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City denies historic district plan

Plans to expand the city's historic district to include a three-block area in Old Village were denied by city commissioners Monday. Several people claimed it would be too restrictive. Input by the OVDA is being sought.

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Plymouth city commissioners Monday night voted against moving forward with plans to expand the historic district boundaries to include a section of Old Village.

After hearing pros and cons on the matter, the commission voted 3-1 to

end discussion, and turn the issue over to the Old Village Development Authority for possible future recommendations.

Voting against expanding the historic district were Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Koch, as well as commissioners Ron Loiselle and Dave McDonald. Commissioner Stella Greene voted in favor of the idea. Three other commissioners were absent from the meeting.

"It's only appropriate the OVDA be part of the process," said Koch. "I'm not willing to go forward with it until they look at it. And I'd be hard-pressed to go against the city administration's recommendation."

"I think this can be a benefit to have a sense of continuity in improving an area," said Greene. "It gives those who have some concerns about what's happening with adjacent properties some comfort level ... to have some input on how it might change."

The Plymouth Historic Commission recommended that a three-block area south of Main Street to Liberty, bounded by Starkweather and Mill streets,

be incorporated into the historic district. They also included some non-adjacent properties, such as Starkweather School and the former Markham Air Rifle Co.

City Manager David Rich felt expanding the historic district designation to areas of Old Village could have a negative impact on development.

"I feel it would put additional restraints on growth in Old Village," said Rich of the proposal. "When I look at Old Village, I look at Station 885 and the improvements made there. That adds a lot of economic vitality to

Please see **DISTRICT**, A16



Pastime: Greg Huddas, owner of Yer Father's Moustache in Plymouth and avid duck enthusiast, stands in front of one of his wood duck nesting boxes on Wilcox pond in Hines Park.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL RUSCHMANN

Building nesting boxes can be everything it's quacked up to be

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Greg Huddas of Plymouth doesn't consider himself a naturalist, he just likes the beauty of nature.

In fact, Huddas spends many mornings before work at Wilcox Lake, photographing his favorites, the wood ducks.

"Their color is just unbelievable," said Huddas. "It's hard to believe they're real, that's how pretty they are."

Huddas likes the birds so much, he's attempting to attract them to the lake by putting up nesting areas in the water, taking special care so the ducks can nest without being disturbed.

"They usually nest in the hollows of trees, but there are only so many hollows around here," Huddas pointed out while crossing Wilcox Road



Look at that: Greg Huddas snapped this photo of a wood duck on Wilcox Lake.

and trekking about a hundred feet down a hill, through the woods, toward the lake. "They like to hang along the shoreline, that's why I put the boxes away from people."

Earlier this week, Huddas was notified by a friend who fishes in the

lake there was a male wood duck sitting on top of one of the boxes.

Huddas got the Safari Club International Novi chapter to donate the 3-foot-by-1-foot boxes. Huddas attached the boxes to poles to keep them a few feet above the water level, and put sawdust inside to simulate the tree hollow.

"I've only seen one pair thus far this spring," added Huddas, standing along the shore of the lake. "It might be too late this year because a lot of the birds are already nesting."

"The boxes will give them a nice habitat, and could increase the chances of them hanging out in this area," said Huddas. "The females will nest and the males take off. The males will pick up the baby ducks in the fall and take them south."

Most mornings during the summer,

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Surveys mailed to 11,000 homes

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE
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Do you feel safe in Plymouth? How do you feel about a possible merger of the Plymouth communities? And what about the proposed overpass on Sheldon Road?

Residents will be given an opportunity to answer those questions and identify important issues in the Plymouths. A survey was mailed out this week to nearly 11,000 homes in the city and township.

It is the first project of the Plymouth Community Foundation. It will give residents of the two communities an opportunity to voice their opinions. It will be the first project of the foundation in which to start, as well.

"We tried, as much as we could, to include as many people and agencies that we could (in designing the survey)," said Bill Joyner, the foundation's founder.

The foundation met with 14 community groups, including the Plymouth Community Arts Council and Salvation Army. Representatives from the school district, library, Downtown Development Authority and city and township government were involved in the process.

The survey, a five-page questionnaire, will not only allow residents to voice their opinions about local issues but will also let them become affiliated with several community service groups in the area.

It asks questions by topic, including: Community, neighborhood and home, schools, community participation, current issues and a self-profile.

