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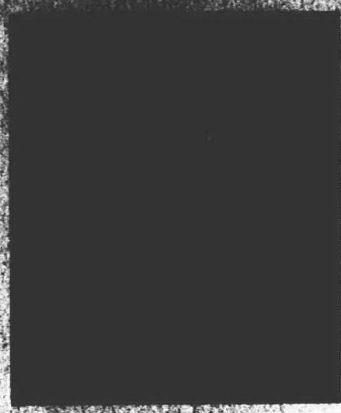
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Ryan Watt



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Ryan Watt, 17, died Wednesday morning after stepping out of a moving car near Ridge and Powell last Friday. According to police reports, Watt's friends said they've stopped out of moving cars before. This time Watt was pulled underneath.

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.

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

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Varsity hockey on ice for fall

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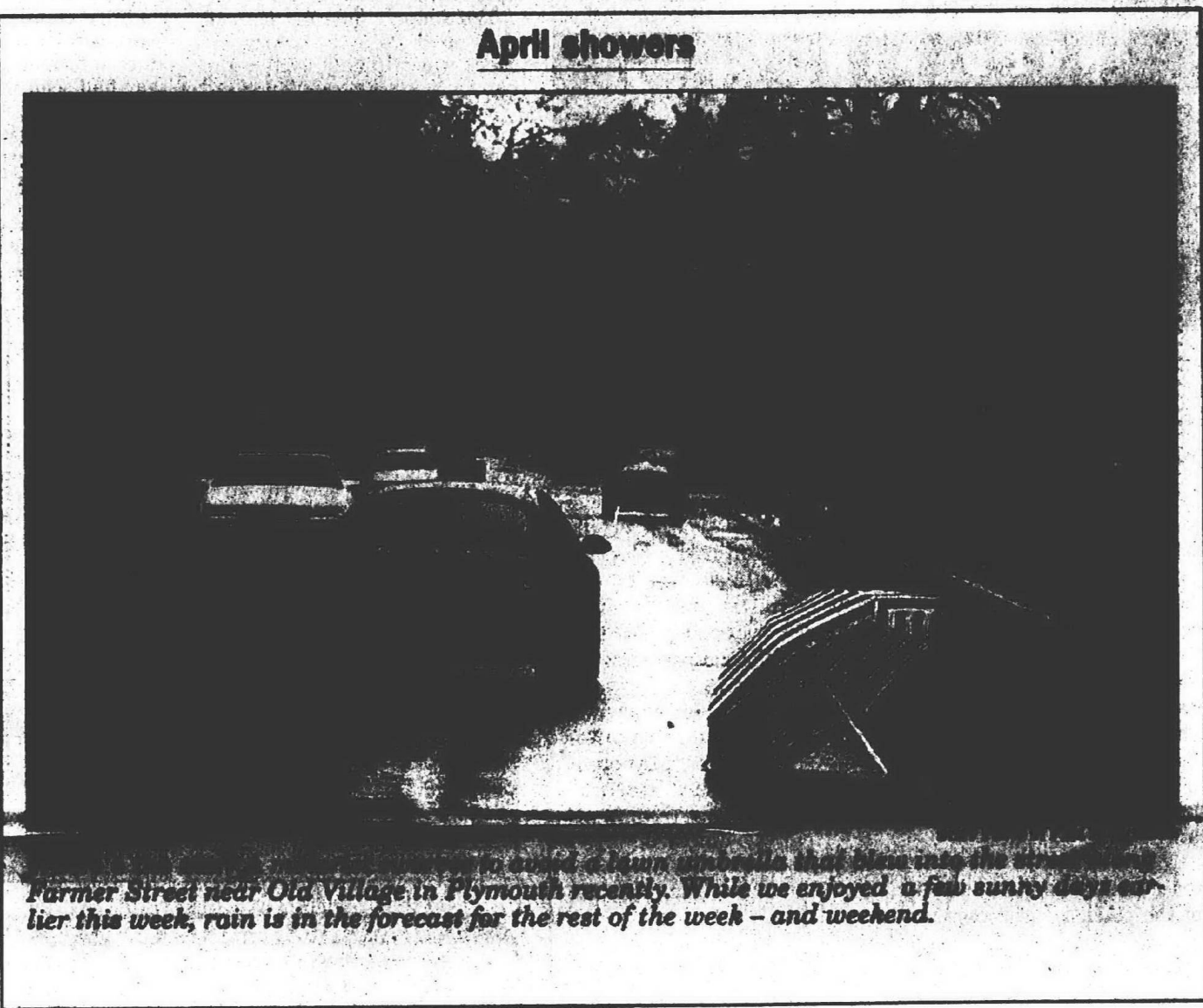
Ice hockey is now a varsity sport at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools.

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've not been with a good 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

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April showers

Farmer Street near Old Village in Plymouth recently. While we enjoyed a few sunny days earlier this week, rain is in the forecast for the rest of the week - and weekend.

Mayflower Hotel closes door after 70 years

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The Mayflower Hotel, once the landmark of downtown Plymouth, is closed for good and being readied for the wrecking ball.

The hotel officially locked its doors Monday, and a liquidation sale is planned, beginning next Monday.

"We had reservations from about 40 people over the weekend, and after

that we officially closed," said former owner Matt Karmo. "We informed some people who had reservations for the summer that we closed, and helped them make other arrangements."

"The building is completely shut down, and we expect to be out of here by the end of May," said Karmo. "We're going to liquidate everything possible within the next two-three weeks."

Karmo said he will attempt to sell entire room sets, just as they are in the

hotel. "Most of the rooms were updated in 1989-90," he said. "We will try to sell the furniture in sets. However, the leftover pieces we'll try to sell individually."

Karmo said there will be some sentimental items from the hotel that will be saved. He's hoping they'll be displayed in a new development, to represent the Mayflower's history at the corner.

Novi developer and new owner John Vincenti of Tri-Mount Companies met with Karmo Tuesday afternoon. Vincenti said he wants to work as quickly as he can to develop the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail.

"We'll be talking with the city to discuss what needs to be done for demolition," said Vincenti. "That will determine how quickly we are able to move on a new project, which will be preceded

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Salem stylist leads 'Salon Connection' in Race for Cure

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Salem Township hairstylist Shari Franko could be credited with saving several women from the agony of breast cancer by spreading the word about the importance of early detection.

Diagnosed with breast cancer herself three years ago, Franko began a campaign to educate other women. Her effort will be seen in shades of purple at the 1999 Detroit Race for the Cure, held at the Detroit Zoo on Saturday, April 24. Almost 2,000 runners and walkers will be on "The Salon Connection" team wearing trademark purple T-shirts.

"The Salon Connection" is a network of hair salons that not only comes out in mass once a year to raise funds for breast cancer research, but also organizes a network of information to educate women about the importance of early detection. Franko, a 30-year-old resident of Northville, Michigan, credits her own diagnosis as the

Connection's headquarters for breast cancer awareness.

"We're in a good business to come across women in an intimate setting to talk about this," she said.

Salons participating in "The Salon Connection" include Cutting Quarters Salon in Plymouth, Tantalus and Salon Techniques in Livonia, Shear Dimensions in Garden City and Mane Design in Farmington.

"It was April of 1996. I was 35 and had no family history of breast cancer. I had been exercising the last several years," Franko said.

During a self-exam, she found a small lump, which she later learned was breast cancer. "I was lucky that I found it so early," she said.

Originally, she had a mastectomy and a saline implant, but later decided to have a prophylactic mastectomy on the other side since the type of cancer she was diagnosed with often spread. She did not need radiation or chemotherapy.

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Early Detection: Shari Franko of Salem Township organized a network of hair salons to raise funds for the Race for the Cure and breast cancer research. The salons also promote the importance of early detection, which Franko credits with saving her life.

Four vie for school posts

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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.

Drug Deal

Three area teenagers were cited by Plymouth Township police for possession of marijuana and a fourth is charged with intent to deliver marijuana. The chase took place Tuesday night and Wednesday night.

According to reports, off-duty Plymouth Township police Officer Steven Gagnier saw the four teens at about 7 p.m. in the parking lot of the Plymouth Auto Repair shop, 40600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, and identified what he believed to be a "drug transfer."

Corbett called the police dispatch and officers were sent to the scene.

Upon the arrival of Officer Bill Fetner, the four teens fled northbound on Brownell Street. Following a chase through several residents' yards, Fetner caught the driver, a 17-year-old Canton resident. He was found to be carrying two small bags and one rolled cigarette containing a total of 15 grams of suspected marijuana.

The remaining three suspects,

a 16-year-old and 15-year-old from Livonia and a 16-year-old from Livonia, were apprehended by Officers Jan Bouchard and Steve Linton in a wooded area in Brownell Park. The teens were issued citations and released but each could face additional charges of resisting arrest.

Bally's thefts

Two vehicles have been broken into and items have been stolen from both within the last two weeks at Bally Total Fitness club, 40700 E. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

The first incident took place on April 2, when a Livonia resident's 1996 Oldsmobile Aurora has the front passenger side window broken sometime between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. while the victim was inside the building.

According to police reports, the victim claimed that a \$1,500 diamond "pink" ring was stolen as well as a \$1,000 "Tiger-eye nugget" and a cell phone.

Along with cash that was

stolen, the car damage to the window was estimated to be \$1,500.

The second break-in occurred a week later on April 9 in the same parking lot and in the same building.

The passenger side window was also broken out of a second Livonia resident's 1993 Mazda 626 while she was visiting the fitness club between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m.

Taken in the theft was the woman's purse and wallet from under the front seat and several credit cards. Police said they have no witnesses or suspects at this time.

Embezzlement

A Canton man is suspected of embezzling more than \$1,000 from Industrial Finishing Technologies, 46750 Port, by making unauthorized personal charges on a company credit card.

According to a report filed with police on April 6, the charges were made between Sept. 1 of last year and March 26 of this year.

The suspect quit his job suddenly Feb. 26 and his last paycheck was withheld by the company.

IFT officials also claim the former employee never returned a toolbox belonging to the company.

Car theft

A 1988 Oldsmobile Delta 88 was stolen from the parking lot of Plaza Lanes, 42001 E. Ann Arbor Road, on the evening of April 8.

According to police, a man parked the vehicle, owned by his

father, in the parking lot in Livonia. The car was stolen while the father was at work. Upon his return, the vehicle was missing and police officers found broken glass in the parking lot.

The vehicle is estimated to be worth \$3,000.

Bike stolen

A Schwinn Predator BMX bicycle was stolen from outside a building within the Heritage Apartment complex, 44505 W. Territorial and Siskiwit in Plymouth Township.

According to police, a 19-year-old boy, and resident of the apartment complex, left the bicycle unlocked in front of the building. Upon his return a short time later, it was missing.

The bicycle was valued at \$210.

Liquor heist

On April 10, a person was seen taking bottles of liquor out of the Kroger Store, 44505 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

Police reports state that an unidentified customer of the store informed a manager that they had seen what appeared to be "an older teen" exiting the store with bottles of liquor concealed in his coat and that he had dropped a bottle of cognac on the way out, breaking it.

Reports state that the suspect got into a car with other men in it and the vehicle fled eastbound on Ann Arbor Road.

-Staff Writer Duncan E. White

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Woman found dead in park

A two-day search for a missing Livonia woman ended Monday after search dogs located her body near a bend of the Rouge River in Hines Park in Northville Township.

The victim, 21-year-old Kerry Hoffman, was pulled from the rapidly flowing water Monday after a K-9 unit found her body in a hidden area under a fallen tree.

The search began early Sunday morning when a Northville Township police officer spotted a 1987 Toyota Camry half-submerged in the Rouge River along Northville Road, south of Reservoir.

Police believe Hoffman drowned. The Wayne County medical examiner will perform toxicology tests to determine the cause of death.

"There is no evidence of any foul play whatsoever at this point," said Lt. John Sherman of the Northville Township Police Department.

The search began early Sunday morning when a Northville Township police officer spotted a 1987 Toyota Camry half-submerged in the Rouge River along Northville Road, south of Reservoir.

The office could not find the car's driver. The car's doors were closed; a window on the car was rolled down.

Tracing the car's ownership, police determined that Hoffman was the last known person seen

driving the car. Police said she was last seen at about 5:30 a.m. Sunday after leaving a relative's home.

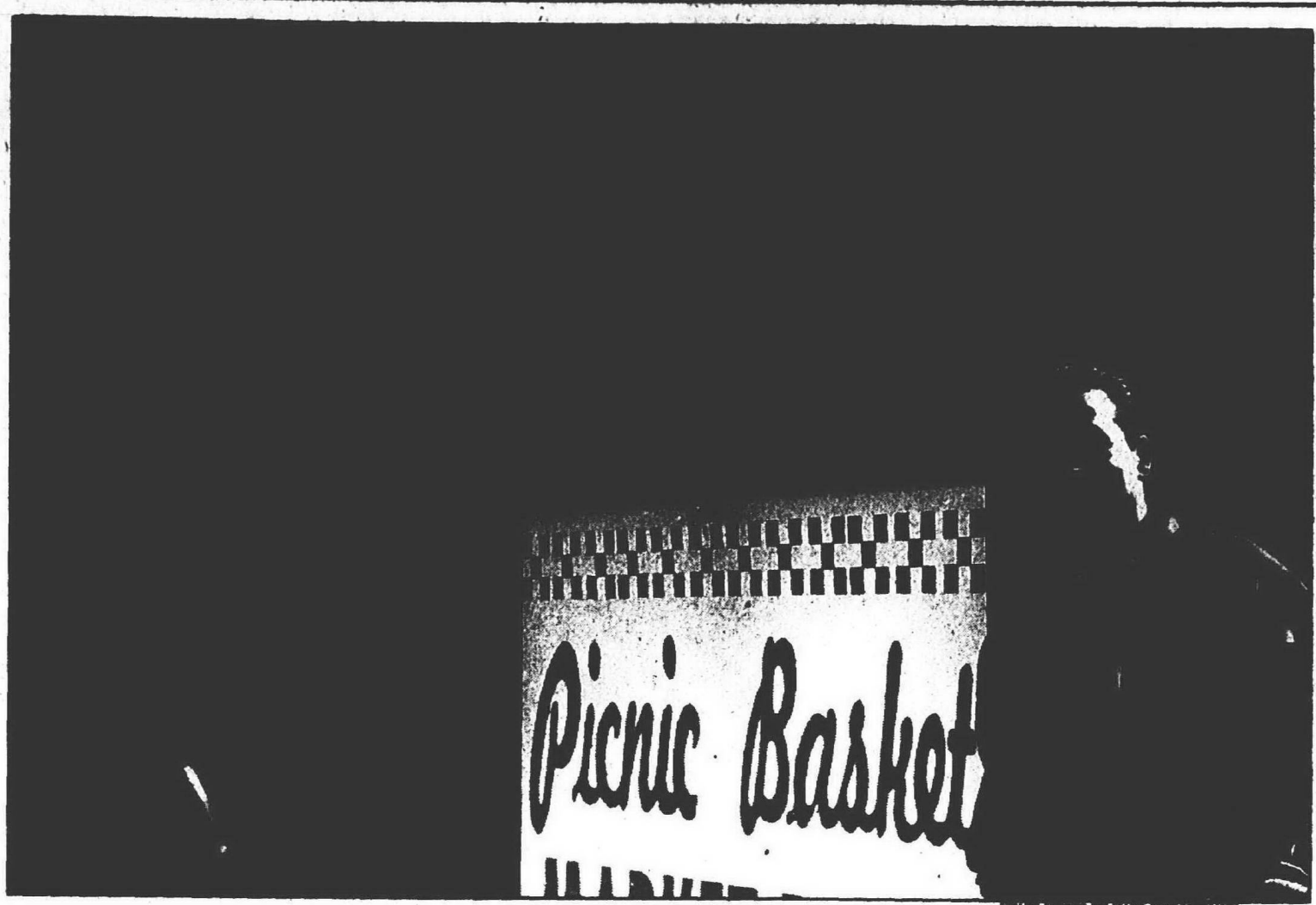
Police spent Sunday searching the park, but were unable to locate Hoffman.

On Monday, police brought in a tracking dog unit from Van Buren Township.

Within minutes, the dog found Hoffman about 180 yards downstream from where the Toyota Camry was first spotted.

Officers from the Wayne County Water Recovery Unit helped in the investigation and recovery of the body, as the death took place on county property.

The family asked police that they not be contacted by the press.



Location, location, location: Al Jonna opened up Picnic Basket Marketplace about eight months ago near Ann Arbor Road and Ridge. The store is currently the only one in western Plymouth, despite the surrounding development. Jonna is a second-generation store owner. His father opened the first store, The Mack Market, at the corner of Crane and Mack in Detroit in the early 1970s and his two brothers currently run another store in Westland. Jonna ran a shop near Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon before moving to the new spot.

Life's a picnic in western Plymouth

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For Al Jonna, solitary confinement isn't a curse but, rather, a blessing for his business on the western end of Plymouth Township. Jonna's store, the Picnic Basket Marketplace near Ann Arbor Road and Ridge, is an island of convenience in an ocean of urban sprawl.

High-priced homes have sprung up in every direction while, unlike Canton, corner stores and shopping centers have not. His is a small, quaint specialty shop where you can pick up a gallon of milk and a couple of steaks in one quick stop.

Need a loaf of bread? Go to Jonna's or drive a few miles.

Need some quick homemade potato salad? Go to Jonna's or drive a few miles.

The simple fact that it's the only choice has allowed his business to prosper. It's a simple lesson learned early in business called supply and demand.

Western Plymouth needed something to fill the lack of stores in the area and Jonna supplied.

High-priced homes have sprung up in every direction while, unlike Canton, corner stores and shopping centers have not. His is a small, quaint specialty shop where you can pick up a gallon of milk and a couple of steaks in one quick stop.

"We knew it was coming," he said of the explosion in development in the area.

Though the new building has been a nice improvement for Jonna's store, he says that he still has yet to hit his stride in the neighborhood.

"This was all going to be developed," said Jonna. "We expect in the next two, three years, when this is all built in, that we'll be doing well. Right now, I'll just get by ... barely."

"There are a few industrial parks up the road so we get some business from them for lunches but a lot of my customers are construction workers because of all of the development."

Most importantly for Jonna, the small marketplace is the culmination of years of hard work by his family.

His father opened the first store, The Mack Market, at the

corner of Crane and Mack in Detroit in the early 1970s and his two brothers currently run another store in Westland.

Before moving to the current location eight months ago, Jonna ran a shop near Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon in Plymouth Township for 11 years.

"This place took one year to build and took two years to design," he said. "And we spared no expense on the building, if you look at it. It's first rate."

The building itself is owned by Jonna and houses his shop as well as an Arbor Drugs store.

"We were actually going to move in there and rent this space out but when they came into the picture, we decided to move into the smaller space and rent that out," he said. "It worked out pretty well."

Ever the entrepreneur, Jonna

still looks for another challenge. He currently does some catering but wants to add to that.

"I'd like to really work on that and expand the catering business," he said. "I do all of the catering for Mitsubishi right now so that's good and I'm actually catering for 600 people here in the next few days."

"I want to build up my meat department and the salads are doing well."

Jonna said that he hasn't heard any talk of more stores being developed in the area, allowing him confidence that his business will flourish.

"No, I don't think (the township) will allow it," he said. "It's all been mainly residential in the area. You have to go to Sheldon Road or down to Ford Road before you really run into a lot of stores."

Jonna said that fitting into the neighborhood hasn't been much of a problem and that he welcomes the chance to become part of the scenery.

He's already made a few friends, too.

"There's no one (that shops at his store) that I don't know," he added. "That's nice."

Water rate hikes are back on tap

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After some heated discussion during a Saturday morning meeting, Plymouth city commissioners voted 4-3 in favor of a bond issue that will keep the average increase in water rates at 46 percent.

Mayor Don Dismuke, Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Koch, along with commissioners Dave McDonald and Colleen Pobur voted to sell the bonds and repay them over a 20-year period to keep the water and sewer rate from going up much higher.

Commissioners Stella Greene, Ron Loiselle and Dennis Shrews-

bury voted against the measure, claiming that repaying the bonds over a 20 year period, instead of shorter period of time, will result in millions of dollars of interest payments.

"It's like buying a house or car over a long period of time when you don't have the money," said City Manager David Rich. "We also were mindful of the affect higher water and sewer rates would have on our senior citizens."

Commissioners will also be voting on two additional bond issues in the near future totaling more than \$1.8 million to build a cash reserve for the water and sewer fund.

Senior golfers needed for Fox Hills league

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 deadline is April 17.

The league is open to all seniors, women ages 55-plus and men ages 60-plus. The league

runs for 16 weeks and the registration fee is \$25 to be used for awards, prizes and banquets.

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District Court construction moves ahead

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Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new 35th District Court in Plymouth will be held 4 p.m. Monday, May 3. However, the way the project is progressing, it may be more of a steel-raising party.

Good weather this spring has allowed contractors to move at a steady pace since March 8, when they began digging out the basement of the old courthouse, which burned down in July 1997.

"Everything is going fine. In fact, we're starting to pour basement walls," said Mark Schiffman, the project superintendent for Bedzyk Bros. Inc. of Livonia, the general contractor for the \$8.25 million courthouse. "We're starting to pour all the foundation walls at the perimeter of the building. We probably have about two more weeks of foundation work before the steel is due in."

While the project is in the early stages, Schiffman said thus far they're on schedule.

"The weather is the only factor that could be a detriment to the project," added Schiffman. "A lot of rain will slow us down.

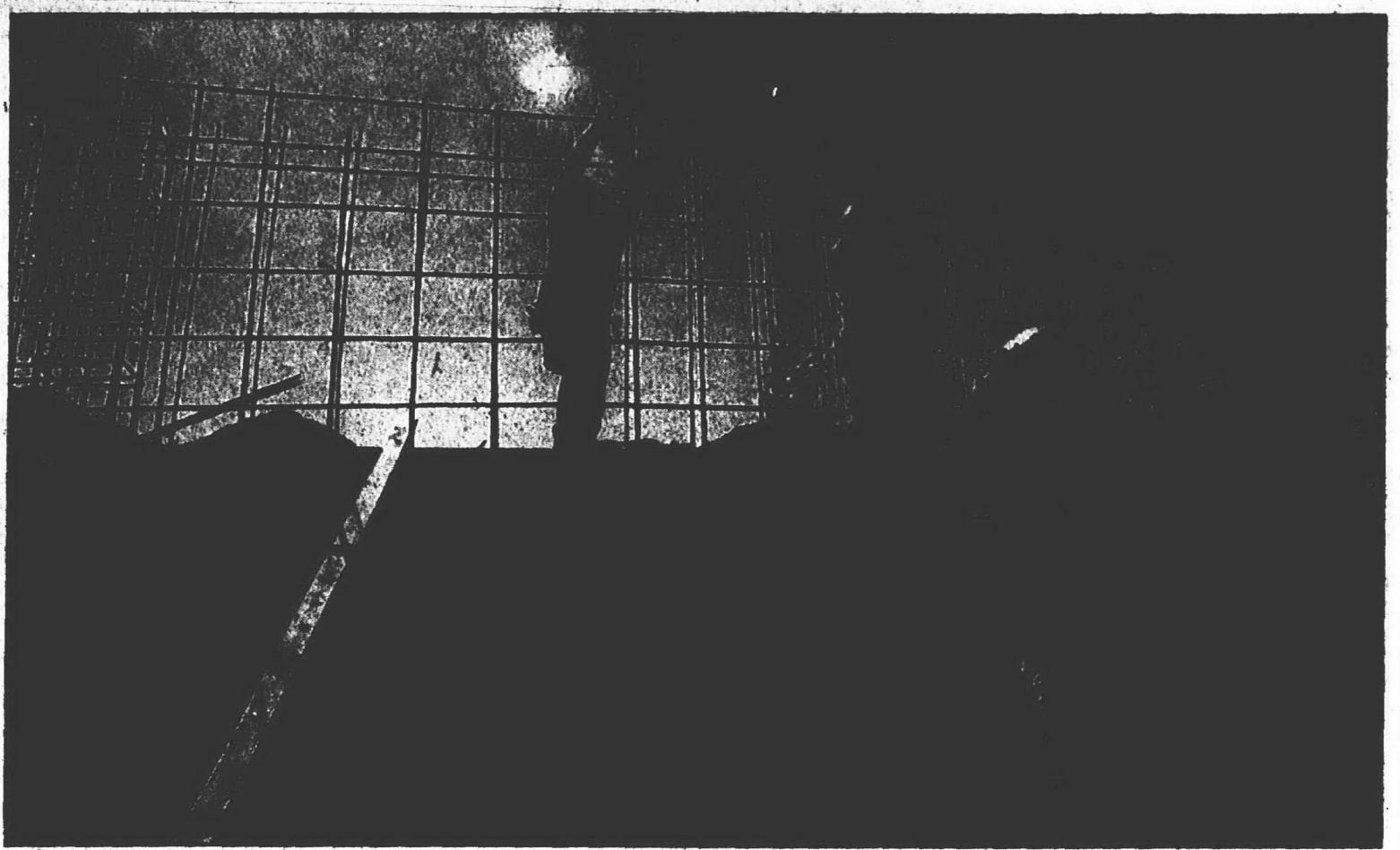
However, all the contractors are on board now, so I don't anticipate any problems."

The 35th District Court Authority awarded the contract to Bedzyk Bros., the lowest of 15 bidders for the project. The base cost was \$6.7 million, about a million dollars more than anticipated. The addition of a fourth elevator for prisoner transfers, lightning protection equipment, architectural fees, furniture and equipment, and site surveys increased the total cost to \$8.25 million.

The Court Authority plans sell \$4.25 million in bonds next Monday to pay for part of the project. The remaining \$4 million in costs will be paid with \$2.4 million in insurance proceeds, plus another \$1.6 million in excess court revenues that have been held back from the five local communities that use the court.

The court serves Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township.

Plymouth Township resident Harry Black is the owner's representative for the court, hired to oversee the general contractor to make certain all aspects



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On schedule: Steel workers from Raven Resteel tie steel supports in the south wall of the new 35th District Court.

of the project are completed properly.

"I'm always out there talking to the site superintendent and other contractors because there's always questions about the drawings," said Black. "We're always double-checking everything. We don't ever want

to have to take out work already done.

"Thus far the contractor is doing a good job, and the city of Plymouth has been more than cooperative with approval of any changes," said Black.

Court Administrator Kerry Erdman makes several trips a

day to the site, keeping a watchful eye as the project progresses.

"Things are going very well. It's nice to see cement going in and walls going up," he said.


"There's a lot of excitement from the court staff now that the building has begun," added

Erdman. "After nearly two years in the trailers, they can see the light at the end of the tunnel."

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County may require septic tank inspection

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Homeowners with septic tanks may soon have pay \$50 for a septic system inspection every five years or when their home is sold under an ordinance proposed by the Wayne County Department of Environment.

Wayne County officials will meet Friday with community representatives from western

Wayne County to discuss the ordinance designed to eliminate one pollution source of the Rouge River: failed septic systems. Jim Murray, director of environment, expects to forward the ordinance to county commissioners in May for discussion and approval.

The ordinance calls for homeowners with septic tanks to obtain inspections from county health officials once every five years or when the house is sold.

Communities have the option to sign up with the county for the program, said Murray to members of the Conference of Western Wayne Friday.

