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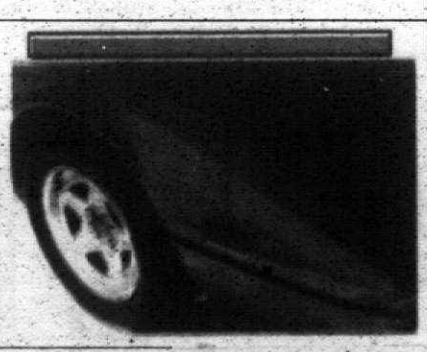
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CORRECTION

No show: *Burn the Floor, an event previewed on page* **E1**, *was canceled after our Entertainment section went to press. Refunds for the show, slated for next week at the Fox Theatre, are available at purchase locations. For more information, call (313) 983-6611.*

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High schools to get new names



The hubbub over what to call the new high school reached a crescendo Tuesday as the Plymouth-Canton school board voted 5-2 to rename all three buildings when the third school is completed in the fall of 2002.

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Amid cat calls and shouting, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday night voted 5-2 to name the third high school at the educational park Plymouth High School.

Before the vote, the crowd at Isbister Elementary cheered when board members Steve Guile and Roland Thomas announced they would vote against the measure. After the vote, about a dozen parents and students shouted and walked out of the meeting, disgusted that "upon the opening of Plymouth High School, the existing high school names will have the 'Plymouth' stricken from them. So, Plymouth Canton High School will be Canton High School and Plymouth Salem High School will be Salem High School."

"It's our history. The name Plymouth unites those two schools," said Marguerite Haar of Canton. "The letter jackets seen all over our community will have to be changed. Canton will have a "C", Salem will have an "S", and who will get to have the "P" these kids have been wearing for 30 years? The brand new kids. There will be a lot of dissension."

"It's just not right to change a high school that's been in existence for 25 years," said Nick Tochman, 17, of Plymouth Township, who attends Salem High School. "The word Plymouth ties the two communities together."

In an effort to get the community

Please see **SCHOOL NAMES, A5**

Young fans root for their teams



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN



Whaler watchers: *Christina Goodwillie, 10, (above, left) and her sister Brittany, 9, of South Lyon, sell raffle tickets prior to the Plymouth Whalers playoff game April 12. Proceeds from the raffle were to benefit the Plymouth Gems on Ice Synchronized Skating team. In the photo at left, Melissa Channell of Canton, 5, presses her nose against the glass waiting for the team to take the ice. The Whalers will meet the winner of tonight's Game 7 between the Erie Otters and Sault St. Marie Greyhounds in the next round of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs. That series is scheduled to begin Saturday at Compuware Arena.*

Chamber closes in on chief

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A new director should soon be in place at Canton's Chamber of Commerce.

A field of more than 75 was whittled down to a pair of finalists Monday. The chamber's board of directors will pick their new leader early next week, according to President David Griffin.

"We want to get this resolved," he said. "We want to move on."

After a strong start this year with many new members and a solid auction, the chamber wants to keep momentum going, said Griffin.

"We seem to be hitting the right buttons this year," he commented. "It's not all fund-raising, either. It's giving value to all of our members."

Ryan Ambrozaitis resigned in January. He served as executive director for just 18 months.

After Ambrozaitis' departure, the chamber formed a search committee and began work to find his replacement. Extensive advertising has been done in newspapers, business and national chamber trade publications.

The chamber plans to pay $38,000 to $40,000 for the job. Between 75 and 100 resumes were received, said Griffin.

"Most were from the tri-county area because of how we focused our (advertising)," he added.

An initial screening cut the pool of applicants down to 25 in mid-March. The chamber then sent out a questionnaire asking potential directors about their management style and work

Please see **CHAMBER, A4**

Canton mail carrier delivers with a smile

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EVERYDAY HEROES

Handing mail personally to snowed-in seniors, shooting hoops with area children and keeping a smile on his face are some of the ways mail carrier James E. Colts has made a positive impression on his customers.

Colts, 42 was nominated by Canton resident Ursula Bongiovanni as a Canton Observer "Everyday Hero" because of those qualities and more.

"He's the first letter carrier I've ever had in my life that I can attach a name and face to," said Bongiovanni. "This man does his job and he does it very well. He's a credit to his profession."

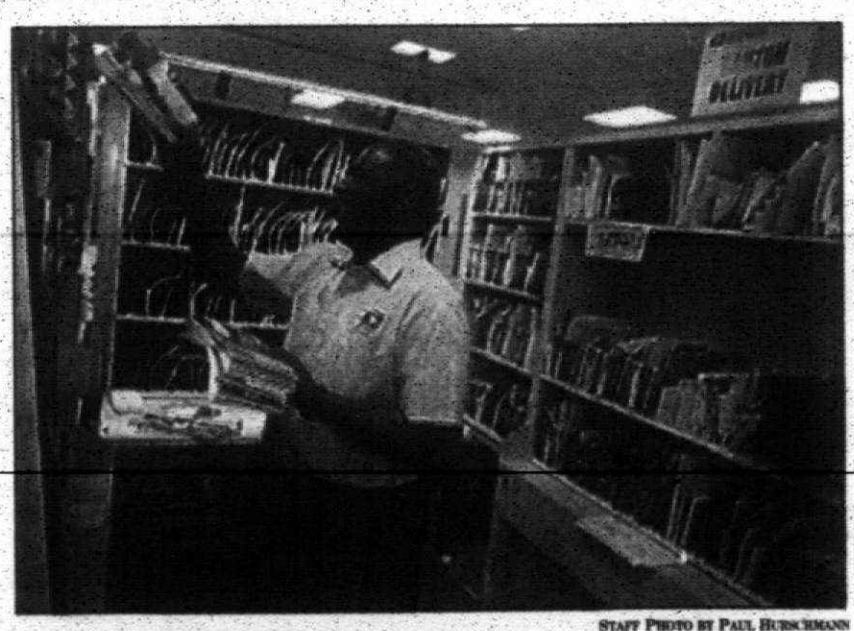
One recent example Bongiovanni cited was when she left town on short notice and came home to find Colts had held her mail – including a package – until her return.

"He hand-delivered my mail to my door when he noticed I was back," she said.

Whether he's climbing through piles of snow to get at mailboxes or chatting with postal customers, he always seems happy, she added.

"If James has ever had a bad day,

Please see **HERO, A4**



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

In the mailroom: *Canton postal carrier James Colts sorts his route prior to heading out for his daily delivery.*

Moving Wall heads for Liberty Fest appearance

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VIETNAM MEMORIAL REPLICA

For family members and spouses of those killed, imprisoned in or missing in Vietnam, seeing their loved ones' names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington can be an emotionally moving experience.

The Moving Wall, a half-size replica of the memorial, will be displayed Thursday, June 22, through Monday, June 26, at the Canton Liberty Fest in Heritage Park. Canton is one of only two Michigan communities to sponsor the wall's visit this year. The Moving Wall will be on display in Dearborn Oct. 15-21.

There are more than 58,000 names listed on the wall, including roughly 1,300 names of those listed as POWs and MIAs. Visitors will be able to view the Moving Wall in Canton 24 hours a day.

Veterans from the Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America Post 528, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion will participate in guarding the memorial and assisting visitors, said John Spencer, treasurer of the Plymouth-Canton VVA. Spencer, a U.S. Army veteran, served in Vietnam 1965-67 as a specialist fifth class.

The volunteers' assistance won't stop with helping find peoples' names on the 6,600-pound, 253-foot long, 6-foot high memorial made up of 74 aluminum panels.

"We expect some people will be kind of overcome (with emotion) by finding someone's name on the wall," Spencer said. Volunteers will be expected to help console grieving visitors, he added.

Bob Dates, recreation supervisor with Canton Township, said he sent an application to host the moving wall two years ago. Spencer also sent an application at around the same time.

Finding out they would host the wall during the Liberty Fest was serendipitous.

"We were prepared to host the Mov-

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Truck search turns up drug paraphernalia

An 18-year-old Dexter man is facing charges of possessing a dangerous weapon and drug paraphernalia, according to Canton police reports.

The teenager was parked in his 1993 Chevy Truck in the 39000 block of Hillary, which is east of Haggerty and north of Koppernick, in the early morning hours of Saturday. After an anonymous phone call, a township officer approached the vehicle and then spoke with the Dexter teen, reports said.

A subsequent search revealed a double-edged dagger and a marijuana pipe, reports said. The teen was then arrested and transported to the Canton Police Department.

He will now appear on May 15 at the 35th District Court in Plymouth on the charges.

Father figure?

An unspecified amount of damage was done to a 22-year-old Canton man's 1994 Ford van early Friday.

Police reports said sugar was poured into his gas tank. The vehicle was parked at his home in the 42000 block of Carriage Cove.

The 22-year-old told Canton police he believes his father, a Belleville man, may have caused the damage. Reports said he has had problems with his father before.

Short skirts

About $300 worth of aluminum skirting was stolen from Quality Manufactured Homes Saturday, police reports said. The skirting goes around the base of manufactured homes. Police have no suspects.

Music man

An 18-year-old Canton man was arrested Friday for stealing $85.95 worth of compact discs from Meijer.

Reports said the man selected five CDs, removed them from their cases and placed each in a pants pocket. The man attempted to leave the store, but was stopped by loss prevention officers shortly before noon. Canton police subsequently arrested him.

Drunk driving

A 36-year-old Canton woman was cited for operating under the influence of alcohol April 9, following a traffic stop on Cherry Hill near Canton Club Lane.

COP CALLS

A breath test showed a .22 percent blood alcohol level, exceeding Michigan's legal limit of .10. A police report stated the woman had struck two vehicles while traveling south at Haggerty and Ford and narrowly avoided an accident with another vehicle just before the traffic stop at about 4:50 p.m.

Trumpet stolen

A 12-year-old Canton girl told police someone stole her trumpet while she was swimming in the pool at Salem High at 3:30 p.m. Monday. She reportedly told police she had placed her trumpet, valued at an estimated $1,000 and some other belongings in the bleachers. The trumpet and case were missing when she was done swimming. The case was found later in the locker room.

Drug arrest

A 23-year-old Canton man was cited for drug possession at about 10 p.m. April 12, following a traffic stop at Ford and Lotz. A police report stated a consensual search of the vehicle recovered a plastic bag of marijuana that the driver said he had deliberately placed there.

Assault and battery

A 22-year-old Canton man was arrested for assault and battery following a fight with a female friend at a resident in the 4400 block of Trails Court April 12. Police were reportedly responding to a fight in the apartment hallway.

Domestic violence

A 20-year-old Canton man was arrested for domestic violence April 11, following an incident reported by his live-in girlfriend, a 26-year-old woman. Both live in the 46000 block of Geddes with a 10-month-old son. A police report stated the pair fought after the woman called to get him to come home from a friend's house. When he arrived home, he reportedly threatened the woman, spit on her and shoved her against the front door of the mobile home. The police report stated the man had a previous domestic violence conviction out of Westland in 1997, when he received a year probation.

CARRIER OF THE MONTH: *CANTON*



Matthew Vaught

MATTHEW VAUGHT

Matthew Vaught, 12, has been named Carrier of the Month for April by the Canton Observer.

Matthew delivers the Canton Observer in the Huntington Place subdivision. He has been delivering the Observer since November 1998.

The St. Damian middle school sixth-grader's favorite subjects are art, gym and math. His hobbies include hockey, baseball and drawing. He has won drawing awards and scholastic awards.

His future plans include attending the University of Michigan and becoming a lawyer.

Rollerblading is one of the things he enjoys while doing his route.

Matthew says he has developed business skills as an Observer carrier.

He is the son of Michael and Debra Vaught.

If you want to be a Canton Observer carrier, please call 591-0500

New elementary costing less than district estimated

DODSON SCHOOL

BY KURT KUBAN
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At its April 11 meeting, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education awarded the majority of the bids for the construction of Dodson Elementary School.

With the bids totaling $7.697 million, board members were pleased the cost of the initial round of bids came in about $1.38 million under original estimates.

The accepted bids were culled from the 175 the district received at a public bid opening held March 30 at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center.

"We received a tremendous turnout during the bidding process," said Bill McCarthy of McS/EV, the architectural firm that designed and is managing the Dodson project. "We were quite enamored with the number of bids, especially on some of the major categories. We really had a strong response."

The district has already applied for a series of permits for such projects as storm and sewer, water, soil erosion and right of way with the appropriate governmental agencies. If all are approved, construction of the school is to begin the week of May 8.

The balance of the contracts, with the exception of those concerning the school's roofing, will be awarded at the May 9 board meeting.

After Tuesday's meeting, school officials were excited about the outcome of the first round of bids.

"The fact that these bids are under budget is an enormous piece of good news," said Kathleen Booher, the district's superintendent.

Board president Susan Davis agreed.

"I think this is a great development," she said. "It's a great feeling anytime you are able to get something for less than you thought you would have to pay."

Board member Steve Guile wants to ease fears that the low cost will mean less quality.

"I think we are going to see a good facility built," he said. "With the number of bids we received, it is obvious that there are a lot of contractors looking for work."

Dodson is set to open in September 2002.

Also at the meeting, the board gave a consensus approval for staff to move forward on Phase II of the construction on the district's new high school. Representatives from McS/EV and French Associates Inc. presented the finalized design and development report to the board.

The report includes site and floor plans and budgetary costs. It also addresses board concerns about such matters as traffic safety.

"This is very exciting," Booher said. "Building a high school is a massive project. It is not something that happens every day. Completing the design development report is one of the most important steps in a project of this magnitude."

Cost estimates in the report were $121,230 over budget, but, according to officials, in "the right ballpark."

Commission meets Mondays

The Canton Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m.on the first and third Monday of every month at the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center.

Meetings are open to the public and agendas are available from the township clerk's office.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., May 11, 2000 for the following:

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Egg hunt is Saturday

Children 10 years old and younger are invited to attend Canton's annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday at Heritage Park.

There, children can search for eggs filled with little goodies and get some candy from the Easter Bunny. Canton has sponsored egg hunts for roughly 20 years.

Kristie Smith, a clerical support staffer with Canton Parks and Recreation, said she expects as many as 2,000 children could show up for Saturday's Easter event, depending upon weather conditions. She said it's important parents arrive on time and in as few vehicles as possible.

"If (parents) are able to carpool, that's great," she said. "They should plan to arrive early if possible."

The egg hunt will be divided into age groups – 3 and younger, 4-6 and 7-10.

"This is so (younger kids) won't get trampled by the older kids," Smith said.

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



ALLERGIC TO YOUR PET?

Many new pet owners sadly discover they are allergic to the furry friend they just brought home. Cat allergies seem to be the most common problem. Proteins from a pet's urine, saliva, or dander (dead skin flakes) trigger reactions in allergic individuals. In cats, the biggest problem is the saliva protein, which gets mixed up in house dust. Cat allergies can produce serious reactions, particularly asthmatic reactions, in sensitive people. The most sensitive people will develop allergic symptoms within five to 15 minutes after exposure to the offending animal. Some people suffer a more delayed reaction. The best treatment for a pet allergy is to minimize contact with the animal, keeping it outside as much as possible.

To learn more about how to maintain a healthy environment for both pets and their owners, please contact **PARKWAY VETERINARY CLINIC**. Bring your cat or dog here for a complete health check-up and preventative care, such as inoculations, neutering and spaying. Visit either of our two locations at **41395 Wilcox Rd. in Plymouth, tel. 734-453-2577, or 5750 Lilley Rd. in Canton, tel. 734-981-4400, open six days a week.**

P.S. Dogs, cats, guinea pigs, rabbits, and smaller rodents create the most allergens, while reptiles and fish rarely trigger immune reactions.

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PLAY BALL!

Baseball and softball are among the sports that cause overuse injuries of the shoulder. Rotator cuff muscles, which hold the shoulder bones together, are not intended to function under stress with the arm above a line parallel to the ground. If the shoulder joint is subjected to continual stress with the arm in an overhead position, the rotator cuff muscles begin to stretch. As a preventive measure, baseball and softball players should strengthen their rotator cuff muscles with exercises. Small weights (below 15 pounds) should be used because heavier weights will bring the larger muscles of the shoulder into play, thereby excluding the rotator cuff muscles. Exercises include (reverse) arm curls, front lifts (palms up and down) and lateral lifts.

And for those individuals whose occupation requires they perform physical tasks, such as in the building trades, it makes sense to take care of your body at the first sign of strain due to injury or overuse. To improve your performance at work or play, ask your physician for referral to the HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY. We offer a wide range of treatments, including massage, ultrasound, and electrical muscle stimulation (EMS), and are located in Plymouth, at 470 Forest Avenue, Suite 20. To learn more please call 455-8370. Blue Cross and Medicare provider.

P.S. Tennis players should also look to strengthen their rotator cuff muscles.


Johan Cassell, FF


Mark Wahlberg, FF


Bill Schroeder, FF

Teaching English in Peru



Foreign delegation: *Members of Canton Community Church recently returned from a community service trip to Lima, Peru. The contingent helped teach a five-day English language course at a sister church, La Viña del Señor. Pictured are (top row, from left): Laura Garvey, Gary Moore, John Lauch; (middle row) Nancy Chapman, Ella Moore; and (front row) Jen Lombardo and Ruth Rempel.*

Social service agency ready for Head Start

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When Starfish Family Services last year bid on providing the Head Start program for out-Wayne County, its chief executive officer envisioned a partnership between the agency and school districts to serve at-risk children – not the controversy that has been swirling around the program for several months.

"As a community-based agency, we felt this would be a good partnership with the schools. We felt we would monitor and coordinate the program while they operated it," Ouida Cash said. "We thought it would be a two- to three-year evolutionary change. We felt we'd be the facilitator."

Starfish is one of four delegates selected by Wayne County to provide Head Start to more than 3,700 children in 25 communities outside of Detroit, but the transition from a school-based to a community-based program isn't sitting well with some parents and employees who have had to interview with the agency for jobs they formerly held with the school districts.

It's a controversy that is "wracked by misinformation," and put the agency in the difficult spot of wanting to reassure parents about the program, but having to wait until it has definitive answers on where the programs will be offered in the different communities.

As of last week, Starfish was responsible for the Head Start programs for most of Inkster, Livonia, Crestwood, Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland.

Livonia Public Schools has declined to let the program stay in the schools, so the agency is trying to find a community center or church to house it. The agency is still talking to officials in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, while Plymouth-Canton let them know early on there is no room.

"I had a Livonia parent ask where Head Start was going to go and we told her we're looking at churches and community centers, but until we can say it will be at Point A, we can't give her an answer," said Cash. "A lot of families want information we don't have, and our experience has been that we can't give an answer before we have an answer. We feel very badly about this."


Ouida Cash

Some straight talk

To make sure the families, Head Start staff, districts and school administrators have "accurate and up-to-date information on the transition," Starfish is now publishing a monthly newsletter, Straight Talk.

Its first edition explained the major changes, answered questions about those changes and introduced readers to 18 programs Starfish offers for children and families. The second newsletter will address Head Start enrollment, finding classroom space and additional changes in the county's Head Start structure.

"We have started from the premise that good people of good faith can work things out," she said. "We have a good reputation. We will continue to provide Straight Talk and provide a good partnership."

The change dates back to 1998 when Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency announced it would no long run the Head Start program after 28 years. In a competitive bidding process, the Head Start regional office last September selected Wayne County to take over the contract.

At first, the county selected three community-based agencies – Starfish, Downriver Guidance Clinic and Wayne Metropolitan Community Services – but added the YWCA of Western Wayne County after parents and Head Start employees in Redford objected to the change.

According to Cash, the move from the schools to the agency meant employees had to be terminated, interviewed and hired for their old jobs. While that is unsettling for the workers, it is a Head Start requirement.

"We were bringing information from the grantee that the people didn't want to hear," Cash said. "Schools had to hear they must change. We've taken on some really big challenges and have people screaming at us. We can't let that happen, we can't let them put this agency at risk.

"We have never had a bad relationship with the community. We closed a group home and gave up that contract because we couldn't be good partners with the community. We gave up our foster parent and adoption parent program because we felt we could not be good partners with our families."

A national trend

The change, according to Cash, is consistent with the movement of Head Start nationally from a program based in the schools to one based in community agencies that work with the schools.

Eighty-five percent of the Head Start programs in the country are community-based, and RESA was one of only two county educational agencies to serve as a Head Start grantee, Cash said.

Head Start isn't meant to be a school-based preschool program for at-risk children, but rather a 10-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year program for the entire family, according to Cash.

"There's more to Head Start – there's an opportunity for families to learn and grow and move out in to the community," she said. "There are 15-20 support systems with Head Start that we've been doing for years."

To meet its commitment to Head Start, Starfish has applied for four major federal grants through the county to "bring new resources to our children and tell the communities and schools that this will be positive for them as well.

"It may help for families to see that community-based is not so bad," Cash added. "The schools, the grantee and Starfish need to say what they can do to make this happen. There will be no winners if we don't work together."

CANTON CONNECTION

Census

About 7.7 percent of Canton residents have returned their 2000 census forms so far, according to Township Clerk Terry Bennett. There's still time to get the form in. Census forms can be obtained at Canton's Public Library, Meijer or the Township Administration Building. Call (734) 397-5367 for more information.

Contest winner

Canton fifth-grader Kimberly Ford has been named the grand prize winner in her age group in a statewide coloring contest sponsored by the Michigan Dental Association and the makers of Crest toothpaste.

Kimberly will receive a $100 U.S. Savings Bond, a Dudley Beanie Plush Toy, dental health posters, stickers, toothbrushes and coloring books for her effort, which is displayed on the MDA Web site at www.michigandental.org

The contest was held during National Children's Dental Health Month in February. Some 2,500 entries were received.

Wine tasting

The Leadership Canton Alumni Association, Canton Chamber of Commerce and Holiday Market will co-sponsor the second annual "Toast to Canton" wine tasting May 19 at the Summit.

Proceeds from this year's event will benefit several civic and community groups including the Canton Goodfellows, Community Literacy Council, Canton Place Helping Hand Fund, Character Counts! and Leadership Canton Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Tickets are $30 in advance and $35 at the door.

For reservations or information call the chamber office, (734) 453-4040.

Clean those closets

Fox 2 and Art Van Furniture are working to collect dry-cleaned, gently-used women's business attire during Clean Your Closet Weekend.

Clothing can be dropped off at all Metro Detroit are Art Van locations, from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. beginning April 7, weekdays and Saturday and on Sunday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Receipts for tax deductions will be available at all Metro Detroit Art Van locations.

Women who are entering the work force for the first time or who are re-entering the work force, who need assistance in obtaining business clothing, may call the Clean Your Closet hotline at (248) 552-5241.

The drive will accept women's business blazers, pant and skirt suits, business style blouses, dresses, pants and skirts in excellent condition.

Dark shoes that are in good condition, business style scarves, handbags, briefcases and jewelry are also accepted, along with unused, unopened packages of pantyhose. Donated clothing must be clean and on hangers.

Any items not accepted by Dress For Success will be donated to another charity selected by Fox 2.

@ the Canton Public Library

Did you know?

■ Thursday, April 20, the first day of Passover, begins an eight-day celebration of the delivery of the Jews from slavery in Egypt?

■ The first movie theater opened on April 23, 1896?

■ National Volunteer Week begins April 23?

■ April 22 is Earth Day's 30th birthday?

■ To prevent clothes from yellowing, don't store them in plastic bags or in damp basements?

Library construction update

The youth department will begin moving its collection into the community meeting room on May 1. The move back into the "new" youth department should be Aug. 1. Visit the proposed floor plan and our photo album of the expansion at our Web site: www.metronet.lib.mi.us/canton/updates/index.html

Web Watch

Check out these Web sites:

■ www.healthfinder.gov
■ www.narts.org
■ www.babycenter.com
■ www.ibaby.com
■ www.lightyear.com

Q&A

Q: Who was Daniel Chester French?

A: Daniel French, an American sculptor born at Exeter, N.H., on April 20, 1850, is one of the most important artists of the 19th and 20th centuries as a sculptor of public monuments. He is best known for his 1875 "Minute Man" statue at Concord, Mass., and his 1922 statue of the seated Abraham Lincoln in the Lincoln Memorial in Washington. French died in Stockbridge, Mass., on Oct. 7, 1931.

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

New audio books

Here are some new books on audio tape available from the library:

■ "Above the Law" by J.P. Freedman
■ "The Cider House Rules" by John Irving
■ "Harm Done" by Ruth Rendell
■ "The Lion's Game" by Nelson Demille
■ "Blood and Smoke" by Stephen King

Good reads

Here are some books that are classic page-turners:

■ "Presumed Innocent" by Scott Turow
■ "Sweet Women Lie" by Loren Estleman
■ "Three Wishes" by Barbara Delinsky
■ "Wish You Were Here" by Rita Mae Brown
■ "Sharpshooter Blues" by Lewis Nordan

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Hero *from page A1*

I've never seen it."

Bongiovanni's neighbor Teresa Moores said Colts brings his children trick-or-treating in her neighborhood, the Pheasant Woods subdivision. She also said Colts never hesitates to stop and chat while on his route.

"We always brag about our mailman," Moores said.

Colts, 42, of Inkster has been a mail carrier for 16 years working out of the Wayne, Westland and Canton post offices. Canton's post office opened in 1998.

His route includes roughly 520 customers and three subdivisions in an area south of Cherry Hill, east of Canton Center and west of Haggerty in Canton.

A typical day for Colts begins with sorting mail from 7 or 8 a.m. until about 11:30, when he goes out to deliver mail.

"Once we load the mail (onto the trucks), we're out on the streets – and that's where the fun starts," Colts said. Though delivering the mail is his job, he's not shy about having some fun when the opportunity arises. Basketball is a particularly tempting activity when the weather allows.

■ 'I guess I'm just as friendly as I can be, I smile all the time – I do what I can to make people happy.'

–James Colts

"I'll jump out of my truck and maybe take a couple shots," Colts said, adding that he helps out with his children's' basketball teams. "Summertime is fun – you get to see the kids playing outside."

Not all aspects of mail delivery are fun. When Mother Nature decides to dump a foot of snow, just getting to mailboxes can be a challenge. Colts said he will go the extra mile for some of his snowed-in customers who can't always clear the snow away from their mailboxes.

"I've walked mail up to the door on a couple of occasions," he said.

Colts said he was unsure why he was nominated as an "Every-day Hero."

"I guess I'm just as friendly as I can be," he said. "I smile all the time – I do what I can to make people happy."

But delivering the mail is never a chore, Colts said.

"I've always enjoyed being around people and my fellow workers. I just really enjoy being out there and serving people."

Colts said his mother, who raised him and his eight siblings as a single mom on Detroit's East side, was a strong influence.

"I believe I get my personality from my mother," he said, adding that she was an active school volunteer while her children were in school.

Colts lives in Inkster with his wife and former high school sweetheart, Kim, an Inkster school teacher; daughter Kijá, 10 and his nephew, Mtumi, 11, of whom he is guardian.

Colts is a drill instructor with the U.S. Army Reserves and served in the U.S. Army for 13 years at bases in Texas, Georgia and West Germany. He trains two weeks annually for the reserves at Fort Benning in Georgia.

He doesn't forget about his postal customers when he's away from home. Colts recalled doing a favor for a customer while he was at his annual training at Fort Benning.

"(A customer's son) was in basic training at the same base, so I checked up on him a couple times," Colts said.

Joe S. Bradley, manager of customer service at the Canton Post Office, said Colts' military training helped groom him to be a good mail carrier.

"He is very conscientious and reports to work in a timely manner," Bradley said. "His military background provides him with the perfect personality for the job. It's been a blessing to have a person like James Colts in this day and age."

Chamber *from page A1*

experience, among other items, said Griffin.

Two rounds of interviews followed last week and brought the field down to three. Griffin said a final interview with the chamber would leave one or two applicants.

Career Directions, an Ann Arbor consulting firm often used by the township, will then test each individual and make a recommendation to the chamber's board. Griffin said it's a long process, but one that should produce an outstanding executive director.

■ 'This is an important decision. We don't want just (a few) people in on it.'

–David Griffin, chamber president

"This is an important decision," he added. "We don't want just (a few) people in on it."

Childtime stages Hop-A-Thon

The Canton Childtime, along with other Childtime Children's Centers in metro Detroit, is taking part in this week's Hop-A-Thon to benefit the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

Children attending the centers will collect pledges and participate in the Hop-A-Thon. Last year's event raised more than $10,000 for CLF.

Moving Wall *from page A1*

ing Wall any time during the spring and summer," Dates said. "We are excited – it's an attraction in itself. We think it's going to be a wonderful attraction for Canton."

He estimated the Moving Wall will draw thousands of visitors from across Michigan and Ohio.

Opening ceremonies are scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, June 22. There, the Livonia Churchill High ROTC will perform drills and planes from the Yankee Air Force at Willow Run and Selfridge Air Force Base are expected to do fly-over demonstrations, Spencer said.

Karen Newman, who sings the national anthem at Detroit Red Wings games, has been asked to sing and former presidential candidate and U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a Vietnam veteran, has been invited to speak. Neither have confirmed their attendance as of yet, according to Spencer.

Closing ceremonies will take place 6 p.m. Monday, June 26, and will include the honoring of POWs and MIAs from Canton.

The Moving Wall was built in 1984 by veterans John Devitt, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver and several other volunteers. According to the Moving Wall official Web site, www.moving wall.org, the creators wanted others to be able to experience the wall's emotional power, even if they couldn't make the trip to D.C.

The Moving Wall is shown annually all over the United States March through December and was paid for by contributions from the public.

Those interested in volunteering to help with the Moving Wall should call Debby Bradley , Canton's volunteer coordinator, at (734) 397-6450.

On the move

The Moving Wall can be viewed in the following cities on the following dates:

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- Bloomington, Ill., May 14-20
- Atlanta, May 26-June 5
- Zanesville, Ohio, June 9-15
- **Canton, June 22-26**
- Rockford, Ill., June 30-July 6
- Spencerport, N.Y., July 10-16
- Marathon, N.Y., July 18-24
- Falmouth, Mass., July 27-Aug. 2
- Rochester, N.H., Aug. 4-10
- Chicopee, Mass., Aug. 22-28
- Waterford, Conn., Sept. 3-9
- East Hampton, N.Y., Sept. 21-27
- Bedford, Mass., Sept. 3-Oct. 5
- Tobyhanna, Pa., Oct. 7-12
- **Dearborn, Oct. 15-21**
- St. Marys, Ga., Oct. 25-30
- Hinesville, Ga., Nov. 1-7
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ROAD TO EL DORADO (PG) 1:00, 2:50, 4:50, 7:00, 9:00
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Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, April 27 , 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:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Blaylock, Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern

Acceptance of Agenda

1. Cherry Hill Investors LLC By: Biltmore Properties Corporation, Manager, Biltmore Properties Corporation 2025 W. Long Lake Rd., Suite 104, Troy Mi. 48098, Representing: Cherry Hill Village PD, Cherry Hill Investors LLC By: Biltmore Properties Corp., Manager 2025 W. Long Lake Rd. Suite 104 Troy, Mi. 48098, Location of Property for which appeal is requested; Independence Street (exact address as yet undesignated by Canton Township) Subdivision Cherry Hill Village Request a variance of Zoning Ordinance Article 2.07 A. 3. 29.004.7 and 29.006.2 of ordinance No 120(sign ordinance) Parcels #072-99-0005-003/071-99-0002-001 and 071-99-0002-002/074-99-0010-705/074-99-0002-000/074-99-0008-709/073-99-0005-002/073-99-0002-000/073-99-0009-000/074-99-0001-000(Planning)
2. John & Rita Smith 6856 Tiffany Circle Canton Mi. 48187 Location of Property for which appeal is requested; 6856 Tiffany Circle, Canton, Mi. 48187 Whispering Meadows Subdivision Request a variance of Zoning Ordinance Article 26, 26.02 Schedule of regulations for rear yard setback to complete covered porch Parcel #033-04-0001-000(Building)
3. Joe Reyer 49222 Geddes, Canton Mi. 48188 Representing same. Location of property for which appeal is requested 49222 Geddes, Canton, Mi. 48188 Subdivision Nancy Request two (2) variances of Zoning Ordinance appealing zoning Article 26 Section 26.02 schedule of regulations side yard setback and Section 2.03,D 3 R. R ,accessory structure location in order to construct a detached garage front/side of house. Parcel #115-01-0019-000(Building)

(Approval of March minutes)

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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School names *from page A1*

involved in the name-changing process, the resolution passed by trustees "requests the administration form a stakeholder committee to develop strategies and timelines for easing the name transition at the current two high schools."

"What makes the community at the school is not the name of the school," said Superintendent Kathleen Booher. "And, yet it's important to proceed carefully, decide what needs to be altered physically, and preserve the history of the school because people do value their tradition and history."

While the board has been met by opposition to the change from district residents at its last few meetings, it appears it was the case of too little, too late.

"For every response we got for a particular name for the new high school, we got two or three that said it was simple, call them Plymouth, Canton and Salem," said Givens. "We are responding to the groundswell ... and we had many, many more responses which asked for this than any other name."

"One of the things we talk about in this district is equity, and with the names of these schools Plymouth, Salem and Canton that we'll continue that movement toward equity," said Trustee Mark Slavens.

■ 'What makes the community at the school is not the name of the school. And, yet it's important to proceed carefully, decide what needs to be altered physically, and preserve the history of the school because people do value their tradition and history.'

–Kathleen Booher, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools superintendent

Both Thomas and Guile have held their ground during the entire school naming process.

"I am going to oppose this motion because I believe we have a rich tradition in this community," said Thomas before the vote.

"We need to change the things that need to be changed and respect those things that we've established with tradition."

"I supported the name Plymouth Superior a long time ago and I still think that's the way to go," said board member Steve Guile.

The mascot names for the existing high schools ... Canton Chiefs and Salem Rocks ... will remain the same. The new Plymouth High School, which is scheduled to open for the 2002-2003 school year, will develop its own mascot.



Supporting change: *Trustee Elizabeth Givens said the new names were the most popular choices.*



Against move: *Steve Guile was one of two board members voting against the change.*

Museum to raise funds for expansion

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The Plymouth Historical Museum has begun a fund drive designed to pay for the operating expenses of an 8,500-square-foot addition to the building constructed 25 years ago.

A letter sent to Plymouth Historical Society members and visitors to the museum asks "all Museum lovers, members and friends to help us fund the Museum into the 21st century by making a contribution to the Plymouth Historical Society Trust."

Margaret Dunning, who paid for the current building at Main and Church streets, is donating more than $1 million to build the addition to the museum. However, as with the original building, Dunning wants the Plymouth Historical Society to raise money for the trust fund to keep the museum operational.

The current endowment is $500,000, and museum Director Beth Stewart is hoping the fund drive will push that past the million dollar mark.

"We're looking to increase our trust fund over the next four years to over a million dollars," said Stewart. "We currently received approximately $26,000 a year from the endowment, which means a million dollars will almost double that amount for our expenses."

The museum's annual budget is $85,000, which is expected to increase substantially with the construction of the addition. Along with the interest from the endowment, money for the budget comes from fund-raising, membership dues, donations, plus admission to the museum and education programs.

The Plymouth Historical Society had originally planned for a 9,440-square-foot addition. However, that was cut by about 1,000 square feet when a neighbor complained the addition was too close to the property line and the museum failed to get a variance.

Stewart said once the money is raised, a permanent display area for the Weldon Petz Abraham Lincoln Collection will be a top priority.

"Since the community was so supportive in acquiring the Lincoln collection, we want to make a permanent home for it, a vapor-lock room with the latest in climate control," said Stewart. The society raised $130,000 for the Lincoln display.

Second in line will be additional space for a new library and archives area. Other improvements will include a new ground-floor entrance with an elevator off Church Street, a research center, storage and a fire suppression system.

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Westland mayor plans run for county board



Bob Thomas: *Westland mayor*

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Westland Mayor Robert Thomas confirmed Monday that he will challenge veteran Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard in the Aug. 12 Democratic primary.

Thomas, in his 11th year as mayor, will leave his job one year early if he survives the primary and topples Beard's 22-year reign as county commissioner in the Nov. 7 election.

Thomas would be replaced as mayor for one year by a Westland City Council-chosen appointee. Voters would elect a new mayor in November 2001.

Thomas' annual pay would plummet if he succeeds in changing jobs. His annual salary of $93,481 this year compared to a county commission salary of $58,683.

Moreover, he'd give up Westland's top elected job to become only one of 15 county commissioners.

"It's a free country. Anybody can run for anything that they wish," Beard said Tuesday. "I'm a little surprised. As mayor, he's one of one, making more money with a city car, and he's close to home."

Beard suggested that Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara may be supporting Thomas for a commission campaign, but Thomas said Monday that he hasn't received McNamara's endorsement.

Beard, the commission's vice chair, represents Westland, Garden City and Inkster.

"All through the years, I've had a lot of people take me on," Beard said. "I've had some tough ones ... I have never been a rubber stamp for anybody. We'll see whether the people think I'm still using good judgment or whether they want somebody new."

Thomas, 49, had been rumored as a possible county commission candidate, but he confirmed his plans Monday after Westland resident Normie Brazier asked him about his intentions during a Westland City Council meeting.

"That rumor is true," Thomas said, adding that he is "99 percent sure" he will seek Beard's seat.

During a post-council meeting interview, Thomas said, "I'm going to run whether she runs or not."

Beard said she filed for re-election in January. She called Thomas' candidacy "puzzling."

"I've always had what I thought was a good relationship with the mayor," she said.

Concerned with issues

Thomas said several issues prompted him to entertain a commission race. He said he'd like to improve county services such as snow-plowing, grass-cutting and pothole-repairing.

Thomas also said the county and cities could work more closely to expedite major road projects, and he said he supports an airport expansion that would spur economic development and create new jobs.

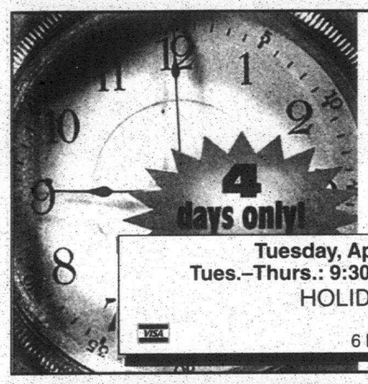
Thomas said he hadn't planned to announce his candidacy for a couple of weeks, but he divulged his plans amid growing speculation.

