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Hoppin' for a good time in Heritage Park



At the hunt: Katie Babcock, 5, (from left) her brother Alex, 3, and Madelyn Momano, 2½ pose with the Easter bunny during the Easter Egg Hunt at Heritage Park in Canton Saturday. For more photos from the annual event, please turn to Page A3 in today's Observer,

Resident flood hearing

Homeowners in the Canton Hills subdivision say a light industrial project will chase away area wildlife and could worsen flooding problems on their properties.

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oe.home

Homeowners in one of Canton's oldest subdivisions voiced opposition to a warehouse/distribution develop-

More than 50 Canton Hills residents packed a township hall meeting room for more than an hour. Potential flooding and destruction of wildlife habitat were main concerns.

"What he's trying to do here is inappropriate," North Drive resident Emily Brock said of Troy-based developer Frankel Associates. "He doesn't have the right to pollute and flood us."

The company owns 100 acres just east and west of Haggerty Road at Michigan Avenue. Haggerty Corporate, Park would be used primarily for warehousing, distribution, light industrial and office space

Frankel plans to develop the project in phases. Town-

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Bank project put on hold by planners

It will be a while longer before customers can make deposits or apply for loans from a renovated doughnut shop on Ford Road.

The Canton Planning Commission Monday tabled the site plan for Flagstar Bank, which is moving to the former Donut Scene building at Ford and Sheldon.

Senior Planner Judy Bocklage said the commission tabled it until April 19 because they wanted the bank's

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New roof, old look for Canton museum

BY SCOTT DANIEL

For the past two decades, the Canton Historical Society Museum has been something of a living anachronism.

The former one-room school, which is more than 100 years old, was topped with a relatively modern-looking roof. But soon, it will get a new roof that will look like it just stepped out of the 19th century.

"It's something we've been looking forward to for a long time," Society member and Canton Trustee Melissa McLaughlin said. "We're very pleased the museum will have the appropriate

A cedar roof and new cupola will be installed for \$24,000. The Canton Township Board of Trustees approved the expenditure March 23.

Money will come from Canton's Historical Commission account.

The commission is responsible for maintaining township historical buildings and sites. The historical society, on the other hand, operates the museum and handles educational duties.

Replacing the museum roof is one of several repair projects undertaken in the past few years. Windows have been

Please see MUSEUM, A4

Oh, baby! Friday's the night for Y2K romance

BY LILLY A. EVANS

Pull out the Frank Sinatra CDs, light the candles and pull the phone off the hook. If you would like to have a Y2K baby, Friday is the day you should conceive for the delivery date of 01-01-00.

According to area obstetricians and gynecologists it sounds exciting to try for the stroke after midnight at the turn of the century but there are a lot of variables to consider.

The odds are like playing the lottery," Dr. Michael M. Gatt of Westside Obstetries and Gynecology on Lilley Road said.

Besides conception, women would have had to have the first day of their last menstrual cycle on March 26 or 27 to be ovulating around April 8, 9 and 10. This is also assuming a 28-day cycle and that the mother will carry the baby 40 weeks and deliver on her due date,

he explained. "You would count back three months (from April 9) and subtract ven days and take in account an

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Senior returns: Tax preparers lend time, talents

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oe.homes

Life hasn't been easy for Betty Austin lately

The Canton senior recently recovered from a serious illness. She's feeling better these days, but the illness

put a strain on her financial health. Fortunately, getting her taxes done won't add to those problems. Austin and numerous others are taking advantage of Canton's senior center free tax help program

"I'm a senior that doesn't have much money," she said. "This is really nice

For Bob Gunberg, it's an opportunity for a more experienced person to han-

dle the tax code's intricacies "I thought maybe they could give me a hand," the senior said, noting that he had always prepared his own taxes until this year. "I just hope I can give

them all the information they need The tax program began in 1983 in

Canton. Senior Center Coordinator . Dianne Neihengen said it's a federal and state-backed program that started in the late 1970s

"It's a national program," she added. The idea is to provide seniors with solid tax preparation help free of charge

"Our preparers don't accept wages or tips of any kind," Neihengen said.

Each tax preparer receives six days of training on new IRS rules every year. AARP provides the training.

The senior center boasts a staff of six workers. Each average about one appointment per hour for a six hour

"The majority come back year after year to help," Neihengen said. "They're well appreciated around here.

The program, which is held in the Summit's Parkview room, began in mid February and will conclude Tuesday with morning appointments, Nei-

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A little help: Jack Grant of Plymouth (left) an AARP volunteer tax preparer, assists Bob Gunberg of Canton with his 1998 income tax return at the Senior Citizens Center in the Summit.

Study: Superintendent search not an easy task

Finding a new school superintendent to replace Chuck Little could be a major task for the

That's according to a study by the Michigan Association of School Boards, which finds that the top job in local school districts is losing its appeal.

Little announced last month he plans to leave the district, effective Aug. 1, for a job at Indiana University. The Plymouth-Canton school board will discuss the procedure by which it will look for a new superintendent at its April 13 meeting.

The study by the MASB states there are several factors which make the school superintendency a less desirable professional

"The mounting pressure of accountability in public education is one of the top reasons," said William Keane, one of two Oakland University professors who contacted 370 school superintendents and about half that many assistant superintendents

"I would also expect the district to receive about 50 percent fewer applications for the job than it might have 10-20 years ago."

> William Keane -Oakland University professor

for the study.

"A narrowing of the gap ing that someone in the private between superintendent compensation and the compensation of other administrators in the at least twice his \$120,000 district is another top reason,"

Keane said the heavy time commitment, plus the growing number of single ssue school board candidates, are other reasons school superintendents are becoming short supply.

"For me, it was the high accountability and the heavy time commitment," said Little. He said wanting more time with his family was a major consider-

ation for changing career paths. Little said the other two reasons given in the study weren't considerations for him, but said generally don't want to pay like of-state."

a business." Little was suggestsector who ran a \$100 million

Most of the Plymouth-Canton school board members weren't totally surprised when Little ounced his resignation, noting he'd been in the district for five years and they expected him to leave soon.

"Most school superintendents stay an average five or six years in a district," said Keane. "I would also expect the district to receive about 50 percent fewer applications for the job than it might have 10-20 years ago.

"They certainly will be hoping for quality, not quantity. And, "people want to run school dis- most likely a majority of the tricts like a business, but they applications will come from out-

Canton resident named to environmental post

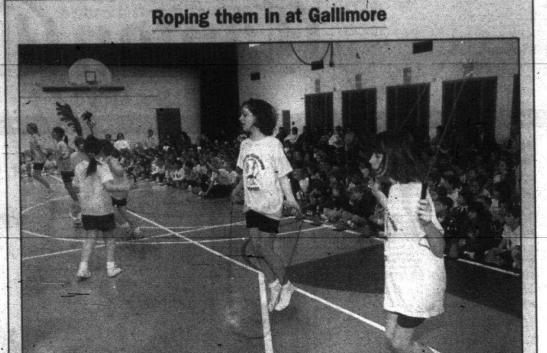
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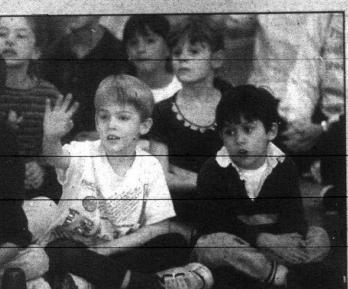
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Laurie Jahn, a Canton resi- the Michigan Environmental zation held its Annual Educational Conference election at the Frankenmuth Bavarian Ind Motor Lodge.

Jahn is a sanitarian with the Oakland County Health Division. She has a bachelor's degree in Environmental Health from Illinois State University and she is currently working on an MPA at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.





Home game: The Gallimore Roadrunner Ropers jump rope team performedfor their fellow students recently at Gallimore Elementary. The team, which promotes physical activity, fitness and fun, per forms at schools and events throughout western Wayne County: Pictured at left, Alec Spillard, 6, Sara Decima, 6, and Brian Ceglarz, 5, watch the rope

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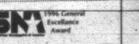
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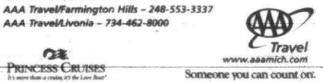
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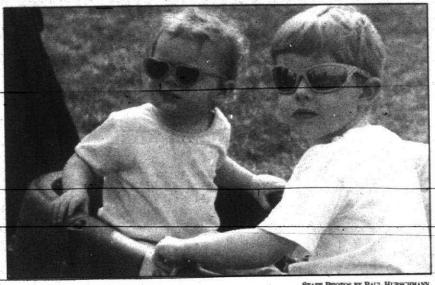
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Easter egg hunt draws a crowd

Big welcome: Spencer Bachleda, 1, gets a closeup view of the Easter Bunny during Saturday's Easter Egg Hunt at Heritage Park. The township parks and recreation department hosts the annual event, alternating a ground-based egg hunt with a helicopter marshmallow drop.







It's spring: Julianne Bekker, 19 months, and her brother Justin, 41/2, arrive at the park prepared for sunny skies. At left, Olivia Gorsuch, 21 months, awaits the start of the activities in her Easter

Unlocked car is easy target

A 42-year-old Canton man's vehicle was broken into in the early morning hours of Good Fri-

Township police reports said work at about 1:30 a.m. His car was left unlocked and the garage door open.

An unknown person stole more than \$500 worth of items from the vehicle. A cell phone, planner items stolen, reports said.

Check fraud

A man trying to cash a check from a Detroit-based business at Meijer Friday was arrested by Canton police.

Store loss prevention officers which was for \$269.31, was fraudulent. Reports didn't identify a suspect in the incident except to say that he was a male. It's the second time in a month

for the man's arrest regarding ing, reports said. the first incident on March 9.

A 26-year-old Canton woman's

truck was damaged Saturday morning by an unknown person. Police reports said her vehicle was parked at a Lilley Road business at the time of the incident. While inside the establish and passport were among the ment, witnesses said a second vehicle struck the truck while attempting to park. The driver of the vehicle then drove off with-

out attempting identify himself. The truck suffered damage to its paint estimated at \$300.

Retail fraud reported to police that the check, - Police arrested a male suspect after he attempted to steal a computer "zip drive" from Super

Kmart on Ford Road Saturday. The man, who reports failed to identify, was seen by a store the same man attempted to a employee putting the zip drive cash a fraudulent check. Reports into his pants. He then attemptsaid a warrant has been issued ed to leave the store without pay-

> Loss prevention officers stopped the man and notified police. The merchandise was val-

Area students receive Madonna scholarships Madonna University business receive a \$250 scholarship for

student, Marie Rosiewicz of Can- the 1999-2000 academic year. ton and Ryan Bayer of Plymouth were recently awarded scholarships from the Detroit chapter of

Rosiewicz is a junior who is Madonna. Bayer is a senior, the Institute of Internal Audi- also studying accounting. He won the same scholarship last The Internal Audit Student

Madonna University in Livo-Scholarship is awarded to a student who demonstrates scholasnia offers more than 50 career oriented undergraduate majors tic achievement and community and 14 master's programs. involvement. Each student will

Tax returns from page A1

"We help 200 to 250 people every year," she said. "About 95 percent are Canton residents." While volunteers strive to

help, Neihengen said there's a limit to what they can do. The program isn't designed for someone with a large portfolio of assets," she said. "It's designed for an average person that has typical forms to fill out."

Tax preparer Ross Myers, a senior himself, said most folks file their return using Schedule A. The Canton resident hasn't run into many problems in filling out forms this year.

"Schedule D seems to be the biggest hang up," he added. Myers, a retired supervisor at Ford Motor Company, has been providing help for the past six joked. years. He also donates time and nelp to the Salvation Army. "This was just another exten- around to help. She said Myers

Did you know?

set to start Aug. 1?

starts April 11?

■ National Library Week

■ Construction of the addition

to the Canton Public Library is

A 1998 poll conducted by

Association found that nearly all

respondents expect libraries to

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lovers

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sion of that," Myers said of his did a good job in preparing her work at the senior center. "It's taxes. something that helps me stay

Ron Lieberman agreed. He likes to help seniors get tax "That's the biggest fun," said

The Canton resident has been center for the past seven years.

"It's a very rewarding thing," he said. "Most people are very Besides his work in Canton, Lieberman has been doing taxes for Westland residents a few added. days a week. He's ready to retire

Austin is just happy people have to have the space and the

like Lieberman and Myers are preparers."

"He was really helpful," said Austin. "He explained every-

thing very nicely. She plans on coming back next

"I hate paperwork," said

Charles Menzies has used the preparing taxes at the senior tax help program in Dearborn and Canton for the past several years. Workers, he said, are willing to take the time that's needed to do his tax return right.

"They don't seem to be in a hurry to get rid of you," he

his pencil and calculator for the will continue to grow. "As more retirees come into Canton," she said, "we could ea ily expand the program. But we

Neihengen thinks the program

Livonia

"A Farewell to Arms" by Ernest Hemingway ■ "Second Nature" by Alice

"Bleeding Heart" by Marilyn

Q: When and how is Easter Sunday determined?

A: Easter is one of the movable feasts of the Christian religion after the first full moon on or after March 21. It can't come before March 22 or after April patrons to become more self-sufdate was determined by the first

Nicene Council in A.D. 325. The source for this information is the World Book Encyclo- \$2,500 for new books.

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Planning commission from page A1

architect to take another look at the exterior of the building and they would like them to connect the parking lot of the bank and the old McAuley health building for easier access. In other developments at Mon-

day's meeting, commissioners:

Recommended approval for special land use for expansion of Geneva Presbyterian Church; Recommended approval for

special land use for an adult fos Amended township zoning

All three actions now go before The Crystal Creek Adult Fosthe Canton Township Board of Trustees for final approval. Three phases of the Geneva Presbyterian expansion are planned for the church on Sheldon, north of Ford. They include:

of 175 seats to the existing 225 worship seats. The three phases will be completed in two to five. years, church officials said.

ter Care Center received recommendation for approval of the site plans on the facility that will be on the west side of Lilley between Joy and Warren roads. The facility will be completed a building expansion, more in phases with a total of three parking spaces and the addition

buildings with 108 rooms. The **■** Three phases of the Foster Care Center received **Geneva Presbyterian** approval for recommendation expansion include a two years ago but time limitabuilding expansion, tions with the township ran out due to the center running into a more parking spaces slow-down concerning permits. and the addition of 175 There were amendments to three township ordinances seats to the existing included a commercial, residen-225 worship seats.

> Planning commission meetings are open to the public. If there's new development in your neighborhood you may want to attend the public hearing. The commission meets the first and third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center. Meet ings are later broadcast on Canton's Government Access Cable Channel 15. For more information, call (734) 397-5390.

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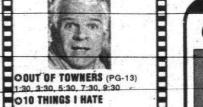


Top Job: A new cedar roof for the Canton Historical Society Museum should be in place by June. The style will match the restored, 19th century one-room school-

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Hrozencik of Canton Obstetrics

"It is pretty unusual to be that planning accurate. You can have a preterm baby or full term which s considered anywhere from 37 to 41 weeks," agreed Dr. Donna tees," she said.

ter Road. Hrozencik said it is more luckof-the-draw instead of precise

"If somebody wants to try, there is no harm but no guaran-

> The building was constructed in 1849 at the corner of Canton Center and Proctor roads. It served as a school, amazingly great disrepair." nough, until the 1950s.

Originally built with wood, the building burned to the ground in a small tower that sits above the the 1870s. It was rebuilt with door. It typically housed the

so that they don't get away from

restored, along with more minor ton Rotary.

McLaughlin said, 'there's donated it to the historical soci-

McLaughlin said the building 1960s and '70s, such as the Can-expected to take a month to com-now to do things right."

Museum from page A1 plete work. The cedar root should be installed by June. In 1977, the Plymouth-Canton Making such historical reno-"With historical property," Community Schools district

museum was first renovated, always money to be spent. We ety to be used as a museum. McLaughlin said. try to do a little work every year Extensive renovations, which "The movement for historical included plaster, floors, display preservation has grown in the boxes and the bathroom, were last 10 years," she added. "Prior completed by 1982. "It was in pretty tough shape," McLaughlin said. "It was in to that, it was scoffed at."

Canton has preserved three of its one-room schools. The Cherry Work on the roof is under way Hill School was renovated in 1988 and Sheldon School in with construction of the cupola,

vations wasn't possible when the

"We've learned a lot over the years," McLaughlin said in regards to care-taking of the Once the cupola is completed, hosted numerous events in the work on the roof will begin. It's buildings. "We have the funds

WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES TODAY OBSTETRICS P. GYNECOLOGY



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Group B streptococcus (GBS) is an aggressive bacterium with perilous potential r newborns if passed from mother to baby during birth. One in every 1,000 newborns becomes infected with the bacterium, which results in mortal onsequences for six percent. Others may experience blindness, hearing loss, or mental retardation as a result. Thus, the Centers for Disease Control had good reason two years ago to advise physicians thest for this bacterial infection in all pregnant women at 37 weeks or during labor. One in five pregnant women carry GBS. If not treated with antibiotics (usually during labor), there is one chance in 00 that she will pass it on to her newborn. With treatment, the risk drops to one in

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Ordinance calls for more audits of Metro, Willow Run

STAFF WRITER

may act on an ordinance on Tuesday to place two auditors as otherwise directed by the permanently at Detroit Wayne

County Metropolitan Airport. Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, recently introduced the ordinance, which was sent to the commission's Committee on Audit. Once it is discussed, it may be referred back to the commission for its business meeting Tuesday.

The ordinance calls for a mini-

Area residents

named to foster

care review board

Four western Wayne County residents have been appointed to citizen volunteer boards created

by the Michigan Legislature to

review children's foster care

The new board members are

Rochelle Davis of Redford, Gre-

gory Mays of Livonia, Larry

Naser of Westland and Eliza-

beth Schneider of Canton. They

participated in a two-day orien-

tation training conducted by the

Foster Care Review Board pro-

The Wayne County Foster

Care Review Boards meet one

day each month to review a sam-

ple of cases of children placed in

temporary foster care. These

reviews determine what efforts

are being made by the juvenile

court, the Michigan Family

gram in Southfield.

placements.

at the airport and also requires financial audits at both Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports at least once every two years, or

Beard's ordinance was pro-

"We still haven't come to an agreement on funding," Beard said. Those positions may be funded from airport revenue, a cost allocation plan or by the county's general fund.

posed after Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy released a report in December, which disclosed that lease agreements

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with the Cleveland-based APCOA, an airport parking operator, cost an average of \$28,000 per shuttle bus. APCOA leased the shuttle buses through financial agreements with varicollected reimbursements from Wayne County.

Dunleavy and his staff found that airport could have leased the majority of these vehicles for an average of about \$17,000 per

Dunleavy also found that \$1.4 million in parking taxes were underreported between 1992 and 1997. The state Department of Treasury is reviewing the report and information and how the ous lending institutions, then state statutes should be interpreted.

> tant function of Wayne County government, Beard said. "We do have the authority to

The auditor's role is an impor-

shuttle buses. audit all the departments, Beard said.

County commissioners approved a contract conditional

County, informed Auditor Gen-

vehicle lease agreements.

County commissioners upon the county and APCOA set-approved a three-year contract tling the refund claim, estimated in the range between \$380,000

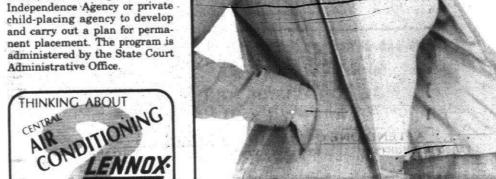
the lowest bidder, received the and \$500,000, within 30 days. Commissioners amended the contract after the county prosecutor's office reviewed APCOA's agreement to require APCOA to retain all revenue and expendi-George Ward, chief assistant ture records for at least a five-

rosecuting attorney for Wayne year period. APCOA also must provide the county with evidence of at least eral Brendan Dunleavy that Wayne County is entitled to a three competitive bids on all sub-\$503,647 refund claim on contracted activities and receive APCOA's 37 lease agreements written approval from the airwith lending institutions for port staff prior to finalizing such

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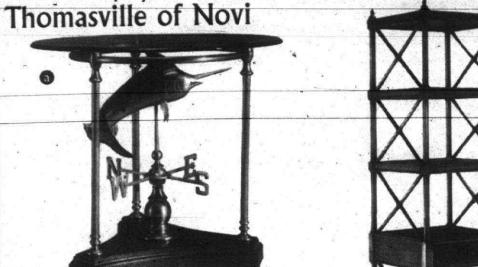
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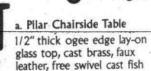
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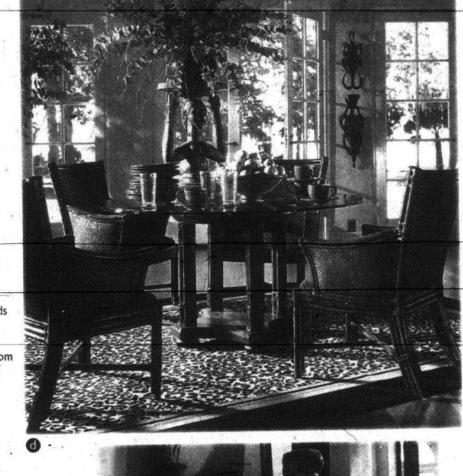




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veniences this year as a commuter from Canton Township driving to his job at the Livonia farriott on Six Mile just east of

As the hotel's general manager, he may well expect the hotel staff to be part public relations specialists and part traffic

"We'll alert our guests that there is going to be road construction," Kramer said.

Yes, there is: On April 19, Kramer and about 200,000 other motorists who use I-275 each day will see the beginnings of the \$49 million resurfacing of the freeway between I-696 in Farmington Hills and Five Mile Road in Livonia, just north of the I-967M-14 interchange.

On that date, contractors will start building crossover and temporary lanes on the northbound side of I-275, the state's second busiest freeway. In late April, southbound motorists will oe crossed over to the northbound side just north of Grand River in Farmington Hills, then back to the southbound side south of Five Mile Road in Livo-

Traffic will be crossed over so



Moving along: Traffic moves at a moderate pace on northbound I-275 just north of Five Mile in Livonia, but soon that traffic flow will change. Traffic delays are expected once temporary lanes are built on the northbound side to allow for "crossover" southbound traffic between Grand River and Five Mile while the southbound side is reconstructed during the \$49 million construction project.

freeway can be reconstructed. said Robin Pannecouk, can travel in each direction. The Crossovers will be created spokeswoman for the Michigan "loop" entrance ramps onto the through the construction zone Department of Transportation. for southbound traffic entering and exiting the freeway.

"It will take contractors about vers at every mile road," bound side so that three lanes

Contractors also will pave

freeway will be closed for 180 days - six months - of the pro-The freeway will not be

two weeks to build these temporary lanes on the north- widened from its current four

Look for road repair updates online

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

While surfing the Web, you can click on the Roads section of the Wayne County Website (www.waynecounty.com) and a smaller window appears.

The daily schedule of the county road workers who fill up those nasty potholes suddenly pops up on the screen. You soon learn

patching potholes in the commu-see workers or possible delays. Plymouth Township and West-The county crews hit Merri-

man Road between Joy and Michigan, Middlebelt from Van Born to Joy, Geddes from Sheldon to the Wayne County line and Sheldon from Joy to Seven Mile. It is spelled out on the phase. Website so that residents will that on Tuesday, workers were know where they can expect to be updating the construction sta-

"Every couple of weeks we will

pulling together information for

outlining conditions of primary

roads and projects in the design

construction project lists, maps

nities of Canton, Garden City, John Roach, public informa- said. "It will give a good idea of tion manager for the county's the construction and the impact Department of Public Services, of traffic. "By and large, our construchas worked with the Department of Information Processing,

tion projects do not close down roads, but reduce the number of motorists negotiating their way

around western Wayne County during the I-275 construction



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"It's a Kid's Planet," a new three-part interactive series the cost is \$6 and covers all for children, will be offered three sessions. Advance regfrom 10 a.m. to noon for istration is required. Particithree consecutive Saturdays pants who complete all three on April 10, 17 and 24.

Interpretive Center, helps through funding from the kids foster a sense of envi- parks millage ronmental stewardship through fun and educational

"oil spill" cleanup. Each ses barricaded for flooding. sion will focus on varying environmental themes, topics will highlight water, trees and land.

sessions will receive a Kids This series, taught Planet Badge. This program through the Nankin Mills has been made possible

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located on Children can expect to Arbor Trail in Westland. learn where garbage goes Parking is available off once it disappears from the Hines Drive and can be curb and participate in an reached even if the road is

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HENRY FORD ACADEMY

Charter high school offers diversity, new curriculum

STORIES BY D'IANE GALE ANDREASSI . SPECIAL WRITER PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL . STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

arah Moran, a 10th-grader from Redford, walks by Henry Ford's birthplace, the Menlo Park laboratory where Thomas Edison worked and the Wright Brothers Cycle Shop on her way to classes every day.

The mini campus in the heart of

Greenfield Village is a stark difference from the traditional classroom she would have attended at Redford's Thurston High School. Moran was selected in fall of 1997 as a ninth-grader to be among the first students to attend Henry Ford Academy, which is the first publicly chartered high school in the country sponsored by a global corporation and a major cultural orga nization that is based in a public

Chartered by Wayne County's Regional Educational Service Agency, the academy is a working in partnership with Ford Motor Company and Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village to provide ninth- through 12thgrade classes in the buildings of Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village in

"There's a lot of diversity and indi-vidualism here," Moran said of her

Differences appreciated

Students in public schools tend to come from the same community, dress alike and act alike, she explained. The academy, on the other hand, draws students from 23 Wayne County communities, which allows for a lot of ethnic and socioeconomic differences. Moran believes the students tend to be more individualistic, too.

Similarly, there are big differences in the way classes are taught at the academy and what's done at many public schools, Moran said.

"Here there are a lot of newer and better ways of teaching," noted Moran, who wants to be writer or a professor.

"They can show us things instead of working out of books," she added.

The students where dark blue shirts the academy insignia and name tags on chains that look a lot like corporate employee identification badges. And while everyone comes from different backgrounds and experiences, Larry Holliday, academy dean, stresses that once they attend Henry Ford Academy they are expected to act "with dignity and appropriately." He

uses the analogy **Employees at Ford Motor** that once someone is hired by a and the Henry Ford Museum company, they & Greenfield Village also must do what's work together providing expected or they won't last long. classroom speakers and

The classrooms, or learning studigs as they are referred to at the

academy, are set-up a lot like businesses, too. Tables seat four students who work in teams on projects and solving problems together. And there

mentoring programs.

Ninth-grade classes are in the museum in a series of rooms that open with movable walls that allow students to apply different principals, like math

and science, to one concept.

Employees at Ford Motor and the Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village also work together providing classroom speakers and mentoring programs. Tenth- and 11th-grade classes are held in a campus setting in the village, almost one mile from the entrance. Accommodations for 12thgraders are expected to be built within



First class: (Above) Sarah Moran of Redford and Isacc Sudut, background, also of Redford, are in the first class that will graduate from the academy in 2001. (Top photo) The public can view this student quilt history project in the museum.

History of academy

The academy opened in the fall of 1997 with the first class of 100 ninthgrade students. This year there are 200 students in ninth and 10th grades, and ultimately there will be 400 students in grades ninth through 12th

Surrounded by historical artifacts, the students learn to appreciate the work by famous inventors and trailblazers affecting every aspect of society.

Meanwhile, they are given an opportunity to apply new technological advances with Internet access in every classroom and invitations to Ford Motor Co. offices and plants

where they learn how things in the business world are done.

For instance, one program allows students to use tools to measure and make frames. Then they go to Ford Motor Company's Design Center to see how vehicles are designed using com-

Education at the Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village is nothing new, however. Founded by Henry Ford in 1929 as the Edison Institute, the museum and village's original intent was to serve as a school campus.

All of the buildings and artifacts that Ford painstakingly oversaw, are exactly what draws Andrea Neumann, a 14-year-old Redford resident, to the

"I was going to go to Mercy High

School until I was notified that my name was picked," said Neumann, who hopes to one day be an interior decorator or a teacher.

classes, Neumann said, she likes receiving individual attention from

Attracted to setting

"It's a great school, because we get to see the museum all the time," she said adding that she wished there were more sports at the school. The Henry Ford Academy does offer basketball. flag football, baseball, softball and volleyball.

Isaac Sudut, a 16-year-old from Red-ford, said he learned about the academy from his grandmother who had read about the new school.

"I came to orientation and thought I might as well give it a try," he

Sudut, however, is disappointed with what he believes was promised and what he is receiving at the school. He wants to learn more about technology and to have 24 hour access to the lap top computers.

He does, however, like that there are a lot of students from different cultures and backgrounds who attend the academy.

"And you get to learn from them," Sudut added.

The academy's business emphasis is what sets the school apart from other public schools, explained Joe Yeager, a 14-year-old ninth-grader from Livonia, who would have attended Stevenson High School.

He said, he and his family opted for the academy, because we wanted "to try something new." So far, Yeager said, he has enjoyed developing manufacturing products.

"No two days are exactly the same," according to a press release describing the academy. "With a campus so full of technology, information, tools and opportunities for learning, students engage in a variety of activities, from traditional academic studies to teambased projects. Each day ends with a reflection period, in which students and teachers use a variety of assessment processes to reflect upon the day's learning."

The students have free range of the museum and village before, during and after classes, according to Cora Christmas, academy principal.

"They literally have a field trip everyday," she said.

Walking through the village on a balmy spring afternoon, Christmas added: "I discover something new every day. Everything that surrounds them causes them to question, to think and learn. It's a learning experience with everything that they pass.



Campus: The 10th grade building is on the grounds of Greenfield Village.

How the academy works

Henry Ford Academy is like a private school in many ways except there is no cost to the students. There are no academic requirements either, and students who apply are picked by an audited lottery system. More than 400 students in Wayne County applied for the 1999-2000 school year, according to Cora Christmas, Henry Ford Academy principal. The chosen students will be notified by April 26.

Applications for the school year beginning in fall of 2000 will begin early next year. Only students going into the ninth grade are eligible, because most of the students are expected to continue their entire four year high school education at the academy

Subjects include math, science, humanities, English, social studies, German, art, technology and physical education. The teacher to student ratio is one to 25.

