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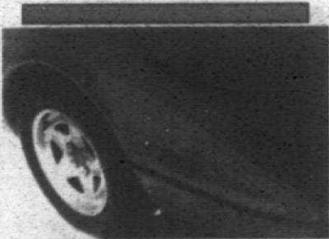
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Theater: "Cactus Flower," opening Friday, March 24, in the Liberal Arts Theatre at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, takes the audience back to the 1960s. The cast includes Christopher Curd of Canton and Brian Taylor of Plymouth. / E1

Music: On Saturday, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents "Scenes and Landscapes," a concert featuring guest accordionist Peter Soave. / E1

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3 teens busted in crime spree

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Three Canton teenagers believed to be involved in a Virginia armed robbery led township police on a chase that ended in Monroe County Friday.

Two of the teens are 16-year-olds while the third is 19. The names of all three are being withheld by police due to age and the pending arraignment of the 19-year-old.

He's currently being held in the Wayne County Jail, Canton police Sgt. Charles Raycraft said. The two younger suspects are currently in a Wayne County youth home, he added.

All three are facing extradition to Virginia on armed robbery charges.

"It's possible all three could be tried

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Birchler resigns following criticism

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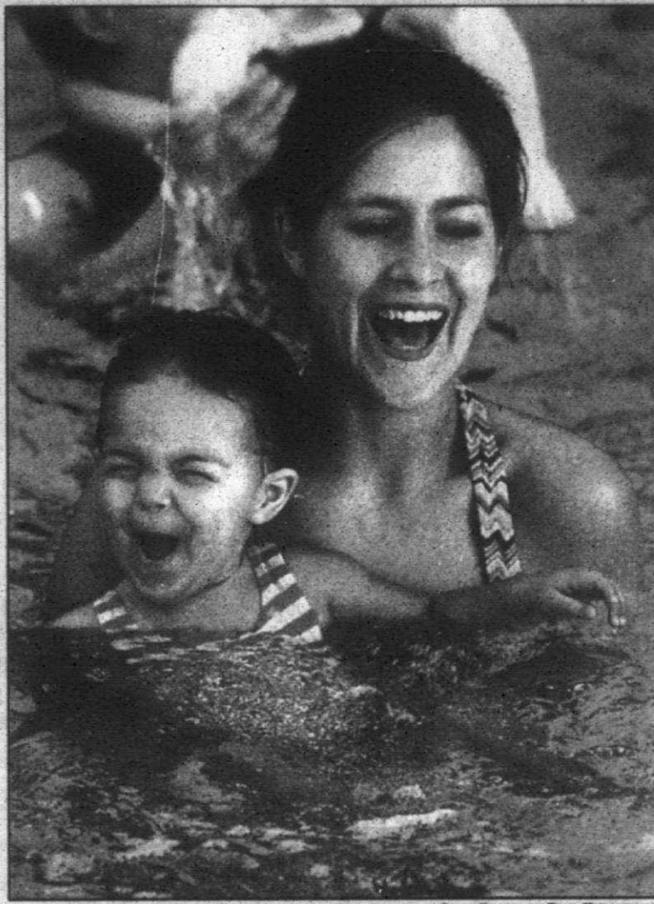
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The news release says the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has accepted the resignation of John Birchler, executive director for business and operations.

In reality, several trustees during regular meetings have been openly critical of Birchler's work, and an exec-

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Making waves at the Summit



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

First dip: Kelyndra Vieira and daughter Emilia, 17 months, enjoy themselves in the Parent/Infant Water Exploration class with instructor Jessica Byrne at the Summit on the Park Aquatics Center last week. At right, Ryan Shaw, 17 months, gets a quick dunk in the pool from his mother, Lori. The six-week class for parents and infants (6 to 18 months) meets Monday mornings, and there is another class Saturday mornings.



Builder avoids jail term

■ Roy Mason will have to repay thousands of dollars to Canton residents for decks and other home improvements the builder promised but never completed. Judge David Kerwin also placed Mason on probation for five years.

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A Livonia man convicted of defrauding more than a half-dozen metropolitan Detroit residents will not go to jail. Builder Roy B. Mason, 43, was sentenced to five years probation and was ordered to repay thousands of dollars to victims by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge David Kerwin Tuesday.

"What you owe them," the judge told Mason sternly, "is the bare minimum of what you took from them. If there are any violations of the conditions of your probation, I will put you in jail."

Mason pled guilty to eight counts of obtaining money under false pretenses over \$100. He could have received up to 10 years in jail, a \$5,000 fine or both on each count.

"I would've like to see him do some jail time," said Canton resident Adonna Wright, whom Mason swindled out of more than \$12,000. "But I am glad for the restitution."

Bruce Conroy, a Canton resident who claims that Mason took \$2,860 from him, agreed. He was skeptical of ever getting his money back.

"It's hard to believe that he would ever do the right thing," Conroy said.

Mason was also convicted of defrauding Plymouth and Northville township residents. Canton Police Detective Steve Miller said Mason is facing similar charges in Oakland and Livingston counties.

Mason was scheduled for trial on the Wayne County charges a year ago, but failed to appear. Police finally caught up with him in Livonia on Dec. 22. He has been held in the Wayne County jail since.

The list of Mason's victims is lengthy.

He told Wright he'd build decks and ramps for her house and her mother's. Wright told Kerwin she paid Mason

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Going for the gold: Pulis Tarka (left) and Shegi will return to the Detroit Kennel Club dog show at Cobo Hall this weekend, along with owners Elizabeth Keller and Marge Wulf of Canton.

Show time

Owners hope shaggy dog story has happy ending

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Elizabeth Keller of Canton will be among dog owners with an eye on the prize at the Detroit Kennel Club dog show - only her dogs' shaggy manes may prevent them from seeing the prize as well as she does.

She and friend Marge Wulf will be showing male pulis Tarka, 10 and Shegi, 3, in the "best of breed" category at the dog show at Cobo Hall Saturday and Sunday. The dogs, both former "best of breed" winners, will be among 2,000 dogs encompassing 150 different breeds expected to compete in the 84th annual show.

The medium-sized herding dog is best known for its characteristic shag-

gy coat that, when developed naturally, forms cords that slightly resemble dreadlocks. In older dogs, these cords typically reach the floor.

"I like the coat and it does attract attention," Keller said.

As striking as the coat may look, however, it still creates some grooming problems for owners.

"My job is to see that the cords don't get twisted," Keller added.

Pulis may be shown either corded or brushed, according to information in the American Kennel Club Web site, www.akc.org.

Keller, a retired Redford Union teacher, has been showing pulis for 30 years and has on occasion bred them. Her home contains dozens of puli fig-

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Board follows planners, rejects charter school

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A charter elementary school will not be built at the corner of Warren and Ridge roads.

Canton's Board of Trustees Tuesday denied a special land use request for

National Heritage Academies. It's the second time this year the board has said thanks but no thanks to the Grand Rapids-based company.

The denial was recommended last month by the Canton Planning Commission.

"I think the concept of a charter

school is excellent," said Trustee Phil LaJoy. "But I think because of the size of the site, it's not a good fit."

An overflow crowd in the board's chambers cheered the decision, which was unanimous.

"This is a horrible site for any school," said Eric Krupp, who repre-

sented the Northwest Canton Homeowners Association. "We're against it."

Parcel size and potential impact on the beauty road status of Ridge were among the reasons cited by the board in making its decision.

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Woman reports racial slur

A 35-year-old Canton woman was the victim of ethnic intimidation Sunday, according to Canton Police reports.

She discovered the letters "KKK" written in freshly fallen snow on her car shortly before 8 p.m. The Canterbury Street resident, an African-American, told police she had not been bothered before.

Canton Police have no suspects.

Warrant arrest

A 25-year-old Belleville man was arrested by township police after being pulled over on Ford Road near Morton Taylor Sunday.

Reports said an officer spotted the man, who was driving a 1988 Ford Bronco, not wearing a seat belt. The officer then made a traffic stop at about 2 a.m.

A background check revealed four outstanding warrants for the Belleville man. Two were for driving with a suspended license, one for driving under the influence and a fourth for indecent exposure, reports said.

The man was arrested and transported to Canton's police department without incident.

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Canton Police have no suspects.

Domestic violence

A 39-year-old Canton woman was the victim of domestic violence March 6, according to police reports.

The Aberdeen Street resident asked her 17-year-old daughter to turn her stereo down. Reports said the teen responded by turning the stereo up.

The 39-year-old then attempted to turn the volume down herself. Reports said the teen pushed her mother away and then threatened to kill her.

Police responded to the home and took teenager into custody,

COP CALLS

reports said.

More than \$1,000 worth of equipment and damage was done to a Westland man's car March 7 at Skatin' Station on Joy Road in Canton.

A cell phone, stereo speakers and amplifier were stolen and about \$600 worth of damage was done to the 1991 Ford Escort's moon roof, reports said. The vehicle was parked in the lot of the business from approximately 9:45 p.m. to 11:40 p.m.

A 27-year-old Fowlerville man was arrested March 6 for retail fraud in Canton.

Reports said he attempted to leave Meijer on Ford Road without paying for an organizer. Store officers stopped the man and detained him.

The Fowlerville man was able to escape and climbed on a ladder onto a catwalk above the

store floor, reports said. A short time later the man lost his balance and fell from the catwalk through ceiling tile and onto the floor near the store's entrance. About \$600 worth of damage was done to the store's ceiling.

Reports said he was apprehended and turned over to Canton Police without further incident.

Canton Police report the following crime statistics for the weekend of March 10-12. There were 235 total calls for service, including:

- 21 traffic crashes, 2 crashes with injuries
 - 20 false alarms
 - 8 civil/family troubles
 - 6 larcenies
 - 6 MDOP (destruction of property)
 - 2 UDAA (stolen cars)
 - 1 breaking and entering
 - 1 assault and battery.
- There were no homicides, armed robberies or fatal accidents reported.

No surprise - area Dems go for Gore

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About four dozen people, mostly party faithful, showed up Saturday to cast their ballots at the 13th Congressional District Democratic caucus site in the Plymouth Cultural Center.

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Dennis Galbraith of Canton voted for Vice President Al Gore, as did most of those attending the closed presidential nominating session. "I like his stand on the issues, particularly health care and education," Galbraith said before depositing his yellow declaration into a labeled cardboard box at the front of the small auditorium.

Mary Montgomery of Northville said she was supporting Bill Bradley, the former New Jersey senator who officially withdrew from the race Thursday. Bradley hasn't released the delegates he's won so far and Michigan caucus-goers were allowed to write in any candidate, although Gore and Bradley were the only printed names on the ballot.

Montgomery said she was determined to vote Saturday even though her candidate won't be the Democratic nominee. "I'm proud of my voting record. I haven't missed many elections," she said.

"I like to get out and talk with

people; that's why I don't vote absentee."

Locally, Gore pulled 40 votes and Bradley 7. Saturday's count didn't include absentee voters from the district, who mailed their ballots directly to the state Democratic Party.

Statewide caucus results showed Gore winning by 12,450 to 3,100 votes.

Becky Tavarozzi of Canton, president of the Plymouth-Canton-Northville Democratic Club and chairwoman of Saturday's local caucus, said she was pleased with the turnout.

"It's more than I expected," she said. "Considering the results from Super Tuesday, I thought perhaps people wouldn't bother (to turn out)."

Still, Saturday's caucuses pale when compared to the Feb. 22 open primary, which was dominated by Republican presidential candidates and drew 1.3 million voters statewide, including 23,169 in the five caucus communities (Plymouth, Canton and Northville townships and the



Jennifer Granholm
 cities of Plymouth and Northville).

Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm arrived minutes ahead of the 11 a.m. registration cutoff time to cast her ballot for Gore. "The suspense (over who would win) isn't killing me," she quipped.

"I see the caucus as a community thing, a good chance to get out and talk to people about the issues," said Granholm, a Northville resident and the state's highest ranking Democrat holding elected office.

Earl Harrington, a retired Central Middle School teacher and Gore supporter, said the caucus was "a democratic way to vote."

"Anyone coming here can support the candidate of their choice. We have three boxes - one for Gore, one for Bradley and one marked 'others,'" Harrington said. "I don't feel it (the

closed caucus) is really a deterrent."

The declaration form filled in by participants includes spaces for name, address, Social Security number and candidate preference. It also asked participants to declare that they were of voting age.

The voting took place at 11 a.m. and was followed by brief comments, including a plea from Paul Stevenson, co-chair of the fight to restore fairness to the Michigan Supreme Court.

A flier distributed at the session urged voters to defeat incumbent judges Cliff Taylor, Robert Young and Stephen Markman, all appointed by Gov. John Engler, at the polls in November.

The state elects Supreme Court judges on a non-partisan ballot, although most judges either appointed or elected in recent years have been Republicans, Stevenson said.

There were no speeches from representatives for presidential candidates.

Other Democrats on the November ballot - including U.S. Rep. Lyn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, and U.S. Senate candidate Debbie Stabenow - had representatives distributing bumper stickers and materials at Saturday's caucus.

Most participants left the auditorium by 11:15 a.m.

Artists sought for Liberty Fest

Canton Township would like to extend an invitation to all artists to be involved in the ninth Annual Fine Art and Fine Craft Show at the Liberty Fest 2000. The dates of the show are June 24-25. The hours are from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday.

Artists can choose to display their work under "the big tent" or can bring their own tent.

The art show is a juried show and each participant will be required to submit slides or pictures of their work from the approved categories: Painting, prints, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, drawing, pastel and selected fine crafts. No commercially produced merchandise will be allowed.

Deadline for application submission is April 15. For more information, call Sharon Dillencourt at D & M Studio's at (734) 453-3710.

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On display: Bonnie Berg unpacks items for display at the Canton Historical Museum. The museum's usual early-March opening has been delayed a few weeks for repairs to the building.

Museum ready for season following minor repairs

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Canton's Historical Museum recently received a face-lift.

Ceiling restoration, floor refinishing and a new sign were among projects carried out. Canton Historical Society Trustee Ronni Curtis said the museum should reopen within the next few weeks.

"It required everything in the museum be removed," she said of the work, which was completed near the end of February. "All of the antiques had to be taken out not to be damaged. We packed up every display case."

The building, which is at the corner of Canton Center Road and Heritage Drive, was first constructed in 1849. It served as a school, amazingly enough, until the 1950s.

Originally built with wood, the building burned to the ground in the 1870s. It had been rebuilt with brick by 1884.

In 1977, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools dis-



trict donated it to the historical society to be used as a museum.

Extensive renovations were completed by 1982.

Last summer, the museum received a new cedar roof and cupola. Curtis said the ceiling

was damaged during the process, however.

"The wet plaster got wet and there was peeling and blistering," she added.

Besides ceiling repairs, wooden floors were refinished and minor repairs made. The museum also received a fresh coat of paint.

"It's sparkling clean and fresh," Curtis said of the museum. "We're very pleased with how it looks."

Repairs cost just less than \$6,000 and were paid for out of the historic district commission's budget. Resource Development Manager Mike Ager said.

Work on the museum will continue this summer. Mortar holding the brick structure together will be "touched up," said Ager. In all, about \$20,000 will be spent on museum repairs and improvements, he added.

"We look and see what needs to be done every year," said Ager. "It's part of what we go through with the budget."

Canton hosts Project Healthy Living

Project Healthy Living (Formerly Project Health O-Rama) will be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, April 1 at the Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building.

Project Healthy Living offers free/low cost health screening/testing for individuals ages 18 and over. The Canton site will offer blood pressure, height and weight, vision, and glaucoma screening. In addition

the following blood panels will be available at low cost: Blood panel 23 profile-\$25; PSA (Prostate Cancer Test)-\$25; CA-125 (Ovarian Cancer Test)-\$25; H. Pylori (Ulcer Test)-\$15; and Colorectal Test-\$8.

Project Healthy Living is staffed by volunteers from the community as well as hospitals, clinics, and medical or nursing schools. Additional testing may be offered if resources are avail-

able. Project Healthy Living is sponsored by WXYZ-TV Channel 7 in Detroit, and the United Health Organization A United Way Community Service Agency. Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will host the event in Canton.

For more information, call The Project Hotline at (248) 424-8600 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

the Canton Public Library

Did you know?
 ■ St. Patrick was actually born in Scotland and did not make it to Irish shores until he was kidnapped and sold there as a slave?
 ■ The first electric razor was marketed by Schick, Inc. on March 18, 1931?
 ■ Corned beef is not a traditional Irish food? The beef was borrowed from Jewish-Americans by Irish-American immigrants to use as a substitute for the more expensive and traditional Irish bacon.
 ■ The first patent for a laser was granted on March 22, 1960?
 ■ The Detroit Institute of Arts is the fifth largest art museum in the country?

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 ■ "The Water Is Wide" by Pat Conroy

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 ■ www.talkinghistory.org
 ■ www.alltheweb.com
 ■ www.metmuseum.org

Q&A
 Q: What is Ostara?
 A: Ostara, also called Alban Eilir, is one of the "Lesser Sabbats" during the Wiccan year. Ostara is a fire and fertility festival that marks the beginning of spring. It's held each year on the spring equinox.
 The source for this information is "Chase's 2000 Calendar of Events."

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 ■ "Therapy" by David Lodge

Hot topic of the week
 ■ Van Gogh: Face to Face - the first comprehensive museum exhibition devoted exclusively to Vincent Van Gogh's achievements in portraiture. The show is at the Detroit Institute of Arts through June 4, 2000. The exhibition is divided equally between drawings dating from his early career to the most renowned oil portraits of his later career. The DIA is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. For ticket information, call the Van Gogh Hot Line at (313) 833-8499 or any TicketMaster outlet.
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Hang and dine: Table manners aren't a big concern when you're a squirrel and you've spotted lunch, as this one did while scaling a tree in a Canton backyard Monday.

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Dog show from page A1

urines, which she usually picks up at dog shows.

Puli is a rare breed - only about five are registered in Michigan. The Hungarian dog breed was traditionally used for herding sheep. Statues of pulis dating back to ancient times have been found in the "fertile crescent" area of Mesopotamia, now called Iraq.

Tests conducted on dogs in the 1930s showed that pulis could recognize up to 75 different words, while most dogs only recognize between 12 and 25, according to Wulf.

"They're extremely intelligent," Keller said. "I know everybody thinks their dog is smart, but this breed as a whole is intelligent."

The intelligence comes in handy when teaching obedience, a cinch for puli owners - unless the dog is strong-willed.

"I enjoy the obedience more than anything," Keller said. "It's you and your dog doing something together."

Her older dog, Tarka, though obedient enough, isn't much into proving that in front of dog show judges. That's part of the reason he will compete in the "best of breed" rather than an obedience competition.

"He decided that that was a bunch of nonsense," Keller said. "He does not like to go to shows and does not like to do obedience."

The 2000 Detroit Kennel Club Dog Shows run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, and Sunday, March 19. Ticket prices are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children and senior citizens. They are available at the door and through Ticketmaster. For more information, call (248) 352-7469.



Smart dogs: Pulis are an extremely intelligent breed, says Elizabeth Keller, pictured here with Tarka and Shegi.

MILITARY NEWS

PHYSICAL FITNESS ASSESSMENT

Cadet John I. Faunce, son of William Faunce of Plymouth, finished 10th in the Physical Fitness Assessment at the U.S. Military Academy. By placing 10th,

Faunce has earned a chance to attend the U.S. Special Forces Underwater Demolition and Combat Diver Operations.

He was also selected as Best Barracks Counseling Unit Com-

mander in charge of the counseling and mental welfare of the 1,200 new cadets of the class of 2004. Faunce graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in 1997.

Superintendent gets high marks from trustees

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If Greg Baracy were still in school and getting his report card, he'd be on the honor roll.

Baracy, Wayne-Westland school superintendent, received the highest possible marking, excellent or a five, on his recently completed annual review.

"I have never seen anyone who has worked with such a passion for our students," Robin Moore,

school board president, said during Monday's meeting. She then read a statement praising Baracy.

Baracy was evaluated in eight areas: professional leadership and personal qualities; curriculum and instruction; community relations; business and finance; employee relations; board relations; intergovernmental relations; and student relations.

The board, in voting unanimously to accept the evaluation,

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echoed Moore's comments. "I would just like to say it's my pleasure to work with Greg," said Secretary Martha Pitsenbarger.

Trustee Richard Elminger added that it's good to have a product of the Wayne-Westland schools in charge.

"He's a pleasure to work with, takes nagging well," said Vice

President Mathew McCusker. "He's everything I want to be when I grow up."

Treasurer Lorne "Skip" Monit cited working on the bond committee with Baracy as a positive experience.

Baracy thanked the board and administrators. "Without that whole team effort, we couldn't accomplish the things we are

accomplishing." This is Baracy's third school year as superintendent.

In accomplishments, the superintendent cited more than 200 students qualified for Merit Scholarships on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test. Baracy will receive a 2.5 percent raise July 1, following a pay freeze this past year.

His cabinet of administrators will receive the same raise, he said after the meeting.

In other action Monday, the board:

Expelled a female student for bringing a knife to school. Such expulsion is required under state law, board members noted. McCusker expressed concern about what happens to expelled students.

Honored Brett Tavara of Vandenberg Elementary, this year's winner of the Earle Chorbagan District Spelling Bee.

Move

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utive session was recently held about his performance.

Others say Birchler wasn't given the resources to perform his job effectively.

So, the district and Birchler mutually parted ways this week.

"This is a mutually agreed-to arrangement, and at the same time it does signal John is looking at other opportunities," said Superintendent Kathleen Booher. "We will be looking to fill the position soon."

Birchler, who also managed the district's finance, transportation, maintenance, food service and construction operations, will be replaced on an interim basis for the next three months by Dan White, a former Plymouth-Canton finance employee. White recently retired from Bloomfield Hills Schools as assistant superintendent of business services.

"It's time for me to move on and look at something different to do," said Birchler. "The job has been very demanding."

"Financially the district is in great shape. Discovery Middle School will open on time and within budget, and the district is in a financial position to open the new elementary and high schools. I feel good about that."

Spree

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as adults down there," Raycraft said.

The teens are also suspects in armed robberies in Kentucky and Tennessee, he added.

The teenagers were driving a 2000 Chevy Cavalier when state police caught up with them near Milan. The vehicle, Raycraft said, belonged to one of the teens' parents.

Stolen car or any other charges from his department have yet to be determined, he added.

According to police reports, the Cavalier was stolen Feb. 22. Police believe the two juveniles went to the Kentucky-Tennessee area after taking the car, returned to Michigan March 1 and then headed back south after picking up the 19-year-old.

On March 9, the three suspects were allegedly involved in robbing a convenience store in Dickinson County, Va., reports said. A victim and witness reported that a shotgun was used during the robbery and gave descriptions matching the three Canton teens.

Police believe the teens headed north after the hold-up.

Friday's chase with the trio began about 9:30 p.m. in a subdivision north of Warren Road and west of Canton Center.

It proceeded from the subdivision south to Warren and then west out of the township. Reports said the teens headed to Gottfredson Road and then went south to Cherry Hill.

Township officers terminated their pursuit near I-94 and US-23, Raycraft said. Michigan State Police then picked up the chase and apprehended the teens in Monroe County near Milan, reports said. Raycraft said the Cavalier crashed into a state police patrol car. One of the suspects was slightly injured in the crash, he added.

Two loaded rifles were recovered from the Cavalier. One of the rifles had been reported stolen in a London, Ky., gun shop burglary, reports said.

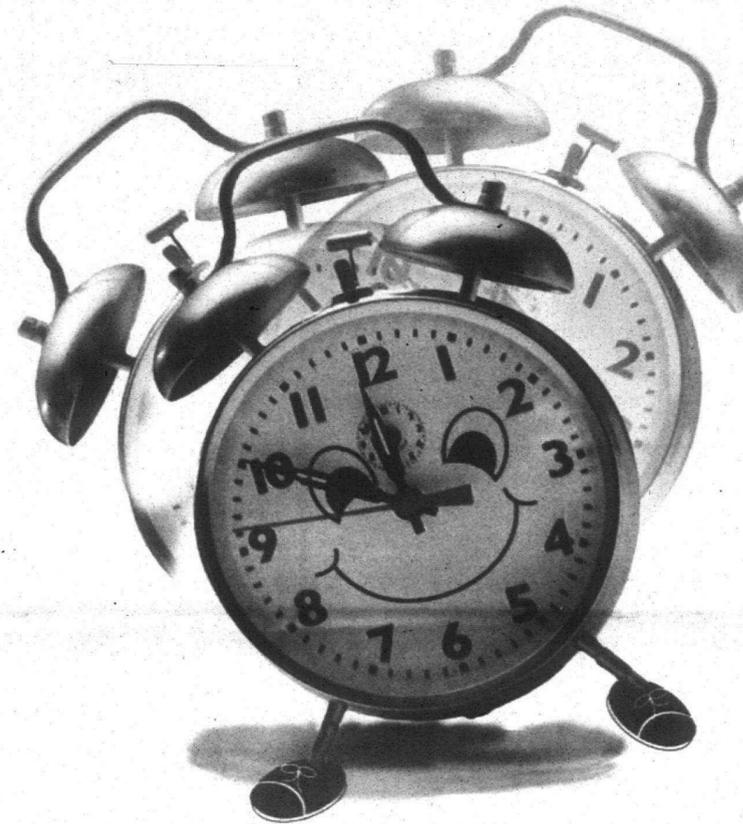
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\$12,313 for work that he never completed.

"He was our neighbor," she added. "We could see his house from our window. I thought, 'he's not going to stiff me, he's my neighbor.' But it was lies from day one."

Conroy told a similar story. He contracted Mason in 1998.

"I gave him every opportunity to finish the job through out the summer," Conroy said. "Mr. Mason deceived a lot of people."

Mason took between \$1,400 to \$5,600 to build decks for other area residents, according to police records.

■ 'If a strong message isn't sent, there will be more victims.'

—John Bowler

\$1,460 from them, respectively, and never completed work.

Bowler described Mason as a con man's con man. He said the builder told numerous stories about his family designed to elicit sympathy.

"He did everything he could to ensure we'd sign a contract with him," Bowler said.

He urged Kerwin to throw the book at Mason.

"If a strong message isn't sent," he said, "there will be more victims."

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Danton Wilson echoed Bowler's thoughts in his remarks

to Kerwin.

"You almost want to feel sorry for Mr. Mason," he said, noting the endless sob stories he told victims. "That's what makes him so dangerous."

In giving Mason probation, the judge told him he must pay each victim back in full. Otherwise, Kerwin said, he would spend the final year of probation in a work-release program.

"If you don't fulfill your obligation," Kerwin said, "you will spend that year in a (correctional) facility."

The judge said he wanted to see Mason's victim's repaid, which is why he didn't assign jail time, Kerwin said.

For his part, Mason said he was sorry to victims that appeared in court.

"I would like to apologize to everyone," he said. "I intend to pay restitution."

Kerwin said Mason needed to show his victims the money, however.

"They've got to see Mr. Green," he commented, "before they believe your sincerity. So do I."



In court: Roy Mason at an earlier court appearance in Plymouth. The builder avoided jail time but must pay restitution to local residents.

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"I'm concerned about traffic at this particular site," Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter added. "I will be voting to deny."

NHA first proposed a charter school for Beck and Hanford. Similar concerns led to a board denial last March.

Plans for the Warren/Ridge site emerged late last year. Canton's Planning Commission, however, denied NHA Jan. 10 and again Feb. 28 even after major plan revisions.

Tim Stoepker, an attorney for National Heritage, outlined those revisions Tuesday.

"We went back and looked at our proposal from many different perspectives," he told the board.

The first change was to make the school, which was to serve up to 650 students, two stories. Stoepker said it allowed the school's entrance to be moved from Ridge to Warren, thereby saving Ridge's natural beauty road status.

Making a two-story school would also create more open space — some 240,000 square feet — for playgrounds, Stoepker said.

