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Willow Run answers sought



Concerned residents are seeking information about the proposed expansion of Willow Run and plans for an international tradeport. They asked the Canton Homeowners Advisory Council this week to help serve as a forum for information.

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Harry Michalik has lived in his house for three years with planes flying low overhead in the middle of the night. He's not going to stand for any more if Willow Run Airport expands. "The last year has been the worst. You look out the window to see if it's

coming into your bedroom," said Michalik, a resident of the Canton Country Acres subdivision. He is certain the planes are going to Willow Run Airport, about four miles from Canton. "Those babies already have their wheels down."

Discussion of the proposed expansion of Willow Run and a proposal for

an international cargo facility at the vintage airport brought Michalik and another 20 residents to the Canton Homeowners Advisory Council Monday night.

Members of Canton Citizens Concerned about the Willow Run Airport Expansion Project went to the advisory council's monthly meeting to spread the word about the expansion project. The advisory council is an umbrella organization that represents the township's homeowners associations.

"This is not a political group. We are not saying yea or nay. We are just

trying to get information," said Bill Mosher of the citizens group. "We are going to take more of a critical look at it and get answers."

The citizens group is trying to gather facts about safety issues, including flight paths over Canton, the absence of an abort area for distressed aircraft, increased noise and pollutants.

Advisory council vice president Nancy Spencer told the citizens group that the organization does not take positions on issues but serves as

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Research



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Computers: High school students (from left) Nicole Jacobs, Becky Cudini and Sarah Betz (front) use a computer at the Canton Public Library to retrieve a magazine article.

Library seeks bond proposal

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Anthony Riemma, a Canton High School junior, uses the Canton Public Library for research.

"They have better books here," said Riemma, who also lauded the computer technology available at the public library.

Plymouth Salem students Becky Cudini, Nicole Jacobs and Sarah Betz were using the library's computers recently to retrieve a magazine article. "This library is bigger and nicer," Betz said, referring to other choices available to them.

On Tuesday, April 18, Canton library officials will ask voters to support a \$8.8 million bond proposal, financed by a tax increase, to renovate and expand the library on Canton Center Road.

In another area of the public library, middle school students Leah Parks, Jennifer Molnar, Tiffany Howell and Stephanie Slavin, gathered at a table to work on research projects. They said they often work in the Canton library because of the computer technology, the wide range of reference materials and book collection.

Even if students didn't fill the library in the evenings, expansion would still be necessary, said library director Jean Tabor. "We serve the entire family. The technology we will have they won't be able to have at home. We would

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still be busy. Saturdays and Sundays — when most of the students aren't here — are our busiest days."

Plans are to expand the library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, from the existing 31,000 square feet to 56,000 square feet. The expanded facility would include more seating, more tables, more quiet study rooms, as well as group study rooms, a genealogy room, advanced technological capabilities, and a Friends of the Canton Library gift and book shop. Parking also would be expanded.

To pay for the expansion and renovation, voters will be asked to support the bond proposal with an average .80-mill increase.

Homeowners with a \$100,000 house, assessed at \$50,000, would pay \$40 annually. Homeowners with a \$125,000 house, assessed at \$62,500, would pay \$50 annually. Homeowners with a \$150,000 house, assessed at \$75,000, would pay \$60 annually.

Library officials propose to roll into the \$8.8 million bond proposal

the debt on the existing library, which is about \$3.7 million, including principal and interest. By consolidating the debt, library millage would be freed up for operations.

The library levies 1.63 mills now used for operations and debt. Passage of the bond proposal would bring the library tax rate to 2.43 mills.

The library board does not have the authority to sell its own bonds. The township would sell the bonds for them, but it doesn't mean the township would take over the library.

"We will very much remain an independent entity," Tabor said.

With the expansion, library officials would increase the staff. The staff now works hours equivalent to what 29 full-time people would work. The library currently has 85 employees, 11 are full-time. The majority of library staff is part-time. Library officials want to add a total of 565 work hours per week, equivalent to about 15 full-time employees, if the expansion is approved.

With the expansion and new technology, a patron would be able to use any computer terminal in the library to tap into any type of information needed. New rooms also would be available to provide training on the computers.

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Voters head to the polls

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Anyone who has driven north on Lilley Road, north of Ford Road, knows you have to slide into the southbound lane to avoid the myriad of treacherous potholes that have replaced the road surface.

"I'm very happy to see something done with Lilley, north of Ford, but it's two years away," said a Canton resident who drives the north-south road.

The resident, who attended one of the township's road information meetings, spoke about the priority list that accompanies a request for a \$12 million bond issue for road improvements on the Tuesday, April 18, ballot.

ROADS

A total reconstruction and realignment of Lilley Road, Ford to Hanford, is scheduled for 1997, according to the proposed road improvement list.

"Two years is unacceptable for that road," said resident Karl Zarbo, referring to Lilley.

Supervisor Tom Yack told residents at the Canton Homeowners Advisory Council that he reminded county road officials of the liability on Lilley Road.

"I'm committed to putting the screws to the maintenance people. Cold patch will no longer do," Yack said. "There's no question something has to be done short term. There's going to be a terrible accident. It's the worst road in Canton."

If Canton voters approve the bond request proposal, Lilley Road would be fixed. But it couldn't be fixed any sooner. "It will take us that long to design and build the road," Yack said, referring to the two-year time-

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Here's what will face Canton voters when they go to the polls Tuesday, April 18:

- Election of township clerk: Choose between Democrat Kathleen Raven or Republican Terry Bennett.
- Canton Township road improvements bond proposal of \$12 million, to be repaid over 15 years with an average .66-mill tax increase. Vote yes or no.
- Canton Public Library renovation and expansion bond proposal of \$8.8 million, to be repaid over 10 years with an average .80-mill tax increase. Vote yes or no.

The polls are open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Easter celebration

Easter will be celebrated Saturday in a big way at Builders Square in Canton.

The store's Easter carnival kicks off at 7 a.m. and continues through 10 p.m. with games, coloring contests and a raffle for a six-piece patio set.

"All nine departments are going to have their own carnival game," said Dale McGriff, president of the Builders Square employees' club.

On tap for adults — and kids — are a dart-throwing contest, a ball-rolling game, a bounce-the-ball-into-the bucket contest, and a jelly-bean throwing contest. Game winners will receive tickets to win the patio set.

Kids can compete in a coloring contest set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Competition will be held in two age groups, 1-6 years and 6-10 years.

Eligible for the raffle will be people who go

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through all nine departments, McGriff said. Builders Square, which is being remodeled, is on the north side of Ford, east of Lilley.

Patrons also will be eligible for gift certificates for 10 percent off their purchase of the day, said McGriff, plumbing department sales manager. Builders Square employs 110 workers.

Egg hunt

The Canton Parks and Recreation Easter Egg Hunt will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 15, in Heritage Park, behind Canton Township Hall on Canton Center near Cherry Hill. The event is for chil-

dren 10 years old and younger. For more information, call 397-5110.

Absentee ballots

Applications to vote absentee in the April 18 election are still available, either by calling the Canton clerk's office, 397-5367, or sending a letter to the clerk's office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. The letter must include your signature and reason why you want an absentee ballot.

The clerk's office will mail absentee ballots until 2 p.m. Saturday, April 15. The clerk's office will be open that day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to allow residents to apply for ballots. You may take them home or vote at the clerk's office.

While you may obtain an absentee ballot the day before the election, April 17, if you do so you must vote the ballot at the clerk's office.

Taxpayers offer views on Proposal A

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Larry Parks of Canton has never been a fan of property taxes because he said they can eventually drive you out of your house.

"I'm just looking to get something to limit the property taxes," said Parks, who favored Proposal A in 1994 because it limited property tax assessment growth to 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

On the other hand, Nelson Galante of Canton knew before Proposal A was passed that he was going to lose. "It was a mistake. It's going to creep back any way I knew a year ago this wasn't going to work."

The two residents spoke with the Observer about Proposal A and current local requests — from Canton Township, the Canton Public Library and perhaps the Plymouth-Canton Schools — to raise taxes.

Parks and Galante, both of

whom have two children and whose wives don't work outside the house, are divided on which local tax would get their support.

But first their ideas on Proposal A.

Galante, a Plymouth-Canton teacher, tells it this way: Under Proposal A he received a \$800 reduction on his property taxes. (Before he got back \$750 on his homestead deduction anyway.) Then he added the additional 2 percent sales tax (for a total 6 percent). Galante didn't have that \$800 in property taxes to take off his federal income tax.

"I paid money this year for the first time in 24 years. So this year I paid extra federal taxes and extra sales tax. I'm buying shoes for the kids. Kleenex, you name it. I'm paying more for Proposal A."

Parks, who lives in Brookside Village, realized a \$200-\$300 savings. He likes that. More importantly he likes that the assessment on his house can't increase more

than 5 percent. "Property taxes are levied on people without regard of their ability to pay. I'm particularly concerned about seniors. But with Proposal A, at least people can forecast what is going to happen," said Parks, a Detroit Edison employee.

Canton is seeking approval of a \$12 million bond proposal over 15 years for road improvements to be repaid with an average .66-mill tax increase. The library is seeking approval of a \$8.8 million bond proposal over 10 years for renovation and expansion to be repaid with an average .80-mill. Plymouth-Canton Schools may ask voters to tax themselves another 2.3 mills.

On a \$100,000 house (assessed at \$50,000), a homeowner would pay \$28 for roads, \$40 for the library, and \$115 for the schools.

The library request is the only issue that Parks would favor. But he'll probably vote against. "They have to try to get by some more

until they really can't get by with what they have. I have to budget my own family income," Parks said. "The library is adequate for us."

Galante would prefer a branch in northern Canton rather than a larger library next to township hall on Canton Center Road. But he will cast a yes vote for the tax request. "All the services are down south."

The road issue angers both Parks and Galante, who will vote no. "I think it's more of a protest vote. I don't agree with the whole tax structure in Michigan. Wayne County is liable for the roads. Use general sales taxes. Everyone is using the roads. Let the general populace fix the roads," Parks said.

Galante said Wayne County should fix the roads, not Canton Township. "That makes me mad. If Mr. Yack would like to make me happy, he would sue Wayne County. Why isn't Canton getting

its fair share?"

The school district's consideration of a 2.3-mill tax increase is fine with Galante, but not Parks. "I can stand a \$115 increase. If everyone helps pay for this, it's a minor burden," Galante said. "If we don't help the kids, in 10 years they won't be able to get a job and then it becomes our problem."

Galante favors the school proposal because it would provide him with more teaching tools for his science and computer classes. "I have to live within a balanced budget. But we need the library and we need to help kids compete in the world. I could cut something out of my budget for the schools if it came to that."

Parks would not vote for the school issue. "I don't think any property tax should pay for the schools. All that local control stuff is hogwash. Eventually, they have got to bite the bullet. I just don't feel the schools are in need."

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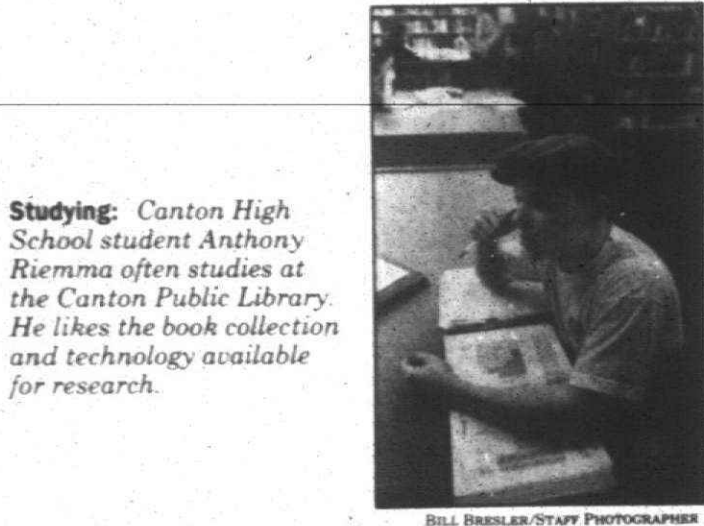
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 - \$28 (1995)
 - \$34 (2000)
 - \$35 (2005)
 - \$33 (2011)
- \$8.8 million bond proposal for library renovation and expansion:
 - Average .80-mill per year
 - will cost homeowner \$40
- Plymouth-Canton enhancement millage:
 - \$2.3 mills
 - will cost homeowner \$115

So

\$100,000 house, assessed at \$50,000 homeowner will pay

- \$28 for roads
- \$40 for library
- \$115 for schools enhancement

\$183 total in new taxes



Studying: Canton High School student Anthony Riemma often studies at the Canton Public Library. He likes the book collection and technology available for research.

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Tabor said senior adults told her they want training on the computers so they can use SeniorNet, a system specifically for older adults. "We will have a training room where 15 people can be trained at one time," Tabor said, adding that businesses would also be able to train in the room.

Library officials said there is a great need to expand the library

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Democratic clerk candidate offers a new view

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

A fresh perspective is what Democratic candidate for Canton clerk Kathleen Raven believes she can offer township residents.

"In discussions and looking at issues, I could provide a new and different perspective," said Raven, 21, a recent graduate of James Madison College at Michigan State University with a double major in political theory and social relations.

Raven admits some voters are concerned about her youth. "A lot of people haven't taken me seriously. A lot of people are Baby Boomers whose kids are my age. They don't want to think of their kids running for township clerk."

"Because I'm young I'm inexperienced. That's not the case. I've had different jobs, dealing with the public and debating issues," Raven said, referring to her work with Greenpeace, which covered

political and environmental areas.

Raven views youth as a plus, particularly for fresh ideas and for not being part of the existing political infrastructure in Canton Township.

Raven said she wants to see greater efforts to involve residents in township issues and decisions. "I think they could improve on the public relations. It's important to encourage people to go to the township meetings. But the agendas aren't easily available. At the meetings, it's frustrating for me to listen. They need to explain the items more for the public."

Raven supports passage of the township's \$12 million bond proposal for road improvements, as well as the library's \$8.8 million bond proposal for library expansion and renovation.

When asked if there's too much demand on residents' property taxes, Raven said she doesn't know of a better way to pay for

local improvements and projects. But she doesn't believe that cityhood is a wise move now.

"I don't know how many more services it would provide and what additional expenses it would bring," Raven said.

Raven admits she doesn't know much about the proposed Willow Run Airport expansion and trade-off. But she supports the township's recent hiring of attorney and former Wayne County Commissioner Bryan Amann, formerly known as the "Noise Czar" from his work with noise problems at Metro Airport. "We need someone to protect our interests."

The proposed Wayne Transportation Authority and accompanying dedicated \$33-mill for three years to support the SMART transit system is something Raven was uncertain about. Canton Township opted out of the system and the vote April 4.

"I see the need for a bus service. I think there are more cost-



Kathleen Raven

GOP clerk hopeful emphasizes managed growth

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Republican candidate for Canton clerk Terry Bennett said one way to manage growth in the township is to upgrade minimum requirements for builders and developers.

"If we increase our standards then those builders and developers may choose to move to another community where their profits could be higher," said Bennett, 43, chairwoman of the Canton Historic District Commission and longtime community volunteer.

Along with more stringent minimum requirements, lower density per acre would also help slow growth, as would an increase in building fees. "We should also ask developers to buy into the infrastructure. It is important when we are built out that the quality we have in homes here will attract people to the community."

Bennett said it is the township's responsibility to investigate resident complaints. "We

have a responsibility in government to correct problems. If it's a government problem, we need to fix it. If it's a consumer problem, we need to help."

While development is booming, Bennett said it's time to look ahead to where money will come from in the future. That's why Bennett said both the Pheasant Run Golf Course and Summit on the Park community center must have business plans that ensure money from both facilities.

While she doesn't consider cityhood a current pressing issue, it might be something to look at in the future.

"Cityhood might be more viable possibly when we get to the point where we are not getting revenue from community improvements and growth," said Bennett, who is married to state Sen. Loren Bennett, the former township clerk.

Bennett views the clerk's job as providing service to residents. She also wants to look at new technology for election returns. "We have

to look if we can improve that service and if it financially wise," she said. "My first concentration will be getting up to speed on the clerk's office."

Bennett supports passage of the township's \$12 million bond proposal for road improvements and the Canton Public Library's \$8.8 million bond proposal for renovations and expansion.

The proposed Willow Run Airport expansion elicits no definite opinion from Bennett, a teacher of severely- and multiply-impaired youngsters in the Pontiac School District. "I can't support it right now because it's just a concept. We don't have a plan. I think we have to seriously consider the impact of noise and our future growth. Are we going to have to pay a millage for this?"

But Bennett does support the accompanying cleanup of the Willow Creek sludge pond, which must precede expansion plans at the vintage airport southwest of Canton.



Terry Bennett

Approval of local bond issue would finance road upgrades

Here's the list of Canton road improvements proposed for completion if Canton voters approve a \$12 million bond issue April 18:

1996

- Intersection improvement at Canton Center, Palmer and Summit Parkway: \$150,000.
- Pave Koppernick, east of Haggerty: \$350,000.
- Intersection improvement at Cherry Hill and Canton Center: \$500,000.
- Intersection improvement at Sheldon and Ford: \$350,000.
- New signals at Canton Center-Palmer-Summit Parkway, \$50,000; Joy and high schools, \$50,000; Beck and Warren, \$15,000; Palmer and Sheldon, \$15,000; Canton Center and high schools, \$50,000.

1997

- Landscaping on Morton Taylor, Ford to Warren: \$200,000 for the proposed extension of the road.
- Intersection improvement at Lilley and Ford: \$350,000.
- Pave Haggerty, Palmer to Michigan Avenue: \$500,000.
- Reconstruct and realign Lilley Road, Ford to Hanford: \$900,000.
- New signals at Beck and Joy,

south to Michigan: \$300,000.

2001

- Intersection improvement at Cherry Hill and Lilley: \$400,000.
- Widen Lilley, Ford to Cherry Hill: \$150,000.
- Widen Lilley, Cherry Hill to Palmer: \$350,000.
- Enclose ditches on Cherry Hill, Canton Center to Haggerty: \$410,000.
- Intersection improvement at Cherry Hill and Sheldon: \$250,000.

2002

- Enclose ditches on Palmer Road, Lilley to Haggerty: \$400,000.
- Resurface Palmer Road, Haggerty to Sheldon: \$500,000.
- Widen Salts Road, east of Sheldon: \$300,000.
- Sidewalks on Ford Road, east of Morton Taylor, both sides of Ford: \$60,000.
- Sidewalks on Morton Taylor, partial on both side, Warren to Joy: \$50,000.
- Resurface and improve the radius on Warren Road, Haggerty to Canton Center: \$500,000.
- Intersection improvement at Canton Center and Joy: \$550,000.

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line.

The money from the proposed \$12 million bond proposal will be used to improve Canton's roads, some with Canton footing the full bill, others with Wayne County's help, said Tom Casari, township engineer.

Township officials have a seven-year list of proposed road improvements that would be funded with the \$12 million bond proposal, to be repaid by an average .66-mill over 15 years. The average tax increase is based on a conservative 5-percent growth in the township's state equalized value.

"If there is growth (in Canton) it will be less, if it's less than 5 percent growth, it will be higher," Yack said.

The proposed tax rate could change based on the township's 85% as well as interest rates, said

John Spencer, Canton chief financial officer.

A homeowner with a \$100,000 house (assessed at \$50,000) would pay \$28 in 1995 for the improvements, \$34 in 2000; \$35 in 2005 and \$33 in 2010.

"That would be on top of existing taxes," Spencer added.

The issue voters will see on the ballot does not specify the length of the bond repayment program, but township officials say they are committed to the 15-year period. The bonds will not be issued all at once, Spencer said.

"We have no plans to come back in 6-7 years," Yack said, adding that if there isn't enough money, he expects projects of least priority would be dropped.

In some cases plans were already made for improvements on the list. In other cases, county

plans for improvements, such as the widening of Canton Center Road, prompted other necessary improvements in the area, Yack said, referring to Mabon Road, for example.

"It is not an accident the projects are on the east side of the community. We still believe we have opportunities to work with developers on the west side to get the roads down," Yack said. On the east side, there is no money from the county or federal government for improvements.

Township officials have spent about \$7 million from the general fund during the past 6 or 7 years to help Wayne County improve roads. Canton has been in a good position with matching funds to compete with other communities to accomplish improvements, Yack said.

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Ten in race for school board

Ten individuals have expressed interest in running for the Plymouth-Canton school board in the June 12 election.

Voters will fill two four-year terms and decide two millage issues; an 18-mill renewal on non-homestead property and a 2.3-mill, two-year enhancement property tax increase.

Ten candidates were certified after returning petitions signed by a minimum of 23 registered voters.

They include Carrie Blamer of

Plymouth Township, Anne Cox of Plymouth Township, Daniel Dunnigan of Canton, Sheryl Khoury of Plymouth, Michael Maloney of Plymouth Township, David McCarthy of Plymouth Township, Jeffery Phillips of Plymouth, Brenda Anderson Plecha of Canton, Paul Thomas Schrauben of Canton, and Gerald Trumpka of Plymouth Township. Individuals who took out petitions but didn't return them include former state representative Jerry Vorva of Plymouth, former

board candidate Stephen Kiljanczyk of Canton, and Gregory Hames of Canton.

Residents of the district who are 18 or older wishing to cast ballots have until May 15 to register to vote.

Absentee ballots will be available after May 24. Voters may apply to vote absentee at any time, said Plymouth-Canton elections clerk Ellen Schroeder. For more information, call the elections office at 416-3095.

Children escape from burning home

Four children escaped injury when fire broke out in the house owned by their licensed day care operator at about 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the 45000 block of Drexel.

"All of them were able to get out safely, including the occupant," said Canton fire Chief Mike Rorabacher. "It was an acci-

dental fire. There's no doubt about it."

The day care operator and the children, ages 10 months to 3½ years, got out of the house before firefighters arrived. "Flames were visible when we arrived," Rorabacher said. "It was a heavy fire for a while."

It's believed the fire started in a

bedroom-den on the first floor of the house. The fire, however, extended to the second floor. Damage to the house was estimated at \$75,000 and \$25,000-\$30,000 for contents.

A dog and two cats were in the house at the time of the fire. One of the cats is believed to have died in the fire, Rorabacher said.

Willow Run from page 1A

a forum for residents to voice their opinions and concerns.

"Whatever impacts on a homeowner impacts Canton because we are a community," Spencer said, asking the citizens group to keep the advisory council abreast of Willow Run information.

Mosher said he is finding it difficult to get answers to questions about Willow Run plans. "When you ask Willow Run, you get a marketing brochure."

The citizens group is keeping a log of information they have gathered. "We look at this thing as we don't know if this is a problem. We think it might be. They have not looked at safety. With the noise it's just going to increase when they start flying fully loaded planes," Mosher said.

Plans for Willow Run include expanding the airport and turning it into an international cargo facility and industrial park, boosted by the automakers. To accomplish that, one of five Willow Run runways is targeted for extension from about 7,000 to 10,300 feet to allow loaded and fueled 747 cargo jets to take off from and land at the airport.

A former pilot who lives in Canton said older aircraft are often used as cargo planes. They do not have the advanced noise abatement equipment used on newer planes. Older planes also suffer from metal fatigue, he said.

"If they increase traffic 10 times, it's going to be a real problem for everyone living in Canton," he said.

Ken Voyles, township supervisor's administrative assistant, said he was told no money has been allocated for the runway extension, and there is no design for it either. An environmental study of the area is in the works. He said he was told public hearings would be scheduled and that the runway would not be extended until spring 1996.

"It is entirely possible the extension of the runway may come up on the county level," said Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson.

But Mosher said he heard land has been bought and trees knocked down ready for the expansion. "What happens to homeowners in Canton if they do this?"

The runway cannot be extended until Ecorse Road, south of Canton's southern boundary, is moved closer to Canton. An accompanying project is the cleanup of the nearby Willow Creek toxic sludge pond. It also will be moved. A consent judgment and side-agreement calls for a trust fund with GM and Ford to pay for the cleanup.

Patterson said the state Legislature is expected to consider appropriations for a tradeport this month. "If it doesn't get funding, that will delay it," Patterson said.

He urged residents to call Whyman, a member of the House appropriations committee, to voice their opinions. Her number is (517) 373-2575.

Attorney and former Wayne County Commissioner Bryan Amann, known as the "Noise Czar" for his work with Metro Airport noise abatement, is expected to provide township officials with a report of his findings about the runway extension and cargo facility within 60 days. He was hired by the township board two weeks ago.

Schoolcraft board incumbents face challenger

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Five area residents have filed petitions to run for four seats on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees.

Incumbents Mary Breen of Plymouth Township, Harry Greenleaf of Livonia and Steve Ragan of Plymouth are running for three six-year terms expiring June 30, 2001.

They are challenged by Brian Broderick of Plymouth, an attorney with Leikin & Ingber of Southfield.

Trustee Carol Strom of Livonia, who was appointed in February 1994 to fill a vacancy, is running unopposed for a two-year term expiring June 30, 1997.

The election is June 12. Ragan, 28, has been a member of the board since he was appointed to fill a vacancy in February 1991.

He was the top vote-getter among a field of nine candidates for a four-year term in June 1991.

In January 1993, he was elected vice chairman of the board, advancing to chairman in July 1993. Ragan works at Eastern Michigan University as the director of the Campaign for Scholars, EMU's \$16-million capital campaign. Ragan is also the chairman of the Plymouth Zoning Board of



Harry Greenleaf



Mary Breen



Steve Ragan



Carol Strom

Appeals and a member of the 13th Congressional District Republican Executive Committee.

Previously, Ragan was an aide to former U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell and he worked for five years in Wayne County government as an assistant to the deputy director of airports.

Breen, 61, joined the Schoolcraft board in 1983. A former teacher, Breen taught for 16 years

in the Dearborn, Wayne-Westland and Livonia public schools, then worked 10 years as a school administrator. She was assistant principal at Livonia Churchill High School at the time of her retirement in 1986. Breen is also a former chairwoman of the Schoolcraft board.

Greenleaf, 57, is the longest serving Schoolcraft board member, having been elected in 1977.

Brian Broderick grew up in Livonia and now lives in Plymouth. A member of the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees, Broderick is on the board of directors of the Notre Dame Club of Detroit and the executive council of the Young Lawyers Section of the state bar.

The recently retired Ford manager is currently the vice chairman of the Schoolcraft board. He was chairman 1979-83, ran unsuccessfully for Livonia City Council in 1985 and for the state Board of Education in 1992.