His commission race comes after his vision for local government shifted dramatically in recent weeks.

Thomas, in his new budget, unveiled plans to cut taxes, reduce water-sewer rates and, in a decision already made, cancel a May 9 election for a 1-mill waste-disposal tax.

Thomas also announced that he has abandoned plans to build a new multimillion-dollar recreation center and city hall – projects he once touted as crucial to improving Westland's image.

The mayor said he changed his direction after realizing that citizens favor tax breaks over new buildings. Council members are supportive of his latest budget plan.



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Gov. John Engler has declared April 24-30 as Michigan Stamp Week to coincide with the show.

Also in conjunction with the show, the club is offering for sale a set of two cachet covers celebrating the Chinese Year of the Dragon. In Chinese astrology the Dragon symbolizes energy, power and very good fortune. Each cover will have a U.S. Year of the Dragon stamp along with a multicolored cachet and show cancel depicting a dragon.

Collectors can purchase the set of covers at the show or by mail at a cost of $4 per pair. To order by mail send a check or money order, plus a No. 10 stamped, self-addressed envelope to the WSSC, c/c Diane Gorney, Box 700049, Plymouth, Mi. 48170.

The exhibition is the largest stamp show in Michigan. Altogether more than 2800 pages will be on display. A panel of judges accredited by the American Philatelic Society (APS) will judge all exhibits.

The Plymouth Show is a qualifying national show in the APS's "World Series of Philately." The Grand Award winner will compete in August at STaMpsHOW '2000 in Providence, R.I., against winners from the other 34 national shows. The grand award winner will also receive a framed duck drawing by noted wildlife artist Larry Hillard. In addition, a reserve grand award, the usual five levels of medals and numerous special awards will be presented.

Several stamp-collecting societies will participate in this year's show. The Peninsular State Philatelic Society will hold their annual meeting on Saturday. Also the Plate Number Coil Collector's Club and Society of Philatelic Exhibitors will present programs.

A 40-dealer bourse will offer stamps, covers and supplies in the bourse area for both the new and experienced collector. The dealers come from eight states and Canada.

The United States and United Nations will have on-site post office substations open during show hours to sell their current issues.

The "Plymouth" Show will have an APS judges critique on Sunday afternoon. Exhibitors can ask judges questions regarding their award and receive constructive help on how to improve their exhibits this is also an opportunity for future exhibitors to learn the do's and don'ts or exhibiting.

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Bankes seeks re-election to board

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Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, announced Tuesday evening she is seeking re-election.

Bankes, completing her first two-year term as District 10 commissioner after 14 years as a state representative, made the announcement at a campaign kick-off supper in the VFW Post 3941 Hall on Seven Mile Road.

In seeking re-election, Bankes cited her efforts on behalf of district residents and her work on the issues of economic growth, juvenile justice and mass transit.

Bankes, who took office in January 1999, said key accomplishments included meetings with "numerous community groups and leaders" and getting county road department employees to attend neighborhood association meetings.

"Citizens in my district know they can count on me and that I am always willing to listen to them and to work hard on their behalf," she said.

Other accomplishments, she said, include her report seeking "to focus the region on solutions for mass transit," which she wrote as chairwoman of the commission's special committee on transportation.

She said she also "played a key role in helping the commission achieve its goals, including expanding economic development initiatives, developing a juvenile justice plan, ensuring a complete census count and working with other regional leaders through the Tri-County Summit" of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Face the deficit

She said she "led the effort for Growth Works and other community agencies to work with juveniles to make the (county's) juvenile justice program more effective" and said she wants to "ensure that Wayne County faces its budget deficit without raising taxes."

Other goals, she said, include providing all Head Start children with books for home and school and "getting better representation" for the western part of the county among the strong Detroit faction.

Bankes stated that "another term will allow me to continue in these and other important initiatives as we make Wayne County a world-class place to visit, live and work."

Her other commission posts include vice-chair of the commission's health and human services committee and membership on the ways and means and economic development committees.



Lyn Bankes



Brehler



Kade



Karr



Watters

During the dinner, Bankes introduced eight community leaders who are her legislative aides – extended eyes and ears for her in her district, which covers Livonia, the Plymouths and the Northvilles.

"With five communities" and over 200,000 residents in the district, "it's real hard to be" every where, said Bankes.

The eight are Tony Brehler, Clara Karr, Ruth Kade and Dorothy Watters, all of Livonia; George and Josie Kazmierczak of Plymouth Township and Dorothy Tilney and Carol Gibson of Northville Township.

Between them, they have 45 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Bankes said she "became friends" with each over the years: "They work hard in their communities and everybody likes them."

All but Gibson, who is under contract to Bankes, are volunteers. Bankes provides each with a badge and business cards and reimburses them from her campaign fund for representing her at functions, which can range from community dinners and celebrations to government meetings.

"The process is, they live their lives and if they go to something that's interesting" to her politically, "they let me know," she said.

WWII veteran

Brehler, a World War II veteran and active Scout leader, founded the letter-writing group "The Grumpies," which includes as honorary members actor Jack Lemmon and Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm.

Karr served 32 years in Livonia city government and has led various community groups; Kade is a longtime worker in the Civic Center Seniors office and Watters, a past president of Livonia Town Club, is director of Livonia Goodfellows.

George Kazmierczak led the St. Agatha Church Boy Scouts for many years while Josie caters a monthly dinner for the Plymouth Senior Center.

Deborah Wanamaker, former assistant manager of Livonia Mall, continues as Bankes' full-time chief of staff and office manager.

Bankes can be reached at (313) 224-0946 or by e-mail at lbankes@co.wayne.mi.us.

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Who dreamed up the famous Easter Parade in New York City? Why, milliners – or hat makers – of course. Establishments like the Cohen Millinery Shop, originally located in Detroit and moved to Greenfield Village in 1935, benefited greatly from this commercial trend.

According to folklore, just after the Civil War, hat manufacturers developed the idea to show off new products and styles by staging a large parade along Fifth Avenue in New York City. By the 1880s many small communities had followed suit, said Nancy Bryk, clothing curator at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

However, the tradition of wearing new hats and clothes during Easter goes back farther than the period of the Civil War. "There is some indication that the pagans believed their goddess 'Eastre' preferred to be greeted in spring by revelers in new clothing. Therefore, during the Easter season or spring, we are often moved to purchase a new spring outfit because it's the right thing to do, or so our mothers said."

The new clothing would have included a hat. Not surprising since until the mid-20th century, both men and women were expected to wear appropriate head attire. As was the custom, a fashionable lady might take her hat to the Cohen Millinery Shop to have it remade in the latest fashion. From 1892 to 1902, Mrs. Cohen ran her millinery business in the shop now located in Greenfield Village. Visitors to Greenfield Village can visit the shop and talk to "Mrs. Cohen" about the hats on display.

Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village and the IMAX Theatre are located at 20900 Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road in Dearborn, west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue.

They're open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission to the museum is $7.50 to $12.50, children under age 5 and members admitted free. Admission to the village is $8.50 to $13.50, children under age 5 and members admitted free. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information, or www.hfmgv.org on the Web.

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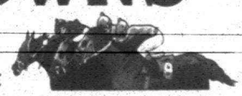
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Suit challenges charter schools on freedom of information

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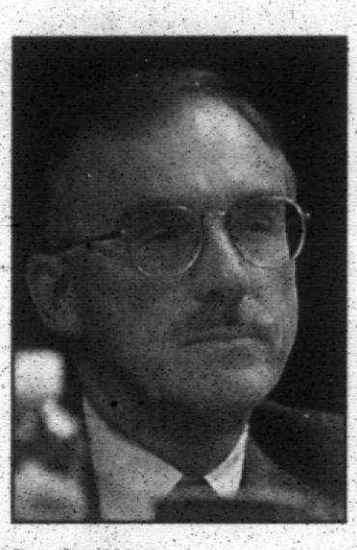
Does the state Freedom of Information Act apply to charter schools when the operation of the school has been turned over to a private management company?

That's the question posed in a lawsuit headed to the Michigan Court of Appeals Tuesday, May 2. Okemos attorney Bill Young said he has just received notification that he is scheduled then to present oral arguments to the court in a lawsuit he filed last year on behalf of Michigan Education Association consultant Ron Bacon against the Walter French Academy in Lansing.

And it comes just after a survey has shown most charter schools in the state aren't giving out information to such requests.

In 1998, Bacon asked the academy for a list of the names of teachers and their salaries. The request was turned down because the school is operated by a private management firm, The Leona Group, which operates 21 schools in Michigan and more in Arizona.

Under Michigan's FOI law, public schools would have to release the information. Since "public school academies," so-called charter schools, receive public money from the state to pay for operations, they, too,



Rep. Gerald Law

must comply with the FOI.

But when public schools contract with private sector businesses that does not make the business' records subject to the FOI. And since Walter French has contracted with Leona Group to operate the entire school, including hiring teachers and running the administration, those records are in the hands of the private sector business.

The difference, according to state Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, is that everything, the entire operation and all the public funding, is being turned over to the management firm. Law agrees that when a government contracts a small portion of its operation to a private-sector firm, that firm's records shouldn't be made public.

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Rep. Gerald Law
R-Plymouth

"But at charter schools, all the public dollars are turned over to the private company. If it was a public school, we could see their salaries and benefits. At charter schools, the teachers actually work for the for-profit corporation and we don't see those records. Seventy to 90 percent of charter schools have private management companies," Law said.

That lack of information from charter schools run by management companies is exactly why Law has opposed expansions in the number of charter schools in the state.

Attorney Young goes a bit further in his lawsuit.

"We are arguing that they are really running a public body. The Leona Group is a public body in that it receives public money, makes decisions about how that money will be spent, including hiring and firing and setting a budget," Young said. "We felt it met all the tests for what a public body is."

Officials from the Leona Group did not respond to phone inquiries. But briefs filed by the company in the court case show its argument is that the case seeks to make public bodies out of private companies, wherever governments have privatized some functions.

But Young said the lawsuit will not likely be settled soon. The main question before the Court of Appeals is a technicality about whether the case was filed in the correct court. And once judges do get to the main issue, both sides have indicated they will take the case to the Supreme Court.

The argument over whether the FOI applies is not an unusual one. A survey, published March 26 by Booth Newspapers, showed that more than half of charter schools, 53 percent, rejected requests for information or answered only partially. By contrast, 95 percent of public schools responded to FOI requests.

Filing FOI requests for information, such as the names of teachers and their salaries, with all 176 charter schools in operation in Michigan, Booth found only 82 schools gave out the information. Ninety-four responded incompletely, were late turning over the information, or gave no information at all. Of those charter schools, 85 are operated by private management firms, Booth concluded.

By way of comparison, 87 public school districts got similar information requests, to which 83 responded with complete information.

Charter schools receive about $6,000 per student per year in funding from the state government. In return for that state money, those schools cannot charge tuition. Some 50,000 students presently attend charter schools.

Madonna offers Italian class

Madonna University in Livonia will offer a course in Italian this fall. This initiative, undertaken in cooperation with the Consul of Italy, Dr. Gianluca Alberini, the N.O.I. (Nuovi Orizzonti Italiani or New Italian Horizons) Foundation and the Italian American Club of Livonia, is part of the expansion of foreign language courses at the University, according to Johnathan Swift, director of the Center for International Studies.

The Italian American Club of Livonia will provide the necessary promotion of the course within the Italian-American community along with help from the N.O.I., a non-profit educational organization devoted to the promotion of the teaching of the Italian language and culture.

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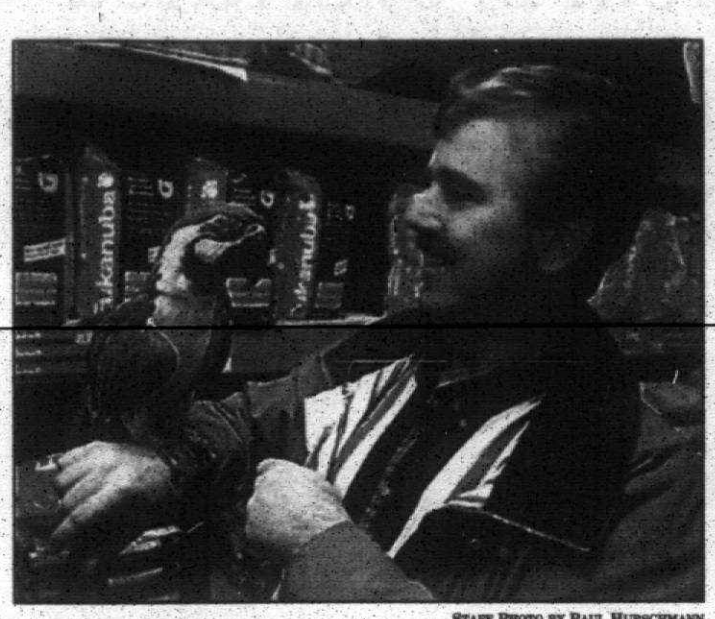
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Want a cracker?: *"Leonard," a 26-year-old parrot, perches on the arm of Ken Kovacs.*



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Pet practices: *Terri Bennett, the owner of Specialty Pets, discusses options for transporting a dog by airplane with Jill and Brittany Smith, 10. Their dog, "Jacques," a 5-year-old Shitzu/Poodle mix, wasn't at all happy with the caged carrier idea.*

Pet project

Animals as much a part of owner's store as the customers she serves

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Rowdy, an Airedale, greets customers with his attention and a paw shake. Leonard, a blue and gold macaw, parrots his "Hello."

"Play ball," Leonard continues, systematically shredding an empty paper towel roll.

This is Specialty Pet Supplies, where owner Terri Bennett's own pets are as much a part of the business as the customers'. It's a place where Rowdy, the great-great grandson of Bennett's first Airedale, retrieves a ball for tykes and Leonard munches on a dog biscuit.

"Pets are personal," Bennett said.

The store, which has been in its present location at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon since 1981, will move and re-open May 1 at 1449 Ann Arbor Road, a short distance down the street in the former Jerry's Bicycle building.

Bennett opened her first store in 1979 on Mill Street in Plymouth's Old Village.

"People shopping today were customers then," Bennett said. "I started out in my house in Redford Township, carrying supplies for show dogs. We showed Bouviers back then and we couldn't get any show dog equipment. We had Doggieware parties instead of Tupperware parties."

With no pet supply stores in Northville or Plymouth, Bennett decided to set up shop. "We have done real well," Bennett said. "Most businesses have some competition."

Since then, Bennett switched to Airedale ownership because the Bouviers "were a little too intimidating for the store," she said.

The new 9,000-square-foot building will be about a thousand feet bigger, with 5,000 square feet devoted to retail products. The rest of the building will house warehouse and educational activities, Bennett said.

Bennett has put up tents in her parking lot for pet adoption of different rescue breeds such as Great Danes, Greyhounds and Airedales, as well as rescue animals from the Anti-Cruelty Association. "Now we have an area in the store where people can come, where people can adopt pets, and where people can be educated about their care," Bennett said.

Bubbles, a rescue dog Bennett adopted from the Anti-Cruelty Association, has nestled for nine years under the sales counter, secure in a doggie bed. Bubbles

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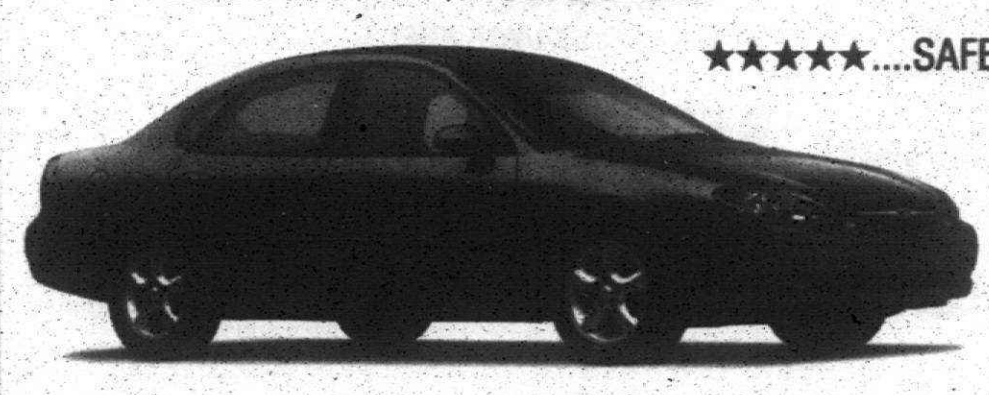
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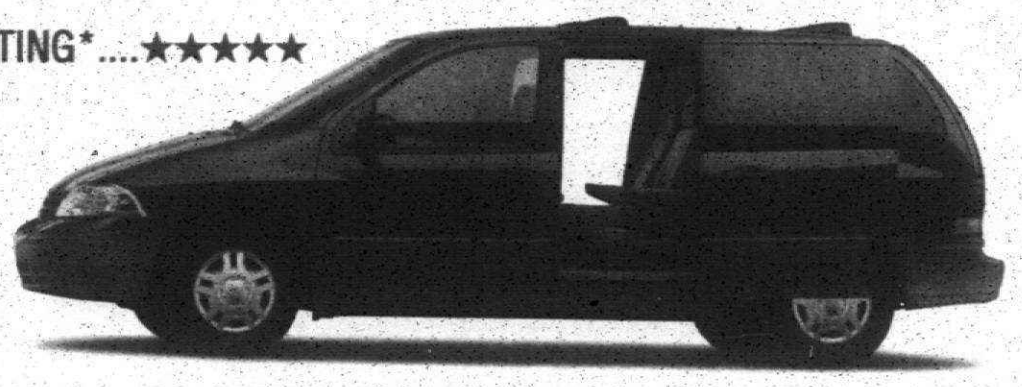
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L. Brooks Patterson: *Pro-development.*

Patterson says sprawl problem is overrated

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"One man's sprawl is another man's economic development," Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said April 14, at the first conference of the Michigan Smart Growth Coalition.

The coalition – a conglomeration of two dozen trade associations representing builders, contractors, real estate agencies and title companies – sponsored the conference at the Troy Marriott Hotel. Their purpose was to address the state Legislature's current concern with urban sprawl and the loss of farmland to development.

State lawmakers are attempting to devise policies that will encourage "smart growth" in the future.

"Smart growth – you gotta support it," Patterson said. "What would you favor instead? Dumb growth? So, yes, I support smart growth. But I don't want to see it interpreted to mean that someone is going to be able tell you where you can build and where you can't."

Pro-development

Patterson is unabashedly pro-development. In fact, he says, "we have worked overtime to create an atmosphere in Oakland County that's pro-development."

Patterson is among those who believe that the problem of sprawl has been greatly exaggerated. In the country, he argues, only 5.4 percent of the land has been developed. The nation's population growth, from an estimated 4 million 200 years ago to 265 million today, has used up no more land than that, he pointed out.

It looks like we are sprawling, Patterson contended, only because 90 percent of us live in 3.5 percent of the land.

More important to Patterson is the economic development of the county, so when recession comes it will be "the last to feel its effects and the first to rebound."

Farmland myth

He was not the only one to sound a pro-development note during the gathering. Sam Staley, who holds a doctorate and is director of urban programs for the Reason Public Policy Institute, told the crowd about the "vanishing farmland myth."

Only 1 percent of farmland nationally was lost between 1982 and 1992, he argued. Urbanization accounted only for 24 percent of it. Most farmland is instead converted into pasture, forest, park, and recreational uses, he said, not houses and malls.

The real reason farmland has been lost, Staley argued, is that agriculture – through technological improvements – has become more productive and therefore requires less land. The U.S. has increased its agricultural output nearly 48 percent since 1970, while the nation's crop land has remained largely stable. He noted that the U.S. exports well over 40 percent of both its rice and wheat production.

"Sure, we have lots of open land in Montana, there's just not a lot you can do with it," said Karen Kendrick-Hands of the East Michigan Environmental Action Council. Compared to the total amount of land available, usable farmland doesn't take up a very large percentage either. And that is also the portion where we live, and that is what we are developing, she contended.

"That's exactly right," said Paul Tait, executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. "What we have developed here is made up for by the wide open spaces out west ... The reality is that we can't go on as we have. We have to do something about the cost of infrastructure" needed to support new development in greenfield areas.

Still, Tait said he felt the conference was productive. "I was encouraged to see the building community looking at the issues of smart growth. In past years, you might not have even seen them uttering those words," he said.

Proposals

The gathering provided members of the coalition a chance to put forward their proposals for addressing urban sprawl and encouraging smart growth.

And as they pushed for their points of view, several state-level decision makers were present to hear the input.

Rep. Gene DeRossett, R-Manchester, has been assigned to head up a state House land use committee. The panel's job is to review the issue of urban sprawl and report back to the Legislature with recommendations for action, if needed. Among the proposals being considered are providing incentives for local governments to participate in regional planning efforts, reviewing state spending projects in light of their expected impact on growth, and devising statewide construction codes and sample zoning ordinances.

"I have a vision that it is about our cities. I look at our cities as diamonds in the rough," DeRossett said while addressing the conference.

Spurring redevelopment in central cities such as Detroit would take development pressure off the outer suburbs, he said. DeRossett estimated there are some 50,000 tax-reverted parcels in the city of Detroit, which he said the city and state should make available to developers for new construction.

Engler's plan

Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus was on hand as well.

"How do we protect our natural resources and have economic development and economic opportunity?" Posthumus asked. Just a decade ago, such a conference to talk about ways to control growth would not have been held. The topic would have been how to spur more growth.

"When something stops growing, it dies," he said. "I don't want to go back to those days when we were not growing."

Posthumus took the opportunity to stump for a constitutional amendment Gov. John Engler has proposed for placement on the November ballot. The amendment would change the way property taxes are levied against farms. Currently, farmland is taxed at its value based on development potential. Engler's amendment would change the constitution to allow farmland to be taxed only on its value for use as agricultural land.

The plan is part of Engler's approach to the sprawl issue. By relieving tax pressure on those farmers, they might be less pressured to sell their land for development.

"Growth of all types will occur as the market dictates. That's a fact," said Jeff Kaczmarek, head of business services for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Despite that, he argued that it is in developers' best interest to build projects that, through smart growth techniques, enhance quality of life. To that end, he recommended that local governments make sure their master plans and zoning ordinances are up to date and support each other, that they create one-stop-shopping offices for developers who are seeking permits, and that they coordinate their planning with other communities.

Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara contended that Metro Airport is "one of the greatest economic development tools in the state." As such, it can also support efforts to contain sprawl by attracting business and development back toward already developed areas.

McNamara told of how Wayne County has acquired 200 acres of land to the south of the airport, which it plans to have redeveloped into light industrial facilities and a golf course. He said it could be the first "smart park" in the state of Michigan.

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Developer urges spot condemnation

"Spot condemnation – we've got to have that" if the state expects builders to redirect their construction efforts away from suburban greenfields and back toward the "brownfields" of central cities, developer Bernie Glieberman said.

Redevelopment of blighted urban areas is one of the state's chief proposals to address urban sprawl, but members of the construction industry said at the April 14 Michigan Smart Growth Coalition's first Smart Growth Conference that the plan has a number of obstacles to overcome.

One is compilation of land. To put up a project of any size in an inner city area, developers typically have to compile parcels from many different owners.

"Some guy can have a 30-by-105-foot lot and stop my entire apartment complex from being built," Glieberman said, offering an example.

Often, it involves parcels that would be impossible to develop on their own. Such parcels may have no real value unless they are combined with other parcels, Glieberman contended.

But the owners may hold out for an exorbitant price. Often, speculators attempt to buy up little pieces of land when they know a big project is coming in.

At present, city governments only condemn when they can show a public need for the land.

Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus, responding to Glieberman, agreed that compiling land is the biggest hurdle to redevelopment of inner cities, but he stopped short of endorsing the concept of spot condemnation. He noted the state is already attempting to streamline the process for clearing up title work on abandoned and tax-reverted parcels, but countered that the state's sprawl initiatives must "protect the property rights of people out there."

Construction industry representatives took the opportunity to showcase their concerns about the state's urban sprawl initiatives. The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan outlined at the conference its proposals for "smart growth."

They include:

- Removing barriers that currently block innovative land-use planing techniques that include higher density and mixed use development.
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Activist argues need for mass transit

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What about traffic problems? What about dwindling world oil supplies and Detroit's apparent continuing dependency on the automobile?

Those issues and others related to urban sprawl were raised at last week's Smart Growth Conference mainly through questions from the audience – in particular, those from a Wayne County attorney who's a mass-transit activist.

While the home-building and real estate industry sponsoring the Troy conference and some public officials used hot-buttons like "freedom of choice" in arguing for continued suburban growth – albeit modified by inner-city and older suburb redevelopment – Karen Kendricks-Hands countered with words like "traffic congestion" and "mass-transit."

The lack of a good, on-time mass transit system in metro Detroit means "The elderly have no choice" but to drive cars "even though they have one-third of the accidents and shouldn't be on the roads," she said in a post-conference interview.

Furthermore, it also forces the working poor to drive to jobs on suspended or revoked driver's licenses.

Citing the proposed widening of Interstate 75, she noted there's a commuter rail line paralleling it. "We could manage" the traffic congestion from the construction "by using federal money to get the train running again," she said, "but we can't get MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) to listen."

The Grosse Pointe Park resident, a former Detroiter who came to mass transit after a son's severe asthma attacks focused her on air pollution, said that mass transit "wasn't on the (conference) agenda."

Indeed, as speakers April 14 cited people's right to choose where to live and school their children, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson went so far as to call traffic congestion "a vibrant, robust expression of a (growing) community.

"I'd rather have that than" the opposite, he declared.

Contrarily, when builder Robert Jones suggested to Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara that he "tax the auto companies on each car to help pay for mass transit," McNamara responded, "Great idea. I love it."

Transportation was discussed directly only by Paul Tait, executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, who said that "By 2025, development will overwhelm the existing transportation system" in some newer areas.

A self-described "proponent of mass transit," Tait said current and projected funding "will only preserve our existing mass transit system, not improve it.

"Southeast Michigan is near or at the bottom in the amount of money put in for public transportation," he said.

Tait answered a Kendricks-Hands question by saying "We could put (a transit rail system) in, but can't (afford to) run it."

Kendricks-Hands, founder of Transportation Riders United, a coalition seeking to improve area public transportation, was supported by fellow activist James Bush, retired City of Detroit civil rights director.

Bush, now a Beverly Hills resident, predicts the world's oil supply is nearing its peak and will begin declining in 20 years at current production rates.

He said metro-Detroiters "think that, because this is the auto capital, we should be auto-dependent. Based on oil consumption, that doesn't make sense."

Schoolcraft seeks crafters for fall fair

Crafters of every ilk are encouraged to apply for a spot in the 2000 Fall Craft Show at Schoolcraft College November 11 and 12. With 150 crafters, this show is one of the premier venues in the area and attracts crowds of more than 2,000.

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Wayne-Westland bond construction projects under way

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If you've noticed any school construction lately in the Wayne-Westland district, chances are it's related to the $108 million bond effort approved by voters in 1998.

Athletic improvements at both John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools have taken place, said Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent for general administration. In fact, some officials from other districts now ask to see what Wayne-Westland has.

"That's just a delightful change for us," Sherman said while giving a construction update at Monday's school board meeting.

She showed slides of various school buildings, including the new library at Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary. "They use it constantly and it's a real joy to see," she said.

Taft-Galloway Elementary is getting a two-story addition, and students will move in soon, after spring break. Adams Middle School has a new fine arts wing. "It's nearing completion," Sherman said, and students will use it soon.

She showed many before and after pictures, adding she wished more befores had been taken. Walker-Winter Elementary has a new library. That school has a longtime existing fireplace that was saved in the construction.

"This is just night and day," Sherman said of a slide of Jefferson-Barns Elementary. She mentioned the bright tile at Lincoln Elementary and other schools.

"Windows have made a huge difference, windows and doors," Sherman said. Kettering Elementary, which lacked a defined entryway, is getting one. Carpeting, tile, paint, ceilings and other improvements are typical.

A May 15 bus tour is scheduled for school board members.



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Friendly service: *Owner Terri Bennett chats with customers at the front checkout counter at her pet store, Specialty Pet Supplies.*

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was one of two of a nine-puppy litter found in an abandoned house in Detroit, Bennett said. "We had an adoption day and nobody would adopt her," Bennett said. "Where I go she goes. Somebody in Plymouth adopted the mom."

Bennett provides personalized advice to customers.

Jill Smith, a Novi resident, came to the store for advice on how to transport Jacques, her beloved 5-year-old Shitzu-Poodle for his first airplane ride to Florida. "This is my first time," Smith said. "They are very helpful with everything. This is the first time that I have ever taken my dog on a trip."

■ 'We had an adoption day and nobody would adopt her. Where I go she goes.'

–Terri Bennett, on her dog, Bubbles

Bennett advised a roomier carrier and a small kitchen bag and Handiwipes in case Jacques gets sick, to clean up. "Just like when the kids were little," Bennett said. "Pretend he's a baby."

Customers can find a variety of food, treats, and toys at Specialty Pets, including dog sweaters bearing athletic logos like the Red Wings and Spartans.

Canton girl, 10, is 'Strongest Kid' semi-finalist

Kimberly Ford, age 10, of Canton has been selected as one of 50 semi-finalists in the Sunny Delight Strongest Kid in America Contest. The winner will be awarded a $10,000 college scholarship, the national title of "Strongest Kid in America" and a host of other prizes.

From the 50 semi-finalist, 25 will be chosen as finalists to participate in the Sunny Delight Strongest Kid in America Tryathlon on Monday, May 22 and Tuesday, May 23 in New York City. The finalists will be recognized for their unique accomplishments by four-time Olympic medal winner Summer Sanders as well as earn money for their individual schools by cashing in points scored during the event for dollars.

Strong fifth-grader, Kimberly Ford, was nominated by her mother Janice Ford among hundreds of kids age nine to eleven in the nationwide search for Sunny delight's Strongest Kid in America. Nominators submitted a 150-word essay describing how their nominee shines by trying harder in school, on the playing field and in their community. The contest recognizes kids who demonstrate mental strength, physical strength and strength of character.

The Sunny Delight Strongest Kid in America Contest entries were judged on the creativity and originality of the essay and the nominee's demonstration of multi-faceted strength, including mental strength, physical strength and strength of character.

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OBITUARIES

MARY BULMER

Services for Mary Bulmer, 94, of Plymouth were April 18 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born Nov. 11, 1905 in Detroit. She died April 15 in Livonia. She worked as an inspector for Wittman and Barnes in Plymouth for 20 years. She came to Plymouth in 1953 from Detroit. She loved to watch the Detroit Red Wings and work in her yard. She was a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James. Survivors include her two sons, Robert (Faye) Bulmer of Plymouth, James (Jacqueline) Bulmer of California; three grandchildren, Gary (Heather) Bulmer of Westland, Robert Jr. (Chris) Bulmer of Westland; Loraine Bulmer of Seattle; and one great-grandson, Justin Bulmer of Seattle.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

BONNIE JEAN DINGELDEY

Services for Bonnie Jean Dingeldey, 59, of Canton Township were April 11 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Hugh McMartin officiating. Burial was in Sheldon Cemetery, Canton Township.

She was born Dec. 7, 1940 in Northville. She died April 6 in Englewood, Fla. She was a homemaker and worked part-time in the Plymouth Salem High School Cafeteria. She lived in Canton Township for the past 38 years. She loved her grandchildren and crafts and sewing.

Survivors include her husband, George L. of Canton; three children, Michelle (Ken Wassenaar) Dingeldey of Grand Rapids, Deborah (John) Kaske of South Lyon, Scott (Nichole) Dingeldey of Novi; one brother, Larry (Sue) Shade of Ft. Collins, Colo.; six grandchildren, Tyler, Zachary, Nicholas, Hailee, Hannah, Kamrey; and two nieces, Sandy and Kristy.

Memorials may be made to the Children's Hospital in Detroit.

VICTORIA S. TELLECK

Services for Victoria S. Telleck, 86, of Plymouth were April 15 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph S. Mallia officiating. Burial was in Beverly Hills Memorial Gardens, Beverly Hills, Fla.

She was born July 9, 1913 in Forest City, Pa. She died April 11 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1993 from Florida. She was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

Survivors include her daughter, Alice (Ray) Smock of Plymouth; two sisters; one brother; four grandchildren, Alice (Jeff) Tanner of Grass Lake, Mich., Jacqueline (Michael) Scarpello of Canton, Raymond M. (Judy) Smock of Westland, Vincent D. (Trudy) Smock of Plymouth; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice in Livonia or the Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor.

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

JULIA HOLMES

Services for Julia Holmes, 81, of Dearborn Heights were April 18 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

She was born June 10, 1918 in Gilbert Plains, Manitoba, Canada. She died April 15 in Dearborn. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Stephen and Dora Sulatyski. Survivors include her two sons, Steve (Jeane) Holmes of Plymouth, Randy (Cathy) Holmes; and four grandchildren, Jeffery (Rachelle) Holmes, Scott Holmes, Andrew Holmes, and Sarah Holmes.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association Michigan Affiliate, 23100 Providence Dr., Suite 400, Southfield, MI 48075-3680.

PATRICIA W. WILSON

Services for Patricia W. Wilson, 69, of Plymouth were April 16 in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born March 31, 1931 in Detroit. She died April 14 in Superior Township. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hiram and Olive Warren. Survivors include her husband, Alfred "Bill" Wilson of Plymouth; two sons, William (Liz) Wilson of Livonia, Robert (Debbie) Wilson of Pickney; two daughters, Cathy (Mike) Forrester of Canton, Jean (Rock) DeWater of Canton; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made as Mass cards or the choice of the donor.

EDWARD A. KNEIP

Services for Edward A. Kneip, 58, of Plymouth were April 15 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Rev. Phil Rogers officiating.

He was born Sept. 10, 1941 in Dearborn. He died April 11 in Plymouth. He was in the laundry/dry cleaner business.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Isabella Jean Kneip. Survivors include her father, N. Carl Kneip of Plymouth; one son, Jason Kneip of Plymouth; one sister, Karlyn Haack of Westland; one brother, Richard Kneip of Oxford; and one niece, Tonia Szabo of Wayne.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate Dept. 77-3968, Chicago, IL 60678-3965 or to National Multiple Sclerosis Society-MI, 26111 Evergreen, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48075.

ARJUN MURTHY

Services for Arjun Murthy, 22, of Canton were April 17 at Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton Chapel with Shivakumar Mahabala officiating.

He was born on Jan. 10, 1978 in Warren. He died April 15. He worked in software applications for a computer company.

Survivors include his parents, Sundari and Krishna Murthy; one brother, Gokul; and grandparents, Kamala and Subbiah.

DONALD ALVA AND MARIE JULIA STROM

Services for Donald Alva, 68 and Marie Julia Strom, 70, of Southfield (formerly of Plymouth) will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Riverside Cemetery.

He was born Nov. 15, 1931 and died April 10 in Southfield. She was born Aug. 27, 1929 in Plymouth and died April 10 in Southfield. Donald was a computer programmer and systems analyst for the Realtron Corporation. Marie was a homemaker and was also employed by the Burroughs Corporation.

They were preceded in death by their daughter, Christine in 1980.

Memorials may be made to the Shriner's Hospital, 2025 E. River Drive, Minneapolis, MN 55414 or Purple Heart Service Foundation, 987 Manufacturers Drive, Westland 48185.

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

ROBERT W. HODNEFIELD

Services for Robert W. Hodnefield, 65, of Plymouth will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, at St. John Episcopal Church, Plymouth, with the Rev. William B. Lupfer officiating. Visitation will begin at 1:30 prior to the service. Burial will be in Darnestown Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Darnestown, Md.

He was born Dec. 10, 1934 in Jackson, Minn. He died April 17 in Salem Township. He was a social worker in southeast Michigan for over 20 years practicing in psychotherapy counseling. He came to Salem Township in 1985 from Superior Township. Before that he resided in Ann Arbor and has been in Michigan since 1971. He was a member of St. John Episcopal Church in Plymouth. He was a graduate of Union College in Kentucky, went onto Welsey Theological Seminary in Washington D.C. He received his master's degree in social work from Howard University in Washington D.C. He completed advanced studies at the University of Michigan. He was an accomplished organist devoted to music and the arts. He also served in the Army and enjoyed traveling.

Survivors include his two daughters, Merrill Catharine Hodnefield of Ypsilanti, Margaret Muir Hodnefield of South Lyon; and the mother of both Merrill and Margaret, Elizabeth Louise Kelly of Ann Arbor.

Memorials may be made to Individualized Hospice.

GILBERT L. "HOPPY" HOPKINS

Services for Gilbert L. "Hoppy" Hopkins, 85, of Westland (formerly of Canton Township) were April 19 at Our Savior Lutheran Church with the Rev. Myron Sordahl officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial West.

He was born Feb. 13, 1915 in Bernie, Mo. He died April 17 in Westland. He was a printer for a printing company.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine R.; three daughters, Casa Lee Williams, Linda (Tony) DeFelice, LouAnn (Dane) Larsen; two sons, Larry L. (Janie), Gary (Becky); two brothers; two sisters; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland.

Deer bolt farm, now roam suburban fields

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Livonia's at-large deer population grew by five members recently after an attempt to remove them from a farm went awry.

Michigan Humane Society and Livonia animal control officers tried to move the deer April 2 to a holding shelter. However, six of the seven animals bolted through a fence at the farm on Five Mile Road, between Levan and Farmington.

MHS and Livonia animal control officers contend the deer were not being properly cared for, which the owner denied. The owner's Department of Natural Resources permit to keep the animals also expired.

"Sometimes when you tranquilize one deer the others react," said Sue Neal, Michigan Humane Society wildlife specialist. "That's what happened here.

"When one got hit by a dart, the others freaked out and managed to bust through a weak spot in the fence."

One deer was spotted on the farm Monday, but its whereabouts are unknown, Neal said. Owner Mike Childers couldn't be reached for comment.

The other five remain loose. There have been reported sightings near Rotary Park since Sunday.

Though penned up most of their lives, the deer are not believed to be in any danger in the wild, Neal said.

"There is going to be enough stuff – grass and things – to maintain them, especially as we get closer to spring," Neal said.