"I'm not against charter schools," she said. "I'm for you. But I'm not for this site."

A few residents spoke in favor of the development.

"I would like to see it up and running," said Rose Lang, who spearheaded a supporting petition drive. "I gave the public school a fair chance. It failed me and my children."

Husband Ted Lang agreed. "I think it's a responsible use of the land," he said.

Three named to Dean's List

Three Plymouth-Canton graduates have been named to the Dean's List at Albion College for the Fall 1999 semester.

They are Michael J. Kowalski, Dana E. Lobelle and Daniel B. Holland.

Kowalski is a senior majoring in German and women's studies. He is the son of John D. and Susan C. Kowalski of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

Lobelle is a first-year student at Albion. She is the daughter of Donald E. and Joan C. Lobelle of Hudsonville and a graduate of Canton High School.

Holland is a sophomore. He is the son of Brian P. and Carol L. Holland of Canton and a graduate of Canton High School.

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.0.

Bill would protect privacy of genetic testing

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■ 'We don't want people to avoid getting the medical tests they need out of fear that the DNA information could be used against them later.'

Rep. Gerald Law
R-Plymouth

Health insurers won't be able to view genetic information about prospective policyholders before deciding whether to sign them up, under a bill approved by the Michigan House and Senate and now awaiting final approval by the governor.

"We don't want people to avoid getting the medical tests they need out of fear that the DNA information could be used against them later. They should not be afraid to have the genetic tests they need so that they can start getting the treatment they need, if there is a treatment that would be helpful to them," Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, explained.

Blue Cross supports the package, as does the Michigan State Medical Society.

They received strong support in the Legislature. The main bill, Senate Bill 591, passed in a 37-0 vote in the Senate and a 106-0

vote in the House.

Some think the bills don't go far enough. The Michigan Jewish Conference has argued the rules should be extended to bar insurance companies from considering all aspects of family

medical history. The American Civil Liberties Union argues genetic information contained in patient's medical records could still fall into the hands of the insurance companies.

Other pieces of the package also address the storage and disposal of genetic samples. When genetic tests are taken in a criminal investigation, in paternity cases, or in blood testing of newborns, the law currently is not clear how or for how long the samples will be retained. The bills give the Department of Community Health orders to create rules regarding how long

such records are to be retained and when they will be destroyed.

While the bills address health insurance, they do not prohibit life insurance companies from considering DNA information.

"That's a whole 'nother issue," Law said. "Life insurance companies do look at a number of factors that affect how long you will live. They look at medical history and whether or not you smoke. That's different. Medical insurance is seen as a necessity. Life insurance is not seen as the same thing."



State Rep. Gerald Law

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Husk says complaints warrant Friend of Court audit

BY RICHARD PEARL
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A Wayne County commissioner said Tuesday that, despite being told the day before that changes are coming in Friend of the Court operations, she still wants an audit.

"It (FOC operations) is a very important item," said Kathleen Husk, R-Redford Township, following a meeting Monday to discuss Friend of the Court operations with FOC officials.

The telephone in her office "may not be ringing off the hook" with complaints from constituents about problems with the agency, she said. "But whenever it's brought up, people chime in" with their own experiences.

Friend of the Court, part of Wayne County's Circuit Court system, handles divorce matters relating to child support and parental rights.



Kathleen Husk

Husk said she's heard of child support payments made but never received by the custodial parent, of errors in payment

records and of long waits on the telephone for service.

People have complained to her about having to leave work to make copies of their canceled checks and then take them to the FOC office. "What a pain!" she remarked.

Another problem, she said, is that FOC referees handling the same case, but at different times, apparently don't confer with each other and thus make conflicting decisions.

She was pleased by Monday's meeting and the information she received about planned satellite FOC offices, new record-keeping programs and other things.

"I want to see what's going to happen," Husk said. "I want to see things get improved."

'Majority good'

Her own inquiries have shown her, she said, that "the majority of people are good people" when it comes to meeting their court-

ordered obligations.

"That's what makes it so frustrating," she said. "They're not deadbeats, but their names" wind up among those in arrears on support payments.

Husk met with a group headed by Alexander Luvall, the county's top court administrator, which included Elena Kerasiotis, acting FOC director; C. Jane Varner, Family Division administrator; state Rep. Gloria Schermesser; Robert Morris, Wayne County lobbyist and Virginia McCoy, county courts director of special projects.

The commissioner said she was told, among other things, that two satellite Friend of the Court offices would open in western Wayne County by the end of the year; that an FOC Web site offering legal forms is planned; that supervisors would be made available to handle problems clerks can't resolve; and that existing records are to be

scanned into a computer system.

Two years

"That makes sense to me," she said of the latter, even though it will take two years to complete. "It (record-keeping) should be more accurate."

Husk said she also was told that a new automated telephone system running round the clock has been installed to help speed the handling of the 384 calls per day the agency averages.

She said an audit could show, for example, how long it takes FOC personnel to handle each call.

Blocking an operations audit by the county is court officials' claim the county, which provides a little over 25 percent of the FOC's \$150 million annual budget, can only audit its finances.

Wayne County Auditor Brendan Dunleavy reportedly is meeting this week with Luvall on the issue.

Ben Washburn, commission counsel, said the court argues that, since the FOC gets \$70 million in federal funding, "it's not reasonable for the county to audit something it's not funding."

"But the reason we want" to do the audit "is the federal government appears to be withdrawing support in the near future" and the county may be providing more financial support, he said.

"If that occurs, the county may want assurances as to what they are funding is reasonable," Washburn said.

"What we're talking about on the one hand is recognizing the independence of the judiciary, but on the other hand everybody recognizing we have to collaborate," he said.

Husk's approach is similar. "I think they (the FOC) understand we want to help and I hope they will let us in to do a full audit," she said.

Redford father complains about Friend of Court procedures

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Todd Kokko knows well the problems people have with the Friend of the Court system.

The Redford Township resident's divorce is under jurisdiction of the Oakland County FOC, "but it's no better up there than in Wayne," he said.

In his case, he said, he kept

getting notices of being \$158 in arrears on child support payments to his ex-wife, who lives in Walled Lake.

He knew he wasn't behind, but when he got no response to his calls and letters, he requested an audit - and found out from the FOC figures themselves that "they owed me \$650."

Incidentally, he said, although state law requires the audit be

done within 30 days, "it took well over eight or nine months."

When he filed grievances with the FOC, it didn't respond, he said. So, in June 1998, he appealed three of them to the county's chief judge - who also didn't respond.

Kokko enlisted the aid of then-state senator Robert Geake. The chief judge responded with a two-sentence letter saying "he'd get to them (grievances) when he had time," Kokko said.

"To this date, I still haven't heard," he said.

Father of a 12-year-old son, Kokko, who works as an engineer, said he's had to fight to stay involved in the boy's life - first with both his ex-wife and "the system," but now mainly the system.

He told of how one time even the police wouldn't get involved. His ex had denied him his visitation with his son - a felony in Michigan - but the desk officer wouldn't file a report until Kokko demanded the officer be arrested for dereliction of duty.

Not surprisingly, he's involved in father's rights groups and volunteers as a consultant: "I do

counseling to help people along."

He's also purchased the right to use "friend of the court" as a Web site for dispersing information - it's still under construction, he said - and he has used the Freedom of Information Act to compile statistics on Michigan custody awards since 1991.

That showed him that "in about 80-85 percent of the cases, the courts awarded women custody" of the children, with men getting them in only about 7 percent, he said.

"What we truly, honestly believe," he said, "is that the active involvement of both parents" in child-rearing "is critical" whether or not the parents stay together, but that with the current system, "90 percent of the fathers are wiped out of their kids' lives."

"The battles men have to fight to stay involved produce "negativism," he said. "You hit so many walls, you finally ask yourself, 'Why am I killing myself here?' You get beat up and hit on every turn."

He doesn't advocate throwing an ex-spouse in jail for denying visitation rights, but he feels

"It's that important for fathers to be active in (their) child's life" that "if a custodial parent has to be punished, maybe people will learn that child support isn't the only thing" that's important.

As for himself, Kokko said he and his former wife generally have worked things out since that incident. For one thing,

each parent supports the other in disciplinary matters.

And, he says, he couldn't be more proud of how his son is growing up.

"He got in trouble once for spitting out of a school bus window, but if that's the worst he does, I feel fortunate," Kokko said.

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Everybody's Irish

Canton, Plymouth businesses go green for St. Patrick's Day

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St. Patrick's Day falling on a Friday has proven to be a stroke of Irish luck for businesses in Canton and Plymouth.

Two new area businesses - Lynch's costume supply store, 7399 Lilley at Warren in Canton, and Jack Dunleavy's Grill, 340 N. Main in Plymouth - plan to do a good deal of St. Patrick's Day business.

Lynch's, which opened eight months ago, sells St. Patrick's Day items including green hats, green masquerade masks, green wigs, green makeup and hairspray and for the more theatrical, green leprechaun costumes with top hats. Lynch's also has stores in Dearborn and Warren.

"It's a reason to dress up," store manager Pam Ryan said of the holiday, which is a religious and bank holiday in Ireland.

Ryan said she expects last-minute St. Patrick's shoppers, including bars and restaurants, will create a rush of business up until Friday. Many pubs and taverns hand out free goodies like green plastic derby hats to customers on St. Patrick's Day.

Lynch's sales associate Mave-na Ferris said she gets a kick out of watching people transform from reserved wallflowers to mighty pirates, evil witches or sprightly leprechauns when they put on a costume.

"It's fun," Ferris said. "I

reports, costuming is a year-round business, Ryan said.

At Jack Dunleavy's Grill, the focus Friday will be on tradition - Irish beer, grub and live entertainment. The restaurant opened in Plymouth six months ago but has existed at locations in Detroit and Farmington. They are not affiliated with Dunleavy's on Grand River in Farmington. The restaurant is celebrating its 70th St. Patrick's Day this year.

"On St. Patrick's Day, I think everybody can relate to the Irish because it is a happy, festive time," said owner Jack Dunleavy, the son of Irish parents who were born in Boholo, a city in County Mayo.

"Everybody likes to feel a little Irish on St. Patrick's Day."

Providing entertainment throughout the day will be the Guinness Pipe Band, which will play bagpipe music, and the Budweiser Bagpipers. Singer Peter Quinn, formerly a member of the band the Murphysmen, will perform at 7 p.m.

Guinness stout, Caffrey's Irish Ale and two house beers - Dunleavy's red and Irish ales - will flow from the bar taps. Harp lager, also an Irish brew, will be served in bottles.

Green domestic beers will



All dressed up: Gerry Quinn (left), waitress at Jack Dunleavy's Grill in Plymouth, and Sadie Baczynski, restaurant bartender, try on some St. Patrick's Day finery.

watch people come in here and when they start putting a costume on, their whole personality changes."

With Easter roughly six weeks away, many have planned ahead and either purchased or rented Easter bunny suits, Ryan said.

In addition to St. Patrick's Day and Halloween supplies, Lynch's also sells and rents costumes, dance shoes and attire, and skating and gymnastics apparel.

When one counts school plays, dance recitals, theme weddings and even school book



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Eating of the green: Mary Margaret Wojcik of Plymouth, 6 (right), and Hayley Dufresne of Canton, 8, make shamrock pretzels during a St. Patrick's Day party at their after-school latchkey program at Allen Elementary. Below, Kid Time supervisor Kim Delinski helps Greg Pearson of Canton, 8 (from left), Matt Lewandowski of Canton, 9, and Ryan Potter of Plymouth, 10, during the party.

also be served on tap.

As for Irish grub, corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew and fish and chips will be among the selections to choose from.

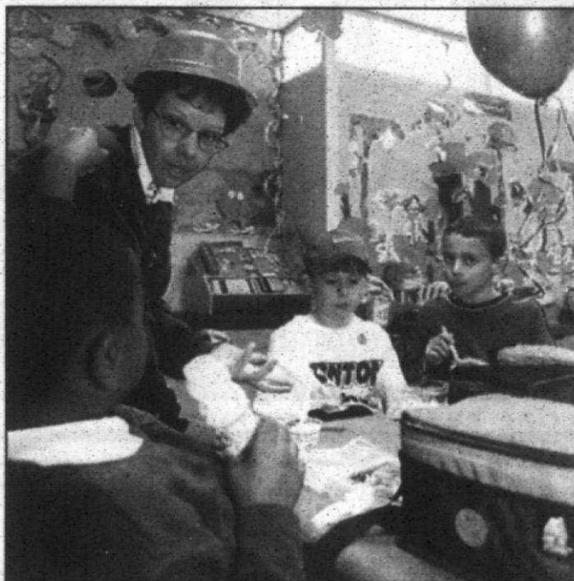
"What we drink is happy and what we eat is happy," Dunleavy said.

Cardinal Adam Maida of the Archdiocese of Detroit announced recently that on St. Patrick's Day, those observing Lent can still have their corned beef and cabbage.

"...I will offer - for those who would like to take it for that day - a dispensation so that Catholics can, in good faith, celebrate the traditions of our Irish heritage and be thankful to the Lord for all the blessings that come to us because of that," Maida said in a WJR radio interview last week.

Dunleavy said such proclamations are typical when St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday.

"I think God's a little Irish anyway," he said jokingly.



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Program helps teachers sharpen math skills

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Some 120 non-tenured teachers in grades 2-5 from across Wayne County will seek this spring to sharpen their mathematics and science teaching skills via a training program created under the auspices of the South Redford School District.

Managing Math and Science, designed by veteran school district instructor Syndee Malek for those with up to three years' teaching experience, will run 3-8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, March 28 to June 8, at eight county sites.

It is one of only seven proposals funded out of 78 submitted to Operation Achievement, a Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (Wayne RESA) program.

A total of \$2 million in funding was provided county school districts and RESA staff.

"We feel the initiatives we've selected will have a significant impact on the children of Wayne County" in terms of "dramatically improving student achievement," said Mike Flanagan, Wayne RESA superintendent.

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A grant of \$184,000 was awarded the proposal by Malek, a Livonia resident who's taught 13 years in South Redford classrooms and has also been a math and science consultant to school districts nationwide for 10 of those years.

The funding will, among other things, provide materials her teachers will learn with and then utilize in their classrooms, she said.

The program will help teachers learn to both "manage the materials and the kids at the same time," Malek said. "It will make the learning process move smoothly and help teachers make the most effective use of time they have available."

"It's a really good professional development experience," she

Ultimately, Malek said, the program will help youngsters understand how to use the tools in the classroom" such as microscopes, balances and weights "in real life."

Flanagan said preference was given "to those proposals that had the capacity to reach the largest potential audience" — such as ones like Malek's which use teleconferencing and video re-broadcasts on the county's cable television station.

"We wanted applicants to really think outside the box and find ways to ensure that everyone benefits from their idea," he said.

Malek said all of her teachers will meet in study groups punctuated by a series of four telecon-

Schoolcraft holds music competition

Students of voice, piano and all band and orchestral instruments are encouraged to audition for the 2000 Honors Recitals sponsored by the Schoolcraft College music department. The annual competition culminates in performances on April 9 and cash prizes. The deadline for application is March 19.

Students in elementary through high school grades are eligible for the piano competition; students in grades 5-12 may enter the instrumental division; and students in grades 9-12 may compete in the vocal category.

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Justin Ravitz challenges racial commitment

BY TRACEY BRINKHAUER
STAFF WRITER

If you had been raised a different color, would your life be vastly different?

Justin Ravitz asked about 50 school administrators, students, dignitaries and community members to ponder that question March 9 during "Civil Rights: Then & Now," an interactive talk sponsored by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council.

The Southfield attorney and former Detroit Recorder's Court judge asked attendees to question their dedication to America's civil rights struggle.

"The problem of the 21st century is the racial divide," he proclaimed. "And at the heart of all discrimination lies the same cancer."

He blamed people in power, including police officers and officials ranging from Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson to Gov. John Engler, for enjoying the benefits of a racist society. He said Detroit cops play the role of an occupational army.

Ravitz said one of his clients was caught Driving While Black in Redford in April of 1999. The police said he had a knife, Ravitz said, although the attorney said he couldn't see it on the police videotape. His client received 17 bullet wounds in his body and walks with a limp from that contact, Ravitz said.

Ravitz said he sued and won. The officers kept their jobs. Ravitz said one of the officers was later fired for raping prostitutes.

"Only we can eradicate this by standing arm in arm and not allowing them to divide and conquer," he said. "It's in my self-interest to live in a self-respecting world where we understand commonality and we're committed to doing all we can."

Ravitz said our civil rights struggle started in 1492, when an arrogant guy stumbled across this country and claimed he discovered it, even though other people were already here.

"We've made progress," he said. "But we're not even close to achieving racial harmony."

With his personal stories of tragedies and successes, Ravitz stirred emotions and memories, bringing some tears.

Many shared personal stories. Growing up in Winston-Salem, N.C., Lasenia Jones remembers the segregated 1950s well.

She stood and shared her story with the group.

"There was nowhere to play, swim or go to the bathroom," she said.

Her parents taught the black girl who would become an elementary school principal how to walk if she spotted a police officer — quickly. She was always to walk in a group, because "in certain areas of the state, things were likely to happen."

At 52, the respected Wooddale principal still refuses to drink from a porcelain drinking fountain.

"They were reserved for us," she said. "We used to refuse to drink from them at all. My family took a cooler in the car. We had everything in the trunk."

Gloria Vanderhugt approached Jones after the talk. The family service coordinator for Farmington Public Schools had a racially

charged upbringing, although she is white.

Vanderhugt lived in a predominantly black area of Chicago. She can remember being the only white kid walking home from school to the projects.

"People would throw bricks and call me names," she said. "Even the police would stop me and ask what I was doing there."

"I know what you mean," Jones said, shaking her head. "I had to intervene for friends who were white, or just fair-skinned."

The multicultural/multiracial council's co-chairman said the event was a success.

"I think the purpose was to create awareness," said Jim Hall. "There's a reason people find themselves in the positions they're in. The group in power bears some responsibility. I'm not playing a victim role here. But they can use their power to elevate people out of that position."

Ravitz called for Farmington to become a model community.

"Lord knows, we need some good modeling, eh?"



Justin Ravitz

OBITUARIES

ANNE BROGAN
Services for Anne Brogan, 72, of Canton Township will be March 14 at St. Richard Catholic Church, Westland with the Rev. Thomas Trepp, officiating. Burial will be in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

She was born July 5, 1928 in Briebain, Pa. She died March 9 at Oakwood Hospital. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her brother, John. Survivors include her husband, John; five children: Nancy (James) Bahdan, Lawrence (Margaret), Gayle (Ray) Sackett, Dennis, Michael (Joretta); three brothers and sis-

ters, Helen, Paul, Nancy; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Local arrangements were made by the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton.

ROBERT G. UHL
Services for Robert G. Uhl, 80, of Plymouth will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 18 at the Meadowbrook Congregational Church. A reception will follow.

He was born Feb. 6, 1920 in Kendallville, Ind. He died March 3 in Ann Arbor VA Medical Center. He was a tax accountant. He attended Walsh Business School in Detroit.

joined a local accounting firm and in 1940 opened an independent accounting practice.

During World War II Mr. Uhl served as a navigator in the Army Air Corps as a lieutenant. On his 10th mission he bailed out of a crippled B-17 over England. A week later, on July 16, 1944 his plane was downed near Munich, Germany and he was a prisoner of war for 10 months. He received the Purple Heart.

He was a member of the Independent Accountants of Michigan, Kiwanis Clubs International and the Plymouth Historical Society and a past commander of Post 390 of the American Legion in Rosedale Park. He was a delegate to the 1968 Republican Convention.

He was preceded in death by one son, Wayne. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; one sister, Phyllis Bradford of Davisburg, Mich.; one son, Gregg Uhl of Salt Lake City; three grandchildren; five step-children; and two step-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were made by the Duzak Funeral Home.

DORIS KATHLEEN (WELBY) REINHOLZ
Services for Doris Kathleen (Welby) Reinholz, 90, will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Wayne County.

She was born Jan. 2, 1910 in Camborne, England. She died March 7 at the Chelsea Retirement Community. She was a teacher in the Detroit Public School district for years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Walter Welby, and Albert A. Reinholz. Survivors include her two nephews, William J. (Sue) Ivey of Dexter, Sam Ivey of Eagle Creek, Ore.; and one niece, Doris (William) Douglas of Ft. Meyers, Fla.

Memorials may be made to the Chelsea Retirement Community. Local arrangements were made by the Staffen-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea.

MEIFANG GUAN
Services for Meifang Guan, 66, of Canton were March 10 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton with the Rev. Haju Murray of Zen Buddhist Temple officiating.

She was born June 14, 1933 in China. She died March 7. She was a teacher in education.

Survivors include her daughter, Betty (Bill) Yee; and three grandchildren.

RICHARD R. GERWATOWSKI
Services for Richard R. Gerwatowski, 70, of Canton Township were held March 10 at the Church of Divine Savior with Rev. Alexander A. Kuras officiating.

He was born Sept. 22, 1929, in Detroit and died March 5 in Ann Arbor. He was a mechanic/shop owner. He formerly lived in Detroit for 17 1/2 years. He lived in Canton for the last 29 years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, J. Renaud Council No. 3292. He was also a member of the Church of Divine Savior, Westland, and the owner of AA Transmission for 30 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Stanley and Josephine Gerwatowski. Survivors include his wife, Pearl Gerwatowski of Canton Township; three sons, Gerard R. (Wendy) Gerwatowski of Livonia, Gregory A. (Candy) Gerwatowski of Laingburg, Mich., and Randy D. Gerwatowski of Royal Oak; two sisters, Jean Hoppe of Detroit and Dolores Nemeth of Redford; one brother, Edward Gerwatowski of Detroit; and four grandchildren, Lori, Robert, Glena and Grant.

Local arrangements were made by the Vermelen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

FREDERICK A. "BUD" BOLIN
Services for Frederick A. "Bud" Bolin, 87, of Gurnee, Ill., (formerly of Plymouth) were held March 11 at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Illinois with the Rev. Martin Schell officiating. Burial was in Ridgewood Cemetery.

He was born Jan. 22, 1913, in Evanston, Ill., and died March 7 at Manor Care, Libertyville, Ill. He was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Plymouth, and a member of the Chicago

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Dogs learn 'Manners for Life' at area academy

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Don't expect Henry, Chelsea and their classmates taking a manners course at the Bailey Center to say "please" and "thank you" at the end of their seven-week course. But they'll likely learn skills the people they live with will appreciate much more.

These "students" are canines who will understand that when friends come to call, it's not polite to jump all over the visitors. Biting is definitely out of the question. And going for walks doesn't mean dragging the two-legged person on the other

end of the leash.

That's especially true of Penny, who likes to pull her owners, Marianne Nailor, her husband, Mike, and two children, Susanna, 16, and Joshua, 5, down the street. The whole family attended the class.

"She takes us for a walk for the most part," said Marianne Nailor, explaining that she also hopes to teach Penny not to run away every chance she gets.

Last Wednesday was the first day of school for the 15 pups enrolled in "Manners for Life," which is geared for dogs at least 5 months old. Based on positive reinforcement techniques, there

were a lot of sweet bribes passed out during the one-hour class as instructor Linda Thomas described what she expected the dogs to do.

"This week, we see what the dogs are really like and week after week we see improvement after improvement," Thomas said.

Owners, like Cheryl Messer of Westland, weren't expecting the type of behavior that would get their names in the "Guinness Book of Records."

"She goes out in front and I just want her to listen," Messer said.

Simple measures

The same was true for the Darany family of Dearborn. They weren't looking to teach their pooch, Oliver, any fancy tricks.

"We want him to come when you call him to come and we want him to stay when he's supposed to stay," George Darany said. His wife, Maria, and children, Adam, 14, Leah, 12, and Madeline, 8, were also on hand to pick up ideas.

In fact, Oliver owes his life to the Daranys, because they saved him moments before he was to be euthanized at the Humane Society.

Tom and June Holdsworth of Westland adopted their dog from the Humane Society. Tom taking the class was the logical next step, Tom Holdsworth explained.

"We think it's a good idea to

have a well-behaved dog," he said. "We think the world of the program the Humane Society runs."

Danielle Sallars sat in the corner of the room with her father, Dan, and puppy, Sasha. The Livonia residents want their 10-month-old Doberman pinscher to stop jumping on family and friends when they come to their door.

As far as Jill and Victor West are concerned, their puppy, Buddy, couldn't be cuter and a lot of people seem to agree. In fact, his appearance in the window of their business - Vanessa's Flower Shop in downtown Plymouth - has increased foot traffic by 20 percent. They want to make sure his behavior is the best it can be since he's in the shop a lot.

If Buddy is a working dog, it's nothing like the schedule Tremor, whose registered name is Actions on the Richter scale, keeps. This bullmastiff's owners, Arnold and Lorna Johnson of Westland, are members of the Pet-A-Pet organization. The Johnsons volunteer their time taking their pets to visit nursing homes, hospitals and assisted living facilities.

In fact, Lorna Johnson tells a story about how one of her dogs was visiting a nursing home and a woman walked by and told the canine to get out of her way. Johnson later learned that these were the first words spoken by

the woman during her stay at the facility. In fact, it was considered quite a breakthrough.

Tremor's date book next week included being taken to visit a second-grade class on Tuesday and a psychiatric ward on Wednesday.

'Feel special'

Across the room, Laura Major fed her dog, Henry, a few treats and explained that she enrolled him in the class, because she wanted to make him "feel special." If he learns to listen to her commands and turns into a well-mannered dog, that would be great too, according to the Livonia resident.

Sitting next to each other, Brian and Megan Williams of Westland and Dan McManus of Canton simply hoped their pets would settle down at the end of six weeks.

The classes are provided by the Michigan Humane Society through Westland Parks and Recreation at the Bailey Center in Westland for \$100 if the dog was adopted from the Humane Society or any other shelter. Otherwise, the cost is \$120.

"English is a second language for dogs," explained Lori Kane, Michigan Humane Society director of animal behavior and training.

"Their first language is body language - they key off your body language, because that's what they do with other dogs," she said. "It's amazing how quickly they catch on considering that we don't always teach it

consistently. In one hour, we can't train your dog for you, but in one hour we can train you to teach your dog at home."

Other classes offered by the Humane Society include "Puppy Classes" for dogs under 5 months. Instruction focuses on socializing puppies with other dogs and puppies with other owners. In 1998, he purchased Plaza Veterinary Hospital in Farmington from his former partner, John Richardson, who is now semi-retired.

Carron's compassionate demeanor and head for business will undoubtedly help him with his latest undertaking. On Jan. 23, Carron, 47, was named president of the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, a 1,700-member organization based in the Lansing area. The presidency carries a one-year term.

Founded in 1833, the MVMA primarily focuses on member education, services, public information and state regulations.

"Essentially, it's like our union," Carron said.

The president runs the organization and heads the 25-member board of directors.

"I'm convinced he'll be a good president," said Peter Prescott, MVMA executive director. "He gets along well with people and he represents the profession well."

After more than 20 years of membership, Carron finally agreed it was his turn to head the group. He ran unchallenged.

"I scared away the competition," Carron joked from behind his cluttered desk.

He said although it's one of the most important aspects of the MVMA, education can be difficult to manage because there are so many types of veterinary practices, from institutional to regulatory. Some veterinary doctors treat only horses or cows. Others don't treat animals at all.

"Ophthalmologists all do basically the same thing," Carron said. "We don't."

The second most essential service the MVMA provides is monitoring state legislation that impacts veterinarians. The group employs a lobbyist to promote its interests.

The MVMA currently is supporting House Bill 4903, which aims to amend the Public Health Code. It concerns animals abandoned at veterinary offices. The bill passed the state House and Senate and was sent to Gov. John Engler for approval early this month.