Broderick, 28, grew up in Livonia and attended Catholic Central High School. He has an undergraduate degree from Notre Dame University and a law degree from

the University of Detroit. He is currently working on a master's degree in public administration at Wayne State University. Broderick is a member of the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees, on the board of directors of the Notre Dame Club of Detroit and the executive council of the Young Lawyers Section of the state bar.

Strom, 59, was a member of the

Livonia Board of Education for 16 years, including a term as board president. She has been vice president for legislative activity for the Michigan PTA and co-president of the American Association of University Women, Livonia Branch.

Strom received a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Michigan in 1957.

Zoological society seeks members

The Detroit Zoological Society has launched its annual "Spring Membership Drive."

To join, you must buy a "Zoo Pass," which entitles you to free admission to the Detroit Zoo and the Belle Isle Zoo and Aquarium for one year, free admission to 150 zoos nationwide, free parking, express entrance, invitations to members-only events and a subscription to the Society's monthly newsletter, "Habitat."

Zoo Passes cost \$35 for an individual, \$45 for a family and one guest, \$50 for a family.

Society members will also be invited to a preview of the September 1995 grand opening of the Detroit Zoo's new exhibit, the "Wildlife Interpretive Gallery."

This gallery will include a 105-seat theater, high-tech interactive displays, a Pacific coral reef fish aquarium, a free-flight aviary and a butterfly/hummingbird garden.

The Society currently has more than 28,000 members.

The Detroit Zoo opens at 10 a.m. every day, year-round. At this time of year, it closes at 5 p.m. The zoo is at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696 in Royal Oak.

Regular admission is free for individuals less than age 2, \$3 for individuals age 2-12, \$6 for individuals age 13-62 and \$4 for individuals age 63 and up.

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(3) a boy who plays basketball, tennis and guitar.

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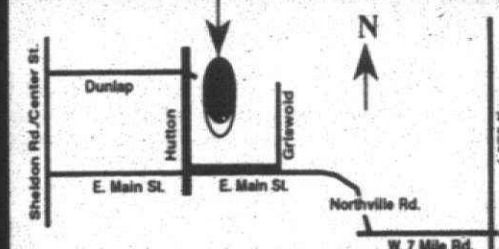
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The first annual Women's Health Day, sponsored by St. Mary Hospital's Marian Women's Center, features WXYZ-TV Channel 7 Health Reporter Denise Dador, and a host of other health experts from St. Mary Hospital and the community.

Denise will discuss how to "Be at the Helm of Your Health." When it comes to health care, women no longer need to be victims of circumstance. Learn how to take charge of the factors that determine your health.

Women's Health Care Advocate and co-host of Channel 7's "Company," Marilyn Turner, will serve as Honorary Hostess.

Women's Health Day will include:

- Workshops on PMS/menopause, stress/anger, women and heart disease, co-dependency, grieving and loss, self-esteem, depression, advanced directives, eating disorders, breast cancer (panel discussion), mother/daughter relationships, life after 50, nutrition, and caring for the caregiver.
- Exhibits by area businesses, including make-overs and massages.
- Blood pressure screening.
- Continental breakfast and a "healthy" lunch.
- Fashion Show by Jacobson's, and
- Special gifts.

The \$20 fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. Mark your calendar, and plan to bring a friend, mother, sister or daughter. Men are welcome. Pre-registration is required by calling the Marian Women's Center, (313) 691-2882.

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Women's Health Day was planned by the hospital's Women's Community Health Care Advisory Council and St. Mary Hospital staff.
The program is supported by Project SMILE (St. Mary Mother and Infant Loving Care Enterprise).

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Student: Trevor Pruett, who will graduate from Plymouth Salem High School in June, has been accepted for admission to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He was a member of the Plymouth Salem soccer team and will play soccer at West Point.

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OBITUARIES

STANLEY BALON
Services for Stanley Balon, 86, of Livonia were held Monday, April 10, at St. Theodore Catholic Church with the Rev. Gerard J. Cupple officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

KENNETH A. FELDMAN
Services for Kenneth A. Feldman, 44, of Indian River, Mich., formerly of Plymouth, will be held at a later date and arranged by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born Jan. 2, 1909, in Jacksonville, Kan., and died Friday, April 7, in Livonia. He was a tailor for more than 60 years. He owned and operated Balon Tailor and Cleaners in Dearborn for more than 30 years. He was also a supervisor at Montgomery Ward for men's and women's alterations.

He came to the Livonia community in 1966 from Dearborn, where he had lived since the mid-1930s. He was a member of St. Theodore Catholic Church. He was a member of the Dearborn Moose Lodge No. 1620 for more than 50 years. He was a member of the Livonia Elks since 1966. He was a 70-year member of S.N.P.J. and he was a member of the Slovene-American Club. He was a senior member of The Button Box Acordion Club.

He is survived by his daughter, Donna Kneough of Canton; son, Bruce of Livonia; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary Hospital; Westland Humane Society; Zarja; or as Mass offerings.

NORMAN T. DRUCE
Private services for Norman T. Druce, 75, of Plymouth were held recently. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 4, 1920, in Regina, Saskatchewan, in Canada, and died Saturday, April 8, in Plymouth.

He came to the Plymouth community in 1950 from Detroit. He was former president of the Plymouth Rotary Club. He was former director of Montgomery County Center for the mentally impaired in Texas. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He is survived by his sons, David of Owosso, James of Canton and Gary of Plymouth; daughter, Suzanne Coon of Plymouth; seven

grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sister, Myrtle Uweat of Brooklyn; and significant other, Sandy Noll.

Memorials may be made to Community Hospice.

FRANK L. RADLOFF
Services for Frank L. Radloff, 81, of Plymouth were held Wednesday, April 12, at the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home, Westland. Burial was in Perry Mount Park Cemetery, Pontiac.

He was born Feb. 26, 1914, in Detroit and died Saturday, April 8, in Livonia. He was an electrician for 50 years and was a member of the LOC No. 58. He came to the Plymouth community in 1973 from Detroit. He was a member of the Lincoln Masonic Lodge No. 417 F. & A.M. and the Plymouth Elks.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen Julie Radloff of Plymouth; daughter, Susan Burke of Fenton, Mich.; two grandchildren; and his sister, Ruth Swanson of Florida.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.

DOROTHY B. PRICE
Services for Dorothy B. Price, 85, of Ypsilanti were held Wednesday, April 12, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with the Rev. Dr. James Skimins officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

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DOUGLAS A. LOGAN JR.
Services for Douglas A. Logan Jr., 38, of Canton were held Wednesday, April 12, at the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home, Westland. Burial was in Perry Mount Park Cemetery, Pontiac.

He was born April 17, 1956, in Pontiac and died Monday, April 10. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a deputy county clerk in Texas.

He is survived by his sisters, Eleanor Jean Redner of Canton, Carol A. Jablonski of Brighton and Debra Sue Logan-Hysell of Westland; brothers, Robert M. Logan of Roseville, David M. Logan of Fort Hood, Texas, Ronald B. Logan of Virginia Beach, Va.; and his father, Douglas A. Logan Sr.

Memorials may be made to The P.W.A. of Houston, Texas, in care of the Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road, Westland 48185.

DOLORES B. GILLEN
Services for Dolores B. Gillen, 86, of Northville Township will be held 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Plymouth Township. The Rev. William Pettit will officiate. Burial will be in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, Ill.

She was born March 4, 1909, in Chicago and died Monday, April 3, in Livonia. Mrs. Gillen was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community from Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1970. She was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church and the Plymouth Elks.

She is survived by her sons, Lou Ann Christie of Arizona; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions in the form of Mass offerings or to the American Diabetes Association are appreciated.

MARY STREMECK
Services for Mary Stremick, 85, were held Wednesday, April 5, with the Rev. John J. Sullivan officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

She was born Aug. 5, 1909, in Nekoma, N.D., and died Sunday, April 2, in Garden City. Mrs. Stremick was an assembly worker at Burroughs Corp. for 22 years. She also worked at Daisy Air Rifle. She came to the Plymouth community in 1942 from North Dakota. She was a member of the Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth and Creditors of Plymouth.

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RAYMOND W. ROBITAILLE
Services for Raymond W. Robitaille, 84, of Canton were held Monday, April 10, at St. John Neumann Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

He was born Aug. 31, 1910, in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and died Thursday, April 6, at St. Mary Hospital.

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Wygonik named top journalist

Keely Wygonik is the Journalist of the Year for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She was selected from among eight candidates.

Wygonik has been with the O&E for five years. She is a graduate of Michigan State University and is currently the Taste and Let's Go! editor at O&E. She previously worked as a copy editor.

The selection committee included Susan Rosiek, managing editor, Observer Newspapers; Bob Sklar, managing editor, Eccentric Newspapers; Hugh Gallagher, production editor; Jay Grossman, Rochester Eccentric reporter and last year's winner; and Alice Collins, Troy Eccentric editor.

Wygonik's nomination was submitted by Sue Mason, Community Life editor for the Wayne County editions of the Observer.

Wygonik produces two major sections each week — the Monday Taste section and the Thursday Observer Let's Go! section and Eccentric Let's Go! pages.

"Her work is like a recipe — a pinch of this and a splash of that, but each pinch and each splash are carefully thought out," Mason said. "With news holes that can range from tiny to gargantuan, Keely knows how to fine tune copy to reflect the individuality of the Observer & Eccentric Publishing Groups."

"It's hard to think about breaking news in an entertainment or food section, but that's how Keely looks at such information. It's news and it's her job to track it down," wrote Mason.

In addition to her work at the O&E, Wygonik shares her love of writing with the students who produce the Henry Ford Community College student newspaper.

She is president of the Henry Ford Community College Student Newspaper Advisory Board.

She also is active in the Garden City Business and Professional Women's Organization.



SHARON LEMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Winner: Keely Wygonik accepts her Journalist of the Year award from Observer & Eccentric General Manager Steve Pope. Wygonik is editor of the Taste and Let's Go! sections of the newspaper.

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Heart association seeks rope jumpers

The West Central Wayne Division of the American Heart Association hopes to raise more than \$35,000 by the end of the school year through a program called "Jump Rope For Heart."

Schools in Livonia, Westland, Redford Township and Wayne will participate.

Each school launches its own event, coordinated by physical education instructors.

Students are responsible for collecting pledge money and participating in jump roping events.

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Rivers to hold town meeting

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, of the 13th Congressional District will host a town meeting 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, in the Morris Lawrence Building at Westland Community College in Ann Arbor.

Citizens are invited to quiz Rivers on her activities in Washington, D.C.

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Freshmen reps blast 'polluter pay' changes

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Freshman lawmakers protested loudly as the state House of Representatives softened the 1990 version of the "Polluters Pay" law.

The goal of three bills is to encourage industrial redevelopment of older urban areas. Methods are to ease land cleanup standards and halt lawsuits over "orphan shares" — pollution caused by parties that are either out of business or dead.

First-term Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, joined Mike Hanley, D-Saginaw, in entering a written

protest to the House's 83-21 passage of the key bill.

"House Bill 4596 does not provide any funding to assure that urban areas can be cleaned up and reused," said Hanley. "The law currently requires contaminated groundwater to meet health-based standards before it reaches lakes and streams. These bills change that to allow for 'mixing zones,' or dilution areas, dumping untreated groundwater into rivers or lakes."

Freshmen from Kalamazoo, Burton, Lansing and Okemos — whose water supplies come from groundwater rather than the

Great Lakes — wrote formal protests for the House Journal — a common practice in the Senate but rare in the House, and rare among new members.

House action came before the Easter break. The Senate will get the bills when it returns April 18.

Here is how local state representatives voted on HB 4596: ECECENTRIC

Yes — Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake; John Jamian, R-Bloomfield Township; Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak; Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills.

No — Maxine Berman, D-Southfield; David Gubow, D-

Huntington Woods.

Absent — Penny Crissman, R-Rochester.

OBSERVER
Yes — Lyn Banks, R-Redford; Gerald Law, R-Plymouth; Jim Ryan, R-Redford; Deborah Wyman, R-Canton.

No — Eileen DeHart, D-Westland; Tom Kelly, D-Wayne.

Absent — Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills.

HOMETOWN
Yes — Willis Bullard, R-Milford; Dan Gustafson, R-Hasslet;

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Prison budget

Spending reaches \$1.3 billion

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

On paper, it looked easy — the House of Representatives gave 90-to-13 approval to next year's \$1.3 billion prisons budget.

Actually, it took lawmakers four hours to hassle over amendments to curb Corrections Director Ken McGinnis' salary hike and end the "coddling" of inmates.

"There's gotta be a better way than throwing money at it like we've been doing since Blanchard's days," said Rep. Gerry Law, R-Plymouth, one of the handful of negative votes.

Also voting no were Reps. David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, and Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti. All other area members voted yes except Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, who has been ill for several weeks.

Gov. John Engler, who has been unhappy with Michigan's glut of prison building (from 13,000 to 38,000 inmates since 1982) but hasn't dented the budget growth, wanted to give McGinnis a 19-percent salary hike — from the \$82,000 mark to about \$98,000.

Instead, the House adopted Gubow's amendment to give McGinnis no more than a 3-percent hike. The vote was 69-31. The Senate earlier voted a 10-percent increase, but House members rejected that figure. The bill will go to a conference committee,

which is expected to split the difference.

Rep. Bill Bobier, R-Hesperia, twitted Democrats by proposing that McGinnis' salary be limited to the same amount as the highest paid member of the House staff. That happens to be the Democratic chief of staff, who gets \$90,800, according to Republicans. Bobier withdrew the amendment after getting a few chuckles.

Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, lost 33-63 with his amendment to cut funds to meet U.S. District Judge Richard Enalen's decrees, including those that require free college educations for inmates.

"We'd like to go along with Kaza's theory," said Rep. James McNutt, R-Midland, the bill's sponsor. "But if we don't comply, we obligate the state to a large fine."

Area lawmakers supporting the Kaza amendment were Eileen DeHart, D-Westland; John Jamian, R-Bloomfield Township; Gerald Law, R-Plymouth; and Deborah Whyman, R-Canton. Others all voted no or missed the vote.

Rep. David Jaye, R-Washington Township, won support for two amendments:

■ To eliminate loans to parolees without funds, 72-26. "As you might imagine, the default rate is quite high," he said.

■ To require inmates to use earnings to pay restitution to their

crime victims, 97-4. Law argued against it, saying another bill would allocate inmates earnings to both restitution and child support. Law also argued the forthcoming bill would be permanent while Jaye's amendment would be in effect only for the budget year ending Sept. 30, 1996.

Jaye failed with his amendment to add two lawyers to the attorney general's staff to "pursue all legal remedies" against Judge Enalen's orders on how prisons are run. "We're already spending \$102.8 million to implement college educations, Vic Tanny weight-lifting machines, legal libraries. We're providing computer law services so they can file suits."

But House Appropriations chair Don Gilmer, R-Augusta, told Jaye the proper remedy was to add them in the attorney general's budget, not the Corrections Department budget.

Rep. Roland Jersevic, R-Saginaw, won 65-34 approval with his amendment to require inmates who win state lottery drawings to use their money to pay victim damage claims.

Rep. Charles Perricone, R-Kalamazoo, came close, 47-50, with his effort to ban all smoking in state prisons effective next March 1. McNutt won by arguing: "This (smoking) is for the staff, not prisoners. By 1998 all institutions will be smoke-free."

Pollution

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Gerald Law, R-Plymouth; Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville; Susan Munsell, R-Howell; Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti.

No — none.

COMMUNITY

Yes — Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt; Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge.

Sponsor of the bill is majority floor leader Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, the House GOP's acknowledged environmental expert. He said new funding sources are needed but would come later.

"I am convinced that this is good, sound, environment policy. This course, rather than the course we're on, will get more

sites cleaned up," Sikkema said. Gov. John Engler supports the legislation, saying current law has "an intimidating set of rules that has killed economic growth." Older cities are the big losers, Engler has said.

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, concerned with business flight to "green fields" and abandonment of older cities, supports changes in the "Polluters Pay" law. But SEMCOG in February warned that alternative funding sources should first be found.

According to a Senate Fiscal Agency analysis last winter, the Michigan Environmental Re-

sponse Act (PA 307) was passed in 1982 when the extent of contaminated sites was unknown. "Today there are an estimated 2,839 contaminated industrial sites, excluding leaking underground storage tanks, that could cost billions of dollars to clean up," SFA said.

"In 1988, voters authorized the issuance of \$425 million in bonds for environmental cleanup purposes," requiring that the state first seek payment from responsible parties. So far, the Department of Natural Resources has made 188 settlements worth \$87.2 million, saving the state nearly \$60 million in cleanup actions.

Catholic Central hosts quiz bowl

Redford Township's Catholic Central High School hosted its third annual Eighth Grade Quiz Bowl Invitational Tournament on March 25.

Among the 16 participating teams were St. Robert Bellarmine of Redford, St. Michael of Livonia, Our Lady of Good Counsel of Plymouth, Our Lady of Loretto of

Redford, St. Edith of Livonia, Emerson of Livonia, Warner Middle of Farmington Hills and St. Raphael of Garden City.

The top four teams received trophies, and all participants received certificates.

The winner was St. Robert Bellarmine, Team I. Second place went to Emerson I of Ann Arbor.

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FAMILY ROOM



KAREN MEIER

What's right with America 7

Someone marching to the beat of a different drummer has marched right into this "What's right with America" column. The marcher is from Livonia and her name is Allison Johnson. Her occupation — stay-at-home mom.

Allison Johnson is a full-time, stay-at-home mom, right here, right now, in the '90s. Now some may consider that as being as out-of-time and as out-of-place as say, a 75-cent movie ticket, or a pillbox hat, or even a black rotary-dial telephone. Yet here she is — in 1995 — in Livonia, a married, college-educated woman staying home to raise her children. That lifestyle in this day and age is unexpected at best, unaccepted at worst.

Nevertheless, Allison has forsaken the linen suit, 9 to 5, well-paid life for cookie baking and stroller pushing and 20-hour days. She's been told she marches to the beat of a different drummer. And it's true — her drummer is different. Her drummer thumps a steady, unsyncopated, un-jazzy, unflashy beat.

Most don't march to it, for any number of reasons. (Some reports indicate that less than 10 percent of American families are like the Johnson family with Mom staying home full time. Other reports indicate up to 30 percent.) Yet in spite of majorities and critics, Allison marches to this drum beat, which sounds an awful lot like a heartbeat.

Allison's drummer doesn't know the cadence of prestige and paychecks and corporate glory. Being at home with Benjamin, raising her child

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Rare diseases: A rare dilemma



Marie Naster learned to live with a rare genetic form of emphysema. But now she has to learn how to cope with the possibility of developing an even rarer degenerative neurological disease.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Marie Naster knows that sooner or later, she will die because of the emphysema that is slowly taking her breath away. She has learned to live with the condition caused by a rare genetic defect in her body chemistry, called Alpha 1-Antitrypsin Deficiency (AAT).

With the help of inhalers and a self-administered plasma-derived product called Prolastin, the progression of the disease has slowed. She figures she's about the same as three years ago and that without the Prolastin, she would be "in a wheelchair or dragging around an oxygen bottle."

The drug has been a godsend for the Canton Township resident, but now it may include another death sentence. In November, the manufacturer, Miles Inc., initiated a "voluntary withdrawal" of 23 lots of Prolastin, made from plasma-derived protein purchased from the American Red Cross and Baxter Healthcare that had been donated by two individuals who were diagnosed with Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, a rare neurodegenerative disease. One of the individuals had been a blood donor for 12 years.

In a Nov. 17 statement, Miles president Ralph M. Galustian said that "although there is no scientific evidence suggesting that CJD is transmitted through blood products, we have taken this precaution in an effort to ensure the greatest measure of safety for patients."

The recall and Galustian's statement are little comfort for Naster,

who infused herself with one of the recalled lots last March.

"I'm dealing with something that's going to kill me sooner or later and now I have to deal with this," she said. "If I have an odd itch or headache that more severe than usual I'll always wonder; there will always be that nagging thought of if I have it."

AAT deficiency is an inherited disease in which not enough alpha 1-proteinase inhibitor is produced to deactivate enzymes that keep the lungs clean by dissolving the protein invaders and which can also destroy the walls of the tiny air sacs in the lung.

For Naster and some 1,700 people across the country, Prolastin replaces the missing AAT. A sterile preparation of purified human alpha 1-proteinase inhibitor, it is made from pooled human plasma.

Naster uses 20 vials of Prolastin each month, administering them intravenously through a port hidden under the skin of her arm. Her medical expenses run \$6,000 a month — "a baby fortune" — and that doesn't include doctors' visits, which can be as often as once a week.

Not as sick

"I don't notice a difference; what I notice is I don't get sick as often as I did," Naster said, explaining that there were years prior to her diagnosis when she was hospitalized six times for lung-related illnesses. In its literature about Prolastin, Miles points out that each unit of

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BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

'Baby fortune': Tom Naster and his wife, Marie, know a lot about the high cost of prescription drugs. The tray on their kitchen table contains a "baby fortune" in Prolastin, a drug Marie injects into herself twice a month for treatment of her emphysema.

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plasma used is tested and found nonreactive for the hepatitis B virus and negative for the AIDS antibody, although it recommends patients get a hepatitis B vaccination "as an extra precaution." There is no mention of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease.

That disease is categorized as a slow virus infection, characterized by progressive mental deterioration. The symptoms usually worsen until death occurs — within four to 24 months. The incubation period can be 18 months up to 30 years.

It is quite a rare disease, according to Dr. James Burke, a neurologist on staff at Duke University. The estimate is that one of every 1 million people in the U.S. will develop the disease this year and 10-15 percent will have a family history of it. The rest will be sporadic, having no indication of exposure to the virus, Burke said.

Burke knows of no instances of the disease being transmitted through blood products, but rather through tissue — human growth hormones derived from the pooled pituitary glands, dural grafts using the dura mater and corneal transplants.

"It's very difficult to acquire even when exposed to the tissue," Burke said. "I'm not aware of any transmissions through transfusions; I don't know if there's ever been a case."

Dr. Dan A. Waxman, principal

officer of the Southwest Michigan Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross, concurs with Burke.

"We believe the risk is very small, if at all possible," Waxman said. "In fact, the findings of several studies were reported in 1994 where a blood donor came down with Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease and none of the blood recipients developed the disease. Some of the recipients were studied for 20 years after receiving the blood."

The Red Cross tests its blood donations for several diseases, including AIDS, but no known test exists for CJD, according to Waxman. However, donors are asked a "significant question" during screening — if they have received a human growth hormone transplant, one of the known ways CJD can be transmitted.

"The instances of having a long-term donor turn up with Creutzfeldt-Jakob ... it's a rare entity to have that happen," he said. "It's very rare to find a donor with that diagnosis."

Likewise, the Alpha 1 National Association has sent out letters to reassure patients that the chances of developing CJD are very remote — "... Studies looking at transmission in a blood bank have not shown any association between transfusion of 'infected' blood and the development of the disease," said Sandy Brandley, the association's executive direc-

tor. "While no one can say that a program that serves children and families in the metropolitan Detroit area will be named Michigan's 'Innovative Program of the Year' during a ceremony Wednesday, May 24, in Lansing.

The Family Match Program will receive the honor at the 12th annual special recognition luncheon, sponsored by the Michigan Federation of Private Child and Family Agencies, a statewide association of 60 nonprofit providers of services to Michigan's damaged children and families.

The program was created and is operated by Spectrum Human Services in Livonia. The Family Match Program is designed to prevent the need for out-of-home placement of children by matching an identified at-risk client family with an experienced,

trained mentor family. Mentor families are fully licensed foster families who provide a host of services to the client family, including but not limited to respite care, assisting the family in accessing needed community resources, role modeling skills development, transportation assistance, and support.

Spectrum Human Services also will have Leola Gill, a foster parent of 30 years, named Foster Parent of the Year. Gill has fostered

has made plenty of changes in their lives. Their house is smoke-free after they had the walls washed and the drapes cleaned, and they installed new carpeting and paint. Smokers, including her daughter and son-in-law, puff away on the front porch.

They also use unscented products. Tom, in fact, uses no deodorant, "just soap and water." A eucalyptus swag, a gift, is relegated to the front porch, and you won't find a single bit of potpourri around.

Naster has three daughters who are AAT deficiency carriers. Two have been very supportive; they have had the blood test and genetic counseling. One daughter "refuses to accept that anything

is wrong with me or her."

Naster also has four living brothers who also are carriers; one she suspects has the disease, "but he's in denial and won't take the blood test." Her grandfather died of emphysema in the early '60s and her brother died at age 16. His cause of death is listed as cirrhosis of the liver, the way AAT manifests itself in children.

Usually "very optimistic," Naster admits the Prostate problem has got her down. While she would like complete reassurances, she knows the best she will get is Waxman's "very rare" and Brandley's "very remote."

"I think it's my stubbornness that keeps me going," she said. "Usually, I'm very optimistic and

for this to get me down ... It's really got me bad. I thought I had most of the obstacles under control and then they threw up this one.

"There's got to be a better screening process."

More information about Alpha 1-Antitrypsin Deficiency is available from the Alpha 1-Antitrypsin Deficiency National Association at 1829 Portland Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. 55404, or (612) 871-1747. The National Organization for Rare Disorders at P.O. Box 8923, New Fairfield, Conn. 06812, or (203) 746-0518, also has information on AAT and Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease.

Spectrum's Family Match gets state award

some of the agency's most difficult female placements. Gill specializes in working with adolescent females who present severe emotional and behavioral problems. The girls often require weekly therapy and medication to stabilize their behavior.

Sharon Kay Freeman will be awarded an honorable mention for Adoptive Parent of the Year. Freeman is a three-time adoptive parent. All three of her adopted children are victims of abuse and neglect and have special needs.

Lowell and Vi Sargent of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Michele, to Lance Karl Freeman, son of Ruth Freeman of Lake Orion.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a graduate of the Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing. She is employed at Saginaw General Hospital as a registered nurse, specializing in labor and delivery.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School, a graduate of Michigan State University and a graduate of the Michigan State University School of Medicine. He finished his residency in emergency medicine at the Detroit Medical Center in 1994. He is employed at St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw as an

emergency room physician. A outdoor garden wedding is planned for July at Red Run Country Club.

Compton-Hill

Debbi and Ken Compton of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Tammy, to Todd Hill, son of Kathy and Jack Hill of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and Schoolcraft College. Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Schoolcraft College. He is employed as a sheet metal worker.

A May wedding is planned in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth.