According to the survey's introductory letter, the foundation has four goals in performing the survey: "Assess the current level of community satisfaction, learn of strengths and weaknesses

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Paisano's signs lease

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It appears all is "Go" for a new restaurant to open in downtown Plymouth, across from Kellogg Park.

Property owner Jim McKeon and Paisano's Restaurant owner Frank Yaquinto indicate the new eating establishment could open sometime in September or October. It will take up two storefronts, which currently are vacant.

"We signed a 10-year lease last Friday," said McKeon. "I think this will be a good addition to downtown Plymouth."

Yaquinto, owner of Paisano's on Dearborn's east side, announced in February his intentions to locate in Plymouth. However, there was a lot of work that needed to be completed before it finally became a reality.

"I had to spend nearly \$50,000 to upgrade the building before the lease

Please see **LEASE**, A6

Proposed budget gets ax

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Many of us struggle to keep our checkbooks balanced, dealing with figures of a few hundred dollars. And budgeting ahead sometimes is really from paycheck to paycheck.

How about trying to figure out how to spend millions of dollars, and making sure you balance your checkbook a year in advance?

That's basically what Plymouth City Manager David Rich has been doing the past few weeks as he puts together the 1999-2000 fiscal year budget.

Rich and city commissioners are expecting to have the budget ready for adoption at the June 7 commission meeting. However, until then, there will be a lot of slashing.

"When I first looked at the budget, there was \$789,000 more in requests by department heads beyond our revenues," said Rich with a smile. "We want to see what the departments feel they need to operate. Then, we start prioritizing and see what we can fund first."

Despite a 1998-99 budget that

Please see **BUDGET**, A4

Grand finale



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL RUSCHMANN

Final scene: Russell Reed collects his thoughts before taking the stage for his final performance Saturday as conductor of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra at Plymouth Salem High School. His final concert was a family affair with his two sons joining the orchestra. With Robert on cello and David on violin, the PSO performed Double Concerto by Brahms, Symphony No. 10 by Shostakovich and Respighi's Pines of Rome. Maestro Reed has been conductor/music director of the PSO for 12 years.



District awards school secretary

EXTRA MILER AWARD

Susan Jackiw, secretary to the principal at Plymouth Salem High School, was awarded the Extra Miler Award at the school board meeting on April 13.

Jackiw was cited for her enthusiasm and drive, along with her dedication and devotion to the students, staff and parents at Salem and toward the entire Plymouth-Canton Community School District.

Members of the Salem staff wrote: "There is nothing that comes under the category of 'that's not my job' for Susan. Whatever she is asked to do, she does and whatever requires attention that she is not asked to do, she does. She strives throughout the year to maintain the philosophy that if there is a 'better way,' she will find it, implement it, and usually give another the credit for it. When the doors are open (and many times when they are not) Susan is working to complete a myriad of tasks."

