency

meters and related equipment from Etna Supply Company, not to exceed \$478 900 All Aves

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the purchase of two 199 GMC Safari extended cargo vans at a total cost of \$33,580.00 from Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to increase the base salary of the

retroactive to February 2, 1999. All Ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the bid for a 1999 GMC 250 4WD pickup truck to Red Holman Pontiac/GMC in the amount of

Motion by Bennett, supported by Ladov, to award the bid for a 1999 GMC 250

Head Golf Pro position at Pheasant Run Golf Club to \$51,619 per year pursuant to Rule 4 244 of the Personnel Policy Manual, effective and

4WD pickup truck to Red Holman Pontiac/GMC in the amount of \$21,531. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to accept the recommendations of the Canton Community Development Block Grant Advisory for the FY1999 block grant program, and further approve the forwarding of said

s to the Department of HUD as the Canton FY1999 CDBG Final Plan All Aves Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the contract for professional consulting services for the Comprehensive Leisure Services Plan to Beckett and Raeder, inc., in an amount not to exceed \$49,000. All Ayes. Motion by

Bennett, supported by Ladov to amend the 1999 General Fund budget to Increase Revenues

Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$34,000 #101-691-818-0000 \$34.000 This budget amendment increases the Recreation Services Division budget om \$737.810 to \$771.810 and the General Fund budget from \$16,089,136 to

All Aves Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to award the bid of Sodium Hypochlorite for Summit on the Park to the low bidder, CUL-MAC Industries,

Inc. in the amount of \$6,792.50 and a 10 percent contingency of \$679 for a total of \$7.471.50 All Ayes. Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to authorize the sale of approximately 8-acres of the Canton Softball Center site, specifically the eastern portion of the Michigan Avenue frontage for the purpose of a privately developed indoor soccer facility at a price of \$100,000 per acre, as

ADJOURN

Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 P.M. All Aves The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held in March 9 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available

following the next regular meeting of the Board on March 23, 1999. TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk THOMAS J YACK Supervisor Publish March 18, 1999

outlined in the attached purchase offer. All Ayes.

Canton Observer

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1999

Landmarks

New projects add to Canton

Welfare move unconstitutional

hough two of the three are in the earliest planning stages, we like what we see in a diverse trio of projects planned for Can-

A sports complex at the township-owned Canton Softball Center, a regional performing arts center and a new subdivision designed with the township's rural history in mind represent a welcome break from conventional development.

The Observer believes these types of projects will help establish Canton's identity as something other than a cookie-cutter suburb along the periphery of metro Detroit.

The sports complex is the closest of the three to completion. Originally planned for Haggerty, the public-private project was moved to the softball center site on Michigan Avenue after the township bought the property last fall. The existing baseball fields and restaurant will be complemented with an ice arena, 120,000-square-foot indoor soccer facility and, eventually, a separate golf dome.

An unusual consortium of developers and operators will be responsible for separate projects, including Griffin Properties (ice arena) and High Velocity Sports (soccer), an Oakland County partnership that includes Detroit Rockers coach-goalkeeper Bryan "Goose" Finnerty. The biggest challenge the sports complex could face is building a sense of continuity among its elements. The test will come next month when the softball center begins its first season under township ownership. The soccer facility could break ground in May and be ready as early as next fall, planners

The performing arts center is quickly moving from exploratory stages to the drawing board. A feasibility study has been completed, and a regional board of people with an interest in the arts has been formed. Land owned by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools near the site of the new high school is one possible location for the center, which would seat 800

To get a handle on this welfare drug test

drug users would you have to find to justify

invading everyone's bloodstream or urine sam-

question, ask yourself: What percentage of

Development that provides real value to residents and makes the community distinctive will not only define Canton's image but could serve as a catalyst in keeping the sprawl mentality in check.

people. A key to the project is whether the center can generate enough revenue to pay for itself, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack has said.

Plans for Cherry Hill Village are the most intriguing. Troy-based Biltmore Development will build up to 1,200 single-family homes and other residential units in the area centered at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. The neighborhood is rich in history and includes historic structures such as Cherry Hill School and the Bartlett-Travis farmhouse. Biltmore and the township are planning a neighborhood in character with those surroundings. Architecture will feature different shapes and materials. Homes will be closer to the street, and some garages will be set around the back.

Canton residents will have input in the development through a computer survey being done at several public locations in the township, including the administration building

In his recent State of the Township Address, Yack said one goal over the last 10 years has been to make Canton a place where people locate for life, rather than a temporary outpost on the suburban frontier that people flee for "greener pastures" once the value of their home appreciates. He might be hardpressed to admit it, but Yack's comments are in line with environmentalists and others speaking out against urban sprawl.

Development that provides real value to residents and makes the community distinctive will not only define Canton's image but could serve as a catalyst in keeping the sprawl

■ What percentage of drug users would you have to find to justify invading everyone's bloodstream or urine sample? That's the constitutional heart of the debate over

That's the constitutional heart of the debate over requiring all welfare recipients to be tested. Here's what the Michigan Constitution "The person, houses, papers and possessions

of every person shall be secure from unreasonsearches and seizures. No warrant to search any place or to seize any person or things shall issue without describing them, nor without probable cause supported by oath or

That's a high, tough standard. Law enforcement people must swear they have probable cause to believe someone has drugs before obtaining a warrant.

But the bills passed by the state House of Representatives fall far short of that standard. House Bills 4090 and 4091 give the state insufficient "probable cause" to justify stop-Family Independence Agency authority to run three pilot sites to test welfare recipients for drug use. One test area would be urban, another rural, the third in Wayne County.

If a welfare client refuses to take the test, he's punished by loss of benefits - no trial.

The sponsor, Rep. Lauren Hager, R-Port Huron, calls it "tough love and compassion in its purest form. A welfare client who is shown to be addicted is offered state-paid treatment." That's wise. Welfare should do more than subsidize people. The new welfare system is designed to get people on their feet, not, in the business. So be it. Requiring a welfare recipiwords of the bills' sponsors, to pay for their

The program wouldn't be cheap. The House Fiscal Agency said 175,000 tests a year would be given. At an average cost of \$3,000, treatment would total \$78.7 million. The Family Independence Agency (FIA) said it's unclear whether Medicaid would reimburse the state.

Despite his reputed fiscal conservatism, Gov. John Engler, who is making his second request for the welfare drug tests, isn't afraid to spend money. Remember when he ended "general assistance"? He didn't just put the money into other programs. He used it to match welfare federal grants and signed the biggest welfare bill in Michigan's history.

But back to our original question: What percentage would have to test positive for

requiring all welfare recipients to be tested.

drugs to justify testing everyone? FIA estiwe read of 20 percent testing positive.

Michigan has run into this kind of constitutional problem before. In the mid-1980s, Gov. James Blanchard advocated vehicle check lanes to catch drunken drivers. Cops would figure out which bars would generate lots of drunken drivers on which roads and stop every one passing by.

The courts shot it down for precisely the constitutional reason we cited - there was ping every driver.

Moreover, we note that supporters of HB 4090-4091 rejected an amendment requiring all state officials, including the governor and 148 legislators, to submit to drug tests. What's sauce for the welfare goose could well have been sauce for the legislative gander, particularly since lawmakers from both parties have been nailed for drug usage over the years.

One could argue that job applicants at private firms often are required to pass a drug test. It seems the constitution doesn't apply in ent to pass a drug test can be viewed as practice in getting a job in the corporate world.

But we still bump into Sec. 11 in the state constitution's Declaration of Rights: "The person ... unreasonable searches and seizures .. probable cause supported by oath or affirma-

Reps. Nancy Quarles, D-Southfield, and Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, bucked their colleagues in voting against the drug test bills. We applaud them for reading the Michigan Constitution, which their oaths of office require them to uphold.

The bills probably will be passed. The courts may well call them unconstitutional. The unsavory mess could be avoided if we would all read our constitution and take it more seriously.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

Supervisor responds

n the Feb. 25 Canton Observer, Mr. Robert Bilkie Jr. commented on the recent name change of the junior baseball organization.

The action taken by the junior baseball league to change its name simply reflects changing realities. Canton is now the 20th largest community in Michigan and its elected leaders recognize the importance of creating a positive quality of life for its residents. As a result Canton's leadership has for the past 10 years placed an emphasis on recreation.

As stewards of our taxpayers' funds it is the Board of Trustee's responsibility to represent the best interests of its constituents. For many years Canton has supported in a meaningful way youth sports. The purchase of Canton Softball Center brought to a head the ongoing issue of commitment levels on the part of the municipalities. It is a disservice to Canton residents that they be expected to carry the recreation responsibility for other municipalities. It is clear that Canton residents and its elected Board of Trustees have a different attitude toward recreation then does Mr. Bilkie's community. This difference can best be illustrated by comparing the two communities' recreation expenditures over the last six years. During that period Plymouth Township has spent about \$500,000 on capital improvements to its only park, while Canton was investing over \$25 million on a variety of,

recreation facilities including the development

of three new parks. During the same period Canton spent in excess of \$2.5 million each year on operation, while Plymouth Township spent a few thousand dollars. For many years, the City of Plymouth and Canton Township have provided the area with virtually all recreation facilities and programs. Another example of the difference in recreation funding philosophy and community support can be seen in the recent defeat of a dedicated recreation millage in Plymouth Township. Clearly Canton and Plymouth Township residents and their leaders have a different philosophy and approach as it relates to recreation and leisure. It can be expected that as Canton's population grows it may be necessary to offer programs, services and facilities exclusively to Canton residents. As long as recreation facilities and programs are offered by neighboring communities there will be no incentive for the residents of Plymouth Township or its elected leaders to meet

the recreation needs of its community. We make no apologies for offering our residents one of southeast Michigan's finest recreation programs. We make no apologies for making the youth of our taxpayers a priority. We also make no apologies for protecting the financial interests of our taxpayers. We will continue to respond to the recreational and leisure needs of Canton residents through the

planning, acquisition and construction of new recreation/leisure facilities.

> Thomas Yack Canton Township supervisor

MIOSHA gutting takes toll

ohn Engler has gutted MIOSHA since taking office in 1990. The agenda is directed at making MIOSHA a consultant rather than an agency that has the power to inspect, enforce, and penalize those that do not comply. Safety will be provided by "Voluntary Employer Compliance." In reality, it means "No Safety!" Job safety is a priority, and a workers right to life should not end when they punch a time clock.

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they're gone ... with God they stay. They went to work with hopes and dreams Instead their lives ended in violent screams.

Safety and inspections, Business did not heed, Profits are the roots of this selfish greed. Human life, "They" say, cannot compare, Companies continue to show us, "We Don't

To John Engler I show my cold stone stare, No empathy or compassion, do you even care? Our workers are dying for an honest day's pay, But dear Johnny keeps saying, "Get out of

Indifference does not make this crime go away, It causes injury and death, which work-

Noncompliance in safety is our biggest fear, But our strong voices fall on Bureaucrat deaf We all have a right to come home each day.

It's a crime that safety violations stand in the The families, with tears, place a rose on the

grave, How senseless, how tragic, a life we could have saved. In memory, for those we've lost and those

we fight to save Patrice Smith and Laurel Tondreau

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- Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Personal freedom shrinks as government expands

Slavery was a key issue in the Civil War. But there were also two other main themes: seces.' sion and states' rights.

Abraham Lincoln's chief goal in the war was to keep the union together. Early in the struggle, he said if he had a choice of freeing the slaves and letting the country fracture, or keeping the union together with slavery intact, he'd pick the latter.

Lincoln was so dedicated to the thought of preserving the union, he didn't even think of the Civil War as a war. He saw it as an insurrection by the Southern states that had to be put down at all costs.

South Carolina, of course, was the first to secede. Ten more states were close behind. America's bloodiest war, which went from 1861 to 1865, followed.

"War between the States," as many Southerners still call it, was about the right to govern themselves. According to Compton's Interactive

From the rebels' perspective, the

Encyclopedia, the North favored a loose interpretation of the Constitu-

tion that would grant the federal government expanded powers.

The South, on the other hand. wanted to reserve all undefined powers to the states, Compton's says. The South also took exception to the federal government's right to prohibit slavery in Western territories.

Leaders felt it would severely limit the number of slave states coming into the union and, eventually, lead to the destruction of their economic system, Compton's stated. Why the history lesson you ask?

A recent conversation with Canton Supervisor Tom Yack reminded me of these Civil War issues. As he said from his self-proclaimed soap box, these issues are still relevant today.

While Yack isn't calling for secession or saying the South was right, for heaven's sake, he thinks the federal government has gotten too far "off the beaten track."

"They think they can solve everybody's problems from Washington, D.C.," he said. "I look at the Constitution and what the federal government was supposed to do, first and fore-

SCOTT DANIEL

most, was protect us all from outside

"They've failed to even protect us from others. This latest espionage rumor is a prime example.' Yack was referring to China's

alleged attempt to steal nuclear weapons secrets. He said the feds should be worrying about these types of matters and leave more mundane matters to local government. "They ought to be holding national

summits on why they're not doing

ment."

their jobs in protecting us from other countries," Yack added. "It just blows

my mind. Where are people's heads? "The federal government has no business talking about urban sprawl, congestion of roads or schools. Those are all local issues and they ought to be solved locally."

Yack believes community leaders and citizens are best qualified to handle these kinds of problems.

"They're the best people that can solve them," he said, "assuming they have the resources.

"The problem is that the federal government is taking so much of the resource away from local govern-

Yack calls it a redistribution of

"They collect all the money in the pot and then they're doling it out. They're giving us our own money back after they taken off the top some percent for bureaucracy and then they're giving it back to us with their ideas in mind. What they think is the right way to go. It's nuts, it's crazy."

I tend to agree with the supervisor

I'm not saving that we should hearken back to colonial or Civil War days, but I think the federal government encroaches in our lives too

much. It has gone too far. The sad thing is, I think many people almost expect it. When something goes wrong they say, "What's the gov-

ernment doing about it?" It's not an attitude that developed overnight. Our country began moving that way under Franklin Roosevelt in the 1930s and moved even further

under Lyndon Johnson in the '60s. What folks fail to realize, I think, is that for every service, every program, every subsidy the federal government supplies, a piece of personal freedom

"Help," at least as the government defines it, comes with strings. Those strings are in the form of dollar bills they take out of your paycheck.

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LETTERS

Principal thanked

n recognition of Principal's Week Feb. 8-12, the staff of Plymouth Salem High School would like to thank our principal, Jerry Ostoin, for his dedication to the safety, dignity and education of the students in our community. His passionate commitment to a generation of students and staff at PCEP are a genuine source of Salem Pride!

The staff includes: Cindy Bastion, Diane Gaubatz, Betty Schaar, Jennifer Hawk, Dodi Hidgins, Joanne Hart, Lisa Pearl, Michael Seneker, Alvin Dvorsky, Scott Thomas, Diane Holmes, Mary Robinson, Mary Anne Eppley, Jan Carney, Harriet Wolbrink, Mary Ann Becker, Barbara Meteyer, Ted Balaj, R. Gould, Janelle Stec, Martin Autheir, Amy Welken-Hill, Helene Ross, Christine Forley,

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Plymouth Salem staff

Many qualified workers

just read Philip Power's column, "GOP leads way in job training," in the Observer dated Feb. 11 and feel compelled to reply.

First of all, I was impressed by his pinions. However, I must challenge the statement: "The current shortage of qualified workers is already viewed by business folks as Michigan's biggest economic problem. Employers can't find qualified,

skilled workers."

skilled legal secretary who retired too early after almost 13 years at my last place of employment. I do conduct myself in a professional manner and dress appropriately. I find it very difficult to believe that the job market for qualified workers is in such poor condition because I have responded to

time after having been tested for several hours and leaving feeling very confident that all went well, only to be

newspaper ads, been interviewed, by

one and/or three people at the same

advised that I was not chosen. Upon inquiry as to why, I was given very vague answers leading me believe that my unspoken age was the deterrent. The law prohibits discrimination because of age and thus,

the employer evades the issue rather

than risk a lawsuit charging age dis-

Is this not strange considering that the mature worker usually is more efficient, dependable and trustworthy? During these past months that I have been looking for part-time employment, I have encountered far too many inefficient people holding down jobs who cannot and/or will not answer a simple question, i.e., bank tellers who do not know the employer's policies, a manager who clearly states that she does not know anything about the subject of my inquiry I know that I am fully qualified, but obviously I cannot work in the mini-

mum wage neighborhood.

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Florence Ziarnik

Blanchard's choice is our loss

wasn't all that surprised when I got the fax from Jim Blanchard.

"I thought long and hard about once again serving the people of Michigan in Washington but have decided not to seek election to the Senate for personal and professional reasons."

For months, Blanchard had been considering running against Republican freshman Sen. Spencer Abraham.

Like most potential candidates, Abraham has been working on fund-raising. Aiming at a \$9 million war chest for his campaign, last week he raised \$1 million at a single event in Livonia. But Abraham was widely regarded as vulnerable, especially to Blanchard, a skilled campaigner and still a popular former governor who served with distinction as ambassador to Cana-

Blanchard's departure from the race says more about the sad state to which our politics has descended than it does about Abraham's relative vulnerability. Over the weekend, Blanchard and I talked at length about his decision and about how the current state of politics

affected it. Power: "It seems as though state-of-the-art politics has turned into little more than an exercise in fund-raising."

Blanchard: "I'm afraid that's true. (U.S. Sen.) Carl Levin told me he went to 250 fundraisers for his last campaign, and I know that I'd have to do something close to that if I decided to run. Politicians today tend to look at people as though they're walking wallets. It's gotten completely out of hand."

Power: "Moreover, the kind of mud slinging and personal abuse would make anybody but the toughest flinch before getting into a big

Blanchard: "There's a rule of thumb in polities: You have to want to get elected to whatever office you're running for with every atom of your heart and every piece of your soul. If you have any hesitation at all, it's wise not to do it." Power: "Campaigns used to be regarded as an

opportunity for public debate about issues and a

chance for people to show what they're like. Has

that changed, too?" Blanchard: "Entirely. I got into politics because of ideas and people. Ideas to help people. But people, especially. I love old-fashioned campaigning because it puts you directly in touch with people. Media campaigns are just the reverse. They take the candidate away from the people, and they're the main reason politics has gotten so expensive and requires so much fund-raising."



Power: "So how are you going to cont Are you going to withdraw entirely from public

of public service, accomplish a lot, have a lot of fun without all the invective and hate, without running for elective office. That's why I took the job as ambassador, and that's why I wrote my book on that experience. I wanted to show young people it's still possible for folks to contribute to society in other ways than running for

Phil Power has known Blanchard for years and was governor. Power is chairman of HomeTown



Blanchard: "No. I'm going to be working hard to elect (Vice President Al) Gore. I can live a life

Blanchard's answers to my questions thoughtful, humane, practical - helped persuade me that his decision not to make the race for the Senate was the best decision for him .. and the worst outcome for the people of Michigan. Because, whether you're a Democrat or a Republican, people like Jim Blanchard are exactly the sort who should be making the race for significant office in our country.

No doubt the Democrats will come up with a credible candidate to run against Sen. Abraham. But the net effect of what has happened to our politics in recent years is to have deterred from running for public office precisely the. kinds of able, effective, thoughtful and sane people who should be in positions of responsibility in a democracy. Sadly for the republic, the field is increasingly being left to the insecure and the egomaniacal, the wealthy and the celebrities with high name ID and the passionately ideo-

Is this why I'm not surprised Geoffrey Fieger is talking about running for the Senate? served as chair of job training while Blanchard Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail: ppower@oeonline.com



Senate takes action against drunken snowmobilers

BY TIM RICHARD

The Michigan Senate moved quickly this month against drunken snowmobilers, drugged welfare recipients, and aliens registering to vote.

Points charged

Snowmobilers with serious Violations would be charged "points" on their driving records under Senate Bills 125-126, which the Senate passed 34-1.

Snowmobilers are running around, killing themselves and others," said Sen. Harry Gast, R-St. Joseph, sponsor of the mea-

Added Sen. Don Koivisto, D-Ironwood: "Two factors account for the increase in accidents: increased speed and alcohol."

Drinking is involved in 60 percent of accidents and excessive speed in 80 percent, added Sen. Walter North, R-St. Ignace.

Only Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, voted against the measures. He sought a three-year "sunset" on the bills, so their effect could be re-examined, but the Senate shot down his amendment 7-17.

If the bills become law, they would take effect in October of 2000. They would treat off-road offenses the same as motor vehicle offenses. The would require

Schoolcraft's Waterman is site of beekeepers' school

The 61st annual Bee School, sponsored by the Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers Association in cooperation with the Schoolcraft College Beekeepers Club and the Cranbrook Beekeepers Club, is scheduled 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 17, in the Waterman Campus Center on Schoolcraft's campus.

Featured speakers are Zachary Huang from Michigan State University, speaking on "Social Organization of the Honey Bee Colony," and Roger Hoopingarner, a retired professor from

Michigan State University. Nonmembers must pay a \$5 registration fee at the door, and attendees should bring a dish to pass and table service for the noon potluck lunch.

For information, call Roger Sutherland at (734) 668-8568 or Jim Goodrich at (248) 628-0321.

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the Secretary of State to record on a violator's driving record:

Six points for manslaughter, negligent homicide or felony resulting from operation of a snowmobile or off-road vehicle

Six points for operating a snowmobile or ORV under the influence of alcohol or controlled drugs, or allowing another to operate under the influence.

Four points for operating while visibly impaired.

■ Up to 93 days in jail for violations. Currently, the jail term is 90 days. The extra three days bring this law into line with other state laws.

One bill amends the vehicle code; the other, the natural resources act.

The bills go to the House. Refer to SB 125-126 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

Welfare testing

Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, threw a monkey wrench into Gov. John Engler's effort to have welfare recipients tested for drugs

A pair of bills would allow the Family Independence Agency to test the program in three areas. Clients who test positive would

be required to enter a treatment program or lose benefits.

The Senate passed House Bills 4090-4091 by 25-10 votes, but a two-thirds vote is required to give the bills immediate effect as soon as they are signed by the governor.

Dingell voted yes on both but withheld his vote on SB 4091, leaving 24 votes for immediate effect, one shy of the two-thirds requirement. Result: Unless Dingell changes his mind soon, the bills may not become law until about April of 2000.

All Republicans and four Democrats voted yes.

Among those voting no were area Democrats Dianne Byrum of Onondaga, John Cherry of Clio, George Hart of Dearborn, Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township and Alma Smith of Salem.

Byrum objected that the cost of the program was underestimated. "You cannot take the same number of dollars, divide it among clients and have the same level of service," she said.

The Senate Fiscal Agency estimated cost of testing at \$172,300 to \$1.6 million. Sen. John J.H. Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, put the cost of individual tests at \$50.

The bills say the Legislature

intends to implement the laws statewide by April 1, 2003. Currently the state has 287,400 welfare clients, of whom onethird are estimated to be adults eligible for testing. The laws wouldn't apply to those 65 or

Aliens blocked

A quirk in the federal Motor Voter Act allowed some aliens to register to vote in Michigan, and the state Senate is moving to correct the problem.

The Senate passed 35-0 a bill by Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, to prohibit the Secretary of State, other registrars, city and township clerks from offering noncitizens the opportunity to register to vote.

Motor Voter became federal law after a bitter partisan debate in the U.S. Congress. President George Bush vetoed it in 1992. President Bill Clinton signed it in 1993 after a Democratic Congress repassed it. Republican Gov. John Engler sued unsuccessfully to block it.

It requires state welfare, unemployment and public health agencies, as well as driver's license agencies, to offer their customers a chance to register to vote. Hammerstrom, a former township clerk, said many aliens, not understanding the system, "would sign everything put before them. This (bill) pro-

tects them from trouble.

Her bill would prohibit state agencies from offering a person the opportunity to register if the person had submitted a written document saying he or she was not a U.S. citizen.

The bill goes to the House. Refer to SB 312 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

Beware of ties

Lawmakers are working on measures to prevent tie votes at everything from the township park board level to the state Senate itself.

The first is called the West Bloomfield case, because that Oakland County township has seen 3-3 tie votes on its elected park commission. So last week:

■ The Senate passed 35-0 a bill amending the election law to allow the township board to set the number of parks commissioners to be elected. Sponsor of SB 336 is Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford

■ The House passed 100-7 a companion measure changing the township parks law to require an odd number of parks commissioners - as few as five, as many as nine. Sponsor of HB 4011 is freshman Rep. Marc Shulman, R-West Bloomfield.