One fear, though, is the deer becoming frightened and running into traffic. Residents are asked not to chase or approach the whitetail deer if they see one.

Instead they should phone Livonia police, officials said.

"Up to this point in time, we're not sure of their whereabouts," said Pat Seleski, city spokeswoman. "There's an assumption they may be in the Bell Creek tributary area.

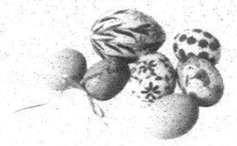
"We're assuming no news is good news at this point."

A lone deer, a doe, remains at the MHS holding shelter in Rochester Hills. Once ownership is established, the deer will likely be adopted out.

"If we get ownership, we'll be looking to place her in a facility where she won't be bred or used in a canned hunt," Neal said.

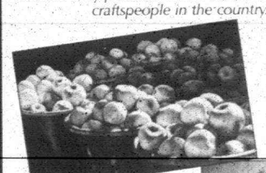
Childers said he raised the deer for personal use; he denied they were being sold to be used in confined hunts.

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Speaking out

Board should welcome debate

We don't share Jim Donahue's belief that members of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board have "abdicated their responsibility" or are "asleep at the switch" when it comes to the district's finances. But the Observer believes Donahue, a former Canton Township treasurer and current candidate for the school board, has every right to question the board – and receive timely, accurate answers – during a public meeting.

Unfortunately, the treatment Donahue received when he appeared before the board during the citizens' comments section of the April 11 regular meeting was typical of what we've seen over the years. His statements were greeted with puzzled looks, long pauses and finally a 'we'll-get-back-to-you-on-that response.

The Canton resident may have been a bit brash in his approach. And yes, Donahue has something to gain because he's on the June 12 ballot to replace the very people he is criticizing. So what? Donahue's quest for information is no less valid than any other district taxpayer's

In his words Tuesday were some basic tenets that school trustees sometimes forget. "You are the people we elect. You handle our money. I want to know who among you is making sure that it is being spent where it is supposed to be," he told the board. Those are good points regardless of who makes them.

As for the assertion of Susan Davis, school board president, that meetings can get bogged down if too much time is taken for non-agenda items, we concede that's a good point. We'll try to remember it during the next hourlong curriculum presentation or when school personnel engage in the seemingly endless outbreaks of back-patting as good deeds are being recognized by the district.

Gouin a key to Canton parks

Mike Gouin isn't one to brag about his accomplishments. So we'll take a moment here to do it for him.

Gouin, 56, will retire next month after nearly 22 years of heading up Canton's parks and recreation department. It isn't a stretch to say Gouin changed the face of Canton, literally building an almost non-existent program from the ground up over the course of two decades.

Think about it. Griffin Park – still under construction when Gouin arrived in September 1978 from his job as assistant parks and recreation director in Wayne – was pretty much it as far as Canton's parks and rec effort went. Today, township residents have six municipal parks, two golf courses, the Canton Softball Center and, of course, the Summit. Future plans include an indoor soccer-golf facility and an ice arena.

The Observer has praised Canton Supervisor Tom Yack for making recreation and other so-called quality of life issues a priority. Gouin though, deserves much of the credit for making Yack's vision a reality. And lest we forget, the parks and recreation manager was on the scene long before Yack was first elected supervisor in 1988.

We wish Mike Gouin well as he embarks on a "second career," spending more time with his family and on the putting green. His impact will be felt anytime residents go out and play.

Senate on right trucking track

The struggle between the state legislature and local governments continues with Senate passage of a six-bill package on enforcement of trucking violations.

The bills were passed unanimously, 36-0, on April 6 and represent a compromise between a far more restrictive House package and the position of most local officials.

Under current law, local police enforce motor carrier codes on local roads. Local governments collect 100 percent of revenue from fines levied.

The trucking industry has long complained that local enforcement has been overzealous and that they have been subjected to being ticketed several times on the same day in different jurisdictions.

The new bills would limit the number of tickets that can be written by local police for minor truck code violations. Officers would still be able to enforce traffic violations such as speeding or ignoring a signal. But only one truck code ticket could be issued in a 24-hour period.

In addition, revenue generated by truck code enforcement would be split with 70 percent going to local units of government and 30 percent to libraries.

Under the state constitution, libraries receive all revenue from criminal fines. In 1994, trucking regulations were decriminalized and made civil fines with revenue going to local units of government to pay the cost of enforcement. Since 1996, libraries have not received any revenue on truck code violations.

The current rash of state legislation to limit the powers of local government are based on a perception that local governments, especially in the metro Detroit area, are hostile to business interests.

Local government and police officials argue that shifting 30 percent of their revenue from truck code enforcement will effectively reduce needed enforcement against trucks that are overweight, causing damage to roadways, or have dangerous safety deficiencies, such as bad brakes.

The Senate bills correct the more aggressive House measures. The compromise allows regular police officers to stop trucks for violations, while the House bill specified only motor carrier officers could make stops; the Senate bill retains 70 percent of the fees to local government, while the House gave the fees to libraries, courts and road improvements.

The trucking industry has made a good case about the unfair and inconsistent enforcement of the truck code and those parts of the bill that correct those problems are worthwhile.

The Senate bill represents a useful compromise between the all or nothing approach of the House and the "don't change anything" desire of local governments. But still we question the necessity for such sweeping legislation to protect the trucking industry, especially since we have invested so much money in road maintenance.

Community Voice

QUESTION:
What are your spring break plans?



We asked this question at Plymouth Canton High School.



"I'll probably just be hanging out here in Plymouth and Canton. I'd like to go to Hawaii. Maybe I will."
Kyle Neubauer
Plymouth



"I'm going to Miami with my family."
Shane Azizi
Canton



"I'm going to Daytona with some friends to just lay out on the beach."
Erin Bode
Plymouth



"I'm gonna just kick back on the beach, Clearwater Beach in Florida, with some friends."
Ryan Mathlak
Canton

Geof Brooks



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More than a thank you

After the curtain call for the Plymouth Players' April 8 performance of "Fiddler on the Roof," Plymouth-Salem High School retiring drama teacher Gloria Logan was called to the stage by the audience present which included well over 200 PSHS alumni gathered in the newly dedicated Gloria Logan Center for the Performing Arts. The 30-year legacy of Mrs. Logan's work stood real and apparent before her.

Even after 25 years, I cannot routinely bring myself to call her by her first name –Gloria – as so many others both can and do. This peculiarity in my behavior may be attributable to habit or to a combination of unbridled respect and admiration for the lady who stood before us, one last time, in the bright glare of the klieg lights.

Among the gathered alumni, from every year and apparently every show that Mrs. Logan directed, were actors, singers, theater managers and patrons of the arts whose ongoing involvement in the rich world of the performing arts can be traced directly back to its origins in the high school's theater program and more specifically to the conduit of its founder and teacher.

Others, myself included, were no longer involved in the theater. We are the academicians and doctors, lawyers, and business owners who also took Mrs. Logan's teaching to heart. Yet when the word went out that there was an opportunity to show her how we collectively felt about her, we came automatically without hesitation back home. In short, no matter what we have become since leaving the nest she nurtured us in, and those who studied under Mrs. Logan will agree that "nurture" is the appropriate word, she taught all of us the fundamentals of self-discovery and self-respect which quid pro quo translated itself into a liberated self-confidence sufficiently secure to openly express genuine, deep and lasting affection for our school mates and the larger community around us.

Mrs. Logan's legacy endures in the creative and expressive lives we who call ourselves her students lead. I left Plymouth, Mrs. Logan, and the community of love and friendship she essentially made possible for me some 25 years ago; I can honestly say that I have again revisited this place, and it is again vibrant and new in my heart. I am forever grateful.

Kevin Rosner, Ph.D.
United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization
Paris, France
Plymouth Graduating Class of 1975

Praise for West Trail

Four years ago we were faced with a decision we hoped we would never have to make. Our mother, Mary Sinnerton, needed nursing home care.

With all the negative press regarding nursing homes, this was a very trying time for us as we were also fighting the guilt we felt for not being able to care for her ourselves.

After quickly researching some homes in our area and placing her for a few days in a home that we discovered was not acceptable to us, we found West Trail Nursing Center, Plymouth. Everyone – administrators, nutritionists, maintenance, nurses and aides – was wonderful. They treated our mother with dignity and respect and gave us such peace of mind. On the day she died, the staff came to her room to say good-bye and they cried with us, sharing our loss. She truly was a person and not a room number to them.

We can never repay them for their kindness and concern. These people are very dedicated and should be recognized for the hard work and difficult job they perform every day.

Bobbi Lobbia and Anne Hopper
Canton

Help for school project

I am an eighth-grade student at Washington Manor Middle School in San Leandro, Calif. We are working on a project, planning a vacation in another state, and I have chosen Michigan.

I was wondering if your readers could send postcards, pictures, brochures or any other information about places to visit and things to do in your area. They can send them to me, c/o Washington Manor Middle School, 1170 Fargo Ave., San Leandro, CA 94579.

Thank you for your help!

Neema Kalyan

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

State's dubious honors reflected in potential nicknames

Games are important at Michigan State University, and so alumnus John Engler was extremely proud that his alma mater's basketball team won a national championship.

So proud was the governor that he proposed, half-jokingly, that Michigan change its totemic name from "the Wolverine State" to "the Spartan State."

Neither nickname has any historical validity. Wolverines never inhabited this state, biologists say. Besides, the wolverine is nasty, vicious and hardly admirable. An undisturbed skunk is a more amiable and more numerous species.

Spartans never came within 4,000 miles of Michigan in the pre-Christian era, so calling this "the Spartan State" is entirely fanciful. Besides, Spartans were known as warriors, not as poets, architects, playwrights, traders, inventors, or scientists – certainly not as philosophers; definitely not as lovers. Spartans were essentially a bloodthirsty set of pugnacious buffoons. I leave it to the reader to decide whether it was appropriate for MSU to change its name from "Aggies" to "Spartans."

In these parts, high schools like American names such as Rocks, Patriots and Rockets – they're politically correct.

Last fall, a professional Native American asked the State Board of Education to forbid high schools from picking tribal names for their athletic teams. Perhaps he was oversensitive.

In northern Michigan, Chippewa has been popular. The Chippewas were known to be peaceful and great storytellers – hence Henry R. Schoolcraft's interest in their lore and hero, Manabozho. The poet Longfellow adapted the stories, substituted the Iroquois name and penned "The Song of Hiawatha." Chippewa should be considered an admirable totemic name.

For years, Eastern Michigan University called its teams the Hurons, a tribe that was a sad bunch of losers who were holocausted by the Iroquois and disease. The Hurons disappeared after "The Last of the Mohicans" and didn't surface until white men invented casinos. EMU's squads are now the Eagles.



Tim Richard

I like the Ottawas. Chief Pontiac was an Ottawa and the world's greatest guerrilla fighter before Ho Chi Minh. In 1763 Pontiac orchestrated attacks on 13 British forts in the Midwest, including St. Joseph, Mackinaw City and Detroit, and succeeded in taking nine of them. We would honor courage to call this "the Ottawa State," if the tribe didn't object.

In the 1950s, when Michigan systematically began wooing tourists, there was a contest for a trade name, and we became known as "the Water Wonderland," later expanded to "the Water Winter Wonderland."

At the same time, Michigan's welfare politics were dominated not by Gov. G. Mennen (Soapy) Williams but by UAW President Walter Reuther. So Republicans dubbed this "the Walter Wonderland," When the state faced payless paydays, the GOP came up with a drink called "the Soapy cocktail – Michigan on the rocks." Ouch! Good for a campaign, but not a permanent appellation.

We could call ourselves "the Police State." Our legislators work overtime and weekends dreaming up new punishments to be inflicted by law enforcement people – cops and prosecutors – bypassing the courts. For example, a cop can now confiscate a driver's license when making a drunken driving arrest, even before the case goes to a court. A prosecutor – not a judge – can decide to try an 11-year-old for murder. A prosecutor can decide whether a 14- to 16-year-old will be tried and sentenced as an adult.

Some of us newsmen, joined by civil libertarians and librarians, would call this "the Cockroach State" in honor of the bug that abhors sunlight. The state Legislature has cast clouds over our "sunshine laws" – the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings acts.

It has raised prices on public records, cut groups out of its benefits, closed down Parole Board and Public Service Commission meetings, and let departments hide records in the inner sanctum of the governor's office. The Supreme Court has allowed university boards to pick presidents privately. Recently the Senate voted against public disclosure of campaign contributions by companies seeking tax breaks from Engler's Michigan Economic Growth Authority.

"The Cockroach State" would would be an accurate nickname for Michigan.

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Land condemnation plans benefit well-heeled developers

"Possession is nine-tenths of the law." You learned that concept as a child and it's an idea that remains true today. If you own it, it's yours to keep or sell at whatever price you want to put on it. Be warned, if you set the price too high, you won't find a buyer.

But it is also a concept under attack in Michigan.

The most recent volley came from developer Bernie Glieberman during the Michigan Smart Growth Coalition's first-ever conference Friday, April 14, in the Troy Marriott Hotel. Glieberman, by the way, has an excellent reputation among developers in the Detroit metropolitan area. As president and CEO of Crosswinds Communities, he is already active in attempts to redevelop central city areas, exactly what is needed if our region is to reverse the current trend of rampant sprawl. So I have a lot of respect for him.

I also couldn't disagree more with his proposal.

Glieberman told policymakers Michigan needs to allow for "spot condemnation," a willingness by government to take landowners to court in order to compile parcels for major new projects coming into urban centers.

It is one of the most difficult challenges confronting those who would rebuilt our inner cities. And because the cost can be so high to buy up all the necessary lots for a large-scale project, it is one of the leading causes why so many new developments end up being built in the greenfields at the outer reaches of the suburbs.

The power of condemnation, or eminent domain, was originally meant to allow the government to clear the land it needed for public projects such as roads, water and sewer lines, and utilities. The Fifth Amendment of the Constitution says there has to be "just compensation" for the land, and the courts have said there has to be a "public benefit."



Mike Malott

Already government in Michigan is straining to find the public benefit in the condemnation cases it is pursuing. The door was opened when Detroit sought condemnations for the construction of new auto plants and the courts expanded the definition of the term "public benefit."

Condemnation has been used, or proposed, in the construction of sports stadiums. Now it is a possibility in the construction of an apartment complex. Other cities have proposed condemnation to gather up park land.

The most obscene example yet is Detroit's apparent willingness to use condemnation to clear land for permanent riverfront casinos. The city in essence has to declare those casinos a "public benefit" – doing violence to the English language in the process.

It is hard to imagine the landowners could be asking for a price too high for casino businesses which are sucking $1 million a day out of the residents of metro Detroit.

It's obvious that condemnation in such cases puts the power of government behind developers at the expense of small business owners, landowners and residents.

What is missing from the equation is that this is business, just business. And where developers sometimes want to rely on condemnation, I suspect they haven't done enough to convince those reluctant landowners it is in their best interest too that the inner cities be redeveloped.

If landowners don't like the price they are being offered, there is nothing to stop developers from offering other incentives, like replacement housing, or stock in the company, or a small percentage of the development profits.

Developers are asking lawmakers to be innovative in their approaches to concerns about development, redevelopment and sprawl. Developers, too, should show such initiative.

There is no reason developers couldn't team up with inner city landowners and form partnerships that would be to the benefit of both.

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State should copy Ford Motor's idea of offering Internet benefit to workers

To my way of thinking, the most consequential thing that happened in Michigan during the 20th century was Henry Ford's realization early on that the gains in productivity arising from the new assembly line technology were so great that he could afford to pay his workers the unheard of sum of $5 per day.

Characteristically, Ford also figured he'd do well by doing good. At $5 a day, he was paying his workers enough so they could eventually become customers for the cars they were making. Ford's compensation practices turned out to be an important element of his marketing strategy.

The impact of Ford's innovation on Michigan was profound. Workers were drawn from all over the country to seek this extraordinary wage. The migration thus set in motion crested during World War II, when military production made Michigan the "arsenal of democracy" and drew thousands of families, mainly from the South.

Moreover, these working families were making a lot of money, enough for them in time to move up from working class to middle class. A pretty good definition of a middle class family at mid-century was one that owned their own home. And beginning in the 1950s and continuing for a decade, Detroit boasted more owner-occupied homes than any other big city in America.

So what started out as a small but profound change in rates of pay at Ford Motor Co. wound up decades later by changing fundamentally the social structure of Michigan. Using today's buzz word, a small innovation "got to scale" within 50 years.

Now fast forward to today, the first year of the 21st century.

The information revolution now taking place is, if anything, even more profound than the application of assembly line technology at the dawn of the 20th century. The question is not whether this revolution will affect our economy and society as profoundly as the Industrial Revolution did in the 18th and 19th centuries. Plainly, it will. Rather the issue is whether the gains in productivity and human potential arising from advances in information technology will be confined to a small elite at the top of the social and educational pyramid.

Some worry that the "digital divide" separating those who are technologically literate from those who are not could become as great a chasm as the gap separating working class folks from the middle class at the turn of the century.

Put simply, the question is whether and how the information revolution can be brought quickly to scale.



Phil Power

That's why the decision Ford Motor Co. took earlier this year to provide home computers, software and Internet access to all its 350,000 employees for $5 per month is a good candidate for the most consequential thing that has happened in Michigan so far in the 21st century. Why? Because it's a way to overcome the digital divide by offering a way to get to scale in information technology.

First, 350,000 Ford employees is a lot of people, many of them located right here in Michigan. Second, given the tight labor market and how employers are competing for good workers, it's almost certain that other companies are going to follow suit. Delta Airlines has already done so, and I wouldn't be surprised to see other big employers such as GM and DaimlerChrysler following soon.

So there is a pretty good chance that subsidized access to information technology is going to become a standard employee benefit for Michigan workers. That's a good way for an entire society to get to scale.

So now is the time for an innovation in enlightened public policy. If the state of Michigan can afford to give a $2,500 scholarship to kids who pass the MEAP test, it can certainly afford to subsidize a computer and Internet access to every family in Michigan that signs up for training on the Michigan Virtual University.

All the talk about a computer in every classroom misses the point. What makes access to the information revolution ubiquitous – just like TV and the telephone – is to get computers and Internet connections in every home, where they become part of the standard experience of ordinary family life rather than something abstractly available once the digital divide is crossed.

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18 communities approve funding for emergency system

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

COUNTY NEWS

Fire chiefs from 18 Wayne County communities have unanimously approved becoming a major funding arm of the Health Emergency Medical Systems (HEMS).

HEMS is a non-profit organization created in 1990 to be the medical control authority for the communities of the Conference of Western Wayne (CWW), as well as several communities in the Downriver area.

In essence, HEMS has developed the protocol for emergency service, as well as coordinating its various functions.

"When an ambulance goes by, I wish people realized how much coordination is involved. It is such a team effort," said Bob Miljan, the executive director of HEMS.

The fire chiefs, who are represented by the Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association, proposed the funding at the April 15 CWW meeting.

If approved by each CWW community, the association will annually provide $50,000 to HEMS, which has an annual budget of about $450,000.

The association will also be awarded two voting seats on the HEMS board.

"What we're looking to do is develop a system between hospitals, the county health department and local fire service to essentially seize control of the EMS infrastructure of western Wayne County," said Bill Forbush, a captain with the Garden City Fire Department.

Financial model

Representatives for the association, including Forbush, Garden City Fire Chief Ken Hines and Westland Fire Chief Mark Neal, presented a financial model to CWW members.

According to the proposal, each community would provide a $1,000 flat fee. In addition, communities also would pay either $.055 or $.025 per capita, depending on their fire service transporting capabilities.

If approved by CWW communities, the funds will be taken directly out of each fire department's budget.

Neal led the task force that developed the financial model presented to the CWW.

"Participation in HEMS is going to be a very important aspect of all our communities," said Neal. "This is a fair financial model that meets the diverse needs of each of our communities."

Association officials said it is important to get involved with HEMS for several reasons.

"All the fire chiefs came to the conclusion that if we are going to continue to evolve in improving medical response and medical services for each of our communities, we have to be directly tied in to the decision-making process of HEMS," Neal said.

Also, HEMS has been experiencing a shortfall in funding over the past few years because of a series of hospital closings. Each hospital pays a $25,000 membership fee, which covers the bulk of the budget.

With eight of the original 21 member hospitals closing in recent years, HEMS is facing a budgetary crisis. The association decided to get involved to ensure the future survival and stability of HEMS.

"Without HEMS, the emergency service in our communities would be set back 20 years," Forbush said.

The association is hoping to get approval from the CWW by July 1.

Photo contest invites entries from students

The Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency is sponsoring its annual photography contest for Wayne County high school students. The theme, "People, Places & Pride," provides students the opportunity to express their photographic abilities in a variety of subjects.

Students can submit portraits and candid photos of family, friends, classmates; classroom or extracurricular activities; cultural institutions; landmarks; community events; trips; and more. Photos will be judged on human interest, general appeal, composition and quality.

"Our aim for the contest is to provide a forum for students to express themselves creatively through photography and share those talents with the community," said Michelle Gaynier, communications manager for Wayne RESA and coordinator for the photo contest.

Three winners will be selected in each of the three categories: people, places and pride. First place will receive a $100 U.S. Savings Bond, second place winners will receive a $50 U.S. Savings Bond and third place winners will receive a $25 certificate to Borders Bookstores.

To enter, students must submit a 3-inch-by-5-inch (or larger) color or black and white photograph, along with their name, school, address and home phone number by Monday, May 1. Entries should be sent to the attention of Michelle Gaynier at Wayne RESA, 33500 Van Born Road, PO Box 807, Wayne, MI 48184.

The winners will be announced at Wayne RESA's Art Fair 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 20, a 5454 Venoy Road, Wayne. The winning photographs and several honorable mentions will be on display during the Art Fair. Those photos will also be displayed throughout RESA facilities and used in RESA's traveling informational exhibits and publications throughout the coming year.

For more information, or for a copy of the entry form, call (734)334-1514.

Bike sale May 6

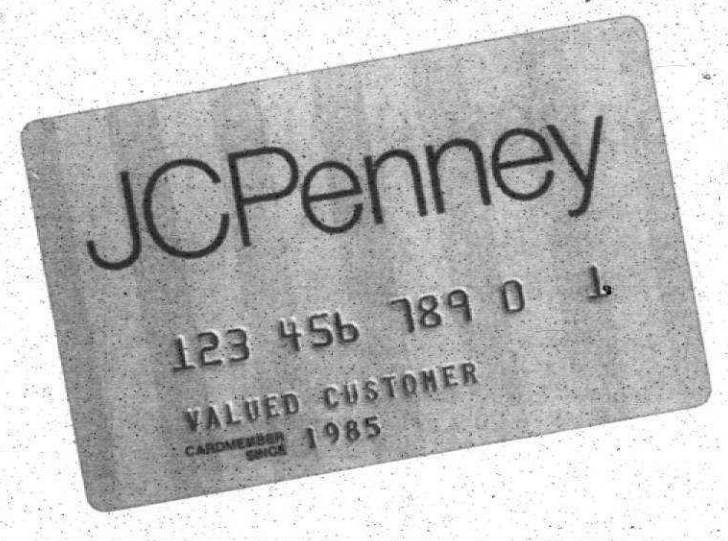
The St. Vincent de Paul Society is holding its annual bike sale 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 6. The sale will be held at the Society's central warehouse, 24201 West Outer Drive, Melvindale.

About 800 bikes of all varieties will be for sale. Each bike is priced at $10.

All proceeds help fund the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's summer camps for children, food depots and scholarship assistance programs. For more information, call 1-877-ST VINCENT (788-4623).

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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Making big strides takes little steps

I was privileged to meet Gary, a man of distinct character, while working on a project in a school district to get a busload of children to settle down on their ride to and from school.

I knew in an instant by his firm handshake and the twinkle in his eye that something special was going on in his department. I frankly couldn't wait to find out what it was.

Gary oversees the entire team of transportation employees for the district, from the bus drivers to the maintenance people. The group of over 150 has come to respect his no-nonsense approach, knowing that his bottom-line is: "Are the 15,000 children in the district being transported safely?"

When Gary arrived in 1998, the district hadn't had a passing rating on the state police inspection since 1987.

He had his work cut out for him. The employees were directionless and apathetic. As much as he would have like to wave his magic wand and instantly change the condition of the department, he knew he would have to not only earn the employees' respect, but encourage them to take pride in their jobs.

One of the first things he started doing was to have weekly team meetings. Without financial remuneration and under no duress, employees began showing up for his weekly "pep talk." His pep talks centered around how change is tough and how each person counts in the organization.

Soon he was averaging 90 percent of the drivers each week. Donna Knoff, a lead secretary in the department, commented that his enthusiasm was "catchy." He involved the drivers in the decision-making process and encouraged them to speak up when they saw a problem.

"Talk to me before it festers," he said. He would respond to the complaints with one of three responses:

"I'll look into it;" "I'm glad you told me;" or "This cannot be changed." Though he admits that it's tough for an administrator to field the gripes, it was of greater value to have them feel respected and heard.

Some of the employees were not happy with the new regime and outwardly balked. Those who struggled mightily with the changes were invited to leave. The new and improved transportation department was not going to coddle the complainers. Gary kept persevering. A firm believer in managing people through a team approach, Gary created mottoes and sayings which popped up all over the building.

Earlier this year, a disgruntled parent arrived at the transportation department's doorstep to retrieve a lost and found item for her child. "Your door is so hard to find," she grumbled.

Beth Sholler, the transportation supervisor suggested to Gary that the entrance would really stand out if they painted it like the emergency exit door on the back of a school bus. With the help of the district's creative painting department ... voila ... a bright yellow school bus exit door that truly dazzles.

Another key player in the organization was the garage supervisor, Jason Tamer. He has been a loyal "wonder worker" under Gary's guidance and rumor has it he's saved the district scads of money. Jason shows the same dedication to safety and teamwork as his boss.

It's apparent that Gary works at creating group unity, because I noticed that his employees seem committed and loyal to their work. He admits they do an excellent job. The outcome of his hands-on approach was demonstrated in this year's 2000 state police inspection, which you will be hearing more about in this newspaper in weeks to come.

Hat's off to Gary E. Davis, director of Transportation Services — a valuable member of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

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

SUMMER CAMPS

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

If you don't want to hear the "I'm bored" blues from your children this summer, start marking your calendars now with things to do.

Free movies will be shown at the Penn Theater in downtown Plymouth on Mondays. The program begins the last Monday in June and is sponsored by Plymouth Parks and Recreation. You don't have to be a resident to attend.

Also, every Thursday in July programs will be held in the Plymouth Cultural Center beginning at 1:30 p.m. The entertainment includes magicians, puppet shows, a ventriloquist and sing-alongs. The entertainment usually runs about 45 minutes.

This supervised playground program involves structured and unstructured leisure time activities like field trips, sports, arts and crafts, group games and special events, like pizza parties, Christmas in July, Youth Fitness Days and Bike Rodeos.

The program will be held in the following subdivisions: Windsor Park East, Windsor Park West, Paul Revere, Umberland, Fox Run, Forest Trails, Sunflower, Country Acres, Royal Pointe, Pickwick, Glengarry III and Greenbrooke Village, Brookside. The playground program will also be held at Flodin, Griffin, Freedom and Heritage parks. This program is free to Canton residents. Call 397-5110 for more information.

A sampling of activities:

Wayne County

Summer camp at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland. Programs are designed by age – preschool; kindergarten and first grade; second and third grade and children ages nine and 10. Parents may stay if they wish.

Morning preschool for children 3 and 4 years old will be held July 5-7 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Afternoon preschool is held from 1:30-3:30 p.m., July 5-7. Kindergarten and first grade class is held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 10-14. Second and third grade class is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 1-21. Another program for 9 and 10 year olds is held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 24-28.

Activities include nature walks, learning about the constellations and working with snakes, frogs and turtles. The cost is $100 for kindergarten through fifth-grade campers. Preschool campers will be charged $30. Call 261-1990 for more information.

Canton

Youngsters from first through fifth grades, and sixth graders who attended camp last year, are eligible. Camp begins the week of June 19 and ends Aug. 11. Camp doors open at 8:45 a.m. and activities begin at 10 a.m. Dismissal is 4 p.m. in Dance Studio B in the Summit.

Field trips are held on Fridays and will include visits to Maybury State Park, the Toledo Zoo, COSI Science Center, Henry Ford Museum and IMAX, Detroit Metropolitan Airport, UPN Channel 50, the Palace of Auburn Hills and the Marquis Theater. There is a fee. Registration begins April 13 for Canton residents.

If classes don't fill up they will be open to non-residents. Also, the Parks and Recreation summer playground program will run June 29 through Aug. 10, Monday through Friday, for youngsters 5 through 15. The start and finish times, however, vary.

Garden City

The Summer Heat Program is designed for children 5 to 14 years old. It begins June 26 and runs through Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon and 12:45-3 p.m., Monday through Thursday. On Fridays the program runs from 9 a.m. to noon and 12:45-2:45 p.m.

The cost is $20 per child with a maximum $50 fee for each family for the entire summer program. There are additional costs for trips and picnics. The program is held at each of the public elementary schools and the Maplewood Community Center. This program is not designed to be used as day care. Youths may come and go as they wish. Activities include local fitness day and field trips. For more information call 525-8897.

Redford

A seven week playground program beginning June 19 will be held at local schools that have not yet been determined. Activities are held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Youngsters are invited to take part in arts and crafts; sports and board games. A field trip is held weekly. Registration is required for the field trips; otherwise it's a drop-in program. For more information call (313) 387-2650.

Plymouth

This program is available to city of Plymouth residents only. Youngsters have to be old enough to walk to Rotary, Jaycee, Garden Club, Kiwanis or Fire House park and walk home for lunch. The program will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an hour lunch. Children will take part in arts and craft programs, activities and games.

Field trips will be taken to such places as water parks, bowling alleys, zoos and ice skating rinks. Organizers stress that it is not a day care program. The free program runs from June 26-Aug. 11. For more information 455-6620.

Westland

A summer parks program begins July 10 and runs through Aug. 11. It will be held at Central City, Stottlemyer, Corrado and Caley East parks. The free program is designed for children 5-12. It will run Monday through Friday. Five year olds must have attended kindergarten or be accompanied by an older child.

Children are required to have an alternative care giver in case of inclement weather, illness or injury. There is also a one hour lunch break without supervision. The program is not a day care, but supervised play. For more information call 722-7620.

Livonia

Around the World in 30 Days is a program designed for youngsters 5-12 to experience games, crafts and group play centered around a different theme weekly. Some of the themes include African Safari, A Trip to the Orient and Rainforest Fever. The program begins June 26 and runs through Aug. 4. There is no cost. Monday and Wednesday the program is held at Adams and Hull elementary schools; Tuesday and Thursday it is at Buchanan and Washington elementary schools and Friday it is at McKinley Elementary and Clements Circle Park (pool).

Also, a fitness program will held in Livonia at 10 a.m., Thursday, July 13, in Rotary Park. The event is open to Livonia and Clarenceville public school districts ages 7-14. Youngsters compete in standing long jump; running long jump; chinning; 75-, 60- or 50-yard dash, agility run and softball throw.

First place winners in each class will represent the city of Livonia at the Detroit Metropolitan Youth Fitness Meet on Belle Isle, Thursday, July 27, 2000. Uniforms, transportation and lunch will be provided to the youngsters representing Livonia. For more information call, 466-2410.

Plymouth Family YMCA

Camp Tonquish Summer Day Camp runs from June 19-Aug. 25 at McClumpha Park. Designed for children 6 to 12 years old, they will take part in crafts, games and a weekly field trip. A different theme, like Treasure Island and the Olympics, will be followed each week.

The cost for members is $120 weekly and $135 for non-members. Participants will receive camp T-shirts. Another program, Camp Jelly Beans, is for children ages 3-5 years old and is held in two sessions, 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Students will play games and make crafts. The cost is $50 weekly for members and $65 for program members. They will also receive T-shirts. Call 453-2904 for more information.

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Other camping options:

For a wide range of camps appealing to all different interests the American Camping Association has compiled a booklet filled with accredited camps in Michigan.

Teams of ACA certified visitors ask more than 300 questions concerning administration, program, personnel, health care, and site management before a camp is accredited. The camps are listed alphabetically and include locations, a short description of the camp, activities, fees and phone numbers.

The ACA Michigan section may be reached by calling (800) 428-2267.

Camp Henry

An environmental education program designed to complement and enhance classroom learning. Classes use games, demonstrations and observation of nature. Students learn through active participation and hands-on investigation.

The Challenge program at Camp Henry is designed to help students discover hidden strengths. This course uses a team building program, a climbing tower and a high ropes course. The high ropes course is for students at least 13 years old.

Outdoor adventure classes are offered in archery, canoeing and kayaking, campfire cooking, camping skills, nature crafts and wilderness survival. Evening programs feature astronomical adventures; the art of camp fires; capture the flag, flashlight tag and other games; guest speakers; hay rides; night hikes; sensory awareness and scavenger hunts, as well as skits and songs.

Camp Henry is located near Newaygo, Mich., on Kimball Lake north of Grand Rapids. For more information call (231) 652-6472. Or visit the Web site at www.camphenry.org.

Camp Make-a-Wish

This is a special camp for children and young adults who are struggling with cancer. These children who face medical challenges in their day-to-day lives have a chance to put those trials behind them as they enjoy a camping experience. For more information call (248) 540-6688.

Adventure Camps

This experience is for the adventurous willing to go to camp outside of Michigan. Terratrekkers Adventure Camp is for students in grades 9-12; Advanced Terratrekkers Adventure Camp is for students who participated in Terratrekkers; Summer Safari Adventure Camp is for students in grades seven and eight; Family Fun Adventure Camp is for parents and children ages 8 and older; and Eco-Educators Adventure Camp is for elementary and secondary teachers.

An upscale dormitory setting on the Busch Gardens-Tampa Bay property in Florida is where campers and counselors unwind with nightly activities. Each day campers travel the 335 acre African-themed park with professional zoo keepers to feed the parks 2,700 animals representing 320 species. Other activities are set around the bathing animals and cleaning various habitats.

Students also get a chance to venture off property to enjoy other wildlife experiences, like canoe trips on a secluded river teeming with animals and excursions to nearby sugar-sand Gulf of Mexico beaches to search for sharks' teeth, as well as time to enjoy the thrills of Busch Garden's roller coasters and live shows, as well as the Adventure Island water park across the street. For more information call (813) 987-5780.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND TOWN:

There are several creative opportunities for children, preschool to 18, to participate in this summer. Programs range from space camp in Lansing to a medieval art camp in Canton. It's not hard to find something for your children to do from May through August. The following are a list of programs and their fees, registration deadlines, age appropriateness and location.



■ **Ann Arbor Art Center/Summer at the Art Factory** helps children ages 6-12 (separate art center courses for ages 4-5 also) explore painting, drawing, ceramics, and a variety of other creative mediums. Dates are June 19-August 25. Deadline is May 15 or until full. Fees are full day $165 for members ($185 non-members); half-day $85 members ($95 non-members); need-based scholarships available. Contact Jason Kalajainen, director of Education, Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 994-8004 ext. 113.

■ **Ann Arbor Hands On Museum/Summer Science Camp** is offered either by taking one two-hour class (10 a.m. to noon and 1:30-3:30 p.m.) with a lunch activity option scheduled June 26-August 11, five days a week. Or, all day camp "Trio Grande," July 17-21 and July 24-28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Animals Alive! Day Camp runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day from July 5-7 and August 7-11.

Hands-Oh, Writes On!, runs from 9 a.m. -12:30 p.m. each day from July 24-August 4. The deadline is a first come, first served basis. Call (734) 995-5439.

■ **Cranbrook Summer Jazz Ensemble** is open to student who play "big band" instruments. Program emphasizes improvisational skills as well as exposure to jazz band literature. Open to current 5th-9th grade students from 10 a.m. to noon June 21-July 1, Monday through Friday. Cost is $175/one week; $275 two weeks. Call Sarkis Halajian, executive director at (248) 645-3640 for applications/auditions.

■ **D&M Studios of Canton will offer "Once Upon An Easel - Summer Art Camp Mania"** starting June 19. Fees are $65 to $120 (10 percent discount with registration before May 31). The theme this summer is "Medieval Madness." Students will create multi-media art pieces around the medieval theme using pastels, painting, papier-mache, foil relief, weaving, jewelry and more. A children's art exhibit will take place after all art camps are completed.

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Prices include T-shirt and materials. Contact Sharon Dillenbeck, D & M Studios, 8691 N. Lilley, Canton. Call (734) 453-3710.

■ **Detroit Institute of Arts** will offer hands-on workshops for children, adults, families and teachers. The museum is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Docent tours are offered daily at 1 p.m. Call (3130 833-4249 or TDD (313) 833-1454.

■ **Henry Ford Museum** offers a science, technology and adventure day camp. The two themes are: Lights, Camera, Action! and Who Dun It?: The Science of Solving a Crime. Sessions include science experiments/activities, field trios, visits with experts in related fields and tours of on-site exhibits as well as behind the scene visits. Project Adventure activities build skills in problem solving, team work, trust and communication. Morning and afternoon snacks provided. Campers are to bring their own lunch.

Ages: 11-14 year olds, June 19-30; July 10-21; July 24-Aug. 4; Aug. 7-18. Deadline until full (Ford salaried employees have priority registration until May 1). Fees are $345 for two-week session (extended care 7:30-9:00 a.m. and 4-6 p.m.; afternoon extended care includes swimming in the indoor heated pool). Call Jan Seamonds, Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Dearborn, (313) 982-6100 ext. 2254.

■ **Michigan Space and Science Center** hosts a half-day, five-day summer camp. Build and launch rockets, learn about history of manned space flight, astronomy, living/working in space. Appropriate for grades second through seventh. Summer dates are July 17-21; and July 31-Aug. 4. Deadline is June 30. Costs are $50 for grades 2-4; grades 5-7, $55. Call Stewart Bailey, Michigan Space and Science Center, Jackson (517) 787-4425.

■ **Missoula Children's Theatre Group/Wayne Community Center** offers a program for ages 5-17 years of age for Wayne residents only

Stage 4 Youth Theatre classes are for ages 9-18 for both residents and on-residents. Call for details, Tracy at Stage IV Theatre or City of Wayne Parks & Recreation, (734) 721-7400.

