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#### Stores leaving damaged ce Repairs have begun at the Golden Gate Shopto wait a few more weeks.

ping Center after January's roof collapse. But the wait was too long for some tenants, who have moved from the Lilley Road strip mall to other locations.

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER

Repairs to Golden Gate Shopping Center on Lilley Road have begun more than two months after a section of its roof collapsed.

A dozen shops were forced to close after the Jan. 19 collapse. An estimated \$500,000 worth of damage was done to the center's southern end, including nearly complete destruction of a coney island and electronic repair shop. A foot of snow and ice on the roof is

believed to have caused the collapse.

Until late last week, debris in the coney island and repair shop had gone untouched. Golden Gate Owner Nick Tufenkjian said problems with the center's insurer held up repairs until now.

We wanted to start on Feb. 26," he

said. "But Farmer's comes out and says

After a lack of action by the insurance company, Tufenkjian said he decided to get started on his own. He expects all repairs, including a completely new roofing system for the center's southern end, to be done by May

"It has hurt everybody," Tufenkjian said of the collapse. "It has hurt north side shops, too, because nobody thinks they're open."

Pogo's Bar and Grill is one north end casualty. Its doors recently closed after a decade of business in Canton.

Tufenkjian said Pogo's was looking to

leave before the incident. But business had dropped off so much after the roof collapse that it was forced to close, he

"They just couldn't make it," he said. Several of the stores directly affected by the roof collapse have left the cen-

Beaubien's Pastries recently set up shop in Livonia. The company, which specializes in wedding cakes, moved to a strip mall at the corner of Plymouth and Levan roads.

An owner of the shop declined comment on the move.

Please see GOLDEN GATE, A2

### Purrrrfect prize

Feline treasure: Veterinarian Judy Fleischaker shows off a 12-week-old Scottish fold straighteared kitten at Friday's dinner auction hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce. The kitten, complete with vaccines and neutering from Alsager Animal Care, was one of the live auction items. For a story and more photos from the event, please turn to Page A3 in today's Observer.

### Hockey on hold for now

#### PLYMOUTH-CANTON

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

Hockey as a varsity sport in the Plymouth-Canton school district is on hold, for at least three weeks.

School board members want some clarifications and changes in the contract with booster club members who will be working alongside Athletic Director Brian Wolcott in running the program

And while there were some concerns about costs, liability and equal opportunities for girls, the board appears poised to approve co-ed hockey teams at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools.

"I find the board's response very positive," said Kathy Lash of Plymouth, one of four people instrumental in developing the hockey plan. "We'll be soliciting help for booster members

Please see HOCKEY, A5

### Vorva drops lawsuit over 1997 bond vote

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

"It's the right fight, the right battle. But to expend all my assets on this particular battle just isn't feasible. The Vorva family is through."

And with that, Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva said his court battle with the Plymouth-Canton school district concerning the March 1997 high school bond election is history. Though he hasn't ruled out continuing his fight in another arena.

Vorva had until last Monday to file briefs with the U.S. Supreme Court, after losing his battle through the Michigan court system. Both he and his attorney, Stephen Boak of Plymouth, had prepared the necessary arguments. However, Vorva decided

over the weekend to end the fight.
"I would like to pursue this, but the

sacrifices my family has already made are extreme," said Vorva. "Just like a general in battle, even are willing to fight to the last, do you do that ... or withdraw and live to fight another day?"

It means the school district can now proceed with spending the \$79.6 million in bonds without further threat of court action.

"I'm not surprised at his decision," said Superintendent Chuck Little. "After seven rulings in our favor, why would you pursue it? I'm glad we'll be able to move ahead."

The district has already made plans to sell the bonds to build a new high school at Beck and Joy roads in Canton, a new elementary school at Beck and Cherry Hill in Canton, as well as money for school buses and computers.

However, the plans were sometimes

Please see BOND SUIT, A4

### Hoop dreams split Canton town hall

BY SCOTT DANIEL

As a longtime fan of Michigan State University, Dan Durack has become a realist.

So while he would love to see the Green and White in the national basketball final on March 29, he knows it's not likely.

"I think they have a chance if Duke has an off night," said Canton's administrative and community services director. "If Duke plays a good game, I don't think anybody will beat them. They have too much talent."

The Spartans face Duke at approximately 8:15 p.m. Saturday. Another Big Ten squad, Ohio State, takes on Connecticut in the other

#### NCAA FINAL FOUR

semifinal in St. Petersburg, Fla. Durack graduated from MSU in 1969 with a degree in business administration. Picking East Lansing for his school was an easy

"I really liked the campus," said Durack. "I wanted to go away to school.

He has never been disappointed with the decision.

"I really enjoyed my time up there," Durack said. "I made a lot of friends and I thought I got an excellent education.

He has followed Spartans' sports

Please see FINAL FOUR, A16

### Roller hockey goes indoors on Michigan Avenue

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

Michigan DEK Hockey opened in Canton late in 1995 with the idea of expanding at some point.

That point is now for the Michigan Avenue business. According to coowner Doug Mueller, it wasn't easy finding a bank to finance the improve-

"It took two years and 17 banks," he said. "We always had the idea to expand but it came down to cash."

A 16,000-square-foot indoor facility was added to Michigan DEK Hockey, which is located just east of Canton Center Road. It will house one new rink. That will give the firm two, including an outdoor surface.

Mueller's "regular" job is that of a salesman. Instability with the position led him and his wife, Amy, to open the

"We started this for our family," he added. "We wanted to do something that would protect our family.

Michigan DEK Hockey opened in the fall of '95 with one outdoor rink. Roller hockey is played until the snow falls, said Mueller.

The game is much different than what you see in professional ice hockey, he added. It features four-on-four play, with no icing or offside calls.

"Some people call it fastbreak hock " Mueller said.

The outdoor rink is used in winter months for "street" hockey. Players wear tennis shoes and the game is more akin to NHL hockey with five-onfive and similar rules.

The rink itself is smaller in both games. Michigan DEK Hockey uses a 160-by-80-foot rink. NHL surfaces are 210-by-85 feet said Mueller.

Please see ROLLER HOCKEY, A2



STAFF PROTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Finally: Doug and Amy Mueller approached 17 banks before getting support for their business expansion.

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an evening. A group of six peo-

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the highest bid from an individ-

ual. Plymouth resident Ed Kro-

pornicki secured the trip for

Silent auction items included

mostly Detroit Red Wings

memorabilia. Autographed pic-

tures of Steve Yzerman, Sergei

Fedorov, Chris Osgood and

In all, Ambrozaitis said

the gavel.

largest fund-raising event each

each August, but it raises sub-

**Island hoppers** 

Chamber auction is night for 'tropical' bargain hunters

## School bus director resigns Roller hockey from page A1

Claiming she is just "burned out" from trying to keep Ply-mouth-Canton's aging bus fleet on the road, LuAnn Grech, director of transportation, will be leaving the post she's held for nearly four years.

Grech is leaving Friday, March 26. Three days later, she'll be starting her new job as director of transportation for the Huron Valley school district.

"I have mixed feelings about leaving Plymouth-Canton," said Grech as tears welled in her eyes. "However, it's difficult seeing the light at the end of the

my own health, and to make Friday. more time for my family."

Grech has been struggling to keep the district's buses in good repair since the March 1997 bond issue passed. The \$3 milion earmarked for 50 new buses has been held up while the bond issue has been challenged in the courts by Plymouth resident

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and are not doing your best, then it's time to do something about it," said Grech about her departure. "I hope they get some help Jerry Vorva. The lawsuit has here. I don't want to see other sion to seek a change. forced Grech to use buses that people get burned out." are more than 15 years old, and Grech repeatedly said she did-Hawaii

approved by the Huron Valley school board March 4, and she \$60.725 by the school board, the road."

Taylor school district, more than three as transportation director, before coming to Plymouth-Canton in 1995 to run the trans-

Grech said Huron Valley and Plymouth-Canton have approximately the same number of buses, about 100. However, Huron Valley's fleet has 40 newer buses, and replaces five buses every year through the

The Plymouth-Canton school district's latest purchase was of eight buses for \$500,000 from the October 1998 middle school ond issue. The district currently doesn't have a policy for replacement of school buses. Money for new buses comes from community-approved bond issues, not the general fund.

"She's been a plus for this school district," said Superintendent Chuck Little. "She's changed the direction of the transportation department to one which gives good service and | well. Since late January, the grois responsive to the needs of our cery store has moved staff and

Grech is the second transportation department manager to quit in the last six months.

"I had this same opportunity Last September, Greg Pirtle of two years ago, but decided not to Canton left his post as the dis-Last September, Greg Pirtle of make the change then," she said. trict's fleet service manager after "This time I just couldn't turn it 11 years in the district because of stress and anxiety caused by problems with the district's

"They need new equipment in turned in her resignation the the worst way," said Pirtle in September. "It's a continuous say her salary was approved at battle to keep enough buses on

It's a problem which continues

Golden Gate from page A1

Bias is in the same boat. She \$1.5 million, Tufenkjian said. He

plans to open a new salon in Ply- does plan on recovering that

alive by renting space from a Lilley Road salon. It has been difficult staying afloat, Bias said.

has about 200 league teams. Mueller expects that number to nearly double with the addition of an indoor rink.

"We won't have to reschedule any more games because of the weather," he added. "That peace

of mind goes a long way."

Growth in roller hockey has followed the boom in golf, Mueller said. The sport was extremely hot a few years ago, but has leveled off a bit. He thinks there are still more than enough players to fill his new rink, however.

"It's the ultimate convenience sport," Mueller said. Hockey will begin in the new building in a few weeks. Construction time was minimal,

The future of Bob's of Canton

appears to be up in the air as

concentrated efforts on its West-

"It has gone really well," man-

Many of Bob's township

patrons have started using the

store at Warren and Merriman

roads. Carmody isn't sure if the

C.J.'s Hair Stop owner Cheryl

mouth, but isn't sure if she'll

"There's a strong possibility

She has kept the business

reopen the Canton shop.

I'll run both," Bias said.

Canton store will ever reopen.

ager Katie Carmody said.

land outlet.

reschedule any more games because of the

sore thumb," Mueller said.

"translucent dome," he said.

ness gets a little worse."

Tufenkijan said.

For Golden Gate, too.

The center has lost \$40,000 a

month since the roof went down,

"It has been a big strain," he

Once debris is cleared, new

trusses will be installed and fin-

The roof will be identical to the

Repairs could total as much a

"They have to pay us," said

Tufenkjian. "It's a matter if I

have to take them to court or

ishing work will be comple

center's north end roof.

It will stand 37 feet at its

tallest point and feature a

there," Mueller said. "We think

it will be of the more unique

Doug Mueller -Michigan DEK Hockey owner

Janet Armstrong never imag-

ined she'd leave the Canton The business owner said the Chamber of Commerce's 11th building will be unique in Can-Annual Dinner Auction a little time to come together and talk ton because it resembles a "Hershev's Kiss" candy. But the Plymouth resident "We stick out like a beautiful

did just that after winning a dent Nancy Spencer agreed. \$1 000 travel voucher She had the lucky number in a coconut "I don't think I've ever won

BY SCOTT DANIEL

anything before," said Armstrong, who wasn't sure where tive Director Ryan Ambrozaitis, she might go with the voucher. "I'm so excited."

She wasn't the only one excited. More than 400 guests bid on er in the history of the chamber everything from Red Wings memorabilia to a trip to the Grand Hotel at the auction. They did so in a relaxed final numbers weren't in at

atmosphere at Livonia's Laurel This year's theme was a about \$10,000 more than last

"Tropical Adventure." Many year with a total of \$65,000. patrons came attired in sum-

Observer deadline, Ambrozaitis

of commerce."

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Judge Ron Lowe said. "It was a

Canton Goodfellows Presi-

"It's always a good party," she

said. "It was a lot of fun. I like

all the different kinds of themes

According to Chamber Execu-

"We are elated," he said.

"This was the largest fund-rais-

Attendance was up 36 per-

cent from a year ago. While

the evening was a big success.

with people you know."

they have each year."

"My goal was to raise



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Francis (above, left), talks with Stephen Murad (in hat) while the two of them look over some of the auction items. Pictured at right, Mary Schwartz (left), grabs her coconuts in the "Zip pered Coconut Giveaway Contest"





Brendan Shanahan were Dressed to thrill: "Mr. 50-50" Bob Boyer (left) and among the items. Canton Chamber President and master of ceremonies \$17,000 was raised between the Tony Kwilos take time out to pose for a photographer.

### Lowell student expelled for bringing gun to class

A 14-year-old Lowell Middle School student has been expelled for bringing a stolen gun to

"Upon receiving the facts of the case and holding due process hearings, it was decided to expel the student," said Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Chuck Little, who revealed the expulsion hearing was held

Tuesday morning. The hearing was more-or-less a formality, considering state law allows for automatic expulsion of students who bring

weapons to school. "State law stipulates that a student can be expelled for a

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the weapon.

since we only permit students to day. LaVictor said the only time start classes at the beginning of the gun entered the building before he will be able to return. "I would have to see tremen-

dously persuasive evidence to said Little. tor said it took two days of ques

hiding the gun in the snow near where the boy lives. a Dumpster for three days earlier this month.

mm handgun to a classmate as sion of a stolen gun.

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year," said Little. "However, school was letting out for the a semester, it will be Aug. 2000 was when the teen was searched by school personnel looking for

Canton Township police found allow him back in the district," the loaded gun in a mailbox at the boy's home. The gun has the Lowell principal Roche LaVic- same serial number as one tioning before the teen admitted a house in Canton, not far from

Canton police Officer Leonard Schemanske said even if the boy He was seen by another stu- didn't steal the weapon, he will dent on March 11 showing the 9 probably be charged with posses-

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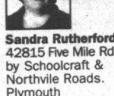
"When you get to this stage

of the friends she has at the bus yard, but noted the opportunity to work close to home, the effect of working long hours and weekends on her family and the chance to work with a newer bus fleet were all factors in her deci-

Grech's appointment was next day. Huron Valley officials

which is a \$6,000 pay cut.

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Petitions can be picked up at the office of Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell in the Grote Administration Center at the college's main campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275, and must be returned to the secretary by 4 p.m. Monday, April 12. The office is open 8 a.m. to

5 p.m. weekdays. The signatures of not less

Anyone who wants to run than 50 nor more than 200 required for nominations. Candidates are asked to circulate petitions so that those signing any one peti-

The seats are currently held by Patricia Watson, who is board president and Northville and a Livonia attorney, who was appointthe vacancy created by the resignation of John Walsh. Watson and Stempien

have not returned petitions yet, but Watson said she will run for re-election. Stempien was out of town early this week and unavailable for comment on whether he would run, but upon receiving the appointment last year he indicated he would run for his seat

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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

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Gov. John Engler has authorized \$3.4 million in community policing grants to be awarded to local law enforcement agencies throughout Michigan. Most of the Wayne County

communities are using the funds for computers and software for patrol vehicles should they receive federal matching funds later this year. This latest round of grants will be used for mobile data computers and laptops, crime analysis hardware and software, mapping software or geographic information systems, computer-related software, personal computers, computeraided dispatch systems and automated booking systems and automated fingerprint identifica-

tion systems. "This funding is an important step in our ongoing war against crime," Engler said. "These grants will allow the metro area police to fight crimes more effectively by purchasing the technol-

#### **LOCAL NEWS**

ogy needed to make the job of ime fighting easier."

Westland's Police Department will receive \$97,483 to use with ederal grants for in-car computers and \$94,456 for radio system upgrade in a five-department consortium of Dearborn Heights Garden City, Wayne and West-

"We'll be able to do in-car reports and access our mug file," said Emery Price, Westland's police chief, about the computer

Other police departments in Observer communities receiving state money are: Livonia, \$61,500; Plymouth Township, \$21,545 and Redford, \$32,567.

Robert Stevenson, police captain with the Livonia Police Department, hopes the grant can help upgrade its information management system including aptop computers for vehicles to help with writing reports and

"Our officers won't have to phone numbers for a street or come in and do their reports geographic area. When you see here," Stevenson said. "All or respond to a gas leak, it will they'll have to do is press a but-

al grant, but money has been ooled from the city's general fund for the \$1 million computer upgrade, which is expected to take one year to complete. "We have people that input

Plymouth Township plans to use its funds toward an automated telephone message system and an automated finger-

The fingerprinting system would be similar to one in Livonia, using \$17,000 toward the \$62,000 system while the remaining \$4,000 would go toward the phone system, similar to one in Canton, according to Police Chief Lawrence Carey.

automatically phone these households." That will assist the township police in evacuations.

John Buck, deputy police chief in Redford Township, said the \$32,567 funds will be used to pay for software for field reporting to accompany the department's laptop computers in the patrol cars. "(The state money) would help us meet the match,"

Buck has not heard whether Redford will receive the 75 percent match from the federal government for the \$158,000 pur-The software will allow Red-

ford police to complete reports in their vehicles and place them on a computer mainframe with the department, instead of transporting the written reports back to the station and assigning clerks to re-type them onto a

"That will save us a lot of time," Buck said.

### Police pursuit bill OK'd on partisan vote

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

A bill to regulate police pursuits turned into a partisan issue when it was passed 24-13 by the Michigan Senate March 18 and sent to the House.

Senate Democrats, led by Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, objected that it would cut chances for innocent victims to recover pain and suffering damages from police who were reckless and didn't follow departmental policy.

"Pursuits often have tragic consequences," said Peters. "Society should share in the compensation, the same way it benefits from a police pursuit."

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suits often cross municipal "If the model policy is adopted boundaries, particularly in by a defendant city, if its police crowded southeastern Michigan. officers are trained, and if someone is injured, there are limits different pursuit policies," he on pain-and-suffering, but not on said. "This encourages them to actual damages," such as mediadopt a model policy." cal care and work loss time, said was less controversial, passing

voted on final passage It sets up a commission to draft YES - all 22 Republicans, the model policy. luding Loren Bennett of Can-

Thaddeus McCotter of Livo-NO - 13 Democrats VanRegenmorter's first bill,

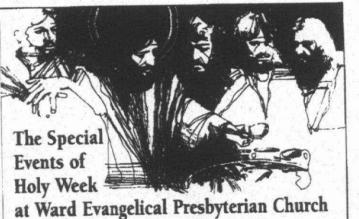
ing a pursuit. On mostly party line votes, senators rejected his amendments to

· Let a judge decide as a matter of law whether a pursuit was conducted in accordance with department policy. Peters model policy. Reason: Police purargued for letting a jury decide it as a matter of fact. "This is a radical departure from our traditions of civil procedure," he said, "Neighboring communities have quoting James Madison and Winston Churchill.

"There are obvious things a judge can decide as a matter of law and others for a jury, replied VanRegenmorter.

Remove the \$280,000 cap on non-economic damages. Peters said there is "no supporting evi-

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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

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data from written reports," venson said. "We will be free-

ing up hours to send them into other projects, such as senior citizen programs and crime preven-

printing system.

"You can program in blocks of

The move will be accompanied by an orchestrated effort by the roads division to improve communications between county road crews, district yards and supervisors and local communicles and add 40 more employees

to assist with snow removal In February and March, county road officials and community Cameron Priebe expected to leaders met in several snow meet this week with an internal removal districts to get feedback committee of county road offion how to improve snow removal cials for equipment recommenoperations after a Jan. 2 snowdations, then present them to storm and high winds hit the the Wayne County Commission

Detroit area. County road crews worked to clear areas and many main thor-Priebe said.

oughfares, but they were hampered by high winds which blew snow back onto plowed roads and later were reassigned to clear freeways. Wayne County dling of Canton Township roads, which Priebe later said the coun- because so many people were ty "didn't do as well as it should calling the yards, tying up the

WAYNE COUNTY

"We're doing a lot of things to improve communications,"

Here is what the county's road division has agreed to do: Outgoing phone lines will be added at the yards. During the also was criticized for its han- last snowstorm, supervisors had difficulties calling the trucks,

"We could not make calls out road yards. That communication of the yard, whether it was to gap is gone," Roach said. have salt delivered or make business decisions," said John Roach,

public information manager.

quipped with two-way radios to etter coordinate snow removal activities. Nearly 30 percent of the vehicles were not radioequipped. Priebe said.

More trucks will be

Part of that upgrade will include cellular phones for area supervisors. "Previously, they

Priebe said he and county road Please see NEXT WINTER, A15

did not have cell phones for the

■ The roads division has

upper and middle manage-

updated a telephone contact list

ment officials for city mayors,

township supervisors and police

and fire departments. That list

will include phone numbers of

district and area supervisors and

Priebe's home telephone num-



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### Bond suit from page A1

shadowed with thoughts the case could be headed to federal court, delaying them even fur-

"I'm delighted and anxious to get on with the business of building new schools," said Mike Maloney, school board president. "I hope we can just put this behind us and move forward."

Vorva's lawsuit claimed that with 716 spoiled ballots on new touchscreen voting machines in the bond election, voters were denied their fundamental right to vote." The bond proposal passed by only 96 votes.

"I may be wrong in dropping the lawsuit because I think this have changed the way things are done," said Vorva. "I believe the Supreme Court would say there is a fundamental voting issue, problems with the way the elections are held, and they would

"But it would cost me a lot of money to do it," added Vorva. "I still have the fire in my belly to fight it, but I can't ask my family to contribute the type of money it would take to fight it .. even though they've told me to

Vorva said he's spent about \$15,000 to carry his case through the Michigan Supreme Court. He's also received about \$3,000 in support from donations, as well as about \$15,000 in pro bono work from Boak.

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Tough decision: Jerry Vorva said the Supreme Court might have seen the suit as precedent-setting.

\$15,000 to \$35,000 to continue, added Vorva. "But, the case could be reopened if another group of citizens wants to pursue it. I might assist them with information if they do.

"I think this lawsuit has shown the school district doesn't care about kids, or your right to vote," said Vorva. "They only care about the money."

Boak said he was hoping to present the case to the U.S. Supreme Court, but under-

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stands Vorva's point-of-view. "I'm disappointed we didn't have a true resolution in this case," said Boak. "I'm also disappointed that elected officials the school board), who had the power to do something about it,

ever stood up to be counted." Boak does feel the fight did produce some changes in the way the school district now conducts elections.

"There is currently more awareness concerning voter education on the district's part. as well as changes in software to conduct the elections," said Boak. "It's still an abominable system, but it's what we have." Little said the district "spent

nearly \$50,000 to fight this battle ... money that could have been spent elsewhere.

"The most notable short term effect of the lawsuit has been on our transportation system. Our buses are just wearing out," said Little. "The most important effect ... we still have a crowded high school, with conditions to exist for another three years."

While this lawsuit is history, it doesn't mean Vorva is through with the fight.

"I'm going to ask legislators to do something about this," said Vorva. "I'll seek legislation that changes the way school districts hold elections. Maybe we'll take elections away from the districts and turn them over to the local

"If I have to, I'll write the leg-





Hectic: Tonda fifth-graders had a full schedule on their first two days at Space Camp in Titusville, Fla. Getting strapped in was half the battle for a trip to the Zero Gravity Wall (above). At left, students made model rockets from paper, wood and plastic.

### **Space Camp**

### Week begins for Tonda students

Ron took us to the Kennedy

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was actually in the movies. By the time we got back to camp, everyone was very tired. Emily and I returned to our sleeping habitats, took a shower and went to bed.

The next day, we made rockets out of paper, wood and plastic. Later we will put crickets in them, and blast them off, and see if our crickets are still alive. We also went on the Zero Gravi-

The movie was about space and ty Wall. You get strapped in a the screen was so big it felt like I soft seat hung on a line and there is a wall with bars in front of you. You climb the wall and when you let go of the bars, you become weightless. I had always wanted to know what it was like to be weightless. Emily thought it was cool. She even wanted to go on it again.

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Services for Mark Albert Her-

wig, 25, of Canton were March 10

Westland. He died March 7. He

Survivors include his wife,

Michelle Ann; two sons, James

and Joseph; one daughter, Kas-

sandra; father, Charles (Beverly

Kay) Herwig; mother, Brenda Mil-

dred Jamsiager; and two sisters,

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He was born Sept. 13, 1973, in

mouth, Cherilynn Collins of

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MARK ALBERT HERWIG

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by a letter from MediaOne indi-

closing the Rhonda Drive office

At a recent meeting, commis-

future. They instructed Assis-

MediaOne services 300,000 of a promise by MediaOne to expect a speedy resolution to

reopen another local office in the this matter.

and Westland.

their homes."

Comcast, the fourth-largest said Thompson. "Consumers

tomers until the merger closes cating the cable company was

said Jason Thompson, a in Canton Township, which pro-

Private services for Gladys A. Thomson, 76, of Canton Township He retired after 30 years of service. He came to the Plymouth will be held at a later date. Local arrangements were made by the He loved to play golf, fish, hunt, Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. and play cards.

Comcast Corp. officials say it's

too early to tell what kind of

effect the buyout of MediaOne

Group Inc. will have on local

cable company in the country

and the largest in metro Detroit,

announced Monday it's buying

MediaOne, the nation's third

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"There will be no effect on cus-

late this year or early next year."

spokesman for Comcast. "Busi-

ness will carry on as usual. I

can't comment on rates at this

point, whether they will go up or

subscribers in Michigan, includ-

ing customers in Plymouth, Ply-

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**GLADYS A. THOMSON** 

She was born May 21, 1922, in Bishop Aukland, England. She died March 17 in Farmington Hills. She was a homemaker. She came to the Canton community 10 years ago from Northville. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Wyandotte. She enjoyed traveling. She loved being with her family, especially her

grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, John, in 1986. Survivors include her daughter. Jane (John) Correll of Canton; one grandson, William T. Correll of Canton; one granddaughter, Lesley Correll of Canton; one sister, Jean (Chris) Wallington of Engand: and one brother. Herbert Duffy of England.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the Michigan Humane Society. ALBERT E. WHITE

Services for Albert E. White, 63, of Plymouth were March 23 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with burial at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. He was born July 22, 1935, in Vina, Ala. He died March 20 in

Publish: March 25, 1999

Neil Ellison officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born June 22, 1914, in Pope County, Ill. He died March 19 in Farmington Hills. He was a tool and die maker. He was self employed. He came to the Plymouth community five years ago of Canton, Phyllis Maycook of Plyfrom Dearborn Heights. He attended Henry Ford Trade Nashville, Tenn., Nancy Pollack of Survivors include his wife

Louise R. Garrett of Plymouth: two daughters, Lori (Michael) Gaiffe of Livonia, Carol (John) Dolan of Northville; three brothers, Harold (Joan) Garrett of Auburn, Calif., Millege (Mary Ann) Garrett of Dearborn, Clarence (Helen) Garrett of Tallahassee, Fla.; and two sisters, Jew ell Dean of Dearborn, and Beatrice Garrett of Dearborn.