The law would redefine abandonment of abandoned animals after 10 days, not the current 25, if veterinarians meet certain legal requirements. Frequently, disposal doesn't mean death, it means the animal is sent to a shelter, unless the animal is ill.

Helping colleagues

"Twenty-five days aren't so bad if it's a cute little kitty that's been left, but if it's a mean rotweiler that wants to eat your head or a very sick animal, 25 days are an eternity," Prescott said. "It's a minor thing, but it's important to veterinarians. It doesn't happen very often, but when it does, it's a big problem. There isn't a veterinarian out there who won't have to deal with it at least once."

With so many issues affecting veterinarians' bottom lines, Carron wants to help his fellow doctors run their practices better. Many new or struggling veterinarians could use the help.

"These are the things they don't really teach in schools," Carron said. "There are so many other things you have to learn about becoming a veterinarian, the business aspect sometimes gets ignored."

Carron learned about the business end of the profession from his former boss and partner, John Richardson also a former MVMA president. In an ironic

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WHEREAS, this Board having tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof, which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Canton Township, Michigan, for public examination.

To take further notice that the property owner's included in the special assessment district have the right to appeal the special assessment levy to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to protest the levy an appearance by the property owner, by mail, or by an agent of the property owner must be made at the public hearing where the roll is considered.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the board will meet on Tuesday, the 11th day of April, 2000, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements, and to the special assessment district therefor.

ACT 188, PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN, 1954, AS AMENDED, PROVIDES THAT SAID PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SHALL NOT BE MADE WITHOUT PETITION BY THE RECORD OWNERS OF LAND CONSTITUTING MORE THAN TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THE TOTAL LAND AREA IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FILE THEIR WRITTEN OBJECTIONS THERETO WITH THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AT OR BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON Tuesday, The 11th DAY OF April, 2000.

Publish: March 16 and 23, 2000 TERRY BENNETT, Township Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 28, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request by WCS Acquisition Corp./Westland Control Systems, Inc. to transfer the existing Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #96-263 for real and/or personal property located at 8680 N. Haggerty Road, Canton, Michigan from Westland Control Systems, Inc., the legal description of which is as follows:

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 1, Town 2 south, Range 8 East, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, more particularly described as beginning at a point distant South 89 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East 1889.95 feet along the North line of said Section 1; and South 00 degrees 56 minutes 29 seconds West 400.05 feet and along a curve to the right, radius of 6788.58 feet, central angle 00 degrees 59 minutes 21 seconds an arc distance of 99.95 feet chord bearing South 01 degrees 26 minutes 10 seconds West 99.95 feet from the Northwest corner of Section 1, Town 1 South, Range 8 East, and proceeding thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East 311.43 feet; thence South 00 degrees 32 minutes 16 seconds West 540.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds West 349.86 feet; thence along the Easterly right-of-way line of rerouted Haggerty Road along a curve to the left, radius of 5789.58 feet, a central angle of 00 degrees 21 minutes 27 seconds an arc distance of 541.35 feet chord bearing North 04 degrees 36 minutes 37 seconds East 541.15 feet to the point of beginning. 4.05 acres.

35th JUDICIAL DISTRICT BUILDING AUTHORITY
Sealed bids will be received by the 35th District Court Building Authority, 680 Plymouth Road, Plymouth MI 48170 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2000, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

CUSTOM WINDOW TREATMENTS NEW 35th DISTRICT COURT

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the name, address and telephone number of the company/person submitting the bid, and the name of the bid, bid opening date and time. There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting held at the project site on March 23, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. Questions should be directed to Kerry K. Erdman, Court Administrator at (734) 459-4575 or at the above Court address. Specifications are available at the 35th District Court.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC HEARINGS FY 2000-04 CONSOLIDATED PLAN FY 2000 CDBG ACTION PLAN

On Wednesday, April 5, at 2:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, the Canton Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council will conduct a public hearing on the FY 2000-04 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2000 Canton Township Block Grant (CDBG) Program Action Plan. The Consolidated Plan will guide the community in setting goals for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the five-year period described. The FY 2000 CDBG Action Plan will be funded at \$438,000. All interested citizens are invited to attend and comment on both items. Comment will be taken on the following project proposals: First Step, Rehabilitation, \$40,000; Note: not all project proposals are necessarily listed; not all projects listed will necessarily be approved for FY 2000; nor will all projects accepted for funding necessarily be funded for the requested amounts. Final program decisions are made by the Board of Trustees. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Development Specialist, Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 397-5392.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDERATION OF TERM OF LIQUOR LICENSE (48 623) FOR HAPPY DAYS, INC. AND WHIRLY BALL - CANTON TOWNSHIP, L.L.C.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to Liquor License Ordinance Number 114 of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 28, 2000, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To hear and take testimony which shall result in a recommendation for renewal, non-renewal or revocation of the resolutions approved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton regarding the approval of Liquor Licenses to Whirly Ball - Canton Township, L.L.C. for a Class "C" Liquor License with Dance Permit and Entertainment Permit Approved above "ALL OTHERS" on July 14, 1998 and regarding the approval for a new Class "C" License to be issued above "ALL OTHERS" to be issued to Frank T. Dillard, Happy Days, Inc. on January 10, 1995.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity to said hearing to voice any comments they may have regarding this request. Written comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office prior to the hearing date.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the clerk up to 10:00 a.m., March 30, 2000 for the following:

MOBILE RADIOS AND MOTORCYCLE HELMET KITS

Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

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FIVE (5) DRAGER SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS

Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR PET
Veterinary Notes
by Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M.

YOUR DOG'S KNEES

A common orthopedic problem for dogs is a tear in the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), which is found in the hind leg's knee. Large dogs are susceptible to this stress-induced injury during physical exercise. When the ACL is damaged, the dog becomes lame in the hind leg. If left untreated, the dog may suffer painful arthritis and scar tissue and be more likely to tear its other ACL. A lateral suture is commonly used to replace the damaged ligament. The dog recuperates for several weeks and eventually regains mobility, though a small limp may remain. A newer procedure called TPO (tibial plateau leveling operation) realigns the knee and removes part of the tibia so that the ACL becomes unnecessary.

If you dog shows signs of limping for more than a day or two, please contact PARKWAY VETERINARY CLINIC. Our reputation for expert, compassionate veterinary care is well-deserved - please don't hesitate to ask questions of our knowledgeable staff. Visit either of our two locations at 41395 Wilcox Rd. in Plymouth, tel. 734-453-2577, or 5750 Lilley Rd. in Canton, tel. 734-981-4400. Both locations are open six days a week for your convenience.

P.S. Keeping your dog in good shape with regular exercise may reduce the risk of ACL injuries.

Physical Therapy UPDATE
Hands On Center
GETTING A JUMP

Jumping exercises before workouts can improve running economy by 4%, helping runners use less oxygen to run at the same speed, making running feel easier. That is the conclusion of a University of Texas study. To warm up, runners jumped lightly up and down 10 times with their feet close to the ground. Then, bending both knees as much as needed, they jumped 15 times, taking short breaks between jumps. Next, with one leg bent, they jumped as high as they could 5 to 10 times landing on both legs. Finally, they jumped in a spring-like fashion 6-8 inches off the ground 15 to 30 times.

Without taking a break at the HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY, our wide range of manual therapies and modalities, which include ultrasound, massage, and electrical muscle stimulation (EMS), may not have you jumping for joy... yet, but add to that our facilities treatment performed in closed rooms for your comfort and privacy, morning and evening treatment hours, and you'll feel a smile of relief coming to your face. To learn more, call 455-8378, or ask your physician for a referral to our center, located in Plymouth, at 478 Forest Avenue, Suite 20.

Even a small improvement in running economy (the amount of oxygen you use when you run) can bring significant improvements in running performance.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
FLODIN PARK INLINE SKATE HOCKEY COURT

Sealed bids for the proposed Flodin Park Inline Skate Hockey Court shall be received by the Office of the Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd. Canton MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m., April 6, 2000 at which time they will be opened publicly.

Contract documents may be obtained at Carlisle/Wortman Associates, 605 S. Main St., Suite 1, Ann Arbor MI 48104 on or after 3:00 p.m., on March 16, 2000. A non-refundable plan deposit of \$25.00 shall be required. Check shall be payable to Carlisle/Wortman Associates. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with bidder name, address and phone number, date and time of bid opening.

Canton Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Canton 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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Compassionate veterinarian will head state group

BY TRACEY BIRKENHAUER
STAFF WRITER

A kind touch, caring voice and skilled hands have proven successful elements for veterinary doctor David Carron.

For 21 years, he's treated countless sick, scared and frisky pets. He's also counseled the owners. In 1998, he purchased Plaza Veterinary Hospital in Farmington from his former partner, John Richardson, who is now semi-retired.

Carron's compassionate demeanor and head for business will undoubtedly help him with his latest undertaking. On Jan. 23, Carron, 47, was named president of the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, a 1,700-member organization based in the Lansing area. The presidency carries a one-year term.

Founded in 1833, the MVMA primarily focuses on member education, services, public information and state regulations.

"Essentially, it's like our union," Carron said.

The president runs the organization and heads the 25-member board of directors.

"I'm convinced he'll be a good president," said Peter Prescott, MVMA executive director. "He gets along well with people and he represents the profession well."

After more than 20 years of membership, Carron finally agreed it was his turn to head the group. He ran unchallenged.

"I scared away the competition," Carron joked from behind his cluttered desk.

He said although it's one of the most important aspects of the MVMA, education can be difficult to manage because there are so many types of veterinary practices, from institutional to regulatory. Some veterinary doctors treat only horses or cows. Others don't treat animals at all.

"Ophthalmologists all do basically the same thing," Carron said. "We don't."

The second most essential service the MVMA provides is monitoring state legislation that impacts veterinarians. The group employs a lobbyist to promote its interests.

The MVMA currently is supporting House Bill 4903, which aims to amend the Public Health Code. It concerns animals abandoned at veterinary offices. The bill passed the state House and Senate and was sent to Gov. John Engler for approval early this month.

The law would redefine abandonment of abandoned animals after 10 days, not the current 25, if veterinarians meet certain legal requirements. Frequently, disposal doesn't mean death, it means the animal is sent to a shelter, unless the animal is ill.



Steady boy: Mary Ann Kashubosky hangs on to 9-month-old Radar as Dr. David Carron gives a vaccination.

Katie is a pre-veterinary freshman at MSU and Kevin is a student at Farmington High School. They have two dogs, four cats, a parrot, a gecko and a fish tank filled with assorted denizens of the deep.

Growing up with a dog and a cat in Ann Arbor, Carron always knew he would become a veterinarian. He loved pets and his psychiatrist father proved an excellent role model.

"For me, becoming a veterinary doctor was a natural marriage of my interests," Carron said. "I never had any doubts."

Carron has developed many meaningful relationships with local pet owners.

Anne Breneman could compliment her cat doctor for hours. Carron has successfully treated maybe 100 cats for the Backdoor Friends business owner.

"He's wonderful," she said. "You don't feel rushed with him. He spends more time with my cats than my family doctor spends with me."

Tough task

Breneman has referred countless customers to him and she thinks the way he treats her clients reflects positively on her.

"He's good!" she said. "He's seen a lot of my animals through a lot of sicknesses and he's always been terrific. He's just a really good doctor."

Breneman can remember calling Carron at midnight with an emergency.

"My mom's cat was dying and he got out of bed to come to my house and put her down," Breneman said. "I thought that was really sweet."

It may be an important part of his job, but Carron never gets used to euthanizing pets.

"It's not an easy thing we do," he said. "But we can perform that service and put an end to suffering for sick animals."

Just as Carron shares in the excitement of a newborn puppy, he also shares sorrow with people who have to let their pets go. He offers clients grief counseling through the Southeast Michigan Veterinary Association.

"Once you decide that's your pet, you're instantly bonded," Carron said. "That's your baby. And it's hard to let go."

Carron's empathy and professionalism are what keep clients coming back.

"We treat people as we would like to be treated," Carron said. "They're friends, hopefully. And the pets are our family, too. That's what makes this practice work."

He said his office retains about 80 percent of its clientele, while the average is closer to 50 percent.

Breneman understands his secret to success.

"He's easy to talk to - and he's humble," she said. "He's just a nice nice person. I don't think I could have found a better veterinarian."

She believes those qualities will also make him an excellent MVMA president.

"They couldn't have chosen a better guy," she said.

switch, the elder Richardson now works for Carron.

"It's been a super relationship," said Richardson, 67. "We are a nice complement to each other. I come on like gangbusters and he's quiet and unassuming. We attracted a great clientele."

Richardson works one day a week and fills in for his boss when he needs time off.

"I'd say I groomed him well," Richardson said. When Carron went to work for Richardson, he'd been out of college for two years and knew little about running a profitable business.

"He's doing a better job of it today," Richardson said. "They just don't teach you a lot of practice management in college. They teach you how to be a good

doctor, but in today's world, management is one of the most important things you can learn. Schools are doing a better job of it now."

A 1977 Michigan State University graduate, Carron and his wife, Marlene, moved to the Farmington area in 1979. They have two children and several pets.

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Tyndale sets open house

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Courses are offered in the areas of arts and sciences, professional studies, Christian studies and the bachelor's degree in business administration.

To register for the free Visit Day, or for more information, call Nora King at 1-800-483-0707.

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Foundation grants

A little help can go a long way

Five hundred bucks. It's not much money for most people these days. Maybe enough to make a car payment with the dollars left to fill the tank. Or you could buy a good quality suit - men's or women's - but it's not likely to carry a fancy, designer label.

There's one place, though, where \$500 still makes a significant impact on a personal budget. The college campus. For young people facing tuition, books and living expenses, that kind of money makes a world of difference. It might mean more time to study and a little less sweeping floors and washing dishes in the dorm cafeteria. It might mean other income can be used for an occasional Saturday night on the town.

We're reminded of this because the Canton Community Foundation has another round of scholarship applications available for the asking.

The foundation has been giving out grants ranging from \$250 to \$5,000 - with most in the \$500 to \$1,000 range - since the early 1990s. Last year, the program was expanded to students living in Plymouth as well as Canton and some \$20,000 was distributed to 25 traditional and non-traditional students. All told, the foundation has given out more than \$100,000 in scholarships to more than 160 individuals. The money is donated by local companies, the colleges and universities themselves, civic organizations and individuals. So you see, those small scholarship checks add up quickly.

Canton resident Melody Jolly is a perfect example. Jolly received a \$500 scholarship in 1999 to continue her study of nursing at Schoolcraft College. She is 31 years old and a single parent. "It helped me pay for my classes and for my books," she said. "It was a great help."

That brings up another point. Plymouth and Canton are considered upscale communities by most standards. But that doesn't mean every family can or does send their kids off to college with bulging pockets. Or that young adults who put off college for work or other reasons following high school graduation have it easy when they do decide to enroll.

So it's good that the Canton Community Foundation is there for them.

This year's grants will be awarded in mid-May. Applicants must be Plymouth or Canton residents and meet several other requirements, including:

- Acceptance at a post high school educational institution;
- A cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better;
- A 500-word essay on why they are deserving of the scholarship

Applications can be picked up at either the Plymouth or Canton libraries, high school counseling offices and the Canton Community Foundation office at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon roads. Call the foundation at (734) 398-5000 for more information.

Now is the time to act on guns

If you thought the shooting of 6-year-old Kayla Rolland in Mt. Morris Township would get the discussion of gun control flowing, look no further than the Michigan Legislature for proof you were wrong.

In the wake of the first-grade shooting, House Democrats tried to bring measures they'd proposed in November up for discussion. They were quickly shot down by Republicans, with House Speaker Charles Perricone (R-Kalamazoo) accusing Democrats of "manipulating" the process.

Apparently the speaker doesn't feel that stopping the discussion because Republicans are fearful their anti-gun control stance will be used against them at election time is manipulative.

While nearly every lawmaker who could find a microphone decried the tragic events in Mt. Morris Township, many of them disappear when someone calls for tangible action.

Children are killing children, and still no substantive discussion on gun control takes place. As the Mt. Morris case moved into the finger-pointing stage, each side of the gun debate got busy marshaling its troops. Gun control lobbyists are frantically shouting, "See! It was only a matter of time until something like this happened," while gun rights activists are equally frenetic with their assertions that this crime would have happened with or without gun laws.

The sad truth is, given the circumstances in which the 6-year-old shooter was forced to live, the latter is probably closer to the truth than the former. Living among people who traded drugs and guns like children trade baseball cards made a loving, stable life nearly impossible for this young boy.

But that doesn't mean gun control lobbyists are completely wrong. In fact, incidents like these - happening with ever-increasing frequency - bring home the need for more stringent control in a way most events can't. Our

children are dying; how much more important can we make the issue to people?

Among the measures being bandied about are child safety locks, a ban on imported high-capacity ammo clips and outlawing gun ownership by young people. The proposals made by Michigan Democrats include banning guns from public places - churches, schools, sports arenas and bars.

President Clinton wants background checks for people who buy guns at gun shows. It's the pivotal issue between Clinton and the Republicans.

We don't believe any of those measures are unreasonable. Of course, opponents will argue that all you're doing is taking rights away from the responsible gun owners and making things easier for the criminal element. That may be, but you've got to start somewhere.

In the wake of the first-grade shooting, gun rights supporters and gun control activists seemed to agree on one thing. Whatever controls are placed on the ownership of weapons will be useless without responsible actions by those entrusted with their possession and care.

The more irresponsibly gun owners act, the more stringent the controls need to be. Hopefully, the message is getting through. Three dealers - Dick's Sporting Goods, Gander Mountain and Sports Authority - have agreed to provide trigger locks for guns sold at all their metro Detroit stores starting March 15.

Of course, it took a \$400 million lawsuit against nearly two dozen gunmakers and 10 dealers, after an undercover sting operation revealed illegal sales to minors and felons. But at least there's some measure of safety, no matter how small, that came out of the case.

We're all for rational, impassioned discourse. But without a real effort toward improving safety, all the talk rings hollow. It's time to get something done, before we have to bury another child.

Geof Brooks



LETTERS

Opinions are to be shared. We welcome your ideas, that's why we offer this space for your opinions. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity we ask that you provide a contact telephone number and if mailing or faxing a letter, please sign it. Letters can be mailed to: Tedd Schneider, Canton Editor, 794 South Main, Plymouth, MI 48170, faxed to Tedd at (734) 459-4224 or emailed to tschneider@oe.homecomm.net

Mettetal good for Canton

The article on Mettetal Airport (Canton Observer, Jan. 30) was fantastic. Mettetal has been a fixture in Canton for many years and played an important role in the community. Few would remember the three "asterisk"-crossed grass runways with nothing around for miles but fields. Maybe the existence of Mettetal has helped to spawn the evolution of Canton.

As a pilot and aircraft owner based at Mettetal Hanger 1D2, I have to respond to a very negative letter from Ms. Schoeneman in the Feb. 17 issue. I, too, live near an airport, eight miles from the approach end of 21R, the main runway at Metro Airport. I also knew the airport was there before I purchased my home 14 years ago and knew of the associated noise, which is way louder than Mettetal.

My decision was to still purchase that home, with no way of knowing how the traffic load would increase over time. Also after 14 years and uncountable takeoffs and landings, I don't even hear them pass overhead any more, regardless of the 24/7 operations.

I cannot deny that Mettetal's traffic has increased over the years and especially recently with the upturn in economy. That increase boosts the local economy to the tune of millions per year. Ask any of the local merchants if they want to see the airport closed. As to the sound issue, maybe Ms. Schoeneman does not understand that there are published and enforced noise abatement areas and practices in effect at Mettetal. These are published in the Airport Facility Directory and posted at both ends of the runway. We try to be good neighbors and employ heading changes and power reductions at both ends of the departure to help quiet the environment over the residential and business areas of Canton.

Limiting operations is only a stepping stone to closure of the facility. Then what is left? Room for another strip mall with a couple of bars and a tattoo parlor? These are possible alternatives once the current usage disappears. I, for one, think a public use general aviation airport is a much nicer and community friendly use for the property at Joy and Lilley roads.

I invite Ms. Schoeneman to come to Mettetal for a day to learn more about what we do to be accommodating and proper neighbors

Lois J. Andrea
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- Philip Power

1st-grade shooting should make you want to hug your kids more often

I've tried to hug 3-year-old Robert and 19-month-old Andrew more often lately, because I can.

As events around the country have unfolded lately, not every parent has the same opportunity.

Mike and Jennifer Rose of Van Buren Township would love to be able to wrap their arms around 16-month-old Michael II, give him his bath, read him a bedtime story.

Unfortunately, Livonia resident Carol Lee Derrick was in too big a hurry and couldn't be bothered to stop at a red light last November. According to at least one witness, she sped up to get through an intersection and broadsided the Ford escort being driven by Michael's grandmother. Three days later, Michael was dead.

Two weeks ago, a judge sentenced Derrick to two years probation, during which she can't drive, and put her on a tether for three months. At the end of the probation, Derrick gets to go on with her life.

At the end of the probation, Mike and Jennifer get to go on visiting Michael's grave.

Derrick's fate was determined by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Carole Youngblood, who determined that, because of a clean driving record and lack of any previous criminal behavior, Derrick shouldn't have to do jail time for taking the life of a 16-month-old baby.

Based on a point system determined by the state Department of Corrections, Youngblood's sentencing options ranged from no time in jail to nine months behind bars. She chose the former, obviously much to the chagrin of the grieving parents.

"I'll never see my son get on a school bus for the first time," 22-year-old Jennifer Rose said. "The things I've experienced have almost killed me. He was my world."

The argument over whether Derrick deserved jail time will rage on, and the basic question will be raised every time there's an accident that kills a child. So, too, will the argument over who is responsible when a child kills a child.



BRAD KADRICH

Veronica McQueen probably needs extra fingers to point the blame in the recent death of her 6-year-old daughter, Kayla Rolland, in the elementary school shooting in Mt. Morris Township. The shooter, a fellow 6-year-old student at Buell Elementary, allegedly took umbrage at how Kayla treated him in a schoolyard beef and returned the next day with a .32 caliber handgun, pointed it and squeezed the trigger.

Who is responsible? The 6-year-old, whose living conditions were such that drugs and weapons were commonplace? His parents? The father was in jail, the mother evicted from her home. The uncle with whom the boy was living? The 19-year-old who shared the residence prosecutors called a "fophouse?"

Try "all of the above." But what do you do about it? Prosecutors have taken aim at the 19-year-old, charging him with involuntary manslaughter because they believe he brought the gun into the house in the first place. Charge him, charge the parents, charge the uncle.

Maybe we should charge society as a whole. It's a society where some hide behind the constitutional right to keep and bear arms, refusing to budge from their stance even when the result is a 6-year-old shooting another 6-year-old.

I heard one moron on the radio last week who said he keeps not one, but three guns in his bedroom, loaded and unlocked. He says his children are safe, though, because he tells them not to play with the guns. Like children have never disobeyed a parent.

This is a society that succors politicians who, in an election year, talk tough about guns, then don't have the guts to do anything about them once they've been elected.

Maybe we're returned to the tired refrain condemning television and movies for their violent content. After all, the father of the 6-year-old who shot Kayla Rolland said his son liked to watch violent movies.

Jonesboro, Littleton, Mt. Morris, Canton. The boundaries for these deaths are ever-expanding, spreading like a cancer throughout society. If they haven't reached you yet, give them time. They will.

Meanwhile, hug your children. A lot. While you still can.

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Money, lobby limit flow of spirits

A friend of mine likes to make his martinis with imported Beefeater gin.

When he buys Beefeater at his local wine and spirits retailer - or any other wine spirits retailer in Michigan, for that matter - he pays \$16.79 a fifth. So when he flies on business to Madison, Wis., where the market for booze is open to competition, he buys a couple of bottles at \$14.49 each and tucks them into his carry-on. He's violating Michigan law, of course, but who's gonna catch him.

Another friend of mine is passionate about fine wine. One of his favorites is Screaming Eagle, a cabernet sauvignon made in California that has achieved cult status among connoisseurs. He can't get it in Michigan because wine wholesalers don't stock it and retailers who might want to offer it are forbidden by state law to buy wine directly from the wineries.

So he orders his Screaming Eagle wine on the Net from California. It's shipped directly to him in Michigan ... in a plain brown wrapper, of course, because that's against Michigan law, too.

How come there's no price competition to buy booze in Michigan? Simple. State law gives the Liquor Control Commission the authority to regulate the sale of distilled spirits. In practice, that means the Commission sets the uniform price for virtually every bottle of booze sold in Michigan. And because there is no market competition, prices in Michigan are far above those in Wisconsin or Illinois.

And my friend who gets his Screaming Eagle off the Net is violating the same state law that says that the only place Michigan retailers may get their wine is from Michigan wholesalers. And if wholesalers don't want to carry cult wines because demand is slim, that's just too bad for consumers.

How could such an absurd situation develop? History, in part. Continued avarice by the State of Michigan in part. And entrenched and powerful lobbies in part.

My father used to tell me stories about Prohibition. He and his friends used to drive to the banks of the Detroit River down by Trenton to meet a rumrunner, who smuggled wine and booze across the border from Canada. So when Prohibition ended in 1933 and each state was able to choose whether to become a "control" or "license" state in the sale and distribution of alcohol, Michigan chose control.

Unlike some other states, Michigan's version of control did not involve monopoly state-owned and run retail liquor stores. But the Liquor Control Commission (LCC) orders and buys spirits from suppliers and sells them to retail liquor stores, while private wholesalers supply retailers with beer and wine. This is the cele-

Caucus turnout a turn-off

Democrats need to come up with a better idea

Holy Toledo (or some other expression not appropriate for a family newspaper)! What's this?

As I guided my car into the jammed parking lot of the Plymouth Cultural Center Saturday morning my mind was spinning. Voter apathy doesn't rule, after all. Negative campaigns must be working in reverse in Michigan, bringing people back to the polls instead of discouraging them. Just look at all these people who have come to participate in the 13th Congressional District Democratic Caucus.

My mind raced furiously ahead as I walked from my car - a lot further than I had anticipated - to the caucus entrance. Don't these people know this is a closed caucus, not an open primary? Does this anxious mob of voters - waiting to make their collective voice heard - realize they'll have to spend some time here, listen to speeches, "sign in" as Democrats, leave their name, address and Social Security number before they can make a mark on the democratic process?

Don't they read the papers? Didn't they see that just this week - after 15 lopsided primary losses on Super Tuesday - that Bill Bradley dropped out of the presidential race, leaving Al Gore the only viable candidate seeking his party's nomination?

It turns out that hundreds of people were at the cultural center Saturday to watch the 1999/2000 Michigan High School Team Figure Skating Finals.

Down the hall, where the caucus was holding sway, about four dozen Democrats sauntered into the auditorium to declare their presidential choice. That's pretty sad.

Canton resident Becky Tavarozzi, president of the Plymouth-Canton-Northville Democratic Club, said she was pleased with the turnout. That's even sadder.

While these communities are heavily Republican and usually vote that way, there are a good number of Democrats who make their homes here. Just look at the numbers from a month ago.

More than 23,000 people from the five communities included at Saturday's caucus site voted in the Feb. 22 presidential primary. Many were Democrat and independent voters who might support a Democratic candidate.

Lyndon LaRouche, for crying out loud, pulled 108 votes, or more than twice the number of folks who showed up to cast ballots for Gore, Bradley and "other" on Saturday. Yes, that Lyn-



TEDD SCHNEIDER

don LaRouche. The perennial maverick who once ran for the Democratic nomination while in prison.

So who's to blame here? Well, Gore and Bradley, for two. Both pulled their names off the primary ballot, opting instead for the insider-dominated caucuses. Also to blame, the state Democratic party, which apparently has no problem criticizing the "business interests" that dominate the Republican side while conveniently low-towing to its own set of special interest groups.