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, Ply-

mouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

Septic systems are wastewater treatment systems that use septic tanks and drain fields to dispose of sewage in soil. Typically they are in rural or large lot settings where a sanitary sewer is not available, but some of the older communities have homes with septic tanks where it was cost-prohibitive to connect a new sewer line when the home was

built. Failed septic tanks near the Rouge can increase bacteria levels and affect the river's water quality.

Murray recently said Wayne County was finding a failure rate of 20 percent for septic tanks. Fifty to 75 percent of tanks older than 15 years failed.

Most Wayne County communities have agreed to initiate inspection programs for on-site sewage systems, according to the

general permit applications filed with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Murray expects to bring the ordinance before U.S. District Judge John Feikens at a court hearing May 17. Feikens has overseen the cleanup of the Rouge River, which is an "area of concern" of its water quality, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

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Plant tours celebrate clean water

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department will celebrate the importance of safe, high quality drinking water with other water utilities nationally in May.

The educational campaign is aimed at telling the public about the meaningful role that quality drinking water plays in daily life. The theme of this year's event is "Celebrate Water."

"Providing safe drinking water is everyone's business," said Stephen F. Gorden, director of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and president-elect of the American Water Works Association.

"Issues such as source water protection, new methods of water treatment and increased regulations make drinking water an important public concern."

Free Drinking Water Week/Month activities offered by DWSD for adults and children in its 126-community, four million-customer service area include:

- Water plant tours for neighborhood/school groups at the Northeast Water Plant, 11000 E. Eight Mile, just east of Van Dyke in Detroit. Northeast is one of five water plants in the DWSD system and serves as host plant during Drinking Water Week/Month. Tours last approximately 40 minutes. Souvenirs will be provided. (Regular tours are offered year-round.)

- Speakers' Bureau presentations - DWSD representatives will visit school and community groups to share important information and fascinating facts about the water that comes from your tap.

- Drinking Water Week/Month Ceremony/Luncheon - Ten students who submitted water-related projects to the Science and Engineering Fair of Metropolitan Detroit held in March at Cobo Center will be presented with U.S. Savings Bonds in denominations of \$50 to \$300. The students, their parents and teachers will be recognized at the ceremony Tuesday, May 18, in the Water Board Building, 735 Randolph in downtown Detroit.

Requests for tours and speakers are still being accepted and are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are required and can be made by calling DWSD's Public Relations Division at (313) 964-9570, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

S'craft to host secretary's day seminar, speaker

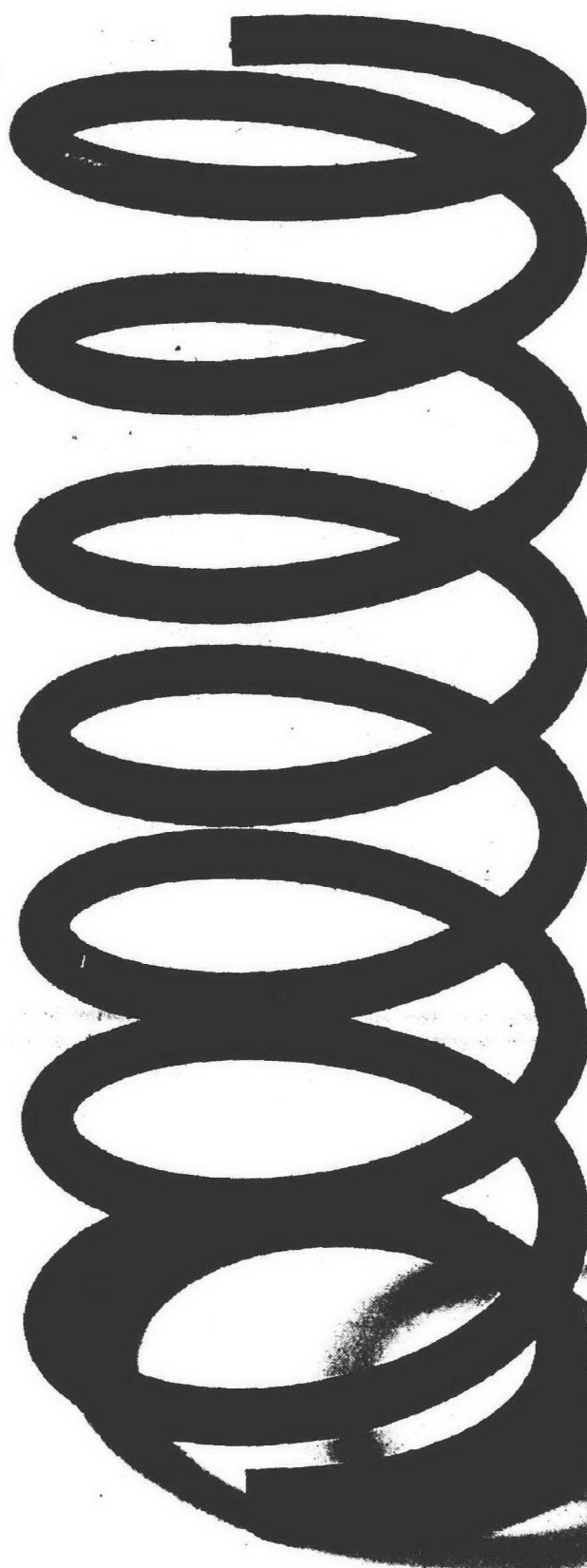
Celebrate Secretary's Day with a day-long session that emphasizes self confidence and harmony Wednesday, April 21, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia.

Schoolcraft College's annual Secretary's Day Seminar begins with author and international consultant Lois Wolfe-Morgan, who will conduct a three-hour session, "Projecting a Professional Image." Her presentation will offer participants the tools to develop a professional style that commands respect, exudes confidence and gives a presence in any setting.

After lunch and a vendor showcase, afternoon sessions will feature an introduction to feng shui, the ancient practice of energy balancing in physical space and an introduction to aromatherapy, the use of essential oils to enhance the quality of life, body, mind and spirit.

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ed by the demolition." Vincenti predicted it would take one-four months before the Mayflower is merely rubble. He also said there isn't a final plan for the site, yet.

"We're still looking at two or three concepts," said Vincenti. "We want to make sure we're building what's practical for the site."

No matter which concept Vincenti picks, he's fairly certain the first floor will be retail. Vincenti has talked to Peoples State Bank about becoming a tenant, and possibly opening a restaurant himself. The other project ideas could include condominiums or another hotel.

Vincenti previously estimated the total project cost to range from \$6 million to a possible \$15 million, depending on the final scope of the project.

Vincenti also mentioned that he'll have a proposal to present to Jack Wilcox this weekend con-

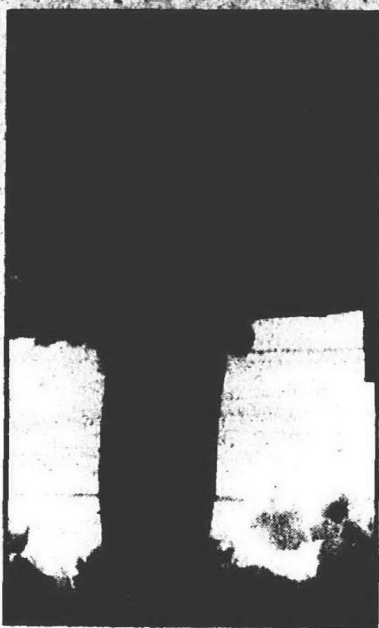
cerning the two-acre property on Penniman, across from Kellogg Park.

"I'll present some things to Mr. Wilcox this weekend, and then we'll see what happens," said Vincenti.

Vincenti has said he has no definite plans for the site. However, some ideas he discussed included a multiuse development with condos and retail, commercial development and senior citizen housing.

Vincenti also owns an empty lot on Penniman, across the street from the post office. He's looking to build a two- or three-story office structure, which Vincenti said he would like to use as his main office, which is currently located in Novi.

Vincenti has several times noted he would like to own the three properties, and have simultaneous projects under construction.



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Developer: John Vincenti has plans to tear down the existing Mayflower for a retail center and condo project. It may meet the wrecking ball in June.

Township police hook up to new towing company

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After nine-and-a-half years as the towing service for the Plymouth Township Police Department, B&B Towing Company is being replaced by Gardner's Towing, winners of the bid for a new contract with the township.

Gardner's \$45 rate per tow was the lowest of the four bids received by the police department. Mainstay Towing offered a \$75 rate while Mayflower Auto Transport was \$65.

B&B Towing, who has been working for the police department without a contract since 1994, did not give specific rates on its bid and was not considered by the trustees, who discussed the matter at a Tuesday study session. B&B currently charges \$70 for a tow plus storage.

"It wasn't really considered because they didn't comply to the bid specifications," said Plymouth Township Police Chief Larry Carey. "It was looked at but not really considered because they didn't have any specific rates."

Gardner's won the contract based on cost, proximity of their storage lot (located on General Court) to the police station and

available storage space.

Additional costs, such as storage (a per day rate) and the use of special equipment, could be added to the price of each individual tow.

"Extra service charges for all bidders vary from service type to service type but all are reasonable," stated a memo from Carey to the trustees. "Gardner's was found to be generally lower in price per service type."

Jim Haverstick, owner of B&B Towing, felt that township officials aren't looking at the complete picture while making their decision.

"The township (trustees) just made up their mind that they're going to have someone else do the work, whether they have the equipment to do the job, or not," he said. "I put down time and material and I thought that was fair. I've been in this business for 35 years and if my prices were out of line, I wouldn't be working for insurance companies anymore."

"These people do not understand that this is a job that you don't just get up and punch the clock in the morning and put transmission in engines all day long. There are other factors involved. What do you do if you

have a fatal accident and you have to wait two hours for the coroner? Or what if you need two trucks on the scene to keep a vehicle from rolling over again? You can't, in your right mind, say that you're only going to charge \$50 or \$60 for that job."

The other factors that Haverstick said the township needs to take into consideration is whether the company is qualified, has the equipment and has a good track record in order to perform the job.

"If I can make it to the meeting (when the issue is voted on by the board) 'Your mother is in the hospital and needs surgery,'" he said. "The neurosurgeon wants \$50,000 to perform the job but they have a young fella, just out of school, who will do it for \$50. Are you going to go with the kid because it's cheaper? I don't think one of them would say they'll take the kid."

B&B Towing currently rents space from Colonial Collision on Ann Arbor Road in the City of Plymouth where Arnold works. Mainstay Towing offered a letter of agreement to the board that, if they were to be awarded the contract, they would do the same.

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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,

36851 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 1,300 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 Holliday Nature

Preserve, while on the south and east lie 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 18 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 1,800 feet of Tonquish Creek, which will require a regrading 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 various dissolved constituents in groundwater around 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 5,000 tons of waste including 800 cubic yards of

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

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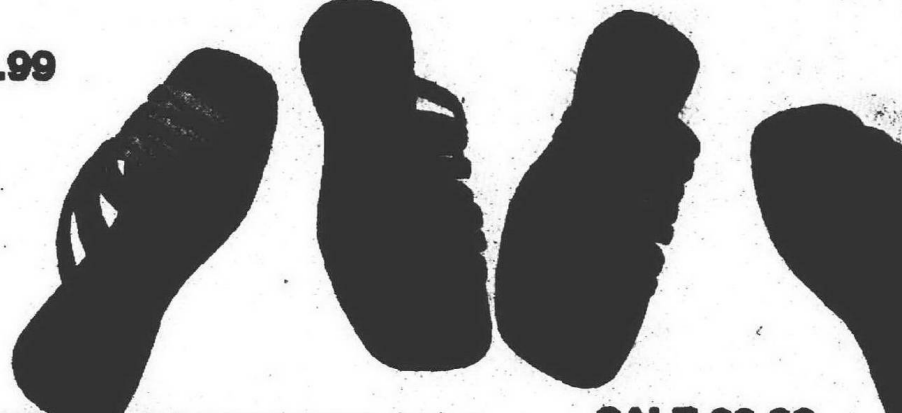
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Voters in the Schoolcraft College district will pick two out of four candidates June 14 to serve six-year terms on the college's Board of Trustees.

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 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 1986. 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

Granholm seeks relief for consumers

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

State Attorney General Jennifer Granholm 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.

Granholm 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," Granholm said.

Granholm 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, Granholm 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."

Granholm 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 full 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.

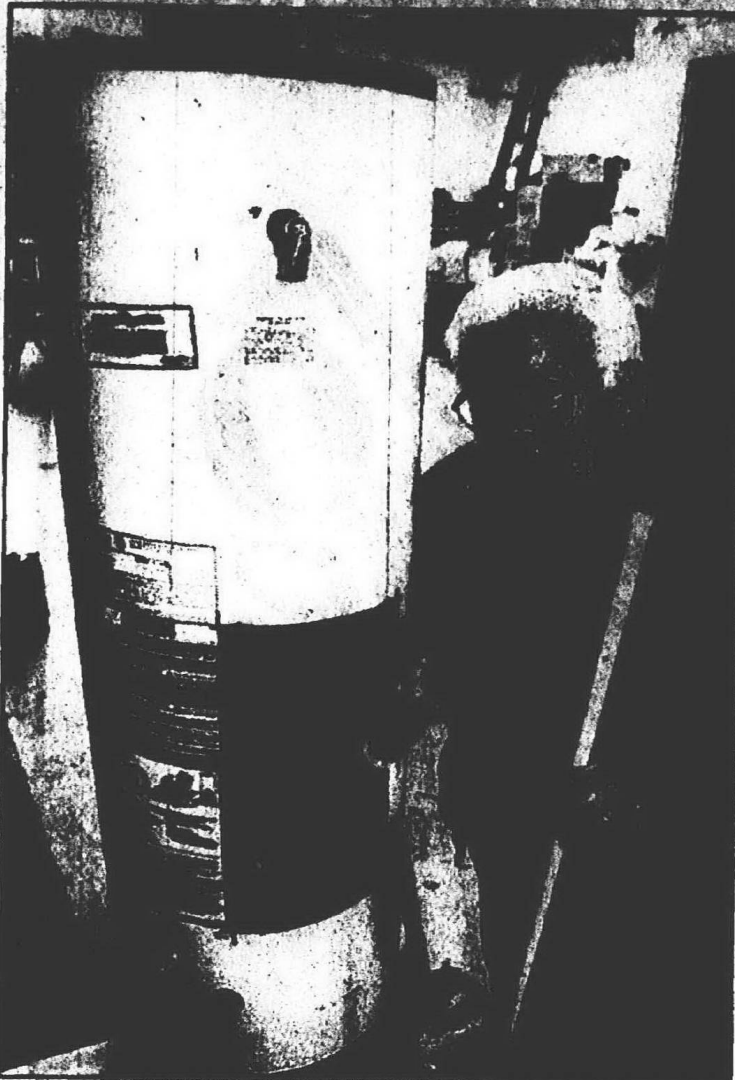
Gagnon's column, radio show and a story in the Kansas City Star have drawn national attention to the problem. Gagnon appeared Wednesday on the ABC-TV show "Good Morning America" to discuss the consumer issue.

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 BURCHMANN

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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Senior citizens are targets for spring home repair scams

Every spring, many seniors are targeted for home repair scams, schemes and swindles. Before you buy new windows, have your driveway paved, or have your gutters cleaned, call the Legal Hotline for Older Michiganians for advice and helpful tips on how to handle home improvement contracts and contractors at (800) 347-5297. The Legal Hotline provides basic legal advice and information to Michigan residents age 60 and older on a wide range of legal issues, including home repair contracts. There is no charge for the service, but donations are welcome.

When considering a repair contract, follow these minimum protections:

• Never be pressured into a "today only" offer. The story, "we are in the neighborhood today and since we're here it will be cheaper to redo your driveway" is a classic home repair scam.

• 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 \$500, 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.

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Granholm will headline S'craft commencement

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

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


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

Granholm 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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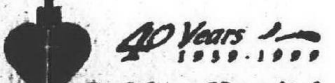
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Maybury State Park to host Earth Day celebration April 24

Maybury State Park will host its 10th annual Earth Day Celebration 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 24.

This celebration of Mother Earth will feature many natural resource-related programs and displays. There will be

nature hikes, a scavenger hunt, seed planting and earth craft activities. The Earth Day event is co-sponsored by the Friends

of Maybury State Park. Maybury is on Eight Mile, one mile west of Oak Road in Northville Township.

Lawsuit costs set record for state

BY TIM RICHARD
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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 shorted 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 shoulder. A Wayne County case was settled for \$1.7 million. In general, MDOT payouts were far below fiscal 1991's \$22.8 million, 1993's \$21 million and 1990'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 Carnage 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 handicappers' rights.

■ **Family Independence Agency \$2.1 million.** Most (\$2 million) went to survivors of social worker Barbara Synnestevedt, 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 Jermel Johnson, who was convicted of the murder.)

■ **State Police \$668,000.** 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 \$8,000 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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Granholm

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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

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 practices 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.

Gagnon 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 today's engineers build for obsolescence.

"The dip tubes are still plastics," 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.

Landfill

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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

grass area, forested area and creek bank erosion barriers.

Consultants stated that groundwater monitoring will not be required as part of the monitoring plan.

A copy of the remedial action plan is available at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, and the city clerk's office, City Hall Building, 36601 Ford Road, Westland. Residents can comment at Thursday's meeting or they can submit written comments, which will be accepted until 5 p.m. May 3 by Steve Hoin, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Response Division, 38980 Seven Mile, Livonia 48152

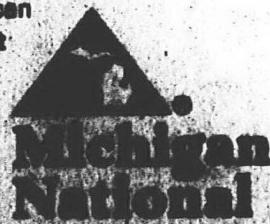
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Madonna auction benefits student scholarships, dorms

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 "Charisma" 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 1968 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.

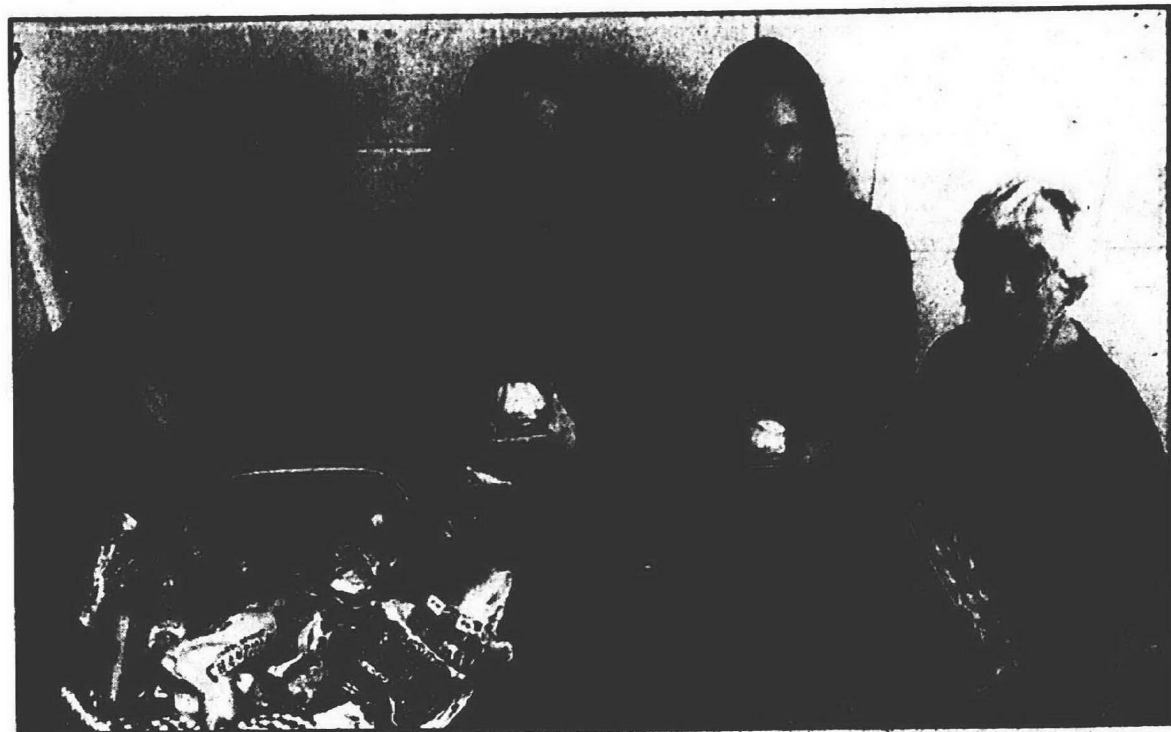
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The Laurel Manor banquet and Conference Center is at 39000 Schoolcraft, between Newburgh and Haggerty in Livonia.

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.



Auction: John and Lina DelSignore are general chairs for the event.

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Schoolcraft history prof shares his passion for trains



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHELMAN

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 ANDREASIN
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've 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 railroads in 1977 while visiting 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 drawings from his slides and published a book, "Trackside 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 whistle 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."

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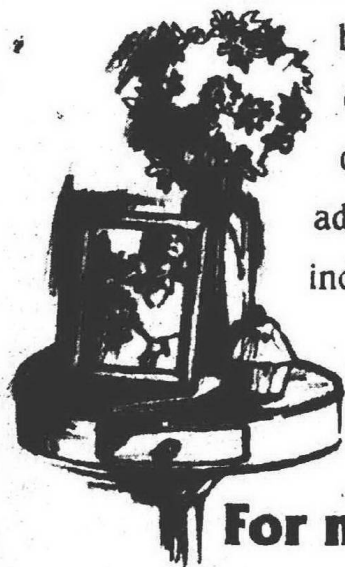
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CWW concerned about any cuts in state taxes on personal property

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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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-Lincoln Park, 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 Townships 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.

Board from page A8

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, Wat-

son 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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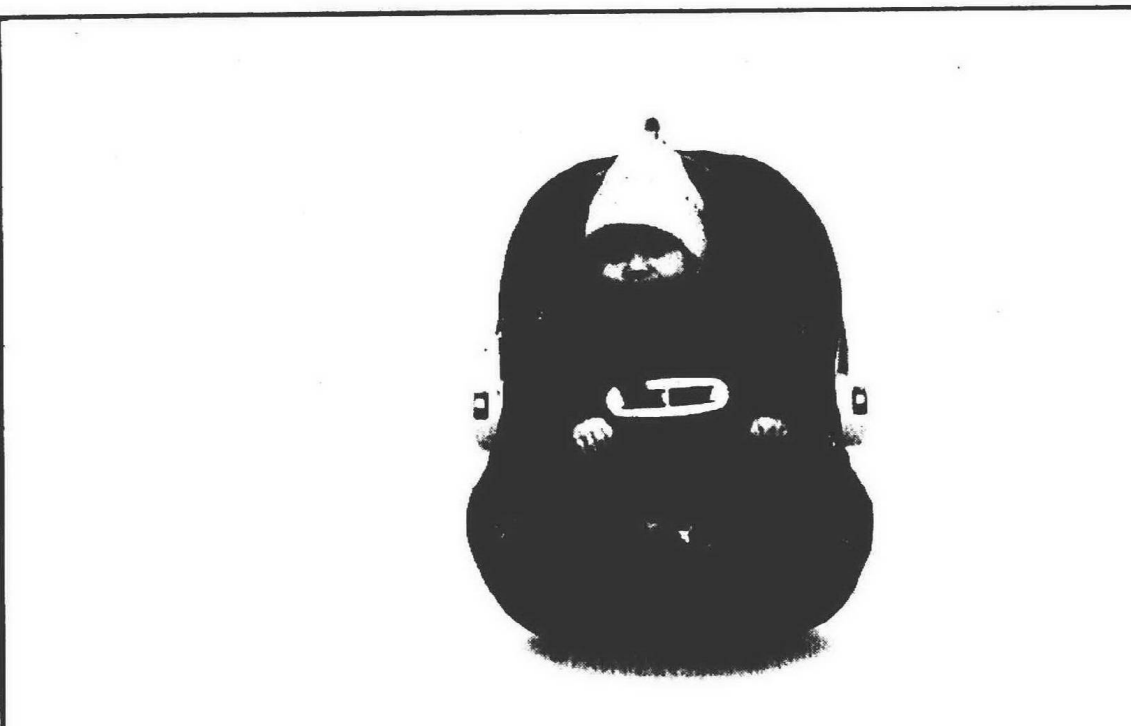
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AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMBINATION OF THE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS; AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF EXTENSIONS TO THE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM; AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE 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 SUFFICIENT 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 when otherwise indicated by the context, the following terms when capitalized shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "Act 94" means Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.
- (b) "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:
 - (i) 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.
 - (ii) Revenues may be augmented by the amount of any rate increases adopted prior to the issuance of additional Bonds or 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.
 - (iii) 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.

(c) "Bonds" means the Series 1999A Bonds and any additional bonds presently of equal standing or hereafter issued.

(d) "City" or "Issuer" means the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan.

(e) "Commission" means the City Commission of the City.

(f) "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 therefor 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.

(g) "Outstanding Bonds" means the 1991 Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation), dated February 1, 1991 authorized by a resolution adopted by the Commission.

(h) "Project" means the extensions and improvements to the System to be made and completed pursuant to this ordinance as set forth on the plans presented by the City's engineer and placed on file with the City.

(i) "Resolution" means the resolution adopted by the Commission on February 6, 1991 authorizing the Outstanding Bonds.

(j) "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.

(k) "Series 1999A Bonds" means the Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds, Series 1999A of the Issuer authorized by this Ordinance.

(l) "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 upon 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 paying agent therefor.

(m) "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.

(n) "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, including contingencies, 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;
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65,000	2011 and 2012;
70,000	2013 and 2014;
75,000	2015;
80,000	2016;
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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 98.5% 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 15 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 and delivered to the Transfer Agent for cancellation; provided, that each such Bond has not theretofore been applied as a credit against any Mandatory Redemption Requirement. The City shall give written notice to the Transfer Agent at least 60 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 Bonds. Interest on the Series 1999A Bonds shall be paid by check drawn on the depository bank named by 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 at the principal office of the Transfer Agent.

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 to transferees shall simultaneously, and 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-only 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 for transfer, the Transfer Agent shall authenticate and 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, under such reasonable regulations, as it 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 in exchange and substitution for the mutilated Bond, upon surrender to the Transfer Agent of the mutilated Bond. 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 and the City shall be given, the City, at the expense of the owner, shall execute, and the Transfer Agent shall thereupon authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor and bearing the statement required by Act 354, Public Acts of Michigan, 1972, as amended, being Sections 129.131 to 129.135, inclusive, of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or any applicable law hereafter enacted, in lieu of and in substitution for the Bond so lost, destroyed or stolen. 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 thereof.

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 the interest on all Bonds to be defeased to their maturity, or, if called for redemption, to the date fixed for redemption, 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, as provided in the previous sentence, the statutory lien herein referred to shall be terminated with respect to the Bonds to be defeased, 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 Bonds to be defeased and such Bonds to be defeased 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 methods 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 thereof then outstanding, may, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, 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 Issuer, including the fixing of sufficient rates, the collection of Revenues, 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 in any proper action may appoint a receiver to administer and operate the System on behalf of the Issuer and 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 therefor.

