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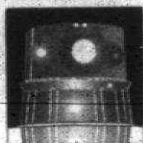
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Off the hook: Police 'lose' 911 recording

■ Canton police say they inadvertently erased a disc containing recorded 911 calls, including one which was the subject of a complaint by a local resident.



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Days worth of 911 calls - including one that drew a resident complaint - were accidentally erased by Canton police. According to Capt. Alex Wilson, a recording of a March 24 emergency call made by township resident Kim Mandry was erased. She claims that a 911 dispatcher treated her rudely and unprofessionally.

The error, Wilson said, was made by a second dispatcher attempting to make a copy of the recording. The captain said it was an honest mistake.

"We go under the philosophy that we do our best to hire good employees," said Wilson. "But even good employees make mistakes."

Mandry was dismayed at the blunder. "I think it's careless," she said.

Larry Stidham, a salesman with Van Belkum Voice and Data Services, a Grand Rapids firm that sold and services the department's recording equipment, said such a mistake is unlikely.

Typically, employees new to the "TEAC" recording system receive a



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Concerned: Kim Mandry says she was treated poorly by a Canton police dispatcher when she called on March 24 to have police check on her mother, a custodian at Walker School.

few hours of training, he said. Within days, Stidham said most users are comfortable operating the system.

"It's nothing that's going to take months to learn," he added.

On March 30, the Observer made a formal request with Canton police to listen to Mandry's 911 call under Michigan's Freedom of Information Act.

The Observer was unable to hear the call, however. Wilson said the recording was accidentally erased in attempting to make a copy for the newspaper.

Recording calls

The TEAC system uses units similar to compact discs to record two to three days worth of 911 calls.

These discs are used on a rotating basis every 30 days unless they are marked into evidence, said Wilson. In order to reuse discs, they are reformatted in much the same way a floppy disk is for a computer.

In erasing the disc, Wilson said the second dispatcher inadvertently reformatted it.

"We lost everything on it," he

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Canton to see \$8 million in roadwork

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Canton drivers may soon wonder if 13 really is a lucky number.

That's how many road projects Wayne County will have going this spring and summer. While it's sure to mean delays in getting around the township, some see the improvements as key.

"It will hurt business," said Mobil Gas Station owner Nick Mosallum. "But you can't stop progress. If it's got to be done, it's got to be done. We're willing to bite the bullet."

His shop sits on the southwest corner of the Cherry Hill and Lilley Road intersection. Cherry Hill will be improved to five lanes and Lilley to three.

Mosallum thinks any short-term financial setbacks will be more than made up over the long haul.

"This is a beautiful location," he said. "We want to grow with Canton."

Standard Federal Bank Branch Manager James Parten thinks the improvements will increase safety. He has seen several accidents at the intersection since arriving in Canton a few years ago.

"I think it's a good idea," Parten said, "especially a left turn light. As it is, people fly through the intersection in both directions."

Besides the intersection widening, a dozen projects are planned.

Half of those will be resurfacings with the largest project being Belleville Road. It'll be redone from Van Born to Michigan Avenue, a total of 1.6 miles.

The most costly project, \$3.1 million, will be a one-mile extension of Morton Taylor Road from Warren to Ford. In all, Wayne County is slated to spend \$7.97 million on Canton roads this year.

County Roads spokesman John Roach said the township has received its fair share of funds from the county in recent years.

"Canton is in the top two or three communities countywide in what we've spent over the last five to 10 years," he added.

Since 1987, in fact, Wayne County has spent \$30 million in the township, Roach said. Some of those funds came from bond money the county raised for its "Partnership '98" project.

Under the program, the county picks up 80 percent of a project's cost while the local municipality gets the other 20 percent.

Beck Road will be improved using the program. It will go from gravel to pavement from Cherry Hill to Ford Road.

It's the only Partnership '98 road project this year, said Roach.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack is pleased with the county's level of support.

"If they want to give us \$8 million every year," he said, "we'll take it. We love it."

Yack is a bit skeptical that the county will be able to meet all of its own construction timelines, however.

"I think it's probably not likely that will be completed," he said.

The supervisor sees major road prob-

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Canton's road construction update



Paving/New road

■ Beck Road will be paved from Cherry Hill Road north to Ford. The township is currently working to acquire rights of way from property owners. Current plans call for a mid to late summer start with completion by the end of the year.

■ Morton Taylor Road will be extended from Ford to Warren. A new road bridge over Willow Creek will be included. A start date isn't confirmed yet, but the county would like to start work by September. Construction will last for two to three months.

Widenings

■ Cherry Hill Road will be widened to five lanes at the intersection of Lilley Road. Lilley will go from two to three lanes at the same intersection. Construction will begin in August and be completed in October.

■ Haggerty Road will be widened to five lanes from Warren to Ford. Construction will begin in August and last through the end of the year.

Resurfacings

■ Belleville Road will be resurfaced from Van Born to Michigan Avenue.

■ Canton Center will be resurfaced from Geddes to Palmer.

■ Geddes will be resurfaced from Beck to Sheldon.

■ Joy Road will be resurfaced from a half-mile east of Haggerty Road to the township border with Livonia.

■ Sheldon Road will be resurfaced just north of Ford Road to just south of Warren Road.

All resurfacing projects will begin in mid May and be completed by September.

Bridge work

■ A new bridge will be built over the Lower Rouge River on Canton Center. Construction will begin in late fall or early winter and take four to six months to complete. The road will be closed during construction.

■ A new bridge will be constructed over the Fowler Drain on Geddes Road. Work will begin in late fall or early winter and take three months to complete. The road will be closed during construction.

Source: Canton Township Engineering Department

High school student dies after fall from vehicle

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A Plymouth Canton High School senior died early Wednesday morning at The University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor from injuries sustained after falling out of a moving vehicle last Friday evening.

According to Plymouth Township Police Department reports, Plymouth Township resident Ryan Watt, 17, had just left home near Powell and Ridge roads with a few of his friends and was riding in the front passenger seat of the vehicle.

Apparently, he made a statement to the other occupants in the vehicle that he had forgotten something at home. Watt then removed his seat belt and opened the passenger door, putting his

foot out of the vehicle, which was moving at approximately 25 mph, the posted speed limit, said police.

"My son had an extremely good day and we were just back from a trip," said David Watt, the victim's father. "He was very anxious to go out with his friends that day."

As to what actually happened during the accident that caused his son's death, David Watt said he was only aware of what was in the police report.

Officers responded to the scene of the accident, knowing only that a teenage boy was "bleeding from the head and turning blue." Upon their arrival, Watt reportedly showed no signs of life.

Fire rescue workers, who arrived a short time later, revived Watt at the scene. He was taken to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and air-lifted to U-M,

according to police.

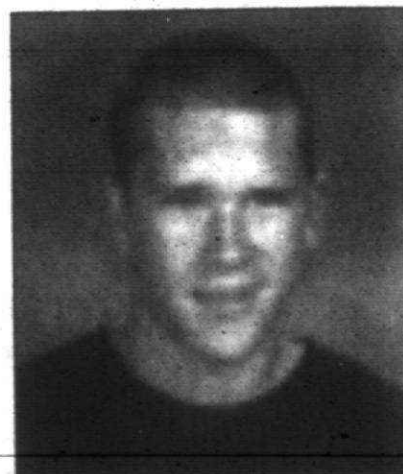
"(The officers) didn't know until they were close to the scene that he had fallen out of a moving car," said Officer Jamie Senkbeil of the Plymouth Township Police Department.

There was no involvement of alcohol in the accident, according to reports.

Preliminary investigations lead police to believe that, upon Watt's foot making contact with the street, he was accidentally pulled from the vehicle.

"It wasn't a teen dare as far as we know," said Senkbeil. "Right now, we're going to say that it was just a very unfortunate accident. We're assuming that the friction (from the contact with the street) grabbed a hold of his foot and pulled him out of the vehicle."

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Ryan Watt

Police pursuing tips in abduction attempt

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Canton police are still searching for a man who tried to lure a 14-year-old Canton Township girl into his truck April 1.

Police have received and are following up on 50-60 tips since the incident. Sgt. Charles Raycraft said a suspect has not been identified, however.

"We're still investigating," he added.

The girl, an eighth-grader at East Middle School in Plymouth, narrowly avoided being abducted, according to police.

A man, whom police described as younger and clean-shaven, drove up to the girl in a light blue Ford pickup truck shortly after 7 a.m.

The girl was standing at her bus stop when he approached.



Wanted: A Canton police composite of the man wanted for questioning.

The man first asked her where she was going and eventually

asked her to get into the truck. She refused. He kept asking and got louder and more assertive each time.

After a few moments, the girl ran home. Police were later called by her parents.

Raycraft said she did exactly the right thing. He had advice for children in the same situation.

"Don't approach any vehicle that has somebody you don't know inside," Raycraft said. "Stay as far enough away that you can run away if you have to."

Police are looking for a small, light blue truck with right front end damage.

No similar abduction attempts have been made in Canton since the incident, Raycraft added.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 397-5318.

Family interrupts vacation to search for missing dog

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More than a week after Murphy jumped a fence and ran away from her dog sitter's house in south Livonia, Debbie and Michael Honsowetz still believe the young golden retriever mix will somehow find her way to her own backyard in Canton Township.

If Murphy doesn't make it home, it won't be because the Honsowetzes haven't tried.

After only two days on the slopes, the couple cut short their skiing vacation in Banff, Canada, when Murphy's dog sitter, a Livonia resident, phoned to say the dog jumped a fence near Hillcrest and Merriman roads Monday and disappeared.

By Tuesday, the couple was back in their Canton home, spending the rest of their one-week vacation organizing a rescue effort.

They listed Murphy on local lost-dog Web site www.petzn-jam.com; distributed about 3,000 flyers in the Livonia-Westland-Canton area; phoned local police departments daily; walked countless neighborhoods; put a lost-dog ad in the Observer newspapers; and followed up on every Murphy-sighting tip they received.

On Monday, now back at work, they still hadn't found their best friend and beloved golden retriever.



Lost: Murphy, a timid golden retriever mix, has been spotted wandering in nearby suburbs after jumping the fence at a Livonia home where she was staying while the Honsowetzes were on a ski trip.

"Based on the sightings, we think she is trying to get from Livonia to Canton," Debbie Honsowetz, who manages Canton's Summit on the Park, said.

"We're talking to everyone, mail carriers, paper boys, children. We've spent hours every day trying to find her."

One sighting had Murphy swimming across Newburgh Lake. Another had her in the Joy-Hix area. Two sightings Sunday put her in the Cherry Hill-Newburgh and Lilley and Warren areas.

The couple got Murphy, a 2 1/2-year-old female retriever mix, from the Michigan Humane

Society about 18 months ago. She is friendly, but timid and most likely now thoroughly frightened.

"She's not just a dog but a family member," Debbie Honsowetz said. "We're desperate to have her back."

Murphy wears a medium blue collar imprinted with yellow and white flowers. She wears two tags, her Canton Township registration and a bone tag listing the family's address and phone number.

The family can be reached at (734) 397-8128 (home) and (734) 417-0505 (cell phone).

CLARIFICATION

The headline and captions on photographs that appeared in Sunday's Canton Observer should have identified the park at Sheldon and Palmer roads as Freedom Park.

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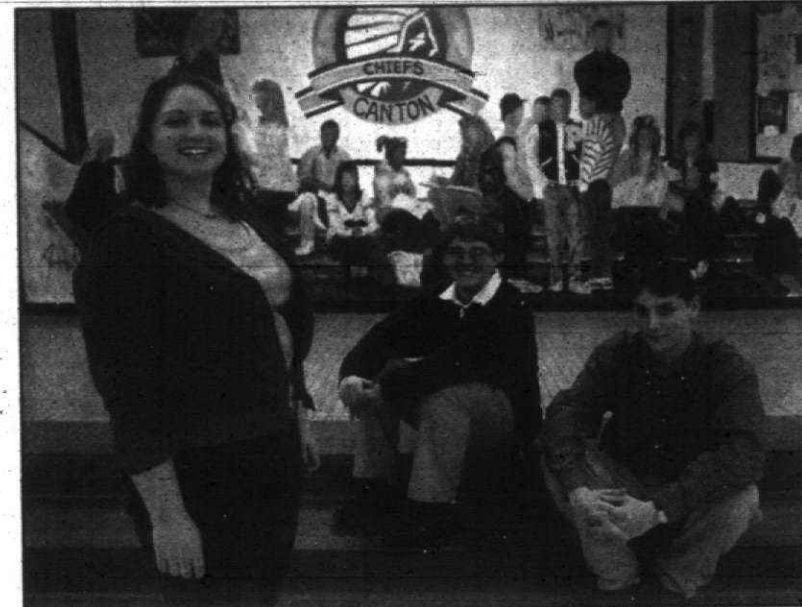
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Students honored for top essays in annual Civitan competition

Patricia Cauchi of Canton won first place in the 1998-99 Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club Essay Contest. The topic of the essay contest was "Paths to a Healthier America." Cauchi's essay was entitled "Lifting Weights: A Girl's Journey." She attends Canton High School. First-place honors netted Cauchi a \$300 prize.

Second-place winner was Mike Darling of Canton, who attends Salem High School. He won \$200. Third-place honors went to Matt Taylor of Plymouth, who attends Canton High School. He was awarded \$100.

Honorable mention essayists were Melanie Rafalski of Canton, Dan Pilon of Plymouth and Leslie Babich of Canton. Each won \$10 gift certificates.



Winners: Patricia Cauchi of Canton, 17, (from left) Mike Darling of Canton, 17, and Matt Taylor of Plymouth, 17, sit in front of a mural in "the pit" at Plymouth-Canton High School Monday.

High school hockey set for fall

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Ice hockey is now a varsity sport at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools.

Booster club members got what they wanted, two pay-for-play hockey teams to begin play next season after approval by the Board of Education Tuesday night.

However, despite assurances the teams would be coed, the resolution passed by trustees included a directive to the administration to develop a girls' pay-for-play sport in the 2000-2001 school year.

"I'm not happy with a coed hockey program. I believe it does a disservice to the young women of this school district," said trustee Roland Thomas, who introduced the resolution. "I want to see a pay-to-play girls sport. I don't care if it's hockey, or bowling, or some other sport we don't currently have. We owe it to the young women of this

community."

Booster club members weren't taken, aback by the motion. In their original proposal to the school board, the organizers said they planned to develop a girls' hockey team after next season, if the demand existed.

"We already have people committed to help us... find out if there are more girls we can bring into this program," said Kathy Lash, interim president of the Plymouth Canton/Plymouth Salem Ice Hockey Team Boosters. "This will give us a year to find out if this is the sport of choice for girls. Maybe they want figure skating, or water polo. We need to talk to them and find out what they want."

Plymouth-Canton Schools Athletic Director Brian Wolcott said it will be his responsibility to find out what the girls sport will be.

"We're going to study the issue, but I still think there is interest in ice hockey for girls," said Wolcott. "My duty is to find

out where the interest is for the female athlete. We have a great track record of being fair and equitable in sports."

Terry Chen of Canton spoke out against having a coed hockey team, favoring instead equal opportunity for the female athlete.

"I think you have an obligation to go out and find these kids, so if you start a boys program you can start a girls program," said Chen. "I think when we add a sport, they should be added concurrently."

Lash and Chen, in discussion after the board vote, pledged to work together in developing a girls hockey team.

Meanwhile, the booster club is holding an executive board meeting 6 p.m. Sunday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

"We'll be discussing raising money, including corporate sponsors, as the first steps in moving forward," said Lash. "Anyone who wants to help is invited to the meeting."

Accident from page A1

Each of Watt's three friends were interviewed separately at the scene of the accident.

"They said they've done that in the past (opening the car door while the vehicle was moving)," said Plymouth Township Police Detective Dave Hayes, who works as an officer at the high school campus.

"They said he was in a good mood and he was happy. They don't know if he was fooling around or not."

Police said that they found no reason to believe foul play was involved in the accident.

"At this point in the investigation, it doesn't look like there is any negligence on the part of the driver," he said. "Obviously that could change but it looks like there's nothing he could do to stop it from happening."

Hayes said that this type of accident appears to be an isolated incident rather than the result of a new form of "teen dare."

"We haven't had any similar incidents like this," he said. "It doesn't appear like this is a trend. It just seems like it's

going to be an unfortunate accident."

According to Plymouth Canton High School principal Patricia Patton, grief counselors will be brought in to help students deal with Watt's death.

Police, who would not release a copy of the incident report on Wednesday, have asked that anyone who witnessed the accident or knows anything regarding the accident call the Plymouth Township Police Department at (734) 453-3869.

Visitation for Watt will be held at 4 p.m. Friday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, followed by a memorial service at 8 p.m. He was a youth group member at OLC.

He is survived by his parents, David Anthony and Carole Kunkel Watt; Kathy Siler, a sister from Indianapolis, Ind.; Nancy Miller, a sister from Indianapolis; and a brother, David Watt of Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions can be made to Our Lady of Good Counsel. Funeral services and burial will take place in Indianapolis.

Name change still generates debate

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It used to be the Plymouth Canton Junior Baseball League. Now it's the Canton Junior Baseball and Softball League and talks have swirled in regards to forming a separate "Plymouth only" little league, breaking away from the original league that has lasted more than 30 years.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, along with Jim Anulewicz, the township's director of public services, discussed the issue at an April 6 study session but decided to take no action... for now.

"That organization, except for the name change, is the same organization that has done a considerable amount of work and paid a lot of money in the past," said Anulewicz.

Anulewicz also told the board the idea of charging a non-resident fee by Canton was tossed around during winter meetings.

"When we started about six or eight months ago, there was no question and Supervisor Yack told me point-blank that there was going to be a fee charged to Plymouth residents," he said. "The current leadership in the new Canton junior baseball

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league stood up and said 'that's not what we're about and that's not fair because of all the support and cooperation that we've had from people in Plymouth for all of these years.'

Anulewicz said that the non-resident fee tossed around was nearly \$200 per player as opposed to a \$90 resident fee for Canton players. Currently all players pay the same amount regardless of residency.

"That figure was tossed out a while ago but that is not a factor at this stage," added Anulewicz. "I guess the key factor is that, as long as there is no differentiation between a Canton player and a Plymouth player, the board will continue with the current situation."

David Winter, who has been involved in junior baseball in the Plymouth-Canton area since the mid-1980's, doesn't think the current system will last and that politics will eventually get in the way.

"It's gotten political and I believe that within a few years Canton will have their own league and Plymouth and Plymouth Township will have nothing," he said.

Four seeking school board seats in June

PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS

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Two Plymouth-Canton Board of Education trustees will be challenged for their seats in the June 14 school board election.

Incumbents Mike Maloney and Carrie Blamer, both of Plymouth Township, are running for their second four-year terms on the board. They will be challenged by Mark Slavens and Steve Guile, both Canton residents.

The two highest vote-getters will be declared the winners. School district residents had until 4 p.m. Monday to turn in petitions to run for the two open seats. Any candidate who wants to withdraw has until 4 p.m. today

to notify school election officials.

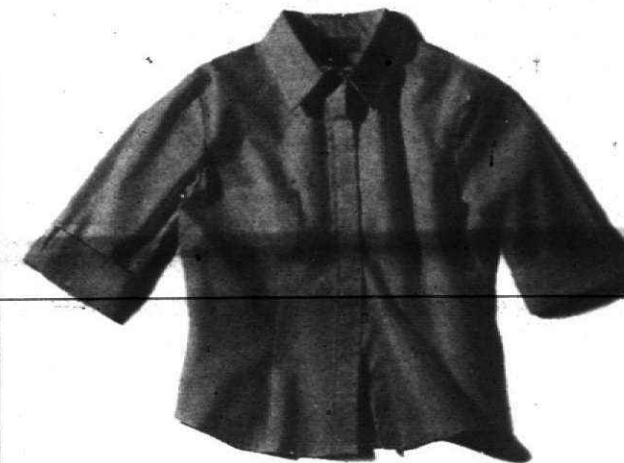
School board elections aren't generally well attended by voters in the district. In fact, last year only 2,705 people voted in the school board election, less than 5 percent of the approximately 68,000 registered voters in the Plymouth-Canton district.

In order to cast a ballot, voters must be registered by May 17 at the Michigan Secretary of State office, or the clerk's office in the municipality where you reside.

Anyone with questions concerning the June 14 election, including those related to absentee ballots, can call Elections Clerk Liz Adams at 416-3095.

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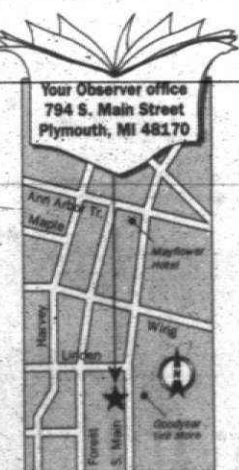
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Report: Man exposes self

A man indecently exposed himself to two Canton girls Saturday, according to township police reports.

The girls, ages 11 and 12, were across a field near Morton Taylor Road when the incident occurred at about 6 p.m. The man, who was described by the children as about 5 feet 10 inches tall, with brown eyes and balding, told them to stop and turn around.

Reports said they did at which time the man exposed himself. The girls ran away from the man toward Morton Taylor without further incident.

Felonious driving

A 17-year-old Canton man was the victim of felonious driving late Friday night. Reports said he was exiting Meijer on Ford Road when he spotted a classmate leaving Taco Bell across the road. The two exchanged obscene gestures and then continued eastbound on Ford.

The 17-year-old stopped for a

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red light at Lilley Road with the second teen stopping directly behind him. Reports said the second teen, who was driving a Dodge Dakota pickup, then bumped the victim's car.

The 17-year-old got out of the vehicle to inspect for damage. Reports said the second teen knocked him down by using his truck to hit his knee. He then drove off.

Police reports noted no damage to the 17-year-old's vehicle. But swelling around his knee was observed.

Road rage

A 41-year-old Canton man was the victim of road rage Friday.

Both he and a second driver were northbound on I-275 near Ford Road when the incident occurred at about 11:30 a.m., reports said. After a brief argument, a man driving a 1995 Chrysler Cirrus threw an unknown object at the 41-year-

old's vehicle. Reports said it broke his windshield.

No injuries were reported.

Tires slashed

Four incidents of slashed car tires were reported to Canton police Saturday.

Each came from Fair Oaks Street, which is located between Canton Center and Sheldon roads near Salts. About \$900 total damage was reported.

One of the victims, a 46-year-old Canton man, had four tires slashed on three separate vehicles. The other three incidents involved a single tire on separate vehicles.

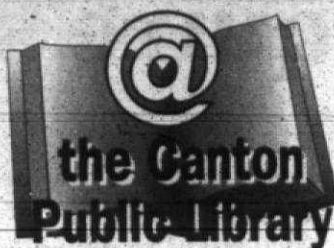
Each of the slashings is thought to have occurred between about 2 and 8 a.m. Saturday morning.

Police have no suspects.

Home invasion

Nearly \$3,000 worth of equipment was reported stolen from a Canton resident in the 7000 block of Foxhorn Saturday.

Police have no suspects.



James Jones
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■ The first franchise McDonald's was opened in Des Plaines, Ill., on April 15, 1955. By the mid-1990s, there were more than 15,000 McDonald's restaurants in 70 countries.

■ April 15 also marks the anniversary of the sinking of the "unsinkable" luxury liner Titanic. The Titanic struck an iceberg on its maiden voyage in 1912.

■ The first pair of roller skates was built by a Belgian musical instrument maker, Joseph Merlin, in 1759?

Magazines for kids

Here are some magazines for young readers available from the Canton Public Library:

■ Baby Bug

■ Children's Digest

■ Chirp

■ Click

Fiction for star-crossed lovers

Here are some selections available at the library:

■ "From Here to Eternity" by

The source for this information is "Extraordinary Origins of Everyday Things."

For your listening pleasure

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

■ "River's End" - Roberts

■ "Seize the Night" - Koontz

■ "While Other People Sleep" - Muller

■ "The Wild Baron" - Coulter

■ "Prime Cut" - Davidson

Hot topic of the week

■ Sugarloaf's Spring Art Fair, April 16-18 at the Novi Expo Center. This show, now in its fifth year, features 300 nationally recognized craft designers and fine artists displaying and selling their original creations. There will be craft demonstrations, hourly gift certificate drawings, children's entertainment and more.

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Hearing examines plan to cover Westland landfill

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A former Nankin Township landfill contains groundwater contaminated by barium.

The Westland landfill would be covered by soil and a liner, but the barium will not be removed, according to a remedial action plan completed by a consultant for Wayne County and Crestwood Development Co., the co-owners of the 17-acre site. The landfill is about 12 acres.

A hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. today at the Bailey Center,

36651 Ford Road, Westland, by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality on the plan to cover the landfill. The MDEQ will accept public comments through May 3, then decide on whether to approve the plan or amend it with changes.

Located approximately 1,200 feet northeast of the intersection of Newburgh and Warren Road, the site consists of undeveloped land, covered by grass and trees.

The site is bordered on the north and west by Tonquish Creek and the Holiday Nature

Preserve, while on the south and east the residential multi-family housing units. A security fence restricts site access. Small amounts of municipal waste are evident on the surface of the site.

Consultants ARCADIS, Geraghty & Miller Inc. of Novi believe a "mixing zone" area for the barium adjacent to Tonquish Creek meets MDEQ criteria, as the consultants used engineering formulas and a study of soils and potential discharge to evaluate the zone. Consultants have requested the MDEQ surface

water quality division reaffirm the consultants' analysis. Open grass and forested barriers are proposed for the site's western portion.

Grass barrier

The grass barrier will consist of a geosynthetic fabric covered by 12 inches of soil material, then covered by 3 inches of topsoil and seeded with grass. The barrier is designed to allow tree growth and achieve an effective exposure barrier, covered by 6 inches of topsoil and seeded with grass.

An erosion barrier will be installed along approximately 1,900 feet of Tonquish Creek, which will require a reshaping and grading of the creek bank. Any fill material removed from the creek bank area will be moved back into the fill area to be covered by the exposure barrier.

Five years ago the site was considered an environmental "hot spot" and cleaned up by the Environmental Protection Agency. In June 1994, the MDEQ completed fieldwork at the site, and

found arsenic, barium, cadmium, copper, mercury, zinc and toluene dissolved concentrations in groundwater exceed the MDEQ groundwater/surface-water interface or generic cleanup criteria. Surface soil and sediment samples showed arsenic and lead concentrations that exceeded the MDEQ's direct contact standards.

Between November 1994 and February 1995, the EPA removed 5,009 tons of waste including 800 cubic yards of

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GOP dinner set

The Wayne County Republican Committee will host its fourth annual Eisenhower Day Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28 in St. Mary Cultural Center, Livonia.

State Sen. Majority Leader Dan De Grow will be the keynote speaker. He will provide a legislative update and discuss the GOP agenda.

Cost is \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. For tickets call Margy Van Houten at (313) 278-4419 or Donald Knapp at (734) 522-8293.

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Four candidates in race for Schoolcraft board

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Voters in the Schoolcraft College district will pick two out of four candidates June 14 to serve six-year terms on the college's Board of Trustees.

Two current trustees and two other residents of the college district filed before a 4 p.m. deadline Monday to officially declare their candidacies.

Patricia Watson of Northville, current board president, will seek re-election, while Greg Stempien, a Northville resident who was appointed by trustees last year to fill a vacancy on the board, will run in his first election.

Michael Novak of Westland and Richard Reaume of Plymouth Township also filed petitions.

The college district includes the school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi school districts. Novak resides in the Livonia school district, so he is eligible to run.

Trustees do not receive compensation. They oversee an annual budget that exceeds \$43 million.

Here is a summary of each candidate:

Novak

Novak is a Livonia police officer and an assistant coordinator with the police academy at the Schoolcraft's Radcliff Center in Garden City. As coordinator, he is responsible for a 40-hour block of training of academy students in traffic-related and nighttime stops, and felony arrests.

Last year he was elected by Livonia police officers and firefighters to represent them as one of five members on the city of Livonia's Pension Board, which has a fund about four times that of Schoolcraft's budget, Novak said.