Many voters I talked to Saturday said they supported the process. Some expressed reservations. In a candid moment, retired teacher Earl Harrington said that while he didn't personally view the caucus negatively it really didn't matter. "We're just following what comes down from the leadership," he said, shrugging his shoulders.

Dennis Galbraith of Canton said he would have preferred to vote in a closed primary on the same day as Republicans. "I don't want to vote in the Republican primary and I'm sure they don't want us voting in theirs," he said. "More people would participate, I'm sure," he added.

And what about all those people I didn't talk to, couldn't talk to. The ones who didn't show up Saturday. It's those voters the Democrats ought to be concerned about. They will determine the fate of Democratic House and Senate candidates - as well as the state Legislature - in November.

Let's hope the party leaders have something better in mind than Saturday's caucus. It was the political equivalent of being in an old-fashioned, smoke-filled room - without the smoke.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION: Should the government be involved in telling drivers they have to wear seat belts?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.

Renaee Grit
Canton
"Yeah, I do. I think people need encouragement to do the right thing."

Ruth Roberts
Canton
"Absolutely - it saves lives."

Sue Noland
Canton
"I'm afraid they have to because we are all paying for insurance costs with this."

Gordon Crowe
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"I definitely think they should - for everybody's safety."

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Party time

Teens and seniors get together

It was hard to tell the seniors from the seniors last weekend at the first "Senior Prom" hosted by the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Youth Group of Livonia.

Senior high school students from the communities of Livonia, Westland, Plymouth, Canton

and Garden City danced among and with senior citizens from the same cities who also worship at Holy Trinity.

According to Laurie Pecchia, senior high activity director at the church, the event featured a candlelight spaghetti dinner,

dancing and mixer games.

"Everyone had a great time," said Pecchia. "We played get-to-know-each-other games and music that all the generations liked, from swing to the hokey-pokey and locomotion. It was 'The Locomotion' that really got everyone going."

Pecchia said the prom was organized and hosted entirely by the senior high school students who also served as waitstaff during dinner.

"We hope to do this again," added Pecchia. "It was so wonderful to see all the generations getting together and having a good time. That's what it was all about."

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Laurie Pecchia
Activity director



Dance to the music: Alison Schmidt (left to right), Kristen Quenneville, Amy Witt, Ruth Stuebben, and Colleen Drews get down on the dance floor during a joint prom held for senior citizens and area high school students at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Saturday night.



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Finding a friend: Kristina Turczyn, a freshman at Canton, reads aloud from a card that matched up with Irene Hawk (center) as Laurie Pecchia, the coordinator of the event, leans in.

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JACK GLADDEN

Counting on Big Brother

Lucky us. We were the "one in six housing units" chosen to receive the "long" census form in the mail on Monday. It was a dubious honor.

According to the small type on the front of Form D-2, "The Census Bureau estimates that, for the average household, this form will take about 38 minutes to complete, including the time for reviewing the instructions and answers."

I don't know how the bureau came up with that figure. Why not "about 40 minutes" or "about 35"? But 38? Maybe I should take them up on the next part of the statement:

"Comments about the estimate should be directed to the Associate Director for Finance and Administration, Attn: Paperwork Reduction Project 0607-0856," etc.

Right. I'm gonna write a letter to the "Paperwork Reduction Project" telling them that it took us 39 minutes instead of 38 to fill out the 120-plus questions on the 40-page form. I wonder how many copies I should send and to whom?

If all of this seems to have nothing to do with the census, it doesn't. And that's the point.

The most hyped, most advertised, most promoted census count in history turns out to be just another bureaucratic government document, asking questions that seem to have little to do with an official government "head count." Example:

Question 17: "Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more, does this person have any difficulty in doing any of the following activities:

a. Learning, remembering, or concentrating?

b. Dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home?

c. (Answer if this person is 16 YEARS OLD OR OVER.) Going outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office?

d. (Answer if this person is 16 YEARS OLD OR OVER.) Working at a job or business?

That's just one of many, many questions covering such areas as household income, plumbing facilities, what time you left for work last week and how long it took you to get there. What does any of this have to do with counting heads? And why is it the government's business?

The cover letter accompanying the form promises that "your privacy is protected by law (Title 13 United States Code), which also requires that you answer these questions."

That's not much comfort if it's the government that you don't want knowing every detail of your life in the first place.

I don't mean to bad mouth the census people. They have a job to do and the census (at least the head count) is the whole basis for apportioning representation in Congress.

But a major concern (so we in the media are told by the census workers) is that too many people don't fill out the forms because they don't trust what the information will be used for. Often they just don't trust government period.

Well, look at some more questions: "LAST WEEK did this person do ANY work for either pay or profit?" "Has this person been looking for work during the last 4 weeks?" followed by "LAST WEEK could this person have started a job if offered one ...?" and then "When did this person last work, even for a few days?"

What does that have to do with counting heads? Or what about this series:

"What is this person's ancestry or ethnic origin?" "Does this person speak a language other than English at home?" And if so, "How well does this person speak English?"

If the Census Bureau doesn't understand why many people refuse to fill out their forms, let them take another look at many of their questions.

Is this really a legitimate attempt to collect demographic data? Or does Big Brother just want to know?

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Students loaf around Canton Bread Company

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When Jerry Sprague agreed to entertain his wife's second grade class by giving them a tour of his store, Canton Bread Company, he didn't realize just how interested those students would be.

Somewhere between the kids "rising" enthusiasm, their "knead" to learn and the sweet, billowing smell of fresh-baked bread, Sprague happened upon a wonderful new idea — hosting tours for school children.

Open just over one year, more than 4,000 children have passed through the doors, washed their hands and listened intently to the story and magic

which is baked right into Canton Bread Company bread. From the 50-pound bags of flour to the canisters of peanut butter, chocolate chips, dried cherries, and honey, it's easy to see all the ingredients that make their baked goods the talk of Canton and beyond.

What started as a favor for his wife has exploded into a regular part of doing business. "I used to go sing songs to her kids (at school)," said Sprague, also a well-known local musician and founder of Jerry



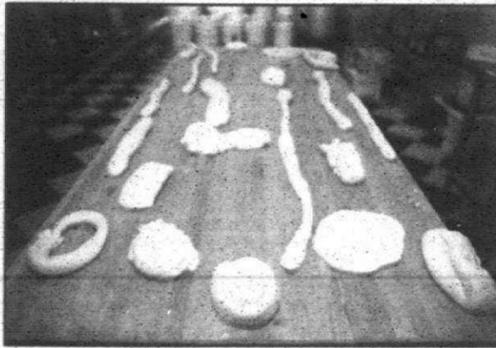
Step-by-step: Jerry Sprague explains that it all starts with the wheat plant.

Sprague and the Remainders. "I just threw (a song) in at the end (of the tour) for her class. But then it stayed."

Now all tours end with a rousing sing-a-long. It's become second-nature. "I can't imagine not doing this," said Sprague, smiling.

Paige Bauer, an 8-year-old student at Randolph Elementary School in Livonia, was one of a large group of kids who toured the Canton shop on March 2. Paige said she liked learning how to make bread and singing "the unicorn song" afterward. She certainly wasn't the only one.

Kim Marlowe, Paige's third grade teacher, was pleased to bring her class to Canton Bread Company for the morning. "It's fantastic," she



Creative: Children left their dough, in various forms, on the cutting table.



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Devour: Jessica Burdette, 8, samples a slice of bread while listening to Sprague play his guitar while on a field trip at the Canton Bread Company.

said. "We had a great time. Enjoyed it immensely. "We were here to learn about simple machines. The mixer is a simple machine."

Sprague tailors his tours to the age groups which pass through his store. "This is 45 minutes of just fun," he said.

And the little critics agreed it was a tasty trip. "I think it tastes good, cause the honey tastes sweet," said Dominic Garrick, 8.

His classmates, like Jacob Yono, were happy to go home with a special souvenir to share. Every student receives a loaf of honey white bread to take home. "Only for the kids, they put the smiley faces," said Jacob. "I think I'll tell my parents I got to see how the bread is made."

Marlowe attributed those smiles to their host. "Mr. Sprague was just a super person." She "highly recommends" the tour for other classes.

Bread man

But Joseph Olds is the man and the mind behind the delectable breads, scones, bagels and muffins at Canton Bread Company, and he enjoys the tours as much as the kids do. "You meet all these different people. That's my old grade school," he pointed out about Livonia's Randolph Elementary.

Olds, a Redford resident, books all of the tours. But that's not all he does. His day begins at 4 a.m. when he starts baking the day's bread. He opens the doors every morning by 7 a.m. with fresh bagels and muffins ready for purchase. By noon, he's finished with clean-up and can fully concentrate on cus-



Patient: Amanda Nadell, 8, awaits her cue while Sprague plays guitar for the class in the front of the bakery.

tomers.

Olds' love for baking and his friendly personality show in all he bakes.

"We don't keep bread for more than 24 hours," he said. No day-olds available here. Olds uses all natural ingredients — like salt, honey and yeast — to make the baked goods. No preservatives are added.

What isn't sold each day is donated to places like the Salvation Army and local U.A.W. The bread is good for 7 to 10 days after purchase, but should not be refrigerated.

"I personally don't have any bread at home," said Olds, who's surrounded by it daily. He orders the ingredients, and creates and experiments new varieties of breads. "I have a lot of input," said Olds, a culinary arts graduate of Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Please see BREAD, B2

PARENTING ISSUE

Teachers team up to present parenting skills

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth teacher Rick McCoy and a Saline middle school administrator, Nic Cooper, will be making two presentations about their parenting book in March.

The book, "How to Keep Being a Parent When Your Child is No Longer a Child," was published in November.

The two authors have also announced a partnership with the P-C Educational Excellence Foundation, and will donate \$2 for each book sold to parents or teachers in the Plymouth-Canton School District.

Cooper and McCoy will present one of their parenting workshops on Saturday, March 18, at Walled Lake Western during a parenting fair.

■ The book is primarily for parents of teenagers, but would be useful for people with younger kids as well as professionals ...

Barnes&Noble.com. In Plymouth the book is available at the Little Shop on the Square.

The book is primarily for parents of

teenagers, but would be useful for people with younger kids as well as professionals who work with adolescents in any capacity.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Authors: Rick McCoy (left) of Plymouth and Nic Cooper talk about their book for parents.

The chapters in the book encourage parents to explore their own parenting style, discuss parental responsibilities,

outline what to expect from children as they grow up, and detail strategies for better communication and setting boundaries for teenagers.

The book also provides help for parents of kids who are in deep trouble

Please see PARENTS, B2

Future bread makers rise to the occasion

Bread

from page B1

The Canton Bread Company captured the communities attention with its delicious baked goods — like asiago pesto and cherry walnut. Now, there's something else cooking. The shop is teaching youngsters from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Westland and other nearby school districts all that goes in to baking breads.

On March 2, a class of about 25 third graders from Livonia's Randolph Elementary sat cross-legged on the hard wood floors belting out tunes with owner Jerry Sprague.

The group had just completed their personal tour of the kitchen, and were now singing in unison and making animal motions with their arms at the appropriate times.

Saying thank you

Perhaps this group will follow in the tradition of the many others — who've sent the thank-you notes and letters that decorate the walls of the Canton Bread Company.

Some sent chef's hats stamped with colorful handprints and signatures, others,

like Madison Elementary School in Westland wrote: "It was really knead."

Here's what some of the Randolph Elementary students said they learned from their field trip:

Jennifer Urso, 8, announced that she liked playing with the bread dough. "Then we got to eat bread, honey white."

Steve Baibak, 8, also like learning how to knead the dough. His favorite kind of bread is "just white bread."

Hannah Heedum, 9, recalled learning how the bread is baked in a large, moving oven. She's baked at home with her mother before, but this was a whole new experience. "My mom usually makes desserts like fudge brownies and chocolate chip cookies."

Joe Mifsud, 9, said he now understands what yeast does and why it's an important ingredient in bread — it makes the bread rise.

Bailey Hryczyk, 8, said she too learned something new. "I learned that salt and honey were in bread. We've got a bread maker at home."



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Fun, fun, fun: Marcus Plant, 8, (from left) Amanda Nadell, 8, Mariah Peabody, 8, and John Tabor, 9, knead dough while listening to Sprague explain the baking process.

Classes open on parenting month topics

UPCOMING

March is Parenting Month and several workshops will be held in conjunction with reducing family conflict, teaching problem solving, building self-esteem and more.

The first program "A Taste of the Parent Talk System" will be held at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. March 16. March 23 will feature "A Touch of Love and Logic" at 10 a.m.

The cost is \$5 per person at Henry Ford OptiEye in Westland (across from Westland Mall on Central City Parkway).

"Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" will be offered March 30, April 6 and 13 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. To register for the three week workshop call Voice Works Seminars at (734) 981-1055 (ext. 2). No child care is available.

Her fiancé, son of Bob and Gini Krenz of Livonia, is a Livonia Stevenson High School graduate. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan School of Engineering and a master's degree from Purdue University. He works at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn.

Detter

Robert H. and Betty L. (Kirk) Detter of Livonia are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month.

Married March 18, 1950 at 24th Street Methodist Church, the Detters have two children and five grandchildren. Their son Jerry Detter and his wife Kathy, reside in White Lake with their children, Justin and Chelsea. Their daughter, Diane is married to Jim Brady and lives in Farmington Hills with children Annie, Mary and Jimmy.

Robert Detter is retired from his job at the post office and Betty is retired from working at a uniform store. In their free time, the couple enjoy bowling.

ANNIVERSARIES & ENGAGEMENTS

Aufdenberg-Rich

Erwin and Judy Aufdenberg of Macomb announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Beth, to Brian Patrick Rich of Livonia.

The bride-to-be, a Grosse Pointe resident, is a 1990 graduate of Lutheran East High School, a 1994 graduate of Valparaiso College, where she studied elementary education. She works at St. Peter's Lutheran School in East Point.

Her fiancé, son of Robert and Mary Rich, is a 1990 graduate of St. Agatha High School in Redford and a 1996 graduate of Schoolcraft College. He works as an O.R. nurse at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

Korduba-Berlin

Al and Sue Korduba of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Elaine, to Kevin Andrew Berlin.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and attends Schoolcraft College pursuing a degree in business. She works at a dental office in Livonia.

Her fiancé, son of Ed and Linda Berlin of Canton, is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1998 graduate of University of Michigan School of Engineering and a master's degree from Ford University. He works at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn.

Farhat-Mahy

Elizabeth Farhat of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Janet, to Derald Mahy of Illinois.

The bride-to-be is a Michigan State University graduate and works for Franks Nursery and Crafts.

Her fiancé, son of Derald and Audrey Mahy of Illinois, is a Rich Central High School graduate and works for Torre and Bruglio.

An April wedding is planned at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church in Plymouth. A reception at Livonia's Embassy Suites Hotel will follow.

Mozurkewich-Vikstrom

Elizabeth Mozurkewich of Livonia announces the engagement of their daughter, Katie Lynn to Jared Scott Vikstrom of Canton.

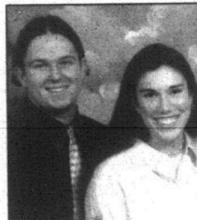
The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She works as an engineering coordinator at Yazaki North America in Canton.

Her fiancé, son of Bob and Sandra Vikstrom of Canton, is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and works as a product designer at Roush Crucam in Livonia.

A June wedding is planned at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland.



A June wedding is planned at First Baptist Church in Wayne.



A May wedding is planned at Rochester Church of Christ in Rochester.



Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington.



A May wedding is planned at Holy Trinity Church in Detroit.



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Times five: When Ayrianna Kalinski came into the world on Oct. 18, 1999, it wasn't just a special birthday, it was a generational event. Seated left to right are her mother, Dawn Kalinski; grandmother, J. Katherine Olivier; great-grandmother and Redford resident, Delores Munoz; and great-great-grandmother, Jane Ryba.



Across centuries: Madison Plester, born in November 1998, became the fifth generation to her family, and there is more than a century separating her from her great-great-grandmother. Shown left to right are Madison's father, Eric Plester; grandfather, Don Plester; great-great-grandmother, Marie von Walthausen Dredahl, 102 years old; and great-grandmother, Marie von Walthausen Plester who has lived in Livonia for nearly 50 years. This photograph was taken when Madison was only one month old.



Brian and Barbara Elandt of Livonia announce the birth of their triplets. (left to right) Hannah Elizabeth, Hunter Jacob and Haley Jordan. Jan. 20.

Grandparents are Chuck and Donna Dexter of Farmington Hills, Robert and Sandy Gould of Livonia, Wanda Elandt of Livonia and Leonard Elandt of Farmington Hills. Dale and Marie Mullins of Ormond Beach, Fla. are the triplets' great-grandparents.

Parents

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with drugs, eating disorders and depression.

The book targets areas that came out of parenting workshops the two writers have held for the past 15 years.

Parent concerns often include school performance, friends and their child's emerging sexuality.

The text of the book is augmented by appendices that offer help in specific ways for specific problems. Much of the main text is supported by worksheets that help parents learn and then apply useful tools and techniques.

McCoy is a teacher in the PCEP Journey program at Salem High. His experience includes being a child care worker, a crisis teacher at a child psychiatric facility and a substance abuse counselor.

Cooper is currently an assistant middle school principal and a past director of a student assistance program. He has also been a counselor and a probation officer.

Both authors have 25 years of experience, both have masters degrees in the field, both are certified social workers and both

The two authors have also announced a partnership with the P-C Educational Excellence Foundation, and will donate \$2 for each book sold to parents or teachers in the Plymouth-Canton School District.

are fathers of teenagers. Their workshop topics, in addition to parenting, have included high-risk youth and conflict resolution.

"Parenting Adolescents" chapters include "The Nature of Adolescence," "The Nature of Parenting," "Tools for Healthy Relations"

of an extremely perplexing and frustrating time of life. They offer many practical suggestions on relating to, and respecting, teens."

Mail order copies of the book are available from Willow Creek Publishing, 6506 Paul Revere Lane, Canton MI 48187. Enclose a check for \$15.98, which includes all taxes and shipping. You can e-mail the duo at coopermccoy@yahoo.com. Workshop information is available at (734) 844-9095.

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If you would like to announce an upcoming craft show, bazaar, or arts boutique — items can be sent to: Crafts Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150 or e-mail kmrtson@oe.home.com.net

ST. JOHN'S ARTS/RAFT SALE
St. John's Episcopal Church in

Westland is hosting an arts and crafts sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 25 at the church (555 S. Wayne Road). Vendors are needed. To reserve a table call (734) 729-1805. Hot dogs, chips, pop, etc. will be sold.

DEARBORN EXTRAVAGANZA
Dearborn High School (19501 Outer Drive) hosts an Arts &

Crafts Extravaganza - Spring 2000 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 25. Applications and/or information call (313) 561-0402. This event is sponsored by the Band Aid Booster Club and proceeds will support the DHS marching band, flag corps, orchestra and jazz band. Admission is \$1 for parent and 2

older. Ample free parking is available and food will be sold. TOUCH OF SPRING
The Athletic Booster Club of Clarencville High School will host "A Touch of Spring - Craft Boutique" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 25. Over 150 juried crafters will display items. Admission is \$2. No strollers

please. Babysitting, raffle and snack bar. Clarencville High School is located at 20155 Middlebelt Road in Livonia. FESTIVAL OF ARTS
Nativity Episcopal Church presents the "Festival of Arts," show including paintings, sculpture, acrylics, jewelry, watercolors and more. Friday, March 31, 11

a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.; Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10:30 a.m. Sunday service including Al Jacquez and Friends (Gospel Vocalists). The gallery is open from noon to 4 p.m. Nativity is located at 21220 W. 14 Mile Road in Bloomfield Township. Call (248) 646-4100

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS March 7, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 7, 2000 at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL
Members Present: Bennett, Burdziaik, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Director Machnik, Director Santomaro, Director Durack, Director Minihine, Captain Wilson, Chief Rorabacher, Debbie Zevalkink, Kristin Abbott

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Supervisor Yack moved general calendar item number 27 Regency Realty Corporation Purchase of Canton Township Property to general calendar item number 6A. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Canton of February 8, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdziaik, to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditures Report for Board Meeting of January 25, 2000

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| General Fund | 101 | \$ 234,099.50 |
| Fire Fund | 208 | \$ 29,280.83 |
| Police Fund | 207 | \$ 85,025.66 |
| Summit Operating | 206 | \$ 70,633.31 |
| Golf Fund | 211 | \$ 144,335.90 |
| Cable TV Fund | 228 | \$ 1,870.46 |
| Twp (Community) Improvement | 246 | \$ 20,450.00 |
| E-911 Utility | 261 | \$ 1,069.00 |
| Auto Perforiture (WWATEE) | 277 | \$ 285.00 |
| Federal Grants Fund | 282 | \$ 14,484.82 |
| Auto Theft Grant | 289 | \$ 39,504.74 |
| Downtown DEV Authority | 294 | \$ 1,512.99 |
| Post Employment Benefits | 296 | \$ (8.58) |
| Cap Proj - Road Paving | 403 | \$ 1,054.00 |
| Bldg Authority Construction | 469 | \$ 10,388.34 |
| Water & Sewer Fund | 592 | \$ 258,002.05 |
| Total - All Funds | | \$ 891,714.85 |

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
Township Clerk Terry Bennett wanted to remind everyone about census forms arriving and the need to be returned by April 1, 2000. One out of six items requires the long form. The Census Bureau will need to send an enumerator if the forms are not returned.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziaik, to adopt a resolution to construct a bridge at the Falls Creek Bridge. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziaik, to cancel the Gorman Street Streetcar. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziaik, to adopt a resolution for the Gorman Street Water Main Special Assessment District 1999-1. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziaik, to move that Canton Township begin using the Salomon Smith Barney and Flagstar Bank of Southfield as additional investment advisors. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziaik, to approve the following budget amendment in the Federal Grants Fund to adjust the budget to the unspent balances of the Community Development Block Grant line items as of December 31, 1999. Motion carried unanimously.

Increase Revenues \$ 81,630.69
Increase Appropriations \$ 81,630.69
This budget amendment increases the Federal Programs budget from \$927,910 to \$1,009,440.68.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziaik, to adopt a resolution for final plat approval to Hidden River Estates Subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziaik, to adopt a resolution to enforce ordinance no. 68 at Harvard Square Shopping Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #96-263 for 8680 N. Haggerty Road, Canton, Michigan 48187. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziaik, to approve the award of bid for Workstations & File Cabinet for Planning Department to Interior Systems Contract Group, Inc., 28000 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, MI for \$5,637.59. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution to grant the rezoning request of Singh Development. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution to grant the rezoning request of Dembs Roth Gyselinck Construction Company. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution to grant site plan approval to Gambrige Investments. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution to grant site plan approval to Dick Scott KIA. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution to grant the rezoning request of Hal Rosin. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign documents for the sale of Township Property, SIDWELL #184-89-0014-000 and accept the terms of the Purchase Agreement from Regency Realty Corporation wherein the Regency Realty Corporation (Buyer) sets forth its intent to purchase approximately 6.86 acres located in the northeast quadrant of Old Canton Road and Michigan Avenue in Canton Township, Michigan from Canton Township (Seller) for an amount of \$1,267,250.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to increase purchase order #81340, made out to Carolina-Wortman Associates, Inc. by \$1,300.00 to cover the additional landscaping design work for the Morton Taylor Road paving for a total of \$5,300.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to extend the contract with Wade-Trim Associates, Inc. to include the 2000 Sidewalk Repair Program for an amount not to exceed \$26,848.42. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the purchase of water meters, MXLV radio transmitters and associated support control equipment from Etna Supply Company in an amount not to exceed \$575,600.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the purchase of 2" SRH compound water meters and associated support control equipment from Sensus Technologies for an amount not to exceed \$184,242.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the bid for the Lilley Road Water Main Project to the lowest qualified bidder, Landscape Construction Inc for \$26,127.80 plus a 10% contingency for a total of \$28,940.58. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to waive formal bidding procedures and approve the purchase of ARENPO 8 in the amount of \$5,013.33 from ESSRI, Inc., since ESSRI is the developer and sole provider of ARENPO. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the revised purchasing policy, dated March 1, 2000 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, a resolution to sign a contract with HTE for training. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, a resolution to award the bid for rolling tile system for Fire Station 10 to Acoustic Ceiling & Partition. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve a three-year contract for animal control services to Varmin Police. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to move that Canton Township apply to the Office of Drug Control Policy for Year Three funding for the Mobil Home Parks Community Policing Strategies project under the Byrne Memorial Formula Grant Program, and further that Canton will provide a match of \$35,251.00 or 50 percent of the salary and benefits of the police officer assigned to the affected mobile home parks. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziaik, to award the bid for purchase to furnish and install carpet in the amount of \$16,731.00 from Commercial Carpet Corporation. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziaik, to amend the Golf Course Fund budget by this purchase as follows: Motion carried unanimously.

Increase Revenues
Appropriation from Fund Balance #211-000-899-0000 \$16,731.00
Increase Appropriations:
#211-000-897-0000 \$16,731.00
This budget amendment increases the Golf Course Fund budget from \$2,491,597 to \$2,508,668.

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

DRIVER'S EDUCATION
Registration for the Driver Education Program summer 2000 will take place beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, March 25, in the Canton High School Cafeteria. This will be the only registration day. If the student/parent cannot register on this date, someone else may register for that person. Registration is scheduled on a birthdate basis. Any student who will be at least 14 years, 8 months old prior to the first day of class (a birthdate before Nov. 21, 1985) will be eligible for this summer driver education program. All of the pertinent information is included on the registration form which must be completed and returned on Saturday, March 25. Registration forms will be distributed to students at the beginning of March. Additional registration forms can be picked up in either the Canton or Salem high school general offices. This year there is a charge of \$1,666 for the program. This includes a workbook.

LEGAL FAIR
Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services presents a free community legal fair. The fair, paid for with a Canton Township Community Development Block Grant, features attorneys and individual consultations on legal issues such as: elder abuse, grandparents' rights, family law, estate/life planning, consumer and public benefits/assistance from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Canton Human Services Building, 44237 Michigan Ave. For more information or to register, call (313) 937-8291.

ORIENTATION
Arbor Hospice is seeking volunteer bakers/food preparers, greeters, fund-raisers and office workers. Arbor Hospice is also looking for volunteers interested in helping terminally ill patients and their families with activities such as meal preparation, errands, reading and eating. A volunteer orientation will take place from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, March 25, at Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. To register for the orientation or for more information, call The Arbor Hospice Volunteer Services department at (734) 662-3741, ext. 143.

GRIEF AFTERCARE SUPPORT
Vermilion Funeral Homes offers a monthly Grief Aftercare Support Group meeting for those who have recently experienced the death of a family member or close friend. The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at the Plymouth location on W. Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck. The meeting will be led by Wes Baldwin of Pointe Care Counseling, a grief counselor and former associate pastor. For more information, call (734) 459-2250.

AROUND TOWN

DINNERS FOR LENT
Summit on the Park in Canton offers pasta and fish buffet dinners every Friday between now and April 21. The dinners, served from 4:30 to 7 p.m., include cole slaw, two pastas, baked cod loin, potato, vegetable, roll and dessert along with a choice of beverage. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Call the Summit at (734) 397-5110 for information.

BOOK SALE

The League of Women Voters serving Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne, Westland and Livonia is working to make this year's April Book Sale another successful fund-raising event. New batches of used books always are needed. The public is encouraged to donate used books by calling Esther Friedrichs at (734) 427-0222 or (734) 421-4420 and leaving a message with the League of Women Voters. Hardcover and paperback books in different categories of nonfiction and fiction for all ages are accepted as well as recent magazines.