Sargent-Freeman

Lowell and Vi Sargent of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Michele, to Lance Karl Freeman, son of Ruth Freeman of Lake Orion.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a graduate of the Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing. She is employed at Saginaw General Hospital as a registered nurse, specializing in labor and delivery.

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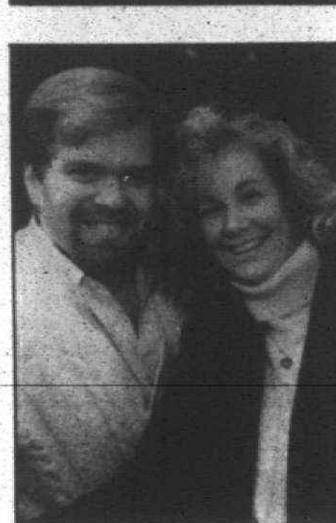
Hawley-Foltz

Larry and Cheryl Hawley of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Lyn, to Dr. Douglas Michael Foltz, son of David Foltz and Susan Gross of Akron, Ohio.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, will graduate from Oakwood Hospital School of Radiology in June. She is specializing in diagnostic ultrasound and is employed in Northville.

Her fiancé is a graduate of North Eastern Ohio University's College of Medicine. He is completing his residency in diagnostic radiology at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn.

A fall wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.



John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

Taylor-Scullen

Maureen Terese Scullen and Geoffrey Neubert Taylor were married Dec. 30, 1994, at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville by the Rev. Ernest Porcari.

The bride is the daughter of Peter and Kathleen Scullen of Northville. The groom is the son of Richard and Irene Taylor of Plymouth.

The bride received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1992 and worked in Washington, D.C., as a legislative assistant to former Sen. Donald Riegle.

The groom received a bachelor of business administration degree with distinction from the University of Michigan in 1992 and was employed as a certified public accountant for Price Waterhouse in Washington, D.C.

Anne Scullen, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, with Kristal Smith, Laura Porterfield and Nicole Quarles as bridesmaids. The flower girl and ringbearer were Maggie and Stephen Simowski.

Nautsch-Brighton

Marcella Nautsch and Fred G. Brighton II plan an October wedding. Parents of the couple are Leonard and Jane Nautsch of Canton, Freda Brighton of Tecumseh, Mich., and the late Fred Brighton.

The bride-to-be has a bachelor's degree in history and education from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan University. She is employed in the mechanical engineering department at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from GMI Engineering & Management Institute and a master's degree in

Keiffer-Kelley

Diana Kelley of Canton and Bernard C. Keiffer of Big Rapids, Mich., exchanged wedding vows



David Miller served as best man, with Brian Orkin, Kevin Kolacki and Henry Watts as the groomsmen.

Following the ceremony, a dinner reception was held at the Meeting House in Plymouth. After vacationing in Jamaica, the couple now live in Pittsburgh, Pa., where they both attend the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.



business administration from Eastern Michigan University. He is employed with the Powertrain Operations of Ford Motor Co. in Livonia.

on Feb. 11 at the Little Wedding Chapel in Taylor.

Sippola-Pack

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sippola of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynn, Ann, to Edward Anthony Pack, son of Jacqueline McQuaid of Clearwater, Fla., and Jerome Pack of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and the University of Michigan-Dearborn where she received a degree in human resource management. She is employed by AWTEC U.S.A. Inc. of Plymouth in personnel.

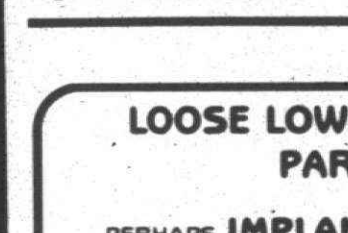
Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is employed by Star Furniture in Livonia as a sales associate. A May wedding is planned at

Smith-Ostlund

Nancy Anne Ostlund and Randy Allan Smith were married Jan. 7 at Golden Rings Wedding Chapel in Livonia.

The bride is the daughter of Arvo and Anne Ostlund of Canton. The groom is the son of David Smith of Livonia and Geraldine Fisher of Grand Blanc, Mich.

Robyn Gidner served as matron of honor. Mike Smith served as his brother's best man. The couple received guests at Jammers II Restaurant in Livonia, where they first met three years ago. They took a wedding trip to St. Maarten and are making their home in Westland.



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Single parents find they have a friend in ACES

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Joshua Matthew LeDuc sits quietly on the floor organizing booklets in rows of seven. When done, he proudly announces that there are 23, but corrects himself when a recount shows there are 21.

It's a serious job for a 6 1/2-year-old. The booklets are for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, just a few of the things his mother, Carol, has collected to give to people who turn to her for help.

The Westland resident is coordinator of the Wayne County Chapter of ACES — Association for Children in the Enforcement of Support — a national non-profit organization that helps educate custodial parents regarding their rights and remedies on nonpayment and visitation issues.

"This is my office," said LeDuc, pointing to her kitchen table, filled with stacks of books and papers. "A lot of nights I'm here until 10:30-11:30 p.m., reading books and helping people with their problems. I don't mind. If there's anything I can do to get a case rolling..."

The Friend of the Court has the job of overseeing child support orders. Its duties include administering, monitoring and enforcing the support orders. It routinely takes in payments from noncustodial parents and sends them to the custodial parents.

The Michigan Friend of the Court is one of the best systems in the country for collecting payments. But then again, it also is owed the most money, a fact that has led Gov. John Engler to say that it is broken and needs to be fixed.

Until it does get fixed, ACES has taken on the job of making sure Friend of the Court does everything in its power to get the support money to where it belongs.

ACES got its start in Toledo, Ohio, 10 years ago, by Geraldine Jensen — who, when the Friend of the Court wouldn't help her, decided she could do a better job and did. So much so that there are now 350 ACES chapters in 47 states with 25,000 members.

The chapter meets 6-8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, south of Venoy Road between Palmer and Glenwood, Westland. Most meetings focus on participants' problems with nonpayers and Friend of the Court and provide solutions, but LeDuc has started to bring in guest speakers like Wayne County Sheriff Robert Picano, who talked about leins and bench warrants at the March meeting.

Knowledge is power
Knowledge is the group's power

base — knowing what things can be done to enforce support orders and what to say to get them done. Court referees and judges know the ACES name and "know we expect action," LeDuc said.

There are plenty of tools now available for child support enforcement. Jail time for nonpayers, seek-work orders to prove noncustodial parents are looking for a job, wage withholding and taking money from state and federal tax refunds to satisfy arrearages, and bench warrants are some of the ways support orders are being enforced. In Kalamazoo County, the prosecutor is placing leins on driver's licenses, halting their renewal by deadbeat parents, LeDuc said.

"We have to use these things to get the amount of arrearages decreased," LeDuc said. "Friend of the Court has to enforce what's out there and hold these nonpayers responsible. Then they're going to realize that they can't hide forever."

But it is how you approach Friend of the Court that can make a difference, she added. Stating your case — what you want Friend of the Court to do — firmly and matter-of-factly can accomplish more than whining and complaining.

LeDuc's advice is to write a letter to Friend of the Court stating what you as the custodial parent expect the agency to do about your case. Keep a copy and wait two or three weeks to see what happens. According to LeDuc, if nothing does happen, it's time to move up the ladder.

Write their boss (the Office of Child Support in the Department of Social Services in Lansing) and if that doesn't work, write to their boss in the regional office (Region V representative in the Office of Child Support Enforcement) in Chicago," LeDuc said. "And don't give up."

"ACES gave me a lot more information. It spelled out explicitly what Friend of the Court should be doing to go after non-payers, what data bases can be accessed. It allowed me to go to Friend of the Court and say, 'You should be doing A, B, C, D and E when you're doing only A, B and C, so now I want you to do A, B and C plus D and E.'"

Like the people who call her, LeDuc is a single parent who has had to press her support case with Friend of the Court to get the \$55 weekly payment required of Joshua's father. The father had not made a payment since May 1993 and those she had received since 1989 had been intermittent. He had paid \$5,300, but was still \$8,500 in arrears.

Last September, LeDuc made a tough decision. She decided to

spend \$25 of her wages for a seminar being offered in Livonia on the aspects of collecting child support payments. It turned out to be money well spent.

Sponsored by ACES, the seminar gave her the information she needed to press her case with Friend of the Court. It also led her to the position of what was supposed to be the western Wayne County ACES coordinator but currently takes in the entire area, until someone can be found to handle the east side.

"I don't know how they found him or how they made him go back to work, but it took another four months until I got my first check," she said. "When I contacted Friend of the Court, I told them I wanted this, this and this done, and they knew I had the forces of ACES behind me and they did everything to make me happy."

"I don't think if I'd done it on my own that I would have gotten as far."

LeDuc bristles when she hears remarks that child support doesn't really benefit the child. There are two things a child should get from the noncustodial parent, she said: emotional and fi-

ancial support. They don't always get the emotional support, but they should get the financial end of it.

As for how it's spent — groceries, clothing, even the registration fee for organized sports are "great ways to spend child support," she said. Joshua played tee ball last year and, thanks to the weekly support checks, he will again this year.

In fact, it was during the season last spring that Joshua last saw his father, one of the 15 or so times he has seen him since his birth. His father gave him a bat and glove.

"He's a good kid and he deserves it," LeDuc said. "It's all a matter of perception. I'm here struggling, doing what I can to raise him when it would be so much easier if he (Joshua's father) helped out. I'm not trying to get more, just what's due him."

"We are here to get our children what they deserve."

For more information about ACES, call (800) 537-7072 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. For information on the Wayne County Chapter, call Carol LeDuc at (313) 722-3564 evenings.



JIM JACOBSON/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The two of us: It was a struggle for Carol LeDuc and her 6 1/2-year-old son Joshua until, with the help of ACES, she got action by Friend of the Court on her much-needed support payments.

Family Room from page 9A

at home with Benjamin, raising her child in that way, means no prestige, no fancy glory, and, as an accountant can point out, a loss of money. By not working, the family income takes a big hit.

Critics of this lifestyle easily put the words "sacrifice" and "money" in the same sentence, as in, "You've sacrificed a career and money for this. Why? What's in it for you?"

What's in it? For Allison? In dollars and 401K kinds of terms? Nothing I guess. But for Benjamin, everything is in it for him.

"Where's the payoff?" scoffers ask.

The payoff. Hmm. Allison holds the payoff in her hand, it's Benjamin's little hand. The payoff is having nursed her baby for his first year of life, whenever he got hungry day or night. And when he first laughed aloud, Allison heard it. When he first walked, Allison saw it.

And there's a payoff in the fact that wherever she goes, he goes. They've learned a heck of a lot about each other because of the sheer amount of time they spend

The difference, though, is that she focuses entirely on doing battle and fighting little wars on behalf of her child, not for herself.

together. Allison knows which animals he likes in his crib at nap time. Benjamin knows which of Allison's pots and pans make the best drums.

There's also a payoff when he toddles beside her on the front walk. Allison brought him into this world and now she's taking him through it. Hand in hand they go — and the Glory/Money drummers march right on by. And that's OK.

Now those Get-Ahead drummers — Allison doesn't even pay attention to their racket anymore. The ones who march over others to get what they alone want, disregarding the havoc they've left behind, they're way out in front now. From the outset, Allison knew she'd be left behind; the parade would go right on by. And by golly, it has. But that's neither a surprise nor a big prob-

lem for her. Leave it to the rest of them to trample and hurt to get ahead. She's happy staying out of harm's way.

Steering clear of that kind of harm hasn't meant Allison's life has been devoid of its own challenges and stressful situations. The difference, though, is that she focuses entirely on doing battle and fighting little wars on behalf of her child, not for herself. To do right by her child is far more important than doing for herself. That she learned within hours of Benjamin's birth.

This baby, this firstborn, was rushed away from her when he was three hours old. Diagnosis: a form of spine bifida. He was taken by ambulance to another hospital located an hour away. Allison would not see or hold her baby for days.

Then on the day she was re-

leased, she immediately went against doctor's orders and visited her son in the distant hospital. That was the day her baby, not yet a week old, underwent corrective surgery. Allison, forgetting her own very real post-delivery pain, prayed very hard for Benjamin.

The surgery was successful. (I think the prayers had something to do with that.) And Thanksgiving Day 1993 was bittersweet — Benjamin was OK, but he wasn't yet home. The following day, however, he did come home. And there they were, a family of three at last, gathered closely inside the family room.

And they've been together ever since. Allison embraces and defends her stay-at-home status. And she continues to march to her drummer.

If you have a question or comment for Karen Meier, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Bunny business



For patients: Barbara Murphy (from left), Jane Wilson and Barbara Thomas, members of the Tau Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an education sorority, were hard at work last month putting together Easter baskets for Mott Children's Hospital. The sorority with Livonia teachers and other educational personnel as members, meets monthly in Livonia.

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PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION

TO REZONE FROM: R-1, Single Family Residential District
TO REZONE TO: VP, Vehicular Parking District
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, April 19, 1995
TIME OF HEARING: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from R-1, Single Family Residential District, 1.83 acres, more or less, to VP, Vehicular Parking District:

Application #1300

Parcel A: Part of the SW 1/4 of Section 36, T. 1 S., R. 8 E., Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 36; thence Due East 1322.10 feet along the East/West 1/4 line of said Section 36 and the line of the centerline of Ann Arbor Road (120 feet wide) to a point on the centerline of Hogarty Road (120 feet wide); thence S. 07°03'15" W. 827.50 feet to the centerline of said Hogarty Road to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing S. 07°03'15" W. 115.75 feet along said centerline; thence Due East 452.00 feet; thence N. 07°03'15" W. 198.25 feet; thence Due East 177.00 feet; thence S. 07°03'15" W. 82.50 feet; and thence Due West 225.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING except the East 60 feet thereof conveyed for road purposes. Containing 1.83 acres of land, more or less. Subject to any and all easements or rights of way of record, if any.

Parcel B: Part of the SW 1/4 of Section 36, T. 1 S., R. 8 E., Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 36; thence Due East 1322.10 feet along the East/West 1/4 line of said Section 36 and the line of the centerline of Ann Arbor Road (120 feet wide) to a point on the centerline of Hogarty Road (120 feet wide); thence S. 07°03'15" W. 845.00 feet; thence Due West 60.00 feet to a point on the West right of way line of said Hogarty Road; thence along said right of way line S. 07°03'15" W. 82.50 feet; thence S. 07°03'15" W. 82.50 feet; and thence Due East 225.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 0.43 acres of land, more or less. Subject to any and all easements or rights of way of record, if any.

ORDINANCE NO. 83

AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 76

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Hall, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting.

The application review, meeting and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 453-3840, ext. 205.

At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as sign language for the hearing impaired, and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the Meetings/ Hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the following: Catherine A. Broadbent, ADA Coordinator, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Phone number: (313) 453-3840 x 202. TDD users: 1-800-849-5777. (Michigan Relay Service)

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INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR ROWE THOMAS DISPLAYS

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 1995, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider the request of Rowe Thomas Displays for a twelve year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a new manufacturing and office facility, including equipment, furniture and fixtures, which will be located in Metro West Industrial Park No. 3, on lot 87, consisting of 5.22 acres. The new facility will consist of 181,000 square feet.

Rowe Thomas Displays headquarters and the manufacturing of display units will be located at the proposed new facility. The company was established as a full service display organization in 1976 to design, engineer, construct, transport, install, dismantle and warehouse exhibits for events around the United States. Due to continued growth the company has expanded with shows in Japan, Korea, United Arab Emirates, France, Mexico and Canada.

During the public hearing any resident of Plymouth Township or member of the Legislative Board of any affected taxing unit in the Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the Clerk will be considered.

The request of Rowe Thomas Displays is on file in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall where it is available for public perusal from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Board of Trustees meet in the Meeting Room of the Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, at 7:30 p.m. Phone Number 453-3840 X 234. Following the public hearing, the Board may decide on the request by Resolution.

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Election

Yes vote urged on road tax

For \$12 million Canton Township has a chance to take control of its roads like a city without having to pay big city taxes. That's why we're urging a yes vote Tuesday on a 0.66 mill property tax increase proposal on the Canton ballot.

The money will be collected over the next 15 years, spreading the cost to newer township residents and businesses who will benefit from a better road system. That means current residents and businesses won't be underwriting the expansion of the township.

The major criticism of the road tax proposal has been that Canton Township should be getting more money from Wayne County. There is some truth to those objections and in a perfect world, Canton wouldn't have to rely on a road millage.

But things aren't perfect and the road money is needed.

Control of what roads get paved and when is the issue. With the road millage proposal, Canton Township officials and residents have the power to determine what gets done when. It's local control.

The cost for control isn't much. A homeowner with a \$100,000 house (assessed at \$50,000) would pay \$28 in 1995 for the improvements, \$34 in 2000, \$35 in 2005 and \$33 in 2010.

The language of the ballot question voters will see at the polls does not specify the length of the bond repayment program. But township officials say they are committed to the 15-year period. The bonds will not be issued all at once.

Here's the partial list of major Canton road improvements proposed:

- Intersection improvement at Canton Center, Palmer and Summit Parkway: \$150,000.
- Pave Koppernick, east of Haggerty: \$350,000.
- Intersection improvement at Cherry Hill

and Canton Center: \$500,000.

- Intersection improvement at Sheldon and Ford: \$350,000.
- Intersection improvement at Lilley and Ford: \$350,000.
- Pave Haggerty, Palmer to Michigan Avenue: \$500,000.
- Reconstruct and realign Lilley Road, Ford to Hanford: \$900,000.
- Intersection improvement at Canton Center and Warren: \$500,000.
- Build a new road: cul-de-sac Maben, west of Canton Center, and provide new outlet south to Ford: \$400,000.
- Intersection improvement at Sheldon Center and Sheldon: \$350,000.
- Reconstruct and widen Canton Center to Sheldon: \$1.5 million.
- Resurface Sheldon Road, Ford to Warren: \$150,000.
- Pave Lotz Road, one-third mile north of Palmer: \$300,000.
- Reconstruct and realign Cherry Hill Road to the east boundary alignment: \$350,000.
- Intersection improvement at Sheldon and Palmer: \$400,000.
- Resurface and widen Sheldon Road: \$150,000.
- Build a new road: end Geddes west of Sheldon, extend Herby south to Michigan: \$300,000.
- Intersection improvement at Cherry Hill and Lilley: \$400,000.
- Widen Lilley, Ford to Cherry Hill: \$150,000.
- Widen Lilley Road, Cherry Hill to Palmer: \$350,000.
- Enclose ditches on Cherry Hill, Canton Center to Haggerty: \$410,000.

Canton Township residents have a chance to do something about their roads at a low cost. Vote yes on the road millage.

Library deserves a yes vote

Canton voters have a chance on Tuesday to improve one of the community's gems, the public library.

We recommend a yes vote on the \$8.8 million bond proposal to expand and renovate the library on Canton Center Road.

Plans are to expand the library from 31,000 square feet to 56,000 square feet.

Homeowners with a \$100,000 house, as-

essed at \$50,000, would pay \$40 annually. Homeowners with a \$125,000 house, assessed at \$62,500, would pay \$50 annually. Homeowners with a \$150,000 house, assessed at \$75,000, would pay \$60 annually.

The Canton library has provided high quality service at a low cost.

It deserves the support of residents. Vote yes for the library on Tuesday.

Bennett best in clerk's race

In the race for Canton Township Clerk, Republican Terry Bennett is a solid choice. She has the experience, background, working skills and vision for the future needed by Canton Township.

Bennett's opponent, Kathleen Raven, has raised good issues. She said a fresh perspective is needed in Canton Township. She makes a good point. Canton's strength has been a township board that has worked well together as a team with Supervisor Tom Yack.

However, not enough tough questions have been asked during public meetings.

Bennett is a political insider in Canton. Her husband, Loren Bennett was township clerk until being elected to the state Senate in November. Terry Bennett is now running to finish the last two years of his four-year term.

Terry Bennett has been her own person in Canton, working as chairwoman of the Can-

ton Historic District Commission and as a community volunteer. She has also made it her business to meet and know the residents of Canton.

With her background as a teacher, we're sure she will run a clerk's office that sees the public as customers. She has also promised to work hard on getting the best election equipment available at the best price.

The clerk serves as a township board member. That means she will help set the tone for future development in Canton, establish the look of Canton in the 21st century.

In that department, Bennett is realistic. She knows the board can't stop development, but it can slow it down and ensure that the best buildings of the best quality are constructed.

When Canton voters go to the polls on Tuesday, they will be best served by pulling the lever for Terry Bennett.



LETTERS

Community center

I am writing to ask your newspaper to clarify information reported in the Monday, March 20, edition of the Canton Observer. This information was included in an article written by Jeff Counts about a presentation to the Canton Economic Club regarding our Summit on the Park community center facility.

We were dismayed to see some gross inaccuracies which we feel should be clarified. Following is the correct information:

- Our target date to open Summit on the Park remains Oct. 1, although we expect to obtain a firm opening date this spring, probably in April or May. It was not said that the center would open by October, as reported.
- Our operating costs are validated. We are not meeting in April "to review the costs" as reported, but to discuss the opening date for the center, as noted above.
- Canton families will not pay \$600 for an annual pass to use the center, as reported. Under our current rate package, non-Canton residents will pay \$600 per year and Canton residents will pay \$350 per year. Our "early bird" annual pass program currently allows Canton residents to purchase a pass for \$300. Daily fees to use the center will also be available.
- The center has a 70-foot tower and is 85,000 square feet in size, not the numbers noted in the article, which appear to have been taken from previous news stories reported during the very preliminary design phases of the center.

We have worked hard over the past year to provide good, up-to-date information to the Canton community and our residents about Summit on the Park, and have generally been very pleased with your regular coverage of our facility and its construction.

We remain available, as always, to answer any questions that either residents or your newspaper might have about this new community facility. Thank you for the opportunity to clarify this information.

Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz
Community Center Manager

Good work

I want to thank Congresswoman Lynn Rivers for her support and effort on behalf of my community, Canton, as we try to get a much needed post office. She has been in office only 90 days and already she has been in contact with the postmaster general urging construction of a post office for our growing community. Her support of Canton and the request of our local government leaders for a new building shows her tremendous interest in our town.

I was surprised that local officials did not include Congresswoman Rivers in their recent meeting regarding the post office. I am sure that it was an oversight and not an intentional attempt to bypass our congressional representative.

Keep up the good work, Congresswoman Rivers; we are behind your efforts and fight for Canton Township. Keep us posted on your efforts for our post office. I know my neighbors will be greatly appreciative of your help.

Becky Tavarozzi, Canton

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas, as do your neighbors. That's why we offer this space on a weekly basis for opinions in your own words. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity, we ask that you sign your letter and provide a contact telephone number. Letters should be mailed to: Editor, The Canton Observer, 744 Wing, Plymouth 48170.

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Writer desires to be outstanding and needs recognition

GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES



LORENE C. GREEN

Dear Ms. Green, I have been interested in writing to you for sometime. I am 43 years old, and a right-handed person. I was born and raised just outside downtown Washington, D.C. I have only one sibling. I attended college at Central Michigan University and graduated in 1973. I read your column regularly.

C.G., Southfield

Today we are examining the handwriting of a woman who travels in the fast lane of life with her

foot on the accelerator pedal. She appears to be in a hurry to move on to the next challenge.

It seems possible that at a very young age she wanted to express her individuality and needed the independence to follow her own star. And the pattern has continued.

Many superlatives surface in this handwriting. We are looking at a sophisticated and intelligent woman.

Large, vigorous handwriting, such as this, reveals vitality, stamina, enthusiasm and versatility. Leadership is also suggested. She has a desire to be outstanding and a need for recognition. She can stand alone, if necessary, and rely on her own convictions.

The originality here suggests the ability to reach original ideas. Her fast mind is resourceful and

moves in an expeditious manner. She knows how to streamline methods of operation. Quick decisions come naturally.

Many fluent simplifications here tell us she can strip away the extraneous and get right down to the essentials. She can also initiate and act on her own ideas. Her approach is forthright and efficient. She tends to focus on the large issues as opposed to the small details.

This is a self-starter who does not need to be prodded into action. When working, she likes good equipment that will help to facilitate the job. Time is used wisely. It has been said that the judicious use of time is one of the major contributors of success.

Our writer is a frank, open and spontaneous person. Her way with words is striking and allows her to communicate effectively. It

is further enhanced by creative thinking and the ability for innovative concepts. She is rarely at a loss for words and can think rapidly on her feet. Literary aptitude may also be here.

Intuition weaves throughout her handwriting. She often knows certain things, but might be hard pressed to explain how she knows them.

Our writer has a strong dislike of personal criticism and is quick to take offense when she hears it. Her feelings, happy or sad, are long lasting. Perhaps she heard too much of it as a younger person.

A walk in the out-of-doors would be enjoyable and relaxing for this fast-paced woman. She can be moved by the sight of Mother Nature's grandeur.

This woman enjoys doing things on a grand scale. Over-

I have been interested in writing you, for sometime. I am 43 years old, and a right-handed person. I was born and raised in Maryland, just outside downtown Washington, D.C.

spending to make a big impression might be tempting at times.

A seeming contradiction appears in the signature. The given name is legible but the surname is illegible.

If you would like your handwriting analyzed in this

newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and full signature are helpful. And objective feedback is welcomed.

NEW VOICES

STEVE BEGLEY and JENNIFER MARKOWSKY of Westland announce the birth of BAILEY LORRAINE Feb. 12 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

MICHAEL and ELIZABETH LAPUM of Westland announce the birth of BRENT MICHAEL Jan. 21 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Darlene Lapum of Novi, George Lapum of Seminole, Fla., and Vernon and Janet Sigourney of Westland.

JAMES and JOAN HUFF of Livonia announce the birth of DANIELLE NICOLE Jan. 20 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are David and Gladys Huff of Brighton, Angie Licata of Brighton and Toney and Kathy Massey of Grand Rapids.

STEVEN and KARA PERRY of Ivins, Utah, announce the birth of CODY STEVEN Dec. 12. He has two sisters, Brielle and Courtney. Grandparents are Lynne Perry of Livonia, Michael Perry of Brighton and Kent and Jan Petersen of Ferron, Utah.

DAN and MICHELLE RIEHL of Sugar Land, Texas, announce the birth of COOPER ANDREW Feb. 16 in Sugar Land. Grandparents are Don and Barbara Riehl of Westland and Gary and Betty Carden of Traverse City.

CAREY and NANCY SMEAD of South Lyon announce the birth of RACHEL ANN Feb. 23 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She has a brother, Brad, and a sister, Bethany. Grandparents are Norma Pelto of Plymouth and the late Raymond Pelto and Mary Ellen Smead of Redford and the late Robert Smead.