Students are also evaluated on their personal growth and ability to work in teams and conduct themselves maturely in the classroom and on museum grounds during the school day

As a public school, Henry Ford Academy receives state school aid funds and got start-up funding from Ford Motor Company, as well as ongoing support from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield

Considering all the academy has to offer, Christmas said, the setting as well as the heavy emphasis on math, science and technology is not for everyone.

The goal of Henry Ford Academy is to develop "a curriculum in math and science that prepares the students to function in the 21st century," explained Larry Holliday, academy dean

Students are expected to not only learn the material, but be able to communicate their knowledge verbally and in written form, Holliday stressed.

Oral presentations are commonplace in every classroom One recent project about the colonization of America had the students consider the contributions made by the Europeans. Africans and Native Americans.

Working in groups of four, the students illustrated what they learned by creating hand made quilts that are on display in the museum. Their project went a step further than those done at most public schools, because the exhibit had to pass all museum standards, which meant the students worked closely with museum curators and presenters.

Best of all for the students, their work is on display for the 1.1 million visitors from around the world who visit the museum

"One of the responsibilities we have, in working with Ford Motor Company, is developing a replicable model and looking at this school being developed nationally," Holliday said. For more information visit the academy's Web site at www.hfa-

demy.org. Or call the school at (313) 982-6200.



On view: The ninth-grade class is in the Henry Ford Museum and students sometimes have museum visitors looking in on them during the day.

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Decks on the Grand River, Five Mile, Six Mile, Seven Mile and Eight Mile bridges will be repaired. Crews have already started to work under the Eight

The longer and straighter entrance and exit ramps will be closed temporarily while they are reconstructed. Each interchange will be closed on an alternating basis so that no more than one interchange area will be closed. For example, when Eight Mile is closed, Seven Mile and Six Mile interchanges will

Robert Schron, Livonia's city engineer, said workers with John Carlo, who the Michigan Department of Transportation hired as the main contractor, are expected to install detour signs directing motorists "where the most appropriate detour would

will direct motorists to New- from western Wayne County burgh or Haggerty to take to Six Mile or Eight Mile, Schron said.

Pannecouk indicated that the Haggerty will be resurfaced contractor will do much of the ncrete breakage and removal during daylight hours to try to avoid a lot of nighttime noise. In Livonia, Wayne County has scheduled resurfacing projects as Kramer. He isn't that concerned about

on Seven Mile between Wayne and Farmington roads and on Farmington between Five Mile his hotel guests are informed. and Seven Mile roads. That second project will affect motorists traveling from downtown Farmington - who may think they can use Farmington Road as an alternative route to I-275 - to

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lanes, but entrance and exit be." When the Seven Mile inter- or northern Oakland County. change is closed, detour signs Motorists traveling northward

Pannecouk said MDOT w jects' status through changeable communities may take Newburgh as an alternate route, but overhead Michigan Intelligent between Ann Arbor and Ply-Transportation Signs on the freeway bridges. "They can visit mouth roads in Plymouth Townour Web site, and we will keep ship, so that will pose difficulties for Canton or Plymouth comthe public informed through muters coming to Livonia, such radio, TV and newspapers," Pan-

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey has a little of what he called his drive, but wants to ensure homespun advice: "Have patience and look forward to a "Most of these people under stand that our roads need better tomorrow.

repair," Kramer said. "We'll try Motorists can learn more about to anticipate it as much as possi construction projects in the ble in our reservations and book-Detroit area by contacting ing them on arrival. We hope to MDOT's Web site at let them know about alternate routes to get to Six Mile Road." www.mdot.state.mi.us/index.ht m. For local projects, check out Pannecouk advises motorists: Wayne County's Web site at "They should begin to think of where they frequently drive, and think of alternative routes. They on Roads. should try different things to see

elected board vice chair. The board's chair will be Rick Snyder, former president of Gateway Computer and now

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board gets under way

opment Corp. began operations April 5, as a Board of Directors of Directors are: Governor John Engler (genermeeting in Ann Arbor officially launched the new public agency.

Economic development

The board immediately hired Doug Rothwell, formerly the CEO of the Michigan Jobs Comtion, as president and CEO.

Under an executive order of Gov. John Engler, MEDC takes over the state's economic development function from the Michigan Jobs Commission, which ne governor abolished.

This new structure will enable us to have an even quick-er, more flexible economic development focus. Ultimately, that neans more jobs, and better jobs for Michigan residents," said Beth Chappell, former senior vice president of AT&T and now president of the Chappell Group Bloomfield Hills), who was

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Dr. Irvin D. Reid, Wayne State University, Detroit; and Peter Walters, Guardian

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The Website now includes: Pothole patching plans. Weekday mornings, usually by 10 a.m., Wayne County will post locations along freeways and

road projects in the design phase primary roads where patching crews may be slowing traffic. Digital maps. Residents can view a color-coded map engineers develop each year to show the condition of primary roads. Residents can identify their roads maintenance district and whether the roads are in good,

fair or poor condition. Residents can subscribe to a free e-mail service if they wish to receive periodic updates from the county roads division to alert motorists to unexpected road closures and upcoming con-

struction plans. "Anyone who signs up will get an updated list," Roach said. In May, Roach expects the pot-

replaced by the construction "hot-spot" list. By today, Roach expected a construction list will be featured on that site as well. Currently, the county will provide a monthly update of major

with county engineers and contracted consultants. The county's road inventory book in a digital format will be entered onto the site within the next two months, Roach said. "With that, people can pick any section of road, and they can find out the year of the pave-

ment, condition rating, traffic also can go on-line and apply to

People can view a map outlin ing which Wayne County roads which have been adopted, then submit an online permit applicahole patching list will be tion form to adopt the road.

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Nature preserve needs help for spring projects

The Holliday Nature Pre- stroll through the woods at 9 serve Association offers par- a.m. Sunday, May 9. Held in events ranging from nature hikes to river cleanup. Scheduled activities

Spring Fever Hike - Get getting out and looking at the April 10. Meet at the Koppernick Entrance to the Preserve. Koppernick Road is and follow Koppernick just barely past the second bend in the road. For information call (734) 522-8547. The event is free.

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 Road behind Westland Mall. 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. (734) 522-8547.

Library, located at Five Mile tion, call (734) 522-8547.

■ Mother's Day Hike - For information call (734) Mom, let the kids cook today, and come enjoy this annual

ticipants a spring calendar of 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 Merchanrid of those winter blues by dise Parking lot at Cowan Road behind Westland Mall. world at 10 a.m. Saturday, The event is free. For infor-

mation call (734) 522-8547. Pre-Rouge Rescue Tour Come join association memlocated off of Hix Road north bers at noon Sunday, May 23, of Warren, turn to the west, as they explain the River Day expansion of the annual the Holliday Nature Preserve Association will be cleaning up, and where it will be progressing beyond cleanup to mproving the environment. Meet at the Service Merchan-

Event is free. For information call (734) 522-8547. Rouge Rescue - Come join us for River Day beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, For more information, call June 5. This includes the annual Rouge Rescue Rouge Rescue meeting at cleanup, hikes, and activities 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, in designed to improve the the Livonia Civic Center health of the complete Rouge River Watershed ecosystem and Farmington roads. All Meet at the Service Merchan are welcome. For informa- dise Parking lot at Cowan Road behind Westland Mall.

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Pace of urban sprawl will slow - SEMCOG sprawl" and loss of open space standing, this newspaper has that have marked the seven-converted the numbers to square

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER trichard@oe.home

ave over land in southeastern Michigan in the next 25 years, though not at the pace of the last

The Ubserver & Eccentric/ THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1999

merge from a statistical report y SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. While shrinking family size was the cause of most development in the past, population growth will be the chief cause in he future

That and other findings

SEMCOG's study is called Land Use and Land Development in Southeast Michigan" and was written by staffers Jim Rogers and Xuan Liu. The densely worded report comes to few conclusions and lacks the expressions of horror at "urban

boom. SEMCOG's tables report

more developed land - 444.5 square miles versus Wayne's 437 2.57; and Wayne, 3.8. The of the total Total population is square miles. By 2020, Oakland regionwide average was 2.18 will have developed 582 square miles and Wayne 467. Livingston County is wit-

acres. For ease of reader under-

■ Development will continue

at 1 percent more land per year,

twice as fast as population

growth, 0.5 percent per year,

between 1995 and 2020. That's a

slower development rate than in

1965-95, when development of

land increased by 72 percent, or

■ In 1995, Oakland County,

with about half of Wayne Coun-

ty's population, actually had

units per acre. Causes of development will change over the next 25 years.

miles by dividing acres by 640, county agency's reports over the

Population growth led to SEMCOG's report doesn't give details on the loss of farmland. "Cultivated from 1965-95; population growth lumps a single category, obscuring to 161 square miles of develop-

whether it's wheat or weeds that

Offices, commercial and are being developed. industrial development has con-The farther one gets from sumed 116 square miles from Detroit, the more land is eaten 1965-95: this will decline to 59 up by an individual housing square miles by 2020. unit. In 1995, Livingston County As of 1995, some 33 percent of single-family lots had a density the region's 4,607 square miles of 0.87 units per acre; St. Clair, were developed. By 2020, devel-1.11; Monroe, 1.13; Washtenaw, opment will be using 41 percent 1.3; Oakland, 1.73; Macomb,

nessing the fastest relative Main factors: Smaller households spurred development of 278 square miles

Staff studied 1995 aerial pho tos to monitor development.

4.8 million.

ment by 2020.

The agency's Web, site is: www.semcog.org

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reinforcement for dogs and puppies. our "Tricks for Treats" and "K-9 Kollege." Day, evening and weekend times are Admit it, wouldn't it feel nice to say Education available for all classes, including "good boy" or "attagirl" once in a while?

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been granted for utilities and a loop road on the site.

Jeff Goulet said the first of three, 30,000- to 80,000-squarefoot buildings is currently under engineering review. Each building and new phase will need site plan approval from the township, he added.

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality public hearing. The developer is seeking a wetlands permit to fill in 2.5 acres west of Haggerty for future

DEQ Field Representative Andrew Hartz conducted the meeting and will make the ultimate decision on the permit. He has 90 calendar days to make a

Hartz listened to a dozen Canton residents before concluding the meeting.

Sharon Wasik said the developer's plan to replace lost wetands at the site was inadequate. "Mitigated wetlands are a poor substitute for nature," she

added. "I'm opposed to disturbng the wetlands in any way." Brock described the area as 'northern rain forest." Numerous types of animals, such as Hunters Court property gets as

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be included in the materials submitted for review.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should b

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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

n 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:

VIC GUSTAFSON Chairman

following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

ship approvals have already There's plenty of opportunity to move the buildings off of the wetlands. It's a disgrace if Canton Community Planner you put them there, in my opinion.

Jim McCarthy -Canton Hills resident

much as two feet of water on it deer, foxes and geese, call the for months at a time. Rerouting Tuesday's meeting was a 2.5-acre wetland home, she said. water to make room for the Brock described the mitigation development might make it area as "burnt out farm dirt" worse, he said. that wouldn't support wildlife to "They can't predict with cernearly the same level as the wettainty where the water will go,"

"What he's mitigating is prop-erty that's of no use to him," she said. "They're not doing an equal exchange on anything."
Several other residents said it

isn't uncommon to see several deer near their homes each day. Jim McCarthy felt a little project rearranging could save the habi-

"There's plenty of opportunity to move the buildings off of the wetlands." he said. "It's a disgrace if you put them there, in

the development would exacerbate flooding problems. Roger Gallerine said his

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

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RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the south side of Geddes Road

Still other residents believed

Canton teen CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION wins contest

said Gallerine.

Jim Leright, a sub resident for

"If you disturb flow of the

Goulet said that's likely not

The township, he explained,

wouldn't allow a developer to

its drainage plan. Goulet said a

drainage system on the site

should actually help flooding

"If anything," he commented,

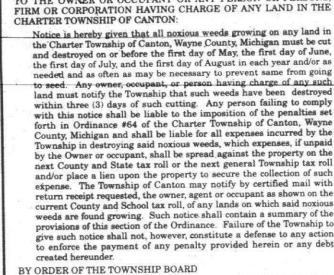
water in any way," he said,

nearly 40 years, agreed.

the case, however.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. Patricia Cauchi of Canton won first place in the 1998-99 Ply-NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of mouth-Canton Civitan Club 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Essay Contest. The topic of the essay contest was "Paths to a Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing Healthier America." Cauchi's Monday, May 3, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of th essay was entitled "Lifting GROSS REALTY GROUP REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 126 99 0001 000, 126 99 0002 000, 126 99 0003

Weight's: A Girl's Journey." She attends Canton High School. First-place honors netted Cauchi a \$300 prize. "NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS" CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON



TO THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OR ANY PERSON OR PERSONS,

Central takes top honors in German competition Fifty students in Central Mid-

dle School's German classes won more awards at a German Day competition than any of the other 20 schools that competed These included 18 high schools and two other middle schools.

Central took first prize in the plays and was one of two schools chosen to perform their play on stage in front of 1,000 students from across the state. They brought home German posters, books, CD's and T-shirts as

Central's two TV commercials, one from each of Joy Large's "we're going to get more water in our back yards." classes, took first and second place. In solo categories, Maja Stoljkovic took first in extemporaneous speaking and Doug Davidson took second in extem-

poraneous reading. negatively impact residents with Central's video "At the Dentist" (Beim Zahnarzt) received retention pond and complete and place honors from more than 50 produced and submitted to the University of Michigan German department. They were judged best in memorization and "it will improve conditions, not tied for linguistic ability. Brandon Sczomak, Cody Lobenherz and Julie Darow produced the

> Central's winning play "Little Red Riding Hood in the Ghetto" (written by Joy Large) included: Anna Petrovich, Dan Nikolits,



Prize winners: The cast of "Little Red Riding Hood in the Ghetto" took first prize. Pictured are (clockwise, from left): Terrence Baker as the Pizza Man, Tiffany Erickson as the Receptionist, Dan Nikolits as the Wolf. Stephen Kress as the Policeman, Stephanie Kivell as Mother, Shannon Dunnigan as Grandma, Anna Petrovich as Red Riding Hood, Jason Master as the Beggar. and Ilire Alla as the narrator.

Ilire Alla, Stephanie Kivell, Danielle Moceri, Melissa Aller Baker and a choir.

Shannon Dunnigan, Carl Fan- Scott Schneider, Ashley Dean ning, Steve Kress, Jason Master, Aaron Paul and Beau Tomlin Tiffany Erickson, Terrance son. The second place commer cial included: Anna Islan, Kelly The first place commercial Vanston, and Nicole Genrich. included: Doug Davidson,

Salem teachers get MichCon grant

MichCon has awarded a \$250 Creative Children's Books with that complement the core K-13 grant to Marcia Lizzo & Jennifer Science Themes project. Mich-curriculum. The grants help Hawk of Plymouth Salem High Con's Educational Mini-Grant teachers pay for special projects School in Canton. The grant Program supports new and inno- that are not in their school's will be used to fund the Writing vative approaches to learning budget.

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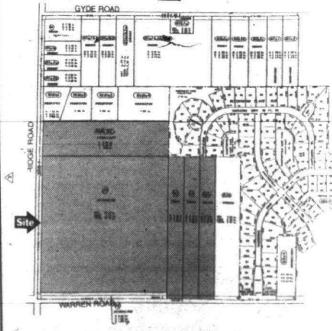
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PHEASANT RIDGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) FINAL PLAN - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PLANNET DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 019 9 0015 004, 019 99 0016 701, 019 99 0017 000, 019 99 0018 000, and 019 99 0019 000. Property is located on the northeast corner of Warren and Ridge Roads Second Public Hearing.



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OBITUARIES

JOSEPH MICHAEL ROZA Westland Services for Joseph Michael He was born Aug. 18, 1939, in Roza, 78, of Plymouth were April Ann Arbor. He died April 1 in Troy. He was a press operator with the Rev. Jack Quinlan offi-A G. Simpson (Automotive ciating. Local arrangements Parts) in Sterling Heights for 15 were made by Vermeulen Funervears. He came to the Warren community 15 years ago from Westland and Canton. He served in the Army Infahtry in Ger-

many. He loved antique cars.

his father, Edward C. Weise.

Survivors include his mother,

Marian (Jan) Hendriksen of

Canton; one brother, Donald

and nephews.

charity of your choice.

ELIZABETH 'BETTY' STOTT

(Jacqueline) Weise of Fairfield

Glade, Tenn.; and several nieces

Memorial may be made to the

Services for Elizabeth "Betty"

Stott, 68, of Plymouth were

April 6 in St. John's Episcopal

Mt. Hope Cemetery, Livonia.

by Schrader-Howell Funeral

Home, Plymouth.

Local arrangements were made

She was born Sept. 19, 1930,

in Detroit. She died April 3 in

Livonia. She was a homemaker

ber of St. John's Episcopal

Church in Plymouth. She was

also a member of the St. Mar-

garet's Guild and sang in the

cially grandchildren. She loved

to shop and go to movies. She

He was preceded in death by

al Home, Plymouth Township. He was born July 30, 1920, in Detroit. He died April 2 in Ply mouth. He was a plumber. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Agatha

Roza. Survivors include his wife. Cora Marjorie Roza of Plymouth; four daughters, Patricia (Jack) Sluka of Walled Lake, Karen (William) Ripp of Northville, Bonnie (Andy) Skrzynski of Austin, Texas, Betty (Louis) Santo of Livonia; one son, David (Theresa) Roza of Ypsilanti; two sisters, Bernadette Kolpacki of Missouri, Joanne Roza of Florida; one brother, Henry Roza of Arkansas; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great- grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth Region, 485 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170-3446 or to Community Hospice Services 32932 Warren, Westland, MI GERALD A. WEISE

Services for Gerald A. Weise, 59 of Warren were April 3 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens,

also loved to camp and travel Survivors include her husband, Frank of Plymouth; two ughters, Mary (Keith) Gra den of New Hudson, Linda Quigley (Tom Rawson) of Fenton; two sons, Steve Stott of Plymouth, Dan (Phyl) Stott of Plymouth; two brothers, James Wood of Farmington Hills, Douglas Wood of South Lyon; two

sisters, Joyce Richardson of South Lyon, Leona Gransden of California; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. CLIFFORD C. NOLL Memorials may be made to the family of Elizabeth Stott.

EDWARD V. BUDD Services for Edward V. Budd, Burr officiating. Burial was in 87, of Plymouth were April 6 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Forest Hill Cemetery, Ann Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Wally Ziemba officiating.

He was born Jan. 26, 1912, in

Mineville, N.Y. He died April 2 in Livonia. He came to the Ply-Church with the Rev. William B mouth community in 1987 from Lupper officiating. Burial was in Detroit. He retired in 1977. He was the former president of the Pfeister Company Food Brokerage (now known as Crossmark) located in Plymouth. He was in the food brokerage business for 43 years. After his retirement, he opened his own business, She came to the Plymouth area Budd Investment Company. He in August 1959. She was a memclosed that office in Southfield in 1998. He was a member of St. Mary's Orchard Lake Ambassadors. He also was a St. Mary's choir. She loved family and espe Orchard Lake Schools alumnus

He was a member of the West-

ern Golf and County Club in

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Survivors include his wife Ilene of Plymouth; one daughter Patricia (John) Calocassid Lathrup Village; one son, Ronald (Sandra) Budd of Troy; three sisters, Mary DuMontier of Texas, Valerie Mitchell of East Pointe,

seven great grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the charity of your choice.

Suzanne Kane of Mount Pleas

ant; five grandchildren; and

Services for Clifford C. Noll. 86, of Plymouth were April 7 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Sanford

He was born May 1, 1912, in Ann Arbor. He died April 4 in Northville Township. He retired at age 75 from Electrical Apparatus in Howell. He came to the Plymouth community in 1940 from Ann Arbor. He was a member of the Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 43, F & A.M. for many years. His love and knowledge of Great Lakes ships sent him regularly

to Sault Ste. Marie. Survivors include his son, Richard Noll of Phoenix, Ariz.; and two daughters, Sandra Noll of Plymouth and Suzanne Noll of

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association. GEORGE WILLIAM VALSA JR. Services for George William

Valsa Jr., 55, of Canton were April 8 in St. Matthew Lutheran Church with the Rev. Gary D. Headapohl and Rev. Kurt E. Lambart officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton. He was born April 7 in Chica-

go, Ill. He was a human esources manager. He was preceded in death by his brother, Russell. Survivors include his wife, Maryanna; one daughter, Kristin V. (Ron) Johnson; parents, George Sr. and

Libby Valsa; one brother, Jim

(Anne); and one grandson,

Andrew. Memorials may be made to the Church General Fund, Henry Ford Hospice-Plymouth, or the American Brain Tumor Associa-

ROBERT JOSEPH BURGH JR.

Private services for Robert Joseph Burgh Jr., 73, of Tiffin, Ohio, were March 29 in Turner Engle Funeral Home with the Rev. Rob Breitigam officiating. Burial was in Greenlawn Ceme-

He was born March 13, 1926. Boston, Mass. He died March 26 in Toledo, Ohio. He was retired from Wayne Hall Dodds Wayne, as a sales manager. He was a member of St. Mary's in Wayne. He was a member of Moose, and a lifetime member of AMVETS and VFW. He was a graduate of Wayne High School le was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II and spent three years in the South

He was preceded in death by his brother, Bruce Victoria, and one son, Everett Burgh; and his parents, Robert Joseph Burgh Sr. and Virginia Tubby. Survivors include his wife, Lois M. (Beitel) Burgh, four children, Robert Joseph Burgh III of Min neapolis, Minn., Barbara (Lanny) Henderson of Canton Vicki (Larry) Wood of Canton, Diane (John) Thom of Tiffin, Ohio; two stepchildren, Stever (Andrea) Orwig of Cleveland, Ohio, Glenn (Kim) M. Orwig of Tiffin, Ohio; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

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THREE (3) MEDICAL VEHICLE RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS specifications are available in the Finance & Budget Department. The

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ONE INFIELD POWER RAKE Specifications are available in the Finance & Budget Department. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race color national origin, sex, religion. age or disability in employment or the provision of services

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by services of services and the following.

auxiliary aids or services writing or calling the following David Medley ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton 1150 S. Canton Center Road

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

cordially invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for the purchase of 30 new school buses. The proposal should oclude all costs associated with the purchase and delivery of school buses you may participate by bidding on only one type of vehicle or all four rehicle types Specifications and bid forms can be obtained at the front lesk of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located at 545 S. Harvey Plymouth MI 48170 Questions can be directed to David Rocker at the Transportation Department at (734) 416-3037 Sealed bids are due on Wednesday April 28, 1999 at 4 p.m. and should be directed to Daniel Phillips at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center at the address above. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district

> Plymouth-Canton Community Schools ELIZABETH M GIVENS, Secretary

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 FORMERLY HIDDEN WOODS OF CANTON APARTMENTS), 42 UN 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 IGE IME Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing. VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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0015 000. Property is located north of Cherry Hill Road and west of Lilley

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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 ollowing proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance: WALTONWOOD AT CHERRY HILL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - PRELIMINARY PLAN - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairma

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1999

Farewell

Little went a long way for us

o one – so the saying goes – is irreplace-able. But the next Plymouth-Canton Community Schools superintendent will lic and remove barriers between voters and have his or her work cut out to match Chuck Little's effort and accomplishments of the last

Little will leave Plymouth-Canton in August for a new job at his alma matter, Indiana University. The job will put him back in the classroom and in front of the Indiana legislature as a lobbyist for education issues. It is a career change for Little, 54, who said last week he will gain some new work perspectives and more time to be with his family.

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will begin mapping out a replacement plan at its April 13 meeting.

Little's tenure in Plymouth-Canton has been dominated by major issues:

■ The explosive growth of the district and ongoing efforts to expand classroom space. ■ The implementation of Proposal A and its

effect on district finances. Less-than-perfect labor relations between teachers and the top-level administration.

The district has made progress in all three areas - some considerable, some incremental - since Little arrived from upstate New York

In a district where voters have traditionally been millage-stingy, two bond issues for new construction have been passed in recent years. They have resulted in plans for two new elementary schools, a new middle school and the eventual construction of a third high school to alleviate congestion on the PCEP campus. While the superintendent certainly can't take

what Little has done helped educate the pubthe school community.

Little has also been at the front of the movement to focus attention on Proposal A and its negative consequences for expanding, suburban districts. Plymouth-Canton hosted a forum and panel discussion among legislators and educators last March that drew hundreds of people to Canton's Summit on the Park. The effort has yet to pay off, although an education bill currently being debated in Lansing would change the way student head counts are done and help growing districts.

The Plymouth-Canton Long Range Planning Committee, which involves residents as well as school employees, is another Littleinspired project designed to help the district get a better grip on future finances.

Little was also a key proponent of the Labor Management Team, a steering committee formed in 1997 that began looking at potential contract issues long before teachers and the district headed to the bargaining table last year. The end result was a much smoother contract negotiation and a settlement in weeks as opposed to months.

Little's tireless promotion of educational issues and the Plymouth-Canton district will be missed as well. If there was a breakfast or evening meeting anywhere in the community with education even remotely on the agenda. you could count on the superintendent making

The Observer wishes Chuck Little well in his new job. A real challenge lies ahead for the school board in picking his replacement.

The case for real tax reform

The good news, as we head toward next Thursday's tax deadline: new tax credits, deductions and other changes have pushed the average refund to \$1,823, according to returns filed with the IRS through February.

The bad news: the government estimates those changes have lengthened the amount of time it takes to fill out an itemized tax return by two hours or more.

The worst news: unofficial Tax Freedom Day for 1999 (the number of days an average person must work to pay his or her entire tax burden) falls on May 10 - later than ever.

The great tax debate of the 1990s has centered on who pays and how much. The last major tax "reform" proposal signed into law in 1997 dealt with cuts in the capital gains tax and added the tax credit for children, which takes effect this year for 1998 returns. A federal budget surplus has most Republicans in the current Congress seeking additional income tax cuts to keep the economy stimulat-

The IRS had to develop 11 new forms and revise 177 others for 1998 returns to accommodate the changes. The agency spent an undetermined amount of time correcting returns that were filed earlier this year that listed qualifying dependents but failed to include the child tax credit.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 promised a simpler system with fewer rates. It has largely been rendered ineffective by subsequent changes authorized by Congress. To be fair, the economic expansion and the growth in individual investment in the stock market

through 401 K plans and mutual funds has contributed to our annual April 15 marathon.

But with the focus on making the system equitable, the goal of keeping it simple has been buried under a quagmire of rules, regulations, forms and tax schedules. In a nationwide poll conducted last month for the Associated Press, 66 percent of 1,012 respondents said the federal tax system is too complicated. That was up by nearly 20 percent from a similar poll conducted in 1996.

This is no petty matter. The federa! government has levied income taxes on individuals at various times since the Civil War and continuously since the 16th Amendment to the Constitution was passed in 1913. The current pay-as-you-go method, around since the 1940s, relies heavily on voluntary cooperation. Compliance - even by honest tax filers becomes more difficult in direct proportion to the complexity of the task.

Lower compliance means tost revenue for the government, more cost as the IRS tracks down wayward taxpayers and tax rates that remain artificially high to keep the revenue stream constant. It's a vicious circle.

Is it time to throw out the entire tax code and start over? We'll see.

The proof will come the next time a presidential candidate proposes a flat tax or a national sales tax. If we use the proposal as a jumping off point for serious debate - instead of just arguing about whose pockets will be picked - we'll know the time for real tax reform is at hand.

Conflict in Kosovo draws reaction at home



Current events: Andy Tessema, 18, of Canton poses a question last week during a forum at Plymouth Canton High School. Students in the PCEP Close-Up program heard from an Albanian-American and an area peace activist about the U.S.-backed military intervention.

LETTERS

Many thanks

Our fifth-grader is among the group of Isbis-ter students who recently returned from Space Camp in Florida. We would like to express our gratitude to a number of people for their part in this wonderful experience for our son.

First, we would like to thank the benefactors and Wayne County RESA for providing the funding necessary to allow the program to occur. This educational opportunity extended beyond the academic and technical skills attained by our son. We feel, that in addition, he also gained a tremendous sense of camaraderie, cooperation, teamwork and indepen-

Next we would like to express our thanks to Tony Bruscato, the Observer reporter, for his informative articles and great pictures both in the newspaper and on the Web page available to us through Internet access. How wonderful it was to be able to see the happy expressions on the faces of those kids!

We would also like to thank the Space Camp staff for their leadership and commitment to our children and the knowledge that they shared with them

Finally, and most importantly, we would like to thank the Isbister staff members. Lee Harrison, Linda Guenzel, Vail Csicsila, Tracy Racer and Jeff Quattro. In addition to their regular teaching duties, these staff members put in countless hours of preparation prior to camp including organizing materials and team groupings, speaking with the various media preparing the children. Once at camp, these staff members continued their commitment to the children by learning with them, sharing meals with them, keeping tabs on them, helping with homesickness, and providing support when needed. A voice mail message box was established and updated once or twice a day to keep parents informed of daily events. This was a tremendous comfort to parents who were many miles away from their children. The thoroughness and professionalism exhibited by this staff is to be commended. We consider ourselves fortunate to have our children attend a school with such outstanding staff

Space Camp was a wonderful experience for our son. Many, many thanks to all of you who helped to make it happen.

> Bob and Joanne Kokoszka Plymouth

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journalism in a fundamentally different way than our bigger competition. They consider

Fire lanes are important

am writing this letter to commend the Can-

I am a frequent patron of this establishment, live in the neighborhood and, like most citizens, always park in designated areas. Every time I go to Bruegger's, there are several self-centered people who have parked in the

prehend the importance of a fire lane for everyone's benefit. We appreciate your support in helping keep our community safe. Now! Can we get you to start assisting the

ordinance department in maintaining the beauty of our township by reporting ordinance violations to the ordinance department?

> Carole Jacobs Canton

Judge's argument weak

While I do not share Tim Richard's entirely negative view of the Federalist Society, neither am I impressed by the society's appallingly weak position on abortion, as conveyed, and affirmed, by Judge Henry Saad. In fact, I am deeply disturbed that any jurist or legislator subscribing to a position so clearly acking in moral discernment has risen to such a level of public service.