The bills are tie-barred, meaning both must be passed in order to become law.

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JACK GLADDEN

A doorknob, broomstick and privacy

t started about 10 o'clock one night when The 10th-Grader came downstairs and said, "Dad, I can't get in my room!"

"Of course you can," I said. "You're 15 years old."

"No," she said, starting to get irritable. "I can't open the door. The doorknob doesn't work."

"Oh, for heaven's sake. Let me see." I trudged up the stairs, a little irritated myself. "Doorknob doesn't work

The door was closed. It usually was, even years ago when it was her brother's room. It's a privacy thing with teenagers

I put my hand on the knob and turned it. It turned. But the door didn't open. I tried again. And again. The knob was turning, but it wasn't moving the bolt, which was firmly in place in the doorjamb.

"Well, time for the old screwdriver trick," I said to the cat, who was watching me with great interest.

Down three flights of stairs to the basement, then back up with an assortment of screwdrivers in hand.

Let's see, what size do I need for that little hole that you put the screw driver in to unlock the door when the bratty little toddler has locked himself in the bathroom?

Uhhh, there's no hole there. Just a solid doorknob. Wait a minute!

There's a hole in the bathroom doorknob, but not this one. Why not? Well, of course, this one doesn't lock. But it doesn't

The broomstick falls out if I don't keep a towel stuffed in there. I need a doorknob.'

open, either. Now what?

Maybe the old credit card trick. Nope, I'd have to take the molding off to get a credit card or even a screw driver inside that latch

Nothing to do but take the doorknob off. That's easy enough.

"What in the world's going on up

It was The Feminist. Checking

things out. "I'm trying to get this door open

That's what." "Why don't you just take the door-

"I did that already. But the bolt is jammed into this doohickey in the wall. It won't turn, it won't slide, it

won't budge.' "Maybe if you try jiggling the door

"It won't jiggle. It's jammed too tight. Give me a hammer.

"Be careful." "There. It's open. Look at this. That latch is cheap plastic. It just broke apart and jammed everything up.

"Uh, Dad?" "Now what?" "There's a hole in my door."

"Of course there is, I took the doorknob out.

"You'll survive.

"I need a new one."

"Not tonight." "But I can't shut my door."

Is it morning already? Must be, I can smell the coffee.

"Dad!" "What?"

"I need a doorknob."

"I know. I know. But ... what's that in your door? I can't open it." "It's a broomstick.

"And why do you have a towel stuffed in the hole?"

"The broomstick falls out if I don't keep a towel stuffed in there. I need a doorknob.

"She's right, you know. You really should get her a doorknob. It's been six weeks. Besides, I want my broom

"Oh, all right. I'll go to the hardware store tomorrow.

"How hard is it to install a doorknob? You had enough trouble getting the old one out.'

"Should be simple enough. Just a couple of screws. Uh-oh.

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Fans go 'cuckoo' for Laurel and Hardy

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

iners at Mama Mia's Restaurant in Livonia may hear some strange noises coming from the back room five times a year. Singing, dancing and laughing radiates through the eatery.

As absurd as it sounds, it's a group of metro Detroit-area Laurel and Hardy fans, collectively known as the Dancing Cuckoos, celebrating the movie stars' legacy.

"I'm sure they hear us when we're singing our Cuckoos song, our 'Sons of the Desert' song. If nothing else, we do it loud," said Rose Lahiff, "corresponding Cuckoo" and Canton resi-

The Dancing Cuckoos is the local chapter or "tent" of Sons of the Desert, a national fraternal organization devoted to the memory of the persons and films of Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy. It is named for the Laurel and Hardy film of the same

Lahiff joined the Dancing Cuckoos 15 years ago, but some of the members have been around since the group's inception in 1965. The Dancing Cuckoos was the second tent formed after Sons of the Desert was founded in 1964 by Orson Bean, Al Kilgore, John McCabe, Chuck McCann and John Municino.

"When they started in New York, it was men-only membership. I think it's only been about the last 15-18 years that women could come. Women could come as guests on certain nights and then they started allowing them membership. They joined the '90s, what can I say?" Lahiff said.

All of the tents have taken their names from a Laurel and Hardy film with the exception of the Dancing Cuckoos, which is named after the duo's theme music.

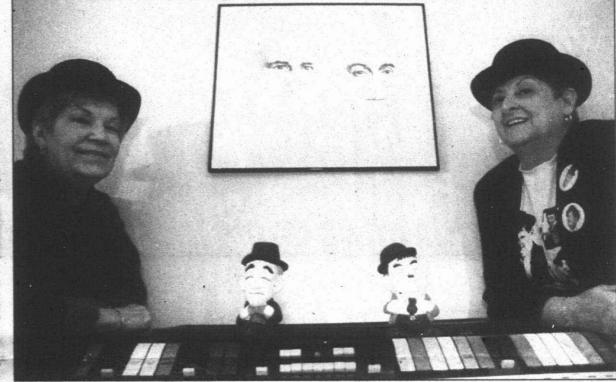
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meetings are open to the public.

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meeting and movies.

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Following tradition: Derby hats are only part of the costume Dancing Cuckoo members Jean Senkowski of Westland and Rose Lahiff of Canton don in memory of their favorite comedians, Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy.

tion and every second year they have a convention that's an international event," Lahiff said. "Last year Jean (Senkowski, fellow Cuckoo) and I went to England. The convention was in Birmingham, England, we had the opportunity to go to Ulverston, which is a small community not too far from Birmingham, but that's where Stan Laurel was born.

Between 300-400 Laurel and Hardy fans invaded Ulverston.

"They literally closed down the

town for us," Lahiff recalled. "They had policemen out there directing traffic. The lord mayor came. People were lining the streets applauding us. We were walking around singing Laurel and Hardy songs with our paper umbrellas and our fezzes or Derbies. We had a wonderful time.'

The Cuckoos have a knack for making spectacles of themselves.

"Last year at Redford Theatre they had a Laurel and Hardy weekend. We got up on the stage and joined hands before the movies started and sang 'We are the Sons of the Desert' in front of all the people who had come to see the movie." Lahiff said.

Longtime fans

Growing up in Detroit, Lahiff remembers watching Laurel and Hardy movies as far back as 5 years

"I suppose because it's so absurd," she explained about why she's a fan. "It's absolutely funny. It has no relationship to real life whatsoever. It's definitely a stress reliever.'

She learned about the club from friends who took her to a meeting for her birthday. She did her part in spreading the Cuckoos' wings. She recruited her friend, Jean Senkowski of Westland eight years ago.

"It's just good clean fun," Senkowski said. "You can't go in there with a sad face. You don't stay that way very long. There's no way you cannot laugh. You go around and see a bunch of grown ups sitting there with Derbies and fezzes and sitting down eating their dinner. And then getting up, joining hands and singing their songs and going through this mish-mash we call business.

Meetings begin with dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed at 8 p.m. by the "non-sense meeting" filled with jokes, political satire and announcements.

"If anybody has anything they want to say, they get up and say it," Lahiff said. "We usually toast Laurel or Hardy or members of the various casts. We show old Laurel and Hardy

The Dancing Cuckoos also raffle off Laurel and Hardy memorabilia, which fills the basement of Lahiff's home. The group generally meets the third Thursday of the months of September, November, January and March. This year, however, the May meeting will be replaced by "Mae Busch Night," a gala celebration of Laurel and Hardy, Friday, May 21, at Vassel's Banquet Hall, 26750 W.

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Being an effective advocate for your child



By Teresa VanBourgondien Guest Columnist

Is your child getting enough academic attention in school? Are your doctors paying enough attention to the welfare of your daughter? Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed with the challenges of parenting and wonder if there's anyone who could help?

A bit about the Cuckoos

The Dancing Cuckoos, a Laurel and Hardy appreciation organization,

holds their next meeting on Thursday, March 18, at Mama Mia's, 27770 Plymouth Road, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. The evening begins with

6 p.m. dinner (at your own expense), followed by the 8 p.m. "business"

Membership for The Dancing Cuckoos is \$20 a year, however, the

The group meets the third Thursday of September, November, Janu-

ary, March and May. This year, the May meeting will be part of the gala

party, "Mae Busch Night," on Friday, May 21, at Vassel's Banquet Hall,

lowed by entertainment and dancing. Tickets are \$35. For more informa-

tion, call Rose Lahiff at (734) 981-2798 or visit http://members.aol.com/

The evening begins with cocktails at 7 p.m. and dinner at 8 p.m. fol-

Month Because your children are your most precious possessions, you

want to make sure they have access to the support they deserve. You may sense that your children aren't getting their needs met by others who are responsible for their care, like doctors, teachers or

This article is meant to serve as a guide for advocating for your child, whether it be for a more appropriate school placement, for more intensive medical attention, or for more community support. Knowing how and when to advocate for your children will help

them reach their full potential now and as they grow

into adulthood.

Get the facts: We know that no child is perfect and sometimes children get into trouble. We also know that every child has possibilities. To effectively advocate for your child to realize those possibilities. you need all the facts.

If your child is having difficulties in school, ask for documentation supporting these difficulties. If your child is having medical problems, ask for literature on the medical condition and possible courses of

At Lifespan Clinical Services, for example, a mother brought in her child for an assessment for respite care because he was diagnosed with a developmental

During the evaluation, the social worker realized that the mother did not know what constituted a developmental disability. She also did not know that her child was entitled to a number of services because of his disability.

Having thorough information is the first step in

making a plan of action for your child.

Know your rights and responsibilities: In every system - medical, educational, and mental health - the individual has both rights and responsibilities. When advocating for your child, it is necessary to be fully informed regarding these rights.

For example, a father at a local elementary school disagreed with the special education placement for his daughter. However, he did not realize that he had the right to not sign the forms, placing his daughter in the specialized classroom.

The father was frustrated that, in his opinion, his child was inappropriately placed. The school did not realize the extent of the father's frustration because he had signed the forms, agreeing to the placement.

For information on your educational rights and responsibilities, contact your local school board. For medical rights, contact your local hospital or department of health. For mental health rights, contact your local Department of Community Mental Health

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Toomey-Yeskie

nature & Associates.

of Canton.

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Romps

Jerry Toomey of Ann Arbor

and Sally Haynes of Plymouth

announce the engagement of

their daughter, Julie Marie, to

Christopher Harry Yeskie, the

son of Carol and Howard Yeskie

The bride-to-be is a graduate

of Plymouth Canton High

School. She is employed by Sig-

Her fiance is a graduate of Ply-

mouth Canton High School. He

is employed by the Ford Motor

An October wedding is

James and Donna Lewandows-

ki of Pinellas Park, Fla.,

announce the engagement of

their daughter, Lisa Marie, to

Kenneth Ronald Romps, the son

of Gregory and JoAnna Romps of

The bride-to-be is a 1987 grad-uate of Plymouth Canton High

planned at Risen Christ Luther-

an Church, Plymouth Township.

Lewandowski-

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Eight Mile, Southfield.

" 'Mae Busch Night' is a mini convention. We're presenting a 'Fine Mess Award' to somebody who's really goofed up some way. Hopefully, one of the nominees will come to accept the award," sider ratifying the articles.' They Lahiff said slyly. She wouldn't reveal the names of the nominees, but said they are "digni- first one," Lahiff explained. "It's

Absurdity at its best

The basic premise of all the tents is the members to agree to other. Article Six says "Despite disagree. The bylaws were his lack of authority, the grand organization are very outgoing,

Gladden from page B1

"The bolt is too big for the hole in the door. It's off by about a 16th of an inch. Gotta go back

"So'd you get another door-Nope. They're all the same

to the store."

size. It's the door that's off. I got a round file. Have to make the hole bigger."

"Are you almost done, Dad? You've been working on it for an really need a doorknob."

"Just leave him alone. You

Lahiff said.

know how he is when he gets like this. Just stay away from him. That's what I'm doing.' "All right, it's in. Now let's see

the type of organization that we

are, it's never been ratified,"

"Once a year somebody will

discuss the constitution and con-

never seem to get beyond the

a good humor type of argument

about yes and no, or why and

All the articles contradict each

"Aargh! I put the bolt in backwards. Gotta take it out and

approved by Laurel, but "being sheik or his deputy shall act as

stand up and say, 'It's time we Article Six is ridiculous.

"Never mind, Dad. I don't

"It's OK. I've got it now. It this part." closes, but it won't stay shut. Guess I'll have to change the latch plate. Oh, great."

"Now what?" "The new latch plate is too thick. Now the door won't close." "Can you fix it?"

chairman at all meetings and

will follow the standard parlia-

mentary procedure in conduct-

"It's an absolute hoot," Lahiff

Despite all the friendly argu-

ments, the organization's mem-

bers, which average at age 40

and older, get along swimming-

ing same." The next article says

"I'll fix it. I'll fix it! Just take this new plate off and ... well, look at that. There's another thing here underneath the old plate. Maybe I don't even need

very friendly. They just accept everybody at face value. I don't think a harsh word (has been said). It's just a great group of people," Lahiff explained.

And anybody is welcome even skeptics.

"Anybody who likes Laurel and Hardy .. if they think they don't like them, they're still invited to come because by the time they're done they'll like the club." Lahiff said. "We have greeters, so that when anybody walks in, they're not just left to "The people who belong to this

works.

share information, and to pro-"Does it work?" community agencies can be "Well, it closes. And it latches invaluable in addressing a Yeah. Yeah, I think it's fixed. It child's needs.

Communicate with individ-"Dad?" uals working with your child: "What?" Open communication is the key "Thank you. to having a good working rela-"No problem. Heck, it's just a tionship with those who are doorknob." assisting your child. Teachers, Jack Gladden is a copy editor doctors and counselors need to for the Observer Newspapers. He know that you are invested in lives in Canton Township. the growth of your child. They

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also need to know when you have particular concerns. Access community agen-Attendance at parent-teacher cies: Community agencies can provide an enormous amount of

conferences, counseling sessions, support for families. They often and doctor appointments will have extensive resource lists afford you the opportunity to that will link you with the gather needed information and appropriate programs for your to relay concerns. It also allows all of the individuals involved to work as a team toward common Whether you're looking for an after-school program that pro- goals and to provide consistent feedback to the child. vides tutoring or an evening pro-

A mother who received family gram that works with troubled counseling from Lifespan Cliniadolescents to examine their consequences and make better deci- cal Services, for example, wantsions, community agencies can ed her child to identify his goals and steps to achieve them. She invited everyone who works with They also provide families with the opportunity to commu- her child to attend a planning nicate with other families, to meeting, including his teacher, counselor and school social workvide support. The support and er. The group assisted the child information parents receive from in identifying his strengths, weaknesses and goals. They then

helped him to develop a plan for achieving his goals. At the end of the meeting, the child stood up, without any prompting, and thanked each erson for caring enough about nim to come to the meeting. Working as a team, with open communication, allows those involved to work with the child

for the child. Involve your child: Despite parents' best intentions to provide a supportive environment for their child, their plans will not succeed, if the child is not invested. The child should be informed of the need for more

Include your child in the process by having him identify his personal goals and express his anxieties regarding the process. Invite the child to team meetings, such as the Individualized Educational Planning Committee in school or a meeting with the family doctor.

Some discussions and issues are meant for adults only. There are a few times the child should not be invited:

■ When the discussion is too advanced for the child. When the individuals involved are antagonistic

towards one another. ■ When the discussion will focus more on someone else than

the identified child.

The child should not feel that his life choices are being decided solely by others. Children need to feel that those involved with their personal issues are people who truly care about their welfare. It is always difficult to decide how much the child should be involved, but the guiding principle should be to keep the child's best interests at the

center of your decisions. Advocating for your child is a necessary role that each parent plays at some time. For your child, it could be one of your most important roles. But your child will be grateful that you care enough to do it.

Teresa VanBourgondien is the program manager of Respite Care at Lifespan Clinical Seres, a program

Family Services. Lifespan Clinical Services provides resources to assist children, individuals and families through guidance, counseling, crisis assessment and respite for families of developmentally disabled individuals. Call (888) 355-LIFE for more information on Lifespan Clinical Services.

CRAFTS

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

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University will hold its 14th annual spring arts and crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, in the Activities Center on campus. Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. The show will feature a variety of handmade arts and crafts. including pottery, jewelry, paintings, textiles, woodworking. plastic and cross-stitch. A raffle with a grand prize of \$1,000 and five additional \$100 prizes will be held at 4:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at \$1 each at the door. Admission will be \$2. For more information, call (734) 432

LIVONIA FRANKLIN The Livonia Franklin High School Patriots Club craft show will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the school, 31000 Joy, Livonia. There will be more than 75 crafters, and a raffle to support athletic scholar-

ships. Admission will be \$1 and no strollers will be allowed.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Simmons-Feldkamp

Frieda J. Simmons and David Simmons announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy, to Eric J. Feldkamp, the son of Robert J. Feldkamp and Diane Hoffman-Cook, both of Canton.

The bride-to-be is employed at the Delphi Automotive world headquarters in Troy. Her fiance is a specialist in

U.S. Military Intelligence. He is stationed in Washington, D.C. A June 1999 wedding is

Schafer-Shingler

Glen and Sue Nicholas of Taylor announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne Marie Schafer, to Jeffrey Joseph Shingler, the son of Roger and Jan Shingler of Wixom.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She is employed at Frito-Lav Inc.

Her fiance is a 1991 graduate of Edsel Ford High School and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University-with a bachelor's degree in construction management. He is also employed at Frito-Lay.

A June wedding is planned at Hope Lutheran Church of Farmington Hills.

Galindo-Krahe

Ricardo Galindo and Helen Galindo, both of Livonia. announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Frances, to Raymond Joseph Krahe, the son of Ruth Krahe Buettner of Cleveland, Ohio, and the late Raymond Adam Krahe.

The bride-to-be is a 1984 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1988 graduate of Kalamazoo College with a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics and computer science. She is employed as a lead technical specialist for United Parcel Service in Ramsey, N.J.

Her fiance is a 1990 graduate of the New Jersey Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree. He is employed as a professional engineer for URS Griener Woodward Clyde in New Livonia.

Papciak-Barnett

Edward and Joan Papciak of

Novi, formerly of Plymouth.

announce the engagement of

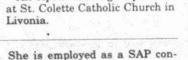
their daughter, Laurie, to Kevin

Barnett, the son of George and

Jacque Barnett of Phoenix, Ariz.

uate of Plymouth Canton High

The bride-to-be is a 1986 grad-



An April wedding is planned

sultant for Deloitte Consulting. Her fiance is a 1981 graduate of Arcadia High School in Phoenix and a 1986 graduate of Arizona State University. He is employed as a systems analyst

with ASML of Tempe, Ariz. An April wedding is planned School and a 1991 graduate of at Arizona Community Church Western Michigan University. in Tempe.

School and a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a master of science degree She will earn her doctoral degree in clinical psychology in August from Bowling Green State Uni-Her fiance is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1993 graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in accounting.

Davis-Haran

Scott William Davis and Joanne Theresa Haran were married Oct. 23 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth by Deacon Don

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Tina Haran of Marshall, formerly of Livonia. The groom is the son of Ken and Jan Davis of Ashley. The bride is a 1991 graduate of

Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1995 graduate of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, with a bachelor's degree in geology. She works for McLaren/Hart Engineers Midwest Inc. in Novi.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Ithaca High School and a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He works at the Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn

The bride asked Patti Ann reception at the Mayflower Waldrop to serve as matron of Meeting House in Plymouth. Folhonor with Debbie Carrel, Kathlowing a trip to the Hawaiian leen Nettie and Danielle Paul as the bridesmaids and Meredith Carrel as the flower girl.

Livonia Family YMCA

islands of Oahu, Kauai and Maui, the couple is making their The groom asked Dave Dais to home in Plymouth.

Barczak-Murphy

David and Cathy Barczak of Jackson, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori, of Canton to Donald Murphy, also of Canton, the son of Lawrence and Margaret Murphy of West Rotunda, Fla.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Northwest High School, attended Central Michigan University. Her fiance is a graduate of Grosse Ile High School, Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree and Wayne State University with a master's

A September wedding is planned at Dixboro First United Methodist Church in Dixboro.

Weber-Fox

Allen and Joan Weber of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Jean, o David Norman Fox, the son of Stuart and Jean Fox of West-

The bride-to-be is a 1985 graduate of Redford Thurston High School. She is employed as a bank teller at NBD Bank. Her fiance is a 1975 graduate

employed as a press operator a Masco Tech Braun. A May wedding is planned at He has been employed by United

Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Redford.

Koth-Posch planned at St. Thomas a' Becket

Parcel Service since 1981.

Church in Canton.

An October wedding is

serve as best man, with Robert

Stipcak, Chris Peel and Marc

Holcomb as groomsmen and

The couple received guests at a

Patrick Carrel as the ring bear-

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of Plymouth Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristyn DeAnn, to John David Posch, son of Joseph L. and Margaret A. Posch Jr. of Grosse Pointe Shores. The bride-to-be is a graduate

of the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. She is self-Her fiance is a graduate of

Loyola University of Chicago. He also is self-employed.

