

Saluting the BEST

The Canton Chamber of Commerce wants to give someone the business—as in Business Person of the Year.

The chamber is accepting nominations for its Business Person of the Year and Athena Awards. The respective awards are given annually to a top performer in the business community who is involved in making Canton a better place to live and work; and someone who is instrumental in furthering the achievements and goals of women in the workplace.

This year's honorees will be saluted during the chamber's May 3 luncheon at the Summit. Carmen Harlan, WDIV-TV news anchor, will be the keynote speaker.

The Observer Newspapers sponsors the Business Person of the Year Award.

The nomination deadline for both awards is the close of business on Tuesday, April 18. For more information or to receive a nomination form by fax, call the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

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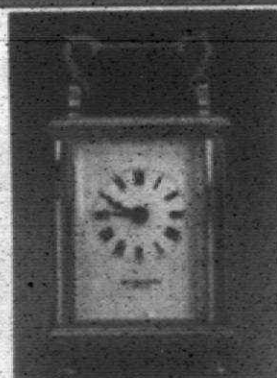
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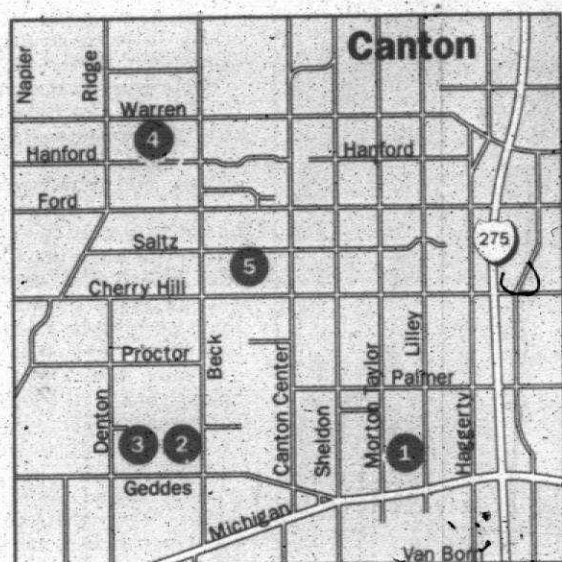
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■ 1. Tottenham Woods: Single family homes (81) on 51 acres.
■ 2. Fowler Creek: Single family homes (78) on 55.8 acres.
■ 3. Central Park: Single family homes (198) on 134.5 acres.

Rezoning
■ 4. More than five acres on the south side of Warren Road between Beck and Ridge will be rezoned from rural agricultural (RA) to single-family residential district (R2).
■ 5. More than 26 acres on the south side of Saltz Road between Canton Center and Beck will be rezoned from rural residential (RR) to single-family residential district (R3).

Township moves to preserve land

■ Canton officials are working with developers on cluster designs for newer subdivisions.

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Canton is managing to preserve some of its open areas while new housing developments continue to sprout. Township trustees recently approved three projects that will add more than

350 homes over the next few years. But by using a "cluster" design, the subs will allow some sensitive areas to stay in tact.

"The idea is to concentrate the home sites," said Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet, "in order to preserve woods."

It's also good business for developers, he added. A more condensed project can cut "hard" costs by up to 20 percent, said Goulet.

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Missing Canton man turns up in Las Vegas

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Rachel Broadbent is breathing easier today.

That's because her son, Michael Mayer of Canton, turned up in Las Vegas Wednesday after leaving home without a word Saturday night.

Canton Police said Mayer, 19, called his mom late Wednesday. She flew out to Las Vegas to meet him.

Police said there appeared to be no foul play involved.

"We don't know what the circumstances are and we don't have any reasons why he's out there," said Canton Police Sgt. Charles Raycraft.

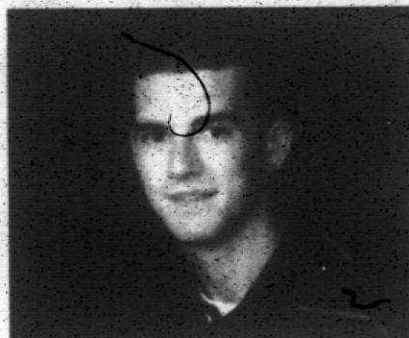
Raycraft said the police will talk to both mother and son when they return to Michigan.

Broadbent said she last saw her son about 10:30 p.m. Saturday, before he left for Ann Arbor to see a friend.

"They were going to hang out and play with his Sony Play Station," said Broadbent. "This is a friend he's been hanging out with forever."

But Mayer never arrived at the University of Michigan dorm. Family and friends launched a search for him Sunday evening after he failed to show up for his regular bowling league.

"That was our first red flag," Broadbent said. "He's an avid bowler. He



Michael Mayer

bowls three to four times a week."

"We've been grasping at straws," said Broadbent. "He's really close with my sister in California."

He wasn't there, however, Broadbent said.

U-M campus police assisted in the search.

Campus officers were given a description of Mayer and his car, U-M Public Information Officer Diane Brown said.

Mayer's friends on campus were interviewed, Brown said. Any information gathered will be given to Canton detectives, she added.

Broadbent said it's not uncommon

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Hindu temple gets OK on land request

PLANNING COMMISSION

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A firm petitioning to build Canton's second Hindu temple cleared its first hurdle Monday by getting special land-use approval from the Canton Plan-

ning Commission.

The commission voted 5-0, with commissioners Bob Wade and Sue Dodson absent, to approve the special land use request. The next step is site plan approval, which would also be decided

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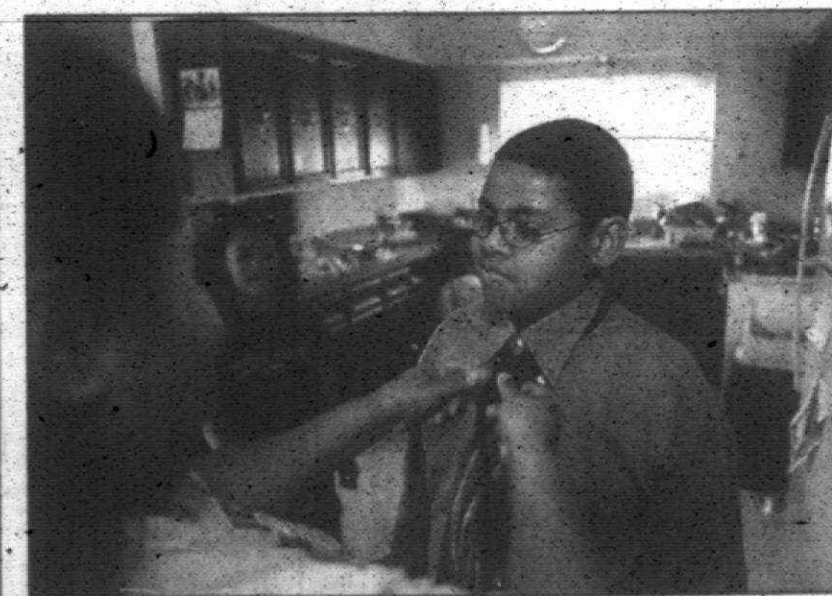
Seeing stars at the auction



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Texas two-step: Tony Kwilos, past president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, and his wife, Val, took the western theme of Friday's annual chamber auction to patriotic extremes. For more from the gala event, please turn to Page A9 in today's Observer.

Trip Down Under is real kick for soccer champ



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Tie game: Corey Ramirez gets his necktie fixed by his mother Gloria for his picture to be taken for the newspaper. His cousin Sarah is at left.

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When Corey Ramirez-Allen of Canton goes to lands Down Under to play soccer in July, it's not the Australian or New Zealand players, rumored to be tough, that he'll be worried about most.

"The only thing I'm really scared of is those fruit spiders—they'll kill you," he said, referring to a spider the size of a tarantula.

Corey's mother Gloria said the reality of the 14-hour overseas flight and the excitement of visiting foreign nations hasn't yet set in for her son, a fifth-grader at Hoben Elementary. But she doesn't share his nonchalance.

"I believe it's going to be a once in a lifetime trip," she said. "If he wasn't nominated for the program, there's no way we'd visit Australia—not in a million years."

Corey, 11, and his mother will be visiting Australia and New Zealand July 11-31 as part of the People to People Sports Ambassadors program founded in 1956 with headquarters in Spokane, Wash. Founder and former President

Dwight Eisenhower's vision, according to the Web site, was, "If people get together, so eventually will nations."

Corey will be getting together with other athletes by playing in the "Kiwi Classic" soccer tournament with others in his age group.

In the program, athletes ages 10 through 19 from across the globe compete in soccer, basketball, football, baseball, softball, volleyball, golf, wrestling, tennis, track and field, swimming, ice hockey, lacrosse, field hockey, bowling and water polo. Athletes visit Australia, New Zealand, Holland, Sweden, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Germany, the Caribbean islands, Hawaii and the Czech Republic. Student athletes receive college credit for their participation.

Corey said he found out about the Sports Ambassadors program while playing in an indoor youth soccer league at Soccer Zone in Novi. He has played soccer for about a year.

To qualify as a sports ambassador, Corey had to pass a rigorous interview process and have three written recom-

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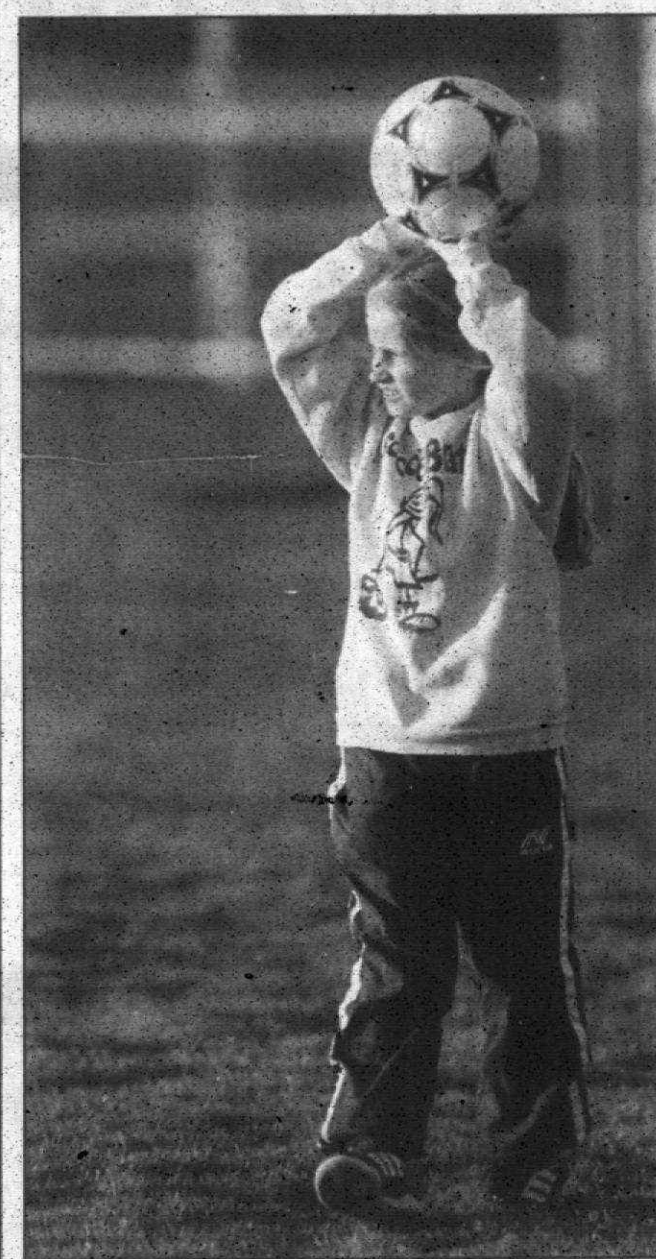
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Board will wait on school name

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Plymouth-Canton school board members have decided to wait at least another month before naming the third high school, to be constructed at the Educational Park.

While some trustees are ready to name the new school, others still have questions about student input, costs in changing signage, and public perception.

At Tuesday's meeting, the board tabled a resolution to name the building Plymouth High School, while dropping the name Plymouth from the current two schools, making them Canton and Salem high schools.

"I don't think the name Plymouth should be dropped from the two schools," said Traci Thomas, daughter of board member Roland Thomas, who wore her Plymouth Salem letter jacket. "The school district is based on tradition, naming them after municipalities in the district."

That was the same sentiment raised by Trustee Steve Guile. "I believe this is breaking tradition for the school district," he said. "Traditionally, we've always named them after governmental units which we serve."

I don't feel we should break this tradition.

Guile believes the new school should be named Plymouth Superior because, he said, "It's the only governmental unit that's not recognized. It's the growth area of the future."

Roland Thomas said at least one Realtor called him, saying dropping the name Plymouth would make it more difficult for them to market the two high schools to parents who are moving into the district.

"We have created a brand image of our community," he said. "They are selling the reputation of our two high schools as Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton to draw the linkage with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools."

Board President Sue Davis disagreed somewhat, saying, "We're not changing the name of the school district. It's still Plymouth-Canton Community Schools."

It makes sense to me to name it after Plymouth because it's more prominent than Superior," added board member Judy Mardigian.

Trustee Mark Slavens was ready to move on, noting, "I'm not sure what additional time will do on this."

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for her son to stay overnight with a friend. But, she added, she always knows when he's coming home and where he's at. "A lot of times his buddies come over here and stay the night," said Broadbent.

Mayer was driving a red 1999 Mazda Protegé when he left home Saturday. Broadbent said the car had no mechanical problems that she knew about.

"It's his pride and joy," she added. "It's his pride and joy. He bought it on his own."

Mayer has roadside assistance through his automobile insurance, said Broadbent. He carries a cell phone as well.

With the exception of asthma, the 19-year-old has no serious medical conditions, his mother said. Broadbent added that he controls the asthma with a pair of inhalers and sees a physician frequently.

"He gets checked out pretty regularly," she added.

The teen grew up in Plymouth and moved to Canton a couple of years ago with his mother.

Mayer graduated from Plymouth Salem High School last June. While not currently in college, he's planning on attending ITT Institute to study computer technology.

Mayer works as a delivery man for Papa Romano's Pizza.

"He just got a raise," said Broadbent. "He loves his job. They said he's the best employee they've ever had."

She said her son made friends easily.

"He doesn't have any enemies," said Broadbent. "He gets along with everyone."

Mayer's family had posted hundreds of fliers in Canton, Plymouth, Ann Arbor earlier this week.

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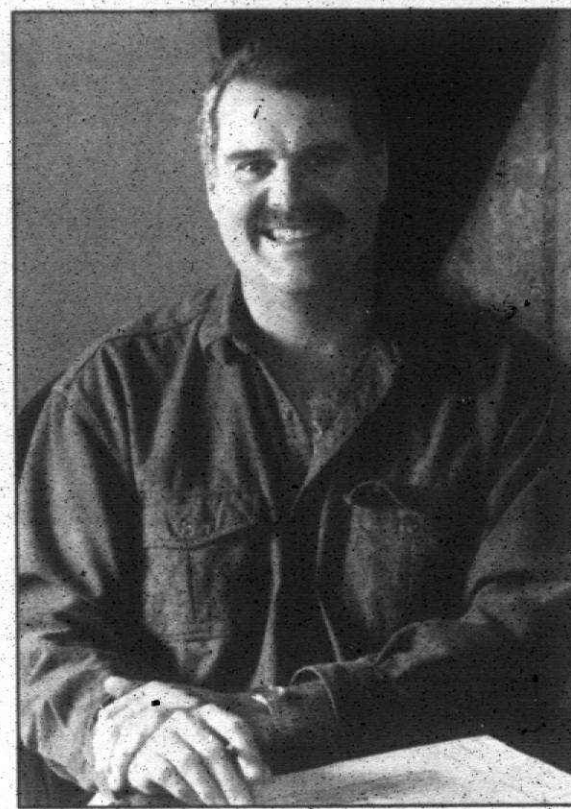
Loren Bennett named to Hall; achievers and supporters cited

Eleven individuals and community groups were honored Sunday for their extraordinary contributions to the Canton community in 1999.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack and other township officials paid tribute to the 1999 Hall of Fame inductees and recipients of 1999 Community Achiever and Community Supporter award-winners during a reception at the Summit.

Community Achiever and Community Supporter awards are given each year to those individuals or groups who made an outstanding achievement or contribution to the community.

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, was named to the Hall of Fame. Bennett is a lifelong resident of Canton who has been actively involved in the community for more than 20 years. Bennett served as a Canton trustee from 1980 to 1988, Canton Township Clerk from 1989 to 1994, and is currently in his second Senate term.



Newest member: State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, was inducted Sunday into the Canton Hall of Fame. Bennett formerly served as township trustee and clerk.

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Recently, he played an instrumental role in securing a \$750,000 grant for the Summit expansion, as well as \$2 million in recreational grants to develop parks in the community.

Named Community Achievers were:

■ Canton Sidewalk Committee: This volunteer committee inspected the sidewalks from Beck Road to the east township boundary to identify gaps in the sidewalk network. Each member physically inspected one or more sections of the township, forming a comprehensive list which was presented to the Canton Township board. Committee members include: Kurt Anthony, David Brashaw, Charles Golden, Florence Hasson, Sandra Kenzie, Charles Lozen, Jr., Michael Lynn, Robert Marrone, Carol Middel, Paula Mondro, Larry Reed, Monica Rem, Karen Roberts, David Rocker, Jerri Sibel, Patrick Wingate, John Wolski and Alex Winton.

■ Environmental Committee: This volunteer committee was formed to recommend proactive policies, approaches and programs to protect and enhance Canton's environmentally sensitive areas. They assisted township officials in identifying areas and assisted in developing and implementing environmental education programs. Committee members include: Jeff Hartland, Jim Jezorowski, Diana Kozlowski, Kris Nebel, Gary Stahl, Mike Stucky and Dave Thomas.

■ Relay for Life Committee: This volunteer committee worked countless hours to bring the first annual Relay for Life to the Canton Community. Relay for Life is a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society. This 24-hour walk brings an entire community together for the purpose of celebrating those who are winning their fight against cancer and to pay tribute to those who have lost the fight. This first-time event raised more than

\$54,000 to support cancer research and the American Cancer Society's prevention, education and support programs. Committee members include: Sally Bailey, Megan Bohr, Jan Bryja, Ben Cool, Diane Duxter, Denise Evans, Jan Jacobs, Matt Pohl, Jessica Mason, Cyndi Moringstar, Si-Nahra, Phyllis Redfern, Kate Rosevear, Kathleen Salla, Debbie Zevalink, and American Cancer Society staffer Rosemary Andrews.

■ Paul Tennes Tennes was selected as one of 30 Law Enforcement Explorers from across the United States to attend the National Law Enforcement Leadership Academy conducted by the FBI in July 1999. Tennes has been an Explorer with the Canton Police Department since 1997; a member of Boy Scout Troop 1539 for six years and received many awards and citations. His school activities include SADD, student council, Quiz Bowl and yearbook along with many community service activities.

■ Bryan and Mary Amann: Bryan and Mary served as co-

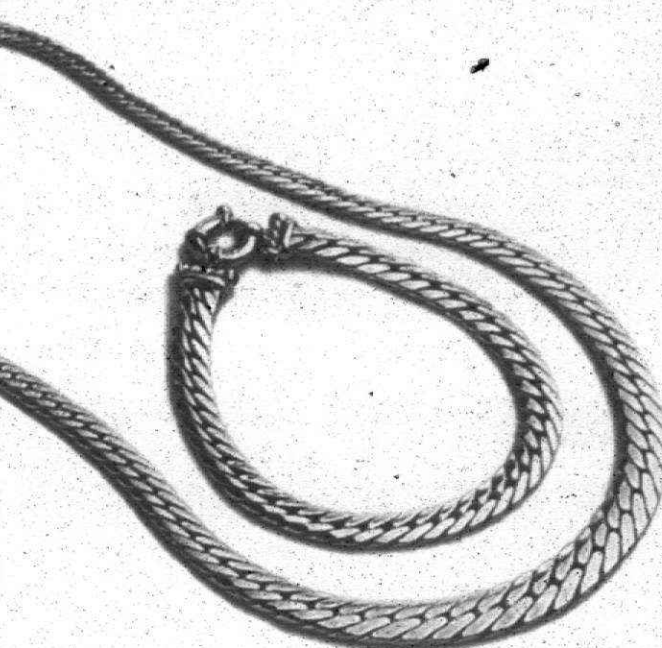
chairs for the St. Joseph Mercy Health System's Interactive Health Education Center Campaign. Through the efforts and work of the talented and dedicated volunteer committee many new donors and volunteers became partners with St. Joseph Mercy Health Systems in creating this innovative and exciting new center. The Health Exploration Station is Michigan's first interactive health education center and represents the community's commitment to wellness education for young and old alike.

■ St. Joseph Interactive Health Education Center Campaign: Committee: Through the efforts and work of the talented and dedicated volunteer committee many new donors and volunteers became partners with St. Joseph Mercy Health Systems in creating this innovative and exciting new center. The Health Exploration Station is Michigan's first interactive health education center and represents the community's commitment to wellness education for young and old alike.

■ John and Lisa Pardington: The Pardingtons own and operate Holiday Market in Canton. Their business has been open less than two years and they have contributed to over 90 community events and organizations. The list includes Special Olympics, schools, churches, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, D.A.R.E., Homeowner Associations, Canton Lions Club, just to name a few. They also offer store tours and allow Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to use their store to sell cookies, candy and popcorn. They were instrumental in organizing the first Community Wine Tasting for Charity which raised \$5000 for the Canton Lions Club. This year five charities will benefit from the proceeds of the wine tasting.

■ Marcy Stanley: Marcy has made a significant contribution

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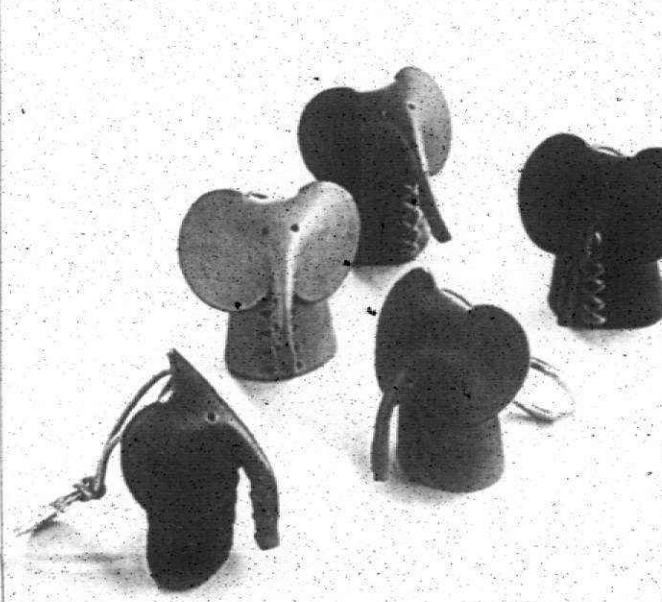
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Teacher is 'Miler'

Cynthia DeSousa, a second grade teacher at Bentley Elementary School, was awarded the Extra Miler Award at the board of education meeting March 28.

DeSousa was cited for her creative ideas, hard work, and dedication to the staff, students, parents and programs at Bentley Elementary.

"Miss DeSousa is always at work early and stays late," parent Sarah Calupina said. "Her homework" is evident in the great preparation for the class. She is always smiling and positive with the kids."

Another parent says DeSousa goes "way beyond the call of duty. Her accomplishments with her students show that she is self motivated."

Bentley parent Ming Kuang explains, "She spends extra efforts teaching individuals who require individual attention. Miss DeSousa makes sure that everyone makes progress to his or her full potential."

DeSousa received a certificate of recognition, a pin of the Flag of Liberty and Learning, and a dinner gift certificate, all presented by school board member Roland Thomas.