The Constitution (Amendment 5) reads, "No person shall be ... deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law." An appeals court judge, or any other member of an organization of which the "central tenet ... is intellectual honesty," who claims that the Constitution does not address "the abortion issue" is sadly lacking in intellect, making 'the honesty issue" irrelevant. More importantly, to make such a claim betrays a moral vacuity that has become the norm in a society divorced from its historic conscience.

Ted Gomulka Jr.

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas, as do your neighbors. That's why we offer this space on a weekly basis for opinions in your own words. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity, we ask that you sign your letter and provide a contact telephone

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- Philip Power

ton Police Department for ticketing patrons of Bruegger's Bagels on Ford Road in Canton for parking in marked fire lanes.

Good job, Canton Police. Most of us com-

I would briefly like to tell you about

I participated in the rite of spring, junior year. We went on the road together, just the two of us, visiting colleges.

start of the process by which he ultimately adult

student volunteer tour guide, I felt so proud of v fine son and at the same time so protective

do it on his own. So while he was off talking with the other rious way that only 17-year-olds possess, I sat outdoors around the professors in the new

the big cities and blond farm boys from the country. Asian girls with coffee-colored skins and Jewish boys with yarmulkes tight to their heads. One had a Palestinian headdress and another green hair.

that most American of all institutions.

all getting along together. Sure, there were a few all-black groups and a few all-girl clusters. But mostly it was just a lot of different kids, all warm spring.

and the hatred and fear between Serbs and Albanians is so savage and sharp. Or in Rwanda, where Tutsi and Hutu have hated each other for generations and still - even on the far side of a genocide - hate each other with undiminished fury. Or in Israel and Palestine, or various tribes in Somalia.

The list goes on and on. It seemed to me, sitting there under the oaks watching the college kids happy and at peace, that what I was seeing before me was one of the truly unique blessings of America. And I nearly

Somehow, by some mysterious alchemy, here in the New World we seem to have a shot at

POINTS OF VIEW

GUEST COLUMNIST

BRYAN AMANN

ommunity. As they move to new areas, or talk with other prospective newcomers in their own companies, their impression of Canton may be the only information others have to rely on. If for no other reason than to selfishly protect our property values By getting to know them, and helping by the steady influx of newcomers, them get to know the community, the you should be concerned about how likelihood of their participating in and the impressions of others affects our mage. More important, if we want to greatly improved. Canton's future can continue to attract some of the best and the brightest from around the pollination" of their ideas, experiences world, we need to make every effort to capitalize on our resources. edge about successful and innovative

> ually examine our "investment" in our community. Otherwise, we shouldn't expect newcomers to invest their "2 cents."You can invest in the community in a number of ways, many of

Of course, we locals need to contin-

which don't involve money. Toward this end, the nonprofit Canton Community Foundation was founded years ago to identify our community's resources and its needs. The Canton Community Foundation can assist a person who would like to volunteer in a program for youth, the elderly, the environment, the symphony, the theater guild, dômestic relations, neighborhood beautification, the arts, etc. You name it! Canton has it. If not, maybe it is worth starting something In addition, there are neighborhood associations, churches, schools and hospitals who are looking for volunteers. If you live in Canton but do business elsewhere, join the Canton Chamber of Commerce anyway. Get

Whether you are a "local" or a newcomer," the Canton Community Foundation can help you start investing in yourself and the community today. Share your interests with us and we'll get you connected.

involved!

For those who consider making charitable financial donations and would like to see their charity put to use in the Canton community, the Canton Community Foundation can help. We have worthwhile programs and activities at work throughout our

Foundation is a good way to become vested in Canton community that can always use addi tional funding (no matter how little). We are also able to establish endowments for specific worthwhile projects if an individual or company wishes to donate accordingly. The foundation is equipped to help start separate charitable or non-profit organizations for worthy causes. One recent example was the Partnership for the Arts Inc., which is studying the feasibility of a community performing arts center.

> By getting active, volunteering or donating in the community, you are investing in your community and yourself. The personal rewards will easily outweigh the contribution. Your knowledge of and exposure to the community will grow allowing you to be a better ambassador for Canton. Whether you are a "local" or "newcomer," you can make a lasting impression on the Canton community. Just ask yourself. If not you, who? In return, the Canton community will make a lasting impression on you.

If you would like any information on the Canton Community Foundation, please contact us at (734) 398-

Bryan L. Amann is an attorney living in Canton and the chairman of the Canton Community Foundation.

LETTERS

Hugh Sarha Middle School | a young man who was a local sports .

would like to put my two cents in to make a suggestion on the name of our new middle school or possibly the new high school.

or some time, we've heard that Canton is "community." Since a

its residents, I encourage each person

to give a little thought to their role in

As a resident of Canton, I am con-

Also, I am pleasantly surprised by the

tinually impressed by the quality of

the people who live and work here.

ever increasing number of families

making Canton their home from all

focus on the community's quality of

life has made Canton one of America's

"destination locations" for relocating

families. This presents unique oppor-

tunities. Of course, opportunity comes

The privileges intrinsic to Canton

Canton's newest and oldest residents

enhance our community and benefit

our residents. For example, with so

many new residents from around the

globe, "locals," or long-term residents

have a chance to make a first and

acting as a concierge or welcome

Newcomers, as an organization,

lasting impression on newcomers by

wagon of sorts. Certainly the Canton

makes every effort to make new resi-

dents feel welcomed. This, however, is

provide dynamic opportunities for

alike which, if taken, can further

over the world. Clearly, Canton's

the "community," including their

with other residents.

with responsibility.

opportunities and responsibilities

community's greatest resource is

In the past, the schools in our district have been named after school superintendents and teachers. It seems that we are slipping away from that and heading toward something

nero and a student of Plymouth Salem High School. His name was Hugh Sarha, a young man from the 1960s and 70s, who was well-known and respected for his athletic abilities. I believe that his shot put record has not been broken until this day.

a job for everyone. Sharing a little "local knowledge" about our area's

tremendous resources or little things

(like restaurants, cleaners, schools,

etc.) can make a big difference. After

all, some may not make Canton home

for long, but it should feel like home

all along. Even after they've moved.

Other than that it's the right thing

to do, there are several reasons for my

suggestion. First, many of these are

short-term transferees taking a brief

step in their climb up their respective

corporate ladders. These career-ori-

ented dynamos are, or will become,

important decision- makers in their

companies and our economy. Once

here, they have a lot to offer in their

community and are a great addition

to our greatest resource (residents).

contributing to our community is

be strengthened with all the "cross-

and resources. Their base of knowl-

projects, programs, developments

from around the nation and world can

Second, these transient "movers

and shakers" will have an impact on

the future reputation of the Canton

be used to cultivate and enrich the

mosaic of Canton's quality of life.

Hugh Sarha answered the call of his country and was off to Vietnam in 1968. Somewhere in Vietnam, his patrol was pinned down by the North Vietnamese, putting them in harm's

Hugh broke away from the patrol and got behind the enemy and laid down such heavy fire that the enemy backed off and his patrol broke free and they were saved.

In the process of returning to his patrol, he was hit by enemy fire and also hit a mine, known as Bouncing

Hugh was flown to a field hospital, where he lost his arm. He died two

He has always been my hero. I lidn't personally know him, but I knew of his courage and selfless act to save the lives of his patrol. The lives that he saved could have been your brother, son or husband. This was a kid who had the same goals and dreams that your child has, but laid there for two weeks in a field hospital

Hugh Sarha never had a chance to even get off of the ground. When a prominent person of the school dis-

knowing that his life was done.

trict has their name put on a school it is a great honor. They have given many years and dedication to bestow

Hugh Sarha gave his life to preserve all of the principles that we Americans live by and reaped no benefits. Hugh Sarha should be the new name for the new middle school

John Poppas

Campus reveals world of hope

ast week, my 17-year-old son, Nathan, and

It was an emotional time for me. The symbolism of the journey - driving down the road of life together - got stronger when I realized that the end of the road for Nathan was the would leave home and become an independent

So as we stood in the small circle around the and so anxious that he do well. Don't interfere, I kept saying to myself as I hung back at the edge of the group; this is Nathan's trip and he has to

kids and checking out the campus in the mysteunder the oaks and watched the Frisbee players on the greening grass and the classes gathered spring sun.

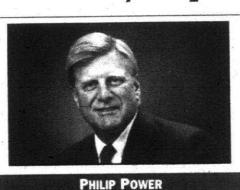
There were all kinds of kids. Black kids from

I couldn't help reflecting as I sat there ... Here are all these kids, of all different backgrounds and types, all come together at college,

And - so amazing and so American - they are together, all having a good time at college in the How different it would be today. I thought, in

Kosovo, where the sky is gray and the mud deep between Armenians and Turks. Or between the

wept with gratitude and, well, patriotism.



Here are all these kids, of all different backgrounds and types, all come together at college, that most American of all institutions. And so amazing and so American - they are all getting along together.

overcoming the historic hatreds that arise and have arisen for centuries, almost literally from the soil of the history and geography the Old World. Once people have moved to a new land, complete with different history and altered

geography, it's harder to nurse historic hatreds. Another part of it, I suppose, is the extraordinary opportunity for all that America offers. A rising tide lifting all boats doesn't require zerosum hatred for individual success.

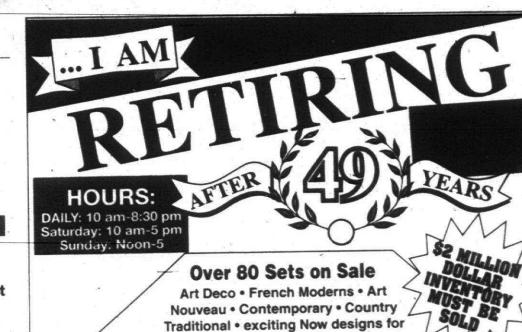
Of course, I'm too old and probably too cynical not to realize that people in America still hate each other, often with just as much passion as elsewhere. But plainly what is fundamentally different about America is that those hatreds usually arise out of specific personal circumstances and not out of generic animosities that have been nurtured for generations and probably will never be resolved.

And so as I sat on the grass and reflected about my son and offered up my little prayer for him and his success, the verses from the base of the Statue of Liberty rose in my memory: "Give me your tired, your poor,

Your huddled masses yearning to breathe The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,

Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to

I lift my lamp beside the golden door." Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Com nications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047. Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at: ppower@oeonline.com



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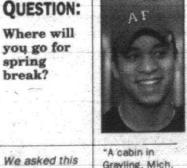
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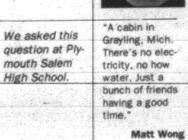
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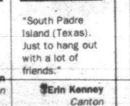
Big Boy."

COMMUNITY VOICE









Narcotics unit raid is effort to halt area cocaine network

BY LEANNE ROGERS

Western Wayne Narcotics Enforcement Team officers recently participated in raids on eight Detroit homes - part of a suspected cocaine distribution network

The search warrants executed on the homes were the culmination of a 10-month investigation by the narcotics unit, said Michigan State Police Lt. Edward Gerds, who heads the unit staffed by troopers and officers assigned by local departments, including Garden City.

Three of the homes - located on the same block on Detroit's west-side - had to be raided simultaneously, he said. About 80 officers participated in the raids, including the Western Wayne County Special Operations Team, the Detroit Police Department Special Response Team and the state police Special Response Team based in Livonia.

"We had intelligence and per-sonal knowledge that these were large scale cocaine dealers," said Gerds. "They had guns on their persons and lookouts. The houses were all reinforced. They were very organized."

Detroit police officers had to enter one of the houses through the picture window, Gerds noted, since the door had been so heavily reinforced:

During the raid on the first three houses, Gerds said the Western Wayne Narcotics offi-

cers closed off the street. "They shut down an entire city block to stop drive-by shootings," he said. "They also provided outside security for the houses. You run into retaliation shots being

Five more houses were raided on the east side of Detroit with Western Wayne Narcotics officers entering and securing one

"The major players were taken down in the first round. We didn't expect the same level of threat in the second round," said Gerds. "All our information was that the first three houses contained the major players."

Four Detroit men have been bound over for trial on charges of conspiracy to deliver/manufacture cocaine in varying quantities. Depending on the amount, the defendants could face prison sentences of 10 years, 20 years or life.

Along with unspecified amounts of cocaine, officers confiscated about \$25,000 in cash and items valued at about \$60,000 that were believed to have been purchased with drug sale proceeds.

"We bought a lot of drugs from them (the suspects) but we didn't confiscate a lot on the search warrants," said Gerds. "We

believe they were using the drug proceeds as their livelihood - for homes and vehicles.

Western Wayne Narcotics officers began the investigation locally, Gerds said, but the information gathered led to the suspects based in Detroit.

"When we have a supplier in Garden City or Westland, we backtrack and go after the their supplier," said Gerds. "It happens that most of the drugs come from major metropolitan areas. Drugs come to Detroit from the East Coast or the Southwest. At that level, we turn it over to the feds - like the Drug Enforcement Administration."

Normally the unit executes their own search warrants, Gerds said, but this could have been a particularly dangerous situation.

you have been "Unless involved in this kind of work. you can't appreciate the security these teams offer," he said. "It's a real sense of security to be able to call out the expects such as these special response teams."

Run by the Northville Township Police Department, the Western Wayne County Special Operation Team also has officers from Plymouth, Plymouth Town-ship, Canton Township, Van Buren Township and Wayne.

The raids were executed without incident. All the bad guys went to jail and the good guys went home," Gerds said.

MILITARY NEWS

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DEAN'S LIST

Army Cadet Andrew Short, a resident of Plymouth, was placed on the dean's list at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. To qualify for the honor, the cadet was required to maintain a 3.0 grade point average. .The cadet plans to graduate in the year 1999 with a bachelor's degree and will be commis sioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. The cadet's academic concentration is in general management. Short is the son of Carl and Mary Short. He is a 1995 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School,

COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROJECT

Navy Chief Warrant Officer William H. Troutman, son of Jimmie H. Troutman of Canton, recently participated in a community relations project during a visit to Hong Kong, while on a six-month deployment to the western Pacific and Indian oceans aboard the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, home ported in Bremerton, Wash. Sailors from Troutman's ship refurbished a local school for handicapped children and a local prayer center. At the school, crew members performed a variety of landscaping jobs including repairing a major drainage problem. At the prayer center, sailors made repairs to the interior of the building built for women to pray and take classes. The 1981 graduate of Valley Lutheran High School of Saginaw joined the Navy in May

DELAYED ENTRY PROGRAM

Jason J. Parkinson, son of Jacquine and Van Gerald Parkinson of Plymouth, enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Entry Program Feb. 26. Parkinson, a 1998 graduate of Northville High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on May 27. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-

week basic training course in San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training as a tactical aircraft maintenance apprentice: He will earn credits toward an associate's degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training

DEPLOYMENTS

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph M. Miller, son of Kenneth H. and Gloria J. Miller of Canton, is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea, Arabian Gulf and Adriatic Sea while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, home ported in Norfolk, Va. Miller's ship is the lead ship of the USS Enterprise Battle Group. While deployed, Miller's ship will continue to defend the U.S. policy and support international interests in the Middle East and Europe. The 1989 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School joined the Navy in September 1989.



"We're part of the family at Marquette House. The care is outstanding, and everyone is extremely friendly. Most important of all is our peace of mind. We love it here."

> Verda Smith and daughter Gerri Witowski

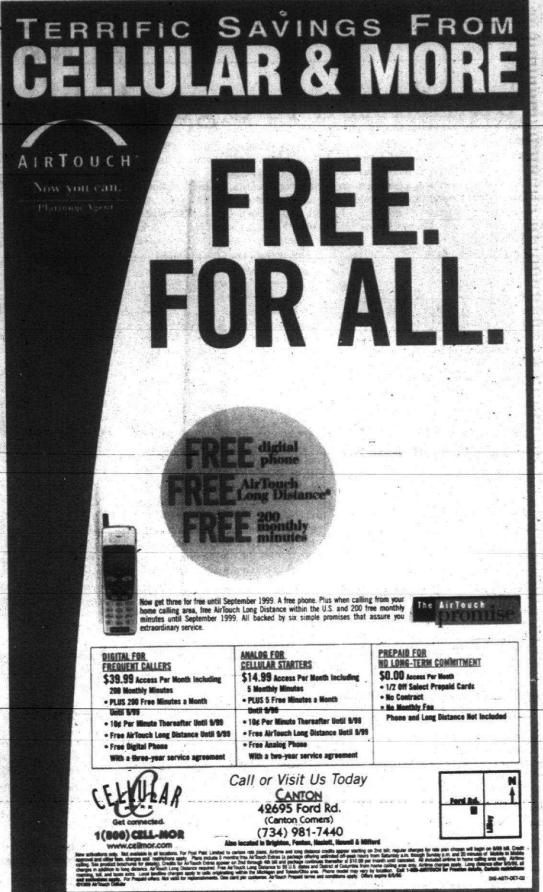


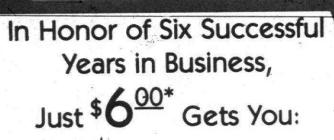
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A valuable lesson about labeling kids

hen I was in sixth grade, the teacher told the students that our graduation ceremony from elementary to "junior high" would include a famous tradition that had been passed down since the school opened in the 1930s. This ritual was entitled The Prophecy.

The idea was that the class would predict what they thought each person would be when they grew up. Although I cannot remember the details of how we gained consensus, I do remember that we determined Mark was going to be an astronaut (something we hardly knew about in 1961), Chris was going to be a writer, Laurie was going to be a teacher, and I was going to be a hostess.

A hostess? I hardly understood what that meant, except that it didn't sound electrifying and heady. So I went merrily on my way, thinking that maybe it was June Cleaver, or Lucy Ricardo (on a good day).

Thankfully, my mother never kidded me about my hostess designation. Had my mom also agreed that maybe I was going to be a hostess, I may very well have been one today. In fact, she encouraged me to write, to dance, to play tennis and, of course, study the harp, which became my major in high school and college. My ultimate goal for myself was the become a studio harpist at Universal Studios. Obviously, I'm not there

I tell you that story only to say, that we can have an enormous impact on our children when we pigeonhole them into roles that do not necessarily befit them.

Not written in stone

People's character and personalities are not immutable ... written in stone. But unfortunately, when a child begins to get cast in a role, he or she becomes more and more like the ascribed attribute. You've no doubt heard people referring to their child as a dawdler, a scatterbrain, a regular-talking-machine, a poor listener, a brat, not wrapped too tight and probably other things not so nice.

While I was running a small group of second-graders one time, a staff member stopped me in the hall to give me "the lowdown" on one of my little charges. He described the little boy as troublesome and a jack-in-the-

"Good luck trying to get him to sit still."

As I look back on the boy, I remember thinking that he was a busy little person. I preferred "busy" over the other qualities.

After reading "How To Talk So Kids Will Listen," I used six keys from the book that helped me enormously. First, I looked for opportunities to show him that he really could sit still and attend to the project we were doing. I would compliment him for it with, "You really know how to sit qui-

Put him in charge

Second, I put him in charge of helping another boy who could not read the directions. He liked being the boy's "mentor."

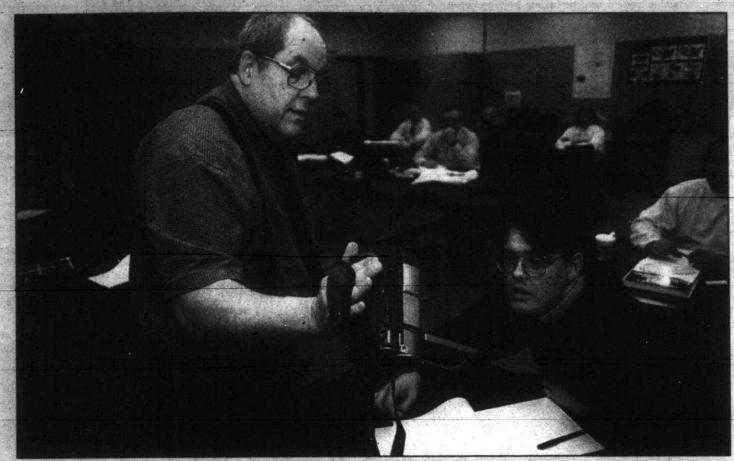
Third, I would walk behind him as he walked back to his class, and I would tell my aide, how great he was in the group and how he really knew how to sit still. You could almost see his smile from the back of his head.

Fourth, I would model respectful manners while I was with the group and ask the same from them. "Uh, oh, John. I didn't hear you ask for the scissors using your magic words." He, and the others quickly caught on and had excellent behavior through the eight weeks.

Fifth, when I saw him "losing it," I reminded him of how I knew he could sit quietly and wait his turn as he

had done so well the prior week. And last but not least, I was clear about my expectations for him, and nine times out of 10, he lived up to

Please see SENSORS, B2



Tricks of the trade: Russ Rheaume shows Ben Bunnell, a student, how a night vision video camera works during a class at Henry Ford Community College.

Private eyes get college treatment

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

iss Rheaume calls it his "crack cases." His videotaped collage of his career as a private investigator is straight out of an episode of "America's Dumbest Criminals."

One man claimed to have back wall. Another man who also had a bad back pushed his lawn mower the side of the yard after he ran out of gas. There's one thing that these videotaped cases have in common -

most of the subjects are bending over. "This job is not what it's all cracked up to be; I throw that in to add a little

humor," he said. Humor is the key ingredient in his "Techniques of Private Investigating" class at Henry Ford Community College. The tape always makes his students laugh and makes them feel comfortable in his classroom. After all, private investigators have to feel comfortable with their jobs.

The class is in its second semester at HFCC. Last winter, only seven students enrolled in the class. Now, a year later, Rheaume, a Livonia resident, has 15 students.

"Most of them are criminal justice and security majors, but really anybody can take this class," he said. the first formal college to have an sociate's degree specializing in private investigating. Before, it used to be criminal justice; now it's criminal justice and divided into security and private investigation.

Jackie Marsh of Dearborn will be the first graduate of the program. Marsh, a Colorado native, heard about the class through an advertisement in PI Magazine and moved to Dearborn to attend HFCC.

'I love Russ' class. It's kind of hard to believe, but I remember him saying once that they always do 'bowling checks' on people to see if people bowl.

A lot of people who have injuries bowl," she said with a laugh. "It was kind of ironic because where I work I had a case where the claimant bowled. And I was like, 'Oh, that's the stuff that Russ teaches.

"I thought Russ was full of baloney and I had to eat it."

Shooting for psychology Rheaume took his aspirations to come a psychologist all the way to college. After earning a degree in psychology, Rheaume went to Detroit Diesel to work on computers. Bored and yearning to work with people, he moved to General Motors' workers compensation department in June

Eventually, he left GM to work for several detective agencies and as a worker's compensation insurance adjuster. In 1975, he was a self-

employed insurance adjuster. "Then I had to get my license," Rheaume explained. "Somebody

squealed and said I was doing detective work, so at that point I had to work for somebody for three years. I took my business and I worked for somebody-else's license and got my

There are three ways to be certified as a private investigator. A potential PI can earn a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, work for a detective agency for three years full time, or be a former police officer

As the owner of Special Inquiry Company in Livonia, Rheaume focuses on detective work. Attorneys and insurance companies are his primary

"What I do is workers compensation fraud and also liability. That covers anything that's not work related like slip and falls, car accidents, all those kinds of things," he said.

Rheaume also does background checks and investigation work for suspicious spouses or significant others.

Please see DEGREE, B2

True detective stories ... not quite Mike Hammer

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

STAFF WRITER



After nearly 30 years in the business, Russ Rheaume is filled with stories about detective work.

An insurance company hired Rheaume to investigate a claim involving a man who said he was disabled and couldn't work

with his hands and arms. "He worked for an auto dealer Bondoing cars. He went to court and said, 'I can't work at all,' he said. "We went through our activity check found out he was singing (at a restaurant). I went there with my secretary. I asked him, 'Gee you're

great. We have a family reunion every year. We had a Texas theme last year, we want to go Mexican this year.' So he put on a show just for me and my videocamera. We showed this in court."

His first case wasn't that easy. At age 25, Rheaume was sent out to investigate the possible theft from a meat-packing company in Eastern Market. The president of the company thought that the security guard was in on it, so he arranged for Rheaume to enter the facility at

"I was dressed in 'grubbies'; I literally had to sneak in the place," he said. "I didn't have a gun or anything. I was just a kid walking in there. I had a key to get into the president's office.

"At night, it was kind of scary. You're going to think I'm making this up but the other guy in the

car, he has one arm. He's my boss."

So Rheaume snuck in, climbed up a ladder through dirty pipes, hid behind a door, avoided the rats and entered the room.

"It's a slaughterhouse. The animals are hanging. There's this big giant walk-in refrigerator. There's rubber doors to go in and out of. Nobody's supposed to be going there at night. At 3 a.m., two guys roll barrels into there and that was my

He ran through the slaughterhouse but before reaching the car, he was stopped dead in his tracks - "There were all these animal heads with eyes looking right at me."

He exited the building just in time to see the

Please see STORIES, B2

Power Team puts oomph behind message

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

They bill themselves as "the w rld's greatest exhibition of power, strength, speed, inspiration and motivation," 18 guys who do everything from splitting cement blocks in half with their hands to turning Louisville Sluggers into toothpicks.

They're a big hit in the South and the members of Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City are hoping for the same when four members of "John Jacobs and The Power Team" visit the church in May.

"They've been doing this for 20 years; they're very popular throughout the South and are just moving north," said Carl Hengstebeck, who with the pastor, Rev. Wayne Parker, and Jeff Keith are organizing the visit. "This is their first time in this area. They'll be Jackson in April and have been in Monroe and Roscommon before that.

The Power Team members - Greg Mead, Russ Clear, Aundre Simms and Tony Evans - have a two-fold mission when they arrive in Garden City May 19-23. During their five-day stay, they will perform and give testimony at 7 p.m. each night at the church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford Road.

Organizers anticipate an overflow crowd each night. There will be seating for 500 in the church and an additional 200-300 in the building next door where their performance will be shown on closed-circuit television.

During the day, they will switch to a message about self-esteem, drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy and the need for academics that organizers hope will be delivered to students in 10-12 area schools.

"At the church, they'll do big feats and talk about God, but in the school assemblies, they won't talk about God," said Hengstebeck. "One of the men (Clear) is a former white supremacist

and his testimony about how he felt then and how he feels now brings tear

Students who have heard them rate them very highly. They've been endorsed by more than 40 mayors, governors and senators and their program is considered the No. 1 antidrug assembly in the country.

The church has been working to bring the group to town after Parker saw them perform in Monroe 1 1/2 years ago: He told Hengstebeck about them and what they did and asked if he was interested. Hengstebeck said yes. Keith was recruited to help earlier this year.

Costly endeavor

Bringing The Power Team members to town is a costly endeavor. The church is flying them in from Dallas, Texas, providing their

Please see POWER TEAM, B2



Hengstebeck and Keith are

liciting advertising for a sou-

venir program to raise some of

the estimated \$8,000-10,000

needed for the school perfor-

mances. And businesses that

help sponsors the shows will be

mentioned during the show by

The Power Team. If a business

does a \$5,000 co-sponsorship,

they'll be included in commer-

cials that will air on cable TV,

Hengstebeck added.

Power Team from page B1

lodging and all of the materials 400 sculpting style ice blocks, ested, but because of the late-they need for their perfor- 475 unbroken concrete blocks, 42 ness in the school year, have no mances. Payment to the per- Louisville Slugger baseball bats, money left for such an assembly. formers will come from the \$2 25 telephone books and 30 rolls per person donation for the evening performances and the ers are canvassing businesses for evening performances and the

\$1,000 per school charge. The church won't make any money off the visit, in fact, it has a budget of \$12,000 for materials

They're also looking for cash' donations to help get The Power Team's message into the schools. and advertising and is hoping The team has been booked to the community will help finance perform at Garden City Junior it. With a per night supplies list and Senior High schools and that includes things like 36 300- another seven schools are inter-

Sensors from page B1

Yes, he was a busy boy, but I think for the first time he saw himself as a boy who could sit still, listen, be polite and be a

helper to someone else. Labeling can be a dangerous thing because many people who are labeled don't have the strength and courage to counter the label. Whether we give a positive or negative label to our kids can determine the direction they

And wouldn't you have wanted

someone to cast you in a positive role vs. a negative one when you

Jacque Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or at her e-mail

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(734) 421-0472. "It's saddening and maddening, it's the most down thing of the whole process," Hengstebeck said. "When you see them perform and watch the kids and see them listening and getting the message They've changed a lot of kids with their message.

"It's a powerful message; it

Degree from page B1

"I try to stay away from it," he said. "We do domestic work, "I'd rather have attorneys School who have lost touch with velling at me." want us to follow a wife, or check out this or that. I usually try to stay away from those because

His favorite cases are those involving missing persons - bio-logical parents, adopted children, high school chums, etc.

of times they get together and get mad at you in the end.

Stories from page B1 men roll barrels of meat past-the security guard and into a wait-

they get very complicated. A lot

There are also 4,500 color "We follow this guy and he's posters that organizers are hopdrunk. He's going down (I-)375, ing to display throughout the goes to Lincoln Park, drops the area. Businesses interested in meat off at the store and continues on to Cleveland on his norhelping can call the church at

> In addition to his \$5-per-hour pay, he received a wooden pig from the president of the meatpacking company.

Rheaume frequently investigates workplace theft. "Right now we're watching an industry; there's some theft going on," he said. "We were there at night watching all the hi-lo drivers. We caught one guy

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stealing a big coil of steel. He had it on a hi-lo and he took it out and another truck came out and he put it there. We have wideos of that."

He has between 10 and 12

detectives who work for him

cluding a 4-foot-11 man. "He's my best man; he's a miracle guy," he said. "He looks like he should be disabled. But some of these big fat slobs in the court say, 'I'm disabled.' Mike comes in with the videos, the judge looks at him and then looks at them

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and says, 'Oh, my gosh.' "

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"Right now they're videotaping somebody's activities. It could be somebody painting the house across the street from where they live. It could be somebody watching you right now," he said. "I don't want them to do anything dangerous. I want them to videotape using the techniques that I have showed

two alumni of Divine Child High

the school. (There's 20 extra

Working with Divine Child

was a logical choice for

Rheaume, who graduated from

"I don't want them working on

my cases, I don't want kids run-

ning around screwing up my cases," he said smiling. "There's

300 and some alumni that

they're looking for. I thought this

would be a great idea having a

college and a high school helping

each other out. They're both in

I fax them the people and where they are right now."