STEVEN and YVONNE OSTREGA of Charlotte, N.C., announce the birth of MATTHEW STEVEN Feb. 14 at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. He has a sister, Megan Elizabeth, 2. Grandparents are Chuck and Margaret Swenson of Garden City, Chuck and Sue Ostrega of Phoenix, Ariz., and Roy and Rhonda Bruckno of Charlotte, N.C. Great-grandparents are Bessie Stokes of Charlotte, N.C., formerly of Westland, Agnes Ostrega of Garden City and Hilda Swenson of Waterford.

JOHN and MICHELLE CHEVILLOT of Westland announce the birth of ALEXSIS NICOLE Feb. 21 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has two brothers, Ryan James and John Paul. Grandparents are Lawrence and Dorothy Rossi of Southgate and Romulus and Ed and Laura Chevillot of Canton.

The trend in women's health care today is prevention and that's the focus of the first annual Women's Health Day, sponsored by Project SMILE for the Marian Women's Center of St. Mary Hospital on Saturday, April 29.

The program will start at 8:30 a.m. with registration at the Holiday Inn-Livonia West, Six Mile Road and I-275, and run through 4 p.m. There will be 14 different topics covered during three sessions offered throughout the day, lunch with a fashion show by Jacobson's, and exhibits, including make-overs, massages and health screenings.

The 45-minute sessions will be offered at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 and 2:45 p.m. The topics include "PMS and Menopause," "Stress, Women and Heart Disease: When Ignorance Is Not Bliss," "Mind Empowerment: Balancing Life and Increasing Self-Esteem," "Getting Beyond Depression," "Eating Disorders in Women," "Breast Cancer and You," a panel discussion and "Building Relationships between Mothers and Adolescent Daughters."

The program draws on the talents of the staff at St. Mary Hospital for its presenters. Familiar faces that day include Phyllis Jason, facilitator of the hospital's Menopause Support Group; Elizabeth Allen, assistant unit manager

of the hospital's mental health unit; and Mary Macdonald, director of social work of the inpatient unit for Angela Hospice.

The keynote address — at 9:15 a.m. — will be by Denise Dador, health reporter for WXYZ-TV

Channel 7, who will draw from her experiences to show women how to take charge of the factors that determine their health.

Pre-registration (by April 20) costs \$20 and can be completed by sending a check, payable to St.

Mary Hospital, and registration form to Marian Women's Center, St. Mary Hospital, 14555 Levan, Suite 212, Livonia 48154. Registration at the door is \$25.

For more information, call (313) 591-2882.

Women's Health Day focuses on prevention

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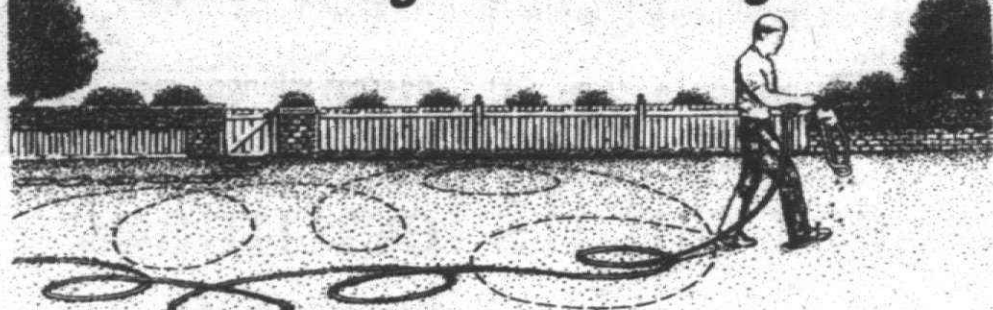
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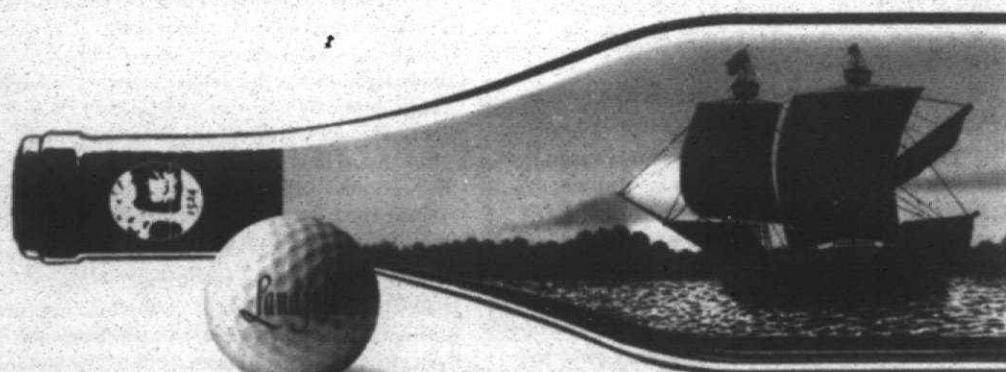
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ON THE MARQUEE



KEELY WYGONIK

'Remember the Song' with Plymouth Chorus

Plymouth Community Chorus is getting ready for their 21st Spring Concert — "Remember the Song," to be presented 8 p.m. Sat., April 29 and Sun., April 30 at Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, west of Canton Center Road in Canton. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$6 senior citizens and students and available at Dearborn Music, 42679 Ford Road, Canton; Evola Music, 215 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth; Sideways, 505 Forest, Plymouth; and at the door. Call (313) 455-4080 for information.

The 130 voice choir, directed by Michael Gross will be singing popular songs from an earlier era including "Begin the Beguine," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "My Funny Valentine," and "As Time Goes By." Don't miss it.

■ Talk Cinema will present "Strangers on a Train," 7 p.m. Wed., April 19 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. This Hitchcock movie is about two passengers who meet on a train and decide to trade murders. Dr. Frank Ross will lead the discussion about the film. Admission \$5 — a current membership to the Friends of the Livonia Libraries. Memberships will be available at the door.

■ Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, will present "Jugger's Rain," a play by Ron Mark, directed by Trudy Mason, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, April 21 to May 20. Tickets are \$7, call (313) 464-6302. "Jugger's Rain" is a surrealistic drama about an eccentric family and the power of love and faith.

■ Churchill High School's Creative and Performing Arts Program will present "The Miracle Worker," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, April 28 to May 13 at the Theatre Guild on Beech Daily, one block south of Five Mile Road, Redford. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$6 students and senior citizens. Call (313) 531-0554.

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Streetside Seafood has only been open a few weeks, but this intimate restaurant has the look of a place that's been around a long time.



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John Monaghan reviews "Don Juan De Marco" a romantic comedy about a psychiatrist on the verge of retirement who treats a young man who believes he is the legendary lover, Don Juan.



Readers share "Wish You Were Here" pictures, and memories of vacations to places near and far away.



Eddie Van Halen has long been regarded as one of the top guitarists in the world. But now that Van Halen's sober, bassist **Michael Anthony** says he's better than ever.

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'Circle of Friends' enjoys night out



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Toast of the town: The winners of our "Circle of Friends" contest (left to right, front to back) Annette Sharp, Ann Fitsimons, Mary Merritt, Cathy Johnston, Connie Mitchell and Siobhan Jordan toast their friendship at Cook's Garden Cafe in Birmingham.

Meet the winners of our 'Circle of Friends' contest. They met at St. Agatha Elementary School in Redford and have remained friends ever since.

By BRIAN LYSAGHT
STAFF WRITER

Sharing the good times, the bad times and the everyday times — that's what friends are for.

We asked readers to tell us about their circle of friends, and the request struck a nerve with female readers especially.

We picked some of the more interesting stories and treated these "circles" to free passes to the movie, "Circle of Friends," which is based on Irish writer Maeve Binchy's story of three close friends.

M. Siobhan Jordan of Redford is the winner of our "Circle of Friends" contest. Jordan and her circle of friends were treated to dinner at Cook's Garden in Birmingham, long-stem yellow roses, champagne, chocolate and "Circle of Friends" T-shirts, and posters.

Jordan, in her letter, described the five women who went to the same Catholic elementary school, St. Agatha in Redford, and became "fast friends" in high school — St. Agatha High School.

"I am a good person because these five people were my friends during my fragile formative years," wrote Jordan, who lives in Redford and works for the City of Southfield Public Safety Department. Her friends are: Mary (Dow) Merritt of Pinckney, Cathy (Zacharias) Johnston of Redford, Ann (Neary) Fitsimons of Bloomfield Hills, Annette (Griggs) Sharp of Redford and Connie Mitchell of Novi.

Jordan's Circle of Friends is known as "B.B.S.S.W.W." — a title they came up with in high school and won't tell anyone what it means. In her letter Jordan said she might tell us what the initials meant if she won the contest, but the other girls in her group swore her to secrecy.

"We had a great time at Cook's Garden, and totally enjoyed the movie," she said.

"For anybody who is brought up Catholic this movie is a must see. Especially those people who remember the Catholic Church before Vatican II when it was much stricter. The scenery in the movie was beautiful."

Another circle is that of Bunni Lieberman of Farmington Hills, a group that met at Temple Shir Shalom in West Bloomfield.

"Over the years we have shared 'simchas' (happy celebrations), and we have shared sad times, too. No matter what, I can say that I carry these friends with me in my heart and know that no matter what happens, they will be there for me and I for them," Lieberman writes. The group — Lieberman, Susan Lindow, Leslie Weinberg and Nettie Rosen — travels to Florida each winter and their families spend holidays together.

See CONTEST, 2B

Contest Winner

I would like to tell you about "B.B.S.S.W.W." We are part of a generation that does not fit categorically with the "Baby Boomers" or "Generation X." We are a group of girls (I use that term generously), who went to the same Catholic grade school, became fast friends in high school, went to different universities, married... you know, all the usual life experiences, and still remain friends. We don't see each other as a group very often anymore, but when we do it's as if we just saw each other yesterday.

Back in high school, waaaay back, when there was no fear of guns, AIDS, or crack cocaine, we would all cram into "Toots" Gremlin (yes, all six of us... we were littler then,) and go to basketball or football games to watch Mary cheer.

Mary was the only cheerleader among us. She still thinks everyone's sexually attracted to her. Mary loves to tell the story about the time I smoked in the bathroom when we all spent the night at her house. Why did her dad have to get up in the middle of the night right after I was in there? Actually, Mary loves to tell any of the many stories about me. I love to tell the story about Mary on our Senior Retreat. Someone was knocking at the door to our room and I opened the door just when Mary was coming out of the bathroom in her underwear. It was Fr. Tom. She thought he was sexually attracted to her too!

When Ann got mononucleosis — the worst thing that could happen back then (except, of course, pregnancy) we went to the drug store and bought medical masks and stood on her front lawn to visit her. Ann was the brain. Not that the rest of us were stupid by any means, but Ann was on the dean's list at Wayne State — Highest Honors — first with her master's degree, only one to own her own business, etc. etc.

Let's go back to "Toots" and her Gremlin. Of course that's not her real name. Annette, as her husband calls her, still has gorgeous red hair. Her poor little Gremlin — still the ugliest car ever made (maybe with the exception of Mary's Hornet) — withstood all six of us well into the early 1980s. We would "cruise" Telegraph in it, they would visit me at college in Grand Rapids in it, that Gremlin went everywhere. Toots was the "mom" of the group. She is a teacher now (secondary education). Totally unbelievable!

Connie was the first to get married. Her two kids look exactly like she and her husband when they were young. Connie was the "good" girl. We corrupted her. Taught her how to drink rum. Connie's mom was the secretary at the grade school (the high school and grade school were connected — small parish school), so she could not do anything wrong at school.

Cathy was the new kid. She transferred to our school in 10th grade. Cathy corrupted the rest of us. She brought all those bad habits from that big high school. Actually, the six of us did not become close

friends until Cathy made the scene. I guess you could say that she brought us together. Cathy is a social worker now.

Then there is me, Siobhan. Make sure you spell that right. I'm particular about my name — no nicknames, please. I'm as Irish as you can get! When I studied for a semester in 1980 in Ireland, they all wrote to me religiously. Ann was almost Miss Erin at the A.O.H. in the late 1970s, I can't remember what year. We were all there. We were all drunk.

We are part of the group who could drink at age 18, but then lost that right as a result of the election of 1978. Ironically, that was the very first election in which we were eligible to vote. Can you tell I'm the historian? Anyway, point being that Ann's 18th birthday party, in January of 1978, caused me to break my curfew by several hours and I was grounded until Easter Sunday. Easter was late that year.

I am a good person because these five people were my friends during my fragile formative years.

B.B.S.S.W.W. is a title that we came up with in high school. We even had t-shirts made up I still have mine — doesn't fit anymore — but I still have it we never told anyone what it means. They asked at our five year, 10 year and 15-year high school reunions. Mums the word. If I win this contest — maybe we'll tell.

Even if I don't win, thanks for letting me tell you about my friends. once in a while we need to remind ourselves how lucky we are.

— Siobhan Jordan

ON STAGE

'Heidi'

Theater: Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., Northville

Curtain time: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through April 30. Spring break performances 2:30 p.m. Monday, April 17 to Friday, April 21.

Tickets: \$6.50 at the door or call (810) 349-6110.

Theater: Adray Auditorium, on campus, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.

Curtain time: 7 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays, April 21 to April 29; 3 p.m. Sundays, April 23 & 30.

Tickets: \$4, call (313) 845-9817

'Heidi' features local talent

"Heidi," which is being presented this month by Marquis Theatre in Northville, and the Performing Arts Department of Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn, is a tale the whole family will enjoy.

Marquis Theatre's heartwarming, musical adaptation of "Heidi" continues through April 30.

The cast includes Ed Lendrum, Emily Liddell Lauren McCabe and Michelle Butkovich of Livonia; Carla Freshwater, Elizabeth Filiof, Kristin and Nicole Mellian, Bridget Carney, Beth Murphy and Laura Nobkov of Canton; and Laura Haebler of Plymouth.

Henry Ford Community College's production of "Heidi," adapted by Lucille Miller, opens 7 p.m. Friday,

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April 21 and continues weekends to April 30.

Cast members include Erica Wheeler of Canton as Madame Sese-man.

"Heidi" is the classic story of a young Swiss girl, Heidi, who comes to live with her grandfather in the Swiss Alps, and touches the hearts of many people.

The Marquis Theatre production is presented by professional, adult actors and actresses with support from the Marquis Theatre children's cast.

"The production is family-oriented and the costumes and sets are beautiful," said Cynthia Zeltz of Canton who is involved with the show.



MARQUIS THEATRE

Classic: (Clockwise) Bridget Carney as goat, Ed Lendrum, Carla Freshwater, Deirdre Skiles.

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"These commitments do not come without work, hard work. For they can be as fragile as we are strong," Lieberman writes.

Sharon Madden of Birmingham has a circle of friends that includes Pattie Robson, Linda Holtzman and Kathy Boyland. "So now we all remember the circle! And will never forget how it began," Madden writes.

Charisse Dore Niles of Canton writes of the two women she met at Eastern Michigan University in 1978. "A true friend is there when times are great and not so great. The willingness to take time out of a busy schedule to celebrate or be supportive — we have each done this over the years."

Gale Marcos of Canton writes that she and her three friends have been close since junior high school in Allen Park 32 years ago. "We have been through marriages, pregnancies, betrayals, parents' deaths, cosmetic surgeries and more, and have always been there for one another."

Pam Gruber of Troy and her friends met in kindergarten. "We held each other's hands through pregnancies, miscarriages

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This moving drama by William Gibson, directed by Carl Susan Mack, unravels in mid 19th century America. It portrays the true story of Annie Sullivan and her struggle to communicate with the blind, deaf, Helen Keller.

Farmington Players is busy rehearsing for "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," which opens 8 p.m. Friday, April 28 and continues through May 20 at the playhouse, 22322 W. 12 Mile Road, between Farmington Road and Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$10, call (810) 553-2955 for curtain times and reservations.

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and a diagnosis of MS (multiple sclerosis)," Gruber writes. "Through it all, we've remained close, closer than sisters."

One thing we didn't get? Letters from men. Either the guys don't hang in circles, or they don't want to talk about them.

"Circle of Friends," which opened last week at metro Detroit movie theaters, is a story of romance and three best friends — their loyalty, secrets, betrayals,

Cosby coming to EMU

Bill Cosby will perform at Eastern Michigan University, 8 p.m. Thurs., April 13 in Bowen Field House.

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Filmmaker hosts comedy benefit

By Bob Sadler
SPECIAL WRITER

Before Quentin Tarantino hit it big with "Pulp Fiction," he made the cult classic film "Reservoir Dogs." Shot on a shoestring budget, "Reservoir Dogs," showed the movie-making community the immense potential Tarantino possessed, and set the stage for getting the financial backing required to make a major feature like "Pulp Fiction."

Meanwhile, an aspiring filmmaker in Birmingham, Pete LaDuke, has an idea. He's written a script for a 30-minute short film, "Back in Business," that he produced independently with the help of the Detroit Film Coalition and two local movie production pros.

Where's LaDuke getting the money to pull all this off? A significant portion of the funding, he hopes, will come from a comedy benefit he's holding at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, 8 p.m. Mon., May 8. Tickets are \$20 and proceeds will go to benefit LaDuke's film project. Call (810) 544-6471 for tickets.

Did I forget to mention that LaDuke is also a local stand-up of some note?

"We've tried to put together several different headlines," LaDuke said of the benefit. "Jeff Brannan and Dan Ballard are both national headliners. Elliot Branch and I are local guys. For \$20, you'll get a great show, and you'll have the chance to support local filmmakers. If we sell out the Castle, we can make enough money to get into post-production."

LaDuke has a simple, yet realistic, goal for "Back in Business." He wants to use it as a stepping stone to bigger and better things.

"My plan with this project is to shoot a low-budget 16mm film to be shown at film festivals throughout the country," LaDuke said. "Hopefully, it can win some accolades, some recognition. And then, I would like to begin shooting a feature film, a 35mm project, by this time next year."

Like Tarantino, LaDuke likes to think big — and somewhat demented too! For proof of that, all you need to do is listen to a plot of "Back in Business," which LaDuke claims is quite a departure from his stand-up work.

"Back in Business" is a dark comedy," LaDuke explained. "Two brothers are morticians. Unfortunately, one is dying, so they have to expedite matters a bit. The two brothers are English, so I had a lot of fun writing very wordy dialogue. It's a script that could pass as a play. And even though it's such a taboo subject, I think it's handled delicately. It should have a wide audience. If this film makes some waves in the independent film market, perhaps it could impress someone interested in making it into a full-length feature. It's really an angle that no one has done."

The high-powered help LaDuke enlisted to help with "Back in Business" includes producer Chuck Cirgenaki of Zone V productions and his partner Janine Menlove, who will serve as director of photography. Cirgenaki is currently working on this 10th feature film, and has had films shown at some of the world's most prestigious festivals.

And finally, what would LaDuke like to do for an encore? His next screenplay is in the works as we speak. He plans to begin work next year on bringing it to the big screen. "This will be a feature film that will be entirely set in Birmingham," LaDuke said. "A satire of Birmingham life and the health food industry."

If you have a comment or information for Bob Sadler, call (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1895, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write to him care of Let's Go, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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Just opened seafood restaurant reels-in customers

By Ethel Simmons
STAFF WRITER

Streetside Seafood in Birmingham has only been open a few weeks, but this intimate restaurant seating 50 has the look of a place that's been around a long time.

It's crowded with customers chatting over their dinners, or at the copper-covered bar in front. Designer Ron Rea used old-fashioned brick to cover the lower half of the walls, for a warehouse feel.

"It's a neighborhood place," said Bill Roberts, who is thrilled with the success of the newest addition to his restaurant group. "The fact that it's casual, you can wear your blue jeans if you want. We purposely put our staff in blue jeans, shirt and knit tie," he said.

Troy residents Bill and his wife Judi are longtime supporters of the Birmingham-Bloomfield scene, with their other restaurants, the Beverly Hills Grill (in Beverly Hills) and the 220, on Merrill Street in Birmingham. Streetside Seafood on Plover in Birmingham is a new vision with Rick McKibben, the same chef who ran the Roberts' former restaurant there, Richard & Reiss.

Its menu predominantly seafood — there's only one meat and one chicken dish — Streetside is being embraced with enthusiasm by fish and shellfish lovers.

Whitefish is prepared three different ways — potato crust, baked with tartar sauce, or a la murat (with artichokes, tomatoes and mushrooms in a light wine sauce). Roberts got the idea of whitefish variety from a restaurant in Charlevoix, which is among Michigan dining spots up north offering several methods of preparation for the favorite lake fish.

Restaurant Specials

Send items to be considered for publication to: Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax (313) 591-7279.

FESTIVE EVENTS

EASTER
Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, will be open noon to 7 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 16. Guests may order of the regular menu and Chef Vincenzo Bassonetti will be preparing entrees from different regions of Italy including lamb rack with risotto. (810) 474-3033

LESTER DINERS
St. Agatha Grade School lunchroom, 19600 Beech Drive, Redford Township, 3-8 p.m. Fridays until April 14. Menu includes fish and chips for \$4.25, shrimp, \$4.75; baked cod, \$5.50, macaroni & cheese, \$3, and clam chowder, \$1.75. Dinners include choice of French fries or potato salad, colelaw or tossed salad, roll and butter. (313) 531-0371

ROSEBUD DIN
Jack Brokensha Quartet, 8 p.m. Thursdays, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills with April & Dennis Tri. Dusty Rhodes performs 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the inn. He plays a Michigan-made 12-string guitar, banjo, fife and harmonica. (810) 474-4800

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Menu: Specialty is fresh fish and seafood ranging from oysters and mussels to local items such as lake perch or whitefish, with emphasis on sautéed and over-roasted dishes. Whole wheat breadsticks with garlic butter. Full bar including martinis with hand-stuffed anchovies. Vegetarian friendly.
Highlights: Ron Rea designed, with track lighting, old-fashioned brick walls. Seating for 50 including seats at copper-topped bar.
Cost: Dinners \$10.95-\$14.95. A la carte menu, with salads and appetizers ranging from \$1.95 for cole slaw to \$6.95 for seared tuna. Desserts are home-baked pies, \$3.50. Reservations needed: No.
Credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, American Express.

Customers at Streetside were eating it up. "I think it's really good, really tasty," said Tom Cohn of West Bloomfield, who was enjoying the potato-crusted whitefish. "It's a nice big portion." He started his meal with a fried oyster appetizer and declared that "excellent."

Les Grosinger of Birmingham, who was dining with him, went for the grouper, one of the fish specials that night. "It was barbecued, with a nice sauce — a nice presentation, he said."

Two fish specials are offered daily, in addition to the regular menu attractions of whitefish, sautéed lake perch, roasted salmon with hazelnut butter, shrimp etouffee and three other seafood dishes.

A daily special appetizer also is available, in addition to "Before" choices served hot: buffalo shrimp prepared like buffalo chicken wings, coconut shrimp with apricot and horseradish sauce (the biggest seller), salmon cakes, mussels diablo (spicy), and biesque, chowder or gumbo. Besides oysters, cold "Before" offerings include seared tuna or shrimp cocktail, Cole slaw (regular, or with bleu cheese) or a tossed salad also may be ordered from the a la carte menu.

Dinners come with a fresh vegetable.



Meal starters: Waitress Jeanne Mulhere serves shrimp cocktails to Kim Bondy of Birmingham (center) and Vicki McNorton of Dearborn at Streetside Seafood in Birmingham.

table of the day, plus rice pilaf with all the seafood, and boiled redskin potatoes with medallions of tenderloin, or caribbean spiced chicken breast with pineapple salsa.

Also raving about the potato-crusted whitefish was Judy Palischbeck of Birmingham, who said, "It was absolutely delicious." Pam Gray, dining with her, thought the blackened catfish was "outstanding." She also praised the rice pilaf.

RFD Boys to perform at PSO benefit

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is presenting its annual pop concert benefit at 8 p.m. April 28 at Fox Hills Country Club. The season-ending concert, which is a major fund-raiser, has a western theme. It offers a meeting of violinists and fiddlers and selections from hit musicals like "Oklahoma" and "Annie Get Your Gun."

Guest artists will be the bluegrass band, The RFD Boys. Also on the program are Aaron Copland's "Billy the Kid," Grofe's "Grand Canyon Suite," and Mulder's "Arkansas Traveler," which will feature the RFD Boys.

Tickets are \$40 for dinner and the concert or \$20 for dessert and

the concert. Call (313) 451-2112 for more information.

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is also conducting its annual sustaining fund drive.

Letters outlining the importance of supporting the Plymouth Symphony as it approaches its 50th anniversary will be sent to area corporations in mid-April.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for businesses in the area to support this fine musical organization which has enriched the Plymouth community with excellent music for 50 years," said Mary Joe Braun, vice president of MCO and chairperson of the PSO's corporate campaign. For information, call (313) 451-2112.

Concert features jazzy quintet

Southfield's Concerts-in-the-Garden series will feature The Alma Smith Quintet, 3:30 p.m. Sun., April 23 at the Radisson Hotel in Southfield. The afternoon concert, hosted by the Cultural Arts Division of Southfield Parks and Recreation, features a high tea at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 and \$4 for concert and coffee. Call (810) 354-4717.

Smith is not only a great lady of the keyboard, but a vocalist and composer as well. She has had an active career spanning over 50 years playing, singing, composing and generally delighting audiences with her enthusiasm and talent.

She will be performing with Herbie Williams on trumpet and flugelhorn, Drew Evans on drums, Will Austin on bass, and Vincent York on saxophone.

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Dance parties

DANCE PARTY
Tri-County Singles presents its "Dance Party, Ladies Choice Dance" 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday, April 15, at Burton Manor, 196 and Inlander, Livonia. Ages 21 and up. Fashionable attire. YWCA, 25940 Arroyo, 4422 or (810) 842-0443.

Meet a Date

MEET A DATE
Time & Square Singles presents a "Meet A Date Dance" 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday, April 15, at Burton Manor, 196 and Inlander, Livonia. Ages 21 and up. Fashionable attire. YWCA, 25940 Arroyo, 4422 or (810) 842-0443.

Wednesday Dances

WEDNESDAY DANCES
Wednesday Suburban Singles hold dance parties every Wednesday 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Burton Manor, 196 and Inlander, 177, Livonia. Ages 21 and up. Dress is 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's. Proper attire. No jeans. (810) 842-0443.