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### Cable merger leaves fuzzy Hockey from page A1

picture for Canton viewers who can volunteer their time by being board members, helping Total program costs per seawith fund raising and working at son, as outlined in a five-year there is enough involvement."

proposal, ranges from approxi-Lash said her group will be mately \$25,000 to \$29,000. The soliciting businesses and corporations for support, in order to \$200 an hour at local ice rinks. defray the costs of the pay-to-

"I think Plymouth-Canton is a strong community with a lot of with revenues coming from playhistory and support, and they're ers, gate receipts and fund raisvery willing to give back," added

"I believe that when the board passes this proposal, you'll see a large outpour of support for onsorship," said organizer Mike Ward of Northville, past esident of the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association. "I believe that from the start, they will be two of the strongest hockey teams in the state."

vided customers with local Access Studio means just that, a Similar program access studios and a place to pay studio that is available to the "This situation is an inconve-

it would be wrong of the board to The proposal presented to the sanction or approve a program school board was based on a sim- that treats female students as ilar program already in place in second class citizens. I suspect Northville, which organizers say the word coed is in there to make order to inform the Western has been very successful. it legal, but it circumvents the Each player would be required spirit of the law." to pay \$750 to play, which is

Chen was referring to Title IX guidelines for equal sports opporabout half of what it costs to participate in many travel leagues. tunities for women. Organizers say there will be

Equal opportunity?

school year.

"Girls are free to try out, and if scholarships for those who can't afford to pay. And Wolcott said allocations for a certain number programs in Northville and Walled Lake eventually of girls on the team." decreased the costs to players

"I hope we can set the example 6518.

Vacation Celebration Tours or club passes.

future," said Lash. "We'll study

the girls team and break it off it Carol Proodian of Canton has a daughter playing hockey, and biggest expenditure is for ice she sees no problem with the

time, which can run as high as coed proposal. "I don't think the team has to be split evenly. I there are only However, the same proposal two girls on a team of 20 that's shows a small profit each year, fine," said Proodian. "If a girl is

a strong enough skater, she can keep up with the boys." Of those at the meeting to hear the proposal, many were hockey The first-year teams will be players who were hoping to hear

coed, with organizers planning better news. "I'm looking forward to having two girls teams in the 2000-2001 a high school team," said Brian are lots of opportunities for foot-

However, that wasn't good Proodian, a freshman. "There enough for Canton resident ball and other sports, but if you play hockey there's no way you "How many girls are gong to be can get a letter from your able to compete with the boys?" Chen asked the board. "I think

The school board could approve high school hockey at its April 13 meeting. Organizers say they must have approval soon in

Lakes Athletic Association of intentions to play in November and to begin the fund raising. The Booster Club is looking for board members, helping with

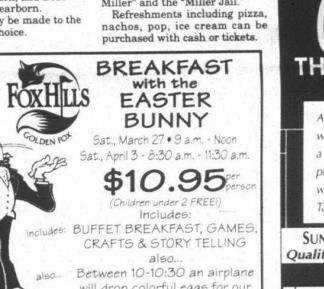
volunteers interested in being they make it, they're on the fund raising, and working at the team," said Ward. "There are no games. Anyone interested in donating time or money can con tact Kathy Lash at (734) 453

### Miller School hosts Friday night fair

Embassy Suites in Livonia using

be hosting a Family Fun Fair will be \$1 each or five for \$4. sport utility) with unlimited from 6-9 p.m., Friday, March 26 at the school at 43721 Hanford television donated by Brian Car, Plymouth, 18 holes of golf

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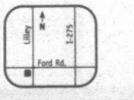
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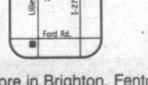
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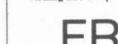






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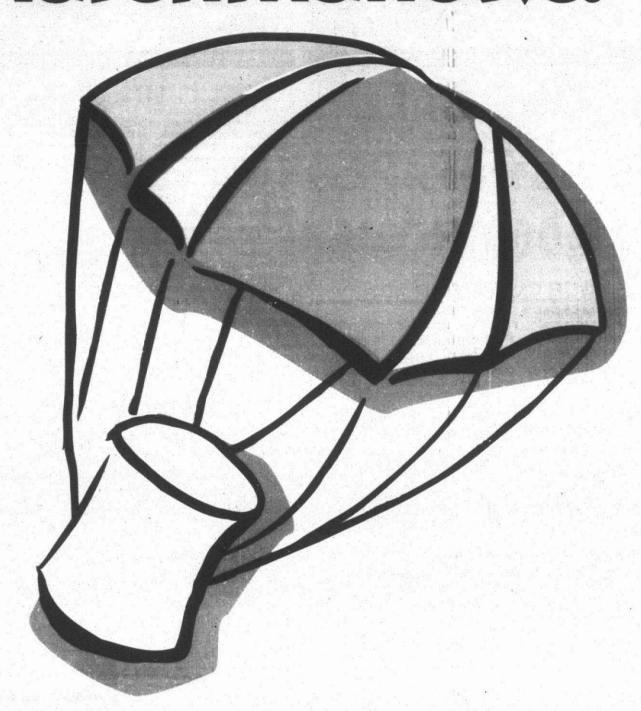
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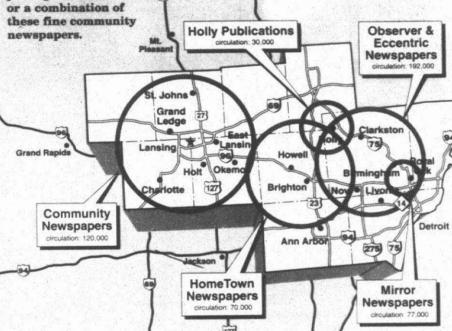


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### **Boost in state aid**

### House bill gives Schoolcraft more money

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft Community College may receive a 3.24 percent increase in state funds for the 2000-01 budget after the state House of Representatives approved legislation for the community college's appropriation on March 18.

The bill, now headed to the Senate for consideration, will increase overall community college funding by \$10,9 million.

State Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, a member of the House Appropriations Committee and former vice president of the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees, said community colleges, especially Schoolcraft, can offer affordable quality education programs "right in our back-

"The increase will allow these quality programs to respond to the growing number of students attending community colleges. After all, the more they know, the further they'll go."

Schoolcraft also will receive \$148,320 for at-risk student success programs. The programs aid students who are placed in one or more developmental courses, as a result of standardized testing, diagnosed as learning disabled or require English as a second language assistance.

Wayne County Community College will receive a 1.25 per-

cent increase in state funding. If the community colleges keep tuition increases under the rate of inflation, they would be eligible for an additional 1.5 percent increase.

State Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, was pleased with the state funding increases.

"Community colleges play a vital role in training employees for today's workforce, providing new skills to displaced workers and working with area companies to retrain workers as technology on the job changes."

The tuition restraint incentive program is a new feature in this year's budget, according to Rep. Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne

"If community colleges keep

they will receive a financial reward in the form of more state funding,"

Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell expected to discuss the figures with the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees last night. If the Senate were to approve the same House package, Schoolcraft's state appropriation will increase from \$10.9 million to \$11.3 million.

Schoolcraft's 3.24 percent increase is better than the state average of 2.5 percent. "We think that's pretty good," McDowell said. "Anytime the state funds are above the average, it's to our benefit."

### Sen. McCotter will meet with residents March 29

State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, has scheduled office hours 9-11 a.m. Monday, March 29, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, for residents of the 9th District, which includes Redford, Livonia, Northville, Ply-

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McCotter will be available to meet with constituents to answer public policy questions and assist in handling problems. McCotter is seeking public input and encourages all residents to attend.

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### Senate OKs health insurance package

BY TIM RICHARD

Health insurers would be required to cover treatment of diabetes under a package of four bills passed by the state Senate and sent to the House.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce, however, is "strongly opposed" to a government mandate of benefits.

"Health benefits should be negotiated between employers and employees, based upon the needs of the workforce and the economic condition of the employer," said Nancy McK-eague, the chamber's lobbyist.

The chamber asked the Senate instead to remove health care costs from the single business

tax base. SBT is a value-added tax on business and basically covers payroll and purchases.

The Senate passed the package by 36-0 votes with one Detroit Democrat absent.

"The argument that it's a mandate is without merit," said Senate majority leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron:

"I'm tired of hearing 'mandated benefits," said the sponsor, Sen. John J.H. Schwarz, R-Battle Creek. "Diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S. and third in some minority

"Diabetes affects 391,000 people in Michigan - 4 percent of the population. There are at least three diabetics in this room, and I'm only counting one side (Republican).

"These bills make certain, if one has medical coverage, that diabetes equipment is paid for. It covers training. Individuals can get, for \$80, a glucose moni-

"These bills are not rocket sci-

"There was not one bit of eye contact made by opponents of these bills to members of the (Senate Health Policy) committee. I believe they were ashamed. said Schwarz, the Senate's only physician member.

Sen. John Cherry, D-Clio, brought the issue to a personal level. "One of our former colleagues, Sen. Jerry Hart (D-Saginaw), was a diabetic and suffered many of the consequences that were previously talked

"I know that one of the reasons that Senator Hart stayed on in this body for some time was, in fact, the cost of treatment for this disease," said Cherry. "Ultimately he passed away from complications from this disease, so as we do this I know, at least for me, it's a vote for Jerry Hart."

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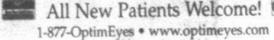


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The walks begin at 9 a.m. at Burn's Park School, 1414 Wells Street, Rochester Community Schools Administrative Center, 501 West University in Rochester and the Boys & Girls Club of South Oakland County, 1545 E. Lincoln in Royal Oak. Participants must check in beginning at 8 a.m.

The 2-, 5- or 7-mile walks require no special skills and walkers don't compete for times. The only goals are to cross the finish line, have a good time, and raise money for the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter.

Individual walkers of teams can register for "A Joint Parade" or get more information by calling toll free (800) 968-3030.

Walkers will receive prizes based on the amount of money they collect in pledges. The grand prize is four nights in Las Vegas, including airfare, hotel, and transfers for two.

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■ Spring Fever Hike - Get rid of those winter blues by getting out and looking at the world at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 10. Meet at the Koppernick Entrance to the Preserve. Koppernick Road is located off of Hix Road north of Warren, turn to the west, and follow Koppernick just barely past the second bend in the road. For information call (734) 522-8547. The event is free.

■ General meeting in the Jenkins Room at the Livonia Civic Center Library, located at Five Mile and Farmington, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 8. Please note the change in the usual day. All welcome. For more information call (734) 522-8547.

■ Earth Day Cleanup - Volunteers are asked to meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 24, to spruce up the preserve. Meet at the Hix Park Entrance to the Preserve, located just north of Warren on the west side of Hix. Hot dog lunch will be served afterwards. The event is free. For more information, call (734) 522-8547.

■ Rouge Rescue meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, in the Livonia Civic Center Library, located at Five Mile and Farmington roads. All are welcome. For information, call (734)

522-8547

Mother's Day Hike - Mom, let the kids cook today, and come enjoy this annual stroll through the woods at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 9. Held in conjunction with the Sierra Club, this tour will highlight the gorgeous spring flowers found here in Michigan. Non-moms are welcome. Meet at the Service Merchandise Parking lot at Cowan Road behind Westland Mall. The event is free. For information call (734) 522-8547

■ Pre-Rouge Rescue Tour - Come join association members at noon Sunday, May 23, as they explain the River Day expansion of the annual Rouge Rescue. Learn where the Holliday Nature Preserve Association will be cleaning up, and where it will be progressing beyond cleanup to improving the environment. Meet at the Service Merchandise Parking lot at Cowan Road behind Westland Mall. Event is free. For information call (734) 522-8547.

Rouge Rescue - Come join us for River Day beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 5. This includes the annual Rouge Rescue cleanup, hikes, and activities designed to improve the health of the complete Rouge River Watershed ecosystem. Meet at the Service Merchandise Parking lot at Cowan Road behind Westland Mall. For information call (734) 522-8547.



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different age groups. If the weather does not rescheduled for Saturday,

mallows will be dropped for children of all ages," said Wayne County Executhe delight of hundreds of tive Edward McNamara. "What a great way to start out the spring with a wonderful outdoor activity." The Great Marshmallow

Drop is co-sponsored by WNIC-FM and is the first of a record number of warm weather events planned by Wayne County Parks for

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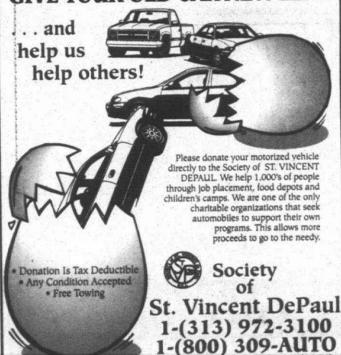
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The Observer & Eccentric/ THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1999



Prom fashions: The Plymouth Canton Educational Park held its 12th Annual Prom Fashion Show last Thursday in the Canton Cafeteria. Students presented the latest offerings in tuxedo and prom gown fashions. Modeling tux offerings this spring are Joe Wagner, from left, Dave Koontz, Terrence McDaniel, Brian Williams, Ken Szydlowski, Pat Holland, Antwan Webb, Eric Peterson and Matt Compton.

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#### STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

#### Airport money

Sixteen public-use airports vill get grants and loans totaling \$25 million, the Michigan

The lion's share, \$17.8 million will go to Wayne County's **Detroit Metropolitan Airport** for support of a major multi-year

Willow Run Airport, also a Wayne County operation, will get \$4 million for a fuel storage area, water main, stormwater system, runway resurfacing new firefighting equipment storage building, and entrance sign-

Other funds will go to:

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments -\$55,556 for planning to determine the region's aircraft capaci

ty needs. Funds are a combination of federal and state grant and loans. Revenue sources are taxes on aviation fuel, passengers and aircraft registration fees.

#### Corporate board

April 5 is startup date for the new board of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., which will take over the functions of the old Jobs Commission under

"A wonderful cross-section of iness leaders, local communities and educators," Engler said of his 15 appointments. Among

> David Brandon, Plymouth Township, retired from Valassis Communications, now with Domino's Pizza and an elected regent of the University of

James Garravaglia, Comerica. Detroit.

Paul Hillegonds, Ply-

■ Irvin Reid, president of Wayne State University

#### Dems praise

For once, House Democrats are praising Engler. The governor rescinded his executive order transferring the Transportation Economic Development Fund money to the Jobs

Engler transferred the funds back to the state Department of Transportation. "We have eliminated local governments' con-

Gov. John Engler's executive nomic Development Funds would be diminished," said Doug

Rothwell, CEO of the Jobs Com-The fund was created about 10 years ago to aid counties - par-

ticularly Oakland and Macomb that had great road needs because of job growth. Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne,

and two outstate Democrats had called on Engler to rescind the original order, saying it would harm local road efforts.

They welcomed Engler's ■ DeWitt Henry, Wayne change of mind. "Every last dime of this money belongs to Michigan's counties. It should . not have been targeted for the mouth Township, former House speaker, president of Detroit Strategic Fund," Kelly said.

#### Juvenile board

Engler appointed 21 people to the Committee on Juvenile Jus tice, which reviews state plans for federally required juvenile justice and delinquency preven-

Among area people are: Y. Gladys Barsamian, Plymouth, retired Wayne County probate judge, representing the general public, and serving as committee chair.

Compiled from executive and legislative news releases by Tim

Tom Yack said Canton officials

representatives at those meet-

"I told them, 'you guys know

what went wrong, and you fixed

### Next winter from page A5

officials will meet with commu- Priebe said. nity leaders twice a year - once

removal list, Priebe said.

tler" Wayne County. "We're County townships reaching out and listening,"

"There's money available to did not meet with county road before the snow season and once enhance the fleet and 40 addiafter - to discuss the snow tional people in the roads division, but we have to put these Hospitals and fire stations will people to work 12 months a be higher priorities on the snow year." Priebe believes those employees could work in the Priebe hoped the new efforts summer on the maintenance of would present a "kindlier, gen- drains on gravel roads in Wayne

Yack said he noticed an improvement in snow removal operations in subsequent snow-Canton Township Supervisor falls

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The tutorial sessions are designed for students from the dent will be assessed and a first through 12th grades who remedial plan will be designed. are experiencing difficulty in Instruction is designed to enable reading and related skills. Par- the student to be a more success-

10:15 or 10:30-12:15 July 6-16; Block IV: 8:30-10:30 or 10:15or group (two students) is avail-

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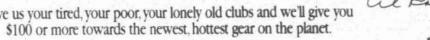
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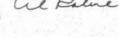
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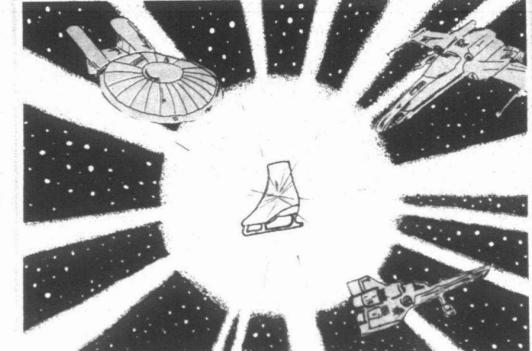
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of a county corrections officer,

said/Jaye, noting that even in

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those with capital escape the

punishment," said Sen. George

McManus, R-Traverse City. He

Douglas Edgar, representing

the Oakland County Deputy

Bouchard's and Jaye's view that

Sheriffs' Association, supported

law enforcement people are

killers' targets. "O'Hair and

Marlinga have only seen photos

of victims," said Edgar. He said

it's the police officer who must

victim's family.

break the news of a murder to a

Jeff Montgomery, executive

director of the Triangle Founda-

tion, said his group monitors vio-

lence against gays and lesbians.

Montgomery said execution is no

deterrent to violence against

gays because both Alabama and

Wyoming, which have seen

recent killings, have the death-

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drew sustained applause.

"Capital punishment means

"Adams has busted the wrist

pleaded for her life.

## home invasion

His 1990 Honda, which was

parked in front of a Michigan

Avenue restaurant at about 1

van, reports said. A witness to

the incident said the driver of

the van drove off after hitting

No estimate of damage was

A Canton minor male was

arrested Saturday for possession

steal more than \$50 worth of

of tobacco and attempting to

alcohol from Meijer on Ford

Police reports said the teen

filled his pants and coat with a

bottle of whiskey, vodka and an

Irish creme. He was spotted in

the act by store loss prevention

the Canton man's car.

Retail fraud

A 40-year-old Canton woman was the victim of a home invasion Sunday.

According to township police reports, about 20 VCR tapes were stolen from her home in the 1000 block of Stacey at about 6 p.m. The woman told police that a cordless phone had p.m., was struck by a white Ford been stolen from her home on March 13 as well.

While there are no formal suspects, the woman thinks another woman in her 20s took the items, reports said.

#### Car larceny

A Canton man reported more than \$800 of equipment stolen from his car late Saturday or early Sunday.

The incident occurred in the parking lot of his home on the 5000 block of Sandhurst, according to reports. A cell phone (\$400), five tapes (\$50) and a compact disc player (\$360) were all stolen.

#### Hit and run

A 33-year-old Canton man was

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 19, 1999, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

GREENBROOK VILLAGE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT-AMENDMENT #2 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT, DATED JANUARY 8, 1974, TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUMMIT CREEK APARTMENTS, PHASE 2 ON 5.1126 ACRES AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO. 106 99 0005 000. Property is ocated on the east side of Canton Center Road between Palmer and Geddes



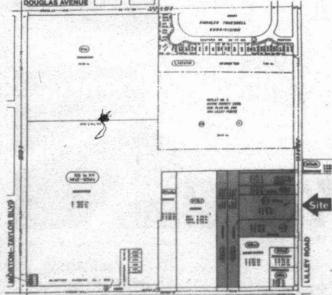
Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing. VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

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DISTRICT (PDD) - PRELIMINARY PLAN - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE - ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 055 99 0008 000, 055 99 0010 000, 055 99 0011 002, 055 99 0012 000, 055 99 0013 000,055 99 0014 000, AND 055 99 0015 000. Property is located north of Cherry Hill Road and west of Lilley Road First Public Hearing.



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman Publish: March 25 and April 8, 1998

### Woman reports Area sports bars seeing green

(market for)."

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE STAFF WRITER dwhite@oe.homecomm.ne

With the NCAA Basketball Tournament in full swing, and Michigan State in the Final Four, local sports bars will undoubtedly see an influx of business this weekend.

The Observer & Eccentric/ THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1999

For Steve McMahon, owner of McMahon's Side Street Pub in it's not a real big deal for us. It Plymouth, the Spartans' performance is an asset to business, despite his own allegiances. "We're probably about 60 per-

cent Michigan and 40 percent Michigan State," he said. "But

McMahon said that the tourimpact on business, but he does but not to McMahon.

expect a minor increase in customers on the weekend.

"I anticipate quite a few people this weekend and it helps because it's on Saturday," he said. "We'll probably have draft beer specials and shots and things like that.

"Early in the tournament, there are so many upsets that starts to get interesting when it gets down to the final 16." McMahon said that, although

the appearance of a team from Michigan in front of a national audience is rare, big sporting since (MSU) is representing the events happen almost every out," he said. "Saturday, people whole state, we'll be rooting for weekend, keeping his business going from week to week. The hoopla surrounding the Spartans nament itself doesn't have a big this weekend is special to most,

"You've always got the (Red) season, there will be about 10 Wings and NASCAR and football people coming here just to watch in the fall," he said. "We've the game but when it's the Stanalways got something going on ley Cup, there's about 250 people but basketball is a tough one to here watching the game. On the other hand if it's Pittsburgh and Chicago in the final, no one's Michael Mazza, owner of the Shark Club sports bar, at 42070 watching." Ford Road in Canton, said he

survive by banking on home sphere than a change in the level teams reaching the champiof business. onship of any sport. "There will be more sports fans here claiming to be Michi-"You don't need a sporting gan State fans and it'll be a Satevent to be busy," he added. urday night crowd watching more sports than just hanging

sees more of a change in atmo-

last year. During the regular

tough crowd for him at times.

all season was unmerciful."

nationally ranked team.

"I get it from everybody

around here," said Goulet. "Foot-

OSU rose from the Big Ten

basement this season to near the

"Being a sports bar and having 7- and 10-foot big screens, it obviously helps to have a local will be getting here an hour early and picking out their seats. team in it but if we relied on that, we'd never make it. No bar "It's like when the Red Wings were in the Stanley Cup Finals can rely on sporting events."

Mazza said that no bar could

#### Final Four from page A1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

April 5, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the

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leaving campus. son, Michigan State has won the one more a live and die with them," said Big Ten title, won more games University. Durack, who added that he was than any league school in histospoiled with a national champi- ry and reeled off 22 straight vicon football team in his days at

MSU. "I die more often than I He's proud of the job basketball coach Tom Izzo has done,

along with the players. "I'm happy that they've turned it around." Durack said. The Spartans were a .500 team until Izzo took the reins

three years ago. Now, this sea-

Fownship Zoning Ordinance.

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included in the materials submitted for review.

Sheldon Road between Ford and Warren Roads.

son, Michigan State has won the one more allegiance: Ohio State Goulet said. Durack thought the season

would end against Kentucky, however. The Spartans fell behind 17-4 early before outscoring Kentucky 69-49 the rest of the way.

"They came back and showed a lot of grit," Durack said. While the director roots for top. The Buckeyes also became a

MSU, township hall has at least

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

"They've gone a lot further than anyone thought they CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION would," said Goulet. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

He wouldn't mind seeing an OSU-MSU final. "That would be awesome." NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday,

The Wolverine and Spartan Community Planner Jeff Shop in Canton is sure hoping Goulet is a Buckeye through and both squads advance. The Ford through. With University of Road business sells U-M, MSU Michigan and MSU fans lining and OSU memorabilia. Sales for Spartans' items have the halls, township hall can be a

been hot for about a month, manager Christine Burke said. "All I've sold today is MSU stuff," she said Monday.

Flags and T-shirts have been the most popular items. The store sells everything from quilts to clocks with a Spartans' theme. Like Goulet, Burke would like

to see an MSU-OSU final - and not from a business point of view, either.

"I think it would be really exciting," she said.

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

BOARD PROCEEDINGS ig of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 16, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Cente Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7,00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Shefferly, Yack Burdziak, McLaughlin Minghine, Santomauro, Abbott, Cacciola, Egelton, Staff Presents:

Director Minghine gave a history of Canton's Management Information Services (MIS). Recent network problems had caused the department to look at how business was run and how services were being provided. Support and Service Levels
Director Minghine reviewed the Service Level Agreement, Response

interconnected servers.