A May wedding is planned for Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral



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le was awarded the Grand Prix d'Interpretation at the International Orga ompetition of the Prague Spring Festival in Czechoslovakia. Dr. Kibbie will be edicating the recently enlarged Phelps-era Casavant Organ at Ward Church anday afternoon, March 21st at 4:00 p.m. Dr. Kibbie will be joined by Wards hancel Choir and a brass ensemble. Refreshments will be served in the church

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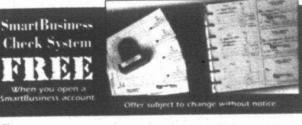






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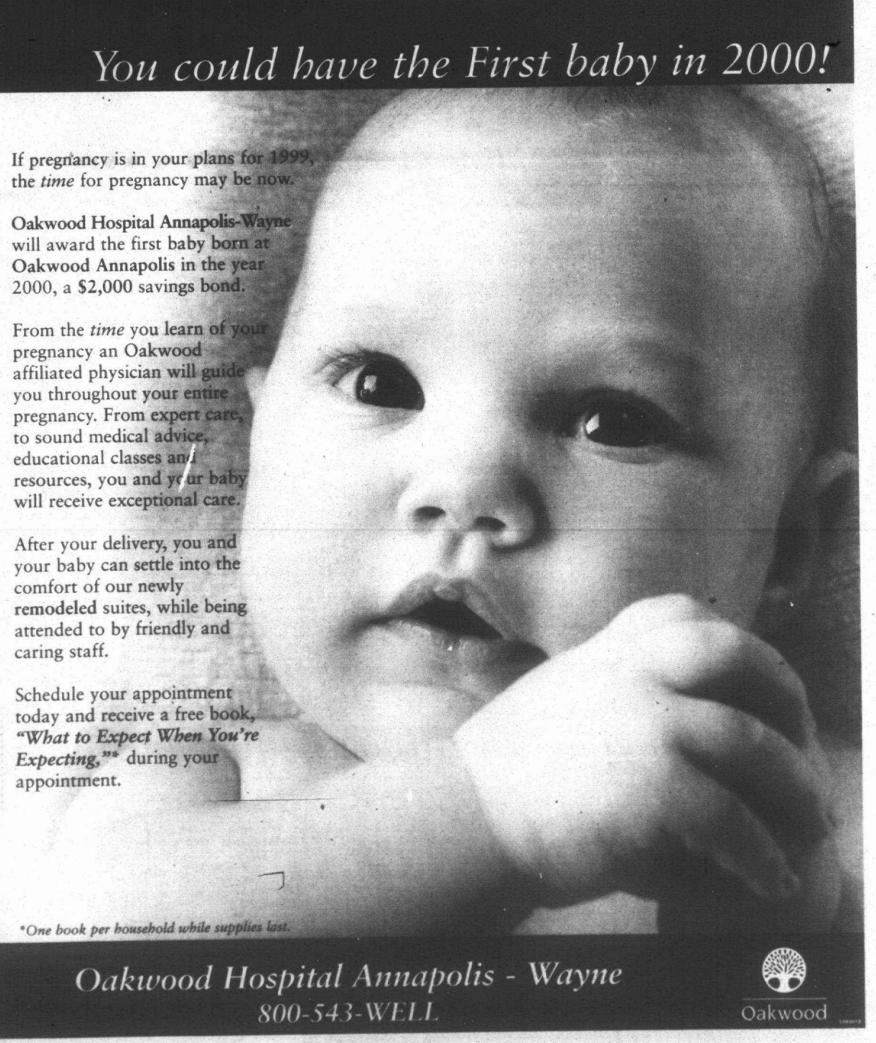


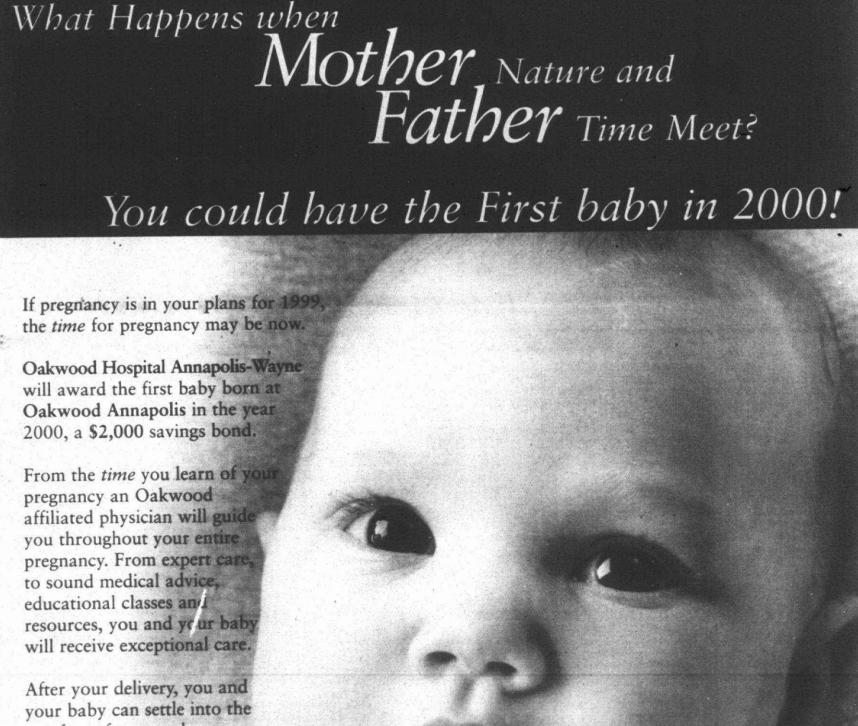
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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

HEALTH-O-RAMA Project Health-O-Rama. a morning of free and lowcost health screening services, will be 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 20, at the St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building, 1600 S. Canton Center at Summit Parkway in Canton. Free tests include blood pressure, hearing, vision, body composition, depression screening, massage therapy, podiatry screening, outrition counseling and health education. There are fees for a blood panel other blood testing and take-home test kits. Partic ipants must be 18 or older and bring a driver's license or other identification. For nformation, call St. Joseph Mercy at (734) 712-5206.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES Stations of the Cross will be held 6 p.m. Good Friday, April 2, at the Knights of olumbus, 150 Fair, between Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail, Plynouth. The stations will be held outdoors if weather permits. The fish fry will e following Stations of the Cross. Speaker will be the Rev. David Lesniak, former associate pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. For more information, call the Knights of

9833 2-10 p.m. **GAME & CARD PARTY** The Plymouth Symphony League is sponsoring a game and card party 9:30 n.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday. April 16, in The Golden Fox at Fox Hills Country Club. Salem Township. There will be a luncheon and fashion show at noon Pastries and coffee will be erved. There will also be loor prizes, raffles, bridge laving, mahjongg, and Chat & Stitch. Tickets are

Columbus at (734) 453-

AROUND TOWN

\$25. Reservations should

be made by April 5. For

pore information, call

(734) 451-5598.

openings for preschool. Programs for children 18 months to 5 years old. ocated in Livonia, at Cass Mementary, 34633 funger, south of Six Mile ad west of Farmington Road. For more information, call (734) 462-0135.

AUCTION The Plymouth Christian Areademy is hosting a dinner-auction 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, in Burton Manor, Livonia. The theme "Wild About Education." The dinner-auction will have both live and silent auctions. Proceeds will go to building of a new multipurpose room. For more formation, call (734) 459-3505, Ext. 148.

OPEN HOUSE Christ the Good Sheperd Lutheran School will old an open house for reschool 7 p.m. Monday, March 22, and for kindergarten 7 p.m. Tuesday,

CAMPUS NOTES

degree in aviation management.

March 23. The preschool is located on Cherry Hill, two blocks west of Lilley, For more information, call

LENTEN PROGRAMS ■ The Plymouth Ministeri-Association's 1999 Ecumenical Lenten Program, "The Cross: The Gift of Life," will take place in the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church, corner of Main. The program wil. take place on each Wednesday of Lent, through March 24. All the services will take place at First Presbyterian Church, but various member churches of the association will be leading the on service, followed by a read-and-soup lunch prorided by another church. Donations to the lunch will be sent to Habitat for Humanity, Residents of the Plymouth area and people mployed in Plymouth are invited to attend. For more nformation, call 453-0326 ■ The Plymouth Ministeri-

al Association welcomes the Plymouth community to the Ecumenical Lenten Gatherings held every Wednesday through Lent at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth at 12:05 p.m. with a worship service followed at 12:30 p.m. lunch of soup and bread. The members of the following churches will provide the worship and the lunch: March 24, worship by First Baptist Church and lunch by First

Methodist Church. GOP WOMEN'S CLUB The Suburban Republican Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting 11 a.m. Thursday, March 25, at Bobby's Country House in Livonia. Former talk radio host Marie Kaigler will speak on "Detroit Poli nore information, or for

tics." The cost is \$11. For eservations, call (248) 471-5659 by Monday, March HEALTH FACILITIES ■ The Schoolcraft College Sunday Health Club charges \$4 a visit. Individual membership fee is \$32. Family membership is \$70 for 13 weeks of unstructured activity in a fully equipped physical education facility. Club members can use three gyms, six rac-

quetball courts, weight

sauna. An adult must

machines, the pool and the

accompany children under

shoulder to use the pool.

The Health Club continues

until March 28. For more

information, call Continu-

ing Education Services

462-4413.

GIFTS IN A JAR

Physical Fitness at (734)

Plymouth-Canton Com

munity Schools will hold

an additional session for

"Gifts in a Jar." The class

will be 7-9 p.m. Monday,

Canton High School, Room

105. Course number 362A.

Students will get 50 layer

mix recipes, such as choco-

spicer mix, etc. All are

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esigned to fit layer on

quart canning jar. Bring a

late chip cookies, cranberry

March 29, in Plymouth

at (734) 455-6620. 16, and nonswimmers must be 45 inches tall at the ter is now registering teams for adult leagues

Date and Time:

Additional info.

Telephone:

Students help make wishes come true



Fund-raiser: Alex McGee (seated from left), Maureen Wood Sophie Stephenson and her younger brother and sister (standing) collect \$1 each for sundaes to help the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Students at Farrand Elementary School collected spare change totaling \$1,372.50 for the foundation, a group which gives children with life threatening illnesses opportunities to make special wishes come true. Farrand's student council spearheaded the effort for a two-week period.

clean 1-quart jar. Materials | and its Early Bird Classic are \$5. Fee is payable to teacher for ingredients. Tuition is \$19. For more information or to register, call (734) 416-2937.

YOGA CLASSES

Learn yoga as union of mind, body and spirit. Blend breathing exercises, physical postures and relaxation using guided imagery and meditation. This is a seven-week series starting April 5 through May 26 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Canton Health Building, Canton Center Road at Palmer. Classes are offered Monday mornings or Wednesday evenings. Cost is \$60 for seven classes or \$10 for drop-ins. Classes are given by Dr. Jacqui Magon. For more information, call

(734) 398-7557. SOFTBALL LEAGUES ■ The City of Plymouth Recreation Division will run the following adult softball leagues this spring/summer: Men's Slow Pitch, Women's Slow Pitch, Coed Slow Pitch and Men's Modified Season starts April 26. For more informa-

■ The Canton Softball Cen-

tion, call the city of Ply-

mouth Recreation Division

Softball Tournament April 10-11. The center is owned

and operated by Canton Township. Spring, summer and fall leagues are planned for men, women coed and masters. There are resident and nonresident leagues. League entry requires a \$100 per team deposit, with the balance to be paid at the managers' meeting. Cost to register for the tournament is \$125 per team, plus and additional \$25 for non-USSA registered teams. For more information on leagues and tournaments at the Canton Softball Center, call Jeff

Ext. 2 or 3. TAX COUNSELING Free tax counseling for seniors will continue until

Bradley, (734) 483-5600,

April 13 in the Parkview Room at the Summit on the Park, Canton. Appointments are necessary. Morning and afternoon appointments are available with tax counselor volunteers. Arrangements can be made for home visits to the homebound. This program is sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons. For more information, call (734) 397-5444.

FOSTER CARE

The Canton Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups

below and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth,

or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information

MI. 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the

A foster parent orientation will be held 6-8 p.m.

CALENDAR

following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

The Churchill Peer Education Program will be offering a spring break awareness presentation Peer educators are students who are trained by First Step to give presentations about rape and sexual assault. This is an informative meeting to create awareness about the possi bility of dangers during spring break. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. For more information, call (734) 523-9205 2-

4 p.m. ART CLASSES D&M Studios in cooperation with Canton Parks and Recreation and Plymouth Parks and Recreation (with classes at all three sites) offers fine art classes for the preschooler through adult to include preschool sessions, homeschoolers, student and teen drawing and painting, cartooning, student and teen studio art, high school portfolio preparation, adult oil/acrylic/watercolor, basic skills in drawing, advanced drawing skills, adult pastel and adult charcoal. For more information, call

(734) 453-3710. ■ The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is offering classes for preschool-age

Tuesday, April 13. Judson

Center Foster Care Adop-

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children through adult. Classes include: Active Older Adults (ages 55 and up) Water Exercise, Youth and Girls' Basketball Instructional League, Youth Instructional Floor Hockey League, Youth League for ages 5-12, Bumper Bowling for ages 4-6, Flute Classes for beginning through advanced, Youth Golf Lessons for ages 5-11, Introductory Dance for ages 5-8, Ballet & Jazz Combination, ages 8-10 Karate for Male and Female, ages 8 through adult. Driver's Education Bumble Bee Indoor Soccer for ages 4-5, Y Pucks and Y Hoops for ages 4-5, Yoga

classes for teen to adult novice or advanced practitioner, Step & Sculpt Fitness Class, and Aquatics classes for ages 6 months through 12 years. The YMCA is also offering a **Basketball Travel League** for ages 8-9, 10-12, and 13-15 years of age plus a Hockey Travel League for ages 9-12. Call Plymouth Community YMCA at (734)

The Plymouth Communi ty Family YMCA is accepting registrations for classes. The classes are youth travel basketball league for grades three-eight; girls' instructional basketball league for grades three-six; introductory dance, ages 5-8: creative movement for preschoolers, ages 3-5; active older adult water exercise, youth travel floor hockey for ages 9-12, and more. For more information, call the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904.

453-2904 for further infor-

mation or to register with

Visa or MasterCard.

The Medilodge Group Inc. has made available to local clubs and organizations a representative to discuss topics that include assisted living, long-term care, services available, reimbursement under Medicare only. If interested, call administrator or admission director. West Trail Nursing Center at (734) 453-3983.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM ■ The Canton Historical Museum will is open for

the 1999 season. Hours for the museum are 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and 1-4 p.m. Sat urdays. Guided tours are available. The museum is on Canton Center at Heritage Drive. Parking is at the rear of the building. Displays include items from Canton's agricultura past, household items and clothing from earlier eras, and pictures of Canton's 10 country schools. Taped conversations with some longtime Canton residents are available. Books on Canton history are on sale; these include "Cornerstones - A History of Canton Township Families," "Canton's Country Schools" and "Ghost Stories and Other Tales from Canton." Sweet corn series buildings are also on sale. For more

information, call (734) 397-

KINDERMUSIK Kindermusik classes will continue through May 8. No class will be held during Plymouth-Canton Com unity Schools' Easter break (March 29-April 3) Monday daytime classes are in the Canton Gymboree Center, 8016 Sheldor Center, between Sheldon and Canton Center, south of Joy and north of Warren All other classes, including Monday evening classes, are held in the First Baptist Church of Plymouth 45000 N. Territorial, just west of Sheldon. For more information on classes or registration, call Lori Nelson at (734) 354-9109. Kindermusik is now

forming spring classes for infants (newborns to 18 months) in the Kindermusik Village Program. Parent and child enjoy music and movement activ ities in small class setting. Village Music offers a full Kindermusik program for newborns to 7 years old. Summer classes will also be offered starting in June For more information concerning Kindermusik or professional instruction in voice or piano, call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

ARTS COUNCIL ■ The I lymouth Commun ty Arts Council has a full schedule of classes and workshops for all ages: sculpture, watercolor, dance, decorative painting pottery, film appreciation drawing and sketching, children's theater, paper art, creative writing, live model drawing session, batik, art lectures, yoga, tai chi, etc. For a complete schedule or for more information, call (734) 416-

Zonta Club members step out in style for First Step

Stepping Out in Style has generated more than \$100,000 for ty Project on Domestic Violence

and Sexual Assault. And if Beverlee McAllister and \$25 each and are available in her fellow Zonta club members advance by calling McAllister at have their way, the Sunday, March 21, benefit will attract 900-plus people and top last will be available the door. year's \$30,000 donation to First

increase attendance by 20 per- wear as well as a 7 p.m. fashion Seafood Grill, Rio Bravo Canti-

cent," said McAllister. "We had show, featuring the latest spring 900 last year, but have branched styles.

na, Schoolcraft College Culinary drive and want to stop for something to eat and know about the grams offered by First Step. The

out. We have people coming from Entertaining guests will be a Auburn Hills, Rochester, Bloom-caricaturist, singer/guitarist Company of Northville, Schulz Ther In the four years since it was Auburn Hills, Rochester, Bloomstarted by Zonta Club of Farm- field Hills ... Part of the reason is Ryan Winkler, the Ad Libitum Cap 'N' Cork, Plymouth Fish- prizes ranging from cash, gift the victims of domestic violence ington/Novi Area, the First Step the cause and part of it is string quartet from Farmington Seafood Restaurant and the because it's a fun evening." The fifth annual benefit will be quartet of the Sweet Adelines First Step Western Wayne Coun- 6-9 p.m. at the Parisian store at and a disc jockey from Silver Dinner Train of Walled Lake, Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Sounds in Canton. Also making Putter's Restaurant and Corner

Newburgh, Livonia. Tickets cost an appearance will be Miss Michigan Laura Welling. (734) 453-0822 or by faxing her at (734) 455-6125. Tickets also The evening will feature infor-

mal modeling of petite and Coffee Beanery, Macaroni Grill, "Each year, we've been able to women's plus sizes and men's Outback Steakhouse, Real

High School, the Motor City Mix Water Club Seafood Grill of Ply-

Twenty restaurants will be providing the strolling supper. Participants will include Carlson Catering Co. of Taylor, Catering Bloomfield. by Sayers/BBQ Man of Redford,

mouth, Michigan Star Clipper Pub of New Hudson, TGI Fri- Parisian during the evening. days of Novi, 10th Street Mar-

"This is a great chance to sample new places like Putter's in improve the status of women. New Hudson," McAllister said. "You might be out on a Sunday Style will be used to support and

nonprofit agency offers crisis There also will be a raffle with intervention and assistance to certificates for lunches and din- and sexual assault in 35 western ners to free hotel stays and other Wayne and Downriver communi exciting raffle prizes. Benefitgoers also will be entitled to a 15 percent discount on purchases at

Club Zonta ket-Bakery and Catering of Farmington/Novi Area is a chap- 416-1111. Wyandotte and Two Unique ter of Zonta International, Caterers and Event Planners of worldwide service organization of female executives in business for First Step is because everyand the professions working to thing is donated," McAllister

First Step recently moved its offices to 44567 Pinetree Drive, Plymouth. For more information, about its programs, call (734)

"One of the reasons we've been able to make the money we have

said. "It shows there's a lot of Proceeds from Stepping Out in people who are interested in a

ANNIVERSARIES

Dziekan

Raymond and Lillian Dziekan of Garden City recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a family gathering at the home of son and daughter-in-law Ryan and Linda Dziekan Brighton.

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 20, 1948, at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic

The Dziekans have six other children - Ray and wife Linda of dren and one great-grandchil-Howell, Shirley O'Neil, Jim and dren.

Kassel

Glenn and Winifred Kassel of

The couple married on March was serving in the Army. They

The Kassels have seven children. All are college graduates, and three served in the armed forces. They also have eight grandchildren

Interested in politics, Glenn and the Salvation Army.

wife Jennifer of Plymouth and the late Suzanne Dziekan.

They also have 13 grandchil

Westland will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 27 at a dinner party at Montana's Steak and Seafood House in Westland. The party was given by their family and

27, 1949, in Warren, while he moved to Wayne in 1951 and to Westland in 1963.

Kassel also enjoys operating the Sims Real Estate Agency in Wayne, which he has owned since 1955. He is active in the Knights of Columbus in Wayne Winifred Kassel studied art at

Detroit Cass Technical High School before she married and, when her children were old enough, returned to school to complete her high school educa-

tion in 1969. She volunteered in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools for many years and later became an employee, retiring in 1991 as a library clerk after 15 years of service. She enjoys oil painting, participating in church activities, playing cards and visiting her family.

The Kassels also were involved in the Boy Scouts in the 1960s

Welcome home to At Home

Performance benefits SandCastles Tevye once again will be scheming to "Fiddler on the Roof" takes place in 1905 side world at bay.

marry off his five daughters in pre-Revolu- in Anatevka, a small Jewish village in Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for tionary Russia when the Village Players Russia. The story revolves around Tevye, a children under age 12. For ticket informapresent a benefit performance of "Fiddler dairyman, and his attempts to preserve tion or to purchase tickets, call Jean Butrion the Roof" 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, at the Village Player Theater, 725 changing world. Chestnut, Birmingham.

The one-time evening performance will him to let her marry a poor tailor rather the opening new programs for children benefit SandCastles, a grief support pro- than the middle-aged butcher that he has and families who have lost a loved one gram for children and families and a divi- already chosen for her, he must choose through death. Programs currently are sion of Hospices of Henry Ford Health between his daughter's happiness and offered in Southfield, St. Clair Shores, those beloved traditions that keep the out- Clinton Township and Downriver.

his family's traditions in the face of a co Cooper or Lorrie Chopra at (313) 874-

When his eldest daughter, Tzeitel, begs The proceeds will help SandCastles in

Women Hibernians host Heritage Day

The Rose Kennedy Division of the Ladies Ancient Order of their woolen goods, so that day provided) at 11:30 a.m. and a show featuring Irish styles for March 20, at the Ancient Order p.m., and genealogy expert Dick 1:30 p.m. of Hibernians Hall, 24242 Grand Doherty talking about tracing

River Ave., Detroit. Different events and demon- p.m. strations are planned throughout the day and Irish food will be of how St. Brigid's Cross origing at 3 p.m.

Irish roots at 12:30 and 2:30

nated and .a demonstration of . The Celtic Shamrock of Farm- where their ancestors originated.

Irish dancers will perform at

The Irish are well-known for how to make it (materials will be ington will present a fashion Hibernians will host an Irish will include spinning wheel demonstration on making Irish all ages at 4 p.m., with Irish Heritage Day 11 a.m. Saturday, demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 2 soda bread by Peggy Boland at music by INIS COL closing out the event at 5 p.m.

There also will be a display of noon, with Irish storytelling at 1 Irish collectibles and memorabilp.m. and noted Irish musician of ia and a virtual museum of Ire-There will be and explanation local fame Jim Perkins perform- land. Participants will be able to mark on a large map of Ireland

located at 8200 W. Outer Drive,

Detroit. For more information,

call Pam Reese in the Student

Life Office at (313) 993-1593.

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Conference aims to empower women

The Student Life Office at the vational address on how women gies for Women, Leadership University of Detroit Mercy will can "make it happen" in their Skills for Women, Getting the seminar, "You Make It Hap- and spiritually. pen!." 2:30-5 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the Ward Conference Center on the Outer Drive

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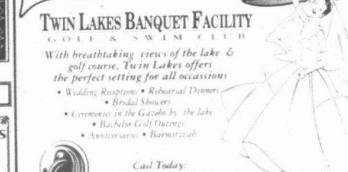
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Sarah DiPonio of Plymouth qualified for an honors scholarship at Kalamazoo College. She is | fied for an honors scholarship at Kalamazoo Cola Plymouth Salem High School graduate. She is lege. He is a University of Detroit Jesuit graduthe daughter of Alberina and Mario DiPonio of ate. He is the son of Joseph J. and Marilynn G. Elisa Esper of Plymouth qualified for an hon-

Use additional sheet if necessary

Aleksandr S. Kokoszka of Plymouth quali- Carol Wallon of Plymouth. Kokoszka of Plymouth Anne Catherine Tartaglia of Plymouth qual-

Audrey M. Hala of Plymouth qualified for an of Redford and Catherine Tartaglia of Plymouth. Michelle Wallon of Plymouth qualified for an the daughter of Frederick Anthony and Linda

Daniel Edward Hodge of Plymouth and Michael Ervin Roberson and Alison J. Albee of Canton earned academic honors at Purdue ors scholarship at Kalamazoo College. She is a ified for a competitive scholarship in English and University for the fall 1998 semester. To earn Plymouth Canton High School graduate. She is an honors scholarship from Kalamazoo College. honors, students must have at least a 3.5 the daughter of Thomas C. and Kathleen Walsh
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Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road

Garden City, has a soup supper

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charge for the soup supper. For

■ The First United Methodist

Church of Garden City will have

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church at (734) 422-0149.

in our reading room," said

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beit Kodesh will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, at the synagogue, 31480 W. Seven Mile, Livonia, The Passover Seder will be discussed by Anita Cottrell, president. Refresh

Timothy Lutheran Church's Parenting Book Discussion Group on parenting will be held at four different times once a month - 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursday,s March 24-25 and April 28-29, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Live

The group will begin with Thomas Lickona's "Raising Good Children." The church will supply the books as long as participants register at least one week in advance. For more information, call (734) 427-2290. LENTEN SERVICES

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FAMILY ACTIVITY Wednesdays at the church. The Board of Fellowship and Social Welfare of Hosanna Tabor Rev. Gregory Gibbons will Lutheran Church will present "The Breath of Prayer" fellowship activity 12:30-1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the church, 9600 Leverne, Redford. more information, call the church at (313) 532-8655.

Families and members the opportunity to discover how they can worship God together through prayer. Participants must register in advance by calling Lisa Clayton at (313) 533-2009 by March 19.

BIBLE FAIR

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St. Maurice Religious Education will sponsor a Bible Fair 3-5 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in the parish hall of the church, 32765 Lyndon, Livonia. There will be

(313) 535-3100. Arbor Trail, Livonia. The potluck meat, coffee and milk) will be at 6 p.m., followed by the presenta-

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religious education office at (734)

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Kings," at 6 p.m. Sunday, March

21, at the church, 25800 Stu-

will present a musical drama,

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MUSICAL DRAMA

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will have midweek Lenten services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. 14750 Kinloch, Redford. The preach on the general theme of Only Jesus." Each service will be followed by a fellowship time, featuring light refreshments. For

GLORY OF EASTER Temple Baptist Church's annual "The Glory of Easter" performance will be held 7:30 p.m. Fridays, March 26 and April 2, 6 p.m. Saturdays, March 27 and April 3, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3,

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at (734) 729-1974. DINNER-DANCE Prince of Peace Lutheran

land. Music will be by Carolyn Cherney and the Blue Mountain Rockers. Representatives of Hegira will present a program on drugs for unior and senior high students and their parents on Sunday,

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Church will have a dinner-dance Saturday, March 20, at the church, 37775 Palmer, West

required. For more information, or to sign up for the dinner, call the church office at (734) 422-

PRAYER GROUP The Madonna University Prayer Group will meet 6 p.m.

church at (734) 722-1735.

hand children's clothes (newborn Sunday, March 21, on the Ground Floor Patio Room 1, or campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, nformation and table rental, call Livonia. Ben Stapel of the Detroit Charismatic Center will be the guest speaker. For more nformation, call Cecile at (734) 591-3247 or John at (734) 422-IN CONCERT

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LENTEN PROGRAMS St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will have a potluck dinner and performance Sunday, March 21, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livo nia. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. and will be the seventh annual Potato Dinner. Cost will be \$3.50 for ncludes refreshments. Call Val adults, \$2 for children and \$14 maximum for families. The choral group from Canton's Geneva Presbyterian Church Geneva Convention will perform. Proceeds will benefit the Society of St. Andrew. Registration is

> ■ Newburg United Methodist Church will have a Lenten dinner and program Sunday, March 21, at the church, 36500 Ann

and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at



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NEW VOICES

Ronald and Nichole Esch of Westland announce the birth of Joshua Thomas Nov. 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sibling, Ronme, 2. Grandparents are Sharon Esch, Ron Esch, Marilyn Williams and Thomas Tetreault.