60/80 Dance

60/80 DANCE
Farmington Single Professionals along with Metropolitan Single Professionals host a "60's/80's Dance" 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, April 14, at the Marriott Hotel, Six Mile East of I-275 in Laurel Park Mall, Livonia, D.J., cash bar and hour of dancing. Attire is 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's. Leather jackets and poodle skirts. \$6 for non-members. (810) 851-9909.

Nebraska

NEBRASKA
Megadance, singles dance party, will be 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. every Sunday at Romy's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill, Dress is 80's, age 21 and over. Admission \$5. (313) 262-0766 or (313) 425-1430.

Ballroom dancing

STABILITERS
Ballroom dancing for singles age 40 and older will be 9 p.m. to midnight every Friday, April 14, at the Northwest YWCA, 25940 Arroyo, at Beach Day, Livonia. Dressy attire, no jeans. Married couples welcome. (313) 525-8913.

Ann Arbor Singles

ANN ARBOR SINGLES
Ann Arbor Singles Ballroom Dancers meet 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Grotto Club, Ann Arbor, 2070 W. Stadium Blvd. Live band. Admission \$4.50 per person. Dance lessons available 7-8 p.m. for a fee. (313) 930-1892, (313) 665-6013 or (313) 487-5322.

Singles groups

SINGLES GROUPS
Singles (Dearborn-Livonia Chapter) will host their next dinner social at 6:30 p.m. (cocktails at 5:30 p.m.), Friday, April 14, in Ernesto's Restaurant, 41861 Plymouth Road, Plymouth.

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Four separate classes meeting 9-10 a.m. on Sundays, at Temple Baptist Church, 23600 West Chicago, Redford. Groups divided by age and life situation. Weekly activities, sporting events, concerts, trips, Bible studies, prayer times, Girls Night Out. Check us out. (313) 525-3333.

SELECTIVE PROFESSIONALS
Selective Professionals is a group for professional singles which sponsors seminars, brunches, speeches and varied activities. 422-8700.

BETHANY
Bethany, a support and social group for divorced and separated Christians, meets 8 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at St. Kenneth Church, Haggerty Road south of Five Mile, Plymouth Township. (313) 261-9123.

NEWBURGH SINGLES
Newburgh Singles ministries meets 7 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in Guthrie Hall of Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh, Livonia. Guest speaker for March 19 is Suzanne Zesing, financial planner with Dean Witter. Everyone, single or married is welcome. Light refreshments served. (313) 663-0014.

FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS
A nonprofit social group for singles ages 25-40, who share common interests and want to form new friendships. It's not limited to the Farmington area and members participate in more than 200 activities per year. (810) 478-9181.

WYNE-WESTLAND
The Wyne-Westland Chapter 340 meets the second and fourth Fridays of the month in the Wayne AMVETS Hall, 1217 Meridian, Westland. Meeting is 8-9:30 p.m. Dance is set for 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$4 before 9 p.m., \$5 after 9 p.m. New members welcome. (313) 525-6937.

CATHOLIC ALUMNI
The Catholic Alumni Club is for Catholics who are college graduates and are free to marry in the Catholic Church. (313) 561-7564, (810) 939-1558 or (810) 647-7076.

VOYAGERS SINGLES
Voyagers Singles is a non-denominational singles group for adults 45 years and older which meets at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia. 422-3091.

SELECTIVE SINGLES SOCIAL/TRAVEL CLUB
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EXPRESSIONS
An adult discussion group meets 7:30-11:15 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month in First Unitarian-Universalist Church, Plymouth.

SPORTS/RECREATION
Singles Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church presents "Bring Your Own Sneakers at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15 at the Livonia Family YMCA, Stark Road north of School Road. (313) 422-1854.

GOLF SIGN-UP
The Activities Group Golf Leagues begin Wednesday, April 19 at Cooper Creek, Friday, April 21, at Maple Hills, Monday, May 15 at the New Pontiac Municipal Golf Course. (810) 624-7777.

GOLF CLINIC
Single Place presents a Spring Golf Clinic 6-8 p.m. Sundays, April 23, 30, May 7, 14, at Oasis Golf Center, Five Mile east of Haggerty, Livonia. (810) 449-0911.

CO-ED SOFTBALL
FSP is forming a singles co-ed softball team playing Sunday nights beginning May 7 for 10 weeks. Cost \$45/player, \$48/non-member player and includes a team shirt and hat. Games will be in the Farmington area. Mail check to F.S.P.: P.O. Box 3162, Farmington Hills 48332-3162. (810) 851-9909.

WHITE WATER RAFTING
FSP will go White Water Rafting June 23-25 in southwestern Pennsylvania. The trip includes 3 days and 2 nights accommodations at the Holiday Inn Holiday, rafting on the Lower Youghiogheny, and 4 meals (Saturday breakfast, lunch on the river, dinner at Gleason's and Sunday brunch at the Holiday Inn). Cost \$197. FSP members and \$210/non-members. Mail a non-refundable \$55 deposit to F.S.P.: P.O. Box 3162, Farmington Hills 48332-3162. A pre-trip meeting is scheduled 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31. Balance due at this time. (810) 851-9909.

MIXED GOLF
Single Duffers Mixed Golf League will meet 5:30 p.m. Fridays at Hawthorn Valley golf course, Westland. They need men and women and subs. (810) 728-9679 or box 562-8722.

CATHOLIC ALUMNI
The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit sponsors indoor volleyball every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Birney Middle School in Southfield on the corner of Evergreen Road and 11 Mile Road. The cost is \$3 for members, \$5 non-members. (810) 682-1807.

VOLLEYBALL
Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia, has free volleyball 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday in Knox Hall. (313) 422-1854.

GROWTH WORKSHOP
An Opportunity for Growth Workshop "Dynamics of Effective Relationships" with Nick Beral will be 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 20, 27, May 4 and 11 at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main Street, Northville. Donation \$29. (810) 349-0911.

SINGLES BRIDGE GROUP
Singles bridge group meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays in the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main. Lessons are offered 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. (313) 349-9104 or (313) 420-3177.

WALLERBALL
Farmington Single Professionals play wallerball at 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and 7:15 p.m. Thursdays at Racquetball Farmington, 14, at Oasis Golf Center, Five Mile east of Haggerty, Livonia. There are courts designated beginner, intermediate and advanced. Cost \$4 for FSP members and \$6 for non-members. (810) 478-9181.

RUNNERS/WALKERS
Farmington Single Professionals meet 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays in the parking lot by the tennis courts at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Road just south of I-696. (810) 478-9181.

EUCHE NIGHT
Farmington Single Professionals sponsors a regular Euchre game night 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, at the Historic Longacre House of Farmington Hills, 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile roads. Casual attire and a \$5 admission is required. Munchies and something to drink should be brought along. (810) 478-9181.

CULTURAL ARTS
The Cultural Arts Club of the Activities Group will host a Spotlight Tour of the Theatre District on Monday, June 19. Early mail in registration is advised. The tour includes most of the theaters and carpool, meet in D.Dennison's parking lot (12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road at 7:15 p.m. or at Second City 8 p.m. (810) 851-9909.

CULTURAL ARTS DINNER CLUB
The Cultural Arts Club and Great Dinner Club will have a combined meeting at 5 p.m. before going to the Fisher Theatre, Thursday, April 20. The group will see "The Kiss of the Spider Woman". RSVP and pre-payment required. Package prices available for dinner and performance and also dinner only. Dinner served at 5:30 p.m. Carpooling available, after dinner, from the restaurant to the Fisher Theatre. (810) 624-7777.

Other activities
SHOWCASE
Second City/Dinner. FSP will enjoy an evening at Second City including dinner and show \$36 (tax and tip included). Second City is located at 2301 Woodward near Montclair adjacent to the Fox Theatre. R.S.V.P. with check to F.S.P.: P.O. Box 3162, Farmington Hills 48332-3162. A pre-trip meeting is scheduled 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31. Balance due at this time. (810) 851-9909.

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MOVIES

Depp makes you a believer in new 'Don Juan'

TICKETS PLEASE

Some see him as Don Juan, the legendary lover who wooed over 1,500 women with his irresistible charms. Others would say he's just a mixed-up kid from Phoenix looking for attention after the death of his father.

Your enjoyment of "Don Juan DeMarco," currently playing at metro Detroit movie theaters, depends on your threshold for romance. It's helped greatly by Johnny Depp, who is super smooth as the masked man in the flowing cape, leather boots, and Ricardo Montalban accent.

Only his psychiatrist should know for sure and he, like us, is having his doubts. Marlon Brando plays the veteran clinician so smitten by his patient's outrageous stories of romance that he goes home to his wife (a dutiful Faye Dunaway) and starts to woo

her like a teenager. She, not surprisingly, is a little shocked. He wants fiery passion; she'd settle for a "sustaining glow" of middle age, an understandable reaction when a 300-pound Brando starts ambling toward you like a lovesick whale.

While the versatile Depp makes you believe that he's playing the real thing, Brando is less convincing. Maybe there are too many memories of that Larry King island interview, but Brando, with pancakey makeup and affected mannerisms, has become little more than a bloated works of artifice.

The single most undignified shot of Brando's long career may come in this movie: when he flounders unconvincedly on an exercise machine. You'd think that Hollywood, who can erase

Lieutenant Dan's legs so seamlessly in "Forrest Gump," could top a few pounds off of its most celebrated actor.

Amazingly, Brando's not without charm. He plays the part with an affable sense of humor and it's a miracle to see him on screen.

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REVIEW

After two decades of million-dollar canons in movies like "Christopher Columbus" and "A Dry White Season," this is his most substantial role in years.

"Don Juan DeMarco" is how un-Hollywood it is, a producer's coup by the typically uncompromising Francis Ford Coppola. You expect at least a climactic sword fight or chase scene, but the movie (you'd swear it's based on a play) sticks mostly to dialogue ably penned by writer Jeremy Leven.

It also looks great, especially in the flashback scenes where Don Juan relates his adventures in Mexico or on the island where he meets his true love, the only woman who has ever resisted his advances. Here the reds in Don Juan's jacket have an antique postcard glow.

The few scenes where Depp is able to cut loose on the female population are especially fine. We see him pick a woman up in a swanky hotel restaurant and immediately woo her upstairs with some hand-kissing and smooth talk that would play ridiculous with anyone else. Don't try this at home.

How "Don Juan DeMarco" will romance the general flogger is anybody's guess. One thing is undeniable: Depp, the eccentric actor who brought Edward Scissorhands and Ed Wood to the big screen, has staged his biggest coup yet: he's the only actor ever to steal scenes from Marlon Brando.

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LET'S GO! STREET SCENE

STREET BEATS

Collective Soul — Collective Soul

Collective Soul barely got out of the starting gate when their demo "Shine" turned into a major hit for the five Georgia rockers. In retrospect, the album it was included on, "Hints, Allegations and Things Left Unsaid," was exactly that — a hint about the future, allegations by cynics that they would be a one-hit wonder and a full-blown rock sound that was left unsaid.

With their self-titled second album, Collective Soul's intentions are made perfectly clear. They want to rock (for a lack of a better expression), and write songs so hook-filled listeners will get sucked in mercilessly.

One of those songs, "December," I heard first during the first 20 minutes of an 1 1/4 hour-long, rain-filled drive to Toledo and it was enough to charge me up for the rest of the trip. It's one of those toe-tapping, unpretentious songs that you'd picture Collective Soul singing with acoustic guitar on their front porch.

The chorus — "Don't scream about/Don't think about/Turn your head now baby just spit me out" — sang with singer Ed Roland's stiff, growl, is the highlight of album. A subtle string section rounds out the tale of an addictive yet loveless relationship, which is one of the best pop songs released this year.

Collective Soul shares their fondness for funk in the opening track "Simple," which will please "Shine" fans with its similar ending. The influence of The Beatles' "I Am the Walrus" in "Collection of Goods" and "Untitled" is obvious but the songs still carry the trademark Collective Soul sound.

Collective Soul continues the grip through the rest of the album. Lead guitarist Ross Childress' chunky, charging guitar in "Where the River Flows," the hit single "Gel," and "She Gathers Rain" mixed in with Shane Evans' drum assault, and the crucially catchy lyrics of "Collective Soul" and you have one of the best albums of 1995.

Collective Soul should help out other bands who face the sophomore slump. They own the vaccine. — Christina Fuoco

Glow

— Jes Gru

Two years ago, image was a big part of Detroit's Jes Gru. The five pretty boys hit the stage with mismatched '70s outfits and one-dimensional love songs. Now that they've released their second CD "Glow" (Vicarious Records), they hope to be taken a little more seriously.

They've ditched the image and replaced it with long hair (or no hair in one case), matching, run-of-the-mill "twentysomething" gear and two-dimensional love songs.

The 10-song CD is a more mature — musically and lyrically — than the Jes Gru's debut "Mumbo Jumbo." The thicker sound is thanks in part to new members drummer Heath Moore — who reportedly jammed with the Gin Blossoms on a regular basis while living in Arizona — and guitarists Jeff Davis, both of whom carry the band on "Glow." (Keyboardist Mike Palazzolo and bassist Tom Nixon were prominent on "Mumbo Jumbo.")

Singer Tom Bielewicz seems more at ease than the did with the first effort by showing more emotion. There isn't a standout song on "Glow," but it's a step in the right direction.

— Christina Fuoco

924 Forestville St.

— Bracket

There has been a lot of attention paid, as of late, to the resurgence of punk rock with the success of bands like Green Day and The Offspring, but none of those bands comes close to the music of Bracket. On "924 Forestville St." (Caroline), Bracket plays the same power pop/punk as the others, but Bracket sounds more multi-dimensional, showing they were influenced by punk as well as much of the other great rock music of the late 1970s and early 1980s. The songs are catchy pop numbers with a humorous slant, but not cartoonish like Green Day — Bracket can be funny without being juvenile.

Bracket brings back the memories of growing up in the 1970s and 1980s from the perennial elementary school gym class ritual, "Dodge Ball" to the pain of growing up not being a Brandy. The album is kind of like a scrapbook of your youth set to infectious melodies.

"924 Forestville St." should be the record that gets Bracket the recognition they deserve as a great band. Few bands can match the catchy melodies and fun lyrics of Bracket. This is one of those albums you find yourself singing with while you are driving in your car, so be prepared to look foolish at a red light.

— Eric Darling

A Vasar resident, Eric Darling is the former music director of the University of Detroit's radio station.



Helping out: Van Halen — Michael Anthony (from left), Sammy Hagar, Alex Van Halen and Eddie Van Halen — will collect food for USA Harvest organization before their April 15-16 shows at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Life's in 'Balance' for Van Halen

Eddie Van Halen has long been regarded as one of the top guitarists in the world. But now that Van Halen's sober, bassist Michael Anthony says he's better than ever. Van Halen's latest tour will come to The Palace of Auburn Hills April 15-16.

By CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

After nearly two decades of playing on stage, Van Halen bassist Michael Anthony admits the band "still gets jittery" before they hit the stage. But that's not necessarily a bad thing.

"It's great that we still do," said Anthony via telephone from Albuquerque, N.M. "If it just felt like another job, he added, the fans would be able to tell and their interest would wane, too. It's not necessarily a nervous nervousness, though."

"It's more of just being excited about it and I feel that way before every single show," he said. "Before we go on and the lights go down and the audience starts showing their excitement, you almost feel like a piece of jelly for a minute."

MTV viewers got a firsthand look at Van Halen's nervousness, Anthony said, when the first date of the band's

Looking solely at Eddie Van Halen's condition, "Balance" seems to be an appropriate title for their latest album. But it goes deeper than that. A tremendously stressful period preceded the recording of "Balance" — the group's 11th and first collection of all new material since 1990's "For Unlawful Carnal Knowledge."

"We toured quite a bit; we did a live album (1993's 'Live: Right Here, Right Now') in between that," he said. "A month after that, our manager (Ed Leffler) passed away so that kind of hit us all pretty hard. Sammy himself was going through a divorce that was pretty ugly."

They took a month off and spent time apart to ease the tension. In the end, it proved beneficial.

"When we got together in the studio, we were closer than we had ever been as a band."

As a result, "Balance" has a lot to say, maybe more than any other I've written, singer Sammy Hagar said in the press materials that accompanied the release of the album. "I felt more inspired to talk about what I think is true and what I'm seeing in the world around me. It's all a lot more personal at this time and I've never worked as hard to find the best words to say what I was thinking and feeling."

"Tracks like 'The Seventh Seal'

Mojo Nixon knows his 'Whereabouts'

By CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

The South By Southwest Music Conference in Austin, Texas, is a place where music industry wannabe's learn about the business, and struggling bands hope to get noticed by record companies.

Frankly, this is a pretty scary thought but one of the veteran musicians who served as a mentor was Mojo Nixon — the man who brought us "Debbie Gibson Is Pregnant with My Two-Headed Love Child" and "Don Henley Must Die."

I guess Michael Bolton or Irving Azoff weren't available," Nixon said with a laugh. Since he started his music career some 15 years ago, Nixon has been one of the most colorful members of the real alternative scene. He scored a handful of college hits which included "Jesus at McDonald's" and "Burn Down the Mall" before he hit the headlines when the "Debbie Gibson Is Pregnant with My Two-Headed Love Child" was banned by MTV.

Shortly thereafter, he began his tour with Ireland's Pogues and Violent Femmes. He and ex-Pogues singer/renowned perpetual drunk Shane McGowan ticked off a few people after McGowan passed out during their rendition of "This Land Is Your Land." That, he said was "one of my best

■ As usual he's stirred a bit of controversy. The song 'Bring Me the Head of David Geffen' was beheaded before the release of the album.

experiences singing."

"Shane fell face first into the ground and didn't even notice. He didn't spill his drink either!" Nixon said.

Nixon showed his true colors earlier this year when he attempted to satisfy his "ultimate career objective" — opening for Elvis Presley at the Hollywood Bowl in California. He was invited by the promoters to open after the Weekly World News reported that Presley called Clinton to set up the gig. Much to Nixon's chagrin, the show was cancelled when Presley failed to show up.

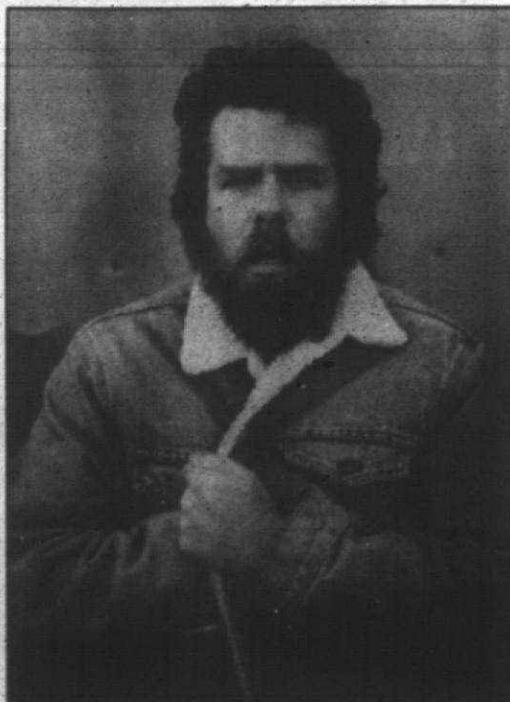
Presley isn't scheduled to play but Nixon is coming to the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor on Tuesday, April 18. You can expect the usual Nixon debauchery. He guarantees it.

"It'll be a hell of a good time. You'll need a doctor's note explaining why you missed work the next day," he said.

Nixon is touring in support of "Whereabouts Unknown," an album that he released on his own. "Either we're geniuses or idiots," he said of taking on the task of putting out a record with little help.

As usual he's stirred a bit of controversy. The song "Bring Me the Head of David Geffen" was beheaded before the release of the album. Prior to that, Nixon sought Geffen's approval by deploying a U.S. Army Assault Vehicle from Tower Records in Hollywood to the Geffen offices. They parked the vehicle near the label's security guards and staff members plastered White Zombie stickers on it. Conveniently, Geffen wasn't available for Nixon to speak with.

The video for the first single "Girlfriend in a



Role model? Mojo Nixon recently participated in the South By Southwest Music Conference's Mentor Program.

Come" is already in the can and he got topnotch people to work with him on it.

"We thought, 'Why don't we get somebody famous?'" he said. "Sam Shepard is in town, but I didn't know him. (Country singer) Kelly Willis was standing next to me. I thought, 'Kelly's on the cover of the National Enquirer (with Lyle Lovett) and you can't get anyone famous than that.'"

Mojo Nixon plays the Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, on Tuesday, April 18. For more information, call (313) 996-8555.

In Concert

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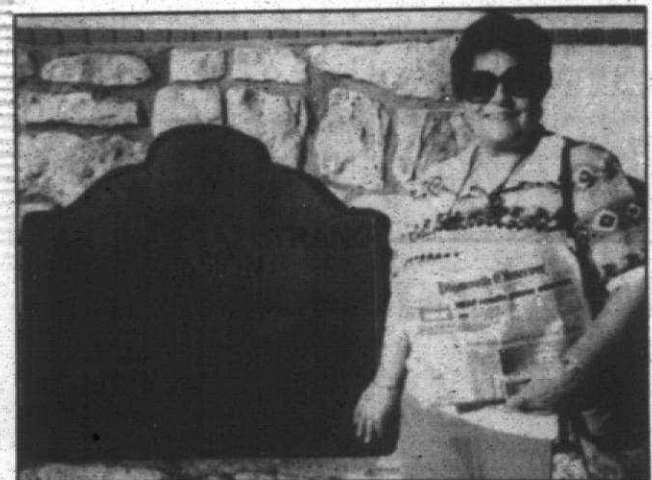
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Merry Christmas: Lucy Portelli, a Plymouth Township resident, visited California recently for a month vacation with her son Frank and his wife, Jennifer. The trip was a Christmas present from them "ticket and all." She visited the historical Capistrano Mission. It was her second visit to the mission. The first time another son escorted Portelli and husband Bernard. This year, she also brought along her Plymouth Observer.

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Watch time: Joyce Pappas (left) and Tina Mazzoni (right) were given a tour of the America 3 compound, which is the all-women team organized by Peter Craig, a member of the 1992 winning America's Cup team.

Local jewelers win trip to San Diego

Joyce Pappas and Tina Mazzoni of Orin Jewelers in Garden City and Northville were among 500 sales associates who took part in Citizens Watch Co.'s national incentive contest, and won a trip to San Diego to experience the America's Cup first hand. Pappas is a resident of Garden City, and Mazzoni is a resident of Farmington Hills.

"We stayed at Loews Coronado Bay resort enjoying much of what San Diego had to offer," said Pappas. "It was a marvelous trip. The hotel was gorgeous, and they had something fun planned for us every night."

In addition, they spent a day on the water watching Race Four of the fourth round of the Citizens Cup on board the Pacific Horn-

blower.

The race was won by Stars and Stripes.

Pappas and Mazzoni also spent a day touring the compounds of PAC 95, the America 3 and having lunch at Team Dennis Connors' compound, The Stars and Stripes.

"This is the second time we

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CANTON
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Inline skating programs

April 15 is the registration deadline for a Rollerblade Hockey League at the Skatin' Station II in Canton. Play is every Sunday, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., for 10 weeks beginning April 9. Fee is \$95 and age groups are 7-under, 8-10 and 11-14.

Canton Parks and Recreation and the Skatin' Station II are sponsoring other programs for Rollerbladers and inline skaters. Registrations are being taken in person at the Parks and Recreation office at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Call 459-6401 for further details.

Fee for the other programs is \$40 including skate rentals.

An Inline Blade Class for youngsters 15 and under begins May 13 and runs for 10 weeks from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Registration deadline is May 12.

A program for Beginner Children 15 and under runs 10 weeks starting May 13. It is for conventional skates, starts at 12:15 p.m. and ends at 1 p.m. Registration deadline is May 12.

The Beginner Adults Class, for ages 18 and over, is for blades or conventional skates. It is a 10-week course, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Sundays beginning May 14. Registration deadline is May 12.

There is a Beginner Adult class for conventional skates only on Wednesdays, starting May 10 and running 10 weeks. It is 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and the registration deadline is May 8.

Golf outing

The Michigan Merchant baseball club is holding a golf outing April 15 at Westbrook Golf Course in Novi to raise money for uniforms and tournament fees for its 11 and 12 year old Little Caesars travel team. For more information, call Lynn Moore at (810) 970-9654.

The team is still looking for players. For further information call Chris Hansen (313) 427-1948 or Dave Smith (313) 388-6019.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich. 48150; or send via fax to (313) 591-7279.



BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

The big winners in Wednesday's 1-1 tie between Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Salem at Stevenson were the rest of the Lakes Division opponents in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Heading into the Easter break, Wednesday's game between the two state-ranked teams was to determine who would have the upper hand in the race for the Lakes title.

"The race is now wide open," Salem coach Ken Johnson said. "Whoever would have won would have had the inside track. Now someone would have to slip up."

With the tie, Stevenson and Salem are both 1-0-1 in the division. The Spartans, the defending division champs, are now 3-2-1 overall and 3-0-1 under interim coach Jim Kimble. The Rocks are 4-0-1 overall.

"It took awhile for the team to get to know me and me to know the team," said Kimble, who took over the Spartans less than two weeks ago after Mary Kay Hussey resigned. "I think we're settled in now."

Kimble's squad started slowly, but took it to the Rocks by outplaying their rivals from Plymouth for most of the game.

The Rocks controlled the pace early, though, as Stevenson was content to play a defensive mode of soccer.

"They were playing defense early and brought (Laura) Fedrigo back to be an extra defender," Johnson said. "They did a good job jamming up the middle and we really didn't have any good shots."

The Spartans began playing more aggressive offensively midway through the first half. They opened

the scoring at the 26-minute mark on a goal by sophomore forward Anne Fedrigo.

The play began as a simple dump pass toward the Salem net, but Fedrigo won a foot race to the ball and chipped it over Salem goalkeeper Julie Buczek, who came out of the net trying to clear the pass.

Less than a minute later, however, Salem tied the score.

Senior forward Kelly Lukasik scored after a great individual effort. Controlling the ball with two Stevenson defenders draped around her, Lukasik guided the ball just over the head of Stevenson goalkeeper Jenny Barker.

It was the first goal scored against the freshman netminder in four games.

The wind coming out of the southwest then picked up dramatically as conditions became tougher on the already rain-soaked field.