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Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, April 13, 2000 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

1. Joel & Susan Goddard, 46539 Creek Bend Canton MI 48188 (734-495-1337), requesting a variance of Zoning Ordinance Article 26.01 Schedule of Regulations Intent & Scope of requirements (Tabled from October 14, 1999 and postponed March 9, 2000) Parcel #111-04-0199-000 (Building)
2. Patti Enclosures, Inc. 40480 Grand River, Suite A, Novi, MI 48375 (248-473-3980) Representing Otha & Josephine Harris 43111 Lombardy Dr. Canton, MI 48187 for property at same address are requesting a variance of Zoning Ordinance Article 26. Schedule of regulations for rear yard setbacks (Tabled from March 9, 2000) Parcel #007-01-0584-000 (Building)
3. Scott Gardner Gardner Signs, Inc. 3800 Airport Hwy. Toledo, Ohio 43635 1-800-537-2224 representing Standard Federal Bank Home Lending Center 8526 Canton Center Rd. Canton, MI 48187 for property at same address are requesting a variance of Zoning Ordinance 120 section 7.4 schedule of regulations for Agricultural and Residential District footnote b. to variance to the lot width to depth ratio Parcel #090-99-0006-001 (part of Planning)
4. Harry Limauro, High Velocity Sports Group, 53 West Maple, Clawson, MI 48017, (1-248-435-5178) Representing H.V.S.G. for property 46555 Michigan Ave. Canton, MI 48188 requesting a variance of Zoning Ordinance Article 26.04 Schedule of regulations for maximum building height in the General Industrial District. Parcel #131-99-0016-002 (Planning)
5. Jason Ekus, J. Ekus Building Co. 27701 Red Leaf Lane Southfield, MI 48076 (1-248-557-4733) Representing Jason Ekus for Stonegate Subdivision requesting a variance of Zoning Ordinance Article 26.02.b Schedule for regulations Agricultural and Residential District footnote b. to variance to the lot width to depth ratio Parcel #090-99-0006-001 (part of Planning)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 1, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

DAROLF/FRACASSA/TRI-MOUNT REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 029 99 0007 001, 029 99 0007 002, 029 99 0007 003, AND 029 99 0007 004 FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the west side of Beck Road between Warren and Hartford Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, April 27, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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mendations.

Corey's recommendations came from his soccer coach Rick DeLagarza, karate instructor Chris Covert and Southfield attorneys Marilyn and Jim Cull, who have acted as family counsel.

Jim Cull said Corey's being raised predominantly by his mother and dealing with adversity — such as being forced out of housing when it turned co-op — has helped make him a stronger person.

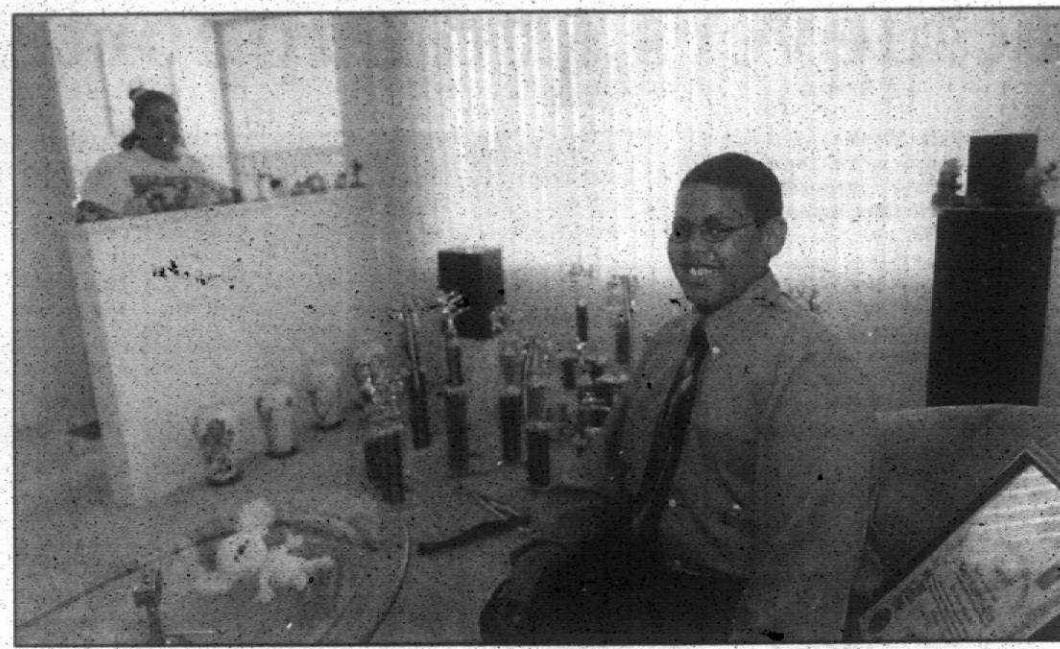
"Corey's probably one of the most together kids I've ever met," Cull said. "You don't find too many kids doing things that daring — you see a lot of kids just going through the motions."

"He realizes that what he can offer other kids is just being a nice kid — not a jerk. You see too many kids getting attention in negative ways these days," Cull added.

While in Australia, Corey said he will visit sites such as the Olympic Stadium in Sydney as well as a variety of historic sites and beaches. But he plans to stay out of the ocean.

"Sharks will attack you in only three feet of water," Corey said.

In New Zealand, Corey and his teammates will visit the city



Two-sport star: Corey Ramirez poses among his many karate trophies in the living room of his family's Canton home. His mother, Gloria, stands in the background at left.

of Auckland, rain forests and an inactive volcano area called Rotorua. When it's time to chow down, he'll sample a traditional meal called "the Hangi," which

is cooked underground. The cooking style was originated by the native Maori people.

Recently he set soccer aside to focus on another kicking activity — martial arts. He's working towards his second-degree black belt in karate from the Olympia, Chung Do Kwan studio in Garden City.

When asked if his martial arts skills, honed since age 4, deter would-be bullies, he said he's never had to use them.

"All you have to do is tickle him and it's all over," his mother said. "I'm sure if he had to use it for an emergency he would."

Sponsors wanted

Though some sponsors have already pledged their support for Corey's trip, he and his mother, Gloria still need some help raising the \$8,000 needed to make the trip in July.

Expenses cover transportation, accommodations and most associated costs. Donations are welcome from either individuals or businesses.

Since it's a nonprofit organization, all donations to People to People Sports Ambassadors are tax deductible. To donate, write to People to People Sports Ambassadors, attention: Account Department, 110 S. Ferrall St., Spokane, WA 99202-4800. Checks should be made payable to People to People Sports Ambassadors and should have account numbers 554342 for Gloria or 554343 for Corey written on them.

For more information, call (509) 534-0430 or visit www.sportsambassadors.org on the World Wide Web.

LWV book sale is April 13-16

The League of Women Voters will hold its annual used book sale at Wonderland Mall, Mid-diebelt and Plymouth roads. The sale will take place between Office Max and Dunham's in the mall near parking lot G. The hours are 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 13; 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 14-15; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 16.

Books are priced to sell with hardcovers costing \$1, paperbacks 50 cents and romance novels 25 cents. Special collector

books will be individually priced, and there will be a \$4 bag sale on Sunday.

Selections include historical novels, government, technology, home improvement, medicine, psychology, travel, adolescents, crafts, music, poetry, literature and an especially nice collection of children's books.

The league has been collecting books for the sale since January. Proceeds will be used to educate the public on governmental issues.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE OF BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the following categories:

District-Wide New & Replacement Concrete	4/12/00	11:30 a.m.
District-Wide Elevator Maintenance	4/12/00	12:30 a.m.
District-Wide Paper Towel	4/12/00	1:30 p.m.
District-Wide Trash Bags	4/12/00	2:00 p.m.
District-Wide Bathroom Tissue	4/12/00	2:30 p.m.
District-Wide Plumbing Parts	4/12/00	3:00 p.m.
District-Wide Electrical Parts	4/12/00	4:00 p.m.

Specifications and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E.J. McClelland Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For technical information, please contact Brian Goby, Procurement & Project Analysis Coordinator, in the Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due Wednesday, April 12, 2000 on or before the times noted above. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary

Bid Opening: Wednesday, April 12, 2000 at times noted above

Board Review: Tuesday, April 25, 2000

Published: March 30 and April 6, 2000

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Canton Township is soliciting proposals for engineering, inspection, construction follow up, and management services for the Canton Township Sidewalk Ramp Project.

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If your firm is interested in providing these services, please submit your proposal to Canton Township Public Works, by 6 p.m., Friday, April 28, 2000.

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. This project is funded by a Community Development Block Grant, and federal regulations apply.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Address all proposals to:

CANTON TOWNSHIP
Public Works
Attn.: Susan Polson
1150 S. Canton Center Road
2nd Floor, Engineering Services
Canton, MI 48106

Published: April 6, 2000

DONNA M. ZABORSKI

Services for Donna M. Zaborski, 64, of Sun City, Ariz., (formerly of Plymouth) will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 8, at St. Gerard's Church, 19800 Pembroke Ave., (south of Eight Mile, east of Evergreen) Detroit.

She was born in Detroit and died March 5. She was a banking supervisor and a member of the Lady Elks.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond; two daughters, Alison Black and Sharon Nair; one son, Keith; her mother, Florence Hartley; two sisters, Mary Ann Dinger and Margaret Haselden; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Arizona Humane Society, 9226 N. 13th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85008 or to the Salvation Army, 2707 E. Van Buren, Phoenix, AZ 85008.

CAROLYN STANDISH BORDEN WAGNER

Private services were held for Carolyn Standish Borden Wagner, 94, of Old Saybrook, Conn. (formerly of Livonia and Plymouth).

She died March 25 in Gladeview Health Care Center. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver H. Wagner, and one son, Oliver H. Wagner Jr. Survivors include her two daughters, Marian Spiro of Madison, Conn., and Barbara S. Eaton of Salt Lake City, Utah;

nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Carolyn Wagner Fund, c/o Tom Wachtel, M.D., Department of Geriatrics, Rhode Island Hospital, 593 Eddy St., Providence, RI 02903, or to the Fall River Deaconess Home, P.O. Box 2118, Fall River, MA 02722.

Local arrangements were made by the Hawley Lincoln Memorial.

JAMES GORDON BOSAK

Services for James Gordon Bosak, 26, of Plymouth were held March 31 at the Casterline Funeral Home in Northville with the Rev. Alexander Kuras of Divine Savior Parish officiating. Burial was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

He was born Sept. 21, 1973, in Farmington Hills and died March 28. He was a carpenter.

Survivors include his parents, Frank H. Bosak of Texas and Susan L. Bosak of Plymouth; one brother, Frank H. Bosak III of Westland; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hubbert of Cedarville, Mich., and Mrs. Virginia Bosak of Northville.

Memorials may be made to Personalized Nursing Light House Inc., 575 South Main Street, Suite 6, Plymouth, MI 48170.

J.C. LEE

Services for J.C. Lee, 76, of Plymouth were held April 5 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral

Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

He was born Jan. 13, 1924, in Union City, Tenn., and died April 2 in Superior Township. He worked for the Burroughs Corp. in Plymouth for 22 years. He also worked for the Plymouth-Canton Community schools for 15 years.

Mr. Lee was married to Dorothy Lee for 57 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1941 from Tennessee. He was a member of the V.F.W. Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post 8695 since 1946. He enjoyed seeing all his Army buddies at their reunions.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Clarence; parents, step-father, James and Bertha Lee Cleek and Robert Cleek. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy of Plymouth; two sons, Jerry (Kathie) Lee of Canton and Jim (Marilyn) Lee of Livonia; two daughters, Shirley (John) Henning of Canton and Mary Margaret (Tim) Campbell of Waterford; one brother, James Ray Lee of Westland; one sister, Mattie Lou Moran of Union City, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association or Alcoholics Anonymous.

DUNCAN D. LYON

Services for Duncan D. Lyon,

OBITUARIES

77, of Plymouth were held April 4 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating.

He was born April 21, 1922, in Detroit and died March 31 in Dearborn. He was an inspector at General Motors for 35 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1994 from Detroit. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He loved crossword puzzles, golf, and watching boxing.

He was preceded in death by his brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Anne; brother and sister-in-law, Don and Harriet; and parents, Edwin and Magdalene Lyon. Survivors include his wife, Jean of Plymouth; four children, Diane (Tim) Zielinski of Lapeer, Larry D. (Marcia) Lyon of Port Charlotte, Fla., Rodney B. (Diane) Lyon of Livonia and Jenny Dashiell of West Bloomfield; one brother, Edwin Lyon of Brighton; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

NOEL S. MCCORMACK

Services for Noel S. McCormack, 71, of Garden City will take place Monday, April 8, at John N. Santeu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City.

He was born Dec. 13, 1928, in Toronto, Ontario, and died April 1 in Garden City. He was a composer.

Survivors include his wife,

Shirley McCormack; three sons, Jeff (Katrina) McCormack, Kelvin McCormack and Kerry (Dr. Ross) Tabbey of Plymouth; two brothers, William McCormack and Hamilton McCormack; and five grandchildren, Kayla, Rebekah, Megan, Malissa and Amanda.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society or the Salvation Army.

REV. JOHN WALASKY

Services for Rev. John Walasky, 88, of Plymouth Township were held April 5 at the United Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Ken Hubbard officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

He was born June 4, 1911, in Delray, Mich., and died April 2 in Plymouth Township. He was a pastor of the United Assembly of God Church for more than 50 years. He also was retired from the Burroughs Corp. He came to the Plymouth community in 1940 from Detroit. He was a member of the United Assembly

of God Church and the Plymouth Ministerial Association. He was on the management team at the Burroughs for 40 years.

He was preceded in death by his former wife, Margaret Ruth. Survivors include his current wife, Betty of Plymouth Township; five children, John (Ann) Walasky of Hamburg, Mich., David (Connie) Walasky of Henderson, Ky., James (Loretta) Walasky of Normal, Ill., Jane Cochran of Belleville and Eva Wortz of Belleville; two step-children, Jim (Sue) Lucas of Florida and Michael (Betsey) Perry of Adrian; one brother, Daniel (Helen) Walasky of Dearborn Heights; sister-in-law, Ethel Walasky of Birmingham; 27 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the United Assembly of God Church, The Walasky Recreation Building at the Church, or the Visiting Nurses Association Hospice.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Fashion show set for Saturday

The Fashion Bug store in Canton will hold its semi-annual fashion show 2 p.m. Saturday at the store, 44540 Ford Road.

About two dozen models will showcase new spring merchandise during the show. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

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"It's more efficient," he added. "You put money into preserving natural features instead of building roads and extending utilities."

Fowler Creek subdivision provides an example.

A total of 78 single family lots will go on 55.88 acres north of Geddes Road and west of Beck. About a third of the subdivision will remain open, meaning the creek, flood plain and wetlands will be avoided, according to township documents.

The project contains the same number of lots as would be permitted in a traditional subdivision, said Goulet. It will have no greater impact than any other subdivision, he adds.

Central Park South is the largest of the new developments. It will feature 198 lots over 134.5 acres north of Geddes between Beck and Denton roads. Goulet said the project isn't part of the original Central Park development, a massive planned development district (PDD) of

nearly 1,000 homes.

He described Central Park South as being more wooded than Fowler Creek. More than 50 acres or 38 percent of the development will remain as open space.

Tottenham Woods is the only

non-cluster project approved by

Canton trustees at their March 28 meeting. It's actually part of the Woodcreek PDD being developed west of Lilley Road between Palmer and Michigan Avenue.

"Planned development districts are very similar to clusters," said Goulet.

"Tottenham Woods will feature 81 lots on 51.14 acres. About 37 percent of the parcel will remain open.

Homes will range in size from 2,800- to 3,400-square feet, said Goulet. Prices will be \$350,000

and up, he added.

West Bloomfield-based Singh Development is doing the project. Goulet said the company has done a good job with other subdivisions in Canton.

"We have found them to have a high integrity level," he said.

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by the planning commission. The township board makes all final land-use decisions based on recommendations from the planning commission.

The proposed 9.6-acre lot is on the east side of Canton Center between Geddes and Palmer. A 15,000-square-foot community center with a temporary temple is planned in the first phase and a 5,000-square-foot temple, attached to the community center by a walkway, would be built about five years later.

The property is zoned residential, but religious facilities and schools are considered compatible uses if they meet special land-use criteria.

Residents living near the temple site expressed concerns about increased traffic along Canton Center.

"It puts an awful lot of traffic in a very small area," said Henry Moore, president of the Woodlands of Canton Homeowners Association and a Canton Center resident. He was referring to traffic generated by Summit Creek Apartments, Tutor Time, and the proposed temple.

Resident Lois Zilka said she was concerned about drivers turning left into the temple driveway, which will be located



NEW HINDU TEMPLE
Papadopoulos & Pradhan Architects is seeking special approval to build a Hindu temple. It will be in two phases. The first will be a 17,500 sq. ft. worship center. The second will be a 5,000 sq. ft. temple.

kitty-corner from her own driveway.

"Will (drivers) use my property as a turnaround?" Zilka asked.

Resident Mary Mahlow agreed Canton Center traffic was a problem.

"I've waited five minutes to get out on Canton Center," she said. Canton attorney Bryan Amann spoke on behalf of Papadopoulos & Pradhan Architects Inc. of North York, Ontario, the architectural firm designing the temple. He said that only 50 families were expected to use the facility and that the primary hours of use would be after 5 p.m. on weekdays and between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sundays.

"The small number of cars (generated by the temple) doesn't justify adding a passing lane," Amann said, responding to residents' concerns about traffic.

Zilka asked whether temple membership would expand in a few years, as is the case with many religious organizations. Arun Pradhan, a senior architect, said he estimated the maximum temple capacity was estimated at about 100 families.

One resident spoke directly about his temple concerns.

"I'm not in favor of this," said Ken Kaurik, who lives next door to the proposed site. "I won't enjoy looking at it."

Elyse Franklin, senior project architect, said the temple will be the first of its type built in Michigan.

"The design comes right from India," she said, describing a monochromatic temple with intricate domes. A similar but much larger temple was recently built in London.

The developer is a Gujarati, India, firm known by the acronym B.A.P.S., which stands for Bochasanwasi Shree Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha. It also has offices in Europe, North America, Africa and the Far East.

"We're not proposing to build something outrageous - these are not enormous buildings," Franklin added. "Although it's going to be highly detailed it's going to be a thing of beauty - like a sculpture."

"There isn't anything here that's in screaming violation. It's the best development for the neighborhood. Instead of building eight houses, we're building one building."

Commissioner Cathy Johnson said she recalled the compromise involved in planning Canton's first Hindu worship facility - the Hindu Temple located on 44955 Cherry Hill, which serves Jain Hindus. The new temple on Canton Center will serve Swaminarayan Hindus, a different sect.

"The original plan showed some very large domes," Johnson said, referring to a 1988 planning commission meeting. "I'm going to try to be fair from one temple to another."

The Hindu Temple, in response to the commission, reduced the size of its domes to make the building more compatible with its surroundings, Johnson said.

The temple petition was one of three religious institutions with issues on the agenda at Monday's meeting. Other proposals

Commission takes action

Here is a roundup of agenda items approved at the Monday, April 3, planning commission meeting:

■ **Morgan Creek Planned Development District**, located on 37 acres on the south side of Cherry Hill, west of Lilley. The development will include 88 condominium units.

■ **Ramp plaza gas station**, mini warehouse and shopping center located on a 6.5-acre parcel on the southwest corner of Michigan and Lotz.

■ **Tri-City Christian Center's** site plan for relocation to Sheldon north of Geddes. Plans include building a church, day care and educational facility on a 10-acre parcel. The site plan approval was tabled from the March 6 meeting so the plans could be revised to reflect meeting the 50 percent brick requirement for the exterior.

Tri-City Christian Center's current facility is located on the northwest corner of Hannan and Michigan.

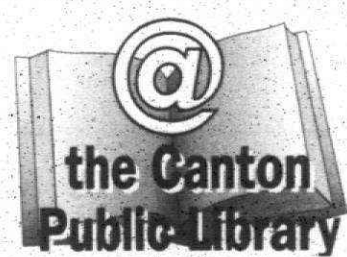
■ **All Saints Catholic School's** planned addition to its facility on 48735 Warren, the site of Resurrection Catholic church. The addition includes two 11,200 square-foot extensions of the building's wings.

■ **Holiday Inn Express** hotel located on Lotz south of Michigan. Plans include 84 guest rooms and an indoor swimming pool. The project was approved by the township board of trustees in August 1998 but the site plan expired. Monday's action was a re-approval of the site plan.

All actions taken by the planning commission are subject to final approval from the township board of trustees.

included an addition to All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren, and a site plan for Tri-City Christian Center, which is relocating from its

Michigan/Hannan site to Sheldon north of Geddes. Both site plan requests were approved.



Did you know?

Wayne State University in Detroit holds a New Orleans style funeral for the "Death of Winter?" This year's event takes place today.

■ Friday, April 7, is "No Housework Day?" It's a day for doing no dishes, no making of beds, no laundry, no guilt!

■ National Library Week is April 9-15! The theme this year is "Read! Learn! Connect! the Library!"

■ The first modern Olympics formally opened at Athens, Greece, in 1896, after a 1,500-year hiatus?

■ If you wash your winter garments before storing them, moths are less likely to attack clean clothes?

Construction update: The steel structure and roof

joists for the new south wing of the library have been erected. This area will house the Internet training room and the used book sale room. Visit the proposed floor plan and our photo album of the expansion at our Web site:

www.mnetnet.lib.mi.us/canton/updates/index.html

Web site: www.mnetnet.lib.mi.us/canton/updates/index.html

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Q&A Q: Who invented Teflon?

A: Polytetrafluorene resin was invented by Roy L. Plunkett in 1938, while he was employed by E.I. duPont de Nemours & Co. The resin commonly known as Teflon revolutionized the cookware industry. This substance or something similar coated three-quarter of the pots and pans in America at the time of Plunkett's death in 1994.

The source for this information is "Chase's 2000 Calendar of Events."

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Legislators take up hammers to build ramps

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The tools of choice for lawmakers are usually legislation and votes. But this summer, some will be picking up hammers and saws to build wheelchair ramps for 15 to 20 Michigan residents who need them.

Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, along with Rep. Sandy Caul, R-Mt. Pleasant, and Joanne Voorhees, R-Grandville, kicked off a "Ramp for Ramps" program last week which will raise money for ramps for disabled Michigan residents who need them and actually construct them on-site.

"Many people in wheelchairs are virtually prisoners in their own homes," Toy said. "This effort reaches out to people who are permanently disabled and unable to get in and out because they don't have the means or extra funds for a wheelchair ramp. This is about state lawmakers giving back to their communities by not only raising funds, but working up a sweat to

■ **This is about state lawmakers giving back to their communities by not only raising funds, but working up a sweat to build the ramps and get the job done.**

Rep. Laura Toy
R-Livonia

build the ramps and get the job done." Toy said the Lions of Michigan

Service Foundation volunteers will work with the representatives to get the ramps built. Tools and supervisors will be supplied by Dykhouse Construction of Byron Center.

Wheelchair access is an issue near and dear to Toy's heart. Her brother was severely disabled. Her mother has had to use a wheelchair.

But there are also an estimated 1.7 million disabled people in the state, Toy pointed out.

"Quite frankly, they tend to be seniors and low income people who haven't the ability to exit or enter their homes," she said.

The Lions are now identifying those residents who will receive the ramps that the volunteers build during June, July and August. Construction of each is expected to take about a day. The cost of each ramp is estimated between \$400 and \$1,000.

Funds are still needed for materials, including lumber. Those interested in volunteering or donating money can contact Toy's office at (517) 373-3920.