MIS will begin conducting an annual evaluation of printer usage versus

Director Minghine said that historically MIS had been a development shop. He noted that "canned" application software was purchased only for those situations where time and resources were not available to custom develop

been sent for training in Visual Basic and object oriented design. Test projects have been successful confirming Visual Basic as the best language Canton's database

would require three programmers devoted to programming, one dedicated ndividual devoted to network support, a Help Desk/Trainer, and a full time PC Technician. Programmers could dedicate 70 to 80 percent of their time to actual programming. Response time would improve. More critically, the etwork would become more reliable. Discussions and Questions:

s the Golf Course Fund should cover the cost of their MIS service. Fire and colice funds would also need to cover their application development and

would soon require all clerical staff to be trained in certain core applications such as WordPerfect, thereby reducing the number of help desk calls. Director Minghine explained a list of hardware, needed for emergency fixes and improvement to the network infrastructure had already been

discussion occurred regarding securing the room where the network server is stored. Supervisor Yack said that he would like to see the room secure om rain and limit the access into the room.

logical request in keeping pace with the changes in the information industry and with the service level users expect from the division.

requirement in earning a community citizenship and community merit Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. All

The above is a synopsis of discussions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on March 16, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on March 23.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

Officials, residents speak out on death penalty

STAFF WRITER

Suppose your child was murdered. How would you feel about the death penalty for the killer? "I admire people who can for-

give, but I'm not one of them," said Barry King, whose 11-year-·tion in the world to ban the old son Tim was one of the Oakland County child killer's victims 22 years ago. "I kept my mouth that for 20

years. I don't know who he (the killer) is, but he'd better not walk in my lights," King told the Senate Judiciary Committee as it studied reinstituting the death penalty in Michigan after 152 "Not in my name. Not with my

that it takes to execute a murtax dollars. And not in my little derer after conviction are girl's name," replied Marietta Jaeger, former Farmington resident whose 7-year-old daughter and tears, even years after the Susie was kidnapped and killed crime, that a young life was during a family camping trip to Montana 25 years ago. Jaeger, now of Detroit, didn't

land Sheriff Mike Bouchard, it was "a very, very sick young who introduced the measure man who took many children's when he was a state senator last year. Federal law defines 41 They were among the most crimes for which a convict can be affected witnesses during a two- executed - including the murder

change her view when she found

ment official when aiding a fed-"We'll make no decision before eral official. all "promised the panel chair, William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison. Both the Senate and

House must muster two-thirds eral official," said Bouchard, cit-

■ SB 414, covering third party

The Senate Fiscal Agency

placed the costs at \$1,100 per

year for Type I diabetics (requir-

ing insulin to survive) and

\$4,000 to \$5,000 per person for

"new, non-invasive or semi-inva-

sive blood glucose monitors" due

SFA said there are 37,500 Type I diabetics and 337,500

SFA said the cost of treatment

would be offset by delaying or eliminating costly consequences of poor treatment, but the sav-

ings might not show up for a

Refer to SB 260-262 and 414

when writing to your state repre-

dence" for that figure, and the

original bill set a \$1 million cap. VanRegenmorter scoffed at it

as "the Geoffrey Fieger amend-

boyant trial attorney who "seeks

profitable deep pockets." He said

\$280,000 is "the same cap as in

the medical malpractice law. It's

the same cap as in the product

liability law. There's no cap on

real damages - only on pain and

which a chase occurred to be

sued for the maximum \$280,000.

"You may have a caravan going

VanRegenmorter called a car-

He had easier going with SB

320, though Peters objected that

a representative of crime victims

should have a place on the com-

mission establishing a model

"A victim has a perspective

"That's highly insulting to

police," VanRegenmorter

replied. "This bill establishes a

also went down on a party-line

vote, but the measure got unani-

Refer to SB 319-320 when

writing to your state representa-

tive, State Capitol, Lansing

Read

mous Senate final approval.

Peters' amendment to SB 320

mission of experts.

that is essential," said the

through multiple communities,'

avan of lawsuits "illogical."

Allow each municipality in

Health

from page A12

administrators.

soon on the market.

Type II diabetics.

number of years.

from page A4

suffering."

said Peters.

pursuit policy.

48909-7514.

Democratic debater.

"But if one of my deputies is killed in the line of duty, their life is not as important as a fed-

hour public hearing Tuesday in of a state or local law enforce-

the ballot for voters in Novem-

"No law shall be enacted pro-

viding for the penalty of death,"

says Art. IV Sec. 46 of the state

constitution. Michigan was the

first English-speaking jurisdic-

Various proposals would add

the phrase " ... except for first-

degree murder," and under con-

ditions written into statute,

including appeals, said Sen. Bill

Bullard Jr., R-Milford, sponsor

Other relatives of murder vic-

tims also split on the answer.

Some said the seven to 12 years

family. And some expressed rage

"We already have the death

penalty in Michigan," said Oak-

of one pro-death resolution

her 2000.

death penalty.

Con: Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair argues unbearable for the surviving life in prison without parole is sufficient

Michiganians favor the death penalty. "An offender who faces the death penalty has nothing to lose by killing the arresting officer," he concluded.

Two prosecutors strongly dis-

"Anybody who has visited Jackson or Marquette (sites of high-security prisons) knows it's a living hell," said Wayne Prosecutor John O'Hair, arguing life in prison without parole is suffi-



Pro: Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard supports the death penal-

ing polls showing 71 percent of criminal justice system is "imperfect. It's negatively impacted by human failings. Witnesses' observations are imperfect. Sixty-nine people awaiting execution have been exonerated since 1971," said O'Hair, reminding senators of the wrongful execution in 1837 of Patrick Fitzgerald for rape.

Macomb Prosecutor Carl Marlinga called the death penalty "appropriate for Nazi war criminals after World War II," but he agreed with O'Hair that "the criminal justice system is falli-



Con: Macomb Prosecutor Carl Marlinga says the criminal justice system is

ble. We sometimes put a halo around juries."

Marlinga added, "In Michigan since 1910, we've seen 14 firstdegree murder convictions overturned, not because of legal technicalities but because they were found factually innocent."

The audience appeared to be 3-1 opposed to the death penalty. cheering those who opposed it and loudly booing Sen. David Jave. R-Macomb County. But Jaye responded with the

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case of Dr. Deborah Iverson. whom McConnell Adams stran

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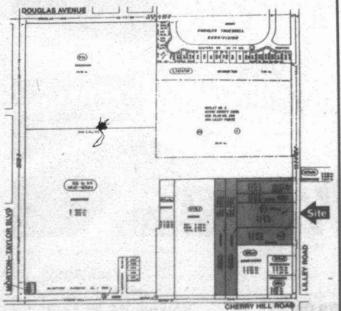
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#### CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be

received at the above address prior to Thursday, April 1, 1999 in order to be

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hear on Monday, April 5, 1999, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance: ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT (99-1)

(a) Consider request from Ryan Fiorenzi, 47912 Stonecrest Ct., Plymouth

Article 15, C-1, Village Shopping District, Section 15.02A, Permitted Uses and Structures - Principal Uses and Structures, by amending subparagraph 9 to read as follows: Personal Fitness Centers, Martial Arts Studios, Dance Schools, Music and Voice Schools, and Art Studios. and renumbering existing subparagraphs 9 and 10 to 10 and 11, Article 16, C-2, Community Commercial District, Section 16.02A,

Permitted Uses and Structures - Principal Uses and Structures, by

amending subparagraph 10 to read as follows: Personal Fitness Centers, Martial Arts Studios, Dance Schools, Music and Voice Schools, and Art Studios o) Consider Township-Initiated amendments to:

Article 1, Rules of Construction and Definitions Section 1.03, Definitions, to amend the definition of "Kennel". Article 6, Site Development Standards Applicable to Specific Uses: Section 6.02, Site Development Standards for Non-Residential Uses, by amending subparagraph K, regulations for private and commercial

amending subsection D.4, Cluster Development Criteria, Lot Coverage and Building Separation-Lot Area and Setbacks, regulations for lot width and setbacks. Section 6.04, Site Development Standards for Mixed Uses, by

amending subsection A.2, Landscaping and Screening, regulations for landscaping adjacent to a freeway in mid-rise and high-rise The proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment (99-1) is available for public inspection in the Canton Township Planning Services Division, 1150

South Canton Center Road, during regular business hours. Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, March 25, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

sentative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909-7514. Pursuit

Kocinski, Thompson ITEM 1 MIS RESOURCING

Commitments and Non Maintenance Support components created by MIS to better service the Township. Regarding Network Support, Mr. Minghine said that the network had grown from a single server to eight

printer capacity to justify existing and future printers. Removing printers

the application. Director Minghine said that given proper resourcing, MIS ould be competitive with "canned" applications. MIS has determined that switching from FoxPro to Microsoft's Visual Basic would be the best language to suit our programming needs. Consultants have been warning of the limitations of FoxPro. Two programmers have

Staffing
Director Minghine said that to be successful in developing applications, MIS

Discussion occurred regarding the possibilities of a charge back system, especially to non General Funds. It was noted that enterprising funds such response to a question by Supervisor Yack, Director Minghine said MIS

purchased from the 1999 MIS Budget. Director Minghine said that MIS rould request the Board of Trustees to restore the 1999 MIS Budget for

Director Minghine said that he would like to implement the staffing as soon as possible. The justification being the immediacy of stabilizing the The Board of Trustees acknowledged that proper resourcing for MIS was a

Supervisor Yack recognized Boy Scout Troop #1539, sponsored by Fiegel Elementary School, for attending the night's meeting as part of a

Observer TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk Sports

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THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1999

### **End game**

### Move to drop suit is welcome

he saga of Jerry Vorva's battle with the Plymouth-Canton school district has come to an end with his decision not to bring his-lawsuit to the U.S. Supreme Court. (There is no guarantee the high court would have agreed to hear the case.)

At last, Vorva has made the right decision. Various courts have denied Vorva's request seven times. Most people would have given up a long time ago, but the Plymouth resident has hung on with the tenacity of a pitbull. We can't criticize a person for attempting to champion an issue he firmly believes in, despite how his convictions may have disagreed with

Vorva still believes the voting rights of 716 people were violated when a computer glitch failed to count their ballots. The \$79.6 million bond proposal won by a mere 96 votes. Voter error, not the district's negligence, has been the cause, according to multiple court rulings.

Vorva's decision to drop the case is based on personal reasons. He claims the two-year lawsuit has been a personal sacrifice for his family, despite their ongoing support. In addition, it would cost \$15,000 to \$30,000 to continue the legal battle, which has already cost Vorva and attorney Stephen Boak about \$50,000. Boak has been working pro bono.

In our opinion, it has cost the school district and the community much more.

Monetarily, it has racked up a similar \$50,000 in attorney bills for the school district and another \$6.2 million in lost buying power because of inflation and increased construction costs to build a third high school. It has also driven a wedge of distrust between the school district and some members of the com-

We have editorialized in the past with our firm belief that the blame does not lay on the school district for spoiled ballots, but rather voter apathy. Of course, the district can do a better job on educating voters and we think they have made great strides. We saw that in October when 60 percent of voters approved an \$18.8 million bond for a new middle school and buses. The district won every precinct, including absentee ballots. That says a lot.

It is our hope that when the district breaks ground on the third high school, the community will have mended its fences with the school district and put the March 1997 bond and the

two-year legal drama farthest from its mind. As for Vorva, he's not going to be the farthest from anyone's mind as the former state representative takes another run for political office as a Plymouth city commissioner.

### Wanted: New ideas for board

n June, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools hold an election to fill two seats on the Board of Education. Terms expire for Carrie Blamer and Mike Maloney. Both board members this week announced their intentions to seek re-election.

We'd first like to say thank you to Blamer and Maloney for their commitment to the community. Each has given endless hours of time. We can attest that their dedication did not stop by simply attending bimonthly board meetings. They attended community activities, committee meetings and spent even more hours on research and study to ensure their votes were not made arbitrarily.

At times, their jobs were thankless. Complaints seem always to outnumber the compli-

■ The deadline to file a petition to run for the Board of Education is

It's easy to grumble about the way things create change. The opportunity is here.

The deadline to file a petition to run for the ed to put your name on the ballot.

So much is happening in the Plymouth-Canton community, new minds and new ideas

**April 12. Applications are available** at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey.

ought to be. The challenge is taking action to

Board of Education is April 12. Applications are available at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey. A minimum of 20 signatures from registered voters are need-

We also want to encourage other residents are needed to bring us into the 21st century. to become involved in the government process. Pick up a petition.

### Reduce slack on seat belt use

Sen. Bill Bullard Jr. made the case for toughening Michigan's safety belt law.

They talked about Big Brother government. They talked about the slippery slope to outlawing smoking, closing doughnut shops and requiring calisthenics. They said police should concentrate instead on catching killers and rapists rather than issuing tickets to those rugged souls who refuse to wear safety belts. They beat on the insurance companies.

For a dozen years, Michigan has required drivers and passengers to wear safety belts when a vehicle is in motion. But it's punishable only as a secondary offense. A cop must have stopped you for another reason - such as speeding or having a busted taillight - before he can ticket you for failure to wear a safety

But Bullard, R-Milford, wasn't talking about the number of extra tickets that could be issued with primary enforcement. He was talking about getting people to obey the law compliance, not punishment

Michigan, he said, is "stuck" at 70 percent compliance. Try as they might, state officials and insurers can't get 30 percent of people to wear them voluntarily under "secondary" enforcement. California, he said, raised compliance 10 to 15 percent when it went to primary enforcement. More people began obeying the law.

Many laws are like that - designed for compliance rather than punishment. The Open Meetings Act, for example, is very weak on punishments for violators. It's designed to be complied with, to be easily understandable by sometimes amateur public officials. It assumes officials of goodwill are inclined to do

the right thing. Take the littering law, as another example. If you're evasive, a cop never will catch you lit- But we have 64 new House members this tering. But if you've been taught that trash pollutes, makes the environment look crummy citizen obey the law and don't litter.

The opponents failed to listen well as state | When more adults use safety belts, they set an example for kids. "When adults buckle up, 80 percent of children will. But when adults don't buckle up, only 50 percent of children will," Bullard said. It's too bad so many of his colleagues failed to get the message and miscast the issue in Big Brother terms.

There are other reasons for requiring drivers and passengers to buckle up. When unbelted occupants suffer closed-head injuries, they raise everyone's insurance rates. They cost a ton of money to treat and rehabilitate, sometimes for the rest of their lives.

It's a lesser consideration, but unbelted people injured in vehicle accidents take up six to eight hours of police investigation compared to a couple of hours for noninjury accidents.

Our highways became more dangerous when Michigan lifted its speed limit to 70 mph. It means that it's common to see drivers going 95 on I-96 without getting caught. There is the recently recognized phenomenon of "road rage." Crashes become more serious to

the unbelted. So far, there are no statistics, but we suspect that the increasing use of "cruise control" means more drivers blunder into pile-up accidents or fail to slow down when danger

All of those are reasons to wear safety belts and to make nonuse a primary offense.

We give a pat on the back to those senators who voted for SB 335: Bullard, Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, John Cherry, D-Clio, Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and George Z.

Hart, D-Dearborn. In the Observer & Eccentric area, only Loren Bennett, R-Canton, was opposed.

The bill goes to the House, which has passed a version of the measure in past years. year. Write to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909-7514, and ask him or and can injure animals and fish, you as a good | her to support SB 335, primary enforcement of the safety belt law.

#### **Career Day at Central**



Model students: Diane Fouchia of the Barbizon Modeling School demonstrates modeling stance techniques to students at Central Middle School during the school's annual Career Day last week.

#### **LETTERS**

#### Costly strategy backfires

Citizens of Plymouth and Canton, they did it again! Yes, your Board of Education, with our administrator, Superintendent Chuck Little, cost us and the students \$7.2

Yes, two years ago all we would have had to do in the election for the new schools was count the votes, including the spoiled ones. They (Dr. Little, Mr. Goldman and some of the members of the Board of Education) said that they would win the election whether or not they recounted the votes. They could have called for a new election at very little cost, not \$7.2 million. That election would have passed, just like the middle school election did, because this community cares about educa-

Once again, if the voters of the Plymouth-Canton district were treated with some dignity and respect, we would have a new high school and elementary building. However, school leaders wanted to fight, not talk. Yes, your administrators would not even talk to Jerry Vorva. Yes, citizens tried to get the sides together but it did not work. Again the students were hurt because the adults wouldn't use conflict resolution. We teach this in the schools, and it works.

They now know the fact that the legal fight was not to blame for the loss of district money. It was the lack of selling the necessary bonds. It was the same outstanding legal advice we pay for from our district lawyers and administrators. They told our Board of Education that they could not sell the bonds because of the "validity of legal arguments."

Members of the Board of Education, you were duped again. The community's interest and well being is in your hands. I find it hard to believe that, if you had known, the bond issue could have been settled by either counting all the votes or calling for a new election,

that you wouldn't have done it. Taxpayers, it is time now to ask the question again, does the Board of Education really work for the best interest of the students and community, or do they just take what Dr. Little gives them as fact? You get another chance to vote for new members of the Board in June. Hopefully, there will be some who will look with open eyes and an independent spirit at what is best for our students.

Kenneth H. Smith Canton

#### Opening a success

The Gala Grand Opening Concert for the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory was by all accounts a most successful evening.

Every seat was filled, people were standing in the back of the room, a standing ovation and music that left people in awe. What a great

Our newly constructed stage was dedicated to the Arnoldt Williams Family and they were on hand to receive the recognition they deserved. That part of the program was very

Art work was exhibited by D & M Art Studio and was well received by parents and child The Gala Grand Opening was everything

we had hoped for with representatives from area arts councils and several elected officials from surrounding communities. There were children and seniors. It was an evening to With performances of the Wizard of Oz

(March 25, 26, 27) and a Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre (April 16) there are ample opportunities for the community to come and benefit from having an Arts Conservatory in Can-

Thank you to the community of Canton for welcoming us with such enthusiasm.

> **Jeffrey Myers** conservatory director

#### Tobacco prevention dollars

Communities must sound off now on our tobacco settlement dollars. Yes, it is true. Gov. John Engler plans to use our tobacco settlement dollars for other than tobacco control that could protect our children from the addictive drug of nicotine.

Advocates, over the past eight years, have agned for the protection of our ch from the tobacco industry through policy and law changes only to find out that when the payoff is at hand, no tobacco prevention and cessation are included in the distribution of tobacco settlement dollars. We need at least \$75 million per year allo-

cated for tobacco control. As taxpayers, we pay dearly for tobaccorelated illness/disabilities for smokers who perhaps did not have access to cessation

opportunities in order to quit the habit. Our youth are still being subjected to secondhand smoke in restaurants and other places they seek employment.

There is so much work to be done in Wayne County in tobacco prevention. The community needs to be heard as we attempt to protect our children from starting to become addicted and encourage others to quit. We should all be outraged enough to say so.

Velestia ReVels Wayne County Health Department

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#### **POINTS OF VIEW**

### Busy month of March provides some food for thought

ho says March is meant only for college basketball? who spoke, was overwhelmingly opposed.

Monday evening, March 1, saw us at Plymouth Canton High School in Canton for a Town Hall meeting with U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, who represents Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton, Garden City, Westland, part of Livonia and other areas. The discussion didn't focus on impeachment and other troubles of President Bill People were concerned about pock-

etbook issues, questions of foreign policy such as military intervention in Kosovo, and other concerns. The forum was enlightening, and my husband and I plan to attend future sessions. I have mixed feelings on military intervention in Kosovo, although

Those my age and older remember the nightmare of Vietnam and question the reasons to get involved in other countries' conflicts. At the same time, humanitarian concerns exist.

War came to mind later in the month, with a discussion of Keith Richburg's "Out of America" for Contemporary Books at the Plymouth District Library Wednesday, March 17. Richburg is a Washington Post staffer, Detroit native and University of Michigan graduate I knew in col-

He writes about his three years reporting in Africa and concludes that American blacks shouldn't look to Africa for their roots. Its wars, coups the audience that night, at least those | and famines make it no place to look

Rogers moves the Senate go to

ment to the Judicature Act. What's it

■ Senate secretary Carol Morey

Viventi announces that "amendment

No. 1 is on the chamber automation

item 4. Senate Bill 319, an amend-

about? MGTV doesn't tell.

■ Those my age and older remember the nightmare of Vietnam and question the reasons to get involved in other countries' conflicts. At the same time, humanitarian concerns exist.



The book generated considerable discussion at our meeting, including comments from Jackie Troutman of Plymouth, who has traveled in Africa and elsewhere. We compared the economies of Africa and Asia, as Richburg does in his book.

He's now based in Hong Kong and would have more interesting things to say on that subject. We also discussed foreign aid to corrupt regimes, a concern of the group members.

Of course, the month hasn't been all heavy-duty thinking. We took time go to the Ark in Ann Arbor to see the band Sonia Dada from Chicago. The March 4 concert was followed that Saturday (March 6) by ushering at the Plymouth branch, American

duction of "Alice in Wonderland." The shows, involving the talents of many, were held at Garden City High

My role was small, but I was proud to help those who do so much more to bring live theater to children. I got to thinking that perhaps our world's problems would lessen if more children worldwide could have such opportunities. It may be naive to think wars will end that way, but I prefer to think of it as hopeful. After all, Alice saw a whole new world and learned from it.

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### 'Journalism' of MGTV and tribes leaves a lot to be desired

ike you, I often get sore at one news medium or another sometimes a Detroit paper, other times the Washington Post, frequently the crime-ridden broadcast

But consider the alternative: socialized journalism. That's the worst of all. I cite two prime examples - state government and the Indian tribes. MGTV stands for Michigan Government Television. It runs four or

five hours a day of events in Lansing on cable. And it does so very badly. Oh, there's a great-sounding boast: " ... without commentary, analysis or editing for content ... a direct conduit to the audience without distorting

their points of view." For a reality check, consider the March 18 broadcast of the state Senate: Majority Floor Leader Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, opens by moving

to "pass items 1-3 for the day." They

won't be taken up. What were items

1-3? Unless you have an agenda, you

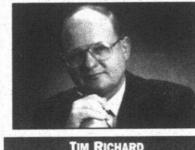
can't find out - MGTV doesn't show

system." But MGTV doesn't show you what's on the chamber automation system. Senators and the press corps can see it, but you can't. After some debate, you gather

amendment has to do with removing a cap on the noneconomic ("pain and suffering") damages a jury may award an innocent person hurt during a police pursuit. The Senate's roll call takes 60 seconds. MGTV's camera shows the wallpaper on the top half of the screen, but it cuts off the actual roll call. You have no idea how your

the bill is about police pursuits. The

(A TV colleague informs me that commercial TV cameramen are told by the Senate sergeants at-arms not



to photograph the roll call. So unless a real reporter takes notes or checks the official journal next day, you don't see the roll call.)

Four amendments are voted down by various margins, but MGTV never tells you how any one senator

■ The sponsor offers an amendment, but no one demands a "record roll call." Secretary Viventi announces there are 21 aye votes, but not the nay votes or the absentees. MGTV doesn't show the roll call.

MGTV cheats TV viewers. Only the press reports the content of the bill, the breakdown by party and the local

senators' votes. Next, the Senate takes up the diabetes bills. But MGTV cuts off the Senate debate at noon, moving to the House for an hour of quorum call and introduction of school children in the

Last week, Women in Communicaions, the Society of Professional Journalists and the Michigan Freedom of Information Committee (I'm a member of the latter two) heard Chicagobased journalist Karen Lincoln Michel talk about "Repression on the Reser-

Michel, a Ho-Chunk Indian, has worked for commercial newspapers and tribal reservation papers. Her key point: America's Bill of Rights doesn't apply on reservations because they are sovereign nations.
"The media are owned, operated

and financed by the tribe," Michel said. In some cases, the editor has a second function: public relations spokesman for the tribe.

Reservation newspapers are a branch of government, as in Cuba and Third World socialist countries. There are no Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act.

"You don't report on crimes or anything that reflects negatively on tribal government," she said. Michel related a series of stories where tribal chiefs shut down reservation papers, laid off staff, even censored stories.

Tribal leaders, she said, rarely have attended college and distrust college graduates as reporters. Newspapers - particularly the competition - have bad days. But on our worst days, we're not as bad as the socialized journalism of MGTV and the tribes.

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### Let airline competition take off

senator voted.

iven what air passengers have suffered in recent years, it's not at all authority that the "P Competition Enhancement Act" got a favorable hearing last week in Washington.

Sponsored, among others, by Michigan's Rep. John Dingell, D-Trenton, the bill has two parts. One would, in effect, re-regulate the airline industry. It would require airlines to pay passengers' damages if they get stranded for more than two hours on a plane, increase airline liability for lost or misdirected baggage and discoarage passenger bumping when flights are

oversold. skeptical of attempts by government to resolve complex and subtle issues by passing yet more laws or imposing more and more complex regulations. Passing an "airline passengers' bill of rights" probably won't do much harm, but I seriously doubt that long-suffering air passengers will get instant relief through the actions of the | means. House Committee on Transportation and Infra-

The airlines - Northwest among them - told the committee that re-regulation wouldn't work | And it would authorize reports ranking costs for and would likely drive up costs. They argued that the industry, left to itself, would cure what- relate those costs to the degree of market con-

ever problems might exist. They're right. But my skepticism of government regulations is, if anything, overmatched by my distrust of an industry with magnificently developed instincts for profiting through monopoly rather than good service and competitive pricing.

Here's Dingell on the subject: "Since 1978, we have had unregulated monopoly rather than regulated monopoly or competition. It has resulted in increased consolidation, diminished choice, and higher prices in many markets. In Detroit, statistics indicate that new entrant Pro Air saved consumers \$180 million by introducing price competition.

"In fact, for Northwest Airlines - the dominant carrier in the Detroit market - the fare between Detroit and the Washington area appears to be directly influenced by whether a competitor is in the market. Pro Air operates from Detroit to Baltimore-Washington International airport for about \$100 and so does Northwest. However, Northwest also flies directly into National Airport where it faces no competition from Pro Air - for about \$400."

That's why the second part of the bill - to change the ground rules in air travel to promote market competition - has far more potential. The legislation would give the secretary of

transportation the power to create, withdraw or auction landing slots at airports so as to increase competition between airlines. (North-



percent of the flights and 80 percent of the air passenger traffic at Detroit Metro Airport by owning the majority of landing gates. Other air lines control monopolistic "fortress hubs" --Atlanta (American), Cincinnati (Delta), Salt Lake City (United) are examples - by similar

The legislation would also require the secretary to establish and publicize a statement enumerating the consumer rights of air passengers. various domestic routes among airlines and centration possessed by airlines at their hubs.

All this makes sense. Up to now, airline passengers - at least those without a law degree and a good pair of glasses to assist reading the fine print on tickets - have no idea of their rights when being abused by airlines. And objective studies detailing how ticket prices go up when airlines monopolize hub airports will be a valuable first step.