He helps his students by

teaching them several tech-

niques - looking up people with

similar names in the phone book.

checking on the Internet and

using home computer data

the fifth neighbor down the

street from where you used to

live, even though you moved 20

years ago, still remembers you or.

remembers that your father

worked for this company or your

mother was a member of the

Foreign Legion. We can track

Rheaume also requires his stu-

dents to videotape or photograph

a person, to take a witness state-

ment and to write a five-page

"You talk to neighbors. Maybe

"Whenever we find somebody,

the high school in 1963.

Dearborn.

credit points, if the student finds

Rheaume insists that his students videotape people out in the public. One student wasn't very savvy with his assignment, how-

"One guy was at a gas station and he was videotaping a person getting gas," he said. "The guy saw him and said 'What are you doing?' He said, 'Oh, I'm taking a

"If anybody has any problems, I just tell them to give them my phone number. I'll explain it to

Taking statements is the key to a private investigator's job, Rheaume explained. That's why he has included that in his syl-

Teaching is a lifelong dream of Rheaume. He was recruited to teach the class through his involvement in the Michigan Council of Private Investigators.

"Nobody else wanted to do it," Rheaume said with a boisterous laugh "I always wanted to be a teacher. Actually, I always want ed to be a psychologist like Bob Newhart. But teaching, it's kind

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Rice-Morris

Robert and Joann Rice of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Christine, to Matthew Ray Morris, the son of Jim and Linda Briscoe of

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Thurston High School. She is employed as a radiological technologist at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Her fiance is a 1991 graduate of Garden City High School. He is employed as a radiological technologist at Henry Ford Hos-

A May wedding is planned at the Golden Rings Wedding Chapel.

Lemke-Quinn

John and Gail Lemke of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly, to Robert Quinn, the son of Barb Quinn of Dearborn Heights. The bride-to-be is a 1993 grad-

uate of John Glenn High School and a 1998 graduate of Western Michigan University. She isemployed as a substitute teacher for Livonia Public Schools and as a figure skating coach for the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club. Her fiance is a 1990 graduate of Divine Child High School and

a 1995 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed as a computer programmer at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

An August wedding is planned

McBride-Poindexter

Rich McBride of Livonia announces the engagement of his daughter, Kelli Marie, to Alex David Poindexter, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Poindexter of Massillon, Ohio.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late Mary Lou McBride, is planning to graduate in December from Kentucky Christian College where she is majoring in business administration with a minor in office technology. Her fiance also plans to gradu-

ate in December from Kentucky Christian College, where he is majoring in preaching and the

A July wedding is planned at Livonia. Memorial Church of Christ in



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Bloom-Schwark

Maryann B. Yarrington of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Roslyn Marie, to Paul William Schwark, the son of William and Mary Schwark of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Gibraltar Carlson High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in engineering. She is employed by EMCON, an environmental engineering form, in Northville.

Her fiance is a 1994 graduate of West Bloomfield High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed



Sharon Hohl of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Katharine A. Stricker, to Robert F. Denham Jr., the son of Robert and Sharon Denham of Wixom.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late George B. Stricker and the late Henry Hohl, is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree in finance. She is employed by Northern Equities Group in Farmington Hills as an accounting assistant. at Divine Child Catholic Church

Her fiance is a 1987 graduate of Redford Thurston High School as director of junior tennis develand a 1993 graduate of Ferris State University with a bachelor A May wedding is planned at of science degree in marketing. Faith Lutheran Church in Livo-He is employed by The Aspen Hill Club in Silver Spring, Md.,

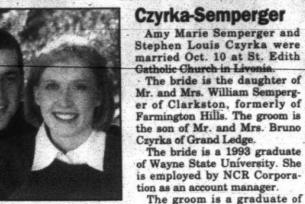


applications engineer A September wedding is planned at The Community



by Bosch Braking Systems as an

House in Birmingham.



Ferris State University. He is employed by Compuware Corporation as a product coordinator. The couple received guests at a reception at Laurel Manor in Livonia before leaving on a hou-

Craggs-Apsley

Craggs of Canton.

his best man.

Kevin Richard Craggs and

The bride is the daughter of

Paul and Kathy Apsley of Wayne

and Patricia Apsley and Michael

Wunkel of Novi. The groom is

the son of Richard and Donna

expects to graduate from East-

The groom is a 1991 graduate

The bride asked Kelly Hollis

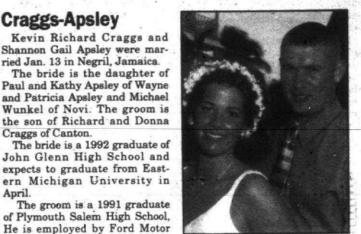
of Plymouth Salem High School,

Shannon Gail Apsley were mar-

ried Jan. 13 in Negril, Jamaica.



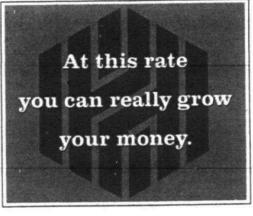
eymoon trip to the southern Caribbean islands. They are making their home in Livonia



and Patricia Apsley to serve as guests of honor at a Jan. 23 her maids of honor. The groom reception at the Bailey Recreasked Kirk Craggs to serve as ation Center in Westland. They are making their home in West-

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part, are women, Thacker added.

1997, which will release her

ninth book "Into the Sunset," a

romance set in 1878 Colorado, on

Hooked on romance writing.

Thacker admits that she does

not live the lifestyle of the rich

and famous, it's more like

"lifestyles of the middle class

and modestly famous." Proceeds

from her first book was the down

payment of their first home in

Redford, Most books make \$3-

ideas come from and guesses

they're from "everywhere." And

as a writer, she works a tradi-

tional 9 to 5 day, except when

under deadline which means

While her husband prefers

nonfiction, he does help in the

publishing process, reading gal-

lev proofs. It helps having a

fresh pair of eyes look at the

book one last time, checking for

day of school. It's the final

"A lot of things can happen in

working nights and weekends.

She's not certain where her

Fame and fortune?

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Thacker moved to Dell in

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WEEKEND

SAT WORKSHOP SAT I college entrance examination workshops are offered by Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences. Workshop meets on Saturdays for three weeks starting April 10 on the Oakland University campus in Rochester. Cost is \$145. For a brochure and to register, call (248) 370-

FABULOUS FABLE FACTORY ■ Whistle Stop Players present "The Fabulous Fable Factory," 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon. This is a 50minute musical play featuring six of Aesop's best ables woven together with scenes and songs that explore the parts of a story and the joy of being a child. All seats are \$5. For more information or for tickets.

call (734) 416-4278. SWING DANCE CLASS ■ The Dance Connection in Canton is sponsoring 'Swing Dance" classes for adults and teens. The classes will be on Saturday, April 24. Beginner swing class is 3:30-4:30 p.m., and the intermediate class is 4:30-5:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per-person. Classes will be conducted by Tim Smola, a former Mr. Dance of Michigan and currently a member of the Peter Sparling Dance Company in Ann Arbor. For more information, call (313) 562-1203 or (734) 397-9755.

ANNUAL AUCTION ■ New Morning School, a nonprofit parent.cooperative school in Plymouth Township, will be hosting its 23rd annual auction, "Western Extravaganza," 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 24, in Laurel Manor, Livonia. Cost is \$55, which includes dinner, open bar, live and silent auction. Auction items include jerseys autographed by Detroit Red Wings Sergei Fedorov Steve Yzerman Brendan Shanahan and more; trips to Las Vegas, ail, Colo., Disney, Lake Tahoe; and whitewater rafting and more. Proceeds benefit the individualized programs at New Morning School. For more information and reservations, call the school at (734) 420-

AROUND TOWN

CANTON SOFTBALL CENTER ■ The Canton Softball Center is now registering teams for adult leagues and its Early Bird Classic Softball Tournament April 10-11. The center is owned and operated by Canton Township. Spring, summer and fall leagues are planned for men, women, coed and masters. There are resident and nonresirequires a \$100 per team deposit, with the balance to tion will be held 6-8 p.m.

meeting. Cost to register for the tournament is \$125 per team, plus and additional \$25 for non-USSA registered teams. For more nformation on leagues and tournaments at the Canton Softball Center, call Jeff Bradley, (734) 483-5600, Ext. 2 or 3. **GENERAL MEETING**

■ The Vietnam Veterans of America general meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 12, at 9318 Newburgh, between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia. All veterans on active duty Jan. 1, 1959-

May 7, 1975, regardless of duty station are eligible. For more information, call Don Dignan at (313) 845-3752 or at (734) 525-0157 ■ The Plymouth Community Council on Aging monthy meeting will be 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 12, at the Cultural Center, 525

Farmer, Plymouth. Mike Frayer from Memory Lane Antiques will be the guest speaker. Seniors may bring one or two pieces, but not iewelry. Michigan Eye Center will hold an eye screening noon to 2 p.m. and Inited Home Health will check blood pressures 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center. For more information, call (313) 453-1234, Ext. 236. CITY OF PLYMOUTH

■ The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for ts Children's Arts and Sanchin-Ryu Classes. All classes begin the week of April 12. The following Children's Arts Classes are eing offered: Preschool Art, Studio Art, Drawing & Painting and Cartooning. The Junior Sanchin-Ryu and Open/Family Sanchin-Ryu will also begin the week of April 12. For more information, call the City of

Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620. ■ The City of Plymouth Recreation Division will be registering from April 12 through April 30 for the 5and 6-year-old T-Ball League. Children must be born July-December 1992, January-December 1993, January-July 1994, Regis tration will be at the Recreation Office at the Cultural Center, during office hours certificate is required. The season runs seven weeks, running June 19 through Aug. 7. No games July 3. The fee is \$55. City of Plymouth resident discount \$35. For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

TAX COUNSELING Free tax counseling for

seniors will continue until April 13 in the Parkview

Room at the Summit on the Park, Canton. Appointments are necessary. Morning and afternoon appointments are available with tax counselor volunteers. Arrangements can be made for home visits to the homebound. This program is sponsored by the American Association of Retired dent leagues. League entry FOSTER CARE

Persons. For more information, call (734) \$97-5444.

A foster parent orientabe paid at the managers' Tuesday, April 13. Judson

field, Hinesville, Ga. He is the son of Linda M. Murphy of Toledo,

Ohio, and Jim McGurk of Plymouth. The specialist is a 1991 graduate of Amherst ele High School, Amherst, and a 1996 graduate

of the University of Cincinnati, Ohio. Army Reserve Pvt. Richard A. Gronczewski Petersburg, Va. The soldier was trained in the mouth.

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ed electrical, mechanical and hydraulic components, systems, and assemblies of wheeled vehicles and diesel power plants/packs. Use of publications, tools and diagnostic equipment were also included in the training. Gronczewski is the son of Richard M. Gronczewski of Plymouth. He is a

Army Pvt. Laurence C. Anderson has graduated from the automated logistical specialist | Reeves is the son of Richard M. Reeves of Plyadvanced individual training course at Fort Lee, mouth and grandson of Beatrice A. Reeves of Ply-

issue, ship, and account for subsistence supplies. The training included ration breakdown, and commissary functions such as price changes, inventory, displays, and security. Anderson is the son of Lawrence C. and Linda R. Anderson of Canton He is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Canton High

Army Pvt. Michael R. Reeves has arrived at Fort Knox, Ky., to complete basic combat training

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ton sisters April (second from left) and Amber Sawye (holding Observer) met up with cousins Megan Maguire of Cleve land (left), Dalton Hornung (right) and Shane Hornung of Kennesau Ga., at Disney world in Orlando, school. The late February temper tures ranged from 30 to 50 degrees, not much warmer than Michigan, the

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LEGAL FAIR

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5 p.m. Tuesday, April 20. tion is to raise in excess of DuMouchelle is the Detroit \$280,000. The general area's leading authority on sion ticket price is \$75 and includes dinner, antique appraisals and currently travels with the PBS open bar and the live and Antique Roadshows as one silent auction. Gold Inner of their appraisers. This is Circle seating tickets are the 12th annual clinic hostavailable for \$125 and ed by the museum. Call allow special seating near the center stage. Winner of the museum to reserve an the grand prize raffle ticket will own a 1999 Sedan DeVille from Don Massey Cadillac. No more than 750 raffle tickets will be sold at \$200 each. The official sponsors of the 1999 auction are Don Massey Cadillac Inc., Northwest Airlines, Kimcraft Printers Inc., and Al Long Ford Inc. For more information, call benefit the Plymouth His-(734) 432-5588 or 432-

WOMEN PAINTERS ■ The Ann Arbor Women Painters present, "Can We Talk?" 7 p.m. Monday, April 19, at the Earhart Village Clubhouse, 835 Greenhills, Ann Arbor. A panel of artists from the Ann Arbor Women Painters will talk about issues. The public is welcome. For more information, call (734) 663-2825.

ANTIQUE APPRAISAL CLINIC ■ The Plymouth Historical Museum will host Ernest DuMouchelle from the DuMouchelle Art Gallery in Detroit at an Antique Appraisal Clinic 10 a.m. to

CALENDAR

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

nore information, call (313) 937-8291.

OPEN HOUSE The Plymouth post office will hold its annual open house 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at both the new post office, located off of Beck Road 47256 Clipper, and the downtown Penniman branch. Both will offer guided tours and refreshments. Stamp collectors will be on hand. Those interested in being tour guides should call (734) 453-6110 and ask for Barb. AUTHOR LUNCHEON

Friends of the Plymouth Canton, Novi and Northville libraries present the 1999 Author Luncheon, featuring award-winning Michigan author Jack Driscoll. The luncheon is noon Thursday, April 22, at Fox Hills Country Club, Salem Township. The event is co-sponsored by the Observer Newspapers and Hometown Newspapers. Tickets at \$20 each are available at all four libraries through April 11. Mail orders may be sent to the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Ply nouth 48170, attn.: Diane

Geddes. Include a selfaddressed, stamped enve lepe. The cutoff date for mail orders is April 10. There will be no ticket sales at the door. SOFTBALL LEAGUE

appointment time at (734) ■ The City of Plymouth 455-8940. Appointments Recreation Division will will be made every 20 minrun the following adult utes and you may bring up softball leagues this to five handheld items or a photo with measurements and details for larger items. Appraisals are \$6 Modified Season starts per item for an oral appraisal or \$10 per item tion, call the city of Plyfor a professional written appraisal. All proceeds

torical Museum and its Voters serving Canton. ford, Wayne, Westland, ■ Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Service presents a free community sale another successful legal fair sponsored under fund-raising event. New a Canton Township Combatches of used books munity Development Block Grant 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesused books by calling day, April 21, at the Canton Human Services Building, Michigan and Sheldon.

consultations on legal issues such as: elder abuse are received. grandparents' rights, family law, estate planning, LOGO CONTEST onsumer and public benefits/tax assistance. For The Canton Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI. 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the

RELAY FOR LIFE ■ The 1999 Plymouth/Canton Relay for Life, a 24hour run/walkathon to raise money for the American Cancer Society, will be held May 8-9 at Heritage Park in Canton. Teams consist of 12 or more people who divide up the relay so that a member is on the track at all times. Team nembers are asked to raise \$100 each to participate. There will be entertainment and refreshments for the duration of the event. Student volunteers are also needed. For information on participation or sponsorship, call Gloria Peterson at the ACS Great Lakes Division, (248) 557-5353. For information on becoming a volunteer, call Debbie Zevalkink, (734) 397-5381.

YOGA CLASSES Learn voga as union of mind, body and spirit. Blend breathing exercises, physical postures and relaxation using guided imagery and meditation. This is a seven-week series through May 26 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Canton Health Building, Canton Center Road at Palmer. Classes are offered Monday mornings or Wednesday evenings. Cost is \$60 for seven classes or \$10 for drop-ins. Classes

are given by Dr. Jacqui

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at Camp Connection in LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS Fenton. The camp is ■ The League of Women designed for dancers ages and up who want to experi-Northville, Plymouth, Redence traditional camping experiences along with and Livonia is working to exciting dance classes. make this year's April book Dance classes will be held in ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, modeling, swing and more Campers will also particialways are needed. Donate pate in boating, swimming hiking, and games. The Esther Friedrichs at (734) camp runs from July 25 427-0222 or Marge Gade at through July 29. Space is (734) 261-3191. Hardcover? still available. For more and paperback books in dif information, call (313) 562ferent categories of nonfic-1203 or (734) 397-9755. tion and fiction for all ages BOOSTER GROUP

■ The Canton Liberty Fest is running a contest for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students to design the logo for the annual event. The firstplace winner will receive a Liberty Fest package including a \$100 Savings Bond, T-shirts for the entire family, Summit passes and other prizes. The winning logo will be displayed on T-shirts and promotional materials for this year's festival in June and the winning designer will have his/her photo in the Observer Newspapers. The contest is open to students in the third-eighth grades. The design should fit the front of an adultsized T-shirt and use a

maximum of five colors, Deadline for entries is May 1. Drawings may be submitted to D & M Studio, 8691 N. Lilley, Canton

wanted to be a writer, he "He said, 'Why do you want you want to be a writer? Writers don't make a living," the author of nine romance novels told her audience at the second of the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center winter luncheon series. "And my career interest inventory test came out as a forest ranger. "I believe I was born to write. er, you have to learn how to be Thacker stuck with her dream,

> in high school and doing public relations work for two years for Crittendon Hospital after earning a degree in English from It's boy meets girl, boy loses girl, Albion College. But in 1986, she decided to try her hand at freelance writing for write her first novel, which she magazines. While those were the had titled "Falcon on the Silver "salad days" for her and her hus- Wind," and just four days for her

Ask Shelly Thacker what was

her favorite place in the world as

a child and she'll tell you it was

the library. Reading was a treat

Her girlhood dreams were to

be a writer and a jockey, but she

grew too tall. Then it was a writ-

er and veterinarian, but she

couldn't stand the sight of blood,

so she switched to writer and

When she told her junior high

school guidance counselor she

herself to writing full time. A year later, she discovered the Greater Detroit Romance lisher gets 10,000 manuscripts a Writers of America where she year of which only a handful get met a 100 or so friendly people published," the fact took her on

n't think she was crazy. She learned a very important started writing her first book.

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Volunteers will do site prepa-

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Saturday, April 10, to get ready

for the site's dedication on May 1

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Sundays until the blitz. The

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The base site will be at the

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A building committee meeting

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will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday

April 14, at St. Kenneth's

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A volunteer committee meet-

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Wednesday, April 28, for people

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reading and writing romance but nobody is meant to be a writ- novels, but after friends gave her read, she discovered her genre.

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band, they were her happiest publicist to find a publisher days because she could devote interested in a two-book con-

Considering "an average pubwho spoke her language and did- so quickly was nothing short of a meteoric happening.

Avon first changed the book's lesson from those writers - name to "Stolen Bride," but set-"Writing will work for you, if you tled on "Falcon on the Wind." A work at your writing" - and Scottish romance in the tradition of "Braveheart," it was released



Initially, Thacker had resisted a copy of "Wolf and the Dove" to

"I wouldn't have been caught writing poetry and short stories dead reading it, but I devoured that book in a couple of hours." she said. "I love the genre. I love history, I love a good love story.

in need of volunteers the publishing process and usually it happens in the galley stage," Thacker said. "It's the most difficult time for me. It's like sending a child to the first Habitat for Humanity of West- Humanity which is used to build

The book was an Romance Thacker has gained an inter-Writers of America Golden national reputation and her-Heart finalist and winner of four books have been released in Italnational awards. It received 4 ian, French, Chinese and Rus-

sian, to name a few. She gets fan mail from places like Europe, Australia and Taiwan and gets e-mail from all over the world.

"I cannot do this, I can't stop writing as much as I can't stop breathing; it's that much of a part of me," Thacker said. "Even if the publisher didn't pay me, I'd still write."

The final WRC luncheon will be 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 16, in the college's Waterman Center, Haggerty Road south of Seven Mile. Bob Milne will entertain with his ragtime piano playing. Luncheon tickets are \$14 each

and are available in advance only by calling the resource center at (734) 462-4443.

Meet the author

Shelly Thacker's newest book, "Into the Sunset," will be in bookstores on May 11. Published by Dell, the book is a sensual Western set in 1878 Colorado. A U.S. marshal tracks down a desperate lady on the run who killed his brother. Trapped in a snowbound mining town, the lawman and his pris-oner engage in a battle of fierce wills and fiery passions until he loses his heart and faces an impossible choice: Do his duty and

bring her to justice or set her free and become an outlaw him-Thacker has scheduled several book signings in the metropolitan area as part of the book's release:

■ 4-6 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at Books Connection, 19043 Mid-

■ 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 14, at Read It Again Books, 39733

Grand River, Novi.

noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at The Book Exchange, 1600 S. Rochester Road, Royal Oak. ■ 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, at Aunt Dee's Book Bag, 365 S.

Broadway, Lake Orion. ■ 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at Paperbacks & Things, 8044 Wayne Road, Westland:

Fans of Thacker's books can find out more by writing her at P.O. Box 1022, Novi 48376 or visiting her Web site at st@shellythacker.com or http://www.shellythacker.com.



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Army Spec. Kevin C. McGurk has graduated from the 61-day Ranger training course at the U.S. Army Ranger School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training phases are conducted at Fort Benning, in the mountains of northern Georgia, and in

paraiso, Fla. The course is designed to develop condent and capable small-unit leaders. Additional emphasis is placed on developing combat functional skills for planning and conduct-

the Florida swamps at Eglin Air Force Base, Val-

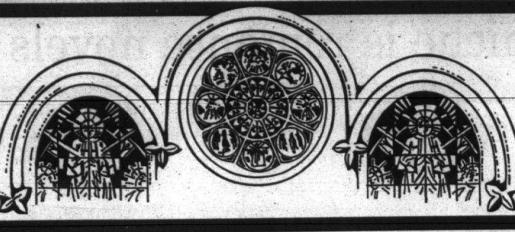
To submit your military announcement, send the ing ground, airmobile, airborne, and waterborne has graduated from the wheeled vehicle repairer skills and knowledge required to receive, store, patrolling operations. The trainees perform indi- | course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, vidual and collective tasks and missions in tactically realistic environments under mental and repair, replace and adjust all related and associatphysical stresses experienced during combat condi-

McGurk is an infantryman with the 1st Battalon, 75th Ranger Regiment at Hunter Army Air-

Md. The students was taught to troubleshoot,

1990 graduate of Garden City High School.

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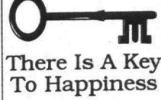
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RELIGIOUS NEWS

of Theology in 1987 with his of the ETS faculty.

Since 1992, he also served as interim pastor at the South-

Ordained on Feb. 11, 1988, interim pastor at the South-he was called as assistant pas-tor at Emmanuel Lutheran of Zion in Ann Arbor, Holy

Holy Trinity installs new associate pastor At one time its interim pas-tor, the Rev. Joel Brandt will be installed as associate pastor

at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia on Sunday, ature and philosophy at Northbachelor of arts degree in 1983. He also studied New Testament Greek at Trinity Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, before beginning seminary studies at the Lutheran School of Theolo-Clarenceville United gy in Chicago, Ill.

Methodist Church will have and bake sale 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Briday, April 9, at the church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia. St. Paul's Lutheran Church will have a rummage and bake sale, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 8-9, and 9 a.m. to 1 p. mcSaturday, April 10, at the church, 20805 Middlebelt, at Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. Saturday will feature a bag sale. Baked goods and light lunches will be available.

■ Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran p.m. Thursday, April 15, at the St. Timothy Presbyterian

April 17, at the church, 16700 Newburgh, south of Six Mile, Livonia. ■ The Women's Guild of St Maurice Church will have its spring rummage sale 9 a.m. to 8

He spent one year on a

parish internship at First

Lutheran Church in Shawnee

Mission, Kan., before graduat-

ing from the Lutheran School

Church will have its annual

rummage sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday-Friday, April 15-16,

and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday,

FRIEND DAY Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church will have

church, 32765 Lyndon, east of

Farmington Road, Livonia.

the special musical guest at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services. At 6 p.m. that day, the church will hold Y2K Night and have an expert speak about the problem.

Church in Ypsilanti. He com-

pleted service there in 1992

and enrolled in the graduate

library studies program at the University of Michigan, receiv-

ing his master's degree in

ry of the John E. Biersdorf

Library at the Ecumenical

Theological Seminary in Detroit, working to establish a

new library collection to serve the growing ministerial studies

program.He is still a member

the church, 33445 Warren Road,

Westland. Marvin Jones will be

Ice cream and snacks will be served. For more information, call the church at (734) 458-**CAREGIVER PROGRAM** Members of the Aid Associa

tion of Lutherans Branch 3233 at Timothy Lutheran Church will sponsor "Taking Care: Easing the Role of the Family Care-

strated in his walk of faith. "We've all grown in our faith as it's always exciting to see

dent Business. He became top producer in Michigan and received several awards. Vann is known as having a Ange of South Carolina, at 7

what God is going to do next,"

8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. For more information about the program, call James Willey at (734) 464-0451. HOMECOMING' SERVICE The Rev. Jimmy Lawson of Community Free Will Baptist Church will conduct a "Home-

fessional Leadership Support Committee, Lutheran AIDS

Support Network and American Theological Library Association. He recently joined the Synod's Ecumenical Commit-

Married, he and his wife,

giver," a program for those who

involved in helping aged parents

or relatives who have become

day, April 11, in the Christian

Education Room of the church,

impaired or ill, 11:45 a.m. Sun-

Susan Carter, have four chil-

dren. They live in Ypsilanti.

will care and who will be

coming" Service Sunday, April 11 at the church, 33031 Cherry Hill Road, Westland. Services will begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m., followed by the morning worship at 11

a.m. Dinner, served in the church gymnasium, and fellow ship and singing in the church sanctuary, will follow. For more information, call the church at (734) 721-9040. The church also will have a revival, featuring the Rev. Paul

p.m. Sunday-Wednesday, April heavy load and weary. For more Cardinal Adam Maida will 682-3733. preside over dedication cere-

who has a doctoral degree, taught at a university in Warsaw. Now 80 years old, she joined the Peace Corps at age 70. MEN'S GROUP The Men's Group of Church of Today West will meet 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at the Novi Public Library, 45246 W. 10 Mile, Novi. Church of Today West holds worship services at 10 a.m. Sundays at Meadow-



call (248) 449-8900 or visit the Web site at www.cotwest.com. MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to April 11, at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 5775 Merriman, Garden other April 16-18 at the St.

local investors last May. DCR programming includes daily Mass, educational and event talk shows and community calendar of events.

'WIND AND FIRE' Life in the Holy Spirit Semi nars will be presented at 7 p.m. Mondays, April 12-May 17, at St. Bernadine of Sienna Church 31463 Ann Arbor Trail, West

the church at (734) 522-0138. FARMINGTON AGLOW Farmington Aglow Internaional, a network of caring women, will meet 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, April 12, at the Farmngton Hills Library. Penni Schwendenmann, president of the Canton-Westland Aglow, will

GUEST SPEAKER Helen Suchara will speak

The ceremony highlights the success DCR has seen since it began broadcasting in Septem

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land. For more information, call

bring a word of hope to women burdened with guilt, carrying a

information, call Karen at (248)

will host a special weekly seminar and support group, Grief Share, for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them, 7-9:15 p.m. Sundays, beginning April 18. The seminars will run for 13

vided information about recovering from grief and renewing hope for the future.

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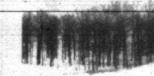
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St. Edith's Prayer group will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, in the church meeting room, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. The evening of praise, Scripture and singing will feature the Rev. Denis Theraux, associate pastor at St. Edith's. For more informa tion, call Cecile at (734) 591-3247 or Paul at (734) 462-9648. RUMMAGE SALES

Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the church, 9600 Leverne, between Beech Daly and Inkster roads, Redford. The bag sale will be 1-2 p.m., and a snack bar will be available.

his third interim pastorate.

Main Street gets interim pastor Main Street Baptist Church in Vann is credited with organiz- tion in the United States, the Canton has called Livonia resi- ing the Michigan Baptist Disas- National Federation of Independent Wayne Vann to serve as its ter Relief Team which does mass

Vann became a home missionary in 1990 and has led the serve more than 168,000 hot men's ministries with the Baptist State Convention of Michigan for eight years. He worked as the special pro-

jects and events coordinator for sionary, Vann was a successful the Greater Detroit Baptist marketing representative for the Association prior to his assignment at Main Street Baptist.

interim pastor. Vann assumed feedings following a disaster. In

the duties on March 7: This is 1992, he took several teams to

south Florida in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew, helping meals to those in need. Because of his work, Vann was awarded Livonia's first annual Humanitarian Award. Prior to becoming a home mis-

tremendous faith in God, demon-

said Vann. Main Street Baptist Church is at 8500 N. Morton Radio at a 2 p.m. Mass Sunday, largest small business organiza- Taylor Road, Canton

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about her experiences as a Peace

mprove their communication skills, learn the value of intima cy and renew their love for each John's Family Life Center,

Corps volunteer in Poland at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, in the Activity Center at St. Aidan

Catholic Church, 17500 Farm-

ington Road, Livonia. Suchara,

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owbrook Road south of 13 Mile.

Barbara Clevenger is the senior

minister. For more information

Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at

vides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have

line dance lessons at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Haggerty South of Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township. There will be no charge. **GRIEFSHARE PROGRAM** St. Michael Lutheran Church

weeks at the church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton, and will pro-

The cost for materials will be

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Arbor Hospice sponsors Pathways support group

Arbor Hospice and Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home will offer New Pathways, an eightweek support group for adults who are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one.

The group will meet 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 15-June 3, at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile,

gaining emotional support. Preregistration is requested, but not required, and can be completed by calling Arbor Hospice's Arbor Center in Northville at (248) 348-4980 or (800) 783-5764.

The agency also is offering a

Granholm headlines Girl Scout luncheon

year when she was the first

woman to be elected state atter-

ney general and the first new

council will present its 1999 Cor-

porate Girl Scout Volunteer of

the Year awards. The award pro-

vides an opportunity for employ-

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Luncheon tickets are available by calling Diane Puhl, director of

corporate and family giving, at

(313) 972-4475, Ext. 445.

attorney general in 37 years. During the luncheon, the scout

Michigan Attorney General and former Girl Scout - Jennifer Granholm will be the keynote speaker at the eighth annual Tomorrow's Power" Corporate Luncheon to benefit the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council.