The announcement of the program came as the state Senate approved a bill introduced by Toy applying penalties to those to block wheelchair access aisles

or ramps with their cars. House Bill 4995, already approved by the House, makes it a civil infraction, with a fine of \$100, to block wheelchair access. An access aisle is the yellow- or blue-lined space next to a handicapped parking spot that allows room for the operation of a wheelchair lift.

Senators voted unanimously to adopt the bill last week and sent it off to the governor for approval. Gov. John Engler has indicated to Toy's office that he will sign the bill.

Staff writer Richard Pearl contributed to this story.



State Rep. Laura Toy

OMNIBUS takes fall applications

OMNIBUS, the online program that enables students to earn three degrees in four years, is accepting applications for its fall 2000 cohort. A collaboration between Schoolcraft College and Madonna University, the Online Multi-degrees in National and International Business program grants an associate, bachelor and master's degree with one application process and for a set fee.

OMNIBUS is designed for working adults without college degrees who have achieved a measure of success and made the decision to move forward in their careers. Students accepted for the associate degree at Schoolcraft automatically are accepted for the advanced degrees at Madonna. Students complete 152 credit hours, studying in three 12-week terms per year, with one four-week intercession and no classes in August and December.

Tuition remains \$190 per credit hour, including all fees, books and course materials, and is guaranteed for the entire four-year program, totaling \$29,000 for the three degrees.

OMNIBUS students do their work, their team projects and communication online. The program stresses core business skills, information retrieval from electronic as well as traditional sources, skills in managing work using information technology, teamwork skills, and global management and leadership skills.

The first OMNIBUS students, who began their studies in 1997, will receive their master's degree in July 2001. Of the 16 students studying now at Madonna, 11 placed on the dean's list for the fall semester.

"The program clearly reflects the revolution in education," said Jeanne Bonner, Schoolcraft associate dean for liberal arts, independent and distance learning. "We see record enrollments for Web-based courses. Even law and nursing courses have gone online. There is no significant difference in the quality of instruction a student receives on campus or at a distance."

The OMNIBUS program places emphasis on four areas, developing one during each of the four years of study. They are: effective communications and decision making; global citizenship and diversity; for international development; paradigms for organizational change; and tomorrow's leadership for world organization.

Orientation for new OMNIBUS students is scheduled for Sept. 9 and 10. There is a non-refundable application fee of \$120, which is applied toward tuition. Applicants must furnish transcripts, achievement test results, a letter of intent and a letter of recommendation. There are computer and software requirements students must fulfill.

For more information, contact the Schoolcraft College Distance Learning Office (734) 462-4599. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

Former chamber chief in new job

Envision Inc., a Plymouth-based multi-media company, has named Ryan Ambrozaitis of Livonia as its marketing director.

Ambrozaitis comes to the company after having served as the executive director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce since 1998.

"Ryan's outstanding success working with businesses of all types while at the chamber of commerce is a perfect fit for us," said William Dunning, Envision CEO. "He's joining us at an exciting time during the rapid



Ryan Ambrozaitis

success."

Ambrozaitis will be responsible for all marketing activities for Envision Inc., including development and implementation of marketing plans, customer communications and advertising activities.

Established in 1990, Envision Inc. specializes in Internet-based applications and broadband multimedia development. The company offers full-service Web development as well as Internet hosting services. It can be found on the Web at: www.envision-inc.com.

Local firm at Spring Home and Garden Show

American Sprinklers of Canton will be featured at the fourth annual Spring Home and Garden show through Sunday at the Novi Expo Center.

American Sprinklers will feature

irrigation systems. Other highlights include landscaped flower gardens and a garden marketplace selling plants, flowers, bulbs, tools and yard accessories. Novi Expo Center is

located at I-96 and Novi Road. Show hours are from 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday.

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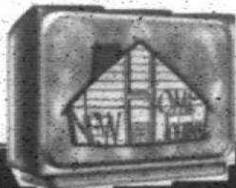
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Bidding on the wild frontier

More than 400 people went "West" Friday for the annual dinner auction hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Ten-gallon hats and rhinestone were the accessories of choice for the chamber's 12th annual dinner auction, held at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Most guests had fun with the "Diamonds and Denim" theme for this year's event.

"It was a very successful event. I think everybody that came had a great time," said Tony Kwilos, auction chair and past president of the chamber.

Kwilos said 410 tickets were sold for the event, one of two major annual fund-raisers for the local business organization. Although figures weren't Wednesday, Kwilos said the chamber met its \$22,000 goal for the event.

Some 140 items were donated for the live and silent auctions. They ranged from electronics, jewelry and sports memorabilia to trips to Florida and northern Michigan.



Country music: Leslie Capozzoli of Northville (left) and Stacey Mason of Farmington perform as the duo "Classic Touch."

Sister, sister:
Sisters Priscilla Hampton of Standard Federal Bank (left) and Carolyn Harris of National City Bank put their competition aside and enjoy dinner together while decked out in the theme of the evening.



Fore Golfers see changes on local courses

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Golf season is well under way at Fellows Creek and Pheasant Run.

The township courses have benefited from above average temperatures over the past month. Fellows Creek Pro Shop Manager Jim Finch said golfers have been on the links since early March, in fact.

"The course is in great shape," he added. "All of the fairways are cut. It's starting to green up, too."

Pheasant Run opened last week.

"The course came through the winter well," Operations Manager Kevin Mill said. "A lot of courses opened early this year. But we like to have the total package ready."

While the township owns Fellows Creek, an independent company operates the course, which is located on Lotz Road just north of Michigan Avenue.

The 27-hole facility usually opens March 15, Finch said. But warm weather brought golfers to the course the first week of March this year, he added.

"We started getting calls the last week of February," said Finch. "It has been very busy. We had one-hour waits (for teeing off) in early March."

Fellows Creek has been doing about 230 rounds of golf a day on weekends. The course averages about 300 rounds during peak times of the year.

Few changes have been made to Fellows Creek. Any major work will be done late this fall, Finch said.

"There may be a few holes changed this fall," he added.

While damp weather forces many courses into using temporary greens or teeing areas early in the season, Fellows

Creek has avoided it for the most part. Currently, just one hole has a temporary tee while all putting greens are open, said Finch.

Fellows Creek is open seven days a week.

Weekday rates are \$22 for nine holes with a cart or \$38.50 for 18 holes with a cart. On weekends, rates jump to \$23.50 and \$42, respectively.

As for Pheasant Run, golfers will notice some subtle changes.

The township has planted more than 60 evergreen trees on the course. Each stands 15 to 20 feet tall.

"We did it to improve the aesthetics and protect homeowners," said Mill.

Golfers will also be zipping around the course in brand new carts. The township recently purchased 80 gas-powered carts to replace Pheasant Run's five-year-old fleet. Each of the carts will have windshields.

"It will offer them a little more protection in the early spring and late fall," Mill said.

The township will continue to run concessions at Pheasant Run. Mill said golfers will soon be able to place orders by phone at the ninth tee.

"We felt we improved food service from the previous operator," he added.

The course may go to the dogs later this season. Mill said the township is purchasing a pooch to help keep geese off the course.

"We get a lot of (geese) at certain times of the year," he commented. "They tend to go to any green environment."

Greens fees include: \$32 and \$49 for nine and 18 holes during weekdays (residents), \$34 and \$54 on weekends (residents); non-residents pay \$34 and \$52 during the week, \$36 and \$57 on weekends.

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It's official: McNamara picks Robinson to head airports

BY RICHARD PEARL
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County Executive Ed McNamara went for a slam-dunk Wednesday in announcing his new county airports director.

Confirming reports by officially naming Lester Robinson, a former Wayne County airports finance chief, to the airports' top spot, McNamara drove hard to the proverbial basket by lashing out at Lansing Republicans critical of his selection methods.

"They're the same ones who thought (Tom) Izzo should not be appointed Michigan State basketball coach," jibed McNamara, referring to the Spartans' national-collegiate basketball championship Monday night.

"I haven't heard anything so silly," said McNamara, noting no one would want the job because it might be for only a couple of years.

"Chances are I will not" run for election to a fifth term as county exec, he said, so why would an out-of-state candidate "come here for two years," given that the county exec makes the

appointment and that his term has only about three years left.

Robinson, whose appointment must be confirmed by the county commission, will succeed David Katz, who had been McNamara's former chief of staff. Katz's resignation is effective May 1.

"We're on schedule and on budget and moving ahead" on the construction of the new \$1.2-billion midfield terminal project at Metro, said McNamara in defending his choice of Robinson, and "I want to open it on time."

"We want to stay on top" of things at the airport and "I can't think of a better guy."

'Hit the deck'

Noting Robinson's previous service as county commission auditor general, airport deputy director of finance and county chief financial officer, McNamara said, "We are fortunate to have found an airport director that has the experience, the integrity, the knowledge to hit the deck running without losing time that might put the expansion projects 'in jeopardy.'"

The county CEO angrily described as "baloney" a report

Wednesday morning in a Detroit newspaper that a state audit of Metro finances revealed millions of dollars in cost over-runs and that contracts have lacked approval by the county commission.

"There has never been an illegal contract at the airport," McNamara stated, and those that have been extended were done so "with approval of the county commission."

"Every contract got county commission approval," he said. "All this baloney is a rehash of all that the commission's own current auditor general, Brendan Dunleavy, has already reported, McNamara said."

Citing the example of an \$11.1-million runway lights contract in 1994 that grew to \$19.8 million, McNamara said the Federal Aviation Administration ordered it be completed within one year and Northwest Airlines said it would pay to have it completed.

"I really resent all of" the implications, McNamara said. "Not one indictment has been made of anyone. All of it (allegations) is false."

Robinson, a certified public accountant, returns to the county as president of Capital Financial Advisors International LLC of Detroit.

The firm has been a consultant to Metro Airport and Robinson said Wednesday he will put his income from the firm into a blind trust "so there will be no conflict of interest."

As for his having been a part of bidding on airport contracts, Robinson said, "We won zero."

Robinson said his job is turning "facilities that are old and cramped" into "the safest, friendliest, cleanest and most convenient airport in the world."

"We are here to serve business and leisure travelers and the people who drop off and greet their families, friends and business associates," he said.

'No problem'

Robinson told the Observer that cooperating with state auditors will be "no problem."

McNamara told the Observer the state audit is a "witch hunt" that is in part looking into

things "passed by the Roads Commission 40 years ago."

"David Katz pleaded with them to let him come to Lansing," but was turned down, McNamara said.

The county CEO said Robinson's "greatest challenge will be in continuing what David started" — Katz's efforts to make "more positive" the attitudes of Metro Airport employees, upgrading the existing facilities and completing the new North-west terminal, scheduled to open in December 2001.

Named for President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's wife, who supported numerous causes and humanitarian concerns, the award was first presented in 1990 to then-Lt. Gov. Martha Griffiths.

Other past recipients are Erma Henderson, former Detroit City Council president, 1992; Juanita Webster, veteran chief of staff of the Michigan Democratic Party, '94; Patricia J. Boyle, Michigan Supreme Court justice, '96; and Liz Baker, retired former regional director of the Michigan Education Association, '98.

This is for her (Beard's) outstanding leadership," said Virgie Rollins of Detroit.

Rollins, luncheon chairwoman and president-elect of the National Federation of Democratic Women, called Beard "a role model for Democratic women."

"She's served, she's organized and she's mobilized women,"

Rollins stated.

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Commissioner Kay Beard

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McCotter leads Senate action to repeal outdated legislation

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Spartan fans could have gotten in big trouble with the law over the past month as they rooted Michigan State University's basketball team on to victory in the NCAA championships, according to state Sen. Thaddeus McCotter.

It's illegal in Michigan to wear the logo of a sports team or to display that team's emblem, as on a bumper sticker, unless you are actually a member of that team, says McCotter, R-Livonia.

That's just one of a long list of archaic, out-of-date, no longer enforced laws the Michigan senator is hoping to get rid of.

Also on the chopping block are:

- Prohibitions against walkathons.
- A ban on using the image of a deceased president to promote alcoholic beverages.
- Requirements for the use of bells on sleighs in the Upper Peninsula.
- Requirements that every county government have an official dairy cream tester.
- Requirements that "weather modification services" be licensed. That's right, rainmakers have been licensed in the state of Michigan.

Senators voted, nearly unanimously, for a series of dozens of repealer bills, aimed at cleaning up Michigan's code books.

"We only had a couple of dissenting votes. One was (Sen. Phil) Hoffman," McCotter said. "He liked the rat bounty."

Nonetheless, that law — providing residents with a 10-cent bounty when they present the head of a rat to the local municipal clerk — also bit the dust. So did the Sparrow bounty, a 2-cent reward for turning in a dead English sparrow.

McCotter headed up the State Law Revision Task Force, assigned to the job of reviewing old laws still on the books in Michigan. Also on the panel were Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem Township, and Mike Goschka, R-Brant. The task force was formed and appointed by Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, last June.

According to McCotter, senators took care of about 50 repealer bills last week, sending them to the House for approval. And he said he has many more repealers to go, sponsored by a variety of lawmakers.

How seriously the House will take the job of cleaning up the law books is not clear, the senator said. But action on these bills should take little time and fit in easily among the House's other priorities, McCotter argued.

"Neglect of the law is just as dangerous as outright defiance of the law," McCotter said. "You can't take the attitude that these are just old laws, just words on paper. We are supposed to enforce all the laws equally. For one, what if, forbid, one were enforced against you, a law you have no reason to know exists. Secondly, getting rid of these old laws is less for our law enforcement to pay attention to. Third-

ly, it should serve as a warning to lawmakers today that actions you take may make you look stupid 100 years from now."

Like the 1931 law banning "immoral advertising," ads that refer to "the restoration of lost manhood," Viagra promotions would be illegal under it, McCotter said.

Or old Michigan laws regulating conduct in a duel or being a second in a duel.

Gov. John Engler is supportive of the effort to clean out the old laws, McCotter said.

"This would be a small but important part of the governor's legacy," he said.

Husk calls choice 'cronyism'

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At least one county commissioner wasn't impressed Wednesday with County Executive Ed McNamara's reasons for not conducting a national search for a new airports director.

Pointing to McNamara's naming of former chiefs of staff to the position — Lester Robinson to succeed David Katz — Husk responded, "That's the whole problem."

"They want to appoint somebody as a political favor rather than use good business sense," said Husk, calling it "cronyism."

"This guy comes in, Katz goes, she chided Wednesday afternoon after McNamara announced his choice. "How convenient for them."

Husk, R-Redford Township, earlier on Wednesday proposed a charter amendment that would require a national search by the county executive to fill the positions of airports director, environment director and the directors of the juvenile detention center, mental health and infor-

mation technology and also the chief medical examiner.

Once a "qualified" person were found, she said, "There's no reason why a new county exec would want to take that person out."

"We don't fire people here," she said.

Husk's resolution, if approved by the commission, would be placed on the ballot for the countywide primary election Aug. 8.

Husk's fellow Republican, Lyn Bankes of Livonia, called the proposal "micro-managing" and said commissioners "already do have the right to decide" directors "by consent vote."

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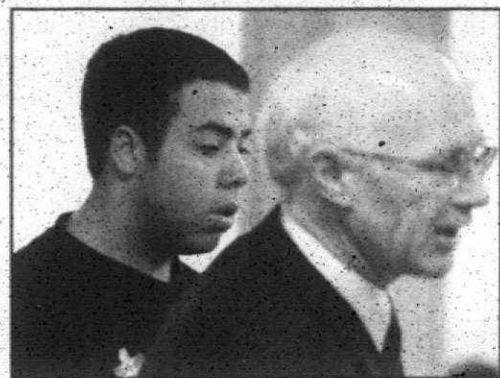
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Date rape GHB cases highlight attitudes

It was an interesting contrast. One that shows while much has improved in the way the courts deal with rape, there's still a way to go.

Last Thursday, at the same time a Canton teenager was being arraigned in 35th District Court on charges stemming from an alleged date rape involving the drug GHB (gamma hydroxybutyrate), four Downriver men were sentenced to



In court: Dustin Howard Wiecek (left) with defense attorney Evan Callanan at Thursday's arraignment.

prison for a similar scenario that ended in the death of one of their victims, 15-year-old Samantha Reid.

Wayne Circuit Judge Maggie Drake listened patiently as 45 speakers paraded to the microphone and talked about how one life had been lost and others dramatically changed in the wake of a Jan. 16, 1999, house party on Grosse Ile. That night, according to testimony, defendants Daniel Brayman, Joshua Cole, Nicholas Holtschlag and Erik Limmer played various roles in dropping the drug into soft drinks consumed by Reid and her friend Melanie Sindone. Sindone lapsed into a coma but eventually recovered.

Supporters for Reid and Sindone asked for harsh sentences. Meanwhile, more than two dozen people came forward on behalf of the defendants, seeking leniency.

We're paraphrasing, of course, but the hours of pleading for the defendants came down to this: They're really not such bad guys, your honor. No one did this intentionally, your

honor. Why should four young lives be ruined? It won't bring her back.

If that wasn't the old blame the victim defense, it was awful close.

In the end, Drake opted for a middle ground, handing out sentences ranging from three to 15 years.

For Dustin Howard Wiecek of Canton, a long court ordeal is just beginning. Wiecek, 17, has been charged with first-degree criminal sexual conduct and poisoning — both life felonies — for his actions during a party at his home last June. It was there, Canton Police and Wayne County prosecutors allege, that Wiecek drugged the drink of a 17-year-old classmate and then sexually penetrated her.

Fortunately, the young woman is alive. Police said tests revealed a high level of GHB in the Canton victim. There have been 38 documented deaths attributed to GHB since the mid-1990s.

At Wiecek's arraignment, Judge Ron Lowe set a \$25,000 cash bond. Prosecutors wanted a higher bond. Defense attorney Evan Callanan wanted a lower personal bond, arguing that there is little evidence for a rape charge.

Reading into Callanan's courtroom comments, a judge or jury is going to be asked to weigh through a lot of he said-she said testimony.

The hope is that won't cloud the court's eyes when it comes time to issue a ruling or hand down punishment.

New ballpark, new memories

(Editor's note: We asked Observer sports editor C.J. Risak to comment on the new home of the Detroit Tigers.)

Well, what the heck. It is a new millennium, after all. This new den for the Tigers is proof enough.

Comerica Park is everything Tiger Stadium wasn't. And it can never be what the park at The Corner was.

For anyone who's been a Tiger fan their entire life — as I have been — there will be a period of adjustment.

I can still remember coming out of the bright sunshine on a warm summer day and going into this dark, damp, dungeon-like structure. It took a few minutes for my eyes to adjust, and once they did my dad was hauling me up this ramp back toward the sunshine.

But coming out of that ramp into the upper deck and seeing the field for the first time — the bright green grass, the brown baserpaths, the little men in white uniforms and blue hats hitting grounders and fielding them while others tossed balls around in the outfield — is a memory of Tiger Stadium that can never be forgotten.

For the most part, the seats were atrocious. I sat in the lower deck center field bleachers at Tiger Stadium during arguably the most memorable game in team history: Game Five of the '68 World Series, when Lou Brock was thrown out at the plate.

Couldn't see a thing, but I was there.

I did love that old stadium. Had to park

quite a distance, but didn't you just savor telling the guy sitting next to you in the stands you paid \$5 less to park just a few steps farther away.

But that was then — past history. Time to move ahead.

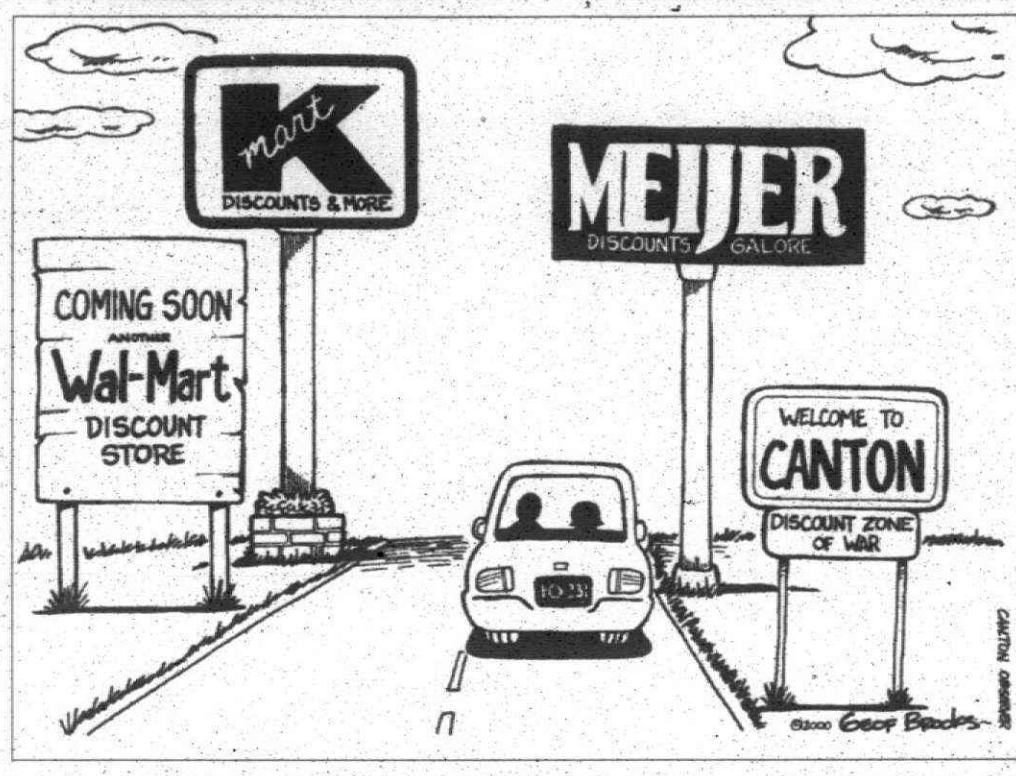
Credit the folks at Comerica Park (CoPa for short) with trying to sustain some of that sense of history. Statues of Tiger greats in the outfield, pillars featuring great moments and players through the concourse ... and they still have those hot dogs, although it's doubtful the new park can retain that delicious odor that lingered in Tiger Stadium's cramped, enclosed aisles.

More than any other sport, baseball is history. How many guys 40 to 45 years old can tell you last year's starting lineup for the Detroit Lions? And how many can tell you the starting lineup for those '68 Tigers?

How often did you stay through the ninth inning of a game the Tigers were losing by eight because Cecil (Fielder, that is) was going to bat and, well, what the heck, you just never knew when he might pop one over that left-field roof.

That kind of history CoPa can't recreate. But it might be able to spawn some new memories — not for me, but for my children, who someday soon will walk through a wide concourse to see a wide expanse of bright green, with dirt baserpaths that have little men in white uniforms and blue hats fielding grounders, awaiting the start of a new game.

Geof Brooks



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Name games absurd

I am dismayed at the thought that the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board may decide to drop the name "Plymouth" from the two existing high schools and name the new high school Plymouth High School.

As a graduate of the original Plymouth High, I feel the time to name a replacement for the old Plymouth High building would have been way back when Plymouth Salem was being named, not 28 years later. How could you possibly consider changing the names of the two existing schools just to come up with a name for the third school? What about the alumni (both students and staff) of Plymouth-Salem and Plymouth-Canton? Would their school no longer exist? What about the alumni of old Plymouth High? (Though I guess we could call them Old Plymouth and New Plymouth.) What about the students and staff who have their allegiance to and the name "Plymouth" on their varsity jackets, shirts, coats, letterhead, business cards, etc? And while we're on the subject, since when has it been "following procedure" to change the names of two existing school in order to come up with the name for a third?

It is true that most refer to the schools as "Salem" or "Canton," much like teammates may refer to each other by their last names. This, however, is simply an easy identifier. Persons don't drop their first name as if it never existed.

Plymouth is the first name of these two schools, Salem and Canton are the last names. Let's keep it this way.