SOFTBALL REGISTRATION
The Canton Softball Center began spring league registration on March 1. Leagues are offered for Men's (B, C, Super D, D, E) Women's and Co-Ed (Competitive, Recreational) divisions Sunday through Friday beginning April 10. The spring season will offer a five-week double-header league plus playoffs. The cost is \$475 per team plus umpire fees. Full payment must accompany registration and league space is limited. Summer registration will begin on May 1. For more information, call the Canton Softball Center at (734) 483-5600. The registration form can also be found at www.cantonmi.org. The Canton Softball Center is located on Michigan Avenue, west of Canton Center Road.

ADOPTION
Oakland Family Services is looking for foster and adoptive families in this area. Foster parents provide a temporary family. Adoptive parents provide a permanent family for children who do not have families of their own. Oakland Family Services is in Pontiac. There are many school-age children who are in need of families. If you have an interest in helping to provide for children in our community, call Vicki Landsman Peterson at Oakland Family Services at (248) 858-7215, ext. 236.

ADULT SOFTBALL
The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will be running the following Adult Softball Leagues this spring/summer: Men's Slow Pitch, Women's Slow Pitch, Co-ed Pitch and Men's Modified. Registration for returning teams began March 6. New teams will be able to register starting March 15. Season starts the week of May 1. For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 456-6620 or check the web at: www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

SCHOOL OPENINGS
New Morning School in Plymouth has vacancies in the Primary/Kindergarten and Middle School for the 2000-01 school year. NMS is a parent cooperative that fosters individualized/independent learning, self-esteem, and positive interpersonal skills. Open houses for Primary/Kindergarten will begin at 9:15 a.m. and last approximately 1.5 hours Tuesday, March 21, and Tuesday, April 18. Middle School open house is April 5. Prospective children are welcome. For more information and for reservations, call (734) 420-3331.

Creative Day Nursery School is accepting registration for its preschool program for the fall 2000 sessions. Creative Day's program is a developmental approach with small classes and low student/adult ratio. Sessions consist of Freeplay,

Chamber goes west for annual auction



Don't shoot me. Veterinarian Judi Fleischaker and Terry Jobbitt of Modern Insurance Agency get in character to promote "Diamonds and Denim," the annual dinner-auction hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce. This year's event, with a western theme, is set for 7 p.m. Friday, March 31, at Laurel Manor banquet hall in Livonia. Tickets are \$65 per person. For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-4040.

Storytime, Sharing, and Art and Music activities. Creative Day is located in Canton Township. Children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 5 are eligible. For more information, call (734) 981-3990.

MEETING
The West Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Career Women will host its monthly meeting at 11:45 a.m. March 21 at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cost is \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. The guest speaker will be Patricia Warner, etiquette consultant trained and certified by the Protocol School of Washington. Warner will speak on minding your P's and Q's in the workplace. For more information, or to make reservations, call Tracey Huff at (248) 347-3355.

TRAINING CLASSES
The Spring Volunteer Training program for Community Hospice and Home Care Service Inc. (CHHCS) runs from 5-9 p.m. Monday, March 20, through Friday, March 31. Sessions will be March 20, 22, 24, 27, 29, and 31. Classes will be held at the CHHCS offices of the northwest corner of Warren and Venoy in Westland. Volunteers are needed to help terminally ill individuals and their families in Wayne, Oakland, Monroe and Washtenaw counties. CHHCS needs volunteer hairdressers/barbers, masseuse, musicians, singers, craftsmen, and office help as well as direct patient care and companionship. Any volunteer willing to lend a hand is most welcome. The training program is free of charge and participants

CALENDAR FORM

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

Event: _____

Date and Time: _____

Location: _____

Telephone: _____

Additional info.: _____

Use additional sheet if necessary

Recreation Division will be registering from April 3 through April 21 for the 5- and 6-year-old T-Ball League. Children must have been born July-December 1993, January-December 1994, January-July 1995. Registration will be at the recreation office at the Cultural Center, during office hours from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Birth certificate is required. The season runs seven weekends, running June 24-Aug. 12. No games July 1. For more information, call the city Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, or connect with the Web site at: www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

AARP TAX HELP
AARP will sponsor free federal and Michigan income tax preparation for elderly people at the locations listed below. Work is performed by counselors qualified by the IRS. An appointment is required. Assistance is available 9 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays at Canton Recreation Center, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton, by appointment at (734) 397-5444; from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays at Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady, Northville, by appointment at (248) 349-4140; and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 233 S. Main St., Plymouth, by appointment at (734) 453-1254.

SERVICE CENTER
The Michigan Works Service Center provides the Employer/Employee Connection for Washtenaw County. Job-seeking assistance is provided daily 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Face-to-face job fairs with instant interviews are held 9:30 a.m.-noon Thursday mornings. Free services include distribution of job position information, candidate referrals, resume preparation, interviewing assistance along with Internet access, computer use and free faxing. For more information, call (734) 481-2517.

CENSUS 2000
The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring enumerators for the 2000 census. Enumerators spend most of their time locating addresses and conducting door-to-door interviews. They work evenings and weekends. This temporary job will last up to two months. Census workers are paid \$13-\$15 per hour and are reimbursed for mileage. Bonuses are available. Call (888) 325-7733.

MOPS MEETING
Plymouth Baptist Church holds Mothers of Preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with their children, kindergarten-age and younger, may attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Childcare is provided. The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

M.O.M. MEETING
Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents guest speakers and discussions 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Baby-sitting is provided. Call Kim at (734) 459-7035 or Shannon at (734) 354-0191.

M.I.T.I.
Moms In Touch International is for mothers to meet weekly, for one hour, to pray for their children and schools. The goal is to form a group for each school in Plymouth-Canton.

If you are interested or have any questions, call Karen at (734) 397-2771 or Elaine at (734) 459-3896.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB
The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

KIWANIS CLUB
The Plymouth Kiwanis Club meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the new City Limits Bar & Grill on Ann Arbor Road. Call Charlene Miller at (734) 455-4782.

SUPPORT GROUPS

STARTING OVER
Starting Over is a group for widowed men and women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church of Christ. Call (734) 662-5999.

ARBOR HOSPICE
Arbor Hospice sponsors grief support programs. To sign up, call (734) 662-5999.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS
Community Hospice and Home Care Services hosts ongoing grief support services for adults experiencing a loss through death. The meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. at the Plymouth office of CHHCS (127 S. Main Street). For information call (734) 522-4244.

COUNTERPOINT
Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. Call (734) 563-5005 for information.

ANGELA HOSPICE
Angela Hospice offers free monthly grief support groups for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. All groups meet at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. For meeting dates and times, call Ruth Favor, (734) 464-7810.

CLUBS

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES
The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third week of each month on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays. Playgroup meets twice a month on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For more information, call Pam Heestand at (734) 981-8341.

HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP
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COUNTY CONNECTION
County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a women's chorus singing four-part harmony barbershop style, is always looking for new members. Rehearsals take place 7 p.m. every Tuesday in Ypsilanti. Call (734) 480-6843.

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SPAGHETTI FUND-RAISER
A spaghetti dinner fund-raiser will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22 at the Don S. Hubert VFW Hall located at 27345 Schoolcraft Road, just east of Inkster Road in Redford Township. Donations requested are \$5.00 for an adult and \$3.00 for children. This fund-raiser is being held by the Friends of Kelly Mullett. She is 30-year-old mother of three who lives in Redford Township, and is suffering from numerous seizure disorders and other complications. Friends and Neighbors are sponsoring this event to help cover medical expenses and treatments at the Mayo Clinic.

CHURCH FUND-RAISER
Clarencville United Methodist Church is selling Entertainment passbooks to raise money for the church. The coupon books cost \$40 and are available by calling Jim Robinson at (248) 347-1535 or the church office at (248) 474-3444.

ST. PAT'S DANCE/AUCTION
Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. will host their 8th annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance & Auction Saturday, March 18 at St. Mary's Cultural Center on Merriman Road in Livonia to benefit the work of CHCS. To make a donation or for ticket information call (734) 522-4244.

MOM 2 MOM SALE
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Rummage Sale
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ST. AGATHA VEGAS NIGHTS
St. Agatha will hold Vegas Nights from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday March 31 and Saturday, April 1 at 19750 Beech Daly Road in Redford. Free admission. Black Jack, craps, roulette, big wheel, and 50/50 raffle. Food and bar. For more information call (313) 531-0371.

SPRING TO LIFE BENEFIT
The University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center and Ford Motor Company will join forces for the 10th annual Spring to Life brunch and art auction at noon Sunday, April 2 at the Morris Lawrence Building on the campus of Washtenaw Community College. Tickets range from \$90/person to \$250. Proceeds benefit cancer research and patient care programs at U-M. To make a reservation call (734) 765-0665.

FUN FAIR
St. John Bosco School (located in Redford) will host a fun fair, crafts, bingo, games and a new and exciting raffle. Prizes include a two-night stay at the Island House on Mackinac Island; one-night stay at the Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth; autographed Red Wings puck, dinner/comedy package at Joy's in Livonia; and more. Call (313) 937-3856 for information. Crafters are needed (limited

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
Habitat for Humanity Detroit's Second Annual Benefit Golf Outing and Auction will be held on Wednesday, May 17 at the championship 18-hole Eagle Crest Resort and Golf Club in Ypsilanti. The event features a noon shotgun start with a reception afterwards, dinner buffet, and auction. Putting contest, longest drive and closest to pin contests, 50/50 raffle. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.; lunch at 11:00 a.m. Reception, buffet dinner, and auction begin at 5:30 p.m. Individual golf tickets are \$125, a foursome is \$450. Includes golf, lunch, buffet dinner, and auction. All proceeds from the event benefit Habitat for Humanity Detroit. Contact the Habitat office at (313) 521-6691 for registration and information.

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MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES
St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford will hold mid-week worship services on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m. during Lent. Wednesday dates are March 29, April 5 and 12. Services will be held in the Chapel. Thursday services will be preceded by light supper at 6 p.m., worship at 7 p.m. Dates are March 16, March 23 and 30; April 6 and 13. All services will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. St. John's Lutheran is located at 13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster Road. Call (313) 538-2660.

LENTEN SERVICES
The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday night at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church (23310 Joy Road in Redford, five blocks east of Telegraph). Phone (313) 534-2121. A video tape of one of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's retreats will be shown in the Church hall following the Stations each week of Lent. All are invited to attend.

LENTEN DINNERS
St. Agatha Church (19750 Beech Daly) of Redford will offer Lenten dinners on Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent. 3-8 p.m. Dine in and carry out. Senior discount from 3-5 p.m. Children's menu available. Call (313) 531-0371.

LENTEN SERVICES
St. James Presbyterian (25350 W. Six Mile Road) in Redford Township will hold Lenten services every Wednesday evening through April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Maundy Thursday

services, including communion, are at 7:30 p.m. April 20. For more information call (313) 534-7730.

LENTEN SCHEDULE
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (39020 Five Mile Road in Livonia) will offer Lenten services at 6:45 p.m. every Wednesday from March 15 through April 12. Palm Sunday service is April 16 at 8:30 and 11 a.m.; a prayer vigil service will be held during Holy Week at 7:30 p.m. April 18; April 19, healing service at 7:30 p.m.; April 20 is Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday inter-faith service at noon April 21; Good Friday Tenebrae at 7:30 p.m. April 21; Easter vigil and baptism service at 7:30 p.m. April 22 and Easter Sunday services at 6 a.m. (sunrise communion); 8 a.m. communion service with choir; 9:45 a.m. instrumentalists and a joyful Eucharist; and 11:30 a.m. Christ is Risen!

LENTEN MEAL
St. Genevieve Parish of Livonia will offer a Lenten meal March 17, 24, 31 and April 7 and 14 from 5-7 p.m. Menu includes baked fish, potato and all you can eat soup and salad. Macaroni and cheese as a children's meal. Cost is \$6 for adults; \$3.50 for children ages 6-12 and 5 and under eat free.

WEARING OF THE GREEN
On Saturday, March 18 at 6 p.m. Unity of Livonia (29860 Five Mile Road) will be having a St. Patrick's Day party as part of its "Saturday Nite Live" family nights. Guests are encouraged to bring a dish to pass and to wear green. This fun filled event for the whole family includes games, music and sing-a-longs. Call (734) 421-1760.

IN CONCERT
Still Listening will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18 at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia (36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh

and Wayne Roads). Free will offerings; refreshments will be sold. For more information call Diana at (734) 455-7427.

CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN
Muhammad Ali and his wife Lonnie are spearheading "Champions for Children," a special fund-raiser for Lutheran Child and Family services to promote foster care and adoption placement, at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 18. General admission tickets to the event, which include a live auction and movie viewing of "When We Were Kings," are priced at \$50 and are available at TicketMaster Outlets. For information on a variety of special tickets call (734) 354-3600.

DARLA McFADDEN
Come and praise the Lord in a worship celebration with "Darla McFadden" at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 19 at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road in Livonia. Phone (734) 464-0990. Darla is a Christian music artist from Indianapolis. She will be singing songs both old and new that will bless and encourage your heart, including songs from her most recent recording, "He is Worthy."

RENEWAL SERVICES
Chris McNairy of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan will preach at Mainstreet Baptist Church in Canton during the church's renewal services, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 19, 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, March 20-22, at the church, 8500 N. Morton Taylor. Special music and child care provided. Call (734) 453-4785.

WEIGH DOWN
A weigh down workshop orientation will be held Monday evening March 20 at Family Impact Ministries the pastoral care center of Tri-City Christian Center located on Michigan Ave. (one mile east of I-75) in Canton. You must call to register. (734) 326-7780.

SPIRITUAL ELDERING WORKSHOP

The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church workshop is meant for members of the church who want to use their life experience to nurture, heal or impact a younger generation and this world. It is intended for those who seek deeper meaning in later life and seek ways to enrich their elder years. Presenters provided by the Spiritual Eldering Institute. The workshop will be held 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, March 21, 28 and April 4, 11 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The registration fee for the series is \$30. Call (734) 464-0211.

DIVORCE & BEYOND
The Friends Group of St. Thomas Church in Ann Arbor is conducting a Divorce and Beyond Workshop on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. beginning March 22nd. Divorce and Beyond is a course of eight weekly evening sessions that helps the individual come to terms with a relationship that has irretrievably broken down. Divorce and Beyond offers a secure environment for discussion and understanding of feelings. Program topics include the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, blame and guilt, loneliness, and forgiveness. Call Virginia Mikola at (734) 994-9194 or Gerald Black at (734) 741-1874 for information and registration. Cost is \$20, which includes "Divorce and Beyond", a book by James Greteman, CSC and Leon Haverkamp, MSW.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN GATHERINGS
"Opening Our Hearts to Christ - Jubilee 2000" will begin with noon services on the Wednesdays of Lent followed by a luncheon of bread and soup. All services will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 710 Church St. in Plymouth. Worship leaders/lunch providers are as follows:

March 22, First United Methodist (Our Lady of Good Counsel); March 29, First Baptist (First Baptist); April 5, Saint Kenneth (First United Methodist); and April 12, Salvation Army (Salvation Army). Donations to cover the cost of lunch benefit the Greater Detroit Partnership for Training (a national initiative that addresses primary health care shortages).

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES
March 21, 28 and April 4, 11 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Weekly prayer and discussion about the five-session "God is Here," video series from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Each week allows for personal and group reflections on worship. Kids are welcome to participate, as they are able. Reservations are not necessary.

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE
St. Agatha Church (19750 Beech Daly Road) in Redford will hold a Taize Prayer Service at 7 p.m. March 23 at St. Agatha Church. Call Linda Phillips for information (313) 531-0371.

SEXUAL ABUSE RECOVERY
The recovery from sexual abuse group meets Thursday evenings beginning March 23. Registration cost is \$25 per person, however, scholarships are available. Deadline to register is March 15. Family Impact Ministries the pastoral care center of Tri-City Christian Center located on Michigan Ave. (one mile east of I-275) in Canton. Call (734) 326-7780.

DINNER W/THE FILLMORES
On Sunday, March 26 at 4:30 p.m. Unity of Livonia (29860 Five Mile Road) will be hosting a dinner featuring healthy and delicious original recipes, many of which are vegetarian, from Unity Inn in Missouri. Dinner

will be served on a love offering basis. After dinner there will be a discussion of the original writings of the Fillmore, the founders of the Unity Church. Call (734) 421-1760.

LUTHERAN SINGERS
The Detroit Lutheran Singers, Eric Freidigman, director and Doris Hall, accompanist, will perform a concert of sacred choral music with participation by children's choirs at Christ Our Savior Lutheran at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26 (14175 Farmington Road in Livonia). Tickets are \$10 (\$7 for students and seniors). Call (248) 988-0604 or visit their Web site at <http://members.xoom.com/kmwin/dls.html>

JUBILEE JOURNEY
Come to the Jubilee Journey "A Carnival of Saints" from 3-5 p.m. March 26 at St. Maurice Parish Hall, 32765 Lyndon, Livonia. Celebrate your faith, enjoy the fun and check out the food. Call 421-5240 for information.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT
A Spiritual Weekend Retreat titled, "A New Century - A New Beginning," will be held March 31-April 2 at St. Johns Center in Plymouth. Several inspirational speakers will be present. Cost is \$100 and \$115 (double room/single room), lodging and meals included. Pre-registration is a must by March 22. Call Jeff (313) 381-0731 or Ariene (810) 776-2621.

WOMEN'S RETREAT
A women's retreat titled "Getting Real with God," is planned for Friday March 31 and Saturday April 1 through Tri-City Christian Center of Canton. Registration date is March 15. \$79 per person. For more information call Tri-City Christian Center at (734) 326-0330.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT
April 1 at Timothy Lutheran Church from 6-8 p.m. (8820 Wayne Road). A game night for the whole family - including get-to-know you games, board games, card games, and games for children. Please call (734) 427-2290 for information.

TAI CHI
A beginner class of Tai chi will be offered Monday, April 3 under the sponsorship of the Taoist Tai Chi Society in Livonia (38121 Ann Arbor Road) and Nardin Park United Methodist Church. Day classes for seniors available at the Livonia location. Observers welcome. Visit our Web site at www.ttcs.org. Call (248) 332-1281.

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Contemporary format church celebrates second anniversary

For a church that doesn't have an overwhelming number of members Canton Friendship Church appears to be thriving as it approaches its second anniversary. On any given Sunday, you're likely to find a couple hundred worshippers gathered together at their rented, temporary quarters in the Walnut Room of Canton's Summit on the Park. Average attendance was right around 180 for calendar year 1999.

Affiliated with the United Methodist Church, Canton Friendship is an experiment of sorts. It was established to serve those who either had no church or who were slowly drifting away from their faith. The plan was to package the ministry in a format

familiar and attractive to today's "unchurched" adult.

The worship experience, according to members, is best characterized as having a friendly, casual atmosphere, with multimedia presentations, and upbeat music. Messages emphasize the practical application of biblical lessons to everyday living.

While the church definitely wants to attract any and all worshippers looking for a more contemporary atmosphere, there is an abundance of young families with children.

With the financial support of a fund raising campaign among Michigan's United Methodists, the church's ongoing marketing plan utilizes time-tested Madi-

son Avenue techniques to solicit interest. The coordinated effort includes phone calls to area families, typically those with no church affiliation. Colorful brochures are then mailed to all prospects that respond favorably. A typical title is: "The Top Five Reasons People Don't Go to Church Anymore."

The response has been outstanding according to the Reverend Mike Norton, senior pastor. "We find that over 60 percent of our attendees say that they had no involvement with a church before coming to Canton Friendship," said Norton. "And, we've continued to have sizable, enthusiastic congregations ever since, with new people visiting every week."

What make the service so popular? "Short sermons," quipped Norton. "We keep it simple and practical, tending to talk about personal and family issues."

Some of the more appealing facets of the church, according to members, include the worshippers ability to take their pre-church coffees into the services; Canton Friendship utilizes a five-piece band to keep things lively and words to hymns and songs are project on a seven-by-ten foot screen. Also the dress code emphasizes comfort.

"Our whole family truly enjoys the Canton Friendship Church," said regular attendee Robin LeClerc. The children's ministry, Promiseland, uses a lot of hands-on curriculum that really gets

kids involved in learning. Even our boys like the church right away.

New perspective

"My husband and I strongly agree that it's not a place where you just feel like you're being preached to, but rather one where you can truly learn and interact. And, even if you're new, you don't feel alone. You can be yourself."

In agreement with LeClerc are Tony and Stacy Garczynski. "It's the perfect place for families to grow in their relationships with the Lord and learn about God. Through the friendships we've made and the support we've received, it has truly enhanced our family life. Our kids have

made many friends in church and a lot to share and talk about during the week."

Susan Lesti says you don't have to be a single woman to enjoy the family atmosphere. "I attended church all my life out of obligation and fear. I didn't look forward to going and paid little attention to sermons that were not applicable to my life. I was just going through the motions. Now it's totally different. Pastor Norton is just like everyone else. I like the music and sermons, and can apply them to my life. I'm no longer intimidated by religion and I'm developing a relationship with Christ."

Kindermusik offers spring classes for young children, parents

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Newborns to 18-month old babies and their parents can join this 45-minute class. It meets for 8 weeks and costs \$58 with a \$30

materials fee. Beginning early, on April 3, class meets 9:30 a.m. Tuesday; 10:35 a.m. Wednesday; 5:45 p.m. Thursday; 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Creatures In My Yard

18 month olds to 3 1/2 year olds and their parents can experience nature and the world around them with this 5-week class. It lasts 45 minutes and costs \$38 with a \$30 materials fee for a CD, activity cards, and

a folktale bunny hand puppet. Class meets 9:30 a.m. Monday; 10:20 a.m. Tuesday; 11:30 a.m. Wednesday; noon and 6:35 p.m. Thursday; 12:15 p.m. Saturday.

Creatures In The Ocean

18 month olds to 3 1/2 year olds and their parents can learn more about the sea, calypso music and more with this 5-week class. It lasts 45 minutes and costs \$38 with a \$30 materials fee for a CD, activity cards,

seashell castanets and story cards. Class meets 10:20 a.m. Monday; 11:10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday; 10:20 a.m. Saturday.

Adventures Around The World

Four to 7-year olds may join this 5-week class and learn about the dance, drama and music associated with countries like England, Germany, Japan, Africa and Mexico. It lasts one hour and costs \$45 with a \$35

materials fee for maracas, den-den drum, activity cards, a crown and more. Class meets 11:15 a.m. Monday; noon, 5 and 6:45 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday; 11:15 a.m. Saturday.

Enroll anytime, classes are pro-rated. There will be no classes on Easter break, April 24-29, or Memorial Day, Monday, May 29. Those classes will be made up on Monday, June 5.

No refunds are given after the

first class, but credits are available. Siblings receive a 20 percent discount on tuition, and discounts are available for materials.

A \$5 class credit is offered for referrals if another child enrolls. A 50 percent discount on tuition is offered if a child is enrolled for 5 consecutive semesters. For more information or to register, call Lori Nelson at (734) 354-9109.

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for information.

SPRING SPECTACULAR

Livonia Stevenson High School (33500 W. Six Mile Rd./1 block west of Farmington Rd. 2 miles north of I-96) will be the host site of the "Spring Spectacular Craft Show" from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sat. April 8. For information call: 248-478-2395 or 248-476-0315.

CREATIVE MEMORIES

Join us from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 8 for a day of cropping, scrapbooking, and fun at the Bailey Center in Westland

(36651 Ford Road). Cost is \$20 per person and includes lunch, snacks, beverages and lots of other special goodies. Pre-register by March 28 and receive the exclusive, 96-page book "How to take great photos with any camera." Limited space is available. Call to reserve a spot, Terry Saenz (734) 981-6577.

GARDEN GALA CRAFT SHOW

Crafters are needed who specialize in yard and garden related crafts for the first "Garden Gala," May 20, at Memorial Elementary School in Garden City.

If you are interested in participating call Rhonda, (734) 762-0183.

CHELSEA SUMMER FEST

Applications are currently being sought for arts and crafts vendors at the Chelsea Summer Fest, July 28 and 29. Booth hours are Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you are interested in obtaining a booth, contact Penny (734) 433-0354 or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 580, Chelsea, MI 48118.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

All-MIAC honors

Three members of the Plymouth Christian Academy basketball teams were singled out for honors by the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Dave Carty, a 6-foot-1 senior guard, and Mike Huntsman, a 6-4 senior center, were both all-MIAC first-team selections. Derric Isensee, a 6-3 senior forward, was named to the second team.

In addition, Carty and Auburn Hills Oakland Christian's Jimmy Mehlberg were named co-Most Valuable Players.

PCA tied Allen Park Inter-City Baptist for first in the MIAC, each with an 8-2 record. The Eagles are riding a 17-game winning streak and will play in the Class D regional finals Friday at Hillsdale.

College standouts

Central Michigan University's baseball team got off to a solid start, posting a 7-4 record on their spring trip to Jacksonville, Fla. Among CMU's victims were University of Michigan (11-6), South Alabama (7-2) and Iowa (9-3).

Mike Gates, a freshman at CMU from Canton, got off to a solid start as a Chippewa. Gates had eight hits with a .348 batting average, with a double, a home run, five runs batted in and five runs scored.

Amy Sonnanstine, a junior at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, turned in a solid performance at the North Coast Athletic Conference Indoor Track Championships, held at Denison University.

A 1997 Plymouth Canton graduate, Sonnanstine placed fifth in the pole vault, clearing 8-feet, 10-inches and was part of the distance medley relay team that finished eighth. Wittenberg placed fifth overall.

Ambassador signs

Ryan Connelly, a forward for the Compuware Ambassadors, has agreed to attend the University of North Dakota. The 5-foot-9, 175-pounder joined the Ambassadors March 8 and has played just three games in the North American Hockey League, collecting two assists.

Connelly is the seventh Ambassador to commit to a college this season. Mike Roemensky and Steve Jackson have already left to play for their collegiate teams, Roemensky at Michigan and Jackson at Michigan State.

CYO football meeting

The Catholic Youth Organization will have a meeting for those boys in grades 3-8 who are interested in playing CYO football at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

All boys interested in playing are invited to attend this informational meeting. Our Lady of Good Counsel is located at 1062 Church in Plymouth.

For more information, call Mike Girsakis at (734) 454-0847 or at (734) 427-6270.

Spring hockey sign-up

Registration is now under way for adult spring recreational hockey leagues.

The Rockets (over 21 years) will play Sundays and Thursdays at the Artic Pond Arena in Plymouth; the Plymouth Masters (over 40) will play Sundays and Wednesdays at the Plymouth Cultural Center; the Golden Eagles (over 49) will play Sunday and Wednesday nights at the Artic Pond.

The season runs April 2-May 11. To register, call or FAX name and address to John Wilson at (248) 471-0658, or E-mail him at: john@rspl.net.

Harrier coach wanted

The Plymouth Salem girls cross country team is seeking an assistant volunteer coach for the fall 2000 season.

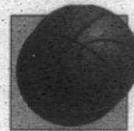
The job includes knowledge of distance running and ability to convey that to high school athletes.

Financial compensation will be worked out upon hiring.

Those interested should contact Salem varsity coach Dave Gerlach at (734) 416-7708.

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.

PCA's going back to final



When the 1998-99 season ended, the goals for Plymouth Christian Academy's team were already set. Tuesday's win in the regional semifinals put the Eagles at the point where last season ended. Redemption is at hand.

BY C.J. RISAK
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Speed kills.
It did Tuesday night in the Class D basketball regional tournament at

Hillsdale College. And Plymouth Christian Academy was the team that had it.

The Eagles superior speed allowed them to wear down and eventually wear out Reading by a 72-61 margin. The win was their 17th-straight and

earned them a return trip to Friday's regional final against the winner of Wednesday's game between Adrian Lenawee Christian and Morrice.

PCA is 19-4. Reading bows out at 17-6.

"As good as we played Thursday (in beating Jackson Christian), we played bad tonight," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "But we always get the job done. Tonight, we made the big plays when we needed to."