Erin M. Meek of Westland announces the birth of Parris John Meek Dec. 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Charles and Elizabeth Morgan of Westland and Jerry Meek of Ypsilanti.

John and Paulette Donahue of Westland announce the birth of Justan Taylor Nov. 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City. He joins a brother, Brandan Joshua Roberts, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Larry and Peggy Armstrong of Cedar Springs, Lorraine Donahue of Redford and Thomas Donahue of Milford.

Jim and Brooke Walton of Plymouth announce the birth of Aaron Henry Dec. 7 at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a sister, Abbi. Grandparents are Jim and Dawne Fournier and Don and Mary Walton, all of Livonia.

David and Connie Boyd of Westland announce the birth of Michelle Renae Nov. 16 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two sisters, Hannah Mae, 2, and Rebeca, 1. Grandparents are John and Hanny Lear of Westland.

Ron and Karen Ainsworth of Garden City announce the birth of Raymond Alan Dec. 7 at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins two sisters, Jessica, 20, and Amber, 3.

Grandparents are Robert and Candance McHale of Westland, Louise and Jack Bostwick of Dearborn, Mary Ainsworth of Carson City, Nev., and Richard Ainsworth of Riverside, Calif.

Joshua Lee Chadwick and Melissa Jeanann Holman of Westland announce the birth of Cheyenne Elizabeth Chadwick Nov. 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Christopher Lee Chadwick, 4. Grandparents are Bob and Mary Hunt of Garden City.

Ed Pawczuk and Tracey Bailey of Westland announce the birth of Sydney Michelle Pawczuk Dec. 10 at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Bailey of Hudson, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Pawczuk of Westland. Marc and Monica View of Canton announce the birth of Matthew Scott Nov. 18 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Macayla, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Larry and Mary Rasmussen of Canton, Dennis and Dee Szymanski of St. Clair Shores and

Mr. and Mrs. Henry View of

Farmington Hills. Jim and Sharon Stanley of Redford announce the birth of Joseph Robert Nov. 9 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. He joins a sister, Katerina, 3. Grandparents are Robert and Marie Hamel of St. Clair Shores and the late Josephine and Matt Stanley.

Dan and Lisa Vega announce the birth of Allison Theresa Jan. 3 at St. Mary Hos-

pital in Livonia.

Christopher and Tammy Law of Redford announce the birth of Christopher William Jr. Nov. 23 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Jessica Jade, 15 months. Grandparents are William and Trina Law of Kauai, Hawaii, and George and Janece Gomolak of Westland.

Ron and Dorene Vensko of Livonia announce the birth of Mallory Edith Dec. 29 at Oak-wood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Aurel and Jill Schryer of Dearborn Heights, Marie Zammit of Lexington, Mich., and John Vensko of Uniontown, Pa. Great-grandmother is Mary Lashock of Deltona Beach, Fla

Randy and Candace Brouw; er of Redford announce the birth

of Shellby Nicole Nov. 25 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Savannah Renea, 22 months. Grandparents are Dick Brouwer, Shirley Klenn and Vince Klenn.

Patrick and Lisa Dufour of Westland announce the birth of Victoria Rose Aug. 11 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She joins a sister, Kaitlyn, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Ted and Marie Chorney of Livonia and David and Noreen Dufour of Amherstburg, Ontario, Canada.

Paula Gearin of Westland announces the birth of Michaela Cathleen Jan. 7 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Mike and Barb Gearin of Livonia. Great-grandmother is Winnie Shorkey of Avon Park,

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Plymouth Township. This year's play is "A Soldier's Choice." Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (734) 414-7777 or visit www.templenet.org.

LENTEN BREAKFAST

The First United Methodist Church of Garden City will have a Lenten breakfast 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 27, at the church 6443 Merriman. It will be a time of mediation and breakfast, followed by a program featuring Joseph Jessup, tenor, soloist and guitarist.

A program for women sponsored by the United Methodist Women, there is no charge, but a donation will be accepted. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling (734) 421-8628.

SILENT-LIVE AUCTION

Meadowbrook Congregational Church will have a live and silent auction 7-10 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at the church, 21355 Meadowbrook, Novi.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for signin and preview of all items. Admission will be \$5 for adults, children 12 year and under free. Admission includes, refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverages and a chance to win a variety of door prizes. Trips, dinners and sports memorabilia will be among the items

auctioned off. For more information, call

(248) 348-7757. CHILDREN'S MUSICAL The Praisemaker Choir of Memorial Church of Christ will present their musical, "Two by Two," 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the church, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia.

The children, in costume, will sign songs about Noah and his ark. The directors are Mike and Shona Vincent, Dave and Diane Jacobs, Jim and Leslie Buchanan and Paul Pilat. For more information call the church at 9734) 464-

CONGREGATION SKATE

Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church will have an afternoon of roller or in-line skating Sunday, March 28, at the Skating Station II, Joy Road between Haggerty

and Lilley roads, Canton. Skate times will be 1:30-4:30 p.m. and cost \$4.50 plus \$2 skate rental. For more information, call the church at (313) 937-2424.

NEW BEGINNING

New Beginnings, a grief support group, will have its regular meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees.

People may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038 Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

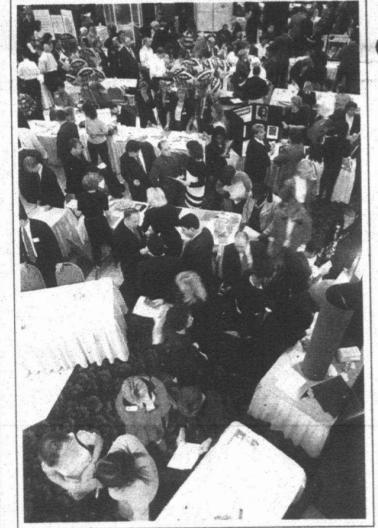
Ronald C. Smeenge will present the one-person play, "Pontius Pilate," based on the historical novel by Paul L. Maier, at continental breakfast and service Maundy Thursday, April 1, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia.

Sponsored by St. Matthew's United Methodist Women, the continental breakfast will be at 9:30 a.m., followed by the program at 10:15 a.m. A nursery will be provided free of charge. Tickets cost \$5 each and are available in advance only through Monday, March 22. For reservations, call (734) 422-6038.



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SPORTS SCENE

Counsel JVs perfect

Can't get better than perfect. And that's just what the Our Lady of Good Counsel Boys A junior varsity basketball team was this season.

The Good Counsel JVs posted a 20-0 record, winning the St. Clare preseason tournament, the Dearborn Divine Child Christmas Tournament, and the St. Valentine post-season tournament. They were also perfect in West Suburban League play, and — to cap off their season — they were voted the Catholic Youth Organization's Sportsmanship Award, selected by opposing coaching staffs.

Team members include Andy Case, Dave Coppiellie, Dave Hall, Kyle Gendron, Tony Leon, Greg Marrone, John Napolitano, Dave Neu, Andrew Riedy, Tim Schroeter, Jon Smart, Tim Storch and Brian Whiting.

Sharks win crown

the Mighty Sharks of the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association are the 1998-99 league champions in the Little Caesars Mite B Division III. The Sharks, coached by Rick Cigile, posted a 15-1-1 record.

Team members are Don Barlow, Joseph Beard, Ryan Blakey, Ryan Cigile, Zachary Cisek, Kenny Durham, Nicholas Gennety, Spencer Hall, Joshua Hope, Matthew Hull, Steven Manser, Ryan May, Brendan Muir, Brett Shanley, Patrick Smiatacz and Bradley Wilhelm. Assistant coaches are Dave Smiatacz and Don Barlow; the team manager is Craig Manser.

Cushman honored

Katie Cushman, a senior guard on Madonna University's women's basketball team, has been named to the NAIA Division II All-American Scholar-Athlete team for the secondstraight year.

Cushman, a Flint Powers HS graduate, will complete her double-major in criminal justice and sign language studies in May. She has a cumulative 3.73 grade-point average. Cushman also holds virtually every offensive record at Madonna, including all-time leading scorer.

To be named to the all-academic squad, a student-athlete must be at least a junior, have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, and be a significant contributor to their team.

Football meeting

A meeting to help organize the three football teams sponsored by Our Lady of Good Counsel will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 at Our Lady of Good Counsel, located at 1062 Church in Plymouth. The meeting is for all boys in third through eighth grades who want to play football, and their parents. Those eligible are members of the following parishes: Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas A'Beckett, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James and St. John Neu-

The third/fourth grade team will be coached by Ed Jeffery; the fifth/sixth grade team will be coached by Mark Zygomtonwicz; and the seventh/eighth grade team will be coached by Mike Girskis. A summer camp with the OLGC coaches and others from local high school and college staffs is scheduled for August.

For more information, contact Mike Girskis at (734) 427-6270.

Plymouth T-Ball

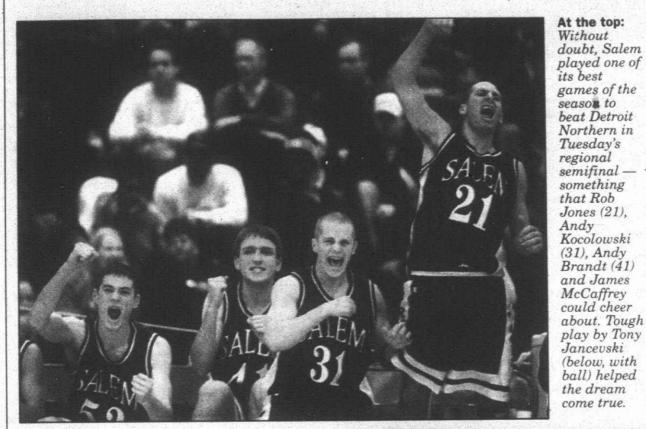
The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will have registration for its 5-6 year-old T-Ball League from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., April 12-30 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Cost is \$55, with Plymouth city residents receiving a \$35 discount. The season lasts seven weeks, from June 19-Aug. 7. A birth certificate is required; those eligible must be born from July-December 1992; January-December 1993; and January-July 1994.

For more information, call the Recreation office at (734) 455-6620.

Anyonc interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mi, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Taking flight!

Rocks knock out Northern, 70-68



BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cirisak@oe.homecomm.net

The final buzzer was sounding, and still the outcome was in doubt.

This Class A state regional semifinal played Tuesday ended the way it should have — without certainty. At least not until the shot Detroit Northern's Tony White launched from just past the half-court line a moment before the buzzer blasted had banged off the rim, coming periously close to being a game-winner.

Instead, it just provided a thrilling climax to a game that had been packed with them. Indeed, the final minute alone had more turning points than some teams witness in a sea-

But this game ended as it should have: With the team that had dominated most of the way on top.

Plymouth Salem 70, Northern 68.

The Rocks, now 19-4, return to Birmingham Groves at 7 p.m. tonight to play Southfield-Lathrup (now 21-3) for the regional championship. The Chargers defeated North Farmington 65-41 in the other regional semi.

Northern finishes 17-7. Now for those last-minute turning points.

Now for those last-minute turning points.
With 3:20 left in the final quarter, Salem led 65-60. But a turnover and an offensive foul helped the Jay Hawks score seven-straight points (five by White) to give them a 67-65

lead with 55 seconds remaining. That turning point was followed by a missed jumper by Salem's Adam Wilson and a missed one-and-one free throw by Northern's Gary Solomon, the latter with 42.4 seconds left. After a timeout, the Rocks worked the ball into the paint to Rob Jones, and he was fouled by Brynell Jones (his fifth). Rob Jones made both, and the game was tied at 67-all

with 25.6 seconds to play.

Turning point No. 3: Northerh's White dribbled toward the top of the key, and Jake Gray dived in to knock the ball away. Aaron Rypkowski retrieved it and sped downcourt with the final seconds ticking away, but his layup was blocked by Shannon Pope, who was whistled for his fifth foul with 6.8 seconds remaining. Rypkowski missed his first from the line, but hit the second, and the Rocks were up 68-

Turning point No. 4: Solomon tried to split the Salem defenders near half-court, but lost control of the ball — and the whistle blew again, this time signalling a foul on the Rocks' Mike Korduba. Solomon tied the game at 68-all with his first shot, but he missed his second with 3.4 seconds to



Which led to turning point No. 5: Wilson took the inbounds pass and tried to get in position for a last-second shot, and was inexplicably fouled by White with .5 left. Wilson hit both, leading to White's last-ditch, half-court shot that barely missed.

hat barely missed.

And that led to delirium on Salem's bench.

And that led to defirium on Salem's bench.

It was a huge win for a team that started the season fast, then fell into a funk midway through and is just now coming out of it. "We played as well as this earlier this season," said Rocks' coach Bob Brodie. "Even better — the first time we played (and beat) Northern, we played better.

"But we played just as hard tonight as we've ever played."
A quick start got the Rocks on track early, and they were never derailed.

"We jumped out on them big early," said Brodie. "The dif-

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STAFF PROTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

On the defensive: Salem's
Aleshka Marquez digs one out
— something the Rocks did a
lot of agains the Kicking Mules.

Kicking Mules finish Salem's tourney run

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK STAFF WRITER

They went just about as far as they could go.

Temperance-Bedford defeated Plymouth Salem's volleyball team, 15-10, 15-7, Tuesday night in the quarterfinals of the Michigan High School Athletic Association tournament.

Still, the Rocks' first season with Tom Teeters as coach has to be judged a success.

"We set some goals at the start of the season," said Teeters, whose teams in recent seasons have been kicked out of the state tournament by the Kicking Mules. "We wanted to go where no Plymouth Salem team has gone in 23 years.

"We wanted to take the regionals, which no Salem team had done since 1977. Obviously, once we'd done that we wanted to go to the final four.

"It didn't happen but this was an accomplishment since two-thirds of the starters from last year had graduated.

"This was a big burden off our backs

and will help the team next year and in the future."

Andrea Pruett and Angie Sillmon stood out for the Rocks, 48-11-1, but Temperance-Bedford blocked so many of their hits it looked like Coach Jodi Manore had gotten a copy of Teeters' play book.

But maybe she's played Teeters' teams so many times she has his style down pat. And has the players to execute it, of course.

Midway through the first game Sillmon put on an exhibition worthy of Flo Hyman or Rita Crockett, stars of perhaps the best women's volleyball team the U.S. has ever seen — its 1984 Olympic Gold Medal winners.

Sillmon rallied Salem from a 12-6 deficit with a sterling four-point string in which she had two kills, a block plus a pair of blocked shots which preceded one of her kills.

Plymouth pulled up to 12-10 but Shayna Munson buried a hit to return the momentum to Bedford. Eight side-

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PCA repels 'Skins rally

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cjrisak@oc.home

In retrospect, it's perfe

In retrospect, it's perfectly understandable.

Here the goal embedded in the

young minds of the Plymouth Christian Academy Eagles was clearly visible, dangling enticingly before them. All that separated them from it was a 32-minute stretch of basketball.

It would be easy to look beyond those four quarters to what lay ahead. But that's not what PCA did in its Class D regional semifinal against Camden-Frontier Wednesday at Hillsdale College.

The Eagles played some tough, unbeatable basketball — for the better part of two quarters, anyway. Then their vision shifted.

way. Then their vision shifted.
And it very nearly cost them. At
the end, however, PCA regrouped
and managed to hold off the Redskins for a 49-46 triumph.

The Eagles, 21-3 overall, now have the opportunity to fulfill their pre-tournament goal. They go up against Adrian Lenawee Christian at 7 p.m. Friday at Hillsdale for the regional title. Lenawee is 23-0 on the season and ranked second in Class D.

"Our team goal at the start of the tournament was to try and get back to the regional final and play the No. 2-ranked team again," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "I mean, how many teams get a chance to play a team that good?

"They're a great team. They do everything well."

rhe two regional finalists aren't strangers. PCA lost to the Cougars 65-51 Dec. 29, giving the Eagles their first loss of the season. A 12-game win streak followed for PCA, with a league championship and a first-ever state district title. Still, that loss to Lenawee Christian lingered.

But to get to the Cougars, the Eagles had to get past Camden-Frontier. Initially, that did not look to be a problem. PCA roared out of the gate against the smaller, slower Redskins (now 11-12); indeed, it appeared this game would degenerate into an early blowout. The Eagles blanked C-F 15-0 in the first quarter; it was 19-2 with less than 4 1/2 minutes left in the half, with the 'Skins making just 1-of-8 floor shots and committing nine turnovers.

But on a team noted for its three-point shooting, such surges can be quickly reversed. "We just wanted to tease them," said C-F coach Dave Follis. "Actually, we had a lot of mental mistakes for our team. And we came out real tight in the first quarter."

With all five PCA starters on the bench, the 'Skins started their comeback with 2:30 left in the first half, facing a 28-10 climb. They started their trek by scoring the last eight of the half to make it 28-18 at the break.

By the end of the third period, C-F had made it a six-point game, thanks to eight points from Chad Heller. When the senior forward nailed two more shots to start the fourth quarter, it was a one-basket game — and the young Eagles (just two seniors) were rattled.

Aaron Smith took over for Heller after that. His two baskets, the second a triple, in a 40-second span put the 'Skins ahead, 43-42, with 3:33 left in the game.

If players are defined by such situations, PCA found a few. The Eagles wasted no time in retaliating, with Mike Huntsman scoring consecutive baskets and Evan Gaines making a steal and scoring. The six-point run put them up 48-43 with 1:52 left.

It wasn't over — not yet. Smith nailed another three to narrow the gap to two with 1:07 to go, but rebounding by Derric Isensee and Huntsman, and the quick hands of Jordan Roose, sealed the outcome. Roose hit the first in a one-and-one free throw situation with seven seconds left to increase PCA's lead to three; after C-F's Heller rebounded the miss, Roose stole the ball and time ran out.

Roose finished with 13 points and seven assists, while Huntsman had 13 points and eight rebounds. Isensee totaled 17 points and seven boards, and Gaines had 10 points. Heller finished with 18 points; Smith had

10.

Salem matmen solid at state

For two of the three Plymouth Salem wrestlers who advanced to compete in the Division I state individual wrestling championships last weekend at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena, it was a good showing.

For both heavyweight Charlie Hamblin and 112-pounder John Mervyn, it started out well, too. Hamblin, a senior who finished second in the state to Redford Catholic Central's Casey Rogowski last year, beat Nic LaFear of Davison 6-4 in his opening match.

Mervyn, a junior, enjoyed similar success with an opening-round 13-2 triumph over Adam Cross of Rochester Adams. But both lost their next matches, Hamblin getting pinned by Utica's Aaron Lambert in

1:07 and Mervyn losing to eventual champion Eric Gervais of Grand Haven 7-5. Salem's third competitor, Ron Thompson another junior who wrestled at 112, got off

on the wrong foot but fought his way back

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with a strong finish. Thompson lost his opener, 19-4, to Scott Walker of Flushing.

In the Wrestleback bracket, Thompson excelled, pinning Harry Durbin of Royal Oak Kimball in 2:00 and Brooks Cozart of Howell in 4:14. That put him up against Mervyn, who defeated Brian VanEman of Rochester 9-6 in his first Wrestleback bracket match.

Mervyn beat his Salem teammate, 11-8, which left him in the running for a possible third-place finish. But he lost to Flushing's

Mervyn did win his final match, however, besting Craig Shutick of Rockford 7-0 to place fifth. Thompson was also successful, ouncing back from his loss to Mervyn to pin Randy Jackson of Saginaw in 4:25. Thomp-

Mervyn's final match record is 45-7

hompson finishes at 47-16. Hamblin's stay at state was shorter. He ost his first match in the Wrestleback bracket 7-3 to James Pack of Rochester Adams and was eliminated. Hamblin ended up with a 32-10 record.

Rogowski, meanwhile, captured his secand-straight heavyweight state title and kept his unbeaten match record alive, beating Kyle Croskey of East Lansing, 11-6 in

CC teammate Mitch Hancock reached the final at 152, but lost to Brad Anderson of Forest Hills Central in the final, 8-6 in over-

Also, Livonia Stevenson's Josh Gunterman ended up with a state title at 103, beating Jordan Earley of East Kentwood 2-1 in the

STATE INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING RESULTS

STATE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AREA WRESTLERS RESULTS March 11-13 at Joe Louis Arena

(East Lansing), 11-6. Final record; 46-0.

GET YEAR-ROUND

DIVISION I Casey Rogowski, heavyweight, Redfor Catholic Central (1st place): pinned Andy szler (Grand Ledge), 5:04; decisioned Ted Bowersox (Northville), 19-4; dec. Jim Kilcoyne

(Davison), 6-4; pinned by Aaron Lambert (Utica), 1:07; lost to James Pack (Rochester Adams), 7-3. Final record: 32-10.

John Mervyn, 112, Plymouth Salem (fifth Haven), 7-5; defeated Brian VanEman record: 47-16. (Rochester), 9-6; defeated Ron Thompson (Salem), 11-8; lost to Scott Walker (Flush-

ing), 7-0; pinned Craig Shutick (Rockford), Salem (did not place): defeated Nic LaFear 2:44. Final record: 45-7.

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Mitch Hancock, 152, Redford CC (runner-

(Romeo), 10-5; lost to Brad Anderson (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central), 8-6 (OT). Final

Brocc Naysmith, 215, Redford CC (3rd place): p. Jon Rugenstein (Bay City Western), place): defeated Adam Cross (Rochester 4:14; lost to John Mervyn (Salem), 11-8; 4:12; dec. Josh Adams (Temperance Bedford), 7-3; lost to Pat DeGain (Clarkston), 17-4; dec. Vic Moya (Bay City Central), 17-4; dec. Mike DeLorge (Flint Carman-Ainsworth), 8-2. Final

Salem finishes 12th at Class A state meet

Just like the Western Lakes Activities Association season. The three boys swimming owerhouses in the WLAA veren't among the top teams in the state, it's true, but they nade it interesting in a battle between themselves - and

Livonia Stevenson won this ime, placing 10th at last Saturday's Class A state final, posted by Oakland University. The Spartans scored 39 points to edge WLAA rivals North Farmington, which was 11th with 36 points, and Plynouth Salem, which placed

The Rocks had one swimmer reach the individual champinship finals: Andrew Locke who qualified with the secondastest time in the 50-yard eestyle (21,19). However, in the finals, Locke placed sixth in 21.97 in a race that separated second and sixth by .85. North's Matt Zald was fifth in

tournament with a pin in 5 min-

utes, 4 seconds against Andy

The first match was delayed

"If you are a state champion

Northville's Ted Bowersox.

12th with 35.

Locke was 17th in the 100 free (48.49)

Salem did score in two of three relays. The Rocks' 200 free relay team of Mike John son, Aaron Shelton, Matt Casillas and Lock was fifth in 1:27.29. Their 200 medley re team of Eric Lynn, Paul Perez Locke and Shelton placed 10th

Other state qualifiers for Salem were Casillas in the 200 free (29th, 1:50.08) and Brian Mertens in the 500 free (21st 4:59.23). The Rocks' 400 free relay team was disqualified.

Plymouth Canton failed to

score. Its 200 medley relay team was 20th (1:41.90), its 400 free relay was 17th (3:19.67) and its 200 free relateam of Kurtis Hornick, Justi Allen Don LeClair and Char Williams finished 15th (1:30.19). Individually, Hornick was 20th in the 50 free (22.55 and Aaron Reeder was 29th in the 100 backstroke (56.27).

Shamrock star secures-2nd-straight title

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gave this match a subplot. Rogowski and East Lansing's Kyle Croskey vie for will be of the team variety when they become football teammates at 275-pound division.