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Fellow secretaries Linda

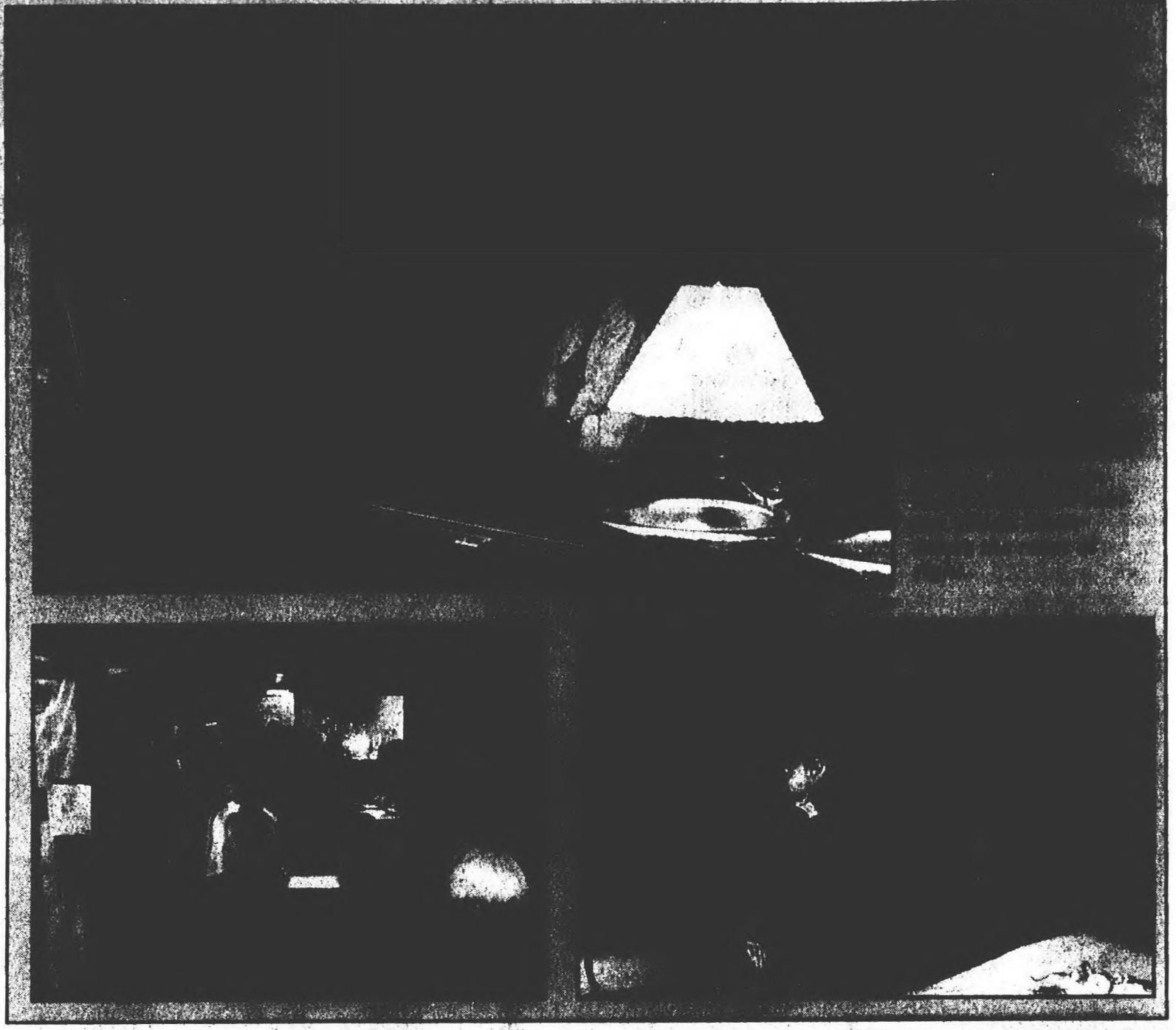
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Salem High staff

Walther and Linda Cummins said, "Susan is always seeking ways to make others happy as well as taking responsibility for being 'upbeat' herself. She is a joy to work with."

Salem Principal Gerald Ostoin said, "You will not find anyone in this district more deserving of this Extra Miler honor than Susan Jackiw."

Jackiw received a certificate of recognition, a pin of the Flag of Liberty and Learning, and a dinner gift certificate, all presented by board member Darwin Watts.



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GRADUATED
Army Pvt. Laurence C.

Anderson has graduated from the automated logistical specialist advanced individual training course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va. The soldier was trained in the skills and knowledge required to receive, store, issue,

ship, and account for subsistence supplies. The training included ration breakdown, and commissary functions such as price changes, inventory, displays, and security. Anderson is the son of Lawrence C. and Linda R. Anderson of Canton. He is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

BASIC TRAINING

Army Pvt. Michael R.

Reeves has arrived at Fort Knox, Ky., to complete basic combat training. During the eight weeks of training, the soldier will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions. Reeves is the son of Richard M. Reeves of Plymouth and grandson of Beatrice A. Reeves of Plymouth.

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Township gets FEMA funds for snow cleanup

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE
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Here's the bad news: More than \$26,000 was spent by Plymouth Township during a declared snow emergency earlier this year.

Here's the good news: The township is being reimbursed 70 percent (more than \$20,000) of that total from the federal government for its efforts.

"There are federal funds that are available from the Federal Emergency Management Administration for situations like the one that occurred in January," said Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy. "We generally hear about it when there's a flood and the president goes and visits a place that has been declared a disaster area but they've allocated funds for this, too."

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McCarthy stated that the process has to go through several levels of government, before funds are issued to local municipalities.

Dennis Archer, mayor of Detroit, and Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara both declared snow emergencies followed by another declaration by Gov. John Engler.

In order for relief monies to be

issued though, the federal government had to agree with Engler, which it did in this case.

According to McCarthy, the township was able to pick any 48-hour period during a two-week span.