Cindy Bastion
Canton

Supports bill

The editorial and opinion column by Mike Malott which ran in several HomeTown newspapers earlier in March represents one of the most misinformed examples of journalism I have read. The piece portrayed HB 4752 by Rep. (Nancy) Cassia as a restraint on trade and an imposition on wine fanciers. That simply isn't true, so let's examine the facts.

HB 4752 merely requires that properly licensed persons selling alcohol over the Internet must verify the age of the purchaser, prop-

erly label the shipping container as containing alcohol, and requires that the delivery agent verify proof of age at the time of delivery. This is nothing more than common sense and provisions that your readers would surely support. In fact, surveys taken in Michigan and throughout the nation have found that over 80 percent of the people favor regulating Internet sales of alcohol to insure that minors don't have easy access.

Here are a few other examples of unknown or ignored facts by Mr. Malott. The column suggests that Michigan wineries will no longer be able to sell over the Internet. That's false. Michigan wineries can continue to sell in this manner. Is it too much to ask that they take a couple of small steps to insure the purchaser is of legal age? How about the fact that there are over 16,500 brands of beer and wine registered with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for sale in Michigan. Your column stated that only wines of the top 50-100 wineries in this country can be served by the licensed wholesalers and retailers in Michigan.

Your credit card/paper trail argument as a reason why minors will not purchase over the Internet does not hold water when you consider that a significant percentage, if not a majority, of college kids today have their own credit cards. It won't be mom and dad's card that these 18-21-year-olds use. Lastly, and most importantly, Internet sales are not limited to small family wineries and vintage wines. If one surfs the net, you will find hundreds of web sites of large liquor stores across the country selling and shipping all kinds of liquor, beer and wine.

There was a reason that Rep. Cassia's legislation passed the House unanimously. It's good public policy, and it is legislation the vast majority of your readers will support!

Michael Lashbrook, President
Michigan Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association

Editor's note: We initially interviewed Mr. Lashbrook when preparing the story, but he did not return subsequent phone calls attempting to clarify certain points. This newspaper stands by its news article as factually accurate and by its editorial position opposing this legislation, HB 4752, as a restraint of trade.

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— Philip Power

Super majority plan won't solve local control dispute

"Whoa, big fella. Where do ya think you're a goin' with that big ol' 18-wheel refuse truck?"

"The landfill, officer."

"Now don't you know this here is Can-TONE, dude? I can tell by one little look at your rig that you're a way over our load limit."

"What is that, sir?"

"Eighty thousand, partner. That's 80K to you. Got it?"

"But that's only about half of what the state says is permissible."

"Now don't go payin' attention to those Lansing' yahoos. Like I said, this here is Can-TONE. We make our own rules."

Pardon me for that bit of fictional dialogue. But if the Michigan Municipal League has its way, it might not be so fictional.

The organization, which represents state townships, cities and villages, is spearheading a drive to require a two-thirds or "super majority" vote of the Legislature to pass any bill that would affect local control.

MML says any law that "intervenes in the municipal concerns, property or government of a city, village, county, township or any municipal authority" would be subject to the two-thirds vote.

The purpose, MML leaders say, is to stop issue-by-issue erosion of local control. Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer is the proposal's biggest proponent.

MML must collect 303,000 signatures through petitions by mid-July to get the question on the ballot in November.

The amendment would retroactively go into effect March 1 if approved by voters. All legislation approved between March and November of this year could be potentially affected.

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, believes the proposal is unconstitutional and "can't possibly stand." If it should pass, however, he thinks it will make a mockery out of state government.

"It would pull the rug from underneath us," Bennett told Canton Trustees in a recent study session. "If this passes, we'll turn over control of legislation to the Detroit delegation."

He also believes the amendment would favor cities over townships.

"I think it would be to the detriment of every township," Bennett said. "I would urge you to



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vote no."

The debate in Lansing would move away from the issues, he told trustees. Bennett said it would be replaced with a struggle over which bills would be required to go through the two-thirds ringer.

"There will be lots of litigation from the losing side," he added. "It will cause enormous lawsuits. We'll never know for sure if it should be a simple or super majority vote."

Bennett thinks there's a possibility each Michigan community could, in effect, become its own city-state. Its laws and ordinances, in other words, would take precedence over state mandates.

The result would be chaos, Bennett says. "I believe it would be absolutely devastating to the economy of Michigan," he commented.

Aside from Bennett, I believe MML's proposal is fool's gold.

The idea of local control, to have a say in how you're governed, is a good one. But there is something called the common good, too.

While we may not like every decision coming out of Lansing, most are made with the well-being of all Michigan residents in mind. Not just folks in Canton, Livonia, Plymouth or Detroit.

The fight for local control should be made issue-by-issue by each municipality's elected legislators.

Let's see this proposal for what it really is: Dennis Archer's attempt to strike back at state lawmakers for ending residency requirements.

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Bills to suppress MEAP results would wipe out recent gains

Few readers around here know state Rep. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, but he's the man sitting on a ton of 18th century school legislation. Allen chairs the House Education Committee in Lansing.

His wife is Suzanne K. Miller, a high-energy, engaging former legislative staffer and a Farmington-raised lass, or should I now say matron? They have a daughter, Meredith, thank you.

Sitting undisturbed, thank goodness, in Allen's committee are two bills by this area's own Rep. Andy Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills. House Bills 4104-5 would allow a parent to order a school district not to show the student's MEAP test scores on his or her transcript.

Now, the whole idea of the Michigan Education Assessment Program and High School Proficiency Tests is to make sure a local diploma means something. Twenty years ago, employers were complaining that a kid with a diploma didn't always know enough to do a job. So Michigan wrote state standards.

Unfortunately, the state didn't make its standards mandatory. A kid still can collect a local diploma without a state endorsement simply by occupying a desk for enough semesters.

Raczkowski's bills would actually move Michigan backwards from assuring the value of a diploma. Examples:

■ Alabama requires passing grades in the English and language sections of its state exams, though not yet in science and math.

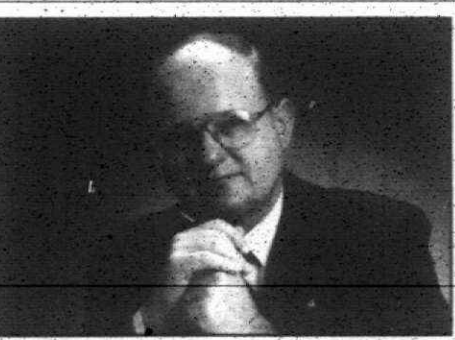
■ Indiana gives a state achievement exam to all students seeking a diploma unless they meet certain waiver requirements.

Obviously, allowing a parent to omit the state test scores from a student's transcript would defeat the entire purpose of state tests. It would put us back into the 18th Century when a parent decided whether a kid should go to school at all, or even if there would be free public schools.

See Pap Finn's remarks about reading in chapter 5 of Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn."

Raczkowski's bills will be popular in affluent areas where parents who can give their kids jobs in their own companies have objected to state tests and had their kids opt out.

In the past I've written about Dixie cases where fundamentalists have tried to take control of the school curriculum in the name of "parents' rights." They argue that parents — guided, of course, by the pastor and his Bible — should be able to tell teachers, principals, superintendents and the state to teach "creationism" and to dump "Huck Finn," "Anne Frank" and



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"Wizard of Oz." The courts steadfastly have rejected their rantings and supported public schools.

Lately, it seems the Mason-Dixon line has drifted north to Macomb County. Rep. Janet Kukuk, R-Macomb Township, has a bill in Allen's committee requiring that a parent would have to actively enroll a student in any class covering dangerous communicable diseases (including AIDS), sex education and even "the emotional, physical, psychological, hygienic, economic and social aspects of family life."

It would be a foot in the door, the camel's nose under the tent, for fundamentalist approval of the literature and science curricula, too.

Rep. Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond, has a bill that would require a school board to recognize a parent's "fundamental right to request a particular school or teacher" and to hold a biennial public hearing "to discuss parental involvement in activities and policies."

Strangely, the Sanborn bill doesn't require the board to grant the parent's request, so it's hard to decipher what real impact it would have, other than to tack the code words "parent's rights" into the School Code.

And if parents want to be involved in school activities and policies, what's wrong with using the public comment section of the Open Meetings Act (sec. 3(5)? What's wrong with the parent joining the PTA? What's wrong with the parents asking questions at a candidates' night?

There are other kooky bills attempting to establish a particular religion in government, but you get the point.

The fewer bills Allen's committee reports out, the better.

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Rightward tilt GOP to benefit from holding reins of power during census

Imagine for a minute how it would work if the Michigan State Spartans got one little additional perk for winning the NCAA tournament — they could redraw the basketball court.

Coach Tom Izzo would sit down and try to adjust the dimensions of the court just a tad to give an edge to next year's returning Spartans, guys like Charlie Bell and Andre Hutson.

It would certainly make it easier for the Spartans to win a return trip to March Madness next year. But it hardly sounds fair, does it?

Believe it or not, that is exactly how politics works. Every 10 years, immediately after the census is taken, politicians set out to redraw congressional and state legislative district boundaries. It's tantamount to redrawing the playing field. And that's the field politics in Michigan will be played on for the next decade.

So the ability to draw those districts to your liking is exactly the prize of this year's November Mayhem. The winner will be in a very good position to build a political dynasty through the year 2010.

Rack up three pre-season victories for the GOP team. The Pachyderms have already shown their political muscle up and down the court. It promises to be a long hard tour for the Michigan Dems.

The third pre-season match up between the players came at the U.S. Supreme Court over the design of the U.S. Census. You may recall all the talk in the 1990 census of an "undercount," which hit Detroit particularly hard. Census enumerators have a difficult time counting all the residents in inner-city areas. Specifically, minorities and immigrants shy away from the population tally. The poor are more difficult to find, the homeless, even tougher.

There is good reason to believe an undercount really does occur. In 1940, 3 percent more young men overall registered for the draft than had been counted in that year's census. But for African Americans, 13 percent more showed up at the draft board than had been tallied. And in the 1990 census, later research showed blacks were undercounted by 5.7 percent compared to an undercount of 1.3 percent for the rest of the population.

Even the National Academy of Sciences has concluded that the population cannot be accurately counted using traditional census methods.

So the Census Bureau this year wanted to use "statistical sampling" to adjust the numbers. Republicans took the issue to court, arguing that, philosophically, an actual count

should be more accurate than a statistical sample. The justices agreed.

Philosophically correct or not, you'll notice that the undercount occurs where

Republicans have been the weakest on the political playing field, in the inner cities.

The second pre-season victory came when the teams met on the floor of the state Senate. Earlier this year, Sens. Bill Schutte, R-Midland, and Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, spearheaded a six-bill package outlining the rules for next year's reapportionment process. Although most of the rules are pretty neutral in their effect, the state did pick up the U.S. Supreme Court's logic regarding census counts. If the numbers were adjusted statistically, state lawmakers concluded, they can't be used in legislative reapportionment, only actual head counts can.

The third pre-season contest was a slam dunk. GOP coach John Engler has had an opportunity to make a number of appointments to the Michigan Supreme Court during his tenure. So it is pretty conservative now. That's significant because lawsuits have been filed in every one of Michigan's redistricting processes since the state Constitution was adopted in 1963 and the justices have ended up drawing the new districts every time.

The season begins in earnest with the campaigns this fall for election to the House of Representatives. Democrats will lose 14 incumbents; who have been term limited out, and have to find replacements. Think of them as non-returning seniors. Republicans lose just seven.

If the odds-makers were to set the line now for who will win Michigan's political championship this November, they'd have to pick the Republicans by a wide point spread. And that puts the GOP on track for a political dynasty in the years to come.

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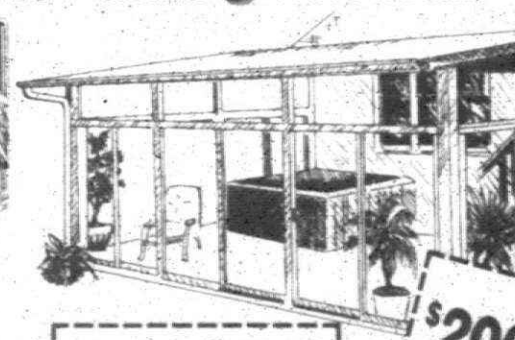
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QUESTION: Will you be visiting the new Comerica Park to watch the Tigers play this season?



"Yeah, I look forward to seeing the new park, restaurants and the new seating. My only concern is parking."

Brian Bolash
Plymouth



"Yeah, I'm working the games. I'll be staging the television production for the Tigers and Fox."

Rachel Paris
Plymouth



"Probably not. I just don't have the time."

Jim Hoffman
Plymouth



"I doubt it. I've pretty much given up on baseball and pro sports in general. They've priced themselves out of the market."

Mike Karlson
Plymouth

Isbister students hit the dirt

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Nearly 50 students at Isbister Elementary will soon acquire green thumbs, the result of a course designed to eventually make them junior master gardeners.

"The kids really look forward to it," said Laura Riegal, who integrated the junior master gardening program into her fourth grade science curriculum. "They love digging in the dirt, making compost and handling worms. It also ties with our science curriculum as we study plants, trees and insects."

The once-a-week course is taught by master gardeners via Michigan State University's extension service program through Wayne County. Once someone is given the title master gardener, part of keeping the title is volunteering to teach others.

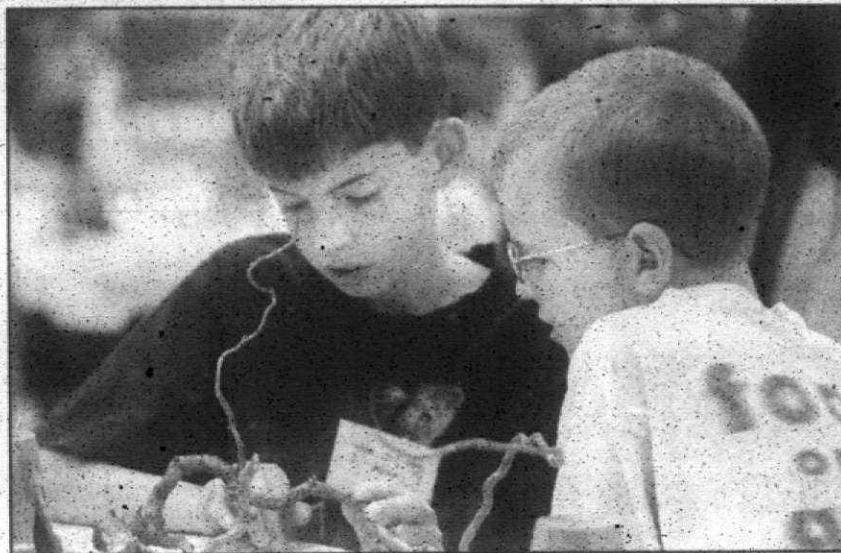
"It's a hands-on experience where students learn about the composition of soil, plant seeds, dissect flowers, determine how to identify trees and shrubs, and the importance of insects," said Patricia DeBono, a master gardener who helped develop the Isbister program. "If we even plant one seed... and the child learns one thing about life, volunteering, that sometimes you have to give. It's more than just

about gardening." But gardening is a big part of the learning process for the fourth graders. In fact, students have grown a red runner bean plant which is sprouting next to the classroom window, and are awaiting the results of planting the eyes of a potato.

"We're going to add to the perennial garden in front of the school, and plant cattails and a tree in the back next week," added Riegal.

"The purpose of the program is to encourage children to become interested in gardening and the environment," said Karen Hyland of Plymouth, an advanced master gardener who also teaches her own group at Bird Elementary. "It's a means for kids to study nature, to teach them not to smash every bug you see. Gardening is the number one leisure activity in the United States."

Before students can become junior master gardeners, they



Studying nature: Myles Ater of Canton (left), 11, and Eric Nicoloff of Plymouth, 10, examine a branch that has been infested with boring insects.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

have to take the class and perform 10 hours of volunteer work, like raking leaves for a neighbor, pulling weeds, or planting flowers.

"I learned how to plant a really good garden," said Sandy Nahra, 9, of Plymouth. "You need good soil and have to know what plants you want. I enjoy it because we get to do a lot of stuff, like play with bugs, not

just do worksheets."

"I learned how to plant a vegetable garden and how to identify trees by their buds and bark," added Jessica Reed, 10, of Canton.

Jessica's neighbors may be standing in line when she performs her volunteer work.

"I think when it gets warmer I'm going to pull weeds for my neighbors," she said.

Henry Ford Canton hosts springtime events

The Henry Ford Canton Medical Center has a series of family activities - covering children to seniors - planned for Saturday.

Area golfers can prepare for the upcoming season with a golf fitness seminar run by Layaughn Sims, personal trainer and golf conditioning specialist. The seminar will be given at noon and repeated at 2 p.m.

A 1 p.m. program will focus on living with arthritis and aging. The class, presented by physical therapists Michelle Thomas and

Emily Miller, will focus on arthritis education, fall prevention and exercise principles.

In addition, free blood pressure screenings will be available

between noon and 3 p.m. and children can have pictures taken with the Easter Bunny or participate in other activities.

All classes and activities are

free and open to the public at the center, 6100 Haggerty.

Registration is necessary for the golf and arthritis seminars. Call (734) 981-5159.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 83.101

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP.

THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 83 of the Plymouth Charter Township, is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map, by changing those areas indicated on the Amended Zoning Map No. 115, attached hereto, and made part of this Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 83.101
AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 115
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

PART II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any ordinance or part of ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

PART III. EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on April 28, 2000.

PART IV. ADOPTION. The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 184 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1949, at a meeting duly called and held on April 28, 2000, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on March 28, 2000
Effective Date April 28, 2000
Publish: April 6, 2000

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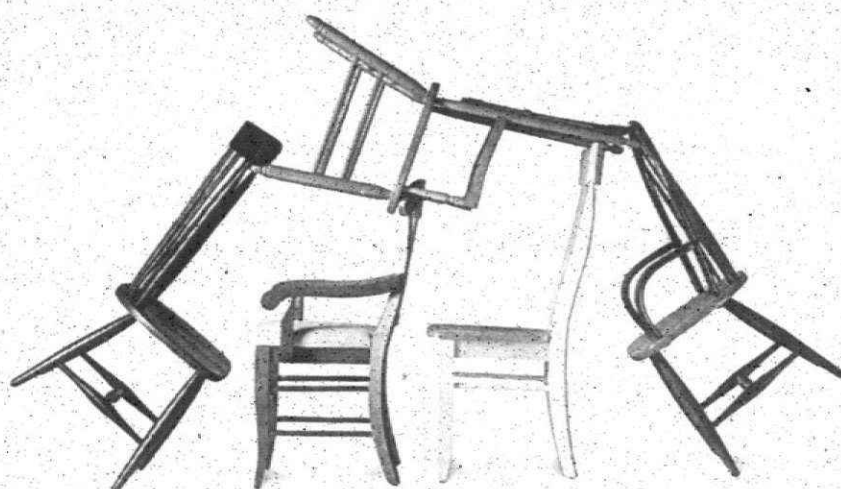
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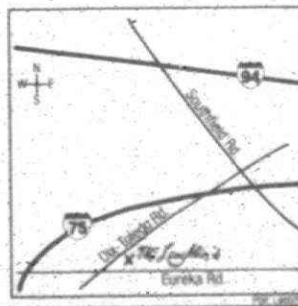
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JACK GLADDEN

Tracing your great-greats can be tricky

"You're starting to talk funny," The Feminist said. "You sound like you're reading from the Bible."

"What?"
"My mother's mother's father... what kind of talk is that? It sounds like 'Abraham begat Isaac and Isaac begat Jacob' and all the 'begats.' Why don't you just say 'my great-grandfather?'"
"Well... I was trying to be specific. I mean, when you get that far back, I've got four great-grandfathers. I was trying to tell you exactly which one I was talking about."

"It's all too confusing for me."
She thinks she's confused. I'm the one trying to sort through family trees, census records, birth and death notices, military service records and GEDCOM files. (I'm still not sure what that means.)

It started out with the discovery of a family scrapbook and some notes on my parents' and grandparents' lineage. According to family legend, my mother's side of the family was mostly Scottish and Irish; my father's side was a bit more multifaceted, with Scottish, Irish, English and German bloodlines.

That was the legend, but I wanted to find some documentation. With the scrapbook beside me, I logged on to an Internet genealogy site and started my quest. And then I got hooked.

But it wasn't as easy as I thought it would be. By the time I got to the great-grandparent level, I found myself saying things like "my father's mother's mother" and "my mother's father's mother." And that was only going back three generations.

Forget about things like multiple marriages (couple marries and has children, one spouse dies, surviving spouse marries again and produces more children, spouse dies, another marriage, more children), which were quite common going back just 150 years or so.

Forget about convoluted relationships such as I found when two brothers (my grandfather and my grand-uncle) married two sisters (my grandmother and my grand-aunt) thus producing offspring who were double-cousins. And their children were related... how? I gave up on that one.

Forget about variant spellings of family names down through the years, not quite accurate entries in family Bibles, misspelled names on census records or tax rolls.

Never mind that if you are researching ancestors who lived in Newton County or others who lived in Boone County you have to know that both Newton and Boone were created at different times by carving sections out of Carroll County, leaving researchers using such terms as "mother counties" and "daughter counties."

Never mind any of that. Just assume a perfectly "normal," straightforward line of succession. Just three generations back results in eight great-grandparents. Go back four generations and you have 16 great-great-grandparents. That's geometric progression.

By the time you get back 10 generations (somewhere around the 1700s by my calculation), you would be a direct descendant of 1,024 ancestors. By the time you get back to the 1600s or late 1500s, you're looking at 16,384 ancestors and one more generation back takes it to 32,768.

If you trace your lineage back far enough, you'd have more ancestors than there were people on earth at the time. There's something wrong with the math here, unless we're dealing with census undercounts or overcounts.

Meanwhile, I finally documented that my great-grandfather, my mother's mother's father, served in the 14th Alabama Infantry and surrendered at Appomattox Courthouse. But that Gladden who served in the 8th Arkansas, I'm still trying to determine whether he was my father's father's father or my father's father's father's brother.

What's so confusing about that?

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Loving and giving: Kelly Verellen (left) and Ali Cichon with some of the 400 books they collected and donated.

STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT

Practicing the 'heart' of giving

STORY BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON • PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

This is the first profile in a series titled "Friday's Child." The staff of the Community Life section will present a story the first Thursday of every month that features a local young person who fits the childhood verse "Friday's child is loving and giving." We hope to recognize unique and special students who oftentimes act unselfishly for the benefit of others.

If you ask 14-year-old Kelly Verellen why she likes to help people, the answer is a long time in coming. "I don't know... I just do."

Kelly's mom, Laurie, says her daughter's humility has always prevailed over a need to be recognized for her kindhearted actions.

"She has a perspective on life that most kids her age don't. She has always talked about other people needing things and ways she can help," said Laurie Verellen. "It's the little things here and there that she's been able to do that have given her the most satisfaction."

Kelly, a ninth grader at Churchill High School in Livonia, started a crusade of sorts in 1997 with her best friend Ali Cichon. The pair have sponsored a picnic for Kelly's twin sisters girl scout troop whose proceeds benefit the charity of the girls' choice. They call themselves H.O.P.E.

"It means Helping Out People Everywhere," said Kelly.

"We do it because we like helping people... it makes us feel good,"

FRIDAY'S Child

said Ali.

The donations she and Ali have collected over the past three summers have come to benefit young patients at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor and Catholic Social Services foster care program in Detroit.

Kelly said she and Ali just decided one day to organize a picnic for her sister's girl scout troop. Invitations, created by the pair, were sent out to all troop members asking them to come and enjoy snacks, games and prizes in exchange for a new toy. Due to the success of the event, the following summer they hosted a teddy bear picnic and gathered more than 50 new stuffed animals for the Ann Arbor children's hospital.

"We wanted to make the kids more comfortable while they were in the hospital," said Kelly.