His contact with Radcliff students and administrators had helped him form a dialogue with them, which he believes will help him on the board if he is elected. Job fairs help inform residents about the programs, Novak said.

"I would like to see more (college) involvement with the local communities and bring the possibilities of jobs to communities," Novak said.

Novak said he is concerned about the financial burdens of a college education for local students. "I'd like us to keep tuition costs where they are," Novak said. He would like to see more satellite programs explored by the college.

Novak has a bachelor of science degree from Madonna University.

Last year Novak applied for the vacancy that Stempien eventually received.

Stempien

Stempien was appointed by trustees in January 1998 to the college's board of trustees to fill a vacancy left by John Walsh, who resigned after he won election to the Livonia City Council.

Prior to his board selection, Stempien told trustees he believed a trustee should work for a consensus, which he has experienced in resolving legal disputes as a mediator and an arbitrator.

At that time, Stempien said maintaining academic quality should be a top priority of the board, and the board should continue to improve programs.

Stempien obtained a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 1966. In 1971, he received his juris doctorate from Detroit College of Law.

Stempien's law office is located in Livonia. He was a co-founder and president of the University of Michigan Club of Northville, a member of the Rotary Club and co-chair of the Fourth of July

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Murray was careful not to force the inspection requirement on the communities but also wanted them to know that they were on their own with the DEQ - and ultimately Feikens and the EPA - without Wayne County's program.

"If you do not exercise this option, you would have to start your own program and submit it to the state for their approval," Murray said. Murray encouraged the CWW communities to send representatives and attorneys to Friday's meeting in case they had questions. None of the CWW board members opposed it at last week's meeting.

On April 1, Wayne County commissioners approved grants for the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project. A \$42,000 grant was earmarked for the Wayne County Department of Environmental Health to enter data onto a computer of on-site sewage disposal systems, while a \$10,000 grant will pay for an educational manual for homeowners.

Wayne County communities use 6,000 septic tanks. In the 48 Rouge basin communities in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties, 17,500 tanks are in use.

In western Wayne County, Canton has 1,170 tanks. Others are Plymouth Township, with 478; Livonia, 294; Westland, 266; Redford, 101, and Garden City, 34.

Oakland County approves 2,000 new tanks a year, Murray said.

Murray believes septic systems should be inspected statewide. Septic systems can fail any time, but they do so generally in a range between 10 to 20 years.

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Water heater defect

Granholt seeks relief for consumers

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Millions of Michigan residents may well have defective water heaters due to faulty equipment.

State Attorney General Jennifer Granholt has called on four water heater manufacturers and a supplier of a manufacturer of a "dip tube" to notify consumers of the problem, repair the defects for consumers and stop selling the defective tube, which was manufactured between 1993 and 1996.

Granholt was accompanied at her press conference Wednesday by Observer & Eccentric Newspapers columnist and "Appliance Doctor" Joe Gagnon, who first publicized the dip tube problem last year in his columns.

The dip tube supplies cold water to the bottom of a water heater tank.

"It is costing consumers millions of dollars and it affects millions of people," Granholt said.

Granholt issued a notice of intended action and opportunity to cease and desist to the five manufacturers. The notice alleges the companies violated the Michigan Consumer Protection Act for failing to inform consumers of a potential defect in dip tubes in water heaters. It also alleges that the manufacturers have not fully disclosed the nature and extent of the problems to consumers, despite having knowledge of the deterioration and resulting complications.

State action

On resolving the case, Granholt said: "We will require the manufacturers to both stop the sale of water heaters containing defective dip tubes and develop a plan for repaying the consumers the costs of necessary repairs. The

manufacturers must stop burying their corporate heads in the sand and own up to this problem."

Granholt said her office will seek restitution that includes repairs or other appliances, such as dishwashers or washing machines.

Gagnon noticed last year that when he used his bathroom sink and noticed the water was not coming out with any force. He removed the aerator and found it was filled with white chips. He cleaned it out, but the aerator filled again with chips as did a shower head and other faucets throughout the house.

He thought it might be salt from his water softener, but it was not.

He wrote columns about his problem in the O&E and discussed it with listeners on WJR. Gagnon said he received 2,000 phone calls about the dip tube problems. Tests showed later the substance was plastic.

Gagnon's column, radio show and a story in the Kansas City Star have drawn national attention to the problem. Gagnon appeared Wednesday on the ABC-TV show "Good Morning America" to discuss the consumer issue.

Other lawsuits

Consumers have filed lawsuits in Birmingham, Mich., Missouri and Kansas and seeking to recover damages. The suits state that the defendants did not adequately warn the public and hadn't take full responsibility to replace the defective dip tubes.

The former owner of Carmack Appliance in Garden City, Gagnon says until recently that the industry has kept the problem hidden.

"In the way it's understood in the industry, it's a secret warranty," Gagnon said. "If the consumer complains, then



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Tank problems: Joe Gagnon, the "Appliance Doctor," shows what happens inside a water tank when the dip tube deteriorates. The cutaway tank was supplied by A. Burton & Sons Plumbing & Heating Inc. in Garden City. Gagnon is holding a dip tube.

they charge the manufacturer."

The dip tubes were manufactured by Perfection Manufacturer of Madison, Ohio, while the water heater manufacturers are Rheem Manufacturing Co. of New York, American Water Heater Co. of Johnson City, Tenn., A.O. Smith Corp.

of Milwaukee, Wis., and Bradford-White Corp. of Ambler, Pa.

The tubes in question are made of plastic, but they lack a specific chemical component to stabilize the plastic. Virtually all the water heaters in the United States and Canada con-

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• Get the deal in writing. At a

minimum you need: The contractor's name, phone number and address (this is important if you have to file a complaint). If the job is for more than \$600, the contractor should, by law, be licensed. Get the license number. What is the total price, and what is included in it? Who pays for the Dumpster and clean up? Are you buying the materials or is the contractor? When does the job start and when is it to be finished? Jobs that are left unfinished for months are a common problem. Address this in writing up front so there is no misunderstanding.

• Get references and check them.

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Granholt will headline S'craft commencement

Michigan Attorney General and Northville resident Jennifer Granholt will be the keynote speaker at the 34th Schoolcraft College commencement May 8.

Granholt made history in November when she was elected the state's first female attorney general.

Granholt is Michigan's first new attorney general in 37 years, following the retirement of Frank Kelley. Granholt graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a perfect academic record and graduated with honors from Harvard Law School.

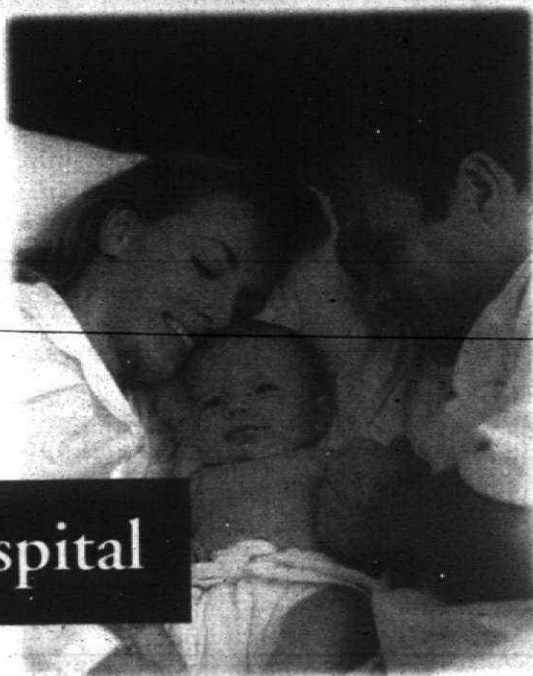
Granholt clerked with the U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Damon Keith, and was a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office, achieving a 98 percent

conviction rate. She was rated "outstanding prosecutor" by the U.S. Department of Justice each year she served as a prosecutor.

In 1994, she became the first woman and youngest person appointed Wayne County corporation counsel, overseeing 75 employees, 2,000 cases a year and an annual budget of \$9.5 million. Her office reduced by 87 percent the money Wayne County taxpayers paid to defend lawsuits brought against the county. In 1997, she was named one of Crain's Detroit Business's "Top 40 Under 40" and one of the YWCA's Women of Achievement. In 1998, Michigan Lawyers Weekly selected her as one of the 10 "Lawyers of the Year."

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Lawsuit costs set record for state

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Lawsuits cost state government a record \$236 million last year. But 90 percent — \$211 million — was due to the so-called Durant case over low funding of public education.

Otherwise, it would have been a normal year, with the state paying \$25 million. And the trend has been downward over the decade of the 1990s because of steadily decreasing payouts by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The Senate Fiscal Agency compiled the numbers in its annual "Status of Lawsuits Against the State of Michigan" report.

In the record case, the state Legislature dipped into its "rainy day" fund to pay off the Durant suit.

Durant said the state shored suburban school districts, in particular, on special education, special ed transportation, bilingual education, driver education and school lunches. The programs are required by law.

An old school desegregation case from Benton Harbor is still costing the state \$2.7 million a year.

Other departmental payouts, either in court judgments or settlements, last year:

- **Transportation \$8.3 million.** Most payouts were for failure to maintain a smooth road with adequate shoulders. A Wayne County case was settled for \$1.7 million. In general, MDOT payouts were far below fiscal 1991's \$22.8 million, 1998's \$21 million and 1999's \$20.7 million.
- **Corrections (prisons) \$3.2 million.** Biggest payout was \$385,000 for a contempt judgment, followed by \$369,000 for failure to protect a prisoner and \$300,000 for one of many employee discrimination suits.
- **Natural Resources \$2.9 million.** Biggest payout was a \$2.6 million judgment to Carnegie Oil Associates in Mason County for a state "taking" of mineral rights.
- **Military Affairs \$2.4 million.** The entire amount was an Ingham Circuit Court judgment in a class action suit for nonpayment of enlisted personnel's per diem.
- **Community Health \$2.13 million.** A patient-prisoner suicide case in Jackson County was settled for \$69,000. Three suits involved violation of handicapped rights.
- **Family Independence Agency \$2.1 million.** Most (\$2 million) went to survivors of social worker Barbara Synnestvedt, who was strangled at the Maxey training center in Livingston County. (This newspaper, relying on an attorney's brief, misspelled the victim's surname in a recent account of the appeal to the Supreme Court of Jerome Johnson, who was convicted of the murder.)
- **State Police \$868,000.** The department settled for \$385,000 in a Wayne County case where excessive force resulted in a man's death; for \$200,000 in a Livingston County suit where a white man charged discrimination because of age and race; and for \$85,000 for detaining a Toledo Blade photographer until he surrendered film of a plane crash in Ohio near the Monroe County line.
- **Wrongful (or wrong person) arrests were the biggest source of complaints against State Police, and two denials under the Freedom of Information Act cost the state \$1,400.**

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tain a dip tube manufactured by Perfection Corporation.

The tubes contain a chemical defect which causes them to deteriorate "prematurely," Granholm said. Once they deteriorate, plastic pieces may settle within the water heater itself or smaller pieces flow into the pipes throughout the house, clogging washing machines and dishwashers. Smaller pieces may actually enter drinking water.

In 1998, the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department sent out letters about the white plastic particles and informed customers that the water was safe and the plastic was not toxic.

Perfection Manufacturer of Madison, Ohio, the dip tube manufacturer, notified the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission but the CPSC did not issue a recall because the situation did not involve a safety hazard.

The American Water Works Association says that although "the plastic chips are a nuisance and may decrease the performance of appliances," they are non-toxic and do not pose a health threat.

Granholm reached into Gagnon's hot water tank and pulled out plastic pieces to show to reporters. Granholm and Gagnon said there was a gelatinous substance at the bottom of the tank.

Granholm said that substance has been sent to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for tests.

Time to respond

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asbestos-containing material. In addition, 4,000 gallons of non-hazardous liquids were also transported off-site.

Today, the oil and groundwater outside the fill area meets the state's residential criteria, but the soil in the fill area poses a direct contact risk.

The groundwater is not used as a water source, but it flows toward Tonquish Creek and shallow groundwater "likely discharges" to Tonquish Creek, according to the plan.

Regular inspections

Wayne County will conduct routine monthly inspections to monitor any potential contact with fill materials due to burrowing animals or erosion. The parks division will evaluate the

Perfection Manufacturer and water heater manufacturers have 10 days in which to respond. If they do not, a lawsuit may be filed by Granholm.

Granholm said by denying consumers the opportunity to request restitution for repair and replacement costs, the companies are engaging in an unfair or deceptive practice under the Consumer Protection Act.

"If consumers don't know there is a problem, they've got no way of correcting it or of seeking reimbursement for the damage it causes," Granholm said. "This is simply a case of a manufacturer withholding information at the direct expense of consumers."

Gagnon said consumers may be buying new washing machines, dishwashers and new shower heads to take care of the problem. "Plumbers don't even know about the defects in the dip tube," Gagnon said.

Granholm estimated the cost of a new water heater is about \$400-\$500, while a flush of the heater costs about \$175-\$200. Heaters are difficult to drain because the outside drain is located higher than the bottom of the tank. A dip tube costs about \$6.

He thinks the way the tank used to be built is better and that some of the engineers build for obsolescence.

"The dip tubes are still plastic," Gagnon said. "I want to copper tube back in the hot water tank and get it back to where it lasts for 15 or 20 years."

Staff writer Susan Rosiek contributed to this report.

Madonna auction benefits student scholarships, dorms

Madonna University will hold its 11th annual Around the World Scholarship Dinner Auction Friday in Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center in Livonia.

Proceeds from the event will provide scholarship opportunities for Madonna students and renovation of the residence halls.

The Kresge Foundation recently approved a grant of \$350,000 toward the renovation of the University Center and Residence Halls. The grant is made on a challenge basis to assist in raising the balance of more than \$1 million required to complete the project's funding by July 1, 2000. The project is the final phase of the \$15 million Comprehensive Campaign which began in July 1994.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction followed by a dinner and live auction. The goal for this year's auction is more than \$280,000.

General admission tickets are \$75 and include dinner, open bar and live and silent auction. Gold Inner Circle seating tickets are \$125 and allow special seating near the center stage.

Birmingham auctioneer Dan

Stall Jr. will conduct the bidding. A sampling of items up for bid include Northwest Airlines tickets to Hawaii and other destinations throughout the continental United States, weekend getaways to the Stratford Festival in Ontario and the "Somewhere in Time Weekend" on Mackinac Island at the Grand Hotel, a weekend sailing trip on the award-winning "Chariama" from Mackinac Island to Beaver Island, a cruise aboard the new "Infinity" yacht and several Florida vacations.

Also featured are Charles Bragg bronze sculptures geared specifically for members of the legal profession, dinner for 40 at Under the Eagle Restaurant, a 20-person suite with food and drinks for a Red Wing playoff game and signed sports memorabilia from Ted Lindsay, L. Little, Alex Delvecchio, Adam Oates and John Salley.

Also on the auction block is a 1984 World Series poster signed by the champion Detroit Tigers and baseballs signed by the 1984 World Series Tigers and 1984 World Series Tigers.

The auction will also include a wide selection of retired Beanie Babies.

John and Lina DelSignore are general chairs for the event. Livonia's Laura Frances Welling, the reigning 1998 Miss Michigan and Ladywood High School graduate, will attend the auction.

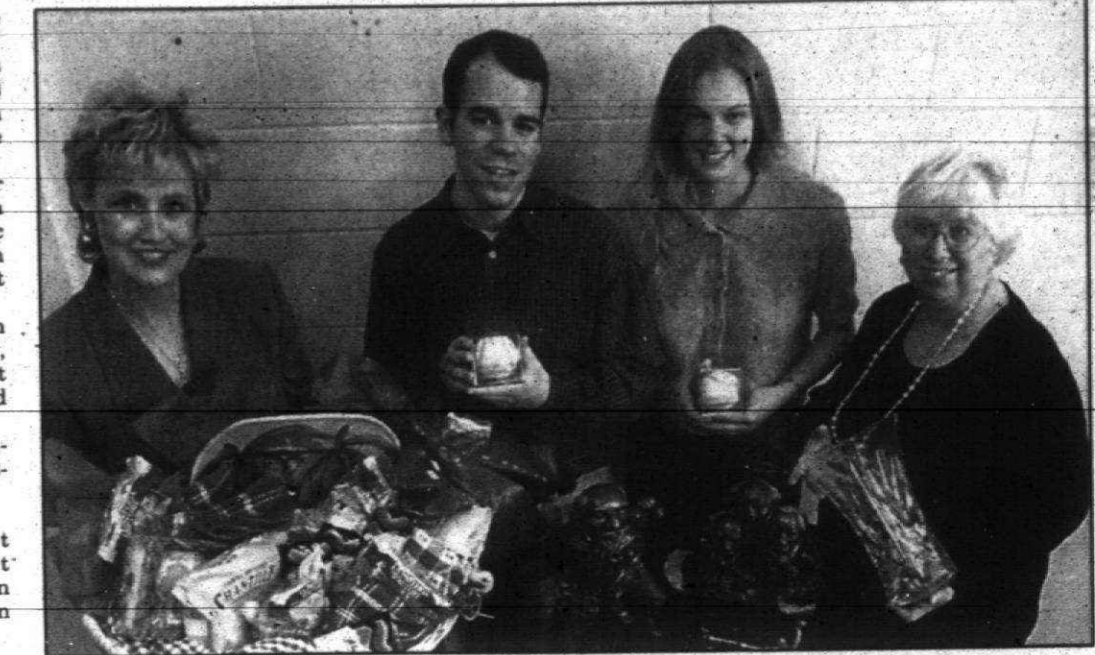
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The Laurel Manor banquet and Conference Center is at 39000 Schoolcraft, between Newburgh and Haggerty in Livonia.

The auction is coordinated by Rose Kachnowski, director of corporate development and special events, under the supervision of Sister Mary Lauriana, vice president for university advancement.




Let the bidding begin: The auction has helped many students including (middle from left) Nicholas Popadich, a recipient of the Catholic Student Award, and Laura Cummings, a recipient of the Joyce and Don Massey Scholarship. Also pictured are (left) Andrea Nodge, director of marketing and public relation at Madonna and Rose Kachnowski, director of corporate development and special events.

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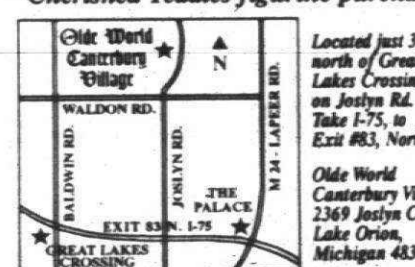
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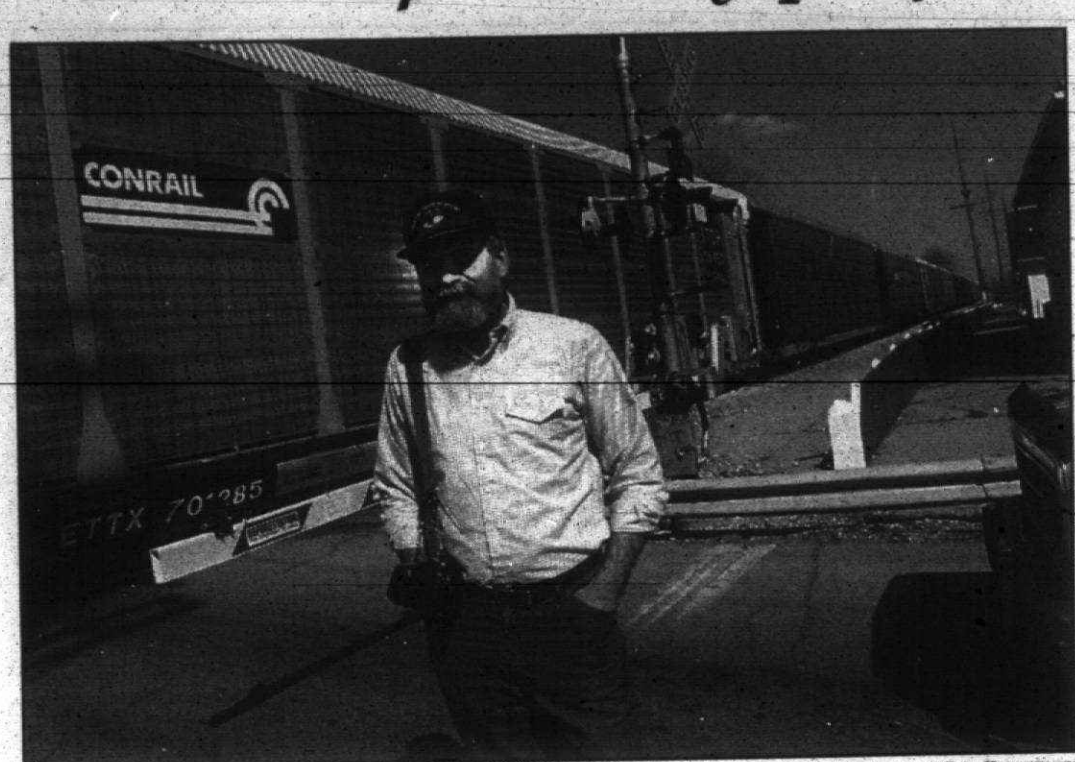
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Schoolcraft history prof shares his passion for trains



Train buff: Evan Garrett, a history professor at Schoolcraft College, has more than 25,000 slides which represent his interest in photography, history and locomotives.

By Diane Gale Andreassi
SPECIAL WRITER

When Evan Garrett was a boy growing up in a small Iowa town, he spent his Saturdays watching his grandfather unload coal from a steam locomotive. "I'd sit there utterly fascinated," Garrett said.

Five decades later, the professor of ancient and early modern history at Schoolcraft College since 1968 is still amazed by the transit system that's fading from the American landscape. With 25,000 film slides representing countless hours chasing railroads, his hobby neatly melds his passion for photography, history and locomotives. They tell a story about how trains have evolved, how society has changed and about the man behind the camera.

"We think of history as names, dates and dead people and I tell my students that history isn't something in books - it's what we're living," said Garrett, whose 91-year-old father remains a local historian in the same town where he grew up.

"We keep thinking of history as a big deal. Actually, history sneaks up on you. It's subtle and

quiet and at one point you look back and say, 'Gee, things changed.' It's hard to say there's a beginning and an end.

"Railroads tend to illustrate that, because you can see how they changed and how the world is changing," said Garrett, past president of the Ann Arbor Historical Society and program chairman of the Ann Arbor Train and Trolley Watchers. Garrett's slides and memory are proof of that logic. He tells how his grandfather used to receive one train car of coal and deliver it to his customers' homes. Today, hundreds of cars of coal are delivered to power plants.

Learning photography

The little boy in awe of his grandfather, grew up and went off to college. By that time Garrett, 56, had become a photography buff who loved to shoot the Formula One races for three days every year.

"It was very exciting, but it doesn't give you much to do the rest of the year," said Garrett, explaining that he rediscovered his family in Iowa and he learned that the Milwaukee Railroad was going to be eliminated. Garrett spent an entire day chasing trains and documenting the line's last runs. Some of the photos still hang in his Ann Arbor home, which is about five blocks from the Ann Arbor Railroad.

"I am an historian and I like to see the way things evolve - society, institutions and people's understanding of things and to see this in something that affected my own life meant a lot," Garrett said. "It felt good and I kept doing it."

When he isn't working, Gar-

rett drives across the United States and Canada capturing glimpses of these railroads and how they've changed. Shortly before a recent trip last December, Garrett was suffering from pneumonia and could barely get the words out during his lectures. On Christmas break, he drove to Albuquerque where the weather was mild, the trains were rolling and the scenery was breathtaking.

"I soaked up sun and watched the Santa Fe come past," Garrett said. "It's nice sitting there enjoying the weather and listening to the birds. Basically, it's how I relax. And I could talk when I came back."

Garrett, who would much rather be outside a train photographing than inside one as a passenger, stores his slides in stacks of boxes in his Ann Arbor study. They come out of storage when he gives a slide presentation or has another project in the works, like writing articles for local newspapers and Trains magazine. In 1979, he developed and published a book, "Tracksides of Southern Michigan," of 30 sketches. He sold 300 copies.

Tracking change

His themes vary, but it all comes back to a clear documentation of the history we're living. Over the years, he said, the biggest change in railroads is that there aren't as many as there used to be.

Trucks and automobiles took a large portion of the railroad business during the 1930s and 1940s, when the road systems improved.

"You didn't have to depend on railroads to get to where you were going," he added. "But a lot of people don't recognize that there is more freight being carried by trains today than there ever was."

There's just fewer lines and they tend to be very busy," said Garrett, noting that the CSX Railroad and Norfolk Southern are jointly buying Conrail this summer.

"I think we'll have railroads for a long time," Garrett added. Referring to the mammoth trucks that hog the roads, Garrett said it's more efficient to haul loads on trains, because they save fuel and there is less overhead. New technology, like remote control railroading, will likely take part of the business.

Meanwhile, the little boy who drove his mother crazy screaming out while the sounds and clanging an iron bar across their cement porch, continues to nurture his fantasy by driving across the country, preferring side roads to interstates, where the tracks lie and the people live.

"It ties in with history and I can understand how people lived and live and I use these ideas in lectures," he explained. "I tell my students that it never hurts to get out and take a look around. Look what's over the next field."

"Satisfy your curiosity and have some curiosity," the professor said.

CWW concerned about any cuts in state taxes on personal property

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If state lawmakers want support from a group of western Wayne County elected officials to reduce personal property taxes, they'd better replace money lost to those communities from those tax reductions.

A letter approved Friday by the Conference of Western Wayne will let lawmakers know just that.

"Personal property tax concerns CWW communities because it accounts for a considerable portion of the budgets for many communities," wrote Marsha Bianconi, CWW executive director.

The CWW is a legislative consortium of elected officials from the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

The Citizens Research Council recently indicated personal property makes up 17 percent of all property in Wayne County, but for some communities, the figure is as much as 63.6 percent.

In Livonia, Redford, Plymouth and Plymouth Township, personal property amounts to 10 to 20 percent.

"These figures indicate the importance of personal property tax to many CWW communities," Bianconi wrote.

Other bills supported

The CWW also approved a resolution to show support of legislation that will change the way money for transportation is allocated by eliminating spending restrictions for cities and villages on major and minor roads. Another resolution supports bills to increase local government influence and jurisdiction over mobile homes by revising the state Mobile Home Commission.

House Bill 4182, introduced by Rep. Gloria Schermesser, D-Livonia, would provide more flexibility to cities when deciding which roads should be emphasized. Money designated for the major street system could be used for the local street system if matched equally by local revenue and construction expenditures.

Currently, 75 percent of the money to cities and villages are allocated for major roads, and 25 percent for local roads.

If a city or village transferred more than 25 percent of its major street money to the local street system, the local government would be required to adopt a resolution and send a copy to the transportation department. That resolution would include a list of the major streets, a statement that the major streets are adequately maintained, the amount of the transfer and local streets to be financed with the transfer.

The CWW joined the Michi-

gan Municipal League in supporting the transportation bill.

The CWW also backed Senate Bill 43, sponsored by Sen. Alma Smith, D-Salem, which would increase the number of commissioners on the state Mobile Home Commission from 11 to 13, and include an environmental advocacy organization, an organization of township officials, an organization of city officials and a housing advocacy organization.

Nearly 66,000 mobile home units are housed in southeast Michigan, of which more than 11,000 are in the CWW area. This bill would reduce the number of mobile home park operators on the commission from three to one. The bill is in the Senate Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs. A similar House bill has been introduced, while another House bill reduces the number of mobile home park operators from three to two and increases the number of residents groups from one to two.

The three bills are supported by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the Michigan Municipal League and the Michigan Township Association.

"Anything going in the direction of local control goes with our philosophy," said Helen Foster, Van Buren Township supervisor who chaired the meeting in Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey's absence.

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Parade in Northville.

Stempien's wife, Jeanne, is a former Schoolcraft trustee and now a Wayne County circuit judge.

Patricia Watson

Watson was elected to the board in June 1993. Watson was chosen by trustees to be board president for two-year terms in July 1995 and July 1997.