"Obviously, we picked when we had to pay the private towing companies to plow the roads," she said. "That was the biggest expense."

Although the township formally applied for funds, McCarthy said that getting the federal reimbursement was a little bit of a surprise.

"In all actuality, I think it was kind of a surprise," she said. "We just send it in and see what happens."

The money received by the township will cover all of the costs incurred during the 48-hour period for plowing as well as part of the overtime costs paid to firefighters who were called in to work as a safety measure."

Canton graduates start business aimed at diabetics

BY JILL HOCKMAN
STAFF WRITER

When Nancy Warkentin-Houdek and Jane Warkentin's father was diagnosed with diabetes about five years ago, they wondered how the chocolate-lover would survive on a low-sugar diet without candy.

So they tried treating him to sugar free varieties of his favorite snacks. But most of them tasted horrible.

During the sisters' search for tasty sugar-free chocolate, a business idea was born. Last fall the Plymouth-Canton High School graduates started Diabeatit, a new Birmingham-based mail-order business aimed at diabetics and their families.

Diabeatit sells sugar-free treats like caramel corn, chocolate-covered pretzels, almond bark and pecan patties. The company also offers cookbooks, inspirational t-shirts, bookmarks and other gifts for diabetics. The sisters receive almost all orders through their Internet site.

"We kind of do it for diabetics and those that love diabetics," the 34-year-old Warkentin-Houdek said. The sisters' goal is to offer treats - and inspiration - to recently diagnosed diabetics who are suddenly told by doctors to improve their diets, increase

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exercise and cut down on stress. "You don't have to think of it as a death sentence," said Warkentin-Houdek, who now lives in West Bloomfield.

Diabetes is a disease that afflicts almost 16 million Americans, according to the American Diabetes Association. Without proper treatment and adherence to a strict diet, diabetics run the risk of developing blindness, circulation problems, kidney failure and heart disease.

Some 90 percent of diabetics are diagnosed as adults. Those type 2 diabetics are typically not dependent on insulin, and have a good chance of controlling the disease through lifestyle changes.

Many type 2 diabetics go years without being diagnosed, according to Jane Warkentin, a 36-year-old mother of one. "You can

function as a type 2 for a long time, and not realize that you are sick," she said.

And that can make the lifestyle transition difficult. "You just had decades of eating the way you want," Warkentin said.

Their father falls into that category. "You have to get religion and constantly watch what you do," said Ralph Warkentin, a longtime Plymouth resident who moved to West Bloomfield about a year and a half ago. "You might have cake once a year on your birthday."

He's controlled the disease by watching his diet and taking regular walks at local malls or on a treadmill. He's thankful to his daughters for using him as their official taste-tester. But he's most impressed by their business sense.

"It's been an inspiration. They had to learn a lot of things," he said. "I've enjoyed watching them do this. I think that's been the most fun for me."

Jane Warkentin, who developed gestational diabetes when pregnant with her daughter, said the disease is passed down from generation to generation. "The writing is on the wall - I'm at risk," she said.

Diabeatit's web site is www.diabeatit.com. or call 1-877-823-2848.



Get set, go: Last year's WalkAmerica raised \$1.4 million for the March of Dimes.

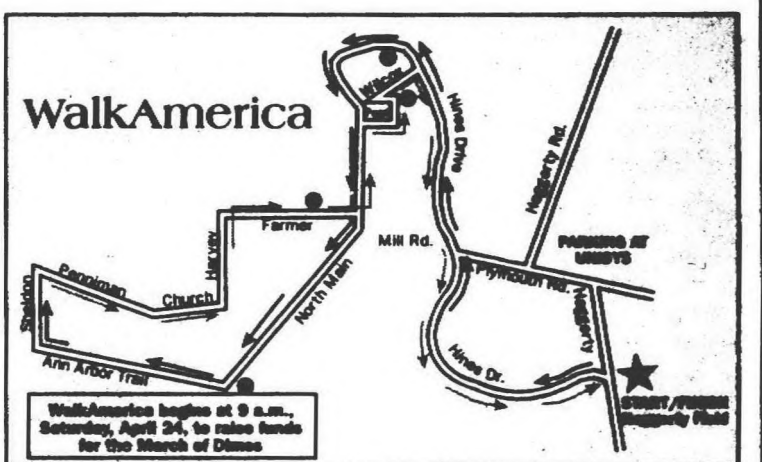
Walkers converge in Hines for annual WalkAmerica

The March of Dimes returns to Hines Park Saturday for an eight-mile walk, which raises funds for research, community service, advocacy and education. It gets under way at 9 a.m. Walkers can sign up the day of the event.