But on Saturday, they battled only for themselves in the Division I individual state wrestling tournament at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena.

Rogowski secured his secondstraight state championship and two-straight undefeated seasons with an 11-6 win over Croskey in the finals of the heavyweight

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Croskey has a playing weight of about 285 pounds in football which means he had to cut weight just to be eligible for the

Rogowski dismissed Croskey in methodical fashion. The two were tied 0-0 after the first peri-

Rogowski will be glad to have him as a college teammate. "He's the biggest guy I've ever wrestled," Rogowski said. "You think 285 pounds and you think

fat, but he wasn't. He was about 6-2, 6-3 and really put together."

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none of the tears fell. "I was too tired to cry,"

From day one, he was the pro-

harder being the favorite."

Rogowski is the Shamrocks' ninth repeat state champion.

man like Casey it's just tearful."

To reach the finals, Rogowski behind early, Rogowski rallied

due to an asbestos scare. The wrestlers bided their time next before him," said CC coach Mike door at Cobo Arena. Rodriguez, who shed tears while hugging Rogowski afterward. on the first day of matches hurt When you're close to a young Rogowski more than his oppo-

Rogowski is 91-0 over the last taken down on his back," two years, including 46-0 this Rodriguez said.

"He's an awesome wrestler and so were the other eight

the year, too. hibitive favorite to defend his championship. He surprised the time, knew what was coming what I had," Rogowski said. "He field in his junior year, winning came out more fired up, used the state title despite not being more stuff the second time.' ranked No. 1 throughout the sea-Rogowski began the three-day

"It's just like a great relief that it's over, I accomplished all I wanted and all my worrying is done," Rogowski said. "It's a lot

Rogowski was teary-eyed but and all I'm thinkking about is

had to beat a familiar opponent, Portage Central's Jim Kilcoyne, in the semifinals. After falling

getting at you, it's to the underdog's advantage," Rodriguez said. "It's a head game." This is the first year the finals were held in Detroit and though attendance records were set Rodriguez liked the old two-day "He got ticked because he got format at Battle Creek's Kellogg Casey said.

He's not alone

"Three days dragging it out is Rogowski beat him earlier in way too much," Rodriguez said. "He was more prepared this "Just get it over with."

Rogowski is a three-sport star for the Shamrocks, spending spring on the baseball team. He took up wrestling as a freshman as something to do between sea-

Then he started to like it. "I took it up just as an in Isler of Grand Ledge and a 19-4 between thing to keep in shape. technical fall victory over he said. "It helped with my balance. When I got in the room decided I wanted to be a threeabout 4 1/2 hours because Joe timer (three-time state champi-Louis Arena had to be cleared

Rogowski had to settle for being a two-timer after failing to Rodriguez said the long delay make the state tournament as a 189-pounder in his sophomore

> When asked if he'll ever have another wrestler like Rogowski, Rodriguez said "Yeah, his broth-Ryan Rogowski is a freshman

on the CC wrestling team and

big brother thinks he has a promising future. "He saw what I did so I told him it's his turn next year,"

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"It's really an honor and I'm happy

was the Mr. Hockey recipient two

for it," Rowe said. "Team awards

come first but I'll take individual

Jim Spiewak, a sophomore sense

tion, scored both CC goals, which

weren't easy to come by against East

Kentwood's senior goaltender Gary

and have done it all year," Olson

said. "They deserved it. I'm very

exhausted. I can hardly walk right

East Kentwood, which lost a non-

years ago.

awards, too.'

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER skowalski@oe.homecomm.net

Redford Catholic Central senior Keith Rowe will take home a trophy from the 1998-99 season but the one he'll cherish most is the one that will stay in the school's trophy case.

Shortly after the Shamrocks defeated East Kentwood 2-0 in Saturday's Class A hockey championship at the Flint IMA, Rowe learned he won this year's Mr. Hockey award.

The trophy honoring the year's top senior will look nice at home but he'll look forward to returning to school on occasion to get a glimpse at the state championship hardware. Rowe also played on CC's 1997 state champion team when he was

more of a follower than leader. "This year I was more a part of it as a leader," said Rowe, who led the Shamrocks in assists and was fourth in goals scored. "What I took more pride in is my leadership skills. I matured as a person, not just as a hockey player. I think we have the hardest working team in the state and it shows. We worked through the summer, running hills in 90 degree weather.

Rowe said his biggest influence in hockey growing up in Redford Township was Joe Job, his coach for five years with the Detroit Diesel Power travel teams. A 3.1 student who

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shots rang off the goal post.

a breakaway by Eric Jensen and the rebound shot by Mike Lenhertz. After a scoreless first period the Shamrocks opened the scoring with a goal by Spiewak, assisted by Todd

Bentley and David Moss 41 seconds

scored 22 on his ACT, Rowe plans on into the second period.

after taking a perfect pass from Bentley and firing the puck over Olson's outstretched legs.

"I skated into the zone, the fenseman faded off to Bentley, the goalie went down and I just chipped it over him," said Spiewak, who finished the season with 11 goals and 19 assists.

Spiewak added an insurance goal at 13:11 of the third period, picking up a loose puck and driving a wrist shot past Olson from close range. Bentley had the assist on that

Olson stopped 39 shots and was goal, too. "To be honest with you I didn't see helped a couple times when CC the second one go in," Spiewak said. "They're a good team, real fast,

"It was a little luck." This was the Shamrocks third state championship in Gordie St. John's six seasons as coach, and the school's fourth overall. They finished the season with a 29-1-1 overall league game to the Shamrocks 4-2 record.

East Kentwood finished at 23-7-1 earlier in the year, managed only 10 "This goalie did a great job, held them in the game, but right to the end we were very patient tonight,' St. John said. "It was frustrating that we couldn't put it in and we hit 1 with 4:16 left in the second period when Dunne made brilliant saves on the pipe a couple times. Tonight we played three solid 15 minute periods. I was throwing four lines at them and they had two and a half for 45 minutes and that makes a dif-

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> Ontario Hockey League standings with 104 points (two more than the Barrie Colts) and, with one game remaining, clinched the top spot in the upcoming OHL playoffs. Guelph, first in the OHL's Midwest Divi-

sion, is 43-21-2; Windsor, last in the West Division, is 23-38-6. Unfortunately, it did mean Plymouth's

cumstances that followed over the weekend.

The Plymouth Whalers came up flat in a

The losses dropped the Whalers to 50-13-4

overall, but they remained atop the overall

term at the top of the Canadian Hockey League polls was short-lived. The Whalers dropped to third. Robert Holsinger made 17 saves in goal

against Guelph, but gave up a power-play goal to Eric Beaudoin in the first period and second-period goals to Kevin Mitchell and Joe Gerbe. Jamie Lalonde scored for Plymouth on the power play in the third period ruining the shutout bid by Storm goalie Craig Anderson (40 saves). In the loss to the Spitfires, Holsinger sur-

rendered three goals in the first two periods and Rob Zepp allowed three more in the third. They combined to make 21 saves. Ron Vogel allowed one goal and made 45 stops for Nikos Tselios scored Plymouth's only goal, in the third period. Jasono Polera and Jeff

Martin each scored two goals for the Spit-

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son is Friday at Brampton

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The Compuware Ambassadors knocked off the Chicago Freeze 5-1 Sunday in Chicago to stay in first place in the North American Hockey League with a 34-11-6 record, one point ahead of the Soo Kewadin Casino Indians (36-15-1).

Josh Bowers collected a goal and an assist, and Mark Mink, Pat Brush, Nick Schrader and Rob Globke added single goals for the Ambassadors, who host the Indians in a showdown for first place Saturday and Sun-The Whalers final game of the regular sea- day at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

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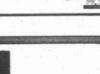
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North tumbles in 2nd half Rocks from page C1

STAFF WRITER

in the second half and turned a close basketball game into a rout Tuesday.

The Chargers outscored the Raiders all five doing the same thing." 40-14 after halftime and coasted into the final of the Class A regional tournament at Birmingham Groves with a 65-41 vic-

"We let (the Raiders) get too comfortable running their offense in the first half," Lathrup coach Mike Avery said. "It was standstill defense instead of pressuring the ball. They got confident because we weren't guarding like we normally do. "It was a good team effort on every-

body's part as far as stepping up their game in the second half." Lathrup (21-3) will play another Western Lakes Activities Association team, did a good job keeping them off the

Plymouth Salem, for the regional cham- glass pionship at 7 tonight.

the other semifinal contest Tuesday. "It's going to be a tough ballgame," Avery said, adding the Chargers "welcome the challenge. They have a good

outside shooting team. You have to get on the perimeter and play some defense." Lathrup senior Brandon Edwards the second half when he was 11-of-12

shooting free throws. Solomon Edwards, a 6-foot-2 senior who has signed with Wagner, a Division I school in New York, had seven of his nine points in the second half and 6-4 junior Ken Moore six of his nine.

"He's our senior captain (Solomon Edwards) and he's called upon to do a lit- third quarter with the score tied, 31-31. tle bit of everything - shooting,

Southfield-Lathrup turned up the rebounding, pushing the ball up the floor and leading our defense," Avery said. "He does whatever it takes to win. He got us going defensively, but we like to see

> Senior guards Kim Bell and Antoine Johnson tossed in 10 and eight points, respectively, for the Chargers, who shot 50 percent (12-of-24) in the second half.

The Chargers tightened their perimeter defense, taking away what enabled the Raiders to hold a 27-25 halftime lead, and still guarded the post well while putting more pressure on the ball. North had just four second-half field goals.

"Our defense in the second half became our offense," Avery said. "(The Raiders) are pretty solid and did a good job rebounding. But in the second half we

"We got hurt on second shots and by The Rocks (19-4), who lost twice to their pressure," North assistant coach North during the regular season, were Pete Mantyla said. "They're quick and 70-68 winners over Detroit Northern in they're physical with their pressure.

"The teams that have hurt us have been ones who've gone after us man-toman. (The Chargers) have a big quickness advantage.

Mantyla was filling in for North head coach Tom Negoshian, who was in Idaho to see his son Todd's team, Cornerstone scored 15 of his game-high 21 points in College, compete in the NAIA national

North junior Phil Watha scored all of his team-high 14 points in the first half, but Lathrup shut down his three-point shooting in the second. Junior center Emir Medunjanin had 11 points and

senior Albert Deljosevic nine. The turning point occurred late in the Medunjanin, while taking a lob pass

into the low post, suffered a bloody nose in a collision with Moore and had to leave the game.

Shortly after that, North junior Adrian Bridges received his fourth foul and went to the bench, too. Medunjanin returned with 2:43 remaining, but the Raiders (18-5) missed

Bridges, who was a strong defensive nder and a big help in breaking the "As a coach, it's a tough position to be Mantyla said. "Do you play a kid with a minute left when he's tired with

four fouls? If I could take it back, I | then crashed the offensive boards with five. Rypkowski's fourth triple of the wouldn't have taken Adrian out." Moore made the free throws to put Lathrup ahead following the Bridges foul. With North's presence in the post reduced, the Chargers quickly upped

"That was the swing point of the game right there," Mantyla said. "Once they got it up to 10, it was a fight for us to get it back, although we still had opportunities to knock it down."

their lead to 41-31 at the end of the quar-

Deliosevic made two free throws to keep North within eight, 45-37, but on the boards," Brodie said. "I thought Lathrup went to a delay offense, result- as the game wore on, we did a better ing in Brandon Edwards making four straight free throws.

Deljosevic was ejected with 3:12 to play after protesting a no-call situation. Edwards made all six technical foul shots, and the Chargers turned the game into a rout with 16 unanswered points to

In the first half, Lathrup grabbed an 11-3 lead, but Watha hit four threes and unior Brian Shulman one to put North back in the game and on top at halftime.

The Chargers shot 45 percent (23-of-51) for the game and the Raiders 30 percent (14-of-46). Lathrup was 17-of-26 at the line and 2-of-8 shooting threes; North was 6-of-10 and 7-of-20, respectively.

patient." The result: The Rocks had 16 charge. The Rocks rattled off 11and their patience led to good shots and they nailed them.

In the first half they were 16-of-21 from the floor (76.2 percent). For the game, they connected on 25-of-42 (59.5 trimmed the deficit to three with their

stay in the game that it used in beat- of the second half to knot it at 39-all, ing Detroit Pershing for the district and it was a battle from then on, with title last Friday. The Jay Hawks shot, neither team leading by more than

mpressive first-half shooting, the nating inside - got a layup with Rocks had just a 39-36 lead at the seven seconds left to slice Salem's lead intermission because the Hawks were to 58-56 after three. etting two, and often three, shots at the basket each trip. Although they for the first seven minutes. Northern's converted just 39 percent from the field in the first half, they had 12 more 6:01 left, then Salem scored fiveshots than Salem (13-of-33).

ives coming in, not to let them kill us job blocking them out." True, the Rocks did, but their first-

"And that was one of our main objec-

least not offensively. That's more an acknowledgement of how incredibly dominating he was in Chris Laws finished with 14. The the first two quarters than a criticism of his last two. Rypkowski literally carried Salem through the first half, pumping in 20 points on 8-of-9 floor shooting - including three three-

ointers. "I was just open," the 6-foot-2 senior openings in their zone. If I feel it, I tournament)

ing care of the basketball and being Rypkowski and Jones, who scored Salem's first six points, led the early turnovers (the Jay Hawks had just straight points in the opening quarter nine) but only six in the second half, to go up 15-5, and those two accounted for 10 of them. Salem led 19-12 after

The Hawks never caught the Rocks in the second quarter, but they crash-the-boards style of play. North-Northern used the same formula to ern then scored the first three points game with 50 seconds left in the third gave Salem a four-point cushion, but Which meant that despite Salem's the Hawks' Jones - who was domi-

> The final quarter was ebb and flow Marvin Vaughn tied it at 60-all with straight to match its biggest lead of the second half.

Which led to the turning points. Rob Jones netted 16 points for the Rocks, and Tony Jancevski had 10. Wilson scored seven - none more half 'X' factor - Rypkowski - wasn't important than those last two from as big a factor in the second half, at the stripe.

Solomon's 17 topped Northern Jones had 16, White scored 15 and Hawks, however, were 9-of-20 from the line (45 percent), including a 1-of-7 performance in the fourth quarter. Salem was 15-of-18 from the line (83 percent), including 8-of-10 in the

swingman explained. "They weren't dicted Rypkowski. "We're just going to covering me and I was finding the try and go as far as we can (in the

After a slow start, Bishop Borgess pulls away from Gabriel Richard for easy regional win

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coach John Verdura started waving his arms and questioning a referee's call, a fan inexplicably walked within arm's

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Borgess led 33-17 at the time and things didn't get better for the Pioneers, who ran into foul trouble and out of gas, falling to the Spartans 52-42.

"That just exemplifies the whole night," said Verdura, managing a laugh.

"The referee makes a bad call, I turn

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overall, into the regional championship at 7 p.m. Friday. Young finished with a game-high 20

points and teammates Curtis Allen and Donald Didlake added seven each. Allen to Borgess' 18. also had seven assists and five steals. Borgess led 15-14 midway through Richard scored the last nine points the second quarter before ending the when reserves were playing.

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half with a 10-2 run for a 25-16 lead. The Spartans outscored the Pioneers 16-7 in the third quarter to take a com- the Pioneers in scoring.

The win sends the Spartans, 13-11 manding 41-23 lead. Borgess attempted eight free throws, making six, in the third quarter to none by Richard. Two of Richard's players fouled out

and the Pioneers finished with 23 fouls The final score is deceiving because

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outs later, a Salem error made it 14-10 and Sarah Oleszczuk served an ace to close it out. Munson is one of just four seniors on Manore's team - but it's a team which won the state title last year.

The frustrating part for Salem was having kills attempts by Sillmon, Pruett and Amanda Suder blocked back over the net.

"That's the best we've blocked all year," said Manore, whose team takes a 74-7-3 record into Friday's semifinals at Western Michigan. "They have a couple of people they have to go to more often than not.

"We can spread it out, which makes it easier. We knew they had to get the ball to Angie."

Munson had six kills in the first game plus four key kills at the end of the second. She also had two solo blocks plus three shared blocks.

Valerie Lyczkowski had five kills in the first game the second while Melissa Meinhart was strong at the net, getting three block's in the first game plus a solo and a shared block in the second. Linda Bankowski was out-

standing as the setter. Ten Salem errors contributed to Temperance-Bedford racing out to a 13-0 lead in the second

game. Sillmon, Pruett and Suder

teamed up to bring the Rocks back to 13-6 before a Lyczkowski kill put them on the brink. Salem fought off five match points but Munson finally buried the winner despite some good

returns by the Rocks. Pruett split nine kills between the two games while Sillmon notched eight and Suder four. Sillmon also had three blocks. "They're a talented team,"

Teeters said. "You've got to give

them credit.' Teeters' Livonia Ladywood teams had been ousted by Temperance-Bedford in recent years. He's always made it a point of playing the Kicking Mules dur-

Salem played Temperance-Bedford once this year, winning a game but not the match in the finals of the Kicking Mules' tour-The Rocks were strong defen-

ing the regular season, too.

sively at the start of the match, taking leads of 2-0 and 5-3 before the Kicking Mules ran off four straight points on Bankowski's serve and three more in a row later to take a 10-5 lead.

Temperance-Bedford had a run of nine points in a row while Olesczuk was serving in the second game to go up 13-0.

The Rocks kept the ceiling from caving in. But they'd come to the end of the road.

MADONNA BASEBALL

Slow start, fast finish

Crusaders win final 4 games in their Florida trip

storm and arrive at another where it's 80 degrees and sunny, and the natural five home runs and 10 runs batted in), response is to relax and soak it up. But that isn't the best attitude to start an 11game spring baseball trip with, even if it is to Florida.

Throw into the mix a couple of games against the No. 1 team in the NCAA Division II. a team that had played the Tigers just a week earlier, and a few others against teams that already have several games under their belt and the outcome is understandable.

Madonna University spent nine consecutive days in Florida, but it seemed more like two different trips. The start was an ominous one for the Fighting Crusaders: six games, six losses, 71 runs allowed, three shutouts suffered. Then came the turnaround

It started with a 5-5 tie, March 10 at Webber College in Babson Park, Fla. After that came a strong finish - fourstraight wins, with 17 runs allowed and 28 scored

Madonna returned with a respectable 4-6-1 mark. It's next two games are City 8-4 on March 11; Ohio Valley 7-6 and scheduled for Friday at Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio.

That March 10 turnaround started out badly for the Crusaders. They matched Cocoa Beach.

Leave one weather zone during a snow- 0. Aaron Shrewsbury, who enjoyed a phenomenal trip (.333 batting average with collected two of Madonna's six hits. Bob Mason (from Westland) suffered the loss (0-2, 7.94 earned run average for the trip), allowing three runs on six hits and seven hits and six walks in 6 2/3 innings. four walks, with three strikeouts in 5 1/3

> That's where Madonna's slide ended. In the second game against Webber, the two teams battled through 11 innings before the game was halted with the score tied at 5-all. Dave O'Neill slugged a three-run home run in the sixth inning to put the Crusaders up 4-2; Jeff Warholik (.313, four RBI for the trip) and Daryl Rocho (.314, four doubles, one homer, 10 RBI)

each had two hits and an RBI. James O'Connor (Redford Catholic Central) started and worked 6 2/3 innings, giving up four runs (two earned) on five hits and two walks, with eight strikeouts. Jeremy Stevens hurled the last 4 1/3 innings, surrendering one run on four hits and a walk, with three Ks.

Madonna followed by beating Balt Washington University (Mo.) 8-4 on run on eight hits and a walk, with five March 12; and Ohio Valley again 5-3 on March 13. All four games were played at

punch in the win over Baltimore City, winning pitcher, allowing four runs on

The first win over Ohio Valley required a three-run rally to tie the score at 5-all after five and two more to win it in the sixth Mike Butler evened his record at 1-1 by giving up four earned runs in six innings, on eight hits and four walks, with three Ks. Hamp slugged a two-run homer for Madonna, with Derrick Wolfe and Hamp adding two hits and an RBI

A two-run homer by Delano Voletti (Westland/Dearborn Divine Child) highlighted an eight-hit attack in the win over Washington. Rocho added two hits and RBI, and Warholik had two hits (including a double) and an RBI. Stevens got the victory in relief of starter Mike Fisher (Lutheran Westland); Stevens worked 4 2/3 innings, surrendering one unearned strikeouts. The game ended after five

The last game of the spring trip, a 5-3 run blast in the loss.

Webber in hits, but not in runs, losing 3- Shrewsbury provided the offensive win over Ohio Valley, featured homers by Voletti (solo) and Rocho (two-run); a runslugging a double and two solo homers scoring double by Brooks; and two hits by while going 3-for-3 at the plate. Bob Warholik (one a triple) and Neil Wildfong Hamp added two hits and an RBI; Rocho (Plymouth Canton). Warholik was the had a double and two RBI; and Jason winner, giving up three runs on four hits Brooks had two hits. E.J. Roman was the and a walk, with eight strikeouts, in 5 2/3

The first half of the trip was dismal, record-wise. Madonna was no-hit by Rollins College 12-0 on March 5; was edged by Eckerd College 12-11 on March lost twice to Florida Southern, the No. 1-ranked team in NCAA II, 6-0 on March and 10-7 on March 8; and was beaten by Rensselaer Poly 18-7 March 8.

The Crusaders gave up 66 hits in those five losses (more than 13 a game) and ommitted nine errors. But against Eckerd they got a single, a double and a home run with two RBI from Wolfe; a homer and a single with four RBI from Shrewsbury; four hits from O'Neill (.364, one two RBI, O'Neill had a double and two homer, six RBI for the trip); three hits from Todd Miller (Farmington Hills/Birmingham Brother Rice); two hits and two RBI from Rocho; and two hits and one RBI from both Voletti (.244, three homers, nine RBI) and Warholik.

Shrewsbury had another two-homer day in the 10-7 loss to Florida Southern, both of them solos. Voletti added a two-



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HUNTER EDUCATION Wayne County Sportsman's Club is accepting registration for two ning hunter education classes. The two-day sessions will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 27-28, and April 17 18, at the WCSC clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Cost is \$12 per student and includes text, quipment, range fees and lunch, Call (313) 532-0285 for more information and to regis-

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STEEL HEAD FISHING Metro-West Steelheaders will present a free seminar on steel head fishing beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at Garden City High School. The seminar will include discussion on river and lake fishing, trolling, drift boats, planer boards and other offshore tactics. The seminar is held as part of the regular monthly meeting of the Metro-West Steelheaders fishing club and the public is welcome to attend. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more informa-

YOUTH FLY FISHING The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will host its annual Youth Fly Fishing School from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center. Cost is \$25 per person and class size is limited. To register and for more information call Dale Ross at (734) 420-2233

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tving classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

ACTIVITIES

HIGHLAND HIKE Join members of the Southeast

Michigan Group, Sierra Club on

a moderately paced hike thorough the woods of Highland ecreation Area on Sunday, March 21. Participants are asked to meet at 11:30 a.m. in the shopping center parking lot behind McDonalds on Telegraph Road, about 1/2-mile north of Square Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills, Call (810) 294-7789 for more information. PAINT CREEK HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a six-mile hike along the Paint Creek Trail on Sunday, March 28. Participants are asked to meet at noon behind the Michigan National Bank on 14 Mile Road, just east of I-75, in Troy. Call Mike Scanlon at (313) 884-

2214 for more information.

SHOWS

information.

SPRING BOATING EXPO The 7th annual Spring Boating Expo will be held March 18-21 at the Novi Expo Center. Sponsored by the Michigan Boating Industries Association, the show features hundreds of new and used boats, motors and trailers, more than 150 exhibitors, on-the-spot financing, food and entertainment for the entire family. Show hours are 2-9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, noon-9 p.m. Saturday and noon-7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6.50 adult and children under 12 will be admitted free. Call (800) 224-3008 for more

WILDLIFE ART The 16th annual Michigan Wildlife Art Festival, Michigan's largest wildlife art exhibit and sale, will be held March 26-28 at the Southfield Pavilion. Sponsored by the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation, the festival annually raises money for wildlife habitat improvement projects statewide. Admission is \$7 adult and children under age 12 will be admitted free.

SEASON/DATES

FISHING LICENSES Anglers must possess a 1999 Michigan Fishing license beginning April 1.