A forensic and clinical psychologist with the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti, Watson has a bachelor's degree from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, a master's degree in clinical psychology from the University of St. Francis in Indiana and a doctorate from the University of Detroit in clinical psychology.

Watson wants to return to the board because she has enjoyed her time on it.

"I don't have political ambitions, but I have ambitions to see Schoolcraft flourish," Watson said. She wants to see the new

Business and Industry Training Center constructed to help bring new information technology programs and careers to students.

Watson hopes to see administrative efforts continue to increase credit enrollment and retain students.

Reaume did not return the Observer's telephone calls to his home.

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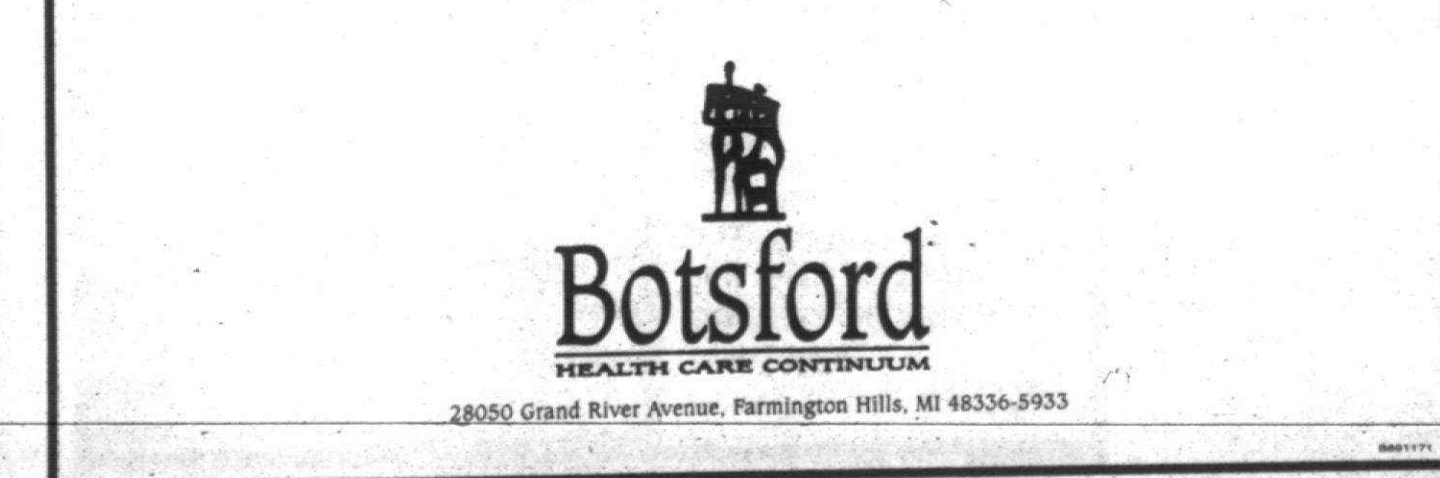
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 99-3

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMBINATION OF THE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS; AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF EXTENSIONS TO THE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM; AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF REVENUE BONDS OF EQUAL STANDING WITH CERTAIN OUTSTANDING SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS; TO PRESCRIBE THE FORM OF THE BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF REVENUES FROM THE COMBINED SYSTEM; TO PREVENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM AND TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE OUTSTANDING BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REVENUES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE HOLDERS OF THE BONDS IN ENFORCEMENT THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS AND THE SYSTEM.

BY IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH:

Section 1. Definitions. Whenever used in this Ordinance, except where otherwise indicated by the context, the following terms when capitalized shall have the following meanings:

- "Act 94" means Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.
- "Adjusted Net Revenues" means for any operating year the excess of revenues over expenses for the System determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, to which shall be added depreciation, amortization, interest expense on Bonds, any payments to the City in lieu of taxes, to which may be made the following adjustments:
 - The revenues may be augmented by the amount of any rate increases adopted prior to the issuance of additional Bonds and to be placed into effect before the time principal or interest on the additional Bonds becomes payable from Revenues as applied to quantities of service furnished during the operating year or portion thereof that the increased rates were not in effect.
 - Revenues may be augmented by the amount of any rate increases adopted prior to the issuance of additional Bonds and to be placed into effect before the time principal or interest on the additional Bonds becomes payable from Revenues as applied to quantities of service furnished during the operating year or portion thereof that the increased rates were not in effect.
 - Revenues may be augmented by amounts which may be derived from rates and charges to be paid by new customers of the System.
 The adjustment of revenue and expenses by the factors set forth in (i) through (iv) above shall be reported upon by professional engineers or certified public accountants or other experts not in the regular employment of the City.
- "Bonds" means the Series 1999A Bonds and any additional bonds presently of equal standing or hereafter issued.
- "City" or "Issuer" means the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan.
- "Commission" means the City Commission of the City.
- "Mandatory Redemption Requirements" means with respect to any term Bonds, the principal amount of such Bonds required to be called for redemption prior to their stated maturity. For all purposes of this Ordinance and the Bonds, term Bonds shall be deemed to come due at the times and in the amounts of the Mandatory Redemption Requirements and the principal amounts due on term Bonds on the dates of their stated maturities shall be reduced by the Mandatory Redemption Requirements therefor becoming due prior to the stated maturities for such term Bonds.
- "Outstanding Bonds" means the 1991 Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation), dated February 1, 1991, authorized by a resolution of the Commission.
- "Project" means the extensions and improvements to the System to be made and completed pursuant to this ordinance as set forth on the plans prepared by the City's engineer, and placed on file with the City.
- "Resolution" means the resolution adopted by the Commission on February 6, 1991 authorizing the Outstanding Bonds.
- "Revenues" and "Net Revenues" mean the revenues and net revenues of the System and shall be construed as defined in Section 3 of Act 94, including with respect to "Revenues," the earnings derived from the investment of moneys in the various funds and accounts established by this Ordinance.
- "Series 1999A Bonds" means the Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds, Series 1999A of the Issuer authorized by this Ordinance.
- "Sufficient Government Obligations" means direct obligations of the United States of America or obligations the principal and interest on which is fully guaranteed by the United States of America, not redeemable at the option of the issuer, the principal and interest payments upon which, without reinvestment of the interest, come due at such times and in such amounts as to be fully sufficient to pay the interest as it comes due on the Bonds and the principal and redemption premium, if any, on the Bonds as it comes due whether on the stated maturity date or on earlier redemption. Securities representing such obligations shall be placed in trust with a bank or trust company, and if any of the Bonds are to be called for redemption prior to maturity, irrevocable instructions to call the Bonds for redemption shall be given to the bank or trust company.
- "System" means the complete water supply and sewage disposal system of the City, both inside and outside the City, including all plants, works, instrumentalities and properties, used or useful in connection therewith, and all additions, extensions and improvements hereafter acquired.
- "Transfer Agent" means the bank or trust company designated by the City from time to time to act as bond registrar, paying agent and transfer agent and escrow agent, as provided in this Ordinance and any resolution of the Commission.

Terms not defined herein when capitalized shall have the meanings established in this Ordinance.

Section 2. Necessity. It is hereby determined to be in the best interest of the City to combine the existing water supply system and sewage disposal system into a combined water supply and sewage disposal system and it is also determined to be necessary to acquire the Project.

Section 3. Estimated Cost and Life of Project. The estimated cost of acquiring the Project and the estimated engineering, legal and financing expenses, which estimate has been prepared by the Engineers, in the amount of not to exceed Nine Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$990,000), is hereby approved and the Commission does hereby estimate the period of usefulness of the Project to be at least fifty (50) years.

Section 4. Bond Details. The Refunding Bonds hereby authorized shall be designated WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1999A, shall be payable solely out of the Net Revenues and shall consist of bonds registered as to principal and interest of the denomination of \$5,000 each or multiples of \$5,000, dated as of May 1, 1999, numbered as determined by the Transfer Agent and shall mature on February 1st of each year as follows:

\$15,000	2000
10,000	2001 through 2006, inclusive
55,000	2007 and 2008
60,000	2009 and 2010
65,000	2011 and 2012
70,000	2013 and 2014
75,000	2015
80,000	2016
85,000	2017 and 2018
90,000	2019

The Series 1999A Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates to be determined at the public sale thereof, but in any event not exceeding the maximum rate permitted by law, payable on February 1st and August 1st of each year, commencing on August 1, 1999. The Series 1999A Bonds shall be sold at not less than 98 1/2% of their par value.

The Series 1999A Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity, including sinking fund redemption of Bonds issued as term Bonds, at the times and prices and in the manner and with notice as set forth in the form of the Series 1999A Bonds in Section 18 of this Ordinance.

The principal amount of term Bonds to be redeemed on the dates as hereinabove provided shall be reduced, in the order determined by the City, by the principal amount of bonds of the same maturity which have been previously redeemed or called for redemption (otherwise than as a result of a Mandatory Redemption Requirement) or purchased or acquired by the City. The Bonds shall not therefore be redeemed as a credit against any Mandatory Redemption Requirement. The City shall give written notice to the Transfer Agent at least 45 days prior to any mandatory sinking fund redemption date of the City's exercise of its option to reduce the amount of the Mandatory Redemption Requirement on such date and the amount of such redemption.

Section 5. Payment, Execution, Registration and Authentication of Transfer. Interest on the Series 1999A Bonds shall be paid by check drawn on the Transfer Agent mailed to the registered owner of the Bonds at the registered address, as shown on the registration books of the City maintained

by the Transfer Agent. Interest shall be payable to the registered owner of record as of the fifteenth day of the month prior to the payment date for each interest payment. The date of determination of registered owner for purposes of payment of interest as provided in this paragraph may be changed by the City to conform to market practice in the future and if changed, mailed notice shall be provided to all registered owners of Series 1999A Bonds not less than 60 days prior to the interest payment date at which such change is first effective. Both principal of and interest on the Series 1999A Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America. Principal of the Series 1999A Bonds shall be payable in full on the date of maturity of the Bonds.

The Series 1999A Bonds shall be executed in the name of the City with the facsimile signatures of the Mayor and Clerk and shall have a facsimile of the corporate seal of the City printed on them. No Series 1999A Bond of this series shall be valid until authenticated by an authorized representative of the Transfer Agent. The Series 1999A Bonds shall be delivered to the Transfer Agent for authentication. Upon authentication, the Series 1999A Bonds shall be delivered by the Transfer Agent to the purchaser(s) in accordance with instructions from the City Finance Director. Executed blank bonds for registration and issuance of interest shall be delivered to the Transfer Agent from time to time thereafter as necessary, be delivered to the Transfer Agent for safekeeping.

The Series 1999A Bonds may be issued in book-entry form through The Depository Trust Company in New York, New York.

Any Bond may be transferred upon the books of the City kept by the Transfer Agent by the person in whose name it is registered, in person or by his or her duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of the Bond or Bonds for cancellation, accompanied by delivery of a duly executed written instrument of transfer in a form approved by the Transfer Agent. Whenever any Bond or Bonds shall be surrendered to the Transfer Agent, the Transfer Agent shall deliver a new Bond or Bonds, of like aggregate principal amount of the same maturity or maturities and series and bearing the same rate or rates of interest. The Transfer Agent shall require the payment by the bondholder requesting the transfer of any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the transfer.

The Transfer Agent shall keep or cause to be kept, at its principal office, sufficient books for the registration and transfer of the Bonds, which shall at all times be open to inspection by the City; and, upon presentation for such purpose, the Transfer Agent shall produce the books and records, and may prescribe, transfer or cause to be transferred, on said books, Bonds as hereinbefore provided.

If any Bond shall become mutilated, the City, at the expense of the holder of the Bond, shall execute, and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor and bearing the same rate or rates of interest, upon surrender of the mutilated Bond to the Transfer Agent. If any Bond issued under this Ordinance shall be lost, destroyed or stolen, evidence of the loss, destruction or theft may be submitted to the Transfer Agent and the City and, if this evidence is satisfactory to both and indemnity satisfactory to the Transfer Agent, the City shall be given, the City, at the expense of the owner, shall execute, and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor and bearing the same rate or rates of interest. If any such Bond shall have matured or shall be about to mature, instead of issuing a substitute Bond, the Transfer Agent may pay the same without surrender of the original Bond.

Section 6. Payment of Bonds. The Series 1999A Bonds and the interest thereon shall be payable solely from Net Revenues (except to the extent payable from the proceeds of bond insurance, other credit enhancement or Bond proceeds), and to secure such payment, the statutory lien upon the whole of the Net Revenues is hereby established in favor of the Series 1999A Bonds, which lien is and shall be a first lien as to the Net Revenues, to continue until payment in full of the principal of and interest on all Bonds payable from the Net Revenues, or, until sufficient cash or Sufficient Government Obligations shall have been deposited in trust for payment in full of the principal of and interest on all Bonds to be redeemed, together with the amount of the redemption premium, if any. The first lien referred to herein shall be equally shared and be a first priority with the City's Outstanding Bonds. Upon deposit of cash or Sufficient Government Obligations in trust for the payment of the Bonds, the statutory lien herein referred to shall be terminated with respect to the Bonds to be redeemed, the holders of the Bonds shall have no further rights under this Ordinance except for payment from the deposited funds and registration and replacement of the Bonds, and such Bonds to be redeemed shall no longer be considered to be outstanding under this Ordinance.

Section 7. Municipal Bond Insurance or other Credit Enhancement. The City Finance Director may obtain municipal bond insurance or other credit enhancement in respect of all or part of the Series 1999A Bonds.

Section 8. Rates and Charges. The rates to be charged for service furnished by the System and the method of collection and enforcement of the collection of the rates shall be those rates in effect on the date of adoption of this Ordinance.

Section 9. Bondholders' Rights, Receiver. The holder or holders of the Bonds representing in the aggregate not less than twenty percent (20%) of the entire principal amount of the Bonds shall have the right, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, to protect and enforce the statutory lien upon the Net Revenues of the System, and may, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, enforce and compel performance of all duties of the officers of the System, including the fixing of interest rates, the collection of revenues, and the proper segregation of the Revenues of the System and the proper application thereof. The statutory lien upon the Net Revenues, however, shall not be construed as to compel the sale of the System or any part thereof.

If there is a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds, any court having jurisdiction of the matter may, by suit, action, appointment receiver to administer and operate the System on behalf of the issuer, under the direction of the court, and by and with the approval of the court to perform all of the duties of the officers of the Issuer more particularly set forth herein and in Act 94.

The holder or holders of the Bonds shall have all other rights and remedies given by Act 94 and law, for the payment and enforcement of the Bonds and the security thereof.

Section 10. Management, Fiscal Year. The operation, repair and management of the system and the acquiring of the Project shall continue to be under the supervision and control of the Commission. The Commission may employ such personnel or persons in such capacity or capacities as it deems advisable to carry on the efficient management and operation of the System. The Commission may make such rules and regulations as it deems advisable and necessary to assure the efficient management and operation of the System.

Section 11. No Free Service or Use. No free service or use of the System, or service or use of the System at less than cost, shall be furnished by the System to any person, firm or corporation, public or private, or to any public agency or instrumentality, including the Issuer.

Section 12. Extinguishing and Reinvesting. The rates now in effect are estimated to be sufficient to provide for the payment of the expenses of administration and operation and such expenses for maintenance of the System as are necessary to preserve the System in good repair and working order, to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due and payable, and the maintenance of the reserve fund, and to provide for all other obligations, expenditures and funds for the System required by law and this Ordinance. The rates shall be fixed and revised from time to time as may be necessary to produce these amounts, and it is hereby covenanted and agreed to fix the rates to be paid for the foregoing and in order to assure sufficient revenues it is hereby covenanted and agreed to maintain rates at no less than 125% of average annual debt service on all Bonds.

Section 13. Funds and Accounts, Flow of Funds. Commencing on the date the Refunding Bonds are delivered to the purchaser thereof (the "Closing Date") all funds belonging to the System shall be transferred as herein indicated and all Revenues of the System shall be set aside as collected and credited to a fund to be designated WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM RECEIVING FUND (the "Receiving Fund"). The Revenues credited to the Receiving Fund are pledged for the purpose of the following funds and shall be transferred or debited from the Receiving Fund periodically in the manner and at the times and in the order of priority hereinbefore specified.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FUND. Out of the Revenues credited to the Receiving Fund there shall be first set aside, in or, credited to, a fund designated OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUND (the "Operation and Maintenance Fund"), monthly a sum sufficient to provide for the payment of the next month's expenses of administration and operation of the System and such current expenses as may be necessary to preserve the same in good repair and working order.

A budget, showing in detail the estimated costs of administration, operation and maintenance of the System for the next ensuing operating year, shall be prepared by the Commission at least 30 days prior to the commencement of each ensuing operating year. No payments shall be made to the Issuer from moneys credited to the Operation and Maintenance Fund except for services directly rendered to the System by the Issuer or its personnel.

B. BOND AND INTEREST REDEMPTION FUND. There shall be established and maintained a separate depository fund designated BOND AND INTEREST REDEMPTION FUND (the "Redemption Fund"), the moneys on deposit therein from time to time to be used solely for the purpose of paying the principal of, redemption premiums (if any) and interest on the Bonds. The moneys in the Redemption Fund (including the Bond and Interest Redemption Fund) shall be held in trust for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds, or any series thereof, as payable.

Out of the Revenues remaining in the Receiving Fund, after provision for

the Operation and Maintenance Fund, there shall be set aside each month commencing on the Closing Date in the Redemption Fund a sum proportionately sufficient to provide for the payment when due of the current principal of an interest on the Bonds, less any amount in the Redemption Fund representing accrued interest on the Bonds or investment income on amounts on deposit in the Redemption Fund, (including investment income on amounts held as part of the Bond Reserve Account). Commencing on the Closing Date, the amount set aside for interest on the Bonds shall be an amount equal to that fraction derived from number of months from the Closing Date to August 1, 1999, of the total amount of interest on the Bonds next coming due. Commencing August 1, 1999, the amount set aside each month for interest on the Bonds shall be 1/12 of the total amount of interest on the Bonds next coming due. The amount set aside each month for principal, commencing on the Closing Date, shall be an amount equal to that fraction derived from number of months from date of issue to first principal payment date of the amount of principal next coming due by maturity and the amount set aside for interest on the Bonds shall be 1/12 of the amount of principal next coming due by maturity. If there is any deficiency in the amount previously set aside, that deficiency shall be added to the next succeeding monthly requirements. The amount to be set aside for the payment of principal and interest on any date shall not exceed the amount which, when added to the money on deposit in the Redemption Fund, including investment income thereon and on the Bond Reserve Account, is necessary to pay principal and interest due on the Bonds on the next succeeding principal payment date.

There is established a separate account in the Redemption Fund to be known as the BOND RESERVE ACCOUNT (the "Bond Reserve Account"). There shall be deposited in the Bond Reserve Account on or before the Closing Date an amount equal to the "Reserve Amount" which shall be the total amount of the Bonds next coming due in the current or any lesser of (1) the maximum annual debt service due in the current or any lesser of (2) 125% of the average annual debt service or (3) 10% of the principal amount of the Bonds. Interest on the Bond Reserve Account must be transferred into the Redemption Fund once the Reserve Amount has been reached.

Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the moneys credited to the Bond Reserve Account shall be used solely for the payment of the principal of, redemption premiums (if any) and interest on the Bonds as to which there would otherwise be a default. If at any time it shall be necessary to use moneys credited to the Bond Reserve Account for such payment, then the moneys so used shall be replaced from the Net Revenues. If any Bond received thereafter which are not required for current principal and interest requirements until the amount on deposit equals the Reserve Amount. If additional Bonds are issued, each ordinance authorizing any additional Bonds shall provide for additional deposits to the Bond Reserve Account to be made from the proceeds of the additional Bonds or issuer funds on hand and legally available for such use in an amount that will result in the Bond Reserve Account being equal to the average annual principal and interest requirements on the Bonds outstanding on the date of the issue of the Bonds, or such lesser amount as may be necessary to maintain the exempt status of the Bonds. If on any principal payment date the amount in the Bond Reserve Account exceeds the Reserve Amount, the excess shall be transferred to the Redemption Fund for payment of principal and interest on the Bonds.

REPLACEMENT FUND. There shall next be established and maintained a fund, separate depository account, designated REPLACEMENT FUND (the "Replacement Fund"), the moneys credited thereto to be used solely for the purpose of making repairs and replacements to the System. The Replacement Fund shall be established in the Receiving Fund each month after provision has been made for the deposit of moneys in the Operation and Maintenance Fund and the Redemption Fund (including the Bond Reserve Account), there may be deposited in the Replacement Fund such additional funds as the Commission may deem advisable. If at any time it shall be necessary to use moneys in the Replacement Fund for the purpose for which the Replacement Fund for the purpose for which the Replacement Fund was established, the moneys so used shall be replaced from any moneys in the Receiving Fund which are not required by the Operation and Maintenance Fund or the Redemption Fund (including the Bond Reserve Account).

D. IMPROVEMENT FUND. Out of the remaining Revenues in the Receiving Fund, after meeting the requirements of the Operation and Maintenance Fund, the Redemption Fund (including the Bond Reserve Account) and the Replacement Fund, there may be set aside in or credited to a fund to be designated IMPROVEMENT FUND (the "Improvement Fund"), which Improvement Fund may have several subaccounts therein, such sums monthly as the Commission may deem advisable to be used for additions, improvements, extensions or replacements to the System, including the planning thereof.

E. SURELTY MONIES. Thereafter, any Revenues in the Receiving Fund after satisfying all the foregoing requirements of this Section may, at the discretion of the Issuer, be used for any of the following purposes:

- Transferred to the Replacement Fund, the Improvement Fund or both;
- Transferred to the Redemption Fund and used for the purchase of Bonds on the open market at not more than the fair market value thereof or used to redeem Bonds prior to maturity;
- Any other use permitted by law.

Section 14. Priority of Funds. In the event the moneys in the Receiving Fund are insufficient to provide for the current requirements of the Operation and Maintenance Fund or the Redemption Fund, any moneys or securities in other funds of the System, except the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, shall be credited or transferred, first, to the Operation and Maintenance fund, and second to the Redemption Fund.

Section 15. Depository and Funds on Hand. Moneys in the several funds and the accounts established pursuant to this Ordinance, except moneys in the Redemption Fund (including the Bond Reserve Account) and moneys derived from the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, may be kept in one or more bank accounts at a bank or banks designated by resolution of the City, and if kept in one bank account the moneys shall be allocated on the books and records of the Issuer in the manner and at the times provided in this Ordinance.

Section 16. Investments. Moneys in the funds and accounts established herein and moneys derived from the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, may be invested by the City in United States of America obligations or in obligations of any person or persons in such capacity or capacities as it deems advisable to carry on the efficient management and operation of the System. The Commission may make such rules and regulations as it deems advisable and necessary to assure the efficient management and operation of the System.

Section 17. Bond Proceeds. There is hereby established in a bank insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to be selected by the Commission, a separate depository account to be designated "Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System Series 1999A Construction Fund", the moneys from time to time on deposit to be used solely to pay the cost of the Project and the incidental costs set forth in Section 4 of this Ordinance. The proceeds of sale of the Bonds shall be allocated and used as follows:

Section 18. Bond Form. The Series 1999A Bonds shall be issued in substantially the following form:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH
WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REVENUE BOND,
SERIES 1999A

No. _____ Date of Original Issue May 1, 1999
Interest Rate _____ Date of Maturity _____
Cusip No. _____
Registered Owner _____
Principal Amount _____ \$

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "City"), promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified above, or registered assigns, the Principal Amount specified above, in lawful money of the United States of America on the Date of Maturity specified above, but only out of the Net Revenues of the System, and to secure such payment, the City hereby covenants and agrees to maintain rates at no less than 125% of average annual debt service on all Bonds, and to provide for all other obligations, expenditures and funds for the System required by law and this Ordinance. The rates shall be fixed and revised from time to time as may be necessary to produce these amounts, and it is hereby covenanted and agreed to fix the rates to be paid for the foregoing and in order to assure sufficient revenues it is hereby covenanted and agreed to maintain rates at no less than 125% of average annual debt service on all Bonds.

There shall be established and maintained a separate depository fund designated BOND AND INTEREST REDEMPTION FUND (the "Redemption Fund"), the moneys on deposit therein from time to time to be used solely for the purpose of paying the principal of, redemption premiums (if any) and interest on the Bonds. The moneys in the Redemption Fund (including the Bond and Interest Redemption Fund) shall be held in trust for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds, or any series thereof, as payable.

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So it's almost a certainty we won't have a superintendent to start the school year. However, with the issues facing Plymouth-Canton, it will be important to have someone (an interim) in charge.

Timelines presented to the board indicate it will take approximately five months to complete the search for a new superintendent.

Target dates

Board members are hoping to have a search committee, local search committee and job qualifications ready by the end of May.

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A 44-year-old Canton Township man has been charged with strong-arm robbery at a Sports Authority store on Plymouth Road in Livonia, in a case where a man pushed an employee while trying to leave with three jerseys.

The man was arraigned April 7 on the felony and was also charged as a habitual offender.

Following a process that includes posting the position, interviews and negotiations with the finalist, the earliest the new superintendent would be on the job is sometime in October. That could be up to six weeks later, depending on how much notice the top candidate would need to give his or her present district.

Several board members favored the possibility an interim top administrator to avoid rushing the process. "I'm thinking of an interim because I believe the timing is all wrong," said trustee Sue Davis. "This is about what's best

for 16,000 kids. There's no need to rush the decision."

"An interim superintendent could keep the momentum of the district going while we search for a new person," said trustee Darwin Watts.

"I think an interim superintendent who is an outsider will be someone who will oversee things, but not make big decisions," added trustee Roland Thomas. "I Most didn't rule out the possibility the search may have to be put off until January if enough well-qualified candidates aren't available. In that scenario, the board may look for a retired superintendent or administrator to help run the district on an interim basis."

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Canton works Awards cite business leaders

There are a lot of reasons why business in Canton is booming: double-digit population growth, new home construction, a solid state and national economy. Harder to quantify – but just as important to a healthy business environment – is the quality of the people behind the front counter and their commitment to the community, as well as the clientele they serve.

Here too, Canton shines. It's not uncommon for people who work in Canton to be connected to the township in a host of other capacities. Many live in the community and are among its most active residents. Others take on leadership roles in community service or charitable work. Some are mentors to local teens. The hours – in addition to extended work weeks – pile up for most.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce sets aside one afternoon each year to pay a special tribute to area business people with the Business Person of the Year and Athena Awards luncheon. This year's program will be noon Wednesday, May 5, at the Summit.

The nomination deadline for both awards is Tuesday, April 20. The nominations are judged by independent committees made up of peers in the community, using a point system.

To be eligible for the Business Person of the Year, a nominee must own, manage or be in business in Canton; be involved in community service, economic development or the general interest of the community; and have a history of staying power, innovation and response to adversity. Nominees aren't required to be

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chamber members.

The Athena Award, part of a national program, is presented to a business owner or professional who demonstrates support and assistance to professional women. Recipients must display excellence in business or a profession; provide valuable service to the community; and contribute to stability and improvement of the community.

That sounds like a tall order to fill. But a glance at the list of previous winners reveals there has been a wealth of deserving nominees since the awards were first given out (1983 for the business award and 1991 for the Athena).

Business Person of the Year (formerly Small Business Person of the Year) winners have included Bob Boyer (Boyer's Meat Processing), Tim Ford (Modern Insurance) James Gillig, D.D.S., and last year's winner, Tom Gerou of Gerou Chiropractic. The Athena winners list is headed by 1998 winner Sally Bailey (Saint Joseph Mercy Health System), Janet Volante (First of America Bank) and Nicki Wilson (Decorating Den).

People can make a nomination by filling in a one-page form available by fax from the chamber office. To obtain a form or for information, call (734) 453-4040.

Internet removes boundaries

Where do you go when you need to know?

That question was asked and answered by the American Library Association in preparation for National Library Week, April 11-17. According to a poll conducted by the Gallup Organization for the ALA, about two-thirds of Americans said they go to the library to get books, use computers or find other resources they need in the "Information Age."