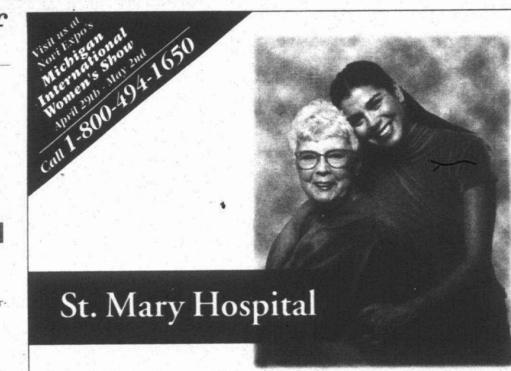
First step to what? To an amendment to antitrust laws such that any airline holding a stranglehold on a given hub - say, 60 percent or more of flight departures or more than 70 percent of passenger traffic - would automatically be in violation of anti-monopoly statutes.

The remedy? Giving the secretary of transportation the power to compel monopolistic airnes to sell gates to competing carriers so as to allow competitive forces room to work in fortress hubs.

The result? Improved service and reduced ticket prices.

Carry on, Dingell!

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### In the red County faces \$7.75 million deficit

By Ken Abramczyk Staff Writer

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Wayne County commissioners may cut county department spending next Thursday to address a \$7.75 million projected deficit in the county's \$480 miltion operational budget.

Commissioners were notified of the deficit on March 18 in a quarterly financial report. The commission's Committee of Ways and Means is expected to discuss the matter Wednesday and the full commission next

Tom Naughton, chief financial officer of the Wayne County Department of Management and Budget, said the county expects to address the deficit through attrition and delay capital acquisitions, such as computers, but will not layoff employees at this

time Naughton said the \$7.7 million is about 1.6 percent of the operational budget, but acknowledged that the amount "is a pretty big number." The \$7.7 million is the net sum of a \$4 million revenue shortage, a \$1.3 million expenditure deficit and \$2.3 million in budget transfers

"It's a fine line," Naughton said. "We've raised the yellow flag and told them (the commission) to use caution.

"It's still a big enough problem that we have to pay attention, but it's not like we have to throw in the towel and take drastic action.'

Naughton attributes some of the projected deficit to an arbitration ruling involving the Wayne County sheriffs deputies. "That didn't happen until after the budget was completed," Naughton said. "They received some retroactive pay, which will be a one-time expense.

As a result the public safety expenditures, which includes jail operations, was \$2 million over budget.

Revenue fell short because state reimbursements for court operations were \$2 million less due to the court reorganization, which was offset by \$2 million savings in court operations. "Reimbursements were down. because we're not spending the money," Naughton said. "That's a wash

Another \$2 million were overhead costs not reimbursed as revenue, the result of another

change in cost allocations since the budget was completed. An operational transfer of \$2.3 million supported child care costs at the juvenile detention center, but Naughton believes the grants and other funds may be able to cut as much of that cost

Legislative expenditures, which includes the county commission, showed a \$395,000 overage, which was adjusted by commissioners from the county's contingency funds. That recent adjustment was not included in this report, Naughton said.

Naughton also expected additional revenue from property taxes involving the Michigan Tax Tribunals and delinquent payments from residents.

Wayne County has dealt with deficits in first quarter reports in previous years. In 1996 and 1997, each of those quarters showed projected deficits of \$3.7 million and \$3.5 million for that year's end. Naughton expects to receive an audit shortly to show a \$46 million fund balance with the county's revenue exceeding expenses for the 11th consecutive year.

"I don't want to minimize the concern, but we're dealing with (the deficit). We need to pay attention," Naughton said.

The commission's Committee on Ways and Means will discuss proposed cuts next Wednesday once a report is completed by the commission's fiscal director.

That committee will recommend action, which will then be acted on Thursday by the full commission.

Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, serves on Ways and Means, but that committee did not discuss the deficit this week.

"We have to balance the budget," Bankes said. "It will take a re-alignment of dollars." Bankes also wanted more time to study the issue, but noted that the full commission will only have one meeting - next Thursday's - to discuss the issue.

The commission will examine possible reductions in appropriations for the county's Election Commission, an international immunization program and a civic literacy program.

The Register of Deeds actually may receive additional funds for additional staff to address a backlog of work in recording deeds from property sales.

### Schoolcraft to host bee school April 17

The buzz is that novice and experienced beekeepers will find interesting seminars and valuable information at the 61st Annual Bee School sponsored by the Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers Association. The school, presented 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.

Breakout sessions include a series of beginner workshops aimed at helping the new beekeeper get started. New beekeepers will be able to enroll in a year-long, hands-on beekeeping course to be held in the new demonstration

Additional sessions will examine honey bee diseases, small hive control, wax working, swarm prevention and races of bees. Other attractions include a display of beekeeping equipment and crafts, a wax-weight guessing contest, a silent auction and a package bee hive raffle.

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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# Community Life

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Partners: As a personal coach, Marvin Yanke develops a partnership with his clients, help-

ing them to

get more out of life and to live their

their dreams

dreams instead of dreaming

#### **COMMON SENSORS**



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

### There's a lot to be said for good deed

his story took place in an ordinary neighborhood ... maybe a neighborhood similar to yours where people didn't necessarily know each other, nor did they take the time to get to know each other. The next door neighbor was the extent of name

One day, a gentleman in the neighborhood got this idea that maybe it would be fun to host a potluck barbecue for the neighbors.

"Think anyone will come?" his wife

"Well, we'll find out," he said. If-you-host-it-they-will-come clearly took place. The couple was overwhelmed by the response of their neighbors. From infants to seniors, they all came and got to know each other as they ate together.

Following the picnic, subtle changes began to take place. They began to wave to each other as they passed on the street. Men could be seen leaning on their rakes at the end of their driveway, kibitzing with each other. The air of the neighborhood was decidedly

more neighborly. As the holiday season arrived, a particular story started to make its way around the neighborhood. A couple in the neighborhood, with little children, was struggling because the husband had a degenerative eye disease that was getting progressively

As December grew near, the hus-

# '... but when I finally went there, and sat with them, and gave them hope, and laughed with them, I knew it was the most important thing in the world that I could have ever done ....

band started to go blind and the doctor decided it was time to do a delicate surgery. The family was in turmoil. The wife could barely cope with taking care of the children, as well as trying to get to the hospital and stay ahead of the bills.

It wasn't long before the neighbors picked up on the family's crisis. One after another figured

out something they could do to help the family. From food, to cleaning to their house, to driving to the hospital, the neighborhood came together and rallied around the entire family. At one point, they even sent around a collection to help pay a mortgage pay-

Each time someone would arrive at the door with some act of kindness. the wife would tear up and say, "I just don't know how I could ever repay you for the nice things you have done for our family.

But the neighbors knew better. Their payment was the enjoyment of doing "good."

A young woman on television the other morning described to the talk show host all of the ins and outs of her bout with cancer, which she had been suffering from for several years.

When asked what has been the most significant thing that has happened because of her disease, she said, "It was when my dad suggested that I go talk to the children in our local hospital who were also suffering from cancer.

"I originally told him that it was the last thing in the world I wanted to do, but when I finally went there, and sat with them, and gave them hope, and laughed with them, I knew it was the most important thing in the world that I could have ever done, and I am so grateful to my father for pushing me to do it," she said.

Sometimes "jumping" from our complacent mode out into the discomfort zone seems like the most unpleasant thing we could think of ... but the rewards far outweigh the fears.

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#### Is your life on overload?



### Get a coach Don't worry

By Christina Fuoco Staff Writer

arvin Yanke just can't help himself when it comes to helping other people.
When a visitor to his office tells of

an upcoming vacation and the load of work that must be done prior to that,

"Don't worry. There's only a few assignments left," he says without flinching as he flips through a file.

Yanke, who works out of his Plymouth home, has made a career out of helping people. He spent 18 years working as a psychotherapist and the last two years as a personal coach.

"Coaching is a partnership where I work with my client to help them get more out of life; essentially to live their dreams instead of dreaming their dreams; to reach personal goals and professional goals," explained Yanke, the owner of Yanke Enrichment Services, or YES!

"I liken it to a personal trainer for your physical fitness. Not everybody needs or wants a personal trainer for their physical fitness. Some people can become fit and exercise regularly without a trainer. Other people want responsibility for changes in their them," said Don Edberg, a staff

having a personal trainer to keep them focused, to keep them accountable, to help them with a specific action plan. As a personal coach, I do the same thing - not for your fitness. I do it for your life."

Taking own advice

Yanke's first client was himself. A Southfield native, he graduated from Southfield High School in 1975. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1979 from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in clinical psychology from Eastern Kentucky University in 1981.

He has been licensed by the State of Michigan as a master's level psychologist since 1981. He still works in the health care field but in "corporate America." Yanke Enrichment Services is his side project.

Two years ago, Yanke found himself in the same situation as many of his clients. His personal life was and is "perfect," but professionally something was lacking.

"When I practiced, I was attracted to and felt I was more enthused about working with clients who took

a trainer or recognize the value of lives and were more active as a ther-

apy client," Yanke said.
"When I got into 'corporate America' and got away from seeing clients, I realized that I missed being a part of helping people make a difference in their lives.

He searched for something that would bring him more fulfillment personal coaching in a national mag-

azine two years ago. "It just seemed like a perfect fit. It was exactly what I was planning to

#### 'Coach U'

He learned more about it through Coach University, a virtual "university" located at http:// www. coachu. com that boasts 2,500 students. It costs \$3,000 to be a student at Coach University, where classes are taught via the telephone.

"If you enroll in a class on Monday nights, you call a phone number and you and 20 other students will be automatically linked. It's a very cool way to offer training. We use the Internet and e-mail with all of our students. We e-mail homework to member at Coach University.

The virtual university was founded in 1992 by Thomas Leonard, a CPA and former financial planner. He authored the book "The Portable Coach," which hit The New York Times best-seller list.

"He found that by working with his clients, many would say I have these other burning questions in my life. Do you have time for a cup of coffee and to talk? They were searching for other things in their lives - guidance and support," Edberg said.

Although the government does not license personal coaches, Coach University does. The "Certified Coach Distinction" requires that personal coaches have 1,000 paid hours of coaching, have worked with a mentor coach for six months, have a board hearing, and demonstrate that they understand the ethics and principals of coaching, according to Edberg.

Stan Mann, a 34-year Livonia resident formerly of Southfield, is another personal coach that Coach University recommends. He has been motivating people for years as a therapist. Recently, he changed his title to

### Change is good for 'Big Dog'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

The "Big Dog" is taking a big step.

After four years of performing as a one-man blues machine, Livonia resident Pete "Big Dog" Fetters has thrown a few musicians into the mix on his new CD "Milkbone Underwear" (Two Sisters Records).

"I think anytime you use other people it makes the music a little more interesting," Fetters said. "I feel that I really kind have taken it as far as I can take it. To be able to reach more people with what I do and the songs that I write, I really need to be pursuing the band thing more.

The "other people" in Fetters' life - at least on disc - are bassist Darryl Lee, whom Fetters met four years ago during a jam session at the Attic Bar in

Hamtramck, and drummer Dave Watson of the

Dawg Band. Lee, he said, is a "real good player, fun guy to have

"I asked him if he would be interested in playing on the CD," he said. "As good as he is, he had not really had been able to spend much time in the stu-

dio, so he jumped right on it. "Dave is a real good drummer and percussionist." Fetters is in the midst of looking for a drummer and a bass player but expects to begin playing as a band this summer, including Saturday, June 5, and

Saturday, Aug. 7, at Hazel Park Raceway. This Friday, March 26, however, he will perform solo during the "Empty Bowls Reception" at the

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STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSKI

Singing the blues: Livonia bluesman Pete Fetters will perform during the "Empty Bowls Reception" Friday, March 26, at the Creative Arts Center in Pontiac.

### Keeping your cool with your children

**AWARENESS MONTH** 



MICHAEL IAVASILE

Even the most loving. even-tempered parents sometimes lose their cool with their kids. At one time or another, you may catch yourself snapping at your children for leaving their toys out or yelling at your teenager for breaking a curfew.

It's important to know that you can better control your emotions, with a few simple techniques. But first, you need to understand that it's nor-

mal and healthy to feel angry at times, and it's OK to let your children know that you're angry. How you deliver your message, however, is critical.

Telling your children how their actions make you feel is a more effective method than blowing up when you lose control

Second, when you do blow up (and we all do at times), repair the damage. Apologizing to your children and explaining where your anger came from will help them to understand and forgive

With that said, here are some tips for helping you

keep cool with your kids.

■ Change the physical situation. When you're at the brink of losing your cool, creat-

ing a physical distance between yourself and your children - even for only a few minutes - can give you time to calm down, take a deep breath, and remind yourself that you are a good parent.

Infants and toddlers can be placed in their crib and younger children in their bedroom while you take a time-out, in the kitchen or living room. Older children can be left with homework or chores while you walk

around the block.

If you're feeling the tension rising between yourself and your children, you may also want to change the family mood or scene. Go on a family outing, have dinner in a different room, or turn on some upbeat or soothing music

Find support in yourself or others.

Create a support system of people you know with children of similar ages as yours. Turning to friends, neighbors or co-workers when you are feeling mount-

ing tension can be a huge relief. Many times another person can help you see that your child's behavior is not unusually bad or out-outline with their developmental stage. Also, in the few minutes you take to "talk it out," you create a calmer

state of mind to deal with the problem. Be your own support, too. Use self-talk to analyze

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### Trainer from page B1

"When I was a therapist I was more than adequate, functional ing at a higher level." people to have a more effective life," said Mann, author of the book "Triggers: A New Approach phone. But they do offer in-perto Self-Motivation" (Prentice son meetings.

personal coach in West Bloom-field, explained that personal transpires through the line. The people next week. coaching and psychotherapy are significantly different.

having a difficult time," said said.

Hopkins, a former clinical psychologist. "(Personal coaching) is working with dysfunctional peo- not so much about uncovering as ple. I've also been working with it is about evolving and function-

"These are intimate relation-

genuineness and the quality isn't jeopardized. I've had clients who "It's much different. It's the have questioned that and after it." next evolutionary step for peo-ple. I think therapy has a defi-n't been a single one that has

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During a typical session, Yanke helps his clients identify their goals, create an action plan and stick to it. For example, if a client is looking to increase his Yanke and Walt Hopkins, a ships that I have with my clients or her business, he would tell that person to meet with five

"That's putting you in action rather than just talking about

Other personal coaches, he

"To me, that's a little bit of a

stretch. I don't know if I'd go

said, coach using e-mail.

With priorities in hand, Steve Schneider of Westland arrived at nite place for everyone who is said it's been a problem," Yanke his first meeting with Yanke ready to organize his life.

"My biggest thing was I've had a lot of success in business and my biggest concern was having a little fun with life. We put together a life values system. He has helped me sort out my own myriad and maze that I have created. Instead of going through a maze, I'm on more of a straight line," said Schneider who works in the cable business.

"The priority that I chose first do that was to start with my was I wanted to start at the very inner circle - my family, my foundation and work my way friends, my personal life and my out. The best way in my mind to relationship with God."

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Father Time Meet?

Getting in the lineup Marvin Yanke of the Plymouth-based Yanke Southeast corner of Telegraph, Bloomfield Township. For more information, call Mann at helps clients improve their personal relation-

telephone, but face-to-face meetings can be Yanke charges \$250 per menth which includes four 45-minute sessions. First session is free. To schedule an appointment, call (734)

Besides Yanke, Coach University's Web site, http://www.coachu.com, recommends three other coaches in the area.

Stan Mann, a 34-year Livonia resident who formerly lived in Southfield, penned the book "Triggers: A New Approach to Self-Motivation" (Prentice Hall). Mann has a master's degree in social work from University of Michigan and charges \$200-360 per month.

ship Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, at the

(734) 261-0550. There is a continental breakships and careers. Most of his work is done by fast at 9:30 p.m. The charge is \$59 per person, or \$49 per person if two or more people regis

Walt Hopkins, a former clinical psychologist who lives in West Bloomfield, charges an aver-age of \$250 per month. That includes four sesns of about 50 minutes each. Call (248, 851-

Robert E. Zimmerman of Redford is also on the list. Coach University's Web site lists his fees as ranging from \$250-349 per month. For more information, call (313) 538-4123.

Coach University is located at 1971 W. Lumsden Road, Suite 331, Brandon, FL 33511. It can

be reached by calling (800) 48-COACH, faxing He is hosting the seminar "You Can Create An Extraordinary Life" 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at the Bloomfield Town-(800) FAX5655, by writing to info@coachu. world, visit http://www.coachreferral.com.

> During the past two months, Yanke has helped Schneider help people be 'happily ever accomplish that. Yanke's personal goal is to continue his streak.

"It's my personal mission to aftering.' To me, I think too many people go through life feeling life is OK or feeling that it's pretty good," he said.

#### CRAFTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON

The Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club is accepting applications for its annual spring craft show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 27 at the high school, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia. More than 100 crafters are expected to display their work. For more information, call (248) 478-2395 or (734) 464-1041.

CLARENCEVILLE The Clarenceville High School Athletic Booster Club will have "A Touch of Spring" craft boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 27 at the high school, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. There will be more than 150 juried crafters, raffle and snack bar. Baby-sitting will be available. Admission will be \$2; no strollers permitted.

**HANDCRAFTERS** Handcrafters will sponsor its 17th annual spring arts and crafts show March 26-28 at the Northville Recreation Center 303 W. Main St., Northville. More than 70 juried artisans willdisplay their works 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 27 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 28. Lunch will be available. Admission will be \$2 and no strollers will be permitted. For more information, call (734)

WALTZ INN The Waltz Inn will host a fashion show, spring boutique and silent auction April 6 at the inn, 28080 Waltz Road, west of I-275, for the benefit of the Make A Wish Foundation. For more information, call (734) 654-9040.

#### George elected to scout board

Canton resident Verna George has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Huron Valley Girl Scout Coun-

George is a self-employed Verna George customer relations manager and registered

She was elected to the position during the board's recent annual meeting at the EMU Corporate Education center in Ypsilanti.

George initially became involved in Girl Scouting as an adult to "pay back" for the years she was a girl member. She believes that windows are easier for her to open because of Girl Scouting. Her personal goal as a volunteer is "to continue to find outside sources of money and people to support our programs.'

She has volunteered for the council as chair of the Democratic Process Review and as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, fund development committee and Alumnae and Friends Society.

George also chaired the Women of Distinction Luncheon, Juliette Low Golf Outing and the Go for the Gold Olympics.

The Huron Valley Girl Seout Council serves 15,000 girls and 4,000 adult volunteers in Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties and parts of Wayne and

#### WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

#### Louwaerts-Smith

Christopher M. Louwaerts and Holly A. Smith were married at Universalistic Unitarian Church of Farmington Hills by the Rev. Brenda Allen.

The bride is the daughter of Margaret Smith of Canton and the late Paul Smith. The groom is the son of Karen and Wayne Nichols of Reno, Nev., and Daniel Louwaerts of Farmington

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and is attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn where she is majoring in history with a minor in psychology. She plans to teach high school history.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He is employed as a computer programmer by Ciber.

The bride asked Lisa Prevatte to serve as matron of honor with Katie Austin and Sarah Smith as bridesmaids. their home in Westland The groom asked Aaron Tack-

#### Hendrick-Tantzer

Gary Hendrick of North Branch and Russell and Marsha Bur of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer LeeAnne Hendrick, to Joel David Tantzer, the son of Gloria Tantzer of Temecula,

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Central Michigan University with bachelor of science degrees in education and journalism. She is employed as a high school teacher of English and govern-

Her fiance, who attended GMI, An April wedding is planned is working on a degree in manin Laurel Chapel in Livonia. agement at Kettering Universi-

#### **DeCarlo-Husted**

Jon and Pam DeCarlo of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather, to Gordie Husted, the son of George and Annette Husted of Dearborn Heights. The bride-to-be is a 1992 grad-

uate of Livonia Franklin High

School. She is employed as a sales consultant for HairCo Inc. Her fiance is a 1987 graduate of Divine Child High School. He is employed by Jon-Patrick Construction Co, as a finished car-

An October wedding is



Jack Gershon and Eugene Bonk as the groomsmen.

The couple received guests at a reception at Joy Manor in Westland. Following a trip to Las Vegas, the couple is making



ty. He is employed at the United Parcel Service corporate office in Baltimore, Md., as an industrial



#### Hoftey-Grodzicki

Charles and Karen Hoftey of Spring Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Chandra Ann, to Matthew Conrad Grodzicki, the son of Gregory and Virginia Grodzicki of Livo-

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed as a special education teacher at Muir Middle School in Milford.

Her fiance is a also a graduate of Central Michigan University. He is employed as a health/physcal education teacher at Livonia Churchill High School

#### **Engling-Condon**

Clare Marie Condon and Timothy James Engling were married Sept. 6 at St. Athanasius Church in Evanston, Ill., by the Rev. James Heyd.

Edward and Patricia Condon of Northbrook. The groom is the son of Herbert and Nancy Engling of Livonia.

The bride is a graduate of

The groom is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School

The bride asked Maureen Milota to serve as maid of honor, with bridesmaids Janet Hagen,

George and Jill Farris of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Jean, to Dani Douglas Tubbs of Livonia, the son of Lynn Tubbs of Redford and Dani Tubbs.

of Ladywood High School and is attending Wayne State University. She is employed by Foreman Bros. Inc. in Detroit.

avonia Churchill High School. He also is employed by Foreman

planned at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.



An April wedding in Grand Haven is being planned.



Emily Condon and Samantha Engling were the flower girls

The groom asked Thomas Condon to serve as best man, with employed by Action Floor Covergroomsmen Keith Engling, Edward Condon IV and Jerome Condon and ushers Edward Condon V and Jason Engling. Lucas and Sean Condon were the ring The couple honeymooned in

Claudia Condon and Susan the Hawaiian Islands. They are Tucker. Chloe, Esme, Bria and making their home in Evanston



#### Napiewocki-Broderick

Leonard Napiewocki and Joanne Napiewocki of Oakland County announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Elise, to Brian Broderick, the son of Donald and Sheila Broderick of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1984 graduate of Bishop Foley High School, a 1988 graduate of the University of Michigan and a 1996 graduate of Marymount University in Arlington, Va., with a master of business administration degree. She is employed as a buyer for Visteon Automotive Systems.

of Detroit Catholic Central High, a 1988 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, a 1991 graduate of University of Detroit



#### Daske-Wise

Shannon Leigh Wise and James Edward Daske were married at Laurel Chapel in Livonia ov the Rev. Kurt Stutz. The bride is the daughter of

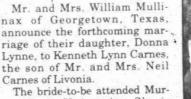
and Annette Wise, all of Livonia. The groom is the son of Christine Daske of Redford. The bride is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School.

She is employed by Standard Federal Bank. The groom is a 1987 graduate of Franklin High School. He is

The bride asked Lindsay Wise to serve as maid of honor, with Deanna Doyle as the bridesmaid. Whitney Daske and Paulina

Daske were the flower girls. The groom asked Jerald Daske to serve as best man, with Don-

#### the Wayne-Ford Civic League in Westland. They are making their home in Garden City



ray State University. She is employed in the research and development division of BMC Her fiance is a graduate of Plynouth Salem High School and

employed as a procurement proessional by Dell Computer. An April wedding is planned



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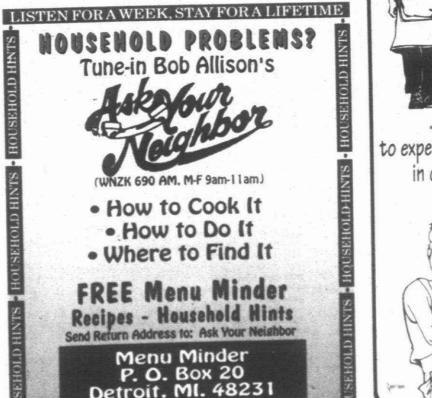
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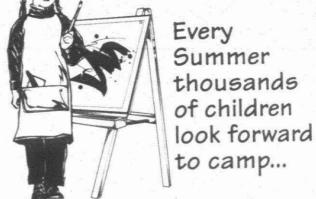
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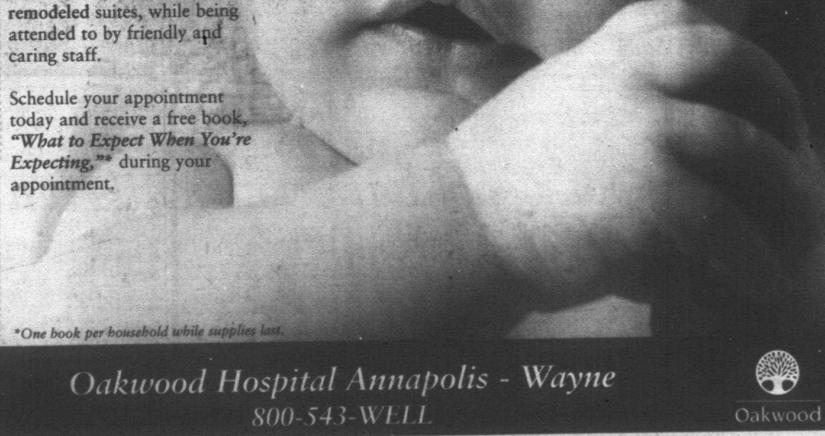
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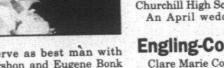
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The bride is the daughter of

Glennbrook North High School and St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind. She has her master's degree in business administration from Loyola University of

and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He has his uris doctor degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law and his master of law degree from John Marshall Law School in Chicago. He is a partner at the intellectual property law firm of Lee, Mann. Smith, et al.

#### Farris-Tubbs

The bride-to-be is a graduate

Her fiance is a graduate of

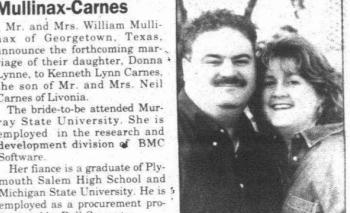
A November wedding is





ald Dixon and Tony Cervantes as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at



#### **RELIGIOUS NEWS**

Church will have an afternoon of

roller or in-line skating Sunday,

March 28, at the Skating Station

II on Joy Road in Canton. Skate

time will be 1:30-4:30 p.m., and

will cost \$4.50 plus a \$2 skate

Plymouth Baptist Church will

present the dramatic Easter con-

cert, "He's Alive!," at 7 p.m. Sat-

urday and Sunday, March 27-28

and Good Friday, April 2, at the

church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail,

Plymouth. There is no admission

will not be admitted in the audi-

contact the church at (734) 453-

Methodist Church will have a

church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livo-

"Walking Where Jesus Walked,"

a slide presentation of the Rev.