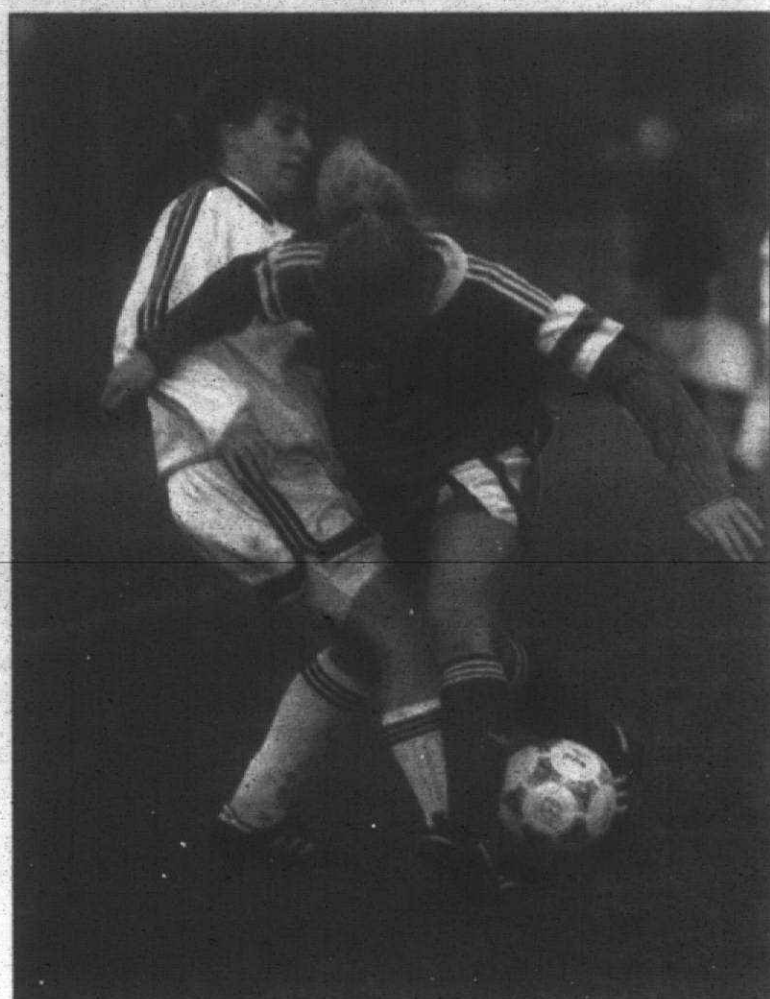
Both teams had good chances to score in the second half, but were unable to capitalize.

Stevenson's Laura Fedrigo hit the crossbar early in the second half on a breakaway. A few minutes later, Anne Fedrigo almost took advantage of a giveaway, but was stopped when Buczek deflected her shot wide.

The Spartans' final chance was with 20 minutes left when Buczek made a diving stop to rob Laura Fedrigo.

Salem had its chances as well. The Rocks last opportunity occurred with only four minutes remaining when Mari Hoff's shot from 20 yards away was tipped over the crossbar by Barker.

"We were definitely ready tonight," Kimble said. "We prepared for Salem



JIM JAGFIELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tangled up: Salem's Kelly Lukasik (right) tries to maneuver around Stevenson's Melanie Siler during Wednesday's Lakes Division showdown.

for the past three days. We knew they were strong up front and knew their freshman midfielder (Mia Sarkesian) would play the ball up field a lot.

"We felt that if we could contain Lukasik and Hoff, we could win. And I think, for the most part, we contained them pretty well."

TRACK

Canton outduels Harrison in early season showdown

Plymouth Canton's hope of winning the Western Division dual-meet title in girls track received a boost Tuesday.

The Chiefs defeated host Farmington Hills Harrison 69-59 in an early season showdown.

Canton is 1-0 in the division and 2-0 overall, Harrison 0-1 and 1-1.

"It was an outstanding meet," Harrison coach Mark Babcock said. "It went down to the wire — the last event — and they beat us by less than a second."

Mary Anderson was a double winner for the Chiefs in the hurdles with times of 15.8 and 48.2.

Canton's Marisa Kovach won the high jump (4-11), Sarah Israel, discus (94-3); Olive Ikeh, 200 (27.2); Becky Uryga, 800 (1:03.7); and Becky Wolfrom, 3,200 (12:09).

Ikeh also anchored the winning 400 and 800 relays. Becky Bockstanz and Ikeh combined with Alina Boyden and Nkeche Okwumabus to win the 400 (51.2), Kelly Smith and Uryga the 800 (1:51.2).

Anderson and Bockstanz earned a third first place for each in the 1,600 relay as they teamed with Tiffany Williams and Nancy Hoffman to clinch the meet victory with a 4:16 time.

"This was how we figured the meet would be," Canton coach George Przygodski said. "Harrison has some good athletes and they ran a very good meet."

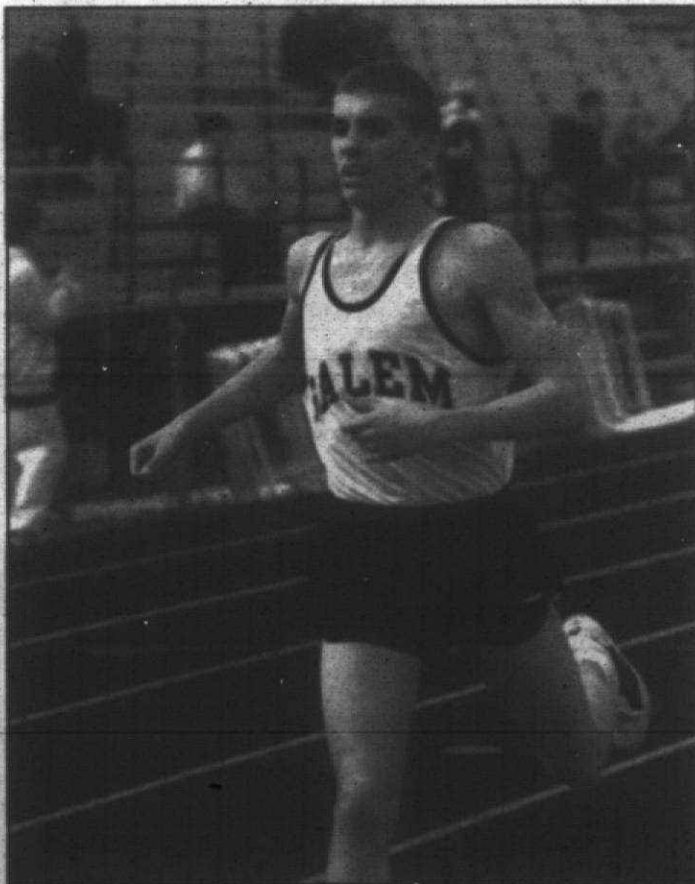
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TOM HAWLEY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Strong finish: Plymouth Salem distance runner Jared Biniiecki finishes his heat in Tuesday's dual meet win against North Farmington.

North's Monica Czerwinski won the short dashes in 13.39 and 27.9, but the Rocks won all the others. Sarah Hamilton ran the 800 (2:27.34); Nicole Bolton the 1,600 (5:42.24) and Meran Miles the 3,200 (12:37.9).

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COLLEGE SPORTS

Madonna signs all-state player

BY BRAD EWINGS
STAFF WRITER

Madonna University volleyball coach Jerry Abraham continues to stockpile some of the state's top talent when he announced this week that 5-foot-9 Karin Sisung of Monroe St. Mary's signed a national letter of intent.

Sisung will become the third player from Monroe St. Mary's to suit up for the Lady Crusaders this fall.

She joins freshmen Erin Comment and Erin Gregoire.

"I'm happy to tap into that school because it's a good program with good athletes," Abraham said. "The kids we get from there have sound skills and sound coaching. That's a credit to their coach John Jewell."

Sisung is the third recruit this year for Abraham. Also in the fold is setter Meg Paris from Flint Mott Community College and 6-1 middle hitter Jaclyn Desane from Livonia Franklin.

Sisung helped the Kestrels reach the state Class B quarterfinals the past two seasons.

St. Mary's finished 8-3 this year as Sisung garnered team MVP, All-Huron League, All-Region and All-Monroe County Dream Team honors this season.

She was voted to four different all-tourney teams her senior year and was runner-up for County Player of the Year to Temperance Bedford's Liz Renuis, a first-team Class A All-Stater.

"We feel Karin is a big-time recruit, a Division I type of player,"

Abraham said. She'll bid for a starting job immediately as a powerful outside hitter.

"She has good movement and good range defensively. She can play almost any position on the front row. She also has a variety of shots and is a great jumper."

Sisung was the state Class B high jump champion as a sophomore with a leap of 5 feet, 6 inches. Last year she finished fourth.

"We'll convert her to a left-side outside hitter," Abraham said. "She's a lot like Elena Oparka (former Madonna standout). She's a stopper."

Sisung drew interest from Michigan State, Grand Valley State and Ferris State, but chose Madonna "because I like a small school and I like the coach."

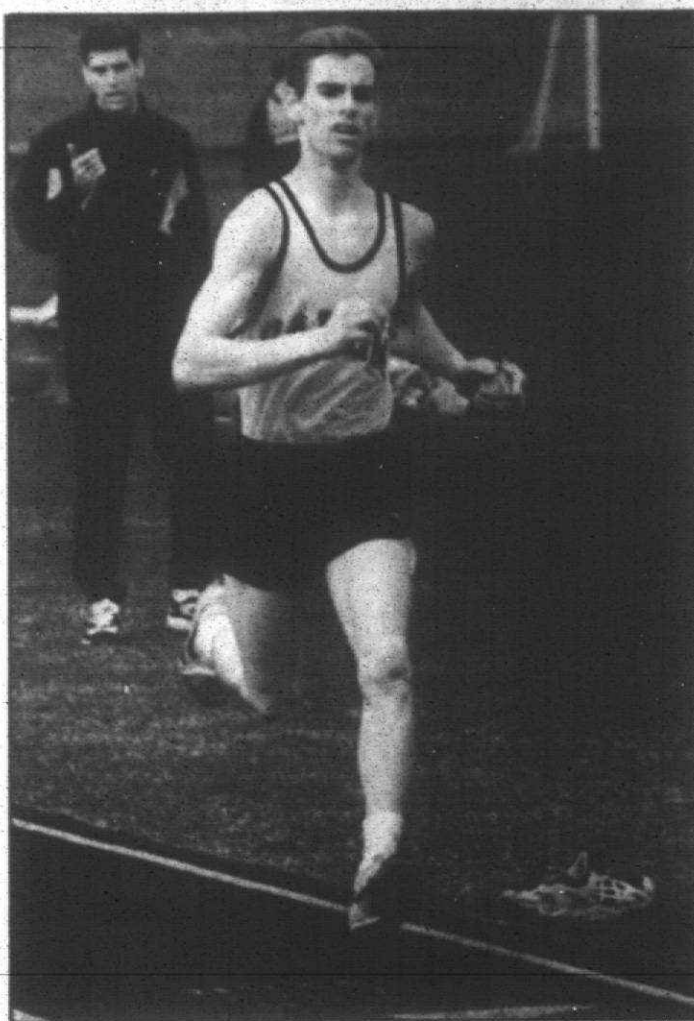
"He (Abraham) is a lot like my high school coach," said Sisung, who also lettered at St. Mary's in basketball. "I also like the fact that they travel a lot and they were very helpful when I went up there (for a visit)."

Sisung, who carries a 2.9 grade-point average and would like to enter the nursing field, also added that Erin Comment played a part in her final decision.

"She's a very good friend and that really influenced me," Sisung said.

Abraham, whose team finished 30-20 a year ago after finishing tied for fifth in the 1993 NAIA Nationals, said he is not through recruiting.

"We hope to sign one or two more," he said.



TOM HAWLEY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Double winner: Plymouth Salem's Scott Pengelly was a winner in both the 1,600 and 3,200 meter races in Tuesday's meet against North Farmington.

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Soter also won the 100 dash (12.8) and the 400 (1:04.1). Ladywood's other firsts were achieved in the field events by Beth Kummer, shot put (30-10 1/2); Danielle Roberge, discus (91-10); and Stacie Johnson, high jump (4-10).

"They have a lot of speed and good field events people, and we just couldn't match up with that," Mercy coach Gary Servalis said.

"We have a lot of work to do between now and the league meet."

Senior Eileen O'Connell won the 800 run (2:24.9) and the 1,600 (5:29.9), and she also helped the Marlinas win the 3,200 relay.

Salem boys win

Salem had four double winners Tuesday when it defeated host North Farmington 76-61 in boys track.

The Rocks are 1-0 in the Lakes Division and 3-0 overall, the Raiders 0-1 and 0-2.

Salem dominated the field events with Rocky Johnson winning the shot put (44-9 1/2) and discus (126-8), Andres Lopez the high jump (5-8) and long jump (19-4).

On the track, Jason Barylski won the 100 dash (11.8) and the 800 run (2:06.3), and Scott Pengelly was first in the 1,600 (4:30.8) and 3,200 runs (9:58.2).

Lopez and Barylski also teamed with Lawrence Nunn and Jason Gibson to win the 400 relay (45.7).

"Barylski had an extremely good meet," Salem coach Geoff Baker said. "That was the first time he ran the 100 dash and first time we used him in the 800."

"He could probably run a mile for us, too, if we needed him. It's good to see we can use him all over the track."

"Rocky (Johnson) is doing well, considering he just had surgery three weeks ago on his knee. He's still up there in the 40s and the 130s."

The Rocks compete Saturday in the Dearborn Elks Relays, beginning at 10 a.m.

Brian Kristall and Mike Liefer had three first places each to lead the Raiders.

Kristall won the 110 hurdles (16.66) and the 300 intermediates (42.06), and he anchored the winning 1,600 relay team.

Liefer was tops in the 200 dash with a 23.77 time and helped North win two relays.

Kosutic and Liefer comprised the winning 800 relay team (1:38.8), and Liefer and Kristall combined with Niraj Naik and Duane Wilder to win the 1,600 (3:46).

The Raiders were surprisingly successful in the relays, winning three of the four.

Tom Stambouljan, Andrew Wantuck, Naik and Brian Rajdl put together a winning time of 9:14.1 in the 3,200 relay.

North had two others' winners in Jay Randa, pole vault (8-6), and Rich Beal, 400 dash (54.5).

GOLF

Well fortified

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COLLEGIATE NOTES

■ Northwood University senior center fielder Rhonda Saunders (Livonia Clarenceville) stole eight bases in NU's double-header sweep April 8 of Lake Superior State.

She is the second leading base stealer among last week's NCAA Division II statistics with 42 in 1995. She has a career total of 105.

Saunders also is tied for second in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in hitting (.600).

PIRATES EXCELS

Livonia native Brady Priest, who scored 12 goals and had 11 assists, recently received the Seventh Player Award for his accomplishments on and off the ice for the Deerfield (Mass.) Academy hockey team.

Priest helped Deerfield post an impressive 21-2-1 overall record.

SOVA 165 1ST

The SOVA 165-and-under volleyball team, coached by Ann Kolnitsky, came away with a first-place finish last weekend at a AAU tournament held at Walled Lake Central High School.

SOVA beat the Mavericks in the finals, 15-10, 15-3. They also scored victories over Port Huron Bluewater Blue (15-5, 15-6), Port Huron Bluewater White (15-11, 15-13) and North Macomb (15-11, 15-3).

Members of the first-place team include Kelly Sheeran, Amy Horgan, Teresa Dziekan, Joey Jandasek, Natalie Rozell, Katie Brogan, Sarah Pogitis and Nicole Vondracek.

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Rucker can hold his head high



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featuring many of the nation's top high school basketball players, I had to admit I was skeptical myself.

I told that to Jim Ecker of the Cedar Rapids Gazette only days before the game. Ecker covers basketball at the University of Iowa, the school Rucker signed a national letter-of-intent with last November.

I tried to be honest with the Iowa writer because I felt Rucker had a somewhat disappointing senior year.

Flat senior year

Even more disappointing was that John Glenn, a 16-3 team during the regular season, was knocked out in the first round of the state tournament by an over-achieving Garden City team.

But after Sunday's rag-tag, playground-style All-Star game, I'll reserve judgment on Rucker.

He proved he belonged after scoring 10 points, (five of nine shooting including a monster dunk), grabbing seven rebounds and blocking three shots in 20 minutes.

True, he was caught guarding West team MVP and Michigan signee Robert Traylor, a 6-foot-8, 300-pound 12-wheeler who finished with 22 points and 11 rebounds.

Superstars human

But the great Kevin Garnett, the McDonald's All-Star MVP who everybody says should forego college and go straight to the NBA, finished with only eight points, three turnovers and one block. (I also had one question-organizer for Sonny Vaccaro: Why wasn't Garnett ever matched up against Traylor?)

Even New York City legend point-guard Stephen Marbury, the next Kenny Anderson some say, shot one for nine with eight turnovers. Alabama-bound guard Brian Williams also had eight turnovers.

Vince Carter, the next Michael Jordan-to-be at North Carolina, was pretty quiet himself with nine points.

Some people say Rucker played with little intensity during his senior year at Glenn. He often became frustrated with physical contact and loafed up and down the floor.

Skills are there

But that doesn't take away from the fact that Rucker has tremendous timing, great shooting range for a big man and shot-blocking capabilities.

One recruiting guru, who watched two practices, told me Rucker more than held his own. Rucker, however, would be the

first to admit that he didn't play up to his own standards his final year at Glenn, showing the ability that made him an attractive Big Ten recruit as a junior.

"I was disappointed," he said. "From junior high to high school, and from high school to here, I feel like I wasn't at the level I should be at."

"There were a lot of factors (this season). I felt there was a lot of selfishness on the team. I thought I could change things, but I told myself I was not going to get upset."

Series of setbacks

A broken wrist, a hernia operation and summer school between his junior and senior seasons slowed his progress. He wasn't able to go head-to-head against some of the nation's best over the summer.

But following four days of practice against some of the country's best may provide the incentive needed for Rucker as he heads this fall to Iowa City.

"Basically, the experience of playing hard helped me. It's a lot more intense, but they're having fun, too," Rucker said. "I just tried to go out and have fun and relax."

"Traylor is probably the best I've played against because of his post-move abilities in the game. I played against Albert White (of Inkster) in grade school and on AAU. He's explosive."

Academic situation

Although Rucker has signed with Iowa, he still hasn't met ACT requirements. His core curriculum portfolio, however, makes him a qualifier.

On Saturday, the day before Magic's game, Rucker was scheduled to take the test again at Henry Ford High School, but was not admitted because he forgot to bring his high school I.D. He has been receiving tutoring twice a week after school to prepare for the test.

"I'll take it sometime before June," he said. "And I'll keep lifting weights and working on my game."

Rucker's greatest asset may be recognizing his own deficiencies as a player and student.

Realist at heart

"I need power, strength and I have to work on fundamentals," he said. "I need to go hard and the rest will come."

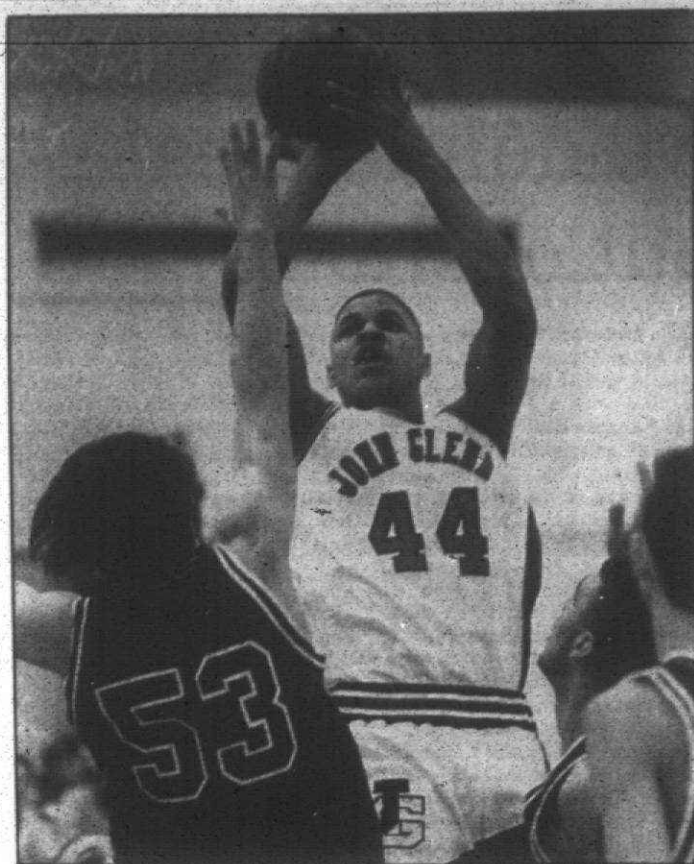
Ecker, the Iowa writer, said coach Tom Davis is counting on either Rucker or a 6-9 player from Chicago to put the Hawkeyes back on top in the Big Ten.

Four starters return from the Hawkeyes' NIT team.

"They believe they can contend if one of these two guys come through," Ecker said.

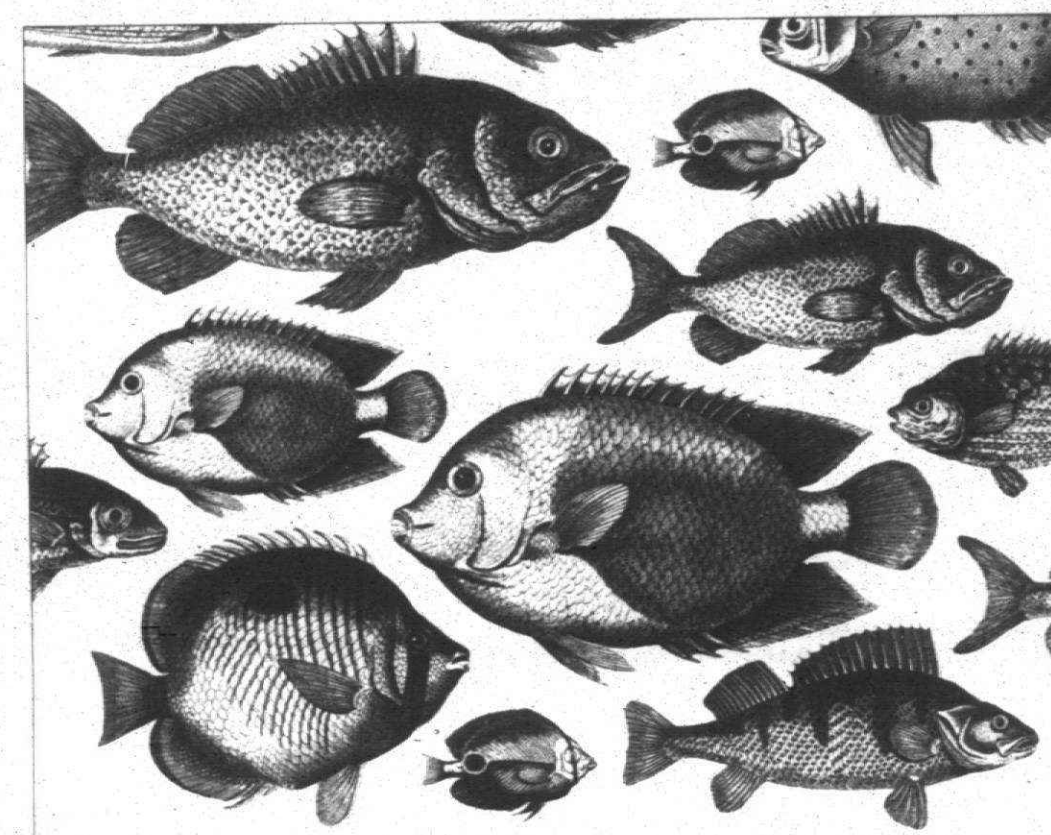
Don't count him out yet.

That Guy could be Rucker.



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Iowa bound: Westland John Glenn's Guy Rucker scored 10 points, grabbed seven rebounds and had three blocks in Magic's Roundball Classic Sunday in Auburn Hills.



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ON THE WEEKEND

CHORALE CONCERT
Madonna University will host a spring chorale concert 7 p.m. Sunday, April 23, in the Felician Motherhouse Chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft in Livonia. Dr. John Redmon, chairman of Madonna University's music department, will conduct the concert. For information, call the music department at 591-5097.

COMMUNITY CHORUS
The Plymouth Community Chorus will perform its 21st spring concert, "Remember the Song," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 29, and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy, west of Canton Center in Canton. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors/students and are available at Dearborn Music, 42679 Ford Road, Canton, Evola Music, 215 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Sideways, 505 Forest, Plymouth, Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Northville, and at the door. Information, 455-4080.

EASTER

EASTER BUNNY
Ms. Bunny will be passing out balloons and treats while hopping through a selection of Easter plants and candies at 615 N. Mill in Plymouth's historic Old Village Friday, April 14, through Easter Sunday, April 16. A portion of all profits will be donated to the AIDS Quilt.

JAYCEES HUNT
The Plymouth/Canton Jaycees annual Easter egg hunt will be 10 a.m. Saturday, April 15, at Plymouth Township Park, on Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha. Come join the fun with a special guest, Ms. Bunny, at 453-8407.

PARKS AND REC
The Canton Parks and Recreation annual Easter egg hunt for Canton children age 10 and under will be held in Heritage Park, behind Township Administration Building. The fun will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 15. Age groups are 4 and under, 5-7, 8-10. This free event is for Canton Township residents only. Those attending should carpool, if possible, and arrive by 9:45 a.m.

BUNNY BREAKFAST
Schoolcraft College's Phi Theta Kappa, will present the Easter Bunny pancake breakfast 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 15, in the college's Waterman Center. Children will receive a photograph with the Easter Bunny, and participate in a coloring contest, pin the tail on the bunny, bunny bean toss, bunny hop, Easter egg hunt, and more. Adults will each receive a door prize. The fee is \$5 per child, \$6 per adult. Cash, personal check, Visa, MasterCard and Discover accepted. To make reservations, contact Schoolcraft's student activities office at (313) 462-4422.

KELLER & STEIN
The Easter Bunny will be at Keller & Stein, 42158 Michigan Ave. in Canton, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15, for free pictures and a prize.

WHITETAILS BANQUET
The southeast Michigan chapter of Whitetails Unlimited is sponsoring a membership banquet 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.

PLAYSCAPE CONSTRUCTION
Canton Community Play-

cape project construction week: 7 a.m. to dusk, June 7-11, at Heritage Park. Sign up now for the hours you'll be available to work during construction week. All ages, skilled and unskilled welcome. Foreman needed also. Child care and meals provided. Call Sally Wright to volunteer at 397-9820.