The luncheon is scheduled for noon Tuesday, April 27, at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center in Detroit. Tickets are \$50 each and table sponsorships range from \$500 to \$2,500.

Honorary co-chairs of the lun-cheon are Walter Watkins Jr., president of NBD Bank, and Marnette Perry, president of The Kroger Co. of Michigan.

Granholm made history last

Group members will learn about the grief process while who've experienced the loss of a parent. The group will meet 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays for six weeks, May 6-June 10. Preregis-

> Arbor Hospice offers various age and loss specific groups in locations throughout southeastern Michigan, including groups that address the special needs of grieving children.

tration also is requested.

Its Suicide Loss Group meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of the month at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, while Starting Over for widowed men and women 45 years and younger meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township.

B'Tweeners for widowed men and women 46 years and older meets the third Wednesday of the month at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia, and at dinner at 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month at the Water Club Grill Restaurant, 39500 Ann Arbor

Road, Plymouth Township. Bereavement resources also are available at the Arbor Center, now located at 113 E. Dunlap, Northville.

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\$13, and baby-sitting will be provided. For more information, call the church at (734) 459-3333

INSTRUCTIONAL WORKSHOP The Christian Education Com-

mittee of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church will offer an instructional workshop, "Exploring Personal Styles," 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday, April 18 and 25, at the church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. The workshop will be taught by William Dunphy and will cost \$7 for materials. Registration is required and can be completed through April 11 by calling the church office at (734) 422-4094. Child care will be pro-

MISSIONS RALLY

"How Shall I Hear Without a Preacher" will be the theme of the Faith Promise Missions Rally Sunday, April 18 and 25, at Memorial Church of Christ, 34575 Five Mile, Livonia. The Faith Promise goal for 1999 is

Don Tingle, executive director of Muslim Hope, who has been working in the Ukraine, Iran and Afghanistan, will speak at morning services on April 18. Barry Smyth will update members on the new church work at West Detroit Church of Christ at 6:30 p.m. that day.

Kevin Dooley, executive director of F.A.M.E. (Fellowship of Associates of Medical Evangelism) will speak at the morning worship services on April 25. SPRING INTO AUCTION'

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School of Farmington Hills will present "Spring into Auction" Friday, April 23, at Livonia VFW Post 3941, 29155 Seven Mile. The auction will support the sports, music and technology programs as well as aid the church and school operations Tickets cost \$25 each with tables of eight available for \$175. For more information, call Glenn

Schuldt at (734) 522-8117.

MOM'S SALES

St. Edith/St. Kenneth M.O.P.S. will have a Mom's Sale 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 24, in St. Edith Parish Hall, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Admission will be \$1. Gently used children's clothing, toys, books and furnishings as well as maternity clothes will be sold. For more information or to rent table space, call Michele at (734)

■ Table space is available through Thursday, April 29, for St. Theodore Parish's annual Moms to Moms Market 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1. The resale fair will be held in the church social hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland, and will feature gently used baby and children's clothing, toys and miscellaneous equipment plus maternity items. For more information, call (734) 425-4421 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m

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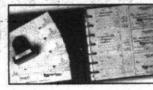
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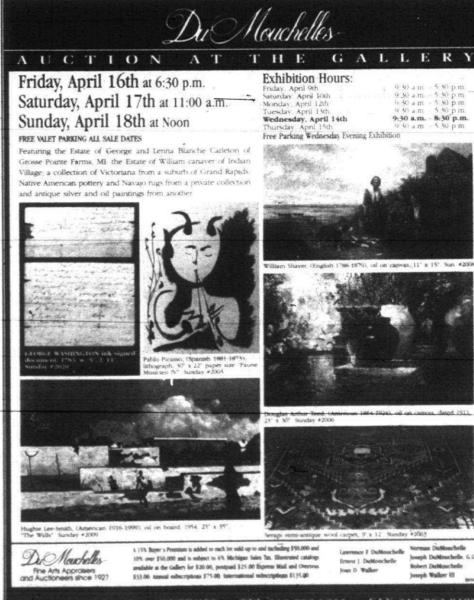
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OSU gymnast tops

Ohio State gymnast Doug Stibel of Canton won the horizontal bar at the Big Ten championships March 26-27 with a 9.837 score.

Stibel was fourth in the All-Around with a 57.100 total and was selected

An All-America pick last year, Stibel won the horizontal bar five times this season, the vault four times and took three All-Around titles

He tied his career best on the still rings (9.650) and holds three teams bests on the vault (9.800) and horizontal bar (9.950).

U-13 Hawks win

The U-13 Michigan Hawks won the girls National Indoor Championship in a recent three-day tournament.

The Hawks, coached by John Buchanan, defeated five teams and outscored them by a combined 34-6.

They beat Syracuse (N.Y.), 8-0; Ohio Premiere, 6-2; Cleveland Cobras, 7-0; Syracuse Scorpions, 6-2; and Cleveland Internationals, 7-2.

Team members include Melissa Dobbyn and Kyle LaPorte of Livonia; Nicole Cauzillo and Whitney Guenther of Northville; Kathryn Cumming and Jenny Szymanski of Troy; Erin Doan of Dearborn; Jordan Falcusan of Plymouth; Nikki Hermann, Deanne Kubas, Kelly McMann and Marureen Pawlak of Novi; Jill Kehler of Flint; Sabrina Muet of Bloomfield Hills; Marissa Sarkesian of Canton; and Erica Rose of Farming-

Assistant coach is Tiffany Graves and manager is Linda Cauzillo. .

Madonna awards

Shorstop Derrick Wolfe and righthander Janell Leschinger of Madonna University were honored as Player and Pitcher of the Week in baseball and softball, respectively, by the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Wolfe batted .667 (8-for-12) in six games last week with two home runs, five RBI and eight runs scored. He was on base all but four times in 18 plate appearances.

Leschinger won the softball award for helping the Crusaders to 8-2 for the week. She went 5-0, striking out 34 batters in 35 innings and compiling a 2.80

CCJBSA registration

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association is still accepting player registration for its summer boys and girls programs.

Registrations must be received April 20 so applicants can be assigned a tryout time. Tryouts are April 24 for leagues holding drafts and players are accepted only on an as-needed basis once teams are set.

Applications for leagues with no tryouts can be taken right up until the start of their season.

Applications can be obtained at the township offices in Plymouth, Canton and the City of Plymouth, or downloaded from the league's Website, www.pcjbl.com.

For questions about boys leagues, call 455-1984; girls questions call 981-5170.

Tennis instruction

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is offering beginner and intermediate tennis instruction for ages 7-adult starting the week of April 27 at Griffin Community Park.

The Session I Beginner session runs six weeks starting April 27 and ending June 1. Beginning juniors (age 7-15) are slotted from 6-7 p.m. with beginner adult (ages 16-up) lessons running from 7-8 p.m.

Session I Intermediate instruction runs April 29-May 20, four weeks. The session is from 6:30-8 p.m.

Fee is \$30 for Canton residents and \$35 for non-residents. Instruction is certified professional Kristen Harrison and her staff. Space is limited.

Registraction at Summit on the Park begins April 15 from 6-7:30 p.m. for residents and April 19 for non-residents.

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

Whalers get on track, 7-3

The final score indicates a lop-sided, cruise-control, that's-more-like-it kind of game. Plymouth Whalers 7, London Knights 3.

Don't believe it. Whalers' coach Pete DeBoer doesn't.

"They're a hard-working team," DeBoer said of London after his Whalers scored three times in the last 3:21 to turn a close home game into a rout. "We only scored two goal in each of the first two games, and that's uncharacteristic of us. We kept the pressure on them (tonight) and finally got some to go in."

The win narrows Plymouth's deficit in games to 2-1 (see accompanying story). The two teams meet again at. 7:30 p.m. Friday in London, followed by a 7:30 p.m. game Saturday at Compuware Arena.

Adam Colagiacomo and Harold Druken scored two goals apiece to pace. the offense, and goalie Robert Holsinger made three superb stops in the first period to keep the Whalers in

But they were never in complete control, were never able to pull away from the pesky Knights, until Colagiacomo intercepted an errant pass deep in London's end late in the game. He skated in on goalie Gene Chiarello all alone, swerving left and knocking the puck past him to put Plymouth up 5-3 with 3:21 left.

Two more goals followed, Colagiaco mo scoring into the empty net with 53.5 seconds left on a pass from Damian Surma, and Jason Ward icing it with another goal after intercepting a pass and beating Chiarello with 18.4 seconds left.

"We had it at 4-3, and we had some good chances around the net," said London coach Gary Agnew. "We just didn't get them in. We had some great scoring chances early, but we didn't capitalize."

Those missed opportunities came back to haunt the Knights. Three times in the first eight minutes of the game, they skated in on Holsinger alone; three times - one 2-on-1 and two 1-onnone breaks - they came away goal-



Top-drawer: The Whalers' Harold Druken (left) drives a shot past Knights' goalie Gene Chiarello and into the net to make it 2-0 in the first period. Druken had two goals in the game.

"He was great," said DeBoer of Holsinger's early performance. "I thought their goaltending was good, too, and that's what you need in the playoffs."

For the first two games, that's what London had used to frustrate the Whalers. Chiarello had faced 77 shots, compared to 62 for Holsinger. The Knights' goalie had made 73 stops, propelling his team to a pair of 3-2 overtime wins.

This game was even more lopsided in shots, with Plymouth pelting Chiarello with 42 while allowing just 25. "If you're not getting any chances, you'd better worry," said Agnew.

And yet, when London's Richard Pitirri rifled a shot past Holsinger to make it 4-3 with 14:38 still left in the game, it was the Whalers who were worried. With good reason.

"If we'd gone down three-games-to-

none, and were faced with having to win four in a row, that would have been very, very tough," said DeBoer. "Hopefully, this (win) will be a momentum-switcher. Hopefully, we can go

there and get one, and get the home-ice advantage back." London's failure to cash in on its scoring chances early in the game came into sharper focus when, on the game's

first power-play, the Whalers struck. A Nik Tselios shot from the left point was poked in by Randy Fitzgerald with 7:37 left in the first period, making it 1-0. It took just 44 seconds for Plymouth to double its lead. Chiarello made a kick save on a Colagiacomo shot, but the rebound came right to Druken for a

tap in to make it 2-0 with 6:53 left in the period. London had yet another great chance late in the period, a 3-on-2 break, but Holsinger again made the stop to preserve the Whalers' 2-0 lead after one.

Some sloppy defense resulted in Lon-

don's first goal at the 17:22 mark of the second period, with Pitirri centering to Krys Barch for the goal. But the Whalers answered immediately, Druken taking a pass from Colagiacomo and drifting past Chiarello unchecked before knocking it past him to restore Plymouth's two-goal cushion with 16:52 left in the period. The score reached 4-1 on a pretty

play set up by Ward, who skated in front of the net, then centered back to Julian Smith for the goal with 14:27 left. But London refused to surrender, with Joel Scherban flipping a failed clearing pass past Holsinger to narrow it to 4-2 with 8:26 left in the second.

The loss bothered Agnew, but not as much as the future. "I'm not concerned with their falling," he said. "I'm concerned about their getting back up. We have to worry about the game Friday."

Wednesday's game was the biggest of the season for the Whalers. Now, Fri-

Knights jolt Whalers with 2 wins in



The Plymouth Whalers may have carried the play but London carried the scoreboard in the first two games of their best-of-seven Ontario Hockey League Western Conference semifinal.

The Knights won a virtual replay of the series opener Monday night when Tom Kostopoulos completed a hat trick with a goal 53 sec-

the Whalers. The game was a near carbon-copy of the opener in that London jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead, saw Plymouth come back to tie and then put a stake in the

Whalers' heart early in the extra period.
"We have to start scoring some goals," Coach Peter DeBoer of Plymouth said. "We've had chances and we

"We've been working hard and if we keep on we'll start getting some breaks." A hooking penalty at the end of the third period

gave London a power play to start overtime. Goalie Robert Holsinger made several great stops

before Kostopoulos shoved in a rebound of a Richard Pitirri shot from point-blank. Kostopoulos scored on a power play with the game

44 seconds old, netting the puck on a breakaway. He made it 2-0 at 8:27, also on a power play. Rico

Fata fired from the left point and Kostopoulos got the deflection. Killing consecutive penalties seemed to inspire the

Whalers in the second period. Plymouth got on the power play and Eric Gooldy redirected a Paul Mara shot through Gene Chiarello's pads.

Jason Ward had an apparent tying goal waved off moments later as the puck was blown dead.

The Whalers carried the play most of the third period and finally scored when Damian Surma tied the score with a shot just under the crossbar at 14:06.

KNIGHTS 3, WHALERS 2 (OT): A goal by Krys Barch 34 seconds into overtime Saturday night gave the London Knights a 3-2 victory over the Plymouth Whalers in the opener of their best-of-seven OHL playoff series.

Barch also assisted on the first goal of the game, a power play marker by Jay Doyle 3:04 into the game. Richard Pitirri stunned the Whalers just 42 sec

onds later with a short-handed goal to give the Knights a 2-0 lead.

Plymouth drew within a goal at 7:13 on Harold Druken's goal and tied the score at 6:58 of the second period on Adam Colagiacomo's marker.

Plymouth put 37 shots on London goalie Gene Chiarello while London had 27 at Robert Holsinger.

Canton to rely on pitching, defense

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK STAFF WRITER

Coach Scott Dickey is hoping strength up the middle can get his Plymouth Canton baseball team out of the middle of the pack in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"I usually don't say a whole lot," said Dickey in his John Wayne best. "But I feel pretty confident with our infield this year.

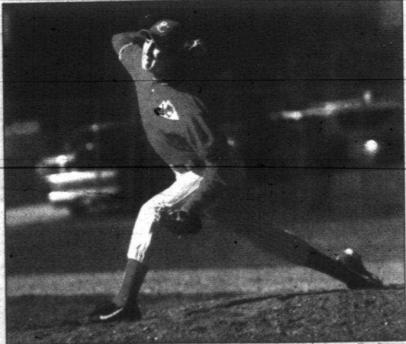
"I feel we had one of our best groups last year and we return three of the

"One of our strengths will be up the middle.

The three starters who return are sophomore shortstop Oliver Wolcott, who hit .300 and drove in 13 runs as a freshman; second baseman Andrew Copenhaver, who hit .315 and drove in 11 runs; and third baseman Joe Cortellini, who batted .288 after basketball season.

"Copenhaver," Dickey said, "hit leadoff for us last year and will stay there this year."

The Chiefs have a somewhat large squad this season and one of the reaas is that many of the reserves or alternates are talented enough to



A reason to be confident: Plymouth Canton has its top two pitchers returning from last season, including righthander Kevin Tomasaitis, who had a 4-3 record.

Chiefs open with sweep

Pitching and defense are like a flatbed railroad car - they'll take you a long way if you just hop on and ride. Plymouth Canton's baseball team

showed a little bit of both Tuesday in its first two games of the spring season and took a double-header from visiting South Lyon, 9-1 and 8-5.

"For our first games," Coach Scott Dickey of the Chief said, "I was happy with our defense and pleased with our pitching

"We only walked one batter in two games. We were happy to get two wins.

Canton plays two games today at 3:30 p.m. at Saline.

Ben Tucker went the distance in the opener, striking out 10 and not walking a batter in his six-hit effort. The senior right-hander allowed a solo home run in the third but by that

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Longtime standouts finish on top

Madonna falls just short of sweep Knight-led Cards collect

Madonna University didn't let a disappointing double-header loss to Wolverine-Hopsier Athletic Conference rival Indiana Tech last Friday derail them for too long. The Fighting Crusaders bounced back and came within an inning of sweeping a pair from highly-regarded Aquinas College in Grand Rapids Tuesday, thumping the Saints 19-8 in the first game before surrendering three runs in the eighth inning of the second

The split left Madonna with a 12-11-1 overall record, 2-4 in the WHAC. Aguinas is 19-3 overall 3-1 in the conference

Daryl Rocho, who has sparkled as Madonna's closer, had trouble with his control in the second game. He pitched the final 1 2/3 innings and walked five batters, issuing three straight to force in the game-tying run in the seventh. In the eighth, Rocho walked two more and had a pair of wild pitches, with Brock Place scoring the game-winning run on the last of them.

Madonna outhit Aquinas 13-6 in the game, with Rocho clubbing his eighth homer of the season, a two-run shot, followed by a solo homer by Jeff Warholik in the Crusaders'

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Derrick, who had three hits in the game, also outs. had a solo homer in the first (his sixth). Madonna University got swept in a high-scoring Delano Voletti added two hits and Nick WHAC doubleheader Friday by Indiana Tech by a com-Dedeluk had a two-run single in the top of the eighth that put the Crusaders up 7-5.

E.J. Roman started on the mound for Madonna and worked the first 5 1/3 innings, allowing four runs (three earned) on four hits and two walks, with two strikeouts.

The first game was a slugfest, with the Crusaders using a 10-run fourth inning to wreck the Saints. Rocho had an incredible game, slugging a three-run homer in the secd, then driving in five runs in the fourth with a sacrifice fly and a grand-slam home

run. He totaled three hits and eight RBI. Todd Miller also had three hits, with one RBI; Dave O'Neill had two hits, scored four runs and had an RBI; Bob Hamp had a solo homer and two RBI; and Voletti had a hit

and three RBI. Bob Mason went the distance to earn the win, making him 2-3. He gave up seven earned runs on nine hits and four walks, with eight strikeouts.

Indiana Tech 8-11, Madonna 7-9: Madonna

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In the first game, a Crusader rally in the top of the

seventh fell a run short. Madonna scored two runs in the fifth and sixth to nearly overcome Indiana Tech's Losing pitcher Warholik (2-2) was touched for eight

hits and all eight runs in the complete game loss. He walked four, hit three batters and struck out one. O'Neill slammed a two-run home run while shortstop Wolfe belted a two-run shot. Aaron Shrewsbury also

drove in two runs for Madenna and Darvi Rocho had In the second game, Jeremy Stevens pitched the first 5 1/3 innings but lost his first game in three decisions. He was roughed up for 13 hits, walking one and

striking out one. The Crusaders rallied for four runs in the sixth but it wasn't enough.

Voletti hit a pair of home runs, giving him seven for the season, and drove in four runs for Madonna. Shrewsbury had a solo shot, his eighth, and Wolfe clubbed one with no one on...

Bob Hamp and Voletti had three hits apiece for the

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Third baseman Kruzel had three hits and drove in two runs. Vicki Malkowski and nger each had two hits while

ust five outs for the Crusaders, giving up seven hits and four arned runs. Missy Bako fin-

Madonna 5-4, St. Francis Cook also had two hits.

2 from Lady Crusaders

Cardinals swept a double-der from Madonna, 5-2 and uesday to improve to 4-1 Wolverine-Hooster Athtic Conference and drop the

ned runs and six hits. First baseman Jenny Knight was 2-for-3 with a double and RBI for Concordia (13-11)

while Kristy Kennedy had two its and drove in a run. Courtney Senger and Kelly uraski had two hits apiece for donna (16-11).

Tanya Liske gave up 10 hits In the second game, Carrie the starter, working the final 4 1/3 innings to get the win. She

and drove in four for the Cardi-

lenger also had two RBI. Janelle Schmidt (3-2) lasted

n though it was day time, rdia College had a good good Knights, in fact, as rdinals swept a double-from Madonna, 5-2 and of the college had a good strong from Madonna, 5-2 and of the college had a good hitter over six innings Saturday to pace Madonna's softball team to a 5-0 win over the University of St. Francis.

However the Indiana school

However the Indiana school Madonna was 16-8 after the two games while St. Francis was 10-22.

Liske struck out four and walked two before giving way to Janelle Schmidt, who walked three batters in he inning of work but didn't allow Catcher Vicki Malkowsk

went 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI and DH Kelly Zurawsk team consists of underclassmen. Glenn sophomore Nicole Simonidrove in the other run with a an also moves up from last year's nder and also scored twice second team. Right fielder Jen Walker She along with the freshman went 2-for-3 with a stolen base trio of Farmington's Chelsea

Keesling and Plymouth Salem's In the second game, Janel Leschinger pitched the first six are in the vanguard of new innings and gave up four run Observerland stars. on six hits and four walks. She With state champion Hartland and Brighton among its memstruck out six.

In the top of the seventh bers, the Western Lakes Activiwith the score tied 4-4, Madonties Association is arguably the best gymnastics league in the · Farmington, which finished

Liske, who came on in relief fourth in the WLAA, was again was the victim of the misplay the best team in Observerland and dropped to 3-2.

Walker had three hits plus and its lone state qualifier. Farmington was sixth of 12 two stolen bases in the game.

teams at the state meet. "The last three years we talked about building a tradition at Farmington," coach Jeff Dwyer said. "Brook and Anna have been a huge part of that. They certainly brought us back to where we are very competi-

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Liz Fitzgerald of Plymouth Can-

Westland John Glenn's Jessica

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Clark were second-team mem-

bers last year and end their

careers by being selected for the

The other half of the all-area

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first team.

"I want to thank them for that. Without those two, we couldn't have done it. In the past three years, they've worked all year round, and that shows their dedication.

FIRST TEAM

Rubin concluded an outstanding fouryear career by finishing 13th in the Division II all around competition at the

She also was second on beam (9.2) and tied for 10th on bars (8.7). Her allaround total was 34.80. In the Western Lakes meet, Rubin

was fifth on bars (8.7), seventh on vault (8.55), 11th on floor (8.85) and 14th on beam (8.15). She was fourth in the allaround competition (34.25). "She's been our leader the last two sweet, hard-working girl who deserves to three years," coach Jeff Dwyer said.

This is a very deserving award for her." Rubin was Farmington's top allarounder a year ago, but she conceded that position on the team to freshman

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TICKETS



Melissa Drake and April Aquinto Above the rest: Liz Fitzgerald was Canton's top gymnast for three years. She was first in the WLAA on the bars.

"It didn't really bother her; Brook is that type of person," Dwyer said. "She saw it as being good for the team. That was a big sign of her maturity.

"She was also one of the hardest workers in the gym. I didn't have to worry about her in meets; I could always rely on her consistency. "In four years, she didn't miss a

meet. She'd been injured but never enough to keep her out of a meet. That cise champion as a sophomore. was one of her goals; she wanted to compete in every meet and she did. She's a tough individual, and her determination paid off at the state meet." Chelsea Keesling, freshman, Farming-

ton: Keesling burst onto the high school scene and established herself as one of the top gymnasts in Observerland, as er on the softball team. "Jessica had an outstanding year, her (9.25), 10th on beam (8.4), 13th on well as the state.

In Division I state-meet competition Keesling tied for ninth place on beam (9.1), 10th in floor exercise (9.25) and 11th on vault (9.1). In the Western Lakes meet, she was

third on beam (9.3), fifth on floor (9.45), 11th on vault (8.65) and 13th on bars (8.25). She was seventh in all-around scoring (35.65). *Chelsea is a very talented girl." Dwyer said. *For her to come in as a

freshman and be thrown into the limelight as the No. 1 all-arounder, she han-"She could've had a big head or become a little arrogant, but that's not her personality at all. She's just a

everything she gets. "She's also one of those girls you didn't have to worry about, as far as preparing for a meet or how she was going to do. She always came ready to

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Anna Clark, senior, Farmington: Clark improved each year and had her best season in 1999. She was a solid allaround gymnast who helped to make Farmington the strongest team in the Clark had an outstanding performance in the Western Lakes meet, finishing second on floor (9.2), fourth on

beam (9.0) and sixth on vault (8.6) in Division II. She was fifth overall with an all-around score of 34.10. "She got a lot better this year," Dwyer said. "All of a sudden, she was scoring nines on floor and beam. She

was definitely one of our top four scorers throughout the year. 'Anna didn't make it to state, but she was very close. It was a matter of tenths in a couple events. I wanted her to get some recognition that way, but it

"I hope being all-area lets her know she's recognized as one of the top allaround gymnasts on the team. Without her, I don't think we would've had a chance. She was every bit as impor-

and she had a great season. Clark handled the disappointment of not qualifying for state individually well, Dwyer added.

"She's pretty level-headed," he said. One thing that makes Anna as good as she is is she doesn't have a lot of highs - and top gymnast for the last three years. She was voted the team's most or lows. She took things in stride and lived with results, and that's the best thing you can do in any sport."

Fitzgerald qualified for state on vault; Jessica Beach, senior, Westland bars and floor, earning all-state honors Glenn: Beach was a four-time qualifier on bars with a 10th-place finish. She is the Western Lakes Division II for the state meet, placing third on champion on bars (9.05). In that meet,

floor. 10th on bars and ninth all-around she also placed fifth on floor (9.1), sixth this year in Division II. on beam (8.7), 16th on vault (8.15) and She also was a regional champion on vault this year and a regional floor exerthird overall (35.00).

In the Western Lakes meet, Beach Drake qualified for the Division I state was third on floor (9.15), third on beam meet as an all-arounder. Her best finish was 16th place on bars (8.7), but she (9.05), fifth on vault (8.7) and eighth on bars (8.55). She was second in the allalso had solid scores of 8.9 on floor and 8.75 on vault. Her all-around total was

around with a 35.45 total. She also is a member of the John In the Western Lakes meet, Drake Glenn cheerleading squad and is a pitchwas fourth on bars (9.05), ninth on floor

best of the four," Glenn coach Debbie vault (8.6) and 10th overall (35.30). Hosein said. "She worked very hard to achieve her goals and always performed I couldn't be prouder of her. We're valuable gymnast.

sefinitely losing a great athlete with a Nicole Simonian, sophomore, West- Salem coach Melissa Hopson said. land Glenn: Simonian, now in her eighth year of gymnastics, qualified a second seemed to score best on floor all sea-

time for the state meet. She competed son. Melissa has a good attitude and is on bars at state a year ago, but she was a hard worker." all events this year. In the regional meet, she was third on vault (9.0), fifth on bars (8.85) and

sixth overall (34.85). At the state meet, Simonian received a medal for her vault, scoring 8.9 and placing among the top

She also was fifth on vault and fourth overall (34.55) at the Plymouth Canton



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Nicole is a very focused gymnast,

Hosein said. "She worked hard to

accomplish everything she has done,

expecting some big things from her."

valuable gymnast this year.

"She has two years left, and we are

Liz Fitzgerald, senior, Ply. Canton

Fitzgerald was Canton's team leader

Melissa Drake, freshman, Ply. Salem:

ichilk. Jill Rakoultis, Miche











Liz Fitzgerald

April Aquinto, freshman, Ply. Salem: She did not compete in the Western Aquinto had an outstanding state meet. Lakes meet. in Division II, placing seventh as an all- "April is willing to try anything once, Hopson said, adding Aquinto Also at the state meet, she was received Salem's Most Courageous

fourth on floor (9.1), seventh on beam Award. "She's fun to work with, willing." (8.9) and 11th on vault (8.85).

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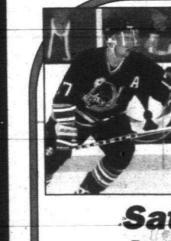
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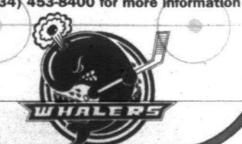
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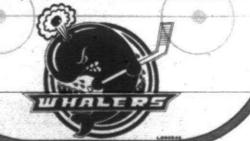


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Hard-hitting Malek picks MSU Preview from page CI

STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central senior outfielder Bob Malek is following his dream to Michigan State University, not to mention his mother, father and some

Malek signed a national letter of intent to play baseball at earned a teaching degree and father attended for a couple years. A couple of his cousins recently graduated from there as

Being familiar with campus helped but getting to know the Spartans' coaching staff clinched his decision. Malek picked MSU over the University of Michigan and Western Michigan University because it seemed there was more interest from the Spartans.

Malek gave them a lot to like, hitting a whopping .587 (61 for 104) with 55 runs scored, three home runs and 40 RBI as a junior for CC, which lost in the Class A semifinals.

MSU assistant coach Ed Turek, a CC graduate, was the primary recruiter of Malek. The Spartans were 25-27 last year, Ted Mahan's third season as

"I liked the coaches and I like the direction I think the team is headed," Malek said. "I could talk to (coach Turek) real nice MSU was the one that was after me the most. They've seen me play more. That made it a little

subject of this hearing.



Family tradition: CC's Bob Malek, from Canton, decided to follow both his parents and several other relatives when he signed with Michigan State.

over with. I had the opportunity to sign and be done with that concentrate on the season."

"I've always been a State fan. My mom (Debbie) graduated from there. My dad (Bob) went there. My cousins graduated from there. It's kind of been in the family

In passing over WMU, Malek

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easier. I'm very happy to get it receives some ribbing from one of his biggest fans and mentors, eball facility Downriver.

> Kaiser pitched at WMU before spending several seasons in the Major Leagues. "He puts some shots in at me

every once in a while but he's happy for me," Malek said. Malek also is a pitcher for the

to centerfield or rightfield at

MSU has received some nega tive publicity lately because of student riots after the Spartans uccess. But Malek, who has a 3.0 grade point average and scored 22 on his ACT, can only help the school's image.

Malek stayed home instead of going on a senior trip with many f his teammates to South Padre Island over spring break. A lead ing candidate for the state's Mr Baseball award, baseball is his top priority, even over break.

Malek attributed much of his success in baseball to his father and the coaches he's had.

"All the coaches have helpe me along the way and my dad's been right there from the start he's been the backbone to my

Malek is one of four CC eniors expected to play Division college baseball. Anthony Tomey and Dave Lusky will attend Eastern Michigan and Casey Rogowski to Central. A summer teammate, Livonia

Stevenson's Roy Rabey, is headed to Oakland University.CC coach John Salter notices the hard work Malek did in the off-

"He's gained about 15, 20 pounds from lifting in the win-ter," Salter said. "No one works harder than he does. He should have another good season.