Chuck Sonquist's recent trip to

the Holy Land - will be at 6

p.m.. with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call the

Lenten services, beginning at 6

p.m., Wednesdays. There is no

charge for the soup supper. For

more information, call the

The Detroit Laestadian

Lutheran Congregation will

have Easter Week services at

7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednes

day, March 30-31, at 290 Fair-

ground at Ann Arbor Trail, Ply-

mouth. Pekka Nurmela, a visit-

ing minister from Vantaa, Fin-

service. For more information,

The First United Methodist

Church of Wayne will present an

Easter "Egg" Stravaganza for all

ages 6:30-8:30 p.m. March 31 in

church, 3 Town Square, Wayne.

Participants should bring hard-

poiled eggs. There will be crafts,

the Fellowship Hall of the

call (248) 683-0253.

'EGG' STRAVAGANZA

land, will speak at the March 31

church at (734) 427-3660.

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St. Edith Parish will have Lenten fish fries 4:30-7 p.m. Fridays, March 26 and April 2, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-

**GLORY OF EASTER** Temple Baptist Church's annual "The Glory of Easter" performance will be held at 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, and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the church, 49555 N. Territorial, Plymouth. This year's play is "A Soldier's Choice." Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (734) 414-

7777 or visit www.templenet.org. SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville will host a grief seminar 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 27, in the chapel of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville, Cathy

Clough will speak about "The

som will speak about "How Do We Move Beyond Grief?" The cost is \$20, which includes continental breakfast, lunch and seminar materials. For information, call the church at (248) 374-

The First United Methodist Church of Garden City will have a Lenten breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 27, at the church, 6443 Merriman. The program will feature Joseph Jessup, tenor, soloist and guitarist. A program for women, there is no charge, but a donation will be accepted. Reservations 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 sign-in and preview of all items. Admission will be \$5 for adults, anyone 12 and younger free. Admission includes, refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverages and a chance to win a variety of door prizes. For more information, call (248) 348-7757.

**PALM SUNDAY** Mt. Hope Congregational Church will have a Flower Processional as part of its 10:30 a.m.

worship service Palm Sunday, March 28, at the church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The congregation will join the choir in placing cut flowers in the chancel. For more information, call the church at (734) 425-7280.

> An annual Easter fair and egg hunt for children age 3 through second-graders will be 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Parents will accompany children through different activity centers, such as egg coloring, cookie decorating, craft making and a photo session with "Happy Bunny." There is no and preschool care will be procharge for the event, however, donations will be accepted at the

Calvary Baptist Church will resent a dramatic musical, "The Choice," at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 28, and 8 p.m. Friday April 2, at the church, 43065 Joy, Canton. "The Choice" is a love story at the time of Christ's years of ministry and final week. Admission is free. For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022.

door. To register, call (734) 522-

**CONGREGATION SKATE** Hosanna Tabor Lutheran



At Northville Christian: Rheanna Councell (from left) and Jared Detrich, both of Novi, Randy Jost of Plymouth, Bill Livingston and Mike Lane, both of Northville, are part of the cast of Northville Christian pot luck dinner and performance Assembly's presentation of "King of Kings" at 7 p.m. Friday-Šaturday, March 26-27, and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the church, 41355 Six Mile. Saturday's performance will include a creative translation for the hearing impaired. The performances are free, but tickets are required and are available by calling (248) 348-

church office at (734) 422-6038. stories and snacks. For more information, call (734) 721-4801. Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City, has a soup supper and 'IN HIS FOOTSTEPS'

"In His Footsteps," a documen tary of the passion of Jesus, His life, death and resurrection taken from Mark 15:16-20, will be performed by John Trujillo at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, in the social hall of St. Theodore Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 427-9125.

New Beginnings, a grief support group, will have its regular meeting at 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 wed one. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

EASTER EGG HUNTS

Church will have an Easter egg hunt for children infants to age 12 at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at the church, 26212 W. Six band, clowns, pictures with the Easter Bunny, an egg hunt on Bunny Breakfast at the Elks Club, sponsored by the church and the Six Mile Neighborhood Association. Cost will be \$3 for you can eat. For more information, call (313) 537-3778.

hompson telling the true story of Easter. A release form must be signed for each child who will participate in the egg hunt. For more information or to obtain a release form, call the church at

Mile, at Kinloch, Redford. There

will be face painting, blue grass the lawn of the church and drawing for prizes. There also will be adults and \$1 for children for all

Timothy Lutheran will have an Easter Egg Hunt 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. There also will be crafts, games and the Rev. Carla

that in 1889 at Chicago Medical ly were swept up by the chal-College, a part of Northwestern lenges. Chicago Medical, for and irrigations. 'Big Dog' from page B1

HOOKED ON HISTORY

laugh or cringe

Creative Arts Center, 47 increase his income. Many club Williams St., Pontiac. This is the owners won't hire him, he said, second year Fetters has played because he's a solo act the "Empty Bowls Reception." Tickets for the event, which runs from 5:30-9:30 p.m., are \$30. The "Empty Bowls Reception" benefits the Baldwin Church and

Center. For more information, call (248) 332-6101. have to hustle a lot. I spend a think the big thing is this whole lot of time being my own booking idea of being able to reach more agent. I do have some other people in town who will get me some dates here and there. The major- you can play off, especially with ity of the work I get I get on my

He had a little help with "Milkbone Underwear," a strong collection of original blues songs as well as Janis Joplin's "Me and do, it gets to be kind of like the Bobby McGee," Elvis Presley's same thing over and over again. "Hound Dog" and Willie Dixon's

"Hoochie Coochie Man." Roseann Gabrys added percussion to "Long Way from L.A." Producer/engineer Ben Ridley at The Boneyard Studio - an obvi-

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ous partnership - in Warren

Having a band will help Sunset, 15222 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park. The show is free. For more information, call (313) 822-6080.

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day, April 3, at Shield's Pizzeria, 1476 W. Maple Road, Troy. The free show is for ll ages. For more information, call (248) 637-3131.

■ 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, at The Alibi, on Grand River Avenue in Farmington Hills. There is no charge for the 21 years and older show. For more information, call (248) 478-2010

Reach Pete Fetters at petebigdog@provide.net or by visiting 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Satur- http://www.freeyellow.com/ day, March 27, at The Sunrise members2/bluebite/page1.html.

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books and the had to have dissected at least uates, including one for the best bert's Lithiated Hydrangea. This snake-oil remedy claimed to

> Too many mothers were dving from infections contracted dur-Maybe things were better than ing childbirth from unsanitary they seem because elsewhere, practices. Doctors were beginning to understand - but still must dissect a right or left half arguing about - the benefits of disinfecting hands and instruappeared to count for two of the ments. The prize, by the way, and streptococcus. parts. This was a remarkable was \$25.

Old medical journals can make you laugh or cringe

And the cure was worse than the illness. Some old-time medicines had dangerous ingredients, like lead and mercury. Doctors frequently prescribed laudanum, which, as you may know, contained opium.

dents to pay their fees early to The publications I have pre-"profit by a favorable allotment serve ads for many of these quesof anatomical material, which is tionable turn-of-the-century concoctions. Manufacturers claimed Missouri law gave "all the bodtheir products cured just about ies of paupers to Medical Coleverything. Some had very strange applications, too.

I love antique University, graduating doctors example, awarded prizes to grad-

medicine. Know- Wow! I'd just hope that, if I were

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of a body to graduate, which

mprovement over previous

Regarding studies of anatomy

In some ways, late 19th centu-

the drummer because the drum-

different feels to music.

will be performing:

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"After a couple hours of listen-

ing to one person do what they

That's my big responsibility dur-

ing the night is to try to make

the music as interesting as I

Pete "Big Dog" Fetters also

the St. Louis College of Physi-

cians and Surgeons advised stu-

decades, when students could

only watch from a distance.

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The cutting edge?

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ogs from the

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medicine.

involving hospital experience; be leges for scientific purposes."

an 1897 journal

at an old and

rare bookstore. Some of their

contents will make you either

If you don't mind the idea of

being treated by a very young

M.D., then you won't blink at the

requirement that graduates gen-

erally had to be at least 21 years

old. They had to have three

years of study, two of them

of good moral character - that's

always a plus; pass their exams,

and - nothing has changed -

You will also be glad to know

have all their fees paid.

Listerine was around then the 1880s version of it, anyway. ry science was at the cutting The company recommended its edge. Dedicated physicians sure- antiseptic use both externally and internally - doses, sprays

cure various urinary and kidney

of three parts of the human body. paper on puerperal (childbed) problems, gout and rheumatism. Parke, Davis & Co., which started in Detroit, advertised an anti-diphtheria serum. This vividly reminds us of that era's public health risks. In the same ad. Parke, Davis offered serums for tetanus, tuberculosis (TB)

> Colden's Liquid Beef Tonic claimed to cure nervous weakness, malarial fever, incipient consumption (TB) and "general

Charles Marchand promoted his Hydrozone as something that cocaine. We shudder to recall by germs." Would that it were fashionable among some Victoriso! He bolstered his claim by ans. We understand, as well, saying that Hydrozone won "the that coca was an ingredient, very an award for what, he doesn't and the ingredient was removed. She lives in Canton Township.

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treatment, so centers for alcoholism and morphinism, which also handled the mentally ill,

were advertised. Moreover, an 1897 issue of the Nashville Journal of Medicine and Surgery devoted attention to congenital health problems and infant mortality associated with morphine-addicted mothers givproblems are not as new as we

Turn-of-the-century medical practices certainly left a lot to be desired. Even so, some of those doctors made critical breakthroughs. Without them, we would not have the cutting-edge

own hopes today. Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's

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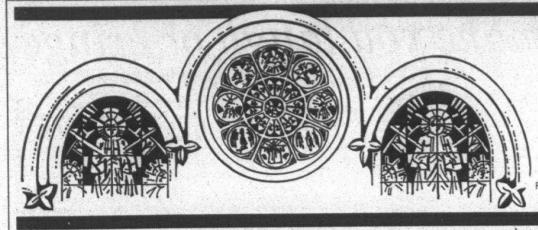
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### Handicapped kids important to ex-Jane's drummer

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

Former Jane's Addiction and Porno for Pyros drummer Stephen Perkins has found a new purpose in life.

After meeting a neighbor named Scott who has cerebral palsy, Perkins invented percussion bags called Go-Jo Bags that handicapped folks, unable to hold instruments, can strap to their hands.

"I invented these cool percussion bags. These bags are like shaker bags that have Velcro straps so they can strap them on for kids who can't hang on to (shaker) eggs or maracas can get a hold of that stuff. The vibe of it is just so beautiful to be involved with these people who really appreciate it," Perkins appreciate explained.

Perkins is selling Go-Jo Bags through his Web site, http://www.perkana.com, for \$19.95 for a three pack. Each of the three has a different tone.

"Drumming for these people is a whole new world. It's really changed my life, to be honest with you. It was heaven. It was really something I needed to do. It showed me how important drums are."

Drums are key to Perkins' other project, Banyan, a loose collective of rock and jazz musicians that play a funkified amalgamation of the two genres. Perkins recently released Banyan's second CD, "Anytime at All" (CyberOctave).

The touring version of Banyan

features Perkins on drums, bassist Rob Wasserman, guitarist Clint Wagner, keyboardist Ross Rice, trumpeter Willie Waldman and clarinetist Dave Aron, all of whom appeared on the record. The band comes to the Majestic in Detroit on Satur-

day, March 27. "It's gonna be real exciting. Not only am I playing with these new players that kind of entice my appetite for playing, they get me real hungry, but it's a challenge to go out and play music. We're improvising most of everything we do live. There's a theme here or two but basically we're just kind of doing it live and going for it. That gets to be very physically and mentally exhausting but it's also very healthy." Perkins said.

Banyan is a significant style change for Perkins, a veteran of the alt rock groups Jane's Addiction and Porno for Pyros. While those two bands were heavy on guitars, Banyan works around

"I'm learning a lot because it's not guitar-driven. It's mostly surrounded by trumpet and horns. That to me is a fresh sound and good for me to work off. They play a lot less than guitar players and they also have a different sense of phrasing."

"Playing without a singer gives all the instruments a lot more room - good and bad. As long as you don't over play and step on each other's toes, it's good. I'm excited. It's a mostly instrumental record and the live show is basically all instrumental unless



Debuting new album: Banyan, featuring drummer Stephen Perkins and bassist Rob Wasserman, plays for the first time in Detroit in support of its new album, "Anytime at All," Saturday, March 27.

do something."

Perkins' first love was jazz and swing "but all my friends were buying guitars. As a drummer that was my thing but no one wanted to buy a sax or a trumpet. They all wanted to buy a guitar and be Jimmy Page. That

someone wants to come up and left me in that situation too."

"When I started playing drums I was only 8 years old. The original drummers I was kind of educated with were jazzers. The jazz drummers are really the players that brought drums to the forefront of music. As far as the commercial world, drums are always

in the background. The jazz players, they always give the drummer a solo.'

"Anytime at All" was recorded literally in Perkins' backyard which provided the free atmosphere for which he was looking.

Everybody just had the chance to come over and not

have any pressure at air Every one was real loose. It was re fun that way because everyone had a chance to be themselves. A lot of personalities came out. You can hear (Red Hot Chili Peppers' bassist) Flea, you can hear (singer) Buckethead, you can hear Mike Watt. Everybody's personality had something to say. I didn't stifle anybody. As a producer, it's my duty to get everybody to speak up musical-

In his free time, Perkins also does session work, most notably with Alice in Chains singer Layne Staley and Rage Against the Machine guitarist Tom Morello as "Class of '99" for the Pink Floyd cover "Another Brick in the Wall" for "The Faculty" soundtrack. Perkins, who was born and raised Jewish, also plays in a Klezmer band, traditional fast Jewish music. For now he's concentrating on Banyan and his work with handicapped kids.

After a concert, some dude who's all pierced and tattooed says he loves you and that's cool. But when some kid who's in a wheelchair is so honestly happy to see you, it's like, 'Oh man. I'm so happy to be there.' I walk away really happy as they do as well. It's a give and take."

Banyan performs Saturday, March 27, at the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18 and older show. Tickets are \$20 in advance. For information, call (313) 833-9700 or (248) 645-6666 or http://www.99music.com.

#### **Parenting** from page B1

stressful situations, asking questions like, "is this really worth getting worked up about," or "am I mad because my child spilled her milk or because the phone bill is overdue, I had a fight with my mother, and I missed the mail pickup.'

Some parents keep a journal to write in when they are feeling stressed. Venting in your journal can be a healthy, insightful way to deal with your anger, but always try to end your entries with a positive note about your

If you don't want to keep a journal, scribble down a "good thoughts" list when you're feel-

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ing stressed and when you're feeling happy. As time goes on, add to the list. After a while you won't need to look at the list the positive thoughts will occur to you during good times and tough times.

■ Take time for yourself.

Many times, parents lose their cool because they haven't allowed enough time to take care of themselves. If you never have a chance to exercise, read a novel, take a long bath or do something that is strictly for yourself, resentment against your family can build up, making you more prone to losing it.

Schedule a baby sitter or your

spouse to watch the children while you enjoy some personal time. Or use nap time or school time. Forget what has to be done and instead, relieve some stress.

A healthy, loving parent has a better chance of raising good children. Take care of yourself by eating regular meals, making time for sleep and taking breaks when you need them - not when it's too late.

Call for help. When you feel yourself bend-

ing to a breaking point, call for help. Ask your spouse, parents or neighbors to watch the children while you cool down to a point where you are not at risk of hurting your children or your-

If your supports are limited, call a crisis line, a parent support number or a community respite center, like Safe Stay in Westland. Safe Stay Crisis Nursery and Family Respite Care Center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and provides a time-out for parents while children are cared for in a warm, homelike setting.

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#### ■ Practice keeping your

If you practice some of the above-mentioned techniques, keeping cool will come more naturally. Remember, you are not only practicing for a healthy you, but for a healthy child. Your children will learn productive ways of dealing with anger from

As time goes on you will be able to better anticipate and plan for stressful situations and increase the number of times you keep your cool with your chil-Michael lavasile is the pro-

gram manager of Starfish Family Services' Safe Stay Crisis Nursery and Family Respite Care Center in Westland. Safe Stay provides a safe environment for children whose parents are in crisis. For more information, call (734) 595-0411.



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A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, April 1, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

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#### CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Petitions are available at the City Clerk's office at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170, for the four upcoming vacancies for the City Commission. If more than eight candidates submit petitions and qualify, there will be a Primary election held on Tuesday, August 3rd. The General election will be held on Tuesday, November 2nd, 1999. Candidates that receive high votes will qualify for three-four year terms and one-two year term. To qualify for the ballot you must be eighteen years of age and also be a registered voter in the City of Plymouth. There is a six month residency requirement to be eligible to hold elective office, (Charter Amendment 4.4 November 3, 1998). Candidate petitions are due May 11, 1999 at 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk at (734) 453-1234 ext. 234. LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AAE

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### SPORTS SCENE

#### **Power Sharks prevail**

A third-place finish in the Little Caesars Mite B Division didn't keep the Plymouth-Canton Power Sharks from capturing the league championship with a 5-2 victory over the Plymouth-Canton Shark Attack in the final March 16 at Joe Louis Arena.

Anthony Bonnett opened the scoring in the title game for the Power Sharks, with Joshua Walters then taking control by scoring the next two Power Shark goals to make it 3-0 after one period. Ryan Renault scored in the second period to make it 4-0, before the Shark Attack got a score from Patrick Theisen to pull to within 4-1 after two. However, Walters completed his hattrick with a third-period goal, offsetting a marker by the Attack's Kyle Powell.

Walters was named most valuable player in the game.

A 5-1-0 run through the divisional playoffs got the Power Sharks to the league semifinals, opposite the Plymouth-Canton Mighty Sharks, a game they won 4-1 on two goals by Zachary Osborne and single scores by Philip Mitchell and Anthony Bonnett.

Other team members are Joshua McGuire, Kyle Zink, Michael Skudlarek, Steven Knoerl, Zaenger Doyle; Patrick Lytle, Nicholas Pizzo, Billy Hanley, Benjamin Symanow, Jeremy Lindbauer and Alec Gilo. The team is coached by John Mitchell, Don Skudlarek, Dan Symanow, Joe Renault, Matt Zink and Vince Doyle. The team manager is Marie Symanow.

#### 3x3 champs

A sixth-grade team from Canton, consisting of Jason Houdek, Andrew Robey, Chris Rusin and Ryan Shaw emerged with its division championship last weekend at the 10th annual Milford PAL 3x3 Tournament.

The Canton team was unbeaten in the 20-team field, beating opponents from Plymouth, Milford, South Lyon and Hartland. The Canton team defeated Hartland again in the championship game.

#### Cougars collect crown

The Canton Cougars under-11 boys select soccer team were winners of the A division in the 11-vs.-11 winter session at Total Soccer in Wixom, posting a 7-0 record.

Team members are Cavanaugh, Alex Duca, Blake Foster, Brett Giacomino, Joe Halewicz, Jared Johnson, Jon Pomorski, Jon Powers, Curtis Rose, Drew Ross, Dan Russell, Justin Sheridan, A.J. Stodulski, Eric Wilt and Brad Zonca. The team is coached by Rick Pomorski and Ray Giacomino, and trained by George Demergis.

#### Squirt AA tryouts

The Canton Crush Squirt AA team will have tryouts from 7-8 p.m. tonight at University of Michigan's Yost Arena, and from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday at University of Michigan-Dearborn. All positions are open.

The team will play in the Metro Shoot-out League. For more information, call Jeff Lajoie at (734) 981-

#### Baseball clinical

The Plymouth Salem baseball team and coaching staff will sponsor their annual instructional clinics the next two Saturdays in the Salem gym. Cost is \$20 for each session, with hot dog lunch included.

The 11-15 year-old session will be from 9 a.m.-noon; the 7-10 year-old session will be from 1-4 p.m. Lunch will be from noon-1 p.m.

Checks, should be be made payable to and mailed to the Plymouth Salem Dugout Club, 10782 Red Maple Drive, Plymouth, 48170. For more information, call Bill Styles at (734) 453-1679.

#### Volunteers needed

Madonna University is seeking a few good volunteers to work the men's baseball games. (No strenuous work is involved, just someone to greet the opponents and manage parking.)

Those interested should call Madonna assistant athletic director Bryan Rizzo at (734) 432-5604.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Science 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.

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### Rocks' run ends with loss to Northern in quarters

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER cjrisak@oe.hom

In its four previous state tournament games, Plymouth Salem had managed to assert itself well enough to take control of the game by halftime. Against Pontiac Northern Tuesday, that didn't

Which resulted in a 70-64 loss to the Huskies in a Class A quarterfinal played at University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall. The Rocks finish at 20-5; Northern, now 18-7, advances to Friday's Class A semifinals in East Lansing against the Saginaw Arthur Hill-Muskegon winner.

"We had told them about (Northern's) quickness and shot-blocking, but early in the game they didn't react too well," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "And I don't think we shot the ball particularly well.

Both were key factors in the firsthalf hole the Rocks dug for themselves, one they kept trying to claw them-selves out of. They almost made it in the second half, but fell short.

After trailing by as many as 13, Salem was within eight in the closing seconds of the opening half and had the ball. But an errant pass resulted in a breakaway layup by Northern's Nucleus Smith and a foul against Salem's Tony Jancevski - his third of the game. Smith converted the free throw, and the Rocks trailed 40-29 at the

After a third-quarter standstill, with neither team able to sustain a scoring run, the Rocks broke through in the fourth as the Huskies backed off.

"I told our kids we still wanted to be aggressive," said Northern coach Robert Rogers. "But some kids are hard-headed. We needed to be more obedient and stick to the game plan.

We got a little careless. But we were glad to have that cushion."

Most of their 12-point cushion melted away as Salem mounted an 11-2 surge in the first 4 1/2 minutes of the period. Mike Korduba, who came off the bench and spent a lot of time filling in for Jancevski at center, had seven of the

But that was as close as Salem could come. Smith responded with a lightning charge down the court, resulting in a layup; the Huskies added another

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six consecutive points, their 8-0 run making it 62-51 with two minutes left.

Three-straight three-pointers by Adam Wilson his first, and only, points of the game — helped the Rocks get to within four (68-64) in the closing seconds, but the deficit proved too big, their shooting too erratic, and ultimately the opposition too good.

Rob Jones was the offensive star for a Salem team that struggled against the shot-swatting Huskies. Jones, who had three of his four first-quarter shots blocked, hung in there to score 20 points; Korduba finished with 15 and Aaron Rypkowski had 11. Wilson scored nine and Jancevski had seven.

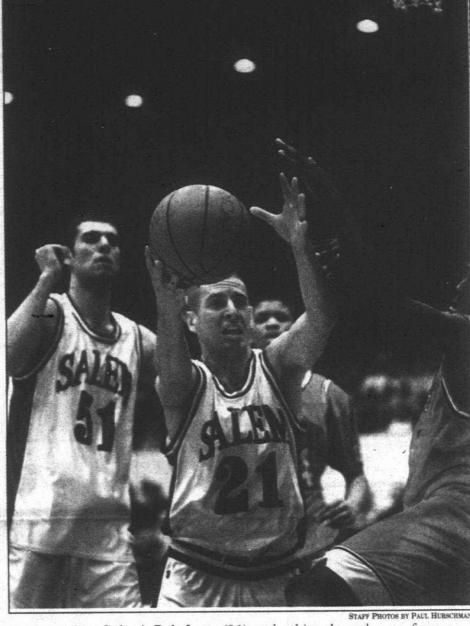
Smith, a 6-foot-3 senior guard who's being recruited by Toledo, Dayton, Villanova and Canisius, led all scorers with 22 points - 16 coming in the first half. Willie Jones added 13, Ricky Morgan had 12, Lester Abrams scored 10 and Norbert Mosley totaled nine.

"It was a combination of a lot of little things," said Brodie. "We gave up too many offensive rebounds and too many fast-break baskets.

Both enabled the Huskies to establish themselves in the first half. The Rocks led just once in the game - at 4-2. And that didn't last long; Northern outscored them 17-3 over the next six minutes and never again

The Huskies were a blistering 8-of-10 from the floor in the first quarter (80 percent) and 13-of-19 for the half (68.4 percent). Salem managed to make just 5-of-16 first-quarter floor shots (31 percent) and 13-of-31 for the half (42 percent).

For the game, the Rocks were 24-of-63 (38 percent); Northern was 22-of-39



In possession: Salem's Rob Jones (21) grabs this rebound away from a Northern player. Jones led the Rocks with 20 points.

Northern was also near-perfect from the stripe in the first half, making 12of-13 (92 percent); the Huskies were 24-of-30 for the game (80 percent). The Rocks were 1-of-4 in the first half (25 percent) and 11-of-17 for the game (65

Northern's fast start allowed them to Smith accounting for 11 first-quarter

"They were getting good shots," said Brodie. "Their doggone penetration, they were getting by us.

Said Rogers: "Our offense feeds off of our defense. When we get turnovers, we're looking to run and score. .

"We've been shooting around 62 to 64 percent lately. We've shot the ball pretty well all year. That's because of good ball movement and because we have guys who can attack.' Jones helped Salem make it a single-

digit deficit with 10 second-quarter points, but the late turnover led to Smith's quick basket and an 11-point halftime lead for the Huskies.

The Rocks best chance at a turnaround came in the opening moments of the second half, when Northern missed its first seven shots (three of them dunk attempts). But Salem managed just two baskets in the first three minutes of the half, suffering two turnovers.

"The kids never gave up," concluded Brodie. "We had a good season."

A few breaks, a few makes, and it might have been even better, it's true. But it was still a darn good one.

### Whalers rout Spits again



Nothing wasted. The Plymouth Whalers have begun their trek toward an Ontario Hockey League champi-

onship with a pair of routs over first-round opponent Windsor in games that exhibited Plymouth's superior offensive and defensive abilities.