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CLUBS

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more

CLINTON VALLEY BASS Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call

Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information. **METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS** Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

5027 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more informa-

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more informa-

BASS ASSOCIATION The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor, Call

(734) 676-2863 for information.

MEETINGS

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, April 7-8, at the Four Pointe Sheraton, 4960 Towne Center Road, Saginaw. The commission will be taking public comment on 1999 deer season regulations. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more infor-

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gun, and archery ranges. Range Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Road. Call (248) 666-1020 for more informa **ORTONVILLE RECREATION**

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METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nomi nal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, (800) 477-7756; Indian Springs, (800) 477-3192; Kensington, (800) 477-3178.

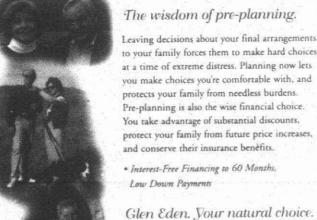
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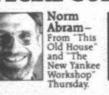
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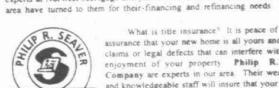
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Entertainment

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FRIDAY



Margaret Exner (left to right), Mary Jane Pories, Mary Vinette and Nyima Anise Woods in "Impeachment and Cream," 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. at The Second City-Detroit. Tickets \$17.50, call (313) 965-

SATURDAY



David Copperfield brings his show "U" to the Fox Theatre, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets \$45, \$37.50 and \$27.50, available at all Ticketmaster outtets, or call (248) 433-1515.

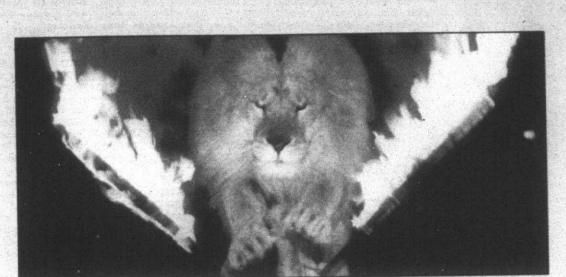
SUNDAY



musical "Annie" returns to the Masonic Temple Theatre, direct from Broadway. Performances 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$19.50 to \$49.50, and are available at the Masonic Temple Theatre and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (248) 645-666 to charge tickets, or (313) 832-2232 for information.



You can tune in the Academy Awards Ceremony on TV to find out if "Private Ryan," (pictured) wins the Oscar for Best Picture, or watch it with others at "Starry, Starry Night," 8 p.m. Sunday, March 21 at the Star Southfield Theatre. Tickets \$40 per per-son, or \$70 per couple. Proceeds benefit the Detroit Area Film & Tele-vision's scholarship fund, call (248) 547-0847 for tickets.



Hot act: All eyes turn to Andre when he steps into the ring with his Serengeti Lions.

Clowning aside, Shrine Circus is serious fun

By KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.home

he Shrine Circus — "The Circus with a Heart" is celebrating its 91st year bring-ing laughter joy and smiles to children of all ages.

This year's spectacle begins with a multi-colossal light show of amazing animations, thunderous songs and 3D laser beams zapping through the air featur-

ing the circus on parade.
You'll see Andre and his Serengeti Lions, Circus Elephants, the Flying Redpaths, and Boitchanivis, Bulgarian teeterboard specialists who take to the skies from four springboards.

There's always something amazing going on in the three rings. Other highlights include, California Benni's trampoline comedy, Justino the Juggling Genius who performs with authentic machete knives, hoops and flaming torches, and human cannonball David Smith-Captain

It's our biggest fund-raiser,

Shrine Circus

WHEN: Continues through Sunday, March 28

WHERE: State Fair Coliseum, Michigan State Fairgrounds, Woodward Ave. at 8 Mile Road, Detroit. PERFORMANCES: 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday-Friday: 10 à.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday; 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

TICKETS: \$6, \$10, \$12, and \$14, available at the Shriner's Circus Ticket Office, (313) 831-1620, the Michigan State Fairgrounds Box Office, (313) 366-6200 and all Tick-etmaster outlets, (248) 645-6666. For more information, call (313) 831-1620 or (313) 366-6200. To purchase tickets online, visit the web site, www.shrinecircus.net



Clowning around: Friends will hardly recognize "Howie" Howard Zimmerman, one of the members of the Shriner's Clown

said Larry Ode, Potentate of the Moslem Shrine Temple and circus ceo. "The money from the circus is for the running of our temple, which enables us do our work."

Shriner's have a soft spot for children, especially those that are handicapped or burned.

Through the generosity of the Shriner's and various community organizations, which sponsor school groups, thousands of under-privileged children, whose families can't afford the price of a ticket, get to see the circus.

The tickets are very inexpensive," said Ode. "We want people

coming." John Thornhill of Farmington Hills, Assistant Rabban, will be Potentate, and in charge of the

circus in the year 2001. "It's for the children, we have fun and raise money," he said. "There's nothing that means

more to a Shriner than seeing a kid who was on crutches being able to walk."

Thornhill has been attending the Shrine Circus since he was a Boy Scout in the 1940s. "I give the clowns a lot of credit," he said. "They're all Shrine Clowns, and they work hard every year as part of the circus.

Hugh Laird of Redford enjoys lowning around as "Racer." A teacher for 17 years, and administrator for 20, Laird loves kids and nothing makes him happier than to see them laugh and

The best part of being a clown is "I can be with kids, and I don't have to mark report cards," he said. A white face clown, Racer "always has fun, he loves kids and to play tricks on them," said Laird who retired five years ago from the Redford Union School District.

"You know the saying - when you grow up you want to run away and join the circus. Fortunately we get to in Detroit," said

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Aerial magic: The Flying Redpaths display one of the most daring aerial presentations ever witnessed on the flying trapeze.

Gypsy caravan brings celebration of culture, music

Thursday, March 18, 1999

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

In the past Gypsy caravans would travel across Europe in brightly colored wagons. The Gypsies were both romanticized as vagabonds of the road and persecuted as thieves and "outsiders," victims of the churches, the Nazis and the Communists alike.

On March 26 another kind of Gypsy caravan comes to the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor, a celebration of the culture and music of the Gypsies or Rroma, the people who originated in

Rajasthan, India, and began moving across Europe in the Middle Ages. Their music is instantly recognizable for its speed, its lilt, its dancing spirit. And yet it is as varied as the lands where the Gypsies settled and the cultures they absorbed.

The Yuri Yunakov Ensemble plays a style called "wed-

ding music."
"Wedding music is a style that became popular in Bulgaria in the 1970s and incorporated other styles of music. The new elements included Western instru-

mental influences, rock, jazz ..." said Carol Silverman, a folklorist and cultural anthropologist who sings with the

Band leader:

Yuri Yunakov

ensemble cele-

brate gypsy "wedding

and his

music."

The music is rhythmically complex, incredibly fast and joyously upbeat.

Silverman acted as translator during a telephone interview with saxophonist and band leader Yuri Yunakov.

Yunakov began winning a wide following in the 1970s when he joined with Bulgarina clarinet player Ivo Papasov, modernizing traditional Bulgarian dance music with western instruments and outside ethnic influences, which landed Yunakov in jail twice during the Communist era.

"Well, it was because of politics," Yunakov said. "Politics was tied to all of this music. At that time, the government prohibited Turkish and Rrom (Gypsy) music. ... The only kind you could play was Bulgarian and Russian. The government wanted to remove foreign impurity from the music.'

But wedding music became too popular for government resistance. Yunakov and his band would play scores of weddings, attracting as many as 2,000 people, some standing outside in the street just to hear the music.

By the late 1980s, the government began to embrace the music and even held contests.

Ironically, the situation for wedding musicians has deteriorated with the end of Communism.

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WHAT: Gypsy Caravan: Gypsy Culture from India to Eastern Europe and Iberia, featuring Taraf de Haidouks (Romania): Kolpakov (Russia); Kalyi Jag (Hungary); Yuri Yunakov Ensemble (Bulgaria/Macedonia): Antonio Pipa's Flamenco Dance Company (Spain); and Musafir (Rujasthan, India)

WHERE: The Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor

WHEN: 8 p.m. Thursay, March 25 TICKETS: \$22.\$34. Call (734) 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229

MAGIC

Guns, gorillas and bunny rabbits in store for Penn and Teller fans

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

The ever-quiet Teller isn't mum about the highlights of he and partner Penn Jillette's stint at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts.

"We're going to start a religion in which I am the messiah," Teller said matter of factly. "My proof of divine power is that I am capable of healing polyester with my mind. We'll move on from that to take you backstage in a sleight-of-hand routine, show you all the ins and outs of cigarette tricks."

"Get an audience member on stage and throw knives around him or her. I'm not telling you everything. There's a lot that goes on there. We're going to make a bunny rabbit disappear by throwing it into a chipper shredder. It's a splashy trick. Audience members don't get splattered. I'm not saying anything about me.

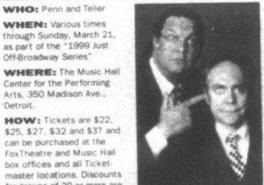
Just like the Energizer bunny, Teller keeps on going. As if he's reading from his agenda, Teller recalls calling the spirit of Houdini, a meeting with Mofo the Psychic Gorilla ("It's a talking gorilla head attached to a fax machine"), and a seemingly impossible trick

We'll stick Penn in a very small barrel and ram him full of conduit in a way that, well, it's earned Penn the nickname 'the amazing rubber boy.'

In a daring game of chance, Jillette and Teller will shoot at each other.

"I suppose the most spectacular thing is we'll have a couple audience members up on stage and, unlike many other traveling shows we don't use any plants ever, and we usually ask for police people or military personnel or target shooters who examine some ammunition, load some guns, mark the ammunitions and hand the guns to us," Teller explained.

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WHERE: The Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., HOW: Tickets are \$22, \$25, \$27, \$32 and \$37 and can be purchased at the FoxTheatre and Music Hall box offices and all Ticketmaster locations. Discounts

for groups of 20 or more are available by calling (313) 471-3099. For information about show times, call Olympia Entertainment guest information at (313) 983-6611

Off-Broadway Series'

Gypsy band: Taraf de Haidouks plays music that com-bines medieval ballads and Turkish-flavored dance tunes. The name of the group translates as "band of

"He works many places and

lent restaurant in New York at

Yunakov plays a variety of

"He really likes a lot of differ-

ent kinds of music, any music

to 16 cities on the current tour.

ethnic events as he is proficient

in Arabic Turkish, Rrom and

Silverman said.

Gypsy from page E1

"The situation in Bulgaria little less frantic. today is really terrible since 1989," Yunakov said. "The eco- has played for three years at nomic situation is so bad that The Turkish Kitchen, an excelpeople are not celebrating weddings which in the past was the 22nd Street and 3rd Avenue,' basis for community organizing. There is hardly any work for

wedding musicians. He said where once 1.000-2,000 people would gather for a Albanian music. wedding to hear a live band, now weddings use recorded music. He said in the Thrace that's played well." Silverman section of southern Bulgaria the said. musicians would play for six or seven hours while the people

Listening to Yunakov's recent CD "Balada: Bulgarian Wedding He has even played with San-Music" (Traditional Crossroads the tempos are so fast and the But Yunakov believes music is a rhythms so complex, it seems two-way street.

almost too fast for dancing. When asked about this, Yunakov laughed heartily.

sources but is not a jazz musi cian," Silverman said. "He said "You've heard our CD and those are concert pieces," he it would be good for jazz musisaid. "At a wedding, I keep the cians to take elements from his tempo down so people can dance music as well. Bulgarian music to it. There are different reperis not to be thrown out." The Gypsy Caravan is carrytoires for concerts and weddings ing the music of several cultures

where people dance." Yunakov's band was constantly working weddings. Silverman The Gypsy musicians bring said the band was sought after their individual sounds from by everyone. Since 1994, Russia, Hungary, Roumania, Yunakov has lived in the United Spain, Bulgaria and from the States where his schedule is a Gypsy homeland of India.

'Annie' teaches strong life lessons duction of the First Theater p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-

20 and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in Knox Auditorium at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 Maple, between Southfield and Cranbrook Roads, Birmingham, Tickets are \$7 adults, \$5 seniors/students, (248) 644-2087, Ext. 151. By Libby Prysby

The First Theater Guild combines a classic children's novel enthusiastic actors, humorous dialogue, and a valuable lesson to produce an entertaining production- one that all will enjoy and learn from. "Anne of Green Gables" is a must see for all ages, even if the theater-goer has never read this timeless tale. It is easy to follow and enjoyable to watch from opening to closing

the audience experiences Anne's Many have read the story of Anne (with an "e") Shirley, a growth from a jovial girl to a

mature young woman. Because young orphan who is adopted by Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert of this, Wearney becomes a won-Guild of Birmingham, runs 8 and comes to live with them on derful role model for aspiring their farm, Green Gables. The actors and actresses as well as those who look up to Anne. Cuthberts and all the other townsfolk of Prince Edward Island learn to love Anne and all her mannerisms and actions,

Helping Wearney create a heart-warming atmosphere at Green Gables are John Paul Andree III (Matthew Cuthbert) even though she can be a little and Kirsten Eklund (Marilla eccentric. The audience as well develops a liking towards Anne Alexandra Grossi plays the and is immediately drawn to her "bosom buddy" to Anne, Diana charming personality. There is Barry, and also does a fine job in never a dull moment in Anne's

portraying her character. With adolescent life, which is filled Wearney she creates a delightful with tea parties, classroom and entertaining atmosphere for lessons and roof climbing. the audience in their moments Anne's dynamic character and together. Sara Lennox, who plays personality would not be as Josie Pye, Birmingham residents impressive without the talent Meg and Kate Mathis, who play and acting ability of Christine Ruby Gillis and Jennifer Taylor, Wearney, who brings her alive. Wearney, a freshman at who plays Prissy Andrews, all Rochester High School, is add to the classroom and tea delightful as Anne with her party scenes with humor and smart remarks. heartwarming gestures and pleasing voice. Wearney's charac-

Other actors who enhance the production are Jessica Mchann, Billy Dixon, Blair and Lane

Carolyn Klein, Brittany and Harold MacDonald, Megan and Katharine Smith, Jackie Klein, Sara Tennent, Jason Smith, Craig Hemming, Jimmy Tobias, and Amanda Walters.

With the help of these young, talented actors, humorous dialogue is delivered faultlessly and with enthusiasm, while the kids have fun on stage. This feeling helps theater-goers enjoy themselves as well. The audience leaves with

happy hearts and a life lesson.

"Anne of Green Gables" teaches audience members that anything is possible and, above all, one must be true to himself before he can be true to anyone else. Anne demonstrates this when she con quers obstacles to accomplish her goals and begins to accept herself. What can be better than attending an enjoyable play and, at the same time, learning that everyone of us is valuable and important. That's the lesson in "Anne of Green Gables."

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Laird. "We perform in the circus and do two acts. That's very unique to actually be allowed to perform. Every once in a while ve get to be in the center ring, that's the ultimate.

That includes jazz. Yunakov Laird and his fellow clowns said he relaxes by listening to sax player David Sanborn's are serious about one thing -"Smooth Jazz" radio program. helping children in burn centers. "All clowns support burn born on a television program. research," he said. "That's our big thing.

Charles Miller of Livonia "He listens to jazz a lot and "Chaz" directs the Shrine Clown takes elements from many Unit for the metro Detroit area. "For clowns, their biggest joy

is working with kids, entertain ing kids, especially handicapped kids," he said. The circus isn't the only show in town, these clowns are busy all year. "We do 10 or 11 parades in the summer, birthday parties and union picnics" said Miller. "At the circus, we deal with a lot of kids and sign thousands of autographs. I like mainly to just walk around and mix with the kids and have a good time."

At 4-foot-11, Howard Zimmer-



good day."

helped them smile and have a

man "Howie" of Garden City, is someone kids relate to, "because I'm at their level," he said.

ter development is so good that

For him, "just being able to make the children smile," is reward enough. "So many children who come to the circus ara under-privileged. It makes you feel good inside to know you

Ring, the world's smallest news Shriners at paper, always has his eyes open for a photo. work: Don

Petty (left) Bill Green of Livonia is the editor of Center Ring, and Don Harry Petty of Clarkston and Harry Postoian and Postoian of Southfield write arti-Bill Green cles, which include profiles about the volunteers. There's a discuss the joke in every issue. "It's strictly for the Shriners, next issue of

> they know where they are. We try to get a lot of people's names in." While the circus is going on in the auditorium, the guys have their own Center Ring going on as they work to put the paper

said Petty. "It tells the Shriners

what's going on, and they can

together. It's a fun department and they enjoy the camaraderie "I wouldn't miss the circus for the world," said Miller. "We just There's a lot of news to report, love it. When you work for Cenand Winston Miller of Farming- ter Ring you get to know a lot of ton, photographer for the Center the performers.

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The Center

Ring, the

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"We then go to opposite ends of of trouble just doing TV," he said. the stage and (sides) fire the guns at each other's faces and like Penn and Teller, which of the bullets end up between our course you're not, I am, you're teeth. I believe it's the best becoming very big fish in a tiny magic trick that anybody in the little pond. There is nothing to audience has ever seen. It's get through to be able to do what fooled very knowledgeable magicians. It's a deeply amazing and wondrous sort of trick. It's a trick that had its origins in the bullet catch which is a trick that has killed off over 12 magicians in the course of history. We won't be team, which Penn and Teller is, of six people. So I like both very

Longtime "team"

The duo met April 10, 1974. and performed together Aug. 19 to Sept. 3, 1975, during the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. Since then, they have become regular guests on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "The Late Show with David Letterman," and "Live! With Regis and Kathie Lee." In addition to that, they have recurring roles as Drell and Skippy on "Sabrina, The Teenage Witch," and as attorneys Fenn and Geller on "The Drew Carey Show."

On Aug. 10, Penn and Teller kicked off their weekly variety series, "Penn & Teller's Sincity Spectacular," which airs at 10 p.m. Fridays on the FX cable

Penn and Teller were offered the television show based on the assumption that they could take a variety show "someplace it hasn't been before," Teller explained. "I think we've done that," he added with a laugh.

And it took plenty of brainstorming to achieve that.

"You don't come up with an hour's worth of material every week for 24 weeks without just ringing your brain dry of ideas,"

Teller explained that performing live and in front of a camera in my hotel room. I read, I play are two totally different animals. TV the camera makes the choice tions to that. I think Detroit has

forming in two media - televi-

"As the cliche says, a change is kind of not." better than a rest. Doing live and doing TV are very very different. I love them both. It's really good. on the road. "It makes us very have no trouble doing just live. happy to bring a brand new I did it for years. It's what I package wrapped in bows," Teller intended to do. I would have a lot explained.

"When you're doing a live show you want. FX gives us complete power and anonymity. They don't bug us at all but still you're working with a team of 120 people. It's wonderful and terrific But it's also nice to go back to a

much. It's nice that it works out. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., and Greenfield, Mass., respectively, Teller and Jillette now reside in Las Vegas. Teller has lived there for five years and recently flew home from a performance to see Bob Dylan's show. "He's sort of regal and goofy at the same

Jillette prefers to lay low. "How great is it?" Jillette said of Las Vegas. "I'll tell you if you don't drink - which I've never had a drink in my life - if you don't do drugs and you don't gamble, which none of those things I do, it's the perfect city. It's a cheap holiday on other people's misery, to quote Johnny Rotten. Your living is subsidized by bad math. People who are bad at math fly here and spend money. It's a great city where you can live really really fancy rich for no money."

time," he said.

Of course he does make an exception to his strict lifestyle when he comes to Detroit. "Where's Detroit?"

"I don't really look forward to going anywhere. I love being on the road, I love doing shows. But the way I've become perfect at being on the road is by not seeing cities as different from one another. I spend most of the time with my computer and go in and "It's just different because on I do the show. There are excepof what you're looking at In the good strip clubs in Windsor and live theater, you get to make the so on. I do enjoy that now and again. I'll find good restaurants In between bites of a chocolate and so on. People think that bar, Jillette said he enjoys per- when you're on the road doing a show, you're traveling around the world as a tourist. You're really

Teller said there's only one thing about which to be excited

Village Players put heart into 'Fiddler on the Roof'

March 19-21 and 26-27. Performances 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays the wedding dancing, and few and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the playactions to physically create the house, 752 Chestnut, Birmingreality of the coming Revolution, ham. Tickets \$14, call (248) 644-

BY MARY JANE DOERR

As far as musicals go, the Vil- Motel, Hodel and Perchik, and lage Players seems to have become enamored with the creative team of Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick this year. Last fall they produced a light hearted "She Loves Me." Now

on the Roof." Keeping the fiddler on the roof of the most heart wrenching is a delicate show biz balance scenes in all musical theatre into between the harsh realities of an understanding of the depth of the show and its romantic senti-

heart-felt production of "Fiddler

Director Barbara Anne Gowans dwells on the personal relationships of the four love stories, down playing the cruel scenes between the soldiers and the Anatevka Jews.

The show centers on the families and not as much on the Concetta La Macchio is well scenes in the show is the dream keeps this fiddler fiddling on the volatile politics of 1905 Russia. paired with Nate Topie as Model. scene with Ann Stevenson as

Grace and Glorie:

Gloria, Elizabeth

(left) and Grace,

Laura Gumina of

Redford, play two

backgrounds who

living and dying.

Mile, west of I-275, Livonia.

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ing and heartwarming produc-

tion of "Grace and Glorie" has

the potential to be their sleeper

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off by it being a play about

death: the dialogue-driven play

is more about life and the choices

one makes. Director Trudy

Mason has been blessed with a

strong, believable cast, a com-

pelling script and a talented

technical team. "Grace and Glo-

rie" is community theater at its

Gloria is an agnostic, Harvard-

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car accident.

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women from opposite

struggle with issues of

Bradford of Plymouth

Trinity House tackles tough issues

Trinity House Theatre presents sons, never traveled more than The chemistry between Lee

stand her own personal demons.

Elizabeth Ladd Lee of Hazel

Park plays the efficient yet inse-

cure Gloria with her heart on

her well-tailored sleeve.

Although Gloria tries to main-

tain the aloof, detached compo-

sure she developed as a business

woman, she ends up receiving

more from Grace than she could

have possibly imagined. Lee

plays the role with both nervous

energy and gentle compassion.

up, she's both likable and annoy-

ing, and convincingly real.

to the laid-back pace of broken hip led her to the unex-

Appalachia after the devastating pected discovery of cancer, and

loss of their 12-year-old son in a she has gone home to spend her

Appalachian woman who has the hospital and its well-mean-

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quickly win over audiences in

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beautiful "Far From the Home I

Love" turning what has to be one

love. Her fiancé, Perchik, is por-

trayed by a convincing Paul

between the couples.

Chava and Fyedka

the company is presenting a Later, Rachel Cantor sings a

Village Players of Birmingham There is little thrown around by Topie has bright appeal in "Mirapresents "Fiddler on the Roof," the Russian soldiers during the cle of Miracles." ransacking scene that breaks up

> three couples who marry for love, Diane D'Agostino as Yente, the Matchmaker, is a penetrating character with her dominate and clear voice. Barry V. Levine has the same ability with a pronounced and humorous Rabbi. George D. Cirilli's Lazar Wolf,

but appropriate choreography, especially in the bottle dance which the moveable set design

Liz Walters has the difficult Bernstein. Together they elicit a "made for each other" impresdoes it with a strong voice The other couples has the singing "Sunrise Sunset." Her same appeal. Courtney Thomas- Golde is a softer one than we are as Tevye, his style of interaction ma is a soft Chava that matches used to, in keeping with tone of with the daughters and Golde, up with Joey Bybee as Fyedka. this production. One of the best more than anything else, Castle

Even though her matching ports well from the back of stage proved fruitless regarding these pit. Good placement for the

Walter's role is made even

more difficult because she must play opposite the inimitable Dan Castle. More than anything this show belongs to Dan Castle who plays and sings Tevye with a very fine voice. This time Casthe butcher, makes its hard to the has traded his traditional understand why Tzeitel turns comedy for a no adlib, no shenanigans, no fiddling around role From time to time. Castle Cirilli handles the bar room throws a few sideways glances at scene and the wedding scene the audience, drawing more with a sense of humorous timing. humor out of the lines, but it is Both scenes are enhanced by never out of keeping with the Debra Bernstein-Siegel's simple role or out of place. Perhaps "If I were a Rich Man" is a little low for his range but the later songs bring out a lovely richness. He leaves as much stage space as plays the very kindly Tevye whose musings with God reflect our questions about life but with part of playing Golde and she a kindly attitude toward his

With his humor and warmth



ple: Dan Castle (Tevye) and: Liz Walters (Golde) in a scene from the Village Players production of "Fiddler on the Roof."