SENIOR CLASS
Attention parents of students in the senior class of 1995 for Plymouth Salem and Plymouth-Canton high schools. Help is needed for the Senior Party. Volunteers needed for blackjack dealing, chaperones, food and decorating. Food—Pat, 459-3816; Blackjack—Ed, 455-3391; Chaperones—Diane, 459-9190; Decorating—Dale, 397-8090.

FIFE & DRUM CORPS
The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps will be celebrating its 25th year in 1996. They are currently looking for all former members and their families to participate in the celebration. They are asking all former members and their families to contact 981-3688 or write: Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, P.O. Box 70-1776, Plymouth 48170-0970.

LINCOLN EXHIBIT
The Plymouth Historical Museum in conjunction with the special exhibition, "A Lincoln Portrait," will feature the collection of Dr. Weldon Petz. On display at the museum through Sept. 30. The Plymouth Historical Museum is at 155 S. Main St. in Plymouth. The museum is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, 50 cents for students (ages 5-17), children under 5 free, family rate \$4.

LINCOLN PROGRAM
Lincoln scholar Martin Brosnan will speak on Lincoln's assassination 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main. The program is part of the lecture series presented by the museum in conjunction with the exhibit, "A Lincoln Portrait," at the museum through September.

DONATIONS NEEDED
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district needs used exercise/fitness equipment for extracurricular Adaptive Physical Education Fitness Program. They are creating a fitness program for students who have physical disabilities. If you have a stepper, bike, treadmill, or any other fitness equipment to contribute, contact David Gerlach at 416-7708. Pick-up will be arranged. For tax purposes, a letter indicating your contribution to a non-profit organization can be provided.

FOLK ART SHOW
Native West Gallery at 963 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth will bring to Plymouth a Southwest folk art show through April 30. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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GARAGE SALES

GOOD COUNSEL
An annual rummage sale sponsored by the Ladies Guild of Our Lady of Good Counsel of Plymouth will be held 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 20, in the school gym, on Arthur or Penniman. This year's sale will not feature clothing. Information, 453-7377.

CIVITANS
The Plymouth-Canton Civitans' fund-raising garage sale will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29, next to the Penn Theatre at The Gathering. The group welcomes donations (call for pick-up). Proceeds from this sale will be used to purchase a service dog. Barbara Kobiela, 464-1129.

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Wanted: Ladies and senior women golfers interested in playing 18 holes of golf at Hilltop Golf Course on Mondays. Hilltop is on Powell, just off Beck and Ann Arbor Trail. Starts April 24 and runs through the last Monday of September. Information, call White, (810) 544-8899, or Marge at 543-7034.

FORMATION TAPE
The tournament schedule begins Friday, April 21, with the early bird tournament. The four-game guarantee. Round Robin classic is open to men's, women's and coed teams. Entry fee is \$125 (plus umpires). Call 463-5600, Ext. 102, for information or to be added to the tournament mailing list.

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the 1995-96 school year for students in grades one through eight. Parents who desire Christian education for their children should call or write to receive more information and a registration packet. 4295 Napier Road, Plymouth 48170, 459-8222.

PLUS
PLUS Preschool is taking registrations for the 1995-96 school year. This free program for 4-year-olds and their parents is open to children who live in the attendance areas of Allen, Farrand, Fiegel, Field, Gallimore and Hoben schools. Children must be 4 or before Dec. 1, 1995. PLUS is operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools in conjunction with a grant from the federal government. Classes for parents and children will be held at Central Middle School, 650 Church, Plymouth. Registration and information, 416-6190.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL
Preschool has openings in Monday, Wednesday, and Friday preschool for 4- and 5-year-olds. Classes meet 9-11:45 a.m. at New Morning School, 14501 Haggerly, Plymouth Township. 420-3331.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
The Tiny Tots preschool program offered by the Salvation Army of Plymouth is accepting applications for the 1995-96 school year. The classes are 9:30-11:35 a.m. Monday-Wednesday and Tuesday-Thursday. Information and registration, Peggy Blaisdell at 453-5464.

PARKINSON
Western Wayne Parkinson Support Group's monthly meeting is 7 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Senior Citizens Center, 150218 Farmington Road, at Five Mile in Livonia. The Thursday, April 13, speaker is Dr. Dennis Weber, M.D., of the Michigan Eye Center. His topic will be eye diseases, disorders and their treatment. Vision screening will be available to Parkinsonians and caregivers who wish to take part. Information, 459-0216, or 421-4208.

CHILDREN'S SUPPORT
Community Hospice Services is offering a free children's grief support series. To register, call Vicki Desjardins or Joan Johnson at 522-4224.

CLOTHING BANK
The Plymouth-Canton schools' clothing bank will be open Tuesdays only. Hours are 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. during the school year. To make an appointment or for more information, call 416-6179 during open hours. The bank accepts donations of clothing in good condition during open hours.

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Child assessment for birth to 6 years of age, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, 420-7028. Kiddie Kampus program, 4-year-olds, at Plymouth-Canton High School, 416-2867. Creative Day Nursery School, Canton Free Methodist Church, on Cherry Hill Road, for 2½-6 years

of age, 981-3990 or 981-6470. Plymouth Children's Co-operative Preschool, 5825 N. Sheldon, 459-3111. Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 42690 Cherry Hill, and Little Lambs Co-op Preschool/Kindergarten, 981-0286. St. Michael Christian School in Canton has openings in 3- and 4-year-old preschool and elementary, 459-9720.

READING ASSISTANCE
Free adult tutoring and confidential skills assessment. Community Literacy Council, 451-6555.

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MEYER'S BREAKFAST
St. Michael Lutheran Church will have its annual men's Good Friday breakfast 8 a.m. Friday, April 14. The guest speaker/performer will be Don Baker. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$2 for boys under 10, and are available at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton, or call 459-3333.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
The Canton Historical Society will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at the Cherry Hill School on Cherry Hill Road at Ridge Road. "Fair Lane, the home of Henry and Clara Ford" will be the subject of a slide/talk show presented by Ruth Ann Melikan, program coordinator of the Henry Ford estate. Come get a rare glimpse into the private life of one of our century's most illustrious men, Loup Clara's gardens and learn of the ongoing restoration.

AMATEUR RADIO
Amateur radio enthusiasts will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, on the second floor of Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main. Information, 455-7652.

ECONOMIC CLUB
Canton Economic Club will meet noon Wednesday, April 19, at St. John Neumann Church. Gary C. Faja, CEO of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital will speak on "Health Care Reform."

DEMOCRATIC CLUB
Candidates for Plymouth-Canton Board of Education and Schoolcraft College board have been invited to attend the Thursday, April 20, meeting of the Community Democratic Club. The meeting will be 7 p.m. (social hour) and 7:30 p.m. (meeting) at Uncle Frank's Coney Island, on Forest Place in Westchester Mall in Plymouth. Speaker will be Congresswoman Lynn Rivers. Information, 207-4080.

ANAPHYLAXIS
Anaphylaxis is a life-threatening allergic reaction which can be caused by foods, insect stings, medications, and exercise. The food allergy network will meet 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 24, at Arbor Health Building, 990 West Ann Arbor Trail, in Plymouth. The speaker will be Michael S. Rowe M.D., a board certified in pediatric and adult allergy & asthma.

NURSES' CLUB
The St. John Neumann Church Nurses' Club invites the public to hear a speaker from Community Hospice Services 7 p.m. Monday, April 24, at the church, 44800 Warren in Canton.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will have its Maundy Thursday worship service at 7:30 p.m. April 13 at the church, 26701 Joy, between Inkster and Beech Daly. The service will include communion, music, prayers and "food for thought." For more information, call (313) 274-3820 between 9 a.m. and noon.

IN CONCERT

JAMZ and House Party will present Prayer Chain with special guest Starflyer 59 in concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, at Clarenceville United Methodist Church's Arensman Hall, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia. Donation is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. For more information, call (810) 474-3444 or (313) 485-4636.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

St. Michael Lutheran Church will have its annual men's Good Friday breakfast at 8 p.m. April 14 at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton. The guest speaker/performer will be Don Baker. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for boys under 10 years of age. For more information, call (313) 459-3333.

INTERFAITH SERVICE

Ten neighborhood churches will participate in an interfaith Good Friday service at noon Friday, April 14, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia.

nia. The 13th year for the service, it will feature an amassed choir from all the churches. Heritages will be blended as clergy from all the churches will lead the service.

In addition to St. Edith, participating churches are Church of the Savior, Reformed; Grand River Baptist; Holy Trinity Lutheran; Nativity United Church of Christ; Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian; St. Matthew United Methodist; St. Timothy Presbyterian; St. Paul of the Cross Monastery, Detroit; and St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Dearborn Heights.

EASTER MUSICAL

An Easter musical program will be given at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 15, at the Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4295 Napier, north of Warren Road. All are invited to the special celebration of praise. For more information, call 459-3580.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week services at St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church will begin with services at 10 a.m. Lazarus Saturday, April 15. The Palm Sunday service will also be at 10 a.m. April 16, with bridegroom services at 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, April 17-18. Holy Wednesday, April 19, the 7:30 p.m. service will include the anointing of the oils with Bishop Antoun presiding, while the reading of the 12 gospels will take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20.

Good Friday services will be at 8 p.m. April 21, with the Matins service at 11:30 p.m. Saturday,

April 22, with the divine liturgy at midnight, followed by breakfast. On Easter Sunday, April 23, the Aghapi service will be at 12:30 p.m., followed by an Easter egg hunt. St. Mary's is at 18100 Meriman, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 422-0010.

SATURDAY SERVICE

Frank Hayes, pastor, will speak on "Doubting Thomas" at the 10:50 a.m. service Saturday, April 15, at the Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church, 15585 Haggerty, Plymouth. For more information, call (313) 420-3131.

EASTER SERVICES

Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church will have a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. April 13 at the church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. The service will celebrate the institution of the Lord's Supper with Holy Communion, followed by the stripping of the altar. The Tenebrae service, a quiet meditation on the Crucifixion, will be at 8 p.m. Good Friday, April 14. Two services are scheduled for Easter Sunday, April 16 — an informal service at 8:30 a.m. and a festival service at 11 a.m. Communion will be celebrated at both services. A time for children's stories and activities, "Beyond the Easter Bunny," will begin at 9:45 a.m. For more information, call (313) 427-3660.

Berean Bible Church will have an interactive service involving the youth, choir and congregation focusing on the importance of the cross at its Good Friday service.

vice 7 p.m. April 14 at the church, 35375 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Easter Sunday, April 16, will begin with a continental breakfast at 9 a.m., followed by the worship celebration at 10 a.m.

A service of individual absolution and Holy Communion will be held at 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 13, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Included in the ceremonies will be the traditional stripping of the altar in darkness. A Service of the Cross will take place at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday, April 14, with participants visiting different stations outside the church, weather permitting. Easter Sunday, April 16, three festival services with Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8, 9:45 and 11:30 a.m. A breakfast will be served 9-11:15 a.m.

New Life Lutheran Church, a forming congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will celebrate Easter with a festive Communion service, supplemented with brass quintet, flute and vocal music. The mission worships at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 16, in the fellowship hall of the Masonic Temple, 730 Penniman, Plymouth. For more information, call Pastor-Developer Ken Roberts at (810) 442-7243.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, will have a Good Friday service of the cross 12:30 p.m. April 14 with special music. A Tenebrae service of darkness on the seven last words of Christ will be at 7:30 p.m. that day. Easter

Sunday, April 16, will be celebrated with a 6:30 a.m. sunrise devotion and festival Communion services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. A staffed nursery will be available throughout the morning. An Easter breakfast will be served by the church youth 7-10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children 4-10 years of age; children 3 and under are free. For more information, call the church office at (313) 522-6830.

Calvary Baptist Church will have a sunrise service at 7 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 16, at the church, 43065 Joy, Canton, and the Plymouth Christian Academy. The informal service will feature music by the Calvary Ensemble and Brass Quintet as well as a challenge by senior pastor Dr. Roland DeRenzo. The Easter morning worship service will be at 11 a.m. and will feature music from the Celebration Choir, Calvary Ensemble and Brass Quintet.

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland, will have Good Friday services at 1 and 7:30 p.m. April 14. Easter Sunday, April 16, there will be a sunrise service at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Men's Club breakfast at 7:30 p.m. The family worship service will be at 9 a.m., with a festival service with communion at 11 a.m.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 17810 Farmington Road, Livonia, will have its Good Friday service at 1:15 p.m. April 14. Easter Sunday services will be at 7 and 10 a.m. April 16.

Crossroads Church of Livonia will have a discussion on "What happened when Jesus died?" Easter Sunday, April 16. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. and will include drama and special music. The church meets at the Marriott Inn at I-275 and Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call Rob Eddy at (313) 981-7163.

Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia, will have its Good Friday service noon to 3 p.m. April 14, with the pastors delivering messages addressing "The Seven Last Words of Christ." Easter services, April 16, include a Sunrise service in the chapel at 7 a.m. with the Rev. Grant Hasty, and four services, featuring the Brass Ensemble, at 8:05, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. and

12:05 p.m. Evening worship will be at 7 p.m.

Maria Malay Kamara, reigning Miss Michigan, will participate in the worship service Easter Sunday, April 16, at Christ Community Church, 45701 Ford, Canton. Kamara has a bachelor's degree in music, is an accomplished performer, and is working on her master's degree in music. As her Miss Michigan platform, she chose cultural unity, promoting acceptance of our diverse society. Through her appearances, she encourages everyone to unite in Christ as one people. For more information, call (313) 981-0499.

RADIO SHOWS

The radio series "What is this Christian Science and who are these Christian Scientists?" is being aired at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. Topics include "How can you say sickness isn't real?" on April 16, "Where did Christian Science start?" on April 23 and "Does your church have missionaries?" on April 30. The series also can be heard at 8:30 a.m. Sundays on CKLW-AM. For more information, call (800) 886-1212.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN

Dinner reservations can be made through Thursday, April 13, for the Metro West Christian Women's After 5 dinner party 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, at the Holiday Inn-Livonia West, I-275 and Six Mile in Livonia. The program will include "Toning While Phoning," a special salute to secretaries with Jay Eggerichs, "Vocal Exercises," music to get you moving with Donna Shinn, and "Stretching Yourself" with motivational speaker Eggerichs. The price is \$11. For reservations, call Jan Paver at (810) 349-7404 or Gerry Johnson at (313) 464-6433.

PRAYER GROUP

Mothers of Isbister Elementary School children join together for an hour twice a month to pray for the children and their school. Isbister Moms in Touch International, a non-denominational group, will meet 8:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, May 17 and 31. For more information, call (313) 459-3997.

Single group helps judge tulip contest

Volunteers from Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church's Single Point Ministry will be seeing tulips and more tulips Saturday, April 8, when they help judge a tulip growing contest in Detroit's Ravendale community.

Through a partnership with Joy of Jesus ministries, Single Point has been involved in Ravendale's Adopt-a-Block program for four years. Members of the ministry have committed to helping restore Ravendale's Hampshire Havens block and getting involved in the tulip project was a logical extension of the program.

"The purpose of what we do is to build bridges between the inner city and the suburbs," Single Point volunteer John Farley said. "The real reason we're involved is to make friends. Work is just an

excuse to come together."

Last fall, the Kmart Corporation donated 160,000 tulip bulbs and flowers to support Ravendale's efforts. More than 500 residents planted bulbs in anticipation of having their landscapes judged this spring.

In the meantime, the emerging perennials are making many residents feel good about their community.

"We are excited to see the tulips come up," Ravendale president Toni McIlwain said. "I have a saying, 'Where there are flowers, there is life,' and there is life in

our community. The residents of Ravendale are totally involved in the process of changing their own environment. Flowers are symbolic of that change."

On April 8, the judging committee will select the 10 best tulip displays based on arrangement, effective use of space, creativity, enhancement of landscaping and overall perception.

Other organizations sending volunteers are the Think Twice Foundation of Southfield, the Faith Clinic of Detroit and the Congregational Church of Birmingham in Bloomfield Hills.

Kmart will display photographs of the finalists at its Sherwood/Outer Drive store until the final judging on May 13. It also will donate a weeklong trip for four to visit both Amsterdam and the tulip-growing region of Holland to residents with the winning display.

Single Point is Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church's 300-member ministry for single adults ages 20-35. The ministry's outreach department is involved in various international missions and reading and vacation Bible school programs in Ravendale.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1995

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

Spring cleaning also applies to gardens

Mother Nature must know that April is National Garden Month because she has been cooperating so far — but, as you saw what happened last weekend, she still has some tricks up her sleeve!

We live in zones 5 and 6 (the warmer pockets in our yards and gardens) and the last frost date in zone 5 is generally between May 10 and 20; in zone 6, April 30. BUT last year we had frost June 9. For more information, you can call your County Master Gardener Hotlines (Oakland, (810) 858-0902; Wayne, (313) 494-3005). Keep these numbers handy in case you have any type of gardening question during the year.

"Gardens are not made by singing — 'Oh, how beautiful!' and sitting in the shade," according to Rudyard Kipling, and this is the time to stop dreaming and get busy to make our gardens beautiful.

Get busy

Prune summer blooming plants and fruit trees now, prune dead and diseased parts any time, and remove water sprouts as soon as you notice them. Good pruning tools are very necessary and must be sharp. I especially like Fiskars' new softouch (TM) and softgrip (TM) line. Many garden magazines carry advertisements for these excellent tools.

Clean up the grass areas and garden beds by taking out the leaves and debris from winter; cut down perennials that have given winter silhouettes. This will immediately be a good beginning and make the landscape look better right away. You will also feel great. Add the "stuff" to the compost pile — make sure the twigs and stems are finely chopped for quicker decomposition.

Remove mulch slowly from bulbs and perennials and divide the perennials when they have about four inches of growth. They all would appreciate an application of fertilizer high in phosphorous (the middle number on the bag), as would small trees and shrubs. Acid-loving plants need special attention. Always follow directions on packages.

Top-dress the lawn and aerate. If the grass hasn't been up to par, or there are heavy traffic areas, perhaps aeration will help and it can be done now and repeated in the fall if necessary. This will create a space in the soil that allows oxygen to penetrate and help with root development. Aeration can be done by professionals, but there are tools for the do-it-yourselfer — handheld ones, or devices with long spikes that can be clamped to the shoes. Spikes on golf shoes aren't long enough.

Follow package directions on seed packets for sowing them outdoors.

Before digging into the garden, be sure the soil is ready to be worked. Take a handful of soil and squeeze. If it is too wet it will form a firm ball, and working it will damage the soil's texture. Wait until the soil crumbles in your hand when squeezed.

Have the pH of the soil tested. The County

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

- In a special exhibit Redford artists Matthew Hanna and Todd Erickson create drawings and bronze sculptures to Honor the Earth at the Willis Gallery through April 30.
- A preview of "Glass, Metal and Stone," a showing of recent collaborative efforts by glass artist Donald Schneider of Plymouth and jewelry designer Clifford Holdham of Farmington Hills.
- Victoria Diaz's Book Break column.
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Lights Out: Westland photographer Emin Kadi (right) knocks them dead with this image from the Spring/Summer issue of Presence magazine shot on location at the Galaxy Gym in Redford Township. Pictured are Elite-New York model Lakecia Williams of Detroit and Darren Neely, owner of Presence Magazine and Elanor of the David and Lee Agency in Cleveland.

Fashioning Westland
images: photographer achieves global vision

On location: Emin Kadi photographs fashion in far-away settings as well as in his Westland studio. This photograph was taken on location in Egypt.

After wrangling with models in Greece and working with spitting camels in Egypt, photographer Emin Kadi returned home to his Westland studio and more staid surroundings to shoot fashion for a new magazine.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Life is an adventure for Emin Kadi. Forever in search of creative images, Kadi, a Westland photographer, counts settings colored by such diverse locations as the Great Pyramids of Gizeh in Egypt to the Galaxy Gym in Redford Township as backgrounds for shooting magazine layouts.

One particular series of images taken on location features Jackie Kallen's boxers alongside women dressed in power suits. These dramatic red, white and black shots can be found in Presence, a new national magazine focusing on women of color.

Emin's use of innovative backdrops is what defines his work and sets him apart from the pack as does the fact he is known by only one name in the fashion trade, Emin.

The January 1995 Detroit Monthly highlighted his portraits of the metro area's top automobile dealers, some photographed in vintage locations such as the first automated car wash on Fort Street in Detroit.

Local backdrop

The second issue of Presence magazine found the 33-year-old photographer at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham to illustrate a story about legendary jazz singer Josephine Baker. Using this 1920s-inspired setting and clothes to match, Emin orchestrated a team that included hair stylist Jeffrey Beaton of Colors in Birmingham, a makeup artist and model to produce photos looking as if clipped from a vintage film.

"I always have these images in my head from watching old movies, years spent studying art especially impressionism, and from having 15 years of fashion in my head and countless hours in front of the camera," said Emin, who has photographed 1,000 models in the last four years.

His keen eye evolved over a number of years and experiences. While on an athletic scholarship at Lawrence Techno-

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Must see:
Jacqueline Daniel's
"Comanche Warriors," an energetic oil, is among the "must sees" at the Palette Guild show in the lobby of Livonia City Hall.



Palette Guild show continues in Livonia

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Evelyn Henry, Helene Zelenka and Rosemary Juracek have nearly eight decades of life experiences to their individual credit. They reveal the little things that make life worth living in an exhibit of art by the Palette Guild continuing through April 27 in the lobby of Livonia City Hall, Five Mile

Road east of Farmington.

Along with 10 other club members, the three show painting, pastel and collage in the Livonia Arts Commission sponsored exhibit was judged by Douglas Semivan, a professor in the art department at Madonna University.

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Artbeat features various happenings in the suburban arts world. Send news leads to: Creative Living Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

■ SCULPTORS HONOR EARTH

Redford artists Matthew Hanna and Todd Erickson along with Charles McGee, Carl Butler, Christine Hughes, and Sherry Hendrick take part in the "Honor The Earth Biennial" continuing through April 30 at the Willis Gallery, 422 West Willis in Detroit.

Artists were given a wide berth to interpret the subject of the earth at this time in its history. Whether the response is hopeful or negative,

conflicted or optimistic, was the decision of the artist. The responses proved to be enthusiastic with each artist applying their unique vision to questions of ecology, nature and man's relationship with the earth.

The Willis Gallery is two blocks west of Woodward and three blocks south of Forest adjacent to the Wayne State University campus. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Friday through Sunday except Easter. Call (313) 831-0136.

Art Beat

■ CABLE SPOTLIGHTS ART

Expressions, a new show featuring artists and their work hosted by Livonia Arts Commissioner Lee Alankas, debuts 7:15 p.m. April 19 and 26 on City Channel 8.

Alankas' first guest is Susan Rothemel of Chelsea who demonstrates enameling.

"Livonia is very fortunate to have so many art groups that we thought this would be interesting to delve into the artistic processes," said Alankas.

"I hope people will let City Channel 8 know if they like the program so it could be expanded from 15 minutes to a half hour."

Future mediums to be presented include

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logical Institute in the early 1980s, Emin studied architecture but found its engineering dictates too restrictive.

Classes in art and print making with Robert DuFour at Schoolcraft College in Livonia brought him closer to his dream of finding a creative career. Years spent working as a model in Milan and Madrid, his cosmopolitan good

Figley from page 1D

Extension Offices offer this service at a nominal cost; then follow their recommendations to improve your soil.

When the soil is ready, compost can be added at any time of the year. Dig it in at least a spade deep and incorporate it into the soil. Canadian Peat Moss can also be added to lighten the soil and help with drainage. Be sure to wet the moss thoroughly before mixing it in.

If you have grown a cover crop over vegetable or annual beds, cultivate it back into the ground.

Information, please

Earth Day is April 22. Make it a point to practice good environmental habits this year and every year. SOCRRA is sponsoring an Earth Week Program, "Planting Your Plantings in Harmony with Nature," 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, in the Royal Oak Library, 222 E. 11 Mile. Speaker will be Cynthia Richards of Four Seasons Garden Center. Admission is free.

Many people ask me to recommend ONE book about gardening and that isn't an easy task. The just-published "Taylor's Master Guide to Gardening," edited by Rita Buchanan and Roger Holmes (Houghton Mifflin, \$60), would be high on the list.

Several years have gone into producing this volume. Many respected plantmen and women have contributed. Every aspect of ornamental gardening is addressed clearly and directly. The excellent advice will benefit both beginner and seasoned gardener.

looks gracing the pages of publications like GQ and Rolling Stone, influenced Emin's photographic style and the way he views the subject matter.

Egyptian adventure

Emin respects the models and knows how to go about getting the look he's after whatever it takes even if it means renting a club in Egypt for one night or painting

tires white the night before using them as props in studio shots. Additional versatility comes from shooting 22 different kinds of film and four cameras of varying formats.

"There's no rules in this business. I'm trying to be innovative instead of a follower," said Emin whose photos have appeared in *Vogue*, *Beaute* in France, *Flash* in Greece, and *African Cosmopolitan*.

"You have minutes to grab a viewer's attention. People are bombarded with images that are so stale. My images are dramatic portraits. It's beauty with a twist, always something captivating or interesting about the beauty."

Problems on location crop up whether stateside or in some exotic destination. While in Greece last fall shortly before leaving for Egypt and its own set of barriers Emin almost said, "Let's turn around and go back to Greece." But realizing challenging situations call for different measures, he continued on.

Difficulties encountered in Egypt due to the culture forced a change of locations. The strong religious-based edicts of the country along with its harsh environment produced more than its share of hardships.

Emin and his crew endured a five-hour camel ride into the desert just to reach a shoot against a backdrop of the pyramids. Seating heat and spitting camels made the expedition trying.

"Egypt's a society based on religion. We even had to dress like them to fit in and were surrounded by 400 people at one point. But I always wanted to see the Pyramids and needed something impressive to show the agencies in New York."

Off to Paris
Emin returned home for three weeks before leaving for Paris to photograph the finalists of the international "Look of the Year" model competition. His adventure to France's most romantic city cost him \$2,000 the first four days when his hotel room was robbed.

While there, however, he made the rounds of the agencies representing photographers and plans to return later this year possibly to work for Elite-Paris or Michele Filomeno or famed lensman Helmut Newton.

Since returning home from Paris, Emin has been invited to show his Egypt photos in "On the Line," an exhibit opening June 16

at the Detroit Focus Gallery.

"I chose Emin's Egypt work because as Americans we look at it as beautiful fashion photography but in many other countries they see it as crossing the boundaries of their culture. It's been said that women's rights have regressed 10 years in Egypt," said Karla Loring, a Detroit Institute of Arts curatorial assistant who sat on the Detroit Focus exhibition committee.

ence magazine while interviewing for another photo assignment at Winkelman's main office in Plymouth. It was there he met Northville resident Samantha Kandah, who worked in the marketing department, who eventually quit Winkelman's to become Presence's fashion director.