Entirely organized and paid for by Kelly and Ali with money earned from their allowance and snow shoveling around their neighborhood — the girls still found time for hobbies, extra curricular activities and baby-sitting.

This past summer they held another picnic and collected books — 400 to be exact — that were recently donated to the Catholic Social Services office in Detroit.

According to Victoria Tyler, director of Child Welfare - Catholic Social Services, the donation was something the facility really needed for the visitation area of the office.

"The Boy Scouts recently came in and remodeled our whole visitation area. We were actually looking for books for the new shelves," said Tyler. "This donation is amazing."

She thinks the efforts by the two Livonia teenagers is very impressive. "To have the (insight) to think about collecting the books, that's amazing and the donation from Kelly and Ali is truly appreciated."

Future endeavors

With summer right around the corner Kelly said she and Ali haven't decided what kind of charity work they'll do this time around. Kelly would like to further her connection with Mott Children's Hospital by working in a volunteer program they have for students 14 and up.

"I want to keep helping people. I want to go to college and be a physical trainer or a radiologist," said Kelly.

The Livonia teenager is truly modest about her efforts but says her inspiration comes from a favorite short story called "The Starfish" (See related story).

"If I can be like that and just help one person at a time then that's what I'll do," said Kelly.

The Starfish

Once upon a time there was a wise man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing.

He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work.

One day he was walking along the shore. As he looked down the beach, he saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself to think of someone who would dance to the day.

So he began to walk faster to catch up. As he got closer, he saw that it was a young man and the young man wasn't dancing, but instead he was reaching down to the shore, picking up something and very gently throwing it into the ocean.

As he got closer he called out, "Good morning! What are you doing?" The young man paused, looked up and replied, "Throwing starfish in the ocean." "I guess I should have asked, why are you throwing starfish in the ocean?"

"The sun is up and the tide is going out. And if I don't throw them in they'll die." "But, young man, don't you realize that there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it. You can't possibly make a difference!"

The young man listened politely. Then bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the sea, past the breaking waves and said, "It made a difference for that one."

- author unknown

Green acres becoming a distant memory in Canton

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

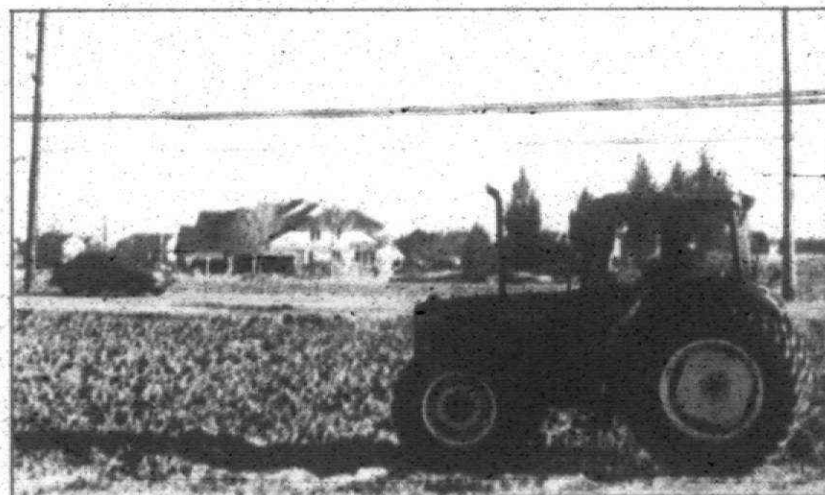
Canton was once the corn growing capitol of the world, but this year Rose Costantino's roadside stand selling produce grown from the farm behind her house on Cherry Hill will be a rarity.

For 20 years or more, as constant as the seasons changed, more and more farmers began selling off their land. Today the earth that was once hoed and planted goes for some \$50,000 an acre to developers, according to Ernie Costantino, Rose's son.

"Ninety-five to 99 percent of the farmland is owned by developers and the farming that's being done is by people leasing the property until it's developed," explained Canton Resource Development Manager Mike Ager. "It's only a matter of time before it's all developed," he added.

The Costantinos, however, are among the few, if not the only, family that still owns their original farmstead. Local historian and council person Melissa McLaughlin referred to the Costantinos as the "last of the Mohicans" among Canton farmers.

The family first came to the township in 1942 when Ernie's grandfather, Ernesto Costantino, and his wife, Francesca, bought 40 acres on the north side of the road between Beck and Canton Center. It was a country getaway for Ernesto to escape from the responsibilities of owning "Ernie's" restaurant on the east side of Detroit. Farming was his hobby. He grew Italian tomatoes to can and kept the family and his restaurant stocked with spaghetti sauce all year. Every now and then he would buy a herd of ani-



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBERMAN

Please see CANTON, B2

Sign of times: Ernie Costantino farms along busy Cherry Hill.

Canton

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Ernie Costantino

Standing outside his mother's house, Ernie points across the street at a housing development and explains that his family once leased that land for farming. But, as the traffic on Cherry Hill increased and the township became more urban in general, it became too difficult. Like his namesake, Ernie, 50, farms as a hobby. During the school year he's a teacher at Canton High School. Believe it or not, he teaches earth science. Continuing to walk in his grandfather's footsteps, Ernie and his two brothers, Richard and Chris, own Rosa's Restaurant on the corner of Canton Center and Cherry Hill. They named the popular eatery after their mother. Ernie and Chris work together on the farm. The produce that isn't used at the restaurant or for their own use is sold at their mother's roadside stand. "My mom sits on the porch and people drive by they can stop and buy produce," he added. "Eventually, the land will succumb to development. Right now, we like doing it and there's no reason to get out."

His grandfather's original farmstead is still owned by members of the Costantino family who plant soy beans and pumpkins. Ernie tells a homespun story about living a Daniel Boone kind of existence as a boy complete with driving tractors when he was seven and shooting

males, sheep or cows, more for the sport than for income. "We used to be the small guy on the block," his namesake said. "We had just a few acres. Now everyone else sold their property and we're still here. We did it more for the love of growing and we stuck by it. It's in the family blood."

Ernie's father, Guido, later moved his young family to the farm and lived there until the mid 1960s when Ernie's grandfather decided he would live in the house during his retirement. Guido and his wife, Rose, bought and built a house on property about half a mile west.

WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS
4:00 P.M., MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2000
Regular meeting called to order at 4:06 p.m.
Present: Thomas Jack, Ken McCarthy, Richard Henningsen.
Agenda - adopted as presented.
Minutes of the regular meeting of February 28, 2000 - approved.
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$440,779.59 - approved.
Operations & Maintenance Report for February 2000 - received and filed.
Operations Manager's Report for March 2000 - received and filed.
Assignment of BPT Compost Agreement - tabled to April regular meeting.
Election of Officers: Chairman - Thomas Jack, Vice-Chairman/Secretary - Richard Henningsen, Treasurer - Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy, Assistant Secretary - Tim Pass.
Pneumatic Valve Actuators Purchase - approved.
WTUA Checking Account Signature Cards Update - approved.
FY 1999/2000 Budget Amendment: Operations & Maintenance Salaries & Benefits - approved.
Goals for Year 2000 - approved.
WTUA Business Plan Update - received and filed.
The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Published April 6, 2000

Chairman THOMAS J. JACK

Secretary RICHARD HENNINGSEN

Treasurer KATHLEEN A. KEEN-MCCARTHY

Assistant Secretary TIM PASS

Members Present: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, Lajoy, McLaughlin, Sheffery, Yack

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Machuch, Director Minghine, Director Santomaro, John Robertson, Jake Bugjea, Kathleen Salla, Debbie Zevalink

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Canton of March 14, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Expenditure Recap for Board Meeting of January 25, 2000

General Fund	101	\$292,337.74
Fire Fund	206	\$ 94,947.07
Police Fund	207	\$ 32,889.69
Summit Operating	208	\$ 21,817.28
Golf Fund	211	\$ 13,952.03
Cable TV Fund	230	\$ 5.78
Temp (Community) Improvement	246	\$ 6,177.50
E-911 Utility	261	\$ 184.00
Auto Forfeiture (WWATEE)	267	\$ 1,149.00
Federal Grants Fund	274	\$ 125.40
Auto Theft Grant	289	\$ 1,183.74
Post Employment Benefits	296	\$ 384.11
Bldg Auth Construction	469	\$ 17,491.28
Water & Sewer Fund	592	\$451,013.81
Trust & Agency Fund	701	\$ 8,636.00
Total - All Funds		\$940,995.01

RECOGNITION
Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to approve a resolution for the recognition of Reserve Officer John Robertson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to approve a resolution for the recognition of Community Television Volunteer Janet Frenkel. Motion carried unanimously.

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PUBLIC HEARING
Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery, to open the Public Hearing for the Happy Days, Inc. and Whirly Ball at 7:15 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to close the Public Hearing for the Happy Days, Inc. and Whirly Ball at 7:30 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve a resolution recommending the revocation of Liquor License for the Happy Days, Inc. and Whirly Ball projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to open the Public Hearing for the consideration of transfer of tax abatement for WCS at 7:22 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to close the Public Hearing for the consideration of transfer of tax abatement for WCS at 7:25 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

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pheasants and rabbits in his backyard. He has lived in Canton all his life except for the time he spent in the Navy from 1970 to 1974.

"We grew up with a sense of responsibility and deep family ties," he said. "We always counted on one another for help. There was no one else around. Our closest neighbor was half a mile away."

The farming tradition has gone on to the next generation with Chris' and Ernie's children helping out on the farm. But, once the expensive machinery dies, the Costantinos will be packing up their seeds and hoes for land elsewhere.

"Farming is kind of doomed in Canton," he said. "The people who used to farm didn't quit farming, they purchased property in areas that are conducive to farming - where there's not heavy traffic and taxes were reasonable."

As Ernie talks, 100 feet away it's rush hour and cars are traveling up and down Cherry Hill. It's hard to visualize Ernie, his mother and two brothers walking 3/4 of a mile to the one-room school house on Canton Center where the children attended classes taught by Marie Cox. The school house is now the Canton Historical Museum.

"We rarely saw a car go by," Ernie said. Times have changed, but the family tradition has survived. "You have to love what you're doing, because you're not going to make money farming," he added.

When Ernie was a boy soy beans ranged from \$8 and \$10 a bushel. Today, a bushel sells for



Ernie Costantino says when his family's expensive farm equipment wears out they plan to sell their remaining acreage in Canton.

about \$4.50 and costs \$6 to grow. Greener pastures lie ahead.

"You sell the property, make big bucks and buy land where it's conducive to farming," he said, explaining that there isn't anywhere near Canton to buy farm machines and parts. Trespassing, thefts, vandalism and strict ordinances have also made the farm life in Canton difficult. For instance, a Canton noise ordinance restricts operating machinery early in the morning.

"Farmers get up early," Ernie said in a matter-of-fact tone. His voice becomes playful and he laughs as he tells about the time police came to the farm because someone reported hearing gunshots. The police learned that the banging sound was a propane tank contraption that was used to scare away black birds from eating the crops. The positive side of urban sprawl, Ernie said, is "There's a ready-made market for the produce."

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"We make a party out of it," Costantino said. "In July and August all the plants are grown and you go out and it's all oxygen and you breathe it in. You get immediate gratification. You pick up an ear of corn and eat it. There's nothing like it."

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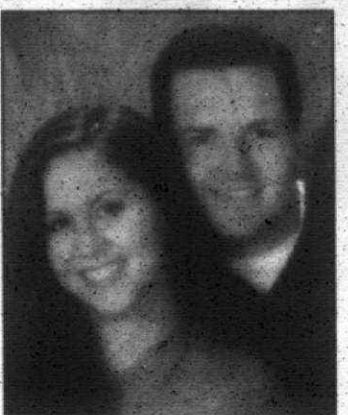
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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH AND CANTON

WEEKEND

WOMEN'S WELLNESS FORUM
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EASTER CELEBRATION
■ An Easter celebration will be held 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Main Street Baptist Church, 8500 N. Morton Taylor Road, Canton (behind Farmer Jack), for kids age 3-10. There will be an egg hunt, egg decorating, egg races, and other fun stuff. For more information, call (734) 453-4785.

CARD PARTY
■ The Women's Club of Plymouth presents a benefit card party and desserts from noon until 3 p.m. Friday, April 14, at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. There will be door prizes and table prizes. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the April 7 meeting. For reservations or to have tickets left at the door, call Nancy Thomas at (734) 453-5219. Make checks payable to PWC.

EASTER CONCERT
■ Plymouth Baptist Church will present an Easter concert entitled "Alpha and Omega" at 7 p.m. Palm Sunday, April 16; Good Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22. The 70-minute concert features traditional and contemporary Christian music. There is no admission charge. Children under age 5 will not be admitted to the auditorium; however, full nursery and preschool care will be provided. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth (1.2 mile west of Haggerty). For more information, call (734) 453-5534 or e-mail at Plymouth-BC@aol.com.

AROUND TOWN
■ Vietnam Veterans of America will hold a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, at 9318 Newburgh (Between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail). All veterans on active duty Feb. 28, 1961-May 7, 1975, regardless of duty station, are eligible. For more information, call Don Dignan at (313) 845-3752 or at (734) 525-0157.

NACW
■ The West Suburban Chapter of NACW will host its monthly meeting 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cost is \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. The guest speaker will be Colleen Kung, Executive Director of CK Studios in Canton. Colleen will provide tips on building an effective website for your business.

GENERAL MEETING
■ 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.

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DINNERS FOR LENT
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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 fundraising 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.

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 Landman-Petersen at Oakland Family Services at (248) 858-7215, ext. 236.

HELPSOURCE
■ Plymouth Family Services Help Source is offering a 12-week program for compulsive overeaters. The program will be led by a certified eating disorder therapist and registered dietitian. For more information, call Cathie Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. at (734) 453-0890.

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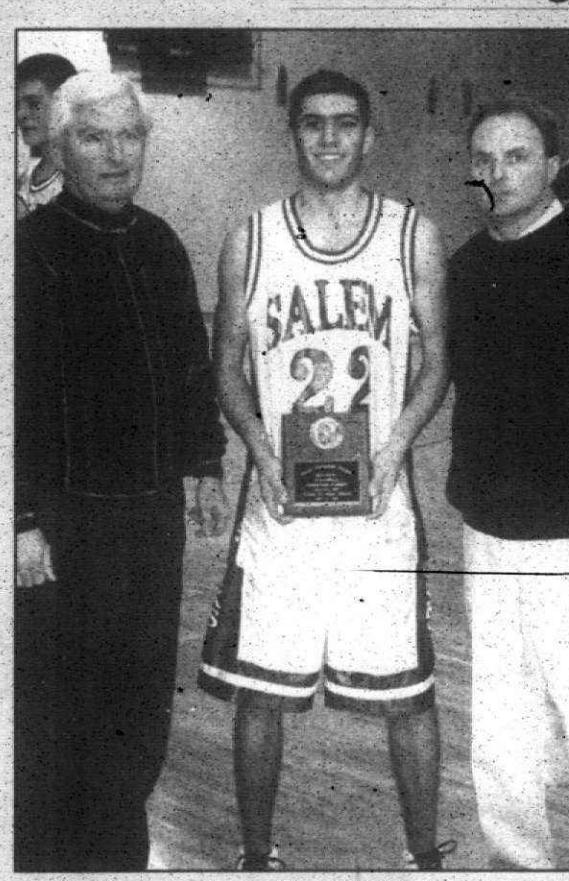
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An MVP showing



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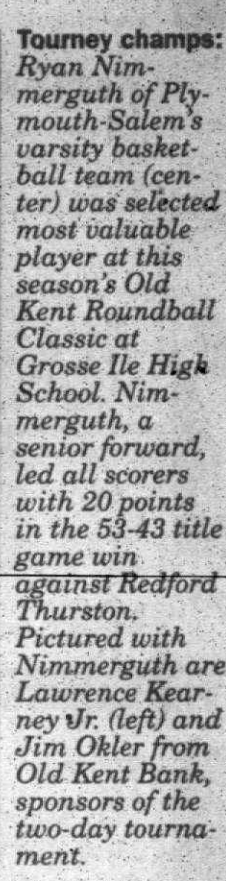
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Tourney champs: Ryan Nimerguth of Plymouth-Salem's varsity basketball team (center) was selected most valuable player at this season's Old Kent Roundball Classic at Grosse Ile High School. Nimerguth, a senior forward, led all scorers with 20 points in the 53-43 title game win against Redford Thurston. Pictured with Nimerguth are Lawrence Kearney Jr. (left) and Jim Okler from Old Kent Bank, sponsors of the two-day tournament.



registration for summer and fall Kindergarten classes. Summer classes will begin in mid-June and fall classes will begin the week of Sept. 11. Early registration is recommended. Call now for registration materials. Village music is located at 130 E. Liberty St., Plymouth. For more information, or for registration, call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

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LENTEN MEAL

St. Genevieve Parish of Livonia will offer a Lenten meal 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 offered as a children's meal. Cost is \$6 for adults; \$3.50 for children ages 6-12 and 5 and younger eat free. St. Genevieve is at 29015 Jamison.

PASSOVER SEDER

Congregation Bet Chaverim will hold its fourth annual Passover potluck seder at the Hanford Clubhouse. The clubhouse is on Hanford between Ford and Warren roads. The seder will begin at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, April 20. The seder will be conducted by Rabbi Peter Gluck. Families are welcome. Call (734) 480-8880 to describe what dish you would like to bring.

LENTEN BREAKFAST

The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church (6443 Merriman, Garden City) will serve their annual Lenten breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 15, in the church Fellowship Hall. The Rev. Melanie Carey, associate pastor of Livonia Newburg United Methodist Church, will be the guest speaker. A donation will be taken at the breakfast. Reservations requested. Call (734) 421-8628.

LENTEN WORSHIP

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church invites the public to reflect upon "Prayers of the Passion" during Wednesday evening Lenten services from 7:30-8 p.m. until April 12. Midweek classes and confirmation instruction will be 6-7:20 p.m. during Lent. The church is at 14175 Farmington Road next to Ford Field, just north of I-96.

BROADWAY HITS

Two evening shows of Broadway favorites will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8, at the Westland Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (7575 N. Hix, Westland). Featuring hits from "Guys & Dolls," "Fiddler on the Roof," "West Side Story," "Annie," "Oklahoma,"

"The Secret Garden," "The Music Man," "Oliver," "My Fair Lady" and "Les Miserables." Public welcome. Free admission. No tickets required.

BLOODMOBILE

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Orchard United Methodist Church (30450 Farmington Road between 13 and 14 Mile) from 2-7:45 p.m. Monday, April 10, in the Fellowship Hall. For further information, call (248) 626-3620.

REFRESHMENT OCCASION

Geneva Presbyterian Church will host The Knox Fellowship Team, a group of inspiration Christians, led by the Rev. Scott Bohr. The group, along with the Rev. Bryan Smith, pastor of Geneva, will lead the congregation during a spiritual refreshment occasion beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the church April 8-9. The team will be sharing faith journey reports, music and a challenging "think-it-over" session. The program will continue on Sunday morning with worship, counseling, rousing music and inspirational preaching.

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 affect 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 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday April 11, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. The registration fee for the series is \$30. Call (734) 464-0211.

HOMECOMING & REVIVAL

A "homecoming" service will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Community Free Will Baptist Church of Westland. The morning program will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m. with classes for all ages. After the 11 a.m. service, the congregation will serve a dinner in the church gymnasium. After the meal, a time of fellowship and song will follow in the church sanctuary. A "revival" series of services will begin at 7 p.m. April 26-28 with Rev. Paul Ange of North Carolina as the evangelist. The church is at 33031 Cherry Hill just west of Venoy in Westland.

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 at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 710 Church in Plymouth. Worship leaders/lunch providers are: April 12, 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

April 12 at 7 p.m. at Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia (8820 Wayne Road). 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. Children may participate. Reservations are not necessary.

NEW BEGINNINGS

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia offers a year-round grief support group and this new Thursday speaker series, beginning with the Rev. Kurt Stutz of Botsford Hospital with "Healing Grief" April 6; the Rev. Phil Seymour on "Dreams, Visions and Images" May 4; and Warren Gilbert's "Managing Memories" June 1. The series is free and open to the public. Call (734) 422-6038.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other. The weekend experiences will be April 7-9 and May 5-7 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit this Web site: www.rc.net/detroit/wmme. "The Marriage Journey" is broadcast 8:30-9 a.m. Sundays on WCAR 1090 AM.

RESPONDING TO LOSS

If you are experiencing a loss due to a death, divorce, job termination, broken relationship, declining health or broken dreams, this workshop will address your concerns. Responding to Loss will be 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. Saturday, April 8. Cost is \$15, which includes lunch, coffee breaks and a folder of materials. Call to register: (734) 721-7410.

CCW/AD ASSEMBLY

The Council of Catholic Women/Archdiocese of Detroit Assembly will be 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Sacred Heart Seminar, corner of Chicago Boulevard and Linwood in Detroit. The theme is "Jubilee Women Open Your Heart: Time, Talent and Treasure." For information and to register, call (313) 237-5896. Cost is \$20 for registration/luncheon.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

The Great Three Days - Maundy Thursday worship at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday Tennebrae at 7:30 p.m.; and Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m.; The Day of Resurrection: Easter breakfast at 8:50 a.m. and Easter festival workshop at 10:30 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (26212 W. Six Mile) in Redford.

EASTER EGG HUNT

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HERALD AWARDS DINNER

The Herald Awards dinner will be Wednesday, April 26, at the Costick Center (29800 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt - behind Mercy High School). All winners will be notified in advance so they can invite family and friends. The cost for the evening is \$25 per person. Creative Catering of Flint. Reservations can be made through the council office at (313) 962-0340.

HEALING SERVICES

The Rev. Gary Seymour offers healing services for the series titled "Rise and Come Forward" the third Wednesday evening of each month at the Church of the Risen Lord, 821 N. Newburgh in Westland. Call (734) 397-7132.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Bible studies at Timothy Lutheran Church are available from 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The morning study is led by members of the congregation, and the evening study is led by the pastor. Timothy Lutheran Church is at 8820 Wayne Road in Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www.timothyLivonia.com.

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN

New Life Lutheran Church worships at 10:15 a.m. Sunday at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon. Sunday school is also offered. Please call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail the church at newlifelc@yahoo.com.

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TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit organization, is forming new, beginner tai chi classes, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia. St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bloomfield and Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Observers welcome. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281. Tai chi is an exercise that works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for persons of all ages and conditions of health.

TAI CHI

Tai chi classes continue at 7:30 p.m. at Nativity United Church for the class every Monday evening. Tai chi is a holistic health method of self-healing. Instructor is registered nurse Ida Reifsnnyder.

TLC STORY TIME

For children and their parents TLC Story time 3-4 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia (8820 Wayne Road). Crafts, Christian

stories and snacks offered. Children invited to bring parents. The books are chosen for ages 3-10 but children of all ages are welcome. Call (734) 427-2290 for information.

HEALING SERVICE

The Church of the Risen Lord presents a healing service at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the church, 821 N. Newburgh, south of Ford, Westland. The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward." For more information, call the church office at (734) 397-7132.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Garden City Presbyterian Church offers a contemporary worship service at 9:15 a.m. the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the church, 1841 Middlebelt, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, Garden City. The contemporary service offers upbeat music and an informal atmosphere.

REMARIED GROUP

The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville offers an informal, drop-in support group for those struggling with the issues of a blended family. The group is hosted by the Rev. Paul Clough and meets 7-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Room C309 of the church, 40000 Six Mile at Haggerty. There is no cost, and registration isn't necessary. For more information, call Stacy Cole at (248) 374-5912.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Cruisers registration

The Plymouth-Canton Cruisers Swim Club will have registration from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 18 in the main hall outside of the Plymouth Salem pool.

Registration will be for kids six and over, from beginners to advanced. They will also be registering Masters swimmers (18 and over).

The Cruisers' season begins May 1. The team competes in U.S. Swimming Federation and Southern Michigan Swim League meets.