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Rocks slide to Pershing in regional

BY DAN O'MEARA
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A strong first half allowed Plymouth Salem's basketball team to retain a measure of pride despite a 16-point loss Tuesday in a Class A boys regional game.

The Rocks can take comfort in knowing they forced heavily-favored Detroit Pershing to play the second half to beat them.

Pershing was only up four points at halftime but distanced itself from Salem in the third quarter and eventually won 84-68 at Southfield-Lathrup.

The Doughboys (20-2) increased their defensive pressure in the second half, caused Salem to make more turnovers and scored a bunch of points in transition.

"We picked them up full court and went to a zone press and a half-court trap," Pershing coach Arnold Nevels said. "We thought, if we picked them up deeper and kept the game in the back court more, we could disrupt their offense."

After Salem's Matt McCaffrey scored the first basket of the third quarter to put the Rocks within two, 41-39, the Doughboys went on a 16-2 run that decided the issue.

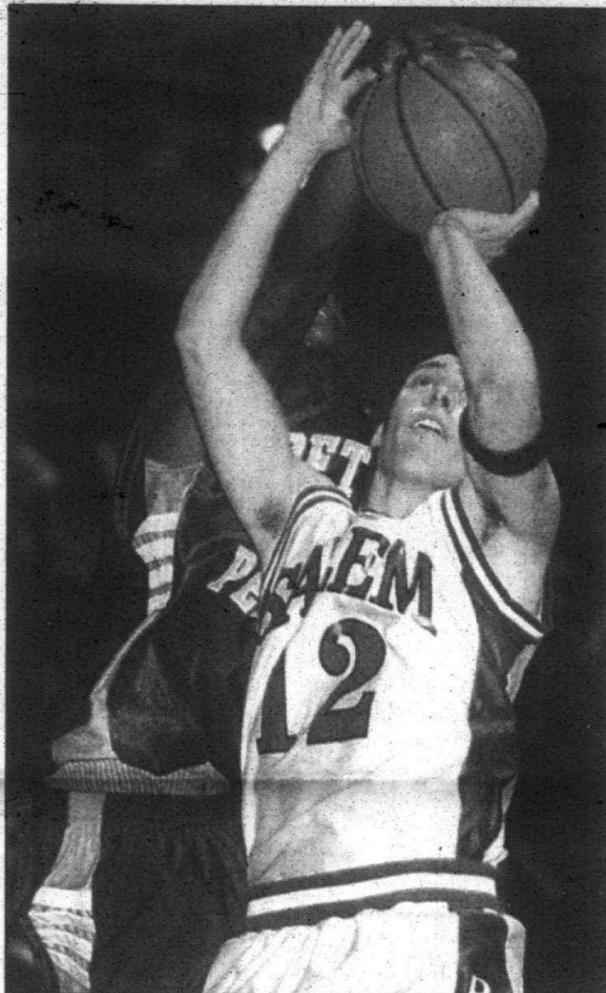
Pershing guard Michael Bailey scored half of his team-high 24 points in that period and forward Jacob Shaw seven of his 16.

The Doughboys, who led 66-49 going into the fourth quarter, scored nearly all of their second-half points on layups or dunks by 6-foot-9 Arthur Johnson and 6-10 Darris Manciel, both of whom blocked a good many shots, too.

"We can't make some of the mistakes we did and miss open shots and expect to stay close to a team like," Salem coach Bob Brodie said, "because once you get down it's real difficult."

"It was like a time bomb waiting to happen. You

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STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIELT

Not this time: Salem's Jeff Haar gets this shot swatted away by a Pershing defender in Tuesday's regional semifinal. The Rocks made it a game - for a half.

Whalers' streak 2nd-longest in OHL



Seventeen — a number with a special meaning for the Plymouth Whalers.

That's how many they've won in a row. The most recent in that string was Sunday's 3-2 victory over the Owen Sound Platers at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, with a crowd of 2,335 in attendance.

What they witnessed was something considered completely improbable just a couple weeks earlier: a changing of the guard, if you will.

For the first time since early in the season, the Ottawa 67s did not have the Ontario Hockey League's best record. That honor belonged to the Whalers, who are currently 43-17-4, with 91 points in 64 games. Ottawa is 43-20-3 for 90 points in 66 games.

The 17-straight wins extends the team record for most wins in a row (the former mark of 12 belonged to the Detroit Junior Wings, set in '95) and brings the Whalers closer to the OHL record of 25, established by the Oshawa Generals. The Whalers current string is second longest in OHL history.

In the win over Owen Sound, Plymouth overcame a 2-1 deficit after the first period with a pair of second-period goals by Eric Gooldy, both assisted by Stephen Weiss and Jared Newman. Justin Williams' 35th goal of the season in the opening period (from Damian Surma and Jamie Lalonde) had tied the game at 1-1.

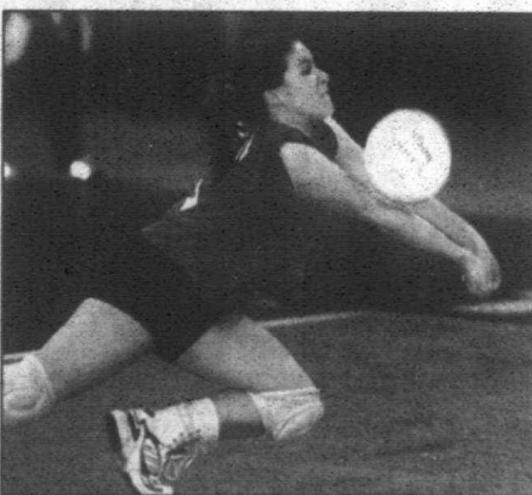
Rob Zepp stopped 17 of 19 shots in earning the victory in goal for the Whalers. Corey Roberts turned away 37 of 40 Whaler shots for the Platers (19-39-6).

On Saturday at Compuware, second-period goals

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Just too much

Temperance Bedford sidelines Salem in quarters



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Diggin' it: Liz Gizicki saves this one for Plymouth Salem, but the Rocks couldn't quite match up with a powerful Temperance Bedford team.

BY BRAD EMONS
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With the Van Gogh exhibit still in town, Plymouth Salem's volleyball team tried to come up with another masterpiece.

Unfortunately for the Rocks, their Class A state tournament run ended Tuesday night at Eastern Michigan University's new Convocation Center.

Temperance Bedford eliminated Salem for the second straight year in the quarterfinals with a 15-2, 16-14 triumph.

Bedford, 73-11 overall, moves on to Friday's state semifinal in Kalamazoo, while Salem ends its year at 44-12-1.

"We felt with the kind of talent we had coming in this year we'd have to build around character, heart and playing together as a team," Salem coach Tom Teeters said. "That took us a

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long way. They got a lot more out of themselves and they did really well. They surprised the coaching staff with what they accomplished. I'm proud of the girls because most of them were starters for the first time."

Salem, which lost Feb. 12 to Kicking Mules in the Bedford Invitational finals, 15-3, 15-9, appeared to be overwhelmed in the opening game.

Bedford breezed to a 15-2 win as Nicole Salisbury and Valerie Lyczkowski, a pair of 5-foot-10 seniors, combined for four blocks and six kills.

Teeters then changed his serving strategy. The soft drinks over the net which proved to be so successful in Saturday's regional conquest of

Livonia Franklin were quickly abandoned to start the second game.

"We tried the deep, cannonball serves and it took them out of their game a little bit," the Salem coach said. "We saw in the first game that they were playing close. It's not an option we usually do in practice and we've rarely used it against other teams."

"But it's an option."

Salem began to get into the groove, building leads of 6-3 and 10-5 in Game No. 2.

"When they had a four or five-point lead I think our kids began to think what might happen," Bedford coach Jodi Manore said. "I think we got a little overconfident and they (Salem) picked up their game. They began find holes and we were not aggressive."

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WRESTLING

Thompson finishes 2nd at state meet

BY C.J. RISAK
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What Ron Thompson accomplished in four years was, in a word, amazing.

Indeed, if one listens to Plymouth Salem co-coach Greg Woochuk, it's rather surprising he was a member of the Rocks' varsity wrestling team as a senior.

"He was by far the worst wrestler we had as a freshman," said Woochuk. Longtime Salem coach Ron Krueger wouldn't go that far, but he agreed Thompson wasn't anywhere near the top of the talent list his first year.

But one of Thompson's premier attributes is determination. That, combined with his ability to learn and adapt quickly, helped take him to the Division I individual championship match at 119 pounds.

Unfortunately, Thompson couldn't quite clear his final obstacle at Saturday's tournament, held at Joe Louis Arena. Dan Jilg of Novi kept his season record against Thompson perfect, beating Thompson 4-2. It was the fifth time Jilg has topped Thompson this year.

"Right now, Ronnie has a mental block against Jilg," said Krueger. "But he'll keep working and keep working and keep working until he beats Jilg."

"Ronnie does a lot of unorthodox things other wrestlers don't do. He'd definitely be on my all-time list, and you know why? He's an over-achiever."

Thompson advanced by beating Cody Nicholson of Grandville 10-4 in the first round; Craig Trombley of New Baltimore Anchor Bay 7-5 in overtime in the quarterfinals; and Ben Sutton of Lansing Eastern 4-3 in the semifinals.

His win over Trombley, who was unbeaten at the time, was, according to Krueger, "the best match in the whole tournament." But with Thompson, doing the

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Rocks' relay scores at state

It was, well, okay. Certainly many of the Plymouth Salem state meet qualifiers had hoped for a bit more at last weekend's championships at Eastern Michigan University. Still, many turned in season-best times.

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thoff and Mike Johnson.

Salem's 400 free relay was disqualified, and its 200 medley relay narrowly missed qualifying for Saturday's finals, placing 13th in 1:40.54. Team members were Eric Lynn, Jason Rebarchik, Ben Dzialo and Mike Johnson.

The Rocks scored points with their 200-yard freestyle relay, which placed 10th in 1:28.75. Relay members were Dan Jones, Aaron Shelton, Mark Wit-

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Johnson also just missed qualifying for the finals in the 50 free, placing 13th in 22.40.

Lynn finished 16th in the 200 individual medley (1:59.67) and was 17th in the 100 backstroke (55.67).

Dzialo placed 24th in the 100 butterfly (54.85), and Brian Mertens was 20th in the 500 free (4:59.92).

For Canton, Brad Nilson took 20th in

the 100 backstroke (56.07), and the Chiefs' 200 medley relay team of Nilson, Eddie Lindow, Aaron Reeder and Matt Wisniewski finished 20th (1:41.6).

Canton's 200 free relay team of Reeder, Matt Wisniewski, Trey Gerack and Steve Rice placed 30th (1:33.33).

Birmingham Brother Rice successfully defended its state title, scoring 167 points to edge Ann Arbor Pioneer (162). Rochester Adams was third (111).

Best among Observerland teams was Livonia Stevenson, which tied Battle Creek Lakeview for 15th with 28 points. Joe Bublitz, a junior, led the Spartans by finishing third in the 200 individual medley and fifth in the 100 butterfly.

North Farmington finished 17th with 26 points, while Salem ended up 32nd with six. Redford Catholic Central scored one point; Canton did not score.

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RESULTS BY EVENT
200-yard medley relay: 1. Pioneer (Will McDonald, Victor Stover, John Stover, Blake Barsan), 1:35:42; 2. Groves, 1:36:15; 3. Brother Rice, 1:36:17; 4. Lakesh, 1:37:70; 5. Holland, 1:38:48; 6. Lakeview, 1:39:16; 7. North Farmington (Jim Gabriel, Jon Zaid,

11:35; 3. Chris Sullivan, Rockford, 2:53.63; 4. Justin Zumsteg, Rochester, 2:16.7; 5. Andrew Taylor, Adams, 2:16.7; 6. Wicke Gibson, Okemos, 2:15.7; 7. Will McDonald, Pioneer, 2:19.8; 8. Jeff Travis, Dondoro, 2:20.0; 9. Paul Jackson, Troy, 2:21.10; (tie) Ron Garber, St. Johns, and Patrick Saucedo, Jackson, 2:21.13; 12. Jeff Vroegindewey, Portage Central, 2:24.4.

Diving: 1. Andrew Sivuka, Pioneer, 503.95 points; 2. Paul McCarty, Ypsilanti, 467.80; 3. Justin Laskowski, Bay City Western, 434.95; 4. Chris Gawronski, Walled Lake, 425.45; 5. Dusty Garwood, Lakesh, 414.50; 6. Ryan Matuzak, Rochester, 409.75; 7. Ryan Cowmeadow, Adrian, 405.35; 8. Jeff Magnuson, East Kentwood, 404.75; 9. Tony Schultz, Brother Rice, 397.10; 10. Chad Zilich, Pioneer, 376.45; 11. Ben Chapman, Rockford, 371.95; 12. Eric Demarco, Pioneer, 362.00.

100' butterfly: 1. Randolph Lam, Detroit Jesuit, 49:32; 2. Alex Ebner, Okemos, 49:57; 3. John Stover, Pioneer, 51:50; 4. Greg Stricker, Midland Dow, 52:06; 5. Joe Bublitz, Livonia Stevenson, 52:12; 6. Thomas Giering, Hudsonville, 52:14; 7. Matt Holcomb, Brother Rice, 52:69; 8. Brian O'Rourke, Groves, 53:09; 9. Todd Webster, Troy, 53:35; 10. Aaron Kulesh, Adams, 53:37; 11. Chris Heldermeister, Lakesh, 53:68; 12. Brett Meconis, Catholic Central, 54:07.

100 freestyle: 1. Larry Kennedy, Groves, 48:08; 2. Scott Weir, Forest Hills Central, 46:90; 3. Michael Porth, Detroit Jesuit, 46:97; 4. Jake Niergarth, Grand Haven, 47:26; 5. Matt Bowman, Brother Rice, 47:62; 6. Patrick Saucedo, Jackson, 47:89; 7.

Andrew Scheerhorn, West Ottawa, 47:86; 8. Andrew Terry, East Lansing, 48:36; 9. Matt Zolnierak, Rockford, 48:43; 10. Jeff Travis, Dondoro, 48:48; 11. Kevin Hyde, Rockford, 48:53; 12. Derek Allan, Cresson, 49:07.

500 freestyle: 1. Jefferson Moors, Brother Rice, 4:32:87; 2. Chris DeJong, Holland, 4:33:01; 3. Kris Carver, Huron, 4:38:00; 4. Peter Gossalar, West Ottawa, 4:40:42; 5. Jimmy Ohngren, Adams, 4:42:15; 6. Graham Taylor, Pioneer, 4:50:82; 7. Justin Smith, Bay City Western, 4:43:57; 8. Peter Vanderkay, Adams, 4:43:91; 9. Steven Hill, Pioneer, 4:45:03; 10. Victor Stover, Pioneer, 4:46:38; 11. Scott Paavola, Grosse Pointe North, 4:47:51; 12. Scott Whitebeck, Northville, 4:48:81.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Pioneer (Will McDonald, Blake Barsan, Victor Stover, John Stover), 1:25:92; 2. Brother Rice, 1:26:43; 3. Detroit Jesuit, 1:26:57; 4. Rockford, 1:27:29; 5. Groves, 1:27:32; 6. Adams, 1:28:37; 7. Grand Haven, 1:28:23; 8. Portage Central, 1:28:59; 9. Zeeland, 1:28:63; 10. Plymouth Salem (Dan Jones, Aaron Shelton, Mark Witthoff, Mike Johnson), 1:28:75; 11. Hudsonville, 1:29:04; 12. Troy, 1:29:30.

100 backstroke: 1. Andrew Scheerhorn, West Ottawa, 51:13; 2. Alex Ebner, Okemos, 51:55; 3. Justin Zumsteg, Rochester, 51:98; 4. Kurt Schoenholz, Lakesh, 52:36; 5. Luke Lehner, Lakeview, 53:40; 6. Matt Holcomb, Brother Rice, 53:65; 7. Kevin Hyde, Rockford, 53:85; 8. Andrew Ciesielski, Brother Rice, 54:00; 9. Todd Webster, Troy, 54:30; 10. Wicke Gibson, Okemos, 54:48; 11. Mike DeTefeno, Brother Rice, 54:81; 12. Garrett Pas-

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400 freestyle relay: 1. Brother Rice (Jefferson Moors, Jogh Davidson, Chris Brode, Matt Bowman), 3:08:08; 2. Rockford, 3:11:16; 3. Detroit Jesuit, 3:11:29; 4. Pioneer, 3:11:44; 5. Adams, 3:14:44; 6. Troy, 3:14:80; 7. West Ottawa, 3:14:08; 8. Grand Haven, 3:14:76; 9. Holland, 3:14:91; 10. Zeeland, 3:14:97; 11. Portage Central, 3:16:72; 12. Salem (disqualified).

OBSERVERLAND FINISHERS (Friday's Preliminary Heats)
200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Eric Lynn, Jason Rebarchik, Ben Dzialo, Mike Johnson), 1:40:54; 12. Redford CC (Brett Meconis, Chris LaFont, Bryant Steele, Ed Lesau), 1:41:09; 20. Canton (Brad Nilson, Eddie Lindow, Aaron Reeder, Matt Wisniewski), 1:41:6.

200 freestyle: 21. Brandon Digia (North Farmington), 1:48:44; 22. Devin Hopper (Farmington Hills Harrison), 1:48:84.

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400 freestyle relay: 14. North Farmington (Brandon Digia, Jon Zaid, Chris Clayson, Adam Farber), 1:29:08; Redford CC (Brett Meconis, Bryant Steele, Kevin Ryan, Ed Lesau), 1:30:84; 23. Stevenson (Justin Meyer, Kevin VanTiem, Pat Rodemey, Mike Ketterer), 1:32:02; 28. Harrison (Brandon Good, Max Suttles, Dan Price, Mark Benivenga), 1:32:28; 30. Canton (Aaron Reeder, Matt Wisniewski, Trey Gerack, Steve Rice), 1:33:33.

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Salem tips Canton, 62-58

DISTRICT FINAL

It's never easy. Not when Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem tangle — particularly with an extension of the Class A state basketball tournament up for grabs.

Saturday's district final at Novi was another chapter in a long and storied history of such meetings. In the end, Salem converted each shot when it had to, just often enough to edge Canton, 62-58.

The biggest lead either team had in the contest was six points until the game's last couple of minutes. A slight surge to start the fourth quarter was enough to put Salem ahead of Canton to stay.

The win was Salem's 13th of the season against nine losses. Canton finishes with an 11-11 record.

"I can't explain it," said a disappointed Dan Young, Canton's coach. "I thought their size really hurt us, especially late."

"Losing (Jason) Waidmann was huge. He's improved so much, I'm so proud of him."

Waidmann, Canton's 6-foot-5 senior center, drew his fifth foul while trying to pull down a breakthrough pass with 3:17 left and the Chiefs trailing 49-46. He got his fourth personal with 6:09 left in the quarter and Young had sat him down, hoping to save him for the stretch run.

But Canton, which led after each period —

"We're horrible in practice," was Brodie's reply when questioned about his team's free throw accuracy.

But the mounting free throw totals could be attributed to Salem's improved interior play in the second half.

"We changed our defense and I think we forced some bad shots," said Brodie. "We weren't doing a good enough job doubling down (on Waidmann and Nether) in the first half. In the second half, we started doing that a bit better."

Waidmann and Nether combined to score 52 points in the district semifinal against Northville; against Salem, they had 27.

Fortunately, Dan McLean helped fill the void somewhat, shredding the Rocks for 17 points. Nether finished with 18 and Waidmann had nine points and 12 boards.

But the rest of the Canton team combined for just 14 points. Salem got a great inside game from Matt McCaffrey; he totaled 21 points and grabbed 16 rebounds. Ryan Nimmerguth added 11 points, Andy Koccolosi scored nine and Ryan Cook finished with eight.

"It just hurts a lot," said Canton's Young. "We were so close for so long. I thought we could do it."

"We fought the whole way. I feel bad for them."

In a game like this, there was nothing to feel about.

McCaffrey was 12-of-17 at the line and Salem 13-of-19 as a team. Pershing sank six of seven free throws.

"We ran the high-low game and got the ball inside in the first half," Brodie said. "We didn't have that in the second half."

"We were taking the 10-foot

jumper instead of taking it to the basket. Their big guys had something to do with that, however."

With the season now ended, Brodie expressed great pride in the 1999-00 Rocks.

"I told the kids I'm more proud of them than any team because

of the adversity they came through," he said. "We lost a lot of close games, but they never quit and kept coming back."

"We won three championships (holiday tournament, division and district) and played for four. You can't ask more out of a high school team."

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"He came from nothing to everything," said Wochuck. "And he's as strong in his academics as he is in wrestling."

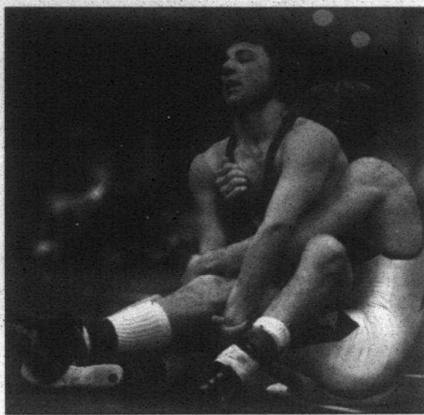
Added Krueger, "When we get a kid who makes strides the way Ronnie did in two years, it has to be phenomenal."

Rob Ash was Salem's second qualifier. Wrestling at 125, Ash got off to a rough start by getting pinned by Chase Metcalf of Davison in 1:42. He followed that, however, with wrestling wins over Jeff Gehring of Howell, 13-9 in the first round and Jason Fuller of Holland West Ottawa, 7-1 in the second.

In the wrestling quarterfinals, however, Ash was pinned by Ethan Smith of Traverse City Central in 4:48, then lost to Brian Sullivan of Birmingham Brother Rice, 9-4, in the eighth.

"He got caught twice and it cost him," said Krueger of Ash's performance. Still, as Wochuck noted, "I think he got more out of (the tournament) than we thought he would."

Something both Salem wrestlers did all season long.



Championship round: Salem's Ron Thompson (in blue) reclaimed the title bout at 119, where he faced an old nemesis - Novi's Dan Jilg. Jilg prevailed, 4-2.

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March 9-11 at Joe Louis Arena (OBSERVERLAND FINISHERS)

DIVISION I - FIRST PLACES

Joe Guterman, Livonia Stevenson, 103 pounds; declined Kyle Greenberg (Portage Central), 8-0; pinned Chris Anderson (Romulus), 5:54; dec. Kyle Klooster (Grand Haven), 8-6; dec. Jimmy Shuch (Rockford), 4-2. Final record: 43-0.

Mike Venocock, Redford Catholic Central, 160; won by injury default over Adam Backing (East Kentwood), 13-6; by Wyatt Gau (Dearborn Edsel Ford), 1:59; dec. Brad Anderson (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central), 7-3; won by major dec. over Matt McCartney (Roseville), 15-7. Final record: 50-0.

RUNNER-UP

Ron Thompson, Plymouth Salem, 119; dec. Cory Nicholson (Grandville), 10-4; dec. Craig Trombley (Anchor Bay), 7:5 (overtime); dec. Ben Sutton (Lansing Eastern), 4-3; lost to Dan Jilg (Novi), 4-2.

THIRD PLACE

Imad Kharbush, Stevenson, 152; p. Steve Walter (Lake Orion), 2:58; dec. Rick Morales (Holland West Ottawa), 7-3; lost to Zemaio Pittman (Filint Carmen-Ainsworth), 7-3; dec. Kevin Harrington (Birmingham Brother Rice), 6-4; dec. Mike Chandler (South Lyon), 5-3. Final record: 46-3.

FOURTH PLACE

John Meyvin, Livonia Franklin, 125; lost to

DIVISION II - FIRST PLACES

Scott Walker (Flushing), 7-3; won by technical fall over Anthony Marrs (Battle Creek Central), 21-2; dec. Adam Shoger (West Bloomfield), 5-3 (OT); dec. Brian Sullivan (Brother Rice), 10-5; lost to Chase Metcalf (Davison), 4-2. Final record: 34-3.

SIXTH PLACE

Jeff Wheeler, Redford CC, 135; won by major dec. over Jon Barkham (Rochester Adams), 12-4; p. Aaron Brohi (Romulus), 3:26; lost to Joe Whitman (Davison), 1:08; lost to Dennis Humba (Dearborn Ford), 4-11.

EIGHTH PLACE

Ryan Rogowski, Redford CC, 171; dec. Ben Ewoldt (Saline), 12-0; lost to Matt Spreovic (Forest Hills Central), 3:38; dec. Devo Body (Rochester Adams), 7-1; lost to Ben Barlow (Saginaw Heritage), 7-5; lost to Chris Avery (Waterford Mott), 6-5.

FOURTH PLACE

Jon Simmons, Farmington, 119; won by major dec. over Adam Pashman (Farmington), 17-3; dec. Phillip Plozman (Lake Oakes Lake), 5-4; lost to Jason Fellows (Lapeer West), 12-6; dec. Bill Devine (Fowlerville), 4-4; lost to Plozman major dec., 12-6. Final record: 42-12.

DIVISION IV

Dan Tondrau, Livonia Clarenceville, 119; dec. Josh Loner (Dryden), 11-7; lost to Eric Claus (Jonesville), 9-7; dec. Steve Hein (Galesburg-Augusta), 8-6; dec. Scott Dodge (Hart), 14-9; dec. Adam Zientarski (Three Oaks River Valley), 10-4; lost to Josh Brokway (Hudson), 5-4. Final record: 43-16.

NON-PLACERS

Adam Stacey, Redford CC, 103; lost to Kyle Klooster (Grand Haven), 1:02; lost to Jared Arnold (Saginaw), 15-9. Final record: 1-2.

Chris Ochs, Redford CC, 112; lost to Ryan Beich (Walled Lake Western), 4:52; lost to Teigh McLellan (Bay City Western), 0-11.

Chris Peterson, Redford CC, 130; lost to

DIVISION III

Mike Carter, Livonia Clarenceville, 152; lost to Rick Morze (Holland West Ottawa), 7-3; p. Steve Walter (Lake Orion), 1:46; lost to Adam Powers (Lansing Eastern), 12-6 major dec. Final record: 37-5.

DIVISION V

Eric Penlake, Stevenson, 169; lost to Dave Anderson (Midland Dow), 2:23. Final record: 20-19.

FOURTH PLACE

Not listed in this section.

Rocks rule region

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There was happiness on one end of Joy Road, sadness on the other end.

Plymouth Salem proved the fourth time could be a charm, repeating as Class A regional volleyball champions Saturday at Saline with a 15-8, 15-12 victory over Western Lakes Activities Association nemesis Livonia Franklin.

The Patriots, who beat Salem three times during the regular season, bow out at 45-8-2 overall and regional runner-up to the Rocks for the second straight year.

Meanwhile, Salem, 44-11-1 overall, advances to the state quarterfinals, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Eastern Michigan University's new Convocation Center. The opponent will be the Temperance Bedford regional champion.

Salem did in the Patriots with soft serves just over the net, stellar digging and well-placed tips. Senior Amanda Suder led the Salem hitting attack with 12 kills, 21 digs and five ace serves, while setter Jill Dombrowski had 25 assist-to-kills.

Franklin's senior hitting tandem of Tera Morrill (eight kills) and Andrea Kmet (nine kills) were often neutralized by the off-setters and the serving of Suder and Kelly Jaskot.

"We were trying to pull their hitters up to the net and get their weaker passers involved," Teeters said of his strategy to beat the Patriots. "Tera is not only their best hitter, but she's also one of their best passers. We also decided to put Amanda (Suder) against their setter Lyndsay (Sopko) because it was a better matchup. We didn't block

straight to the knee." Denise Philips, a 6-foot senior, added seven kills for Salem, while senior Michelle Ginther had a team-high 11 digs. Junior setter Jillian Dombrowski contributed 16 assists.