■ **New Morning School/Discovery Days Classes** provide hands-on classes with topics that include science, music, cooking, art, and literature. Student/teacher ratio is 12-1 for ages 3-10. Dates are July 10 to Aug. 28 for a fee of $50.

A day camp titled "Science, Building, Sleuths" has children participating in many hands-on experiments and activities relating to science fore ages 6-12 and 6-13 from July 24-Aug. 11. Before and after care is available during the camps. Full day camps $185; half day camps $105. Call Marcia Bylicki, New Morning School, 14501 Haggerty, Plymouth, (734) 420-3331.

■ **Pewabic Pottery/Day Tour and Hands-on Workshop**. Children ages 6-18 are taught hand building, terra cotta and slips while young adults throw pots on the wheel. A day tour and hands-on workshop (we fire the pieces for pick up at a later time) for $12 per child in groups of at least 10 people is available. Dates are: 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 26-July 12, Monday, Wednesday and Friday (Wheel throwing); 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 26-July12, Tuesday and Thursday (tile making); 9:30-11:30 a.m. July 17-21, Monday through Friday (hand building). Deadline is June 15. Cost: Session 1, $150; Session 2, $100; Session 3, $225.

■ **Real Life Day Camp and Farm** has a summer day camp program from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Activities include horseback riding lessons, animal care, archery, BB gun lessons, arts/crafts, camp crafting, swimming, and field trips for ages 5-14. Dates are June 6-Aug. 19. Fees: $140/week; $31/day plus $25 registration fee. Call Don or Mary Ann Fraser, Real Life Day Camp and Farm, Canton, (734) 451-7856 451-0822.

■ **Steppingstone School for the Gifted/Summer Day Camps** provide week-long topics covering natural science, aquatic science, art, drama (2-week session), magic, American heritage, problem-solving games, mask-making for ages 6-12. Dates are 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 19-Aug. 18. (Extended day 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

Fees: $130 per week plus supplies for specialty camps. Call Emiko Bigler, (248) 473-1808; or Wendy Festerling. Steppingstone School for the Gifted, 21900 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

Visit www.stepping.org

■ **Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency** has a math and science network for incoming seventh grades in the fall of 2000. An emphasis on water quality studies: benthic studies, stream hydrology, river testing; an integration of mathematics, science, and technology. Dates are 8 a.m. to noon June 19-29 at all locations.

Phase II of the math and science network is for incoming eighth grades in the fall of 2000. Focus on environmental studies: Orienteering, topographic maps, bird survey and analysis, forest investigations, wildlife ecology; an integration of mathematics, science, and technology. Program is from 8 a.m. to noon July 10-20.

Fees: $50, scholarships available. Call Libby Niemiec, WCRESA, 33500 Van Born, Wayne (734) 334-1375.

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PLYMOUTH SALVATION ARMY

The eight week summer day camp program begins June 19 and runs for four weeks. There is a week break followed by another four weeks. Educational opportunities learned through crafts and field trips are provided for children 6-12 years old. The cost is $125 for members and $150 for non-members. Children must be a Plymouth, Canton or Northville resident to participate. Registration is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 12 at the Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main Street. Call 453-5464 for more information.

LIVONIA FAMILY YMCA

The 10-week program begins June 19, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Child care is available from 7 a.m. through 6 p.m. After 6 p.m. there is a charge. Participants receive free T-shirts for every three weeks they attend.

Snoopers Camp is for 3-6 year olds. The camp includes games, crafts, swimming, snacks and rest time in the afternoon. The cost is $132 for members and $185 for program members. Children in the program must be totally toilet trained.

Jubilee Camp is for 6-8 year olds who will attend three field trips every week learning about the outdoors, various sports, arts and crafts, group games and songs. The cost is $138 for members and $190 for program members.

Adventure Camp is for children 9 through 12 years old. They will go on four field trips each week and also learn about the outdoors, various sports, arts and crafts, group games and songs. The cost is $138 for members and $190 for program members.

Challenge Camp is for 12 through 14 year olds and includes adventures and learning opportunities for lifetime skills. Field trips are held every day to places like water parks, lakes, beaches, Detroit Tiger games, arcades, horseback riding and sport skills. The cost is $145 for members and $200 non-members. For more information call 261-2161.

REDFORD YWCA

Summer Camp is June 19 through Aug. 19 for children 6 to 12 years old. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes crafts and field trips, as well as swimming and tennis lessons. The fee is paid weekly. YWCA members pay $70 for the first child and $65 for second members.

There is an additional $10 per week charge for non-members. The fee includes field trips, transportation and a T-shirt. Latch key services are available. The last day for registration is June 12 at the YWCA. Call (313) 537-8500 for more information.

MAYBURY STATE PARK

On Saturday, June 10, beginning at 2 p.m. children are invited to attend the annual Dairy Day to learn about different dairy products and how to make butter and ice cream. This is geared toward all age groups. No registration is needed. Meet at the farm demonstration building. On Saturday, July 15, children will take part in the Annual Summer Grain Harvest to learn about the tools and methods used in harvesting and processing grain 100 years ago. Related activities will also be included.

In the month of August every Saturday program and activity will involve a garden-related theme. For younger kids, usually between ages 2 and 6, there is a farm story program the first Saturday every month at 11 a.m. Different activities dealing with the farm are also included.

Maybury also sponsors a summer children's programs covering nature and farm topics with a different topic each week. Classes are available for 3 to 6 year olds and 6 to 12 year olds. A summer program brochure will be out in mid-May. For more information call (248) 349-8390.

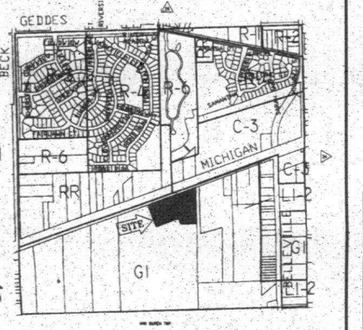
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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

HIGH VELOCITY SPORTS GROUP SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A PRIVATE RECREATION USE AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 23.02B. FOR PART OF PARCEL NO. 131 99 0016 002. Property is located on the south side of Michigan Avenue between Beck and Belleville 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.



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

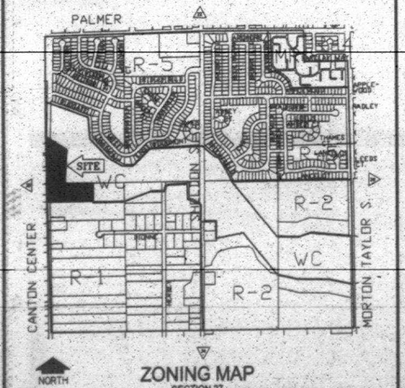
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1959 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan 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 Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

VOIGHT/SUMMERS/SINGH FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM VERY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (1 UNIT/ACRE) TO MEDIUM HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (8 UNITS/ACRE) FOR PARCEL NOS. 106 99 0005 000, 107 99 0001 001, AND 107 99 0002 001. Property is located on the east side of Canton Center Road between Palmer and Geddes Roads.



ZONING MAP
SECTION 27

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.

VIC GUSTAFSON
Chairman

Publish: March 30, and April 20, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., May 11, 2000 for the following:

TWO (2) GOLF CAR TYPE UTILITY VEHICLES

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

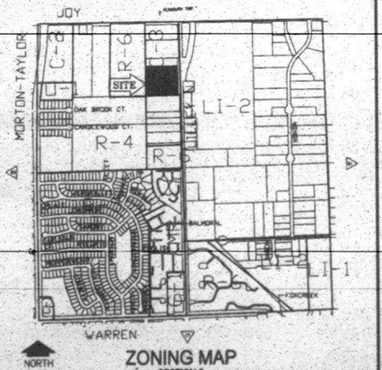
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
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ACCLAIM LIMOUSINE SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A LIMOUSINE RENTAL USE AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02B.4 FOR PART OF PARCEL NOS. 006 99 0003 001 AND 006 99 0004 001. Property is locate of within Golden Gate Shopping Center - west side of Lilley Road south of Joy Road.



ZONING MAP
SECTION 2

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
BOARD PROCEEDINGS
April 11, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, April 11, 2000 at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sheffierly, Yack

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Machnik, Director Minghine, Director Santomauro, Debby Bradley, Paige Moore, Kristie Smith, Barb Adkins, Laura Lebbon, Jennifer Varajon, Greg King, Ed Cann, Bob Dates

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Supervisor Yack amended the agenda to add an Executive Session to consider employee contract negotiations immediately following the regular Board of Trustees meeting. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Canton of March 28, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Treasurer Kirchgatter amended the payment of bills, deleting the payment of check number 141416 for $284.55. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for Board Meeting of January 25, 2000

General Fund	101	$ 369,006.64
Fire Fund	206	$ 67,854.05
Police Fund	207	$ 88,939.88
Summit Operating	208	$ 53,359.01
Golf Fund	211	$ 47,448.57
Street Lighting	219	$ 17,619.58
Cable TV Fund	230	$ 4,530.27
Public Improvement	245	$ 100.00
Twp (Community) Improvement	246	$ 29,697.50
E-911 Utility	261	$ 349.67
Auto Forfeiture (WWATEE)	267	$ 391.90
Federal Grants Fund	274	$ 5,595.11
Auto Theft Grant	289	$ 106.33
Downtown Dev Authority	294	$ 5,999.49
Post Employment Benefits	296	$ 9,196.96
Cap Proj - Road Paving	403	$ 3,162.00
Bldg Auth Construction	469	$ 292,573.08
Water & Sewer Fund	592	$ 129,494.41
Total - All Funds		$ 1,125,124.45

RECOGNITION

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt a resolution recognizing the Great Canton Duck Derby Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to open the Public Hearing of Necessity for the Gorman Street Water Main Special Assessment District 1998-1 at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to close the Public Hearing of Necessity for the Gorman Street Water Main Special Assessment District 1998-1 at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt Resolution Number 3, setting up the Special Assessment District and directing the Township Supervisor to have the assessment roll prepared. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to set the Public Hearing Date of May 9, 2000 to consider the request of Sneaky's Inc. for a new Class C Liquor License. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to appoint Pamela Jones as the Temporary Deputy Clerk for the period of April 19 through April 27, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget

Hooton-McDonnell



Laurie Ann Hooton and Timothy Patrick McDonnell wed on March 25 at Church of God in Wayne.

The bride, daughter of Bob and Geraldine Hooton of Garden City, is a graduate of Garden City West High School and has worked 11 years in the medical field.

Her husband, son of Mike and Sue McDonnell of Farmington, is a graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland and works as a mechanic in Farmington Hills.

Pastor York Ash presided at the ceremony. The bride was attended by Sue Hooton, Wendy Sutton, Angela McDonnell, Erin Garrity, flower girl Sara Hooton and ring bearer Ryan Saile.

The groom was attended by James Hooton, Mike McDonnell, Don Williams and Matt Bartz.

The couple received guests at Burton Manor and took a wedding trip to Traverse City and surrounding areas in northern Michigan. They will make their home in Garden City.

Lipar-Leslie



Anna Marie Lipar and James Allen Leslie will be married in May at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Auburn Hills.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of Norma Lipar of Royal Oak and the late Jack Lipar, is a graduate of Birmingham Groves High School. She is also a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in English and Oakland University with a bachelor's degree in communications.

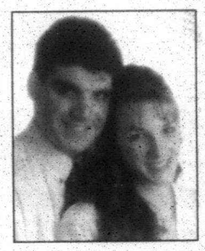
She is employed by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers as a retail advertising consultant for the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé, the son of James and Jacqueline Leslie of Shelby Township, is a graduate of Northville High School and also a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

He is a systems developer for K-mart Corp.

The couple will honeymoon in Maui and make their home in Beverly Hills.

Pipa-Salvato



Michael and Leona Pipa of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Michele Marie, to Vincent James Salvato of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 Madonna University graduate and works as a certified financial planner.

Her fiancé, son of Thomas and Emily Salvato of Livonia, works in sales at an industrial supply company.

A July wedding is planned at St. Valentine Catholic Church in Redford.

RELIGION CALENDAR

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST

25th Annual Men's Good Friday breakfast will feature keynote speaker Jim Horsley — Navy Blue Angel Pilot. Breakfast begins at 8 a.m. April 21 at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton (7000 Sheldon Road). Tickets are $5 and $2 for boys 10 and under. Call 459-3333.

UUCF FLOWER COMMUNION

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Easter Sunday Services (April 23), led by Rev. Bob Renjilian: "Flower Communion Celebration" — bring a flower to church. This is a Unitarian Universalist ceremony for all ages to share (children stay for the whole service — no Sunday School this week). The Flower Communion was developed in the 20th century by a UU minister who wanted a celebration which could be used at springtime to convey something about our religion. Each person brings a cut flower or blossom to church to exchange, as a symbol of our religion and the beauty of each other. Services at 9 and 11 a.m. 25301 Halsted Rd. (N. of Grand River). For information call (248) 478-7272 or www.wwnet.com/~uucf/

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Plymouth Church of the Nazarene (45801 Ann Arbor Road) invites you to "Were You There?" a journey to the cross. This musical draws us together as we pause and look again at Calvary's Hill. We focus on what really matters: The cross, and the one who brings us all life. Performances will be on Good Friday at 7 p.m. and on Easter Sunday at 6 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY EVENING

Old St. Mary's Church (646 Monroe Ave. in Greektown) will host a service of music and readings (requiem - Maurice Durufle') at 8 p.m. April 21. Soloists: Melinda Enns and Davis Gloff; Frederick Mooney, organ. Call (313) 961-8711.

EASTER EVENT

The Six Mile Neighborhood Association will host the 4th Annual Easter Event at 11 a.m. April 22. Hunt for 4,000 eggs at Good Shepherd (separate area for small children); eat breakfast with the bunny at the Elk's Club from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and receive digital photographs with Rick Miles from Enhanced Imagery. Also enjoy prizes donated by Six Mile merchants, buy Easter plants and cotton candy, 50/50 sale and sing with Kellioke Karaoke.

EVENING CLASSES

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Westland (37775 Palmer) has several fun classes planned through the month of May on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. They include cake decorating, May 1, 8, and 15; and candy making at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 20.

REDEEMED TREASURES

Redeemed Treasures thrift shop (sponsored by Detroit Teen Challenge) is open most Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. year round. The shop is at 20740 Grand River (1.5 miles east of Telegraph). While browsing, you can have your car washed and detailed for a donation.

LIVONIA PRAYER BREAKFAST

The 26th Annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast will be held from 7:15-9 a.m. Tuesday, May 23 at St. Mary's Cultural Center (18100 Merriman Road) in Livonia between Six and Seven Miles roads. The theme of this year's event is "Think Globally, Act Locally." Richard E. Stearns, president of World Vision United States, will be the guest speaker. World Vision was founded in1 950 and is the largest privately funded Christian relief and development organization in the world. Part of the proceeds from this year's Prayer Breakfast will be used for local and global charities through World Vision U.S. For tickets call Sally Butler, (248) 476-9427.

SUMMER CAMP

Registration has begun at Christ Our Savior in Livonia for summer camp and fall classes. The church offers Christian programs for children ages 18 months to kindergarten during the school year and up through age 8 during the summer. Call Wendy at (734) 513-8413.

SPRING CONVENTION

The Associated Bible Students of Metropolitan Detroit Michigan are planning their annual spring convention. We would like to extend a warm welcome to the community. The convention will be held at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan 48135. The dates and times of the convention are May 6 and 7, and both days sessions begin at 9:45 a.m. For further information, e-mail us at Dutkaws@aol.com.

EASTER SERVICE

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96 in Livonia/46001 Farmington Road, just west of Canton Center in Canton) will hold Maundy Thursday worship services with Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20. In Livonia special music will be provided by the Christ our Savior choir, woodwind choir, and Jubellation handbell choir. Pastor Luther Werth's sermon will be "Christ is Here. In canton, the music team will sing Mark Altrogge's "Thank you for the cross." Good Friday service in Livonia is at 12:30 p.m. with Pastor Robert Bayor's sermon, "Given for Us." Easter Sunday will be celebrated in Livonia with festival communion service at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. A staffed nursery will be available throughout the morning. Easter breakfast will be served by the church youth from 7-10:30 a.m. Tickets are $5, adults; $2.50 children ages 4-10; and children under three are free. In Canton Easter Sunday will be celebrated with festival communion service at 9:30 a.m. Easter brunch from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Guests are invited to attend free.

WITNESS TO PEACE

Trinity Church of the Brethren (27350 W. Chicago) will present Joan Deeter, a Brethren clergywoman, role-playing Muriel Lester at their annual spring banquet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6. A friend of Mahatama Gandhi, Lester "was spiritually intense and determined to live out her beliefs, yet she was also a down-to-earth and witty observer of her times." Ticket price is $7 per adult; $3.50 for children ages 4-10. Advanced ticket sales only. Call (313) 274-6379.

LENTEN SERVICES

Garden City Presbyterian Church (1841 Middlebelt Road) will hold Maundy Thursday service (holy communion) at 7:30 p.m. potluck at 6:30 p.m. Good Friday service at noon at Merriman Road Baptist Church (GCPC church office closed). Easter Sunrise service is at 7 p.m.; Easter service, 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.; and church school at 11 a.m. Breakfast between services will be at 10:15 a.m.

LENTEN SERIES

Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church in Redford (14750 Kinloch, south of Five Mile and west of Beech Daly) will culminate Holy Week with a Maundy Thursday service/ Holy Communion at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Good Friday services will begin at 1 p.m. and a Tenebrae service at 7:30 p.m. The celebration of Easter will feature services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

LENTEN SERVICES

Lenten services will be held at Good Hope Lutheran Church (28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City) at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 20 and 21. A vigil of Easter worship at 8 p.m. Saturday, April

Please see RELIGION, B5

NEW Arrivals

■ **Scott** and **Suzy Martin** of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter **Sophie Maureen** on March 3 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Sophie joins sister, Chloe, 7 and brother, Jake, 3. Her grandparents are Robert and Kathleen Fitzgerald of Livonia and Al and Pat Martin of Redford.

■ **Joseph** and **Tina Buscemi** of Redford announce the birth of their daughter, **Victoria Ann Marie**, March 26 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Bernie and Nancy Brama of Walled Lake and Anthony Buscemi of Harper Woods.

■ **Soubine** and **Somphone Rattana** of Ypsilanti announce the birth of their son, **Jason**, March 20 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne.

■ **Angelica Cona Le** of Westland announces the birth of her daughter, **Emely Malene Le**, March 28 at Oakwood Hospital is Wayne. She joins siblings Joshua David and Anna Rosa. Grandparents are Emilio Santiago and Rosa Elia Santiago of Westland.

■ **Mike** and **Linda Gambino** of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, **Kelly Elizabeth**, March 21 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. She joins siblings Lindsay, 8, and Michael, 6. Grandparents are John and Rosilyn Gambino of Trenton and Harry and Marge Ostroski of Ohio.

■ **Daniel** and **Richann (Farhat) McKee** of Westland announce the birth of their son, **Antony Michael**, March 20 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. He joins siblings Leanna Farhat, Kevin Brandon and Edina Whittenberg. Grandparents are Sam and Peggy Farhat of Garden City and Marion Kraatz of Florida.

■ **Tracy** and **Tammy Stoops** of Plymouth announce the birth of **Cassandra Alexandra**, March 17 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Jim and Wilma Stoops and Rodney and Shirley Moore, all of Canton.

■ **Frank** and **Kim Delcol** of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, **Ally Marie**, April 1 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. She joins siblings Tracey, 13, Kelley, 12 and Ryan, 8. Grandparents are June McDougall Seaquist and Jim Seaquist of Brownstown. Maria and Eligio Delcol of Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

■ **Kris Johnson** and **Sherry Rorabacher** of Livonia announce the birth of **Sabrina Marie**, Feb. 25 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins brother Kyle, 9. Grandparents are Rick and Liz Parent, Darryl and Geri Johnson, Carol Rorabacher, Tony and Ruby Rorabacher.

■ **Craig** and **Lisa Fletchner** of Redford announce the birth of **Sarah Elizabeth** Feb. 29 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are David and Margaret Fletchner of Livonia and Robert and Dawn Pint of Dearborn Heights.

■ **Bill Knight** and **Tracey Wittersheim** of Livonia announce the birth of **Steven William Wittersheim** March 1 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Sheryl Wittersheim is his grandmother.

■ **Ramone Jeran-Willis Davis** and **Kelly Lynne Mills** of Canton announce the birth of **Ramone Jeran-Willis Davis Jr.** Grandparents are Ronnie and Lora Willis of Detroit and Barbara Jenkins of Ohio.

■ **Wayne Pedler** of Miami, Fla., and **Cheryl Pedler** Garden City announce the birth of **Aaron Wayne** March 2 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Alice Applegate of Garden City and Karmi Dak Kranian of Florida.

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CALENDAR

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WEEKEND

EASTER CONCERT
■ Plymouth Baptist Church will present "Alpha and Omega," an Easter concert 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The 70-minute concert features traditional and contemporary Christian music. There is no admission charge. Children under 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 "PlymouthBC @aol.com."

EASTER EGG HUNT
■ A special appearance by the Easter Bunny will highlight this year's annual Easter Egg Hunt, scheduled for Saturday, April 22, in Canton's Heritage Park. The festivities begin at 10 a.m. for Canton kids ages 10 and under. Kids will hunt the grounds in age groups for prize eggs and goodies. It is recommended that families wishing to participate consider car pooling and arriving as early as possible, as this is a very popular event. For more information, call Canton Parks and Recreation at (734) 397-5359.

ROTARY CLUB
■ The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North will be selling a variety of potted spring flowers 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at the Holiday Inn North Campus' parking area. Club members will be selling Easter lilies, tulips and hyacinths for $10. Money raised will go to the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North Foundation, which in return will continue to help those in need both locally and abroad.

GARAGE SALE
■ The Plymouth Canton Civitans Annual Garage Sale will take place 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at the Gathering, next to the Penn Theatre. Clean used items are needed. The Plymouth-Canton Civitans pick the items up. For more information, call Barbara at (734) 464-1129.

TOY SHOW
■ The Plymouth "Collectible Toy Show" will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. The show will feature dealers and collectors selling new, used, antique and collectible toys of all kinds. Adult tickets are $5 and kids under 10 are free. For show or vendor information, call (734) 455-2110.

SENIOR PARTY
■ P-CEP will have its all-night senior party beginning at 9 p.m., Sunday, June 11, at Plymouth-Salem High School. This party is open to all P-CEP graduating seniors. Tickets are $35 and are available at the schools.

AROUND TOWN

HERBAL THERAPY
■ Arthur's Place and the Arthritis Foundation will present "Herbal Therapy" 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at Arthur's Place in Plymouth. Guest speaker will be Linda DeVore R.D. C.D.E., who is a recognized registered dietitian and is certified in diabetes education. If you are interested in attending this free program you must register by calling Arthur's Place at (734) 254-0500. Seating is limited.

SPRING BREAK FUN
■ Bring the kids in for a free morning of music, games, crafts and snacks 10:30 a.m.-noon Wednesday, April 26, at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty in Canton. Preview summer music programs. For more information, call (734) 455-4677.

MONTHLY MEETING
■ The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club is set for 11 a.m. Thursday, April 27, at the Pick-A-Bone Rib House, 30325 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Guest speakers are: Wayne County Detroit Metro Airport Director of External Relations Michael J. Conway, Wayne County Department Manager Brian Lassaline, and Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes. Cost for the luncheon is $11. Visitors and guests are always welcome. For reservations, call (313) 864-8054 by Monday, April 24.

HEALTH SCREENINGS
■ Diplomat Wellness Services will be offering free health screenings for high blood pressure and diabetes (blood sugar) 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at Canton's Summit on the Park. The following screenings will also be available: osteoporosis screening (bone density); cholesterol screening (full lipid arteries); arterial elasticity screening (for clear or obstructed arteries); and derma view screening (shows sun damage and problem areas). Pre-registration is required. For more information, or to pre-register, call (800) 722-8720.

ANNUAL LOYALTY DAY
■ The Loyalty Auxiliary to the VFW Post No. 6695 is hosting the 23rd Annual Loyalty Day at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, at the VFW Post No. 6695, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. The following will be presented: community service awards, voice of democracy winners, poster contest winners. This event is open to the public. For more information, call Alice Fisher at (734) 844-3906.

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

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.

ADULT SOFTBALL
■ The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will be running the following Adult Softball Leagues this spring/summer: Men's Slow Pitch, Women's Slow Pitch, Co-ed Pitch and Men's Modified. Season starts the week of May 1. For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620 or check the web at: www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

BLOOD DRIVE
■ The Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 1274 is sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive from 1:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at Bentley Elementary in Canton. Free child care while you are giving blood. For more information, call Chris at (734) 394-0098 or Gail at (734) 394-0319.

CREATIVE WRITING SEMINARS
■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council will host a Creative Writing Seminar with author and journalist Lowell Cauffiel 7-9 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning May 2 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. This class is for individuals interested in writing fiction and non-fiction. Classes are limited to 10. Cost is $175 for six weeks. The areas that are covered include: how to see and use detail; how better writing spurs better thinking; publishing for profit; and how to be perceived as an expert (for non-fiction). For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

SPRING CONCERT
■ The 125-member Plymouth Community Choir is presenting its 2000 Spring Concert, "Touched By A Song," 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the First Church of the Nazarene, Haggerty at Eight Mile Road in Novi. The program contains a vast variety of songs which demonstrate the versatility of the Chorus. Tickets may be purchased at: Sideways, 505 Forest, Plymouth; Evola Music Center, 7170 N. Haggerty Road, Canton; or by calling (734) 455-4080. Tickets are $8.

SCHOOL OPENINGS
■ New Morning School in Plymouth has vacancies in the Primary/Kindergarten and Middle School for the 2000-01 school year. NMS is a parent cooperative that fosters individualized/independent learning, self-esteem, and positive interpersonal skills. For more information and for reservations, call (734) 420-3331.
■ Creative Day Nursery School is accepting registration for its preschool program for the fall 2000 sessions. Creative Day's program is a developmental approach with small classes and low student/adult ratio. Sessions consist of Freeplay, Storytime, Sharing, and Art and Music activities. Creative Day is located in Canton Township. Children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 5 are eligible. For more information, call (734) 981-3990.
■ Registration for Spring Kindermusik classes is now in session. Spring classes are held from May 1 through June 5 at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial (just west of Sheldon). Sign up early and receive a free Kindermusik beach ball. For more information, call (734) 354-9109.

VILLAGE MUSIC
■ Village Music has open registration for summer and fall Kindermusik 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. in the Old Village section of Plymouth. For more information, or for registration, call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

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

DOG JOG
■ Plymouth Dog Jog 2000, presented by the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth, will be held on Saturday, May 13. The two-mile route starts and ends at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Registration begins at noon and the jog/walk begins at 1:30 p.m. Registration fees are $20 if received by May 1 and $25 on May 13. Registration forms may be obtained by calling (734) 459-7000 or stopping by at "Doggie Central," 9450 S. Main St., Plymouth. Each registrant receives a newly designed T-shirt and bandanna. The registration form contains a place for pledges. All pledges and part of the registration fees go to the Michigan Humane Society. There are prizes for the most pledges and other contests. Bring your dog and jog!

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

MOPS MEETING
■ Plymouth Baptist Church holds Mothers Of Preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with their children, kindergarten-age and younger, may attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Childcare is provided. The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (784) 453-5534.

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

M.I.T.I.
■ Moms In Touch International is for mothers to meet weekly, for one hour, to pray for their children and schools. The goal is to form a group for each school in Plymouth-Canton. If you are interested or have any questions, call Karen at (734) 397-2771 or Elaine at (734) 459-3896.

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

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

Clothes encounters at Canton store



Fashion show: *Nearly two dozen area "models" got the chance to walk the runway recently as the Canton Fashion Bug store showed off its spring and summer inventory. The store invited area students and women to choose two outfits each to wear for the annual in-store show.*

VOLUNTEERS

FIRST STEP
■ Become a volunteer and help other people while putting an end to domestic violence and sexual assault in your community. First Step has been active in the effort to end violence in western Wayne County and downriver communities for more than 20 years. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, willing and able to travel to Downriver communities, and complete a 55-hour training program starting in April 2000. For information call (734) 416-1111, ext. 223.

SAFE HOUSE
■ You can help stop domestic violence. If you just have four hours each week and a commitment to ending domestic violence, come volunteer at Safe House. There is a wide variety of volunteer positions available. The next training begins on May 12. For more information, call (734) 973-0242, ext. 1, or visit our Web site at www.comnet.org/dvp.

SUPPORT GROUPS

HANDS ACROSS THE WATER
■ Hands Across The Water holds its Adopting Older Kids (A-Okay!) meetings the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. There is a $5 fee; they also sponsor an Adoption Book Discussion Group the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. This group is free. Meetings are held at 2300 Washtenaw, Ste. 103B in Ann Arbor. For further information call (734) 913-0831.

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION
■ Arthritis Foundation classes are being held now through May 16, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Arthur's Place, 47659 Halyard Drive, Plymouth. Fibromyalgia Self-Help Course is a seven-week course which meets once a week. The course teaches the following keys to successful self-management: basic fibromyalgia information, strategies for decreasing pain, how to relax and deal with stress, proper use of exercise, dealing with depression, good nutritional habits, problem-solving techniques and how to research unproven remedies. Pre-registration is required. Cost is $35 for non-members and $10 for a non-member's spouse or friend. For further information call (734) 254-0500.

CALENDAR FORM

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

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary.

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22, and Easter Sunday worship at 8:20 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 23.

LENTEN SERVICES
The Stations of the Cross will be observed every Friday night at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church (23310 Joy, Redford, five blocks east of Telegraph). Call (313) 534-2121. A video tape of one of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's retreats will be shown in the church hall after the Stations of the Cross each week of Lent. Anyone may attend.

LENTEN DINNERS
St. Agatha Church of Redford (19750 Beech Daly) will offer the final Lenten dinner April 21 from 3-8 p.m. Dine in and carry out. Senior discount from 3-5 p.m. Children's menu available. Call (313) 531-0371.

LENTEN SERVICES
St. James Presbyterian (25350 W. Six Mile, Redford Township) will hold Maundy Thursday services, including communion, are at 7:30 p.m. April 20. Call (313) 534-7730.

LENTEN SCHEDULE
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (39020 Five Mile, Livonia) will offer Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 p.m. April 20.; Good Friday Inter-faith service at noon April 21; Good Friday Tenebrae at 7:30 p.m. April 21; Easter vigil and baptism service at 7:30 p.m. April 22 and Easter Sunday services at 6 a.m. (sunrise communion); 8 a.m. communion service with choir; 9:45 a.m. instrumentalists and a joyful Eucharist; and 11:30 a.m.

NOVENA OF DIVINE MERCY
The St. Priscilla Catholic Church is having the Novena of Divine Mercy starting at 2:30 p.m. Good Friday. For details call Hank Talaske (248) 476-8106.

EASTER SERVICES
St. Theodore Catholic Church (8200 Wayne Road) will have Mass of the Lord's supper at 7 p.m. and Adoration until 11 p.m. on Thursday, April 20. Friday, April 21 Good Friday service at noon; Saturday, April 22 blessing of Easter food at noon and Easter Vigil Mass at 8,p.m. Sunday, April 23 Easter Sunday Masses at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY EVENT
Canton Friendship Church is making Easter special for children by hosting an event at 10:30 a.m. in the main gym at Summit on the Park, Canton. Each child will learn about the joy of Easter, take home a special gift celebrating Jesus' resurrection, and then enjoy an Easter egg hunt after church. Child can bring a friend. Infant/toddler nursery and the regular Sunday school classes (pre-K through 5) will be provided during the Easter service hour. Call (734) 451-2100.

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.

CHAI DINNER
Congregation Beit Kodesh will hold the 41st annual Chai Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at the synagogue (31840 W. Seven Mile in Livonia). The honoree couple will be Sally and Larry Stein. Advance reservations are required. Call Elaine Gittleman, (248) 544-0674.

VALIANT WOMEN PROGRAM
The Aldersgate United Methodist Church will host a continent breakfast at 9:15 a.m. Friday, May 5 (1000 Beech Daly Road, Redford). The program titled "Valiant Women of the Early Church: Models for Today," will be presented by Wilma Strang. For reservations call Bonnie June Legge (734) 464-7727 by Tuesday, May 2. Baby-sitting by reservation only, same deadline and phone number. Bring "Love Pillows" to donate to Children's Hospital.

HOMECOMING & REVIVAL
The Community Free Will Baptist Church of Westland will hold 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.

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. 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 experience is 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/ wwme. "The Marriage Journey" is broadcast 8:30-9 a.m. Sundays on WCAR 1090 AM.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP
The Great Three Days - Maundy Thursday worship at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday Tenebrae at 7:30 p.m.; and Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m.; The Day of Resurrection: Easter breakfast at 8:30 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
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (26212 W. Six Mile) in Redford will host an Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m. (arrive 15 minutes early) Saturday, April 22. Karaoke singing, Easter basket raffle and flower sale.

DAY OF PRAYER
Residents of Canton Township will be participating in the annual "Meet at City Hall" to pray around the flag pole from 12:20-12:40 p.m. Thursday, May 4. The National Day of Prayer was initiated to pray for a moral rebirth of America. Canton Township Administrative Building is located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer roads.

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

NEW BIBLE STUDY
Adults interested in a complete overview of the scriptures may attend a Bible study at 9:15 a.m. Sundays at New Life Lutheran Church at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon. Call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail newlifelc@ yahoo. com

KITCHEN KAPERS
A salad buffet luncheon will be presented by the Mother Cabrini Guild of SS. Simon and Jude Church (32500 Palmer Road) of Westland from 11 a.m., to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 18. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Call (734) 722-1343 for tickets. $6 per person. Raffle, 50/50, and prizes. No smoking please.

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 Reifsnyder.

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.

REMARRIED 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.

THRIFT SHOP
The Thrift Shop, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, opened a new location at 494 N. Mill, one block north of Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call the store at (734) 459-1250 or e-mail the church at fpcp@ juno. com

RITE OF INITIATION
Adults interested in joining the Catholic church are invited to "inquire" at the ongoing Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Theodore of Canterbury Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The process is open to any interested adult including baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation with First Communion and/or Confirmation. For more information, call Lorraine Short, pastoral minister, at (734) 425-4421.

EARLY CHILDHOOD
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church offers an early childhood program, a day care program for toddlers age 18 months to 3 years. The program is available full or half days Monday through Friday. Children have organized and spontaneous activities – all hands-on and interactive. The program is state-certified and offered at the church, on Farmington Road. For more information, call (734) 513-8413.

HISPANIC CHURCH
The Hispanic Pentecostal Church holds worship 2 p.m. Sundays. Call (248) 471-5282.

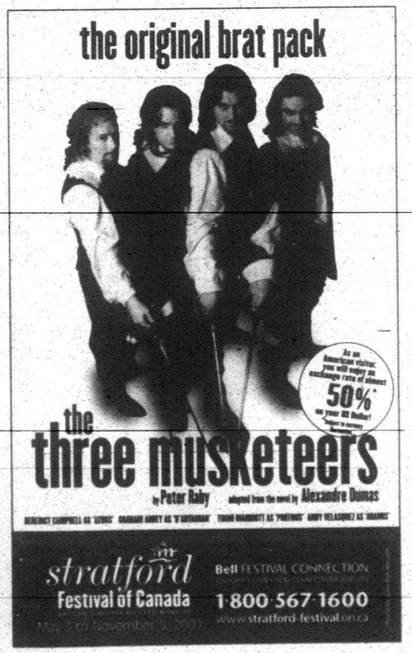
LIFE CARE MINISTRIES
Have a problem? Need to talk? Call Life Care Ministries for a Christian perspective. (734) 427-LIFE Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 109 p.m. (excluding holidays). Anonymous. Confidential. Free.

FUND-RAISING & BENEFITS

***Listings for the Funds & Benefits** should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net*

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For information regarding advertising in this directory,
Please Call Rich Vicuña (734) 953-2069

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734-525-3664

Sunday School ..... 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.
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Virgil Humes, Pastor
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Wednesday Praise Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Children, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00 -8:00 p.m.



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New St. Paul Tabernacle Church of God In Christ and Grandmont Rosedale Park Christian Day School
Bishop P.A. Brtsols, Pastor & Founder
15340 Southfield Drive at Fenkell & Grand River
313-835-5329
SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES
8:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 6:30 P.M.
New St. Paul Tabernacle Church
The Place Where "The Word of God Is Taught" With Clarity for Practical Lifestyle Application"
March of Faith Telecast
38 - WADL Broadcast Times
Saturday's 9:30 P.M.
Sunday's 4:30 P.M.
RADIO BROADCAST:
1340 AM - WEXL
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
8:45 A.M. TO 9:00 A.M.
JOIN US IN OUR WEEKLY WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY. WE ARE CURRENTLY "TAKING A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF HEBREWS"
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Rev. Luther A. Werth, Sr. Pastor
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(N. of I-96)
Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 pm
Good Friday Service 12:30 & 7:30 pm
Sunday Worship 8:30 am & 11:00 am
(734) 522-6830

CANTON
46001 Warren Road
(West of Canton Center)
Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 pm
Sunday Worship 9:30 am
(734) 414-7422

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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
20805 Middlebelt (corner of 8 Mile & Middlebelt)
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WORSHIP SERVICES
Saturday Evening ..... 6 p.m.
Sunday Morning ..... 9:15 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30
Pastor John W. Meyer • 474-0675

Risen Christ Lutheran
46250 Ann Arbor Road
(1 Mile West of Sheldon)
Plymouth • 453-5252
Worship Service 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Pastor David Martin
Hugh McMartin, Lay Minister

St. Michael Lutheran Church & School
3068 Hannan Rd., Wayne (corner of Glenwood & Hannan)
(734) 728-1950
Sunday Morning Worship Services
Traditional Services 8 & 11 am
Contemporary Service 9:30 am
Sunday School (Children & Adult) 9:30 & 11 am
Wednesday Night Service 7 pm
Rev. Dr. Robert J. Sobala ... Rev. Merle Wolhoesen

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9600 Leverne • So. Redford • 313-937-2424
Rev. Lawrence Witto / Rev. Steve Eggers
Sunday Morning Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Thursday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Christian School: Kindergarten-8th Grade
313-937-2233

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Church & School ..... 5885 Venoy
1 Blk. N. of Ford Rd., Westland 425-0260
Divine Worship 8 & 11:00 A.M.
Bible Class & SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.
Monday Evening Service 7:00 P.M.
Gary D. Headspohl, Administrative Pastor
Kurt E. Lambert, Assistant Pastor
Jeff Burkee, Principal/D.C.E.

LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
9415 Merriman • Livonia
Sunday Worship Service
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45 a.m.
School Grades • Pre-School - 8
Church & School office
(734) 422-6930

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25630 GRAND RIVER at BEECH DALY
532-2260 REDFORD TWP.
Worship Service
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
Nursery Provided
Rev. Victor F. Halboth, Pastor
Rev. Timothy Halboth, Assoc. Pastor

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Annual Madonna University auction benefits student scholarship fund

Marking the event's 12th year, Madonna University is counting the days until it auctions over 1,000 items to a crowd of more than 500 at the "Around the World ... and Beyond" scholarship dinner auction, April 28 at Burton Manor in Livonia.

According to organizations that are dubbing the evening their "greatest event ever," bidders will be greeted with a champagne toast at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The silent auction will close at 8:30 p.m., and the live auction follows at 9 p.m. An open bar will be available as well as entertainment.

Dennis Neubacher, WXYZ-TV7 (helicopter pilot and Madonna University student) will be the master of ceremonies. One raffle ticket winner will win a 2000 Cadillac Sedan DeVille donated by Don Massey of Don Massey Cadillac in Plymouth.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Madonna University Scholarship Fund. Guests will be impressed with the more than 1,000 unique and exciting auction items available this year, said Rose Kachnowski, director of corporate development/ special events.

"The community really came out for this one," said Kachnowski. "This is going to be the largest auction we have ever had."

Up for bid are Northwest Airlines trips to Rome or Milan, Hawaii and anywhere in the continental United States, the "Summer Connoisseurs Weekend" at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, an evening yacht cruise for 25 on the "Mallard," golf packages, fishing excursions, Epicurean package and more.

"We have a tremendous amount of jewelry this year," added Kachnowski. The jewelry includes a choice of three diamond cocktail rings, or a choice between an amethyst tennis bracelet and amethyst diamond ring.

This year's auction will also feature a "Your Choice" raffle for a $1,000 shopping spree to either Laurel Park Place, Saks Fifth Avenue, Nordstrom or Neiman Marcus. Tickets are $10 each or three for $25.

General chairmen for the 200 Auction are Madonna University trustee Tarik Daoud, owner of Al Long Ford, and his wife Helen. Honorary chairpersons are Leonard, Margaret and Patricia Vier of Livonia. Leonard Vier, at last year's auction, purchased Red Wings tickets for 20 to attend a playoff game in a private suite at Joe Louis Arena.

This item has been donated again by Madonna University trustee William Phillips of Phillips Service Industries in Livonia and his wife Bridget.

"Last year we raised approximately $304,000," said Kachnowski. "This year we hope to break the record or come close."

The Madonna University director of corporate development said students will play a more significant and visible role in the 2000 Auction. "They have always been in attendance but were never well recognized. This year their participation is astronomical and their presence will be known at the auction," added Kachnowski.

The official sponsors of the auction are Don Massey Cadillac Inc. of Plymouth; Northwest Airlines, Al Long Ford, Gold Corp Inc., Evola Music, Kimcraft Printer Inc., and Sodexho Marriott.

To attend the auction April 28,

Please see AUCTION, B8



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Highest bidder: *Madonna University's students will participate in the University's 12th annual auction on Friday, April 28, at Burton Manor in Livonia. With proceeds designated for student scholarships, the students will greet benefactors and work at the auction to show their appreciation. From left, Ann Klein, a freshman studying nursing, holds a Wayne Gretzky autographed jersey; Brian Duffourc, video communication sophomore from Redford, displays a photograph of the Red Wing Production Line including Sid Abel, Ted Lindsay and Gordie Howe; Christina Laurain, senior chemistry major, holds a signed photo of the cast from the TV show "Everybody Loves Raymond"; and William Braun, a junior majoring in criminal justice, holds a signed basketball by the "Microwave," Vinnie Johnson. Also on display is the serigraph, "Devant La Mar," by Emille Bellet and a millennium area rug.*

Livonia plans events for spring breakers

PARKS & REC

The Livonia Recreation Department has a variety of programs planned for students during the spring break recess beginning April 24-28.

Titled "Superstars Spring Break" activities offered all week include bowling for $1.75 at Wonderland (427-1060); Cloverlanes (427-6410); Woodland (522-4515); and Merri-Bowl (427-2900).

A Bunny Day Family Doubles event will take place Sunday, April 23 at Woodland Lanes. Nine pin no tap (glow in the dark) will be offered. Cost is $15 for doubles (three games with trophies). Reservations are required by calling (734) 522-4515.

Riverside Arena offers skating from 1-3 p.m. Admission is $3 and skate rental $2. Call 421-3540.

Golf enthusiasts will enjoy hitting the greens from 7-11 a.m. at Idyl Wydl for ages 10-17. You are eligible to receive junior prices with the proper identification. Call 464-6325.

Each day of the week there are various events being sponsored by the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department beginning with:

Monday, April 24 at Wonderland Mall where a "Nasty Sneaker Contest" will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. Come in and model your "rottenest sneakers" and perform a talent. Winners receive a new pair of shoes.

Tuesday, 4-on-4 inline skating will be held at Eddie Edgar arena at 10 a.m. for students in grades 5-6. Preregistration is required at the recreation office. You must bring your own equipment. There is a limited for the first 16 teams registered. Cost is $4.

Wednesday, 3-on-3 basketball begins at 10 a.m. at the Bentley Center for girls and boys in grades 7-9 and 9-10. Double elimination. Preregistration is required at the recreation office. Limited to the first 16 teams per age group. Cost is $6.

Thursday, 4-on-4 inline skating will be held at Eddie Edgar arena at 10 a.m. for students in grades 7-8. Preregistration is required at the recreation office. You must bring your own equipment. There is a limited for the first 16 teams registered. Cost is $4.

Friday, 3-on-3 basketball begins at 10 a.m. at the Bentley Center for girls and boys in grades 3-4 and 5-6. Double elimination. Preregistration is required at the recreation office. Limited to the first 16 teams per age group. Cost is $6.

For information about any of these programs call the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 466-2412.

Stop the violence march planned for today

Greater Grace Temple of Taylor will host its second annual "Stop the Violence" program at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 20.

Stop the Violence is a collective effort by citizens and Christian organizations to come together and combat violence in our schools to ensure safety for our children.

Under the leadership of District Elder Gary Harper, and in cooperation with city officials, a "Stop the Violence March" will take place at Taylor City Hall (23555 Goddard Road) at 4 p.m. and end at Greater Grace Temple. The church will also host a "Stop the Violence" program culminating at 6 p.m.

This event marks the one-year anniversary of the Columbine shooting in Littleton, Co. Special

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Fund-raising *from page B5*

now through April 30. There is a wide variety of flats of flowers to choose from, along with hanging baskets and patio tubs in your choice of colors. Call Sharon (734) 261-8877 or fax (734) 421-7922 for an order form or more information. These are great flowers from quality growers. St. Maurice Parish is located at 32765 Lyndon in Livonia (east of Farmington Road).

UNIQUE GIFT

Starfish Family Services is asking community members to donate $100 in honor of their mother or another special "mother figure" in their life. The mother or other woman honored will receive notification of the tribute gift and a limited-edition ceramic art tile. Call Starfish Family Services, (734) 727-3108.

FLOWER SALE

Approximately 500 potted plants will be available at the Friends of the Wilson Barn Annual Spring Flower Sale, including lilies, chrysanthemums, tulips, daffodils and small orchid corsages. Weather permitting there will be pony rides for children. Sale is from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 20; noon to 7 p.m. April 21; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 22; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 23. The weekend of Mother's Day sale hours include: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 11-13 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 14.

RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE

Presbyterian Women of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (9601 Hubbard at West Chicago) of Livonia will hold a rummage and bake sale from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 27. A $3 bag sale will be from 4-5 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be available until 2 p.m. Proceeds are distributed to local mission projects.

CHURCH FUND-RAISER

Christ United Methodist of Inkster is having a huge sale of parsonage and church furnishings, estate items and donations from members and friends of clothing, tools, toys, kitchenware, books and personal treasures. Visit both the church and parsonage on April 27-29. Hours are Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9-noon. The church is located at 27830 Avondale, the parsonage just behind at 809 Helen in Inkster between Inkster and Middlebelt roads.

RUMMAGE SALE

St. Paul Lutheran Church (20805 Middlebelt Road) of Livonia will host a rummage sale April 27 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. A bag sale will take place April 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

March *from page B7*

guests at this year's "Stop the Violence" program will include Mark Taylor, a Columbine High School student who survived six gun shot wounds to the chest.

David and Tralissa Griffin of the Wedgewood Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, whose daughter was killed during by a gunman during a shooting rampage in Fort Worth. The man killed six persons and eventually turned the gun on himself. Other guests will include Maryann Mahaffey, elected councilwoman - city of Detroit; Fanchon Stinger, Fox TV2; and State Representatives Raymond E. Basham (22nd District) and Randy Richardville (56th District).

The general public is invited to attend both the march and the program at Greater Grace Temple and to ask questions and hear real life stories from victims and parents.

The event is free of charge. Tickets will be distributed and seating is limited. For more information, call the church office at (313) 295-4472.

Auction *from page B7*

general seating tickets are $85 or Gold Inner Circle reserved seats (limited) are $125 each. The car raffle tickets are $200 each and no more than 750 will be sold. Sr. Lauriana is responsible for the Don Massey Cadillac Sedan DeVille tickets, which can be obtained by calling (734) 432-5588.

Burton Manor is located at 27777 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. Contact Rose Kachnowski (Madonna University Advancement Office), 432-5421 for ticket information.

Easter is more than bunnies, egg hunts

FAITH JOURNEYS



CARLA THOMPSON POWELL

What does Easter mean to you? Dyed eggs? Chocolate bunnies? Marshmallow chicks? Baskets of candy? A ham dinner? Or does it mean something else?

Yes, our typical celebration of Easter usually includes large quantities of candy. But Easter is more than just time to max out on your chocolate intake. In fact, it's even more than just a traditional time to gather with your family or a good excuse to buy a new outfit.

Easter is the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. On Easter morning, God triumphs over death once and for all. Easter reverses the horror of Good Friday when Jesus, the only son of God, was killed in a humiliating death by crucifixion. God gives us the promise of new and everlasting life on Easter.

"Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb" (John 20:1). Mary was disturbed by what she saw, thinking that someone had taken Jesus' body away. Mary was filled with such grief that she didn't even recognize Jesus when she saw him in resurrected form ... until he said her name. "Mary," he said and suddenly she knew that Jesus was raised from the dead.

Easter is more than candy bunnies and colored eggs. On Easter Sunday, we recall Mary's early morning meeting with a resurrected Jesus and give thanks to God for raising Jesus.

Significant

Easter is the historical event of God's only son who was raised from the dead. Easter is God's action that overcame evil and defeated death. At Easter, we come face to face with God who calls each of us by name.

Easter is the celebration of Jesus' new life, Jesus' eternal life. God promises us that same new Easter life if we take up the invitation to see, worship, and believe.

Candy and eggs may fill our tummies for a while. Easter bunnies and baskets may hold our attention for a time. But what can satisfy us more than God who loves us so much that he allowed his son to take our sin upon himself on Good Friday and raised him to new life on Easter morning? That message is worth devoting your whole life to.

Carla Thompson Powell is pastor of Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia.

"Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart." - 2 Cor. 4:1.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

GARDEN GALA CRAFT SHOW

Crafters are needed who specialize in yard and garden related crafts for the first "Garden Gala," May 20, at Memorial Elementary School in Garden City. If you are interested in participating call Rhonda, (734) 762-0183.

CHELSEA SUMMER FEST

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

FALL ARTS/CRAFTS

St. Damian Parish is looking for crafters for their Fall Arts and Crafts Show that will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 throughout the school. St. Damian is located at 30055 Joy Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads, in Westland. Call (734) 421-6130.

FALL CRAFT SHOW

Crafters sought to apply for a spot in the 2000 Fall Craft Show at Schoolcraft College Nov. 11 and 12. With 150 crafters, this show is one of the premier venues in the area and attracts crowds of more than 2,000. The show is juried, and a limited number of exhibitors are accepted in each category to maintain a balanced representation in each craft. Crafters are asked to submit a photograph of their work with their application if they have not been accepted for a previous show. The show features all types of handmade crafts including painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, textiles, needlework, photography, glass, leather and woodcarving. The fee for a 12' by 12' space is $55; a 10' by 10' space costs $40; an 8' by 9' space is $40; and there is a $40 fee for an 8' by 4' hallway space. There is an additional $15 fee for electricity. Applications must be received by May 5. To obtain an application, contact (734) 462-4417.

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Open time

•Qualifying rounds for the 85th annual Detroit Newspapers Michigan Open are scheduled for May 22 and May 23 at eight sites throughout the state. The $200 entry fee and completed application must be received in the Michigan Section PGA office by 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 9.

May 22 qualifying sites are Greystone Golf Club in Romeo; Forest Akers West Golf Club in East Lansing; Gull Lake Country Club in Richland; and Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville.

May 23 qualifying sites are Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville; Western Golf and Country Club in Redford; The Fortress in Frankenmuth; and The Highlands in Grand Rapids.

The field at all qualifying sites will be limited to 104 competitors, with all golfers assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Michigan Open will be Monday through Thursday, June 26-29, at Grand Traverse Resort. Contestants will vie for the James D. Standish Jr. Trophy and $110,000 in prize money.

•The 19th Michigan Senior Open Championship will be June 13-14 at Bedford Valley Golf Club. A Pro-Am is scheduled for Monday, June 12.

The event is open to all male golfers 50 or over who have established residency in Michigan. Contestants will play 36 holes of stroke play golf; there will be two age divisions, 50-64 and 65 and over. Handicap limits for competitors is 10.0 for those in the 50-64 division and 15.0 for the 65 and older division.

The $200 entry fee includes greens fees, range balls and automotive golf car for both rounds. The entry fee and completed application must be received in the Michigan Section PGA office by 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 23.

Entry forms are available by contacting the PGA office at (734) 522-2323.

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

•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.

•A women's golf league is forming at Hilltop Golf Course, starting May 4. The league will play at 8 a.m. Thursday mornings.

Those interested should call Liz at (734) 397-1212.

•Beginning golf lessons/clinics for ladies are scheduled for May 9, 16 and 23 at Pheasant Run Golf Club. The lessons/clinics will be conducted by Dave Horstman, a PGA professional, and his staff of assistants.

There are two times to choose from: 10-11:30 a.m. or 5:30-7 p.m. Cost is $70 per person.

The three sessions include instruction in chipping, putting, sand shots, iron play, wood play and golf course management. Equipment needed includes tennis or golf shoes, a three- or five-wood, a seven-iron, a nine-iron and a putter.

The lessons/clinics are being conducted through Canton Parks and Recreation Services; there are no residency requirements. Register at the Parks and Recreation offices, located at 46000 Summit in Canton.

Registration deadline is May 5 or when the class limit is reached. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

Rockers strike deal with Compuware



Once the Rockers left downtown Detroit, the logical move would seem to be to a smaller arena in the heart of the soccer community. Enter Compuware Arena, which beginning in October will be the Rockers' home site.

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It was the logical move to make.

So the Detroit Rockers did it, agreeing to play 16 of their 22 regular-season home indoor soccer games next season at Compuware Arena. The Rockers have signed a three-year lease with Compuware.

"It's a good fit for us," said Rockers' general manager and part-owner Dave Woodrow. "I think it's going to work out well."

Mike Vellucci, building supervisor for Compuware Arena, agreed. "They went out to the Palace (of Auburn Hills), and that was too big," he said. "This is a more intimate facility for them, with 4,500 seats."

It does, indeed, seem the right place for soccer. Compuware sits in the middle of the state's biggest soccer pocket, with Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Farmington, Northville, Novi and Brighton all within a 20-minute drive. In the last decade, most of the state's best prep soccer teams have come from these areas.

The move began to take shape when Mike Illitch, owner of the Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers, decided to sell the Rockers last year. That forced the team to leave Cobo Arena for the Palace.

But that proved too big a forum for this still-growing sport. "Our product is better suited to a smaller arena," said Woodrow.

Enter Compuware.

According to Woodrow, the Rockers' owners were "approached by three other arenas" in the area, but settled on Compuware.

"There were two reasons," he said. "The greater Canton-Plymouth-Livonia area is much more conducive to our demographics."

Also, Compuware could guarantee Friday-Saturday-Sunday playing dates. The Rockers will still play six home games at the Palace.

The relocation has certainly been greeted with enthusiasm. According to

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A bit better

Churchill battles, but Salem prevails

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Only a preview.

That's how both coaches viewed Monday's meeting, a game that pitted two of the Western Lakes Activities Association's premier soccer teams. And the result was about what was anticipated:

A hard-fought, down-to-the-wire affair that saw Plymouth Salem prevail over Livonia Churchill by a 2-1 margin.

The win kept the Rocks unbeaten through seven games; they are 3-0 in the WLAA. Churchill suffered its first defeat; the Chargers are 3-1-1 overall, 3-1 in the WLAA.

"It was a great game," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "It reminded me of a tournament-style game. Both teams left it all on the field."

The Rocks seemed to control the play a bit more, surrendering few scoring opportunities — something Churchill must have anticipated, considering Salem had given up just one goal in six previous matches.

But certainly the Chargers had some chances.

"In the first half, I thought we had five-to-10 minutes straight where we had the ball in their end," said Churchill coach Chad Campau.

The end result, however, was an unlucky turn of events for the Chargers. With 12 minutes left in the half, Salem got possession and Kellee Mullin triggered a quick counter-strike, sending the ball through to Jami Coyle.

Coyle outsped the Churchill defender and put the ball past keeper Renée Kashawlic — who was outstanding throughout the game — giving Salem a 1-0 lead with 11:26 remaining.

"It was unfortunate on their goal in the first half," said Campau. "But I thought we responded well, especially after that second goal. I was happy with the way we came back."

The issue seemed to be decided when, after 67 minutes of battling mainly in the midfields with few good chances for either squad, Salem doubled its advantage.

Following a Salem restart in Churchill's end, Coyle centered a pass to Suzi Towne and she rifled a shot into the upper left corner from 20 yards out, a shot which Kashawlic had no chance to stop.

But the Rocks' 2-0 lead, which came with 12:56 left, didn't last long. The Chargers got a restart deep in the Salem end two minutes later and took advantage of it when Salem keeper Jenny Fitchett — who split time in goal with Jill Dombrowski — charged out in an attempt to smother the ball.

She couldn't. Michelle Smith sent a pass to Michelle Esparza, and she powered it past Fitchett to halve the Salem lead with 10:53 still to play.

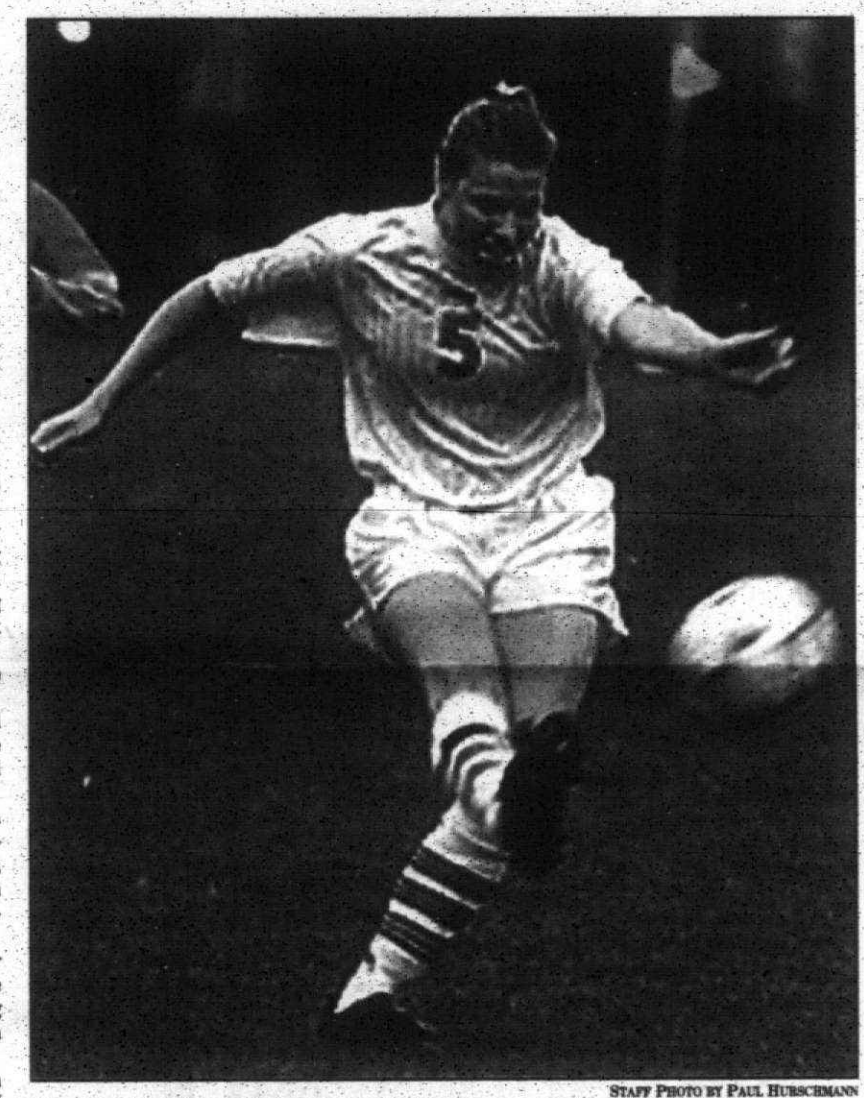
"We were very happy to get something off a restart," said Campau. Unfortunately, the Chargers could muster nothing else offensively.

Both teams looked solid defensively and good in the midfield, but finishing offensively, particularly against better teams, could present a problem this season.

There's time to work on that. "We'll see them again in the districts," predicted Nora.

Indeed, they could also clash again in

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Back-and-forth struggle: *Salem's Jessica Bueks clears the ball from harm's way during Monday's encounter with Livonia Churchill. The Rocks managed to hold off the charging Chargers.*

Spitfires eliminated by Whalers

In the end, the Plymouth Whalers proved too fast and too deep for the Windsor Spitfires.

The Whalers clinched the best-of-seven-games series with a 4-1 triumph Saturday in front of 2,109 fans at Compuware Arena. It was their fourth win in five games against the Spits, and their eighth in their last nine playoff games.

Plymouth now advances to the Ontario Hockey League Western Conference finals against the winner of the Erie/Sault Ste. Marie series; through Tuesday, the series was even at three-games apiece.

The Whalers open the conference finals at home at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Goals by Damian Surma and Justin Williams got the Whalers started Saturday against Windsor. Surma scored his fifth playoff goal 6:01 into the opening period, with assists going to Tomas Kurka and Jared Newman.

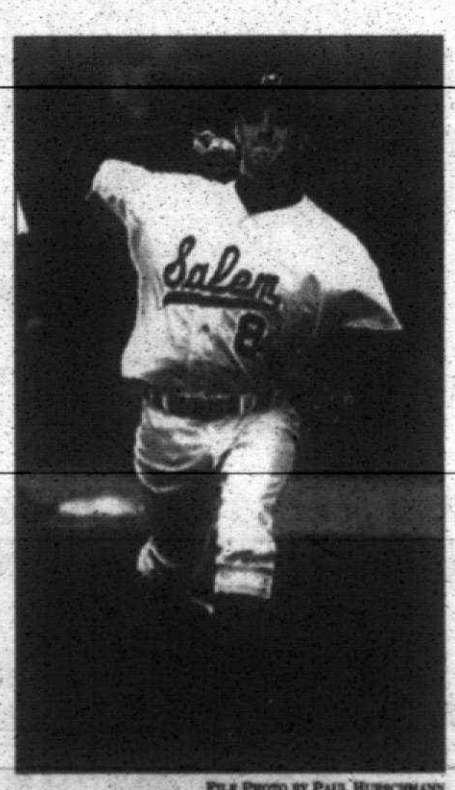
Williams made it 2-0 at 10:42 with his ninth goal of the playoffs, assisted by Newman and Libor Ustrnul. The Spits closed the gap to a single goal with a power-play marker by Vince Grant with 5:39 left.

But that was all Windsor could manage against Plymouth and goalie Rob Zepp. The Whalers had a commanding 38-21 shot advantage.

Randy Fitzgerald made it 3-1 with a power-play goal — his eighth of the playoffs — scored at 2:53 of the second period. Shaun Fisher and Williams assisted. Kurka's empty net goal with 1:14 left in the game finished the scoring.

Zepp stopped 20 of the 21 shots he faced. Mike Leighton had 35 saves for Windsor.

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Pitchers' duel? *Steve Gordon came on in relief to get the win in a game featuring 23 runs scored.*

Rocks' rally nips Vikes

BASEBALL

If his baseball team continues down its current path of playing in down-to-the-wire, extra-inning thrillers, Plymouth Salem coach Dale Rumberger may soon be doubling as a spokesperson for Pepto-Bismol.

On Monday, Salem notched a dramatic 12-11 nine-inning victory over Walled Lake Central in a game which saw the Rocks rally from behind three times in the late innings.

"These close games are taking a lot out of me," Rumberger joked. "Last year, we lost a lot of one-run games. It was nice to win one for a change. We were in another nine-inning game last week, but we lost because we couldn't get any clutch hits. Today, we got the hits when we needed them."

Salem is now 3-3 overall and 3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Senior first baseman Adam Kolb was the Rocks' primary hero on Monday. Kolb, who went 2-for-4 with four RBI, either tied the game or gave Salem the lead on three different occasions.

Justin Barnett also deserves the "hero" label. It was his two-out, solo home run that tied the game at 8-8 in the bottom of the sixth.

The way the early stages of the game unfolded, it looked like the Rocks would roll. While the offense generated a three-run first inning, starting pitcher Jason Lukasik was striking out four of the first six batters he faced. As a result, Salem led, 3-1, after two innings.

However, the Vikings rebounded with a two-run third inning and a four-run fourth to seize a 7-3 lead.

It stayed that way until the sixth when Central put one run on the board to make it 8-3.

The Rocks then put on a stunning display of resiliency, scoring five runs in the bottom of the sixth to knot the game at 8-8.

Both teams scored two runs each in the seventh and the Vikings scored an unearned run in the top of the ninth to take a 11-10 lead.

Salem won the game in the bottom of the ninth on RBI hits from Kolb and Chad Goethe. Mike Thackaberry scored the decisive run.

Rumberger said he is surprised by the way his team is winning games this season.

"Going in, we expected pitching to be our strength," he said. "But it's been our hitting that has led us.

"I'm not happy with all the errors we've been committing (five on Monday). It probably has something to do with how cold it was; no kid likes to play in this kind of weather. It will just give me something to work on in practice."

Senior Steve Gordon (1-1) earned the win for the Rocks, who paraded six different hurlers to the mound against the Vikings. Of the six, Rumberger singled out senior Chris Hardy for his three-inning stint from the fourth through the sixth.

"Chris held us in there when it looked like it might get out of hand," Rumberger said. "He did a nice job."

Senior catcher Ian Winter paced the Salem offensive attack, going 3-for-5

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Rocks rule Lady Chiefs Relays

GIRLS TRACK

Of the 15 teams that competed in Saturday's Lady Chiefs Relays, one stood well above the field.

Plymouth Salem scored 86 1/2 points, winning four of the 14 events and placing in the top six in all but two. The next best team was Brighton with 62 points, followed by Livonia Stevenson with 59.

Host team Plymouth Canton was seventh with 23 1/2 points. Westland John Glenn was ninth with 20, Livonia Ladywood placed 11th with 14 and Farmington Mercy took 13th with seven.

The Rocks set two meet records, winning the 4x100-meter relay in 51.3 with Michelle Bonior, Celena Davis, Jessica Shamberger and Rachel Jones and placing first in the 4x400 relay in 4:12.8 with Autumn Hicks, Valerie Brown, Brynne DeNeen and Jones.

Canton also set a new meet record, placing first in the sprint medley relay in 3:01.9, with Tekla Bude, Amy Fitzsimmons, Elizabeth Lanning and Meredith Fox.

Other Salem wins came in the long jump relay, with DeNeen, Davis and Shamberger (45-feet, 9 3/4-inches), and in the discus relay, with Tiffany Grubaugh, Miranda White and Lori Cairo (296-5).

Grubaugh, Bonior and Cairo also finished second in the shot put relay (101-1 1/2), one of four second-place finishes for the Rocks.

Others went to Aisha Chappell, Hicks and Mary Lou Liebau in the high jump relay (14-8); Lisa Jasnowski, Kelly Solano, Kim Wood and Erin Jensen in the 4x3,200 cross country relay (44 points); and Hicks, Davis, DeNeen and Jones in the 4x200 relay (1:50.5).

Salem added a pair of thirds: Chappell, Rachel Brown, Staci Schmedding and Val Brown in the shuttle hurdles (1:11.0) and Chappell, Val Brown, Kristin Kukhahn and Rachel Brown in the 4x300 hurdles relay (3:26.8).

Salem is now idle until May 4, when it hosts rival Livonia Stevenson in a key Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet. Canton travels to Livonia Churchill May 4.

Chiefs tie for 1st at Dearborn Elks Invite

BOYS TRACK

Plymouth Canton's boys track team left Saturday's Dearborn Elks Relays with the runners-up trophy and a feeling of satisfaction.

On Sunday, the Chiefs discovered something had gone wrong. There had been a mistake in the scoring.

But unlike a previous result this season, one they had to wait for a day to receive (*see Salem vs. Canton, April 6*), this one was positive. Points had incorrectly been given to Adrian; the amended version pushed Canton into a tie for first with the Maples.

"It was just exciting," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "It was a beautiful day, everybody was focused on what they had to do — it was just a great day for the Chiefs."

Canton and Adrian each had 45 points to lead the 12-team invitational. Romulus was third (31), followed by Redford Catholic Central (29), Dearborn (28), Plymouth Salem (22), Temperance Bedford (20), Birmingham Brother Rice (15), South Lyon and University of Detroit Jesuit (six apiece), Wyandotte Roosevelt (five) and Westland John Glenn (zero).

Canton had four first-place finishes and two seconds. Jordan Chapman was a key to the Chiefs' success; he set a new Canton school record in the high jump, clearing 6-feet-6-inches (old record: 6-5, set by Mike DeJarnett in 1991), the best effort of the day. Chapman combined with Chris Kalis and Matt Dukes to total 17-10, good for first place.

The Chiefs also set a new Elks' meet record in winning the intermediate hurdles shuttle relay in 1:22.6 (old record: 1:23.0, set by Plymouth Salem in 1999). The record-setting team consisted of Jim O'Brien, Ricky Singh, Ugo Okwumabua and Kalis.

Other firsts went to O'Brien, Okwumabua, Dane Kobus and Kalis in the shuttle high hurdle relay (1:05.0), and to Chapman, Brian Page and Kevin Palmer in the pole vault relay (31-6).

Canton seconds went to K.J. Singh, Nate Howe, Jamie Bonner and Mike Parker in the 800-meter relay (1:33.9) and to Jack Tucci, Bonner, K.J. Singh and Jerry Gaines in the1,600 relay (3:27.9). Both were season-best times for the Chiefs.

Okwumabua, Chapman and Dukes teamed for a third in the long jump relay (57-4 3/4); K.J. Singh, Howe, Gary Lee and Bonner combined for a third in the 400 relay (44.9); and Gaines, Tucci, Aaron Schmidt and Scott Gillen were winners in the distance medley (11:30.7).

The Chiefs' varsity is now idle until May 4, when it hosts Livonia Churchill in a Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet.

Salem 4th at Essexville, routs Falcons

TENNIS

Some strong doubles play carried Plymouth Salem's boys tennis team to a fourth-place finish at the Essexville Garber Invitational Saturday in Essexville.

Rochester won the tournament with 20 points, followed by Troy Athens (17), Petoskey (15) and Salem (14).

Jon Neal and Mark Coates, both seniors, were the Rocks top finishers, capturing the title at No. 4 doubles. The No. 2 doubles team of Yibo Ling and Jason Schamberger and the No. 3 tandem of Scott Peruski and Kyle Jose both reached the tournament finals before losing.

The No. 1 doubles team of co-captains Jason Meininger and Todd Schmalhurst placed third, losing a third-set tiebreaker to Petoskey 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-1).

The Rocks were without the services of No. 1 singles player Faraaz Siddiqui, who was forced out of action by illness.

Salem is now idle until May 1, when it plays at Walled Lake Western.

DUAL MEET RESULTS

PLYMOUTH SALEM 8
FARMINGTON HIGH 0
April 17 at Farmington

No. 1 singles: Faraaz Sidiqui (PS) def. Chad Moore, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 2:** Ben Bartlett (PS) def. Chris Hall, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 3:** John Machnacki (PS) def. Shamik Trivedi, 6-0, 7-5; **No. 4:** Andy Fenton (PS) def. Dan Turkovich, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Jason Meininger-Todd Schmalhurst (PS) def. Hemanth Srinivas-Raj Bedi, 4-6, 7-6 (9-7), 6-0; **No. 2:** Yibo Ling-Jason Schamberger (PS) def. Harinder Gill-Brian Atkins, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 3:** Scott Peruski-Kyle Jose (PS) def. Rachit Pasicha-Nate Meyers, 6-4, 6-0; **No. 4:** Jon Neal-Mark Coates (PS) def. Ryan Kosinski-James Arpi, 6-2, 6-4.

Dual-meet record: Farmington, 1-3 WLAA, 1-4 overall.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 4
PLYMOUTH CANTON 4
April 14 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Brady Crosby (LS) def. Matt Nagy, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Brendan Cornelissen (LS) def. Chris Foss, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 3:** Kyle Andrews (PC) def. Brian Curd, 6-7, 6-1; **No. 4:** Justin Bookmeier (LS) def. Evan Alexander, 6-0, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Matt Schmidt-Brian Balfour (PC) def. Brian Budd-Mike Horback, 6-2, 7-6; **No. 2:** Kevin Nuttal-Erik Durance (PC) def. Nick Reale-Andrew Byberg, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 3:** Brad Kreger-Adam Landy (PC) def. Andy Million-Robert Ficara, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 4:** Connor Good-Hannes Klein (LS) def. Chris Slupek-Mike Han, 6-4, 6-0.

Strong returning lineup could give Canton a lift

GOLF PREVIEW

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If not exactly spectacular, Plymouth Canton's girls golf team a year ago was at least consistent and competitive.

The Chiefs finished sixth in the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament, shooting a 412 (two strokes behind Walled Lake Central), and were sixth in the overall WLAA standings.

Gone from that lineup is just one golfer: Stephanie Koppe, who was Canton's third-best scorer at the conference tournament.

With the other four top golfers returning, one would think coach Dan Riggs would be highly optimistic about the coming campaign. But Riggs chooses to be more cautious with his expectations.

"We lose one kid, and we're still pretty much where we were last year," Riggs said. "Still, there might be some surprises. But realistically, overall in the conference if we finish anywhere from sixth to eighth, that would be good."

If his team has improved at all from last season, then Riggs will be incorrect — a prospect he wouldn't mind at all. Returning are a pair of all-division golfers in Julie Dziekan, a senior, and Christina Slupek, a junior. They will share the captaincy this season.

Dziekan led Canton at the WLAA Tournament last season, carding a 98. Slupek was next best with a 101.

Also returning with varsity experience are juniors Jessica Pondell and Katie Herbeck and sophomore Meghan Stewart. Pondell (110) and Herbeck (123) both scored at the WLAA Tournament.

"I expect those five kids to be right there, as far as their scores," said Riggs. "I'm looking for good things from all of them."

A year older, a year wiser — right? At Monday's season-opener, the Brighton Invitational at Oak Pointe, Pondell and Stewart turned in solid performances, scoring a 97 and a 98 respectively. Dziekan wasn't bad with a 107, but Herbeck had an off day, firing a 125.

Slupek was out with the flu.

Dziekan, Riggs felt, would be "my most consistent golfer." Others who could contribute are sophomore Andrea Kirk, junior Liz Kunath, and freshmen Lindsay Amann and Jenna Hartland.

What Canton is lacking is that one anchor, a standout golfer who could carry the Chiefs into contention. Farmington Consolidated, for example, returns Cassie Jemison, who was the league medalist last season.

At Brighton, she scored an 80 — which is why Farmington beat every other WLAA team at the Invitational, shooting a 381 (Canton scored 427).

Farmington Consolidated is just one team Riggs figures to be in the hunt for the WLAA title. Northville (fourth overall) and Livonia Churchill (second) should be at the top in the Western Division, with Canton right behind.

In the Lakes, it'll be Farmington and defending league champ Livonia Stevenson.

"We have to have good practices and work hard on it," said Riggs, noting the short season — it runs just six weeks, with a 12-day break for spring vacation included. "The teams that are close to us (in talent level), we just have to beat them.

"The whole season could be interesting. I've got a great group of kids, I like working with them. We're going to do the best we can and try and be competitive, which we usually are."

Canton hosted Walled Lake Western yesterday at Hilltop. The Chiefs return to action May 1, when they host Livonia Franklin at Hilltop. On May 3, they play Plymouth Salem at the same location.

Brighton Invitational

Grosse Ile topped the field at Oak Pointe, scoring a 325 — 20 strokes better than runner-up Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (345). Farmington Hills Mercy, the defending Division I champion, was third (349), with Ann Arbor Pioneer fourth (355) and Okemos fifth (358).

Farmington Consolidated, led by Jemison's 80, was best among WLAA teams with a 381. Next best among WLAA teams was Northville at 383, followed by Plymouth Salem at 401, Walled Lake Central at 414, Plymouth Canton at 427 and Walled Lake Western at 436.

Salem scorers were Angie Jones with a 94, Kim Tamme at 97, and Molly Hedges, Danielle March and Kellie Tamme all at 105.

A total of 28 teams participated.