"When I saw his book, the photographs were the best I'd ever seen because of his creativity and use of lighting. His lighting is beautiful," said Kandah, a graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia.

The third issue of Presence will be on the newstands in mid-May.

Local endorsement

Also since back on local grounds Emin landed the fashion photography assignment for Presence.



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Current copies can be found at Border's Books, Perry's and Farmer Jack.
For more information on Photography by Emin, call (313) 728-4448.

Guild from page 1D

Semivan awarded winning works first-, second- and third-place as well as six honorable mentions.

Black-eyed Susans reflecting their vivid yellow color in a pool of water are mirrored by the distant sunset in "Cranbrook Gardens" by Henry, a resident of Redford.

Her acrylic painting, dominated by shades of cool green, won top honors.

"I chose this painting because it shows the artist is spending a lot of time looking. Technically it's very strong," said Semivan.

"I had a hard time choosing between the gardens and her really beautiful pastel for first place."

Semivan did award an honorable mention to the contender by Henry, a still life entitled "July Crop."

Other award winners included second place, an oil painting, "Pugh's Mill" by Frances Bowly of Plymouth of which Semivan commented "it's a beautiful play of light with the light, composition study and playing with the shadows giving it a nice mood."

Third place was awarded to a delicate-looking watercolor, "My Old Tea Kettle" by Dorothy Robe; and honorable mentions to an oil, "Serenity" by Bowly; an acrylic, "Springtime in Williamsburg" by Fred Long; watercolor, "Study in Compliments" by Anna

■ Along with 10 other club members, the three show painting, pastel and collage in the Livonia Arts Commission sponsored exhibit was judged by Douglas Semivan, a professor in the art department at Madonna University.

Mary Vollick, and a watercolor "Snow on Green Bay" by Robe.

Henry, Juracek and Zelenka started painting seriously after retirement. Henry, who creates art with the hope of encouraging the viewer to enjoy nature and the world around them, worked in the art department of Campbell-Ewald for 21 years before retiring in 1979.

She regularly wins awards in local art exhibits.

Juracek, who's been painting for 25 years, took art classes at the Bentley Center with Marilyn Campeau.

Zelenka retired 15 years ago after 27 years with the Ford Motor Co. She still takes seniors' painting classes at Madonna University every Tuesday night with Sister Angelina.

When asked why she paints, Zelenka replied quickly and matter-of-factly, "why do some people golf or go to see football games?"

Not to be missed in addition to the awards winners are "Canine Chorus," a whimsical oil painting

featuring a dalmation playing piano for his friends by Annalee Davis of Livonia. Also, Davis' "August Woods," a colorful study of goldenrod and red clover, which took an honorable mention.

"I liked the sense we were closing in on a microscopic view in this piece. It shows a real nice investigation of that space," Semivan said.

"In fact the entire show proves that subject matter can be found anywhere, in the unexplored space, the small and quiet things."

Also included on the list of must-sees is Nora Oxley's "Tiger Lilies" watercolor, Jacqueline Daniel's "Comanche Warriors," an energetic oil, and Long's touching portrait of a "Mama & Baby Llama."

The Palette Guild, founded in Ferndale in 1950, meets the fourth Monday of the month at noon in the Livonia Civic Center Library. Hours for its Spring Art Show run 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday except Good Friday on April 14.

Art Beat from page 1D

artists demonstrating origami, contemporary doll making and calligraphy.

CANTON LIBRARY

Plymouth artists Florence Constable, Betty Manthey and Phyllis Hochlowski exhibit watercolors, oil and collage at the Canton Public Library. All three are members of 3 Cities Art Club. Not to be missed is Hochlowski's watercolor of two carousel horses.

DESIGN WINNERS

Garden City and Westland residents were winners in the final judging of the 1995 Ann Arbor Flower Show held March 23-26 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds.

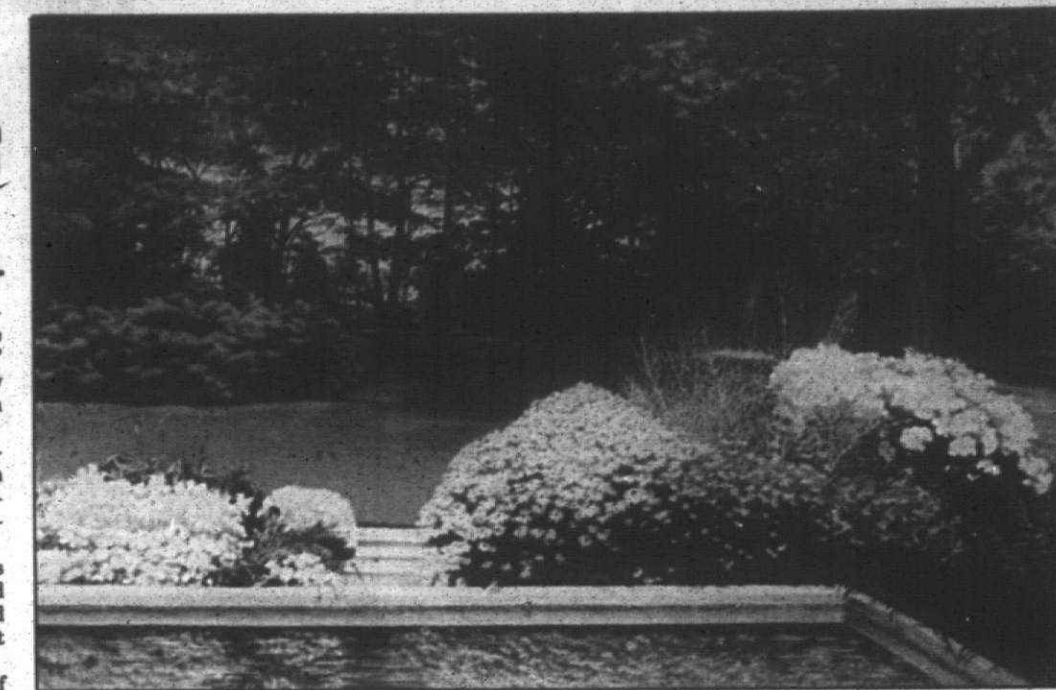
More than 30,000 people attended the sixth annual event where Margot McCormack of Westland took First and Second Place in Division I: Horticulture for her potted herbs and second place in the Oldies but Goodies

category.

Marian Miller of Garden City won second place in Division I: Horticulture for her succulents. Della Haydon, a member of the Garden City Garden Club took third in the category of Horticulture Vignettes.

Exhibitors spent countless hours working on detail, grooming, design and layout.

The show was sponsored by Matthaei Botanical Gardens, University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.



First place: Douglas Semivan, a professor in the art department at Madonna University gave first place to this acrylic, "Cranbrook Gardens" by Evelyn Henry of Redford Township. Black-eyed Susans reflecting their vivid yellow color in a pool of water are mirrored by the distant sunset.

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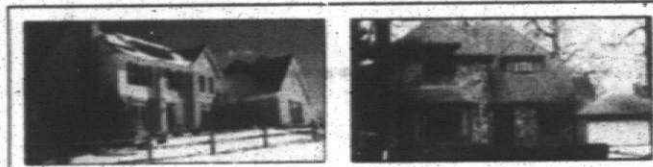
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Schoolcraft College's American Harvest Restaurant features the art work of Plymouth architect Erick Carne of Carne Associates Inc. Twenty-nine watercolors, ranging from subjects such as the Mackinac Bridge, Niagara River, Port Austin and Lake Superior are on display. The American Harvest art shows are coordinated by Schoolcraft's Institutional Advancement Office. Call 462-4417. The restaurant features gourmet specialties prepared by Schoolcraft's award-winning master chefs and culinary arts students. Call 462-4423 for reservations.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
Through April 28 — The university will host its annual exhibit of

students' artwork in a wide variety of mediums in the second floor Library Wing Exhibit Gallery. Free and open to the public, the exhibit consists of fine and commercial art, calligraphy, watercolor, Oriental brush painting and more. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Madonna University is located at 1-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

LIVONIA CITY HALL
Through April 27 — The Palette Guild, a Livonia-based art club, will exhibit paintings and mixed media in the lobby. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, Five Mile Road east of Farmington. Call (313) 873-7888.

CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY
Through April 27 — The Livonia Public Schools Students Art Show on the second floor. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

The library is at Five Mile Road east of Farmington in Livonia.

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DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET
Fore ART! Golf, an indoor miniature golf course with 18 holes by 22 artists, has been extended indefinitely due to popular demand. It is at 300 River Place, Jos. Campau at Guin in Detroit. Call 259-8345 for general information, 886-1623 for groups and parties.

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The gallery features the local talent of Michigan Glass Guild members displaying blown, fused and flat glass sculpture, decorative and architectural items. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, by appointment Tuesday, 23 W. Lawrence, Pontiac, (810) 332-6619.

GALLERY VON GLAHN
The gallery is now carrying the limited edition print series, "Star Trek — Art from the Final Frontier." The images include portraits of the command officers from the first USS Enterprise and "The Next Generation," and paintings of the Enterprise soaring through space. The gallery is at 319 S. Main in Ann Arbor. Call 663-7215.

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The recently opened gallery features Alaskan art and designer glass. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 208 N. Bridge, Linden, (810) 735-1393.

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There are several advantages to the wide-angle lens. First is the increase in depth-of-field, the range of sharpness realized in the final print. A moderate wide-angle lens such as 28mm at an aperture of f/8 will produce a depth-of-field from five feet to infinity. In contrast, a normal 50mm lens, properly focused, will give you a depth-of-field of 20 feet to infinity. This means that with the wide-angle lens more of what you see in the viewfinder will be sharp and in focus.

Going even wider, a 17mm lens (super wide-angle) at f/16 will produce an astounding depth-of-

field of one foot to infinity. This means that if lighting conditions enable you to shoot at f/16, you never have to focus the camera as long as you are at least one foot from the subject!

Second, you can get by with much slower shutter speeds with a wide-angle lens, a nice advantage when light is limited. The "rule" is that a lens can be handheld at the shutter speed closest to its focal length. Therefore a 28mm lens can be safely handheld at 1/30 second and a 17mm lens at 1/15 second. With slow speed films, low level light and a desire to maximize depth-of-field, this can be quite an advantage.

Many photographers ask about distortion, the bending of light rays characteristic of wide-angle lenses. Buildings will begin to "lean" and some subjects may begin to look unreal. But the inherent distortion of wide-angle lenses can be turned into one of your biggest advantages. Selective distortion can be a plus. Strength, drama and impact can be added to your photographs through proper use of distortion.

Creatively used, distortion can emphasize certain parts of a picture and give a photograph an artistic quality no other lens can produce. Sweeping foregrounds and bold subject framing are easi-

ly attainable. And you can deliberately exploit the wide-angle lens' tendency to exaggerate the size of close objects at the expense of distant ones.

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Different angle: Wide-angle lenses can produce unusual perspectives such as this footbridge found by Monte Nagler during a hike in the woods.

Tour slated

Pewabic Pottery will present "Look UP," an architectural tour of downtown Detroit, Saturday, May 6. Fee is \$14 for non-members, \$12 for members. Register by Saturday, April 22. Call (313) 892-0954 for information.

"Look UP" will be a walking guided tour with Melanie Basil, historic tile specialist and director of museum/archives at Pewabic Pottery. Tile, mosaic, terra cotta, sculpture, wrought iron and glass work will be viewed. Early city of Detroit civic planning and the architecture and stylistic changes exhibited downtown will be looked at as well. Participants will receive a packet of materials.

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BUYING/SELLING EXPO
The many aspects of buying and selling a house will be topics of a free expo 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 30 at Livonia Holiday West.

The event is sponsored by the Western Wayne Oakland Association of Realtors, headquartered in Farmington Hills, and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, with offices in Livonia, Plymouth, Farmington, Birmingham and Rochester.

There will be two panel presentations — one for home buyers beginning at noon, the other for home sellers at about 2:30 p.m. Speakers will include an attorney, home inspector, mortgage lender and nationally-known Realtor speaker David Knox.

"We want to provide potential home buyers and home sellers with the information they're going to need to make the buying and selling processes smooth ones," said Chuck Mills, WWOCA president.

Each attendee will receive a packet of materials upon arrival, as well as the opportunity to visit booths of expo participants.

Advanced registration required at (810) 478-1700 during business hours.

CENTURY 21
Several area Century 21 offices have received Centurian Awards for achieving a specific level of production and customer service.

Those include Century 21 Today in Livonia and Redford and Century 21 Hartford South and Century 21 Hartford North, both in Livonia.

Century 21 Castelli in Garden City and Century 21 Row in Livonia were recently acknowledged for outstanding sales performance through inclusion in the Great Lakes President's (Regional) Roundtable.

COULD TO RE/MAX
Bruce Gould, a Plymouth resident, has joined the real estate office of RE/MAX on the trail in that community.

Gould, a Western Michigan University graduate, has earned the professional designation Graduate Realtor Institute issued by the National Association of Realtors for completing a comprehensive series of classes and passing a written exam on all facets of residential real estate.

Before beginning his career in residential real estate, Gould owned a building and development company.

CONDO QUERIES

Q Do you have an opinion as to whether or not a rule barring rentals during the first year of ownership is reasonable?

A I am not aware of any reported cases on that subject in Michigan; however, I believe that a good argument could be made that it is

reasonable and, indeed, such a rule was upheld by a Florida Court, which upheld the association's right to pass a rule that precluded an owner, if his unit was being rented, from allowing a new buyer to extend the lease agreement with the tenant.

Q I am a new owner of a piece of property. I am aware that sooner or later, I will need the services of an attorney who will help with landlord-tenant problems. I

understand that I will have to pay charges to an attorney on a flat fee or an hourly basis. However, I can't afford to pay an exorbitant fee for every simple matter. Is there a source, a state referral bureau, or even a brand new student lawyer, who may perform the services for a smaller fee?

A It is suggested that you contact the lawyer referral service of the bar association that has jurisdiction in your area. For example, you may contact in the metropolitan Detroit area, the Oakland County Bar Association Lawyer Referral, the Detroit Bar Association Lawyer Referral or the Macomb County Bar Association Lawyer Referral. I suggest that you may also wish to contact the State Bar of Michigan in Lansing for any further suggestions they may have in regard to lawyer referrals.

Q We are thinking about buying a condominium for an invest-

ment in the Aspen area. Do you have any suggestions in terms of what we should be looking for in terms of our investment?

A Buying a condominium as a recreational facility may or may not be a good investment. Generally speaking in talking with Realtors, you will find that you will not receive a large cash flow, although depending upon the region in which you purchase a condominium, there may be likelihood for your unit. However, in such places as Aspen, the cost of buying a unit may be cost prohibitive and may have already peaked. In places like Telluride, however, where the area is still under substantial development and is relatively unknown, the opportunity for capital appreciation may be greater, although not obviously necessarily guaranteed.

In any event, wherever you buy a condominium, you should utilize the same strategies of protection that

anyone needs to utilize in buying a condominium, i.e., understand the condominium documents, know your developer or the condominium project, as the case may be, and understand your responsibilities and particularly the restrictions of the condominium project. In the case of a recreational condominium, also be extremely familiar with the methodology by which the condominium will be managed in the absence of an on-site board of directors.

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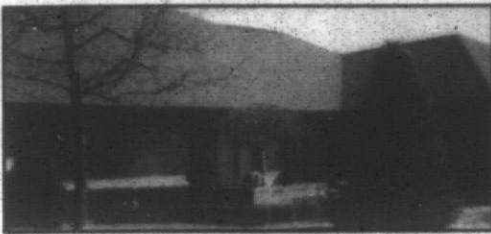
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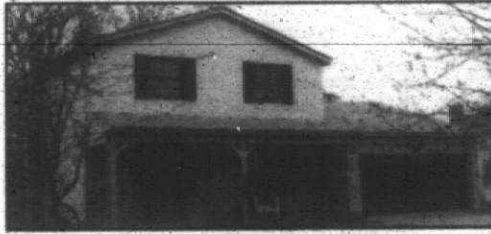
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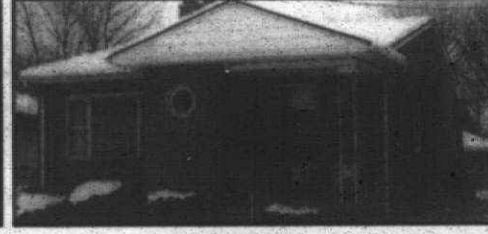
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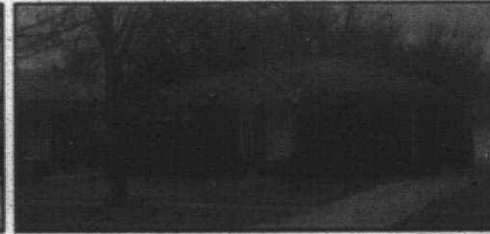
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James M. Quinn of Livonia joined First of America Bank-Michigan as vice president-commercial lender III. Quinn had been business development officer for Ford Financial Services Group-Ford Motor Credit and U.S.L. Capital and was employed there for 25 years.



Quinn

James Miesowicz of Plymouth, formerly of Livonia, was promoted to a manager in the tax department in the Detroit office of Deloitte & Touche. Miesowicz joined Deloitte & Touche in 1989 and works primarily in international taxation.



Miesowicz

Bruce Gould of Plymouth joined the real estate office of RE/MAX on the trail in Plymouth. Gould had been affiliated with the Michigan Group in Plymouth. Before beginning his career in residential real estate sales, Gould was the president and owner of Gould Homes Inc.



Gould

Jared Sparr was named Young Person of the Year by the Michigan Floral Association at its 75th annual convention and trade show. Sparr is vice president of Sparr's Flowers & Greenhouses in Plymouth. He has been designing for 10 years.



Sparr

Robert J. Michelotti of Birmingham joined Detroit-based Roney & Co. as director of branches and sales. Michelotti had been associate group president and executive vice president of the Great Atlantic Group at Smith Barney. He will be responsible for offices in three states.



Michelotti

John Seger of Troy was promoted to director of engineering at PW & Associates in Beverly Hills. Seger has been with PW for 27 years, starting as a project engineer.



Seger

Brian M. Connolly of Farmington Hills was named president — and chief executive officer of Mission Health, a new multi-hospital corporation. Connolly joined Providence Hospital in Southfield in 1984 and was named president and chief operating officer of Providence in 1986.

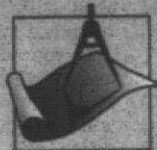


Connolly

Condos feature suites on 1st floor

■ A builder who completed one condominium community in Westland is back for another project. The subdivision is located near recreational facilities and shopping. Prices start at \$112,900.

By DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER



A successful condominium development at Quail Run in Westland has prompted R&R Development to try another — Ravencrest — on Newburgh between Ford and Cherry Hill.

The project consists of 76 units, two or four units to a building, on 14 acres. Prices range from \$112,900 to \$129,900. Models are expected to rise by late June, but a sales center is open on site now.

"The thing we stressed is every single unit has a master suite on the first floor," said Randy Morris, president of R&R Development.

A couple of different kinds of buyers will be drawn to the subdivision, said Gene Prandine, sales/marketing director.

"Empty-nesters coming out of homes looking for a place where everything is taken care of, basically units with easy upkeep with the master suite downstairs."

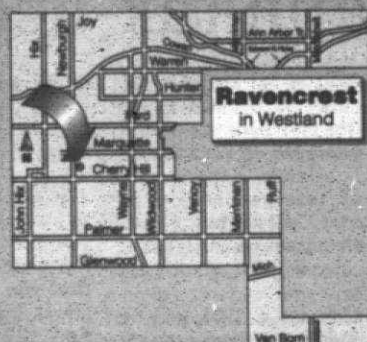
"It's attractive to young professionals as well. Prices are modest enough to accommodate younger people who are in the marketplace with good jobs," he said.

Location was cited as a big plus. "The civic center is right down the road," Morris said.

"And a senior citizen center almost across the street," Prandine added. "We're very close to major



Kestrel: This model at Ravencrest features the master suite on the main level and a second bedroom and full bath upstairs.



shopping, restaurants. Proximity to expressways. Everything is very close by."

Three floor plans are available. Attached, two-car garage, first-floor laundry, basement and air conditioning plus range and dishwasher in kitchens are standard in all.

Fireplaces and decks are optional features.

The Ravenwood, a 1,250-square-foot ranch, has two bedrooms and two full baths.

The master, accentuated by a cathedral ceiling, offers a shower, vanity with dressing/make-up application area and walk-in closet.

The Ravenwood also features a kitchen/eating nook and dining room that flows into a living room.

"I like it because it's so open and airy," Prandine said. "The staircase downstairs doesn't make you feel like you're going into a basement but a lower level."

The base price is \$112,900. The Kestrel, 1,300 square feet,

is a story-and-a-half with the master on the first level and the second bedroom and a full bath upstairs.

This plan features a combination living room/dining room of about 16-by-19 feet, kitchen/eating nook and a half-bath on the first floor.

"We consider this one to have two masters suites, one up and one down," Morris said.

The upstairs stairwell set off by a large window on the second floor and the open foyer at the front door is especially impressive, he added.

The base price is \$114,900.

The Hawkshire, a story-and-a-half of about 1,450 square feet, places the master on the main floor, two bedrooms and a full bath on the second floor.

The main level also showcases the kitchen/eating nook, dining room and a living room with a sloped ceiling.

The laundry here is a separate room, not a walk through from the garage like the other two plans, Morris said.

"It (this plan) has an exciting, open foyer," Prandine said. "You can see the living room and dining room from the upper-level bridge."

The base price is \$129,900.

"I think variety of design and freshness of design stand out for us," Prandine said. "We continue to improve as we build. We think most are as perfect as can be while we keep the price down in the affordable range."

Exteriors are brick and vinyl siding.

Ravencrest is serviced by city

water and sewers. It's in the Wayne-Westland school district.

The annual property tax rate for municipal, county and school services for Ravencrest is about \$33.50 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value.

That means the owners of a \$114,900 unit in Ravencrest would pay about \$1,925 in taxes. The monthly maintenance fee is \$79.

Natalie and Bill Thurmond will move from a ranch in Redford to the ranch model in Ravencrest.

"We wanted it all on one floor," Natalie said. "We wanted a larger basement which the (Ravencrest) ranch has. Two bathrooms is nice. My husband wanted to get away from yard work."

"Condos and new construction, I think, will go up (in value) faster than our house," Natalie Thurmond said. "We think now is the prime time to get equity out."

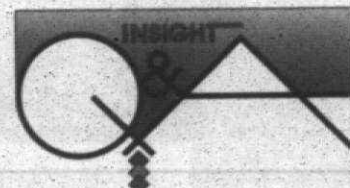
Steven Stahlberger and fiancée Susan Burger also were attracted by the ranch.

"It seemed like a nice unit, all on one level with a good-size basement, nice extra space to finish later on," Stahlberger said. "It seemed like a nice layout with a little breakfast area off the kitchen separate from the dining area."

Stahlberger said his concern with the property backing up to Westland's DPW yard was alleviated by a sales rep who said the area would be bermed and fenced.

The sales office at Ravencrest (313) 722-8769 is open 1-6 p.m. daily, closed Thursdays.

Family still operates major household mover



By DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Paul A. Corrigan, president of Corrigan Moving Systems and a Franklin resident, understates the complexity of the family business with the simple description, "We're really packaging engineers."

The company, headquartered in Farmington Hills, was started by Paul's father, Frank, in 1929. Paul's sons David, a Saline resident, and Michael, Farmington Hills, play key roles in the company's success as vice presidents.

David and Paul both have served as president of the Michigan Movers and Warehousemen's Association. Both shared the association's mover of the year designation in 1994 for service to the industry.

Following are edited excerpts from a recent interview with the Corrigan family.

How wide-ranging is your business?

Paul: Forty-some million (annually).

David: Total revenue.

Michael: Household goods is our mainstay.

Paul: Probably 80 percent.

David: Of that 80 percent, 70 percent is national accounts: A GM or Chrysler will move someone and the company will pay. The other 30 percent, people pay for themselves or the company will pay on a one-time basis.

Our niche is long-distance moving of household goods. Executives refer



SHARON LEMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Corrigan movers: The Corrigan Family has been involved in the moving business for more than six decades. Caretakers today include brothers Michael and David flanking their father, Paul.

us. We keep moving the same people again and again all over the country.

What about assets?

David: We own all the trailers and a vast majority of tractors.

Paul: At every location (10), we have a warehouse. I would say \$20 million to \$25 million in assets.

David: People who work for us give us great ideas. We latch on to them.

Paul: We probably have about 400 employees.

David: In summer, when business rises, we hire a lot of college students to help out.

Michael: Both on trucks and in the office.

How competitive is your busi-

ness with other movers and do-it-yourself rental companies?

Michael: It's extremely competitive. With so many people (movers) in the market, they keep raising discounts so we make less money.

Paul: When you lose one big one, there are three small ones starting up. Competition is what keeps margins low. Our goal is to make 5 percent before taxes.

David: There's not room for error. If you don't put money back into it or make bad decisions, you don't rebound.

How do you stand out?

Paul: Operations. Good drivers. Good quality people, personable peo-

ple to deal with customers.

David: I guess it's always little things that make a difference.

Fine furniture, for example, is covered with pads. Pads get dirty.

We bought a laundry facility to wash and clean our pads. It's in our Dearborn facility. We didn't want to put a pad around fine furniture that had been wrapped around a lawnmower.

What is your biggest challenge today?

Michael: Keeping good road drivers here has been a recent problem. They work on a percentage basis and when we get squeezed, they get squeezed. You don't lose drivers to the competition. They get delivery jobs with other kinds of companies, get out of the business.

Paul: Two things I'm afraid of — fire in a warehouse and losing a national account. We lose national accounts today because people out-discount us.

How did Corrigan Moving Systems get started?

Paul: My father was a lumberjack and when he heard about Ford paying \$5 a day, he took his wife to Dearborn (from Quebec) to work in the factory.

Working 40 hours a week wasn't enough for him. He got a truck and started delivering ice to houses. He got another truck and finally had to quit Ford because he was too busy delivering ice.

The Depression was then. People said, "Frank, I can't pay my rent. I have to move." He said, "This weekend I'll move you." He hired neighbors to help with moving.

People paid with change. I had a little red wagon and took it to the

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