That statement seems to be borne out by the very number of libraries in existence today. The ALA estimates that there are more than 122,000 libraries of all kinds in the United States. That figure includes almost 9,000 public library systems housed in more than 15,000 buildings, more than 3,000 academic libraries and more than 98,000 public and private school libraries.

The ALA also estimates that these three categories of libraries employ more than 376,000 people. Ann K. Symons, president of the ALA, says the role of libraries and librarians in providing public access to information is more important than it has ever been before.

"There's an overwhelming amount of information out there – not all of it helpful or even accurate," said Symons, a school librarian from Juneau, Alaska. "Librarians can help you find the best source of information, whether in a book or online."

Thus the theme for this year's library week is "Read! Learn! Connect! @ the Library."

In last Sunday's Observer, we presented a



package of stories profiling the libraries in our area. The stories pointed out that libraries have become much more than simply repositories of books. They are now repositories of information, in print, on audio and videotapes, on computer disks or somewhere on the Internet. They are also gathering places for public meetings, family-oriented activities and cultural events.

And now that the Internet has become a major player in the "Information Age," the local library isn't limited to resources physically present within its walls. The ALA estimates that about 75 percent of public libraries now offer public access to the Internet, almost double the number from two years ago. All but one of the libraries in our coverage area provides Internet access to patrons visiting the library and several of them allow patrons dial-up access through their home computers.

By accessing databases such as the Electric Library, students and researchers can literally locate and print out full-text articles from newspapers, magazines, books and encyclopedias, pictures and graphics, even transcripts of TV programs.

And while the community library may not be a full-fledged research institution, patrons can access the electronic catalogs of larger public libraries or academic libraries; print out the bibliographic record of the material they need and request it through interlibrary loan.

If you haven't been there lately, pay a visit to your local library. You may be surprised at what you find.



LETTERS

Abortion compares to Holocaust

I would like to respond to your article, "Haunting Holocaust question: Could it happen here?" (Julie Brown, Feb. 11). In the article, the following statement was made: "We like to think Adolf Hitler and the Nazis couldn't possibly come to power in our United States."

Permit me to share something which is heavy on my heart: partial-birth abortion. Even many pro-abortion folks agree with pro-lifers on this one. How can this hideous, horrendous, Nazi-like procedure be legal in our United States? I'm convinced that the average American does not even have a clue as to what it is.

So, for their information, let me explain: the partial-birth procedure means just what it says. Pull out the baby (late-term pregnancies, 20-24 weeks) feet first. Then the abortionist delivers the entire body except for the head. The abortionist jams scissors into the baby's skull. The scissors are then opened to enlarge the hole. The scissors are removed and a suction catheter is inserted. The child's brain is sucked out, causing the skull to collapse. The dead baby is removed.

The Alan Guttmacher Institute reported over 13,000 abortions after 4.5 months. About 20 percent are done for "genetic" reasons; 80 percent are purely elective. About two-thirds of the babies are alive during this procedure, and feel the pain.

Now to get back to the question posed in the Observer article. These are the facts: our representatives in Congress voted to ban this procedure. Our president vetoed this bill. Now do you understand my concern?

Ms. Brown wondered how she (or we) would react if we were living in that Nazi era and says, "it would have worried me to place my family in danger." True. But today we are not in danger for speaking out against atrocities such as this and many others such as fetal (live) experimentation. Remember, before Hitler came to power, the doctors and scientists were already involved in euthanasia.

Can it happen here? I believe it already is happening. How easy it is for a civilized society to revert to a state of brutality. Six million Jews, and others, then: over 32 million unborn babies now... more than all of our soldiers killed in all of our wars combined! And then there is Kevorkian. I recently noticed "In God We Trust" on our new quarter coins. The problem is – God cannot trust us.

Barb Schmid
Canton

Sad situation

Canton Township is growing by leaps and bounds. From 1990 to 1999 alone, the population has increased by 23,400. Median home values are now \$150,000.

The township used to be an affordable place for families to raise their children and attend Plymouth-Canton schools. Canton also held several government-subsidized housing projects, where low-income residents could enjoy affordable housing and still have an excellent education. Recently, many of these housing projects have been purchased by private builders.

The residents are being asked to leave and given a 30-day written notice to vacate. With housing and rental costs skyrocketing in Canton, many of these residents are forced to leave the township. Some of them leaving a home they've had for 25 years or more.

One of these projects is the now named Hidden Glen Condominiums. While going on a visit to the office of this complex, we stated to the sales associate how sad it was that these people had to leave their homes. She told us that the residents were given 30 days to leave and that the units were being upgraded as many of the renters had not taken "pride of ownership" – as they were only renters – and the places needed many repairs. Then she changed the subject.

When asked again about where had all of the residents gone, she stated, "By God's grace, they went to where they're supposed to go." (I wonder what God thinks about this one.)

It is sad that Canton appears to be more concerned with building larger and more expensive complexes and subdivisions and forgetting the people and environment they used to call home. I hope the township Board of Trustees keeps this in mind every time they approve more strip malls and "suburban castles" – those houses that are quickly and cheaply constructed on small plots of land, while still demanding prices over \$200,000.

We have to keep the bigger picture of Canton in mind and keep our eye on the future of everyone in Canton, including the lower-income residents and seniors.

Anne Marie Graham Hudak
Canton

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The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not publish letters that discuss new issues; since last-minute attacks don't allow a chance for rebuttal. Responses to already published issues will be accepted.

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Business bigwigs' pay adds up to sticker shock for many

A few years ago, I wrote about how Kmart – which was losing money, closing stores and laying off people – paid its CEO twice as much as competitor Wal-Mart, which was making money, opening stores, hiring and moving into the No. 1 retail spot nationally. Kmart's action was senseless.

And as Michigan National Bank limped toward a takeover, I reported the diamond-studded, platinum-plated parachute its outgoing CEO would keep even as he closed branches and laid off a ton of tellers.

It made me wonder if the big business in America is really run by the best and brightest or whether the top brass were ripping off not only the workers but also the stockholders.

The latest horrifying news comes from "Executive Pay," Section R of the April 8 Wall Street Journal. Not from the AFL-CIO agitators, environmentalists or some dang Ann Arbor socialists, but the Wall Street Journal. Honest.

Let's take a company close to home, DaimlerChrysler, formed by a merger in May 1998. Chrysler CEO Robert Eaton collected \$16 million in salary, bonus, stock and options. Juergen Schrempp, CEO of the former Daimler-Benz, collected about \$2 million. The WSJ story on Page R 6 adds:

"And Mr. Eaton, thanks to special conditions of the merger, gained nearly \$70 million in cash and stock when it was completed, while Mr. Schrempp got nothing extra because of the deal."

The same story reports on the British Petroleum-Amoco merger, which other WSJ stories have reported was plainly won by BP. "In 1997, Amoco Chairman and CEO H.L. Fuller received total compensation – base salary, bonus, stock options and other compensation – of nearly \$2.06 million, while BP chief John Browne received \$1.6 million. Additionally, Mr. Fuller at the end of 1997 was sitting on \$18.6 million of paper gains from exercisable stock options, while the value of Mr. Browne's unexercised options was about \$650,000."

The WSJ then quotes a study by consultant William M. Mercer Inc. of the 20 top-paid CEOs in two countries that found:

■ The Americans' salaries averaged 40 percent higher than their British counterparts.
■ Americans' bonuses averaged 210 percent



TIM RICHARD

of base salary compared with 50 percent for British CEOs.

■ "The American CEOs, on average, were sitting on an astounding \$80 million in paper gains, while their British counterparts had \$2 million each in such unrealized gains."

The WSJ section hesitated at suggesting reasons why American CEOs were pocketing so much. Certainly it isn't business genius. One story suggested that in Germany powerful unions dampen executive pay. Another pointed out, "At a surprising number of corporations, the chief executive officer ignores an obvious conflict of interest by serving on the board's compensation committee."

Now, if John Engler and Candice Miller sought posts on the State Officers Compensation Commission, their own party would scream bloody murder. But such conflicts of interest are hardly blinked at by private companies such as Nike, Philip Morris and Innovent.

Some kind of prize should go to Eastman Kodak CEO George Fisher, "whose compensation climbed to \$3.9 million from \$1.9 million after he moved to cut 14,100 jobs at the Rochester, N.Y., photographic-products maker in 1993 and 1994."

After throwing the equivalent of a small city onto the economic scrap heap, Mr. Fisher must have been extremely tired at the end of the day and needed \$2 million worth of gratitude.

Let's hear the Mackinac Center give three cheers for "supply and demand" and "competition."

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

Canton Library is growing along with the community

GUEST COLUMNIST



JAMES GILLIG

and improve the electronic database through the library.

The expansion will allow the library to continue its mission of excellence in all aspects of its operation. This was an explicit mission established by the first library board in 1979 and continues to this day. The board meets 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the library and invites all citizens to attend and express their opinions if we are achieving this mission and, if not, how we can improve.

James Gillig, D.D.S., is a Canton resident and longtime member of the Canton Public Library Board of Trustees.

LETTERS

Good Samaritan

I am a 81-year-old Canton Place resident with heart problems. On Saturday, March 21, I was out for my exercise. As I approached the Ford-Sheldon corner, I fell, striking my face and shoulder on the cement walk. I was unable to get up and just lay there. As desperate thoughts started entering my head, a truck pulled up at the light, the passenger saw what had happened, jumped out and helped me to my feet. In the confusion, I never got the gentleman's name. But I would like to use your forum to publicly thank him for extreme kindness. Hopefully, he will read this and know I appreciate his help. This "name-unknown" gentleman is now on my prayer list.

Sophie Siwiec
Canton

Poor planning, monopoly equal major problems at airport

They sure are scraping dirt out at Detroit Metro Airport these days.

My Northwest Airlines flight last week from Albany landed (on time) on the south runway. We must have taxied for a good 10 minutes past giant earth movers, big holes in the ground, piles of drain pipe and lots of construction work.

The theory is the new \$1.2 billion midfield terminal project will open some time in 2001. The project will feature a new mile-long East concourse that will include gates for international flights and a 700-foot-long passenger tunnel connecting with the smaller West concourse. All in all, the project is supposed to add some 60-odd new gates, nearly all destined for Northwest.

That's what has a lot of people worried. Northwest has exploited its near-monopoly position at its "fortress hub" at Detroit Metro to increase its prices to among the highest in the nation, while simultaneously allowing passenger service to deteriorate. The question is whether the new terminal project will merely extend Northwest's market dominance or open the, ahem, gate to increased competition.

Airport director David Katz says he's "confident that as the terminal project gets to completion, we will be able to increase competition at Detroit Metro and, hopefully, bring prices down and increase service quality."

How? Here's Katz's reasoning: Later this year, he will solicit bids to renovate the old Smith and Davey terminals, now the workhorses of Detroit Metro. At present, there are just 14 jet gates available for non-Northwest airlines. Once Northwest moves to the new midfield terminal and after the renovation (which will include eliminating the A, C and E concourses at Smith), a total of 24 gates will be available for non-Northwest carriers, a substantial increase.

Katz says he expects Southwest Airlines to step up its presence at Metro, along with Pro Air, which may find the runways at Detroit City Airport just too short and move some operations to Metro. Although Katz says there's no prospect of other big national carriers – American, Delta, United – taking on Northwest by building hubs at Detroit. But he's hopeful each will choose to add gates once the construction is over. And there are other possibilities for increased competition, including TWA, which



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just bought a bunch of new aircraft.

The obvious fear in all this is that Northwest, anxious to maintain its monopoly, will try to buy all the new gates for its own use. Other airlines, just as anxious as Northwest to maintain their own fortress monopoly hubs, in the past have traded gates around from one airport to another to maintain dominance.

Katz says he doesn't think that will happen. He says the old gate leases, going back to 1958, were "exclusive," which in practice meant they guaranteed Northwest's monopoly. New leases after 2001 will be "preferential" – that is, not exclusively held for one airline or another.

Moreover, says Katz, "I don't think Northwest wants any of the old gates that will be modernized at Smith and Davey terminals." Andrea Fischer Newman, Northwest's vice president of government, law and civic affairs, agrees: "Northwest is not in line for any of these gates."

There's no doubt that the poor state of airline service in Detroit is in large part the result of Northwest's monopolistic practices. But it's also the consequence of outmoded terminals at Metro, planned and built before the enormous increase in traffic that resulted from Northwest's hub.

Maybe, just maybe, the new midfield terminal and the rebuilt old terminals will result in a better facility for all passengers and a more competitive environment between air carriers. This might even bring down airfares and improve passenger service.

If so, that's called getting the best of both worlds.

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"I think they've got an excellent chance to finish in the top four of their division."
 "I hope they'll have a great season. I'm going to opening day because it will be the last one at Tiger Stadium."
 "I don't really care. I'm still boycotting baseball because of the strike."
 "I think they'll do well. I'm a fan out of nostalgia, that's why I think they'll win."

Founder of Walter's Appliance chain dies in Florida at 77

Services for Walter Joseph Mistak of Dearborn Heights were Tuesday from Sajewski Funeral Home in Detroit and St. Dunstan Church in Garden City. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

Mr. Mistak, the founder of the Walter's Home Appliance chain, died April 8 in a Florida hospital following complications from surgery. He was 77.

A pioneer in the local appliance business, Mr. Mistak opened his first store on McGraw Avenue on Detroit's west side in 1950. Walter's Home Appliances added stores in Livonia, Canton, Dearborn and Brighton.

Mr. Mistak was co-founder of MARTA Cooperative of America, a buyers group for independent dealers in the appliance/television industry.

The son of Polish immigrants, Mr. Mistak was born Dec. 29, 1921, in Detroit. He attended St.



Walter Joseph Mistak

Andrew's grade school, Munger Junior High School and Chadsey High School.

He served in the Armed Forces, during World War II. He took great pride in his Polish heritage and was a member of the Polish Club and the Bienen VFW Post.

A big man known for his hearty laugh and a heart big as

all outdoors, Mr. Mistak was an avid outdoorsman and hunter. He loved food and game and enjoyed experimenting in the kitchen. A longtime Dearborn Heights resident, Mr. Mistak spent his winters in Bonita Beach, Fla. and much of his summers in northern Michigan.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Michaeline Mistak; sons John Michael Mistak and Walter Jr. (Melissa); daughters Mary Frances (Jeffrey) Hearn and Lisa (William) Seymour; sisters Anna Hanley and Eleanor Maciejewski; and grandchildren Michael and Christopher Mistak, Jeffrey and Stephanie Hearn, Julie Seymour and Rachel, Monica and Walter Mistak III.

Memorial donations may be made to Orchard Lake St. Mary's seminary.

OBITUARIES

ULOS 'OKIE' HAMBLIN JR.

Services for Ulos 'Okie' Hamblin Jr., 68, of Plymouth Township will be 11 a.m. Friday, April 16, in St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Mallia officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born Sept. 16, 1930, in Hartshorne, Okla. He died on April 12 in Plymouth Township. He moved to Michigan in 1950. He began farming 41 years ago. He owned and operated Okie and Mary's Market in Plymouth Township. He also owned the Okie's U-Pick Pumpkin Patch on North Territorial and Ridge roads, which is now the location of Temple Baptist Church. He also owned Okie's of Fenton, Mich. He grew sweet corn for the Fall Festival and made chicken dinners for many years. He grew and shipped pumpkins to many A&P stores all over the South. He loved western books and movies. He also enjoyed "killing time" at Bode's restaurant in Plymouth.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ulos Hamblin Sr., one son, John Hamblin; and stepfather, Elmo Trueblood. Survivors include his wife, Mary Hamblin of Plymouth Township; his mother, Amelia Trueblood of McAlester, Okla.; eight children, Bill (Brenda)

Hamblin of Adams, Tenn.; James (Jackie) Hamblin of Dexter, Ky.; George Hamblin of Richmond, Mich.; Robert Hamblin of Plymouth; Stephen Hamblin of Ashland City, Tenn.; Adra (Thomas) Erwin of South Lyon; Lou Ann Hamblin of Belleville; Pam Hamblin of Plymouth; two brothers, Keith Hamblin of California; Ronald Trueblood of Saudi Arabia; three sisters, Kit Edward Hamblin of California; Mary Howard of Santa Ynez, Calif.; Beverly Trueblood of Hartshorne, Okla.; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

MARGARET KLUWE

Services for Margaret Kluwe, 98, of Canton were April 13 in St. Michael Lutheran Church, Canton, with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell, the Rev. Drex Morton, and the Rev. David Woodby officiating. Burial was in Acacia Park Cemetery, Birmingham.

She was born Aug. 31, 1900, in Detroit. She died April 10 in Hope Nursing Home, Westland. She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton, a former member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Dearborn and a member of the Order of Eastern Star-Findlater Chapter in Detroit. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-

grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George R. Kluwe; parents, Phillip and Alvina Diehl; six brothers; and five sisters. Survivors include her son, George R. Kluwe Jr. of Holly; one daughter, Nancy J. Blumer of Canton; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

SELMA AHO

Services for Selma Aho, 85, of Canton were April 13 in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township, with the Rev. David W. Martin officiating. Burial was in Cherry Hill Cemetery, Canton.

She was born Jan. 9, 1914, in Blackford, Ky. She died April 10 in Canton. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Doss and Laura Perkins. Survivors include her daughter, Bobbye (Robert) A. Reagan of Canton; one granddaughter, Karen (Brett) A. Jackson of Hanover, Mich.; one grandson, Michael Reagan of Canton; one great-granddaughter, Roxanne R. Rowe of Westland; one great-grandson, Cori A. Jackson of Hanover; and one great-great-granddaughter, Ashley M. Rowe of Westland.

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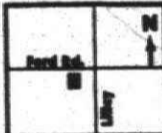
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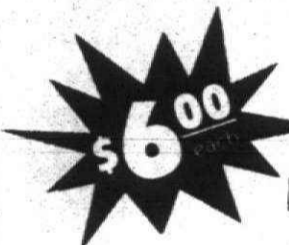
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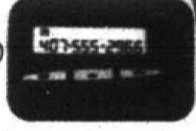


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JACK GLADDEN

Libraries take tough stance about 'MIAs'

This week (as regular readers of this newspaper must know by now) is National Library Week. So, in the immortal words of television Judge Mills Lane, "Let's get it on and get it decided."

If you wonder what library week has to do with a TV judge, it's just this: Hold on to those overdue items long enough and you could end up in his courtroom. Or at least in Westland's 18th District Court.

Whether the timing was deliberate or just coincidental, Westland library officials announced last week that they are going to start turning over the names of delinquent borrowers to the police department. A patron convicted under a city ordinance for theft of library materials could face a maximum of a 90-day jail term and a \$500 fine.

Joe Burchill, assistant to the director of Westland's William P. Faust Public Library, says the library currently has overdue or unreturned items amounting to \$72,500. Burchill says the library doesn't want to prosecute people but "we have an obligation to the taxpayers of Westland. It is our responsibility to maintain our collection and account for these items."

Not quite SCTV

While the "Library Police" may sound like a sketch from Second City TV, Westland isn't the only library to begin prosecuting book bandits. Last year, a woman in Orono, Maine, accused of the theft of three books and one audiotape from the Old Town Public Library, was fined \$200 after she pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of violating library policy and failure to appear at an earlier court date. According to news accounts, she had already returned two of the items and reimbursed the library for the others.

The plea bargain came about because Maine's theft statute applied only to video stores and rental agencies, not libraries. The prosecutor in the case has since been working with a state representative in drafting a bill to make failure to return library materials a civil offense punishable by a fine.

Prosecutors in Burlington, N.C., weren't so hamstrung. In that state, stealing or even detaining library books worth more than \$50 is a felony. So last year the Alamance County Memorial Library turned over to police a list of more than 60 patrons who had failed to return borrowed materials.

At least 35 people, including six juveniles, were arrested, with the adults facing five to six months in jail and the juveniles looking at time in a detention center.

One of those adults turned herself in to police after her father called her to say that officers had come to her house with a warrant. At the police station, she was charged, photographed, fingerprinted and released on a \$300 bond, pending a trial at which she was told she could face up to three years in jail.

The items she was accused of not returning included "Sheep in a Jeep," "Paddington Goes to School," "Mooncake," "Of Color and Things," "The Princess and the Pea" and a video, "Why Won't My Child Pay Attention?" She was told at the police station that the items were valued at \$142.11 and that her sentence probably would be to pay that amount plus a \$30 processing fee and court costs of \$80 or more.

While her case may seem like much ado about very little, Alamance Library officials say that when they started their crackdown, they had overdue and missing materials amounting to \$102,000. One official said the library has since recovered more than \$47,000 in missing items, some of which had been checked out as long as 10 years ago.

What do you do?

So what's a library to do? Just eat

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CUP OF JOE WITH A MESSAGE



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'X-er'-citing: Billie Schuttpelz of Royal Oak performs a soliloquy entitled, "The Quagmire," while Kristen Larsson, 18, of Plymouth, (top photo at right), makes cappuccino at the Vox coffee bar.

Vox serves up God to 'X-ers'

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"Generation X-ers" are filled with fear and need to be told that they matter to God, according to Wayne Kurtycz of Temple Baptist Church in Plymouth Township. So he and a group of Temple Baptist members are vowing to let God's voice be heard through its monthly program, "Vox."

"Vox" incorporates the latest technology in sound and video, drama, music and speaking to share the message of God in a culturally relevant way with adults ages 18-35.

Temple Baptist's senior pastor, Brad Powell, and Kurtycz began planning Vox eight years ago before launching it last fall. The goal was to create a ministry that would reach out to "Generation X" adults, many of whom are unchurched, Kurtycz explained.

"Gen X-ers," because of what's happened in the media, have a pretty cynical view of the church. Many have grown up never attending church. Some of them have no Christian memory at all," said Kurtycz, the pastor of singles and outreach events.

"When Baby Boomers were kids, there were actually a couple of Christian songs that actually became popular. I don't remember the artist, but

'Amazing Grace' was remade. If I asked, 'Have you ever heard of that song 'Amazing Grace'?' The typical 'Gen X-er' would say 'No.'"

Because "Generation X-ers" are tech-savvy, the planning group recommended bypassing traditional methods and instead opting for video, drama, and "various styles of music that are popular today whether it's modern rock, post-modern rock, rave or alternative."

But just because the method is different, "that doesn't mean the mes-

sage changes. Nowhere in the Scripture does it say that you have to have an organ on stage, or that you only do your services on Sunday morning. Those are traditions that started within the last couple centuries. Yet people believe that that's the only way to do church," he said.

Temple Baptist also lets real people tell their stories. On Saturday, March 6, York Moore of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship spoke about his belief in God. In June, comedian/motivation-

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Godly humor: Christian comedian and preacher Brett Ray of Livonia weaves tales for the Vox patrons.

A Vox night out

Vox nights are held at 7 p.m. the first Saturdays of each month, except April and December, at Temple Baptist Church, 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. The 1999 dates are May 1, June 5, July 3, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2 and Nov. 6. There is no admission charge and no offering will be taken.

Comedian/motivational speaker David Dean will speak during Vox night June 5.

For more information about Vox, call (734) 414-7777 or visit <http://www.thevox.com>.

Teens find alternative in coffeehouses

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Joshua Bonno can't wait to graduate from Plymouth Canton High School. His classmates, he said, don't relate to his belief in God, so he's looking forward to meeting adults who can.

"I think this generation sees miracles and I feel that they see so much happiness to their lives and they throw it toward the wind," said Bonno, a junior at Plymouth Canton. "They're more focused with self-gratification and getting what they want."

"A lot of them say, 'I believe in God, but I won't get serious about it until I'm older.' The holy spirit has convicted them but their house is built on the sand. They don't have a stable foundation."

In support of his strong belief, Bonno, 17, founded Emmaus Coffeehouse a year ago at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton Township.

"God just really gave me a vision of how to reach people of my age because God's really weighted on my heart for the youth," Bonno explained. "God just really gave me of vision. I didn't tell anyone about it. Personally, I thought it would never happen at the church."

While Bonno was mulling over the idea, one of St. Michael's pastors told Bonno he had the same vision. The coffeehouse was named after Jesus' destination following the resurrection.

"We thought Emmaus would be a good name for the coffeehouse. We looked up what Emmaus meant in Hebrew and it means warm water, similar to coffee," he said. "I thought that was really, really cool."

Emmaus Coffeehouse, which begins at 7 p.m., features poetry readings, concerts ranging from acoustic music to hard core. On Friday, April 30, Trip the Lightning Fantastic will perform.

Upcoming performers include Madison Greene on May 7, Trial by Fire on May 21 and The Israelites, a ska band, on July 9.

"Restoration Fest," featuring Face of Humanity, Outcry, Spite of Opposition, Xsubsisix, Fable, Bonno's band Trial By Fire and Stand Firm, is set for June 18.

All of the Emmaus Coffeehouses benefit Rock for Life, a Christ-cen-

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Click, click: In 1983, Victor Thomas pointed his camera at some near and dear, capturing this photograph of his sister, Harriet Spurlin of Livonia.

Family honor

Retirement is chance to do book

BY SUE MASON
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He had digs on Fifth Avenue and his camera caught the images of the rich and famous - actress Claire Bloom, former President Richard Nixon and author Philip Roth - and graced the pages of "Making of a Dancer."

A "famous photographer in New York," Victor Thomas' work is now packed into 10 boxes in Harriet Spurlin's Livonia home. And if she has her way, they'll be transformed into a tribute to her late brother.

"I have all of his pictures," said Spurlin, who was close to her brother. "And I intend to do a book on him to honor him."

Spurlin took nine months off from work to be with Thomas when he "took sick" and came to Michigan to live with her. And now that she's officially retired, she has plenty of time to organize his work in book form.

"Everything I do I put my heart into it," she said. "I was brought up that way, I don't shortchange a thing."

Spurlin "worked as a secretary all the way" for more than 38 years. She spent 6 1/2 years at Massey-Fergu-

son. She was married and her children were in school at the time, but a twinge of conscience forced her to leave.

"I thought I should be home making cookies for my kids," she said. "But it's hard to stay home, when you have the energy and want to work. I think you should be able to do the things you want to do and not feel denied."

So Spurlin made cookies for her four sons by her first marriage, but returned to work at the Ford Motor Co., where she worked for 20 years before accepting an early retirement offer.

But the start of her golden years had to wait another 12 years.

"When I took the early (retirement) special, Bill Reese was a vendor and asked me if I'd like to work for Cooper (Engineered Products)," Spurlin said. "I ended up working for a wonderful man - Bill Reese."

If secretarial work wasn't enough, Spurlin also made a name for herself as a psychic. Her forte was reading cards - a regular deck of playing cards.

Her introduction was at a beauty shop where a woman - "the best reader" - told Spurlin she would be a reader and be "very famous."

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WSDP readies for annual auction

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WSDP-FM 88.1, Plymouth Canton High School's radio station, is hoping to go digital. Enhancing and updating the station's computers will allow it to eventually broadcast 24 hours a day.

But to do that, this year's benefit auction on May 8 must be successful, according to Bill Keith, WSDP-FM station manager. The station's last digital enhancement was three years ago, he added.

"It will be a good chance for the students to learn about the digital aspects of broadcasting," said Keith, a 1985 Plymouth Salem High School graduate who lives in South Lyon.

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tered, anti-abortion organization. An avid anti-abortionist, Bonno prays in front of an abortion clinic in Southfield on Saturday mornings.

Generally, the cover charge for Emmaus is \$3 and coffee, cappuccino, espresso and mocha are available with a free will offering. For more information, call the church at (734) 459-3333.

"A lot of the times, we end up giving away the cappuccino and the mocha and stuff and paying the music group. We've never come up negative. We get at least a 5 percent or 10 percent profit after taking care of everything," Bonno said.

Bonno was saved in the eighth grade and has been attending church since he was in kindergarten. He balances running the coffeehouse with school, partici-

pating in the school band, and his job at Kid Kingdom.

"It's been going great. It's been a real blessing to have God use me in this way. I wouldn't be able to pull something like this on my own."