Livonia Ladywood scored a 408, with Betsy Rais at 97, Amy Eischen at 100, Lani Koczara at 102 and Mary Griffin at 109.

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SHOT PUT
Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 40-1
Marin Jacoby (Churchill) 34-8 1/2
Tasha O'Neal (N. Farmington) 34-0
Judy Telford (Mercy) 33-7 1/2
Lisa Balko (Franklin) 33-6 1/2
Michelle Bonior (Salem) 31-9 1/2
Jenny Hefner (Churchill) 30-6 1/4
Becky Loftus (Thurston) 30-3 1/2
Gaybriel Newton (Harrison) 30-1 1/2
Melissa Ivy (Mercy) 30-1
DISCUS
Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 143-6
Jenny Hefner (Churchill) 120-1
Judy Telford (Mercy) 114-11 1/2
Jen Dash (Lutheran Westland) 102-0
Debby Chen (N. Farmington) 100-3
Julie Yambasky (Stevenson) 97-8
Susan Hand (N. Farmington) 97-0
Marin Jacoby (Churchill) 93-3
Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 91-10 1/2
Miranda White (Salem) 91-4
HIGH JUMP
Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 5-4
Amy Driscoll (Canton) 5-2
Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 5-2
Aisha Chappel (Salem) 5-1
Autumn Hicks (Salem) 5-1
Krystol Dennis (St. Agatha) 5-0
Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 4-11
Andrea Polasky (Stevenson) 4-10
Angela Adams (John Glenn) 4-10
Felicia Barnett (John Glenn) 4-10
Amanda Sales (Luth. Westland) 4-10
Karen Kuszynski (Ladywood) 4-10
Karen Abramczyk (Luth. Westland) 4-10
Kelly Ward (Ladywood) 4-10
Elizabeth Lanning (Canton) 4-10
LONG JUMP
Amy Driscoll (Canton) 16-4 3/4
Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 16-2 3/4
Allison Diakow (Churchill) 15-5
Leyna Kasparek (Stevenson) 15-3 1/2
Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 15-3
Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 15-1
Anna Rolf (Lutheran Westland) 15-1/2
Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 14-11 1/2
Jessica Johnson (Canton) 14-9 3/4
Beth Kwapis (Churchill) 14-9
POLE VAULT
Kim Wise (Garden City) 10-0
Kari Cezat (Churchill) 9-6
Andrea McMillan (Franklin) 9-2
Jane Peterman (Churchill) 9-0
Lauren Turner (N. Farmington) 8-6
Julieta Iarina (Harrison) 7-8
Kristen Schilk (Canton) 7-6
Abby Schrader (Stevenson) 7-6
Diane Morton (John Glenn) 7-6
Nicole Simonian (John Glenn) 7-0
Kelly Clark (Lutheran Westland) 7-0
Ashley Bolard (Canton) 7-0
100-METER HURDLES
LaTasha Chandler (John Glenn) 15.4
Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 16.2
Lisa Rosemary (Harrison) 16.9
Aisha Chappell (Salem) 17.0
Cassie Ehlendt (Stevenson) 17.1
Kristel Strickler (Farmington) 17.1
Angela Fodor (Harrison) 17.2
Valerie Brown (Salem) 17.2
Erin Lizura (Redford Union) 17.4
Latoya Burrell (Harrison) 17.6
300-METER HURDLES
Cassie Ehlendt (Stevenson) 49.4
Aisha Chappell (Salem) 50.4
Valarie Brown (Salem) 52.3
Anna Rolf (Lutheran Westland) 52.5
Amanda Gardner (Harrison) 52.7
Amy Rogerson (Canton) 53.5
Erin Lizura (Redford Union) 54.0
Latoya Burrell (Harrison) 54.2
Angela Adams (John Glenn) 54.2
Tina Frank (N. Farmington) 54.4
100-METER DASH
Rachel Jones (Salem) 12.8
Brianna Watson (Ladywood) 13.0
Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 13.0
Felicia Barnett (John Glenn) 13.1
Michelle Bonior (Salem) 13.2
Meredith Fox (Canton) 13.2
Sierra Miller (Ladywood) 13.2
Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 13.3
Mellanie Banks (Harrison) 13.3
Laura Yales (Ladywood) 13.3
200-METER DASH
Rachel Jones (Salem) 26.8
Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 27.2
Kelly Carey (Ladywood) 27.3
Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 27.6
Meredith Fox (Canton) 27.8
Melissa Lokken (Churchill) 27.8
Dominique Whitner (Borgess) 27.8
Sharia Felton (Redford Union) 27.8
Amy Driscoll (Canton) 28.3
Beth Kwapis (Churchill) 28.4
400-METER DASH
Meredith Fox (Canton) 1:02.6
Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 1:02.6
Autumn Hicks (Salem) 1:02.8
Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 1:04.1
Erin Mazzoni (Stevenson) 1:04.3
Rita Malec (Franklin) 1:05.0
Jessica Levely (Canton) 1:06.1
Laura Glynn (Harrison 1:06.2
Rachel Wodyka (Churchill) 1:06.3
Dominique Whitner (Borgess) 1:06.4
800-METER RUN
Andrea Doud (Ladywood) 2:29.0
Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 2:32.5
Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 2:33.0
Tess Kuehne (Lutheran Westland) 2:34.6
Lisa Jasnowski (Salem) 2:34.9
Tessa Tarole (Stevenson) 2:35.0
Holly Stockton (N. Farmington) 2:37.4
Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 2:37.5
Erica Johnson (Franklin) 2:37.5
Susan Duncan (Churchill) 2:38.0
1,600-METER RUN
Susan Duncan (Churchill) 5:33.5
Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 5:34.0
Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 5:36.6
Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 5:39.0
Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 5:42.2
Tess Kuehne (Lutheran Westland) 5:42.9
Michelle Phillips (Churchill) 5:44.2
Sarah Anagnoustou (Churchill) 5:46.8
Holly Stockton (N. Farmington) 5:48.7
Cayna Carnes (Salem) 5:58.9
3,200-METER RUN
Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 12:20.6
Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 12:32.1
Megan Annarino (Farmington) 12:45.0
Diana Leparskas (Churchill) 12:47.5
Colleen Hayden (Churchill) 12:55.0
Lisa Jasnowski (Salem) 12:59.3
Tess Kuehne (Lutheran Westland) 13:08.6
Sharron Ryan (John Glenn) 13:09.3
Anna Plagany (Ladywood) 13:13.5
Lauren Liebowitz (Harrison) 13:16.1
400-METER RELAY
Plymouth Salem 51.3
Westland John Glenn 52.0
Livonia Ladywood 52.7
Redford Union 53.6
Plymouth Canton 53.7
800-METER RELAY
Westland John Glenn 1:49.4
Plymouth Salem 1:50.5
Plymouth Canton 1:52.6
Livonia Stevenson 1:53.0
North Farmington 1:53.7
1,600-METER RELAY
Plymouth Salem 4:12.8
Plymouth Canton 4:21.7
Livonia Ladywood 4:24.6
Livonia Stevenson 4:26.1
North Farmington 4:31.0
3,200-METER RELAY
Livonia Stevenson 10:04.8
Livonia Churchill 10:30.3
Plymouth Salem 10:38.2
Lutheran Westland 10:45.6
North Farmington 10:48.7

BEST BOYS TRACK AND FIELD PERFORMANCES

Following are the Observerland best track-and-field results. Coaches can fax updates to (734) 591-7279 or call (734) 953-2141.

SHOT PUT
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 51-1/2
Mike Gaura (Churchill) 50-11 1/2
Mark Snyder (Salem) 47-5
Nate Meckes (Lutheran Westland) 46-1
Nate Hensman (Franklin) 45-2
Jason McCalif (Franklin) 42-11 1/4
Jeff Swinger (N. Farmington) 42-9
Brad Arsenault (Stevenson) 42-4
Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 42-1
Asa Hensley (Canton) 42-0
DISCUS
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 150-7
Nate Meckes (Lutheran Westland) 145-1
Nate Hensman (Franklin) 137-1
Asa Hensley (Canton) 131-9
Rory Crittenden (Farmington) 131-4
Brad Person (Harrison) 130-6
Mike Gaura (Churchill) 129-9
Mark Snyder (Salem) 128-11
Jeff Swinger (N. Farmington) 124-7
Nick Samples (John Glenn) 121-3
HIGH JUMP
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 6-6
Layne Bodily (Farmington) 6-2
P.J. Woodman (Plymouth Christian) 6-0
Chris Kalis (Canton) 6-0
Ryan Silva (Salem) 6-0
Brad Tucker (Harrison) 6-0
Brad Person (Harrison) 6-0
Dave Painter (Franklin) 5-10
Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 5-10
Dave Brown (Redford Union) 5-10
Joe Damen (Redford Union) 5-10
LONG JUMP
Eric Scott (Churchill) 21-4
Gabe Coble (Salem) 20-11
Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 20-4 1/2
Aaron Velthoven (Redford CC) 19-7 1/2
Ryan Silva (Salem) 19-7
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 19-6 1/2
Matt Dukes (Canton) 19-6
Jawoin Spinks (Farmington) 19-6
James Cook (Harrison) 19-1
Ken Page (Canton) 18-11
POLE VAULT
Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 14-2
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 13-0
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 12-0
Brian Page (Canton) 11-6
Justin Shafer (Harrison) 11-0
Jim Brzuch (Salem) 10-6
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 10-6
Erik Oswald (Harrison) 10-6
Trevor Moore (Farmington) 10-6
Drew Mortens (Farmington) 10-6
110-METER HURDLES
Nick Hall (Harrison) 14.5
Chris Kalis (Canton) 15.5
Brant Hauck (Churchill) 15.5
Dennis Kusiak (Franklin) 15.6
Tom Grant (Redford CC) 15.6
Ryan Silva (Salem) 15.7
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 15.8
Ben Lukas (Farmington) 15.9
Erik Oswald (Harrison) 15.9
Mike Leach (N. Farmington) 16.0
300-METER HURDLES
Nick Hall (Harrison) 41.2
Chris Kalis (Canton) 41.2
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 41.2
Rob Showalter (Salem) 42.2
Dave Brown (Redford Union) 42.4
Ricky Singh (Canton) 42.5
Kyle Meteyer (N. Farmington) 42.8
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 43.3
Ryan Silva (Salem) 43.3
Brant Hauck (Churchill) 43.5
100-METER DASH
Marcus Woods (Harrison) 11.0
Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 11.1
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 11.2
K.J. Singh (Canton) 11.2
Mike Clark (Lutheran Westland) 11.2
Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 11.3
Chris Roberson (Harrison) 11.3
Jamie Bonner (Canton) 11.4
Randell Means (Redford CC) 11.4
Eric Scott (Churchill) 11.5
Pat Johnson (Salem) 11.5
Mark Ostach (Farmington) 11.5.
200-METER DASH
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 22.5
Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 23.1
Mike Sparks (Garden City) 23.2
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 23.3
Chris Roberson (Harrison) 23.3
Mark Ostach (Farmington) 23.3
Gabe Coble (Salem) 23.4
Marcus Woods (Harrison) 23.4
Jamie Bonner (Canton) 23.5
Mike Parker (Canton) 23.5
Darryl England (Borgess) 23.5
400-METER DASH
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 50.9
Gabe Coble (Salem) 51.5
Kevin Schneider (Franklin) 51.5
Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 52.3
Justin Combs (Lutheran Westland) 53.0
Ryan Kratch (Franklin) 53.2
Dave Novara (Stevenson) 53.7
Terrill Mayberry (Harrison) 54.0
Mike Schultz (Franklin) 54.1
Dustin Gress (Farmington) 54.4
800-METER RUN
Steve Kecskemeti (Stevenson) 2:01.8
Ryan Gall (Churchill) 2:04.0
Charlie Stamboulian (N. Farmington) 2:07.0
Jason Scarbrough (Harrison) 2:08.0
Robert Tymowski (Redford CC) 2:08.0
Brad Carroll (Stevenson) 2:08.5
Matt Rae (Lutheran Westland) 2:08.7
Aaron Schmidt (Canton) 2:09.0
Brian Horr (N. Farmington) 2:09.0
Yale Hamrick (Redford Union) 2:09.4
1,600-METER RUN
Jason Richmond (Churchill) 4:33.9
Eric Mink (Stevenson) 4:43.0
Brian Klotz (Franklin) 4:44.0
Scott Gillen (Canton) 4:48.6
Jason Scarbrough (Harrison) 4:49.0
Matt Daly (Redford CC) 4:49.0
Donnie Warner (Salem) 4:49.0
Charlie Stamboulian (N. Farmington) 4:49.0
Isaac Kaufman (N. Farmington) 4:50.0
Andrew Hathaway (N. Farmington) 4:52.0
3,200-METER RUN
Jason Richmond (Churchill) 9:51.0
Matt Daly (Redford CC) 9:56.0
Eric Travis (Stevenson) 10:13.9
Matt Isner (Stevenson) 10:21.0
Steve Stewart (Franklin) 10:25.0
Charlie Stamboulian (N. Farmington) 10:45.0
Manvir Gill (Salem) 10:50.0
Donnie Warner (Salem) 10:51.0
Chris Tobe (Farmington) 10:53.0
Kevin Patra (Redford Union) 10:53.4
400-METER RELAY
Farmington Harrison 43.7
Farmington 43.9
Plymouth Canton 44.9
Livonia Churchill 45.7
Plymouth Salem 45.8
800-METER RELAY
Farmington Harrison 1:31.6
Farmington 1:31.7
Plymouth Canton 1:33.9
North Farmington 1:34.9
Livonia Stevenson 1:35.0
1,600-METER RELAY
Plymouth Canton 3:27.9
Farmington 3:35.3
Livonia Franklin 3:37.8
Livonia Stevenson 3:38.5
Farmington Harrison 3:39.0
3,200-METER RELAY
Redford Catholic Central 8:47.0
North Farmington 8:51.2
Livonia Stevenson 8:55.7
Plymouth Canton 8:57.8
Plymouth Salem 8:59.7

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Salem follows WLAA loss with a sweep

SOFTBALL

Of the six games played in the last four days by Plymouth Salem's softball team, the one that mattered most was the one in which their offense did the least.

Unfortunately.

On Monday against Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division rival Walled Lake Central, the Rocks came up with just four hits in losing 1-0 in a game played at Walled Lake Western.

"On defense, we look great," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "We just couldn't answer with our hits."

Liz Dekarske certainly pitched well enough to win. She gave up one unearned run (in the third inning) on three hits and did not walk a batter, striking out 10. Four different players had singles for Salem.

The loss dropped the Rocks to 3-1 in the WLAA.

On Tuesday at Salem, they rebounded by sweeping a non-league double-header from Ann Arbor Huron, 9-0 and 7-1. Dekarske go the pitching win in the opener, improving to 3-2 with a two-hit, no-walk shutout; she struck out four.

Katie Kelly had two hits for the Rocks, including a two-run double in the second; Kelly Jaskot also had two hits, with a run-scoring double in the first; and Dawn Allen had a double and an RBI.

In the second game, Jacqui Slebodnick allowed just one run on three hits and two walks in six innings to beat the River Rats. Jen Allen had a triple and a double in the triumph and Kelly had a run-scoring triple; Shae Potocki and Jaskot each contributed a single and an RBI.

The two wins upped Salem's overall record to 7-2.

Taylor Tournament

Salem's stay at Saturday's Taylor Tournament started bad but ended well.

The Rocks lost their opener to WLAA foe Livonia Franklin, 3-1. Salem scored an unearned run in the second on a passed ball; Franklin came back to score three times in the sixth, two on a triple by Nikki Zabkiewicz.

Tara Muchow outdueled Dekarske; she gave up one run on three hits, while Dekarske allowed three runs on two hits.

Salem won its next two games, beating Romulus 16-0 in a three-inning mercy and Wayne Memorial 8-4.

Slebodnick won the first game; she did not give up a hit in her three innings, striking out four and walking one. Jen Allen had a three-run double and a single, driving in four runs to lead the offense; Dekarske went 3-for-3 with three RBI, Kelly contributed a triple and a single, and Jaskot had a two-run double.

Against Wayne, Salem scored four times in the first and added single runs in the next three innings to win easily. Kristen Miller was the victor, giving up four runs in 4 1/3 innings; Slebodnick pitched 3 2/3 innings of scoreless relief.

Marnie Jones had three hits to pace the Rocks; Katie Kelly had two. Dawn Allen had a single and two RBI, while Jen Allen, Amy Szawara, Slebodnick and Carrie Carter each chipped in with a hit and an RBI.

"That first game was a good one," said Southerland of the loss to Franklin. "We just let that one inning get away."

The Rocks are now idle until May 1.

Ladywood 4-3, Regina 1-8: Shelley Moros won her first game in four decisions in the opener.

Moros held Regina to just two hits, walking a pair and striking out three.

Shawn Fallon lost for the fourth time in five decisions in the nightcap Tuesday as three errors led to a four-run fifth inning that turned a 3-0 lead into a 4-3 deficit. Fallon allowed three hits in five innings, walking three.

Kristen Barnes had an RBI single in the opener while Megan Wilkenson had a triple plus a home run and a single in the second.

Ladywood (2-8) fell to 1-3 in the Catholic League. Harper Woods Regina is also 1-3 in the league.

Divine Child 2-5, Ladywood 1-4: A total of 21 hits in two games didn't add up to a single victory for the Blazers.

Livonia Ladywood pounded out 14 of those hits in the marathon nightcap of Monday's doubleheader, decided in the bottom of the 10th inning. The Falcons scored two in the bottom of the seventh after the Blazers had scored in the top of the inning to take a 4-2 lead.

Shawn Fallon drew the loss, working all 10 frames, striking out six and walking four. She gave up four hits.

Dawn Rini had two hits and drove in three runs for Ladywood. Fallon had two hits and Kathy Day contributed an RBI single.

In the first game, Ladywood scored in the top of the sixth but its rally fell a run short.

Shelley Moros worked seven innings, striking out four and walking three. Becky Mitchell had two hits.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Thursday, April 20
PCA at Roeper, 4:30 p.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 20
Churchill at Thurston, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Agape at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
BOYS TRACK
Thursday, April 20
Wayne at Romulus, 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS TRACK
Thursday, April 20
Wayne at Romulus, 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 20
Salem at Troy Athens, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Troy, 7 p.m.
OHL PLAYOFFS
Western Conference final
Saturday, April 22
Erie/S.S. Marie at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 25
Plymouth at Erie/S.S. Marie, TBA
Wednesday, April 26
Plymouth at Erie/S.S. Marie, TBA
Friday, April 28
Erie/S.S. Marie at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 29
(if necessary)
Erie/S.S. Marie at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 1
(if necessary)
Plymouth at Erie/S.S. Marie, TBA
Tuesday, May 2
(if necessary)
Erie/S.S. Marie at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
(all double-headers)
Saturday, April 22
Aquinas at Madonna, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
(all double-headers)
Thursday, April 20
Madonna vs. Albion College at Ladywood High School, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 22
Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.), 1 p.m.
TBA - To Be Announced

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with one RBI.

Redford CC 9-18, Salem 6-9: Sophomore Ryan Rogowski earned a win in his first prep decision in the opener, allowing just five hits over 4 2/3 innings.

Rogowski struck out two and walked three with Kevin Entsminger protecting the win with 2 1/3 innings of relief. Entsminger gave up five hits but struck out five and didn't walk a batter.

Matt Loridas hit a two-run home run in the fifth and doubled home two more in the seventh. John Hill drove in a run with a 2-for-3 game.

The Shamrocks (6-1) were held scoreless by Steve Gordon until breaking through for six runs in the fifth and tacking on three more in the seventh. They had 11 hits and made two errors.

Salem held a 3-0 lead after three, scored a run in the fifth and added two in the bottom of the seventh. The Rocks made three errors.

The Shamrocks started the second game with seven runs in the top of the first, featuring Jake Viane's grand slam, and put it away with four in both the fifth and sixth innings.

Charlie Haeger's grand slam accounted for the four-run fifth as CC pounded out 16 hits in the game and made two errors.

Salem chipped away until tying the score at 8-8 in the third. Walks added the Rocks as they only got five hits in the game.

Haeger went 2-for-2 and drove in six runs in the second game.

Hill stroked three hits, two singles and a double. Loridas had two hits, a single and a double and drove in a run.

Dave Tovey went 3-for-5 with two doubles, a single and a walk, and scored three runs. Rogowski drove in two runs with two hits.

Jeff Niemiec, brought up from the junior varsity to offer some pitching help, came in to get his first varsity victory with 3 2/3 innings of one-hit relief. He fanned two and walked five.

Jason Lukasik paced the Salem attack with a single, triple and home run in two games.

Steve Stiles went 2-for-4 and scored three runs in the in first game. Gordon had three hits in the first game.

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the WLAA playoffs. If Monday's game is an indication, none of the meetings will be a runaway.

Canton 3, N. Farmington 1: Anne Morrell provided the finishing touch in Plymouth Canton's victory Monday at North Farmington.

The junior forward scored all three goals for the Chiefs as they improved to 5-1-1 overall. North slipped to 6-3 overall.

Canton trailed 1-0 after the Raiders' Kelly Hogan scored the game's first goal. Morrell knotted it before halftime, with the assist going to Melanie Dunn.

Morrell's two second-half goals finished the Raiders. Assists went to Kara Marsh and Abi Morrell.

Last Saturday, the Chiefs suffered their first loss of the season, falling 3-0 to No. 2-ranked Troy Athens at Athens.

"They played a very tough game, and we didn't come to play," said Canton coach Don Smith.

Salem 1, Saline 0: After a scoreless first half, Plymouth Salem got what proved to be the game-winning goal from Christen Shull in the second half in a non-league match played at Salem Saturday.

Katelyn Lee assisted on Shull's goal. Jill Dombrowski (first half) and Jenny Fitchett (second) divided time in goal for the Rocks.

"It was a pretty hard-fought game," said Salem coach Joe Nora.

Editor's note: *The Troy Athens-at-Plymouth Salem soccer match, originally scheduled for April 8, will be played today at Athens.*

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Woodrow, season ticket sales have "already exceeded last year."

One good reason for that are prices. "The overall ticket prices will go down, from $16 to $14," said Woodrow. Other special events, like Sunday Brunch with the Rockers — a package featuring a family brunch with the team at Ginopolis (located in the arena) with tickets to the ensuing game — are in the works.

The Rockers will also continue to do their camps in the area. "They do a lot of their camps out here already," said Vellucci. "I think it'll be a positive for the community."

As for the changes that need be made to handle the new tenant, Vellucci isn't overly concerned. A wooden platform will be placed over the ice surface and a carpet will be laid on top of that for the Rockers.

The Rockers' team offices will remain in Walled Lake and no change in the team name is foreseen, but team uniforms will be updated.

"The Whalers get preference, obviously," Vellucci said. "But with the dates, it should be no problem."

A few arena alterations are necessary, he added. For Rockers games, nets that will extend into the stands must be placed behind each goal. The Whalers' scoreboard, which could present an obstacle for Rockers' goal kicks, will remain as is.

The owner of the Whalers, Compuware Arena and the NHL's Nashville Predators is Peter Karmanos.

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Fitzgerald honored

Randy Fitzgerald, a left-winger for the Plymouth Whalers, was named OHL player of the week for the period ending April 16 after scoring four goals in four games to help the Whalers eliminate the Windsor Spitfires from the OHL playoffs in five games.

Fitzgerald, who stands 5-foot-11 and weighs 174, has eight goals and four assists (12 points) in the playoffs, which ranks eighth in OHL playoff scoring. For the regular season, the team captain had 18 goals and 24 assists (42 points).

Earlier Monday, Fitzgerald was named the hardest worker and best defensive forward in the OHL Western Conference in a coach's poll.

Ambassadors eliminated

The Danville Wings defeated the defending North American Hockey League and national champion Compuware Ambassadors in two games in their best-of-three NAHL semifinal series last weekend at Compuware Arena.

Danville won both games by a 3-2 score. On Friday, Dan Knapp scored twice for the Ambassadors in the third period to give them a 2-1 lead, but the Wings came back with two goals of their own, including the game-winner with 3:27 remaining from Adam Wallace, his second of the contest.

On Saturday, Ambrose Tappe scored the game-winner 10:58 into overtime to clinch the series triumph for the Wings. Compuware, winner of the last two NAHL titles, had a 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by Josh Griffith and Alex Sawruk.

Danville trimmed it to one on a first-period goal by Shane Saum, then tied it early in the third period on a goal by Todd Grant.

Craig Kowalski had 70 saves in goal in his last two games for the Ambassadors.

Danville will meet the Texas Tornado for the NAHL Robertson Cup in a best-of-five series April 21-30.

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Jabczenski helps Crusaders win 3

COLLEGE BASEBALL

There were a couple of milestones reached by Madonna University's baseball team last weekend.

First, in Saturday's doubleheader sweep of Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference rival Concordia College, Crusader coach Greg Haeger collected his 100th career victory. Now in his fourth season as Madonna's coach, Haeger (a Redford Catholic Central graduate from Livonia) was 101-91-4 through Saturday.

Another milestone: Senior left-hander Mitch Jabczenski became the third-consecutive Madonna pitcher to be named WHAC pitcher of the week (through April 16). Jabczenski was 2-0 with a 1.50 earned run average for the week, allowing two runs and no walks with eight strikeouts in 12 innings.

For the season, Jabczenski was 3-2 with a 3.38 ERA, 37 strikeouts and just eight walks in 37 1/3 innings.

On Sunday, Madonna split a double-header with WHAC foe Tri-State University, losing the first 7-1 and winning the second 6-2 at Madonna Park.

In the opener, Eric Williamson was the losing pitcher for Madonna, giving up five runs on 13 hits in 6 1/3 innings. Ray Sterling was the winner, allowing the Crusaders just three hits.

In the second game, Jabczenski got his third win of the season, giving up two earned runs on six hits and no walks, striking out four. Tim Hancock took the loss for Tri-State.

Derick Wolfe and Lance Siegwald each had three hits, including a double, for Madonna. Jason Brooks had a hit and two runs batted in, Mark Cole and Joe Pruchnik had two hits and an RBI apiece, and Neil Wildfong (from Plymouth Canton) had a hit and an RBI.

The split left Madonna at 22-12-1 overall, 11-7 in the WHAC. Tri-State is 18-14 overall, 7-7 in the WHAC.

Against Concordia Saturday at Madonna Park, the Crusaders swept the Cardinals 12-2 and 4-3. In the first game, Ryan Andrzejewski improved to 3-1 with a two-run, two-hit performance over five innings. Jason Maykovich was the loser for Concordia (3-24, 0-14 in the WHAC).

Dave Kwiatkowski (from Plymouth Canton) and Joe Pruchnik each slugged solo home runs for Madonna; Kwiatkowski had two hits in the game.

Wildfong added two hits and two RBI, while Todd Miller and Bob Hamp each had two hits, two runs scored and an RBI. Wolfe added a two-run triple.

In the second game, an error followed by singles by Mario D'Herin and Miller delivered the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh. Wolfe got the pitching win in relief of starter Nick Newman (two runs in five innings) and Jeremy Stevens.

Wolfe and Jason Brooks each had two hits (including a double) and an RBI, D'Herin had two hits, and Miller and Pruchnik had a hit and an RBI apiece.

Aquinas, Cornerstone each take a pair from Madonna

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

The wheels have fallen off the wagon for Madonna University's young softball team the past couple of days.

On Monday morning, the Lady Crusaders were tied for second in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a 9-7 record; they were 24-15 at that time.

But in a 24-hour span their status changed dramatically, after losing a pair of WHAC double-headers.

On Monday at Livonia Ladywood, Madonna was trimmed by WHAC leader Aquinas College 6-4 and 10-0. The opening game was tied at 2-2 entering the seventh inning; with one out, a single by Kristen Jones and a double by Renee Bolitho gave the Saints a lead they would not lose.

Melinda added a two-run double in the inning; a sacrifice fly by Jodi Overkleeft made it 6-2. Aquinas would need all of it; in their half of the inning, the Crusaders scored two runs on a single by Emily Cunningham and a bases-loaded walk to Jennifer Kruzel that put the tying run at second with two out.

But with Cassi Gragg on the mound, Devon Fletcher grounded out to end it.

Vicki Malkowski led Madonna with three hits; Cunninghan had one hit and three runs batted in, and Kruzel and Stacie Wilson each had a hit and an RBI.

Jenny Tenyer took the loss for Madonna, giving up five earned runs on nine hits and a walk, striking out two. Melinda Rose was the winning pitcher for Aquinas; she surrendered two earned runs on seven hits and five walks.

The second game was, again, close until the sixth inning. That's when the Saints struck for nine runs to increase their 1-0 lead to 10-0 and force a mercy after six. Gragg got the win for Aquinas, stopping Madonna on four singles and three walks, striking out four.

Jennifer Staup took the loss for Madonna; four of the 10 runs she allowed were earned, on 13 hits and a walk. She fanned five.

Tuesday's games against Cornerstone weren't any better. Madonna lost both, by 9-1 and 1-0 margins in Grand Rapids.

The Crusaders totaled four hits in the twinbill. In the opener, four Madonna errors led to four unearned runs and a loss for Tenyer, dropping her to 9-7; she lasted three innings, giving up six runs (two earned) on seven hits and a walk, striking out two.

Tarrah Brown tossed three perfect innings for the Golden Eagles to get the win.

The second game was a pitchers' duel, with Cornerstone getting a run off Staup in the first inning and making it stand up. Staup allowed just two hits and a walk, but fell to 10-6 with the defeat. Brown again was the winning pitcher, also giving up two hits and a walk. She's 12-1.

Last weekend, Madonna competed in the University of St. Francis Tournament in Joliet, Ill., and came away with a 3-3 record.

On Saturday, the Crusaders lost to St. Xavier 4-2 and to host St. Francis 4-2, and defeated Iowa Wesleyan 5-1. On Sunday, they lost to Grand View 4-3 but beat St. Francis (Ind.)16-6 and Mt. Mercy 12-6.

In Sunday's two wins, Kristy McDonald (from Redford Thurston) was a combined 5-for-6 with five runs scored, two home runs and five RBI.

Madonna was 24-19 overall, 9-11 in the WHAC through Tuesday. Cornerstone improved to 17-7-1 overall, 9-6 in the WHAC; Aquinas (through Monday) was 30-13 overall, 14-4 in the WHAC.

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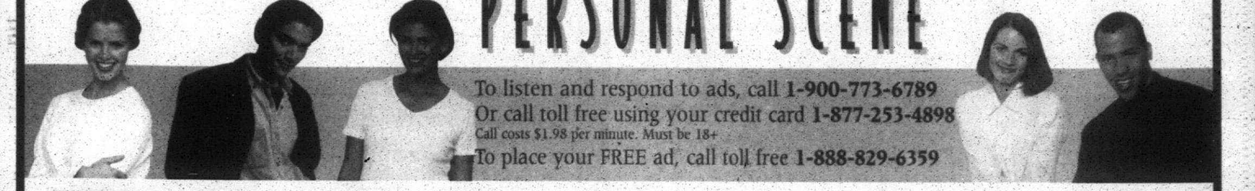
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classy, slender female, brunette, enjoys tennis, golf, dancing, boating, gardening, most music, plays. Seeking honest, loyal, flexible, fun, romantic male, age 58+, 5'10"+, with traditional values, for friendship first. ☎2173

GIRL NEXT DOOR
Happy, well-adjusted SWF, 43, with 2 grown children, enjoys movies, cooking. Seeking honest, truthful male, with traditional values. ☎2167

HERE ON EARTH
Starring you and me. SF, private dancer, good cook, adventurer, loves fun, good conversation, educated, self-supportive, nifty 50s. Seeking gentleman, age open, must be in good relationship, possible LTR. ☎5602

ADVENTURESOME
SWF, 28, enjoys reading, traveling, dancing, family times. Seeking family-oriented, outgoing, commitment-minded SWM, for romance and more. Waterford LTR. ☎1778

BLUE-EYED BEAUTY...
so I've been told. Down-to-earth, not materialistic, slim, pretty SWF, 25, 5'5", 125lbs, seeks tall, short, rich, poor SM for friendship and possibly more. Oakland County. ☎1876

IS THIS YOU?
Beautiful, intelligent, divorced mom, 36, 5'7", with many good qualities, looking for honest, nice, college-educated SWM, with good sense of humor, for committed relationship. ☎2136

STILL LOOKING
Single mom, 26, enjoys fishing, camping, hiking, outdoors. Seeking honest, caring, sincere, respectful, monogamous male for friendship, possible LTR. ☎2083

SEEKING
THAT SPECIAL YOU
SWF, 36, seeks WM, 32-38, 5'8"+, who's tired of the bar scene, likes sports, for special committed relationship. ☎5304

PLEASANT...
educated European SWF, 30, 5'9", H/W proportionate, enjoys cinema, fine dining, art, antiques, travelling, and good conversation. Seeking tall, witty, open-minded, educated man, for friendship first. ☎2056

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
Self-employed, artistic, funny SWF 34 (looks younger), seeks SWM, 24-36, for friendship first, possible relationship. Musician a plus. ☎2058

LOVES TO DANCE
Light-skinned SBF, 5'5", 145lbs, no kids, loves dancing, skating, reading, working with people. Seeking SM with similar interests for dating, possible LTR. ☎1976

ROMANTIC & PASSIONATE
Attractive, plus-sized SWF, 35, enjoys long walks, comedy, reading and animals. Seeking caring, communicative SWM to enjoy time with. ☎1911

GENTLEMAN BIKER
SF, 33, H/W proportionate, long reddish-brown/blue-green eyes, enjoys Harleys, outdoors, fishing, travel. Seeking gentleman with similar interests. ☎1858

SEEKING
Ultra-feminine petite, slim, European blonde, with very sophisticated tastes, seeks WM for classy, tasteful SWM, 50-60, for possible LTR. ☎1850

SECOND TIME AROUND
Fun-loving, attractive, widowed WF, 60, 5'3", 120lbs, likes dancing, loves dogs, dancing, camping, long drives, movies, dining out specials, and more. Seeking outgoing, family-oriented SM, 60+, N/D, drug-free, with similar interests. ☎1929

SOPHISTICATED HAPPY
Fit, bubbly, outgoing SF, 5'6", blonde/brown, zest for life, enjoys golf, fishing, movies, travel. Seeking tall, financially-emotionally secure gentleman, 48-55, who exhibits qualities of a true friend. ☎1708

SEEKING MY SOULMATE
Energetic DWPF, young 46, 5'2", blonde/blue, likes nature, waterfalls, baseball, tennis, alternative medicine. Seeking SWPM, 36-49, N/S. ☎1860

GOOD GIRLS LOVE BAD BOYS
SF, 43, blonde/blue, seeks attractive SM, 35-45, who's ready for LTR. Truck owner a plus. Let me rock your world. ☎2012

DARE TO HOPE, DARE TO DREAM
Feminine, attractive, young-looking DWPF, 52, 5'10", blonde/blue, likes sports, movies, dancing, creative, sincere, loves adventure, travel, outdoors, family, intelligent, romantic independentism. Seeking a tall, attractive SWPM, single dad similar in age interests. ☎2024

A NEW YEAR, A NEW START
Cute, loving, caring, secure, old-fashioned SWPF, 49, 5', 112lbs, blonde, loves, kissing, hardies, laughing, walks, boating, dining, travel. Seeking nice-looking, slim SWPM, 50-60, N/S, D, short in stature/big in heart. ☎1989

LET ME BE YOUR SUNSHINE
Intelligent, easygoing, widowed WF, 61, 5'1", blonde/blue, NS, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, dining, long walks, and fireplaces. Seeking SWM, 58-65, for companionship. ☎1928

ROMANCE AND DEVOTION
Tall, curvy, romantic SBF, loves Latin dancing, long walks, spirituality, picnics, sports. Seeking outgoing, tall, handsome, perceptive SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, believes in God, enjoys family values, and for life. No games. ☎2135

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Sincere, easygoing, financially secure, active, retired, widowed WF, 5'6", blonde, enjoys cooking, easygoing gentleman friend, 65+, who enjoy dining out, traveling and laughter. LTR. ☎1846

TOUCH OF CLASS
Intriguing, attractive, outgoing SWF, 5'5", 130lbs, black hair, sexy eyes, is searching for a sincere SWM, 48-60, for fun, friendship, possible LTR. ☎1789

ALONE, BUT NOT LONELY
And happy with myself, white female, 53 (looks 43), 5'10", 150lbs, blonde, ex-model, educated, sees the whole male, 50+, educated and professional, emotionally/financially stable, for LTR. ☎2067

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW
Intelligent, slender, tall, ladylike, warm-hearted WF, 53, smoker, seeks tall, intelligent gentleman, 53-65, with traditional manners; who's interested in, sharing romantic dinners, conversation, and laughter with me. ☎1061

HOPEFULLY WE CAN MEET
Sweet, sincere, honest, hard-working SWF, 5'7", 5'4", blonde/green, enjoys camping, walks, candlelight dinners, cuddling, movies, and sports. Looking for SM, 33-58, to share good times and romance. ☎1992

GROWN-UP BOY
Classy, very attractive, down-to-earth, slim SWF seeks intelligent, financially secure SWM, 48-54, brown or dark hair, who likes to have fun. ☎1339

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?
Good-looking, slim SF, 40, 5'3", brown/green, good sense of humor, one daughter, likes movies, dancing, comedy clubs, dining out, reading, plays, fishing, camping. Seeking SWM, 40+, time for a relationship. ☎1939

ABC'S
Attractive, bubbly, curvaceous DWF, 46, blue-eyed blonde, professional musician with passion for life, seeks intelligent, romantic, emotionally/financially secure SWM, 40-55, 5'10"+, N/S, no possible LTR. ☎1878

WANTED: ONE ROMANTIC SOULMATE
Tall, attractive DWPF, 5'10", blonde/brown, passionate about life, is searching for that one special man; 48-58, financially secure but sensitive, who loves life, sports, fun and romance. ☎1879

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Attractive, emotionally/financially secure, honest, caring, DWF, young"50, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, looking to love again. Seeking SWM for concerts, dining, movies, sports, travel, togetherness, friendship leading to LTR. ☎1755

SUNSHINE
Outgoing, friendly, retired, widowed WPF, 62, 5'1", 120lbs, brown, hair, N/S, seeks similar-SF, 55-65, for friendship, PT

ARE THERE ANY GOOD ONES LEFT?
Seeking honest, affectionate, honest SWM, 39-45, who would like to meet a good woman, with a view for a possible LTR. ☎1783

TIRED OF BEING LONELY?
Fun-loving, easygoing, attractive, plus-size, sincere SWF, 42, redhead/green, enjoys outdoors, kids, animals, dining, dancing, movies, romantic evenings. Seeking honest, easygoing, sincere SWM, 38-48, who likes simple things in life. ☎2131

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE
Intelligent, pretty, passionate, fun-loving, sincere DWF, mid-40s, seeks attractive, smart, honest SWM, 38+, N/S, for a lifetime romance that never ends. ☎2116

SPONTANEOUS, SENSUAL
52 and fun! Pretty, medical professional, seeking fun, honest, intelligent SWM, 38+, N/S, for a lifetime romance that never ends. ☎2116

SEXY REDHEAD
Easygoing, fun-loving DWPF, 49, 5'8", 136lbs, great legs, no kids, Belleville homeowner, animal lover, enjoys gardening and nature. Seeking DWPM, 50-60, 6'+, N/S, social drinker, for LTR. ☎4997

A RARE FIND
Attractive SWF seeks companionship of professional gentleman, 50+, who enjoys theater, concerts, museums, exhibits, excursions. Lost messages 1/10-1/11, please call again. ☎1257

HOCKEYTOWN GIRL
SWPF, 5'7", brown/brown, never married, Catholic, loves hockey, movies, concerts, dining, dancing. Seeking SWPM, 39-45, similar interests, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. ☎1977

THE ICON IS LOVE...
Very pretty, curvaceous, professional SBCF, 38, varies interests, takes home some, loyal, passionate, fit SBCM of integrity, 30-40, N/S, for one-on-one dating and romance. Serious only. ☎1965

SEEKING HONEST GUY
SF, 5'9", 135lbs, light brown hair, student, no kids, loves basketball, swimming, movies, dancing, cooking, walks. Seeking sweet, honest, romantic, laid-back guy for serious relationship. ☎1951

SEXY SINGLE
SBF, 40, 5'10", 165lbs, black/brown, light caramel complexion, self-employed, 2 kids, loves singing, dancing, jazz, comedy, romance. Seeking date, some, spirit-filled SM, 40+, 6'+, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1968

BRIGHT & CHARMING
Intelligent, inquisitive SF loves movies, dancing, singing, writing poetry, traveling, new people. Seeking open-minded man who wants to be with a nice person, for friendship. ☎1971

SEEKING TRUE LOVE
Attractive, Dominican, 138lbs, never married, no dependents, professionally well-educated and successful tall man, late 30s, to touch his soul, and to share all that life has to offer. ☎2120

FIRST TIME AD/ WEST LAND AREA
Attractive DWF, 40, 5'2", 115lbs, self-employed, petite, well-educated, enjoys movies, reading, beaches, travel. Seeking honest, caring SWM, 40+, 5'10"+, for friendship first. ☎1960

FRIENDSHIP, COMPANIONSHIP
Friendly, kind-hearted SBF, 46, 5'5", 200lbs, enjoys simple things in life, picnics, walks in the park, movies, television, sports, SWM, 35-60, for friendship, possible LTR. N/S, N/D. ☎1913

ENJOY LIFE WITH ME
Fun-loving SWF, 40's, no dependents, seeks fun-loving, affectionate gentleman, N/S, over 40, to share interests. Race open. ☎1958

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Easygoing, overweight DWF, 44, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys outdoors, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, for relationship leading to marriage ☎5780

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR LOVE
SWF, 52, 5'6", medium build, brown hair, enjoys fine dining, reading, jazz music, family gatherings, walks in the park. Seeking degreed SWPM with similar interests, for monogamous LTR. ☎1205

LIFE IS GRAND
Pretty SWF, 5'7", 130lbs, spiritual, non-religious, degreed, energetic, very youthful 40ish, child-like delight. Seeking similar SM, to share passion, and emotional intimacy, joy, hiking, meditation, yoga, open/honest communication, mutual trust, LTR. ☎1213

SINCERE AND CUTEY
DWPF 5'6", blondish, two grown children, seeks romantic white gentleman, WM, fairly sophisticated, financially/emotionally secure, interested in fun, travel and sports. ☎1112

STILL SEARCHING
Attractive, DWF, 5'8", brown/brown, fun to be with, enjoys movies, dining out, the outdoors, and Redwing games. Seeking attractive, tall SWM, 33-40, with similar interests, for friendship, maybe more. ☎1941

SEEKING FRIENDS
Independent DW mom of 2; 40, 5'10", enjoys concerts, movies, sports, hiking, camping. Seeking committed LTR with a man who can chick and is not into playing games. ☎1886

BEAUTIFUL SMILE
Athletic, attractive, young-looking DWF, 51, 5'7", H/W proportionate, brown/brown, college-educated, great sense of humor, enjoys sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, quiet conversations. Seeking tall, family-oriented SWM, 50-56, N/S for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1969

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Energetic, beautiful SBCPF, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown complexion, enjoys exercising, travelling, entertaining, reading. Seeking prosperous Christian gentlemen with similar interests, N/S, H/W proportionate, for friendship. Southfield area. ☎1874

YOUNG ATTITUDE
SWF pretty, sensuous, and communicative, enjoys arts, music, dancing, and shopping, seeks loyal sensitive, good looking, classy SWM, 40+, 5'10"+, for friendship first. ☎1960

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Borgess coach/AD resigns

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This was not the ending that Redford Bishop Borgess principal Sister Joan Charnley wanted for athletic director and girls basketball coach Dave Mann.