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 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 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. Fixing and Revising Rates; Rate Covenant. 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 therefor 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 and maintain rates for services furnished by the System at all times sufficient to provide 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 hereinafter specified:

A. 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 for the maintenance thereof 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 Reserve Account) shall be kept on deposit with the bank or trust company where the principal of and interest on the Bonds, or any series thereof, are 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 in 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 1/2 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 each month for principal payment commencing February 1, 2000, shall be 1/2 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 lesser of (1) the maximum annual debt service due in the current or any future year, (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 first 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 additional deposit 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 after issuance of the additional Bonds, or such lesser amount as may be necessary to maintain the tax-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 due on that date.

C. REPLACEMENT FUND:
There shall next be established and maintained a fund, separate depository account, designated REPLACEMENT FUND (the "Replacement fund"), the money credited thereto to be used solely for the purpose of making repairs and replacements to the System. Out of the Revenues and moneys of the System remaining 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 this Ordinance to be used for 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 next 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, enlargements or extensions to the System, including the planning thereof.

E. SURPLUS MONEYS:
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:

1. Transferred to the Replacement Fund, the Improvement Fund or both.
2. 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.
3. 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 the principal of and interest on which is fully guaranteed by the United States of America and any investments hereafter permitted by law, and moneys derived from the proceeds of sale of the Bonds may also be invested in certificates of deposit of any bank whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Investment of moneys in the Redemption Fund being accumulated for payment of the next maturing principal or interest payment of the Bonds shall be limited to obligations bearing maturity dates prior to the date of the next maturing principal or interest payment on the Bonds. Investment of moneys in the Bond Reserve Account shall be limited to obligations bearing maturity dates or subject to redemption, at the option of the holder thereof, not later than five years from the date of the investment. In the event investments are made, any securities representing the same shall be kept on deposit with the bank or trust company having on deposit the fund or funds or account from which the purchase was made. Profit realized or interest income earned on investment of funds in the Receiving Fund, Operation and Maintenance Fund and Improvement Fund shall be deposited in or credited to the Receiving Fund at the end of each fiscal year. Profit realized on interest income earned on investment of moneys in the Redemption Fund including income derived from the Bond Reserve Account shall be credited as received to the Redemption Fund.

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 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 assignee, 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 hereinafter described, unless prepaid prior thereto as hereinafter provided, with interest thereon from the Date of Original Issue or such later date to which interest has been paid, until paid, at the Interest Rate per annum specified above, first payable on August 1, 1999 and semiannually thereafter. Principal of this bond is payable at the principal office of _____ Michigan, or such other transfer agent as the City may hereafter designate by notice mailed to the registered owner hereof not less than sixty (60) days prior to any interest payment date (the "Transfer Agent"). Interest on this bond is payable by check or draft mailed by the Transfer Agent to the person or entity who is as of the 15th day of the month prior to each interest payment date, the registered owner, at the registered address, unless the

Businessman took pride in family

Walter J. Mistak, president and founder of Walter's Home Appliances, died April 8 in a Florida hospital of complications following surgery. He was 77.

A pioneer in the local appliance business, he opened his first store on McGraw Avenue on Detroit's west side in 1960. Walter's Home Appliances grew to have stores in Canton Township, Dearborn, Livonia 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, he was born in Detroit. He

attended St. 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 Bieniak VFW Post.

A big man, known for his hearty laugh and generosity, Mr. Mistak was an avid outdoorsman and hunter. He loved good food and game and enjoyed experimenting in the kitchen. A long-time resident of Dearborn Heights, he 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 and Walter Jr.; daughters, Mary Frances Hearn and Lisa Seymour; sisters, Anna Hanley and Eleanor Maciejewski; grandchildren, Michael and Christopher Mistak, Jeffrey and Stephanie Hearn, Julie Seymour and Rachel, Monica and Walter Mistak III.

Services were held Tuesday in Sejewski Funeral Home and St. Dunstan Catholic Church in Garden City. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

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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.

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."

Lash said the current board is interim, and will run the program until the two teams are put together. She said at that point there will be a vote of new board members from among anyone who wants to be involved.

As presented by the booster club, each player will be required to pay \$750 to play. Organizers say there will be scholarships for those who can't afford to pay.

The school district will administer the ice hockey program through the Community Education Department. However, all the costs will be the responsibility of the booster club. They've pledged to raise money for the teams through fees, donations and sponsorships.

OBITUARY

ULOS 'OKIE' HAMLIN 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.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the Office of the Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 29, 1999, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

AVID DIGITAL VIDEO WORKSTATION

Specifications are available in the Finance & Budget Department. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of service.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

April 15, 1999

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, 1150 CANTON CENTER S., CANTON, MI 48188, WILL ACCEPT SEALED BIDS IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK UNTIL 10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1999 FOR SALE OF THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES:

- 1974 FORD F600 WITH O'BRIEN SEWER KING JET CLEANER
- 1988 FORD L8000 WITH VACTOR 1200 JET CLEANER

Bids must be enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words (SEWER BID), time and the date of bid opening. The envelope must also state company name and which vehicles are being bid on.

These vehicles will be sold in an "as-is" condition. For additional information, contact Jake Dingeldey or Ed Olson at 734-397-1011, M-F, between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or provision of service.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

April 15 and 16, 1999

ADVERTISEMENT TO BID CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

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CONSTRUCTION OF IN-LINE SKATE COURT AT FLODIN PARK

Specifications are available in the Finance & Budget Department. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

April 15, 1999

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record date is changed by the City in accordance with the Ordinance referred to below. For the prompt payment thereof, the revenues of the Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System of the City, including all appurtenances, extensions and improvements thereto (the "System"), after provision has been made for reasonable and necessary expenses of operation, maintenance and administration (the "Net Revenues"), are irrevocably pledged and a statutory lien thereon is hereby created.

This bond is one of a series of bonds of even date and like tenor, except as to denomination, rate of interest and date of maturity, aggregating the principal sum of \$990,000, issued pursuant to Ordinance No. ___ (the "Ordinance") duly adopted by the City Commission of the City, and under and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of Michigan, including specifically Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing improvements to the System. The Bonds of this issue are of equal standing and priority of lien as to the Net Revenues with the City's 1991 Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation).

For a complete statement of the revenues from which and the conditions under which this bond is payable, a statement of the conditions under which additional bonds of equal standing with bonds of this issue may hereafter be issued and the general covenants and provisions pursuant to which this bond is issued, reference is made to the above-described Ordinance.

Bonds maturing in the years 2000 to 2008, inclusive are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

Bonds or portions thereof in multiples of \$5,000 maturing in the years 2009 to 2019, inclusive, shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the City, in inverse order of maturity and within a single maturity by lot, on any interest payment date on or after February 1, 2008, at par and accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

Bonds maturing on February 1, 20__ and February 1, 20__ (the "Term Bonds") will be subject to mandatory redemption on the redemption dates and in the principal amounts set forth below at par, without premium:

Term Bonds Maturing on February 1, ___	Redemption Dates	Principal Amounts
	(to be determined)	

The principal amount of term Bonds to be redeemed on the dates set forth above 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, as defined in the Ordinance) or purchased or acquired by the City and delivered to the Transfer Agent for cancellation; provided, that each such Bond has not theretofore been applied 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 reduction.

Notice of redemption of any bond shall be given at least thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption by mail to the registered owner or owners at the registered addresses shown on the registration books kept by the Transfer Agent. Bonds shall be called for redemption in multiples of \$5,000 and bonds of denominations of more than \$5,000 shall be treated as representing the number of bonds obtained by dividing the denomination of the bond by \$5,000 and such bonds may be redeemed in part. The notice of redemption for bonds redeemed in part shall state that upon surrender of the bond to be redeemed a new bond or bonds in aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the bond surrendered shall be issued to the registered holder thereof. No further interest on the bonds or portions of bonds called for redemption shall accrue after the date fixed for redemption, whether presented for redemption or not, provided funds are on hand with the Transfer Agent to redeem the same.

This bond is transferable only upon the books of the City kept for that purpose at the office of the Transfer Agent by the registered owner hereof in person, or by the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon the surrender of this bond, together with a duly executed written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Transfer Agent duly executed by the registered owner or the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing and thereupon, the Transfer Agent shall authenticate and deliver a new bond or bonds, in like aggregate principal amount, interest rate and maturity to the transferee. The Transfer Agent shall require the registered owner requesting the transfer to pay any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the transfer. The Transfer Agent will not (i) issue, register the transfer of or exchange any bond during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of bonds selected for redemption and ending at the close of business on the day of that mailing, or (ii) register the transfer of or exchange any bond selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of bonds being redeemed in part.

This bond is a self-liquidating bond and is not a general obligation of the City and does not constitute an indebtedness of the City within any constitutional, statutory or charter limitation, and is payable both as to principal and interest, solely from the Net Revenues of the System. The principal and interest on this bond are secured by the statutory lien hereinbefore described.

The City has covenanted and agreed and hereby covenants and agrees to fix and maintain at all times while any bonds payable from Net Revenues shall be outstanding, such rates for service furnished by the System as shall be sufficient to provide for payment of the interest upon and the principal of all

the bonds of this issue, certain outstanding bonds, and any additional bonds of equal standing (which in the Ordinance the City has reserved the right to issue) as and when the same become due and payable, and to create a bond and interest redemption fund (including a bond reserve account) therefor, to provide for the payment of expenses of administration and operation and such expenses for maintenance of the System as are necessary to preserve the same in good repair and working order, and to provide for such other expenditures and funds for the System as are required by said Ordinance.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law precedent to and in the issuance of this bond and the series of bonds of which this is one have been done and performed in regular and due time and form as required by law.

This bond is not valid or obligatory for any purpose until the Transfer Agent's Certificate of Authentication on this bond has been executed by the Transfer Agent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Plymouth, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, by its City Commission, has caused this bond to be executed with the facsimile signatures of its Mayor and its Clerk and its corporate seal to be printed on the bond, all as of the date of Original Issue.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

By _____ Mayor

(SEAL)

City Clerk

[FORM OF TRANSFER AGENT'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION] Certificate of Authentication

This bond is one of the bonds described in the within-mentioned Ordinance.

By _____ Transfer Agent
Authorized Signature

Date of Registration _____

Section 19. Covenants. The City covenants and agrees with the holders of the Bonds that so long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding and unpaid as to either principal or interest:

(a) The City will maintain the System in good repair and working order and will operate the same efficiently and will faithfully and punctually perform all duties with reference to the System required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Michigan, the City's Charter and this Ordinance.

(b) The City will keep proper books of record and account separate from all other records and accounts of the issuer, in which shall be made full and correct entries of all transactions relating to the System. The City shall have an annual audit of the books of record and account of the System for the preceding operating year made each year by an independent certified public accountant, and a copy of the audit shall be mailed to the manager of each syndicate or account originally purchasing any issue of the Bonds. The auditor shall comment on the manner in which the City is complying with the requirements of the Ordinance with respect to setting aside and investing moneys and meeting the requirements for acquiring and maintaining insurance. The audit shall be completed and so made available not later than four (4) months after the close of each operating year.

(c) The City will maintain and carry for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds, insurance on all physical properties of the System and liability insurance, of the kinds and in the amounts normally carried by municipalities engaged in the operation of similar systems, including self-insurance. All moneys received for losses under any such insurance policies shall be applied solely to the replacement and restoration of the property damaged or destroyed, and to the extent not so used, shall be used for the purpose of redeeming or purchasing Bonds.

(d) The City will not sell, lease or dispose of the System, or any substantial part, until all of the Bonds have been paid in full, both as to principal and interest or provision made thereof as herein provided. The City will operate the System as economically as possible, will make all repairs and replacements necessary to keep the System in good repair and working order, and will not do or suffer to be done any act which would affect the System in such a way as to have a material adverse effect on the security for the Bonds.

(e) The City will not grant any franchise or other rights to any person, firm or corporation to operate a System that will compete with the System and the City will not operate a system that will compete with the System.

(f) The City will cause the Project to be acquired and constructed promptly and in accordance with the plans and specification therefor.

Section 20. Additional Bonds. Except as hereinafter provided, the City shall not issue additional Bonds of equal or prior standing with the Bonds.

The right is reserved in accordance with the provisions of Act 94, to issue additional Bonds payable from the Revenues of the System which shall be of equal standing and priority of lien on the Net Revenues of the System with the Bonds but only for the following purposes and under the following terms and conditions:

For subsequent repairs, extensions, enlargements and improvements to the System or for the purpose of refunding part of any Bonds then outstanding and paying costs of issuing such additional Bonds including deposits which may be required to be made to the Bond Reserve Account. Bonds for such purposes shall not be issued pursuant to this subparagraph (b) unless the Adjusted Net Revenues of the System for the then last two (2) preceding twelve-month operating years or the Adjusted Net Revenues for the last preceding twelve-month operating year, if the same shall be lower than the average, shall be equal to at least one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of

the maximum amount of principal and interest thereafter maturing in any operating year on the then outstanding Bonds and on the additional Bonds then being issued. If the additional Bonds are to be issued in whole or in part for refunding outstanding Bonds, the annual principal Bonds are to be issued in whole or in part for refunding outstanding Bonds, the annual principal and interest requirements shall be determined by deducting from the principal and interest requirements for each operating year the annual principal and interest requirements of any Bonds to be refunded from the proceeds of the additional Bonds. For purposes of this subparagraph (b) the City may elect to use as the last preceding operating year any operating year ending not more than sixteen months prior to the date of delivery of the additional Bonds and as the next to the last preceding operating year, any operating year ending not more than twenty-eight months prior to the date of delivery of the additional Bonds. Determination by the City as to existence of conditions permitting the issuance of additional Bonds shall be conclusive. No additional Bonds of equal standing as to the Net Revenues of the System shall be issued pursuant to the authorization contained in this subparagraph if the Issuer shall then be in default in making its required payments to the Operation and Maintenance Fund or the Redemption Fund.

For refunding a part of the outstanding Bonds and paying costs of issuing such additional Bonds including deposits which may be required to be made to the Bond Reserve Account. No additional Bonds shall be issued pursuant to this subsection unless the maximum amount of principal and interest maturing in any operating year after giving effect to the refunding shall be less than the maximum amount of principal and interest maturing in any operating year prior to giving effect to the refunding.

Section 21. Sale of Bonds. The City shall receive bids for the Series 1999A Bonds in accordance with the Official Notice of Sale to be adopted by the Commission and take all further steps necessary to issue and deliver the Series 1999A Bonds.

Section 22. Covenant Regarding Tax Exempt Status of the Bonds. The City shall, to the extent permitted by law, take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exclusion of the interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code") including, but not limited to, actions relating to any required rebate of arbitrage earnings and the expenditure and investment of Bond proceeds and moneys deemed to be Bond proceeds, and to prevent the Bonds from being or becoming "private activity bonds" as that term is used in Section 141 of the Code. The City hereby designates the Series 1999A Bonds as "qualified tax exempt obligations" for purposes of deduction of interest by financial institutions.

Section 23. Repeal, Savings Clause. All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed.

Section 24. Severability, Paragraph Headings, and Conflict. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. The paragraph headings in this Ordinance are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be part of this Ordinance.

Section 25. Publication and Recordation. This Ordinance shall be published in full in a newspaper of general circulation in the City qualified under State law to publish legal notices, promptly after its adoption, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the City and such recording authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk.

Section 26. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption.

Adopted and signed this 10th day of APRIL, 1999.

Signed _____ DONALD DISMUKE Mayor

Signed _____ LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AEE City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, County of Wayne, Michigan, at a special meeting held on the 10th day of April, 1999, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

I further certify that the following Members were present at said meeting: Mayor Dismuke, Mayor Pro Tem Koch, Commissioners Greene, Loiselle, McDonald, Pobur and Shrewsbury, and that the following Members were absent: (none)

I further certify that Member Comm. Joe Koch moved adoption of said Ordinance, and that said motion was supported by Member Comm. Colleen Pobur.

I further certify that the following Members voted for adoption of said Ordinance: Mayor Don Dismuke, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Koch, Commissioners Colleen Pobur and Dave McDonald and that the following Members voted against adoption of said Ordinance: Comm. Stella Greene, Ron Loiselle, Dennis Shrewsbury.

I further certify that said Ordinance has been recorded in the Ordinance Book and that such recording has been authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk.

City Clerk LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AEE

April 15, 1999

Water rates

Tough decision made tougher

Plymouth city commissioners had a tough decision to make over increasing residents' water rates, which had remained the same for nearly 10 years despite increases by Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. Now, it's made even tougher by political backbiting.

One faction of the board wanted to increase rates and also sell bonds to erase a \$1 million deficit in the city's water and sewer fund. The other wants to pay the deficit off right now through steeper water rates since selling bonds would create \$4 million in interest over the 10-year life of the bonds.

Which way is the best to pay off the debt can be debated for years and knowing the politics in the city of Plymouth, we're sure it will. Today's residents are paying the price for past residents and in our view future residents will be paying the price for today's. At least a cash reserve has been built into the plan.

The water rate issue seemed like a done deal on March 15, when by a 4-3 vote, commissioners directed the administration to finalize a 46 percent water and sewer rate increase, as well as sell bonds totaling more than \$2.8 million to erase the deficit and provide a cash reserve. The faction comprised of Mayor Don Dismuke, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Koch and Commissioners Colleen Pobur and Dave McDonald won.

However, it turned into a controversy last week when the three commissioners who

voted against the proposal found themselves in the majority when it came down to the final vote — a simple formality. Two commissioners, Pobur and McDonald, were absent from the meeting.

Commissioners Stella Greene, Ron Loiselle and Dennis Shrewsbury continued to vote against the three, 20-year bond issues, claiming city residents will be paying too high a price in the long run. They voted their conscience and we wouldn't expect them to do otherwise.

On Saturday, the commission met in a special meeting called by the mayor with Pobur and McDonald in attendance. As expected, the majority faction reversed the latest 3-2 vote against the selling of the bonds. However, the vote turned nasty when commissioners began pointing fingers and making personal accusations. A simple two-minute meeting turned into a two-hour session.

Meanwhile, postal workers were busy delivering water bills to residents' homes based on the March 15 vote.

In the larger scope, the only thing that matters is that anyway this issue is sliced, diced or cut into tiny pieces, it's still going to be hard to swallow for residents who are stuck paying huge bills. No one is happy, but there's no need to be miserable.

In our view, the democratic process worked. It's time to move ahead.

Libraries cater to the info age



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

Libraries have changed

When I was 7 years old, I remember one night when my father and I walked to the library to get my first library card. The library was in a storefront and as I remember it had two fairly small rooms with a central desk area where the librarians held positions of total authority. The head librarian who was there every time I was had a stern manner and clearly felt her duty was to guard the books and maintain strict silence in the rooms. Nevertheless, this was partly because the Bible was considered more than enough reading material for anyone and it was a luxury of choice and a rare opportunity for entertainment.

Yesterday, I took my 2 1/2-year-old granddaughter to the Plymouth Library. What a contrast to the poor little storefront that I had known as a child. She was completely enchanted and so was I. We discovered a computer loaded with wonderful, colorful, educational games. As we moved through the area, we found that it was divided by bookshelves or benches into little "rooms" with child-size couches and tables and chairs and, of course, books everywhere. No one seemed concerned that the children were making play noises and talking to each other and there was no apparent concern that they were taking books off the shelves and leaving them on the table or on chairs. So we both were free to explore and enjoy without interference. We found bins full of hand puppets. There was a little puppet-size window with a stool so the child could climb up and do a puppet show through the open window. We found wooden puzzles and bins of toys.

Story hour for 2- and 3-year-olds was delightful. The librarian interspersed songs and finger games among the stories she read. It was entertaining not only for the children, but for the parents and grandparents as well.

During our time there, I discovered something I didn't realize before. As I was looking at the newer books on the shelves, I noticed that at least in these books, daddy was busy vacuuming or cooking when the children went to ask him something. This is not what happened in the books I used to read to my children.

I have some old favorites I like to read to young children whenever they are with me. I operate under the assumption that if a book is boring to an adult then it is probably boring to a child and so I am not interested in the Dr. Seuss books, for example. I like titles such as "The Little Red Jacket," in which a child's treasured jacket with bright buttons is creatively recycled several times until it becomes ragged and finally ends up as a red flag on some lumber that his father is carrying on his

truck. I also like "The Little Engine That Could," and the Madeline books. It seems to me that those books have some substance and when you finish them you don't feel as though you just had an air sandwich. I did find some books that I think will become part of my old favorite collection and persuaded Adriana to include a few of those in our large pile of books to go home.

We spent nearly two hours there and still I had to do some convincing to get little missy to leave, even though it was past lunch time. We brought home our books to be read after lunch and a nap and both Grandmother and Granddaughter had a memorable day.

Mary Lennon
 Plymouth Township

Make wishes known

April is Donor Awareness Month, making it the perfect time to recognize the importance of organ and tissue donation. There's no greater gift than the gift of life and you can:

Pass it on by discussing organ and tissue donation with your family and friends. Each new donor brings the chance for renewed life to 2,200 Michigan patients waiting for an organ donation. It's important your family knows about your wishes. They will be responsible for making the final decision about organ donation.

Pass it on by signing the back of your driver license. Signing your driver license is an excellent way to alert others about your organ donor wishes.

Pass it on by signing and mailing your organ and tissue donor registry enrollment card. The Secretary of State's office makes it easy. Cards are mailed with all new driver licenses and are available at any branch office.

Celebrate Donor Awareness Month by designating your organ donation wishes. Remember, life is great, pass it on!

Candice S. Miller
 secretary of state

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:
 How do you think the Tigers will do this season?



"I think they've got an excellent chance to finish in the top four of their division."
 Joe Ranzazzo
 Livonia



"I don't really care. I'm still boycotting baseball because of the strike."
 Jack Lelah
 Redford



"I hope they'll have a great season. I'm going to opening day because it will be the last one at Tiger Stadium."
 Maureen Hayes
 Plymouth



"I think they'll do well. I'm a fan out of nostalgia, that's why I think they'll win."
 Aaron Monough
 Toledo, Ohio

We asked this question at various locations in downtown Plymouth.

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— Philip Power

Technology and service make nice mix at library



April 11-17 is National Library Week, and this year the Plymouth District Library is marking nearly one year in the new building. In many ways, the new library reflects the changing face of public libraries nationwide.

Technology continues to advance at a breathtaking pace, and public libraries and the people who use them are the beneficiaries of some of these remarkable changes. New online reference products, such as Infotrac Searchbank, Galenet and FirstSearch allow the library to offer more extensive and up-to-date information than was ever possible with print

resources. CD-ROM products such as Standard and Poor's Stock Reports are both quicker and less costly for publishers to produce than the paper copies libraries used to rely on, making the information they provide more accessible for library users.

The Plymouth District Library also offers many technology-based services that seem standard for today's public library, including Internet access for public, word processors, computers with educational games for children and a healthy collection of CD-ROM programs that people can check out and use on their home computers. The Plymouth District Library Web page (www.plymouth.lib.mi.us) offers customers the opportunity to browse the collection from home, look up their personal record in the database (accessible to use with a Java-based



CAROL CHAMPAGNE

browser), as well as providing helpful and educational links to other web sites.

In addition to technological resources, Plymouth District Library provides the traditional personal contact services that Americans have come to expect from their public libraries. Plymouth residents are a

well-read community and to accommodate their wide reading interests the library has established a Reader's Advisory Desk to help them select enjoyable reading materials.

Plymouth District Library also offers a variety of programs for all ages. For adults, there are several book discussion groups, as well as a variety of educational and entertaining programs on topics as diverse as gardening to women's history.

For teenagers, the library hosts a weekly drop-in program with music and snacks, giving teenagers a safe place to meet and talk with other teens. There is also a Teen Advisory Board to discuss what teens want from the library. In addition to the summer reading program, there are also a variety of other programs aimed at adolescents ages 12-18.

And for children, the Plymouth District Library offers storytimes for preschoolers and toddlers, programs for school-aged children, and a storytellers club. In June, July and August, the library offers the Summer Reading Program, encouraging children to keep up their literacy skills during the summer through a variety of programs and reading incentives. Linked with the Summer Reading Program is the Read To Me Program for children who can't read yet.

By combining the best of new technologies with traditional personal service, the Plymouth District Library looks forward to serving the citizens of Plymouth and Plymouth Township into the next millennium.

Carol Champagne is youth coordinator at the Plymouth District Library.

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



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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 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 Germany's 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 Innovex.

At Innovex, the chief exec got an 18.7-percent pay boost over the previous year and installed his wife as vice president and general counsel. "Her salary and bonus climbed to \$214,712 in fiscal 1997 from \$159,038 the prior

year," WSJ reported. Shucks, not even the "National Extortion Association," as the right wing calls the teachers union, ever bargained for a 35-percent pay boost.

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.

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 workers.

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.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@online.com

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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 airlifted 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 Jamis Benkbel 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."

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

"They said they've done that in

"They said they've done that in the past (opening the car door while the vehicle was moving). They said he was in a good mood and he was happy."

Detective Dave Hayes

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 have had many similar incidents in the past," 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 Center High School principal Patricia Patton, grief counselors will be brought in to help students deal with Watt's death.

Police will not release a copy of the incident report on Wednesday, but have said that anyone who witnessed the accident or knows anything regarding the accident call the Plymouth Township Police Department at (734) 455-3869.

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 OLGCC.

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.

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"I'm a good example of early detection ... I'm OK. Had I ignored it, I might not have been so lucky. That's why I want women to know about the importance of early detection. That makes the difference between life and death. Breast cancer can be beat," she said.

The following year, a stylist at her salon, Kathy Louis-Dallas, introduced her to the Race for the Cure. Dallas had been participating in the annual event in memory of her grandmother. The two women asked a few friends and other stylist to join them. They gathered 120 people that year and out of the 15,000 in attendance their team was the fourth largest.

Last year, "The Salon Connection" branched out and signed up nearly 2,300 team members, 87 of whom were breast cancer survivors. It was the second largest team next to the Ford Motor Co. Grand Rapids-based hair supplier Maly's became the

team's sponsor.

"There was just a sea of purple," she said. "Kathy and I both had clients diagnosed with breast cancer, which made it even more important for us."

One of the women had found out a week prior to the race.

The Race for the Cure raised over \$500,000 for breast cancer research last year. "It was inspirational and rewarding to be around others, there's a feeling of sisterhood among breast cancer survivors. There's a camaraderie in the air."

This year, Franko expects a close match to last year's 2,300 walkers and runners on "The Salon Connection" team. "The focus this year is not so much on numbers ... it's more about creating awareness."

From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 18, a mobile mammography unit will be at her Dearborn Heights salon. Anyone 40 and over can make an appointment by calling (313) 277-1600.

A shuttle bus for team members also will transport Race for the Cure participants from Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township and Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Buses leave at 6:30 a.m. and will return no later than noon. The cost is \$4.

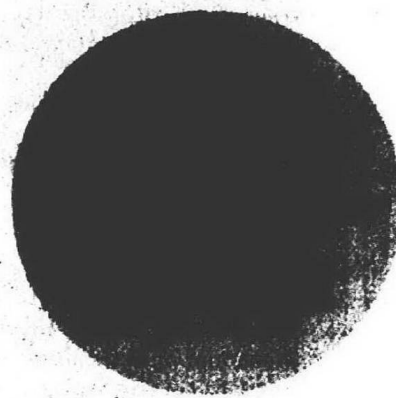
Although it is too late to sign up for "The Salon Connection" team, it is not too late to participate in the walk/run and help raise money for breast cancer research. Cost is \$30. For more information, call (800) KARMANOS (527-6266).