Like Emmaus Coffeehouse, the Praise Cafe at Solid Rock Bible Church is geared toward senior high- and college-age students.

"We usually have two or three bands play," said Brad Cannon, youth pastor. "We use video and to introduce a hot topic, we'll use several different things. One time we used a Bart Simpson cartoon where Bart loses his soul. I taught about what the Bible says about losing your soul."

The Praise Cafe attracts about 150 and is held in the auditorium of Solid Rock Bible Church,

670 Church St., Plymouth.

"We don't have any pews in it any longer; we have an open floor and stage," said Cannon. "The building is old and gothic looking. It was built in the 1890s. We dim the lights and let the kids bring in a couple different Christian bands."

"We have coffee tables set up all over the place. We have a coffee bar, cappuccinos, specialty coffees and a snack."

Admission is free, but snacks and coffee cost \$1 each. The last of the spring is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, and features

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al speaker David Dean will make an appearance. Kurtzy explained that a future "Vox" topic will be the Y2K fear.

"We try to be thematic. Right now we're dealing with issues of fear. Gen X-ers have certainly let us Baby Boomers know that they fear things like, 'You Baby Boomers aren't going to let us have a job because by the time you're 65, we'll be in our 40s, so we want jobs.'"

"Vox" nights run from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the church, 4955 N. Telegraph, and afterward flavored coffees and pastries are served. Since its inception last fall, an average of 120 people have showed up at the events.

"Most of them are college, career-age singles and some couples. It's free and we don't take an offering and we don't pres-

sure anybody. We just lay it out there."

Kurtzy came up with the name "Vox," which means "the voice."

"So it's kind of cool because we are using that idea of voice. We're voicing the fear of change. We're voicing all these different

things that we come up with."

Kurtzy said he is passionate about sharing the message of God to "Gen X-ers" because they want the truth.

"They don't necessarily want glitz. They don't want pop. They want honest-to-goodness

truth. They don't want the slick televangelists. That's the cool thing about Vox. It's not about that," he said.

"It's just giving them the truth that they matter to God in a relevant relational format where they can make friends and hang out."

He said it would be up to a court to decide whether she's telling the truth, but do we really want to end up in court because of overdue library books?

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Just a sample: WSDP auction volunteers Naraj Patel of Canton (left) and Jody Gross of Plymouth show off some of the items that will be auctioned off on air Saturday, May 8.

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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

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RACING COLLECTIBLE SHOW

A Racing Collectible Show will be held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Posters, cards, hot wheels, caps, T-shirts, racing memorabilia, etc. (items vary from show to show) will be available. Admission is \$3. Children under 12 admitted free with paying adult. For more information, call (734) 484-6214.

TEDDY BEAR SIGNING

Village Shopkeeper presents "The Teddy Bear Signing" 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 23, at 470 Forest Place, Plymouth. Three of Cottage Collectibles' most popular artists will be in store to meet and sign autographs. Featured artists will be Lorraine Chien, Mary Holstad and Carol Kirby. Register to win Village Shopkeeper merchandise. Bring your own collectibles or buy them at the store. For more information, call (734) 455-6660.

FABULOUS FABLE FACTORY

Whistle Stop Players present "The Fabulous Fable Factory," 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon. This is a 50-minute musical play featuring six of Aesop's best fables woven together with scenes and songs that explore the parts of a story and the joy of being a child. All seats are \$5. For more information or for tickets, call (734) 416-4278.

GARAGE SALE

The Annual Garage Sale will be 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 24, in The Gathering, next to Penn Theatre. For more information, call (734) 464-1129 or (734) 425-2935.

DANCE COLLECTION 1999

Dance Ensemble West will present "Dance Collection 1999" 3 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Plymouth Canton High School Little Theater, 8415 N. Canton Center, south of Joy. The concert is an annual presentation of ballet and modern dance works. Admission donation is \$9.

SPRING CLEANUP

Old Village Development Authority presents "Spring Cleanup" 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 24. Meet at the Fire Station No. 2 at the corner of Spring and Holbrook. Clean Up starts on K of C Park, Cannon Park, Liberty Street and other common areas of the Old Village. Coffee, juice, bagels and muffins will be served. To R.S.V.P. or for more information, call Sherrie Pryor at (734) 455-1279.

SWING DANCE CLASSES

The Dance Connection in Canton is sponsoring "Swing Dance" classes for adults and teens. The classes will be on Saturday, April 24. Beginner swing

Central students cited in German competition

Class is 3:30-4:30 p.m., and the intermediate class is 4:30-5:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Classes will be conducted by Tim Smola, a former Mr. Dance of Michigan and currently a member of the Peter Sparling Dance Company in Ann Arbor. For more information, call (313) 562-1203 or (734) 397-9755.

ANNUAL AUCTION

New Morning School, a nonprofit parent cooperative school in Plymouth Township, will be hosting its 23rd annual auction, "Western Extravaganza," 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 24, in Laurel Manor, Livonia. Cost is \$55, which includes dinner, open bar, live and silent auction. Auction items include jerseys autographed by Detroit Red Wings Sergei Fedorov, Steve Yzerman, Brendan Shanahan and more; trips to Las Vegas, Vail, Colo., Disney, Lake Tahoe; and whitewater rafting and more. Proceeds benefit the individualized programs at New Morning School. For more information and reservations, call the school at (734) 420-3391.

SPRING CONCERT

The 125-voice Plymouth Community Chorus presents its spring concert, "Journey to Tomorrow," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, in the Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy, Canton. The chorus is celebrating its 25th anniversary. They will be singing patriotic, sacred and rock songs, love ballads, Broadway and movie tunes, including "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Amazing Grace," "Rock Around the Clock," "Love is a Many Splendored Thing," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Yes, Yes, Yes," "Who Can I Turn To" and "Summer Fun." Tickets can be obtained from Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton, Sideways Gift Shop, 505 Forest, Plymouth and the Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Northville. Tickets may also be ordered by phone, as can tapes and CDs, by calling (734) 455-4080.

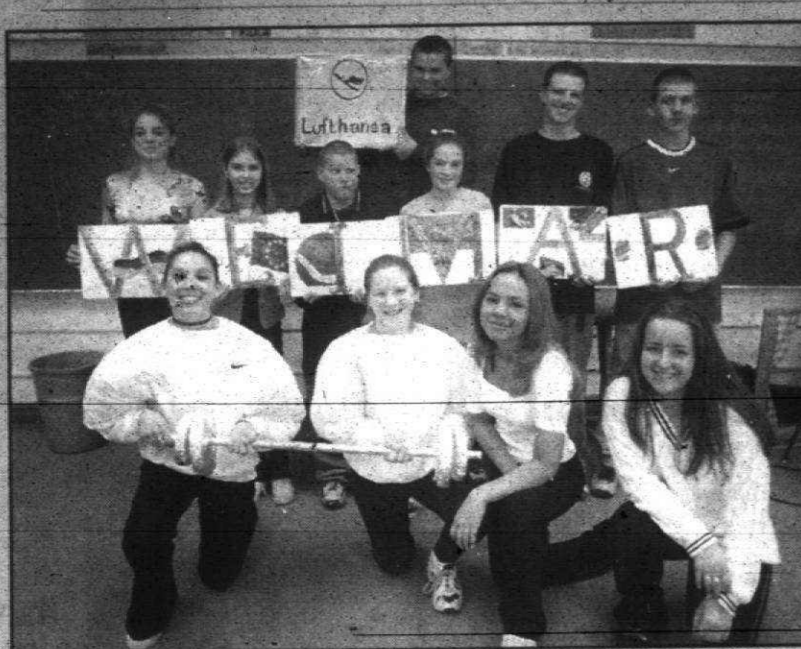
PLYMOUTH STAMP SHOW

Come and see Michigan's largest stamp show 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Plymouth Central Middle School, at the corner of Main and Church. Admission is free and parking is free. Food and beverages are available on the premises.

GMAT WORKSHOP

Prepare for the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) with workshops offered by Oakland University College of Arts

Award winners: German students at Central Middle School captured a series of awards at the recent statewide German Day competition for middle and high schools. Central's two "TV commercials," placed first in extemporaneous speaking. In front (from left) are: second-place commercial for women's body builder video performers Nicole Genrich, Kelly Vanston and Anna Islam join Stoilkovic. Standing (from left) are: first-place commercial for "Lufthansa," performers Danielle Davidson, Melissa Allen, Scott Schneider, Doug Davidson (behind), Ashley Dean, Aaron Paul and Beau Tomlinson.



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and Sciences. Workshops meet for four full days on Saturdays starting on April 17 in the Oakland University campus in Rochester. Cost is \$325. For a brochure and to register, call (248) 370-3125.

SENIOR GOLFERS

A new senior league is being formed to begin play 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, at the Fox Hills Golf Club. Open registration has already begun and dead-

ANTIQUE APPRAISAL CLINIC

The Plymouth Historical Museum will host Ernest DuMouchelle from Detroit at an Antique Appraisal Clinic 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 20. DuMouchelle is the Detroit area's leading authority on antique appraisals and currently travels with the PBS Antiques Roadshow as one of their appraisers. This is the 12th annual clinic hosted by the museum. Call the museum to reserve an appointment time at (734) 455-8940. Appointments will be made every 20 minutes and you may bring up to five hand-held items or a photo with measurements and details for larger items. Appraisals are \$6 per item for an oral appraisal or \$10 per item for a professional written

WOMEN PAINTERS

The Ann Arbor Women Painters present, "Can We Talk?" 7 p.m. Monday, April 19, at the Earhart

Village Clubhouse, 835 Greenhills, Ann Arbor. A panel of artists from the Ann Arbor Women Painters will talk about issues. The public is welcome. For more information, call (734) 663-2825.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The City of Plymouth Recreation Division will run the following adult softball leagues this spring/summer: Men's Slow Pitch, Women's Slow Pitch, Coed Slow Pitch and Men's Modified. Season starts April 26. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620.

GRAND OPENING

The grand opening of the Plymouth Volunteer Center, home of the Plymouth Community Foundation, Century Society of Plymouth, and the Tonquish Economic Club will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 29, at 638 Starkweather, Old Village, Plymouth. Cost is \$100. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and entertainment will be provided.

T-BALL

The City of Plymouth Recreation Division will be registering through April 30 for the 5- and 6-year-old T-Ball League. Children must be born July-December 1992, January-December 1993, January-December 1994. Registration will be at the Recreation Office at the Cultural Center, during office hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Birth certificate is required. The season runs seven weeks, running June 19 through Aug. 7. No games July 3. The fee is \$55. City of Plymouth resident discount \$35. For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

YOGA CLASSES

Learn yoga as union of mind, body and spirit. Blend breathing exercises, physical postures and relaxation using guided imagery and meditation. This is a seven-week series through May 26 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Canton Health Building, Canton Center Road at Palmer. Classes are offered Monday mornings or Wednesday evenings. Cost is \$60 for seven classes or \$10 for drop-ins. Classes are given by Dr. Jacqui Magon. For more information, call (734) 398-7557.

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LEGAL FAIR

Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Service presents a free community legal fair sponsored under a Canton Township Community Development Block Grant 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at the Canton Human Services Building, Michigan and Sheldon. Attorneys will provide legal discussions and individual consultations on legal issues such as: elder abuse, grandparents' rights, family law, estate planning, consumer and public benefits/tax assistance. For more information, call (313) 937-8291.

OPEN HOUSE

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

RELAY FOR LIFE

The 1999 Plymouth-Canton Relay for Life, a 24-hour run/walkathon to raise money for the American Cancer Society, will be held May 8-9 at Heritage Park in Canton. Teams consist of 12 or more people who divide up the relay so that a member is on the track at all times. Team members are asked to raise \$100 each to participate. There will be entertainment and refreshments for the duration of the event. Student volunteers are also needed. For information on participation or sponsorship, call Gloria Peterson at the ACS Great Lakes Division, (248) 557-8353. For information on becoming a volunteer, call Debbie Zevalnik, (734) 397-5381.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The City of Ann Arbor Department of Parks and Recreation is now taking registrations for its annual Spring Scramble Golf Tournament scheduled for Sunday, May 16. The shotgun start begins at 8 a.m. at Leslie Park Golf Course, 2120 Traver in Ann Arbor. Play is open to all golfers, stroke play and no handicaps. Each player tees off with the best ball being determined from the shots played. The fee is \$140 for a three-person team. Registration is in person at Ann Arbor residents registered beginning April 12. Nonresidents may register beginning April 19. Final deadline to register is May 2. For more information, call (734) 994-1163.

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What's your bid? New Morning ready for auction

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With the Plymouth-Canton area abuzz with news about kids attending NASA's Space Camp, New Morning School in Plymouth Township decided it would be nice if one more student could go.

"With all the excitement of Space Camp in the area, we have a week in Space Camp for a child," Jane Fry said of New Morning School's annual auction.

Fry and Mary Davinich are the co-chairwomen of "Western Extravaganza" auction 5-11 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The \$55 ticket includes a dinner of filet mignon or Southwestern chicken, open bar and a late-night snack of pizza and buffalo wings. For more information, call the school at (734) 420-3331.

Besides the Southwestern chicken, there are several other Western-related items, including the "Bronco Buster," a recast bronze sculpture by Frederick Remington, and a western-themed toy chest.

"We just try to make the evening, the night just a fun evening," said Fry. "We try to set a different theme every year. We've had 'An Evening in Paris,' 'Mexican Fiesta.' We thought it would be fun to do a Western theme."

Other items up for bids include a pair of University of Michigan football season tickets, suite for 14 during the 1999-2000 Red Wings season, signed and framed jerseys from Steve Yzerman, Sergei Fedorov, Brendan Shanahan, Slava Kozlov, Ted Lindsay, Paul Coffey and Larry Murphy, a dolphin encounter in the Florida Keys and a personal chef for two weeks.

Returning this year, is the Deal for Wheels check.

"Each dealership has donated \$1,000 and what we do is we auction off a \$4,000 check that has to be used at one of the participating dealerships to buy a car. It's been very successful," Fry said.

This year, Dick Scott Dodge, Blackwell Ford, Hines Park Lincoln Mercury and Saturn of Plymouth and Farmington Hills are participating.

Student creations

New Morning School students have made three of the items up for bids.

"The elementary project is a wooden toy chest where kids drew a western-themed picture and it's going to be decoupled onto this chest filled with toys," Fry said. "The middle school has done an apothecary cabinet. It has 24 drawers. Since we have 24 kids in the class each one painted the drawer front. We picked the color and let them design the front."

"Our primary (kindergarten and preschool) class did an alphabet poster with the kids forming their bodies into the letters. It's real cute."

For an additional \$25, supporters can purchase raffle tickets that offer the chance to win a \$5,000 first prize, \$1,000 second prize, or \$500 third prize. Entrants do not need to be present to win. If less than 300 tickets

are sold, the prize will be 50 percent of the gross ticket revenue with a minimum prize of \$1,625.

Last year, New Morning School auction-raised \$120,000 and Fry hopes to match that. "Our goal is about \$110,000 or \$115,000, but you never know because the night is so unpredictable," she said.

Proud tradition

New Morning School, which is preschool through eighth grade, is a tax-exempt, nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation. It is licensed by Michigan Department of Social Services and is certified by Michigan Department of Education.

The curriculum stresses individualized learning, student decision-making, goal-setting and hands-on learning.

"The class sizes are small, it's real individualized programs for each child," Fry said. "The elementary is really first through fifth grade. It's more like the old one-room schoolhouse situation

where the kids are all mixed. Our middle school goes through fifth through eighth grade."

Students may attend fifth grade with the elementary school or middle school pupils, depending on their skill level.

Fry's daughter, Amy, is in the eighth grade, her last at New Morning School.

"This is our 11th year here; we started in preschool. We're in it for the long haul," said Fry, whose daughter will attend Plymouth-Canton High School next year. "She says she's ready. I think I have more anxiety about it than she does."

As part of the co-op program, the parents aid in the classrooms, clean the school, and organize events like the auction. New Morning School's board of directors includes parents.

"The auction was set up years ago, this is our 23rd auction," Fry said. "This is our major fund-raiser. It makes tuition affordable to the community and neighboring communities."



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Take a look: New Morning School students Becky Pureen, 11, Aleta Lockhart, 11, Sara Fry, 11, Samantha Schmitt, 8, Alex Schmitt, 6, and Mark Lockhart, 13, gladly display items that have been collected for the school's annual fund-raiser.

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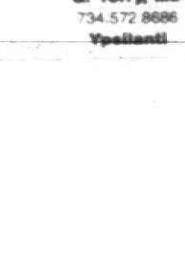

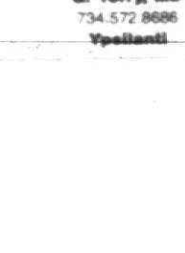
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ANNIVERSARIES



Olson

Clifford "Ollie" and Shirley Olson of Garden City were the guests of honor at a dinner at Canterbury Village in Orion in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows on March 12, 1949, at Ward Memorial Presbyterian Church in Detroit. She is the former Shirley Orbert.

The Olsons have lived in Garden City for 45 years and have two children. Daughter Linda is a teacher at Garden City High



School and daughter Ruth owns Ruth Olson Photography in Westland. They also have six grandchildren.

He is a six-year retiree of General Motors and a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles and Loyal Order of the Moose. Dedicated to the restoration and preservation of antique farm engines, he belongs to the Early Engine Club of Greenfield Village and Early Engine Clubs in Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania.

The Olsons also will celebrate on a family trip to Las Vegas, Nev., in April.

Historical museum sponsors day camp

Kids can explore Michigan and metropolitan Detroit's history through a wide variety of hands-on activities during the Detroit Historical Museum's first-ever "History Comes Alive" adventure day camp this summer.

The camp will be 9 a.m. to noon July 12-16 and is targeted for students ages 9-12. The camp includes visits to museums in the Cultural Center and the

Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle.

Topics covered include archaeology, geography, oral history, social history, urban history, economics and civics. Campers will explore city architecture, the historical component in local cemeteries and learn about the African American, native American and other local cultures.

"We're excited to offer this

unique and educational experience for children," said Amy DeWys-VanHecke, the museum's curator of education. "History can be fun, and we're going to explore the more than 300 years of Detroit's history from many angles."

The cost is \$50 per child and advance registration is required by July 5. All materials, transportation for field trips and

snacks will be provided. Enrollment is limited to the first 25 students.

For reservations or more information, call DeWys-VanHecke at (313) 833-9720.

Partial funding is provided by a grant from the Japan Business Society of Detroit Foundation. The Detroit Historical Museum is at Woodward and Kirby in Detroit.

Spurlin from page B1

Spurlin took to heart what the woman said and learned how to read cards. She also listened when told she should charge for her readings. "That way you'll do your best work," she was told.

She did become famous, making appearances on the J.P. McCarthy radio show and WXYZ-TV's "Kelly & Co."

She also charged for her read-

ings, using the money to pay for her sons' college education.

And it was one of her sons who led her to give up reading cards.

"I'd have five cards in a row and have to be able to pick out the meaning; that's where the psychic comes in," she said. "One day, my son said those people would never get to heaven. 'You're taking their money and

they're putting their faith in you, not the Lord.'"

"I read cards for 15 years and paid the boys' way through college. I'm not sorry I read cards; I met a lot of wonderful people."

After a trip to Florida with her husband, Dan, Spurlin plans to weigh other options to fill her retirement years.

She has a real estate license

and might specialize in listings. She also may dabble in volunteer work.

"I have to give something back for everything that has happened," she said. "I've been fortunate in so many ways."

"But if I do the book and it's appreciated, I'd be thrilled out of my tree."

Multiples club holds sale

The Northwest Suburban Mothers of Multiples will have their spring/summer sale 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17.

The sale will be at Our Lady of Loretto Church, 17175 Olympia,

off Six Mile and Beech Daly roads, Redford.

There will be 30 tables, featuring clothing, equipment and toys, during the cash-only sale. Admission will be \$1.

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NCAA leader

Xinning-Li, a tennis standout at Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C., and a Plymouth Salem HS graduate, is one of 300 student-athletes selected to participate in the NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference May 31-June 4 in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

The mission of the conference is, through challenging and thought-provoking dialogue and activities, to prepare a diverse group of student-athletes to take an active leadership role on their campuses and in their communities. It will provide those selected with the opportunity to discuss and explore critical issues facing their peers, to enhance their leadership skills, and to promote better communications among student-athletes, coaches, administrators, faculty and communities.

The topics of discussion were identified during the nomination process and/or recommended by members of the Division I, II and III NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committees. Participating female and male student-athletes represent all NCAA Divisions, 20 sports and 11 countries.

Ambassador sweep

The Compuware Ambassadors advanced to the best-of-five-games North American Hockey League's Robertson Cup Playoff Finals against the St. Louis Sting by beating the Soo Kewadin Casino Indians 5-2 Friday at Compuware Arena and 3-1 Saturday at the Soo. The Ambassadors swept the best-of-three semifinal series.

Compuware's Josh Bowers was named NAHL's player of the week after scoring the first goal and assisting on the insurance goal in Saturday's series-clinching victory. Bowers also scored in Friday's victory, giving him a team-leading seven points (three goals, four assists) in four play-off games.

The Ambassadors' Craig Kowalski was selected as NAHL goalie of the week. Kowalski stopped 54 of 57 shots in the two games for a .947 save percentage. He led the NAHL in the regular season in victories with 34 and in goals-against average with a 2.10.

Both the Ambassadors and the Sting have already qualified for the National Gold Cup Championship Tournament April 30-May 5 in Lincoln, Neb. Games one and two of their Robertson Cup final will be played at 7:30 p.m. Friday and 1:30 p.m. Sunday in St. Louis; the final three games (if necessary) will be at Compuware at 6:35 p.m. April 23, 7:05 p.m. April 24 and 12:35 p.m. April 25.

Madonna hoop awards

A half-dozen Crusaders were singled out for special honors at Sunday's Madonna University men's basketball team banquet at Northville Manor.

Mike Massey, a freshman guard from Walled Lake Western HS who led Madonna in scoring with a 19.1 points-per-game average, was chosen as the team's Most Valuable Player. Mark Mitchell, a sophomore forward also from Western, was selected as the Secretary of Defense, or the defensive MVP, while Jason Skoczylas, a junior forward from Dearborn St. Alphonsus, was presented the Inspirational Award.

The Most Loyal Award went to junior forward Chad Putnam of Redford Thurston HS; Trevor Hinshaw, a freshman guard from Muskegon Mona Shores, earned the Most Improved Player award; and senior center Mike Maryanski grabbed the Chairman of the Boards award for being the team's top rebounder (7.2 per game).

Madonna finished the 1998-99 campaign 8-23 overall, 4-10 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Crusader honored

Courtney Senger, a senior softball player for Madonna University from Marine City, has been named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the week.

A first baseman, Senger went 7-for-13 at the plate (.538 batting average) with six runs batted in and two runs scored in four games last week. For the season, Senger leads the Lady Crusaders with a .427 batting average, 38 hits and 22 RBI.

Madonna was 16-13 overall through the weekend.

Knights rout Whalers



So much for tight, defensive struggles.

The Plymouth Whalers, who rallied from two games down to the London Knights in their best-of-seven Ontario Hockey League series by winning three straight, discovered this series was anything but over when they visited the Ice House in London Tuesday.

In front of a near-capacity crowd of 4,837, the Knights taught the OHL's regular-season champions a lesson by drilling them 8-2 to even the series at three games apiece. The seventh and deciding game will be at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Compuware Arena.

The winner advances to meet the Owen Sound Platers in the OHL semifinals at a site to be determined (if the Whalers win tonight, they will host the series opener at 7:30 p.m. Saturday). Owen Sound advanced by eliminating the Midwest Division champ Guelph Storm in six games.

The first two games in the Plymouth-London series went into overtime, with London winning by a 3-2 margin. Game three, played at Compuware, was also a one-goal affair until the Whalers pulled away with three goals in the last 3:42 to win 7-3.

The next two games featured a return to early-series form, with the Whalers winning both by 5-4 margins (the first going overtime, once again).

But Tuesday was totally different. The game was close for only a period, with the Knights getting a goal from Chris Kelly to take a 1-0 lead into the second.

Three second-period markers, two on the power play, gave London all the momentum it would need. Paul Mara scored for Plymouth at the 8:37 mark of the period (assisted by Harold Druken and David Legwand) to narrow the Knights' lead to 3-1, but John Erskine pushed the deficit back to three with another score for London with 4:10 left in the period.

Plymouth coach Pete DeBoer pulled goalie Robert Holsinger in favor of Rob Zepp in the third, but it made no difference. The Knights scored four more times against Zepp to complete the runaway. The game's final goal was netted by the Whalers' Tomek Valtonen, assisted by Justin Williams, with 2:20 left to play.

London had struggled for much of the series on the power play, but not in this game. The Knights converted 4-of-6 chances with the extra attacker. Plymouth

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Hit hard: Robert Holsinger has sparked in the net all season for the Whalers, but the Knights put six past him in two periods.

Spartans tip Canton

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So it's early in the season. Teams are still trying to fuse, to blend.

And as good as these two teams are, year in and year out, this game really doesn't mean anything. In the Western Lakes Activities Association, that is. It's unlikely the standings will be affected by it.

So this match is no big deal. None whatsoever. Right?

Right? Nice try. But such an assumption is dead wrong. Doesn't really matter what's on the line when Plymouth Canton and Livonia Stevenson mix it up on the soccer pitch. A game like this always warrants something extra.

On this occasion, Wednesday night at Canton, a mental advantage was the biggest prize up for grabs. Stevenson was still hurting from a frustrating 2-0 loss to Troy Athens, a defeat that ended the Spartans' unbeaten streak at 43 games.

"We came in here with something to prove," said Stevenson coach Jim Kimble.

As for Canton — well, the Chiefs were expected to provide the Spartans, who lost 10 players from last season's state championship squad, with their greatest challenge in the WLAA. That's a lot of pressure.

In the final analysis, Stevenson handled its situation better — certainly more consistently — than Canton did. It showed on the scoreboard, too: Spartans 2, Chiefs 0.

Stevenson improved to 2-1. Canton slipped to 2-1.

"We're not ready to beat them yet," said Chiefs' coach Don Smith. "But we can be."

There's a chance they'll meet again. If they do, both sides will remember this game.

"I thought we played well against them defensively," said Smith. "But we tried to do too much with the two girls up top (forwards Anne Morrell and Amanda Lentz), and our midfield wasn't coming up to play."

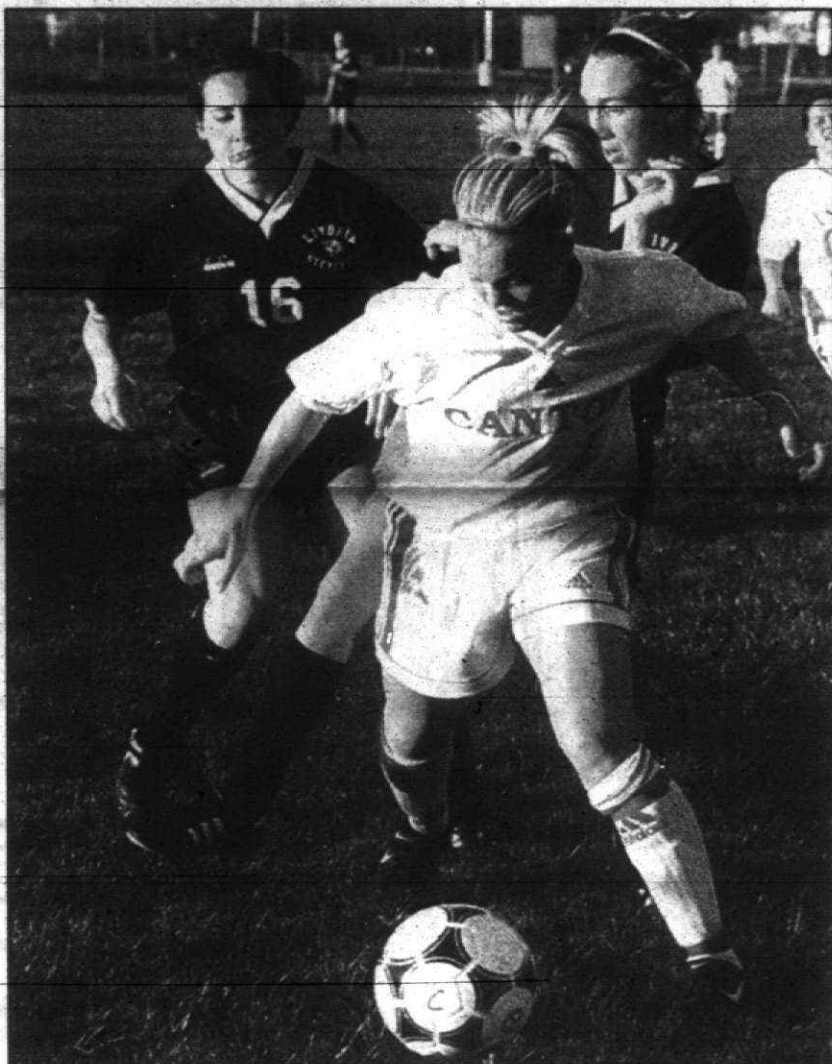
It was all part of the plan, according to Kimble. The Stevenson coach knew what to expect from the always-pressing Chiefs; but instead of counterattacking, he had his troops lay back.