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Saturday, April 10 A.A. Pioneer Invitational, 10 a.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL Saturday, April 10

Madonna at Siena Heights, 1 p.m. Sunday, April 11

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBAL

(all double-headen Friday, April 9 Madonna vs. Tri-State (Ind.) at Ladywood H.S., 4 p.m. Saturday, April 10 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFF

(best-of-7 series) Friday, April 9 Ply Whalers at London, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10 Ply. Whalers vs. London

at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Senior Dave Winter will back up Cortellini at third and preede him on the mount. Junior shortstop Nick

tonerook can back up Wolcott and junior Jim Reddy will spell openhaver at second base. First base is the only infield osition which doesn't have an

cumbent and will be a battle etween two juniors, Jon Johnson and Mike Jopps. Both will The platoon will extend at the ritical catching position, where

unior Bryan Kay and senior Mike Crudele will alternate. Canton has just one returning starter in the outfield, senior Phil Ross. Seniors Kevin Tomasaitis, Ben

Tucker, Steve Luck and Ron McCue will battle for playing time at the other two spots along with juniors Brad Smigielski, Jason Waidmann and Jason Waidmann, like Cortellini and

Reddy, comes to the baseball team straight from basketball. Tomasaitis, Lueck and Evans had the inside track for for center and right in early spring practice but all are fighting for

Ross Smigielski and Tucker normally play left while Toma-saitis, McCue and Lueck can play center. Evans and Waidmann generally play right.

What makes Dickey feel more

confident than last year's 16-16 season is that he returns his two top pitchers from last season. Tucker went 5-4 for the Chiefs

while Tomasaitis had a 4-3

mark. College scouts are looking at both players. Dickey also intends to pitch Winter, Johnson, Cortellini, Kay

Dickey believes Farmington Hills Harrison and Walled Lake Western are two of the teams to beat in the WLAA, and he'd like to. The Hawks "have won three of the last four years and they return a few players."

and Wolcott.

With decent pitching, strong infield play and a flock of out fielders he can mix and match with, Dickey is hopeful of getting Canton over breakeven. "I felt pretty good about the

way we played at the end of last year," he said. "I was disappoint ed about losing to North Farm ington in the districts. But they had three really good players. "I do feel that our defense is

Chiefs sweep from page C1

nim a 5-0 lead. Left fielder Phil Ross smacked two-run double in the sixth as the Chiefs sewed up the game

with four runs. Sophomore shortstop Oliver Wolcott went 4-for-4, scored two uns and drove in a pair Senior second baseman Andrew Copenhaver went 3-for-4

He also stole a base. Right fielder Steve Lueck went 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored. The Chiefs pounded out 13 hits and made one error. In the second game, seniors Dave Winter and Joe Cortellini

out of the leadoff spot, scored

three times and drove in a run.

ton scored three in the third and four in the fourth to take a 7-2 ead that stood up. Winter started and worked the

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He fanned nine, walked one and was charged with three earned

Cortellini worked the fina two, struck out two and didn't give up a hit. The Chiefs had 11 hits and

two errors with a whole new set of hitting heroes as they spotted the Lions two runs before ro ing from behind to win. Junior first baseman Jon

Johnson sparked the three-run

third with a two-run home run He had two hits in the game, scored two runs and drove in Junior second baseman Jim Reddy went 1-for-3 with an RBI junior DH Nick Stonerook went 3-for-4 with an RBI and senior combined on a seven-hitter. Can-

> 3 with a double. Copenhaver went 2-for-4, had two doubles, and a pair of runs

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catcher Mike Crudele went 2-for

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TURKEY HUNTER'S WORKSHOP 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 pre sentations 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 will be used exclusively for MWTHA's winter feeding program. For tickets and more information, call Rick Riley at

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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.

FLY TYING Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and dvanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

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ACTIVITIES

Take a 5-mile hike with mem bers of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Participa are asked to meet behind the Marathon Station at 12 Mile Road and Telegraph. Call John Kalem at (248) 681-9160 for

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Take a 5-mile hike over varied terrain with members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday April 11. Participants are asked to meet behind the Marathon Station at 12 Mile Road and Telegraph. Call Bev or Marshall Fogelson at (313) 581-7579 for more information

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Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria a Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-

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The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

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SPORTS WRITER

George VanWagoner, the win-ningest coach in Livonia high school boys basketball, died March 31 from heart complications in Mission, Tex.

VanWagoner, who in many respects defined boys basketball in Livonia, was just four days shy of his 71st birthday when he passed away.

And his legacy was more than the impressive 494 wins he amassed during his coaching stops at Gobles and Allegan, followed by his final 19 seasons at

"Kids - that's what always where his focus was when he coached," said his oldest son Paul, who played for his father during the 1968-69 and 1969-70 varsity seasons at Stevenson. "He was really concerned about them as people and he tried to provide as many opportunities for them to succeed in life.

backed down as far as his com-

VanWagoner spent his retirement nine months a year in Mission, Tex., located in the Rio Grande, 40 miles west of Brownsville. He and his wife Beth spent the other three months in Allegan; located between Kalamazoo and Grand

In Texas, VanWagoner did volunteer church work for Habitats for Humanity. He helped rebuild nomes, whether it was roofing, digging ditches for septic sysnew 40-acre development. He aided in setting up water and electricity systems, along with forming a governmental infrastructure for the new community.

"Dad didn't retire, he just retooled." Paul said. "He got involved in projects just across the border in Mexico, and even got up here into Kentucky and Indiana doing various projects."

VanWagoner's coaching record

In 33 years he had only four losing seasons, going 494-207 overall, including one state championship, four regional and 13 conference titles.

BASKETBALI

Just two years removed from Western Michigan University, VanWagoner guided his 1952 Gobles team to a 25-2 record and the state Class D title.

"It was the same year Milan won the state championship in Indiana, which they eventually made into the movie 'Hoosiers,' Paul VanWagoner said. "In some ways it was a similar story. Gobles had only about 17 boys in the school, but they had six or seven really good athletes and they ended up winning it all. They

were a really tight-knit group." VanWagoner was 58-10 in three years at Gobles, 158-60 in 11 seasons at Allegan and 278-137 at Stevenson.

As coach of the Spartans, Van Wagoner guided-his teams to five districts championships and one regional crown.

Probably his most memorable season occurred in 1970-71 when "And of course, he never he took a 7-11 team during the regular season and made a runall the way to the state Class A Campy Russell and Pontiac Central in a tightly-contested game at Birmingham Seaholm.

"That was the time Dean Smith started messing around with the 1-4 (attack) and dad tried it late in the season and it just turned out to be the right mix for that group," said Paul, who now resides in Petoskey.

Another big win occurred in 1979 when the Spartans upset tems or coordinating efforts for a Detroit Mackenzie in the region-

> He capped his illustrious coaching career by winning his fifth district title at Stevenson during his final season (1985).

> Among the fine players Van Wagoner helped produce included Ted and Nick Exharos, Kelly Smith, Ron Hoekstra, Dave Hall, Bill Keyes, Gary Mexicotte, Bob Sluka and Tom Domako (the latter whom became Big Sky Conference Player of the Year at

youngest son, Tom, who now sion. Tex.

resides in Canton Township. played for his dad at Stevenson. George VanWagoner also

coached against nephew, Dave, the former varsity coach at Plymouth Canton. "It was a shock . . . he was just" a good guy," said Dave, who pinned three losses on his uncle during the 1983-84 season.

"When you beat him, you knew you were beating the best." George Van Wagoner was a three-sport athlete and a graduate of Detroit Northwestern High School where he played for legendary Public School League coach Sam Bishop.

He went on to Highland Park Junior College, spent two years in the Army and did his undergraduate and graduate school work at WMU.

VanWagoner, a physical education instructor who also coached baseball, came to Livonia in 1966, the year Stevenson opened its doors.

He was inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 1983 and the Basketball Coaches Association quarterfinals before losing to of Michigan Hall of Fame in 1988. He is also in the high school sports halls of fame in Gobles and Allegan.

Besides his four sons, other immediate survivors include his wife of 46 years, Beth, a daughter, Mary, a resident of Houston, Tex., and a brother John of Northville Township. He also has six grandchildren. Following his retirement at

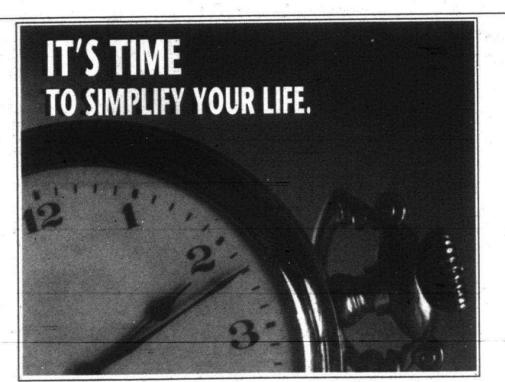
Stevenson in 1985, VanWagoner defending state champion told the Observer: "I felt I've had one of the finest wives. She's been behind me 100 percent. She roots hard and lives and dies right along with the kids.

"I also have a great brother who roots for me.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 8 at the Allegan United Methodist

"My dad developed some very close relationships with the people of Allegan," Paul said. "They traveled a lot together."

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Easygoing, overweight DWF, 43, 5107, N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys out-doors, welking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling, Seeking, honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, for relationship leading to marriage. South Lyon area. #73182.

UNCHAINED MELODY
Sim, attractive DWFF, 51, N/S, with an active life style, seeks professional S/DWM, 50-60, 510°+, 10° C&W dancing, roliserblading, hanging out. Lavonia area. #25234

CUTE, CUBBY, AFFECTIONATE.

WF, 48, looking for cute, chubby (or not), affectionate, intelligent WM, 40-50, with great sense of humor, who smells good, and likes pizza without anchovies. #73080

likes pizza without enchovies. \$23060 URBAN COWGIRL SEEKS... urban cowboy. DWF. 40, 577. 145lbs. brown/brown, N/S. enjoys horseback riding, skling, volleyball, traveling, dancing, plays, concerts, romantic dinners. Seeking degreed, physically fit PM, 35-45, 6, N/S, with similar interests. \$273152. LADY IN WAITING Beautiful BCPF. 47, mahogany complexion, N/S, enjoys all fun activities. Seeking gentleman Christian male, 40-55, N/S, who also enjoys fun activities, for

also enjoys fun activities, for friendship or possible LTR. 1273094 ONE OF A KIND

T3088
BEAUTIFUL BROWN EYES
SBF early 40s, medium build,
enjoys travel, movies, beaches,
Seeking honest, financially
secure SM, 44-60, 5'6"+, with
similar interests, for friendship
first, possible romance, T2998
2ND TIME AROUND
Sounds attractive widowed WF-

WAITING FOR LIGHTNING

romantic DWPF, 44, blonderblue musician. Seeking an outgoing, secure college-educated S(DWM, 35-50, with passion for life, for a possible LTR. 121660 TEDDY BEAR WANTED SWF. blondergreen, 5°6", medical professional, looking for toddy bear 45+ with good communication skills.who is an athietic event watcher, edipoys winter sports. Good sense of humo≻a must. 172867.

must 17:2821

I HATE PICKLES!

SWF. 24, 5'3". blonde/blue, enjoys music, movies, just having fun. Seking honest, smart male, 23-30, for casual dating, possibly more. Must possess nice smile and friendly eyes. 17:2690. WIT, STYLE & GREAT LEGS the past and t LTR. 22415

Wit, STYLE's UPEAN LEGGE Blise-eyed, honey blonde, active, intelligent, independent, attractive SF, 406 (books 304), 58°. Similargham resident, seeks professional, withy fit handsome unencumbered male counterpart, 6+ for romance and adventure. Birmingham area #27538. CLASSY COOKIE Youthful sassy server \$2538

world traveling:
Pretty, siender, sophisticated,
smart, secure sweetheart, seeks
good-looking, refined, fit, romantic, nice guy, 55-65, for travel and HELLO, FRIEND
I'm pretty, slender, tall, very intelligent, refined, fun SF, 52, emoker. Seeking intelligent, tall, articulate, classy, confident gentleman, 52-65, who wants someone for cozy, dinner dates laced with good conversation. \$\mathbf{T}\$3312 This classy romantic, attractive fun-toying SWF, 60, 5'2", seeks honest, sensitive, 'fit SWM, N/S.

Tall, slender, attractive DWF, N/S, seeks active, honest, romantic, outgoing gentleman, 55+, 510+, for triendship first. 123055 FIRST TIME AD

LOVELY BUT LONELY

FIRST TIME AD

Sweet, petitle, classy, nice-looking, blonde lady, late 40s, a tad
under 5', 108lbs, seeks honest,
caring, nice-looking WM, mid40s to mid-50s, under 5'10', N/S,
N/D, \$23056

PROFESSIONAL AND SEXY
N/S, yes that's me, looking for
the same. SF, 5'5', 120lbs,
blonds-brown, seeks SM, 50-65,
must be in good shape and love
lite, Talk to you soon. \$2903

LET'S MAKE THIS WORK
SWF, 38, 6', 160lbs, medium
build, joyes, rollerblading,
movies, dining out, long walks,
and just about anything with the
right person. Seeking SM for loving relationship. \$39424.

and just award person. Seeking on Ingretationship. 193424
ILOVE DOGS!
They're loyal appreciative, and of unconditional. Do you have these attributes? Attractive, withy meassionate, hard-working drug-free, seeks which in the conditions of the cond RUNNING ON EMPTY
I drive around with my cats on
the freeway I make them wear
little hats so I can use the carpool lane. To or much time on your
hands too? SWF. 28.
browr/blue T2514
LET'S START WITH COFFEE
Widowed WF. 60, 51", blondedblue. N/S. social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys
drining in/out, theater, golf, playing cards. Seekag hotest man.
\$8-64, with good sense of
humor, to share the golden years
with. T3381

these attributes? Attractive, witty, compassionate, hard-working SPF, NS, ND, drug-free, seeks S/DWPM, 40-53, for friendship, possible LTR, interested? Come bark up my tree. \$\foxed{T3425}\$

DWF, 47, financially secure, health care professional, no dependents, seeks monogamous, loving, affectionate, S/DWPM, 40-52, for golf, movies, candielit dinners at home, and committed relationship. Medial professional/fire fighter/law enforcement a plust \$\overline{T3432}\$

ONE MORE TIME!

Spontaneous SF, 53, red/

Spontaneous SF. 5'3" red/ green smoker looking for hon-est relationship with SM who doesn't want to play games.

WATTING FOR LIGHTNING
Do you open doors? help with
her coat? Let her choose her
favorite places? Willing to go forward with life? if so, give this
attractive DWF, 56, a call
\$22445.

COFFEE, ANYONE?

DWF. 30. 5'5' auburn/green.
N/S, active lifestyle, enjoys
movies, concerts, diring, favel.
Seeking honest, sincere. SM,
40-60, N/S, for companionship
leading to relationship. 273363

BEST FRIENDS

Attractive, assurption, humorous.

BEST FRIENDS

Attractive, easygoing, humorous

DWF 52, 55, medium build,
auburn/green, enjoys nature,
walks, movies, dinner, travel,
cooking Seeking honest, caring,
kind SWM, 50-60, who is over SEARCHING FOR SOULMATE

SEARCHING FOR SOULMATE SWF, brownshue, 250lbs, enjoys dancing, quiet evenings, dining out, etc. Seeking SWM, 30-38, for friendship and companionship. Oakland county area. fourthful sassy serious cre-tive communicative cocky,

clever, charming, caring Christian SF, 47, auburn/blue Perky professional, modest musician with peachy prorities No calls from crumbs, please \$3154

SWING DANCE PARTNER WANTED

The clear property attaches

A TOUCH OF CLASS
Sensuous, attractive DWF, black
hair, sery eyes, enjoys any activty with the right man. He is tall,
sincere, 45+ and looking for a
LTR, Serious replies only. BEAUTIFUL...

BEAUTIFUL...
degreed, thin, spunity, unique, toving SJF, 44, 57°, steel blue, tong naturally curity hair, into self-growth, meditation, nature, yoga, natural health, laughing, speaking truth and itle. Seeking soul connection SWM, NS, 179723
BLUE-EVED BLONDE BLUE-EYED BLONDE Attractive SWF, 50, 5'7", medium build, seeks commitment-minded SWM, 45-60, 122444

STARTING OVER

ONE OF A KIND
Outgoing, dynamic, very attractive D.Jr. 42. brownfurown, enjoys exercise, dining out, travel, and boating. Seaking very refined, very handsome professional geritleman, 45-50, 6-22, for friendeflup, possible relationship. No games. 12:3093
FACE LINE LINDA FIORENTINO Vivacious, blue-syed brunette. Active, intelligent, quick-witted SWF, 41, 577, 14(Dis, sense, of humor, no children, enjoys Fed Wings, bookstores, animals, antiquing. Seeking rugged, great-looking, financially-lemotionally secure. relationship-ready, hip guy, 40-45, 5107-62, 173-368.

2ND TIME AROUND
Spunky, attractive widowed WF,
5'3", 125lbs, seeks SWM, 60+,
N/D, who likes family gatherings
and long drives for possible relationship. 12 2964 GOOD THINGS/ SMALL PACKAGES

SMALL PACKAGES
Well-packaged emotionally, spiritually and intellectually, petite
DPF charismatic, adventurus,
passionate about file, likes the
sublime to outrageous. Seeking
a SM for a monogamous relationship. \$21997
FIRST TIME AD
Attractive widowed BF 41, 577.

N/S. enjoys movies, concerts, dinner and travel. Seeking, honest, dependable BCM, 40-49, for friendship. 1272822

friendship \$\mathbf{T}2822\$
LOOKING
FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Very kind-hearted, honest, easygoing, very affectionate DWF,
47, 5' prown hair, with sense of
humor, likes the simple things in
its Seeking \$CDWM, 47-55, for
friendship, possible LTR, \$\mathbf{T}28211

LEAST COMPANIONSHIP

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LOOKING COMPANION

Iriendahlp, possible LTR. \$2811 LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT DBCF. 44, looks 28, green eyes, enjoys walking, reading, going to plays, dancing and basketball. Seeking floancially secure S/DBM, under 50, 6+. Must have God first. Children ok. \$2724 DOCTOR WANYED Very prefty SWF, mental heath care technician, youthful 48, 56' slightly overweight, blond/blue, seeks attractive SW medical doctor, 40-60, for companion-ship. Troy area, \$2720

ship. Troy area. #2720 INTERESTED IN ART?

Intriguing, prefty, passionate DWF, 44 seeks handsome, smart funny, romantic SWM. smart, funny, romantic SWM, 38+, N/S, for great, one-on-one relationship. Are you ready? This could be #! No games, please \$\foats2633

FABULOUS, FIT AND FIFTY FABULOUS, RIT AND FIFT Creative, attractive female, sophisticated, yet down-to-earth, engeging personality, Seeking degreed professional male, N/S, some or humor, who's interested in cultural events, dining, travel, home projects, sports, conversa-tion, and quiet moments. \$72630 SEEKING TALL MAN SWF 5%* 1268bb. bloode/blue

SEEKING TALL MAN
SWF, 5'6". 126lbs, blonde/blue,
nice figure, seeks funny, downto-earth man, 36-42, strong
physique, who can handle life's
little ups and downs. \$22600
I GET ALL THE ATTENTION
THE NICE SE seeks the life soon.

mme ups and downs, \$2,200.

1 GET ALL THE ATTENTON
Tall, blonde SF seeks tall, spontaneous male to or o parties
with and share life with, thy
friends hate going to parties with
me because I get all the attention. \$2,215.

WANT TO DANCE?
Professional SWCF, 46, 5'8',
medium build, no dependents,
loves doing/watching all sports,
traveling, roading, and dancing,
Seeking romantic, tall, drug-free
man, N/S, who is not intimidated
by an independent woman.
\$2,3374

LAUGHING AND LOVING
Active, happy, positive SWPF,
53, business owner, health club
schedule and retirement plans in
two years. Seeking humorous,
kind, considerate, lively man for
tun and more. \$2,3310.

PM A NUT

Me: adventurous like a
macadamia sware like

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Me: adventurous like a
macadamia; sweet as a praline,
with a smile like a butternut. Youa primo cashew, slightly
coconuts, not a goober or filbert,
30-40. Educated and caring a
plus. 1972812

FIRST TIME AD Bi racial SM, 45, 6', 140lbs , long haired professional, no children, seeks slim, N/S SWF, for friend-ship, possible relationship, 12/3462

SEEKS EAST INDIAN WOMAN

EAST INDIAN WOMAN
Handsome, muscular SWM, 30,
blond/blue, seeks East Indian
SF, 26-36, for friendship, possible LTR. IT 3518
EXCEPTIONAL GUY
SM, 36, 61°, brown/blue, H/W
proportionate, enjoys television,
dining, theater, and more.
Seeking SF for friendship, possible relationship, IT 3524
RUGGED
AND OUTDORSY
Great-looking, sandy/blue, 511°,

BETTER WHEN SHARED

BETTER WHEN SHARED Start my days, fill my nights SWM, father of one, seeks active, in shape SPF, 30sh, to share laughter with. Must be honest, warm-hearled and love children: Novi area #290 GOOd-looking nice, very successful SWPM, 36, good build, with many interest, Seeking thin, nice, pretry/very attractive SWF, 21-32, without dependents #2467.

21-32. Williams. #3467 EASYGOING

Intelligent, good-looking, tall well-built sensorate passionate SWM, 34, 6'3' 20'6lbs, seeks easygoing, attractive, sweet, sensual female, 22-45, for romance, possible relationship Race open 13'34'7.

DO YOU HAVE CLASS?

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DO YOU MAVE CLASS?

I do! Very handsome, affectionate DWM 38.5'9", athletic build,
coflege professor, seeks petite,
attractive S/DWF, 30-40, N/S, a

listen and respond

toll free.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS
DWM, N/S, N/D, looking for SF, 30-80, who enjoys the outdoors, country music, line dancing, home-cooked meals; 274-36
IN YOUR EYES.
I find someone special Fit SWM, 41, 5'S', 180/bs, short brownbrown, nice guys, enjoys humor, bike riding, ice skating, movies, music, arts. Seeking fit SWF to share experience. \$273520

NOT FOR EVERYONE
Financially secure SWM, 51, 5'10', 170/bs, light brown/dark blue, enjoys tehnis, golf, concerts, fine dining, traveling. Seeking mate for life, 39-50, N/S. Compatible signs: Libra, Sagitarus, Gemihl, \$273523

STILL SLEEPING SCLO?
Say helic to my dream team Affectionate, articulate, sharp SWM, 42, would like to turn dreams into reality with appealing SWF Age open, \$23460
OUTGONG AND FUN
Personable, fun-toving DWM, 53, 5'9', 225'bs, black/brown.

OUTGOING AND FUN

Personable, fun-foving DWM,
53, 59°, 225lbs, black/brown,
N/S, enjoys working out, healthy
cuisine, traveling, dancing,
walks, outdoor activities'
Seeking outgoing, white or
Japanesa temale, 30-42, N/S, for
possible LTR, 073-458

ARE YOU AN ANGEL?
Open-minded, warm-hearted,
full-time father of, a beautiful little
girt, seeks warm-hearted female. girl, seeks warm-hearted female, 30ish, with a smile to fill our day, to share lakes, travel, snowmobiling, and workouts. Novi. \$2380

TP2360

SEEKING
EURO/RUSSIAN LADY
Good-looking-SWM. 40, 5'6'.
155lbs, enjoys movies, theater, symphony, dining out, long walks, concerts, opera, art comance, travel. Seeks stender, pretty SWF, interested in LTR.
TP3090 TRUE GENTLEMAN

Spontaneous, romantic, active tall DWM, 36, father of 9-year-old son, seeks active, fit, special woman who appreciates being treated like a lady. (2 330)

See an ad that

So, if you're uncomfortable with o

PILOT SEEKS COPILOT Well-rounded, high-achieving

gent, special person. \$2907 SEEKS GENUINE PERSON

Very carning attractive, outgoing, giving SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook Seeking same in pétite SWF, for friendship, maybe more 129363.

FIRST TIME AD

JACK DAWSON
SEEKS HIS ROSE
Good-looking, fit, honest
33, brown/blue, N/S, with
morals, enjoys, dining
movies, walks, seeks, attra,
th honest WE 24,37,31,51

SOFT CHOCOLATE some SBM 33 and

SOFT CHOCOLATE
Handsome SBM, 33. enjoys suspensehil movies, music sports,
classic cars. Seeking kind-hearted, full-figured SWF for possible
reliationship. 17:2967
ATTRACTIVE AND TALL
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interests you? You can respond via this toll free number with

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SINGLE IN DETROIT

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Honest, down-to-earth SBM, mid-30s, would like to meet special SBF, 25-45, for friendship, possible relationship, I like movies, concerts, special times together. 27:1286
ENHANCE MY QUALITIES
Creative, adventurous, handsome, open-minded, unselfish SM, 38, N/S, seeks SF, with similar qualities, for added ingredient, to enhance averything. 37:444
SOFT-HARD BODY
Athletic, energetic, fit, humorous SM, business owner, enjoys travel, takefront living, boating, sling, rollierblading, hockey, and more. Seeking monogamous relationship with tall, athletic, fit SWF, in younger 30s, N/S, with no dependents. 27:4435
FIRST TIME AD
Fit, attractive, unattached, confident, secure DYM, young 58.

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Fit, attractive, unattached, confident, secure DWM, young 58

5'9", 170lbs, N/S, social drinker

59"; 170ibs, N/S, social direker, seeks non-emoking, petite, sim, attractive, sincere, unattached SWF, 45-60, for friendship, possible LTR, 19385.

SPRING FLING AND MORE Sincere SWPM, 40, 611; 190ibs, wide spectrum of interests, seeks slim, trim SW/AF, a romantic-at-heart, who values family and friends, to develop a long-term, monogamous, passionate, sensual relationship. Age unimportant, attitude is: 173422

ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS Easygoing, physically fit, muscu-

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ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS

Easygoing, physically fit, muscular, average-looking DWM, 40, 518, 1710bs, light-brown/blue, mustache, glasses, single dad, enjoys hilling, bliding, kayaking, theater, movies, cooking, travel often, Seeking SF, NS, with similar interests, TF3423

ENJOYS SIMPLE THINGS

Easygoing, honest, secure SWM, 38, 57, 180lbs, brown/hazel, NS, no dependents, factory employed, seeks employed, petits SA/HF, under 44, under 125lbs, with one or no dependents, factory employed, bearing, seeks, petits, secure SWM, seeks, petits, secure 12, 100 petits, seeks, petits, petits

SPIRITED ROMANTIC
Handsone SIMM, giver affectionate listener; aware vegetarian, involving yog, mediation seeks combination flower child, earth mother, dream-seeker, artistic scentric, beautiful woman, for lover, best friend, partner, southmate, \$T3-450.

MR. RIGHT HERE!
Affectionate flunacially independent

123373 BAREFOOT ON THE BEACH Slim, sensual, spiritual, success-tul SJM, 46, 5'9", 162lbs, seeks relationship-oriented SF, 30-45, who enjoys Borders, Royal Oak,

NORY SEEKING EBONY
Romantic, sensitive, shy SWM,
37, 518" 140bs, reddish
brown/brown, enjoys dining out,
movies, and long walks. Seeking
SBF, 30-40, for LTR. 173371
DOWN-TO-EARTH/POLISHED
SWPF, 53, youthful, kind-hearted, loves to laugh, seeks SWM,
(widowed preferred) 50-63, who
might want to move to warmer
climate, interests in goff, boating,
theater, and nome life, etc. 173366
OLD-FASHIONED
Down-to-earth, secure, widowed
BCM, 48, 6'4", 220lbs, father of
twins, enjoys movies, cooking,
and martial arts. Seeking aftractive BF, 36-49 for possible LTR
Must have God first. 173364
WHY BE ALONE?
Caring, affectionate loving IVORY SEEKING EBONY

SEEKS GENUINE PERSON
Well-established, good-looking
SWM, 44, 5'9", 150lbs, with
many interests, including outdoors, music, dancing, working
out Seeking relatively slim,
attractive, sincere WF, 35-45, for
friendship, possible relationship
Children ok, \$2'3465

Must have God first. \$\foatsize{T3:304}\$

WHY BE ALDNE?

Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 52, 577, loves lake activities, iskiing, movies, and quality times together. Seeking petite-medium SF, 40-50, for friend-ship, possible long-term monogramous relationship. Race unimportant. \$\frac{T2:548}{21:548}\$

TAKES CHARGE
Romantic SWFM, 39, enjoys movies, danoing, dining, theater. Seeks, feminime, passionate SWF, 23-45, for adventure and fun. \$\frac{T2:542}{245}\$, for adventure and fun. \$\frac{T2:542}{245}\$, for adventure and fun. \$\frac{T2:542}{245}\$, weekend getawlays, traveling, theater, movies, corned of clubs, weekend getawlays, conversations, tennis, golf, cultural events, family friends, Seeking attractive SWF, 25-36, with a good sense of humor, great smile. \$\frac{T3:361}{245}\$

SEEKINOT TRUE LOVE
Down-to-earth, intelligent, passionate, honest, sincere SWM. more 179363

SINGLE DAD...

seeis mom. DWM, 37, 510".

170lbs, enjoys outdoors and being active Seeking affectionate, fit, loving sweetheart to share music, travel, dining and romantic, quiet times. Novi area 171665. Handsome, open-minded, caring, well-educated SWPM, 38,
5'8'', NS, in shape, into personal
growth, yoga, travel, cooking,
Seeking very attractive SF under
42, for possible zeiationship.
3345

SLEEPLESS IN GARDEN CITY

SLEPPLESS IN GARDEN CITY
Shy SWM 26 5 10", brown',
green, works full-time, loves children enjoys bowling, movies,
camping, travel Seeking trusting, caring, sincere, romantic,
SDWF 18-35, who likes cudding, for LTR children ok \$2721
BALANCED, UNIQUE.,
good-looking, sincere, active,
romantic, intelligent spontaneous communicative humorous professional SWM, 51.59",
romeowner young body, mind
and-souk, enjoys bicycling, art
music, reading, travel Seeking
attractive multi-dimensional,
slender soulmate \$23311

PLAIN JANE WANTED Sincere, thoughtul, understanding, spirited, adventuresome, articulate, athletic SWPM, 40, 611, 190lbs, seeks special, silm, trim DWF to develop quality, romantic, sincere LTR. No garnes, please. #33149

SINCERE & HONEST MAN.