"I've always been a positive type of person, but it did change me ... I live for the moment and no longer take things for granted. For me, a lot of good things have happened. My life has changed in a positive way," said Franko.

"My mom said to me when I was first diagnosed, 'Honey, it's not the end of the world ... not the end, but a beginning,'" she added.

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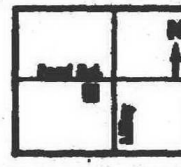
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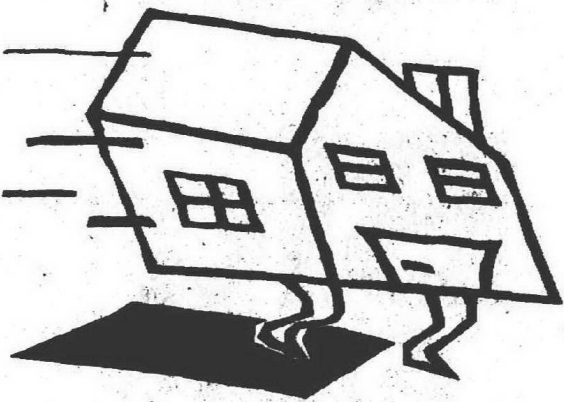
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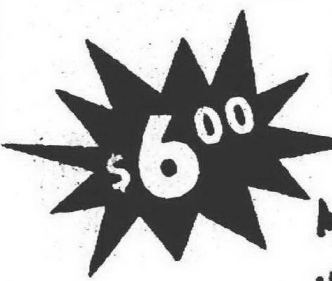
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Libraries take tough stance about 'MIAs'

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 enforcing their policies. 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

Please see **CLUBS**, B3



'X-er'-outing: Billie Schuttpetz 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'

"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

you remember the song "Amazing Grace." The typical 'Gen X-er' would say 'No.'"

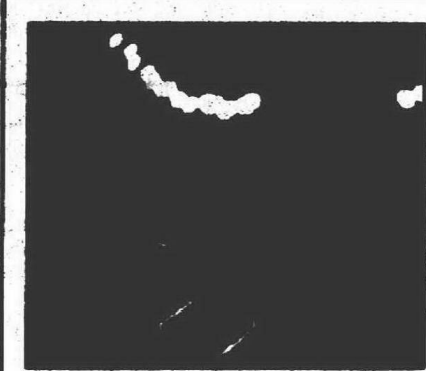
Because "Generation X-ers" are tech-savvy, the planning group recommended bypassing traditional methods and instead opting for video, drama, and "various styles of music that are popular today whether it's modern rock, post-modern rock, rave or alternative."

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

sage is any 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-

Please see **VOX**, B3



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 PUOCO
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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 said.

"God just really gave me a 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, Outery, Spite of Opposition, Xsubsistx, 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-

Please see **COFFEEHOUSE**, B3



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."

Please see **SPURLIN**, B3

WSDP readies for annual auction

It shouldn't be a hard task for Canton and Salem students. You can put a student in front of a computer and they learn it quicker than I do," he added.

WSDP's 11th auction will be held on-air, 9.1 FM, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 8. Every half hour, new items will be up for bid. A Dream Board will stay up all day with special items, such as frequent flier miles and autographed Boris Midler CDs.

"We have a lot of small items so far," Keith said. "We have coupons for dinner. The American Lung Association donated golf privilege cards. One of our alumni staff members works for them. The gold privilege cards allow you to golf at different golf courses around the state.

"I'm sure we'll have some the-ater tickets."

The station already has educational games, record shirts and autographed Garbage and Silverchair CDs. WSDP is still soliciting items to be auctioned off. To donate merchandise, call Keith at (734) 416-7732.

Partial proceeds from the auction benefit scholarships and the Canton Township Senior Program. The program is guaranteed to receive at least \$500. The rest of the money will go toward a computer fund.

Besides educating students, there are several other benefits to using high-tech digital equipment, Keith explained.

Two other high school stations in the area use digital equip-

ment - WOVI in Novi and WFPH in Bloomfield Hills.

WSDP broadcasts from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is accessible within a 5-10-mile radius of the high schools.

"It will give people a consistent chance to hear the radio station, instead of wondering if it's on this weekend," Keith said. "Eventually, we'd like to have the station on the Internet, so people across the country can hear what we're doing. Alumni who live in California or Florida can hear what's going on or hear basketball games.

"We're trying to make a push to step up the amount of money that we make. Last year, we made \$6,000 and we're really hoping to push \$8,000 this year."

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ted, anti-abortion organiza-tion. An avid anti-abortionist, Bigno prays in front of an abor-tion clinic in Southfield on Sat-urday mornings.

Generally, the cover charge for Emmaus is \$3 and coffee, cap-puccino, espresso and mocha are available with a free-will offer-ing. 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 every-thing," Bonno said.

Bonno was saved in the eighth grade and has been attending church since he was in kinder-garten. 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 auditori-um 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 differ-ent Christian bands.

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

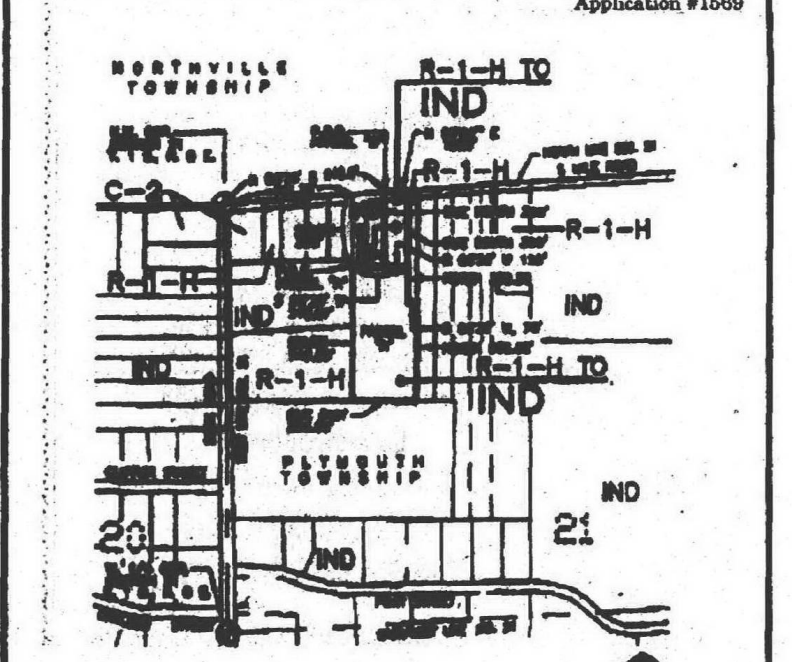
Admission is free, but snacks and coffee cost \$1 each. The last cafe of the spring is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, and features

the punk bands Face Value and Extol. The Detroit Red Wings game will be shown on a big-screen TV. Solid Rock does not organize Praise Cafe events in summer.

"We don't do them in the sum-mer, we do them more in the winter months when it's cold," Cannon said. "Kids want to be inside and have hot drinks."

For more information contact the Solid Rock Bible Church at (734) 455-7711, by e-mail at srbc@earthlink.net or its Web site at <http://www.solidrock-biblechurch.org>.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
TO REZONE FROM: R-1-H, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
TO REZONE TO: IND, INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT
DATE OF HEARING: APRIL 21, 1999
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from R-1-H, "SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL" District, to IND, "INDUSTRIAL" District. Containing 7.3 acres, more or less. Application #1569



LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS
PARCEL "A" - R73-010-99-0010-000
THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 21, T 1 S., R 8 E., PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: TO FIND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING COMMENCE AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION DISTANT N. 86°38' E., 751.33 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION; RUNNING THENCE SOUTH 890 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; CONTINUING THENCE SOUTH 749.55 FEET; THENCE DUE EAST 390 FEET; THENCE NORTH 599.85 FEET; THENCE S. 89°45' W., 70 FEET; THENCE NORTH 232.26 FEET; THENCE S. 89°57' W., 319.87 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 6.285 ACRES

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PARCEL "B" - R73-010-99-0009-000
FOR PARCEL DESCRIPTION SEE TAX RECORDS BASED ON TAX I.D. NUMBER, PARCEL "B" R73-010-99-0009-000
ORDINANCE NO. 83
AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 110
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON
EFFECTIVE DATE

TAX ID NO.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department, located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays, and on Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held on the date and time specified above. The petition for rezoning may be amended at any time prior to the hearing. The petition for rezoning may be withdrawn at any time prior to the hearing. The petition for rezoning may be amended at any time prior to the hearing. The petition for rezoning may be withdrawn at any time prior to the hearing.

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al speaker David Dean will make an appearance. Kurtycz 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, 49555 N. Territorial, 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."

Kurtycz 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."

Kurtycz 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 polish. They want honest-to-goodness

truth. They don't want the slick televangelist. 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."

Gladden from page B1

the cost of the missing/unre-turned items and chalk it up as doing business? Turn delinquent borrowers over to a collection agency? Some of the libraries in our coverage area do that, once the amount of fines and/or unre-turned items exceeds a certain dollar amount. Or do they call in the Library Police to go after the Book Bandits?

The libraries that are turning to the cops for help do have a certain point. The director of the Alameda Library says she's not trying to be vindictive.

"We just want our materials back," she said. "The attitude of our patrons is they are glad we are doing this. It's not fair for these people to be keeping library materials."

But that North Carolina woman, the one who was photographed and fingerprinted, claims that she never received any overdue notices and that she

didn't check the books out in the first place. She claims her sister-in-law took her library card without her knowledge and checked out the material.

I suppose 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?

It seems like excessive use of force to me.
Jack Gladden is a copy editor for the Observer Newspapers. He lives in Canton Township.

HEALTH SOUTH SPORTS MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION CENTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF FACILITY CLOSING
Effective April 31, 1999, Health South Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, Plymouth, Michigan, a certified rehabilitation agency, will cease operations and voluntarily withdraw from the Medicare program. Questions concerning patient transfers and medical records should be directed to the custodian of patient records, Michael Leither, P.T., at (734) 422-0693. Publish: April 15, 16, 22, 29 and 30, 1999.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PUBLIC NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTE: On or before May 1, 1999, it shall be the duty of every owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the Township of Plymouth, Michigan, to cut and destroy noxious weeds before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from perpetuating themselves or becoming a detriment to public health, or shall cause the same to be done. Failure to comply with this notice and Section 32.050 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance means that the Township will enter upon such lands and mow the weeds and bill the property owners for the service, as provided in Section 21.070 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance.
The Charter Township of Plymouth will begin mowing all unmowed lots or plots of land on May 15, 1999, without further notice to the property owners.
Publish: April 11 and 12, 1999

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR USE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from The PM Group Investment Corporation, to grant a Use Subject to Special Conditions to allow a Senior Assisted Living Facility, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The subject property is located on the east side of Northville Road, south of M-14 Expressway and north of Hamill Avenue. Application No. 1973-0299. Tax I.D. No's 017-02-0049-002, 017-02-0049-003, 017-02-0051-002.
The Planning Commission seeks input to determine if approval of the Use Subject to Special Conditions should be issued under Section 9.5 of Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The land is currently zoned R-3-A, Multiple Family Residential.
Persons wishing to provide input may be directed to the Community Development Department, located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays, and on Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission at 1:00 p.m. on the date specified above. The public hearing will be held on the date and time specified above. The petition for rezoning may be amended at any time prior to the hearing. The petition for rezoning may be withdrawn at any time prior to the hearing.

Read Taste on Sunday

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools cordially invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for the purchase of 30 new school buses. The proposal should include all costs associated with the purchase and delivery of school buses. You may participate by bidding on only one type of vehicle or all four vehicle types. Specifications and bid forms can be obtained at the front desk of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located at 545 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. Questions can be directed to David Rocker at the Transportation Department at (734) 416-3037. Sealed bids are due on Wednesday, April 28, 1999 at 4 p.m. and should be directed to Daniel Phillips at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center at the address above. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.
Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
ELIZABETH M. GIVENS, Secretary
Publish: April 8 and 13, 1999

WAYNE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
In accordance with the provisions of Section 18, chapter IV, Act 283 of the Public Acts of 1906, as amended, seven or more freeholders have petitioned the County of Wayne to absolutely abandon and discontinue:
All of that portion of Keystone (formerly Gladstone) Avenue, 60 feet wide, lying East of the East line of Marlowe (formerly Hawthorne) Boulevard, together with those portions underlying, and deemed part of, its intersections with Marlowe and Oakview Boulevards, all as dedicated to the use of the public in McINTYRE MANOR a subdivision of the W. 1/4 of the N.E. 1/4 Section 15, T.28., R.2E., Canton Twp., Wayne Co., Mich., as recorded in Liber 61 of Plans on Page 66, Wayne County Records. (473-0.090 ml.)
Therefore, it has been decided a Hearing to be held on Wednesday, May 19, 1999 at 10:00 a.m., at Wayne County Department of Public Services, 415 Chiffard Street, 3rd Floor, Detroit, Michigan 48226, and that a Hearing Committee of the county shall hold said hearing and obtain all necessary facts and information concerning the advisability of either granting or denying said petition, and shall report all findings of fact to the Board of Wayne County Commissioners.
True copies of this notice are to be served, posted and published in accordance with the provisions of said Act No. 283 of 1906, as amended.
WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES
3rd Floor
Attention: James M. Ford
415 Chiffard Street
Detroit, Michigan 48226
(313) 224-7750
Publish: April 26, 1999

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Davidson-Gable

Ken and Sharon Davidson of Awnlake, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Krista, to Pete Gable, the son of Edward and Susan Gable of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Toledo. She is employed as a regional human resources manager for Safety-Kleen.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He is a purchasing specialist at Ford Motor Company.

An August wedding is planned at Northville's Mill Race Village.



Mulder-Bos

Donna Mulder of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Melanie Rena, to Adam John Bos, the son of Gary and Kyla Bos of Grandville, Mich., and the late Joyce Lemmen.

The bride-to-be, also the daughter of the late Paul Mulder, is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Ferris State University. She is employed as a dental hygienist at Oakwood Canton Dental in Canton.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Grandville High School and Grand Rapids Community College. He expects to receive his bachelor's degree in mathematics education from Ferris State



University in December. A May wedding is planned at Newburg Church in Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

Doran-Ringvelski

Michael and Donna Doran of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Renee, to Lt. Benjamin Ringvelski, the son of Roger and Carol Ringvelski of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed as a teacher and is a graduate student at Eastern Michigan University.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 1995 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is stationed at Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station in Cherry Point, N.C., and is a graduate student at Boston University.



An August wedding is planned at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dearborn.

Burman-Thompson

Ken Burman of Livonia and Karen Lange of Grosse Ile announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Burman, to Keith Thompson, the son of James and Peggy Thompson of Manchester, Tenn.

The bride-to-be attended Plymouth Christian Academy, Grosse Ile High School and David Lipscomb University. She is employed as a marketing manager for HADC in Nashville, Tenn.

Her fiancé is a graduate of David Lipscomb University and the University of Tennessee Medical School. He is a pediatrician in Nashville.

A May wedding is planned at



Otter Creek Church of Christ in Nashville.

Pickett-Rice

Todd John Pickett and Kristin Mary Rice were married at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton by the Rev. George Charney.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Ruth Ann Wanserski of Plymouth and M. David and Joy Rice of Hudson, Ohio. The groom is the son of David and Linda Pickett of Allen Park.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and Western Michigan University. She is employed by CSV Sales Inc.

The groom is a graduate of Allen Park High School and the University of Michigan with a bachelor of business administration degree. A certified public accountant, he is employed by Wayne County.

The bride asked Kathryn Rice to serve as maid of honor with Kristen Gignac, Nicole Stojeba and Lauren Rice Jr. as bridesmaids. Emily Rice and Amanda Lucas were the flower girls.

David Gallaro served as best



man with Robert Witherspoon and Jeffery Lucas as groomsmen, Adam Rice as ring bearer and Scott Rice and Michael Carpenter as ushers.

The couple received guests at a reception at Summit on the Park in Canton. Following a honeymoon trip to Hawaii, the couple is making their home in Dearborn Heights.

Petrillo-Pichler

Mary Petrillo of Livonia and David Petrillo of Dearborn announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie, to Adam Pichler, the son of Herb and Jeanette Pichler, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1998 graduate of Madonna University. She is employed as a registered nurse at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy. He is employed as an assistant manager at Comerica Bank.



A May 2000 wedding is being planned at St. Genevieve Catholic Church in Livonia.



Yeomans-Smith

David and Kathy Yeomans of Pleasant Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Adrienne, to Troy J. Smith, the son of Ken and Sue Smith of Canton.

The bride-to-be expects to graduate in April from Western Michigan University's speech pathology program.

Her fiancé is a 1998 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed by Ikon.

A July wedding is planned at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Wayne.

Spioles-Engeman

Thomas and Sandra Spioles of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne Lynn, to Kevin James Engeman, the son James and Bonnie Engeman of Newaygo, Mich.

The bride-to-be will graduate from Western Michigan University in December with degrees in speech pathology and audiology and Spanish. She is currently employed by the Van Buren County Intermediate School District.

Her fiancé is studying mechanical engineering at Western Michigan University and has an internship at Stryker Instruments in Kalamazoo.

An August wedding is planned



at St. Thomas More Student Parish in Kalamazoo.

Gaul-Tureaud

Robert and Shirley Gaul announce the engagement of their daughter, Shari, to Johnny S. Tureaud, the son of Elizabeth Tureaud of Canton and the late Aloysius Tureaud.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of South Dakota. She is employed as a dental hygienist.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Adrian College and the University of Detroit Mercy. He is the director of revenue systems at



Marian Health Center. A May wedding is planned in Sioux City, Iowa.

Kamen-Ross

Donald and Elaine Kamen of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen, to Gunner Ross, the son of Robert and Harold Ross of Evergreen, Colo.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in biology. She expects to complete

work on a bachelor of science degree in pathology assistance at Wayne State University in July.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of California Polytechnic State University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed by Lucas Varity Automotive.

An October wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville Township.

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CALENDAR

WEEKEND

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 the show hotline at (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) 455-6060.

'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 Winkleman 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 CLASS
 The Dance Connection in Canton is sponsoring "Swing Dance" classes for adults and teens. The classes will be on Saturday,

April 24. Beginner swing 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.

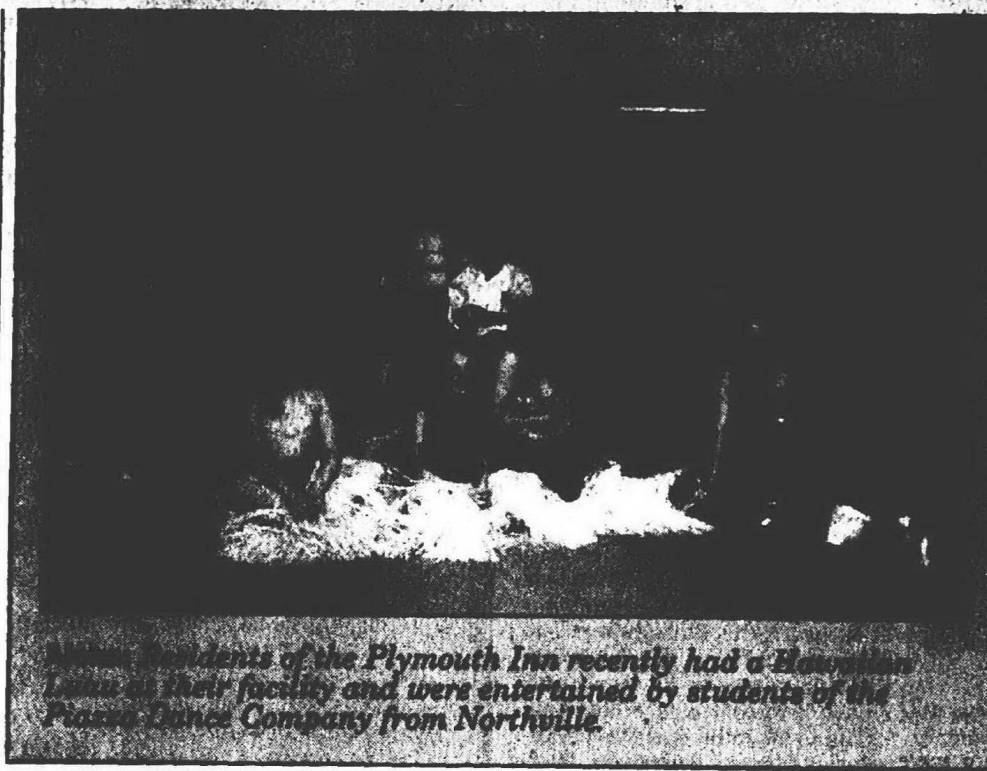
ANNUAL AUCTION
 New Morning School, a nonprofit parent cooperative school in Plymouth Township, will be hosting its 23rd annual auction, "Western Extravaganza," 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 24, in Laurel Manor, Livonia. Cost is \$55, which includes dinner, open bar, live and silent auction. Auction 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) 420-3331.

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," "Yesterday," "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.

AROUND TOWN

ANNUAL AUCTION
 Madonna University will hold its 11th annual "Around the World Scholarship Dinner Auction," on Friday, April 16, at Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Proceeds from the auction will provide scholarship opportunities for Madonna University students and will



Students of the Plymouth Inn recently had a breakfast in their facility and were entertained by students of the Peter Sparling Dance Company from Northville.

support other projects, making higher education accessible to a diverse student body. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction followed by dinner and a live auction. The goal for this year's auction is to raise in excess of \$280,000. The general admission ticket price is \$75 and includes dinner, open bar and the live and silent auction. Gold Inner Circle seating tickets are available for \$125 and allow special seating near the center stage. Winner of the grand prize raffle ticket will own a 1999 Sedan DeVille from Don Massey Cadillac. No more than 750 raffle tickets will be sold at \$200 each. The official sponsors of the 1999 auction are Don Massey Cadillac Inc., Northwest Airlines, Kimcraft Printers Inc. and Al Long Ford Inc. For more information, call (734) 432-5588 or 432-5421.

GMAT WORKSHOP
 Prepare for the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) with workshops offered by Oakland University College of Arts 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 deadline is April 17. The league is open to all seniors, women ages 55-plus and men ages 60-plus. The league runs for 16 weeks and the registration fee is \$25 to be used for awards, prizes and banquets. Senior rate is \$8 for nine holes and \$10 for 18 holes. Those interested in joining should call Mitch Bozowski at (734) 459-3790 or Stan Sulewski at (734) 453-8343.

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.

ANTIQUe APPRAISAL CLINIC
 The Plymouth Historical Museum will host Ernest DuMouchelle from the DuMouchelle Art Gallery in 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 Antique Roadshows 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 appraisal. All proceeds benefit the Plymouth Historical Museum and its programs.

LIVE MODEL SESSION
 Take advantage of this opportunity to draw a live model (no instructor) 9:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, April 20, (and every third Tuesday) in the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Bring your own easel if desired. Cost is \$9 per session. For more information, call (734) 416-4ART.

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.

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-July 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.

LOGO CONTEST
 The Canton Liberty Fest is running a contest for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students to design the logo for the annual event. The first-place winner will receive a Liberty Fest package including a \$100 Savings Bond, T-shirts for the entire family, Summit passes and other prizes. The winning logo will be displayed on T-shirts and promotional materials for this year's festival in June and the winning designer will have his/her photo in the Observer Newspapers. The contest is open to students in the third-eighth grades. The design should fit the front of an adult-sized T-shirt and use a maximum of five colors. Deadline for entries is May 1. Drawings may be submitted to D & M Studio, 8691 N. Lilley, Canton 48188.

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 entertain-

ment 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) 557-5353. For information on becoming a volunteer, call Debbie Zevalkink, (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 Leslie Park Golf Course. 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.

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.

DANCE CAMP
 Michigan Dance Express will be holding their summer dance camp program at Camp Connection in Fenton. The camp is designed for dancers ages 8 and up who want to experience traditional camping experiences along with exciting dance classes. Dance classes will be held in ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, modeling, swing and more. Campers will also participate in boating, swimming, hiking, and games. The camp runs from July 25 through July 29. Space is still available. For more information, call (313) 562-1203 or (734) 397-9755.

BOOSTER GROUP
 In preparation for the upcoming approval of the high school hockey teams, the Booster Group needs volunteers interested in being board members, fund raising, working at the games and organizing functions. Past experiences as a booster member is not necessary. All volunteers are welcome, including those who do not have children playing hockey or in high school. The group is also interested in any contributions from local businesses and corporate sponsors. Call Kathy Lash at (734) 453-6518.

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

Event: _____
 Date and Time: _____
 Location: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Additional Info.: _____

Use additional sheet if necessary

MILITARY NEWS

To submit your military announcement, send the material printed or typewritten to: Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth MI 48170.

DEPLOYMENTS
 Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class David Nevi, son of Ray A. and Carolin E. Nevi of Plymouth, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea, Arabian Gulf and Adriatic Sea while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, home ported in Norfolk, Va. Nevi's ship is the lead ship of the USS Enterprise Battle Group. During the deployment, Nevi's ship participated in Operation Desert Fox in which U.S. Forces launched missile attacks on military instal-

lations in Iraq. The attacks were made after Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's refusal to allow U.N. teams to inspect Iraqi installations for weapons of mass destruction. The 1991 graduate of Canton High School joined the Navy in October 1994.

GRADUATIONS
 Army Reserve Pvt. Richard A. Gronczewski has graduated from the wheeled vehicle repair course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

The student was taught to troubleshoot, repair, replace and adjust all related and associated electrical, mechanical and hydraulic components, systems, and assemblies of wheeled vehicles and diesel power plants/pumps. Use of publications,

tools, and diagnostic equipment were also included in the training.

Gronczewski is the son of Richard M. Gronczewski of Plymouth. He is a 1990 graduate of Garden City High School.

Army Spec. Kevin C. McGurk has graduated from the 61-day Ranger training course at the U.S. Army Ranger School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

The training phases are conducted at Fort Benning, in the mountains of northern Georgia, and in the Florida swamps at Eglin Air Force Base, Valparaiso, Fla. The course is designed to develop confident and capable small-unit leaders.

Additional emphasis is placed on developing combat functional skills for planning and conducting ground, airmobile, airborne, and waterborne

patrolling operations. The trainees perform individual and collective tasks and missions in tactically realistic environments under mental and physical stresses experienced during combat conditions.

McGurk is an infantryman with the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Hunter Army Airfield, Hinesville, Ga.

He is the son of Linda M. Murphy of Toledo, Ohio, and Jim McGurk of Plymouth.

The specialist is a 1991 graduate of Amherst Steele High School, Amherst, and a 1996 graduate of the University of Cincinnati, Ohio.

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What's your bid?

New Morning ready for auction!

BY CHRISTINA PUOCO
STAFF WRITER
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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 decouped 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 tick-

ets 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."