For more information, contact Janice Derian at (734) 455-3103, or under-18 coach Leslie Greeneisen at (734) 207-7708, or Masters coach Sarah Eubanks at (734) 207-0883.

Collegiate news

•Christine Philips, a graduate of Plymouth Salem HS and a freshman at Albion College, played extensively for the Britons' basketball team. Philips appeared in 24 games, averaging 17.2 minutes, five points and 5.2 rebounds per game. She also led the Brits with 14 blocked shots.

•Meagan Madej, a graduate of Dearborn Divine Child from Canton and a sophomore at Albion College, played in 24 games for the Britons' basketball team. She averaged 27.5 minutes, 8.4 points and 6.4 rebounds a game.

Albion finished 12-12 overall, 7-9 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Booster meeting

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will host their monthly meeting in Room 165 of Canton HS at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 12. Nomination and election for the office of president will be held.

All parents of Chief football players are encouraged to attend the meeting. If you have any questions, call Paul Szejewski at 453-0985.

Sports auction

The Institute for Preventive Sports Medicine will hold a celebrity sports auction Friday, April 14 at the Marriott Eagle Crest Conference Resort in Ypsilanti (1275 S. Huron St.). The three-hour event begins at 7:00 p.m.

Radio personality Dick Purtan and former NBA and University of Michigan standout Tim McCormick will be the host auctioneers. They will auction off memorabilia signed by the likes of Arnold Palmer, Gordie Howe, Walter Payton, Grant Hill, Brett Favre, Mia Hamm, Wayne Gretzky and John Elway, as well as a host of Red Wings and Tigers.

The wide variety of signed items include photographs, jerseys, hockey sticks and pucks, balls, helmets and NASCAR car pieces.

In addition, a Mickey Mantle autographed jersey, a Las Vegas trip and jewelry will be raffled off.

Admission to the event is \$10. Proceeds benefit a non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of sports-related injuries and health care containment.

For more information call (734) 424-1706.

Golf outing

The WaCo Wolves USA Travel Baseball Club is sponsoring a golf outing fund-raiser at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth (located at 44115 Five Mile).

Cost is \$90 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf (shotgun start, four-person scramble), prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive, beer and pop on the course, a complete steak dinner and door prizes.

All proceeds go to benefit the WaCo Wolves travel teams. Checks should be made payable to the WaCo Wolves.

For further information, call John or Karen Abrahamson at (248) 473-1336.

Women's golf league

A women's Friday morning golf league will get under way May 8 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. All ability levels are welcome; individual handicaps will be established.

Tee times begin at 9 a.m. The 16-week season costs \$15 to register and weekly greens fees. There are no residency requirements.

For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

Whalers finish off Storm

Started slow, but the finish was fast and decisive.

After losing the first two games of their best-of-seven opening series in the Ontario Hockey League playoffs, the Plymouth Whalers regrouped. An 8-0 trouncing of the Guelph Storm last Wednesday (March 29) got them righted; on Tuesday at Guelph, the Whalers ended the series by stopping the Storm, 5-1.

Plymouth, the OHL's top team during the regular season, wins the series by sweeping the final four games. The Whalers' next opponent depends on the outcome of the other three OHL Western Conference quarterfinal series.

Justin Williams continued his red-hot play with a goal and an assist, but this game belonged to Stephen Weiss, who scored two goals and assisted on another.

Once again, the Whalers sent Guelph goalie Chris Madden — who was instrumental in their first two defeats — to the sidelines early by scoring three first-period goals.

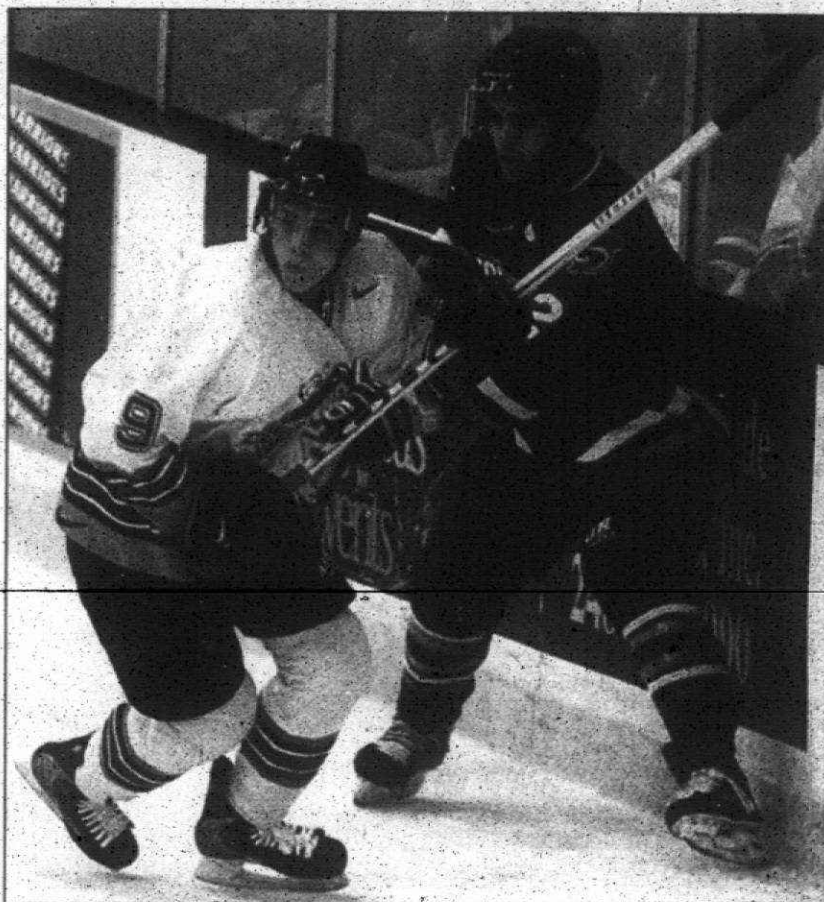
Williams gave Plymouth an early lead, scoring at 5:09 of the first period with assists from Weiss and Chris Cava. Kris Vernarsky made it 2-0 with an unassisted goal at 14:19, and 1:44 later Weiss increased that lead to 3-0, assists going to Williams and Cava.

Weiss' second goal, scored before the second period was a minute old, pushed Plymouth's advantage to 4-0. Cole Jarrett assisted.

The Storm got their only goal of the game with three seconds left in the second period from Joe Gerbe.

Stephen Morris ended the Whalers' scoring, getting the only goal of the third period with 6:34 remaining. Andre Robichaud and Randy Fitzgerald assisted.

Rob Zepp was sharp in goal once again, stopping 31 of 32 shots. After



FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Coming through: Stephen Weiss (left) put his game into a higher gear after the Whalers lost their first two playoff games to Guelph. Weiss scored twice in the decisive sixth game.

allowing nine goals in the first two games, Zepp surrendered just six in the last four.

Craig Andersson took over for Madden in the second period following

Weiss' second goal, making 16 saves.

Whalers 5, Guelph 3: Talk about stepping up your game. That's just what Justin Williams has

done for the Plymouth Whalers over the last three games. After failing to score a goal in the first two games — both losses — Williams has erupted, scoring seven times in the last three games (all wins).

Three of those came last Saturday as the Whalers held off the Storm to take a 3-2 lead in this best-of-seven series.

All three of his goals came in the opening period, the first with the game just 50 seconds old (Kris Vernarsky assisted), the second on a power play at 13:58 and the third at 18:00. Stephen Weiss and Shaun Fisher both assisted on the last two.

Fisher, who had a goal and three assists in the game, scored at 4:21 of the second period to give Plymouth a 4-0 lead. Williams and Weiss assisted.

Brent Kelly then took command for Guelph, scoring twice in the second period to narrow the gap to 4-2. At the 9:54 mark of the third period, Kelly scored again to make it 4-3.

But the Storm could draw no closer. Eric Gooldy's empty-net score with 45 seconds left ensured the win for the Whalers (Fisher and Randy Fitzgerald assisted).

Rob Zepp made 23 saves in goal for Plymouth. Chris Madden, who performed so well in goal for Guelph in the first two games, was pulled after giving up Williams' three goals in the first period. Craig Andersson played the last two periods, making 17 stops.

Ambassadors finish first

The Compuware Ambassadors enter the North American Hockey League playoffs as the top team in the East Division after splitting their final two games of the regular season at St. Louis last weekend.

The Ambassadors got a 6-1 win on

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PREP TENNIS PREVIEWS

Rocks are ready

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Last season was not a particularly good season for Plymouth Salem's tennis team. It wasn't bad, but it wasn't all that great.

The Rocks finished eighth at the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament,

which put them sixth in the final league standings (a combination of tournament and dual-meet results). While that doesn't seem like the kind of legacy a championship team is

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Chiefs to rebuild

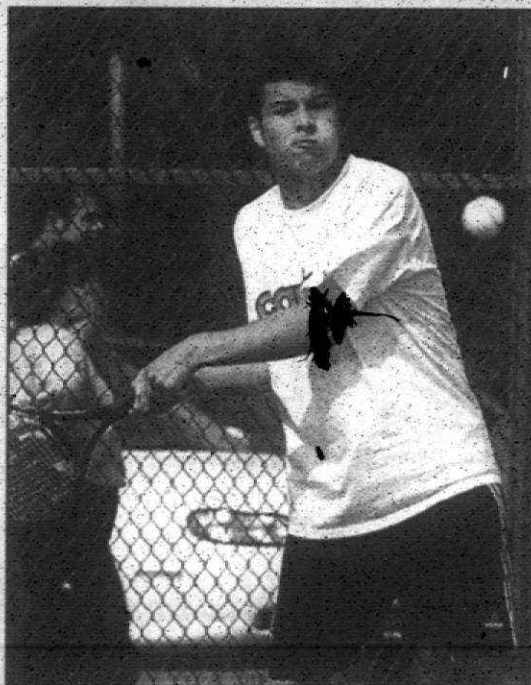
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By Plymouth Canton tennis coach Barb Hanosh's estimation, it's a new season and a lot of the old standouts are gone.

"We've graduated quite a few seniors and had some kids move," said Hanosh, who guid-

ed Canton to a tie for fifth at the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament last year and a tie for fourth in the overall WLAA standings (a combination of tournament

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Returning: Canton's Matt Nagy is one of the few players back from last season's team. Nagy will be at No. 1 singles.



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Back at No. 1: Salem's Jason Meininger has rejoined Todd Schmalhurst at No. 1 doubles.

Rough and ready

Canton cashes in 2 penalty kicks to beat Pioneer

SOCCER

Both teams got bounced around a bit, but in the end it was Plymouth Canton that did the bouncing, beating Ann Arbor Pioneer 4-2 in a non-conference match played Monday at Canton.

The Chiefs, ranked sixth in the state, improved to 2-0 for the season.

"They came to play," said Canton coach Don Smith of Pioneer. "And they have a nice team."

But two of the Chiefs' goals came on penalty kicks by Anne Morrell after she was knocked down in front of the goal. The first was a take down by the Pioneers' keeper five minutes into the second half; Morrell's conversion broke a 1-1 tie.

Five minutes later, a defender dragged Morrell down and another penalty kick was awarded. Again, Morrell converted to put Canton up 3-1.

"These were blatant take-downs," said Smith. "They really should have been red cards."

"We knew they'd have to knock us around a bit. But we expect it from almost every decent team we see. And that's OK. The girls are responding well. I'm impressed,

they're really fighting to the ball."

Pioneer narrowed the gap to 3-2 with a goal scored with 11 minutes remaining, but Amanda Lentz clinched it for the Chiefs with a goal with 1:15 remaining. Abi Morrell assisted.

Stephanie Johnson opened the scoring for Canton, netting a goal with 15:50 left in the first half. Melanie Dunn assisted. Pioneer tied it five minutes later, and it remained 1-1 at the intermission.

As rough as this match was, it may prove to be beneficial because the schedule won't get any easier for the Chiefs.

They opened their Western Lakes Activities Association schedule at home against Walled Lake Central last night. On Saturday, they host fourth-ranked Troy in a non-conference match at 12:30 p.m.

On Monday, Canton resumes its WLAA schedule by traveling to Livonia Stevenson — ranked second in the state — for a 7 p.m.

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Air attack: Canton's Anne Morrell had to overcome constant pressure from Pioneer, but she did score twice.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

CLASSES/CLINICS

FLY TYING
Fair Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tiers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tiers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 550-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

WILDLIFE OBSERVATION TECHNIQUES/HUMAN CAMOUFLAGE

Discover the exciting art of camouflage and the secrets of blending with the environment under the expert guidance of local wildlife enthusiasts/photographer Craig Smith and West Bloomfield Parks naturalist Jonathan Schechter. Participants will learn the tricks of silent travel, the art of patience, and how camouflage can let you get the perfect camera shot. This program, designed for people 12 years of age and older, takes place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26 and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27. West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation (indoors) will be the site for the first day, while the West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve hosts Day 2. Wildlife Observation Techniques and Human Camouflage costs \$4 for a West Bloomfield resident and \$6 for a non-resident. The fee covers both days. Call (248) 738-2500 to sign up or visit West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation, located at 4640 Walnut Lake Road east of Farmington Road. The registration deadline

is Sunday, April 9.

DUCK & GOOSE CALLING

The West Bloomfield Schools Community Education Department is offering a basic Duck & Goose Calling class on Mondays, beginning May 1 and lasting through May 22. The one-hour classes will be taught at Orchard Lake Middle School from 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$40. Contact the West Bloomfield Schools Community Education Department at (248) 539-2290 for registration information.

ARCHERY

Oakland County Sportsman's Club will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 9, on its walk-through course in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

DETROIT ARCHERS OF WEST BLOOMFIELD

The Detroit Archers of West Bloomfield (5795 Drake Road) is hosting a number of leagues: 3-D indoor, Sundays, 6:30 p.m.; Monday bush league, 7:30 p.m. (men only); Tuesday target league, 7:30 p.m.; 3-D bow hunter, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. (indoor); and Friday fun league, 7:30 p.m. Open shoot hours are from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 6-10 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call (313) 825-2110.

LIVONIA RANGE

The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410

for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman's Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS
Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

BASS TOURNAMENT

The 2000 Top Bass Tournament will be held at various sites throughout the summer months. The schedule is as follows: Saginaw Bay, May 27; Lake St. Helen, June 3; Wixom Lake, June 24; Sanford Lake, July 8; Wixom Lake, July 22; Lobdel Lake, Aug. 5; Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payoffs will be awarded with amounts determined by the number of entries. For more information, call (734) 729-1762 or (734) 422-5813.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome). The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Day at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School, Call Dominic Liparuto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Claremontville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited to attend. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meet the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays through Sunday. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

SOLAR

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HERITAGE PARK HIKE

Join members of the Southeast

Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a two-to-three hour hike at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills on Sunday. Call Don Dahlin at (248) 644-2746 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenfield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

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METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

2000 PERMITS

The 2000 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-477-PARKS for more information.

SKY WATCH

Warren Astronomical National Astronomy Day Sky Watch will be held Saturday, April 8, from 5-10 p.m. at the Nature Center of Stony Creek Metropark. Participants will be able to view the cosmos through telescopes and discover fascinating facts about nature with members of the Warren Astronomical Society. For more information, contact the Warren Astronomical Society at (810) 447-2424.

BEAR SCOUTS WILDLIFE

"Bear Scouts Sharing Your World with Wildlife" will be held Saturday, April 8, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Nature Center of Indian Springs Metropark. Bear Scouts will learn about plants and animals that make their home in the Huron Swamp. For more information, contact Indian Springs Nature Center at (248) 625-7280.

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Soccer sessions

Soccer With Euro-USA Futbol will be offering club team, small group or individual sessions, along with coaches clinics, done by experienced trainers and coaches from all over the world.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

For more information, call Jozsef Kurta at (734) 658-3995.

Coaches needed

The following coaching positions are available at Livonia Franklin High School: Assistant

hockey, assistant wrestling, Pom Pon and freshman cheerleading. Interested candidates should send information to: Dan Freeman, Athletic Director, Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

Salem tennis

built on, Salem just might rewrite that theory.

This season Salem has what North had last season: a lot of seniors in the lineup.

At No. 1 singles, senior Faraz Fidiqi returns. Fidiqi reached the semifinals at the WLLA Tournament last season before losing to North's Jaffe.

No. 2 singles will be manned by senior Ben Bartlett, a team co-captain. Bartlett moves up from the No. 3 singles spot, and the move looked good at Monroe, where he was the top finisher.

The No. 3 and 4 singles will be carried by a pair of juniors, Jon Machnaki at No. 3 and Andy Fenton at No. 4. Both played double last season, but in both

cases their "game has really improved," according to Nelson.

No. 1 doubles features a return to the past. Seniors Jason Meininger and Todd Schmalhurst, doubles partners at sophomores, will once again be teamed together. Last year Meininger played No. 2 singles while Schmalhurst teamed with Ott at No. 1 doubles.

But a hip injury that required arthroscopic surgery at Christmas has limited Meininger somewhat. "He doesn't have the foot speed and lateral movement," said Nelson.

Schmalhurst, who had hoped to play singles this season, agreed to play with his old partner in doubles. They should be a formidable twosome; at Monroe, they finished first.

Yibo Ling, a junior who played No. 3 doubles with Machnaki last season, and Jason Shamberger will be at No. 2 doubles this season. Scott Peruski, another senior, and Evan Reller, a sophomore, will be at No. 3 doubles; they too, were winners at Monroe.

So were the No. 4 tandem of seniors Jon Neal and Mark Coates.

Although Salem has gotten off to a promising start with a win at the eight-team Monroe Invite, the optimism must be tempered a bit. Last year the Rocks placed second at Monroe, but the WLLA competition was somewhat tougher.

Despite North's losses, the Raiders together with Northville — second in the league a year ago — should be the teams to beat once again, Nelson said.

And Harrison has Ryan Shade, who played North's Jaffe evenly

last season, coming back. Shade captured the No. 1 singles title at Monroe.

"My guess is he'll win the league," said Nelson.

But that's just one flight. Salem has strength throughout its lineup, or so Nelson hopes.

"We just need to play consistent," he said. As far as the WLLA championship is concerned, he added, "I'd like to think we could. That's our goal this year, to take the league title."

Lofty aspirations, to be sure. But reachable ones.

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match. After playing Northville in a WLLA game at home at 7 p.m. Wednesday, the Chiefs travel to top-ranked Troy Athens for a non-league match at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 8.

That's three of the top four-ranked teams in the state in an

eight-day stretch, with two of them on the road.

One more detail: Anne Morrell will be on the road this weekend, traveling with the U.S. Junior National team. She's expected to be back for the Stevenson match, Monday.

PREP SOCCER RANKINGS

Girls Soccer Rankings

(as of 4-3 by MHSOA)

Division I — 1. Troy Athens; 2. Livonia Stevenson; 3. Brighton; 4. Troy; 5. Plymouth Salem; 6. Plymouth Canton; 7. Grand Haven; 8. Saginaw; 9. Rochester; 10. Utica Elmshower.

Honorable Mention — Ann Arbor Pioneer, Birmingham Seaholm, Rochester Adams, Utica, Kalamazoo Central.

Division II — 1. Madison Heights Bishop Foley; 2. Portage Central; 3. Bloomfield Hills Lahser; 4. Midland Duw; 5. East Lansing; 6. Birmingham Groves; 7. Birmingham Marian; 8. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central; 9. Trenton 10. Grosse Pointe North.

Honorable Mention — Portage North ern, Okemos, Mason, Lapeer East.

Boys Soccer Rankings

(as of 4-3 by MHSOA)

Division I — 1. Auburn Hills Avondale; 2. Richmond-Gull Lake; 3. Flushing Union; 4. Holland Christian; 5. Calumet; 6. St. Clair Shores South Lake; 7. Royal Oak Doner; 8. Mat-tawan; 9. Hudsonville Unity Christian; 10. Bloomfield Hills Andover.

Honorable Mention — Petoskey, Vicksburg, Bloomfield Hills Kingswood, DeWitt.

Division II — 1. Birmingham-Detroit Country Day; 2. Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic; 3. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett; 4. Saginaw Novae Catholic; 5. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep; 6. Frankenmuth; 7. Jackson Lumen Christ; 8. Parma Jackson County West ern; 9. Clawson; 10. Lansing Catholic Central.

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Chiefs finish 4th at Pioneer

It was an impressive performance for Plymouth Canton's boys track team last Saturday at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Indoor Invitational, held at the University of Michigan Track Building.

The Chiefs finished fourth in a field of 21 teams. Toledo Rogers won the meet with 62 points; Toledo Central Catholic was second with 46 and Birmingham Brother Rice placed third with 41. Canton was fourth with 40.

Plymouth Salem finished 15th with 11 points.

"It was a nice showing," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "A lot of kids PRed (person-

BOYS TRACK

al record). Hopefully, this will set things up for the rest of the season."

Several of the Chiefs, according to Richardson, are ahead of their pace of a year ago. Best finishes on Saturday went to the shuttle hurdle relay team of Jim O'Brien, Chris Kalis, Dane Kobus and Ricky Singh, which placed second in 32.5.

Jordan Chapman also got a second in the pole vault with a personal-best vault of 12-feet, 6-inches. Brian Page finished sixth in

the same event, clearing 10-6.

Canton also had three third-place finishes. Jerry Gaines had one of them in the 400-meter run (51.9); Chapman had another, tying for third in the high jump (6-2); and K.J. Singh got the third one in the 55-meter dash (6.7).

The 4x200 relay team of K.J. Singh, Nate Howe, Gary Lee and Jamie Bonner placed fourth for Canton (1:37.7), and the 4x400 team of Jack Turci, Matt Dukes, K.J. Singh and Gaines took fifth (3:37.5).

Canton and Salem face off in the annual Mangan-Bolger Memorial Meet, starting today with field events at 3 p.m.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL

Thursday, April 6

Redford Union at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Garden City at Thurston, 4 p.m.
W. Bloomfield at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Tay, Kennedy, 4 p.m.
S. field Christ. at Stevenson, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Det. Urban, 4:30 p.m.

Ply. Christian vs. Luth. Westland at Canton's Griffin Park, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 7

Crestwood at Canton (2), 3:30 p.m.
Dearborn at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Ply. Christian vs. Bethesda at Griffin Park, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

(all double-headers)
Tay, Kennedy at Stevenson, 11 a.m.
John Glenn at Edsel Ford, 11 a.m.

Thurston at Wayne, 11 a.m.

A.A. Pioneer at Salem, 11 a.m.

Garden City at Redford Union, 11 a.m.

DeLaSalle at Redford CC, 11 a.m.

St. Clement at St. Agatha, 11 a.m.

Ply. Christian at Mt. Carmel, 11 a.m.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Thursday, April 6

Franklin at Redford Union, 4 p.m.

Ladywood at A.A. Pioneer, 4 p.m.

PCA at A.A. Richard, 4:30 p.m.

Huron Valley at Det. Urban, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 7

Franklin at Dearborn, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

(all double-headers)

John Glenn at Garden City, 11 a.m.

Ply. Christian at Agape, 11 a.m.

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Thursday, April 6

John Glenn at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.

Stevenson at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.

Canton vs. Salem (CEP), 4 p.m.

PCA at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

Redford CC, Canton, Pinckney at A.A. Pioneer Quad Meet, TBA.

Southgate Relays, 9 a.m.

GIRLS TRACK

Thursday, April 6

Churchill at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.

Franklin at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.

Canton vs. Salem (CEP), 4 p.m.

Luth. Westland at Marian, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

Southgate Relays, 9 a.m.

A.A. Pioneer Invitational, 11 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Saturday, April 8

Troy at Canton, 12:30 p.m.

Salem at Troy Athens, 1 p.m.