"We knew what would happen," Kimble said. "We let them come at us for the first 5-10 minutes, then waited to see what would happen."

"We didn't want to take any chances in the first 10 minutes."

Stevenson began to go on the offensive with about 25 minutes left in the first half. Now it was Canton's turn to adjust.

But the Chiefs couldn't do it. The Spartan midfielders began to assert



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

No where to run: Canton's Anne Morrell scored four goals against Central Monday, but couldn't get free against Stevenson.

themselves, and Canton started to lose the battles for loose balls.

The game's first goal, however, was not the result of a pretty passing play or a great individual effort. Rather, it was just a matter of Stevenson's Julie Murray sending the ball into the box in front of the Chiefs' goal. Christina Lewis popped a shot toward the net that deflected off a Canton defender and squirted past keeper Amy Dorogi. With 20:34 left in the opening half, the Spartans had a 1-0 lead.

From that point on, the Chiefs had trouble asserting themselves. Their inability to control the midfield forced Morrell to roam further and further back in an effort to get to the ball. But when she did get near it, she was immediately swarmed upon. Kimble had assigned two Spartans, usually Cheryl Fox and Katie Beaudoin, to shadow her constantly.

"That was the whole idea," he said. "(Morrell) can beat you single-handed. But our defense played very disciplined."

Morrell's frustration surfaced when, with 25:05 left in the second half, she was yellow-carded for a hard tackle, which put her on the sidelines for 10 minutes. Five minutes after her return, a Stevenson clearing pass was fielded by an unmarked Lindsay Guskic, who dribbled through Canton's defense and unleashed a hard shot from 20 yards that went into the corner of the net, making it 2-0 with 9:51 left.

"This was a good barometer for us," concluded Smith. "It shows us where we're at. We've got a lot of young kids. And (Stevenson's) a good, solid team."

He left something unsaid. But it was easy enough to discern: Just wait'll next time.

Landefeld as his team fell to 0-2-1. "We had better shots on goal this time, better chances. They just didn't go in."

The game was scoreless at the half, but the Mustangs put two shots into the Salem net in an eight-minute span by bouncing them off defenders. The last 10 minutes of the game was spent almost exclusively in Northville's end, but the Rocks' lone goal didn't come until just three minutes remained. Janine Edwards scored it, on a cross from Suzy Towne.

BASEBALL

Chiefs roll over U-D

Now the real fun begins.

That's the object, anyway. And thus far this season, it has been fun for Plymouth Canton's baseball team. The Chiefs made it five wins in six non-league games by sweeping a pair from University of Detroit Jesuit Saturday, 8-2 and 3-2, at Canton.

Last Thursday, Canton split a double-header at Saline, losing the first game 9-7 then bouncing back to win the nightcap 6-2.

Ben Tucker did it all in the opener against the Cubs. The senior right-hander tossed a four-hitter, surrendering two unearned runs and two walks while striking out nine as he improved to 2-0. But as impressive as Tucker was on the mound, he was even better at the plate.

Tucker helped the Chiefs overcome a 2-0 first-inning deficit by slugging a grand-slam home run in the bottom half of the inning as Canton put six runs on the board. He then blasted a two-run homer in the sixth to cap a 3-for-3 performance at the plate, with six runs batted in.

Andrew Copenhagen contributed two hits in the victory, and Jason Evans had a hit and scored two runs.

In the second game, Dave Winter hurled a two-hitter, allowing one earned run and three walks, with one strikeout as he improved to 2-0. Mike Crudele, Kevin Tomasaitis and Ron McCue each had two hits, with Tomasaitis driving in a run. Oliver Wolcott also had a hit and an RBI. A two-run fifth inning enabled Canton to break a 1-1 tie and secure the win, behind Winter's pitching.

In the second game at Saline last Thursday, it was Jon Johnson who turned in a strong performance on the mound to gain a split for the Chiefs. Johnson gave up one earned run on six hits and two walks in five innings (the game was halted after five due to darkness), striking out seven to get the pitching victory.

A three-run third inning propelled Canton to the triumph, highlighted by a two-run homer by Evans. Crudele had two hits and two RBI in the game, including a solo homer in the fourth, and Jim Reddy contributed two hits, an RBI and a stolen base. Johnson helped his own cause with a double and an RBI.

Errors and walks — biggest causes of headaches among coaches — led to the Chiefs' demise in the opener. A double by Wolcott led to the go-ahead run in the seventh, scored by Brad Smigielski (running for Wolcott) on a single by Phil Ross. But the Hornets struck back for three runs in the bottom half of the inning, thanks to an error and the only two hits given up by relief pitcher Joe Cortellini in 3 2/3 innings of work — one of them a two-run homer. Cortellini did have a solo homer.

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SOCCER

Northville 2, Salem 1: Who would have thought Plymouth Salem would be three games into its season and still be searching for its first victory?

An old problem plagued the Rocks Monday in their WLAA opener against Northville at Salem. "We spent a lot of time in their end of the field, but we couldn't finish," said Rocks' coach Doug

Anne Morrell, playing her first game of the season for Plymouth Canton, poured in four first-half goals to lead the Chiefs an easy 10-0 win at Walled Lake Central Monday.

Beth Sandusky added two goals, Abi Morrell had a goal and an assist, Elise Thornell had a goal and two assists, Amanda Lentz and Stephanie Johnson each scored a goal, and Melanie Dunn and Kelly Conner each had assists.

Canton, Salem seek to escape WLAA cellar

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Last season will not be remembered highly in terms of Plymouth Canton's and Plymouth Salem's girls golf teams. At the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament, Canton placed seventh and Salem was eighth — the last two team positions. Neither had a golfer qualify for all-conference or all-division honors, which went to the top 20 overall finishers.

It wasn't much better at the Class A regional. Salem placed 17th and Canton was 19th in the 20-team field.

But that was then. The only direction open to either team is up. And both teams should be a bit better prepared to make that kind of move.

"I'm really optimistic," said Canton coach Dan Riggs, adding, "like most coaches are before you play your first

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match. "But I'm happy with our progress so far. We're going to have at least three solid players. What's going to happen is our first three players are really going to have to step up and be competitive. I think two of them should be in the top eight (at conference) this year."

The trio Riggs is counting on is senior Stephanie Koppe, junior Julie Dziekan and sophomore Christina Slupek. They made up the Chiefs' top three finishers at the regional last May, with Dziekan shooting a team-best 98.

Whether Canton is better or not is uncertain, however. Two of their losses to graduation, Sandra Pavio and Lindsay Miller, were among their top three finishers at the WLAA Tournament.

Among those expected to fill the gap

are senior Lauren Campbell, who saw some varsity action last season; sophomore Jessica Pondell; and a pair of promising freshmen, Andrea Kirk and Meghan Stewart, who are both expected to play on the varsity this season.

"Optimistically, I think we have a shot at our district," said Riggs.

Salem is one team that might have a say about that, although the Rocks have some losses to overcome as well. Gone for the season, the team's low scorer

"I think we'll be improved," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "I just don't know how much. We'll be a little better, but probably not a lot. There's just not enough experience."

Among the top returnees for the Rocks is junior Angie Jones, who came on at season's end to lead the team at the regional with a 99 and at the WLAA Tournament with a 108. Two other top

returnees are senior Grace Yelonek and junior Kim Tamme, who combined with Jones to make up three of Salem's top four golfers.

Three other juniors — Katie McKinley, Taylor Robinson and Kristine Pollock — have limited experience and should help fill the holes in the lineup. Others with promise include a couple of sophomores, Molly Hodges (sister of Jessica) and Kallie Tomme (sister of Kim).

One thing Wilson did have was choices. A total of 30 girls tried out for the team. "I actually had to make cuts," he said, adding he kept 16 on the squad.

If Salem has a goal for the season, according to their coach, it is to "have fun and improve. You have to have some fun if you want to keep them motivated."

There are a couple of new developments that should add interest. For one,

Salem will play its home matches at St. John's, rather than Hilltop — which remains as Canton's home course.

Another change: Westland John Glenn will field a team this season, giving the WLAA 10 teams (Farmington's three high schools remain a united team).

The team's to beat in the WLAA won't change much, however. Defending champ Livonia Stevenson returns three of its top four golfers, including league medalist Mara Mazzoni, and runner-up Livonia Churchill "could actually be a stronger team than last season," according to coach Sharon Laskowski. Walled Lake Central and Farmington Unified, who finished third and fourth respectively in the WLAA last year, also figure to be formidable.

Which won't make the task at hand any easier for Canton or Salem. But it should be fun.

Strong pre-season lifts Canton's season hopes

It's been a fairly promising and productive pre-season for Plymouth Canton's boys track team. Just how promising and productive won't be clearly evident until later today, when the Chiefs battle defending Western Lakes Activities Association champion Plymouth Salem in the annual Mangan Meet.

"We're pleased," said Canton coach Bob Richardson after his team recorded 16 top-six places in a five-team, non-scoring meet hosted by Ann Arbor Pioneer Saturday. "Our senior leaders are doing their job and have shown improvement."

Jordan Chapman certainly looked to be in mid-season form. The sophomore came away with a pair of first-place finishes, winning the high jump (5-foot, 9-inch) and long jump (19-4). Ugo Okwumabua, another sophomore, was fifth in both events (5-5 and 18-5).

In the pole vault, Brian Page

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took a second for Canton (7-6), and the shuttle hurdle relay team of Ricky Singh, Dane Kobus, Okwumabua and Page was third (1:13.4).

Steve Blossom finished fourth in the 800 (2:14.3), and Jason Rutter took a fourth in the 1,600 (4:55.9). The relay team of K.J. Singh, Jamie Bonner, Doug Kurth and Nate Howe placed fourth in the 400 (47.7) and fifth in the 800 (1:38.3).

Other fifth went to Jim O'Brien in the 300 hurdles (45.5), K.J. Singh in the 200 (25.0) and 100 (11.8), the 3,200 relay team of Blossom, Bryan Kulczycki, Andy Tessema and Marty Kane (8:52.8), and the 1,600 relay team of Tessema, Dave Thomas, Rutter and Blossom (3:58.7). Bonner also had a sixth in the 100 (11.9).

The Chiefs travel to the Elks

Crusaders rally to earn a split

Madonna University scored nine runs in the first four innings in the second game of a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball double-header en route to an 11-3 win over Siena Heights Saturday in Adrian.

The Saints won the first game, 9-4. The split left Madonna with a 13-13-1 overall record, 3-5 in the WHAC; Siena Heights is 11-16 overall, 5-5 in the WHAC.

Jason Brooks paced the Madonna attack in the second-game victory, going 3-for-3 at the plate and driving in three runs. Bob Hamp had two hits and scored two runs, while Delano Voletti and Neil Wildfong (from Plymouth Canton HS) contributed two hits apiece. E.J. Roman added a three-run home run, his first of the season.

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James O'Connor (Redford Catholic Central) worked the first 4 2/3 innings to pick up the pitching win, raising his record to 2-1. He allowed two earned runs on seven hits and a walk, with one strikeout. Bob Mason pitched two innings and surrendered a run on three hits and two walks, with one strikeout. Matt Pike took the loss for Siena Heights, lasting five innings and giving up 10 runs (seven earned) on 11 hits and four walks, with three strikeouts. Pike fell to 0-4.

In the opener, errors helped fuel Madonna's defeat. The Crusaders had four of them, leading to five unearned runs given up by starter, and loser, Jeff Warholik (now 2-3).

Warholik lasted 4 1/3 innings, allowing nine runs (four earned) on nine hits and three walks, with three strikeouts. Rob Redmon got the win for the Saints; he went all seven innings and gave up four runs (three earned) on nine hits and four walks, with two strikeouts.

Aaron Shrewsbury paced Madonna with two doubles and two RBI. Delano Voletti also had two hits, including a solo home run (his eighth of the season), with Todd Miller and Jason Brooks getting two hits apiece.

Madonna's WHAC twinbill against Indiana Tech, scheduled for Tuesday at Madonna Park, was rescheduled for Wednesday. The Crusaders play at Tri-State Saturday and at Concordia College Sunday; both are double-headers.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Friday, April 16
St. Clair Christian at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Annapolis at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Luth. W. at Luth. North, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 17
(all double-headers)
Birm. Seapoint at Salem, noon
O.H. Crestwood at Canton, noon
Redford Union at Stevenson, 11 a.m.

Belleville at John Glenn, 11 a.m.
Inter-City at Luth. Westland, 11 a.m.
Brother Rice at Redford CC, 11 a.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Friday, April 16
A.A. Pioneer at Salem (2), 4 p.m.
Dearborn at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Mersey at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.
Bethesda at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 17
(all double-headers unless noted)
Canton, Salem at Taylor Court, 8 a.m.
Luth. W. at Inter-City, 11 a.m.
Redford Union at Stevenson, 11 a.m.
Churchill at Country Day, noon.

BOYS TRACK
Thursday, April 15
Mangan Meet (Salem vs. Canton), 4 p.m.
Churchill at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
Franklin at N. Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
Harrison at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
Wayne at Wyandotte, 4 p.m.

Luth. W. at Country Day, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 16
Mangan Meet, 1 p.m.
Saturday, April 17
Elks Relays at Dearborn, 9 a.m.
Novi Relays, 10 a.m.
GIRLS TRACK
Thursday, April 15
Mangan Meet (Salem vs. Canton), 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Harrison, 3:30 p.m.
Wayne at Trenton, 4 p.m.
Luth. W. at Country Day, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 17
Salem, Canton at Lady Chief Relays, 10 a.m.
Salem at W. Bloom. Invite, 9:30 a.m.
Novi Relays, 10 a.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 15
Luth. W. at Kingswood, 4:30 p.m.
Ladywood at A.A. Pioneer, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, April 16

Wayne at Taylor Kennedy, 4 p.m.
Troy at Churchill, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 17
Canton at A.A. Pioneer, 12:30 p.m.
Salem at Saline, 12:30 p.m.
Marian at Ladywood, 1:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
(all double-headers)
Saturday, April 17
Madonna at Tri-State, 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 18
Madonna at Concordia, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
(all double-headers)
Friday, April 16
Madonna at Siena Heights, 4 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday, April 17-18
Madonna at St. Francis Tourney, TBA
ONTARIO HOOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFFS
Thursday, April 15
Ply. Whalers vs. London at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Despite losses, PCA should contend

BY C.J. RISK
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Although the losses suffered weren't enormous in number, they were large enough when considering strategic placement.

In other words, Plymouth Christian Academy's team lost some key players.

Gone are pitcher James Jones, who won 24 games over the last two seasons, and the entire left side of the infield: shortstop Jon Isensee and third baseman Randy Dahlman. Jones and Isensee have graduated (Isensee is currently serving with the 101st Army Airborne Division), and Dahlman transferred to Plymouth Canton HS. An injury has prevented Dahlman from playing baseball this season.

"Our team is mainly sophomores and seniors," said coach Sam Gaines, who guided the Eagles to a 17-7 record a year

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ago and its first-ever Class D state district championship. PCA was 7-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, finishing second to Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

"I think we'll compete," said Gaines. "We've got a lot to live up to. But I'm cautiously optimistic."

Even with the loss of Jones, Gaines figures pitching will be the Eagles' greatest strength. Seniors Andy Powers, a left-hander, and Bill Kiesel and Scott Maddock, both right-handers, "will carry the pitching load." Nathan Worley, a right-hander, and Ryan Copeland, a left-hander, a pair of juniors who played on the junior varsity last season, will also see spot duty on the mound.

"I think our strength is our pitching," Gaines said. "We're going to depend on

them a lot."

Two reasons for that are some offensive woes and defensive inexperience at shortstop and third. Evan Gaines, a senior and the coach's son, is a solid first baseman, particularly on defense. Dave Shumaker, a sophomore who started as a freshman,

returns at second base.

Travis Yonkman, another sophomore who started last season in the outfield, will play shortstop. So, too, will junior Derric Isensee, who also plays catcher.

What Gaines does have is some depth at catcher, with Isensee; sophomore Doug Parton; and freshman Brian Rietze. Parton will also see outfield duty, while Rietze will fill in at third base. Jim Morrison, a sophomore, is the heir apparent to Dahlman at third. Other infielders include Mark Adkins and Dave Cilibrain, both seniors, and Maddock at first.

Powers, Gaines, Yonkman, Copeland,

senior Albert Wainee and sophomore Nick Conti figure to share time in the outfield.

"I think our defense will be all right," Gaines estimated. "The left side of our infield is a question mark. What we need to work on is our hitting."

In their first game of the season, PCA suffered a 10-0, five-inning-mercy loss to Warren Bethesda Christian. "I was hoping we would pick up playing where we left off last season," said Gaines.

It won't be easy reaching that level again, especially considering the MIAC competition. Defending champ Inter-City Baptist still looks strong, and Southfield Christian and Bloomfield Hills Rooper — who tied for third in the MIAC, a game behind PCA — figure to be in the hunt, too. Indeed, Gaines called Southfield Christian "the team to beat this year. They're my pick to win (the title)."

But don't count the Eagles out. Not yet.

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in the game, and Wolcott batted out two doubles and drove in a run, scoring two. Steve Luck contributed a triple.

Tomasaitis started and worked the first 3 1/3 innings, allowing six runs (one earned) on two hits and six walks, with three strikeouts. Cortellini took the loss, however; he did not walk a batter, giving up three runs (two earned) on two hits, with four strikeouts.

Clarencville 12, PCA 7: Plymouth Christian Academy fell to 0-2 when Livonia Clarencville's Josh Fritch slugged a grand slam home run in the top of the seventh to highlight a seven-run inning that offset PCA three-run sixth that gave the Eagles a short-lived 7-6 lead.

Bill Kiesel took the loss, in relief of starter Andy Powers. Ray Gutierrez, also pitching in relief, was the winner for Clarencville.

Dave Shumaker led the PCA offense with two hits, including a double, and two runs batted in. Derric Isensee also had two hits, one of them a double, with an RBI.

SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 1999-2000 BUDGET

In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Act of 1963, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Act of 1968 ("Section 16" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 1999-00 college budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 1999, at the Grote Administration Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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mouth was 0-for-4. Mike Mazzuca led London with two goals. Rico Fata contributed a goal and two assists, while Tom Kostopoulos, Kelly and Erskine each added a goal and an assist. Other goals were netted by Peter Reynolds and Jason Metcalfe. Joel Scherban and Krys Barch chipped in with two assists apiece.

Gene Chiarello made 22 stops in goal for London; Holsinger had 18 saves in the first two periods for the Whalers, and Zepp had eight in the third. London had a 34-24 shot advantage.

Plymouth 5, London 4: Last Saturday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth, Jason Ward lifted the Whalers to a win over the Knights by scoring two goals and

assisting on a third in an OHL playoff game. Plymouth used three power-play goals to open up a 5-3 lead after two periods, then held on in the third after London's Rico Fata scored on the power play to narrow the gap to one with 9:13 left.

The Whalers led 2-1 after one

period, getting goals from Paul Mara and Ward in a 24-second span. The Knights' Krys Barch pulled his team to within 2-1 in the second, but Mara — who had two goals and an assist in the game for Plymouth — along with David Legwand and Ward scored in the second to keep the Whalers on top. Legwand also

had an assist, while Julian Smith and Randy Fitzgerald each chipped in with two assists. Barch had two goals and an assist for London, with Jay Doyle adding a goal and an assist.

Gené Chiarello made 36 saves for the Knights, while Robert Holsinger had 24 for Plymouth.

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NFL hopeful awaits draft

BY BRAD EMMONS
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The suspense won't be much longer for Livonia's Doug Brzezinski.

The offensive guard from Boston College via Redford Catholic Central will soon learn where he'll end up playing in the National Football League.

The All-Star games, combines and personal interviews with nearly every NFL team are all out of the way. Brzezinski can now sit back with a small gathering of family and friends to watch the draft beginning at noon Saturday on ESPN.

He doesn't have a preference where he'd like to play — at least he hasn't made it public.

But it's a good bet he'll wind up somewhere before the end of the fourth round. Many draft experts rate the 6-foot-4, 308-pound Brzezinski as the top guard prospect.

Player personnel directors and draft experts will tell you that guards aren't normally taken in the first or second rounds.

But it was only last year that LSU's Alan Faneca was selected as the 26th pick of the opening round by the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"I've tried to remain low key," Brzezinski said from his home Monday night in Livonia. "I feel I've done all I can do and now I'll just wait on it."

Brzezinski, who graduated from BC in the spring of 1998

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and spent his senior year taking classes for a masters program, has hired New York agent Neil Schwartz to handle his contract negotiations once he is drafted by an NFL team.

"I talked with a couple of agents, but I felt most comfortable with him (Schwartz)," Brzezinski said. "He's represented a few B.C. players including Pete Kendall of the (Seattle) Seahawks."

"Probably his biggest client is Terrell Davis (of the Super Bowl champion Denver Broncos)."

Brzezinski said he enjoyed playing in both the East-West Shrine game (in Palo Alto, Calif.) and the Senior Bowl (in Mobile, Ala.).

"I thought I played pretty well in both games," he said.

But the combines, where all the NFL teams evaluate and test collegiate players, was a different animal.

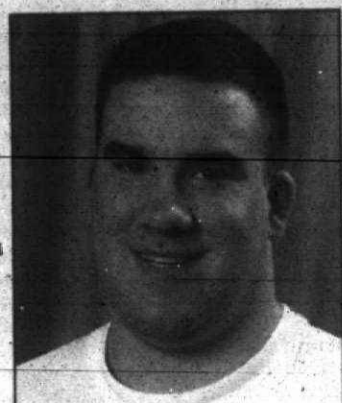
Brzezinski's agent sent him to Atlanta where he spent a month with a personal trainer getting tips and working out in preparation for the official NFL combine.

"You really don't get a break and you don't get any sleep," Brzezinski said of the combines.

"You can't perform you're beat when everything is crammed in."

"We were up until one o'clock in the morning every night talking with the teams."

"It was like a job interview."



Doug Brzezinski
NFL hopeful

Besides a variety of physical tests, Brzezinski went through a battery of psychological testing.

"They see how you react in certain situations," he said. "They'll even try to see if you have a sense of humor."

Brzezinski clocked a 5.1 in the 40-yard dash and did 26 reps bench-pressing 225 pounds.

"My time in the 40 puts me in pretty good position, but I've done more than that as far as reps," Brzezinski said.

During his career at B.C., Brzezinski was red-shirted as a freshman in 1994 and then started every game — 46 in a row — during his four-year career.

He was an All-Big East selection in 1997 at tackle and went back to guard his senior year

where he received some All-America notice despite a sub-.500 season by the Eagles.

According to Pro Football Weekly, Brzezinski brings many intangibles to the game.

Besides having good size and strength, he is tough and physical. He's durable, and with his blue collar attitude, he can be counted upon to play every week. He is also considered a good technician who has been well coached.

If there is a drawback, Pro Football Weekly says he may not be as fluid, mobile or athletic as some scouts like.

A pulled hamstring, which has recently healed, may have slightly set him back during the combine workouts in the eyes of some NFL evaluators.

But the positives far outweigh the negatives.

Meanwhile, Brzezinski doesn't worry about which slot he will fall into. He'll sit in front of the TV and just like the rest of the other NFL prospects.

He continues to do his daily workouts and has taken up a new sport to pass idle time.

"I've taken up bowling," Brzezinski said. "I've kind of stumped upon it and it's fun."

He went to a lot of different places. I go to a lot of different places. I go to a lot of different places. I go to a lot of different places.

"It's kind of like winter golf," he said.

No word what Brzezinski's average is on the lanes or on the links, but his numbers will soon add up for some lucky National Football League team.



Winning at the Joe: "We're going to the Joe! We're going to the Joe!"

The chant echoed throughout the chanted bus that carried the Hammerhead Sharks hockey players and their families last month to the Mite BB championship game of the Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League.

The fun was getting to play at Joe Louis Arena, sitting on the same bench and playing on the same ice as the Stanley Cup champions. Winning the game 3-1 against the Denver City first.

Livonia capped a successful season for the Mite BB team coached by Tim Davidson of Canton Township. It was back-to-back championships for Davidson whose son, Bryan, plays on the team.

Davidson's team last year captured the Mite B championship banner that now hangs in the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Davidson, the Sharks leading goal scorer during the regular season, had two goals in the championship game.

Kyle Reno had an assist on one of the goals. Also scoring for the Sharks was Jeremy Casarelli with an assist by Bryan Davidson. Named Most Valuable Player for his outstanding goal tending was Adam Powers.

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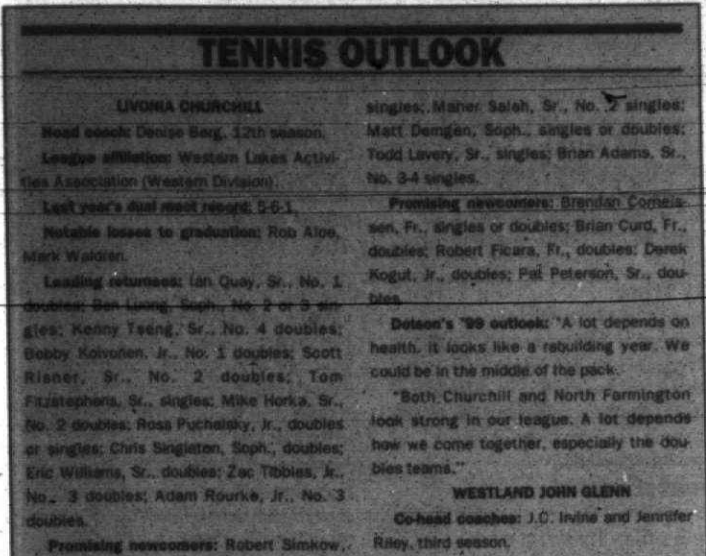
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Westland J.C. Glenn
Rory, third season
League affiliation: WLAA (Lakers Division)

Last year's dual meet record: 9-10-1.

Notable losses to graduation: Matt Vail.

Leading returnees: Danny Gaudin, Jr., No. 1 singles; Dave Kozak, Jr., No. 2 singles; Anthony Lambert, Jr., No. 3 singles; Evan Waddell, Jr., No. 4 singles; Rajiv Deshpande, Jr., No. 1 doubles; Dave Stephens, Jr., No. 1 doubles; Charles Farley, Jr., No. 2 doubles; Pat Somer, Jr., No. 3 doubles.

Promising newcomers: Robert Dubouché, Jr., No. 2 doubles; Jeff Drotter, Soph., No. 3 doubles; Glen Dyer, Jr., No. 4 doubles; Mark Delat, Jr., No. 1 doubles; Cory Collins, Jr., No. 2 doubles.

Ivins' '99 outlook: "We're looking for this year's first week. We have brand new courts, so we're looking to put them to good use."

"I think probably singles-wise similar strength to last year. But doubles will get some points this year."