Mann resigned last week after an investigation by the Detroit Catholic League resulted in "concerns" of undue influence regarding tuition payments for his players.

"It's unfortunate because Dave worked hard and was respected by parents and students," said Charnley. "This really happened more quickly than I thought."

Charnley will assume the athletic director duties until a permanent replacement is found and hopes to have both positions filled by the end of the school year. Charnley met with the coaches and staff last Friday and told them of the change. Mann told his players Friday and cleaned out his office and turned in his keys the following day.

DCL officials were concerned when four players transferred out of school in January. The Spartans were 11-12 overall in 1999 and were eliminated from the Class C tournament by Detroit Communication and Media Arts — coached by James Rogers, a former assistant under Mann at Borgess. One of the four players, DeShawna Hoskins, is now at CMA. Mann is also the women's basketball coach at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"Incidents occurred that we were concerned about," said DCL director Tom Rashid. "It's inappropriate for specifics, but incidents occurred and (both the school and the league) investigated. We feel that it was thorough in scope. During the course of the investigation, he resigned and we accepted."

The investigation revolved around possible violations of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's rule involving undue influence, which prohibits schools from offering partial or full payment of tuition based on a student's athletic ability.

Parochial students and their families are allowed to reduce their tuition payments through academic scholarships, volunteering their time at school and church-affiliated aid.

Current tuition at Bishop Borgess is $3,975 and will rise again for the 2000-01 school year to roughly $4,100.

"People can get help in paying the tuition," Charnley said. "Some parents donate time to the school and so do the students. We've also found they get help from their extended family to help pay the tuition. And there are students who are eligible for help from programs the Archdiocese sponsors."

The Michigan High School Athletic Association had no comment on the matter. Under its rules, the MHSAA can not take action until a formal complaint has been made.

If the MHSAA deems the action taken by a school to police itself unsatisfactory, it could issue additional sanctions. If a coach is still at the school in violation of the rules, he could face penalties. But once that coach leaves the school, he would not be subject to penalty.

Should a formal complaint be lodged against Borgess, it would be heard before the MHSAA's representative council to determine guilt and/or subsequent sanctions. Should Borgess be found guilty by the MHSAA of violating the undue influence rule, only the school would face penalty. Mann would be allowed to coach at any other school without being held to the same sanctions as Borgess.

Mann, who did not return phone calls at home or at Michigan-Dearborn, still has the support of his current employer.

"I have only had a brief conversation with Dave about this," said Wolves' athletic director Peggy Foss. "At the present time, he's still our basketball coach. We have no immediate plans to make changes. At Bishop Borgess, I think there were only allegations. I don't know what was proven."

Mann had been the athletic director at the school for the past two years, replacing alumnae Diane Convery. His record in 11 seasons at the school was 198-79 with Class C championships in 1993, 1994 and 1997.

This is not the first time that Mann had come under scrutiny.

In 1997, the DCL investigated Mann for improprieties in paying his high school players to work at unofficial AAU tournaments run by him at Michigan-Dearborn. DCL officials ruled Mann could pay his players up to $500 per school year to work, but the money had to be applied to their tuition at Borgess.

Students were paid $6 per hour to work at the tournaments for doing things like keeping score, running the clock, setting up and breaking down for the tournaments. The workers were not exclusively students from Bishop Borgess, but from several metro Detroit high schools. Borgess students needing the tuition credit had their limit capped at $500 and the money was supposed to go to the school. Students who had their tuition paid in full and the students at other schools received their earnings in cash.

"There was an investigation three years ago and at that time, the ruling was everything was fine and in line," Charnley said.

That same year, in perhaps his most controversial act, he openly admitted encouraging people to join the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan to help Ayisha Smith win the group's Miss Basketball Award. Several ballots came in as the deadline neared with only Smith's name on the ballot instead of the three names allowed.

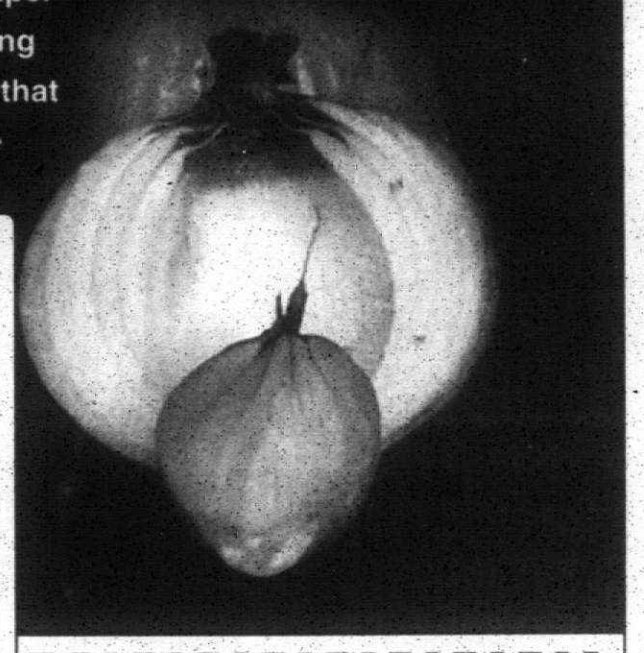
When the voting was tabulated, she easily won the award — 818-463 and 145-45 in first-place votes — over runner-up Tawana McDonald of Flint Northern.

While within the voting rules at the time, the perceived abuse of the rule forced BCAM to change membership rules to no longer allow game officials to vote and all new members must wait until the following school

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Stanley Tucci stars in and directs Joe Gould's Secret, the true story of a "New Yorker" writer and the eccentric bohemian he turns into as a minor celebrity in the 1940s, opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



Fun and entertainment await at the Detroit Zoo's annual Bunnyville event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Easter Bunny and several other costumed characters will be parading around the zoo grounds. Free admission for children age 2 and younger, and guests who arrive before 2 p.m. when they bring a non-perishable food item. Photos with the Easter Bunny available for $5 each. Proceeds benefit Gleaners Community Foodbank. Call (248) 398-0903 for details.

SUNDAY



Jeffrey Mickens portrays Jesus Christ in T.J. Hemphill's Easter musical Perilous Times, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit. Tickets $21.50-$30, call (313) 963-2366.

HOT TICKET



Hot Ticket: *The John Hancock Champions On Ice Summer Tour, featuring Brian Boitano, Elizabeth Punsalan and Jerod Swallow, Oksana Baiul and other Olympic and World figure skating champions, stops at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22. Tickets $25-$55, available at the box office, or call (248) 645-6666.*



For dancers only: *Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra swing the night away on their For Dancers Only tour.*

JAZZ ORCHESTRA

swings the night away

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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It's 10 a.m. California time and Rodney Whitaker is awakening to a view of the ocean outside his room at a West Coast hotel. Santa Cruz is the second stop on the 23-city tour the native Detroiter is playing with trumpeter Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra.

Sound grueling? Not for Whitaker who loves swinging the nights away. Together with Marsalis and the orchestra, Whitaker spends eight months a year on the road introducing audiences to jazz and swing dancing. Their *For Dancers Only* tour, named after Sy Oliver's 1937 chart for the Jimmie Lunceford Orchestra, is reawakening people to the fun of dancing to swing music.

What: Dance the night away to the music of Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra.
When: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22. Free swing dance lesson begins at 6:30 p.m. Ticket required for entry.
Where: Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, 799 Hewitt Road, Ypsilanti.
Tickets: $25, call (734) 764-2538.

On Saturday, April 22, the orchestra will stop at Eastern Michigan University as part of its tour. The tour will continue on to concert and dance halls including the Roseland Ballroom in New York where the performance will be broadcast by the BBC. A free lesson with national swing dance champions Janice Wilson and Paola Lanna precedes the April 22 dance concert presented by the University Musical Society. It is one of Jazz at Lincoln Center's educational efforts. It is being presented at EMU because the venue allows room for dancing.

"I love it," said Whitaker who plays bass with the orchestra. "Anything swing is good to me. We're trying to expose people to jazz. The best way is to have them come out and have fun dancing. When I was a kid in Detroit, I played with J.C. Heard and did a lot of dances. Growing up I thought it was a drag but now I enjoy it. It's enjoyable to see somebody inspired to swing to your music."

At age 32, Whitaker is too young to remember the era when dancers stopped moving to the sounds of Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Benny Goodman. Nonetheless, he's glad to see people back on their feet dancing to the timeless works of the legendary Big Band leaders along with new tunes by Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra trombonist Wycliffe Gordon and others.

"People have the tendency to think bebop brought about the end of swing dance," said Whitaker. "What a lot of people don't realize is that it was rock 'n' roll. People stopped dancing to jazz and started dancing to rock 'n' roll."

Whitaker thinks the rebirth of swing and jazz is a good thing. A professional jazz musician since age 17, Whitaker has performed with everyone from Branford Marsalis, Joe Henderson, Joshua Redman, Stanley Turrentine, and Kenny Garrett to Marcus Belgrave and Alma Smith. He joined the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra in August of 1996 at the request of artistic director Wynton Marsalis. Whitaker had run into Marsalis in New York shortly after his *Children of the Light* album came out. He had recorded with Marsalis a few years before. Now Whitaker was asking the legendary jazz trumpeter to play on his next album *Hidden Kingdom*. Whitaker has appeared on more than 70 recordings. *Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*, his fourth album as a leader, will be released in May. The title is taken from a poem by Khalil Gibran.

"Sometimes we try to possess life instead of living life," said Whitaker. "You have to embrace life and live it while you can. This is my coming of age album."

Bass wasn't Whitaker's first love. He began playing violin in fourth grade and "fell in love with it" but eventually switched to bass at the suggestion of his teacher Hosea Taylor at Remus-Robinson Junior High in Detroit. The only child in a family of eight to become a musician, Whitaker now is passing on his love of music not only to his five children but to others as well.

Whitaker was in town in February to perform with the Lincoln Center Jazz Sextet which served a week-long residency in conjunction with the University Musical Society in Ann Arbor. Whitaker gave several master classes in Detroit-area schools and narrated a program broadcast by Wayne RESA to students in Wayne, Oakland and several other counties around the state of Michigan.

Whitaker believes educating young people about jazz is one of the most important things he can do. Since September, he's been coaching students in the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra's jazz band. Whitaker played with the civic orchestra from age 15.

"That organization has a lot to do with me being a professional musician," said Whitaker, a jazz studies professor at Michigan State University since 1995. Whitaker formerly taught at the University of Michigan. "They paid for my lessons through high school so I'm just giving back. It's great to be able to inspire these kids and it's inspiring to see someone inspired by your words. And I'm learning a lot about teaching and patience."

Gilda's Club honors memory of comedian

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Just thinking about comedian Alyce Faye makes me smile. She was kind-hearted, funny, and generous with her time and talent. Most of her phone calls to the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* were to ask if we could do something to help someone in need, not to promote her latest gig at a local club.

Diagnosed with lung cancer in August 1999, Faye kept making people smile until she died in November.

On Wednesday, May 3, Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit is honoring her memory by presenting the "It's Always Someone Special" award to her husband Fred Sewell at *Gilda's Big Night Out II*. The award is presented to the person who has demonstrated a strong commitment to Gilda's Club Metro Detroit.



Alyce Faye

Faye, a resident of Farmington, was one of the early supporters of Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, which opened on Jan. 28, 1998. She founded Motor City Women of Comedy with comedian Mary Miller in 1994, and hosted an annual fund-raiser for Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit. The last one was held in 1997.

Named in honor of comedian Gilda Radner, a native Detroiter who died from ovarian cancer in 1989, the club offers men, women and children and their families and friends opportunities to share experiences, develop strategies for living with cancer and make new friends. The 6,000-square-foot clubhouse in Royal Oak offers a home-like atmosphere where members can participate in support and networking groups, workshops, lectures and social events.

"Alyce came to us out of the blue," said Geri Lester of Franklin, treasurer of the board of directors for Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, and one of the club's founders. "She begged and borrowed from friends, and worked hard to put on a successful event to benefit Gilda's Club. She had all of her comedian friends donate their time; none of them charged a penny. They all gave of their time and talent, it was really something. She was a very wonderful person who had no trouble motivating others."

Miller, who lived in Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield Township and Berkley before moving to Ohio, met Faye at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak.

"Gilda Radner was an inspiration to women," said Miller. "I heard about Gilda's Club and thought wouldn't it be cool if we all got together to make Gilda's dream come true. I immediately called my

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Gilda's Big Night Out II

What: A night of comedy, food and fun to benefit Gilda's Club Metro Detroit.
When: 6 p.m. silent auction and strolling supper, 8 p.m. performance by comedian Jeffrey Ross, Wednesday, May 3.
Where: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills.
Tickets: $125 donor, $200 patron, call (248) 577-0800, Ext. 22.

DANCE

Dancers are ready to 'Burn the Floor' at the Fox

What: Detroit debut of Burn The Floor, dance revue featuring 44 of the world's top ballroom dancers and such dances as the tango, cha cha cha and lindy hop.
When: 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 25-Saturday, April 29; 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29; 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 30
Where: Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit
Tickets: $10-60 at Fox Theatre box office, (313) 983-6611; or through TicketMaster, (248) 433-1515

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Ballroom dancing looks like a rising phoenix – a rage that lit up movie screens and dance halls in the 1940s only to burn out and resurface as an exercise in nostalgia at the turn of the century.

But local instructors and aficionados of ballroom dancing prefer to use the term "rediscovery" to describe the form's recent rise in popularity, a movement fueled by younger generations' attraction to swing and salsa on the night club circuit and a steady stream of Latin-inspired music in popular culture.

The fire now engulfs the stage in *Burn The Floor*, a sensuous, no-holds-barred ballroom revue that runs April 25-30 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

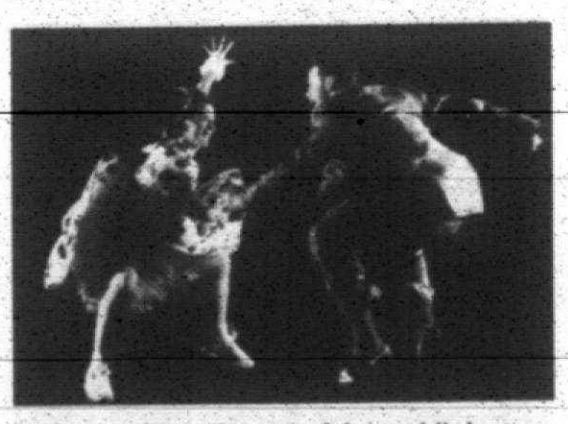
"For those of us who are hooked on it, it never died," said 71-year-old Nora Nader, a local ballroom instructor who fondly recalls when "touch dancing" flourished in the Detroit area. "What's happened is through television and movies there's been a revival," said Nader, an instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Others have simply discovered ballroom's many benefits – healthy social recreation, source for entertainment and a good form of physical and mental exercise, said Glenn Clark, a professional ballroom dancer and co-owner of Stardust Ballroom dance studio in Southfield.

"You can go the gym and work out, but you can't go to a night club in a short shirt and show off your abs unless you're there to dance," Clark joked.

People also have tired of being specta-

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White hot: *More than 40 of the world's best ballroom dancers strut their stuff in Burn The Floor, an electrifying and fast-paced showcase of standard and Latin dance styles.*

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■ That ballroom dance is being presented as theater for the stage and public performance is evidence of its transformation.

tors, added Nader. "We need to be participators. We need to be a part of what's going on, and not just visually," she said. "Plus, we're more health-conscience. We need other ways to work out our calories and our feelings, and dancing is a nice, safe way to express yourself."

And, while more couples and individuals are taking up or rediscovering ballroom dancing, the 44 professional dancers who perform in *Burn The Floor* are offering audiences an opportunity to see the tango, cha cha cha, waltz, lindy hop and six other ballroom styles at their technical best.

The performers, some of the world's top ballroom champions, are the "black belts" of the form, said Clark, who has scheduled a *Burn The Floor* field trip for instructors and more than 40 of his studio's students, from beginners to competition-level dancers.

The show promises a high level of technical and athletic ability, but *Burn The Floor*, unlike ballroom competition, isn't bound by rules or, for that matter, image. *Burn The Floor* showcases a group of top-notch professionals "pretty much doing what they do best and just going all out ... kind of like *Riverdance* but with ballroom," said Clark.

Traditions and new twists

Inspired by a crowd-pleasing ballroom performance at Elton John's 50th-birthday party, *Burn The Floor* appropriately skirts the rules in favor of energetic theatricality, invention and individuality.

"It's anything but about rules," said Jason Gilkison, a member of the cast and the show's artistic director. "This will change people's perspective on what ballroom dancing is."

Created by Harley Medcalf, promoter of *Lord of the Dance*, the show not only takes audiences on a journey through the world of ballroom dancing but also puts a new spin on several dance styles. "We take a dance like the cha cha cha, and put the dancers in street clothes and Dock Martens, and then the nature of the dance starts to change," said Gilkison.

Likewise, the show begins with a traditional rendition of the waltz. "With the innocence between men and women, the man gently leading the woman, and the woman never looking at the man," Gilkison said. "At the end of that, one of the dancers rips his tuxedo off – the man sort of sheds off the mask of the old ballroom to reveal the opposite of that innocence."

A form evolving

The show's opening metaphor is an appropriate one, given ballroom's recent growth and continuing evolution.

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More importantly, technique levels are higher than in years past, and athleticism is playing a significant role in today's ballroom competitions.

Some have even dubbed competition-level ballroom "dance sport." Once more, there's a push to bring ballroom competition to the Olympics.

"Most people think of ballroom dancing and think of Lawrence Welk and the bubble machine. Ballroom dancing today is for all ages, and it's enthusiastic and very physical. It's really a new generation of dancing," said Clark.

Ballroom training has also become much more sophisticated, said Nader, who was trained at one of Detroit's first Arthur Murray dance studios in the late '40s. Likewise, interpretation of the form and specific styles has become more of an art form, she said.

Even ballroom's most basic principle – man leading woman – may gradually undergo transformation, Nader added, recalling a recent class in which a young male student asked her why he had to lead when his partner had better timing. "And, that was true," said Nader. "But tradition says the guys are supposed to lead. I think it may be whoever is the stronger of the two that will be the leader."

Partnership

One thing that will never come under siege in ballroom dancing is partnership. "That's what ballroom is about," said Gilkison. Take away partnership, two dancers engaged in a dialogue and working together to express themselves, and ballroom, by definition, becomes freestyle dance.

And, partnership is perhaps what makes *Burn The Floor* so accessible to audiences. "The audience identifies with relationships in their own life," said Gilkison. "And, it's not just happy all the time. We look at all aspects of life."

Off the stage and in the dance studio, partnership is a learning experience, Nader said of ballroom's appeal. While younger generations are discovering the form, they're also just learning that "someone has to lead and someone has to follow," she said. "I see this all the time ... a little power play, 'He can only be as good as I let him.' Then, a give-and-take, the considerations in life, the respect in life, the helping of each other."



Physical flirtations: *Burn The Floor, a marathon of ballroom dancing, churns out lusty renditions of such dances as the tango, samba and rumba.*

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best friend, Alyce. She was already planning the event before we got off the phone."

Together, Miller and Faye enlisted the help of other comedians to host an annual benefit for Gilda's Club. In 1997 these Motor City Women of Comedy enlisted the help of a few good men, too.

"Alyce had a real knack for making everything an event, she thrived on it," said Miller. "She made it a spectacular, elegant event. She made it happen. She was the ultimate hostess."

Miller also commented on Faye's ability to motivate others. "When Rosie O'Donnell got her own show, Alyce and I sent her flowers to congratulate her. The card that said 'you go girl,' we signed it Motor City of Comedy. Alyce kept in touch with Rosie, and in 1996 when it was time to begin planning our benefit for Gilda's Club, she asked Rosie to make a donation. From watching the show, Alyce learned that Rosie had just lost a friend to cancer. You can imagine her excitement when Rosie sent a check for $10,000.

"Alyce touched so many lives, and her laughter lives on. I miss being able to see her perform because she was so talented. I was fortunate to be able to visit her when she was sick, just to help out. Even when she was tired from the treatments she would think of something to say to bring a smile to someone's face. She wanted everyone to feel good.

"I'm so thankful they're doing this (giving her the award). She's an inspiration to me."

Miller – who works as a comedian throughout the Midwest, including Ohio, and books comedians at various clubs and venues – will be attending the event.

Also being honored is the memory of Linda Kozlowski, who volunteered her time to Gilda's Club and the community before dying of breast cancer in 1996.

"Linda's mission was to bring the need for breast cancer awareness and education to the community's attention," said Lester. Kozlowski's mission continues in a fund called "Women Alive."

In honoring her memory, Kozlowski's husband, Dr. Jay Kozlowski, her mother, Evelyn Kasle, and sister and brother-in-law, Lisa and Gary Shiffman, will serve as honorary chairpersons for *Gilda's Big Night Out II*.

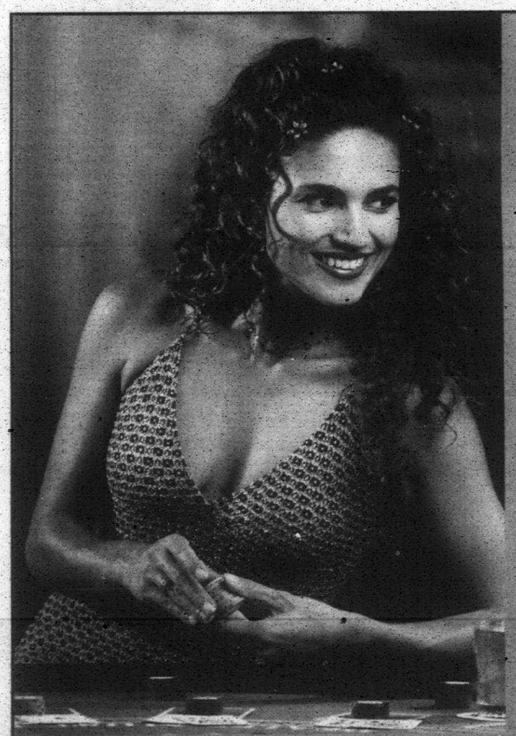
The event will feature a performance by comedian Jeffrey Ross, a silent auction, and a strolling supper.

"We have some lovely pieces of jewelry, car leases, sports memorabilia, tickets to baseball games – a wide variety of exciting items in different price ranges," said Lester about the auction."

Ross has appeared on The Late Show with David Letterman, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, and Late Night with Conan O'Brien. Comedy Central fans know Ross for his Friar's Club Roasts and stand-up specials, Pulp Comics and Lounge Lizards.

He is currently writing and appearing on Comedy Central's The Man Show, and also stars in the Showtime original film *Karaoke Knight*. He will star in a cameo role in *The Rocky & Bullwinkle Movie*, starring Robert DeNiro and Renee Russo.

"Gilda's Club is a special place," said Lester. "We hope people will support us."



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THEATER

'Trial of God' commands attention at Trinity House

Trinity House Theatre presents Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel's "The Trial of God" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday through Sunday, April 30. Trinity House Theatre is at 38840 West Six Mile Road in Livonia, (immediately west of I-275). General admission $10; Sunday matinees $5. For tickets or more information, call (734) 464-6302.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

"The Trial of God" is a tragic farce that puts God on trial in the aftermath of a devastating pogrom that all but annihilated a small Russian Jewish community.

Inspired by events during his childhood in Auschwitz, Nobel Peace Prize winning author Elie Wiesel has created a play whose characters demand to know why God allows innocent people to suffer at the hands of their persecutors. Wiesel insisted that humor in his script be preserved amidst the horror of the survivors' accounts. As they hold court against God, we find the prosecution subconsciously defending God, instead of becoming more vehemently opposed to him.

In addition to presenting high quality community theater productions, Trinity House has pledged to present works that it believes are – "brave, necessary and truthful." In the midst of ethnic cleansing atrocities around the world daily, it becomes imperative that the horror of such crimes against humanity become more personal than a sound bite on CNN, lest we become desensitized. Trini House accomplishes this by bringing this compelling story to its intense and intimate theater setting. Director Thomas Malcolm Olson has assembled and honed a strong and talented cast.

Cast

Mark Hammell of Lathrup Village portrays the embittered innkeeper Berish, who, along with his daughter Hannah, portrayed by Hannah Riddell of Canton, are the only surviving Jews after a brutal Pogrom in their village. Berish struggles with grief and guilt, and mourns silently over Hannah's devastated emotional state. Into this setting come three Purim Players, who are aghast when they discover their heart-wrenching error: they have come to a town where the intended celebrants have been massacred.

Hammell's portrayal of Berish is strong and intense. His agony and frustration with life's cruelty is reflected in both his words and his actions – his body is a mass of defeated tension, and his words ring out with the finality of bitterness toward God and man. His face is a fluid mask of emotions: anger, frustration and guilt.

Anessa Martin of Redford plays Maria, a lapsed Catholic servant at the end, with unrelenting intensity. She too carries a heavy burden of anger and distrust, since she witnessed the massacre of close friends, but she harbors her own secret tragedy. The physical defeat of her anger and grief is reflected in both her face and slumped body. She moves mechanically, without any joy, never allowing herself to relax. Her face shows the tension and debilitation of one always on guard and unable to seek of receive solace. Martin delivers her lines with force and intensity, commanding attention, and returning all verbal volleys with intense ferocity.

The three Purim Players, played by Paul Henry of Westland, Scot Martin of Redford and Art Colling of Livonia, are strong as a trio as well as in their individual roles. Henry, the unofficial leader of the band of players, exuded wisdom and patience, and became the judge during the trial of God. Martin, the youngest and least patience of the three, exhibited the group's collective anxieties with his body language and expressions. However, his impatience disappeared when Hannah's muddled recollection of the Purim legend called upon his chivalry and patience. Art Colling, the third of the trio, blends well into the camaraderie of the group.

Hannah Riddell's portrayal of the emotionally shattered and physically battered daughter is haunting and trancelike. Though her madness limits her character's cognizance, she effectively vents conveys Hannah's suppressed rage and sorrow through her explosive grief for Queen Esther's ordeal.

Guy Snyder of Livonia effectively portrays the startling conflicts of the village priest. Clumsily anti-Semitic, as demanded by his indoctrination, he is none-the-less uncomfortable with the absolutes of the positions, and its contradictions of Christ's exhortations to love one's neighbor. He returns to Berish three times, ostensibly to drink, but in reality to warn him of an eminent attack by an angry mob of his own parishioners.

Dan Gumina of Redford is intriguing and contradictory as Sam, the mysterious stranger who arrives to defend God. Sam approaches the defense unemotionally, forcing the characters holding God up to judgment to constantly reassess their positions and justify their anger. Gumina is clever with a phrase, with well placed inflections and impeccable timing. His gaze is intense and startling, and he effectively shakes up the collection of humanity gathered in the inn.

Costumes

The costumes were mostly superb, from Maria's worn and dirty yet provocative tavern wench gown, to Hannah's innocent white night gown. The Purim Players' masks added an appropriate flavor to the show, providing much needed humor to a tense play. However, while the Purim players, Berish and the priest seemed to be costumed from compatible time periods, Sam's modern turtleneck and Alpine jacket seem out of place.

The set captured the elements of a rough countryside tavern well, but Trinity House's stain glass windows should have been masked – what were they doing in a Jewish tavern? And the three cabaret style tables with checkered cloths would have been better served by rough wooden benches. And Maria needs to stop sweeping into corners – get the poor girl a dustpan! The modern green glasses seemed out of place; mugs or tankards, or at least shot glasses might be more appropriate to our conceptions of the era.

While it is a long production, nearly three hours with two intermissions, Trinity House's presentation of "The Trial of God" is an intense, well-acted and thought-provoking drama, and is a compelling choice for those who like to be moved and challenged by their theater experience.

'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' perfect family event

The Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., Northville, presents "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 24-28 and Saturday April 29 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets $7.50, call (248) 349-8110. Please, no children under age 3.

BY EMILY PRYSBY
SPECIAL WRITER

Maybe, it is the moral of the story – "Parents, love your children well and children, learn to read and spell!" – that made this a perfect family event. Or it could be the squeaks of the rats, which brought a smile to everyone's face. It could be these and so many more things that make "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," now playing at the Marquis Theater in Northville, a great spring event and a nice vacation treat for children and adults of all ages.

Hamelin, a mystical village somewhere, has a problem with an infestation of rats. Enter the Pied Piper. Through the magic of his flute, he promises to get rid of the rats. When he doesn't get paid for his work by the mayor, he takes the children for payment.

So goes the story, which, luckily, has a happy ending. In the process, the audience is treated to delightful musical presentations.

Ken Haering, who plays the Piper, leads the talented cast of 18 adults and children, ranging in age from 8-15, with his strong voice.

Three young actresses do an exceptional job and are believable in male roles. They are Emily Moses, an eighth grade student, and Ashley Hernandez, a seventh grader, both at Power Middle School in Farmington; and Lauren Branstetter, a fifth grade student at Country Oaks Elementary in Commerce Township.

Another noteworthy performer is Debbie Lannen, who plays "Mabel" and serves as the production's director. She sings "Great Day" in a great way that gets a great response from the audience. One of the show-stopping numbers, which especially appeals to the youngsters in the audience, is the dance and squeaks of the rats to "Hall of the Mountain King."

In addition to the lively music, the show is enhanced by simple but believable scenery and creative and colorful costumes. One of the best trademarks of Marquis Theatre productions, which is also found in "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," is that they are short, sweet, but complete. The musicals are never too lengthy. This is especially good for young audience members.

Another feature that appeals to the youthful theatergoers is that audience participation is encouraged. Audience members are invited to join in the singing and are asked questions by the cast. The cast also performs in the aisles making the audience truly a part of the production.

"The Pied Piper of Hamelin" is still another of The Marquis Theatre's child-appealing presentations intended to introduce youngsters to the joy of live theater. It is worthwhile entertainment, like all the theater's offerings.

Emily Prysby is a junior at Birmingham Groves High School in Beverly Hills.

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As host of Detroit Public TV's "Backstage Pass" series, I'm often asked how the performers are selected to appear on the program. The truth is that there is no consistent formula that is used. It might be the result of some scouting by our music producer Ron Pangborn or the suggestion of one of our music segment hosts. I've even been known to campaign successfully for some of my favorite artists. With so many worthy bands and musicians to choose from, the final decision is never easy.

Standouts

During the month of April, "Backstage Pass" has featured in-studio performances by such standouts as Al Jarreau, Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise and Marshall Crenshaw. In addition to tremendous talent, each had something special to offer.

Al Jarreau is coming off a hiatus from the recording industry and has released a new album. But mostly, he's Al Jarreau, and if you have a chance to book him, you take it.

Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise was making a return visit to the program after an astonishingly successful year for the Detroit-based rhythm-and-blues band. We were able to feature music from a new album and also showcase a group that will be among the headliners at the Detroit Music Awards.

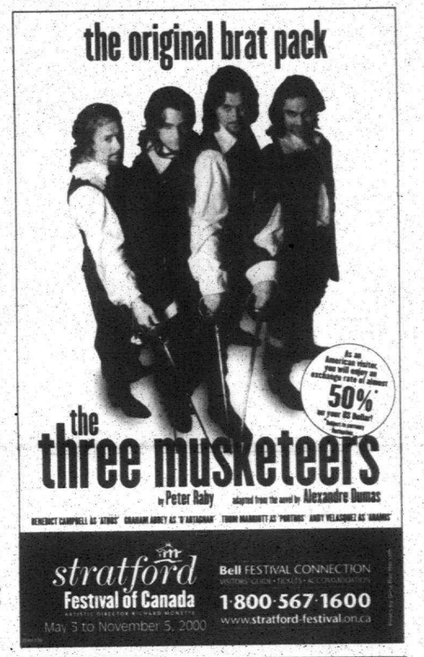
The Marshall Crenshaw appearance, which you can still catch on Detroit Public TV 5:30 p.m. Thursday; or 1 a.m. Friday, was special to me for several reasons. His music is outstanding, of course. It was an important acknowledgment of a gifted, homegrown artist, who contributed much to the national music scene at a time when there were few performers emerging from Detroit. What made it especially memorable was the purpose for the Berkley High grad's return to our area: Marshall Crenshaw was the top name on the marquee for the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation benefit concert at the Royal Oak Music Theatre.

Local bands

Although we've featured big names in jazz (Jarreau), blues (Bradley), and pop/ rock (Crenshaw), lesser-known local bands also had an opportunity this month. Perhaps you caught the outrageous performance by Stunning Amazon last week or are looking forward to the Atomic Numbers this Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Maybe the classical piano playing of Joel Hastings presented this week or the classical guitar and flute of the Dearing Concert Duo on this Sunday's show is more to your taste.