Ladywood at Riv. Richard, 1:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

(all double-headers)

Saturday, April 8

Rochester at Madonna, 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 9

Indiana Tech at Madonna, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL

(all double-headers)

Friday, April 7

Madonna vs. Tri-State (Ind.), 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 9

Madonna at St. Francis (Ind.), TBA.

TBA — time to be announced.

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Friday, getting two goals apiece from Matt Rutkowski and Ryan Lessnau. Lukas Krajicek had a goal and an assist and Mark Norrington scored a goal. Craig Kowalski stopped 27 of 28 shots on goal to get the win.

St. Louis avenged that loss with a 3-1 victory over Compuware. Eric Ortlip scored twice in the third period for the Sting; the Ambassadors' goal was scored by Chris Sad. Tom Fortunato had 22 saves in goal for Compuware.

The Ambassadors begin the defense of their NAHL and national titles by hosting the USA NAHL Team in a best-of-three series that starts at 2:05 p.m. today. Game Two will be at 6:35 p.m. Friday, and Game Three (if necessary) will be at 2

p.m. Saturday.

All three games will be played at Compuware Arena.

NAHL grad of the week

This honor goes to the Whalers' Damian Surma. He had a goal and an assist in an 8-0 playoff win over Guelph, and added an assist in a 3-2 victory over Guelph last Friday.

A 19-year-old left wing from Lincoln Park, Surma was second on the Whalers in scoring during the regular season with 32 goals and 38 assists for 70 points. In 54 games with the Compuware Ambassadors in 1997-98, Surma had 12 goals and 18 assists for 30 points.

He was drafted in the sixth round last summer by the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes.

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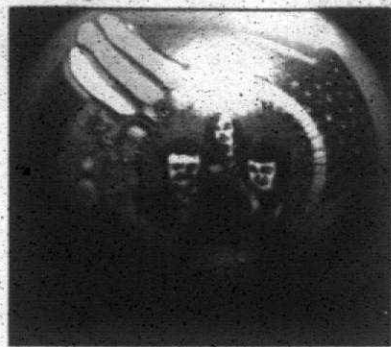
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Meet artist Richard Ritter and view his "Suspended Expressions: Visions in Glass" at the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery, University of Michigan-Dearborn. Opening reception 5-8 p.m., discussion with Ritter at 6:30 p.m. Call (313) 593-5400 or (313) 593-5087 for information. Exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30.

SATURDAY



Join Suzie Gouine (left to right), Patrick O'Reilly of Farmington and Jason Smith of Garden City as they sing, dance, romp and play their way through the teachings of the Gospel of Matthew in "Godspell," 8 p.m. at the Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$10-\$13, call (313) 577-2960.

SUNDAY



Estonian conductor Eri Klas conducts the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in a program of two tone-poems "Don Juan" and "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks," by Richard Strauss, 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets \$19-\$50, call (313) 576-5111.

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Taking God's silence to task

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Elie Wiesel's only play is one Thomas Malcolm Olson has been wanting to direct for some time. Written by the Nobel Peace Prize winner in 1979, "The Trial of God" opens in a village where nearly all the Jews have been exterminated.

Wiesel speaks from experience in the play, and three dozen books he's written about the horrors Holocaust victims suffered during World War II. Deported with his family from Transylvania (Romania) at age 15, Wiesel survived Auschwitz and Buchenwald. His mother, father and youngest sister did not. A persistent literary witness to the Holocaust, Wiesel recalls his own struggle with God in the play and several of the books including his memoirs.

"It questions the silence of God when human beings are suffering," said Olson. "Wiesel originally set the play in a village in 1649. We're not doing it in period but more in the French bohemian era of the 1950s because these are timeless questions."

Mark Hammell of Lathrup Village plays Berish, the innkeeper. He and his daughter are the only Jews to survive the brutal raid on Shamgorod, a village in Ukraine.

"It's based on a real life event," said Olson. "When Elie was 15 he was a prisoner in Auschwitz when a rabbi took him under his wing. They met everyday to study and then with three other rabbis they put God on trial. Elie was the only witness to this."

In real life, God was found guilty

On Trial: Mark Hammell (Berish) and Guy Snyder (the priest) look for answers from God after nearly all the Jews of a village are exterminated.



Questioning God: Guy Snyder (left back), Mark Hammell, Hannah Riddell, Art Collings (left front), P.W. Henry, and Anessa and Scot Martin put God on trial in the Elie Wiesel play based on a true story.

"The Trial of God"

- What:** Trinity House Theatre presents the play by Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel.
- When:** Opens Friday, April 7 and runs weekends to Sunday, April 30 (except for Easter, April 23). Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday.
- Where:** 38840 W. Six Mile Road, between I-275 and Haggerty, Livonia.
- Tickets:** \$8-10 Friday-Saturday, \$5 Sunday, call (734) 464-6302.

of crimes against humanity. In the play no verdict is ever reached. Wiesel's own works consistently pose the question, how is it possible not to believe in God after these atrocities?

"You don't have to be religious to enjoy this play," said Olson. "Anyone who's struggled with evil will find resonance with these words. Elie describes it as a tragic farce. This is the biggest challenge to find out the humor in these lines and to find out what he means."

Soul searching

Olson's found himself doing a lot of soul searching in the eight weeks since rehearsals began for the play produced by Tim Dunham. More than ever, he believes theater makes a significant contribution in a variety of ways ranging from entertainment to social commentary.

"I'm realizing what an important art this is to be asking these questions," said Olson. "For me personally, the reward is to be participating in the asking of these questions. Trinity House's mission has always been to present brave, truthful and necessary works of art. It's not a play that can be easily dismissed. This is a play that's going to haunt."

Hammell finds himself examining his own beliefs as does his character. Berish is a man without answers after indicting God for his silence in the face of evil.

"It's been a test of Berish's will," said Hammell, a big, burly man who began acting in 1976. "The play doesn't answer any questions but inspires a lot of thought."

P.W. Henry, a Westland resident, plays one of the wandering minstrels who come to town hoping to perform a Purim play. Instead, Berish challenges them to put God on trial. The innkeeper is all too willing to serve as prosecutor but first they must find a defense attorney. That's when Sam, a mysterious stranger, arrives in town.

"We want to perform and get free drinks and food when sudden-

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Wiggles give kids the giggles

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Barney will have a quartet of special guests wriggling, squiggling, and wagging their way onto the stage of his Musical Castle as the Australian children's group "The Wiggles," comes to Detroit, Thursday-Sunday, April 6-9.

During the April 2000 tour of "Barney's Musical Castle," The Wiggles will perform during intermission at all of the Barney shows at Cobo Arena.

The Wiggles will also appear locally at FAO Schwarz in Troy on April 6, at Noodle Kidoodle in Northville on April 7, and Noodle Kidoodle in Rochester Hills on April 8. There is no charge for these performances.

Group

The Wiggles are the most successful children's entertainment group in the history of Australia, performing more than 500 shows a year to sold-out crowds. The group of four Australians and four whimsical, costumed characters combines lives action with audience participation for a wiggling good time!

The Wiggles have captured the attention and hearts of children of all ages as they sing and dance to such favorites as "Wake Up Jeff!," "Romp Bomp A Stomp," "Can You Point Your Fingers and Do the Twist?," and "D.O.R.O.T.H.Y. (My Favorite Dinosaur)." The sing-a-longs are performed by Anthony Field, Murray Cook, Greg Page and Jeff Fatt, four men from the Sydney area who are accompanied by costumed characters Dorothy the Dinosaur™, Wags the Dog™, Henry the Octopus™, and Captain Feathersword™.

Formed in 1991 by three "mates," Field, Cook and Page, who were studying Early Childhood Education at Macquarie University in Sydney, the group became a foursome after Fatt joined following graduation.

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What: Barney's Musical Castle and The Wiggles will appear at Cobo Arena in Detroit.

When: 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6; 7 p.m. Friday, April 7; 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8; 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 9.

Tickets: \$8-25; available at all Ticketmaster outlets, or call (248) 645-6666.

Free public appearances by The Wiggles include: FAO Schwarz at noon Thursday, April 6 (2800 West Big Beaver Road, Troy); 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 7 at Noodle Kidoodle (17783 Haggerty Road, Northville); and 5 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at Noodle Kidoodle (1336 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills).



Meet the Wiggles: Australian performers Anthony Field, Murray Cook, Greg Page and Jeff Fatt.

BENEFIT

A PERFECT MATCH: Old rocker pitches in to help new cause

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Rock 'n' roll star Marshall Crenshaw grew up in Berkley within walking distance from the old Berkley Theatre, a landmark that's still selling candy and soft drinks but no longer showing movies.

Or making popcorn, for that matter.

The Berkley name remains on the marquee for city recognition but the building is now a drug store.

"It's disgusting," said Crenshaw, interviewed over the phone from his home in Brooklyn, N.Y. "It was a real nice theater with a natural echo and comfortable. They used to have two drug stores a



MARSHALL CRENSHAW

half mile apart (on 12 Mile Road). Now there's one right in the middle."

It's no wonder Crenshaw has a great appreciation for historic sites that remain as they were intended, like the Royal Oak Theatre — his next stop in hopes

that others can go on.

Crenshaw's band is the headliner of a second annual benefit concert for the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation, on Thursday, April 13, sponsored by General Motors Corp. and aided by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Crenshaw, who counts "Television Light," "Somebody Someway" and "Whenever You're On My



STEWART FRANCKE

Mind" among his hit songs, was eager to play.

"They explained to me what it was about, what their foundation does and I was impressed with it," Crenshaw, 46, said. "Their intentions are honorable and what I know about it is it's extremely well organized. I said 'that sounds cool and penciled it in.'"

Francke is a local musician who was diagnosed with Leukemia in June 1998. He received a successful stem cell bone marrow transplant from his sister, Kit Reese, months later.

Francke started the foundation to raise money for research and awareness on the importance of bone marrow donors, especially among African

Please see **CAUSE**, E2

TICKET



Hot Ticket: The Royal Hanneford Circus, featuring ringmaster Billy Martin, comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills for eight performances, Thursday-Sunday, April 6-9. Tickets \$12, \$8, and \$5. All seats opening night are \$4. Call (248) 645-6666 for show times and ticket information.

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Americans and Hispanics who have a smaller chance of finding matches.

Frankie and Commissioned, an award-winning Gospel group from Detroit, are also scheduled to perform.

"It's a tremendous gift on the part of Marshall and Commissioned to donate their time," said Frankie, whose fifth CD, "Swimming In Mercury," includes some songs about his diagnosis and recovery.

Crenshaw has lived in New York for the better part of 20 years, including quite a long stint in Woodstock, the site of some legendary outdoor concerts.

He said he enjoys playing in theaters the size of Royal Oak's. More importantly, he enjoys its cleanliness.

"The dressing rooms are clean, there's no BS on the walls," said Crenshaw, who co-wrote the Gin Blossoms' recent hit song "Till I Hear It From You."

"I don't like to play in 'Rock toiles.' A lot of places I used to play prided themselves on being 'grungy.' Royal Oak Theatre is classy, cool. I used to go to

movies there when I was a kid. There's a lot of nice theaters in Detroit."

Ironically, it was a concert by Crenshaw back in 1981 at the Royal Oak Theatre that convinced Frankie to quit his first job after college and go into music full time.

"Marshall's a terrific guy, one of the great rock 'n' rollers, a big favorite of mine," said Frankie, who has two children with his wife Julia. "If I could have a wish list of people to play he'd be at the top of it."

Frankie considers himself fortunate to have found a bone marrow match in his family. There is a one in four chance of a family member being a match.

A search outside an immediate family costs Leukemia patients \$10,000 and Frankie's organization wants to defray the costs.

"I woke up one morning and absolutely knew I was going to match, had a ton of faith going in," his sister said. "We realized how lucky we were that I was a match, then heard horror stories about people who don't have a match, couldn't find matching

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ly we're in the midst of this," said Henry. "A year before they had a massacre and only two Jews are left. My lines set me up to be preachy. I'm dealing with the attitude that I'm supposed to be wiser than I am. This play is pertinent to what's going on in the world even today. You look around at what's happened in Sarajevo."

Art Collings, a member of the minstrel troupe, plays Avremel.

"He was a jester and is the professional actor of the band," said Collings, a Livonia resident. "He's seen it all so it's old to him. Being in the play has been a learning experience. It's made me think about things. How I would answer some of the questions — where is God when tragedy happens?"

Anessa Martin provides comic relief with her role as the barmaid who's somewhat of a gruff mother-figure. Her lines prevent the characters from sounding like they are in a debate.

Learning process

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"It's been a learning process. The play is very wordy. Our challenge as a cast is to make it interesting."

Anessa Martin
Actress

said Martin of Redford. "The play is very wordy. Our challenge as a cast is to make it interesting."

Guy Snyder's character symbolically portrays the Catholic church. As the priest he asks, "what is the true nature of God?"

"Another massacre is on the horizon," said Snyder, a Livonia resident. "He wants Bereah to get out or to pretend to convert to Christianity. Every time we rehearse we discover something new about what Weisel is trying to say. There's a lot of substance to the play."

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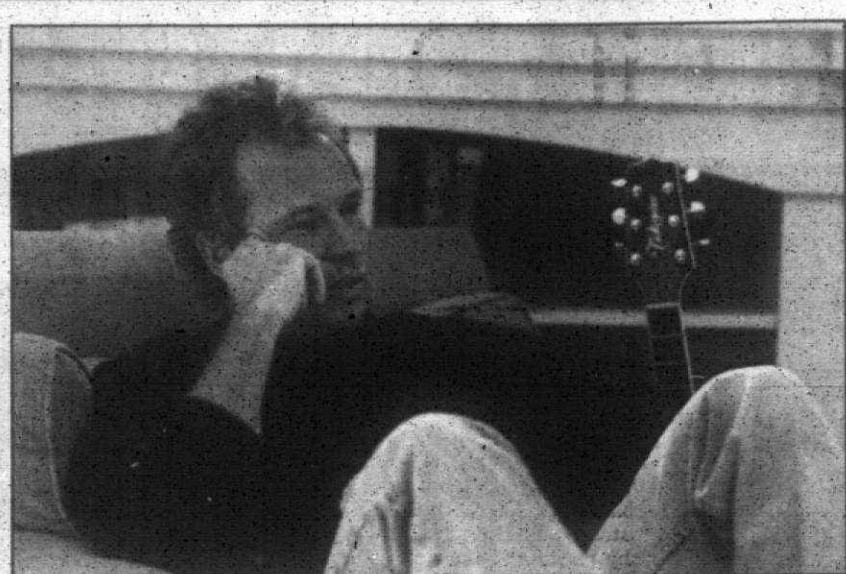
"We never ever thought of touring the world with what we do," said Page who dons a bright yellow shirt in all the Wiggles videos. "It is certainly very satisfying to think that what we do has been so well received by people in Australia, and is now starting to gain some recognition in other parts of the world."

Page said in 1991 the group took a leap of faith by giving up their regular jobs to become entertainers — nearly 10 years later they're the hottest children's group down under and have been gaining momentum in the U.S. since their first appearance in Sept. 1998.

"We first came to the U.S. to perform ... at Disneyland in California and then Sea World in Florida. It was a very brief stay, only about six days, but we still played to over 18,000 people while we were there," said Page.

Stage show

The live stage show of "Barney's Musical Castle" will feature Barney and his friends Baby Bop™ and BJ®. Barney's Musical Castle is a "whimsical



Motors Vice Chairman Harry Pearce, the recipient of a successful stem cell transplant in 1998, has worked closely with Frankie for the cause.

About 800 attended the inaugural event, according to Frankie, and he anticipates 1,000 this year. He's hoping for a higher minority turnout.

"We're trying to change the face of the audience," Frankie said. "Our mandate is to try to help people who need it the most. The chances of white people finding a match are twice as great as minorities."

"I'm lucky I had a match and lived. I depend on people. It's how I feel about the world, about life."

Crenshaw recently released a new CD, titled "Number 447," a name he said he picked for no particular reason.

"It's a watershed record for me," said Crenshaw, who has two small children with his wife Jane. "I couldn't think of a snap name to give it."

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Second City-Detroit shoots, scores with show

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"The Puck Stops Here" at Second City Detroit through Sunday, April 16, where you can see the touring company in action.

"We tried to make it a hockey show, but we put together scenes anyone would enjoy," said Kirk Hanley of Farmington, one of the players. "We think the show will please both camps — diehard hockey fans who don't go to the theater much, and those who do."

The show, which opened Tuesday, is a mix of madcap skits, some of them musical, that are sure to score with fans.

"We've been working on it for about two months," said Hanley who described the show as a mix of original skits, and material from Second City archives.

During a preview performance on Tuesday, the company tried out some of their skits on a small, but enthusiastic audience. There's the wife who argues with her husband, the referee, about the calls he makes, and an old hockey coach who tries to teach intellectuals at the University of Detroit how to play football.

"A health club is a paradise where every man is free ... and look at all these towels" — is an entertaining musical number. You'll get a kick out of their dance — imagine an Esther Williams-style synchronized swimming routine, on stage.

There's the husband who wants to "commit" to season Red

"This is the finest ensemble that any of us have worked with. They're the most giving, cooperative, and talented people. It's always a joy to work together."

Kirk Hanley
Comedian

Wings tickets, and his wife who isn't sure she wants to. A young boy wonders what it's like to watch a baseball game with the crowd, instead of sheltered with his wealthy parents in their sky box. The butler, played by Hanley, to the horror of his parents, prepares a hot dog for the boy.

The cast also includes Carey Crim who has performed in shows at Meadow Brook Theatre and the Jewish Ensemble Theatre.

"I heard a song on the radio, and the lyrics were 'do something every day that scares you.' I was thinking about that when I called the Actor's Equity Audition hotline," said Crim explaining how she landed at Second City-Detroit. "There was an audition for the Second City-Detroit, and I was hired for the touring company."

She describes "The Puck Stops Here" as definitely hockey heavy, but also a lot of fun.

"Hockey is a metaphor," she said. "We try to build on themes of life. It's a marriage of the two. It's for the player and someone who doesn't get it. Hockey's not

her thing, but it's part of her world."

Hanley, Crim and the other members of the group — Jeff Fritz, Cheri Johnson, Topher Owen and Kiff Vanden Heuvel — have been working together for a year.

"This is the finest ensemble that any of us have worked with," said Hanley. "They're the most giving, cooperative, and talented people. It's always a joy to work together."

Hanley and the other touring company cast members are delighted to be performing on the mainstage in their first two-week show.

While the touring company is onstage, the mainstage cast will start working on their next show.

"Second City is always a work in progress," said Hanley. "Toward the end of the run, they'll start putting in new scenes to try them out for the new show."

Former mainstage cast member Margaret Exner is directing "The Puck Stops Here."

"Paradigm Lost" will return to the Second City-Detroit main-



Touring company: Members of the Second City Touring Company, including Kirk Hanley (center bottom row) and Carey Crim (back row, middle) take a break from rehearsal.

stage on Wednesday, April 19. The Second City-Detroit Touring Company presents "The Puck Stops Here," 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, April 6-9; and Tuesday-Sunday, April 11-16. Additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Tickets for Tuesday-Thurs-

day and Sunday shows \$10; \$17.50 on Friday, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. Call (313) 965-2222.

SCREEN SCENE

Trio earns stage career after acting on whim

When most of us think back to a silly moment in our lives, we usually don't recall it as a life-altering event.

With time, you may realize some significant things were happening when life was at its most crazy and comical. Sillyness has been known to create deep, lasting friendships, reduce stress and provide free entertainment.

In the case of Arthur J. Beer, it even gave him a career. "A half-century ago, Beer and a pair of buddies from Warren High School formed the King Korn Trio, figuring their pantomimes of tunes from the immortal Spike Jones was a

great way to impress girls. "To their surprise, the act won the school's talent show, and the good fortune began to snowball."

"The King Korn Trio's timing couldn't have been better. Ted Mack's Original Amateur Hour was in town for a Boysville U.S.A. benefit, and the local competition at Olympia (stadium) earned us a trip to New York to appear on the show," says Beer.

Next came the group's selection to join the USO Tour of Europe.

The unlikely chain of events triggered a lifetime of stage work for Beer, who serves as associate director of the Theatre Company at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Now, those madcap moments from the early 1950s are being recaptured for audiences in The Theatre Company's production of "The King Korn Trio," which runs through Sunday, April 16 at

UDM's McAuley Theatre.

"My wife convinced me that the story is so ridiculous and unbelievable that it would be perfect for the stage," says Beer, who wrote and directs the play that features Mary F. Bremer and David Jeffrey in key roles.

Committed to the belief that silliness is always good for the soul and occasionally an artistic discipline, The King Korn Trio production will be featured on Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS series, in an edition that airs 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9.

Even though my silly moments wouldn't be worthy of Ted Mack's "Original Amateur Hour" or even the recent "Star Search" showcases, I value them.

Life isn't all high drama. Sometimes it is at its best when it's like a "Gong Show" revue.

FAMILY FUN

Museum salutes environment

PRNewswire — "Junk, Juice & Jive," a fresh, lively and edgy look at environmental action, takes over Spirit of Ford throughout the month of April.

Test drive an electric Ranger, dive into a towering recycle pile, and find out what all the buzz is about as Ford Motor Company's (NYSE: F) pioneering spirit focuses on the areas of alternative fuel, electric vehicles and materials recycling.

Spirit of Ford, an automotive learning attraction, is open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Spirit of Ford is located at 1151 Village Road in Dearborn (across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village). For more details call (313) 31-SPRIT or check Spirit of Ford out on the web at www.spiritofford.com.

"At Spirit of Ford, guests have the chance to feel, smell, see, drive and literally immerse themselves in experiences which mirror the initiatives of Ford Motor Company. This month we are the site for a fun, active celebration of the company's many and diverse environmental activities and programs," says Jo Haas, director of Spirit of Ford.

Following is a rundown of the activities going on in April as Spirit of Ford salutes environ-

mental progress:

Activities

■ Un-Plugged — Be the first on your block to test drive an electric Ranger, the quieter vehicle you simply plug in to get its engine revvin'! These "juicy" test drives happen on Saturday and Sunday afternoons in April. Call for specific times. Drivers must be 18 and over and have a valid driver's license.

■ Restoration Station — For a different spin on "junk," kids can "dive" into a towering recycle pile and create something new out of something old. Take your new creation home with you or leave it behind to be transformed into something else.

■ Fueling Your Dreams — Turn your brain "green" through this dynamic interactive demonstration that makes fuel, energy and recycling come to life for big and little dreamers alike. Explore a junk pile and find out why some trash really isn't so "trashy." You'll be surprised to learn that Ford Motor Company actually uses pop bottles and old jeans to build vehicles.

■ It's Natural — Preview Ford's full line of natural gas cars, trucks and sport utility

vehicles (SUVs). Get behind the wheel of a Ford Crown Victoria police car powered by natural gas; a natural gas Ford Expedition used by the U.S. Park Service; a propane Excursion; and a bi-fuel Ford Contour.

■ Environmentally Responsible Vehicles — Explore the interior of a DIATA (Direct Injection Aluminum Throughbolt Assembly) engine and see how it gets "turned on." Take a look at the SUV fuel cell powertrain of the future — it's lightweight and efficient!

■ Lightweight Parts — Be amazed at what Ford is doing to lighten the load on vehicles and increase fuel efficiency. Compare brake rotors and brake drums made of either cast iron or steel or aluminum composite. You can actually "feel" how these lightweight parts make driving a breeze.

■ Environmentally Responsible Shopping — Buy cool, environmentally responsible gifts at Exit Ramp, Spirit of Ford's gift shop.

■ Junk, Juice & Jive — the event! — Bring your family to celebrate Junk, Juice & Jive with Spirit of Ford on Saturday night, 6-9 p.m. Saturday, April 29.