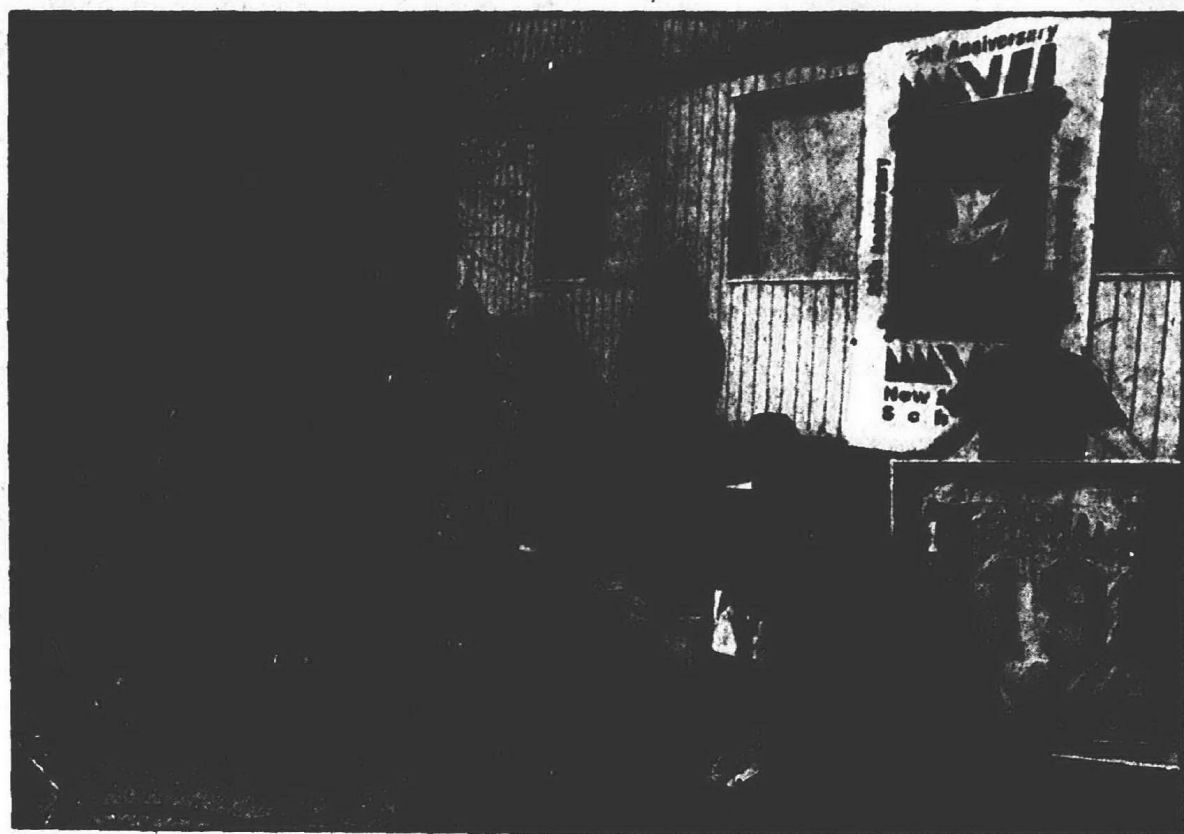
Students may attend fifth grade with the elementary school or middle school pupils, depending on their skill level.

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 Purean, 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.

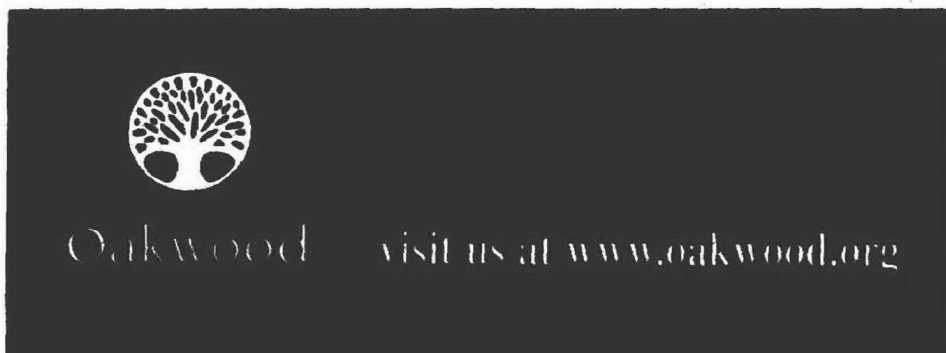
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Painting away: Seventh-grader Brittany Charnock of Livonia paints a drawer for the apothecary chest that will be offered at New Morning School's annual auction Saturday, April 24, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.



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The Men's Group of Church of Today West will meet 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at the West Public Library, 45245 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. Church of Today West holds worship services at 10 a.m. Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School, Meadowbrook Road south of 13 Mile Road. Barbara Clevenger is the senior minister. For more information, call (248) 449-9900 or the Web site at www.cotwest.com.

Rummage Sales
St. Timothy Presbyterian Church will have its annual rummage sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 15-16, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 17, at the church, 16700 Newburgh Road, south of Six Mile Road, Livonia.

The Women's Guild of St. Maurice Church will have its spring rummage sale 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at the church, 32765 Lyndon, east of Farmington Road, Livonia.

The Ladies Guild of Grace Lutheran Church will sponsor the spring sale and bake sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, and 9-11 a.m. Thursday, April 22, at the church, 25630 Grand River, Redford. Thursday will be the bag sale with goods selling for \$1.50 per bag.

The Women's Service Club of Meadowbrook Congregational Church will hold a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 23, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads.

Aldergate United Methodist Women will have their annual spring rummage sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford. White elephant, kitchen equipment, small appliances, toys and books will be sold in Wesley Hall. Clothing of all sizes will be in the Fellowship Hall with special women's garments in the Boutique. Proceeds will be used for church and district missionary projects.

The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church of Garden City will have their annual rummage sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, in the Fellowship Hall of the church, 6443 Merriman Road. Lunch will be available, and \$1 a bag sale 1-2 p.m.

Newburg United Methodist Church will have a spring rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 30, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 1, at the church, 6500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Clothes, housewares, toys, furniture, craft items, Christmas store, jewelry and more will be featured.

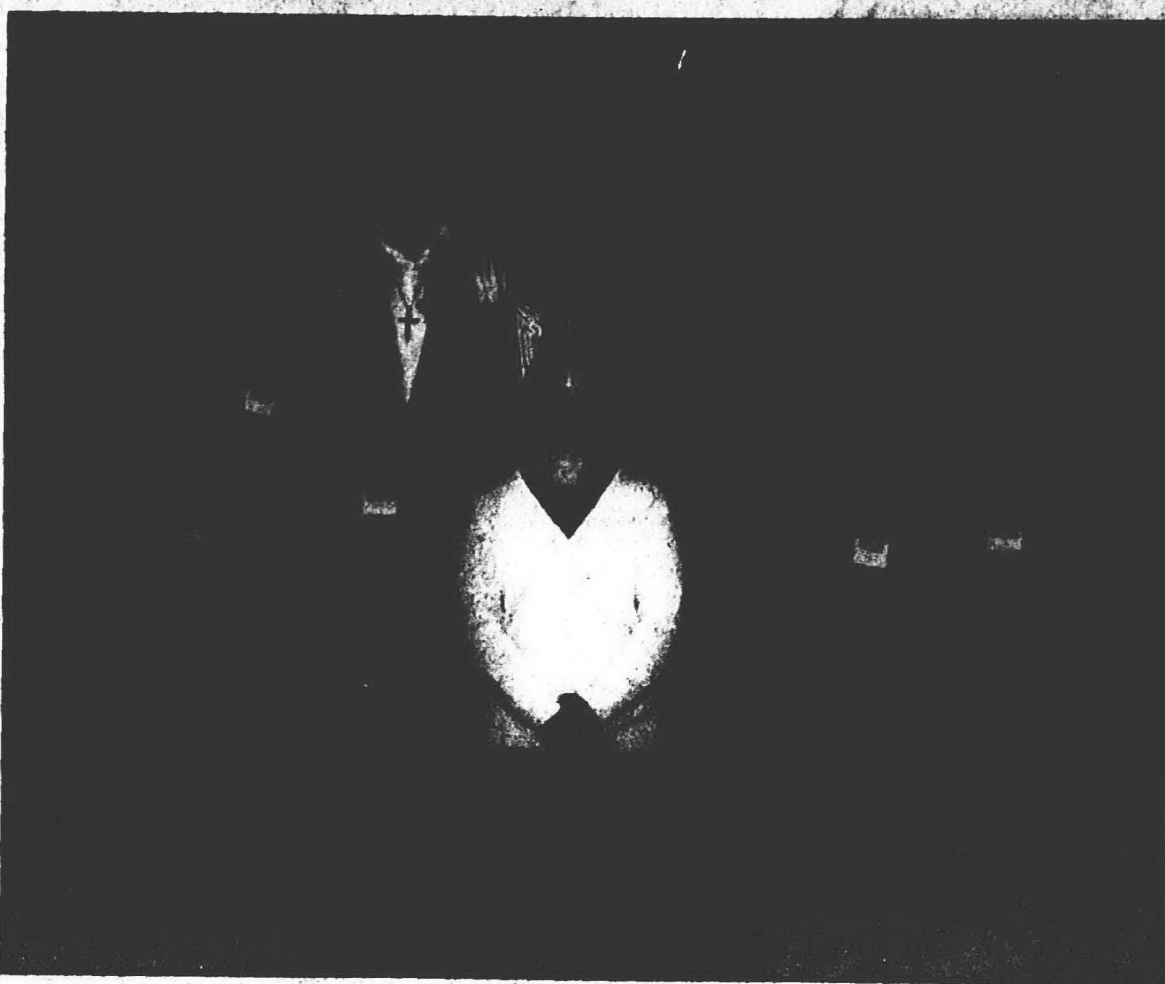
In the Beginning
The First Congregational Church of Wayne will present a two-act play, "In the Beginning," at 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the church, 2 Town Square, Wayne. The dramatic presentation looks at the first two years of the church's existence - when the church was organized in 1848 and when the charter members and the first minister, the Rev. J.S. Kidder, were struggling with the problems of building a church with inadequate funds. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. A donation will be requested for the dinner. People interested in attending the meal should call the church at (734) 729-7550.

Cancer Benefit
A craft and rummage sale will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at Kirk of Our Savior Church, 36660 Cherry Hill Road, Westland, to benefit the Allen Jensen Cancer Treatment Fund. There will be appliances, gardening tools, electronics and tools for sale. Donations of returnable bottles and cans also will be accepted.

Bethany Suburban West
Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have line dance lessons at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Haggerty south of Five Mile, Plymouth Township. There will be no charge. Call Val at (734) 729-1974.

GriefShare Program
St. Michael Lutheran Church will host a special weekly seminar and support group, GriefShare, for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them, 7-9:15 p.m. Sundays, beginning April 18. The seminars will run for 13 weeks at the church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton, and will provide information about recovering from grief and renewing hope for the future. The cost for materials will be \$18, and baby-sitting will be provided. For more information, call the church at (734) 459-3333.

Instructional Workshop
The Christian Education Committee of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church will offer an instructional workshop, "Exploring Personal Styles," 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday, April 18 and



25, at the church, 9801 Hubbard Road, Livonia. The workshop will be taught by William Dunphy and will cost \$7 for materials. Registration is required and can be completed through April 11 by calling the church office at (734) 422-4094. Child care will be provided.

Missions Rally
"How Shall I Hear Without a Preacher" will be the theme of the Faith Promise Missions Rally Sunday, April 18 and 25, at Memorial Church of Christ, 34575 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The Faith Promise goal for 1999 is \$67,000.

Don Tingle, executive director of Muslim Hope, who has been working in the Ukraine, Iran and Afghanistan, will speak at morning services on April 18. Barry Smyth will update members on the new church work at West Detroit Church of Christ at 6:30 p.m. that day.

Kevin Dooley, executive director of F.A.M.E. (Fellowship of

Associates of Medical Evangelism) will speak at the morning worship services on April 25.

WIND AND FIRE
Life in the Holy Spirit Seminars will be presented at 7 p.m. Mondays through May 17, at St. Bernadine of Sienna Church, 31463 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. For more information, call the church at (734) 522-0138.

Prayer Luncheon
A prayer luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 21, at Livonia Sveden House, 29477 Seven Mile Road. The guest speaker will be Sister Loretta Mellon. Doors will open at 11 a.m. For more information, call Kathleen at (734) 427-4371 or (734) 522-8905.

Women's Retreat
The deadline for reserving a space in a women's retreat, sponsored by the Full Gospel Church of Plymouth, is Wednesday, April 21.

The retreat will be June 4-6 at Holiday Inn Livonia West and

will focus on "Blended Families." The speakers will be Patty Lambert and Lorna Henze, who is the mother of a blended family and a pastor's wife. Lambert will be preaching about the church as a blended family. There also will be testimonials and small group discussions on dealing with the special problems that arise in the blended family.

The cost is \$100, based on four women to a room, dinner Friday and breakfast Saturday and Sunday. Space is limited to 100 women. Checks should be made payable to the Full Gospel Church of Plymouth, designated Women's Retreat, and sent to Judy McDaniel, 34200 Richard, Livonia, 48150.

'Y2K Challenge'
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will present a panel discussion and information forum, "The Y2K Challenge," 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 22, in the sanctuary of the church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville.

Concerns as to what individuals can do to prepare for Y2K and what problems they may encounter are addressed by the panel. The speakers will discuss the potential problems of the Y2K problem. The panel is to present a range of views on what to expect concerning the Y2K situation.

For more information, call the church's evangelism department at (346) 374-5527.

Garage Sale
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will have a garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 23, and 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the church, 16300 Hubbard, between Five and Six Mile roads, Livonia. There also will be a snack bar and bake sale.

Spring into Action
St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School of Farmington Hills will present "Spring into Action" Friday, April 23, at Livonia VFW Post 3941, 39155 Seven Mile Road. The auction will support the sports, music and technology programs as well as aid the church and school operations.

Tickets cost \$25 each with tables of eight available for \$175. For more information, call Glenn Schult at (734) 522-8117.

Mom's Sale
St. Edith/St. Kenneth M.O.P.S. will have a Mom's Sale 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 24, in St. Edith Parish Hall, 15069 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Admission will be \$1. Gently used children's clothing, toys, books and furnishings as well as maternity clothes will be sold. For more information or to rent table space, call Michele at (734) 432-6978.

Table space is available through Thursday, April 29, for St. Theodore Parish's annual Moms to Moms Market 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1. The resale fair will be held in the church social hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland, and will feature gently used baby and children's clothing, toys and miscellaneous equipment plus maternity items. For more information, call (734) 425-4421 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Congregation agrees to new church name

Christ Lutheran Church has started 1999 with a new name. The Redford congregation is now Christ Church of Redford, "Bringing the Light of the World to All Peoples." For several years, church leaders have felt they were being called to change the name. The idea was right, but the timing wasn't until at the end of the church's 40th anniversary year of relocating from a site on from Scotten Avenue near downtown Detroit to 14350 Wormer, Redford. That's when the membership agreed to the name change. "Looking at the use of names in the Bible, we find that almost always the names of people or places represent what they are or what the Lord has called them to be like," a church spokesman said. "We really felt that His

vision for us is to be identified with Christ only and to be a 'lighthouse' in the neighborhood. "Also, our style of praise and worship is somewhat different from what might be found in most Lutheran churches." During most of its 40 years of history, Christ Church was affiliated with one of the large Lutheran synods, but about 12 years ago chose to withdraw from the synod and operate independently. The church has active outreach ministries to neighborhood youth and to the needy. It has Sunday school at 9 a.m., Sunday worship at 10:15 a.m. and Train to Reign (Youth Outreach) at 6 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information about Christ Church of Redford, call (313) 534-3462



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Healthy Aging

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE UPDATE

Alzheimer's disease is the most common dementia (cognitive and memory decline) in people over the age of 65. It affects approximately 4 million Americans and ranks as the fourth leading cause of death after heart disease, cancer and stroke. The emotional and social impact of this disease is suffered not only by patients, but also the caregivers.

The functional and behavioral decline in Alzheimer's disease result from destruction of the nerve cells that control memory, thinking and behavior. Initially short-term memory fails and there is decreased ability to perform familiar tasks. As the disease gradually robs people from cognitive and social skills, behavioral symptoms such as aggression, disorientation and wandering are seen. Older individuals, especially those with family history of Alzheimer's disease are at high risk. Symptoms of social withdrawal, depression and decreased awareness of time along with memory decline require prompt medical attention and early diagnosis.

The future holds promise for effectively treating this "silent epidemic", and current treatments significantly improve symptoms. When given in uncomplicated disease, a new therapy improved cognitive function in 12 weeks. Treatment of early symptoms can help prevent long-term facility placement, preserve dignity and reduce caregiver stress.

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 12-15 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 cafeterias 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) 883-9720.

Partial funding is provided by a grant from the Juggins Foundation 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."

Olson

Clifford "Ollie" and Shirley Olson of Garden City were the guests of honor at a dinner at Canterbury Village in Canton 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 Royal 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.

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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SPORTS SCENE

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 playoff 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 .457 batting average, 20 hits and 23 RBI.

Madonna was 18-15 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. Ply-

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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

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-presuring 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



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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 squirmed 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 Gusick, 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.

Chiefs crush Central; Rocks tumble

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.

Both 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 Connell each had assists.

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

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.

Team pitcher 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 Copenhaver 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 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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Canton, Salem seek to escape WLAA cellar

Both teams will not be reassessed highly in terms of Plymouth Canton's and Salem's girls golf teams. At the recent Lakes Activities District tournament, Canton placed eighth and Salem was eighth — the same two team position. 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 28-team field.

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

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

match.

"But I'm happy with our progress so far. We're going to have at least three more games. What's going to happen is we hope 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 88.

Whether Canton is better or not is uncertain, however. Two of their losses to graduation, Sandra Pavlo and Lindsey 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 Fendell; 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. Gene are Jessica Hedges, the team's low scorer for the season, and Michelle Anger.

"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 Gene Yelonek and junior Kim Tamme, who combined with Jessica Hedges as three of Salem's top four players.

Three other juniors — Katie McKinley, Taylor Robinson and Kristina Pollice — have limited experience and should help fill the holes in the lineup. Others with promise include a couple of sisters, sophomores Molly Hedges (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's 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 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 remains three of its top four golfers, including league medalist Mara Massoni, 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.

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.

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.

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).

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.

PREP BASEBALL

Friday, April 16

St. Field Christian at Silveston, 4 p.m.
Annapolis at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Luth. W'ld at Luth. North, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at PCA, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 17

(all double-headers)
Birm. Seshom at Sleep, noon
D.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.
Mercy at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.
Luth. W'ld at Luth. North, 4:30 p.m.
Bethesda at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 17

(all double-headers unless noted)
Canton, Salem at Taylor Town, 8 a.m.
Luth. W'ld 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'ld at Country Day, 4 p.m.

Friday, April 16

Mansfield Relay, 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'ld at Country Day, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 17

Salem, Canton at Lady Chief Relays, 10 a.m.
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GIRLS SOCCER

Thursday, April 15

Luth. W'ld 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.

Friday, April 16

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 Selma, 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.
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Despite losses, PCA should contend

Baseball C1

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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 baseball 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

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 righthanders, "will carry the pitching load." Nathan Worley, a righthander, 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 Cilibraise, 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 Roeser — 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.

in the game, and Wolcott banged out two doubles and drove in a run, scoring two. Steve Lueck 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.

Clarenceville 12, PCA 7: Plymouth Christian Academy fell to 0-2 when Livonia Clarenceville'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 Clarenceville.

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

CC opens season with pair of victories

Sophomore Charlie Haeger pitched three scoreless innings of relief to pick up the victory and Bob Malek clubbed a three-run homer in an eight-run second inning to give Redford Catholic Central (2-0 overall) a 13-4 non-league baseball win Tuesday over Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day (1-3).

Malek went 3-for-4 with three runs batted in, while Casey Rogowski added pair of doubles. Catcher Chris Woodruff went 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

Shamrock starting pitcher Nick DiBella worked the first two innings, striking out the side. Dave Lusky also worked two innings.

Redford CC 16, Foley 4 (mercy): Redford Catholic Central, last year's state Class A semifinalists, opened its season Monday at Madison Heights Bishop Foley by unleashing a 16-hit attack led by designated hitter Anthony Tomey, who sent 3-for-3 with a double, three RBI and three runs scored.

Bob Malek, who went 2-for-4, added a grand slam in the third inning.

Other CC hitting standouts included Dave Lusky, 2-for-3 with three runs scored and RBI; Mario D'Herin, 2-for-2 with two RBIs and two runs; Chris Woodruff, two RBIs.

Middle reliever Matt Niemiec got the victory.

Andy Smith started and worked 2 1/3 innings. Niemiec got five outs and Brent Schoenbach struck out three.

Churchill 7, Garden City 1: Livonia Churchill senior left-

hander Andy Shoemaker was sharp in his season debut, tossing a four-hit complete game in a non-league win Tuesday over the visiting Cougars.

Shoemaker struck out six and walked three.

GC starter Brent Hackman, who worked five innings and gave up six runs, took the loss.

Senior first baseman Eric Lightle led a 10-hit Churchill attack going 4-for-4 with one RBI. Ryan Vickers added two hits and two RBIs.

Jerry Minch doubled in a run for GC in the third inning.

Redford Union 14, Franklin 4 (mercy): Redford Union ran its overall record to 5-0 with a five-inning mercy-rule win Tuesday over Livonia Franklin (0-1).

The Panthers unloaded on two Franklin pitchers for 14 hits.

Clint Stroble had a double, triple and five RBIs. Mike Hayes and Mike Macek each contributed two hits. Matt Rigley had a double.

David Word had a triple and single for the Patriots. John Nagle and Brad Tibas each contributed two hits. Joe Ruggiero triple and scored a run, while Tom Jones singled and scored a run.

Sean O'Connor, who pitched the first four innings for RU, got the victory. Brad Michael finished up.

Tony Saia, the Franklin starter, took the loss. He worked 3 1/3 innings.

W. Bloomfield 11, Churchill 4:

Wellington Andrees and Josh Gad-Harf each collected three hits, propelling West Bloomfield to the non-league win Monday at Livonia Churchill.

David O'Dea added two hits for West Bloomfield, which broke a 3-3 tie with six runs in the fourth inning.

Aaron Johnston, who pitched the first five innings for the Lakers, got the victory.

Churchill reliever John Roas took the loss. Justin Draughn started and worked the first three innings.

Belleville 2-12, Wayne 0-0: Wayne Memorial (0-5) continued its Detroit Tiger-like start by losing a twinbill Saturday against the host Belleville Tigers.

Freshman right-hander Ryan Ybarra, making his first varsity start, gave up one hit (to B.J. Flaig), seven walks and hit one batter in five innings in the opener, but took the loss. He struck out five before giving way to freshman George Rodriguez in the 2-0 defeat.

Wayne collected just two hits off Belleville lefty Ryan Emery, one in the third by Ybarra and a single by Ryan Czyzak in the fourth. Emery struck out 11 and walked two in picking up the win.

In the nightcap, Belleville invoked the mercy rule, stopping Wayne in five innings, 12-0.

Wayne used four pitchers — Rodriguez, the starter and loser; Matt Mackiewicz, Nick Cicotte and Justin Smoes. The quartet combined for 12 walks and gave up five hits in four innings.

Wayne's only hits came off the bats of Scott Teasdale, Ybarra

and Gary Stevens.

Belleville's Aaron LaPrairie, who struck out six and walked two, got the victory.

Romulus 4-2, Lutheran Westland 1-7: Lutheran High Westland opened its season Saturday by splitting a double-header with the host Eagles.

Rookie coach Ted Younglas earned his first victory for the Warriors as junior Charlie Hoeft pitched five strong innings in a 7-2 triumph.

Hoeft gave up just three hits and struck out seven.

Offense was provided by Tom Habitz, who went 2-for-4 with a double, RBI and two runs scored. Brother Brent Habitz also knocked in two runs, while senior Scott Archer had two hits and scored twice.

Romulus took the opener, 4-1, as Tom Habitz, the losing pitcher, gave up four hits and four runs over six innings. He struck out seven and did not walk a batter.

Archer had two hits and scored Lutheran Westland's lone run.

Farmington 15, Lakeland 7: Farmington continued its impressive start, extending its record to 4-0 by beating host Lakeland Monday.

The Falcons had plenty of big hitters, including senior Charlie Avery, who belted a two-run homer. He had two hits and scored three runs.

Jim Kay went 3-for-5 and James Clarahan, Kyle Burcar and Nick Hippler contributed two hits apiece to Farmington's 15-hit attack.

Brad Barenie had three RBI

with a pair of sacrifice bunts; Hippler, who hit twice in two-out situations, also had three RBIs.

Sophomore Ian Pardonnet pitched 1 2/3 innings of scoreless relief to earn the victory.

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

In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Acts of 1963, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Acts 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 Kryss 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' Kryss Barch pulled his team to within 2-1 in the period, 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.

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

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Shamrocks seeking another strong season

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Redford Catholic Central's boys tennis team plays home matches at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

"It's where God makes wind, then it distributes itself throughout the rest of the planet," first-year coach Paul Bozyk joked, noting wind is the courts' only drawback. "It's a nice site. They've done all they can to keep the courts up, patched some cracks where they had problems with in the past."

Well, look what the wind brought in: home matches against defending Class A champion Birmingham Brother Rice and perennial powers Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron, along with West Bloomfield, expected to be among the top teams in Oakland County.

CC's schedule also includes meets at Rochester Adams, Grosse Pointe South, Port Huron Northern and Bloomfield Hills Lahser, all strong programs. The Shamrocks, who placed fifth in Class A last year, will return to the Ann Arbor regional where they finished third behind the host schools.

"We had a wonderful showing at the state last year after playing in arguably the toughest region in the state," said Bozyk, a 1991 CC graduate who was an assistant last year. "It's a really challenging region and I certainly don't mind it."

Bozyk played on two NCAA Division III national champion teams at Kalamazoo College. He is currently working on the final phases of a graduate degree in medical science at Wayne State University. He also teaches tennis lessons at the Livonia YMCA.

"I've had a long relationship in team tennis, and I'm real comfortable in taking the position, excited to do it," Bozyk said. "My love for the game comes from competition, particularly in a team setting. It's just a ten-

nis machine at Kalamazoo."

Among the losses to graduation were No. 1 singles player Tom Tarnacki, who reached the regional semifinals despite a sub .500 regular season, and No. 4 Marc Siciliano, whose 16-4 record included defeats in the regional semifinals and state quarterfinals.

The Shamrocks also had to replace one graduating player in each of the four doubles flights.

"We'll sorely miss all of them but for a team that has to replace six players, we'll be OK," Bozyk said.

One of the top sophomores in the state, Mike Finding, has been promoted from No. 3 to No. 1 singles. Junior J.D. Shade remains at No. 2 where he finished 12-8, losing in the semifinals of the regional and state quarterfinals.

Finding won the regional, lost in the finals at the state meet and finished 15-5 at No. 3 as a freshman.

"His game has really picked up," Bozyk said. "His footwork has improved a great deal, hits the ground strokes better, is penetrating the net and playing more consistently."

He warns, however, that Finding is still an underdog at the highest level.

"One singles I wouldn't wish upon my worst enemy," said Bozyk, who played No. 1 singles his junior and senior years at CC. "I could find 12 that have a shot at getting a seed state-wide. He'll win some, lose some, but won't go down without a fight."

Shade's been limited by a shoulder injury.

"He's playing but it's up to a therapist how many serves he can hit in a day," Bozyk said. "I can't say if he's 'match ready.'"

Filling No. 3 is freshman David Atallah,

who has promise.