The latest was a 6-0 shutout Tuesday at Windsor Arena. The Whalers led 2-0 after one period and 5-0 after two, with five different players accounting for their goals. Indeed, Plymouth had nearly as many goals as Windsor had shots in that span

Robert Holsinger got his secondstraight win, but had to make just 13 saves. In the Whalers' two wins, Holsinger has allowed one goal and made a total of 31 saves.

Defenseman Nikos Tselios finished with two goals and an assist to pace the Whalers. David Legwand, Shaun Fisher and Adam Colagiacomo added a goal and an assist apiece, and Troy WHALERS PLAYOFF SCHEDULE Thursday, March 25 Ply. Whalers at Windsor, 7 p.m. Friday, March 26 Windsor at Ply. Whalers, 7:30 p.m. \*Saturday, March 27 Windsor at Ply. Whalers, 7:30 p.m.

\*Monday, March 29 Ply. Whalers at Windsor, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 31 Windsor at Ply. Whalers, 7:30 p.m. \*If necessary

Smith scored a goal. Damian Surma and Jason Ward each contributed two

The Whalers opened their OHL playoff series against the Spitfires with an 9-1 trouncing Sunday at Compuware Arena. Windsor was playing its third game in three days, with a playoff victory over Kitchener Saturday clinching a playoff berth for

But they could not recover quickly enough for the rested and ready Whalers, a team that had lost a week earlier at home to Windsor by a 6-1 count. There would be no repeat; Plymouth scored three times before the Spits could retaliate, and that proved to be only a minor blip in the Whalers scoring surge.

Harold Druken was the key for Plymouth, scoring three goals and assisting on three others. He spread them out, too - he had a goal and an assist in every period.

Adam Colagiacomo contributed two goals and two assists for the Whalers, and Jamie Lalonde chipped in with three assists. Other gnal-scorers were Nikos Tselios, Damian Surma, Jared Newman and Eric Gooldy; Surma added an assist. Paul Mara and Randy Fitzgerald each had two assists.

Robert Holsinger was in goal for the Whalers, making 18 saves. Mike Leighton faced an incredible 63 shots in the net for Windsor, making 54

NOTES: The Whalers concluded their regular season ranked No. 1 in the Canadian Hockey League, posting a 51-13-4 record. In sec-

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### Time to end the fighting



in Plymouth and this Canton. week could be should be - the beginning something beautiful. Something long-awaited, impatiently anticipated.

For hockey fans

But there's something sour in the mix. And face it, folks: If you don't get rid of it, if you continue

#### game could collapse. The positives

■ The hometown team, the Plymouth Whalers, accomplish something none of its predecessors has done. The Whalers complete the

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### Tourney run puts Journeyman in Series

Too early to get out the balls and

Not for one of the area's premier

Formerly Jimmie's, the Journeymen/ Varsity/ Ques/ Easton Class A team earned a berth in the U.S. Slo-Pitch Softball Association World Series Labor Day weekend in Sterling Heights after going 4-2 in the Far West Budweiser Men's USSSA Class AA-A National Invitational Tournament last weekend in Las Vegas, Nev.

Jason Riggs, who batted .818 with 18 hits in 22 trips, seven home runs and 23 runs batted in, made the All-Tourna-

Teammate Scott Janack, who hit .714 with 15 hits in 21 at-bats with four homers and 10 RBi, also made All-Tour-

Coach Larry Quartuccio, former Wayne resident now based in Florence. Ky., has added two new additions to the starting lineup - Jamie Gordon, who played last year for rival Oakland Plumbing, and Dave Dohanos, a member of last year's Journeyman team.

"I really feel good about the team this year and I'm looking forward to the rest

with the way we did.

"Adding Gordon and Dohanos have added great punch to our team." Scott Hille was the team's second eading hitter in Vegas, batting .730 with six homers and 16 RBI. Dohanos

hit .600 and Gordon batted .560.

Rounding out the Vegas cast was Tom Lengyel (.640), Mark Matchulat (.583), Scott Nastally (.631), Ron Noel, John Sampson (.529), Chris Scheffer (.600), John Simpson (.666), Steve Swope and Randy Windham. (Brian Donehue did

of the season," Quartuccio said. "I wasn't sure how we would play so early in team with 35 homers and 118 total of Seattle, Wash., sponsored by former the year, but I must say I'm very happy runs.

> Journeyman defeated Aftershock of Fairfield, Calif. in the opener, 30, behind Gordon's 3-run homer and solid defense from Windham at short. Scheffer's 2-run pinch-hit single in

the fifth gave Journeyman a 14-8 second-round win over Pov's of Brooklyn Nastally's fine pitching performance

Class AA winner Long Haul/Hendus ed Journeyman its first loss in Game No. 4, 28-22, behind Rick Magner's 3run homer.

Game No. 5 was a forfeit victory over Marnell of Las Vegas. Sunnyvale, Calif. ended Journeyman's tourney run, 29-22, despite a seven-run seven and seven RBI by

Journeyman return to action Saturgave Journeyman an 18-8 win over day and Sunday, April 24-25 at the Sterling Heights Round Robin Tourna-Class A Wantenabe of Cincinnati, Ohio

### Change of allegiance: 49er vet joins Browns

He's no ordinary Joe when it comes to football. Joe Collins is literally chang-

ng on the fly in preparation for

ext month's National Football pague draft. But he is glad to be back near his roots where he is entering his third week as Director of Player

Personnel for the new Cleveland The 52-year-old Collins, who has a long resume coaching in

the collegiate ranks and scouting in the NFL, spent the past four years with the San Francisco Sers organization. His father Rip, the public ddress announcer for the Livo-

nia Stevenson High Spartans, worked for the Detroit Lions as an equipment manager and served for many years as the visiting clubhouse man for the Detroit Tigers.

wanted Collins to be a part of

"The 49ers were a tremendous working experience and we hope o bring that philosophy here, said Collins, who attended Detroit Benedictine High School. "Professionally, there's no better working atmosphere than the

"I had a great relationship with Dwight and Carmen and you always feel comfortable with mebody you're familiar with."

"This is a great opportunity oth in terms of professionally

The Browns will bring 90 players to camp and have already signed some big names including Kirby, centers Jim Pyne and

and personally," Joe Collins said. Public Notice Required by MCL 324.20120d(3) and Rule 299.5605, Part 201 of the Natural Resources and

> MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY Environmental Response Division S.E. Michigan District Office 38980 Seven Mile Road Livonia, MI 48152 NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF A REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN

Environmental Protection Act, as amended

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has received a proposed remedial action plan for the <u>Unisys Property</u>, located at the intersection of Plymouth and Haggerty Roads in Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan. This site is the location of environmental contamination, which is the result of releases of solvents from past land disposal activities and from releases into local underground utilities.

The notice is provided according to the requirements of Part 201 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), 1994 PA 451, as amended, MCL 324.20101 et seq, or the Part 201 Rules, 1990 AACS R 299.5101 et seq, to notify interested persons that the MDEQ has received the proposed remedial action plan. This notice is provided to allow for public

comment prior to final action on the proposed plan.

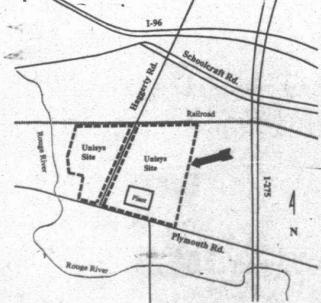
Written public comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on May 6, 1999. The MDEQ will carefully consider and address significant public comments before a final decision is made regarding the proposed plan. Following is a description of the site contamination and remediation activities. Chlorinated solvents have been detected in groundwater beneath the

Trichloroethylene (TCE), cis-1,2-dichloroethylene (cis-1,2-DCE) and vinyl lloride were detected in groundwater on the west side of Haggerty as result of past land disposal activities. A combination groundwater/soil vapo extraction system has been operating in this area for several years, but is no longer effective. That system is being shut down. Impacted groundwater continues to exist at this location, but is captured on-site by a storm sewer. A second area of groundwater contamination is located on the east edge of the plant. The source of this groundwater contamination was found to be a sump located on the Plant. Contaminated sediments were removed from the sump. A groundwater plume containing TCE remains, but this groundwater

is also captured on-site by the storm sewer.

The contaminants are entering the middle branch of the rouge River from the storm sewer, but at levels within acceptable limits.

The Remedial Action Plan also includes land use restrictions and continued



A copy of the complete remedial action proposal, including site investigation data, is available for review at the Southeast Michigan District Office in Livonia, during normal business hours. This review period extends for 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

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Environmental Response Division
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New Browns president Carmen Policy and general manager Dwight Clark, who migrated to Cleveland from San Francisco, the new expansion team and

play a pivotal role.

quarterback Ty Detmer, offen sive linemen Lomas Brown and Orlando Brown, punter Chris Gardocki, running back Terry

They also signed former Lions and Bills linebacker Chris Spiel-"Chris is just a great producer and a great hitter," Collins said.

"You will not find many football players like him. He's the ultimate warrior." Collins must also keep track of the collegiate talent, deal with good offensive line. unrestricted and restricted free

agent players, and work with player agents. He also spends his time tracking players who did not attend the Indianapolis combine workouts. He is constantly breaking down film, doing background

checks and gathering informa-The Browns have the No. 1 pick overall. They have 13 picks

Kentucky quarterback Tim Couch, who has already worked out for the Browns, leads a group of talented quarterbacks.

choices including Ohio State receiver David Boston and cornerback Champ Bailey of Geor-

"It takes at least couple of years to develop an adequate NFL quarterback," Collins said. "We feel we have a pretty good one already in Ty Detmer. And

"But you have to have someone to throw to. Boston is 6-3 and 215 pounds with phenomenal stats. And he's right down the

talking about the top overall pick. The Browns could relinquish their No. 1, trade down and accept a package deal from another willing NFL team.

it, but you have to listen if you can get two outstanding players to help us immediately," Collins

be underclassmen. Cleveland could also go for "A small percentage make it Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams, a running back out of and few juniors come in and contribute right away," Collins said.

Dave Wohlabaugh, along with Cexas, or several other inviting cornerback Corey Fuller. Texas, or several other inviting choices including Ohio State

we feel we already have a pretty

Trade offers also loom when

"We're probably going to keep

Four of the top six picks could

dictine where he played football, baseball and ran track. Collins went the University of South Dakota where he set the school's career interceptions record

Collins then played semi-pro in Pennsylvania, had a tryout an open door policy anymore. with the Lions and played for Calgary of the Canadian Football League.

Collins followed up his playing days by going on a five-year collegiate coaching odyssey. His first stop was Eastern Michigan as an assistant under

Dan Boisture in 1972. He also served stints at Xavier (Ohio), Central State (Ohio) and North Carolina A&T. with the scouting organization

Then he went with New York Jets where he spent 15 years as (living in France). a talent scout. Four years ago he moved to the 49ers where he was responsible for research of player movement within the NFC.

During the past 20 years. Collins has witnessed some dramatic changes in the area of an opportunity.

stronger and smarter, but the way they're handled is different,' he said. "Many players are unproven. Things are more closed-door now and there's not

"There used to be a time when a scout could walk on a college campus and time 100 guys at once in the 40.

"But things changed in the mid-80s. Now because of agents it's more of a business and it's a less congenial situation. It used to be fun and enjoyable. The money is phenomenal and it's changed things."

Despite numerous career His break in pro ball came changes and stops, family remains important to Collins Joe and his wife Sue have four children and two grandchildren

"So far it's been great for me and and I'm happy to be back in the midwest and being closer to home," Joe said. "About a year ago I got into Livonia to visit dad. Now I'll have even more of

#### Golf league forming

A 20-week spring Men's Golf League is being planned for Wednesday evenings by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, starting April 21 at Fellows Creek GC. The league will be limited to 36 golfers (Canton residents only, unless the league

is not filled by March 26). Cost is \$420, which covers all league greens fees, prize money, league outing and awards. Tee times are 5-6 p.m. Register in person at the Canton Parks and Recreation Services office, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

There will be a league meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 at Fellows Creek to discuss rules and regulations.

For more information, call

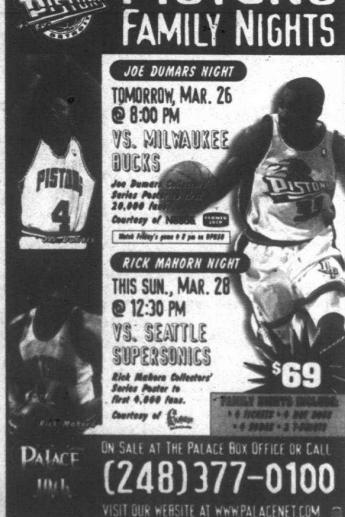
#### Hockey signup

Registrations are now being taken for men's recreational adult hockey leagues. Play will be at the Plymouth Cultural

Center and the STC Arena in Farmington. The Plymouth Masters (over 40) will play 12 games, from April 7-May 19. The Rockets (over 21) and the Golden Eagles (over 45) leagues will play a game a week from May 26-July

To register, call or FAX name and address to John Wilson at (248) 471-0658, or E-mail information to rspi@provide.net.

Anyone interested in submitting items send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may fax them to (734) 591-7279.



### Risak from page C1

egular season with not just several facial fractures, a concussion, two black eyes and a best record in the Ontario gash that stretched across his Hockey League, but with the top ranking in the entire Canadian Junior Hockey League which includes the Western later, closing in on a high-point in their history - and they are Hockey League and the Quebec forced to deal with one of the Major Junior Hockey League, as well as the OHL).

Certainly some see it as Home-ice advantage is guarenteed throughout the playoffs, unfair, a franchise still being held accountable for the actions which got under way last Sunf one of its former players. insist that this is just an isolat-

On Tuesday, the Ply-mouth-Canton school board considered whether or not to ed incident, that it has been make hockey a varsity sport at that objective focus is impossi-Canton and Salem high schools. It took two years to put together a proper proposal; although it was tabled by the board, the general feeling is, with school superintendent Charles Little's endorsement the proposal will pass and hockey will become a varsity

The negatives

While hockey continues to grow in support throughout the area — Northville/Novi, Farmngton, Walled Lake and Redford school systems have all nitiated prep programs in the last few years; in Plymouth, two new skating arenas have ed in the same time span, and Canton is considering another - there is something wrong, some cancer that is

ling with it. And even the most adamant of hockey supporters, those who joyfully pack their youngsters into vans for Saturday morning pee wee games, are finding it increasingly difficult to dismiss the role it plays in their sport.

Depending on your viewpoint, the timing was merely nfortunate. Or purposeful.

The story that appeared last week in Sports Illustrated, written by Jeff MacGregor, detailed perhaps the worst incident in the Whalers' franchise annals. In the last game of the 1998 season, Jesse Boulerice with a baseball-bat swing of his stick - knocked Guelph oppo-Long suffered a broken nose,

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But in final analysis, those opinions must be secondary to the main problem.

It all stems from fighting, and the hockey hierarchy's endorsement of it. Is fighting a necessary ingredient in the sport?
Most fans say yes. They love to see players drop their gloves and haul the jersey of an oppo-

blown so far out of proportion

ummeling him until one, both, drop to the ice. How many times have you heard this condoning explanation: It's all part of the game.

nent over his head, all the time

Nonsense. Fighting is an integral part in the fans' definition of hockey; it's something they enjoy. It has nothing to do with the game itself. Hockey

can be played without fights. Do you think the Boulerice stick-swinging incident, which resulted in an assault charge to do great bodily harm filed in district court (his trial could begin this summer), is isolated?

On Feb. 5 at St. Clair Shores Civic Arena, two guys - John Fields, 38, and James Barr, 31 - playing in an adult hockey league game tangled twice. The first time both got penalties for fighting. The second, Fields allegedly attacked Barr from behind and sliced him across the face with his hook-shaped artificial hand, causing a cut that needed 200 stitches to close and required plastic

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MERCY CANGANG

semifinal hockey game between Redford Catholic Central and Livonia Stevenson, two of the op-ranked teams in the state, Here the Whalers are, a year fights in the final minutes red what should have been

> In any other "contact" team ort, fighting isn't tolerated Punch an opponent in soccer and you'll be red-carded, meaning you miss the remainder of that game and the next one,

Other sports have similar penalties. But in hockey, you can drop your gloves and start punching, then skate slowly to the penalty box to spend a few minutes while fans cheer you

Which, of course, is the reason it is tolerated. And while it may seem like Sports Illustrated, a magazine of immense international stature, would only print such a story to articulate its stand against fighting the truth is its motives are murky. Three menths earlier, the same magazine ran a story on hockey's self-described "cod

the only way to make it to the

toughest goon on the block.

thugs, playing a game outside

the game. They're a sideshow

- a brutal diversion for those

who would argue that Big Time

Stop the fighting now. End it

before there's another tragedy.

The fans you lose, the goods in

the crowd, aren't worth the

killed. End it before we lose

posed to be, before we start

idolizing the guy who does the

maiming over the guy who

sight of what hockey is sup-

Wrestling is real sport.

of ethics" in which it described assists), fourth-best in the OHL. in detail the need for players to Other goals were scored by Julian continuously prove their tough ness and manhood. Tough guy - a description players who can't quite skate well enough, who can't quite shoot well enough. For them

big time is by using their fists or sticks. Fight-your way up the ladder, prove you're the in goal for Brampton. That kind of player isn't needed. They're nothing but

> Compuware finishes 1st The Compuware Ambassadors

THE WEEK AHEAD

A.A. Huron at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27 Huron Relays at EMU, 10 a.m.

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

Saturday, March 27

Friday, March 25

Tiffin (Ohio) at Madonna (2), 1 p.m GIRLS TRACK Thursday, March 25

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Sunday, March 28 Madonna vs. Saginaw Valley at Ladywood H.S. (2), 1 p.m

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

Thursday, March 25

Saturday, March 27

Albion at Madonna (2), 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 28

Madonna at St. Mary's (2), 1 p.m.

#### Whalers from page C1

ond was the Quebec Remparts of the finished the season atop the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. North American Hockey keague with a 51-13-6 record. Two other with a 37-11-6 overall record Ontario Hockey League teams, the Bar- with a 5-0 triumph over the Soo rie Coits and the Ottawa 67's, were Kewadin Casino Indians Sunday fourth and fifth in the CHL poll, respec- at Compuware Arena. The Inditively; the Guelph Storm was ninth . . .

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

Thursday, March 25

Ply. Whalers at Windsor, 7 p.m.

Ply. Whalers vs. Windso

at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 27

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at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

**BOYS TRACK** 

Thursday, March 25

son with an 8-1 romp over the Brampton Battalion Friday at Brampton. Druken berth in the Gold Cup National again ignited the offense, scoring three Championship Tournament, Andre Robichaud. Pat Brush goals to bring his season total to 58. which begins April 30 in Lincoln, best in the OHL. He totaled 103 points. Neb. The NAHL's playoff cham- two goals Saturday. Colagiacomo collected two assists pion will also advance to the against the Battalion to bring his season point-total to 108 (40 goals, 68 Compuware wins the league

Smith, Eric Gooldy, Justin Williams. straight win over the Indians for Tomek Valtonen and David Legwand. the Ambassadors; on Saturday, Smith and Legwand also had assists; they posted a 4-2 victory at Com-Kevin Holdridge (Catholic Central) had puware. two assists.

Robert Holsinger made 17 saves without giving up a goal over the first two forward Steve Jackson and periods to get the win; Rob Zepp gave up one goal, with 14 stops, in the third period. Scott Della Vedova had 31 saves 'goalie of the week. Jackson

ans finish second with a 36-17-1 2.10 goals-against average. mark.

The win gives Compuware a tournament, or its runner-up if Sunday's win was the second-

two in Saturday's 4-2 win.

For their efforts, Compuware goalie Craig Kowalski were named the NAHL's player and scored three goals and assisted on four others in four straight Ambassador wins; he scored twice and assisted on the other

Kowalski was in goal for three of the wins, stopping 57 of 60 shots with one shutout (his third of the season) for a .957 save percentage. Kowalski leads the NAHL with 34 victories and a

Goal-scorers in Sunday's win were Jackson, John Shouneyia; Jack Redwood, Luke Wright and scored the Ambassadors other



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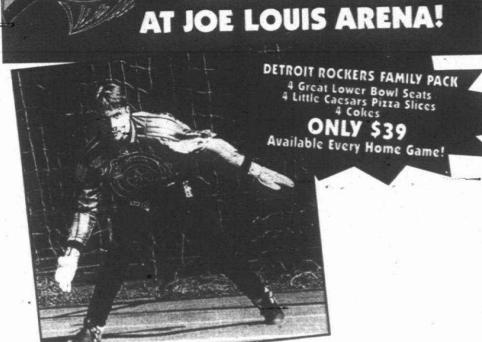
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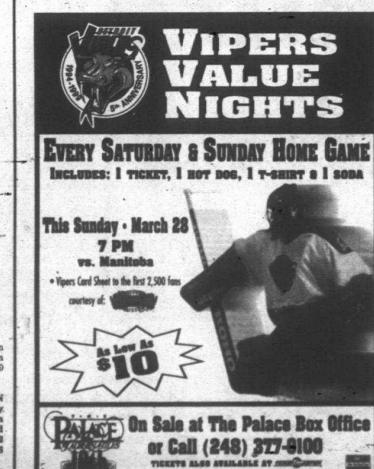
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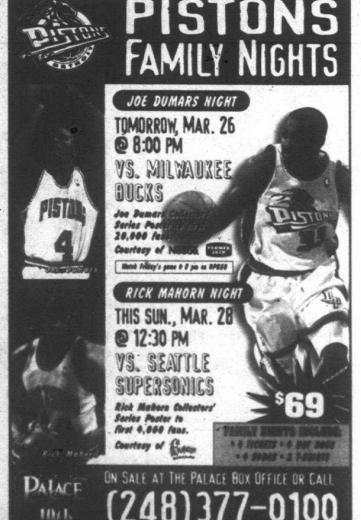
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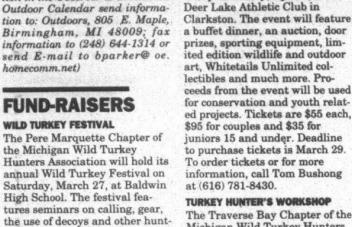
WILD TURKEY FESTIVAL The Pere Marquette Chapter of the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association will hold its annual Wild Turkey Festival on Saturday, March 27, at Baldwin High School. The festival features seminars on calling, gear the use of decoys and other hunt ing techniques. There will also be door prizes, raffles and giveaways. Proceeds from the event will be used exclusively for MWTHA's winter feeding pro-

#### gram. For more information, call Jim Maturen at (616) 832-2575. DRAYTON NATURE CENTER

The Drayton Plains Nature Center is holding a bowl-a-thon fund-raiser, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Century Bowl in Waterford. Proceeds from the event will be used at the nature center, which features 137 acres and is open to the public. Call (248) 674-2119 for more informa-

#### The Clarkston Chapter of White-

tails Unlimited will hold a fund-



raising banquet beginning at

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

The Traverse Bay Chapter of the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association will hold its annual spring workshop on Saturday, April 10, at the Northland Sportsman's Club in Gaylord. The workshop will feature presentations by the DNR's new upland gamebird specialist, Al Stewart, local wildlife biologists and veteran turkey hunters. There will also be door prizes. raffles, a kids calling contest and more. Proceeds from the event

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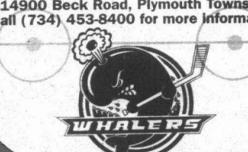
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#### FISHING TOURNAMENTS

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Muer restaurants. There are also cash prizes for the anglers, boats and clubs who catch the biggest salmon and trout on tournament day Tickets are available at Charley's Crab in Troy, Meriwethers in Southfield, Muer's Sea Food Tavern in West Bloomfield, Big Fish in Dearborn, Big Fish Too in Madison Heights,

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STEELHEAD FISHING Metro-West Steelheaders will present a free seminar on steelhead 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 tying classes for beginners and advanced tvers. Call (248) 650 0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

#### ACTIVITIES

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 WILDLIFE ART The 16th annual Michigan Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday

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.

#### CROW The late crow season runs

through March 31 in the Lower Peninsula. COYOTE

Covote season runs through April 15 statewide.

#### FREE FISHING Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend will be held June 12-

RABBIT/HARE Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

#### CLUBS

#### SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leader ship. Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a nonprofit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at

the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

#### 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

of each month in the cafeteria at

Garden City High School. Call

#### Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

#### **FOUR SEASONS**

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 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 refresh ments 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-

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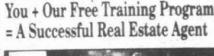
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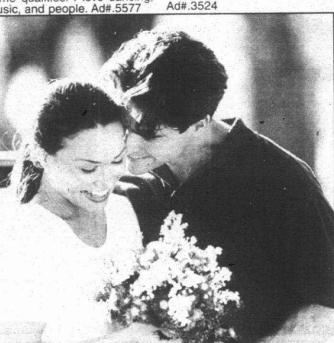
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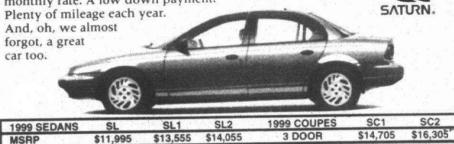
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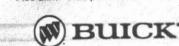
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# Entertainment

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Thursday, March 25, 1999

FRIDAY



Pianist Garrick Ohlsson performs Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 2 with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$13 to \$48, call (313) 576-5111.

SATURDAY



The Bloomfield Players present "The Wizard of Oz," 8 p.m. at Andover High School on Andover Road (at the corner of Andover and Long Lake Roads, west of Telegraph) in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$10 adults and \$8, children under 12, call (248) 433-0885.

SUNDAY



Frank Patterson, "Ireland's Golden Tenor" presents a ben-efit concert with Eily O'Grady, 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit, Tickets \$25, \$30, \$50 and \$60, call (313) 562-5610, (248) 649-1140, or (313) 576-



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# rule the weekend

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

iding in a limo to the next in a long line of personal appearances, Tatyana Ali feels like she's in a whirlwind.