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THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE: "Always...Patsy Cline" continues to Aug. 27, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

GEN THEATRE: "Escapade in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through June 25, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

JET: Arthur Miller's "Broken Glass," April 6-9, 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "Chagall's Arabian Nights," a love story inspired by the art of Marc Chagall by Meadow Brook Theatre Playwright-in-Residence Karim Alrawi, matinee and evening shows through Sunday, April 9, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$19.50-\$35. (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

EMU THEATRE: "Wuthering Heights," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8 and Thursday-Saturday, April 13-15, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Quirk Theatre, Ypsilanti. \$8 Thursday, \$13 Friday-Saturday, \$11 Sunday. (734) 487-1221

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE: "Cactus Flower," theater performance only 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, in the Liberal Arts Theatre, Schoolcraft College, Livonia. \$8. (734) 462-6596

U-M MERCY THEATRE: "The King Korn Trio," continues to April 16, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, in the McAuley Theatre on campus, Detroit. \$10, \$8 seniors/students. (313) 993-1130

U-M THEATRE: "Cabaret" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 6-8 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$14, \$7 students. (734) 764-0540

WSU BONSTELLE: "Godspell" opens Friday, April 7 and runs to Sunday, April 16, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$10-\$13. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERRY: "Five by Tenn" continues to May 6, at the theater, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

PARK PLAYERS OF NORTH ROSELAND PARK: "The Wizard of Oz" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, at the North Roseland Community House, Detroit. \$15/\$13. (313) 835-1103

STAGECRAFTERS: "Barfroot in the Park," continues to Sunday, April 9, signed performance for deaf Thursday, April 6, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. \$12-\$14. (248) 541-6430 or for TTY assistance (248) 541-6796

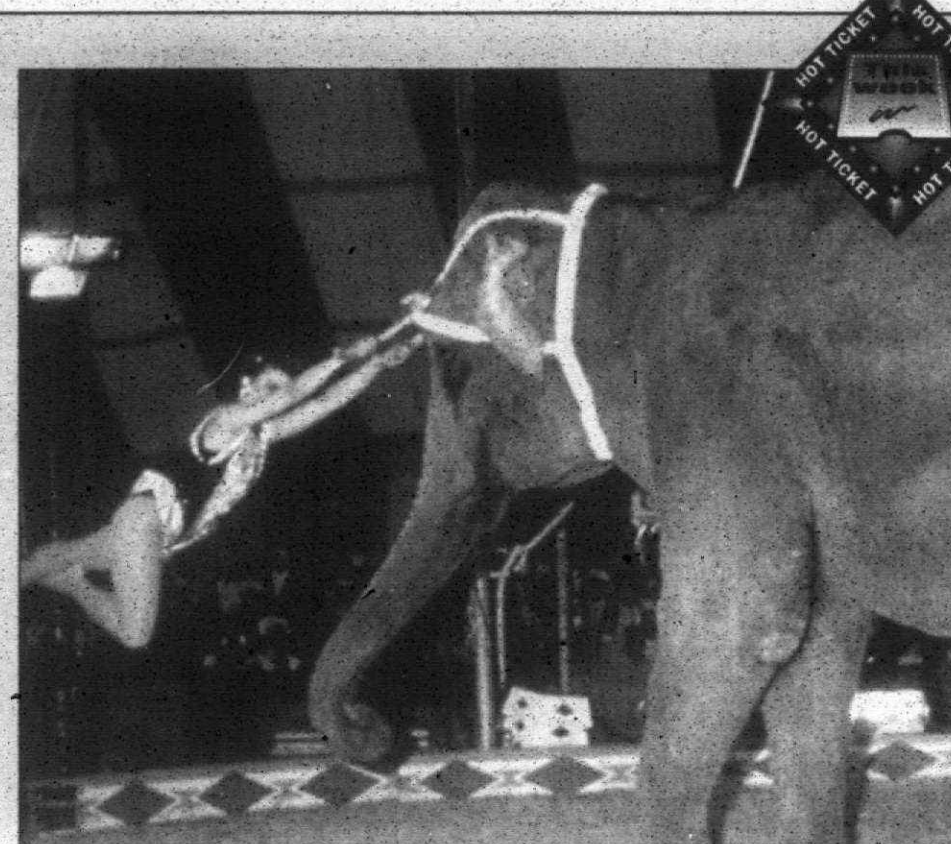
TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: Presents "A Little Princess" 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9 and 16, and 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15 at the Masonic Temple Cathedral Theatre, Detroit (park in back of facility, use rear entrance). \$7-\$12. (313) 535-8962

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: "The Trial of God" opens Friday, April 7 and runs to Sunday, April 30, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Livonia. \$9-10 Friday-Saturday, \$5 Sunday. (734) 464-6302

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE: "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 7 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$25 Thursday and Sunday, and \$30 Friday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. (734) 453-7272

RAMADA HOTEL DINNER THEATRE: "Fools," a comic play by Neil Simon, on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater, Southfield. \$25. (248) 544-0283



Royal treatment: The Royal Hanneford Circus swings into action for eight stunning performances, Thursday, April 6, through Sunday, April 9, at the Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Drive in Auburn Hills. Look for "Elephant Leaps" and Mark Krolly the "horse riding fool." The Moroccan Connection of acrobats will perform the human pyramids and Olga and Vladimir present acts of magic and illusion. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday; 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$4-\$12 are on sale at The Palace box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Discounts are available for children 12 and under, senior citizens 65 and older, and groups of 15 or more. Call the group sales office at (248) 371-2055 or Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666, or visit www.ticketmaster.com. Call (248) 377-0100 or visit www.palacenet.com for more information.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

LIVONIA YOUTH CHOIR: Presents a spring concert with guest singers Churchill High School's Chorales, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at Churchill High School, Livonia. Free.

MARQUIS THEATRE: "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through April 30, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 24-28, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50/(248) 349-8110

PUPPETART: Celebrates Puppetry Month with guest artists, 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8, 15 and 22, at the Detroit Puppet Theatre, 25 E. Grand River. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL HONORS BAND: Under conductor Edward Lucius, will give a Pre-Carnegie Hall Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9, in the school's gymnasium. Admission is free to the concert which previews the bands late-April performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City. The program includes music by Morton Gould, Tchaikovsky, Sousa/Schiffel, and Bennett's "Suite of Old American Dances."

YOUTHTEATRE: "Jekyll and Hyde," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Music Hall, Detroit. \$8 advance, \$9 at door, \$8 Saturday morning Pre-Show Playshop. (313) 963-2366

SPECIAL EVENTS

BLUES CLUES LIVE: Join Blue, Steve and friends on a quest for the most spectacular place, 10 performances, times vary, Wednesday, May 3-7, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$14.50-\$25.50, includes notebook and crayon. (248) 433-1551

CELEBRATION BASH: Party planning event features hands-on activities for kids, and puppet shows every 30 minutes, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Southfield Civic Center. (248) 352-0990

FRIENDS OF POLISH ART: Celebrate Easter with a traditional "Swieconka" meal and a demonstration of Easter palm weaving 2 p.m. Sunday, April 16 at Polonus Restaurant, Wyandotte. \$30. advance reservation by April 9, (248) 549-4527. If you wish to participate in the art of Easter palm weaving bring scissors and some palms for braiding.

KING OF KINGS: An Easter musical presented by the Celebration Choir, Hosanna Choir and Drama Ministry, 11 a.m. Palm Sunday, April 16 and 8 p.m. Good Friday, April 21, at Calvary Baptist Church, Canton.

FAMILY EVENTS

ROYAL HANNEFORD CIRCUS: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 6-7, 11 a.m. Friday, April 7, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. \$5-\$12, \$4 opening night. (248) 645-6666, group sales (248) 371-2055

BENEFITS

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE: "Celebrate the Dance," 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, silent and live auctions, formal dinner, and performance by ensemble members, at The Community House, Birmingham. \$75, \$125, \$200. (248) 362-9329

POP FOR ART: Winefest to benefit the Ann Arbor Art Center, Saturday, April 15, in eagle Crest at the Ypsilanti Marriott. (734) 994-8004, ext. 106

TASTE OF THE NATION PREVIEW: Strolling dinner and preview gala of Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation (May 7), 7 p.m. Friday, April 7, at Somerset Collection, Troy. \$125, black tie. Proceeds to benefit anti-hunger efforts at Forgotten Harvest. Gleaners Food Bank, Food Bank of Oakland County and the Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute. (248) 557-2510

CLASSICAL

AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: With pianist Anne-Marie McDermott perform 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, at Rockham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$34. (734) 764-2538

BERGAMUS MUSICALS: Flavio Varani, pianist; Nadine Deleury, cello and Velda Kelly, violin, 7 p.m. Sunday, April 9 in Varner Recital Hall on campus, Rochester. \$15-\$25, proceeds go to Birmingham Musicale's scholarship and philanthropic programs. (248) 738-9827

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Estonian conductor Eni Kilg leads the orchestra in "Don Juan" and "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks," 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at

(734) 455-0022

SPRING HOME & GARDEN SHOW: 2:10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 6-7, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and until 7 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Novi Expo Center. \$4, \$3 seniors/children ages 6-12. (248) 862-0103 or www.builders.org

U.S. ARMY FIELD BAND AND SOLDIERS' CHORUS: 8 p.m. Monday, April 10, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. Free.

FAMILY EVENTS

ROYAL HANNEFORD CIRCUS: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 6-7, 11 a.m. Friday, April 7, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. \$5-\$12, \$4 opening night. (248) 645-6666, group sales (248) 371-2055

POPS/SWING

DETROIT SYMPHONY POPS: "A Musical Journey Through the Golden Age of Radio," 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$18-\$47. (313) 576-5113

MIGHTY MELODY SWING KINGS: Perform at "The New Big Swing Extravaganza," doors open at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Teken Lounge, Westland.

THE SPRING SWING: Pops Concert featuring Barry Baker playing the music of Gershwin, Ellington and more on the Barton Theatre Organ 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Redford Theatre, Detroit. \$10. (313) 531-4407

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

MACOMBS BALLET COMPANY: Open auditions for male and female ballet dancers, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 15, at Ann Parsley School of Dance, Clinton Township. \$10. (810) 286-8300

MICHIGAN THEATER AND DANCE TROUPE: Open auditions for dancers age 16 and older. (248) 552-5001

SUMMER SYMPHONY OF ANN ARBOR: Auditions begin Saturday, April 19 and run for three weeks-end at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. For six performances of three programs scheduled May 18 to Aug. 6. To receive an audition packet, call (734) 741-9418, general orchestra information, (734) 677-4831

TONY 'N' TINA'S WEDDING: Auditions for female keyboardist/pianist who also sings, to hire as a substitute/understudy for performances at the Baci Theatre, 4-6 shows a week, Thursday-Sunday, also bass player needed for full-time. (248) 253-8843

VSA ARTS: The Southeast Michigan region committee of VSA Arts (formerly known as Very

Special Arts) is looking for children and adult performers with physical and mental challenges to take part in their festival Friday-Saturday, May 5-6, at Wonderland Mall in Livonia, special needs school/community groups and solo acts from the metro Detroit area will display their dance, vocal and instrumental music achievements at the festival. Call Connie Lott at Far Conservatory (248) 646-3347. A \$500 scholarship is also available to assist a person (ages 13 and up, including seniors living in Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw, Monroe, Macomb, Livingston, Lenawee or Jackson County) with a disability who wants to further their creative talent in the visual, performing or literary arts. Deadline for application is Sunday, April 16. The scholarship must be used for independent work and not a student group project. Call (248) 543-9158

JAZZ

JOHNNY BASSETT & THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

THE BROTHERS GROOVE: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 8 and 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

THE COURTIERS: And the Eastern Michigan University Jazz Ensemble, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Pease Auditorium at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. \$12. \$8 seniors, \$5 students, proceeds to benefit for the jazz ensemble. (734) 487-1221/(734) 487-2282

DOUG DEMING & THE BLUE SUIT BAND: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

STEFON HARRIS QUARTET: 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at the Bird of Paradise, 312 S. Main (new address), Ann Arbor. \$15 advance. (734) 662-8310

DAVE HOLLAND QUINTET: 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, at the Bird of Paradise, 312 S. Main (new address), Ann Arbor. \$15 advance. (734) 662-8310

RAMSEY LEWIS TRIO: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$16-\$62. (313) 576-5111

MARIAN MCPARTLAND: With Paul Keller, bass and Pete Siers, drums, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$40, to benefit the U-M Marian McPartland Jazz Piano Scholarship Fund. (734) 769-2999

MIKE MICHAELS TRIO: With vocal-ist Harvey Thompson 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. \$5 cover in Jazz Room, waived with dinner order, \$5 drink minimum. (734) 762-7756

WAYNE NEWTON: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township. \$35-\$44. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

EVAN PARKER/NED ROTHENBERG: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

CAMILLE PRICE & THE BECKETT BLUES BAND: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON: With Dan Kolton, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241

WORLD'S OLDEST LIVING SAXOPHONE SECTION: Perform music of the Big Band era, 10 a.m. Thursday, April 13, in Smith Theatre, at Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills. Free.

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

SHARON ISBIN/SUSANNE MENTZER: Perform French and American folk songs, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at the Lydia Mendelsohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$40. (734) 764-2538

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7. (810) 573-4993

LIVE MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, The Carriage House, Detroit

LORI AMEY: 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, Borders Books and Music, Utica. Free. (810) 726-8555

ARSONISTS: Friday, April 21, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

PATO BANTON AND REGGAE REVOLUTION: 9 p.m. Friday, April 21, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$15-\$20. (313) 833-9700

BEENEMAN: With Kirk Davis and Silver Cat. Juggling by Strictly Roots, 9 p.m. Friday, April 7.

WORLD MUSIC

CHULURA: The trio, named after the favorite wolflound of an ancient Irish hero, play traditional Irish music 5 p.m. Sunday, April 9 at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub & Restaurant, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

JAMES KUBIE: Bach Recital, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 9 and 16 (info: mal talk begins 3:30 p.m.),

Blanche Anderson Moore Hall at U-M School of Music, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 764-0583

CHORAL

MUSIC AT MEMORIAL: Concert of sacred music by Durufle, Britten, Ravel and Bloch, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. \$15, \$10 students/seniors. (313) 882-5330

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY CHORALE/UNIVERSITY CHORUS: 8 p.m. Friday, April 7 in Varner Recital Hall on campus, Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$6 students. (248) 370-3013

U-M MEN'S GLEE CLUB: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$10, \$7, \$5 students. (734) 764-1448

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

MUSE ALIVE: Charleen Berels, 8-10 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Tucker's Cafe, Ypsilanti.

THE WRITER'S VOICE: Novelist Rebecca Brown and poet Aaron Shurin, 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. (313) 577-2456/(313) 267-5310, ext. 338; 4th annual Poetry Month Reading Wednesday, April 12, on the third floor of the Language Arts Dept., Detroit Public Library's Main Branch, 5201 Woodward. Free. (313) 267-5310, ext. 338/(313) 833-1470

DANCE

AVODAH DANCE ENSEMBLE: The Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies and Congregation Beth Ahm presents a dance workshop 9:30-11 a.m. Sunday, April 9, and a dance recital "Revisiting Judaism through the Art of Dance" featuring the Avodah Dance Ensemble 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (313) 577-2979/(248) 616-6800; also the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies and the dance department at Wayne State University will present a dance workshop featuring JoAnne Tucker, artistic director of the Avodah Dance Ensemble, 2 p.m. Monday, April 10, at the Maggie Allesee Dance Studio on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. reservations required (313) 577-4273/(313) 577-2679

DANCE GALLERY: Mambo workshop 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the dance studio for Ann Arbor. \$35 couple. (734) 747-8885

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE: The dance company celebrates its 20th anniversary with a gala concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, champagne reception for patrons begins 6:30 p.m., at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. \$16.50 concert; \$35 concert and reception for patrons. No charge for afterglow following performance. (313) 963-2366

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE: Entrances and Exits: Dances for a New Millennium," 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, in the Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills. \$16. (248) 471-7667

OLD-TIME MUSIC CONCERT/DANCE: With fiddler Bruce Molisky 8 p.m. Sunday, April 9 (7 p.m. concert), at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$7 concert, \$10 dance, \$15 both. (734) 623-0624

SWAN LAKE: Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet presents Tchaikovsky's classic tale 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 9, William M. Costick Activities Center, 28800 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$8, \$5, (248) 473-9570

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DETROIT SYMPHONY POPS: "A Musical Journey Through the Golden Age of Radio," 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$18-\$47. (313) 576-5113

MIGHTY MELODY SWING KINGS: Perform at "The New Big Swing Extravaganza," doors open at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Teken Lounge, Westland.

THE SPRING SWING: Pops Concert featuring Barry Baker playing the music of Gershwin, Ellington and more on the Barton Theatre Organ 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Redford Theatre, Detroit. \$10. (313) 531-4407

WAYNE NEWTON: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township. \$35-\$44. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

EVAN PARKER/NED ROTHENBERG: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

CAMILLE PRICE & THE BECKETT BLUES BAND: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

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WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7. (810) 573-4993

COMEDY

B.J. WARD: Stand-up Opera, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township. \$24, \$22. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

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JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Kerry White Thursday-Saturday, April 5-8; Nick DiPalo, also Elliot Branch, Wednesday-Saturday, April 12-15, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, 9 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sunday (\$5). (734) 261-0555

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SECOND CITY: The Puck Stops Here," touring company presentation, 8 p.m. April 6-9 and April 11-16. Tickets \$10 Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday; \$17.50 Friday, and \$19.50 Saturday. (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

SINBAO: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50, \$35, (248) 433-1515

THE COMEDY CASTLE: Rick Rockwell, Tuesday, April 11, at the club, Detroit. (248) 542-9900

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DINING

Crunchy fish & chips, perfect for Fridays

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

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Lent is winding down, but there's still lots of time to go fishing... for fish and chips. Eaten with fork or fingers, there's nothing like a crunchy, succulent piece of fish fresh from the deep fryer.

Bless their hearts, our friends, family and co-workers shared some their favorite fish and chip

places with us. Here are their suggestions:

■ **Hope's Fish & Chips** - 28370 Joy Road (between Middlebelt and Inkster), Livonia, (734) 427-2130. Hours: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 2-9 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday. Menu: Fish, homemade pasties, chicken and burgers.

Since 1958, Hope's Fish & chips has operated under the slo-

gan "The better batter people."

"Our customers are as faithful as they come, and they come every week," says owner Byrum McBride, who bought the restaurant from his aunt, Hope Hebert, 15 years ago. "Our motto is 'In God We Trust.'" His mother, Shirley, still works there as a waitress, making sure her customers have plenty of hot coffee and fresh rolls.

Hope's specializes in fresh cod. A typical dinner includes three to four pieces of fish, French fries or a baked potato, coleslaw, a roll and tartar sauce for \$7.15. They also offer lake perch, pickerel, smelt and halibut. Some fish is available baked or broiled.

Hope's goes through 2,200 pounds of fish a week during Lent, and about 30 gallons of clam chowder. "We make the best clam chowder," says McBride. Everything at Hope's is good, he adds. Homemade and just plain delicious.

■ **Page's Food & Spirits** - 23621 Farmington (one block south of Grand River), downtown Farmington. Hours: 11 a.m. to midnight Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday; noon to midnight Sunday. Menu: New menu includes everything from burgers and pizza to steak and seafood with a dash of Mexican.

When it comes to fish and chips, owner Dennis Page claims bragging rights. "Because we use only choice Icelandic cod. It's lightly beer-battered. We take great pride in that fish." Want proof? Just show up on Friday night and get in line.

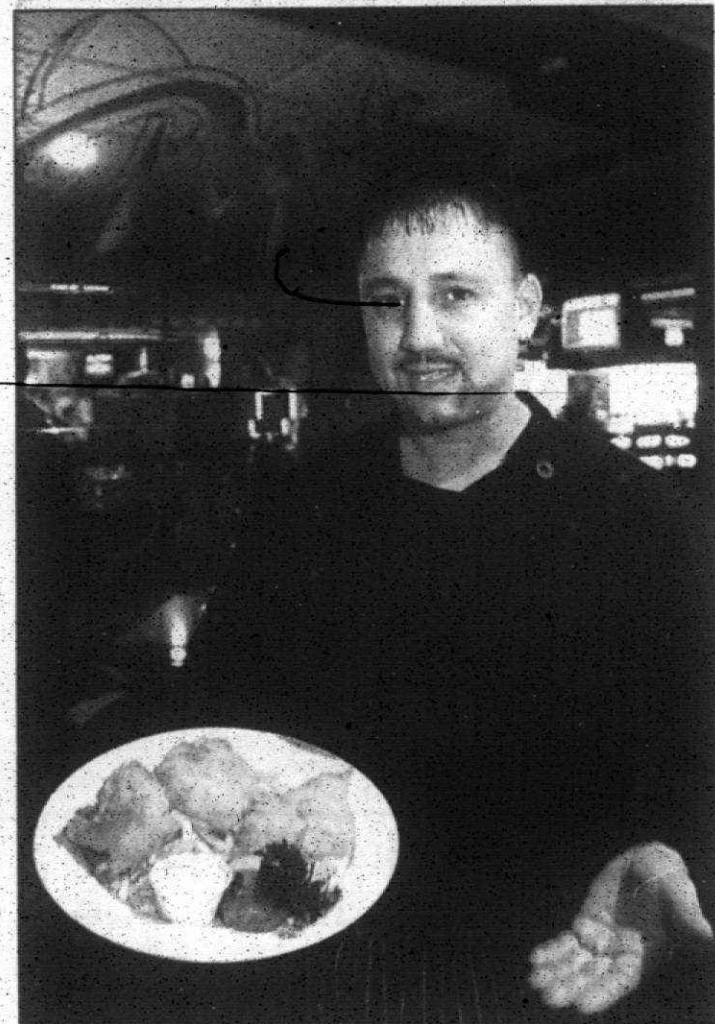
Customers can order the "all-you-can-eat" fish dinner for \$10.95, which comes with fries and cole slaw. The regular dinner for the same price includes a "big portion" of fish (cooked the way you want it), choice of potato and dessert, like homemade ice-cream pie with Sander's hot fudge.

Page and chef Richie Ferna say new customers quickly become regulars. Like the motto on their menu says: "You're only a stranger once at Page's."



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Dinner destination: Behind every great fish and chips dinner at Hope's Fish & Chips are people like (left to right) Carolyn Jones, owner Byrum McBride, Jack Tabone and Shirley McBride.



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Fabulous fish: Richie Serna, a chef at Page's, shows off his all-you-can-eat fish and chips platter.

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.

■ **La Bistecca Italian Grille** - offers live jazz featuring Larry Nozoro 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/information.

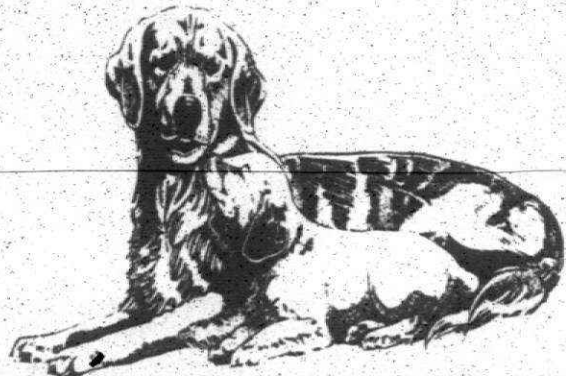
■ **Golden Mushroom:** The new head toque is Randy Emert,

formerly executive chef at Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant in Rochester.

Former executive chef and member of the U.S. Culinary Team Derin Moore resigned this position at the Golden Mushroom to head the kitchen at a Charlotte, N.C. country club.

"Chef Randy will continue the quality reputation that Chef Milos Cihelka first brought to the Golden Mushroom," owner Reid Ashton said. "It's also important that the Golden Mushroom continues as a training facility for area chefs. With his approach and management skills, Chef Randy has this leadership ability."

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