"He brings experience with him even though he's just a freshman," Bozyk said.

Junior Evan Currie, a junior varsity player last year, has earned the job at No. 4.

"He's made a significant jump," Bozyk said. "He's an excellent golfer and I can tell he's used to competition, pressure situations."

Junior Rob Sparks, who with the graduated Nick Rost lost in the state finals at No. 2 last year, has moved to No. 1 doubles. His partner is Jeff Fleszar, who remains at No. 1.

Fleszar and Brian Foley, who graduated, finished 17-4 and lost in the regional final, and the state quarterfinals.

Both are co-captains with Shade.

"(Sparks and Fleszar) read off each other very well," Bozyk said.

Filling No. 2 is senior Nick Gray, promoted from No. 3, with freshman Mark Fleszar.

Gray and Adam Murray, who graduated, were 11-8 and lost in the semifinals of the regional and quarterfinals of the state meet.

"Nick is a good, aggressive player, brings leadership of a returning varsity player to the team," Bozyk said. "Mark is a very athletic freshman with a lot of good shots."

Junior Lodewijk VanHolsbeeck, who didn't play last year because of injury, and sophomore Eric Tomkiewicz, up from the JV, are the No. 3 tandem.

"They're going to complement each other very well," Bozyk said. "Eric is a big, intimidating force at the net with an excellent serve."

Senior Ryan Cibor returns to No. 4 doubles, where he and a senior from last year, John Edwards, finished 8-9.

Joining Cibor is sophomore Matt Roe, who also has potential, Bozyk said.

"Any of our flights is capable of doing very well at the state meet," Bozyk said.

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FISHING TOURNAMENTS

SALMON STAKES
The 21st annual River Crab Salmon Stakes charity fishing tournament and raffle will be held Saturday April 24 in St. Clair. Money raised through the sale of \$10 raffle/entry tickets will benefit the Blue Water Mental Health Clinic and other programs that help troubled children, adults and their families statewide. Raffle prizes include a trip for two adults and two children to Mackinac Island, use of a private suite for a Detroit Tigers baseball game, a weekend for two in Chicago, \$500 in gift certificates to Chuck Muer restaurants, and a limousine ride and dinner for two at a Chuck Muer restaurant. Ticket stubs are also good for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at participating Chuck Muer restaurants. There are also cash prizes for the

anglers, boats and clubs who catch the biggest salmon and trout on tournament day. Tickets are available at Charley's Crab in Troy, Meriwether's in Southfield, Muer's Sea Food Tavern in West Bloomfield, Big Fish in Dearborn, Big Fish Too in Madison Heights, Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor, or by calling the River Crab at (800) 468-3727.

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

SPRING BREAK FOR BICYCLING
Learn the basics of body mechanics, bicycle mechanics and bicycle touring during this class, which is sponsored by Working Wheelers Cycling Club and begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at Eastern Mountain Sports in Farmington Hills. Space is limited and the registration deadline is Saturday, April 24. Call (248) 553-7784 for more information.

BOATING SAFETY
Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be on hand to explain boating safety and what they look for during a boat inspection, during the regular meeting of the Metro West Steelheaders, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 478-5027 for more information.

WOMEN'S FLY FISHING
River Bend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring a Women's Fly Fishing School on Sunday, May 23. Participants will spend a fun-filled day learning the basics of fly fishing including lessons in casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Cost is \$125 per person and class size is limited. Call Pat Rofe at (248) 350-8484 for more information and to register.

FLY FISHING SCHOOL
The Riverbend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring several fly fishing schools in the upcoming months. Held at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden and Hunters Creek Hunt Club in Metamora, the schools include lessons in basic fly fishing techniques including casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Classes are scheduled for April 25, May 8 and 16, June 6 and 19, July 11 and 25, August 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 to register and for more information.

YOUTH FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will host its annual Youth Fly Fishing School from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center. Cost is \$25 per person and class size is limited. To register and for more information call Dale Ross at (734) 420-2233.

MOUNTAIN DRIVING
Join author Mike Terrell and learn where to go mountain biking in the northern Lower Peninsula during this class, which begins 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

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

MORE FLY TYING
River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times in May, June and July. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

ACTIVITIES

PROUD LAKE HIKE
Take a 5-mile hike over varied terrain with members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 18. Participants are asked to meet behind the Marathon Station at 12 Mile Road and Telegraph. Call Bev or Marshall Fogelson at (313) 581-7579 for more information.

SEVEN LAKES HIKE
Enjoy a scenic 5-mile hike through the Holly Recreation Area with members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on Saturday, April 24. Participants should meet at 11:30 a.m. behind the Marathon Station at 12 Mile Road and Telegraph. Call Liz Allingham at (313) 581-7579 for more information.

PAINT CREEK HIKE
Take a fast-paced hike over level terrain along the Paint Creek Trail with members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on Sunday, April 25. Participants should meet at noon behind the Michigan National Bank on 14 Mile Road, east of I-75 (south edge of the Oakland Mall). Call June Cox at (248) 435-9522 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

FISHING LICENSES
As of April 1, anglers must possess a 1999 Michigan Fishing license.

COYOTE
Coyote season runs through April 15 statewide.

FREE FISHING
Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend will be held June 12-13.

TROUT
Trout season opens April 24 on designated streams, rivers and lakes.

FLIES-ONLY TROUT
A special catch-and-release, flies-only trout season runs through Friday, April 23, on a special section of the Huron River at the Proud Lake Recreation Center. Call (810) 685-2187 for details.

WALLEYE
Walleye season opens April 24 on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

SAUGER
Sauger season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

MUSKY
Musky season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

PIKE
Northern pike season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

CLUBS

FLY TYING
The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

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

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 478-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

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

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 658-0556 for more information.

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

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

ARCHERY

GRAND OPENING
The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range officially reopens at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 17. Shooting is open to the public and there is no charge on opening day. After Saturday the range, featuring seven field lanes and one broadhead lane, will be open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

3D SHOOT
Royal Oak Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 18, on its walk-through range in Lake Orion. Call (248) 693-9799 or (248) 628-8354 for more information.

YOUTH SHOOT
Detroit Archers will host a youth shoot on Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2, at its clubhouse and grounds in West Bloomfield. Every participant age 17 and under will receive a trophy. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

INTRO TO ARCHERY
The Livonia Archery Range will host a beginner archery class on May 1. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

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

JUNIOR ARCHERS
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

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

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Tennis lessons

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services will offer tennis lessons for juniors and adults, beginning April 27.

The lessons for beginners will be Tuesdays, from 6-7 p.m. for juniors (7-15 years old) and from 7-8 p.m. for adults (16 and over), starting April 27 and continuing through June 1 at Griffin Community Park. Lessons for intermediate adults will be 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, from April 29 through May 20. All lessons will be conducted by Kristen Harrison and her staff.

Cost is \$30 for Canton residents and \$35 for nonresidents.

Register at the Parks and Recreation offices, located at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit on the Park, in Canton. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

Women's golf

A 16-week women's Friday morning golf league, beginning May 7, is now taking shape for all female players. Sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, the league will play every Friday starting May 7 at Fellows Creek in Canton, with tee times starting at 9 a.m. All ability levels are welcome; individual handicaps will be established. There are no residency requirements.

Cost is a \$15 registration fee plus weekly greens fees. There will be a league meeting at 9 a.m. Friday, April 16 at Fellows Creek.

Registration is now under way at the Canton Parks and Recreation offices, located at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit on the Park, in Canton. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

Mack openings

The CCJBSA Southeast Michigan Connie Mack team has limited openings for qualified players.

The team is limited to Plymouth and Canton residents who are freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

Interested players should call Mike Diedrich at 394-0454 or Richard Shook at 455-1984.

Play will begin at the conclusion of the varsity season and run through the last week of July.

CCJBSA signup

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association is still accepting player registration for its summer boys and girls programs.

Registrations must be received April 20 so applicants can be assigned a tryout time. Tryouts are April 24 for leagues holding drafts. Players are accepted on an as-needed basis once teams are set.

Applications for leagues with no tryouts can be taken right up until the start of their season.

Applications can be obtained at the township offices in Plymouth, Canton and the City of Plymouth, or downloaded from the league's Web site, www.pcjbl.com.

For questions about boys leagues, call 455-1984; girls' questions, call 981-5170.

Titan baseball outing

The fourth annual University of Detroit-Mercy baseball alumni and friends golf outing beginning with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 15 at Bogie Lake Golf Club, 11231 Bogie Lake Road, White Lake.

All proceeds go to UDM baseball.

The cost is \$100 per person (includes 18 holes, cart, beverages, lunch and dinner).

Hole sponsorships are available (signage provided by UDM). Program ads are also available for \$25.

Checks should be made payable to: UDM Baseball and mailed to: Bob Miller, Jr., Golf, 15050 Golfview, Livonia, MI 48154.

For more information, call (734) 464-0808 or (734) 941-7847.

AAU hoop tryouts

AAU basketball tryouts for boys 17-and-under and 19-and-under will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at Schoolcraft Community College.

For more information, call SC men's basketball coach Carlos

Briggs at (734) 484-6200, Ext. 5254.

Pistons mini-camp

The Detroit Pistons will stage a youth basketball mini-camp, directed by Steve Moreland, Friday-Saturday, May 14-15, at Garden City High School.

Grades 1-12 will meet from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 14; grades 1-15, 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 15; and grades 6-12, 1-5 p.m. Saturday, May 15.

The cost is \$49 (includes camp T-shirt, 7 1/2 hours of instruction, certificate of participation, juice, written player evaluation and Pistons prizes). There will also be a guest appearance by Pistons mascot Hooper.

Registration must be received by Friday, May 6.

For more information, call (248) 377-0104.

Ballplayers wanted

The Detroit Braves, a Little Caesars travel baseball team, is seeking one or two 12-year-olds for the upcoming season.

For more information, call Cris Hansen at (313) 292-4798.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

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

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Road. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

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

SPRING CLEANUP
Spring cleanup days are scheduled at several Metroparks in the upcoming weeks. Most programs last one-half day and lunch is provided for all volunteers who register in advance.

Cleanup days will be held Saturday, April 17, at Stony Creek, (800) 781-4242, and Metro Beach, (800) 477-3172; and Saturday, April 24, at Lake Erie, (800) 477-3189, and Kensington, (800) 477-3178.

WOODCOCK WALK
Take a hike to observe the aerial display of woodcock during the mating season during this program, which begins at 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at Indian Springs.

SPACE TRY-IT
Brownie scouts can complete the requirements for their Space Try-It badge during this program, which runs throughout the day on Saturday, April 17, at Kensington. Participants should bring a white or light-colored t-shirt. Call ahead for times.

SKY SEARCH
Brownie scouts can complete the requirements for their Sky Search badge during this program, which runs throughout the day on Saturday, April 17, at Kensington. Participants should call ahead for times.

BASIC ORIENTEERING
Learn the basics of map and compass orienteering during this class, which begins at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 18, at Indian Springs.

HERONS ARE US
Learn all about herons then observe some nesting herons during this program, which

begins at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 18, at Kensington.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS
Home-schooled children ages eight and older are invited to study native cold-blooded creatures during this program, which begins at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21, at Stony Creek.

1999 PERMITS
The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call (800) 47-PARKS for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

EARTH HIKE
Discover endangered species and learn what you can do to help, then lace up your boots and hike the trails of Independence Oaks during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

SPRING BIRD HIKE
Observe birds species in the park during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 17, at Maybury. Participants should dress for the weather and bring a binocular. Meet at the riding stable parking area on Beck Road.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION
Celebrate Earth Day through earth-related programs and displays during this program, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at Maybury.



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Good-hearted, affectionate SWM, 50, seeks a SF, 45-65, who would love attention. Ad# 1233

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Outgoing DBCM, 45, 6'2", would like to meet a kind SWF, 25-40, without children at home. He enjoys amusement parks, Bible studies, cooking, quiet dinners for two and conversation. Ad# 5550

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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# 7878

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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

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Tall, dark, handsome SWM, 40, 5'10", who enjoys sports and physical activities, is looking to share interests and a meaningful friendship with an outgoing, sincere, attractive SWF, age unimportant. Ad# 3931

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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 DWM, 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 reading, dining out, golf and more, is looking for an attractive SWF, 25-40, who has good values, for a possible relationship. Ad# 8860

DEDICATION OF LOVE

Never-married SWM, 41, 6', who enjoys dining out, movies, sports, working out and outdoor activities, is seeking a slender D/SWF, 25-40, with similar interests. Ad# 2799

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SBCM, 28, 5', who enjoys dining out, sporting events and good conversation, is seeking a SBCF, 18-30, who enjoys life. Ad# 7453

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Down-to-earth, attractive, family-oriented DWM, 45, 6', 185lbs., is in search of a SF, age unimportant, who enjoys the outdoors, exercise, the arts and more. Ad# 1050

JUST YOU AND I

Catholic SWM, 40, 6'1", 195lbs., with brown hair/eyes, is searching for a SWF, 29-39, to share laughter, photography, music, movies and more. Ad# 1907

LET'S MINGLE

SWM, 30, 5'9", 180lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, going to church and concerts, is seeking a SWF, 26-34. Ad# 9614

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Professional, handsome SWM, 38, 6', in search of a slender, outgoing and sincere SWF, 28-44, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 6789

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Professional SWM, 28, 5'8", 155lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, N/S, who enjoys biking, weight training, target shooting and music, seeks a Catholic SWF, 22-31, N/S, without children at home, for a possible relationship. Ad# 4475

ALL IN TIME

Outgoing, professional SWM, 34, 5'9", who enjoys outdoor activities and good conversation, is in search of a SF, under 40, who enjoys life. Ad# 1478

NEED A COUNTRY GAL

Financially secure, fun DW dad, 38, 6'4", 215lbs., whose hobbies include baseball and boating, seeks a SWF, 28-40. Ad# 7234

ENJOY LIFE WITH ME

Handsome SBCM, 24, 5'9", is seeking a beautiful, caring SBCF, 22-35, who enjoys dining out, spending time with friends, the outdoors and more. Ad# 3615

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SWC dad of one, 43, 6', a professional, who enjoys dining out, music and movies, the outdoors and family activities, is searching for a SWCF, under 40, for a lifetime of happiness. Ad# 2100

SEARCHING

SWM, 60, 5'5", 165lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys long walks, movies, flea markets and art galleries, seeks a medium-built SWF, 54-62. Ad# 2526

FOCUS HERE

I'm a well-built SWM, 27, 6'3", 240lbs., with brown hair and eyes, who enjoys quiet times. I'm seeking a loving, humorous SWF, 23-35, for possible relationship. Ad# 5150

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Catholic DWM, 47, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, seeks a Catholic SWF, 35-55, for friendship first. Ad# 3524

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Catholic SW mom, 40, 5'8", a brunette, who enjoys hockey, reading, bowling, baseball, long walks, dining out and romantic evenings, is looking for a Catholic SWM, 30-50. Ad# 2828

SIMPLY YOURS

SWF, 50, 5'5", who enjoys music, the arts and more, is seeking a warm-hearted SWM, 40-60. Ad# 9114

CONSIDER ME

Personable, brown-eyed blonde DWCF, 50, 5'4", slender, is seeking an educated SWPM, 45-60, without children. Ad# 2323

SIMPLY MARVELOUS

Down-to-earth, Born-Again DWCF, 44, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, N/S, enjoys bicycling, Bible study, dancing, movies, music and more. She's seeking a compatible, Born-Again DWCM, 35-50. Ad# 4240

IT HAS TO BE YOU

Catholic DWF, 60, 5'6", who enjoys traveling, movies, the theater, walking, dancing and gardening, seeks a loving SWM, 59-64. Ad# 3138

AVAILABLE

Childless, Catholic SWPF, 30, 5'5", is interested in meeting a Catholic SWPM, 27-35, for quality time together. Ad# 1126

JOIN HER...

In celebrating her love for the Lord. She's a SBCF, 48, 5'5", looking for a SBCM, 45-57, who is also searching for that special someone. Ad# 7110

DISCOVER ME

Catholic SWPF, 32, 5'11", who enjoys working out, reading and traveling, would like to meet a Catholic SWPM, 30-45. Ad# 1475

BE SURE TO SMILE

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

ALL THAT & MORE

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

ATTRACTIVE

Outgoing DW mom, 38, 5'7", 110lbs., a green-eyed blonde, who enjoys working out, dining out, movies, reading and the outdoors, is looking for a handsome SWCM, 37-45. Ad# 5165

GIVE LOVE A CHANCE

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

GOOD LISTENER

Here's a laid-back, but fun DB mom, 34, 5', who's waiting to hear from you, a SBM, 32-42, who loves children and going to church. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, long conversations and dining. Ad# 1234

FRIENDSHIP

Catholic SWF, 31, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, is seeking a Catholic SWM, 30-38, who enjoys movies, the theater, music, biking, rollerblading and more. Ad# 1010

KINDRED SPIRIT

Outgoing, friendly DWF, 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 SCM, 50-64, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 4224

SHARE MY WORLD

Catholic SWF, 48, 5'3", is looking for a Catholic SWM, 40-55, without 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

QUIET 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, 30-46, for friendship first, possible long-term relationship. Ad# 2436

FAMILY-ORIENTED

Catholic DWF, 49, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys sports, concerts, movies, dining out and the outdoors, seeks an honest, sincere, Catholic D/WWWMM, 45-55, N/S. Ad# 5689

DO YOU QUALIFY?

Caring, petite SWF, 70, who enjoys playing cards, dancing, bowling, traveling and dining out, wants to meet a happy SWM, 68-72, N/S, to spend time with. Ad# 7127

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST

Professional and spontaneous DWF, 41, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, is seeking a SWM, 38-48, who enjoys dining out, music and movies, the outdoors and more. Ad# 2375

TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL

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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THINK YOU'RE THAT LADY?

DWCM, 56, 6'1", who's shy at first, is looking for a happy, fun-loving SWC lady, who takes care of herself. Ad# 1885

OPEN YOUR HEART TO ME

Hardworking, Catholic DWM, 47, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, seeks a Catholic SWF, 35-55, for friendship first. Ad# 3524

NEW IN TOWN

Want to meet a great guy, then call this friendly DW dad, 29, 6'2", 125lbs., with brown hair and green eyes. He's seeking an outgoing SWF, under 40, who enjoys riding horses, outdoor sports and living life to the fullest. Ad# 3841

NEVER-MARRIED

Catholic SWM, 37, 6'1", with brown hair and hazel eyes, is looking for a SWF, 30-38, without children at home, who likes sports, plays and the theatre. Ad# 1970

THE MARRYING KIND

Shy DWM, 26, 5'10", 175lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, bowling, fishing and traveling, seeks a faithful DWF, under 26. Ad# 2328

HONESTY TOPS MY LIST

Reserved SWM, 39, 6', with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys bike riding, dancing, dining out and the outdoors, seeks a SWCF, 32-44, for an honest relationship. Ad# 4275

FIND OUT TODAY

SWM, 41, 5'10", seeks an intelligent, honest SWF, 30-45, who enjoys music, writing, reading, drawing and painting. Ad# 1951

HONESTY COUNTS

Handsome DWPCM, 44, 6'1", who enjoys youth ministry, outdoor activities, movies and more, is seeking a slender, romantic SWCF, 30-44, without children. Ad# 2843

MOMS WELCOME

Handsome and athletic DWM, 39, 6'1", who enjoys traveling, and more, seeks a slender SWCF, 28-44, to share life with. Ad# 2415

AVID DOWNHILL SKIER

Handsome SWCPM, 36, 5'7", 140lbs., likes outdoor activities, golfing, travel and fun things with friends. He's looking for a SWF, 23-38, who realizes how important honesty is to a relationship. Ad# 1550

ONE OF A KIND RELATIONSHIP

Down to earth, custodial SW dad, 40, 5'9", brown hair/hazel eyes, enjoys everything, loves barbecues, candle lite dinners, cedar point and camping. Seeks LTR, with sincere, caring, loving, slender SWF, 30-42, with or without kids. Ad# 5858

OPEN ARMS

Never-married SWM, 36, 5'11", with sandy brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys motorcycles, the outdoors, weekends at his cottage and spending time at the lake, wants to meet a sweet SF, 19-43. Children welcome. Ad# 3884

CONFIDENT

Very handsome and honest SWCM, 33, 6'3", 185lbs., with hazel eyes, is seeking a SWF, 25-41, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1201

SETTLE DOWN

Personable SWJPM, 32, 5'8", with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys music, dancing and more, is seeking a sweet, humorous SWJF, 45-50, for a happy life together. Ad# 4567

DELIGHTFUL

Never-married Catholic SWM, 50, 5'11", 180lbs., who is active in his church choir, enjoys children, dancing, walking, movies, music and good conversation. He wants to meet a SWCF, under 50, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 3580

THE MOON, STARS & YOU

Take moonlit walks with this nice, self-employed DWM, 42, 5'9", N/S, non-smoker. He is looking for a nice SWF, under 50, who also enjoys the outdoors, roller blading, camping and working out. Ad# 4212

IRRESISTIBLE

Kind DBF, 45, 5'6", who enjoys music, movies, reading and going to the theater, is looking for a DBM, 35-45. Ad# 2468

UNTIL NOW

Friendly, down-to-earth SWF, 37, 5'2", who enjoys the outdoors, hockey, golf, hiking and more, is seeking a SWM, 40-51, for a possible relationship. Ad# 2451

VALUES HUMOR

Catholic DWF, 57, 5'3", 125lbs., with long blonde hair, who enjoys crafts, dining out and reading, is ISO a humorous, Catholic SWM, 50-60. Ad# 2041

SOUND LIKE YOU?

Catholic DWF, 59, 5'6", with blonde hair and hazel eyes, would love to meet an honest, humorous SWCM, 58-67, a N/S, who's interested in friendship and companionship. She enjoys traveling, movies, dancing, reading and more. Ad# 3131

LET'S TALK

Settle down with this SWPCF, 47, 5'2", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys cooking, travel and church activities. She's seeking a nice, Born-Again SWCM, 45-55, for a possible relationship. Ad# 3333

HONESTY COUNTS

SWC mom of one, 25, 5'9", enjoys the outdoors, drama movies and quiet times at home. She seeks an honest, compassionate SWCM, 27-34, without children at home. Ad# 8498

LOVE'S IN THE AIR

Sensitive, caring DWF, 52, 5'5", with auburn hair and green eyes, whose interests include travel, cooking, movies, nature walks and dining out, is hoping to meet a SWF, 51-58. Ad# 1203

POSITIVE VIBES HERE

Leave a message for this personable DWCF, 50, 5'4", who enjoys rollerblading, bicycling and keeping active. She wants to meet an outgoing SWCM, over 47, for friendship first. Ad# 1199

CHILD OF GOD

Outgoing, friendly DWCF, 49, 5'4", who resides in the Redford area, enjoys sewing, antiques and movies. She's seeking a secure, independent DWCM, under 56, for friendship first. Ad# 5321

LET'S CUDDLE

Catholic DWF, 59, 5'2", 125lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys family barbecues, picnics and more, seeks a Catholic SWM, 51-61. Ad# 1992

THE POWER OF LOVE

SWF, 57, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys music, traveling, movies, long walks and more, is looking for a sincere, compassionate SWM, 52-62. Ad# 7141

BE MY COMPANION

SWCF, 56, 5'4", with blondish-red hair and blue eyes, full-figured, who enjoys reading and movies, is seeking a SWM, 55-62. Ad# 2433

WALKS WITH THE LORD

Get to know this vibrant, classy DWCF, 47, 5'6", with dark hair/eyes, if you're a SWCM who enjoys meeting new friends, dancing, dining out, movies and great conversation. Ad# 1236

MAKE THE CONNECTION

Looking for a long-term relationship? Make it happen with this DWF, 33, 5'5", because she is searching for a Born-Again SWCM, 34-40, N/S. Ad# 8565

COMPANIONSHIP

Outgoing, honest and fun-loving, describes this DWCF, 50, 5'9", looking for friendship with a SWCM, 45-55. Ad# 4536

GOD IS FIRST

Devoted SBC mom, 25, 5'9", who enjoys romantic dinners, movies, dancing and singing, wants to meet a family-oriented SBCM,

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Attractive SWF, 28, brown hair, enjoys studying, traveling, cooking. Seeking attractive SWM, 25-33, who knows what they want and is willing to try anything once. **23210**

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Intriguing, pretty, passionate DWV, 44, seeks handsome, smart, funny, romantic SWM, 30-35, for great, one-on-one relationship. Are you ready? This could be it! No games! **23233**

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Attractive SWF, 36, 5'9", 150lbs, NW, social drinker, with healthy lifestyle enjoys traveling, jazz music, theater, and dining out. Seeking marriage-minded SWM, 35-50 with similar interests for LTR. **23268**

STARTING OVER
Widowed lady, young 63, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining in, golf, swimming, would like to spend time with loving, caring white gentleman. **23191**

NO COUCH POTATOS
Slim DWV, 33, 5'10", blonde/blue, smoker, social drinker, mother of three, enjoys dancing, hockey, tennis, reading, and traveling. Seeking honest, faithful, successful SWM, 32-42, HW proportionate, with similar interests. **23210**

LOVE A BUNCH
If you're looking for a beautiful, blue-eyed blonde who knows how to treat her man, you'll love me! Seeking SWM, 35-43, who has kids, for friendship, for LTR. **23210**

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DWV, 28, 5'3", suburn/green, HW proportionate, loves good times, laughs, seeks S/DWM, 28-38, who loves children, for friendship, possible LTR. **23219**

IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE?
SWF, 23, 5'9", single mom, enjoys outdoors, travel, quiet evenings, someone special. Seeking non-smoking, employed SWM, 27-34, 5'10", for LTR. No games. **23241**

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Attractive SWFF, 30, social drinker, who enjoys golf, sports, boating, travel. Seeking similar SWM, 28-35, for LTR. **23372**

VERSATILE
SWF, 41, seeks male, 30-40, interests, horses, motorcycles, music, art, dancing, swimming, canoeing, movies, taking, dining out, travel. **NS** **23308**

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Cute, fit, honest SWF, 30, 5'2", NW, rarely drinks, enjoys animals, sports, outdoors, humor, the zoo and romance. Seeking similar qualities in a SWM, 28-40, for LTR. No present/future kids. **23282**

FIRST TIME AD
Very attractive, spiritual, shapely, precocious professional, 43, 5'4", with positive outlook, good values, loves life. Seeking well-rounded man for friendship. No games, please. **23242**

OUTDOOR ENTHUSIAST
SWFF, 36, seeks SWM, 30-45, NS. Do you enjoy backpacking, hiking, outdoors, exotic food, plays and traveling? If so, I'd like to meet you! **23130**

LOOKING FOR A HERO
SWF, 28, 5'8", 160lbs, NS, seeks SWM, 28-36, who enjoys outdoor activities, travel, quiet evenings, home, for serious relationship. No games. **23266**

LOOKING FOR A SOULMATE
Financially secure, college-educated SWF, 28, 5'2", blonde/blue, enjoys music, movies, skiing, rollerblading, the outdoors, cuddling. Seeking soulmate, 27-33, with similar interests, for future relationship. **23210**

TRUST ME, I'M WONDERFUL
Impossible to describe on paper, but trust me, I'm wonderful! Blue-eyed SWF, 34, with great smile, seeks sexy, intelligent man, 24-42, to fall in love with. **23216**

BEAUTIFUL WIDOWOWER
Dazzling, blue-eyed brunette, 34, 5'4", 108lbs, with party personality, professional career. Seeking rugged, fun-loving, successful man with great looks, successful career, strong character, and irresistible charm. **23217**

A HEAD TURNER
Used to model - o get through college, now I'm a lawyer! Attractive, outgoing, romantic female, 29, in shape, seeks pleasant, cultured, attractive man. **23190**

WORTH THE CALL
Attractive SWF, late 40s, 5'2", blonde, who enjoys dancing, boating, skiing, travel. Seeking witty, financially secure S/DW, late 30s to 40s. For dating. **23289**

HELLO, FRIEND
I'm pretty, slender, tall, very intelligent, refined, fun SWF, 28, theater, seeking intelligent, tall, articulate, clean, confident gentleman, 28-35, who wants someone for company, dinner dates, and with good conversation. **23210**

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NS, yes that's me, looking for the same. SF, 28, 120lbs, blonde/blue, must be in good shape, must love me. Talk to me soon. **23228**

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Mercy to challenge for state title; Farmington's solid

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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 1990 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 in just about any other team last year but were still good enough in their own right — both had 48-

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 Rockham 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 Cahill shot 50 and Jessica Magnatta 51.