Since her single "Daydreamin' " pushed her debut album "Kiss the Sky" to gold status, Ali has been running from television shows to radio stations to concert halls. And to think, the former "Fresh Prince of Bel Air" TV star recorded the album just because she wanted to do it.

"I thought that I would be going to school (right now). I didn't even know anyone would listen to it or pay attention to it because of the show. It's something I've always wanted to do, and I didn't want to have any regrets. I thought that the show would prevent anything from

happening," Ali explained Ali, 20, mistakenly believed that she wouldn't be able to crossover from television to sultry R&B star successfully.

"I was very happily surprised,"

Another surprise came by way of 'N Sync, who asked her to join its tour after appearing in a Disney special together. The show comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills on Thursday, March 25.

"It literally fell out of the sky because I wasn't looking for a tour because I was going to school. I did a Christmas special with 'N Sync for Disney but they invited me to go on their tour with them. It was like, 'Oh my

Please see TEEN, E2



Visiting Detroit: Tatyana Ali, former star of the television show "Fresh Prince of Bel Air," is one of a handful of teen idols coming to town this weekend. She will open for 'N Sync at The Palace of Auburn Hills on Thursday, March 25.

#### Teen dream weekend - and beyond

eenagers will be lining up outside The Palace of Auburn Hills and La Boom in Walled Lake to see their favorite stars this weekend.

'N Sync performs along with Tatyana Ali and Divine at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2. Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. The show is sold out but tickets may be released the day of the show. Call (248) 377-0100 or visit http://www.palacenet.com.

Those unable to get tickets to the Thursday show have a second chance when the Florida quintet returns to play the Pontiac Silverdome at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, with ex-New Kid on the Block Jordan Knight and Brit boy band Five Tickets are \$32.50. For more information, call (248) 645-6666 or visit http://www.ticketmaster.com.

Voices of Theory performs during "Never Been Kissed" Prom '99 night promoting the new Drew Barrymore flick at 9 p.m. Friday, March 26, at La Boom teen nightclub, 1172 N Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. The party, hosted by Jimi Love of WDRQ-FM (93.1), will also feature giveaways of tuxedo rentals, hair and makeup appointments, discounted limo service, flowers, and passes to the movie's premiere. Tickets are \$10 in advance at Ticketmaster. For more information, call (248) 926-9960 or (248) 645-6666.

Next month, 98 Degrees, B\*Witched and Jessica Simpson will perform at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave. Detroit, on Saturday, April 17. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$25 for reserved theater seating. For more information, call (313) 961-5451, (248) 645-6666 or visit http://www.961melt.com.

#### It's about time for **Voices to Theory**

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

hen former General Hospital star Ricky Martin wiggled his hips across the stage at the Grammy Awards last month, for many viewers it was the first exposure they had to Latino music and heritage.

The quintet Voices of Theory, all of whom are of Latino descent, said it's chout the contract of the stage of the

are of Latino descent, said it's about time.

"We're trying to do the same thing," Hector Ramos said of Martin. "When people first hear us, and actual addon't see us, people are judgmental. They think otherwise. When they see

us, they drop their jaws." Save for Spanish versions of their songs

"Say It" ("Dimelo") and "Wherever You Go" ("Si Acaso Te Vas"), Voices of Theory doesn't necessarily sound Latino. The group's selftitled album features the latest single "Wherever You Go," written by Voices of Theory's new manager, Mike "Bass" McCary of Boyz II

"Mike is actually the best, man. He's a really big brother to us. We've known him for a long time, actually for about seven years. He's been behind us 100 percent," explained Erik Serrano, 20.

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Erik Sermano

"When 'Wherever You Go' came out, in about a week it was the No. 4 video in the country. The Box (video channel) has given us a lot of love. So have the fans who have been ordering it," Serrano added.

Voices to Theory, he added, is benefiting from having a manager who is also an artist.

"The advice he can give

us is overwhelming. Plus, Michael is Michael from Boyz II Men. It's real fun. We're such Boyz II Men fans. We grew up listening to Boyz II Men and now being around them and actually having Michael work for us is, like crazy," Serrano said.

Voices of Theory - which also includes James Cartagena, Mechi Cebollero and David Cordova - acknowledge Boyz II Men with their soulful ballads and Temptations-like

Boyz II Men aren't the only superstars behind him. Mariah Carey gave them their start, taking them on tour with her. Producer Jellybean Benitez, who has collaborated with Madonna and Whitney Houston, worked on the album and signed them to his H.O.L.A. (Home of Latin Artists) label.

"Jellybean is like the best. We just want to give much love to him for actually giving us a chance," Serrano explained.

Voices to Theory is just wrapping up a promotional tour with Cordova, who, thanks to dialysis machines, is able to tour despite awaiting a kidney transplant. He is expected to perform with Voices to Theory Friday, March 26, at La Boom teen nightclub in Walled Lake.

"The last time we were in Detroit, you guys showed us a lot of love a lot of love, actually both times we were there," Serrano said of the Boyz II Men show and the "DRQ Freeze For All" with 98 Degrees and Ace of Base last

### Company brings world-class ballet to Opera House

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER

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There's no tilting at windmills for the American Ballet Theatre.

A year after announcing that the Detroit Opera House would be their Midwest home, the legendary New York City-based ballet company continues to bring world-class performances to the area.

Indeed, with "Don Quixote," performed tonight through Sunday at the Detroit Opera House, American Ballet Theatre may succeed in dance where the dreamy-eyed idealist Don Quixote failed in Cervantes' 17th-century tale. American Ballet Theatre returns to

WHAT: "Don Quixote" presented by the American Ballet Theatre
WHEN: Thursday, March 25-Sunday,

WHERE: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit (one block east of Woodward Ave. and Madison TICKETS: \$15-\$62, call (313) 237-SING

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the opera house after gaining critical and popular acclaim for last year's per-formance of "Giselle."

Among the most inspiring stories of vestern literature, Cervantes' "Don Quixote de la Mancha" has been the source for Massenet's opera, Strauss orchestral music, and a popular main-

stream musical. (Robert Goulet's indelible interpretation of "Impossible Dream" in the title role of "Man from la Mancha" should come to mind.)

The three-act ballet is typically in the repertoire of major dance theaters throughout the world.

"Don Quixote" was first performed by the Bolshoi Ballet in the mid-19th century, and premiered at the Metropolitan Opera House in 1966.

The story is about the travails of Don Quixote, whose overexcited imagination and idealism blinds him to reality. He becomes crazed from reading romances of chivalry, and sets out to

redress the wrongs of the world. Don Quixote becomes not only frus-

trated by the unbendable ways of the world, but his plight reveals a world whereby idealists are considered expendable.

While the task might be futile, the story of Don Quixote is considered a morality tale of the struggles of those with a humanitarian vision in a world of practical necessities

The practical effect having American Ballet Theatre calling the opera house their home has been to strengthen the local dance scene.

In addition to their performances, American Ballet Theatre also conducts master classes through Wayne State

#### MOVIES

### 5 readers close to perfect on Oscar picks

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.h

Roberto Benigni was the surprise winner for Best Actor at this year's Academy Awards ceremony on Sun-

In our Academy Awards Contest no one correctly answered all seven categories - Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Director, Best Supporting

Actor, Best Supporting Actress, and Best Original Song. Five readers correctly answered six of the seven categories. Our finalists were - Russell Beutner of Livonia; Joseph Butler of Orion; Elio Della Mora of Farmington

Hills; Nancy Pietraszkiewicz of Rochester Hills, and Marvin Weingarden of Southfield.

In a random drawing, Weingarden was declared the winner of an annual movie pass good for two people to any area AMC Theatres

Entry form's arrived at the Observer & Eccentric Newspaper office in Livonia by mail and fax. We received 386 entries. Of the entries submitted, 63 percent picked "SavingPrivate Ryan" for Best Picture of the Year. "Shakespeare in Love," received 93 votes, followed by "Life is Beautiful," 25 votes, "Elizabeth," 20 votes, and the "Thin Red Line" three votes

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Benigni and Giorgio Cantarini in Roberto Benigni's "Life is Beautiful."

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churches, places that proved to

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one else. They always make you

feel good and they help you in

bands like Backstreet Boys, Han-

son and 'N Sync have ruled the

charts. Now with Britney Spears

recently topping the charts, girls

are making ground in the mar-

ket. Singers like Ali and Divine

are paving the way.

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be suitable training grounds.

ets, and the funky "Fairy Tales."

'Rumors' are true: This show's a laugh-a-minute

### Teen from page E1

gosh. OK.' I had to rethink to balance school, music and act-everything like whether or not I ing. we gonna get married." Back to the music. was going to take time off from

To head out on tour, Ali took time off from studying Afro-American studies and government at Harvard. She is planning on returning in the fall. She also deferred a year of

school to finish her well-received that," she said. R&B CD "Kiss the Sky" (MJJ Music/Will Smith Enterprises). She tapped into several producers' talents for "Kiss the Sky' including Rodney Jenkins and Shawn Stockman of Boyz II

lives and breathes music. I worked with him in like three different studios and each one he had a bed so he could sleep there literally. That's his life. He's also really young so he likes to party, have fun, play and laugh," Ali

"Working with Shawn Stockman, he's really cool, laid back and relaxed, very peaceful and

very patient." Ali, who appears in the movie Grammy Award-winning rap "Jawbreaker," hopes to continue artist. "Put that I love Jay-Z and

"(Music and acting) they both kind of fulfill different things. Acting is totally different because it creates a person. You create an image and a being and a whole history for somebody. You make stuff up. There's something that's really exciting about

"With music, it's kind of being as true to yourself as you possibly can. Because it's scarier it does make it more exciting and it does make it more rewarding. This is the most exciting thing "ve ever done - ever, ever, ever."

The 'N Sync, Tatyana Ali and Divine show is one of two teenriented concerts that hits the Detroit area this weekend. Voices of Theory performs at the teen club La Boom in Walled Lake on Friday, March 26.

Never mind the music, Kia Thornton, one third of the group Divine, has one thing to say.

"I love Jay-Z," she said of the

Back to the music. Blending R&B, soul and gospel, the members of Divine were put together three years ago by managers Nathan Garvin and Gillian Manigat. Thornton, 17, along with Nikki Bratcher, 17, and Tonia Tash, 18, were pursuing solo careers until Garvin and Manigat came along. None of them have regrets

about joining a group instead. "We were really anxious to be in the business. Now we can't see it no other way. Before we came out we got the name Divine to hear people on the radio say our name, and to see our name in areas you need help in," Bratcher magazines. It's all about Divine

now." Tash explained. "It was more like fate because usually when girl groups come together, there's attitudes and people say they can't get along and all that stuff. As soon as we got together, we just clicked. Our voices blended. It was just like magic," Bratcher added.

"Time for girls to rule!" Thornton said. "There were girl bands The trio's debut "Divine" (Pendulum/Red Ant Entertainment) like Xscape but they're older. It's has already spawned the hit time for young girls to come out "Lately," brought to the girls by and rule."

#### Concert



Jazz Master: Teddy Harris Jr. plays keyboards for a Count Basie tribute 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 -Middlebelt, (south of Eight Mile), Livonia. Concert features Johnny Trudell's Big Band and guest artists trombonist Al Grey, and vocalist Harvey Thompson. Tickets \$15 and available by calling (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454.

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are celebrating their tenth

anniversary with a formal din-

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dinner theater or show tickets.

BY ROBERT WEIBEL

ious farce, "Rumors."

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ations, especially if their public

image is threatened. Chris and

Ken Gorman (played nicely by

Linda Pelliccioni and Jason

the come up the driveway. Ken

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Doll is perfect as a sarcastic, self-centered socialite, trading Fearing the worst, and not rumors of affairs at the tennis wanting to be mixed up in a

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Glassware, china, pottery, jewelry, fig

urines, primitives, toys, 10 a.m. to 3

at Six Mile, Livonia, \$3, children free.

MID-MICHIGAN CAT FANCIERS' NOVI

Featuring the breed Japanese Bobtail, 9

a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 27, and

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 28,

Novi Expo Center, Novi. \$7 adults, \$6

654-2302 (between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.)

Comic books, non-sport cards, action

Farmington Road, between Seven and

7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, The

Dr., Auburn Hills, \$15, \$25 and \$35.

Groups of 15 or more receive \$3 off

or http://www.palacenet.com

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Benefit for the Karmanos Cance

a.m. Thursday, March 25, State

institute featuring a performance by

Stewart Francke, his first since under

going a stem cell transplant for treat-

ment of leukemia five months ago, 7:3

Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit

\$35 mezzanine, \$100 open bar on the

ground level and table seating. (800)

A benefit for the Baldwin Church and

Center that features a meal of bread

blues singer Pete Fetters, 5:30-9:30

p.m. Friday, March 26, Creative Arts

And wife Colleen host a book signing

noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at

he Henry Ford OptimEyes Super Visio

Center, 35184 Central City Parkway,

ear Wayne Road, Westland, Proceeds

from sale of book benefit the American

Diabetes Association, (734) 427-5200

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David Lee, Larry Fratangelo and specia

guest Sista Otis and the Wholly Rollers,

ing Lonesome Rose & Kym B. Right,

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March 31, at Swann Gallery, 1250

Library Street, Detroit. Donations

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aise funds for Henry Ford Community

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"ONCE IN A BLUE MOON"

(rams, (313) 965-4826

WALK FOR WOMEN"

(313) 845-9629

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figures, toys and Beanie Babies, 10

the Knights of Columbus, 19801

MOTOR CITY COMICS SHOW

iors, \$4 youths ages 5-12. (734)

(734) 464-8493/(734) 591-3252

. Sunday, March 28, at the Holiday

n. 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, I-275

434-8004

CAT SHOW

COLLECTIBLES SHOW

THEATER

ETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE 'Magda's Story," a powerful epic drama about a Slavik woman who saw her life brutalized by Hitler's invasion, by the persecution of Jews and by com munist debasement without every deny ing her humanity or compromising her spirit, April 1 to May 23, 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347 FOX THEATRE

"The Wizard of Oz" starring Mickey Rooney and Royal Oak native Jessica Grove, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday. April 2, noon, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 4, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, April 7-9, noon, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$45.50, \$32.50 and \$17.50. (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-

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 **MEADOW BROOK THEATRE** 

"A Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts," Karim Alrawi's pla about the relationship between Edse Ford and the politically controversial 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 University Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester, \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

OPERA

JOSE CARRERAS

8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Fox heatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit \$75 and \$125. All ages. (248) 433-

VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN Presents 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

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE Neil Simon's hysterical farce "Rumors 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27 (\$19 includes dinner and 8 p.m. show) and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 2-3 (\$8), at the college, 18600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile roads, ivonia, (734) 462-4596 U-M THEATRE

Workshop production of "Orphan Train a classic American melodrama about poverty, community, family and hope by Michigan playwright Dennis North, directed by Guy Sanville of Purple Rose Theatre Company, April 1-11, at the rueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$14, \$7 734) 764-045

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE Moss Hart's comedy "Light Up the Sky continues in rotating repertory to April 1. and "The Playboy of the Western World," a literary classic from Ireland about a playboy who cons his way into becoming the romantic hero of a small peasant village, runs through May 8 in rotating repertory, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313)

> -COMMUNITY THEATER

MINGHAM TEMPLE PLAYERS "Just the Two of Us" 8 p.m. Saturday March 27 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$8 members, \$10 onmembers. (248) 477-1410 RIDMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS The musical "Fiddler on the Roof," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$14. (248) 644-2075

**BLOOMFIELD PLAYERS** "Wizard of Oz," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday March 28, at Andover High School theater, Andover and Long Lake roads, west of Telegraph, \$10, \$8 under age

JACK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIONS "Cahoots," a comedy thriller about a group of friends who get together for a quiet dinner that ends in murder, 8 p.m.

Sunday March 28, at the theater,

21730 Madison, southeast of Monroe

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE "Grace and Glorie," a drama about two women from different backgrounds who find friendship as they struggle with University of Michigan-Dearborn's recrenatters of death and life, 8 p.m. Friday Saturday, March 26-27, and 2 p.m. ation and organizations center, Evergreen Road between Ford and Sunday, March 28, at the theater, Michigan, Dearborn. \$8, \$5 38840 W. Six Mile, (west of I-275 seniora/students. (734) 797-JACK Livonia. \$10, \$8 for groups of 10 c more. (734) 464-6302 PARK PLAYERS

"Ouilters," a musical celebrating life in TROY PLAYERS pioneer America in the late 1800s.

"Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling March 26-27, at the North Rosedale opens 8 p.m. Friday, April 9 and contin Park Community House, 18445 ues 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, April Scarsdale, Detroit. \$10-20. (313) 531-10, April 16-17 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18 at the Troy Community Center, 3179 PLAYERS QUILD OF DEARBORN ivernois, Troy. Call (248) 879-1285 for Remember Mama," 8 p.m. Friday Saturday, March 26-27, and 2:30 p.m.

WEST END PRODUCTIONS

cal comedy capturing the robust spirit of the jokes of the vanished era, 9 p.m. ridays-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-

In center ring: Andre and his Serengeti Lions is just one of the exciting acts

you'll see at the Shrine Circus through Sunday, March 28, at the State Fair

Coliseum, Michigan State Fairgrounds, Woodward Avenue at Eight Mile

a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday; 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Tick-

(313) 831-1620, the Michigan State Fairgrounds Box Office, (313) 366-6200

Road, Detroit. Performances 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 10

ets \$6, \$10, \$12, and \$14, available at the Shriner's Circus Ticket Office,

and all Ticketmaster outlets, (248) 645-6666. For more information, call

(313) 831-1620 or (313) 366-6200. To buy your tickets online, visit the

Shrine Circus Web site: www.shrinecircus.net

nd Outer Drive, Dearborn, \$11. (313)

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY

Mae," a comedy about an African-

The Trial of One Shortsighted Black

American female Hollywood executive

negative impact they had on her life,

entinues to March 28, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday-Friday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

evenings, at the Charles H. Wright

Museum of African American History

315 E. Warren at Brush, Detroit. \$18

Friday-Saturday with \$2 surcharge for

ticket purchased through the museum

\$15 Saturday-Sunday afternoon (with

"Crazy for You," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

March 26-27, Salem Theatre, Plymouth

ilem High School, 46181 Joy Road

Canton Township. \$7. (734) 416-7723

orthern High School, 1051 Arlene. \$7

"Eat Your Heart Out," Nick Hall's com

dy about an out-of-work actor paying

Sunday, March 28, at The Burgh, north

east corner of Civic Center Drive and

bout an idealistic young author runs

Friday-Sunday, through March 28, at

the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette

Royal Oak, \$10-12. (248) 541-6430;

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Bottrell and Jessie Jones 8 p.m

playhouse, 400 Lone Pine Road,

Bloomfield Hills. Ticket \$12, \$10

"Dearly Departed" a comedy by David

hursday-Saturday, March 25-27, at t

seniors and students, Call (248) 644-

Royal Oak, (248) 586-1313

the hills as a waiter 8 n.m. Friday

Saturday, March 26-27, and 2 p.m.

Berg Road, Southfield, \$8, \$7

ior/child. (248) 827-0707

"Educating Rita," 8 p.m. Friday

Saturday, March 26-27, at Pontiac

\$6 seniors/children. (248) 624-

\$2 surcharge), senior/student dis-

counts. (313) 872-0279

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PLYMOUTH PARK PLAYERS

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March 25-26, and 6 p.m. Sunday

who sues two movie stereotypes for the

Woman vs. Mammy Louise and Safreeta

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DINNER THEATER

**BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE** "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive heatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live pand performing traditional Italian wed ding songs, has an open-ended run, at e restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. :30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturday's, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac, (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

YOUTH

Saturday, March 27, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$8, \$6 children ages 12 and younger. All ages. (734) 449-9120/(734) 930-1614 or (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org **MARQUIS THEATRE** Velveteen Rabbit," 2:30 p.m

Saturdays and Sundays through April 5, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 5-9, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville, \$7, (248) 349-8110 PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS Jack and the Beanstalk, " runs

Saturdays-Sundays to May 23, 1 p.m. Saturdays (lunch at noon) and 2 p.m. listoric Players Club. 3321 E. lefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougall across from Harbortown, show, (810) 662-8118 RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

The Junior Actors present "The Emperor's New Clothes" and meals with he Easter Bunny, 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27 and 1 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the playhouse 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. \$6.50, ncludes meal, play and visit with and gift from the Easter Bunny, (248) 988-

YOUTHEATRE Curious George" romps through this musical comedy from New York's Theatreworks/USA, 2 P.M. Saturday Sunday, March 27-28 and 11 a.m. Saturday, March 27, at Music Hall Center, Detroit, \$8, \$7 advance, (313)

SPECIAL EVENTS

EAST LANSING FILM FESTIVAL Glaser of Troy, 7 p.m. Friday, March 26, Wells Hall, Michigan State University campus, East Lansing. Admission \$5,

FLOWER SHOW Friday-Sunday, April 2-4, Washtenay "Saucy Bossy and Burlesque," a hysteri- Farm Council Grounds, Ann Arbor-Saline FAMILY EVENTS

Carnival rides and midway attractions riday-Sunday, March 26-28, 4-11 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon to 11 p.m. Saturdays and until 10 p.m. Sundays, at the Pontiac Silverdome. \$8 Monday hursday, \$12 Friday-Sunday. (248) 456-1600

EASTER AMERICAN POLISH CULTURAL CENTER Buffet brunch 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy. \$18, \$8 children, Reservations by March 27, (248) 689-3636

years of ministry and final week, 6 p.m Sunday, March 28 and 8 p.m. Friday, April 2. at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Free. (734) EASTER EGG HUNT 11 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at Domino's Farms Petting and Events Center, Earhart Road, Ann Arbor. \$3, proceeds

The dramatic musical is an intriguing

love story set at the time of Christ's

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benefit the Easter Seals, (734) 930-

AMERICAN STRING QUARTET Beethoven the Contemporary," 4 p.m. Sunday, March 28, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., An Arbor. \$16, \$24, \$28, \$30. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE Presents its scholarship winners, 1 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at the Community House, 380 S. Bates Street, Birmingham. \$2. (248) 475-

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With Jarvi and planist Garrick Ohlsson,

8 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, March 26, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48, and a limited number of box seats for \$40-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsymphony.com LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Good Friday concert features soprano Lynda Weston, baritone Lance Ashmore, pianist Anna Sorokhtei, and the St. Genevieve Interdenominational Festival Choir, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 2 at St. Genevieve Church, on Jamison Street, south of Five Mile, east of

Middlebelt, Livonia, \$15, \$8 children

ages 12 and under. (734) 421-

1111/(734) 464-2741 LOUIS NAGEL Performs Beethoven and provides commentary on the composer's life and works, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or

**ELEANA SHISHKO** Professor of piano at St. Petersburg Conservatory in Russia, performs at noon Wednesday, March 31, Forum Building recital hall, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road. between Six and Seven Mile roads Livonia. Free; Conducts one-day piano teachers' workshop, Monday, March 29, at the college. \$40 advance registration, \$45 for on-site registration; Conducts a master class, 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, Schoolcraft

College's Forum Recital Hall, Free, 734) 462-4400, ext. 5218 TRIO FONTENAY Featuring pianist Wolf Harden, violinis Michael Mucke and cellist Jens-Peter Maintz, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$18, \$22, \$24. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org

BENEFITS ORGAN

> MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY Winter Movie Series continues with a Three Stooges Festival starring Moe Howard, Larry Fine and Jerome "Curly" Howard, 8 p.m. Friday, March 26 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27 organ overtures start 30 minutes earlier, guest organists evening Jim Boutell, natinee Gus Borman), at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-

POPS/SWING

COUNT BASIE TRIBUTE Johnny Trudell's Big Band featuring Teddy Harris Jr. is joined by trombonist 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 oundation. (248) 474-2720/(734) 459-2454

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, during the Detroit Rockers game, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (western swing) 9-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Soup Kitchen, 1585 Franklin, Detroit, (313)

259-1374; 7-9:30 p.m. Sundays, at the

E. Main Street, Northville. For weekend

eidelberg, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 863-7758 MARQUIS THEATRE Auditions for boys and girls ages 8-16 for the musical "Rapunzel," 5 p.m.

performances May 7 to June 5. (248) RADIO CITY ENTERTAINMENT

The organization auditions girls between the ages of 12-18 for the role of Dorothy of "The Wizard of Oz," 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, The Second City-Detroit, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Girls must be able to sing 16 bars of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." (313) 596-3288/(888) 7-4-DOROTHY or http://www.ozontour.com THE SECOND CITY

The Second City is looking for new, talented actors by hosting limited auditions by appointment only, Monday-Wednesday, April 5-7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call backs April 9th. Candidates (non-equity and equity) must have stage and performance experience, strong writing skills and be able to sing. Walk-ins will not be accepted. To register, (313) 964-5821 by April 1.

CHORAL

SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK 8 p.m. Friday, March 26, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor, \$12, \$18, \$24, \$28, (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org

JAZZ

BANYAN

Featuring former Jane's Addiction and Porno for Pyros drummer Stephen Perkins, and Rob Wasserman, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance, 18 and older, (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD 9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Alvin's 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit, \$5, 18 and

older, (319) 832-2355 (gypsy jazz) SANDRA BOMAR TRIO 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 25, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass trio) TIM FLAHARTY TRIO

With Nancy K., 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, March 26, Club Bart, 22726 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 548-8746 (classic jazz. guitar and vocals) ERIK FRIEDLANDER

Jazz cellist who performed with the rock band Hole during MTV's "Unplugged," performs 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Kerrytown Concert Hall, Ann Arbor. \$10 and \$15 734) 769-2999 NATE GURLEY 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-

27. Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODO

8 p.m. Friday, March 26, at Oakland Community College's Smith Theater in Farmington Hills (\$12). (248) 471-7667/(248) 471-7700; 8-11 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, at the No.VI Chophouse & Lobster Bar in the Hotel, Baronette, 27790 Novi Road, Novi (248) 305-5210; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. All ages (248) 305-7333

"JAZZ IN THE STREETS" The series continues with Straight Ahead, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward. \$20. (313) 833-1262 for reservations

JAZZ MANDOLIN PROJECT 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, Magic Bag 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com VANESA JOHNSON AND FRIENDS 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27 Tom's Ovster Bar. 29106 Franklin Road.