Active, "It DWM, 37, 6"0", enjoys tennis, hilking, camping, hockey games. Seeking honest, sincere, SWF, 30-38, who loves children, animals, outdoor activities, for

Sensitive, fun-loving, unique, triendly, tall, handsome SWPM, 40ish, dark blonde/large blue, seeks attractive, slim SWF, under 45, N/S, with similar quali-

Adush, dark bonderlarge bue, seeks attractive, sim SWF, under 45, N/S, with similar qualities, who's seriously interested in a relationship. 129554

FULINE IS NOW
Outgoing SWM, 51, 6, 190lbs, enjoys outdoors, movies, the aria. Seeking SWF, 45-55, to share life is passions. Let's taste what life rate to other 12/3274

DREAMING OF...
an upbeat, shorter, attractive, Rubenesque woman, 22-35, who loves sales dancing, adventure, exploration of life, and could dream with this attractive, spirit ad DWPM, mid-40s, 5'6'. HW proportionshib. 12/3303

HUGGING & CUDDLING
SWM, 42, 5'8', 200lbs, enjoys movies, dinners, music, dancing, smoves, dinners, music, dancing,

movies, dinners, music, dancing, and much more. Seeking SF, 25-50, with similar interests, \$\mathbb{T}3301\$
KISSES A PLENTY!
Innovative, romantic SWM, 40s,

Innovative, romantic SWM. 40s. nice looks, enjoys culture and creativity. Seeking attractive, triendly, passionate lady. \$\mathbf{T}\$3002 RARE FIND
Trim, handsome SWPM. 39, 510°, 170lbs, great shape, custodal dad of 12-year-old son, enjoys votleyball, outdoors, comusic, dancing, bilking. Seeking siender, attractive, independent fernale, with similar interests. \$\mathbf{T}\$9818

SEEKING.

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MEDIUM-BUILT WOMAN
Sincere, carring DWM, 40, 5'9', 175'bs, seeks medium-built, loyal, sincere, understanding S/DWF, 35+, N/D, sense humor, who likes to lake nice walks at night, sunsets, the outdoors, movies, cooking, 28'3180
SINCERE ONLY
Diomified cultured, articulate

SINCERE ONLY
Digniffed, cultured, articulate
SSM, 48, 5°F, 148lbs, seeks sincere, affectionate, very ferninine
SWF, or biracial female, 35-45,
slim to medium build, for LTR.

A LOT TO OFFER A LOT TO OFFER
Own-to-earth, intelligent, passionate, honest, very giving, sincere SWM, 35, extremely fit,
knows how to treat a lady, loves
kids. Seeking silm, soft, feminine, sweet-hearted SW/AF
soulmate, For monogamous
LTR, and true love. 12 1714
COMMITMENT-AINDED
DWPM, 50, 6: 175lbs, handsome acceptable seeks, very

GREAT HUGGER/KISSER

Spiritual, tall, dark, handsome DWM, 50, looks younger, 5*11*, 1851bs, hair, mustache, plays tennis, works out, homeowner, seeks honest, fit WF, under 50. SEXY, BLUE-EYED BLONDE

SEXY, BLUE-EYED BLONDE
Hunkaiscous 34 year-old, 6'2',
fun, kind, reliable blue-eyed/longblond: loves dance music, cosmopolitans, pool, awesome in
geanst and down-to-earth. Seeks
ambitious, selective, stylish,
slender babe who's 55":5'8'
T73186

OLDFASHIONED ROMANCE
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Interes man Candelight, flowers, cuddling in front of the
tire, sound good? Secure DWM,
41. 6, 190lbs, brown/hazet,
seeks slim S/DWF, 35-41, who
enjoys being showered with
affection. TS/3184

Humorous, yet intellectual active outgoing SWM, 40, 510", 190lbs, enjoys reading, writing, outdoor activities, theater, and movines.

outdoor activities, theater, and movies. Seeking friendly, outgoing S/DWF, 35-45 N/S petite to medium build for possible relationship ±79538

NO CUTE ADOutgoing DWM, mid-50s, seeks kind-hearted lady, for LTR All calls answered ±72628

A REAL GENTLEMAN Kind-hearted.
ATRAIN CONTRAINED AND C knows how to treat a woman with respect/dignity. Seeking S/DWF 30-50: for friendship and fun. \$23241

HANDSOME MID-AGED GENT Romantic creative resourceful articulate caring compassionate SBM Sincerely seeking and TALK TO MY DAD

TALK TO MY DAD

Warm, kind, sensitive, down-toearth DWPM, 40, 5.9°,
brown/hazel, custodkal parent of
two, social drinker enjoys cooking. Cedar Point, camping,
socializing Seelfing DWF with
kids, for companionship, senous
relationship, West Bloomfield

Seeks co-pilot friend for trips to
Florida Good-looking physically
it, fallain nice guy, 40, seeks
pretty, slender, secure SF, 30-40,
for friendship, intimacy, and fun

12535

Affectionate, sporfaneous, outgoing, faithful SWM, 40, 81°, enjoys concerts, movies, long walks, cozy,fires. Seeking down-to-earth, honest SUPF, 30-40, with similar injerests, for possible LTR #25-81.

Cute, fit, honest, romantic, affectionate, confident, educated, talian male, 41, 5'6', gertileman, passion for life, and want to share with a smart, pretty, marriage-minded lady with no dependents. Cell me. 12'3091

MT LOVER
SWPM, 40, 5'11", N/S, no dependents, lover of the arts, especially film, music, also enjoys termin, for stating, bookstores, travel, long walks. Seeking SWP to share thefise interests, for LTR, 12'30'92

WHY BE ALONE?

Attractive DWM, 46, 6'1', 185/bs.

WHY BE ALONE?
Attractive DVM, 46, 6°11, 185lbs,
brown-blue, N/S, light drinker,
enjoys movies, dancing, music of
00s. Seeking attractive, slender,
honest SWF, 38-50, who's emotionally ready for LTR. 189724.
HONEST & LOYAL.
TAIL DVMA. 54, 6°4, with sense of

HONEST & LOTAL
Tall DWM, 54, 6'4", with sense of
humor, financially secure, N/S,
social drinker, slim, in good physical condition, seeks a slender

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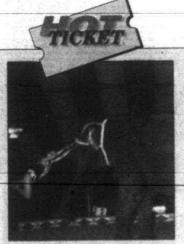


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SUNDAY



Legendary pianist Victor Borge performs with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$13 to \$45, call (313) 576-5111.



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is happy to be on the road again

BY HUGH GALLAGHER

lor 30 years Doc Severinsen had a steady gig. Same place, same time five nights a week for a national audience of insomniacs on "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson.

Now, Severinsen, 71, is on the road 46 weeks a year and, he says, "having the time of my life."

On Friday, April 16, Severinsen will bring his All Star Big Band to Orchestra Hall and he promises a "hot" night. Two-thirds of the band are former players with Severin-Tonight Show Band

"We'll get on stage and play swing, jazz, blues, lots of blues," he said. "A lot of these are the guys that created that sound. Ernie Watts on sax, Snooky Young and Conte Candoli, who played with Woody Herman and Stan Kenton, on trumpet. Bill Perkins on baritone sax. Eddie Shaughnessy on drums. Ross Thompkins on piano and Barbara Morrison on vocals."

Tonight Show fans remember Severinsen as much for his flamboyant attire and witty repartee with Carson as they do for his often dramatic trumpet stylings, but Severinsen knows his way around the trumpet, which he calls a "glorious instrument but a jeal-

Now that mistress is getting its fair share of attention.

Severinsen began playing when he was a 7-year-old in Arlington, Ore. Named Carl after his father, he picked up his moniker because his father was a dentist and Severinsen was known as Little Doc.

"As a kid in eastern Oregon, the only contact I had with music was the jukebox or the bus stop or the the thing and I heard Tommy Dorsey, Harry James and Glenn Miller, I guess. Harry James played trumpet and certainly made an impression on me. Also Louis Armstrong and when I heard Dizzy Gillespie, that got to me. Miles Davis was someone I



thought the world of. When I was with Charlie Barnet and I met Clark Terry, he was a big influ-

After a stint in the Army, the ung Severinsen toured with the Goodman bands before settling down with a job as a staff musician at NBC in 1949. He joined the Tonight Show Orchestra under Skitch Henderson in 1962 and took over the band in 1967. The show made him famous and he admits to missing it — at first.

When you go to a job that regularly and it's that big a deal, it's not exactly out of sight, out of mind. It was sweet sorrow," he

Now he finds his band right in step with the times as the country is experiencing a swing revival, though Severinsen said he's been drawing young audiences all

"They've been coming right along. I've taken this band out for the last 15 years and the first thing I noticed was how many young people there were," he said. When the swing revival thing came about I was a little surprised but then I thought about how the young people came to hear us."

WHAT: Doc Severinsen and His All-Star Big Band perform as part of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Ameritech Jazz Series

WHERE: Orchestra Hall, Detroit. WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday, April 16 TICKETS: \$15-\$46 may be purchased at the Orchestra Hall box

office or by calling (313) 576-5111.

He said young audiences understand the music and appreciate what the band does. He said the music has a good beat and a blues background, "Why wouldn't it sur-

Guest artist: Doc Severinsen and his All Star Big Band will play swing, jazz, and lots of blues during their concert at Orchestra

Hall.

A few years ago Severinsen experimented with fusion music, a blending of bop jazz with electric rock pioneered by Miles Davis, Chick Corea, Herbie Hancock and

"I really enjoyed doing that," he said. "But when I got the big band going, that was when I realized. this is where I belong.

The Big Band is only one aspec of Severinsen's busy musical life. He has recorded more than 30 albums in all musical formats. He also performs regularly with classical and pops orchestras, including the Detroit Symphony, as a trumpet soloist and as a guest conductor. He is also the principal pops conductor for the Minnesota Orchestra, the Milwaukee Symphony, the Buffalo Philharmonic and the Phoenix Symphony.

"But it's great to diesel up the old bus and get the guys and drop in somewhere," he said.

Big band music creates a special feeling for band and audience. "When the big band is playing

the right way, you can feel it coming up through the floor," he said. And, as for televison, he's not

eager to return.
"No, god, no. Not from what I see there," he said. "Paul (Shafer of the Letterman Show) and his guys do a wonderful job and so do the guys on The Tonight Show. The job is what it is."

As for Severinsen, he'd rather be on the road again.



Conductor: Hubert Soudant, who will conduct the Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg in an all-Mozart program on April 15, has definite ideas on how Mozart should be played.

Orchestra keeps Mozart's music alive and well

BY HUGH GALLAGHER

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born Jan. 27, 1756, in Salzburg, Austria. He began to play the harpsichord at age 3 and was composing by the time he was 6. The boy genius never stopped until his life was cut tragically short by rheumatic fever on Dec. 4, 1792.

Salzburg was an inspiration and source for Mozart's music and today continues to keep his music alive.

On April 15, Hubert Soudant will conduct the Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg in an all-Mozart program at the University of Michigan's Hill Audi-

"Salzburg in winter is a very German wn," said Soudant by telephone from Salzburg. "But in the summer, it is an Italian town. In Mozart there is a very great Italian influence in his music."

This warmth and emotion have made Mozart universally loved.

"His music is so universal, first of all," Soudant said. "He talks to the heart of the people in many ways. He's funny, happy, very sad, all kinds of human feelings are involved in his music. The success of Mozart's music is that it talks to everyone.'

The Mozarteum Orchestra has a strong historical connection to the great composer beyond being located in his native city. The orchestra dates from 1841 when citizens of Salzburg, together with Mozart's widow Constanze, founded the "Cathedral Music

WHO: Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg conducted by Hubert Souda with Till Fellner, plano, Katharine Goeldner, mezzo-soprano.

WHAT: All Mozart program featuring Symphonies No. 25 in g minor and No. 36 in C Major; Piano Concerto No. 25 in C Major; and two operatic selections.

WHERE: Hill Auditorium on the campus of the University of Michigan as part of the University Musical Society series.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15

TICKETS: \$16-\$45. Call the UMS Box Office at (734) 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

POPULAR MUSIC

Sponge woos hometown with 'New Pop Sunday'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

When Vinnie Dombroski hits the stage, it's impossible to look elsewhere. Whether it be Dombroski's bright, mustard-colored vest, impossibly thin body, or charismatic stage presence, Sponge's lead singer is interest-

Fans feel the same way. During a performance at Guitar Center in Roseville last month, Dombroski sauntered into the crowd and nearly stepped on a young. suit-wearing teen. The youngster didn't seem to care, he just wanted to snap a photo. After a few expletives and a lot of trembling, the teen seemed able to get his shot

Snapping his fingers toward the sky, Dombroski along with bandmates guitarist Mike Cross, bassist Tim Cross, drummer Charlie Grover, and guitarist/slide guitarist Joey Mazzola tore through hits like the drunken

slide guitar-laden "Wax Ecstatic" and the pop song "Molly (Sixteen Candles)."

But Sponge's visit was all about wooing its hometown crowd into buying "New Pop Sunday" when it hits stores this Tuesday. "New Pop Sunday" (Beyond) sticks closely with the pop formula of its debut "Rotting Piñata" (Columbia).

That was a move that, Dombroski and Mazzola explained, was calculated. The decision was based more on influences than the fact that the brilliant, bluesy sophomore effort "Wax Ecstatic" (Columbia) was largely ignored by the label.

We always had pop influences from the very begin ning of this band. The first album has got pop songs on

t, as well as just like rock songs." Mazzola said. With "New Pop Sunday," the slide guitar has been pushed to the background making way for hand claps

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Celebrating release: Sponge lead singer Vinnie Dombroski sings tracks off his band's latest album "New Pop Sunday" at Overture Studios in Novi. The performance was part of an "Edge Session" hosted by the now-defunct alternative station WXDG-FM 105.1 "The Edge."

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with regard to sacred music as performed all kinds of music from symphonies to incidental music for burlesques and plays: It acquired its present name in

tation dates from 1920 when Bernhard Paumgartner was invited to participate in the first Salzburg Festival. Today the 91member Mozarteum is the orchestra for the province and can't express the soul of the comcity of Salzburg, gives 130 performances a year and records on several labels. Though playing the full repertoire of serious music, the orchestra is closely associated with the music of Mozart, Haydn and Schubert

"When I started to conduct this orchestra about five years ago, I became a happier person through playing this music. It makes you a richer person," Soudant said.

In addition to being the chief Orchestra, Soudant, 53, is also the chief conductor for the

ing orchestras around the world. In the United States he has conducted the Mostly Mozart Festival Orchestra, the Houston Symphony Orchestra and the Dallas Symphony. He is also a leading onductor for opera. Soudant has definite ideas on

how Mozart should be played. "The most important thing is that it has to be alive, funny, dancing, twinkling in the eye," he said. "Mozart done stiffly, you

The two symphonies provide a contrast. Symphony No. 36 "Linz" is, according to Soudant, lightly textured "with a beautiful second movement." But Symphony No. 25 is different.

"The g minor symphony is a statue, a column in every musician's life, to feel the deepness of this music," Soudant said. "It's always a struggle, a profound

Also profound is the Piano conductor for the Mozarteum Concerto No. 25, Mozart's

"It's like going through the

Association and Mozarteum." Orchestra and Opera of complete life of a person, so much is involved," Soudant said. The refinement of musical taste guest conductor for many lead-The pianist, Till Fellner, is regarded as one of the finest young interpreters of Mozart's

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to having "brilliant technique," Fellner knows how to "look for

The program at Hill will include two vocal selections "Alma grande e nobil core" and "Cho'io mi scordi di te" performed by Katharine Goeldner. "In the time of Mozart, com-

osers wrote for courts and the church, financed by the church or a prince or princess. They asked composers to write operas for them." Soudant said. "For these small cities, it was an evening out, the entertainment

Soudant said Mozart is the biggest name in opera, combining his protean musical talent with the other elements of literature and staging that make opera "all arts in one."

The Mozarteum performance is one of 10 on a tour of major U.S. cities April 8-22.



Half-hour show: Sponge - from left, slide guitarist Joey Mazzola, singer Vinnie Dombroski, and guitarist Mike Cross - played "Wax Ecstatic," and, from "New Pop Sunday," "Planet Girls" and "Live Here Without You" during its "Edge Session" in late

Greenfield Village plows into spring

(PRNewswire) - Flowers are blooming, the grass is green and new-life is abounding as Greenfield Village begins its, 70th sea-

The Village will celebrate Spring Farm Days April 22-25. Visitors can see what life was like on farms during the 18th and 19th centuries from plowing the land to spring cleaning.

"For the past 70 years we've told stories of how ordinary Americans accomplished extraordinary feats," said Christian Overland, director of Public and School Programs. "This year, we're celebrating our history and offering visitors experiences which are fun, educational, and inspirational. In just a few short weeks, our Merino sheep will be giving birth to the new lambs of spring.

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GO is a wildly entertaining ride through the

night. John August's screenplay is a cleverly

fractured piece of pulp fiction and

weaves the three interlocking stories

Swingers' director Doug Liman

together with dazzling dexterity."

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Come take a ride on a 1913 Carousel featuring a variety of exquisitely carved wooden animals. Visitors can also ride the double decker Suwanee steamboat on the Suwanee Lagoon from May 31 through Sept. 6. See the entire village while taking a ride on our steam-powered ocomotive or horse-drawn car-

ROLLING STONE: HILARIOUS!

Before crossing into the new millennium, take another walk back in time across the Ackley Covered Bridge built in 1832 but recently rejuvenated for years to

School's almost out for the year but it's back to school for Sam and Jeb, our young team of working steers-in-training. Notable village favorites, these two-year-old oxen will be put back in their yokes and walked through the village roads.

Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village are located at Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road in Dearborn, Michigan, just west of the Southfield Freeway (M-39) and south of Michigan Avenue (U.S. 12).

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission to Henry Ford Museum or Greenfield Village is \$12.50 for adults; \$11.50 for senior citizens 62 and over; \$7.50 for kids 5-12 years old. Children under 5 and members are admit-

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hip-shaking melodies ("Planet Girls," "Live Here Without You") and '80s-inspired riffs ("When third record on Columbia was we You're on Fire Baby, Roll").

But "New Pop Sunday" is a heart-breaker of an album. Take, gle, that single would literally for example, the first single "Live Here Without You" where Dombroski sings: "I can't kiss you If it didn't just blow out in 6-8 anymore/ I can't miss you any- weeks they'd either move on to stuff. It's more layered," Dommore/ Love's not easy to ignore/ another single or they'd get off When your heart lies bleeding on the record," added Dombroski the floor/ I just sit and count the days/ days until you'll be mine."

"New Pop Sunday" was started as a project for Columbia but creative differences severed the relationship between Sponge and the Sony-owned label. "It was a mutual decision. We were dissatisfied with the record and the direction that the record was taking. It was a business

get 6-8 weeks of push from the label, just like 'Wax Ecstatic' got. who, since "Wax Ecstatic" has shed his gold tooth. Newly inspired, Sponge ditched producer John Kalodner, returned to The Loft in Saline and engineer Tim Patalan, who

work with the group. decision at that point," said Mike Cross, an Oakland County resi-

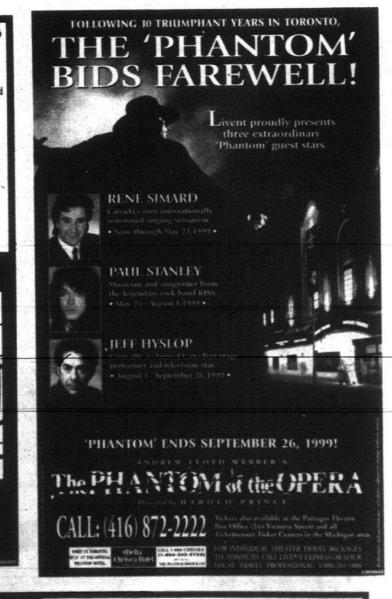
"The reason why we weren't so "The thing that was pretty inclined to want to release a consistent with the last two records, was the laying of guiunderstood one thing: if we had tars. We had a lot of different another shot at releasing a singuitar parts going on. The direction of the record a year ago was just two-part guitar arrangements. We don't do that kind of

broski explained.

Returning to Patalan is a testament to the band's faith in the producer - or, perhaps, just "No matter how we try to get away, we always have to go back

there," bassist Tim Cross said. Sponge will perform and sign also worked on "Wax Ecstatic" autographs at noon Sunday, and "Rotting Piñata." Kalodner April 11, at Harmony House, signed Aerosmith to Geffen 30830 Orchard Lake Road, Records in 1984 and continues to Farmington Hills. The show is free. Call (248) 626-4533 or visit Dombroski said that Sponge was unhappy with Kalodner's http://www.sponge-online.com preference to lean toward two- for more information

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Hilberry does lyrical 'Playboy'

On stage: Matt Troyer stars as the "Playboy" and Emily N. Miller plays the object of his affection, "Pegeen Mike," in the Irish comedy, "The Playboy of the Western

erary masterpiece, John Milling-ton Synge's "Playboy of the West-he is beset by fawning females. ern World" in rotating repertory However, events take an unexthrough May 8 at theater, Cass and Hancock, Detroit. For tickets, call (313) 577-2972.

If St. Patrick's Day has you longing for the lyric tongue of the Emerald-Isle, look no further than the Hilberry Theatre's stage. They may not be in Corktown, but the fine lasses and lads fill the auditorium with the rich language of a literary masterpiece, and a little blarney as

"The Playboy of the Western World" is a poetic story of a satisfaction from the fawning cal comedy to garner his share of young man on the run who females to dumfounded fear the laughter.

Wayne State University's believes he killed his father with when his staggering and furious In a fascinating scene, an ou Hilberry graduate theater come an angry blow from a shovel. The father crashes in on his new-side horse race was feverishly pany presents Ireland's finest literal local peasants, awed by his noto-

pected turn when his supposedly dead father arrives in sore pur-Emily Miller is warm and sen-

turns her charms upon the flee- Sara Catheryn Wolfe, Heidi ing felon Christopher. Puppy-faced Matt Troyer win- and a scheming widow, played by ningly portrays Christopher Cat Shoemaker, kept the audi-Mahon, the shovel-wielding son ence in stitches with their barely whose newfound notoriety at contained fawning over Christofirst confounds and then delights pher. The rough and resurrected him. Troyer's face displays a multitude of moods, from sensual also took full advantage of physi-

David Engelman gets a break the locals. In contrast to this excited energy, the heartfelt diafrom somber, serious roles as he logue between Pegeen and assumes the persona of the hapless, weak-willed fiancée. Both Christopher captures the play's romantic and lyric nature. his verbal and physical perfor-The set is wonderful detailed mance of Shawn, Pegeen's yet rough hewn, with straw and intended, capture the comic yet mud walls, a huge stone hearth, human aspects of the character's publican's daughter whose bored jealousy and frustration as and meticulously detailed props, acceptance of her betrothal to Christopher and Pegeen gravi-right down to a straw-stuffed Shawn, a young farmer, changes tate closer together.

to defiant excitement when she

The village maidens, played by

attire, with attentive detail spent even on the laced up boots Olson and Tanisha Gonzalez, The dialogues may be difficult to follow at times due to the heavily accented and lyrical nature of the script. However, it's easier to follow than Shakefather, played by Fred Shahadi, speare, and closer to our era by a

the careless, careworn peasant

Former acrobat wrestles alligators in Hanneford Circus

Hills, 2 Championship Drive for Auburn Hills. April 8 through Sunday, April North Africa, Tahar began his been featured on TV shows in said. "People like them so much." eight performances Thursday,

BY KEELY WYGONIK

kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Alligators are hardly cuddly critters, but Tahar likes them "They don't make noise, and

they're not stinky," said Tahar, African show," he said. "I trained said Tahar. "I just handle them." one of the featured performers in with a guy in the Everglades in He owns an alligator farm in forming Elephants — Dumbo,

11. SCall (248) 645-6666 for tick- circus career as an acrobat not Argentina, Brazil, and an alligator wrestler. He holds the Guiness World

> weight of 1,700 pounds. "I was with Ringling Bros. & new for the audience."

"Kids are crazy for them," said record for supporting the largest Tahar about the alligators he from around the world. human pyramid of all time - 12 wrestles. "People think you're men, three tiers high, for a total nuts for sticking your head in an Muttville Comix is a slapstick alligator's mouth. It's something comedy act involvifig a Gina and Joyce and The Nerve-

Venezuela.

they asked me if I wanted to times, but not bad enough to ters, have been trained to knock develop an alligator act for an quit. "Alligators are not smart,"

Born in Marrakesh, Morocco in casinos in Las Vegas. He's also active and do a better job," he Tahar is just one of the highlights of the Royal Hanneford Circus, which features artists

Johnny Peers and The menagerie of mongrels. The dogs Barnum Bailey Circus when He's been hurt a couple of acquired through animal shel-Johnny down and walk over him.

current production, "I Love You,

You're Perfect, Now Change,

Ron Pangborn found music of

the Caribbean in his hometown.

Chuck Forbes found a new

reminder that we usually don't

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comes to The Palace of Auburn opening tonight at The Palace of Hills 2 Championship Drive for Auburn Hills the audience.

> Tahar Alligator wrestler

less Nocks who have earned universal acclaim for their daring stunts on skyscraping swaypoles, completely free of guy wires and safety means.

Kids will watch with wonder

as eight-year-old Roman Tomanov dangles high above the floor from two canvas straps for a death defying gymnastic routine that definitely cannot be done at home.

Producer searches out local reggae band WDET-FM when he was struck obsessions go. It also occurs to presented, along with an in-stu-



button pushing

irresistible and unknown piece of music catches our ear. We have to know more. Ever get so obsessed that you call the radio station and plead for information from anyone who will take your call? "Sorry, I don't know the name of the song

It happened recently to Ron and Latin rhythms that caught Pangborn, who serves as music Ron's ear.

producer for the "Backstage" Pass" series on Detroit Public from every genre of music get ing the sounds," he adds. their gig on the show. It was reg-Caribbean music program on umn, because I know how these admiring view of the Gem will be

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Maybe we're by a piece from a band called me that if scenes from that dio performance by the cast of its Universal Xpression. Remember the Richard Drey- the mysterious blonde in the T-

catch the tail Graffiti," who stalked Wolfman site and ruin the plot. Of course, end of an unfa- Jack to get a dedication out to there might be some suspense miliar tune. Or the mysterious blonde (Suzanne over whether she was Y2K comwe're at home Somers) in the T-Bird. Ron pliant. preparing din. approached his search for the There's no denying Ron's pasner and using band with the same drive and sion for music. When it comes to the radio as passion, and, fortunately, he didbackground n't have to look far. An overnight never see another stery as noise when an technician who works in the incredible as Chuck Forbes' sucadjoining control room to the cessful effort to save his Gem "Backstage Pass" studio had the Theatre. When the Gem was

Xpression is a Detroit-based were taking shape a year and a band. So I tracked them down half ago, Forbes had the five milon their web site and booked lion pound structure put up on them immediately on the show," or the artist, but it goes like this he says. The sextet has excellent five blocks away. It was a feat . doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, credentials, recording five that merited attention by the Sadly, so does everything albums during its six year exisfrom Beethoven's Fifth to tence, and touring with such "Heartbreaker" by the Rolling notables as Burning Spear and Stones. Frustrated and a bit Third World. It was the intrigudocumentary "The Hudson's humiliated, we usually abandon ing blend of reggae, with an Building," is preparing a segundertone of American, African ment which chronicles the the-

"It's always gratifying when you hear music this fresh and is Chuck Forbes' devotion to his Television. Ron has been on a exciting, especially when you dismission to ensure that standouts cover that a local band is creat-

I was happy to oblige when gae's turn, and he was scouting Ron nudged me into featuring Pass" airing on Detroit Public TV Michael Julian's Saturday night them on the show and this col- at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, April 11, an

movie were set in the late '90s, traffic jam and fuss character in "American Bird would probably have a web and the music of Universal

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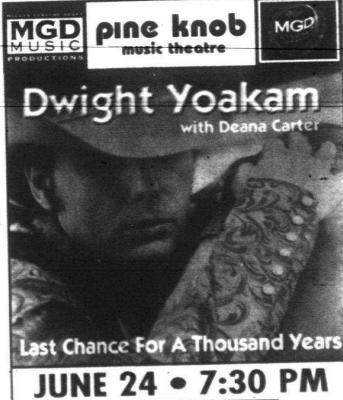
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"The Wizard of Oz" 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 8-9, noon, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-6611 GEM THEATRE

'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 MACOMB CENTER FOR THE FREORMING ARTS

"Meet Me in St. Louis," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the center, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$30, \$27 students/seniors, \$80 famil of four. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE 'The Rocky Horror Show," Wednesda Sunday, April 14-May 9, at the theater in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-\$35, previews April 14-16 \$19.50-\$35. (248) 377-3300

ELIZABETH PARCELLS

The Detroit coloratura soprano sings songs and arias by Mozart, Donizetti and Bellini, and offers commentary on the music during a concert noon Wednesay, April 14, in the Forum Recital Hall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and even Mile roads, Livonia. Free. (734 462-4400, ext. 5218

VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN Canton Project Arts presents "Discove Opera," featuring live performances by the Verdi Opera Theatre preceded by ar informative presentation "Opera: What opera posters, 3:30 p.m. (4 p.m. concert) Sunday, April 18, at the Summi on the Park, Canton. \$10. (734) 397

EMU THEATRE "The House of Blue Leaves," this

award-winning play is a farce about a middle-aged zoo attendant who longs to fulfill his dream of becoming a famous songwriter, Friday-Saturday, April 9-11. and Thursday-Saturday, April 15-17, 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, at Quirk Theatre on Eastern Michigan University's campus, Ypsilanti. \$7, Thursday, \$12 Fridays-Saturdays, \$10 Sunday. (734) 487-1221

U-D MERCY THEATRE Biloxi Blues," Neil Simon's play set in

a U.S. Army boot camp during World War II, Friday, April 9, to Sunday, April 25, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, in the McAuley Theatre on the campus at 8200 W. Outer Drive Detroit. \$10. \$8 seniors/students. U-M THEATRE Workshop production of "Orphan Train,"

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"Candide," by Leonard Bernstein, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 15-17, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18, The Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$18 and \$15

His Friends." 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday reserved seating, \$7 student seating. April 16-17, and 3 p.m, Sunday, April 18, at the Novi Civic Center Stage. WSU HILBERRY THEATRE 45175 W. 10 Mile. \$8, \$7 advance. The Playboy of the Western World," (248) 347-0400 literary classic from Ireland about a PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS playboy who cons his way into becom-

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dents/seniors. (313) 577-2972 "You're a Good Man, Charles Brown," from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the museum, 315 E. Warren COMMUNITY THEATER Ave. Detroit. (313) 494-5800/(616) HARTLAND PLAYERS 276-7604 "A Thousand Clowns," 8 p.m. Fridays-YOUTHEATRE Saturdays, april 16-17 and 23-24, and 2 "The Secret Garden" New York's p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Hartland

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BENEFITS

jects, 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the

auctions and dinner to benefit the

Laurel Manor Banquet and Video

Tempest," April 8 to May 2, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, special celebration April 23-24 in hono of Shakespeare's birthday, at Planet Ant, 2357 Caniff, east of I-75, "AROUND THE WORLD" Madonna University's silent and live Hamtramck, \$10, suggested donation

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"Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling opens 8 p.m. Friday, April 9 and contin ues 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, April | Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft

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Family event: Tahar and his alligators are one of the featured acts in the Royal Hanneford Circus at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Drive for eight performances Thursday, April 8 through Sunday, April 11. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8; 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 11; 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Tickets \$12 and \$8 reserved and \$5 general admission. All seats \$4 opening night. All seats for the Friday matinee are \$5. Children 12 and under and seniors 65 and over will receive \$2 off \$12 and \$8 tickets for all shows except the performance on April 8 and the 11 a.m. performance on April 9. Call (248) 645-6666.