Following another dual match today with Harper Woods Regina, 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 Sibron didn't play last year but is back with the team.

Farmington has a lot of new players in seniors Katie Mays and Courtney Blackford, junior Tara Tandon, sophomores Sarah Laird, Lisa Palafian, Karolyn Knutson and Jaclyn Silver and freshmen Jennifer Barrick, Kelly Raymond, Emily Showalter and Jennifer Livingston.

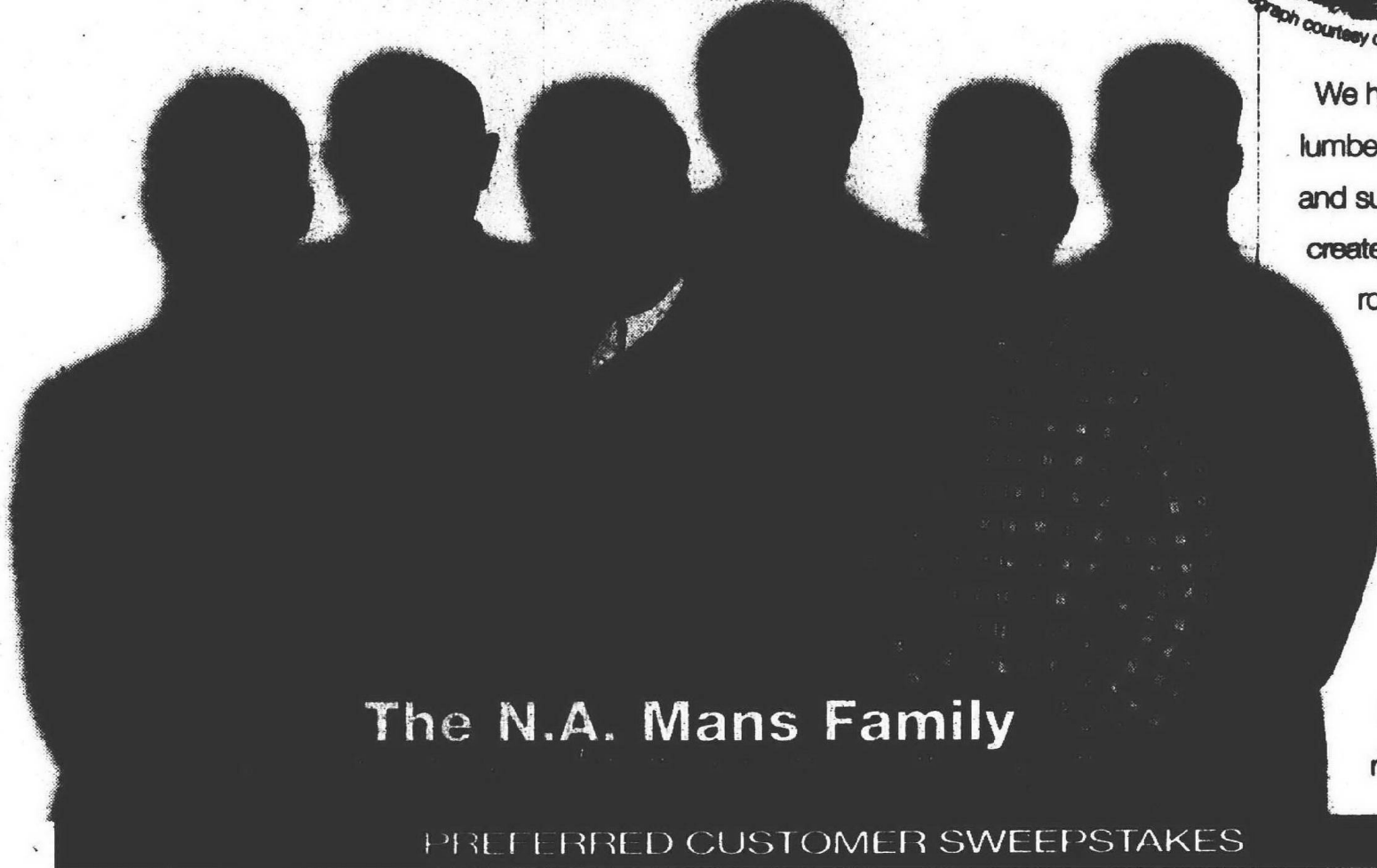
"We hope to duplicate what we did last year," Sopha said. "They're a very confident team compared to the year before (when the program was new)."

"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."

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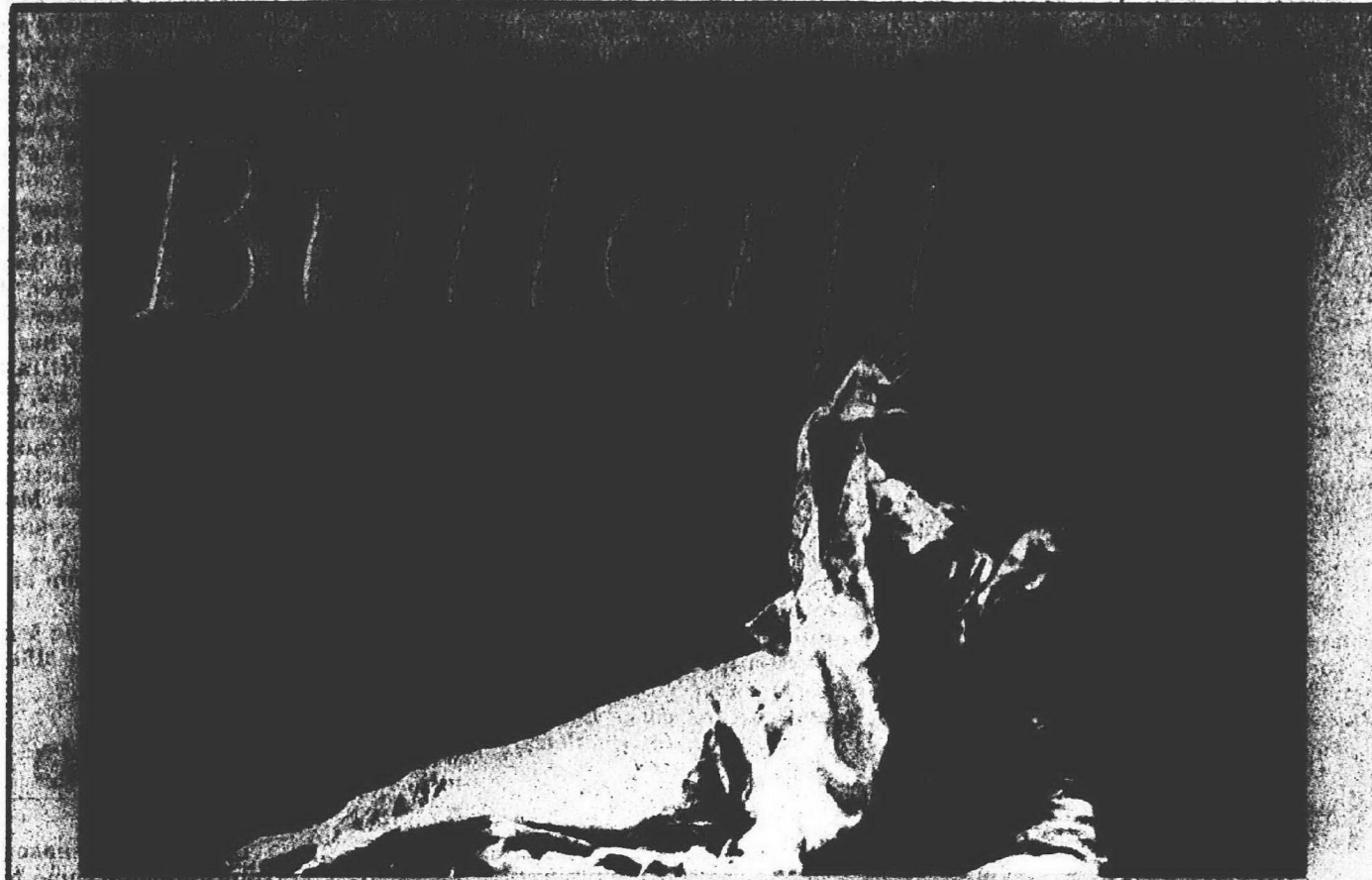


Kathleen Madigan brings laughter to Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Performances 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Tickets \$15, call (248) 542-9900.

SUNDAY



Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., Northville, presents the musical version of 'Velveteen Rabbit' at 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$7, call (248) 349-8110.



The 20th-century tragedy *Madame Butterfly* commits suicide after being deceived by an American Navy lieutenant.

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 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 Nancy 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.

Michigan Opera Theatre honors tradition in tragic love story

BY LINDA ANN CHOMEN
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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 1983. 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.

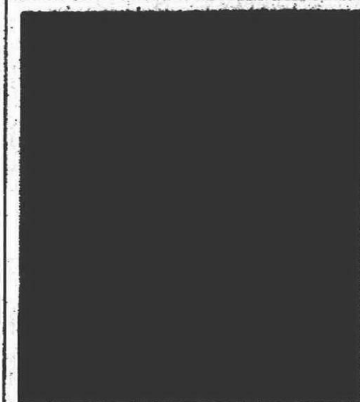
"A director is not a composer," said Corradi. "With the fad in Europe there's haughtiness on the part of the director who thinks it needs updating."

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 suicides. 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

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 headings 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 International
WHEN: Friday-Sunday, April 16-18. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday.
WHERE: Music Hall for the Performing Arts, 300 Madison Ave., Detroit.
TICKETS: \$31.50-\$41.50; (313) 963-2300 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.

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 DOERR
SPECIAL WRITER

Showing a bit of mettle themselves because they're operating without a permanent perfor-

mance 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 Truvy'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, Annelle, style more than hair at Truvy's salon. In four "snapshot" 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 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'Lynn, 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 Annelle. The holy roller Annelle could have been an offensive part, but Ligotti-Hitch's interpretation is sincere not judgmental.

As the eccentric millionaire Clairee, 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 relation-

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-climactic. And the prop crew used tall tumblers instead of small juice glasses for a conspicuous inch of orange juice.

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"Play by Play" features 21 new plays written by local and regional authors, noon to midnight Saturday, April 17, at the Millenium Center, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield. \$20 all-day admission, \$8 hourly-hour ticket. (248) 988-1064, ext. 1

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"The Dining Room," April 23-24, April 30-May 1, and 7-8, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at the Uptown Theater, 21736 Grand River east of Lakota, Detroit. \$10. (313) 887-7716/(313) 532-4010



Art Fair: Kathy Phillips of West Bloomfield is one of the 325 nationally renowned artists exhibiting and selling works at the fifth annual Sugarloaf Art Fair 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Sunday, April 16-18 at the Novi Expo Center. Three craftspeople will give demonstrations in iron forging, paper making and jewelry making. Admission is \$6, children under 12 are admitted free. For more information, call (800) 210-9900 or (248) 348-5600. To get to the Novi Expo Center, take I-96 to Exit 162, travel south on Novi Road and turn right at Expo Center Drive. The Novi Expo Center is one block farther on the right. Visit the Web site www.sugarloaforcrafts.com

SHAKESPEARIENCE
A workshop production of "The Tempest," through May 2, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sundays, special celebration April 23-24 in honor of Shakespeare's birthday, at Planet Art, 2357 Caniff, east of I-75, Hamtramck. \$10, suggested donation. (313) 365-4948

TROY PLAYERS
"Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at Hamilton Elementary School, 5625 Northfield Parkway, Troy. \$10. (248) 879-1285

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM
Lecture discussion of "Long Day's Journey into Night" by Oakland University professor Bruce Mann 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham. (248) 647-1700; "Long Day's Journey as Living Art," excerpts from O'Neill's play and discussion 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 642-5800. Events precede Players production of play to run May 14-29. (248) 644-2075

ANN ARBOR YOUNG ACTORS GUILD
"The Odyssey," 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

MARQUEE THEATRE
"Velveten Rabbit," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through April 25, and 2:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 8-9, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$7. (248) 349-8110

MASONIC TEMPLE
Scholarship's Magic School Bus Live, "A Bright Idea," an all new original musical production based on the award-winning Fox-TV series and the best-selling book, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the theater, Detroit. \$21.50, \$17.50, \$13.50, benefits Crohn's and Colitis research. (248) 645-6666/(313) 871-1132 group sales

NOVI THEATRES
"The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and His Friends," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile. \$8, \$7 advance. (248) 347-0400

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS
"Jack and the Beanstalk," runs Saturdays-Sundays to May 23, 1 p.m. Saturdays (lunch at noon) and 2 p.m. Sundays (lunch at 1 p.m.), at the Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougall across from Harbortown, Detroit. \$7.80, includes lunch and show. (810) 662-8118

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS
"The Fabulous Fable Factory," a musical play featuring six of Aesop's best fables woven together, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. \$5, (734) 416-4278

SPECIAL EVENTS
DETROIT MUSIC MARCH
With performances by Deronilton Doll Rods, Telegator, White Mts. Miracles, Enemy Squad, Jeff Hill w/Various Belgraves, Young's Generation, an all-star blues jam led by Mark Palmer of Mudbugg, plus a dozen members of "The M.C.S. A True Testament," 7 p.m. Friday, April 23, State Theatre, 2211

Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10, \$15 and \$25. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheatre.com>

E'S RECORD AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 18, Elks Lodge, 520 W. 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak. \$3. All ages. (248) 546-4527

"MADE IN HOCKEYTOWN RALLY"
With a screening of the Detroit Red Wings game on Joesvision, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$7.50. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or <http://www.ticketmaster.com>

YPSILANTI CIVIL WAR MUSTER
Featuring more than 200 military reenactors participating in military encampment demonstrations, musket firing competitions and drills, a performance by Dodworth Saxhorn Band in Farmer's Market Place, Lincoln-Douglas Debates of 1858, and a bake sale, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 17, Historic Depot Town and the campus of Eastern Michigan University. (734) 483-4444 or <http://www.ypsilanti.org>

BENEFITS

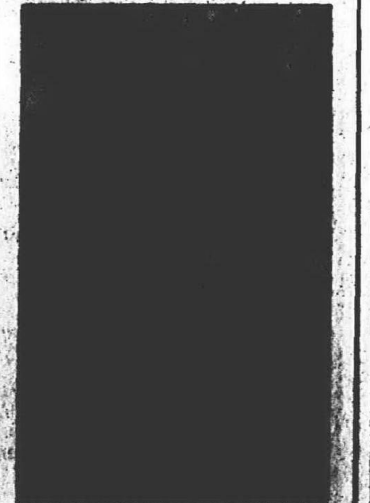
"AROUND THE WORLD"
Madonna University's silent and live auctions and dinner to benefit the school's scholarship fund and other projects, 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. \$75. (734) 432-5421

BOW WOW CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH
Noon to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at The Ritz-Carlton Dearborn, Fairlane Plaza, 300 Town Center Dr. \$150, to benefit the Michigan Humane Society. (248) 852-7420

CELTIC RHYTHMS

An evening of traditional Irish music with singers, dancers and instrumentalists, features Mary Callaghan Lynch, Caitlin Lynch and Pat Lynch, 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, at St. Hugo of the Hills

In concert: Michele Ramo and Heidi Hepler perform with Todd Curtis (trumpet) and Harold McKinney (piano) 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Serengeti Ballroom, 2957 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Call (313) 832-3010 or (248) 645-8666.



Church, Opdyke Road, south of Hickory Grove Road, Bloomfield Hills. Free but donations go to the Metro Detroit Ulster Project. (248) 644-5460

"COLLISION OF COOL"
A celebration of the next century of cutting-edge artists with food, music and art, 5 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, April 17, at Cranbrook Academy of Art, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. To benefit the graduate art programs. (248) 645-3333

NEW MORNING SCHOOL AUCTION
The "Western Extravaganza" includes live and silent auctions of jerseys autographed by Fedorov, Yzerman and Shanahan, trips to Vegas, Vail, Disney and Tahoe, whitewater rafting, NASCAR driving, diamonds, digital camera, Red Wings tickets and more, 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 24, at Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. \$55, includes dinner; proceeds go to the k-8th grade parent cooperative school in Plymouth. (734) 420-3331

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY LEAGUE
Game and Card Party, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the Golden Fox at Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. \$25, includes luncheon and fashion show at noon. Proceeds to benefit Plymouth Symphony. (734) 451-5598

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS
Holds its annual auction 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Livernois and Crooks road, Troy. \$15, includes dinner. Proceeds benefit a theater scholarship and building fund. (248) 988-7049

FAMILY EVENTS

THE AMAZING CLARK
Noon and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Clark presents his own version of "Punch & Judy," at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River between Woodward and Farmer. \$8, \$6 children, \$8 workshop following performance. (313) 961-7777

JULIE AUSTIN
Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guest David Mosher, 1 p.m. Sunday, April 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION
An educational event featuring a variety of on-site activities for school-age children and their families to teach the importance of community recycling and create an awareness of conservation and environmental programs throughout the world, also a display of an electrically powered vehicle, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. Free with admission of \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students, \$4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

KIDS CONCERT
Mark Dvornik entertains with action songs and sing-alongs for children ages 4-10, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. \$3.25. (248) 424-9022

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL
Presented by Detroit Public Library and Wild Swan Theatre, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Main branch, 5201 Woodward Avenue. \$15 for 10 a.m. workshop, 2:30 p.m. "Tales of Tricks and Trouble" storytelling concert by Wild Swan Theatre is free. (313) 833-4042

6-8 P.M. PERSUASION ENSEMBLE
8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Road, south of M-14, west of Sheldon. \$8, \$7 students/seniors, \$20 families. (248) 380-5940

CLASSICAL
BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Orchestra and pops conductor Charles Greenwell performs a concert of "Cowboy" music, also guest violinist Adrienne Jacobs, the BBSO's Young Artist Competition winner, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, in the Sanctuary at Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$20, \$15 students. (248) 645-2276

CONCERTO CONCERT
8 p.m. Friday, April 16, competition winners perform with Eastern Michigan University Symphony Orchestra, at Pease Auditorium, College Place at West Cross, Ypsilanti. Free. (734) 487-2255/(734) 487-4380

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With conductor Jerzy Semkow, juxtaposes the musical ideas of Schubert and his popular Symphony No. 8, the "Unfinished," with Bruckner's majestic Symphony No. 7, 10:45 a.m. Friday, April 16, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18; With violinist Kurt Nikkanen and conductor Semkow perform Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No. 2, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 22-23, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48 (box seats \$40-\$63). (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

FAIR LANE MUSIC GUILD
Presents concert with Jerusalem Trio, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, Henry Ford Estate - Fair Lane, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 493-5330

MOZARTEUM ORCHESTRA OF SALZBURG
Featuring Hubert Soudant, conductor, Till Fellner, piano, Katharine Goeldner, mezzo-soprano, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$16, \$26, \$35 and \$45. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>; Camerata Dinner in the alumni center precedes performance. \$25. (734) 647-8009

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"Read Finale: A Family Affair" features retiring conductor Russell Reed's sons David (violin) and Robert (cello) on a program of Shostakovich, Brahms and Respighi, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17 (7 p.m. On Stage chat with Reed), at Plymouth Salem High School auditorium, 46181 Joy Road at Canton Center Road, Canton. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students, free for students k-12, afterward at Ginopolis Parthenon complimentary to ticket holders. (734) 451-2112

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY
"A Night to Remember," a film re-enactment of the sinking of Titanic, stars David MacCallum, Kenneth More and Honor Blackman, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 17, organ overture begins 30 minutes earlier with John Lauter, at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

POP/SWING
BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE CABARET
Ann Arbor's Kerrytown Mesdames Deanna Reylee and Julia Buxholm sing songs from and about Paris, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$18, \$15 seniors, \$12 students. (248) 788-9338/(248) 288-2953

JIM PARANANTES
With Meridian, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through April, at Andiamo Italia West, 6876 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA
9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

DOC SEVERINSEN AND HIS BIG BAND
8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$48 (\$80 box seats). (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

THE SWING SYNDICATE
9 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030 (swing)

PAUL VORNHAGEN QUARTET
Celebrates release of CD "Swing As You Are," with party and performance, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

AUDITIONS
BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND
Looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass, especially percussion players) of all ages, rehearsals are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Groves High School Birmingham. (248) 474-4997

SW PRODUCTIONS
Auditions for performers, dancers and singers ages 8 and up (males and females) for the semi-musical/comedy gospel drama theatrical stage play "When God Came Down from Heaven," experience necessary. (313) 868-2375

THE GAME SHOW NETWORK
auditions for acts, 4-6 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Variety acts must be three minutes or less and anyone younger

than age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Accompaniment for any musical act must be acoustic, on cassette tape or compact disc. One act from each city will be flown to Los Angeles to appear live on "Extreme Gong" and get a chance to win a \$10,000 prize package. (312) 214-4520, ext. 26

KINMAN'S KAVALLERS
Canada's premier competing drum and bugle corps is looking for young performers (ages 14-21) for the upcoming summer tour July-August. (416) 241-2988 or <http://www.kavallers.com>

STAGECRAFTERS 2ND STAGE
Auditions for Anne Meara's "After-Play" 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, April 19-20 (8:30 p.m. registration), at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances June 18-20, 24-27. (248) 541-4832

CHORAL
ANONYMOUS 4 AND LIONHEART
Two a cappella ensembles perform 8 p.m. Sunday, April 18, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 2250 Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor. \$25. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

THE ARBOR CONSORT
Presents a concert of 19th and 20th century choral music including spirituals, hymns and folk songs from around the world, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at University Lutheran Chapel, 1511 Washtenaw Ave., near South University, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$7 seniors and students. (734) 665-7823

COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION OF TROY
Presents "White Cliffs of Dover," songs of World War II and starring Linnie Nelson 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at Troy High School, 4777 Northfield Parkway, Troy. (810) 979-8408/(248) 435-5307

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY CHOIRS
8 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at Pease Auditorium, College Place at West Cross, Ypsilanti. Free. (734) 487-2255/(734) 487-4380

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
The 125-voice chorus celebrates its 25th anniversary with a concert of patriotic, sacred and rock songs, love ballads, and Broadway and movie tunes, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24 and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25 at Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. \$8. (734) 455-4080

U-M MEN'S GLEE CLUB
139th annual spring concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$12 main floor, \$10 first balcony, \$7 second balcony, \$5 for students in second balcony. (734) 764-1448

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
Community Chorus performs "A German Requiem" by Johannes Brahms 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Varner Recital Hall on campus. Tickets \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students, call (248) 370-3013 or (248) 645-6666.