Southfield, (248) 356-8881 **EILEEN KELTER TRIO** mmunity Center, Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Free, tickets are required. (248) 967-4030

KOG'S KATS 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 27 Absolute Tiffany Jazz Grille, 440 Clinton, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313 964-8953

KATHY KOSINS TRIO 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, March 26, Edison's, 220 Merrill St. Birmingham, Free, 21 and older, (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass trio) 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, as part of

With Utopia Black and The Bottle

Prophets, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March

Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-

With The Ken Navarro Group, 8 p.m.

hursday, March 25, Royal Oak Musi

Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oal

\$28.50. 21 and older. (248) 546-7610

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> **ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE** Minimal walk throughs, many dances will not be taught or walked through at all, to music by the Contrapreneurs, 8 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-

**TANGO CLASSES** 8 p.m. Fridays (beginning), at the Tro Dance Studio, 4963 Rochester Road, at Cong Lake Road (\$5-\$10), (248) 689 3393; 8 p.m. Saturdays at Dance Avenue, 1860 N. Telegraph, southeas of Ford Road, Dearborn (\$5-\$7), (313) 565-3329; also advanced Tango

Sundays In Troy. OAKLAND DANCE THEATRE AND OU REPERTORY DANCE THEATRE

Present "Dance Explosion" a high ene gy concert of new dances by faculty, student and guest choreographer, Colin Connor, 8 p.m. Friday, March, 26; 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, VArner Recital Hall, Oakland University, campus, Rocheter. Tickets \$10, \$8 seniors. \$5 students. Calf (248) 370-3013. COUNTRY CLASS Country/Western dance 7:45 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Plymouth Elks Club. 41700 E. Ann Arbor Road. Plymouth, \$7 per person, (734) 425-

COMEDY "COMEDY EXPLOSION" Featuring Coco, Tony Roney, Frank G., Bam Bam and Mary Ann DeMoss, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens, Tickets at Ticketmaster, par

(\$12), at the club above Kicker's All

American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road,

Livonia Third Level Improv and new tal-

ent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5), (734)

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

John Hope, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March

25 (\$8, \$20.95 dinner show package)

Saturday, March 26-27 (\$12. \$24.95

dinner show package), 7 p.m. Sunday

March 28 (\$10, \$22,95 dinner show

package); Alturo Shelton, 8:30 p.m.

10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 2-3

(\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package

Friday, and \$12 and \$24.95 dinner

TOMMY DAVIDSON AND FRIENDS,

584-8885

show package Saturday), at the club

5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn, (313)

With Joe Torry, Montana Taylor and Joe

Clair, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Fox

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\$27.50, \$35 and \$50. (248) 433-1515

livi Rogers, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

25, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday.

March 26 (\$12), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15

p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, March

?7 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty,

jursday, March 25 (\$20), Friday

March 26 (\$22.50), and Saturday

March 27 (\$25); Mark Britten and

Randy O'Brien, Wednesday-Sunday

Fourth St., Royal Oak, 8:30 p.m.

March 31-April 4, at the club, 269 E

Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays

hursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45

p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to

n. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30

nursday, April 1 (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and

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

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> p.m. Thursday, April 1, Gameworks a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday through nside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 March 31, in conjuction with exhibit Senegalese Threads of Beauty: The Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills, Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (pop) Free Tapestry of Abdoulave Kasse." THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY which features 11 of the artist's origi-9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Jimmy's, "When We Were Queens" discusses the 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 Oueens whose achievements serve as an inspiration to women during the Nomen's Empowerment Caucus 6:30-8 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) 824-1700 (rock) PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS

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GORDON BENNETT With Centrifuge, 9 p.m. Friday, March 9 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Gameworks 26, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills, Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675; 9 p.m. **BLUE ROSE** 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, Tuesday, March 30, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Nancy Whiskey's, 2644 Harrison,

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9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, TC Gators. edford, Free, 21 and older, (313) 533 42559 Ford Road, Canton Township. BUCK, D'MAN, HUNTER Free. 21 and older. (734) 981-0906/(734) 721-1622 (rock) 9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, CK Diggs, FREEDY JOHNSTON 010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30. The Ark Free, 21 and older, (248) 853-6600

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ymouth. Free, 21 and older, (734 459-4190 (rock) With Michelle Penn and Troll for Trout p.m. Saturday, March 27, Magic Bag, AL KOOPER Founding member of Blood, Sweat and 920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$6. ears, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit, \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door, 18 and older.

With Dean Fertita, 9 p.m. Saturday. **GLADYS KNIGHT** March 27, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave. With The Temptations, 8 p.m. Thursda Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older March 25, and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 28, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave ttp://golddollar.com ('60s-inspired etroit. \$47.50 and \$40. (248) 433-1515 (R&B/Motown)

With Keith Parmentier, 8-9:30 p.m. 77.9 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth day, April 2, Angel Caravan Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450: 9 offeehouse in Friends Meeting House p.m. Friday, April 2, Music Menu, 511 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Suggested Monroe St., Détroit's Greektown, Cove donation, \$7, \$5 students ages 13 and charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 lder, \$3 kids. All ages. (734) 327-MICKEY STRANGE 30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, inside p.m. Friday, April 2, Lili's, 2930

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March 27, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (blues) **MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY** 9 p.m. Friday, March 26, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 Woodward Ave., mingham. Free. 21 and older. (248); 9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland, Free, 21 and older, (734) 721-8609; 9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Fox

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'N SYNC With Tatyana Ali and Divine, 7 p.m. hursday, March 25, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. 926-9960 (pop) Auburn Hills. Sold out but tickets may **VUDU HIPPIES** be released the day of show. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (pop

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With Caelum Bliss, 6 p.m. Friday, April St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8.90 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com/alternative

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ROOSTER 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, The Alley ehind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older (248) 652-6620 (rock)

10 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Atwater Block Brewery, 237 Jos. Campau, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 393-LEON RUSSELL 8 p.m. Friday, March 26, Magic Bag.

22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$20. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rock PETER "MADCAT" RUTH Celebrates his 50th birthday, 8 p.m. Friday, April 2, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or

ttp://www.a2ark.org (blue SAX APPEAL 8 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Fox and lounds, 1560 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248)

644-4800 (R&B) KRISTIN SAYER 9 p.m. Friday, March 26, CK Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills Free, 21 and older, (248) 853-6600

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9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St. Rochester, Free, 21 and older, (248)

VERTICAL HORIZON With The Gathering Field, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. \$5, 21 and older. (248) 652 6620 (rock) VOICES OF THEORY

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9 p.m. Thursday, April 1, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak Free, 21 and older, (248) 543-4300 or http://www.vuduhippies.com (alterna-8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27,

WILD WOODYS 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, Rochester Rochester, Free, 21 and older, (248)

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MELT or http://www.961melt.com 24 KARAT CLUB "Latin Dance Night" with DJ Ronny Lucas, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Thursdays, \$3:

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The children are delightful Plague's optimistic and energetic sullen, yet perceptive, Christine, Jeff Ostrowski's steadfast Nels, and Alicia Ryan in the role as both the adult and child Katrin, the dramatic daughter who longs to be a writer, whose memories strong, cohesive cast with dis- narrate the play. Their cousin Arne was played with enthusiasm by Derrick Marshall.

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character's impatience, sub- effects, nearly stole the show. A terfuges, accent and limp with labor of love, the auto tooled

Ron Deihl's cowering and nervous Mr. Thorkelson generated designer Dave Reynold senior's appreciative laughter, as did the double-talk and antics of the ily's main room facilitated an three judgmental aunts, humorously portrayed by Betty Barryman, Saundrea Sanburn and

master carpenter Gordon tions such as Christine's black

alliances with the children on Mosley's vintage automobile bodiced 1970s vintage grann the sly. Rumley captured the replica, with superb sound dress in the opening scene, Katrin's classmates' ill-fitting outfits, and the walk-ons' overing done hodge-podge attire. across the upstage area to the

The stage crew was noisy and delight of the audience. Set slow, and dropped a bed, wrestled with a table, and could be unique scrim upstage of the famheard tersely talking in the wings. The lighting crew brought. interesting perspective of arrivthe stage lights up prematurely, Most of the costumes looked several times opening night, good and were well-suited to the catching crew members still on The onstage appearance of era, with a few notable excep- stage. Hopefully, they will cede

### 'Dearly Departed' funny

with simplicity.

Ray-Bud. While playing Bud is

opening curtain, playing Ray-

Bud takes the finesse of simplici-

ty to portray this utterly uncom-

plicated, would-be macho, and

Cheryl Schonerr is outstanding

as his kindly wife Lucille. Co-

director Sally Garrison is Mother

Raynelle, matronly and compas-

sionate, yet with evenly timed

and punctuated lines that

Reseigh are perfectly matched as

Suzanne and Junior, consumed

Kimberly Parlove and Jeffrey

disobedient children. Parlove is with charm.

always bring in the laughs.

not too difficult since he dies ful job of playing the triple roles

with their marital discord and tating Marguerite, and does it

ing and departing guests.

St. Dunstan's Theatre Suild of Definitely these people don't rep- and Reseigh is so totally dis-Departed," a comedy by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 25-27 at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$12, senior citizens and students, \$10, call (248) 644-0527.

BY MARY JANE DOERR

After the opening lines of the first scene of St. Dunstan's comedy "Dearly Departed," it is perfectly clear. The dearly departed was not dearly beloved. At the funeral of this family patriarch, there are tears - tears of laughter. Surly and mean is the way Raynelle describes her dead husband. The deadpan manner Sally Garrison delivered her lines as Raynelle makes the show funny.

What makes it even funnier is the way each person in the Turpin family acts when their father, Bud, drops dead after his wife, Raynelle, reads him a condemning letter from his zealously religious sister, Marguerite.

Cranbrook presents "Dearly resent the upper echelon of tracted by this economic and Southern society or Southern domestic discord, it is hard to hospitality. What they do repre- realize he is acting. sent is the uncamouflaged, natu-

Then there is the self-righteous, irritating Marguerite, ral sentiments of everyday peoplayed to perfection by Betsie ple. In their truthfulness and Robinson. As Marguerite who is absence of malice is an appeal always ready with a satirical and that directors Sally Garrison and degrading remark for everyone, Marlene Loucks have captured Robinson's performance adds to Ed Guest is both Bud, and son Ray-Bud. While playing Bud is Ned Schneider does a master

formance as both Veda and the

floozy Juanita. Kimberly

Parlove, Elizabeth Robinson, and

Cheryl Schonherr also do well as

Carl Parlove has the fun of

being Royce, the son of the irri-

the trio "Joy of Life Singers."

within a few moments of the of Norval, and Clyde and Reverend Hooker whose wisdom will hardly hook anyone into believ from London. "It's a combination ing. Elizabeth A. Robinson is delightful in the role as Delightgood-seeking blue collar worker. ful simply because she is so undelightful. She blows bubble gum and get a record done." bubbles well, too. Linda Parker Watson does a memorable per

"I really didn't have the luxury (248) 645-6666. of not doing it because the record company signed me up to make records, not sit around and do nothing." "Who Else!" features fierce gui-

tar instruments, two of which, "Space for the Papa" and "Brush With the Blues," which were recorded during Beck's 1998 German tour. It ranges from techno-("THX138") to the appropriately titled "Brush With the Blues," and an Irish drinking song,

Since tickling the ivories for a

Gap commercial, Rufus Wain-

"He's told his story over and

over again - growing up the son

of folk singers Loudon Wain-

wright III and Kate McGarrigle,

being an openly homosexual

male and writing Broadway-

style torch songs. But to Wain-

"Oh yeah, oh yeah," he said

wright, it never gets old.

wright has been a busy man.

"Declan." To help him create "Who Else!" Beck looked toward friends Tony and played keyboards, "Miami Vice" theme composer Jan Hammer, and Randy Hope-Taylor, a bassist formerly with the UK group Incognito. It wasn't an easy feat to lure Hammer out of

his home.

Trying to drag keyboard players out of the woods to write music has been really difficult. Jan'is a studio rat as he calls it. He's got his high-tech studio in utstate New York and you can't get him away from it."

Hammer and Hymas are veteran Beck collaborators. Hymas worked on "There and Back" and "Jeff Beck's Guitar Shop," while Hammer and Beck joined forces for Jeff Beck With The Jan Ham-

'Guitar lunacy' rules mer Group in 1977. As Beck puts Legendary it, the two returned to him for

Lauryn Hill's "The Miseducation

of ..." for the top of critics' year-

guitarist Jeff financial reasons. Beck feels a litreleasing, "Who around waiting for me. They about it." Else!" his first can't sit around like the old days album of origi- when we always just went hunwork to get on with in the meantime. I have to chose my moment isn't it?" said Beck calling plot together."

Jeff Beck performs at 8 p.m. of things. Just the time span Friday, March 26, at the Fox Thealone was enough to frighten me atre, 2211 Woodward Ave. into thinking I better buckle to Detroit. Tickets are \$32.50 and \$40. For more information, call

Ted Nugent's retirement didn't last long. He and Metallica's Jason Newsted announced Friday that they will play the Ponti ac Silverdome on the eve of the

"Even though I attempted to retire earlier this year, it sucked," Nugent said. "The creative juices with the Damn Yankees and with my band were unstoppable. When Jason called me to do security for this concert, I decided I should bring my Hymas, who produced the album guitar. Instead of just making sure everything went smoothly, should probably just play."

Bringing the millennium concert to the Silverdome was Newsted's idea. He is originally from Gull Lake, near Kalamazoo.

"Everybody wants to do a big thing on this date, as far as entertainers are concerned What it comes right down to is if you have to pick a half dozen places to play in North America. chances are two to three of them will be within a 300-400 mile radius of right here," Newsted

Ticket prices weren't announced but Newsted said they will be "at least one," meaning \$100. Tickets will go on sale

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emotion in his voice rising like a new company. They were still growing," he said.

Things haven't always been signed Part of it was I think peothis crazy for Wainwright. His ple had to see the show first. self-titled debut album (Dream-Works) got off to a slow start but That's how they get it." One social class who "got it" things picked up when Dream-Works started pushing the was teenage girls who prefer his good looks, showmanship and record and the album fought "you've stomped on my heart"

lyrics - all knowing he is gay.

"It's funny. I really gravitate "It did quite well when it first toward women more than men. came out in terms of critical I'm sexually attracted to men, with a sarcastic sigh. "Eleven acclaim. It took a dive for a bit but I have a very relaxed relainterviews today. I never cease to and it's interesting because a lot tionship with a lot of women. amaze myself. My story deserves of that had to do with the record Men kind of scare me (because stuff," Wainwright said.

> show. Maybe it's sexual, they on the next one." "They both have families and think I'm cute, or they might like tle odd about don't have the luxury of sitting the show. But I'm more relaxed

Wainwright's lyrics are tender and heartbreaking. "April Fools" Brion to help him choose songs. nal material in gry. He's (Hammer) got plenty of is a bouncy rip on a former lover: "And you will believe in love/ done a record that was all weird; embarrassing, when I can grab him to write for' But just until the fish start to that aren't perhaps as accessible

"In My Arms," featuring back-ground vocals by his sister, bad giving in to the record company's demands. After all, "when from both parents. Martha, and percussion by "I was the second person Sarah McLachlan's husband/ you're sitting in some gorgeous drummer Ash Sood, takes the office with Lenny Waronker and listener by the heart and twists he's telling you that you're going it like a wet rag: "Looking at hos- to sell millions of copies and then pitals Victorian/ Feeling as helpyou'll be a millionaire, it's not less as the Elephant Man/ Wish much of a bummer."

deal thanks to their parents,

DreamWorks.

For "Rufus Wainwright," the Wainwright steps forward. singer/ pianist chose songs from Loudon Wainwright gave his a pool of 57 written within the son's demo tape to Beach Boys last several years.

you were here/ to chain you up

without shame/ In my arms

"I've been writing it since I helped him ink a deal with was 17 or 18. ... It was quite hard of) sexual tension and all of that (to choose the songs). There are certain songs that I wish had "I'm quite shy actually when it made it on the record, which will The Observer & Eccentric Newscomes to all of that stuff (dat- make it on the next one. One ing). I don't feel threatened with song, for instance, 'Liberty Cabwomen. That's probably why a bage, which was the first song I lot of women like coming to the ever wrote, I hope that makes it wright, laughing, called his dad a

Admitting to not knowing "much about pop," he looked to knowing what the right hand music industry executive Lenny Waronker and producer Jon

"Whereas my father didn't want me to work and stuff, my "I would have loved to have She said do not work, do not get And all that it's supposed to be/ all the bizarre songs that I enjoy a job it'll just bring you down. Doors open at 9 p.m. for the 18 me. This has all taken time to smell/ And you're struck down by with a pop record. But you really she told me to stay home and . mation, call (248) 335-8100 or have to listen to other people."

Rufus Wainwright carves out his own musical style

"I was really influenced by them, more by watching their shows. They put on great shows. They are both diametrically sed. My father's very brash and kind of loud and funny While some musicians would whereas my mother's quite soft spoken and sentimental on never admit to getting a record stage. I think in songwriting take more after my mother. On stage, I take after my father in terms of on stage persona and

lyricist Van Dyke Parks who dealing with the audience." His primary focus, however, is to render the listener helpless

Ironically, Loudon Wainwright and take over their senses. "The ideas that I used were to said during an interview with essentially seduce the listener. papers last year that he wasn't Now, especially in these times, thrilled about his son diving into the music business. Rufus Wainthat's not being done a lot. There's just plan old songs. This is a melodious kind of thing that "I think it's the left hand not isn't afraid to be extravagant. I had that in mind."

Rufus Wainwright and Imogen Heap perform Sunday, March 28. mother told me never to work. at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Tickets are \$15. She also knew I was writing and and older show. For more inforvisit http://www.961melt.com.

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hiatus due to pledge drive. think of a Martin routine

interesting local arts and music offerings around town.

In the 1970s, with disillusionment over Vietnam and Waterone of those arrow-through-the- package. head novelties and strummed a critics attacked as silly. Maybe

Although his contention remains unconfirmed by the psy- DIA's First Fridays. chiatric community, it was a In an industry where critics memorable spoof of the enter- laud the innovative and scorn tainment industry at a time the derivative, it's little surprise when everybody seemed to need

Show spotlights DIA program Maybe I'm a laugh. If the arrow didn't grab just happy to be 'em, maybe the banjo would. back in this That philosophy is certainly space after a evident this week as Backstage

Backstage Pass Pass presents some innovative approaches in the performing Detroit Public and visual arts. Let's start with March the Detroit Institute of Arts. Not content with using the drawing power of such high profile exhibits as the current Gordon kooky Steve Parks retrospective to boost attendance, the DIA is attracting families with Hudson's First Fri through the days. When you add a hands-on workshop, a world music series and other activities to the impressive galleries and exhibits, it becomes a fascinating gate at its peak, Steve donned and affordable entertainment

"It's snowballing. Since we banjo in a comedy act that some started in November, we're getting more folks each month. Many are repeat visitors, but the well. Steve maintained that it diversity of the music and activiwas impossible to be sad while ties is attracting a whole new audience with every event," says

All Stars are receiving praise from both musicians and the media. John Popper of Blues Traveler calls it the most brilliant music since P-Funk, while the Chicago Sun Times hailed the soaring melodies and funky backbeats for helping to create new musical traditions. Now, let me get this straight. It's traditional Jewish music of celebration, mixed with funk and blues performed in venerable folk ouses like the Ark in Ann Arbor But wait there's more. I'll throw in the bamboo steamer and the pocket fisherman. You can get an earful of the New Orleans Klezmer All Stars during a Channel 56 studio performance, along with visits to the DIA and Chris Turner's studio, in a BACKSTAGE PASS edition airing Sunday, March 28 at 7:80o.m. and repeated Thursday a 5:30 p.m. and Friday at midnight on Detroit Public Television.

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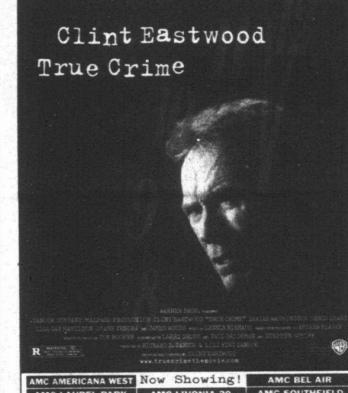
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BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.home

"Homemade mashed potatoes," that's just one of the changes you'll notice at the Leather Bottle Inn in Livonia.

The restaurant looks the same, inside and out, but not for long. "We'll be painting, and fresh-

ening it up," said Tom Mihailovich who owns the restaurant with his sister, Maria and parents John and Rosa. Tom's wife, Beti also works at the restaurant.

The family has owned other businesses, including a bakery, and always wanted to own a restaurant. Since taking over in October, they've installed new equipment in the kitchen, and changed the menu.

"Everything is made to order," said Tom after a busy lunch. "We offer a larger seafood portion, and extended the sandwich menu. Everything we make is homemade. We really want to be known for having everything

Although it was a sad occasion, a wake, the family in the sunlit Green Room was happy with the food and service, thanking Tom and Maria on their way

Starting with sandwiches, Tom recommends the Smothered Burger or Chicken Sandwich with sautéed onions, mushrooms, Leather Bottle Inn

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and choice of Swiss or Mozzarella cheese.

"Our club sandwich is really good," he said. Sandwiches are served with coleslaw and fries, with the exception of tuna or croissant sandwiches which are served with a fruit cup.

Broasted chicken is a popular menu item, and pizza's a special-

In addition to the usual fish and chips, the seafood menu includes quite a few broiled dishes including broiled salmon with white clam sauce, orange roughy, walleye filet, char grilled swordfish and tuna steak. Sautéed shrimp & scallops over rice is an often ordered entree.

"We're known for our prime rib," said Tom. The Leather Bot-

tle Inn also offers steaks and stir-frys. You can order barbecue chicken or ribs, or one of the combos — shrimp & chicken, prime rib & shrimp, or ribs & chicken.

Veal Parmigiana and Veal Piccata are new menu items. If you like Italian you'll enjoy the homemade spaghetti, fettuccine, or mostaccioli with meat or tomato sauce. There's also a baked mostaccioli and Fettuccine Alfredo. Add chicken or shrimp for a little extra.

Kids 12 and under will like the Kiddie Menu. All the entrees are \$3.50 and include pop and ice cream cone.

Cakes and cheesecake are available for dessert. Try the canollis, they're homemade.



"If we won't eat it, we won't serve it to someone else," said Tom about the food. "We want the person to enjoy their meal whether it's an order of French Fries or prime rim. We want the person to walk out of here liking

the service and the food. We want to be consistently good."

Casual and easy-going, the Leather Bottle Inn is a comfort-

able, family-oriented place. If you want to watch the game on TV, check out the bar area.

There are five TVs and comfortable booths to sit in.

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Mihailovich pre-

sent two of the

Leather Bottle

Inn's popular

dishes - Smoth-

ered Burger and Sautéed Shrimp

& Scallops over

Rice.

Asked to describe the Leather Bottle Inn, Tom simply said, "it's family owned, a nice place to go for food and drink."

#### EASTER BRUNCH

Reservations are strongly advised at the following area restaurants for brunch and/or dinner on Easter Sunday, April

Ernesto's - 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, (734)453-2002, Brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. followed by dinner until 6 p.m. Adult brunch \$18.95, children ages 6-10 \$8.95, under age 5 free. Adult dinner \$20.95.

MacKinnon's - 126 E. Main, Northville, (248)348-1991. Dinner 1-6 p.m. from special holiday menu \$18-26 average.

No. VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar - 27790 Novi Road (in The Hotel Baronette), Novi (248)305-5210. Brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults \$24.95; children under 12 \$9.95, under 3 free.

Dinner 4-9 p.m. from regular menu with Easter specials \$20-30 average.

Duet — 3663 Woodward Avenue (at Mack), Detroit (313)831-DUET. Dinner noon-8 p.m. from regular menu with Easter specials \$16-34.

Big Rock Chop & Brew House - 245 S. Eton Street, Birmingham (248) 647-7774. Brunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Adults \$24.95; children \$11.95, under 5 free. Dinner 3-9 p.m. from regular menu averaging \$15-30.

Cafe Cortina - 30715 West 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248)474-3033. Seatings at 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Adult average menu price \$24; no kid's menu, but kitchen staff will accommo-

Charley's Crab - 5498 Crooks Road, Troy, next to Northfield Hilton, (248)879-2060, 11:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. regular menu with specials. Adult average price \$18; children \$5.

Excalibur — 28875 Franklin Road, Southfield (southwest corner of 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway, (248)358-3355. Brunch buffet 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults \$22.50; children ages 7-12 \$13.95, under age 7 free. Dinner 3-8 p.m. with Easter specials, \$26 average full menu price.
Fox & Hounds —1560 North

Woodward, Bloomfield Hills (248)644-4800. Brunch 10 a.m.-3 p.m.. Adults \$16.95; children \$7.95, under 5 free. Dinner 3-8 p.m., Adults \$19-24 and children \$7.95.

Fusion - 34555 W, 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, between Farmington and Drake Roads (248)489-8852. Brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults \$24.95; children under 12 \$9.95, under 3 free. Dinner 4-9 p.m. from regular menu with Easter specials \$10 average

Morels, A Michigan Bistro 30100 Telegraph, Bingham Farms (248)642-1094. Brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults \$24.95; children under 12 \$9.95, under 3

Mortons of Chicago, The Steakhouse — 1 Town Square, Southfield (248)354-6006. Dinner 4-10 p.m. from a la carte regular menu featuring UMA. Prime aged beef. Average entree price \$25-30.

Northern Lakes Seafood Company —1475 N. Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, (248)646-7900. Brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults \$24.95; children under 12 \$9.95, under 3 free. Dinner 4-9 p.m. from regular menu with Easter specials \$15-30 average.

The Townsend Hotel - 100 Townsend Street, Birmingham, (248)642-5999. Regency Room Buffet Brunch 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. seatings. Adults \$45; children 4-12 \$22, under 3 free. Rugby Grille 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. seatings for a la carte specialties ranging \$19-32.