"It's tough when you're expected to win," said Manore, whose team has been ranked in the top three all season long. "But at this point anybody can win." With a few more breaks at the end of the second game, Salem may have been in position for another masterpiece.

VOLLEYBALL

Tera, instead we had Amanda digging against her.

"We knew the matchup was not 'Suder' versus Tera because we knew Lyndsay liked to get Tera the ball."

Jaskot got on a roll in the first game, serving at one point eight straight points. She also had a five-point run in the second game to help overcome an 8-1 deficit.

"The frustrating aspect of their game plan is that we had prepared for it," Franklin second-year coach Mary Helen Diegel said. "We were aware of it as far as the different tactics, as well as their offenses and defenses."

"They could not be more prepared, but in tense situations like this you have to play with experience and from memory."

"Salem had an 'on' day and we just didn't execute." In the morning semifinals, the Rocks had a difficult time disposing of a scrappy Adrian team for the second time this season, 13-15, 15-9, 16-14 (capped by two Jaskot ace serves at 14-11).

The Maples, who lost to Salem in three games at the Bedford Tourney, were led by 6-foot-11 junior Catherine Deveau. Suder, however, countered with 18 kills and nine aces for Salem. The 6-foot Philips and Dombrowski contributed 14 and eight kills, respectively. Sarah Jensen also provided some soft rolls in the middle.

"We ran out of subs and we had to have Jill hit and Jaskot to set," Teeters said. Adrian coach Mike Watkins, whose team bowed out at 44-18-4 overall, was happy with his team's play, but disappointed with the outcome.

"Maybe after we won the first game we woke them up because they (Salem) didn't make as many mistakes," Watkins said. "We changed our defense to cover the short tips. We figured if you tip on us, you can beat us. We just couldn't stay with what we wanted to do."

"We also faced a lot of jump serves, which we don't see a lot of. Sometimes you panic when you see something different."

While Salem was taking 1 hour and 40 minutes to oust Adrian, Franklin was having an easy time with Ypsilanti-Lincoln, a team with a 9-24-7 record.

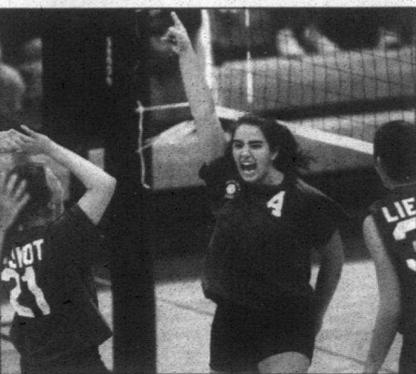
The 5-11 Morrill had seven kills and six aces, while 6-2 Kerstin Marshall, a junior, added six kills as the Patriots prevailed 15-4, 15-5.

"We knew they hit the ball well, but we didn't expect them to be that efficient running their offense," Lincoln coach Michael Armstrong said. "We really haven't been a strong blocking team and we ask a lot of our defense to dig against their hard hitters."

"Their setter is very good. They have a lot of options. She (Sopko) did a good job of spreading her passes around."

The regional final marked the final appearances for six Franklin seniors including Morrill, Sopko, Kmet, Rachel Bramlett, Alexis Bowman and Monica Little. The six helped Franklin to 82 wins in two years, including two district and two Western Division titles.

"This group of seniors exuded confidence, intelligence and court sense unparalleled for most senior classes," Diegel said. "They have led the team in friendships, played with intensity and have exhibited a touch of class in anything they do."



Well-earned: Salem's Amanda Suder (center) erupts after leading the Rocks past Adrian in the districts.



After a fun-filled day at The Indoor Superfair, rest up for another.

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"Plus, Tom (Teeters) was pulling out all the stops. They're a good team, and a well-coached team."

The Rocks then led 14-12 on a kill by senior Amanda Suder and appeared to be primed to even the match in games at 1-11.

But two missed serves and a net violation stopped the Rocks' momentum.

"We had our best servers up there and you can't ask for anything else," Teeters said. "You can do the safe thing or be aggressive. You have to take

those chances. You want to be risky in that situation because you're not going to beat this team (Bedford) with wimpy swings or dumping the second ball."

Bedford rallied with four straight points to close out the match capped 6-2 junior Melissa Mohrbach's game-winning block.

Salisbury led Bedford with 12 kills and two blocks, while Lyczkowski added six kills and three blocks.

"They're bigger on the left side and they have the advantage

there and also in the middle," Teeters said. "But I thought we matched with them in serve reception and defense."

Suder capped an outstanding senior season with 10 kills, including eight in the second game. She also had seven digs.

"Suder is a good, all-around player, but we felt one player shouldn't be able to beat us," Bedford coach Jodi Manore said.

"We talked about her jump serve. We told our girls it was going to hit the chest and drop

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by Stephen Morris and Shaun Fisher propelled the Whalers to a 6-2 victory over the London Knights, with a crowd of 2,998 watching.

Williams scored two goals and assisted on two others for the

Whalers. Lalonde and Fisher each added a goal and two assists, and Tomas Kurka had a goal. Surma and Cole Jarrett also had two assists apiece.

Bill Ruggiero made 17 saves to get the win in goal for the

Whalers. Aaron Molnar had 33 saves in goal for London.

Adam Safer and Chris Osborne scored for the Knights (20-36-7).

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"And we got a lot of baskets in transition. I think that was the difference."

It was at that. Even though the Eagles had a far better shooting percentage than Reading in the opening half — PCA hit 14-of-26 from the floor (53.8 percent) to the Rangers' 12-of-32 (37.5 percent) — they had just a four-point lead, 32-28.

But there were a couple of factors that were working in the Eagles' favor. First, they were outrebounding Reading, but just as important, they had the Rangers' inside threat, 6-foot-4 senior Derek Garcia, in foul trouble.

Garcia drew his third foul in the closing seconds of the first half and, although he never fouled out, his presence inside diminished.

"Our rebounding was important," said Taylor of his team's 41-rebound effort, a season-high. "I thought we outrebounded them."

PCA continued to hold the lead through the third quarter, but Reading refused to let the gap reach double figures, always mounting a comeback.

A seven-point run in the late stages of the quarter allowed the Rangers to narrow the gap to 43-41. Mike Huntsman's basket increased PCA's lead to 45-41 entering the fourth.

But Reading never got its shooting on track, and eventually that ruined the Rangers. Because when they missed, the Eagles were off and running.

Which is what they do best. In the final quarter, even when Reading managed to get a basket, PCA quickly answered.

The result was an up-tempo game that suited the Eagles and were out the Rangers. After Reading got back-to-back baskets from Chris Rosenberry and Garcia, narrowing the gap to 50-47 with 5:53 left, PCA answered with two hoops by Stephen Young in a 30-second span.

At this point, trying to trade baskets with the Eagles wouldn't help Reading. Young's two baskets started PCA on an 11-4

spurt that pushed its advantage to 61-51 with 3:33 left.

A three-pointer by Derric Isensee gave the Eagles that double-digit lead, their first of the game. Indeed, they never did cool off; in the fourth quarter, PCA hit 11-of-16 shots (68.8 percent), bringing their game total to 31-of-54 (57.4 percent). Also, they nailed 5-of-9 three-pointers (55 percent).

By comparison, Reading was 7-of-22 from the floor in the fourth quarter (31.8 percent) and 25-of-71 for the game (35.2 percent).

"Did they ever miss a shot?" asked Rangers' coach Mitch Hubbard. "Whenever we did cut it, they answered."

"They're tough. And they're a little deeper than I thought."

Offensive balance did favor PCA. Dave Carty led with 20 points, including two triples. Huntsman finished with 19 points and nine rebounds, Isensee had 18 points and 11 boards, and A.J. Sherrill contributed nine points, seven assists and three steals.

For Reading, Rosenberry and Garcia switched roles at half-time. Garcia, after being limited to four first-half points, erupted for 19 in the second half for a game-high 23.

Rosenberry accounted for 16 of the Rangers' 28 first-half points, but he got just four more in the

last two quarters to finish with 20. Jon Pridgeon added 10 points.

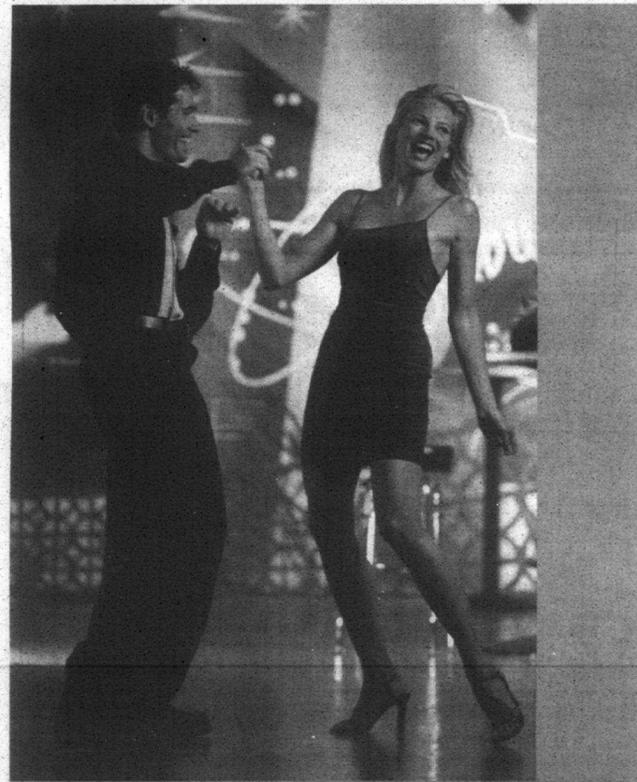
Although Taylor wasn't about to commit to a favorite in Wednesday's regional semifinal, the tag seemed to fit Lenawee Christian — the team that eliminated PCA in a year's regional final.

The Eagles got a bit of revenge by beating the Cougars for the first time ever, 76-60 on Feb. 1 at PCA. Earlier this season, Lenawee handed PCA a 15-point defeat on its court.

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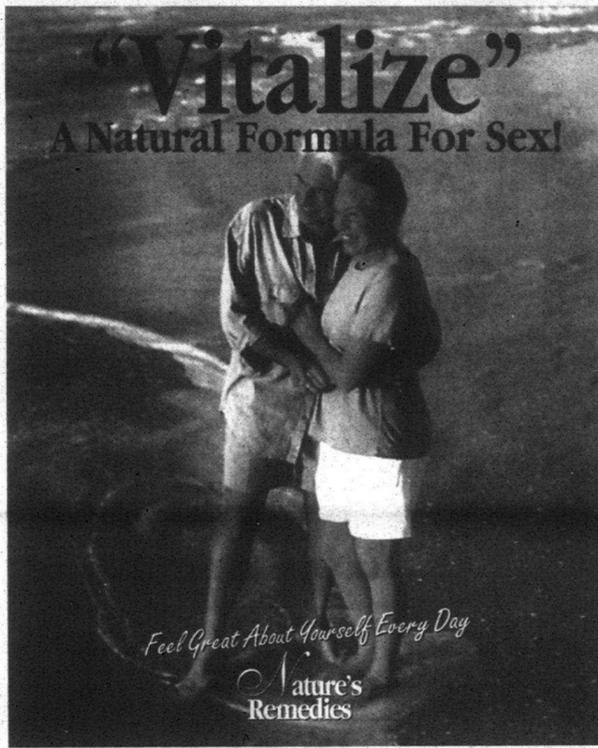
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Shamrocks collect 2nd-straight state title

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
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Until Saturday, only two high schools in state history had ever won back-to-back Division I hockey titles.

Redford Catholic Central made it three.

The No. 1 Shamrocks powered their way past Alpena, 5-2, before an estimated 4,100 fans at Flint's IMA Arena to finish their 1999-2000 season the same way they ended it the year before - with a state championship.

By doing so, the Shamrocks joined Trenton (1979-80) and Ann Arbor Pioneer (1984-85) as the only Division I teams to win back-to-back championships.

"I don't know if it was expected by anyone else, but it was expected by the coaching staff and players," said CC coach Gordie St. John, whose team won its fourth title in seven years. "On June 1, we made the goal up. We started off-ice training on June 1 and we didn't stop until today."

The Shamrocks (26-2) hit their goal by doing things pretty much the same way they had all season - playing physical, using strong defense and taking advantage of opportunities.

"They're almost a college team out there," Alpena coach Chris Limback said after his team ended its season at 19-7-2. "I was looking for a line to drop off, but I didn't see any drop-off. I think they could beat some Division III college teams. I'm proud of (our) boys for making it a game."

It didn't start out that way. CC outshot Alpena 13-2 in the first period and didn't allow a shot on goal until 2:07 left. Despite the advantage, CC led just 2-0 through the first 15 minutes thanks to some outstanding play by Wildcats' goalie Eric Pernie, who wound up with 26 saves on

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the night.

Brian Williams opened the scoring with 4:24 gone in the game after one-timing a pass from Jared Ross for the first of three power-play goals for the Shamrocks. Brandon Kaleniecki made it 2-0 at the 9:41 mark, lofting a wrist shot past Pernie just as the Shamrocks killed off a penalty. Kaleniecki picked up the puck just inside the blue-line and beat Pernie on the glove side, with assists going to Dave Moss and Ryan Yost.

"It was rough for me," said CC goalie Ben Dunne after making 13 saves in the game. "The hardest thing on a goalie is not facing any shots. You want to get into the flow and into the game."

Dunne got into the game in the second period - whether he wanted to or not. In a complete turnaround, Alpena dominated play in the second period, although it didn't show up on the scoreboard. The Wildcats outshot CC, 10-3, and managed to get on the board with 2:26 gone as Adam Carpenter stood at the edge of the crease and slid the puck past a diving Dunne to cut the lead to 2-1.

"I wish I knew what happened," said St. John. "We just plain lost momentum. They came out charged up and we were back on our heels a bit."

But as quickly as they lost momentum in the second, the Shamrocks got it back in the third. With CC on a power play and the play in Alpena's end, Williams got the puck and started to shoot, but an Alpena defenseman slid in front to block the shot. Williams pulled the puck back as the defender slid past, reloaded and fired past Pernie for a 3-1 lead.

"We knew we had to get more of a lead," said Williams. "I

wanted to one-time the puck, but saw him starting to slide. I faked the shot, went round him and went low on the opposite side."

The Shamrocks made it 4-1 at the 7:24 mark when Joe Moreau

knocked home a rebound off of Brett John's shot, but Alpena pulled within 4-2 exactly two minutes later when Karl Skiba fired past Dunne.

However, any momentum the

Wildcats might have earned by the goal was snuffed out 27 seconds later. With Yost off for roughing, Moss took advantage of a loose puck at center ice, skated in and shot past Pernie.

"They were still on the power play, but I think that broke their back," Moss said. "I just beat the guy to the puck, used their defenseman as a screen and shot it."

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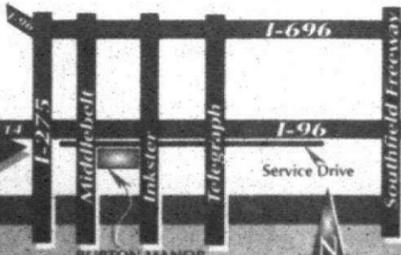


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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Irish music, dancing and fun 4 p.m. to midnight at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, (east of Newburgh) in Westland. Event features over 30 local performers including Sean Gavin (left) and Tyler Duncan. Admission \$8 at the door. Call (313) 537-3489 for information.

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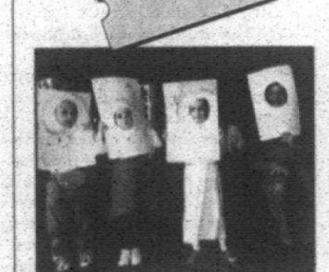
James Brown and his band will heat up Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, at 8 p.m. in a concert to benefit the Ann Arbor Summer Festival. Tickets \$25-\$60, call (734) 764-2538. Tickets for a pre-concert hors d'oeuvre dinner at Rackham Auditorium and post-concert dessert reception in the second floor auditorium of Hill Auditorium are \$150. Call (734) 647-2278 for details.

SUNDAY



Go treasure hunting at the 10th annual Community House Antiques Festival, noon to 5 p.m. at The Community House, 380 South Bates, downtown Birmingham. Admission is \$10, call (248) 594-6403 for information.

HOT TICKET



Celebrate the music and dance of the 1950s and 1960s, and enjoy some old-time favorite things like skits and storytelling, during Family Fun Month at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. The museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 senior citizens age 62 and over, \$7.50 for kids ages 5-12. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.



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Star-crossed lovers: Brian Taylor and Brenda Lane trade barbs in the "Cactus Flower."

Blossoming theater students to present 'Cactus Flower'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Headset placed against one ear, James Hartman sat in the middle of the theater cueing lights and music for Abe Burrows' comedy "Cactus Flower." It was the first sound run-through for the production opening Friday, March 24, in the Liberal Arts Theatre at Schoolcraft College. Songs by The Byrds and Lovin' Spoonful transport the audience back to the 1960s when the story takes place.

Hartman, a professor and chairman of the college's theater department, directs the show about a dentist caught in a series of lies he told to a girlfriend with whom he's fallen in love.

"Abe Burrows has written so many funny lines," said

Hartman. "It's a great situation comedy that we might find today on TV. Some of the older audience will find it nostalgic because of the time period and the music and dances, like the swim and the pony."

The Lovin' Spoonfuls' "Hot Town, Summer in the City" sets the mood for the darkened scene which opens the first act. Igor (Christopher Curd of Canton) rescues Toni Simmons (Jerri Doll, a Livonia Stevenson graduate) who has just tried to commit suicide because her boyfriend Dr. Julian Winston is married, or so she thinks.

"The most difficult part has been the sound and lighting changes,"

said Hartman. "There's so many of them and it takes so long to record and mark all the sound."

Dressed in an all-white uniform, Brenda Lane is the picture of everything cold and sterile. Lane, a Northville resident, plays Stephanie Dickenson, the nurse who blossoms like a cactus flower when she steps out of her starched uniform. This is Lane's fifth play at Schoolcraft College. She also had roles in "All My Sons" and "A View From the Bridge." A full-time mom with two sons, Lane majored in theater at the University of Wisconsin.

"It's the story of a dentist who's a

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Helping heart: Igor (Christopher Curd of Canton) rescues and then tries to reason with Toni (Jerri Doll, Ann Arbor) who has just tried to kill herself.

"Cactus Flower"

What: Abe Burrows comedy about a dentist who gets caught in a series of lies with his new girlfriend.

When: Dinner theater performance 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 24-25 and March 31-April 1; theater performance only 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2

Where: Liberal Arts Theater, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia.

Tickets: \$19 dinner theater, \$8 theater only, call (734) 462-4596

MUSIC

Plymouth Symphony showcases accordion artist

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When Nan Washburn premiered "Cafes of Melbourne" a few years ago in California, she and composer Janika Vandervelde wanted to have Peter Soave as guest accordionist. On Saturday, March 18, they'll both get their wish as the Farmington musician joins the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and conductor Washburn in a concert spotlighting "Scenes and Landscapes."

Washburn and Vandervelde will discuss "Cafes of Melbourne" during a pre-concert chat. Vandervelde wrote the piece after spending three months in Melbourne where she thought she'd discovered the equivalent of Paris in the 1920s with its artists and theater companies.

"The work depicts the coffee house culture in Australia," said Washburn. "There's a new-age feel to it. The second movement is all about the cool counter culture and has jazz. It's very unusual because people still think of the accordion as just playing polka music but accordionists can play many different timbres. In terms of folk music, accordion is popular in many cultures."

Soave grew up listening to Italian music played on the accordion. Born to Italian immigrants, he began playing the accordion at age 5 and by 16 was entering international competitions.

But Soave quickly learned the piano accordion's limitations. He noted that most of his competitors were playing the bayan, a chromatic button accordion developed in Russia for classical music. Soave had to relearn both keyboards, but in doing so gained 50 percent more range for his right hand and 300 percent for his left.

His repertoire expanded, Soave competed in Europe, winning first place in four major international competitions.

What: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is joined by guest artists Peter Soave and the choir from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church for "Scenes and Landscapes"

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18; 7 p.m. pre-concert chat with director Nan Washburn and composer Janika Vandervelde. Afterglow, hosted by Our Lady of Good Counsel Auxiliary, follows the concert.

Where: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1160 Penniman, Plymouth.

Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/college students, no charge for students through grade 12. Call (734) 451-2112 for more information.



Peter Soave

Deeply inspired by the music of Argentinean composer Astor Piazzolla, he then took up the bandoneon, the tango accordion used by Piazzolla. Last June, Soave was appointed professor of bandoneon at Wayne State University. A

Mom-daughter having fun acting up

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Beth Gryniewicz could use some of the time management techniques Frank Gilbreth Sr. employs in Tinderbox Productions' "Cheaper by the Dozen." It's been a grueling week for the Canton resident and her 5 1/2-year-old daughter Elyse. The mother-daughter duo are rehearsing two productions for Tinderbox at Masonic Temple in Detroit.

The first, "Cheaper by the Dozen," opened March 11. Gryniewicz's 4 1/2-year old daughter Lindsey joins mom and Elyse on stage in Tinderbox's "The Little Princess" opening in April.

"It's crazy because we're rehearsing two productions at the same time," said Beth Gryniewicz. "The most difficult part for Elyse is all those late night rehearsals. Sometimes rehearsal doesn't end until 9:15 p.m. She brings her pajamas and puts them on before she leaves for home, but she's enjoying it. To her it's playing and going to play with her friends."

Based on a true story written by two of the children, "Cheaper by the Dozen"

follows the Gilbreth family through its daily routine. An industrial time-motion expert, Frank Sr. shows the children how to shave seconds from buttoning a vest by doing it from the bottom up. Originally released as a film by 20th Century Fox in 1950, "Cheaper by the Dozen" starred Clifton Webb and Myrna Loy.

Gryniewicz plays Mrs. Fitzgerald, the Gilbreths' housekeeper. "She gets to do all the dishes and housekeeping for the 12 kids," said Gryniewicz. "Her character is very much like Alice of the Brady Bunch. My favorite line is, 'Lincoln freed the slaves - all but one.'"

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Mother-daughter duo: Elyse (left) and Beth Gryniewicz perform in Tinderbox Productions' "Cheaper by the Dozen."

frequent performer in Europe and America, Soave returned from Italy on Friday, March 10, in time for the Plymouth Symphony's "Scenes and Landscapes" concert.

In addition to "Cafes of Melbourne," Soave will solo on the bandoneon in Piazzolla's "Oblivion." Soave has recorded Piazzolla's "Concerto for Bandoneon and Orchestra" with the Moscow Philharmonic, and the Argentinean composer's "Tango Sensations" with the Klima String Quartet of Zagreb. His own recording, "Pride and Passion," also features works by Piazzolla along with those by Haydn, Boling, Brahms and Boellman.

"It features the Argentinean tango works which are becoming so popular, and for which Peter's becoming famous," said Washburn.

The orchestra will also play two compositions about calm seas by Mendelssohn and Beethoven. The Our Lady of Good Counsel choir, under the direction of Michele Johns, will join the orchestra for Beethoven's "Calm Sea and Prosperous Journey."

The orchestra ends the evening with Stravinsky's "Firebird Suite," an audience favorite, that's evocative and descriptive even without the dance.

THEATER

Reinventing a music legend simply an American tradition

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■ 'Always...Patsy Cline' is a feel-good show. Tap your feet, clap your hands. And above all, appreciate the down-home honesty of the music.

What: "Always...Patsy Cline," a musical tribute featuring 27 songs
Where: Century Theatre, 333 Madison Avenue, Detroit
When: Open-ended run, Wednesday-Sunday, Times vary.
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Since Elvis impersonators franchised the legend of The King, popular tastes have been hardly satiated by radio stations dedicated to classic songs from the definitive era of rock and roll and country. Untimely deaths may have ended the flesh-and-blood presence of music superstars, but that hasn't meant a halt to their careers. Shows dedicated to Elvis, The Beatles and Buddy Holly demonstrate that the careers of the departed not only live on, they flourish. In the tradition aptly called appreciation by reinvention, "Always...Patsy Cline" offers an experience beyond listening to a jukebox or greatest hits CD of country music's first cross-over artist with hits such as "Crazy," "Sweet Dreams," "Walkin' After Midnight," and "I Fall to Pieces." The tribute to legendary country singer Patsy Cline at the intimate Century Theatre succeeds in evoking her physical presence. It's also a reminder that imitation might offer a warm fuzzy, but it's not the real thing. In what amounts to a tale of unflinching adoration told by a fan (Louise Seger), "Always...Patsy Cline" takes no risks in giving contemporary audiences what is inarguably most important—Cline's music. There's plenty of chances to

her husband. Even in her letter, Cline's voice is pure and filled with a melodic anguish. Before Hank Williams and Cline, country music was yodeling and the streaming melodies of bluegrass. Williams helped to re-craft country songs. And few can compare to Cline's indelible voice, touched with a haunting sense of longing and sexiness. Long before Shania exposed her navel and Dolly showed that her beautiful bosom matched her prodigious talent, Cline's smooth delivery was leading country music in a new direction. In the medley that opens the second act, Cline impersonator Jessica Welch hits the mark. She balances the distinctive style of Cline with her own winsome interpretation in nailing "Crazy." And then, in a tender moment, Welch offers a glimpse at her own talent in delivering the emotionally wrought of the lullaby, "Through the Eyes of a Child." "Always...Patsy Cline" is a feel-good show. Tap your feet, clap your hands. And above all, appreciate the down-home honesty of the music. If the King can live on, so can Patsy.



Reinvention: Jessica Welch evokes the stage presence of country music legend Patsy Cline.

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Set in the 1920s pre-flapper era, "Cheaper by the Dozen" is a laugh-a-minute with dad, the efficiency expert, showing the kids the proper way to take a bath. Not fond of popular culture, Frank Sr. balks at his daughters wearing lipstick and rouge.

"It's funny and a wonderful family story," said Gryniwicz. "The three oldest girls are teenagers and boy crazy. They want to wear perfume and silk stockings. It's a good history lesson about how life and culture have changed."

Elyse may not have the premise for the play quite right but she's having a good time. One of the favorite sayings by Frank Sr. is that everything, candy or kids, comes cheaper by the dozen.

"It's a story about how it's cheaper to buy a dozen kids than to buy one or two kids," said Elyse.

This is Elyse's fourth time on the Masonic stage. She's been acting since age 4. Previous roles in Tinderbox Productions' "Once Upon a Shoe," "Annie" and the "Ted Sullivan Variety Show" prepared the All Saints' kindergarten for a speaking part as one of the Gillebreth children.

Gryniwicz previously acted at Walled Lake Western High School and Michigan Technological University, where she had

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Rich Bezerko
Actor

roles in "Cabaret" and "The Pajama Game."

In addition to playing the housekeeper, Gryniwicz is also cueing the sound just like she did at Walled Lake Western High School. After graduating from college, she went back to the high school to teach chemistry and coach the cheerleaders. She also worked with the drama department there cueing the sound.

Family affair
Father and daughter team Rich and Mara Bezerko of Farmington Hills also have small parts in the production. Rich is a little nervous because this is his first time on stage even though he watched daughter Elizabeth play the lead role in Tinderbox's "Annie" earlier this year.

"I only have five lines as the doctor giving the father bad news about his health, but it's scary."

a perennial bachelor," said Lane. "His nurse is very devoted and dedicated but she's very unfeminine. He's a playboy that told his current girlfriend he's married. Julian asks his nurse to pose as his wife to say they're getting divorced. She's enjoying the role playing and makes things come to a climax in the play. The challenge is the character starts out as inhibited. At the end she's liberated. It's making that transition smoothly that's difficult.

"It's very funny but there are some real and tender moments. I like that shift because it draws people in on a lot of levels. People can relate to the characters."