Theatre Guild's'Little Foxes' is a well-cast production

Morris Goodman, an attorney

routine that barely disguises

hostility down pat.

ford presents Lillian Hellman's "The Little Foxes," March 19-21, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile, Redford. Tickets \$10, \$9 seniors/students, call (313) 531-

Tom Ziegler's "Grace and Glorie" 50 miles from her home, and is and Gumina cements the BY MAGGIE BOLEYN 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 unable to read. However, her strength of the budding relation-

> values. No, not 1999, but 1900 is the setting for Lillian Hellman's unsettling play "The Little Foxes." Presented by The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, under the direction of Cranbrook graduate Peter Sonnberg, the turn of the 20th century set is a delight as we turn to the flicts, reminding her that "each 21st century.

> life is like one stitch in a The set showed great care and attention to details such as the sweater. If one stitch is gone, the pitcher and wash basin as well The set is a homey and comas period photographs hanging

ortable rustic cabin with a on the walls. working pump sink, an offstage oven that billows smoke when imaginative, with cast members by Dennis Day. Jeff Bartos is Gloria forgets to open the flue, working with Sonnberg to creand amazing attention to details The sound effects are a major scene is a real eye popper.

lawyer husband relocated them phones as her crown. A fall and a level Grace's beloved farm

whole thing is gone."

p.m. Sundays through March 28 profound faith and her simple ship and provokes the liveliest Greed, lies and warped family at the theater, 38840 West Six yet remarkably insightful obser- dialogue. Grace brings Gloria vations about life allow Grace to down to reality by reminding her Some adult language. Tickets are help Gloria confront and under-that "Glorie, honey, you didn't come here to see me through this, you came here to see me As Gloria helps Grace with her physical needs, Grace helps Gloria deal with her emotional con-

The costumes are equally ate their outfits. A feathered pink dress worn in the first the smiling Southern civility

court in her small Appalachian component of the play, as they The cast members are all seabred New York business woman , cabin with a homemade quilt as create the realistic backdrop of soned community theater perturned hospice volunteer, whose her mantle and Walkman head-encroaching bulldozers eager to formers, and were well cast in Giddens, portrays a young who watch them."

Annette Hissong as Addie the who has the gumption to stand maid presented a solid perfor- up to the whole dysfunctional Hubbard family. Mudge works mance as one of the few wholesome characters in this play. at Hancock Fabrics and put.

tumes for her character. by day, was convincing as Cal the butler. Connie Fox, in the Matt Eskola, in the role of role of Birdie Hubbard, was very Horace Giddens, Alexandra's believable as the sad captive of her abusive husband Oscar Hubbard, played to perfection y theater veteran Thom Hinks. Hinks has a fine voice, and puts

father a true Southern gentlemen in very poor health. His make-up and demeanor was-But, Lorreta Wilson, as Regiit to good use on stage as well as na Giddens (nee Hubbard), was ending his time as a reader for

together very attractive cos-

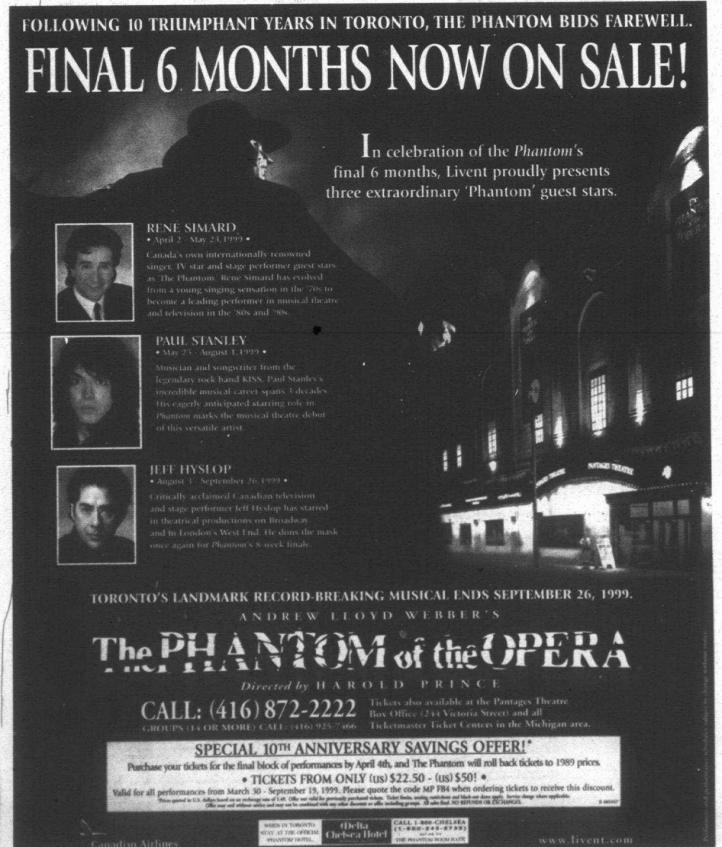
the show stopper in both costhe Detroit Radio Information tume and character. Sister and service (a reading service for the business partner of Oscar and blind). Hinks also serves as an Benjamin, she is a Gibson Girl Audio Describer for blind gone gonzo with greed. The patrons at Meadow brook Thetwisted family and business relationships all center around Joshua Ebi, in a marked conthis grasping character. trast to his previous roles as Whether she's leaving her ailing Tiny Tim and Linus, was able to husband. Horace, to flounder on off the role of young wastrel the stairs, or is flirting with Leo Hubbard quite well. The William Marshall, Regina Gidrole of William Marshall, unsusdens is always impeccably pecting business partner of the dressed and the clear matriarch Hubbard family, was well played of this scheming family. The complex relationships of the marvelous as Benjamin Hubentire cast are a real treat to bard, brother of Oscar. He has

To paraphrase a line from the play: "There are those who act Kristen Mudge as Alexandra upon a stage, and those of us









A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE Webber's musical starring Petula Clark as Norma Desmond, continues to

March 21, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, at the opera house 1526 Broadway, Detroit, \$32.50-\$65. (248) 645-6666 **DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE** "Camp Logan," Celeste Bedford

Walker's play about the 1917 Houston riot and court martials, through Sunday March 21, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347 GEM THEATRE I Love You, You're Perfect, Now

Change," runs through June 27 at the

theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 or (248) 645-6666. "Anne Frank and Me" continues to March 26 at 10:30 a.m. for students

\$(5), general public 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21 (\$10, \$5 students), at the Millenium Theatre Center, Southfield. (248) 788-2900 or http://comnet.org/jet MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE

"Annie" featuring Sally Struthers, Brittov Kissinger as Annie, and Conrad John Schuck as Daddy Warbucks, hrough Sunday, March 21, at the the ater. Detroit. \$19.50-\$49.50. (248) 645-6666/(313) 832-2232

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE "A Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit institute of Arts," Karim Alrawi's play about the relationship between Edse Ford and the politically controversia artist as the Detroit Industry mural were being created at the Detroit Institute of Arts, runs to April 4, at the theater. Wilson Hall, Oakland Universit Walton Boulevard and Adams Road. Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

OPERA

VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN resents a concert of solo arias and duets from "Cavalleria Rusticana" and

"I Pagliacci," 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, Dearborn. (734) 455-8895 COLLEGE EMU THEATRE

latter half of the 20th century, starring Ricardo Pitts-Wiley, 8 p.m. Friday Saturday, March 19-20 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in the Sponberg Theatre on the campus of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. (734)

"35 Miles from Detroit," a one-man

drama about one black man's life in the

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE Neil Simon's hysterical farce "Rumors 6:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 19 20 and 26-27 (\$19 includes dinner and 8-p.m. show), and 8 p.m. Friday-

ass Ave. Detroit, \$10-\$17, (313)

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ouse, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit. \$10-

Remember Mama," 8 p.m. Fridays-

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

Saturday, April 2-3 (\$8), at the college. 18600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (734) 462-WSU HILBERRY THEATRE Moss Hart's comedy "Light Up the Sky"

continues in rotating repertory to April CRANBROOK 1, and "The Playboy of the Western World," a literary classic from Ireland

"Dearly Departed," a comedy about a group of Southerners brought together about a playboy who cons his way into by the death of a family patriarch, 8 becoming the romantic hero of a small p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, 2 peasant village, runs through May 8 in rotating repertory, at the theater, 4743 | p.m. Sunday, March 21, and 8 p.m. 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$12, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 644

SRO PRODUCTIONS "Fat Your Heart Out." Nick Hall's come

dy about an out-of-work actor paying "The Children's Hour," Lillian Hellman' the bills as a waiter, March 19-21 and adult drama, March 18-20, at the the-26-28, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 ater, 1185 Tienken Road, east of p.m. Sundays, at The Burgh, northeast Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, 8 p.r corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Road, Southfield, \$8, \$7 senior/child Sundays. \$13. (248) 608-9077 **BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS** STAGECRAFTERS The musical "Fiddler on the Roof

"Light Up the Sky," runs Fridays-March 12-14, 19-21 and 26-27, 8 p.m Sundays, through March 28, at the Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Royal Oak. \$10-12. (248) 541-6430; irmingham. \$14. (248) 644-2075 Special dinner/theater package avail-**BLOOMFIELD PLAYERS** able from Illustions Bar and Grill in "Wizard of Oz," 8 p.m. Fridays Royal Oak. (248) 586-1313

Saturdays, March 19-20 and 26-27, and THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD 2 p.m. Sundays, March 21 and 28, at I illian Hellman's "The Little Foxes." Andover High School theater, Andover March 19-21, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and Long Lake roads, west of p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 15138 Telegraph, \$10, \$8 under age 12. (248) Beech Daly, south of Five Mile, Redford \$10, \$9 seniors/students. (313) 531-FIRST THEATRE GUILD

"Anne of Green Gables," 8 p.m. Fridays-TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE Saturdays, March 19-20 and 2 p.m. "Grace and Glorie," 8 p.m. Fridays Sunday, March 21, in Knox Auditorium Saturdays, March 19-20 and 26-27, and at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 2 p.m. Sundays, March 21 and 28, at Maple, between Southfield and the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile, (west Cranbrook Roads. \$7, \$5 seniors/stuof I-275), Livonia, \$10, \$8 for groups dents. (248) 644-2087, ext. 151

> "Saucy Bossy and Burlesque," a hysterical comedy capturing the robust spirit of the lokes of the vanished era, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through April 3, March 27 sold-out benefit performance at the Wunderground Theatre, 110 S. Main St., south of 11 Mile above ACE Hardware, Royal Oak. \$12. (248) 541-

DINNER THEATER

BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE fony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedand 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the heater, 21730 Madison, southeast of ding songs, has an open-ended run, at for members and children ages 4 and



Drama: Gwyneth Paltrow and Joseph Fiennes in "Shakespeare in Love," nominated for a Best Picture Oscar. You can watch the Academy Awards Ceremony on TV Sunday, March 21 or celebrate with others. Here are a few events to consider, Starry Starry Night, a benefit for the Detroit Area Film & Television scholarship fund, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 21 at the Star Southfield Theatre, 24333 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield. Tickets are \$40 per person, or \$70 per couple, call (248) 547-0847. Detroit's third annual Oscar Night America party will be held 7 p.m. Sunday, March 21 at The Second City and Risata Restaurant. Tickets are \$125 per person, proceeds benefit the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts, call (313) 833-0247. Excalibur Restaurant, 28875 Franklin Road, Southfield, will have a live telecast of the Academy Awards ceremony and Oscar Derby. Call the restaurant, (248) 358-3355 for reservations / information.

Monroe and Outer Drive, Dearborn, \$11 313) 561-TKTS/(313) 277-5164 PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY "The Trial of One Shortsighted Black Woman vs. Mammy Louise and Safreet Mae," continues to March 28, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 18-19, 25-26, and 6 p.m. Sunday evenings, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren at Brush, THEATRE COMPANY

Detroit. (313) 872-0279 PONTIAC THEATRE IV "Educating Rita," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 19-20 and 26-27, at Pontiac Northern High School, 1051 Arlene, \$7, \$6 seniors/children, (248) 624-3187/(248) 682-1165

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS "Beau Jest," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sunday March 21, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Crooks and 25, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Apri Livernois, Troy. \$11, \$10 students/seniors on Sundays. (248)

ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD OF

Sundays (lunch at 1 p.m.), at the Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Detroit. \$7.50, includes lunch and PHOENIX THEATRE COMPANY

for a year, performed by gifted high school students, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18, and 7:30 p.m. Friday Saturday, March 19-20, at the International Academy, 1020 Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, \$5, \$4

SPECIAL EVENTS

"COLLAGE" CONCERT Featuring 250 of Henry Ford Community College's best musicians and singers rforming everything from jazz to clas sical favorites, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, \$15, proceeds help defray the per forming expenses for Henry Ford Community College music students as well as other group activities. (313) 76-5111/(313) 845-6470

DAVID COPPERFIELD Five performances, Saturday-Sunday March. 20-21, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50-\$45 All ages. (248) 433-1515

THEATRICAL EVENING In honor of Women's History Month Lynette Brown takes on the role of midneteenth century women's rights activist Elizabeth Cady Stanton 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

EVENTS

CASEY & MAC The dynamic duo combines storytelling with music and song, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 20-21, at Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Free with musuem admission of \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, free

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN

Winter Movie Series continues with "The Quiet Man" starring John Wayne Maureen O'Hara and Barry Fitgerald, 8 p.m. Friday, March 19 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 20 (organ overtures start 30 minutes earlier, guest organists all performances Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313)

POPS/SWING

COUNT BASIF TRIBUTE Johnny Trudell's Big Band featuring eddy Harris Jr. is joined by tromb Al Grey, 3-5 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Clarenceville High School auditorium, Middlebelt south of Eight Mile, Livonia. \$15, proceeds to benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival and the Clarenceville Foundation. (248) 474-2720/(734)

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Holds open auditions for Munchkins for Fox Theatre performances of "The Wizard of Oz," 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 22, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Candidates must be girls and boys between the ages of 8-14, or little people no taller than 4'10." Height will be measured upon arrival. Six selected Munchkins will have walk-on roles in one of three designated performances of "The Wizard of Oz.* (313) 596-3288

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SHOCK WAVE DANCE TEAM The Detroit Shock's dance team hosts open auditions for youths ages 13-17 male and female) to perform at WNBA Shock games, 4 p.m. Monday, March 22, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills, (248) 377-8696/(248) 377-0132/(248) 377

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p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 arand River Ave., Novi, Free, All ages, (248) 305-7333 JAZZHEAD 9 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit, \$5, 18 and

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9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 19-20

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Road, Oak Park. Free, tickets are required. (248) 967-4030 KATHY KOSINS TRIO 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays, March 19 and 26, Edison's, 220 Merrill St Birmingham, Free, 21 and older, (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass trio SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE

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(810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

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and Wednesday-Saturday, March 24-27

S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages (734) 761-1451 or Marcus Belgrave Thursday, March 25 at the Botsford Inn, Farmington. \$5 http://www.a2ark.org (bluegrass) cover waived with dinner order. (248) **ROSALIE SORRELS** 8 p.m. Thursday, March 25, The Ark M.A.S. (MUTUAL ADMIRATION 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$11 members, students, seniors. All ages

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CAMPBELLS' With Sarah Elizabeth Campbell and Kate Campbell, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free with a can of Campbell's soup or any other canned good for distribution to the Ann Arbor Homeless Shelter, All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD THE WRITER'S VOICE

Featuring nationally acclaimed lowar poet Robert Dana, editor of Gargoyle Review Richard Peabody, and Lansing non-fiction writer michael Steinberg, 2:30 p.m. Sundayday, March 21, a YMCA Arts and Humanities Center. W. Hancock, west of Woodward on Wayne State University's campus. Detroit Free Robert Dana will also conduct an intermediate to advanced poetry workshop in the same location noon to 2 p.m. the same day (\$15 members, \$20 general public), (313) 267-5300, ext. 338

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ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20

Center for the Performing Arts, 121

\$38. (734) 764-2538 or

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Minimal walk throughs, many dances will not be taught or walked through at all, to music by the Contrapreneurs, 8

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Family Fun Month "Swings into Spring"

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\$7.50 kids 5-12, members and childre

p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors,

inder 5 free. (313) 271-1620

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THE BIZER BROTHERS

313) 567-4400 (pop)

With Bumpus and Sugar Buzz, 9:30

p.m. Thursday, March 18, Blind Pig

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8 p.m. Friday, March 26, Fox Theatre

2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$32.50

and \$40, All ages. (248) 433-1515

9 p.m. Friday, March 19, The Alley

behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S

8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday

March 26-27. The Rattlesnake Club

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Voodward Ave., Ferndale, \$6, 18 and

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With Silent Type, Mansell and Drun

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Arbor, Free, 19 and older, (734) 996

With Centrifuge, 9 p.m. Friday, March

26. Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac.

Cover charge, 21 and older, (248) 334

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Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and olde

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S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham.

p.m. Friday, March 19, Bad Frog.

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Mills Beer Co., 400 Water S

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March 20, Magic Bag, 22920

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Main St., Rochester, \$3, 21 and olde

ing, yo yo demonstrations, puppet

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7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, to live music, at Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158 RADOMIANIE POLISH FOLK DANCE **ENSEMBLE**

Inion Jam Band, 8 p.m. Saturday,

March 20 (open jam for string band

at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann

Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann

Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-8863/(734) 426

nusicians of all levels 4-6 p.m., free)

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8:30 p.m. to midnight Friday, March 26,

The Alley, 215 Main St., Rochester. \$3.

21 and older. (248) 652-6620 (reggae)

10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturday,

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(734) 327-2041 (Asian and Hispanic

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7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, The

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St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older.

248) 650-5060; 7:30 p.m. Friday

March 19, inside the Starry Night

Lounge in Van Gogh's, 27909 Orchard

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Performs on open mike night for new

talent, 8-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 19,

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8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20,

Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600

8-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, with

Celtic music by Sean Henne, at the

Angel Caravan Coffeehouse in the

Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill

donation \$5. (734) 327-2041

Street, Ann Arbor. Free, suggested

7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, The Ark

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8 p.m. Saturday, March 20, La Casa

Music Series, 1039 Woodward Ave.,

Bloomfield Hills. Tickets at the door

8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, in the Off-

th-Wall Acoustic Coffee House at St.

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William Parish Hall, downtown Walled

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8 p.m. Friday, March 19, The Ark, 316

Arbor. \$7. (734) 769-1052

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(734) 761-1451 or

RICHARD LAWRENCE

CARRIE NEWCOMER

ages. (734) 761-1451 or

http://www.a2ark.org

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All ages.

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Goelz amd Cindy Simmons on ham-

7:15 p.m., at the Angel Caravan

ages. (248) 324-0400 (Celtic folk)

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9 p.m. Wednesdays in March.

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316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All

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ages. (734) 761-1451 or

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JIM PERKINS

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riday-Sunday, March 12-21, at the Fisher Theatre, Detroit. 8 p.m. luesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. ndays, and 2 p.m. Saturdaysundays. (248) 645-6666 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM

The Mindless Crowd: New Studies in Theater and Dance Based on the Work of Magdalena Abakanowicz" brings together community performers inspire v the Polish artist's sculptures, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18 in the museum's Apse 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. , available in advance at the museur gift shop. Seating limited. (734) 647-0521. The installation of Abakanowicz's headless sculptures continues to May 2. (734) 764-0395 or ttp://www.umich.edu/~umma

COMEDY

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY John Bizarre, Thursday-Saturday, March Watch and learn "free tapestry" wear 25-27 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's ng techniques of Senegalese All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth artist/weaver Abdoulage Kasse 9:30 Road, Livonia, 8 p.m. Wednesdaysa.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday through Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. March 31, in conjuction with exhibit ridays and Saturdays. Third Level Senegalese Threads of Beauty: The prov and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Free Tapestry of Abdoulaye Kasse, Sundays (\$5), (734) 261-0555 which features 11 of the artist's origi-JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S nal works (on display to April 11), at Jason Stuart, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. the museum, 315 E. Warren Avenue, riday-Saturday, March 19-20 (\$20, Detroit. Free with museum admission \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 \$5, \$3 children. (313) 494-5800 p.m. Sunday, March 21 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package); John Hope, 8:30 POPULAR p.m. Thursday, March 25 (\$8, \$20.95) MUSIC

dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26 THE ALLIGATORS (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package :30 p.m. Friday, March 19, Ford Road p.m. Sunday, March 28 (\$10, \$22.95) Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, oner show nackage), at the club, Westland, Free, 21 and older, (734 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) The Library Pub, 42100 Grand Rive Ave., Novi, Free, 21 and older, (248)

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE Rich Hall, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18 (\$10), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Frida March 19 (\$12), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, March 0 (\$12); Kivi Rogers, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 26 (\$12), and 5:45 ROB BASE AND DJ E-Z ROCK Saturday, March 27 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, \$10 in

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Tim Lilly and Keith Ruff, Thursday, March 18; Carol Leifer, Friday-Saturday March 19-20 (\$17.50), and Sunday, March 21 (\$15): Mike Bonner and Keith Ruff, Wednesday, March 24, and Sunday, March 28; Richard Jeni and Hai Spear, Thursday, March 25 (\$20). Friday, March 26 (\$22.50), and Saturday, March 27 (\$25), at the club 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, 8:30 p.m. uesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdayshursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 change. (248) 542-9900 or tp://www.comedycastle.com

SECOND CITY May, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave Detroit, 8 p.m. Wednesdays Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, \$10 Wednesdays, hursdays Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-

MUSEUMS AND TOURS CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and

Science," featuring four artists' projects representing an ongoing explop.m. Friday, March 26, at the Pittsfield ration of a specific area of science, Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, some incorporate specimens from Cranbrook Institute of Science, an south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-Eastern Box turtle, satellite broadcast ing prototypes, and a chicken coop. ough April 3, at the museum, 122 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, Museur hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 21, Power Sundays, until 9 p.m. Thursdays, \$5, \$3 students/children/seniors. (248) 645 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$18, \$28, \$34. 3323 or http://www.cranbrook.edu/museun

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65-5060; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Atwater Block Brewery, 237 Jos. Campau, Detroit, Free, 21 and older (313) 393-2337 (R&B)

and older, (734) 459-4190 (rock)

9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25,

(248) 650-5060 (rock)

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, Rochester, Free. 21 and older.

side Great Lakes Crossing, 4316

and older. (248) 543-6911; 10 p.m.

riday, March 19, Shark Club, 6650

older. (248) 666-4161; 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 20, Rochester Mills

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> 217 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti, \$2. All ages. (734) 484-4049 (rock) With Out of Reach, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a,m. Friday, March 19, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 CONNECTION

7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Borders Books and Music, 612 E. Liberty St., 644-4800 (blues) Ann Arbor, Free, All ages, (734) 668-

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of show, All ages. (313) 961-5451 Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. **GLADYS KNIGHT** With The Temptations, 8 p.m. Thursday March 25, and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 28, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Karl's,

19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or

http://www.961melt.com (jam rock

9:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, Memphis

Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300.

9:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, Lower.

Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St

All ages. (313) 961-MELT or

All ages. (248) 377-0100 or

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PSY-FUNK

http://www.palacenet.com (pop)

734) 451-1213 (blues)

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9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Caverr

Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor, Cover

harge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900:

Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older

With The Hippos, 7:30 p.m. Saturday,

March 20, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E

Congress, Detroit. \$8.50 in advance.

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Thursday, March 25, The Palace of

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With Today is the Day, 8 p.m. Tuesday

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http://www.99music.com (jam rock) DOMESTIC PROBLEMS ages. (248) 377-0100 or With Sugar Pill, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann PAT MCGEE BAND With Vertical Horizon, 9:30 p.m. Arbor, Cover charge, 19 and older.