Lambert and Waddell were very similar last year. They've moved up from No. 4 doubles last year. Along with those two and Jeff Drotter, those are the most improved players this year."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Wayne Woodard, fourth season.

League affiliation: Mega Conference (Blue Division).

Last year's dual meet record: 7-5.

Notable losses: Jimmy Lewis (transferred to Plymouth Canton).

Leading returnees: Austin Rowland, Sr., No. 1 singles (17-3); Adam Chasson, Sr., No. 3; Soe Rowland, Soph., No. 2 singles; Phil Beckert, Jr., No. 4 singles; Allen Fry, Jr., No. 1-2 doubles.

Promising newcomers: John Lewis, Jr., No. 2 doubles; Tim Stark, Jr., No. 1 doubles (exchange student from Germany); Gary Johnson, Soph., No. 2 doubles.

Woodard's '99 outlook: "I think we can improve on our third place finish in the Mega Conference. That's our goal. We're looking to move up to second or contend for first place."

"Truman has eight of its top 12 coming back, but I think we can give them a run. Our season-opening loss (8-0) to Garden City was disappointing. We pretty much got whipped in every match."

Livonia Stevenson
Head coach: Frank Deaton, fourth season.

League affiliation: WLAA (Lakers Division).

Last year's dual meet record: 10-10-1.

Notable losses to graduation: Matt Hall, Soph., No. 1 singles; Adam Chasson, Soph., No. 2 singles; Phil Beckert, Jr., No. 4 singles; Allen Fry, Jr., No. 1-2 doubles.

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In celebrating her love for the Lord, She's a SBCF, 48, 5'3", who is looking for that special someone. Ad# 7110

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Spice up your life, be sure to call this friendly, sincere SWPF, 39, 5'5", who is hoping to hear from a considerate, honest SWM, age unimportant. She enjoys movies and music, dancing and spending time with friends. Ad# 7733

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Slender, upbeat SWF, 42, 5'6", who enjoys outdoor activities, country music and dining out, is looking for a possible relationship with a gentle, active SWM, 42-55, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 2655

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Outgoing DWCM mom, 38, 5'7", 110lbs., a green-eyed woman, who enjoys working out, dining out, movies, reading and the outdoors, is looking for a handsome SWCM, 37-45. Ad# 5165

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SWF, 35, enjoys gardening, animals and spectator sports. She would like to meet a SWM, N/S, who likes meaningful conversations. Hopefully, a serious relationship will develop. Ad# 3693

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Catholic SWF, 31, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, is seeking a Catholic SWM, 30-38, who enjoys hiking, rollerblading and more. Ad# 1010

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Outgoing, friendly DWCF, 50, 5'6", medium-built, with blonde hair, who likes jazz and R&B music, concerts, dining out and quiet nights, is seeking an honest SCF, 50-64, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 4224

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Catholic SWF, 43, 5'3", is looking for a Catholic SWM, 40-55, with children at home, for fun and a possible relationship. She likes bowling and social events. Ad# 9642

MEANT TO BE

Sincere SWF, 49, 5'4", with green eyes, is looking to share interests and friendship with a caring, considerate SWM, 50-54. Ad# 3161

QUICK EVENINGS

Never-married SWCF, 33, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, loves the outdoors, concerts, movies, and line dancing. She seeks a never-married SWCM, 28-36. Ad# 2933

THE MARRYING KIND

SWCF, 35, 5'9", who enjoys dining out, movies, concerts, traveling and church activities, is seeking a SWCM, 30-45, for friendship first, possible long-term relationship. Ad# 2436

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Professional and spontaneous DWCF, 41, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, is seeking an attractive SWCF, who enjoys sports, music, dining out and more. Ad# 2375

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This Born-Again SWCF, 30, 5'6", 125lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, enjoys Bible study, is hoping to get together with a SWM, 25-45, for a possible relationship. Ad# 4956

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CREME DE LA CREME

Widowed, 45s, likes the outdoors, enjoys traveling, and is looking for a fun relationship. Ad# 2323

LOOKING FOR FUN

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HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Born-Again DWCM, 48, 5'8", 165lbs., enjoys sports, music and is looking for a SWCF, 25-54, for a long-term, compatible relationship. Ad# 2787

CAN YOU RELATE?

He's a Catholic SWM, 42, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, who's educated, employed and outgoing. He enjoys music, the arts and being around family and friends. He seeks a passionate and caring SWF, 27-42, who enjoys similar interests. Ad# 4242

ENHANCE MY LIFE

Tall, dark, handsome SWM, 40, 5'10", who enjoys sports and physical activities, is looking for share interests and a meaningful friendship with an outgoing, sincere, attractive SWF, age unimportant. Ad# 3931

SAYING MY PRAYERS

Outgoing, family-oriented, Catholic SWM, 24, 5'3", never-married, who enjoys the outdoors and sports, wants to meet a compatible, Catholic SWF, 21-28. Ad# 4322

MONOGAMOUS

Professional, Catholic DWCF, 42, 5'9", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dining out, movies, the outdoors and more, seeks a down-to-earth, Catholic SWF, 33-48. Ad# 2753

FRESH START

Humorous SWM, 38, 6', with dark hair and blue eyes, who enjoys hiking, rollerblading and more, is seeking a Catholic SWF, 35-55, for friendship first. Ad# 3524

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When the season is over, it could well be Farmington Hills Mercy will have the best girls golf team and the No. 1 player in the state.

As the 1999 season gets under way, there's no doubt the Marlins and senior Jennifer Borowiec are among the best and will be in contention for state titles.

Mercy finished third in last year's Class A tournament, matching its best finish from 1980 when the program was new and professional star Meg Mallon was on the roster.

The Marlins return seven of their top eight players and figure to contend for the Division I championship under a new format this year.

Defending state champion Grandville lost four seniors to graduation, and runner-up Clio drops to Division II.

Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski figures the Marlins and Rochester Adams, which was fourth in the state and has most of its team back, are the top contenders entering the season.

The Marlins also will attempt to win an eighth consecutive Catholic League championship, repeat as Oakland County champs and win another regional crown.

Kristen Smith, who is now the No. 1 player in the new Western Michigan University program, was Mercy's only graduation loss.

In addition to Borowiec and Smith, senior Angela Harbar and sophomore Erin Borowiec were members of the All-Observer first team, too.

The Marlins also return senior Sarah Cahill, a second-team, all-area selection, and three third-team players in senior Heidi Wegmueller and juniors LaTonya Foster and Lindsey Densmore.

Wegmueller, who recently had surgery to repair twisted ligaments in one of her wrists, will be in a cast for four to six weeks and might not play this year.

"We're solid from top to bottom," Kowalski said. "The top six girls who score are going to rotate around. I certainly expect the two Borowiecs to always be in there, but I think the other four will be sharing the scoring spots."

"I'm just very pleased these girls take the time to work on their games over the summer and winter, and that makes you a better team come springtime."

Jennifer Borowiec finished seventh in the state last year and became the first Mercy golfer to average 39 strokes for nine holes and 79 in tournaments.

She was named Player of the Year by the Golf Association of Michigan and will follow in Mallon's footsteps by playing for Ohio State University next year.

"Jennifer played real well over summer," Kowalski said. "She just worked so hard on her game. She expects to be under 40 all the time; she's at that point in her game."

"She wants to improve upon last year's average, and I think she has the work ethic to do it. She feels she could've done better than (seventh in the state)."

"Kim Benedict of Rochester Adams will be her big competition this year. She's the only Division I girl to finish ahead of (Borowiec) in the state who didn't graduate."

Erin Borowiec would be the No. 1 golfer on a lot of other teams, according to Kowalski. She broke every freshman record at Mercy and averaged 40.6 in dual matches and 84.7 in tournaments.

"Last year she played better than Jennifer did when Jennifer was a sophomore," Kowalski said. "The potential is there for her to be shooting those real low scores, too."

Harbar averaged 44 strokes in dual matches, Cahill 46. Harbar, a three-time All-Catholic player as is Jennifer Borowiec, shot an average of 87.1 in tournaments.

"Angela has a great long ball," Kowalski said. "Some days she matches Jennifer shot for shot. Her putting and chipping have improved every year, and that's where her scores are going to come down more."

"Sarah's game has improved steadily, too. She's longer off the tee and she's shooting some nice iron shots. She just needs to work on her putting right now."

Foster and Densmore would have been among the top golfers on just about any other team last year but were still good enough in their scoring — both had 48-

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stroke averages — to earn all-area honors.

"They're ready to burst into the top echelon," Kowalski said. "That's why we created the B schedule last year. We had to have a place for these girls to play."

"A lot of other teams would love to have these two young ladies playing for them. They're thrilled; they're with the big girls now; they're on varsity."

Seniors Laura Hurches and Maureen McDonald are among the 24 girls in the program and also will have a chance to play in some varsity matches.

"We have a lot of good golfers, and we like to do that when we can," Kowalski said. "We've taken the Catholic League schedule and split it. That frees up the top varsity kids to play in more tournaments."

"We have to get the girls in 18-hole tournaments, so they can get name recognition across the state. The only way we can do that is to free up the schedule, because the girls can only play 16 dates."

The Marlins started the season Monday with a 176-199 victory over Birmingham Marian at Rackham Golf Course.

Jennifer Borowiec shot 40; Erin Borowiec 41, Foster 47, Harbar and Cahill 48 each. Kristen Stroh led Marian with a 48; Marissa Balous and Laura Caleal shot 50 and Jessica Magnatta 51.

Following another dual match today with Harper Woods Regional, Mercy will play in the Ann Arbor tournament Friday and attempt to defend its championship Saturday in the East Lansing tournament.

Farmington Unified

Farmington's unified girls golf

team hopes to repeat its fine performance of last season and returns its top player in junior Cassie Jemison.

Jemison, who passed on playing basketball last fall and has been concentrating on golf, won the regional at Oak Pointe, finished fourth in the league tournament and was eighth in Oakland County.

She averaged 44.2 strokes per nine holes while earning a berth on the All-Observer first team. She also led Farmington to a fourth-place finish in the Western Lakes Activities Association and an 8-2 record.

"She's been focusing strongly on her golf game," Farmington coach Ann Marie Sopha said. "She has that fire in her. She has new clubs, so she's pretty fired up. We're looking for some good things from her."

Farmington lost second-team, all-area player Laura Cunniffe to graduation, but it returns senior

Carrie May, who has been shooting in the neighborhood of 44 in practice.

"We're also looking for Carrie to really rise to the occasion," Sopha said. "She's a senior; she's driven; she wants to do well."

"I think she wants to challenge Cassie and motivate herself (by doing so). There's a real good chemistry between them. They're going to challenge each other, and both will be successful."

Junior Katie Perry has been with the program since its inception. She also has improved and is focused, according to Sopha.

"I expect to see a good year from Katie," she said.

Senior Jessica Dong played well at the end of last season and was a medalist in the conference tournament.

"She rose to the occasion at the end, which was really promising for this year," Sopha said.

Seniors Karen Berger and Nic-

hole Bourgeois are returning players, also, and junior Emily Sikora didn't play last year but is back with the team.

Farmington has a lot of new players in seniors Katie Maus and Courtney Blachford, junior Tara Tandon, sophomores Sarah Laird, Lisa Palaian, Karolyn Knutson and Jaclyn Silver and freshmen Jennifer Barrick, Kelly Raymond, Emily Showalter and Jennifer Livingston.

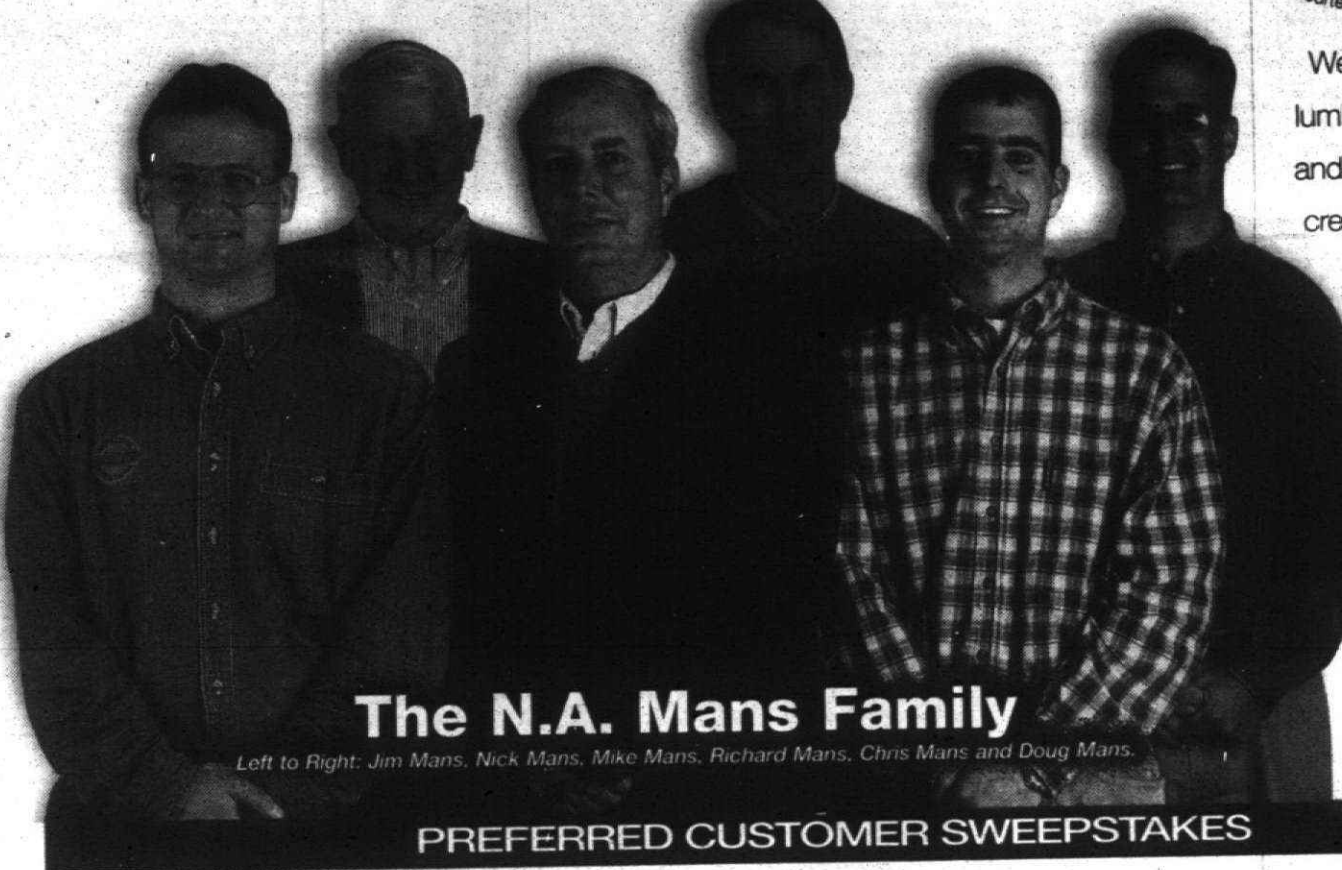
"We hope to duplicate what we did last year," Sopha said. "They're a very confident team compared to the year before (when the program was new)."

"I see the same good chemistry among them and desire to do well. I think they have the confidence. We hope to have another winning season."

Farmington begins the season Monday, April 19, against Livonia Stevenson at Whispering Willows.

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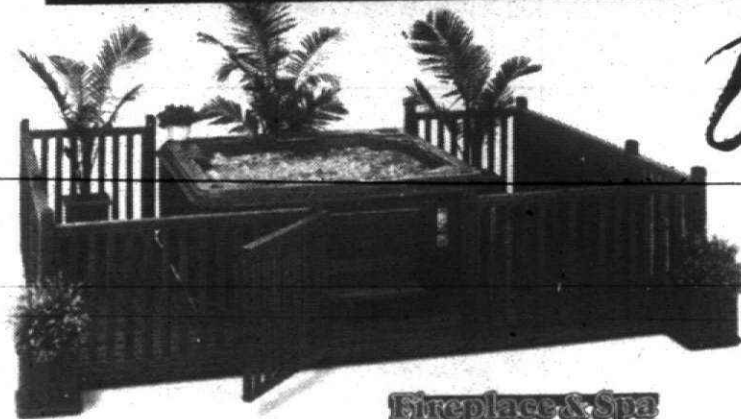


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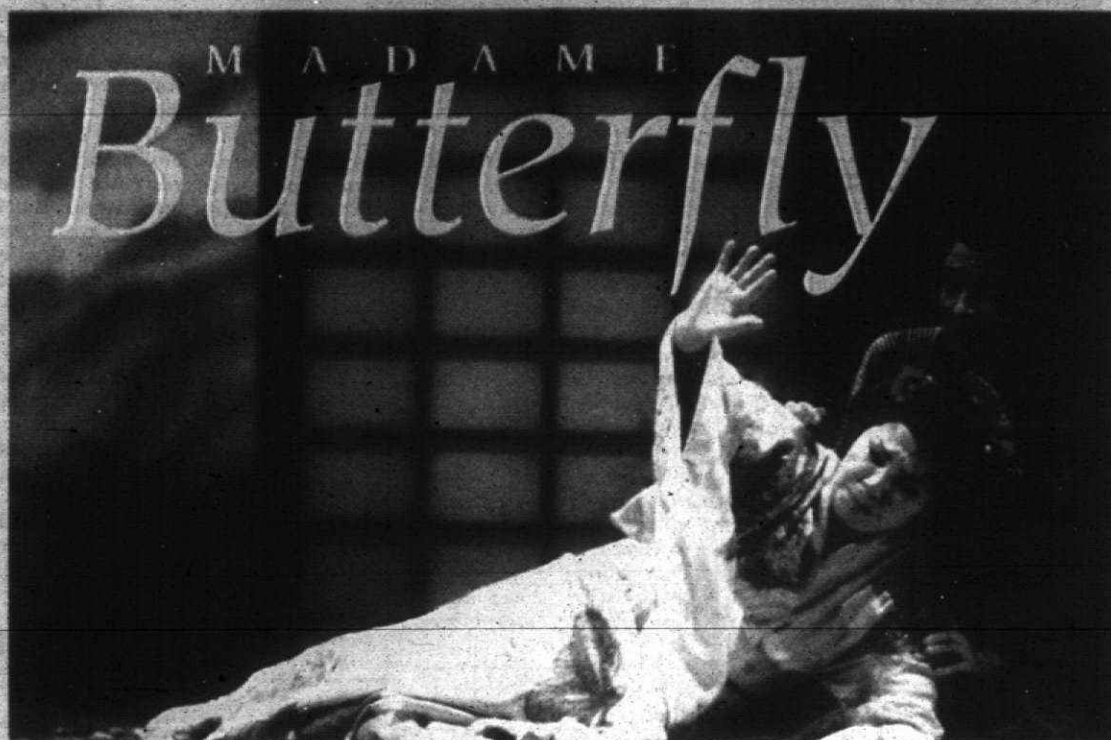


Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., Northville, presents the musical version of "Velveten Rabbit" at 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$7, call (248) 349-8110.

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Turn-of-the-century tragedy: Madame Butterfly commits suicide after being deceived by an American Navy lieutenant.

Michigan Opera Theatre honors tradition in tragic love story

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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When Giacomo Puccini wrote "Madame Butterfly" he could not have foreseen the anxiety he would cause for Teri Hoffman and her daughter Jillian some 95 years later. The 5-1/2-year-old Rochester girl plays the daughter of Butterfly and U.S. Navy lieutenant B.F. Pinkerton in the Michigan Opera Theatre production opening April 17 at the Detroit Opera House.

Of course, Puccini had his own set of troubles when "Madame Butterfly" opened at La Scala in 1904. A jeering and hissing crowd forced the Italian composer to cancel the opera and synthesize two lengthy acts into three shorter ones. The show went on with Toscanini conducting the new effort, as he had the first, and it's been a hit with audiences ever since.

Explaining the plot to Jillian, however, has proved a challenge to Teri Hoffman. Language differences also caused difficulties. Madame Butterfly will be sung in Italian with English subtitles.

"It's difficult to explain when she asks why daddy married another woman and then explaining the suicide scene, that it's pretend, and this was long ago and this was how they kept their honor," said Hoffman. "Also, there's a lot of Italian words she has to know to be on cue, so it's educating me first."

True to Puccini's tragic story of unrequited love, Michigan Opera Theatre staging director Mario Corradi sets Madame Butterfly's marriage to the callous American in Nagasaki. This is the first time Corradi's staged "Madame Butterfly" although he's been directing operas since 1982, Corradi's displeasure with

a 1983 Charleston production on which he was assistant director, set the tone for Michigan Opera Theatre's traditional rereading of Puccini's work. Corradi wanted to avoid altering the opera by setting it in a Nagasaki brothel on the eve of the World War II bombing of the city as the 1983 production had done.

"A director is not a composer," said Corradi. "With the fad in Europe there's haughtiness on the part of the director who thinks it needs updating."

A stickler for tradition, Corradi stayed away from "the stereotype of cute Japanese gestures." Instead, he's incorporated several elements of Kabuki theater. Corradi has worked in Japan as an opera director since 1990, so he's well-acquainted with the culture.

"Ten years ago women still walked two steps behind the man," said Corradi. "While that's changed I tried to retain the story. But in a sense this 'Butterfly' could take place in any culture that takes advantage of another culture, where a man thinks he can buy a woman for 100 yen. Thank God for the subtitles that people can see the contempt Pinkerton has for the culture. Pinkerton is the ugly American."

"Madame Butterfly" is not a weak woman according to Corradi. She is simply a woman who loves a man who scorns her. Three years later when Pinkerton returns with an American wife to retrieve the child he had with her, Butterfly, to keep her honor, commits suicide. That's a tragic scenario for any age to handle, but Jillian seems to be taking it all in stride. Hiding her head in Teri's arms helps when the subject arises offstage.

"I like the Butterfly," said Jillian, a kindergarten student at



Trouble: Jillian Hoffman plays Madame Butterfly's young son in the Michigan Opera Theatre's production at the Detroit Opera House.

"MADAME BUTTERFLY"

WHAT: The Michigan Opera Theatre stages Giacomo Puccini's tragic love story with a double cast which includes Chinese and Russian sopranos in the title role.

WHEN:
• 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17, April 24 and May 1
• 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 21 and Friday, April 23
• 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18, April 25 and May 2

WHERE: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway.

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Baldwin Elementary in Rochester.

It's not surprising that one of Jillian's favorite parts is the bath scene where she gets to blow bubbles. Jillian is a typical little girl who when not on the stage loves to draw, paint and play with her Barbies. When asked if she'll be nervous on opening night, she replies "no, because it will be just like rehearsal."

Please see BUTTERFLY, E2

Nancy Wilson enjoys telling stories with song

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Nancy Wilson is proud to call herself a "saloon singer." "There aren't any supper clubs anymore, and I prefer supper clubs," she said. "I'm a saloon singer and I love it, but you do what you do."

On April 24, Wilson will perform with her trio in the comfortable surroundings of the Southfield Centre for the Arts, once a synagogue.

"I feel for the audiences in big auditoriums because they miss the nuances," she said.

And the nuances mean a lot when listening to Nancy Wilson, often regarded as one of the last great female singers from the "golden age of song," a direct link to Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn and Dinah Washington.

Wilson was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1937 and in her 62 years, she's recorded 60 albums. Her first recording for Capitol was "Like in Love" and she had her first hit in 1962 with the great jazz sax



Nancy Wilson

player Cannonball Adderly, "Save Your Love For Me." In 1964 she won a Grammy and a large following with "How Glad I Am."

Her albums have explored numerous styles of music that have won her an audience in this country and abroad, especially in Japan where she recorded a series of successful albums in the early '80s.

Her most recent album, "If I Had My Way" (Columbia) moves into more contemporary territory, the world of smooth jazz.

"That one is AC, adult contemporary with electric instruments, a more R&B sound than traditional," Wilson said.

When asked why she would abandon her traditional sound, she responded bluntly.

"I did it because I'm tired of marketing people not knowing where to put me," she said.

The album's best feature is Wilson's expressive, dramatic voice, but it is often buried in overproduced, soggy arrangements, synthetic electric saxes, repetitious hooks and inane backing vocals. It isn't Wilson at her best, but it is what radio stations are playing these days.

Two of the numbers, Bill Withers' "Hello Like Before" and "A Fool in Love" were recorded at a studio in Oak Park with producer Michael Powell.

Wilson is at her best telling a story and that is the kind of material she is most comfortable performing. Except for an annoying electric saxophone intro, that is best exemplified on her new album by the Withers' song.

"I look for a story," she said. "I would rather tell a story than have a hook. I like to have a beginning, a middle and an end and have a bridge."

Please see WILSON, E2

WHO: Singer Nanc, Wilson
WHERE: Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield
WHEN: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24
TICKETS: \$30 and \$35 may be purchased at any Ticketmaster outlet. To charge call (248) 645-6666. Tickets also available at Southfield City Hall, 26000 Evergreen Road.

DANCE

An ancient tale with contemporary sensuality

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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A story about the dominance of a patriarchal culture whereby women submit to the whims and desires of men commits just about every sin against political correctness, not to mention being simply anachronistic.

But "A Tale of One Thousand and One Nights" has survived since the 14th century because of the simple story of love, trust and the pain of betrayal. (The few hundred beheadings are only thrown in to make a point.)

Of course, in the age of theatrical spectacle, "A Tale of One Thou-

WHAT: "A Thousand and One Nights," performed by the Ballet Internationale
WHEN: Friday-Sunday, April 16-18. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday.
WHERE: Music Hall for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit
TICKETS: \$31.50-\$41.50; (313) 963-2366 or (248) 645-6666

sand and One Nights" has transcended the literal to become big-budget fodder for Hollywood, Disney, and Broadway. (Can you say countless productions featuring Aladdin, Sinbad and Ali Baba?)

Add ballet to the list of notable

inspirations, thanks to dynamic choreographer Eldar Aliev.

The former star of the world renowned Kirov Ballet, Aliev brings his Indianapolis-based dance company, Ballet Internationale, to the Music Hall for performances of "A Tale of One Thousand and One Nights" this weekend.

The ballet, created by Aliev three years ago, has played to sold-out audiences throughout the United States. In 1997, the ballet was named the major dance of the year by "Arts & Entertainment" magazine.

Please see DANCE, E2



Exotic spectacle: Ballet Internationale company members in a scene from "A Thousand and One Nights," an extravaganza of lavish costumes, sets and choreography.

Latin Playboys are all-star line-up

BY CHRISTINA FROOM
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Renowned producer Mitchell Froom hasn't been on the road much. He admits that the lyrics on "Dose," the latest CD from his band Latin Playboys, are indecipherable. But those two things have revved up Froom for his tour.

"The shows have been really great. There's a lot of diehard fans. I was real surprised to see some people singing along with all the songs. We've never performed before and you can't understand the words," Froom said with a laugh.

"It must be people with the lyric sheets memorizing the words. It's been great. The thing that surprised me is I thought a lot of people would be staring and trying to figure out what's going on. But most people react as if it's a party. It's funny and it's fun and I like that."

Latin Playboys is a supergroup of sorts pairing Froom, who last toured with his wife Suzanne Vega, with fellow producer/engineer Tchad Blake, and Los Lobos' David Hidalgo and Louie Perez.

The quartet started the Latin Playboys in 1993 after working together on Los Lobos' "Kiko" album.

"That was a real artistic breakthrough. The result of it was that David kind of kept going. I think he felt really inspired. He was working on some music at home. He then gave the tape to Louie Perez who then gave it to me. It was the best tape I've ever heard. I couldn't stop listening to it," Froom explained.

Blake in turn listened to the tape and they decided to leave the music in its most primal form.

"We didn't want to re-record the music. It was so beautifully done that we couldn't imagine starting over," Froom said.

The group asked Warner Bros. for a small budget to record. In 12 days in the studio, the Latin Playboys wrapped up their self-titled debut.

"We did it and we didn't think that anything would happen beyond that. But it built a kind of mystique around it. It got used in a lot of films, critics were liking it," Froom said of the 1994 album.