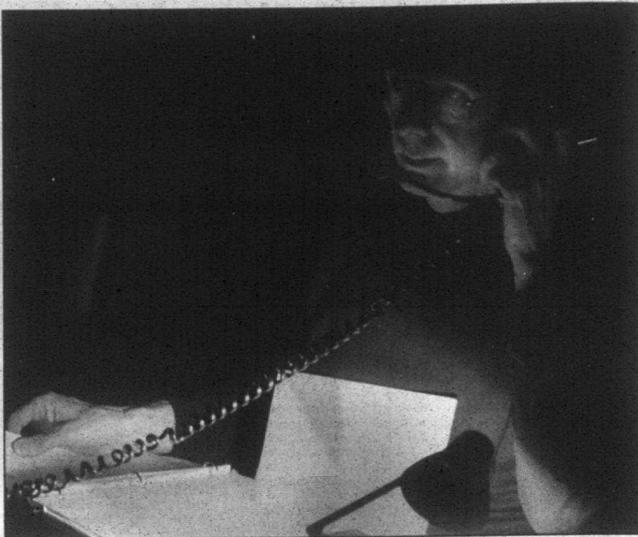
Lying dentist
Brian Taylor, a Plymouth resident, is the lying dentist who's fallen in love.

"He's been seeing Toni Simmons for about a year because marriage scares him," said Taylor. "His girlfriend tries to kill herself and he just gets in deeper and deeper with his lies when she wants to meet the kids."

The most difficult aspect of the role for Taylor is playing an older man. Taylor is 26, Dr. Winston is in his 40s.

"I find it difficult to slow him down," said Taylor.

Taylor's first exposure to acting came when he took acting classes from Hartman. He'd wanted to audition for plays while a student at Plymouth



Back in time: James Hartman cues the lights and sound for a rehearsal of Schoolcraft College's "Cactus Flower."

Salem High School but was "too scared."

"The theater and acting classes gave me the confidence by just training in basic scenes," said Taylor.

Village Players have fun fooling 'Sherlock Holmes'

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he's spent the last 33 of those acting in and directing plays with The Village Players of Birmingham. He knows what you're thinking about the law and acting fields.

"They're one and the same," he said, joking, before giving his real opinion on the subject. "In spite of the general opinion that a lot of acting is needed to practice law, it's a lot more technical profession than one might think," said Wittlinger, a partner with the Clark-Hill law firm. "There's a lot more to it than standing in front of a jury and trying to emotionally persuade them to your side."

What: "Sherlock Holmes"
When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, March 24-25, March 31 and April 1; 2 p.m. Sunday March 19 and March 26
Where: The Village Players Theatre, 752 Chestnut Street, Birmingham (two blocks south of Maple Road on the east side of Woodward Avenue)
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ed in the expensive documents and they lure Professor Moriarty (Tom D'Agostino) to their team. Sidney Prince (Stephen Leonard) is the go-between and one of the play's funniest characters, trying to arrange the heist. "He's a 'bumbling criminal,' a real comic," Wittlinger said. Holmes' humor comes across more subtly, but Wittlinger hopes, just as entertaining. For instance there's the time Holmes announces he hears a knock at the door before the actual knock. "I hope it's a funny part — if not I've made a mistake," he said. "It accentuates his observational abilities that we've all read about." The cast also includes Gary Temple of Plymouth in the role of Parsons. Wittlinger said he likes directing and acting the same because he gets different rewards from each.

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His 25-year-old son David, who lives in Colorado, acts on the side. Ironically, he played a lawyer in his most recent play Wife Diane and daughter Kristine are more content to watch. "I gave him some tips (on how to play a lawyer)," the elder Wittlinger said, laughing. "I'm not sure he took them."

There also is a family connection to acting in Wittlinger's family, though not for this play.

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EMU students to present 'Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery'

Eastern Michigan University continues its winter season with Shay Youngblood's "Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery," a coming of age story and 1999 nominee for the NAACP Theatre Award, weekends through March 25 in the Sponberg Theatre on campus in Ypsilanti. The play is a drama that combines storytelling, music and dance to reveal lessons of mystery, faith and healing.

Set in a small 1960s Southern community, "Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery," is a memory play that reflects the courage of Daughter, a young African American woman returning to her childhood where she encounters the spirits of the women who raised her. Now grown, Daughter reflects on her past and the "Big Mamas" who taught her the traditions and rituals of their

ancestors leading her first to the river and then beyond into womanhood. Daughter's preparation to go to the river is symbolic of her journey into womanhood and is rooted in the Nigerian tradition of the Yoruba ritual. In Yoruba religion, the traditional belief includes the worship of many gods, Yemoya, one of the African goddesses, was "said to be the daughter of the sea into whose waters she empties."

She is the mother of many Yoruba gods, as well as mother of the waters and the ultimate manifestation of female power. On the day that Daughter must go to the river she learns the truth about her life and earns

the knowledge that the "Big Mamas" had prepared her for life and had bestowed her with many gifts to pass on. "Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery," runs 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, Thursday-Friday, March 23-25, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 19 in the Sponberg Theatre on EMU's Ypsilanti campus. Tickets are \$8 for Thursday performances, \$13 Friday-Saturday, and \$11 Sunday. There is a \$2 discount for tickets purchased more than 20 minutes in advance. Call (734) 487-1221 for information.

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Ms. Norman will be the guest of honor at an afterglow fundraising reception and dinner at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History to benefit the museum. Tickets for the afterglow reception and dinner are \$150 and \$250. For dinner reservations or additional afterglow information, call the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History at (313) 494-5854.

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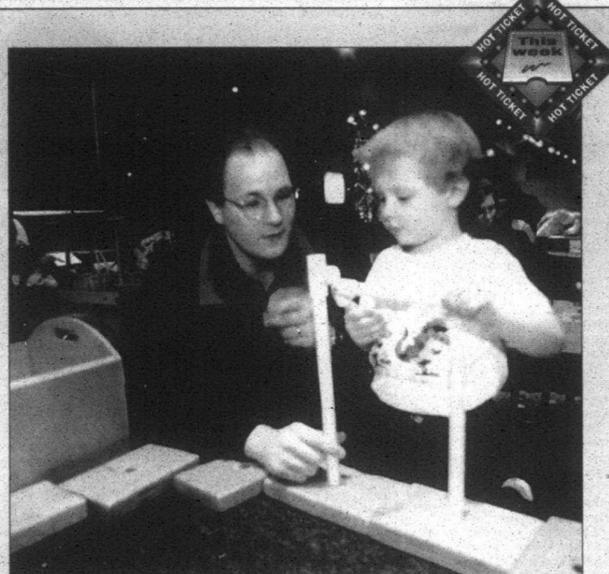
DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: "Valley Song," through Sunday, March 19, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

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JET: Arthur Miller's "Broken Glass," March 16-19, 22-26, March 29-April 2 and April 5-9, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

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WSU HILBERTY: "Our Town," 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 22 and Saturday, March 25, and 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 23-25; "Five by Tenn" continues to May 6, at the theater, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS: "Moon Over Buffalo" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 16-18 at the theater, Rochester Hills. \$13. (248) 608-9077

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HARTLAND PLAYERS: "Steel Magnolias" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Hartland Music Hall. \$8, \$7 students/seniors. (810) 632-5849

NOVI THEATRES: "Fiddler on the Roof" 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Novi Civic Center Stage. \$12. (248) 347-0400

PLANET ART: "Comedy of Errors," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 16-18, and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the theater, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 305-4948

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN: "Nightwatch" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18 at the theater, Dearborn. \$11. (313) 561-TKTS

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VILLAGE PLAYERS: "Sherlock Holmes" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, 24-25 and March 31-April 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19 and 26, at the theater, Birmingham. \$12. (248) 644-2075

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MIZ ROSIE THE STORYTELLER: 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$3.25. (248) 424-9022

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JAZZ

VANESSA JOHNSON/SCOTT REITER QUARTET: 9 p.m. Friday, March 17, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With Johnny Trudell 8:11-30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22; with saxophonist Larry Nozaro 8:11-30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. \$5 cover in Jazz Room, waived with dinner order. \$5 drink minimum. (734) 762-7756

SUNNY WILKINSON & THE SISTERS IN JAZZ: 8:30 Jazz vespers 6 p.m. Sunday, March 19, First Baptist Church, 300 Willis, Birmingham.

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MARC ANTHONY: Rescheduled to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, State Theatre, Detroit. Sold Out.

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440 for all 3 concerts. (313) 577-4273

SWING DANCING: 4-8 p.m. Sunday, March 19 (3 p.m. lesson), at the Amber House, Warren. \$5 Michigan Swing Dance Association members, \$8 non-members. (248) 926-5485 or www.MSDA.org

TERNO: Play Beautiful Music by the original gypsy song & dance ensemble 8 p.m. Friday, March 24, at Fitzgerald High School Auditorium, Ryan Road and Nine Mile, Warren. \$25. (313) 874-2242/(313) 562-6640/(248) 689-3636

COMEDY CLUB

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Norm Stutz with other funny people 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18; and Kirk Nolan with a live phone show 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 24-25, at the club, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Blake Clark, also Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, March 16-18; Pete George, also Michael Jr., Wednesday-Saturday, March 22-25, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sunday (85). (734) 261-0553

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VANESSA JOHNSON/SCOTT REITER QUARTET: 9 p.m. Friday, March 17, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

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SUNNY WILKINSON & THE SISTERS IN JAZZ: 8:30 Jazz vespers 6 p.m. Sunday, March 19, First Baptist Church, 300 Willis, Birmingham.

LIVE MUSIC

BRYAN ADAMS: 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, State Theatre, Detroit. \$29.50-\$39.50. (248) 645-6666

THE ALLIGATORS: 10 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Rochester Mills Beer Company, Rochester. (248) 650-5080, 9 p.m. Friday, March 31, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609

LORI AMES: 9 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Camp Ticonderoga, Troy. 21 and over. (248) 828-2825

MARC ANTHONY: Rescheduled to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, State Theatre, Detroit. Sold Out.

ASTRAL PROJECT: 9 and 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 662-8310

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: WalkWorks, a self-directed exploration of the exhibit galleries that invites families and children to become Super Sleuths; the museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: "On the Air! Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30, at the museum, Detroit. Museum hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children ages 11 and younger Thursday-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER: IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," "Whales," "Mysteries of Egypt" and "Everest," at the center, Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

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MOVIES

'Ghost Dog' delivers atmosphere, lacks direction

BY MARY MCDONOUGH STAFF WRITER

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Talk is cheap and viewers don't get a lot from Ghost Dog, the samurai warrior-assassin-cop...

Instead we get music videos, which serve as glimpses into the life and samurai philosophy of this hired gun...

Instead of being revealing, the glimpses are like those from inside a passing car at night...

quick to draw us in. "Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai," from independent film maker Jim Jarmusch...

Ghost Dog, played by Forest Whitaker, best known for his role as the British soldier/hostage in "The Crying Game," is an assassin who lives in a homemade shack on top of a roof and sleeps with several dozen pigeons...

In addition to effortlessly stealing BMWs and Cadillacs with a computerized device, he works for Louie, a small-time mobster, to whom he has pledged his eternal loyalty after Louie...

rescued him from being beaten in an alley years ago. Ghost Dog receives his assignments from Louie by carrier pigeon and this time the assignment is to whack Handsome Frank, a "made" man.

When Ghost Dog shows up to do the job, Louie, the daughter of the family's head, who also happens to be Frank's lover, is present and witnesses the hit. The detached young woman hardly blinks an eye, instead giving Ghost Dog a copy of "Rashomon," a paperback that becomes a symbol of the passing on of samurai values.

Upon hearing his daughter was present, Louie's father informs Louie that Ghost Dog must go. Louie explains that he

is no ordinary assassin and that he presented himself to Louie four years after the alley attack but the family is undeterred. It's Ghost Dog or Louie.

After Louie informs him of this, noting that they'll probably both be killed anyway, Ghost Dog takes matters into his own hands, killing most of the family, including Louie's father, while she watches cartoon animals hlobber each other to sound effects, from the other room.

Besides bumping into the occasional kindred spirit, like Louie, Ghost Dog finds camaraderie in a French-African immigrant who speaks no English and sells ice cream from a truck in the park. Although the two men cannot communicate verbally, they possess an intuitive understanding which has them saying the same things, in different languages, simultaneously.

One of the few times Ghost Dog shows any emotion whatsoever is when he sees a handgun tucked into the belt of the wide-eyed ice cream vendor, which he confiscates.

In the end, the struggle between the family and the samurai comes down to a western-style confrontation between Louie and Ghost Dog and his respective code of honor.

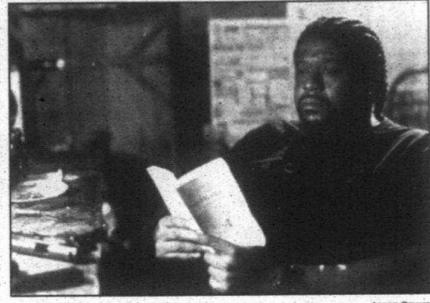
What's missing from this film is context. There's no sense of time or place. And more importantly, there's no real sense of why Ghost Dog has chosen to embrace the rigid ideals of the samurai code and isolate himself from society.

There are hints, however. Ghost Dog nods in acknowledgment to his counterparts, gang members and rappers in the park, but he does not consort with them. There is little doubt left in viewer's minds that racism was a significant factor leading up to Ghost Dog's choice of violent occupations.

Whitaker gives a memorable performance, appearing humbled and haunted by the grisly occupation he has been forced to perform.

What this film delivers in atmosphere, it lacks in direction. We need to know more about what happened or didn't happen in Ghost Dog's life that brought him here.

Or we need to know more about how the samurai philosophy fills the gaping holes of society with bravery, loyalty and discipline. Without either, we're somewhat bored in a film that is soulful but slow, moody but detached from its audience.



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Branded aims to make its mark on metro Detroit

STEPHANIE A. CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Somehow, the musicians have managed to release their debut, "Jump Start" on Goldtooth Records.

Branded will kick off the CD's debut on so appropriately when they open for Howling Diablos, St. Patrick's Day at Redford's Bullfrog Bar and Grill.

While the band wouldn't say what they had in store for audiences, words like "choreographed" and "adrenaline" were tossed about during a recent interview.

Jason Bergeron, lead vocalist and Canton resident, said the band's strength lies in the close ties the musicians have with each other and their manager, Dave Perrine.

"We're really, really tight right now," he said. Bergeron joined the band when he returned from the Navy.

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and friends only amplifies the musical benefits. "When we write music, we're always on the same wavelength... I couldn't have another guitar player."

Perrine's devotion to the band is just as strong. A Schoolcraft College graduate, he began promoting them while still in college. Perrine hasn't looked back since. "I believe in their music so much, I won't stop until they are successful."

Branded's music appeals to a younger audience, mostly teenagers. That means that the response at Pharo's Golden Cup in Westland has been overwhelming.

The band only wishes more venues catered to a younger crowd.

If the Backstreet Boys can do it, why not Branded? The band - whose members mostly reside in Westland - has nudged near local success, winning four battle of the bands con-

tests to date and snagging the opening spot for Alice Cooper at the 1998 Michigan State Fair.

Bergeron recalled the wild response Branded received at a middle school benefit: "Fourteen and 15-year old girls were screaming. Everyone was coming up and asking for an autograph."

Having achieved notoriety in Lake City, Branded hopes to replicate and surpass that success here. The band is counting on songs like "When I'm Away," "Locked Out" and "Junkie" to help them gain such recognition.

Check out Branded opening for Howling Diablos, 10 p.m., Friday, March 17, The Bullfrog Bar and Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477. Buy "Jump Start" at all Desirable Disc and Dearborn Music locations, Rock of Ages in Garden City, Repeat the Beat in Plymouth and Record Collectors in Livonia.

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papers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2130 or e-mail at scasola@oe.homecomm.net.



Branded: Bill Chesney, Shane Bergeron, Robert Barch and Jay Bergeron are ready to rock this St. Patrick's Day. Check out branded.ontheweb.nu.

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Advertisement for 'The 10th Annual INDOOR SUPER FAIR' featuring rides, games, food, and entertainment. Includes 'Ten Big Days March 17-26 Pontiac Silverdome' and 'The Twisters Band' live on stage.

Third Eye Blind's feeling 'Blue' on tour

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Arion Salazar speaks in a deep tone, with the sounds of Japanese music filling in the telephone line Thursday afternoon, March 2. He calls me "grasshopper" and says he's in his hotel room in Las Vegas.

But before he can pull off any more of the interview in that pseudo-throaty tone, Salazar laughs and admits he's stumbled upon music on some strange cable station.

One-fourth of California's best-known Bay Area alternative band, Third Eye Blind, is on tour in support of their new album, "Blue."

Arion Salazar: "The tour is going well. Last night was the first night. It's great. The Muffs are opening for us for the first two shows. They are one of my favorite bands. That has added to the excitement. They have just been my favorite for years."

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Blind, he's in great spirits, just beginning to tour in support of 3EB's sophomore Elektra Records release, "Blue."

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Advertisement for the movie 'Final Destination' featuring a large image of the cast and promotional text.



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going to name it after) a defensive chess move. It was so stupid...It's a bit too brainiac. Why don't we just call it "Blue"?

O&E: The title suggests something sad, or moody, but the album isn't that way at all.

Arion Salazar: "We're usually not what we seem. The sound we have is usually one way on the surface. In that way, I think (it) refers to the band."

O&E: What can Third Eye Blind fans expect this time around when they catch you at Detroit's State Theatre?

Arion Salazar: "To get rocked...We have a 60-foot inflatable ant-eater."

O&E: You're kidding about the ant-eater, right?

Arion Salazar: "Yeah. We're super-excited to come to Detroit."

Third Eye Blind performs with guests Tonic, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, State Theatre.

Advertisement for 'The Next Best Thing' movie featuring images of the cast and showtimes.

Advertisement for 'A Comedy Classic! Delightfully Insane!' featuring 'Offbeat and Funny!' and 'Unique and Hilarious!' with showtimes.

Advertisement for the movie 'Drowning Mona' featuring images of the cast and showtimes.

Advertisement for the movie 'My Dog Skip' featuring images of the cast and showtimes.

DINING

Eat corned beef and enjoy St. Patrick's Day

BY KEELY WYGONIK AND RENE SKOGLUND
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Friday is St. Patrick's Day, and local pubs are getting ready for one of the busiest days of the year. This year, St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday during Lent. But, if you're Catholic, don't worry. Faith and beggars, thanks to a little spiritual intervention, you get to enjoy your corned beef without guilt.

"I'm a realist," said Cardinal Adam Maida during an Ash Wednesday radio interview with Paul W. Smith on WJR. "As we reflect on the Irish tradition in Church... it is really a time for celebration. I will offer - for those who would like to take it for that day - a dispensation so that Catholics can, in good faith, celebrate the traditions of our Irish heritage and be thankful to the Lord for all the blessings that come to us because of that."

Now, the hard part, deciding where to celebrate. Here are some suggestions:

■ **Aubree's & Sticks** - 39 E. Cross, Depot Town, Ypsilanti, (734) 483-1870. Open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 2 p.m. Sunday. Menu: Corned beef, Irish stew and Shepherd's pie (kitchen manager Chad Clay says it's the best!) plus burgers, pizza, sandwiches and Mexican goodies. Lots of green beer.

■ **Bailey's Pub & Grille** - 1777 Canton Center Road, Canton, (734) 844-1137. Open 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Sunday. Menu: Gourmet pub-style fare, including steaks, fish and chips, and ribs.

■ **Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro** - 26053 Town Center, Novi, (248) 380-8460. Open 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday

and Saturday; 4-8 p.m. Sunday. On St. Patrick's day, an Irish band will play tunes from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage, lamb stew, beef and beer stew served over Calconnon (mashed potatoes with sauteed savory cabbage and scallions, yum!), Irish pancakes and smoked salmon, and Guinness Stout chocolate cake. Special Irish beers, Irish whiskey and Irish coffees.

■ **Cowley's Old Village Inn**, 33338 Grand River, downtown Farmington, (248) 474-5941. Open 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; closed Sunday. Open 7 a.m. St. Patrick's Day. "Blackthorn" performs noon to 4 p.m. and "Company" of Strangers 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. St. Patrick's Day menu includes burgers, Irish stew, corned beef sandwiches, and chicken strips. Regular menu offers fish and chips and a variety of sandwiches.

■ **Connor O'Neill's** - 318 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, (734) 665-2968. Open 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Friday; 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday-Sunday. Opening 7 a.m. St. Patrick's Day. Irish dancers will perform in the afternoon. Menu: Fish and chips, corned beef and cabbage, and Shepherd's pie.

■ **Duffy's Den** - 24800 W. Six Mile Road (between Telegraph and Beech Daly), Detroit, (313) 538-0040. Open 9:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 2 a.m. Sunday. Menu: Corned beef sandwiches, hamburgers and other sandwiches.

■ **Dunleavy's Pub & Grub** - 34505 Grand River Ave., Farmington, (248) 478-8866. Open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; 4-9 p.m. Sunday. Live entertainment throughout the day. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage during the day and Irish stew and corned beef sandwiches in the evening.

■ **Dunleavy's River Place** - 267 Jos. Campau, Detroit, (313) 259-0909. Open 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Friday; 4:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday; closed Sunday except for special occasions. Two bands will entertain on St. Patrick's Day. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew and other specialties. No green beer. "It stains everything," said owner Paul Zosel.

■ **Gaelic League Irish American Club** - 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit, (313) 963-8895 or (313) 964-8700. Open 2 p.m. to midnight Tuesday-Wednesday; 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday; noon to 2 a.m. Friday-Sunday. Entertainment on St. Patrick's Day. Menu to be determined. Call for information.

■ **Jack Dunleavy's Grill** - 440 N. Main St., Plymouth, (734) 355-3700. Open 11 a.m. to midnight Monday-Wednesday (kitchen closes 10 p.m.); 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday-Saturday (kitchen closes 10 p.m.); closed Sunday. Open 10 a.m. St. Patrick's Day. Entertainment includes bagpipers during the day and singing in the evening. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew, fish and chips, Sally Dunleavy's special Irish soda bread plus other pub fare. On-tap Irish beers, Irish whiskey and Irish coffee. (This is the Dunleavy restaurant family's 70th St. Patrick's Day.)

■ **Farwell & Friends** - 8051 Middlebelt, Westland, (734) 421-6990. Open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Sunday (kitchen closes 10 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday and 11 p.m. Thursday-Saturday). St. Patrick's Day entertainment by the "O'Lost & McFound" band. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage, Mulligan stew, green beer and lots of specials.

■ **Fire Academy Brewery & Grill** - 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland, (734) 595-1988. Open

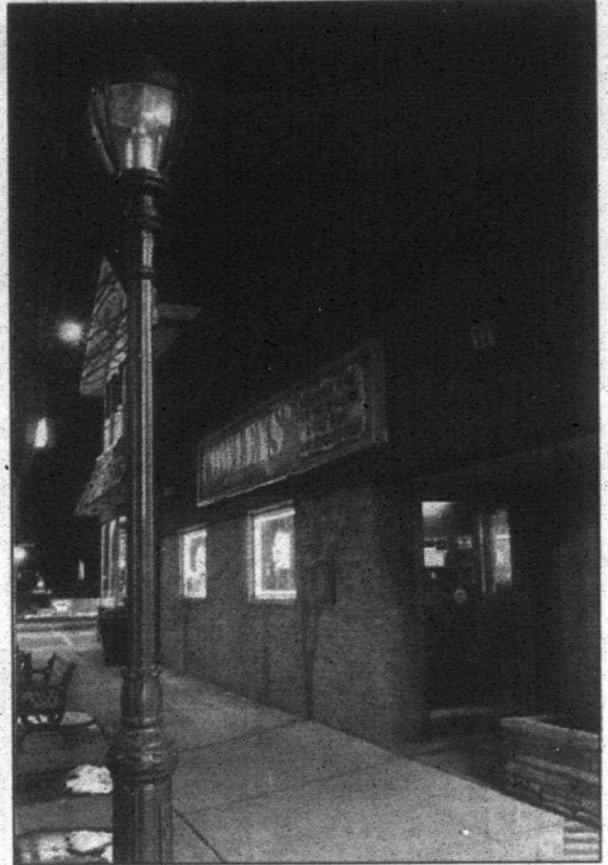
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■ **Innisfree Irish Pub & Grill** - 6327 Middlebelt Road (near Ford Road), Garden City, (734) 425-2434. Open 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesday-Sunday; closed Monday. Open St. Patrick's Day 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. All-day entertainment by "Mullingar Irish," a duo flown over from Ireland. Menu: Fish and chips, Irish stew and corned beef sandwiches. Lots of Irish beer, including green.

■ **O'Malley's Bar & Grill** - 15231 Farmington Road (at Five Mile Road), Livonia, (734) 427-7775. Open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to midnight, Sunday. Open 7 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day. Menu: Something for everyone, including sandwiches, salads, soups, Irish specialties, ribs, chicken and fish.

■ **The Old Shillelagh** - 349 Monroe, Detroit (313) 964-0007. Open 11 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. Monday-Sunday. Open 7 a.m. St. Patrick's day (two heated circus tents open 10 a.m.). All-day live Irish entertainment on two stages, with WRIF broadcasting from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage, corned beef sandwiches, Irish stew and other fare. Absolutely no green beer! "I'm a real Irish bar. I don't serve green beer," said owner Barbara Brady Kaufmann.

■ **Timber Wolf Tavern** - 25641 Plymouth Road, east of Beech Daly, Redford, (313) 937-1218. Open 11 a.m. to midnight Monday; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; noon to



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Celebration destination: Local pubs, including Cowley's Old Village Inn in downtown Farmington, are getting ready to welcome customers on St. Patrick's Day. Cowley's and other pubs will offer entertainment.

11 p.m. Sunday. St. Patrick's Day specials. Happy St. Patrick's Day from the Observer Newspapers. Like they say in Ireland, "Slainte!"

WHAT'S COOKING

Send dinner specials, menu changes, restaurant renovations, and other items to Keely Wygonik, Assistant Managing Editor Features Group, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net. We'd love to hear about your favorite seafood and fish restaurants.

■ **Taste of Northville** - A Taste of Northville 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 21 at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main Street, Northville,

will feature 70 exhibitors from retail, service and professional businesses in the Northville community. Area top rated restaurants and caterers will provide samples from their menus. Admission \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 children under age 12. Call (248) 349-7640 for information.

■ **Big Rock Chop & Brew House** - 245 South Eton, Birmingham, is hosting its third-annual Brewmaster Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21. Call (248) 647-7774 for tickets, which

cost \$60 per person. Six courses paired with Brewmaster Dean Jones' microbrews. For sweet endings, Cherries Jubilee with Stout ice cream.

■ **Mardi Gras Madness** - The Henry Ford Community College Hospitality Department will hold its annual spring banquet 5:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1 in the Pagoda Room of the Student Center on the Dearborn

campus. HFCC students will prepare a variety of Southern, Cajun, Creole and Bayou style dishes. Tickets are \$35 per person, call (313) 845-9651. Event proceeds benefit the hospitality scholarship program.

New Orleans style masks and costumes are not required, but preferred. Prizes will be given for the best one. The HFCC Dix-

ieland-band will entertain guests throughout the evening.

■ **Too Chez Restaurant** - You can save 25 percent off every bottle on the wine list, over 300 labels, at Too Chez Restaurant, 27155 Sheraton Dr. in Novi, Monday-Thursday, through May 2000. Discount offered with meals only, wines by the glass are excluded. Call (248) 348-5555 for reservations and information.

■ **La Bistecca Italian Grille** - offers live jazz featuring Larry Nozero and Friends, starting at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of every month.

The restaurant, which specializes in Piedmontese Beef, is at 39405 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 254-0400 for reservations and information.

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