JAZZ
B'JAZZ VESPERS
Featuring Kimmie Home Quartet, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willets St., Birmingham. Free. (248) 644-0550

GIACOMO GATES
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$10. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

GERRY HENNINGWAY QUARTET
8 p.m. Friday, April 16, free 3:30 p.m. workshop by U-M jazz professor Ed Serratt precedes concert, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 789-2999 or kch@ic.net

HENRI HEPNER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD CURTIS
With Harold McKinney (piano) 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Serengeti Ballroom, 2957 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 at the door, (313) 832-3010; 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays in April, at La Bistecca Italian Grill, 39405 Plymouth Road, between Newburgh and Haggerty; 8:11 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, at the No.Vi Chophouse and Lobster Bar in the Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 305-5210; 8-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Northern Lakes Seafood Company inside the Kingsley Inn, 1475 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 464-7000; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-7333

KIMMIE MORNE
Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, at D.L. Herrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-0550

JAZZHEAD
With Jazodity, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355; Jazzhead Friday, April 23 at Copper Canyon Brewery, 275 22 Northwestern, Southfield. (248) 223-1700

SHERLA LANDIS
As part of "Music and Metaphor" with music students in grades 9-12 from Pontiac Central High School. 12:15-1:15 p.m. Friday, April 16, Creative Arts Center, 47 Williams, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849; With her trio, 7-10 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Tres Vie in the Fox Theatre building, 2203 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 471-3500

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With vocalist Barbara Ware, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner order. (248) 474-4800

SHANIDA MURULAN
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 23, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St.,

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Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road, at
Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248)
865-9300
GARY SCHUNK
8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday, April 22,
at Edison's, 220 Merrill St.,
Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150
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CHUCK SHERMATELO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April
16, at Edison's 220 Merrill St.,
Birmingham. (248) 645-2150 (trumpet/
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LOUIS SMITH
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 15,
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**SMITHSONIAN JAZZ MASTERWORKS
ORCHESTRA**
"Duke Ellington: A Centennial Tribute,"
7 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Macomb
Center for the Performing Arts, 44575
Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$32,
\$29, \$27 students/seniors. (810) 286-
2222/(800) 585-3737
MIKE STERN
With Dennis Chambers, 8 p.m.
Thursday, April 15, Magic Bag, 22920
Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$12 in
advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030
or <http://www.themagicbag.com>
GORDON STONE THO
8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, The Ark, 316
S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge.
All ages. (734) 761-1451 or
<http://www.a2ark.org>
URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Koltun, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.
Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward
Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older.
(248) 594-7300

NEW AGE

"MONSTERS OF GRACE"
A new opera in 3-D with music by Philip
Glass, design and visual concept by
Robert Wilson, and performed by the
Philip Glass Ensemble, 8 p.m. Thursday,
April 22, Michigan Theatre, 603 E.
Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$20, \$24, \$30
and \$32. (734) 764-2538 or
<http://www.ums.org>

WORLD MUSIC

THE ARTICLES
7 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Gameworks
Inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316
Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21
and older. (248) 543-6911 (Jamaican
Jazz)
DISTASTIONS
9 p.m. Thursday, April 22, Dick
O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road,
Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248)
642-1135 (Irish)
MINORITY
10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April
16-17, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280
Union Lake Road, Commerce Township.
Free. 21 and older. (248) 360-7450
(reggae)
LATIN BALL WITH CUBANISMO!
Featuring Jesus Alemany, 8 p.m. Friday,
April 16, Eastern Michigan Convocation
Center, 799 Hewitt, Ypsilanti. \$30
dance pass, \$20 general admission
seating. (734) 764-2538 or
<http://www.ums.org>
LATIN PLAYBOYS
Featuring David Hidalgo and Louis Perez
of Los Lobos, and producers Mitchell
Froom and Tchad Blake, with Lisa
Germano, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 22,
The Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave.,
Detroit. \$15 in advance. 18 and older.
(313) 833-9700 or
<http://www.99music.com> (eclectic)
DOUGIE MACLEAN
8 p.m. Saturday, April 17, The Ark, 316
S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge.
All ages. (734) 761-1451 or
<http://www.a2ark.org> (Scottish)
WAKA JAWAKA
With The Ludettes, 10 p.m. Saturday,
April 17, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St.,
Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older.
(248) 334-9292 (world beat/folk)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

JAN KRIST
With Brooks Williams and Ric
Hardinski, 7 p.m. Friday, April 16,
Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six
Mile Road, Livonia. \$15, \$13 for the
elder members. (734) 464-6302; 9 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, Jimmy's,
123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101
CHRISTINE LAVIN
8 p.m. Friday, April 23, The Ark, 316 S.
Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All
ages. (734) 761-1451 or
<http://www.a2ark.org>
GORDON LIGHTFOOT
8 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Fox Theatre,
2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$34.50
and \$28.50. (248) 433-1515
JOHN MCCUTCHEON
8 p.m. Saturday, April 16, The Ark, 316 S.
Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All
ages. (734) 761-1451 or
<http://www.a2ark.org>
KATE AND ANNA MCGARRIGLE
8 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, The Ark, 316
S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge.
All ages. (734) 761-1451 or
<http://www.a2ark.org>
BILL MILLER
8 p.m. Thursday, April 22, The Ark, 316
S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge.
All ages. (734) 761-1451 or
<http://www.a2ark.org>
JIM PERKINS
8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Jimmy's, 123

Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free.
21 and older. (313) 886-8101
WIND TYME OUT
8 p.m. Friday, April 23, Oakland
Community College, 739 S. Washington
St., Royal Oak. Tickets at the box
office. (248) 544-4900
JAY UNGAR AND MOLLY MASON
7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, The Ark,
316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover
charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or
<http://www.a2ark.org>

POETRY

OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT
8 p.m. Thursdays in April, at Borders
Books, Music, Video and Cafe, 1122 S.
Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. All
poets must sign up in advance. (248)
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LATINO POETS COFFEEHOUSE SERIES
Features poets Ann Holdrieth and
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Grand Boulevard. (313) 297-9381
PLYMOUTH POETS
"Student Writers Night" featuring Peter
Marcus and an open mic for high school
and college poets, 7:30 p.m. Thursday,
April 15, Coffee Bean Company, 844
Pennington St., Plymouth. (734) 459-
7319
"POETRY IN MOTION"
Poetry contest 6 p.m. Sunday, April 18,
first 15 poets only, entry fee \$5, at the
Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River Ave.,
near Farmington Road, Farmington.
Free. (248) 615-9181
THE SPOKEN WORD
Featuring Farmington Hills poet Lynn
Meredith Cohn reads from her book
which carries the reader from Virginia
to Ireland and back to Gettysburg via
Tel Aviv, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 21,
at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth,
behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$2.
(313) 831-1250
**RICHARD TILLINGHAST/POIGNANT
PLECOSTOMUS**
Performs 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15,
University of Michigan's Michigan
League, Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All
ages. (734) 763-4652; 7-9 p.m. Friday,
April 16, Borders Books and Music,
43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi. Free.
All ages. (248) 347-0780; 4-6 p.m.
Sunday, April 18, Borders Books and
Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road,
Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248)
737-0110; 8-10 p.m. Friday, April 23,
Borders Books and Music, 45290 Utica
Park Boulevard, Utica. Free. All ages.
(810) 726-8555
THE WRITER'S VOICE
With New York City performance poet
Jayne Cortez, Los Angeles poet
Mifanwy Kaiser and Detroit's Semaj, 7
p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at the Main
Branch of the Detroit Public Library,
5201 Woodward Ave., across from the
Detroit Institute of Arts. Free. (313)
833-1470/(313) 267-5300, ext. 338

DANCE

"AFTERNOON IN BAVARIA"
Bavarian dances and music performed
in authentic dress, 2 p.m. Sunday, April
18, at Carpathia Hall, 38000 Utica
Road, Sterling Hgts. \$8. (810) 786-
9058
DANCE ENSEMBLE WEST
"Dance Collection 1999" concert, an
annual presentation of ballet and modern
dance works, 3 p.m. Saturday, April
24, at the Plymouth Canton High
School Little Theater, 8415 N. Canton
Center Road, south of Joy Road,
Canton. \$9. (734) 420-4430
EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
World premiere of choreography by
Colin Conner and Laurie Eisenhower, 8
p.m. Friday, April 23, at the Macomb
Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton
Twp. \$22, \$18. (810) 286-2222
TANGO CLASSES
8 p.m. Fridays (beginning), at the Troy
Dance Studio, 4963 Rochester Road, at
Long Lake Road (\$5-\$10). (248) 689-
3393; 8 p.m. Saturdays at Dance
Avenue, 1860 N. Telegraph, southeast
of Ford Road, Dearborn (\$5-\$7). (313)
565-3329; also advanced Tango
Sundays in Troy.

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Basile and J.R. Remick, 8 p.m.
Thursday, April 15 (\$8), 8 p.m. and
10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17
(\$15), special Greek show, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 17; Kirk "Fabioman"
Noland and David Scott, 8 p.m.
Thursday, April 22 (\$5), and 8 p.m. and
10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24
(\$12), at the club above Kicker's at
American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road,
Livonia. Third Level Improv and new talent
nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734)
261-0555
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Chris Titus, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, April 16-17 (\$12),
\$24.95 dinner show package), and 7
p.m. Sunday, April 18 (\$10, \$22.95 din-
ner show package); 5070 Schaefer
Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885
MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Kathleen Madigan and Chris Zito,
Thursday, April 15 (\$10), Friday-
Saturday, April 16-17 (\$15), and
Sunday, April 18 (\$10); Otto and
George with Tim Clue, Wednesday, April
21 (\$15); and Mark Cordes and
Michael Jr. Thursday-Sunday, April 22-
25, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St.,
Royal Oak. 8:20 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5),
8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6),
8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-
Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m.
Sundays (\$8). Prices subject to change

and may be higher for special engage-
ments. (248) 542-9900 or
<http://www.comedycastle.com>
SECOND CITY
"Impassioned and Cream," through
May, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave.,
Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays,
and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-
Saturdays. \$10 Wednesdays,
Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays,
and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-
2222
SINBAD
8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Fox Theatre,
2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50
and \$35. All ages. (248) 433-1515

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Wiggle Giggle Studio of activity for
ages 5-10, 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 17 (\$5, advance regis-
tration required), (313) 833-1262;
5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby),
Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5
p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday. Free admission
Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50
seniors and children aged 12-18, free
for children ages 11 and younger
Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or
<http://www.detroithistorical.org>
PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Antique Appraisal Clinic with Ernest
DuMouchelle, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 20, limit of up to five
hand-held items, or a photo with mea-
surements and details for larger items,
at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth.
\$6 per item for oral appraisal, \$10 for
written appraisal, proceeds benefit the
museum and its programs. (734) 455-
8940 to reserve an appointment time.

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS
9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Ford Road Bar
and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland.
Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 9
p.m. Saturday, April 17, Lower Town
Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth.
Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-
1213 (blues)
**JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES
INSURGENTS**
9 p.m. Thursdays in April at Music
Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's
Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older.
(313) 964-6368 (blues)
BUGS BEDDOW BAND
9 p.m. Friday, April 23, Boulders, 1020
W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21
and older. (734) 459-4190 (blues)
BENT
With Y.O.U., 9 p.m. Friday, April 16,
Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac.
Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-
9292 (rock)
"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"
With Mirror Image, Son of Adam, Voda
and Age Old Profession, 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 20, Blind Pig, 206-208 S.
First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older.
(734) 996-8555 (variety)
BLUE ROSE
9 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Ford Road
Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road,
Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734)
467-5056 (blues)
BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS
9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Lower Town
Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth.
Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-
1213; 9 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Fox
and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave.,
Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248)
644-4800 (blues)
BONNE TEMPS ROULE
5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April
16-17, 5 Hole in The Second City, 2211
Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free before 10
p.m. 21 and older. (313) 471-3300
(R&B)
THE BOUNCING SOULS
With Antiflag and Les Stitches, 6 p.m.
Friday, April 16, St. Andrew's Hall, 431
E. Congress, Detroit. \$8. All ages.
(313) 961-MELT or
<http://www.961melt.com> (punk)
BROKEN HALO
With Out of Reach, 9 p.m. Saturday,
April 17, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor
Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older.
(734) 459-4190 (rock)
THE BURROS
9 p.m. Friday, April 23, CK Diggins, 2010
Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21
and older. (248) 853-6600 (roots rock)
GRETCHEN BUSH ENSEMBLE
With Jarimelo, 9 p.m. Thursday, April
22, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit.
\$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355
(indie rock)
BUSTER BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Friday, March 16, Music Menu,
511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown.
Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-
6368 (blues)
BUSTER W. JE
9 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Jimmy's, 123
Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free.
All ages. (313) 886-8101 (R&B)
SCOTT CAMPBELL GROUP
9 p.m. Sunday, April 18, Cadieux Cafe,
4300 Cadieux, Detroit. Free. 21 and
older. (313) 882-8560 (rock)
BLAKE CHEN
With Tim Prosser, 8:30 p.m. Friday,
April 23, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse,
1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Suggested
donation, \$7. \$5 students ages 13 and
older. \$3 for kids. All ages. (734) 327-
2041 (singer/songwriter)
THE CIVILIANS
10 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Lili's, 2930
Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older.
(313) 875-6555 or
<http://www.lilis21.com> (rock)
THE CREATURES
7 p.m. Saturday, April 17, St. Andrew's
Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$17 in

advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or
<http://www.961melt.com> (alternative
rock)
EASY ACTION
With The Slumber Party and Wolf Eyes,
9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Alvin's, 5756
Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older.
(313) 832-2355 (rock)
EDITH FROST
With Danielson Family, 9 p.m. Monday,
April 19, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave.,
Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older.
(313) 833-6873 or
<http://golddollar.com> (punk)
ELECTRIC BOOGALOO
9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Karl's
Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road,
Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734)
455-8450 (funk)
ELIZA
8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, Oxford Inn
Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave.,
Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-
5856 (pop)
ENNET SWIMMING
9 p.m. Friday, April 16, The Alley behind
Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St.,
Rochester. Cover charge. 21 and older.
(248) 652-8441 (alternative rock)
THE EX-HUSBANDS
6:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, Van Gogh's
Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard
Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All
ages. (248) 324-0400 (rock)
FACE
With Kingsnakes, 9 p.m. Friday, April
23, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit.
\$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355
(rock/blues)
500 FEET OF PIPE
With Atomic Numbers and Fl. Oz., 9
p.m. Friday, April 23, Gold Dollar, 3129
Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21
and older. (313) 833-6873 or
<http://golddollar.com> (pop/rock)
FLETCHER PRATT
With The Neptunes and Dean Fertita, 8
p.m. Friday, April 16, Magic Bag,
22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5.
18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or
<http://www.themagicbag.com>
(pop/rock)
GAM
With Clone Defects, 9 p.m. Thursday,
April 15, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave.,
Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older.
(313) 833-6873 or
<http://golddollar.com> (punk)
GOMEZ
With Mojave 3, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 18,
St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress,
Detroit. \$8.50 in advance. All ages.
(313) 961-MELT or
<http://www.961melt.com> (blues/rock)
GORDON BENNETT
10 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, Memphis
Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak.
Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4030
(rock)
GRR
10 p.m. Friday, April 16, Hamlin Pub,
1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester.
Free. 21 and older. (248) 656-7700;
8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, Oxford
Inn, 43317 Grand River Ave., Novi.
Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856; 6
p.m. Friday, April 23, Gameworks inside
Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin
Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older.
(248) 745-9675; 10 p.m. Friday-
Saturday, April 23-24, Mr. B's
Roadhouse, 6761 Dixie Highway,
Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (9248)
625-4600 (rock)
HARRINGTON BROTHERS
8 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, Fox and
Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave.,
Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248)
644-4800 (blues)
AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS
9 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Arbor
Brewing Co., 116 E. Washington St.,
Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734)
213-1393; 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 16,
Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522
Northwestern Highway, Southfield.
Free. 21 and older. (248) 223-1700
(blues)
THE HOPE ORCHESTRA
8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Borders Books
and Music, 17141 Kercheval, Grosse
Pointe. Free. All ages. (313) 885-1188
(alternative rock)
HOWLING DIABLOS
8 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Magic Bag,
22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7.
18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or
<http://www.themagicbag.com>
(funk/rock)
LISA HUNTER
8 p.m. Friday, April 23, Coffee Beanery,
307 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. All
ages. (248) 650-3344 or
<http://www.lb.com/onemanclapping/lisa.htm> (acoustic rock)
J-TRAIN
10 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Mount
Chalet, 4715 N. Woodward Ave., Royal
Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-
2929 (R&B)
JILL JACK
10:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, Rochester
Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St.,
Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248)
650-5060 (rock)
J.D. AND THE BBS
9 p.m. Friday, April 23, Griff's Grill, 49
N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge.
21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)
BILL KAHLER
10 p.m. to midnight Thursdays in April,
Fire Academy Brewery and Grill, 6677
N. Wayne Road, Westland. Free. 21 and
older. (734) 595-1988 (singer/comedian)
MIKE KEHOE
5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, April 23, 5 Hole
in The Second City, 2211 Woodward
Ave., Detroit. Free before 10 p.m. 21
and older. (313) 471-3300 (rock)
MIKE KING BAND
9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, Rochester
Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St.,
Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248)
650-5060 (rock)

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND
9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Fox and Hounds,
1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills.
Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)
ADRIAN LEBB
8 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, Magic Bag,
22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15.
18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or
<http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)
**STONE MAZAAR AND THE
WESTSIDERS**
8 p.m. Friday, April 23, Fox and Hounds,
1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills.
Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)
MARILYN MANSON
With Nashville Pussy, 7 p.m. Thursday,
April 15, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2
Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. Hole,
Imperial Teen and Monster Magnet are
off the bill. \$35 reserved and general
admission floor. All ages. (248) 377-
0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>
(rock)
MASCHINA
With Tubring, 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 16,
Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann
Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-
8565 (experimental rock)
**STONE MAZAAR AND THE
WESTSIDERS**
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, Fox
and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave.,
Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248)
644-4800 (blues)
LARRY MCCRAY
With Carl Weatherly, 8 p.m. Friday,
April 23, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward
Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and
older. (248) 544-3030 or
<http://www.themagicbag.com> (blues)
MOUNT MCKINLEYS
With Revelators, 9 p.m. Saturday, April
17, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave.,
Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older.
(313) 833-6873 or
<http://golddollar.com> (punk)
MERCURY REV
With Jason Falkner, 8 p.m. Friday, April
16, Mill Street Entry below Clutch
Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$8.50 in
advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or
<http://www.961melt.com> (ethereal
pop)
MOON DOG MAME
Featuring former Tesla guitarist Frank
Hannon, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 15, St.
Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress,
Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (313)
961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>
(rock)
MUDPUFFY
9 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Boathouse
Billiards, 770 N. Lapeer Road, Orion
Township. (248) 693-4100; 9 p.m.
Thursday, April 22, The Velvet Lounge,
29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover
charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-7411
(blues)
MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY
9 p.m. Friday, April 23, Ford Road Bar
and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland.
Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609
(blues)
JULIE NAGER
With Sara Bursac, 8:30 p.m. Friday,
April 16, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse in
Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill St.,
Ann Arbor. Suggested donation, \$7. \$5
students ages 13 and older. \$3 kids.
(734) 327-2041 (pop)
NAILING BETTY
10 p.m. Friday, April 16, Lili's, 2930
Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older.
(313) 875-6555 or
<http://www.lilis21.com> (rock)
NIGHT BEAT
9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Boulders, 1020
W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21
and older. (734) 459-4190 (dance rock)
98 DEGREES
With B*Witched and Jessica Simpson,
6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, State
Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit.
Sold out. All ages. (313) 961-5451
(boy band/pop)

MIKE NOLAN
With Cloud Car and Platypus, 9 p.m.
Thursday, April 15, Alvin's, 5756 Cass
Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313)
832-2355 (pop)
PAM AND SCOTT
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April
16-17, Fire Academy Brewery and Grill,
6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Free.
21 and older. (734) 595-1988 (easy lis-
tening)
PANGEA
9 p.m. Sunday, April 18, Dick O'Dow's,
160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free.
21 and older. (248) 642-1135
(rock/groove)
PINE CONE JELLY
9 p.m. Thursdays, April 15, and April
22, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road,
Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734)
459-4190 (top 40)
REAL MCKENZIES
With Silencers, 9 p.m. Thursday, April
22, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave.,
Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older.
(313) 833-6873 or
<http://golddollar.com> (rock/surf)
REEFERMAN
10:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17,
Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water
St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older.
(248) 650-5060 (rock)
ROOSTER
9 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, The Alley
behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S.
Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older.
(248) 652-8441 (rock)
ROXANNE
6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17,
Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909
Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.
Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (alter-
native rock)
NERLE SAUNDERS
With One Step Beyond, 8 p.m. Sunday,
April 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward
Ave., Ferndale. \$15 in advance. 18 and

older. (248) 544-3030 or
<http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)
SAX APPEAL
8 p.m. Thursday, April 22, Fox and
Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave.,
Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248)
644-4800 (pop)
KRISTIN SAUER
10 p.m. Friday, April 16, The Cavern
Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover
charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-900;
10 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Woody's,
208 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21
and older. (248) 543-9911 (R&B/rock)
THE BLAZE SHIMMAN FURY
With Uvula and Cleveland Spiders, 9
p.m. Friday, April 16, Gold Dollar, 3

'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 Laddy) 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 Couslon (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.

'The Matrix' is entertaining summer movie appetizer

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The ads ask "What is the Matrix?" The answer is the first hit movie of 1999, a springtime appetizer before George Lucas' new "Star Wars" arrives. Written and directed by Andy and Larry Wachowski, "The Matrix" is a visually interesting movie comic book with mythic pretenses that don't seriously intrude on the action. It's reasonably entertaining if you don't take it too seriously or become bogged down by logic, even its own squirrely internal logic. Like any good comic book, "The Matrix" has a super hero masquerading as an ordinary mortal. Keanu Reeves, a sometimes serious actor, plays mild mannered and slightly disheveled computer software engineer Thomas Anderson, who is also known as computer hacker Neo. It seems that Neo is vaguely aware that something is wrong with his life, other than his ratty apartment and weird underworld associates. Turns out that he's right. The world he thinks is real is just a computer illusion, a device created by a vast system of artificial intelligence to keep humans in line while they suck human energy (or something like that). And our hero Neo is the One, the Messiah, the whatever who can save mankind and free their minds. Laurence Fishburne, usually a serious actor, is Morpheus, the leader of an underground movement. He and his small cadre have broken free and inhabit the real world (a pretty dreary place). Also in the cadre is Trinity (Carrie Ann Moss), a woman who has also discovered the truth and is waiting to have her prophecy fulfilled. As you can see, with names like Neo, Morpheus and Trinity, we are getting pretty deep into symbolism. Not to worry. This movie is really about stunning stop motion photography, state-of-the-art computer graphics, karate, explosions and well choreographed gunplay. It's violent, but it's the kind of fast, mindless, non specific violence that we associate with comic books and Saturday matinees. The Wachowskis visual imagination is richer than their story telling skills. They've created a mock world within a mock world and both are convincing in their way. The story has been called confusing by some reviewers, but

if you pay attention you'll be able to follow it without too much trouble. That's not the same thing as saying it makes any rational sense, of course. Reeves and Fishburne bring some serious acting chops to their roles and probably had a good time. Reeves is quite good at swaggering in a long black coat. The real acting honors go to Australian actor Hugo Weaving as the top bad guy. The conceit here is that the bad guys all look like Secret Service agents, which is also a nod to "Men in Black." They wear dark glasses and radios in their ears. Weaving is a slick, no nonsense government agent. The visuals include some high flying, kick boxing fights between Reeves and Weaving, bullets that are visible in flight and some dramatic morphing. The Wachowskis also have a sense of humor and there are verbal and visual references to the Bible, Greek mythology, "Alice in Wonderland," "The Wizard of Oz," "Twenty-thousand Leagues Under the Sea" and other inspirations. So what is the Matrix? An entertaining and mindless escape, perfect for a rainy day. As an appetizer-it's pretty tasty.

Surf's up for guitarist Dick Dale

Surf City, here we come. The spring arts scene is rolling in like a tasty wave, so let's ride it with the king of the surf guitar, Dick Dale. Then, we'll discover the virtual galleries of local artists available when you surf the web. Dick's in town this week to perform at the Magic Stick in Detroit and on Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS. Dale's story is one of a kind. He's credited with creating the surf sound in the 1960s, and was featured in the beach movies with Frankie and Annette. When Leo Fender handed him his new Stratocaster, Dick played it upside down and backward, as an astonished Leo saw his right-handed baby playing left handed. The sound was outrageous and demonstrated the potential of the electric instrument and the guitarist. Forty years later, how relevant is Dick Dale to today's music? "Backstage Pass" checked in with Darrin O'Donnell, who, after a decade of playing lead guitar for Bad Dog and other less-than-legendary southeast Michigan bands, packed up his stratocaster in the early '90s and headed for Southern California. Ahhhh... a life complete with a low-paying job at a fabled music school and the roaring surf. Who better to comment on the Dick Dale phenomenon? "Dick Dale has been my mentor ever since Keith Richards died," he joked, noting that the Rolling Stone has never been more alive. How is he regarded in the cradle of the surf civilization? "Dick is undoubtedly a Southern California icon. You see him in television commercials and many musicians know him from his signature guitars. When his music was featured in that unforgettable scene in 'Pulp Fiction,' his popularity surged." We asked O'Donnell to define surf music. "If I had to label it, I'd describe it as pre-fuzz punk — a raw sound that was modified by the distortion of Jimi Hendrix. When I hear an alternative band like Green Day, I usually detect some aspect of surf music with a bit of technical tweaking." Any message for Dick Dale when he visits our studio? "When you see that guy, tell him he owes me money." Thanks for the laughs and the mock struggling-musician-speak, Surf's up.

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If it's vintage anything, singer Jason Falkner wants it

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 Galaxy just like Andy Griffith.

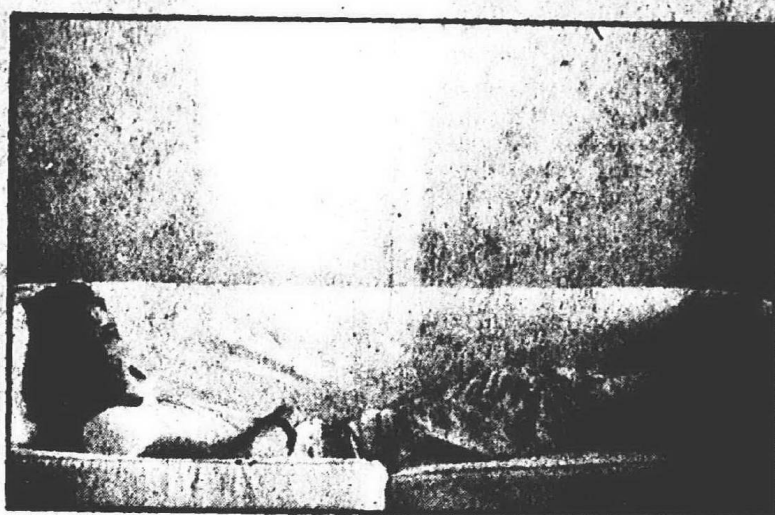
CHRISTINA FUOCO

"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 think I'm 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



Returning: Jason Falkner is returning to the Detroit area Friday, April 16, to perform songs off his new album, "Can You Still Feel?"

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

Lucky Day" couples hand-claps with space-age keyboards, while "Revelation" is soft and dreamy.

The first single is "Eloquence," a soaring pop song that has hit potential. In lieu of a video, Falkner has filmed a 30-second commercial for the song and the album.

Falkner sang and played all the instruments on "Can You Still Feel?" but he recruited Nigel Godrich, who was at the

helm of Radiohead's "OK, Computer," to produce and engineer.

"I wanted to bring in a co-producer really to have a springboard. I knew that he was a great engineer that was kind of the main reason I wanted him to work on this record. Then I wanted him to co-produce so he would have more invested in the project, mentally and emotionally, than just being an engineer."

The duo worked on the album in New Orleans, which was more inspirational than it was influential to Falkner.

"There's not a lot of blues on my record," he said with a laugh. "I'd say there's a lot of soul, but not so much cajun music. I just like the vibe down there. It's such a beautiful city. The colors, the city lets things deteriorate and bleach and let things look old and good and almost like Mediterranean or something."

"Where I live in L.A., everything gets a paint job every year. There's nothing historical standing out really. That's the nature of the city."

Jason Falkner opens for Mercury Rev on Friday, April 16, at the Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$8.50 in advance. Call (248) 333-2362 or visit www.961meit.com for more information.

American influences

Neil Halstead was at the core of the guitar-heavy, English shoegazer band Slowdive. But although the group was successful, Halstead had a secret passion for acoustic guitar-based music with strong songs.

"We just got bored really. Slowdive, well we did three records and we were in the band for six years. We just reached a point where we didn't think we'd be able to do anything that we hadn't already done within the confines of the band. It just kind of fell apart," Halstead explained.

As a result, he as well as ex-Slowdivers bassist/vocalist Rachel Goswell and drummer Ian McCutcheon and new recruit guitarist Simon Rowe formed Mojave 3 in 1996.

While Mojave 3's first album, "As Me Tomorrow," was basically demos, the band's latest release "Out of Time" was recorded on and off in Cornwall, England.

"We tended to have lots of breaks. We'd do a week of recording and then we wouldn't do anything for awhile. We never really planned to do it that way, it's just the way it worked out. It ended up being quite relaxing, which is kind of nice."

Mojave 3 reflects Halstead's taste in American music. "We like Wilco and Palace. I really like it out here."

Mojave 3 performs with Gomez on Sunday, April 18, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Doors open at 7 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$8.50 in advance. Call (313) 961-

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Foreign territory

Teen singer Jessica Simpson is making her Detroit debut this weekend. Although her album "Sweet Kisses" isn't due out on Columbia until June, one of her songs "Did You Ever Love Somebody" is featured on "Songs From Dawson's Creek," which hits stores April 20.

"It's so exciting. That's my favorite show. When I found out that I made it on the soundtrack, I started crying," Simpson said via her dad's cell phone.

She describes her music as a blend of pop and R&B or "like an earlier Mariah (Carey) thing. I really love to do big, big ballads like Whitney and Celine."

Simpson said it has been a challenge to perform in front of audiences who have never heard her music, but she's been successful thus far. She opens for B*Witched and 98 Degrees at the State Theatre on April 17. The show is sold out.

"It's kind of hard to get out there when they don't know who I am but once I get out there, I totally try to pump them up for 98 Degrees. I try to make myself look like I'm one of them. We have fun together."

Christina Fuoco is the pop music reporter for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. If you have a question or comment for her, you can leave her a message at (734) 953-2047, mailbox No. 2130.

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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 Weinersmobile 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 28.

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, La-shish restaurant hummous & 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 Breadsmit 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 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.

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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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