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DINNER THEATER

BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE 'Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive heatre show with patrons having an talian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wed ding songs, has an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 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 Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666 SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN ARTS

"Did He Say ... Murder?," an interactive mystery about the murder of the grandson of the last owner of the Nelson Hotel in Plymouth, a production by Such and Such with dinner by Palermo's Italian Restaurant, 7:30 p.m. Friday April 16, at the conservatory, 5701 Canton Center Road, (north of Ford Road, off Maben Road),

DUCTIONS

Saturdays and Sundays through April

8-9, at the theater, 135 E. Main St.,

"The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and

25, and 2:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April

453-7590, ext. 200

MARQUIS THEATRE

NOVI THEATRES

"Velveteen Rabbit," 2:30 p.m.

Northville: \$7. (248) 349-8110

PLANIT GOLF MASTERS SHOOTOUT 1 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, until 4 p.m. Sunday, April 12, at Bogey's Bar and Grille, 142 E. Walled Canton, \$64, \$120 couples. (734) Lake Dr., Walled Lake Proceeds of golf ball purchases benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. (248) 669-1441 RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

olds its annual auction 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the playhouse 205 W. Long Lake, between Livernois and Crooks road, Troy. \$15, includes dinner. Proceeds benefit a theater scholarship and building fund. (248) 988-7049

FAMILY EVENTS

CELEBRATION BASH Learn to host a children's party, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, between 10 and 11 Mile roads. (248) 352-0990 COLLECTIBLE TOY & MODEL KIT SHOW 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at

the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. \$5, \$2 ages 4-12. (734) 455 Mark Dvorak entertains with action songs and sing-alongs for children ages

4-10, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. 24350 Southfield Road. \$3.25. (248) MR. LAURENCE

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7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday April 10, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday April 11. The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$12 and \$8 reserved, \$5 general admission Discounts: \$4 opening night; \$5 Friday matinee, groups of 15 or more receive \$2 off, parking is free; children 12 and younger and seniors ages 65 and older receive \$4 off \$12 and \$8 ticket except the performance on April 8 and

11 a.m. performance on April 9; and Scout groups of 15 or more receive \$12 tickets for the 10:30 a.m. performance on April 10 for \$5. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

TINY TOTS CONCERT By the Detroit Symphony Orchestra with soprano Emily Benner and mezzosoprano Barbara Wiltsie, and storyelling mime Nina Kircher, 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Saturday, April 10, ages 3.6 at Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile Road, at Middlebelt Road,

POPS/SWING

AM TEMPLE CABARET Ann Arbor's Kerrytown Mesdames Deanna Reylea and Julia Buxholm sing songs from and about Paris, 7:30 p.m. lay. April 18, at the temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$18, \$15 seniors, \$12 students. (248) 788-9338/(248) 288-2953

ROOTS RANDOLPH 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, \$24, \$22 seniors/students (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

With the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$45. (313) 576-5111 CAPITOL THEATRE

Lost in the Stars," a revue of some of Broadway's classical musicals and con temporary shows, featuring Tracey Atin and Joe Cardinal, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9:10 (\$15 adults), and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 11 (\$13 seniors and students), Daniel Patrick Kelly Theatre in the theater, 121 University Ave., W., Windsor, Prices Canadian. (519) 253-7729

COLIN JAMES BIG BAND 8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com THE PHOENIX ENSEMBLE

Presents a new music-theater piece Relive the Magic: An Evening with Tony Amore," a musical for jazz orches tra inspired by the life, singing and mythology of Frank Sinatra, compose Andy Kirshner plays the aging, Sinatra ike crooner Tony Amore, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the Michigan Theatre, 603 Liberty St., Ann Arbo \$15, \$10 students. (734) 763-8587 STARLIGHT DRIFTERS 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St.,

Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (western swing) II-V-I ORCHESTRA 9-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Soup Kitchen, 1585 Franklin, Detroit, (313) 259-1374; 7-9:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Heidelberg, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor.

\$5. (734) 663-7758 AUDITIONS **BW PRODUCTIONS**

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vatory's Theater Performance Ensemble production of "Jack and the Beanstalk, p.m. Wednesday, April 14, students should prepare a two-minute comic monologue, a fee is applicable for class partipation if accepted, at the conservatory, 5701 Canton Center Road, north of Ford Road, off Maben Road), Canton. (734) 453-7590, ext 315

STAGECRAFTERS 2ND STAGE Auditions for Anne Meara's "After-Play 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, April 19-20 6:30 p.m. registration), at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafavette, Royal Oak For performances June 18-20, 24-27. (248) 541-4832

\$5. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$62. COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION \$55. \$48 students/seniors. (810) 286-PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "Reed Finale: A Family Affair" features

OF TROY Presents "White Cliffs of Dover," songs of World War II and starring Lainle Nelson 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at Troy High School, 4777 Northfield Hwy. Trov. (810) 979-8406/(248) 435-5307 EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at Pease Auditorium, College Place at West Cross, Ypsilantf. Free. (734) 487-

2255/(734) 487-4380

MADONNA UNIVERSITY CHORALE Under director David Wagner performs Gabriel Faure's "Requiem," Franz Biebl's "Ave Maria," and the music o Maurice Durufle and Maurice Green also featured are organist Joanne Vollendorf-Rickards and trumpeter William Beger playing the music of Alan Hovhaness, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at Historic Christ Church, 960 E. efferson, Detroit. \$8, \$5 students/seniors. (734) 432-5708 MEADOW BROOK ESTATE

Show chair presents "Set the Night T

Music" a program of song and dance 8

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Oakland University Campus, Rocheste Tickets \$12 general, \$10 seniros, \$6 students call (248) 370-3013 or (248) 645-6666

RON BROOKS TRIO 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-

JUDI COCHILL 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 9. at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, No cover. (248) 646-2150 vocal/piano/bass/drums) EMU JAZZ ENSEMBLE/THE COURIERS 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at Pease uditorium, College Place at West Cross, on the Eastern Michigan Iniversity campus, Ypsilanti. \$10, \$8

seniors, \$5 students, to raise funds for the university's jazz program. (734) 487-2255 or www.emich.edu/publi/music/musiceve GALACTIC 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Blind Pig.

206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, 19 and older (734) 996-8555 or http://www.99music.com GIACOMO GATES

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17 Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$10, 21 and older. (734) 662-BILL HEID TRIO 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's

Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older

(313) 964-6368

GERRY HEMINGWAY QUARTET 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, free 3:30 p.m. workshop by U-M jazz professor Ed Srath precedes concert, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODO

With Harold McKinney (piano) 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the SereNge Ballroom, 2957 Woodward Ave. Detroit, \$15 at the door, (313) 832-3010; 8-11 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, at the No.VI Chophouse ark 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

KIMMIE HORNE Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, at D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crook Road at M-59, Rochester Hills. (248)

MATT MICHAELS TRIO With sax ophonist George Benson and trumpeter Louis Smith 8-11:30 p.m. hursday, April 8, with vocalist Barbara Ware Thursday, April 15, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner order. (248) 474-MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY (MAS

8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, Duet. 3663 Woodward Ave., at Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit, Free, All ages (313) 831-3838 JOSHUA REDMAN p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April

10. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann

Arbor, \$20 in advance, All ages, (734

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ages. (313) 831-3838 **CHUCK SHERMATERO** :30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday. Apr 16. at Edison's 220 Merrill St. Birmingham, (248) 645-2150 (trum pet/piano/bass/drums)

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 15. at Edison's 220 Merrill St Birmingham. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums) SMITHSONIAN JAZZ MASTERWORKS

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2222/(800) 585-3737 **GORDON STONE TRIO** 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15. The Ark, 316 Main St., Ann Arbor, Cover charge. II ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org HARVEY THOMPSON TRIO 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 10.

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Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 vocal/piano/bass trio URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a m Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Free, 21 and older

WINDSOR JAZZ SERIES Presents an all Ellington concert with the Parkwood Records All-Stars and guests Bob Seeley, Ray Manzerolle and Dee Dee McNeil, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at Moot Court, University of Windsor Law Building, University at Sunset. \$10, \$15 in advance, at the door \$12, \$17. Prices Canadian, (519) 944-9798

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ner show package); Chris Titus, 8:15

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WORLD MUSIC

Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water

(248) 650-50/0; 10 p.m. Wednesday

April 14. Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main

(248) 543-4300; 7 p.m. Thursday, April

St., Rochester Free. 21 and older.

St., Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older

15. Gameworks inside Great Lakes

Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn

Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-

10.30 p.m. Saturday. April 10,

THE ARTICLES

LATIN BALL WITH CUBANISMO Featuring Jesus Alemany, 8 p.m. Friday, April 16. Eastern Michigan Convocation Center, 799 Hewitt, Ypsilanti. \$30 dance pass, \$20 general admission seating. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org **BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO** With Mem Shannon, 6:30 p.m. and

10:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$15 advance, \$17 in advance, 19 and olde (734) 996-8555 or http://www.99music.com (Zydeco)

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Dearborn, (313) 584-8885 **CULTURE VULTURES** MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE 8-10 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Espresso Ralph Harris through April 11, also Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main St., Ann appearing Jeff Margrett; Kathleen Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 Madigan Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, April 14-15 and 18 (\$10) and (bluegrass/swing) riday-Saturday, April 16-17 (\$15), also

CATHY FINK AND MARCY MARXER 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (bluegrass/folk) IAN KRIST With Brooks Williams and Ric Hordinski, 7 p.m. Friday, April 16,

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Farmington Road, Farmington, Free.

enelope Scambly Schott, 2:30 p.m.

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Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Fox Theatre, th://www.a2ark.org 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$27.50 ind \$35. All ages. (248) 433-1515 JIM PERKINS 9 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and Friday. THE REV. BILLY C. WIRTZ 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11, The Ark, 316 April 16, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or (313) 886-8101; 9:30 p.m. Wednesda April 14, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400

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POETRY THE ALLIGATORS 9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Ford Road Bar OPEN MIKE SERIES Features Linda Nemec Foster (Living in and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. the Firenest) and Barbara Drake (Peace Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 at Heart, An Oregon Country Life), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at Barnes and ALMIGHTY GROOVE Noble, Six Mile and Haggerty, With R.U.I. and Sin-Embargo. 10 p.m.

Saturday, April 10, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 Sunday, April 11, Magic Bag, 22920

and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock) BILL BARCALOW 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10. Fire Academy Brewery and Grill 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland, Free. 21 and older. (734) 595-1988 (easy lis-

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Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older 313) 964-6368 (blues) BIG SAM 9 p.m. Friday, April 9, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St.,

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p.m. Friday, April 9, CK Diggs. 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills, Free 21 and older (248) 853-6600; 9:30 p.m. riday Saturday, April 16-17, 5 Hole. 2211 Woodward Ave . Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older (313) 471 3300

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Arbor Road, Plymouth, Free, 21 and

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Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Free.

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961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

6 30 p.m. Friday, April 9, Van Gogh's

ake Road, Farmington Hills, Free.

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FOOLISH MORTALS 7 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Gameworks, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills, Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (rock) With Clone Defects, 9 p.m. Thursday. April 15, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave.

Detroit, Cover charge, 21 and older,

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9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. April 9-10. Bogey's, 142 Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441; 10 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak, Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 10 p.m. Friday, April 16, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 656-7700 (rock) HARRINGTON BROS.

8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, Fox and ounds, 1560 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS 9 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Arbor Brewing Co., 116 E. Washington St. r. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393; 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, Copper Canyon Brewery; 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield Free. 21 and older. (248) 223-1700

ELVIS HITLER With Understated and Gumshoe 49, 10 o.m. Saturday, April 10, Lili's, 2930 lacob, Hamtramck, \$5, 21 and older (313) 875-6555 or ://www.tilis21.com (punk

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Borders Books Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334and Music, 17141 Kercheval, Grosse ointe. Free. All ages. (313) 885-1188 http://www.concentric.net/~hope (alternative rock) MILES HUNT

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IMPERIAL TEEN Featuring Roddy Bottum, formerly of Faith No More, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall. 431 E. Congress, Detroit, \$8. All ages (313),961-MELT or tp://www.961melt.com (rock)

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m Thursday, April 8, Blind Pig. 206 208 S First St. Ann Arbor \$6 19 and MARILYN MANSON With Nashville Pussy, 7 p.m. Thursday April 15. The Palace of Auburn Hills.

With Propeller and Queen Bee, 9:30

Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. Hole, Imperial Teen and Monster Magnet ar off the bill. \$35 reserved and ge admission floor. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

With Kuz, 9 p.m. Friday, April 9, Gold Bloomfield Hills. Free. All-ages. (248) Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cove 644-4800 (pop) charge, 21 and older, (313) 833-6873 or http://golddollar.com; With Tubring, KRISTIN SAYER 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, 5 Hole in The 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, Blind Pig. 206-207 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 Second City, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. and older. (734) 996-8555 (experimen-(313) 471-3300; 10 p.m. Saturday April 10, Atwater Block Brewery, 237 STONEY MAZAAR AND THE los Campau, Detroit, Free, 21 and

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4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6..18 Club. 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cove and older. (313) 833-9700 (rock) charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 MASHING PUMPKINS With Queens of the Stone Age, 8 p.m JULIE NAGER Saturday, April 10, St. Andrew's Hall With Sara Bursac, 8-9:30 p.m. Friday, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, \$25. All April 16, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse ages. (313) 961-MELT or inside Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hil http://www.961melt.com (roc

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Ave., Detroit, \$5, 18 and older, (313) 832-2355 (pop) ROBB ROY 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, Tower Records, 1214 S. University St., Ann Arbor, Free, All ages, (734) 741-9600

PAM AND SCOTT 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, Fire Academy Brewery and Grill, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland, Free. 21 and older. (734) 595-1988 (easy lis-

ROBERT PENN 9 p.m. Friday, April 9, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland Free, 21 and older, (248) 644-4800

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all your names right here!" Now that the Big Apple has gone Disney and is making nice to its guests, the current version of "The Out-Of-Towners" downplays Manhattan as Evil Island. At the same time, it aggrandizes the notion that an ad man from Columbus, Ohio, can't find his

Columbus, I've got a few bones to

awrence, who wrote this one. But that aside, the funny bone also gets a hearty workout thanks to the well-honed workmanship of Goldie Hawn, Steve Martin and John Cleese. Having just seen their

pick with Simon and with Marc

youngest child off to college, Henry and Nancy Clark are off to New York. He, to save his career with a job interview the next day; she, to save their marriage with some spontaneity. It seems that while Henry (Martin) welcomes his empty-nester years as a chance to catch up on his reading, Nancy (Hawn) wants to

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Goldie's not taking anything from anybody, including a desk sergeant who's definitely picked the wrong blonde to mess with. The Hawn-Martin partnership works better here than in 1992's "Housesitter," in part because they are partners, paddling together against the same currents. They are veterans with sharp instincts who know how to twist the line they're given just

not the whiney, wimpy Sandy

Dennis interpretation, no siree

John Cleese has done the same stiff Brit stuff since his Monty Python days, but who does it as well? All right, Sir John Gielgud in "Arthur," but who else? Somebody out there say Arthur Treacher? You're dating us both.

the other guy.

so to make it their own, comple-

menting without compromising

"The Out of Towners" often goes over the top in its silliness slo-mo passing of a salami as a football), but also has some inspired gags like a rental car's navigation system gone haywire. Now that's something they should have saved for "The Out



Comedy: Henry (Steve Martin) and Nancy (Goldie hawn) star in "The Out-Of-Towners."

This 'Squad' is lost in time

"One black. One white. One blond." In 1968, with that indelible catch phrase, a television series broke new ground, reflecting with true grit a generation's rage and frustration. The big screen remake of "The Mod Squad" is more like a broken record, with characters we've seen and platitudes we've heard all too often.

Set in the present, there's the ghetto dweller with no hopes of getting out, the rich kid who steals for kicks and the streetwise runaway. Linc, Pete and Julie are losers to everyone but LAPD Captain Adam Green (Dennis Farina), who gives them one chance to pull themselves

These kids can get into a thousand places we can't," Greer tells his snickering cop buddies. So undercover they go, to a

nightclub where foul doings are afoot. "It feels like there's something wrong going down in there." says Julie (Clare Danes), with the kind of keen investigative insight that police training apparently doesn't teach.

But the real ugly stuff is 'going down" right there in the police station, where some drugs have disappeared. Shades of "Serpico!" It looks like everyone's into it up to their badges except

need to get some evidence."

ty much muttered "Aw c'MON" Greer and his three young throughout. As for the first gen-"This is like one of those dirty we'll take the original Pete's using too many recipes at the cop drug things," concludes Pete brooding over the new Pete's same time. Giovanni Ribisi). "Right on," James Dean wannabe mumbling answers Julie. Linc (Omar Epps) and the original Julie's dew-eyed sunset of Venice Beach Pier is an doesn't say much. Pete comes up hippie over Danes' little girl lost. obvious finish, including a nod to

are equally strong, equally And on it goes. Director and unbridled in their urban anger. co-writer Scott Silver stated that "we didn't want to alienate the

Cool: Giovanni Ribisi (left to right), Claire Danes and

Omar Epps star as three juvenile delinquents with a

shot at redemption in "The Mod Squad.

still doesn't say much.

never heard of it."

ed young actors with him.

The kids in the audience pret-

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young daughters in an attempt to find

the peace and happiness that have elud-

Most confusing is the blending of eras on screen, whether intentional or accidental. Some of the older audience that fondly remembered the TV show but we bad guys still wear chains and love beads. The cars look like had it make it for kids today who they should have Hubert! Humphrey bumper stickers. Pete! Sorry, but he missed on both counts, taking down some talentcan't say two words without one of them being "man," "dude" or defrosted from the '60s like Austin Powers, fine, but the comeration of "Squad" watchers, mittee that cooked this up was

with a brilliant strategy: "We Epps earns a toss-up versus the original series that brazenly maxi-Afro'd Clarence Williams suggests a sequel. They should "Let's do it!" cries Julie. Linc III of the TV series. Their Lincs just keep walking.

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Colin James and The Little Big "The original ideas were con-"Colin James The Little Big Band II," which and The Little hit stores earlier this year. It fea- at the Magic Bag, 22920 Wood-Big Band I" in tures James' masterful guitar ward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets are work and covers of songs by Ray Charles ("Mary Anne"), Willie Dixon ("You Know My Love") and Cab Calloway ("C'mon With (when I'd) say the C'mon"). "It's nice to be able to return

and do an album when a few ump up and go 'great.' There more people are pointed that way (swing/jump blues)." A Vancouver resident, James is inspired more by "early rock 'n' roll" than swing.

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"jump blues."
Well, things weren't so bad. It "I guess when I started playing this stuff, it was really early rock reached double platinum in 'n' roll that I was shining on; Canada, where hitting platinum swing being a big part of that means selling 100,000 copies. In just because that's the way it the United States, one million was back then. But from Ray sales certifies platinum Charles to Jackie Wilson to The album "reached a lot of Louis Jordan to that whole pre-

tion was luke-

'swing record.'

everybody didn't

"At the time,

warm at best.

societies and dance clubs. I'd go rock 'n' roll era. It's got a lot of down to LA and walk into a restaurant and they'd be playing the record. I'd go, 'You heard about this thing? I think it was a kitsch thing at the time. People who were into the jump blues thing kind of picked up on it."

was a lot of dead-pan looks and,

Why would you want to release

record like that?" said James

who prefers to call his music

"We really felt like we were When his "time was up" at Virswimming up stream. Although I gin Records, he jumped to Elekdidn't mind that because there's tra in the dawning days of some kind of joy in feeling like you're doing something that was swing's resurgence. However, he took time off from that genre and really different, you know? ... I released a rock/blues album. think the worst thing that can "Bad Habits," in 1995 with an happen is people going to listen all-star cast - Lenny Kravitz on to some music they might not lis clavingt, and Kim Wilson and ten to otherwise and people get hip to some of the great early

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As an elementary school student, Finger Eleven vocalist Scott Anderson learned early on to feel comfortable with himself. "One of the bands I that I

latched onto so early was Genesis and Peter Gabriel. In grade five or six; that's all I would listen to. But nobody really understood Genesis, especially when you're a 12-year-old kid. I used to write it on my binder. It was really geeky and I was totally comfortable with that," Anderson great music," said James who said with a chuckle. has opened for the Rolling Stones, Keith Richards and Ste-

Anderson, an Ontario, Canada resident, attributes his musical tastes to his brother, Sean, the With "Colin James and the Litbassist for Finger Eleven. tle Big Band I," James added, "I was pretty lucky because

Sean, who's my older brother, always had friends coming over with this great music." Finger Eleven and its debut album "Tip" (Wind-Up Records) is closer to guitar rock than prog rock. It wavers between full-on

Anderson said about "Tip." ing with our boredom and it turned into what we put on the

"It was really nice to be so

proud of something. You can't say that all the time." Although he's proud of "Tip," Anderson explained that most ple prefer the live show

"It's got a great energy level to it. That's what most people latch onto. That reaction is immediate. You'll occasionally get someone who comes up to you and says, 'Wow.' They can identify with a lyric or two. That'll make my

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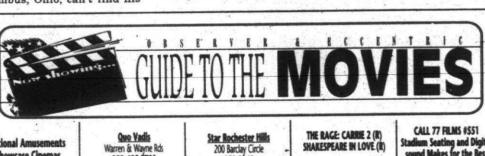
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Diners rush to Risata before the show or game

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In a race to beat the clock, the staff at Risata works hard to get customers to the show on time.

"Everyone comes to dinner at the exact same time, and leaves at the same time," said executive chef George N. Kalergis. "It's really difficult to make sure everyone gets to the show on

Risata in the Second City Building on Woodward Ave. in Detroit is a popular dinner destination for people going to shows at the Fox, Detroit Opera House, and Orchestra Hall.

At lunchtime, the restaurant is filled with downtown office workers and construction workers busy at work on the new Tiger Stadium across the street.

There are three restaurants in the Second City-Detroit building. On the main floor is the Risata Lobby Bar. Risata is on the second level, and The 5 Hole, a sports bar, on the third.

Risata's lunch menu features daily specials, a variety of sandwiches and soups including a Burger of the Day. Fish and chips are offered on Fridays, and the Cajun Chicken BLT sandwich, Great Corned Beef Reuben, and Tuna Melt are lunch bunch favorites.

Kalergis, of Sylvan Lake, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, emphasizes "freshness and top quality ingredients."

He describes his dinner menu as American cuisine with international influences.

Where: 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit (in the Second City Building), (313) 964-5833.

Hours: Open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight Friday; 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday; 5-8 p.m. Sunday.

Menu: American cuisine with international emphasis

Cost: Moderate

Reservations: Recommended for dinner Cost: Soups, salads, appetizers and sandwiches (Risata Lobby Bar Menu), \$2.50 to 7.95; starters and salads (Risata menu) \$2.95 to \$9.95; pasta and grains \$10.95 to \$17.95; entrees \$13.95 to

Credit Cards: All majors accepted Carry-out: Lunch only

Almond encrusted white fish is a great seller. "We get a lot of compliments on that," said

Grilled lamb chops are also popular. They're served with sundried tomatoes, wild mushrooms and au gratin potatoes.

Pasta dishes include Penne Pasta tossed with pan seared scallops with tomatoes roasted peppers and Creole sauce, Linguine with wild mushrooms, Proscuitto ham, tomatoes and scallions, and Fettuccine tossed with your choice of Pesto, Marinara or Alfredo sauce. You can also add chicken or shrimp for a little extra: Vegetarian offerings include Ratatouille tomato, pepper, zucchini, eggplant served over polenta.
The House Smoked Salmon fil-

let is served over a bed of lentil ragout, dill creme fraiche and crispy fried onions. The menu also offers a New York Strip Steak topped with Shrimp Scampi, fried onion mashed potatoes and a medley of vegeta-bles, and Grilled Filet of Beef

with roasted peppers, garlic, Gorgonzola and au gratin potatoes. Chicken Marsala with wild mushrooms, herb risotto and medley of vegetables is another delicious choice.

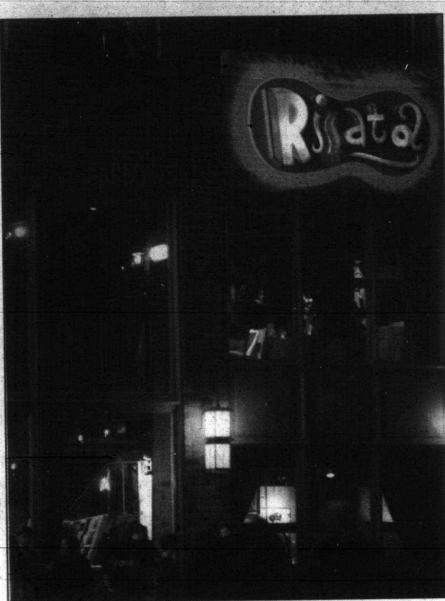
Your sweet tooth will be satisfied at Risata. Kalergis says the Sour Cream Apple pie is to die for. The Tiramisu is also very

The Lobby Bar Menu features variety of soups, salads, appetizers and sandwiches.

On the third level, hockey fans gather at the 5 Hole. You can watch the game on TV, play pool, or video games. In the summer there's live entertainment on the third level deck. Bands perform Friday-Saturdays, beginning at 9 p.m. The 5 Hole is open 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday-Sunday.

The 5 Hole menu offers chicken wings, nachos, sandwiches and burgers.

'It's very quick food," said Kalergis. "It's gets crazy here during home games."



Dinner destination: Before the show, or game, down town diners flock to Risata in the Second City Detroit Building on Woodward to grab a quick bite to eat, or enjoy a leisurely dinner.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygo-nik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591e-mail or kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

New restaurant 207 S. Old Woodward, inside Lonestar Coffee Co., downtown Birmingham (248) 642-SOUP began serving on March 29.

In celebration of their grand opening, owners Jay Rosett and David Trepeck are donating all profits from the weekend of April 9-10 to Detroit's Capuchin Soup

Soup's On! features eight gourmet soups daily served in 8 ounce, 12 ounce, 16 ounce and quart sizes. Six of the soups will rotate on a daily basis, and two popular mainstays will remain on the menu everyday. Customers will also be offered a wide variety of fresh-baked breads to accompany their soup

CHOCOLATE DEMO PROGRAM

Presented by world-renowned Pastry Chef Ewald Notter, Saturday and Sunday, April 10-11 at the Lark Restaurant. The class and lunch will begin at 10:45 a.m. and will end after dessert is served between 3:30 and 4 p.m. The cost is \$100 per person. Reservations are a must. Call (248) 344-2197.

Chicago-based restaurant concept specializing in fresh pan-Asian cuisine will open its first Michigan restaurant Friday, April 16 at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills, Baldwin Road Exit off I-75 in the Great Lakes Walk section of the Mall near Entry No. 6.

The main attraction at Stir Crazy Cafe is a create-your-own stir-fry bar where guests can select from a wide variety of meats, vegetables, noodles, and homemade Asian sauces and then interact with a wok chef to

create their own stir-fry dish. The restaurant also features an extensive menu of fresh Asian inspired fare including crispy sesame calamari with wasabi cocktail sauce, wok seared tuna sashimi, sesame caesar salad, kung pao noodles and Stir Crazy's wonton banana dessert. Menu prices will range from \$6.95 to \$9.95 for lunch and \$7.95 to \$13.95 for dinner. The restaurant will be open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. The restaurant will unofficially open April 9-15 with a series of test servings with the proceeds going to Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County and United Way of Oakland County. Following a VIP Reception on April 13, the restaurant will officially open for business on April 16. For more

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FIVE LAKES GRILL

Cooking Demonstration with wine and food pairings at Five Lakes Grill, 424 N. Main, Milford, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17. Cost \$110 per person all inclusive. Chef/proprietor Brian Polcyn will conduct a formal two-hour cooking demonstration followed by the essentials of food and wine pairing presented by General Manager/Sommelier Edwards. Call (248) 684-7455 for reservations/information.

P.F. CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO

Popular P.F. Chang's China Bistro in Somerset Collection South, Troy, does not take reservations, but has adopted "call seating." Just give the restaurant a call (248) 816-8000 a half hour before you plan to arrive and if there's a wait list (which there will be on weekend evenings), your name will be added. Upon arrival, notify the host staff that you called ahead.

When your name reaches the top of the list, you'll be seated at the next available table.

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house & Lobster Bar. Enroll at (248) 646-0370 Extension 216 or any URC restaurant or Deli Unique.

OUTDOOR DINING

Big Rock Chop & Brew House, 245 S. Eton, (south of Maple) Birmingham (248) 647-7774; Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant, 4480 Orion Road, Rochester (248) 651-8361 and the three East Side Mario locations 2273 Crooks Road (northeast corner of M-59) Rochester Hills (248) 853-9622; 31630 Plymouth Road (west of Merriman) Livonia (734) 513-8803 and 29267 Southfield Road (between 12 and 13 Mile Roads) in the Southfield Commons Shopping Center (248) 569-9454 have officially opened their patios.





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Apr. 8th; Frl., Apr. 9th & Sat., Apr. 10th











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