The criteria for selecting the music performers for Detroit Public TV's "Backstage Pass"? I don't know where it ends, but it starts with talent and diversity. Let us know what you'd like to see by checking out our Web site at www.backstagepass.org



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A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE: "Always...Patsy Cline" continues to Aug. 27, at the theater, Detroit. $24.50-$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

FISHER THEATRE: "Cabaret" continues to Sunday, May 14, at the theater, Detroit. $35-$65. (248) 645-6666

GEM THEATRE: "Escanaba 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

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "Crimes of the Heart" continues to Sunday, May 14, at the theater, Rochester. $24-$35. (248) 377-3300

MUSIC HALL: "Perilous Times" 8 p.m. Friday, April 21, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at the Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. $21.50-$30. (313) 963-2366

PLANET ANT THEATRE: "555-1212," an original comedy starring Nancy Hayden and Michelle Murphy opens 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 20-21 and runs through Sunday, April 30, at the theater, Hamtramck. (313) 365-4948

COLLEGE

WSU HILBERRY: "The Marriage of Figaro" runs in rotating repertory to Saturday, May 20; "Five by Tenn" continues to May 6, at the theater, Detroit. $11-$18. (313) 577-2972

WSU STUDIO: "All in the Timing," David Ives six one-act comedies, Thursday-Saturday, April 20-29, at the theater, Detroit. $6-$8. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

JACK-IN-THE-BOX: "The Butler Did It," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29 and May 5-6, and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the University of Michigan Dearborn School of Management Building, Auditorium B. $10 at door, $9 advance, seniors/students $8 at door, $7 advance. (734) 797-JACK

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: "Guys and Dolls," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30 and May 7; 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6; and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 12-13, Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, Old Redford area of Detroit. $13. (313) 537-7716 or (313) 532-4010.

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: "The Trial of God" continues to Sunday, April 30, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Livonia. $8-10 Friday-Saturday, $5 Sunday. (734) 464-6302

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE: "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets ($25 Thursday and Saturday, and $30 Friday-Saturday); and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

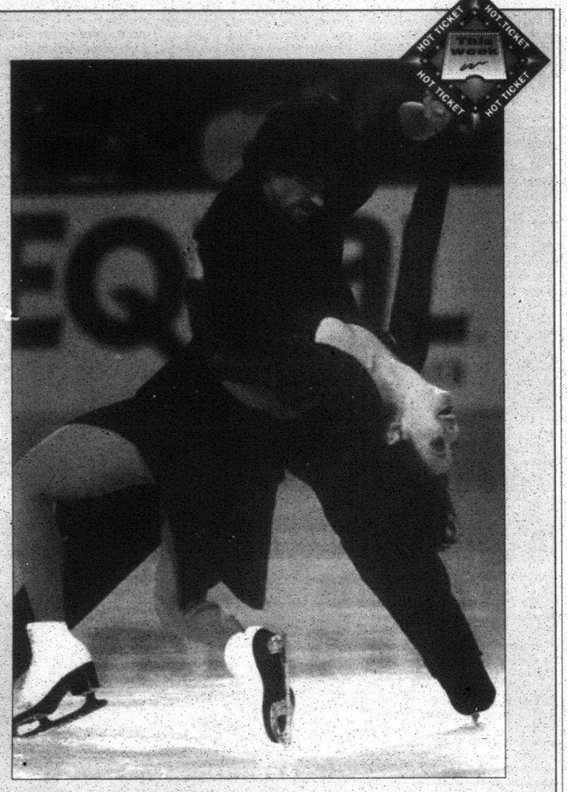
MARQUIS THEATRE: "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through April 30, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 24-28, at the theater, Northville. $7.50. (248) 349-8110

PUPPETART: Celebrates Puppetry Month with guest artists, 2 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River. $7, $5 children, (313) 961-7777

TEDD E. BEAR PRODUCTIONS: Nancy Gurwin presents "Broadway Kids 2000," a new musical review, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30 and May 7 and 14, Aaron DeRoxy Studio Theatre at the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. $10, $9 seniors, $8 children. (248) 352-7172/(248) 354-0545

OPERA

EVGENIJ DMITRIEV: The Russian baritone performs 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 25 at the Detroit Public Library's Main Building. Free, but reservations required. (313) 833-4042



Ice show: *Champions on Ice dancers Jerod Swallow and Elizabeth Punsalan of Birmingham are among the skaters performing 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, in the John Hancock Champions on Ice Summer 2000 Tour at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. The show also features 1976 Olympic gold medalist Dorothy Hamill and 1988 Olympic gold medalist Brian Boitano; the 1999 world dance champions and five-time U.S. dance champions. Tickets are $25 to $55 at all TicketMaster outlets and at the Joe Louis and Fox Theatre box offices. Call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets.*

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE: Der Rosenkavalier, an opera by Richard Strauss continues to Sunday, April 30, performance times 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30; 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Detroit Opera House; tickets $18-$98. (313) 237-3429/(248) 645-6666

JESSYE NORMAN: 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at the Detroit Opera House. $30-$250. (248) 645-6666

FREDERICA VON STADE: 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. $50, $35. (734) 764-2538

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) 433-1515

DETROIT WALK OF STARS: 6 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at Masonic Temple, Detroit. $10, $50 VIP reception. (248) 948-9854

KING OF KINGS: An Easter musical presented by the Celebration Choir, Hosanna Choir and Drama Ministry, 8 p.m, Good Friday, April 21, at Calvary Baptist Church, Canton. (734) 455-0022

POLETOWN PILGRIMAGE: 5 p.m. Thursday, April 20, begins with mass and dinner at St. Hyacinth Parish. $28. (810) 772-2378/(248) 683-0518

BENEFITS

GILDA'S BIG NIGHT OUT II: Honors two women who helped open the doors of Gilda's Club Metro Detroit – Alyce Faye and Linda Kozlowski, Wednesday, May 3 at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills. Event features a performance by comedian Jeffrey Ross, silent auction and strolling supper. Gene Taylor of Oldies 104.3 WOMC will emcee. (248) 577-0800.

CLASSICAL

CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD: Colin J. Meek performs on violoncello, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, in the Library of Cranbrook House, Bloomfield Hills. $25, $15 students. (810) 751-2435.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS: 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. $18-$22. (248) 326-9329

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: All-Mozart concert conducted by Carlos Kalmar; Donald Baker, oboe, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 27-28, 10:45 a.m. Friday, April 28, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $14-$66. (313) 576-5111

NON SEQUITUR: With Tim McAllister debuting new saxophone concerto, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. $15. (734) 769-2999

POPS/ SWING

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday through May, at Andiamo Italia West, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

HIP HOP DANCER: Needed for featured solo in June 11-6 performances. (248) 666-1971

MICHIGAN THEATER AND DANCE TROUPE: Open auditions for dancers age 16 and older. (248) 552-5001

STAGECRAFTERS: Auditions for "Sylvia" 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, April 24-25 (registration at 6:30 p.m.), at Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. For performances June 16-25. (248) 541- 4832

SUMMER SYMPHONY OF ANN ARBOR: Auditions began Saturday, April 19 and run for three weekends 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

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

LINCOLN CENTER JAZZ ORCHESTRA: With Wynton Marsalis perform music for dancing, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, free swing dance lesson begins at 6:30 p.m., ticket required for entry, at Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, Ypsilanti. $25. (734) 764-2538

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With vocalist Judie Cochill, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. $5 cover in Jazz Room, waived with dinner order, $5 drink minimum. (734) 762-7756

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON: With Dan Kolton, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241

DANCE

BURN THE FLOOR: Dance revue featuring 44 of the world's top ballroom dancers and dances such as the tango, cha cha cha and lindy hop, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 25-Saturday, April 29; 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29; 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. $10-60. (313) 983-6611/(248) 433-1515

FULL CIRCLE DANCE COMPANY: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29, at Adray Auditorium, MacKenzie Fine Arts Building, Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. $8, $6 students/seniors. (313) 845-6314

TANGO AND FOLKLORE ARGENTINO: Featuring Ballet Los Pampas with special guests Hugo Daniel Gonzalez and Silvia Cespedes, and Pampa Cortez and Ana Valeria, 8 p.m. Friday, April 28, in Pease Auditorium, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti ($40, $45 students); 6 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at Royal Oak Music Theater $40, $50 VIP tickets), and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at the Capitol Theatre and Arts Centre, Windsor ($40 U.S., $50 Canadian, $70 VIP ticket includes afterglow). (313) 561-3236/(313) 565-3329

COMEDY

CLUB BART: Open Mic Ladies Night featuring comediennes from the metro-Detroit area, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at the club, Ferndale. $2 cover. (248) 548-8746

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: J. Medicine Hat, also Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, April 20-22, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sunday ($5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Darwin Hines, Thursday-Sunday, April 20-23, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Kevin Naughton, Thursday-Saturday, April 20-22, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. $10, Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; $17.50 Friday, $19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

SINBAD: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. $27.50, $35. (248) 433-1515

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: WalkWorks, a self-directed exploration of the exhibit galleries that invites families and young visitors to become Super Sleuths; the museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. $6, $4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: "On the Air! Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30, at the museum, Detroit. Museum hours a 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; $3, $1.50 seniors/children ages 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER: IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," "Whales," "Mysteries of Egypt" and "Everest," at the center, Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is $3 for adults, $2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional $4. (313) 577-8400

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM: Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission $2, $1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: at the museum in Dearborn. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. $12.50, $11.50 seniors, $7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oakland University campus, Rochester. $8, $6 seniors, $4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure," continues through August, 7:30 p.m. at the museum, Plymouth. $3, $1 students, $7 family. (734) 455-8940

SPIRIT OF FORD: Environmental Celebration continues through April at the interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, Electric Ranger test drives on weekends, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. $6, $5 seniors, $4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

LIVE MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS: 7 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

THE ALLIGATORS: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Lowertown Grill, Plymouth. Cover. 21 and over. (734) 451-1213; 9:30 p.m. Chevy Cola, Warren; 3rd Annual Blues Benefit for the Michigan Lupus Foundation, with Mudpuppy featuring Paul Randolph and Alberta Adams And Joe Weaver with RJ Spanglers All Stars, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.

APHASIC PRESS PARTY: With DJs Infinityone and Solekorea, 9 p.m. Friday, April 21, Detroit Science. 18 and over. Cover charge. (313) 438-4146.

ARIZING: With Too Many Gods, Pooch, Left, One, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 29, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $7. (313) 961-MELT.

CHICO BANKS: 10 p.m. Friday, April 21, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011.

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Thursdays. Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368.

BEATING REASON: With Lifethread, 2 Ugly 4 Porn, Saturday, April 29, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292.

BENNY AND THE JETS: With Mitch Ryder, Noon-4 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Motown Harley-Davidson, Taylor. $5, (313) 730-1627.

BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD: 10 p.m. Sundays in April, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

BLINK-182: With Bad Religion, Fenix TX, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $25. (248) 645-6666.

ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $15. (248) 544-3030.

BRAILLEHOUSE: With Shipwreck Union, 10 p.m. Friday, April 21, Jacoby's, Detroit. 18 and over. $5. (313) 962-7067.

BRAINMUTE: Saturday, Paychecks. April 29, Berkley Front, Berkley. Tuesday, May 2, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor.

BRANDED: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, Holiday Inn Southgate Heritage Center. Donations to Leukemia Foundation of America appreciated at free show. (313) 875-5925 for details.

THE BREAKDOWNS: With 3D Invisibles, CD release, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Magic Stick, Detroit. $7. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700.

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BROCA'S AREA: With Remainder, 10 p.m. Friday, April 21, Jacoby's, Detroit. 18 and over. $5. (313) 962-7067.

BROTHERS GROOVE: 10 p.m. Mondays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU; 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, Woodruff's, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Berkley Front, Berkley. (248) 547-3331.

JIMMY BUFFETT & THE CORAL REEFER BAND: 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $46 pavilion/ $23.50 lawn. Includes $1 donation to SFC Foundation. (248) 645-6666.

THE CHIEFTAINS AND LOS LOBOS: 8 p.m. Sunday, June 25 at Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. $35 pavilion / $20 lawn. (248) 645-6666.

TERRI CLARK: 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. $15-$30. (248) 645-6666.

COUPLA FAT GUYS: 10 p.m. Friday, April 28, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011.

THE CURE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $20-$45. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

DENNIS CYPORYN: 8 p.m. Friday, April 21, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013.

D'ANGELO: With Mos Def, 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 22-23, Fox Theatre, Detroit. $40-47.50. (248) 433-1515.

THORNETTA DAVIS: 10 p.m, Saturday, April 22, Thursday, April 27, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011.

DJ DEADBEAT: With DJ's Ben Wu and Bassick, 9 p.m. Friday, April 21, Detroit Science. 18 and over. Cover charge. (313) 438-4146.

DETROIT ROAD RAGE: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 21-22, Village Bar, Wayne. (734) 729-2360

DISTURBED: Saturday, May, 6, Harpo's Detroit.

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: With Left Undone, Convusions, 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 28, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 996-8555.

DOMINANT FACTOR: With Free Therapy, Friday, April 21, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292.

DONKEY PUNCH: With The Codependents. 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $3. (734) 996-8555.

GLEN EDDY: 9 p.m. Friday, April 21, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609.

GLENN FREY: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 8, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. $42.50. (248) 645-6666.

FRICTION: With J. Money, Equinox, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $4. (734) 996-8555.

GALACTIC: With North Mississippi Allstars, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $15. (248) 544-3030.

GIRLS AGAINST BOYS: With Enon, 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, Blind Pig, Ahn Arbor. $10. (248) 645-6666.

MICKEY HART BAND: Featuring Vince Welnick, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. $15-$25. (734) 668-8397.

ROY HAYNES TRIO: Featuring Danilo Perez and John Pattitucci, 8: and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 16-17, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. $20. (248) 645-6666.

CLAIRE HOLLEY: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. $10, $8 for theater members; (734) 464-6302.

JOHN LEE HOOKER: With John Hammond and Larry McCray Band, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. $25-$75. (734) 668-8397.

ICH BIN EIN BERLINER: With PT's Revenge, Gutter Punx, 6 p.m. Friday, April 21, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. $7. (313) 961-MELT.

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

INDIGO GIRLS: 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15-$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Mondays in April, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

JGB: Featuring members of Jerry Garcia Band, 9 p.m. Friday, April 21, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. $15. (313) 833-9700.

JETTISON RED: With The Ottomans, 10 p.m, Friday, April 21, Jacoby's, Detroit. 18 and over. $5. (313) 962-7067.

MIA JOHNSON AND HOAGY: 8 p.m. Friday, April 26, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013.

JUDGE: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, I-Rock Nightclub, Free. (313) 881-ROCK.

MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VREELAND: 7 p.m. Thursdays in April, Le Metro, Southfield. (248) 353-2757 (jazz duo).

BB KING BLUES FEST: 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. (248) 645-6666.

KING SUNNY ADE & HIS AFRICAN BEATS: 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. $20. (313) 833-9700.

KISS FAREWELL TOUR: With Ted Nugent and Skid Row, 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, May 24-25, The Palace, Auburn Hills. $75, $25. (248) 645-6666.

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MOVIES

'Keeping the Faith' gives twist to classic love story

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Imagine it: A drunken priest stumbles into an Irish pub, slumps onto a stool and recounts a journey that begins with his sixth-grade buddies and ends with the love of his life falling for his best friend, a Rabbi.

While it sounds like the premise of a joke, no one has heard this one before. Touchstone Pictures and Spyglass Entertainment's "Keeping The Faith" spins an unusual love triangle in modern day Manhattan. In the directorial debut of Edward Norton ("American History X" and "Fight Club"), the romantic comedy follows three childhood friends – Jake, Brian and Anna – from their carefree days on the basketball courts to careers inside a Roman Catholic Church, a Jewish synagogue and a boardroom.

When 12-year-old Anna must move with her family to California, the three musketeers are split apart. Years later, a sassy and refined Anna returns to the city on business, and manages to charm both of her friends. One look at Anna Riley – portrayed by the always perky Jenna Elfman ("Dharma and Greg") – and Rabbi Jake Schram (Ben Stiller) and Father Brian Finn (Norton) both fall for her.

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Set against a backdrop awash with the vibrant lights of the Manhattan cityscape, Anastas Michos, director of photography, creates a place that – while it is so vast – seems only to revolve around the world of the three main characters. Yet the story, written by Stuart Blumberg, traces a congruous subtext of interpersonal relationships between a mother and her son, among two religious congregations, and throughout common perceptions of faith.

Dealing with serious issues of friendship, trust, faith and love, "Keeping The Faith" could've been a weighty film. But Norton and Blumberg kept the laughs coming with a blend of physical comedy, memorable characters and unexpected plot twists.

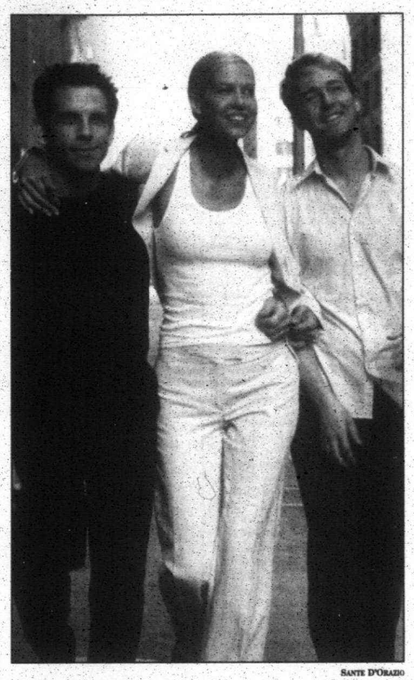
It's easy to feel for characters like handsome, charismatic Rabbi Jake and Father Brian, whose boyish charm and sensitivity appeals to everyone. Stiller ("There's Something About Mary") seems made for comedic roles, and runs with this opportunity to show off as the confident rabbi. In his duel role, Norton proves himself worthy as a director with a vision that helped bring the film to life, and a character exhibiting all the purity of a trusting man of God.

Known around the city as "The God Squad," and donning black leather, Brian and Jake breathe new life into their respective religions with striking speeches that use everyday pop culture references. Rabbi Jake even goes so far as to bring in a Harlem gospel choir to get his crowd on its feet. While traditional religious leaders cringe, Jake and Brian preside over packed houses and plan to open an interfaith senior center complete with karaoke.

The world they seem to hold in the palms of their holy hands spins upside-down when Anna, now a high-powered executive who's addicted to her cell phone, comes back into their lives. Elfman seems miles from her new-age television persona; Dharma, in the film. As Anna, she transforms into a woman of authority with an undeniable wit and magnetism.

Somewhere between blind dates with overly-eager women in his congregation, Jake and Anna begin a casual affair. Tensions rise as the couple hide their budding romance from Brian and from Jake's mother, Ruth (portrayed brilliantly by Anne Bancroft). Ruth has already disowned one son for marrying a Catholic girl. Jake doesn't want to risk falling out of her favor. But the truth comes out.

Meanwhile Brian begins to question his true faith with each friendly hug and kiss he receives from Anna. He reaches a point where he could envision giving up his life's work for her.



Sante D'Orazio

Faithfully friends: *From left, Ben Stiller, Jenna Elfman and Edward Norton star in "Keeping The Faith," a film that tests the boundaries of friendship and religion.*

He doesn't take the news lightly: "Talk about a bad case of the third wheel," says Brian to Anna. "I feel like I'm on some Aaron Spelling show – Melrose Priest."

What happens will restore everyone's faith in love and life.

"Keeping the Faith" also introduces amusing secondary characters, including Ken Leung, as Don the karaoke salesman.

Hoping into a scene singing to Rick Springfield's hit about jealousy, "Jesse's Girl," Don earns more than a few giggles. Brian George portrays the Indian bartender that Brian confesses his strange tale to, with a steady stream of good-natured humor. Simple sight gags showing Father Brian setting himself on fire with incense lighten the drama.

In the tradition of must-see modern romance classics, like "Sleepless In Seattle," "Keeping The Faith" delights viewers with a realistic, open-minded, open-hearted look at a concept called faith.

'28 Days' star Bullock tackles addiction with laughter remedy

By Carrie Cooper
Special Writer

Many people know what it is like to have an addiction to something they can't control. Their addictions come in several different forms such as food, alcohol or drugs. But one thing is consistent, they tend to keep their troubles to themselves. They won't ask for help until it may be too late.

The dark comedy "28 Days," a Columbia Pictures and Tall Trees Production, stars Sandra Bullock, Viggo Mortensen, Dominic West, Diane Ladd, Elizabeth Perkins and Steve Buscemi. It takes an inside look at the consequences of living life in the fast lane.

Director Betty Thomas, producer Jenno Topping, and writer Susannah Grant,use an ensemble cast to take a look at life inside a rehabilitation center during the course of "28 Days."

In the film, Gwen Cummings (Sandra Bullock) is a New York writer attracted to life on the wild side. Her life consists of bar hopping and avoiding hangovers with continuous alcohol consumption and pain pills. Jasper (Dominic West of the film "A Midsummer Night's Dream"), is Gwen's drinking partner and partner in general...He's the charming, but bad news boyfriend always there to enhance Gwen's party girl image.

Life is great for Gwen until she ruins her sister Lily's (Elisabeth Perkins) wedding and in a drunken state wrecks the limousine. This earns her a Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol violation and 28 days in court-ordered rehab.

Not realizing that she has a problem, Gwen is shocked at the treatment she receives. She is not about to follow such rules as cleaning her room, chanting rituals, and emotional therapy sessions with an interesting mix of patients.



K.C. Bailey

Laugh and cry: *Sandra Bullock stars in "28 Days," a Columbia-TriStar Pictures release in metro area theaters now.*

Gwen becomes very cynical, denies she has a problem, and refuses to conform. Then she meets Counselor Cornell (Steve Buscemi known for "Reservoir Dogs" and "Fargo"). Cornell, having had addiction problems in the past, forces Gwen to take a hard look at who she really is.

The cynicism fades as Gwen looks at her fellow rehab patients and starts to realize she is not alone. But the final straw occurs when she falls out of her window and injures her leg while trying to get the pain pills she threw away.

As Gwen acknowledges her addiction, she finds herself struggling with the past and a mother who drank herself to death. Gwen realizes that she is afraid of ending up like her mother. Never one to ask for help, she finally calls upon her sister.

Bullock is the perfect person to play Gwen. She has that girl next-door image, which goes to show that no matter how nice or sweet a person is they can become an addict. Bullock also has the star power to draw people into the theater to see a movie they might not normally see.

Mortensen and West portrayed the two men in Gwen's life. Mortensen does a fine job as Eddie Boone, the star athlete addicted to sex. He is able to act as a jerk, yet shows us his sensitive side. West'ś portrayal of Jasper shows he can be the bad boy, yet he is charming and sexy enough to be a likable addition to this cast.

But it is Gerhardt, the German stripper with a cocaine addiction, who steals the show. Alan Tudyk of the film "Wonder Boys," portrays Gerhardt and provides comic relief at just the right times.

Azura Skye, Michael O'Malley and Marianne Jean-Baptiste round out the cast. These actors provide great performances and give a wider view of the world of rehabilitation.

Addiction is a very serious matter and can be very depressing to watch. But "28 Days" takes a look this heavy situation with comedy. It does a nice job of exploring the "good" days and the "bad" in a rehab center and how it can repair your life.

Sure you can always "Just Say No," but for those who don't realize there is a problem, it's reassuring to know help is out there.

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STREET SCENE

Train taking success slowly, rolling back this way



Stephanie A. Casola

■ 'They are really dedicated. I have a lot of respect for them.'

Chris Johnston
19 Wheels

There's something to be said for word-of-mouth.

I first heard about the San Francisco-based quintet Train from a friend of a friend, who happens to be a strawberry farmer living somewhere in Florida. "If a band called Train ever comes here, you gotta see em," he said to me in a smoky Ferndale club more than a year ago. For some reason, the conversation stuck in my mind.

That's basically how the Southern folk-rock band has risen from status as San Francisco Bay-area darlings to regular rock radio rotation. Together since 1994, vocalist Patrick Monahan, guitarists Jimmy Stafford and Rob Hotchkiss, bassist Charlie Colin and drummer Scott Underwood have done it grass roots style, touring incessantly. Train didn't want to be a one-hit-wonder. Though the second single off their self-titled 1998 debut, "Meet Virginia," has since catapulted the band to platinum status, the musicians never intended to be the "Meet Virginia" band.

But hey, I'm just going by what Jimmy Stafford told me when he called April 11, over a week into the headlining tour set to stop in Detroit Thursday, April 27. "We just pulled up to the venue in a van," said Stafford, calling from what sounded like a temperamental cell phone somewhere in Sacramento, Calif. He was far from the starting point of the tour – Marquette, Mich.

"The Marquette show was at a college, in an area we hadn't played before. We flew up there. A show like that is kind of out of the way; it's a really good place to start, to get over the first day jitters. Actually, it was one of the best shows. The crowd was outstanding."

It wasn't always this way. While Train won over a strong following in its birthplace, the Bay area, it took constant work to spread the word. High profile tours with the likes of Counting Crows, Dave Matthews Band, Hootie and The Blowfish and Ben Folds Five helped. But Ferndale resident and 19 Wheels frontman Chris Johnston remembers the very first time Train went on the road. "We went on the road with them," said Johnston, calling from Boston, while 19 Wheels was on tour. "We had a record on Aware the same time they did. They had a deal that took them to Columbia (Records)."Johnston said not only is he a fan of Train's music, "they're a good bunch of guys." The last time Train made it to the metro area, they performed at Ferndale's Magic Bag and had a chance to stop in at the Woodward Avenue Brewery, which Johnston owns just a few doors down from the club."They have really good food and stuff there," recalled Stafford of the brewery. He said he was looking forward to seeing his 19 Wheels friends.

Now headed back to Michigan as the final act to take the stage, Stafford could hardly contain his enthusiasm: "We're really excited about this tour," said Stafford. "It's the best-looking tour and the best-sounding tour."

Stafford admitted that it still took time for radio and MTV audiences to catch on to songs like "Free" and the latest single, "I Am."

"That was partly intentional and partly the way our single was released. Our plan with Columbia Records was to develop the band slowly. We didn't want to be an overnight, smash hit. Those fans buy your records up fast and forget about you."

So Train took the long track, building a core fan base one city at a time. "I think it's working," said Stafford. "Our fans are the greatest. We get hundreds of fan letters a day. We're not a band that's going to go away tomorrow."

Johnston said he's happy to see Train succeed. "I know they've done it the hard way," he said, predicting the band will have a long career. "The songs have done well. It's really the amount of touring. If you watch the charts, they've never really been in top 10 record sales. They've just had steady, steady sales.

"They are really dedicated. I have a lot of respect for them."

Chugging along non-stop since January 1998 in support of the album hasn't been easy. "In the beginning it was frustrating, in a van playing in front of 30 people every night. But it grew and we felt it grew."

The strength of Train's music lies in the way it reaches people. Stafford said one of his favorites, the sentimental ballad "Blind," "somehow hits a spot." "I Am' is another song that really touches a nerve," he added. "It's a goose-bumps song." Train is currently working on a video for "I Am."

The focus now turns to a follow-up album. "We recorded a new record on our time off," said Stafford. "It's exciting to have new songs. Every night there's more energy for the show. It's a really diverse record, a little bit of something for everybody. We're pretty much playing the uptempo, exciting stuff off the new record. It's a hint of what's to come."

Train worked with producer Brenden O'Brien (Korn, Pearl Jam, Rage Against the Machine) on the CD, which should hit stores by this fall. The working title is "Something More," reflecting what Train fans have been thinking for about two years.

"(Brenden) is a dream come true," said Stafford. "He is *the* rock producer of the day. Everyone wants to work with him, including the Stones. He was our first choice. We weren't seriously going to ask him. Then we found out, he's a Train fan! The timing was right. He's got great ideas." A month and a half after going in, the album was recorded.

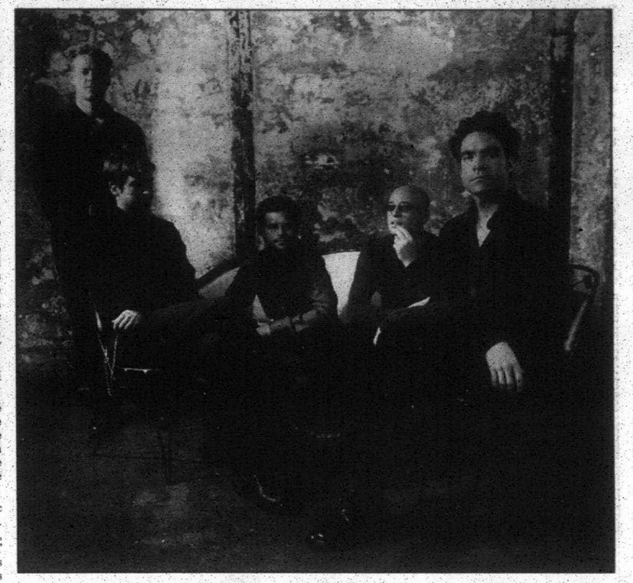
Long before its scheduled release, the only way to hear new Train material is to catch the band when the bus rolls into town next week.

And Train's looking forward to this stop. "Detroit is actually going to be a lot of fun for us," said Stafford.

My advice? I'm certainly not a strawberry farmer, but I know this – a band called Train is coming soon. You won't want to miss the show. Pass it on.

Catch Train with guests Gas Giant, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $15 in advance, call (248) 645-6666.

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Tracking down Train: *From left, Scott Underwood, Charlie Colin, Rob Hotchkiss, Jimmy Stafford and Pat Monahan are Train, a sublime San Francisco quintet headed to a station near you. Train performs Thursday, April 27, at St. Andrews Hall in Detroit.*

Listen up

Are you hip to the local scene, into supporting Metro area music? Send us a photo of yourself and a list of your top five CDs from local bands, complete with band names. Then, include your list of the top five local bands to see live in the Metro area. The Observer & Eccentric will publish entries in our Entertainment section on Thursday, as space provides.

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STAY TUNED



Women aloud: *Aretha Franklin is among a host of female artists on the newly released CD, "A Woman's Voice," from Universal Music Group.*

More Mitch Ryder you asked? Well J-Bird Records has answered with the scheduled release of seven solo CDs by the former frontman of the **Detroit Wheels**. Fans can get online May 30 and order "How I Spent My Summer Vacation" (1978), "Naked But Not Dead" (1979), "Live Talkies" (1981), "Got Change For A Million" (1981), "Smart Ass" (1982), "In The China Shop" (1986) and "Red Blood and White Mink" (1988). All previously unavailable in North America, Ryder's solo CDs were the result of an alliance between his **Seeds and Stems label** and German record label, Line. Check it out at www.j-birdrecords.com.

What would you say is the definitive women's anthem? "Respect," by **Aretha Franklin**, or maybe **Gloria Gaynor**'s disco classic "I Will Survive." How about **Dolly Parton**'s "I Will Always Love You," brought back to life by **Whitney Houston**, or possibly **Patti Smith**'s "Because The Night." Don't forget that shoulder-shaking '80s hit "We Belong," by Ms. **Pat Benatar**. They've all made it to CD, with a host of other evocative hits by **Etta James**, **Gladys Knight**, **Patsy Cline**, **k.d. Lang** and more. Universal Music Group has released "**A Woman's Voice**," to celebrate some of the greatest songbirds of the last four decades. Forget the **Spice Girls**, get your girl power from the divas who truly count.

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Mackinnon's offers fabulous fare in charming setting

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Mackinnon's Restaurant

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Atmosphere: Inviting, sophisticated, intimate

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Seating: 80-plus, non-smoking except for bar area Monday-Thursday. Four tables smoking Friday and Saturday.

Reservations: Recommended one week in advance for weekends.

After occupying the same address on East Main Street in downtown Northville for the last 20 years, you wouldn't think Mackinnon's Restaurant would need much of an introduction.

But it does, for this is a restaurant that constantly infuses the old with the new while retaining all its enduring Scottish-Victorian charm.

For instance, many fine dining restaurants serve foie gras. But at Mackinnon's, it's served with brandied apple slices and "Cinnamon Fire Sauce" made from cinnamon, apple juice, cayenne pepper and a splash of grenadine. It's both daring and delicious.



Creative chefs: *Chefs Chuck and Ian Mackinnon display two of their creations – Foie gras with "Cinnamon Fire Sauce" and Napoleon topped with a chocolate-covered potato chip.*

"I believe it's the passion we have for the food," said chef Chuck Mackinnon, cousin to owner Tom Mackinnon, about his culinary inspiration. "You have to love what you do. I love cooking the food and coming up with new ideas, trying new combinations."

Although Mackinnon's is in the process of creating a new menu – including debuting a seafood cornucopia – it will never abandon long-time house favorites like Beef Wellington Bordelaise and "Blown-up" Duck.

"We fill it with air and that puffs out the skin so the meat and skin roast separately," said Chuck Mackinnon. He seasons the duck with just salt and pepper – why mess with perfection? – and serves it with a raspberry sauce. Some customers consider the duck the restaurant's signature dish.

Mackinnon's decor is also an inspiration, a combination of gentrified country hunting lodge and contemporary Victorian chic.

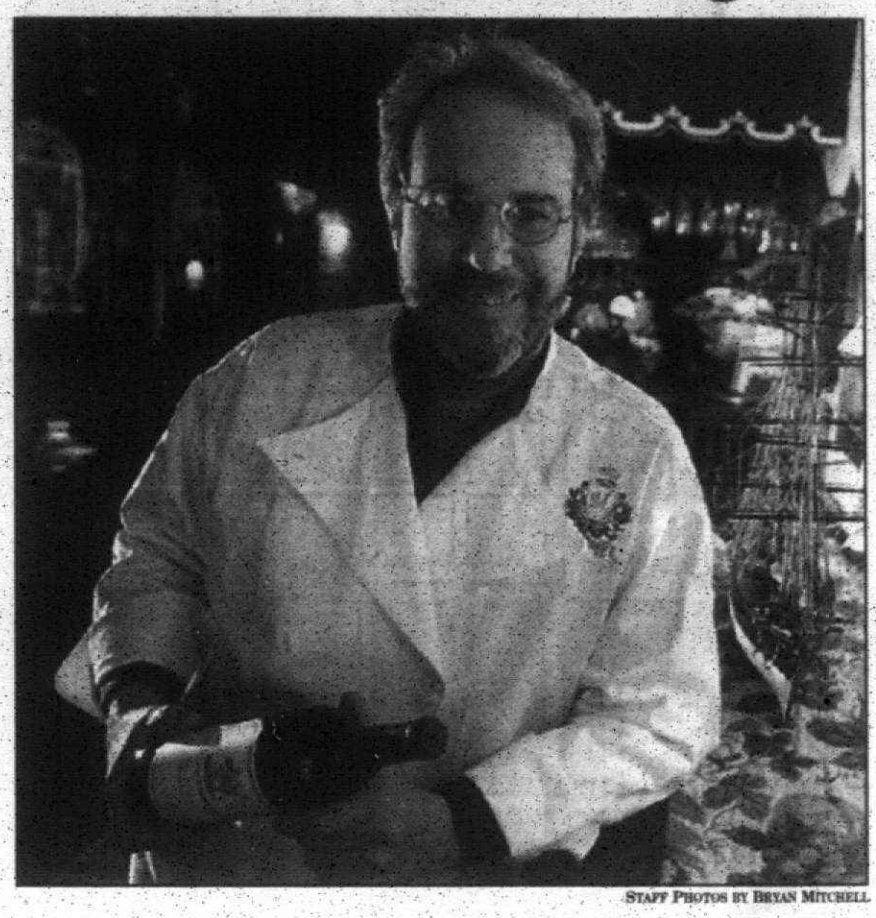
Walk into the warmly lit entrance area, a mini parlor with wingback chairs and antiques, and a huge buck head looming over a carved Victorian fireplace greets you. More heads – ram, buffalo, boar and caribou – line the wall in front of the bar. There's also several mounted fish, caught by Tom Mackinnon.

However, it's the 21-foot wood plank bar, which Tom Mackinnon made in his garage 21 years ago, that finally catches and keeps your attention. Simply put, this is the bar at which you want to swirl your cognac and smoke your favorite cigar.

"We are cigar friendly," said Victoria Siegel, general manager. In fact, Mackinnon's sells cigars, and Wednesday nights are known as "Cheers" nights.

Thanks to a van that came crashing through the front windows at 6 a.m. one Monday last November, the dining room has been completely remodeled. Recovery was quick. "We were open for dinner that day. I had five carpenters in here, and they just rocked," said Tom Mackinnon.

The new look, set off by beautiful plaid carpeting and a stained glass focal piece, is artful, warm and inviting. It calls for a bit of lingering over dessert and coffee.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Best bottle: *Tom Mackinnon displays a premiere vintage from his wine cellar. Wednesday night is "Cheers" night at the Northville eatery. Customers say Mackinnon's 21-foot wood plank bar is a great place to savor cognac or smoke a fine cigar. The "Cheers" crowd are regulars at Mackinnon's.*

Mackinnon's has long been known for its desserts, like Banana Wellington with Caramel Sauce or Chocolate Chocolate Creation, a chocolate cylinder filled with Cabernet-milk chocolate mousse and served with fresh berries. And if you've never tried a chocolate-covered freshly made potato chip, now's the time. Pastry chef Ian Mackinnon, a nephew, plunks one down atop a glorious Napoleon stuffed with Bavarian cream and dressed with Godiva chocolate and fresh raspberries.

"Chocolate-covered potato chips are awesome," he said.

Tom Mackinnon said diners at his restaurant can expect the finest in service. His staff has been with him a long time. "They're fabulous, the world's best. I'm blest," he said.

Mackinnon's is also a full catering company that handles both small graduation parties and events of 5,000. It has provided dinners for President Clinton's Town Hall events, Governor Engler's inaugural host party and the cast of ABC's N.Y.P.D Blue. "I love doing the catering because you can spend lots of time, and it's so artsy," said Tom Mackinnon, who graduated from Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program and trained in Belgium and France.

He once made a 5-foot cake in the shape of a car. "It drove itself in. All the lights worked. It was cool."

Don't expect car-shaped cakes when dining at Mackinnon's Restaurant. However, expect Snapper Turtle Soup, Sweet Potato Crusted Superior Whitefish, Rack of New Zealand Spring Lamb with black currant sauce, and White Chocolate Ice Cream en Croute with raspberry puree. Expect the be:t and come hungry.

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