(734) 996-8555 (rock STEVE EARLE AND THE DEL MCCOURY In-store performance and CD signing,

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With Radiocraft and Clouis Minor, 9 Books and Music, 612 E. Liberty St., o.m. Friday, March 19, Griff's Grill, 49 Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge 7100: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock) Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor, \$21.50 i advance, 18 and older, (734) 99-MUSIC MIDLIFE CRISIS 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, March

ECONOLINE CRUSH 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 advance, 19 and older, (734) 996-8555 or http://www.99music.com

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EL TOPO With Taproot and Trauma Coil, 9 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave Detroit \$5, 18 and older, (313) 832-2355 (rock)

9 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval Grosse Pointe Farms. ree. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (pop)

30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, March 20. Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Free, 21 and older, (734) FATHERS OF THE ID With Eloise, 9 p.m. Friday, March 20

Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit Cover charge, 21 and older, (313) 833-FEAR FACTORY With Spineshank, System of a Down Hed (pe), 8 p.m. Friday, March 26, Harpo's, 14238 Harper, Detroit, Tickets

at Ticketmaster. All ages (313) 824-PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS 9 p.m. Friday, March 19, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Free All ages. (313) 886-8101

With Zebrahead and Mayfield Four

:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, St

Detroit \$10 in advance. All ages. (313) 961 MELT or http://www.961melt.com GORDON BENNETT m. Thursday, March 25, Gamework

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Walled Lake, Free, 21 and older, 1248 669-1441: 10 p.m. Sunday, March 21 Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St. Royal Oak, Free 21 and older, (248) 543-4300, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday. March 24 Oxford Inn. 43317 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free, 21 and older AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS

Thursday, March 18. Arbor Brewing Company, 116 E. Washingto Ann Arbor, Free 21 and older, (734) LISA HUNTER

Beanery, 307 S. Main St., Rochester, Free. All ages. (248) 650-3344 or http://www.lb.com/onemanclapping/li sa.htm (acoustic rock)

JILL JACK With Jody Carlson and Waka Jawaka, 9 p.m. Friday, March 19, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (roots rock MIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., LEON RUSSELL comfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) JIMMY EAT WORLD With Sensefield, 7 p.m. Monday, March

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> St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older. (248) 650-5060; 9 p.m. Friday Saturday, March 20-21, CK Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills, Free, 21: and older. (248) 853-6600; 9 p.m. riday, March 26, Jimmy's, 123 (ercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (roots rock)

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p.m. Thursday, March 18, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older (313) 832-2355 (rock) 8 p.m. Friday, March 26, Magic Bag,

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Tom Joad in a three-piece suit.

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humanitarianism.

ing and refreshing.

about a "painting," but the uni-

versal struggle between ruthless

materialism and benevolent

Ironically, this type of serious

discourse has been strikingly

absent at Meadow Brook, even

thrives. Alrawi's vigor and intel-

In general, Alrawi's message is

blends information into a breezy

New Yorker Chris De Oni as

"Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts," written by Karim Alrawi and directed by Debra L. Wicks. Through Sunday, April 4. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, except 6 p.m. Saturday, March 27; 2 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday; and 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, on the campus of Oakland Universi-Rochester Hills. Tickets: \$19.50-\$35, (248) 377-3300.

Few plays accomplish something before the curtain rises. But Karim Alrawi's "Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego

Institute of Arts" is that rare no less of a capitalist than Edsel original work whereby the promise of regional theater pays

Before the play opened at Meadow Brook on Saturday, Alrawi's story about the struggle behind the famous murals had already raised the quality of discussion about the integral role for regional theater as a place where local stories are drama-

That's hardly a small feat. "Gift of Glory" is set in Detroit during the economic depression of the 1930s, a time of unprece dented discrepancies of wealth. Another striking discrepancy is the emotional differences between Henry Ford and his only son, Edsel, who, at the time,

was president of Ford Motor Co. When the elder Ford approves the action taken by his personal henchman, Harry Bennett, to shoot protesters at the gates of the Rouge Factory, the differences between father and son become irreconcilable.

Around the same time, DIA Director William Valentiner has and at times, the tone of a histoasked Rivera to paint a mural at ry lesson. Sometimes explanathe museum. The Mexican-born Rivera is an avowed Marxist who is intrigued by the machin-ery of the Ford plants and the bit starchy, yet at other times, the playwright masterfully struggles of laborers.

Alrawi speculates that it was dialogue. the Rouge incident where five workers were killed that served financial and emotional support for the murals.

Rivera constructs a larger-thanas the catalyst for Edsel Ford's life character whose lust for painting and fairness for the common man provides the play In essence, Rivera's mural is with a sense of urgency. Alrawi more of a mirror that reveals the has created an utterly unlike-

Rivera Murals at the Detroit soul of the working man. And it's able antagonist in Bennett, played with an icy cruelty by Hollis Huston.

But ultimately, the play's suc cess depends on whether Dan Kremer's portrayal of Edsel Ford can rise to the level of inspirapolish of a seamless drama, the

play presented many layers for In the quieter scenes, Kremer proves up to the task. But in the To his credit, Alrawi doesn't confrontations with Bennett, flinch in rubbing away at the Father Coughlin and Henry bigotry and ideological zealotry Ford, too often Edsel doesn't of the likes of Henry Ford, Harry show the kind of backbone to jus-Bennett and Father Coughlin, tify being the center of the who were all opposed to the Despite several wrinkles, "Gift Ultimately, "Gift of Glory" isn't

of Glory" will encourage audiences to think more deeply about the manufacturing culture that many of us have mistaken for a more meaningful culture about aesthetics, ethics and social purpose. The culture in Detroit, as Alrawi boldly points out, is inextricably bound to the art of makthough the theater is located on ing automobiles.

a university campus where aca-demic freedom supposedly Beyond Alrawi's drama of the mural lies the struggle within lectual breadth is both challeng-Detroit's first family, the power of art to represent the truth, and the polemics of the greatest social upheaval in U.S. history. A delivered with warmth, humor discussion that seems extraordinary compared to today's pabutions of historical details seem a

That Alrawi was able to incorporate so many subplots into his story is both the play's strength and weakness. But on balance "Gift of Glory" is one of the most compelling pieces of "regional theater" in recent years.

Perhaps Meadow Brook will begin to explore other stories that lie in the heart of the collective soul called Detroit.

Bullock, Affleck hold their own in amusing 'Forces of Nature'

Let's all agree on one thing: Sandra Bullock looks a lot better in her underwear than the late John Candy did in his. Any other advantages of "Forces of Nature" over "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" are also in the eye of the beholder.

"Nature" takes the "I've got to be somewhere soon, but this kook I've been thrown together with is making it awfully hard" concept and gives us two beautiful people (Bullock and Ben Affleck) doing the work of two comedians (Candy and Steve Martin). Do they hold their own? Interestingly, yes.

Ben Affleck plays Ben, an uptight groom-to-be headed from New York to Savannah, where the bride (Maura Tierney of "Liar Liar") and her parents are new nutting un tents and mix ground we hear broadcast reports of a hurricane apparently bearing right down on their backvard.

While sitting in the plane writing his vows on a laptop, who should plunk down beside him but wild child Sarah (Bullock), a woman of such energy that one wonders why she needs a plane

Sarah's life, setting them on a course into troubled water. He with a guy named Vic. When Virginia, they board the train. When that ends with the train

blown in his life's direction at

ly at home in thrillers ("Speed" "The Net") and romantic com-dies ("Practical Magic," "White You Were Sleeping") she's unafraid to look like she just came in from the rain, and that

force herself.

Stagecrafters is presenting the downtown Royal Oak.

Tickets are \$10-\$12, all seats in the self-affectionate star's mell of Lathrup Village) and his reserved. Call (248) 541-6430. A (Rosemary Gass of Southfield) jewel collecting wife (Linda special dinner/theater package is hotel room before and after the available from Illusions Bar & play's out-of-town opening. Grill in downtown Royal Oak by

took her first dance lesson. "When I was little I really doing and to keep conceptually loved dancing. I started dancing and literally falling, and just when I was 7. My first dance very free and zen. Just being up class I had a broken arm, I just in the mountains there's so much

ing of her music. "I love that. When I write about my own went in. I was really scared, but experiences, especially when I loved it." She moved onto songwriting at 'Jagged Little Pill' first came out and people related to it, it was comforting because a lot of times for her to express herself. Her I felt like I was going through early inspirations, as a child what I was going through on my growing up in Europe and Canaown. It was very isolating. To da, were "anything my father realize I wasn't alone, it was and mother were listening to" including ABBA, Bob Dylan and

Morissette held court with a Carole King. small group of her fans who won "When I was younger I remempasses to a "Town Hall" meeting ber driving in the backseat in ever when I stopped after the sponsored by WXDG-FM (105.1) the car with my family and hear-"The Edge," held hours before ing her voice and just really conher show with Garbage at The necting with her." Palace of Auburn Hills. Fans

As she grew older, she read books about psychology and then were chosen based on questions eschewed reading for fear of they would like to ask Morisbeing influenced "I love writing probably more One of those listeners was

Sandy Robinson, 36, of Farming- than I like reading other people's ton Hills. She wanted to know if art. Some of the reasons for that Morissette, whose "Jagged Little may be that I don't want to be Pill" spoke bitterly of relation- overly influenced perhaps and ships, believes in soul mates. when I'm inspired I need to get it Prior to meeting Morissette, out of my system and I probably Robinson was curious to see how would watch more films. I would watch more films before I would read a poetry book I think sents herself in front of a bunch Leonard Cohen, I think is amazing. Joni Mitchell, after 'Jagged During the "Town Hall," the Little Pill' I started reading her diminutive Morissette came lyrics," she said of her platinumselling debut. across as spiritual and pensive

lyrics, Morissette indulges in Multiple Grammy winner snowboarding and yoga. Morissette, who's enjoying success with her sophomore album "(Snowboarding) is a very

Besides reading Mitchell's

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"Supposed Former Infatuation humbling experience especially On Tuesday, the once-teen phe-Junkie" (Maverick), has been when I was first starting to nome Silverchair released its involved in the arts since she learn. It reduced me to being an third album "Neon Ballroom" was 7, the age during which she 11-year-old again and allowing which has already spawned the myself to not know what I was obvious 1999 hit, the Def Lepfor the Year 2000." Guesting on the song "Emotion

clarity and fresh air and snow." Clarity is what's important to Morissette nowadays. After the the Sydney Symphony Orchesage 9, seeing it as the best way rigors of touring in support of "Jagged Little Pill," Morissette skipped the Grammy Awards "Daniel and went to India to learn voga.

> been a lot of kinetic energy around all the time and a lot of movement. For the first time for the job," said Gillies who said last tour, and went to India and learned a bit of yoga I stopped for the first time in my life and was able to be still and connect with who I believe God was and connect to friends and family in doesn't offer any information a way that I never have been except for the address. Later, it able to before. Yoga was just a reveals cartoon characters doing part of it for me to be in my body what comes naturally, generally and see it as the instrument that

"I stopped thinking, which is a

Boredom setting in?

Sitting around doing consecuquickly. To ease the boredom, Silverchair drummer Ben Gillies is writer's expense. Gillies answers the phone and begins chatting about the previous night's show in an accent that's a strange amalgamation of Australian. English and Dixieland.

"I'm only joking. That's not my

Sickness" is David Helfgott, the pianist who inspired the Oscar Award-winning film "Shine," and tra. He described Helfgott as "nice" and "affectionate."

guitarist/singer) wanted him on the song. He really wanted a big one because there's always manic piano player. I think we David Helfgott was the best guy he falls asleep every time he tries to watch "Shine."

Already bored with the interview, Gillies is surfing the net. He tries to persuade a reporter to check out a Web page but

"It's so fricking funny.

Silverchair and Lit perform Friday, March 19, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit tive interviews can get old pretty The show is sold out. For more information, call (313) 961 MELT or visit www 961melt.com. all for getting a laugh - even at a Silverchair's Web site is www. chairpage.com.

Joy and pain

Frat party heroes Rob Base and DJ E-Z Rock return to the Detroit area on Friday with a full arsenal of hits including "Joy and Pain" and "It Takes Two"

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and a new single. we pressed up ourselves and put out that we probably will be performing that night," DJ E-Z Rock

A new album is in the works with a European producer, but it may see the light of day in the Jnited States "eventually. same feelgood mentality of the

said of "Ready to Party."

rap duo's early hits. "We still party. It's still the same party feel."

Rob Base and DJ E-Z Rock perform at 11 p.m. Friday, March 19, at La Boom, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Tickets are \$10 in advance. For more infor

Anthemic: Australia's Silverchair - from left, drummer

Ben Gillies, bassist Chris Joannou, and vocalist/guitarist Daniel Johns.

mation, call (248) 926-9960 or "We do have a new single that (248) 645-6666.

Christina Fuoco is the pop music reporter for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. If you have a question or comment for at (734) 953-2047, mailbox No. 2130, or write to her at The "Ready to Party" carries the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mich., 48150, or cfuoco@ oe.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, March 19 "KING AND I" Animated musical telling of the story of the patient school teacher and the over

"I want to see how she pre-

of regular people," she said

vet slightly nervous.

Wearing a red shirt, deep blue

denim jeans and sitting cross-

legged on the floor, Alanis Moris-

sette confessed she's relieved

"It feels heartening," Moris-

sette said Wednesday, March 10.

about her fans' deep understand-

beautiful."

she treated fans

that the loneliness has lifted.

bearing King of Siam. Stars the voices of Miranda Richardson, Ian Richardson. and Daryl Hammond.

Isolated with eight others in a snow and fort in the Sierra Nevadas, circa 1847, an army captain must fight horser within himself, as well as killer vito dines on men, Stars Guy Pearce. "TRUE CRIME"

A newspaper reporter discovers proof than an innocent man is about to be executed and has only one day to save him Stare Clint Fastwood Frances Fish er, Sydney Poitier, James Woods, Lisa Gay Hamilton, and Denis Leary.

Scheduled to open Friday, March 26

A young filmmaker is struck with an idea that had the potential to change his luck all at once: to make a movie that would chronicle his owned dogged and indelicate quest for true love. The result, an insightful look at one hapless romantic's roller coaster ride through singlehood filmed Candid Camera Style Berkowitz.

Animated film about the misadventures of Doug Funnie, an imaginative and quirky 12-year-old, who finds himself caught between saving the endangered

"monster" of Lucky Duck Lake and his burning desire to take Patti Mayonnaise to the school dance.

Film about a video store clerk who agrees to be filmed all day, every day by a 24-hour cable Network. Stars Jenna Elfman, Woody Harrelson, Ellen DeGeneres, Elizabeth Hurley,

"THE MOD SQUAD" A feature film version of the hit TV series about three rehabilitated juvenile delinquents who become undercover cops. Claire Danes.

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Scheduled to open Wednesday, March

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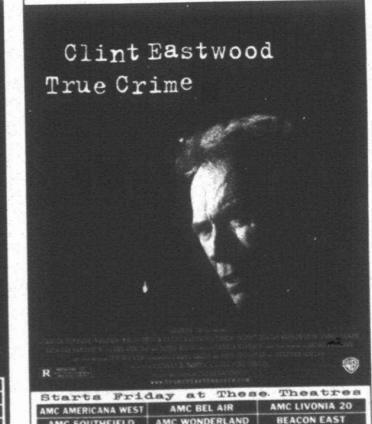
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much of it computer-generated the team that gave us last. Twister." But the thing that takes the most beating in this

When the jet skids off the runway. Ben inadvertently saves storm warnings from the matricouldn't wait for the next plane, no ... off they go in a rented Geo that ends with a police bust in going the other way, she finagles them onto a Miami-bound bus of condo-hopping seniors. And with each succeeding disaster we learn more about what's waiting

film is the institute of marriage. Ben may end up soaking wet, but he is continually deluged, by monially burned around him.

waiting for him there as well.

by hail, fire, rain, lightning and velous moment that mixes real the aforementioned hurricane, time and slow-motion, Ben is

From his own grandfather to attribute will keep the welcome fellow passengers, we are led to mat out for some time to come believe that there isn't a single Affleck was cast in "Nature" happily married person on the before "Good Will Hunting" was East Coast. It also doesn't help released; talk about forecasting. Ben's wedding bell blues when Broad comedy may never be his songs like "The Tender Trap" and thing, but he's just fine doing the "Love the One You're With" are straight conservative guy who's

playing nearby. Most of all, pulled into the maelstrom. Sarah is quite an irresistible Together, they're an appealing pair who we'd enjoy seeing in To quote that famous forecast- further adventures. Let's see, nah, while Ben considers what's er Bob Dylan, "you don't need a maybe he's an astronomer and weatherman to know which way she's a dancer and there's this

Along the way, they are beset Stagecrafters 'Light Up the Sky

comedy "Light Up the Sky," by alistic young author (Wayne assertive stage mother (Maureen Moss Heart through Sunday, Dossin) is surrounded by the Cook of Beverly Hills), a director March 28 at the historic Baldwin emotional people who have had a (Marc Mege) whose reactions Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette in hand in getting his first play teem from his tear ducts, the

produced. The action takes place irascible producer (Mark Ham-Hammell and the real life wife of Mark Hammell).

Reeling through the hilarious The production is directed by scenes at a crazy pitch of ner- Jay Kaplan of Lathrup Village.

Escape to New Orleans at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Mardi Gras is over, but New Orleans is still a nice place to escape. For those of us who can't just hop on a plane and go, it's a good thing there's Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe.

With locations in Detroit, Southfield and St. Clair Shores, Fishbone's is about as close to New Orleans as you can get in metro Detroit.

"It's a place where we like to have fun, it's a restaurant with energy. It's not necessarily a quiet place," said John Furbush, general manager of the Southfield restaurant. He recently moved to the Detroit area from New Orleans. "We're trying to provide a dining experience. I have the music shipped in from New Orleans. Right now you're hearing vintage Louis Armstrong from the 1920s. We try to make it as authentic as possi-

Fishbone's offers plenty of atmosphere, from the lace curtains in the windows, to the murals on the wall, and potted palms. You'll feel like you stepped into another world. It's easy to get comfortable at one of the tables or booths, and forget it's Michigan and below freezing

For those unfamiliar with New Orleans cuisine, Furbush recommends the brunch where you can try a little bit of this, and that. The brunch also offers an omelet station, waffles and other traditional breakfast fare.

"We have a number of stations at brunch — a hot line, dessert and salad," he said. "It's an opportunity to go after real New Orleans style dishes such as deep fried Cajun turkey, collard greens, and candied yams. If you Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe

Where: 29244 Northwestern Highway, (just north of 12 Mile Road), Southfield (248) 351-2925, fax (248) 351-2919.

Hours: Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight Friday; noon to midnight Sunday; 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday brunch, 2-10 p.m. regular menu.

Menu: Taste of New Orleans, including Seafood Gumbo, Jambalaya, seafood, steaks, chops and chicken. Salads and sandwiches also available. Some vegetarian items.

Cost: Moderate. Sandwiches \$5.95 to \$8.95; Entrees \$9.95 to

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■ 5-8 p.m. Thursdays, Henry Gibson, piano jazz ■ 5-8 p.m. Fridays, Harold McKinney, piano jazz; 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Pamela Wise and the Afro-Cuban All Stars, jazz with Afro-Cuban rhythms

■ 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Harold McKinney, piano jazz; 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Audrey Northington, jazz vocalist

■ 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Janet Tenaj, jazz vocalist

Other Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe locations: Greektown - 400 Monroe St., International Building, Detroit, (313) 965-4600

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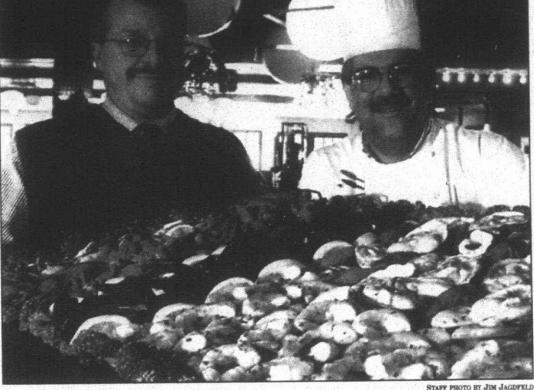
went down South you'd be in heaven with this type of brunch." The cost for brunch is \$16.95 adults, \$8.95 children under age 12, and \$2.95 for children under

Starting with appetizers on the main menu, Furbush recommends New Orleans Bar-B-Que Shrimp served with a spicy butter/pepper sauce. Fresh crawfish, flown in from Louisiana, are also available. Catfish Beignets and Crab Cakes are other often requested appetizers. You can also order Crab Cakes as an entree. They're served with a lemon caper dill sauce.

the Seafood Gumbo, "it's guaranteed to warm you up a little bit," said Furbush.

Fishbone's offers a selection of grilled "bronzed" steaks including Filet Mignon, Ribeye and Porterhouse. Scallops, catfish, snapper, pork chops, lamb chops and chicken are on the menu too. Bronzing is Fishbone's method of blackening food. They use a mild, flavorful blend of spices and

Crawfish Etouffee is a Fishbone's specialty along with Shrimp Creole, Zydeco Chicken, Chicken & Sausage Sauce Piquant, and Jambalaya. The Moving on, you've got to try Creole Baked Eggplant is a vege-



Cool crustaceans: General manager John Furbush and Executive Chef Faiz Albanna at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe in Southfield.

tarian eggplant casserole baked with jalapeno jack cheese and marinara sauce.

Fishbone's is known for its Whiskey Ribs served with Dirty Rice and a vegetable. They also offer a variety of fried seafood selections such as shrimp, oysters, scallops, and catfish served with homemade fries and Charleston Slaw. If you can't make up your mind, try the Combo Mombo - a platter of fried shrimp, catfish, crab fingers

For lunch, Furbush points to the Po-Boy sandwiches - fried shrimp, catfish, chicken, pork, or fried chicken. Another favorite is the Muffuletta sandwich - layers of Genoa salami, ham, Mortadella and Provolone topped with an olive salad on a large bun. "I'm a big fan, and our's is pretty close to what you'd find in the French Quarter of New Orleans," said Furbush.

If you're hungry for just a salad, Fishbone's aims to please with Galvez Shrimp Salad, Fried Crawfish Salad, Pirate's Alley Olive Salad, and the familiar Caesar, Grilled Chicken, and Greek Salad.

Save room for dessert, made by Fishbone's own pastry chefs -Bourbon Street Bread Pudding, Banana Foster Sundae, Pecan Pie, Key Lime Pie, and Peach

Quench your thirst with a Blackened Voodoo beer. There are a number of bottled beers to choose from, premium wines, and specialty drinks.

Epoch Enterprises restaurants maintain ownership

BY ELEANOR HEALD SPECIAL WRITER

Epoch Enterprises owns high-profile Tribute restaurant in Farmington Hills, also Too Chez in Novi and Forte in Birmingham. Negotiations related to sale of Larry Wisne's Progressive Tool and Industries automotive-allied company fueled speculations about the Wisne family's other business, Epoch

In the March 31, Wine Spectator now in distribution, Tribute and Executive Chef Takashi Yagihashi became the first Detroit metro-area restaurant to receive expansive three-page coverage in this widely read wine and lifestyle periodical. Forte's executive chef Tim Voss is being touted in restaurant and lifestyle magazine circles as a rising star. Too Chez restaurant's Greg Upshur has received recognition by Food Arts and Nation's Restaurant News, a weekly trade publication for the restaurant and food

Epoch's restaurants are now being represented by a Santa Monica-Beverly Hills public relations/advertising agency and this added to the rumor mill. Does such publicity enhance the sale of Tribute and its sister eateries?

While Epoch president Toni Wisne remained unavailable for comment, Tribute's Maitre d' Mickey Bakst was willing to squelch rumors.

"I say this with the utmost certainty," he said. "Epoch is a complete and separate entity from Progressive Tool.

"Epoch is opening Latitude, it's new

Up North restaurant in the Bay Harbor complex. A chef is in the process of being hired. Epoch is also aggressively involved in the Lion's stadium project in Detroit.

"Tribute is like the Wisne family's baby. All the restaurants are an important part of the family's business ventures. The Wisnes are not selling any of their restaurants at this time."

WHAT'S COOKING

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CAFE HAWAII

A dance instructor from Dane Avenue - Social Dance Specialists, leads Cafe Hawaii patrons in a complimentary one-hour lesson of basic Salsa dance steps, 9. 10 p.m. Fridays. Afterward, students are encouraged to stay as the dance floor opens up for a salsa dance party. For more information, call the restaurant, 22048 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn, (313) 724-2233.

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