Excited, the quartet returned to the studio last year to record a follow-up disc, this time on Atlantic Records. The produc-

tion of "Dose" may be lo-fi, but the music is complex, an amalgamation of Latino, R&B, rock 'n' roll, jazz and world beat music.

Guest appearances include Tracy Bonham on violin on "Pista Erotica" and former Prince cohorts Wendy and Lisa singing back-up on "Lemon 'N' Ice" and "Latin Trip." Perez and Blake did a lot of the artwork for the album.

In order to tour, Froom and Blake cleared their schedule for the rest of the year. The two needed a break, he said.

"I have a lot of records coming out this year. There's Randy Newman's album, Tracy Bonham, Ron Sexsmith. I worked on a Vonda Shepard record. Chad worked on a record with Doyle Bramhall. For once, when we did this tour, neither of us booked anything afterward. Both of us worked right through the holidays."

Touring, Froom explained, is important this time around. Live, Hidalgo is on guitar and vocals, Froom plays keyboards, Blake is on bass and saxophone, and Perez sings, plays guitar and percussion. The group will

be joined by drummer Cougar Estrada and violinist Lisa Germano.

"(Touring), it's like standing up for it. Up until that point, a lot of people thought it was a one-off project or just an experiment. It really is a band and it sounds like a band when we play live. It's really been fun to do. It's not a financial thing for us. It's like standing up for the music."

Latin Playboys and special guest Lisa Germano perform Thursday, April 22, at The Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18 and older show. Tickets are \$15 in advance. For more information, call (313) 833-9700 or visit www.99music.com.

The group will also perform Thursday, April 15, on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien." A Latin Playboys concert will be Web cast in the DigitalArena section of Atlantic Records' Web site at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 20. Visit www.atlantic-records.com/LatinPlayboys for more information.

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And she likes drama, which is why she often cites Little Jimmy Scott as a major influence. Scott's career has recently been revived and his dramatic falsetto has been recognized as a major influence on rhythm and blues.

"I love the way he made words mean something. He bent notes and he bent notes. It was dramatic and that's what I was, a torch singer," she said.

"Torch singer," "saloon singer" are the words Nancy Wilson uses to describe herself. She does not call herself a "jazz singer."

"I wasn't called a jazz singer when I started, but if you live long enough and you're black you're a jazz singer," she said with a loud, rueful laugh. "I'm a song stylist and that covers jazz and other kinds of music as well."

Wilson's speaking voice is as warm, intimate and articulate as her singing voice, which is why

she has been a successful voiceover for such commercials as the Infinity car series and why she was chosen to host National Public Radio's "Jazz Profiles."

"I enjoy doing it so much," she said. "NPR asked me to do a two-hour special on Ella Fitzgerald and it was a success. My voice seemed suited to it. Tim Owens, who's the producer, wanted me to do it."

Each week Wilson narrates a profile of a jazz performer. The profile includes a biography of the performer, interviews with other musicians and producers and examples of the performer's best music. Often, when the performer is someone Wilson has worked with, she'll add a personal aside. Other times she discovers things she never knew.

"I'm surprised by the fact they dig up what they do," she said. "As entertainers we don't know

each other's lives. People think we know each other, but we don't. I'm learning as everyone else is. I'm finding it so interesting."

Beginning this month, Jazz Profiles is devoting 10 programs to the life and music of Duke Ellington over the next several years. You can hear Nancy Wilson on Jazz Profiles locally at 8 p.m. Mondays on WEMU, 89.1FM.

Southfield's own Randy Scott, a noted jazz saxophonist who regularly performs at the Detroit Montreaux Festival, will open for Wilson.

And Wilson promises what her fans have come to expect from the "Lady of Song."

"Nancy, classic Nancy. I'm not going to drop anything new on them," she said. "I'm not going to come in there and play hip-hop. And with just a jazz trio, you'll be able to hear that legendary voice."

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rehearsal.

Jillian is having fun regardless of the long hours of working and waiting. The first week of rehearsals, she worked blocking scenes from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with an hour for lunch. Teri takes notes and works with Jillian at home from the scripts.

"I was a little surprised, she was called back," said Teri. "Trouble is a fair-haired boy. But it's fun, it's very exciting to work with people of that caliber."

Jillian finds it easy to play a boy because she has her 11-year-old brother James for inspiration. But even if Jillian didn't have a brother, the experience she already has on stage would suffice. Jillian began dancing at age 2-1/2, by age 4-1/2 she was singing and dancing in the chorus of "Once Upon a Mattress," a production by the Rochester Summer Music Theater. In January, she played Dorothy's dog Toto in the Avon Players' production of "Wizard of Oz."

"Butterfly" is the best of all," said Teri Hoffman. "If she never

has the opportunity to work with these incredible people again, it will be worth it."

Corradi hopes people will see both versions of "Madame Butterfly," one with Natalia Dercho in the title role of Cio-Cio San, and the other with Sun Xiu Wei. Both make their North American debut with this production.

Dercho, a 1998 graduate of the Chalkovsky Conservatory in Moscow, won first prize in the Belvedere Competition in Vienna and has sung major roles with companies in Zurich, Tel Aviv and Torino. Sun Xiu Wei, a native of China, won the International Verdi Competition in Italy before making her debut in Milan. Tenor Francesco Grolli and Carlo Ventre play Pinkerton. Kathleen Segar sings the role of Suzuki. Steven Mercurio directs the music.

"They should come see both casts," said Corradi. "They are really different—one Chinese girl who looks naturally oriental, the one Puccini wanted, and a Russian soprano who comes out passionately, more Italian in a way."

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Last holiday season, Ballet Internationale came to Detroit for their performances of "The Nutcracker" at Music Hall.

Unlike the saccharin Disney versions of the Arab folk tale classic, Ballet Internationale brings sensuality from the tale about a sultan, who discovers his wife in a tawdry frolic with a slave. She along with every female in the kingdom is targeted for an above-the-head weight loss.

As a result of the betrayal, the sultan is reluctant to trust the new "love of his life," a beauty named Scheherazade, a wise and gifted storyteller, who tells captivating tales of the Arabian nights, starting—who else?—Aladdin, Sinbad and Ali Baba.

"I was told that audiences in America don't understand ballet," said Aliiev, who immigrated from the former Soviet republic Azerbaijan to the U.S. in the early 1990s.

"I just think that audiences were hungry for a 'story ballet,'" he said. "Something different from 'Swan Lake,' 'Don Quixote,' and 'Giselle.'"

"To me, ballet should be like an opera—bright, high-energy, an extravaganza," said Aliiev. Although he's reluctant to talk about it, the "A Thousand and One Nights" reaches the pinnacle of spectacle with a special effects that lifts two of the dancers on a magic carpet ride.

Ballet Internationale is a much-welcomed addition to the local dance scene along with the regular presence of the American Ballet Theatre, and Harlem Dance Theatre.

In the next several months, Aliiev will make Detroit his second home. He will be in town to choreograph the Michigan Opera Theatre's "Eugene Onegin" and "Samson and Delilah."

Troy Players show strength with 'Steel Magnolias'

Troy Players presents "Steel Magnolias" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18 at Hamilton Elementary School, 5625 Northfield Parkway, Troy. Tickets \$10 available at the box office prior to each performance, or call (248) 879-1285.

BY MARY JANE DOERF
SPECIAL WRITER

Showing a bit of mettle themselves because they're operating without a permanent performance space, the "portable" Troy Players is presenting a two-hankie version of "Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling at Hamilton Elementary School in Troy.

"Laughter through tears is my favorite emotion," says the wisecracking owner of Troy's Hair Salon, which pretty much sums up this female "True Grit" kind of show.

In the three beauty shop town of Chinquapin Parish, La.,

Truvy and her new partner, Annelise, style more than hair at Truvy's salon. In four "snapshots" scenes covering three years of life in the small southern town, they help fashion the lives of the town beauty, the town social leader, the town millionaire and the town curmudgeon. One might get the idea that all the socially prominent do in this socially insignificant haven is get their hair and nails done. But these women,

with all of their love of gossip, frivolity and pink fingernail polish, are hard as nails.

Jacquelyn Arno plays the Southern magnolia Shelby, who is not very bashful. Arno has feeling and enough light heartedness to tickle an audience pink, bringing more tears for the finale.

Sandy LaDuke, a newcomer to the stage, plays the difficult role of M'hyn, Shelby's mother. She plays the final scene with

understanding—a credit to her.

As Shelby says, "it is better to have 30 minutes of something wonderful than a lifetime of nothing special." Mary Ligotti-Hitch has something special to offer as the awkward, nervous, but very appealing Annelise. The holy roller Annelise could have been an offensive part, but Ligotti-Hitch's interpretation is sincere not judgmental.

As the eccentric millionaire Claire, Andrea Willis is priceless especially opposite the obstinate Ousier, perfectly played by Gloria Buoncompagni.

Buoncompagni delivered some very funny lines inoffensively, a real trick.

Pulling this all together with her magic wand and a lot of fairy dust and pastel paint, was set designer/publicist/director/producer/Sandra Guest.

Guest also directed these eccentric characters. Then in an emergency, as the understudy for all the parts, she donned a blond wig for the Dolly Parton role of Truvy.

It may seem like a one woman show but with this fine cast, Sandy Guest as Truvy has some real soul food to serve up.

'Studio cast earns high marks with 'Roses'

Wayne State University's Studio Theatre presents the Pulitzer and Tony Award-winning drama "The Subject Was Roses" Thursday-Sunday, April 15-18. Show times are 8 PM Thursday through Saturday, with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. The Studio Theatre is in the basement of the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave. at Hancock on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. Tickets are \$8 (general admission), \$6 (students and seniors). To charge tickets call (313) 577-2972.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

Frank Gilroy's drama "The Subject Was Roses" chronicles a returning World War II veteran's struggle to re-establish his identity in the post-war period and to make peace with his parents, whose previously poor relationship has deteriorated in his absence.

Set in the West Bronx in May 1946, the returning infantry corporal must redefine his relationship

ship with his parents, and deal with the explosive anger in their marriage. His parents must learn to accept their son as a man and not as the boy who left for war three years earlier.

As the Cleary family struggles to reconnect as a family, they don't reach perfection, but take steps toward achieving stronger emotional bonds. Each must mend damaged relationships.

They are trapped in a self-defeating cycle of hurting, appeasing and grudging compromise. By the end of the play the son and parents have learned to accept each other the way they are, instead of trying to impose their personal vision of how the person should be.

The scenes are well written and move quickly, which keep the play from being dragged down by the heavy duty emotions inundating the stage. The actors rise to the emotional and psychological challenges of the script as well, an element crucial to the production's success.

Jason Smith of Garden City is

superb as Timmy Cleary, the returning Army corporal. He personifies both the eager but uncertain son and a self-confident man. His face mirrors his emotions well, especially when he's hit by his parents' bitter crossfire. And whether sober or inebriated, he projects the son's longing, anguish and desire for peace with his parents.

The parents, John and Nettie Cleary, are played by Dejan Radovanovich of Livonia and Christy Bonstell of Zeeland. Radovanovich is captivating in his ability to swing from nice guy to angry, unreasonable despot. He displays a skillful grasp of the wide range of emotions the father uses to psychologically manipulate both the mother and son.

Bonstell is able to accomplish the tricky task of displaying emotion on her face while maintaining the self-restraint expected from women of her era. While she captured the mother's anxiety and anger well, the makeup team needs to age her facially—she looked more like her son's

sister than mother.

Technically, the show established a wonderful mood with the tunes of Glenn Miller reverberating from an old-fashioned radio, and the set—an apartment interior—reflected careful attention to detail, right down to a worn sofa and a period phone.

Christy Bonstell's costumes were flattering and well coordinated with matching purses and shoes appropriate to the immediate postwar period. Smith's Army uniform also fit him well, and was neat and pressed.

The props were a mixed bag—hit or miss. While great care was taken to maintain period accuracy in many respects—including brown beer bottles with tops requiring a bottle opener—an unstable rose vase, a crucial prop, toppled to the floor prematurely, making Bonstell's subsequent hurling of the vase across the room anti-climatic. And the prop crew used tall tumblers instead of small juice glasses for a conspicuous inch of orange juice.

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OPERA

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MOVIES

'Never Been Kissed' is All-American high school fun

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You wouldn't recognize Josie Geller in a crowd. She doesn't stand out. But in high school, well that's another story.

She's "Never Been Kissed," and the cool kids don't like her.

Geller's got a problem, she's 25, not 17, and an undercover reporter for the Chicago Sun-Times. If she doesn't "transition" into the cool clique, she'll lose her job, so will her boss, Gus.

That's the story behind "Never Been Kissed" starring Drew Barrymore as the caterpillar-like Josie who blossoms into a beauty, and John C. Reilly as her cantankerous boss with a heart of gold.

"This is so not a dream," says Geller as the film begins. "I was just trying to do my job when this happened."

A copy editor who dreams of being a reporter, Geller gets her chance when Gus' boss Rigfort decides he wants to do a story on high schools. He spots Geller, who looks younger than she is, at a staff meeting and gives her the job.

Geller's euphoria over getting a break fades when she tells her younger brother Rob (David Arquette). "Remember what they called you in high school," he says — "Josie Grossie."

A wave of nausea sweeps over her, but it's too late to turn back. If you've ever wondered about what it would be like to return to

high school after you're all grown up, you'll get a kick out of "Never Been Kissed."

Who did you hang out with? The brainy nerds or the cool kids? Fashions and music change, but group dynamics don't.

There are still the beautiful cool girls, Kirsten (Jessica Alba), Kristin (Marley Shelton) and Gibby (Jordan Luddy) who have the perfect clothes, hair and makeup. Guy Perkins (Jeremy Jordan) is the handsome one, every girl's dream, who makes going to school worthwhile.

Brainy kids like Aldys (Leelee Sobieski) hang out with the other nerds, except now they hang together for protection. You know, safety in numbers.

Geller falls for her English teacher, the very hip Sam Cousin (Michael Vartan).

"Disguise changes all the rules," he says while talking about Shakespeare. "Disguises can be liberating. They can get you to do things you normally would not do."

Geller's doing a lot of things she would normally not do and changes in the process.

As she stumbles through high school her co-workers watch and cheer her on in the newsroom. Everything's being taped, and watching Josie in high school is better than a soap opera.

Anita (Molly Shannon), the office floozy, visits Josie at school and is mistaken for the sex education teacher. Her lecture is one you'll laugh about for a long time.

"Never Been Kissed" is all American fun with a little romance, betrayal and baseball thrown in.

You'll find yourself cheering for Josie as her confidence grows. There is the "kiss," but this is mostly a movie about friendship, and learning to be yourself.

Flashbacks of a younger Josie with braces being tormented by the cool kids at school are painful to watch, but oh so real.

Josie's not "Carrie," she is not looking for revenge, only to fit in. "Never Been Kissed" will definitely appeal to teens, and surprise adults who might have

Back in school: Drew Barrymore as Josie reads her paper to her English class, while her friend Aldys (Leelee Sobieski, seated, right) listens in "Never Been Kissed."

been dragged to the show by their kids.

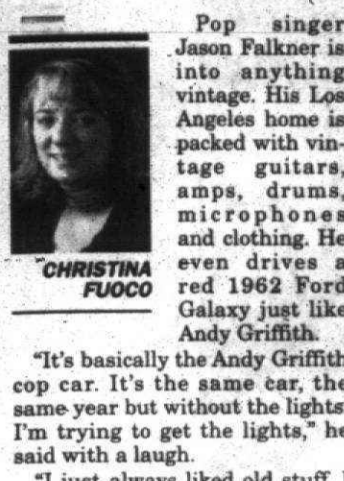
The cast and staff are identified by name and yearbook picture in the credits. A nice touch.

Abby Kohn and Marc Silverstein make their screenwriting debut with "Never Been Kissed." Raja Gosnell "Home Alone 3" directs. Barrymore makes her

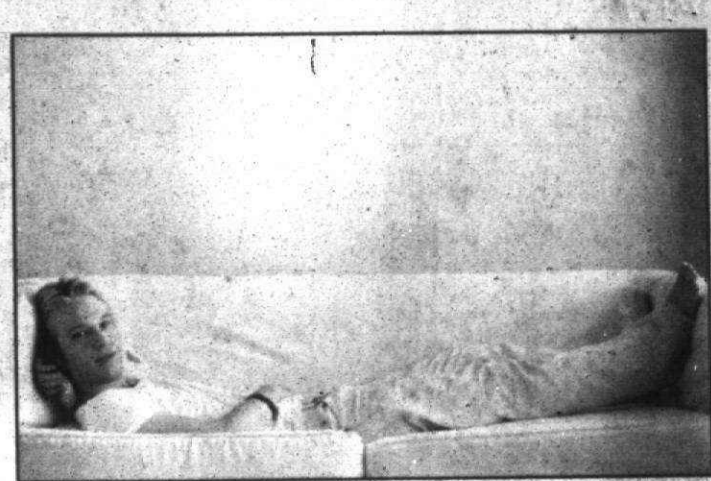
film debut as producer.

"Never Been Kissed" marks Barrymore's debut as a film producer. In 1995, Barrymore and Nancy Juvonen founded Flower Films Inc. In the summer of 1997, they began a two-year, first-look deal with Fox 2000 Pictures, a division of Twentieth Century-Fox. "Never Been Kissed" is the first film to go into production.

If it's vintage anything, singer Jason Falkner wants it



Christina Fuoco



Returning: Jason Falkner is returning to the Detroit area Friday, April 16, to perform songs off his new album, "Can You Still Feel?"

Pop singer Jason Falkner is into anything vintage. His Los Angeles home is packed with vintage guitars, amps, drums, microphones and clothing. He even drives a red 1962 Ford Mustang just like Andy Griffith.

"It's basically the Andy Griffith cop car. It's the same car, the same year but without the lights. I'm trying to get the lights," he said with a laugh.

"I just always liked old stuff. I have old clothes. I like it just like a freak," Falkner explained. "I think I have an issue, especially where clothing and gear is concerned, with trying to keep up with the Joneses. It seems like such a task. I'd rather just create my own niche using old stuff and new stuff. That goes with my recordings as well."

Falkner's recordings — his 1996 solo debut "Jason Falkner Presents Author Unknown" and his sophomore effort "Can You Still Feel?" — are far from "retro," a term that he despises.

"I understand that there's certain things about my music and the sound of my music that's retro. But I don't think that the writing is retro at all. You hear

some bands and they sound like they want to sound like the Beatles. I don't think you could really say that about me if you really listened to my music."

"Can You Still Feel?" which opens with Falkner whispering "Take a chance on me," is rich and warm. Falkner's inviting, dramatic vocals are wrapped around strings, vintage keyboards, police sirens, and simple yet-textured pop melodies. "My

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DINING

Museum cafe showcases Michigan's culinary traditions

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Food service at Henry Ford Museum for a long time was like the museum itself — lost in time.

Visitors had two choices, the Weinermobile Cafe tucked into a corner of the museum or the cafeteria style American Cafe. Neither one was very exciting.

You can still grab a hot dog at the cafe, but if you're looking for a place to rest and enjoy a pleasant meal, check out the Michigan Cafe, which opened March 26.

The renovated former cafeteria is a tribute to Michigan foods.

"Michigan has always been known for its culinary contributions," said Steve Hamp president of Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village. "We wanted to provide our visitors with a unique, fun-filled dining experience that represents the best of what Michigan has to offer."

Executive Chef Jim Maier, a graduate of the Oakland Community College culinary arts program, spent over a year collecting Michigan-based recipes, and creating some of his own.

"We obtained the Hudson's Maurice Salad Dressing recipe," he said. "A lot of people remember going downtown to Hudson's at Christmastime."

Helping visitors recall their fondest Michigan food memories is part of the Michigan Cafe's mission. The other is to serve as a gateway to Michigan for guests who are visiting the state for the first time, and may not be familiar with our culinary traditions such as Sander's, Vernor's, cherries and Pinconning cheese.

"We want to give people a taste of what our state is all about," said Maier. "We also want them to know about festivals and other things that are happening around the state."

Michigan Cafe is decorated

Michigan Cafe

Where: Inside the Henry Ford Museum, Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road, (west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Ave.) Dearborn, call (313) 271-1620 for information.

Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Menu: Entrees, soups, salads, sandwiches, desserts that showcase Michigan specialty food items.

Cost: Entrees \$5.50 to \$6.25; soups \$2.95; salads \$3 to \$5.75; sandwiches \$2.95 to \$4.95; desserts \$1.40 to \$3.50

Children's menu: Available

Coming events:

Greenfield Village celebrates Spring Farm Days, Friday-Sunday, April 22-25 see what life was like and farms during the 18th and 19th centuries, activities range from sheep shearing, plowing, costumed presenters. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free.

with enlarged postcards of state attractions including the Mackinac Bridge and Irish Hills from the museum's collection. AAA-inspired travel posters also help create the "I'm on vacation" feel of the restaurant. Carpeting is edged with canoe paddles, and sprinkled with pine cones. See if you can spot the bears, pheasants and other animals that are woven into the carpet design. There are eight in all.

Maier wants to offer menu specials during popular events such as the Tulip Festival in Holland to heighten awareness and showcase Michigan products.

"We're planning to offer some signature Dutch dishes," he said.

"I've been in touch with some restaurants in Holland, Mich. to talk about the Tulip Festival."

The restaurant, which has a separate entrance from the museum near the entrance to Greenfield Village, is still cafeteria style, but the stations are well-defined. Instead of going through one line for everything, you can visit the deli, oven or salad station.

Starting with entrees guests can choose from Great Lakes Whitefish Boat — whitefish filet in dilled sour cream baked with a puff pastry top or Cafe Chicken

— whole breast of chicken with cherry barbecue or wild mushroom sauce.

Some items are "imported" such as Albie's Beef Pasty, Lashish restaurant hommous & pita on the salad menu, and Dearborn Sausage Footlong on the deli menu.

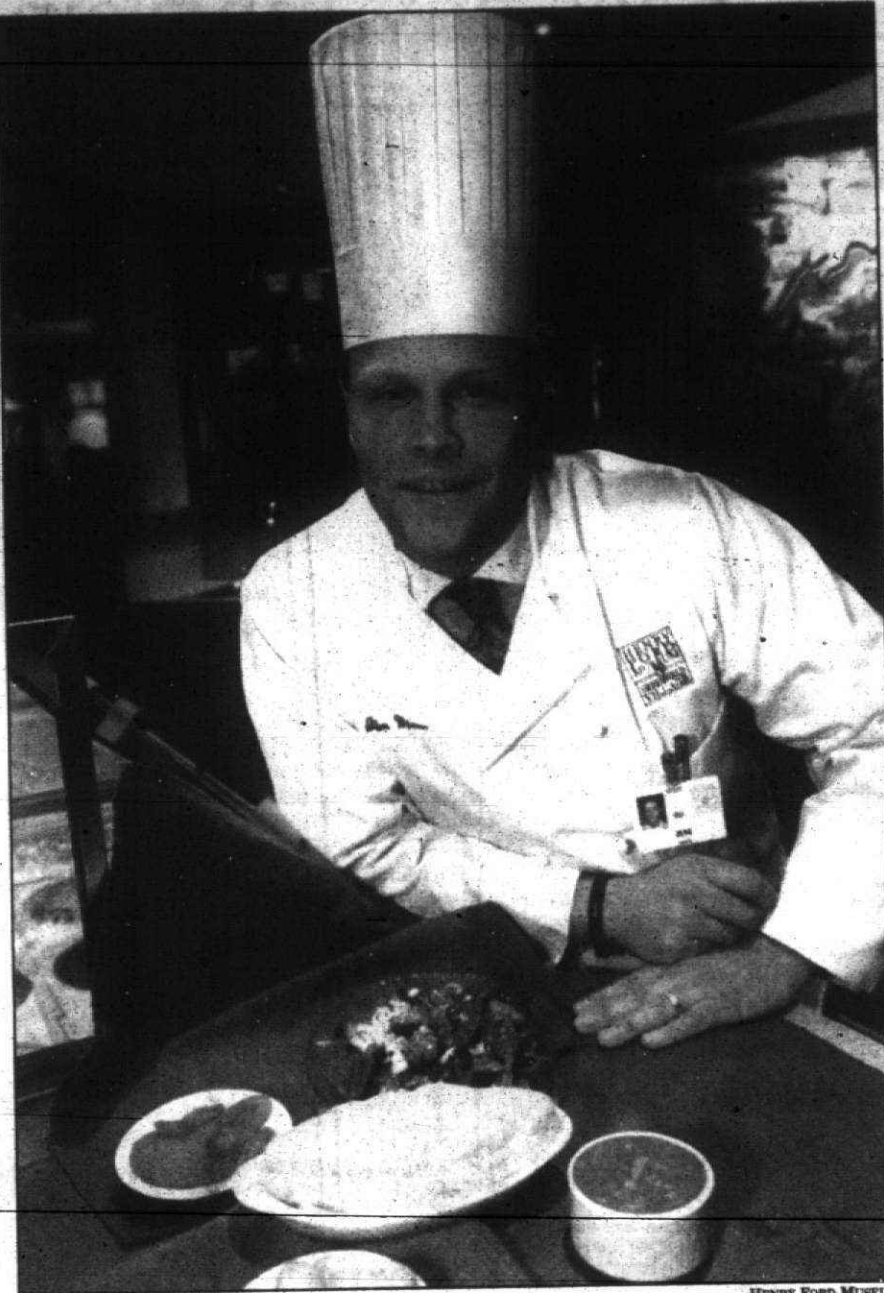
"La-Shish is such a great name in Dearborn," said Maier, "they're known for quality. We're the only facility outside their restaurant that offers their products."

Sandwiches are made with Breadsmyth bread made in Dearborn. Choose from the U of M Wolverine Combo Sandwich — turkey, ham, Swiss and Cheddar cheese with mustard served on a honey-white roll or the MSU Spartan Sandwich — turkey, ham or tuna served on a honey-white roll.

Mama Mucci in Canton makes the specially designed pasta shaped like a mitten to resemble the lower peninsula. The pasta is used to create Mighty Mac & Cheese.

"We want to offer lots of variety," said Renee Righetti, food service manager for the museum.

The desserts will bring back lots of sweet memories. A favorite is Sander's famous



HENRY FORD MUSEUM

Taste of Michigan: Chef Jim Maier of the all-new Michigan Cafe at Henry Ford Museum serves up such specialty items as Great Lakes Whitefish Boat topped with dill sauce and puffed pastry and a Michigan Spinach Salad topped with Village Spiced Walnuts.

cream puff — homemade cream puff with Stroh's ice cream, topped with Sander's Hot Fudge Sauce, Muskegon County Blueberry Pie was inspired by the Blueberry Festival. This recipe is low in fat with no added sugar.

"The Traverse City Cake is served with a chocolate cut-out of the lower peninsula," said Righetti. Northern Cinnamon

Roll features a northern Michigan Maple Glaze.

"Our cookies are shaped like Model T's," said Righetti.

Stroh's is the only ice cream on this menu, and the baklava is styled after the Greek style phyllo pastry you'll find on Monroe St. in Detroit.

Michigan brewed beers and a variety of soft drinks are also on

the menu.

Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum are popular destinations for tourists and Michiganders alike.

Upcoming events include Spring Farm Days April 22-25; Civil War Remembrance, May 30-31; Colonial Life, June 26-27 and Celebration of Emancipation Aug. 7-8.

WHAT'S COOKING

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Buddy's Pizza

Hosts the 23rd annual "A Slice of Life" a benefit for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday, April 19. All Buddy's locations including Livonia, 33605 Plymouth Road; and Dearborn, 22148 Michigan Ave. All you can eat pizza and salad tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 chil-

dren (under age 10) and \$8 for seniors (age 62 and up). Tickets available at the door, or call (313) 579-2100 for information.

Fusion

Celebration of French wine with "A Tour of France," 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20 at Fusion, 34555 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. French wine importer Peter Weygand of Weygand-Metzler importing will share his passion for the complex flavors that characterize French wines, pairing them with Corporate Chef Jim Barnett's dishes. The cost is \$75 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Call (248) 489-8854.

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