Special highlights include performances by the Redford Unicycle Club and the Plymouth Canton-Plymouth Salem Dance Team.

Participants gather pledges from sponsors. Approximately 1,000 organizations including many of southeast Michigan's leading businesses will field teams of walkers. Last year, local WalkAmerica participants contributed \$1.4 million toward the national total of more than \$70 million.

Donations to the March of Dimes support local community projects designed to reach young women who might not have access to health care, including Detroit-based Alternatives for Girls. Other local efforts that benefit as a result of donations to WalkAmerica



- include:
 - a parenting support program for parents of infants in the neonatal intensive care unit of Beaumont Hospital.
 - a systematic education program at North Oakland Medical Center for teens, Hispanic women and others who might not seek traditional childbirth education programs.
 - a Canton Social Services of Oakland County outreach program for adolescents at risk for poor pregnancy outcomes.
 - a domestic violence program at Oakland University for Arab American pregnant women to empower them to seek services.
 - National sponsors are Kmart, CIGNA HealthCare and the Florida Orange Growers. For information, call the March of Dimes at (800) BIG WALK or (248) 359-1550.

'Fabulous Fable Factory'



Fab performance: Ellie Kenny, 9, left, as the Grasshopper, makes small talk with her sister Emmy Kenny, 10, as the Ant, during a dress rehearsal for the Plymouth Community Arts Center production of the Fabulous Fable Factory. Performances will be Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday 2 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5. The play will then tour area schools.

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could be signed," said McKee. "There had to be improvements in the electrical, fire walls and air conditioning. Everything has been completed."

Yaquinto said he still needs to wrap up architectural drawings, and plans to purchase a transferable liquor license that will need approval from city commissioners.

Yaquinto, who is a partner with Plymouth Township resident Ed Bielaska in this project, said the 3,500-square-foot family restaurant should be able to seat about 150 people.

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having jazz or blues bands playing at the eatery three or four nights a week.

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PLEASE take notice that a public hearing as required by the Plymouth Township Telecommunications Ordinance will be conducted regarding the Telecommunications Permit Application filed by MediaOne Telecommunications of Michigan, Inc. at the regularly scheduled Plymouth Township Board Meeting to be held on April 27, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth Township Hall located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

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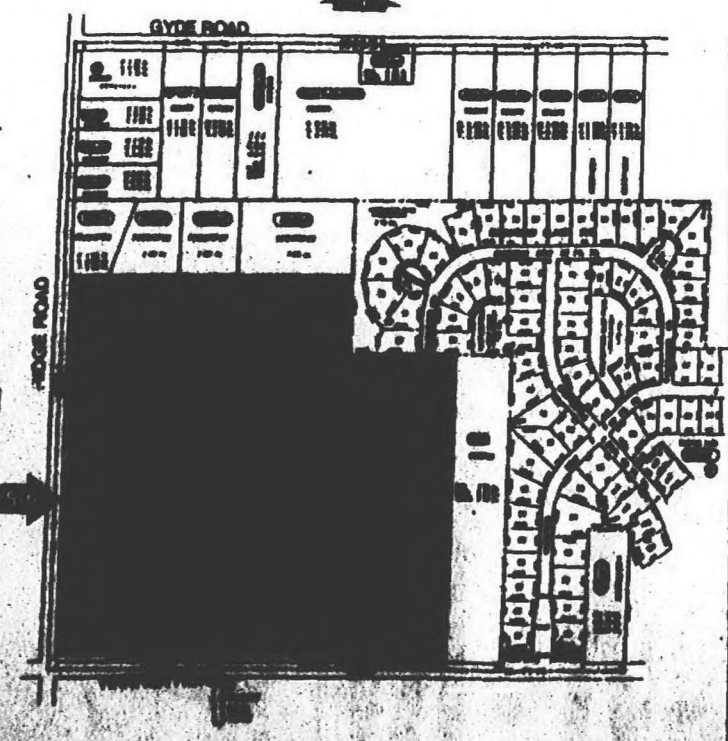
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CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 3, 1999, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

PRESABANT RIDGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - FINAL PLAN - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 019 99 0015 004, 019 99 0016 701, 019 99 0017 000, 019 99 0018 000, and 019 99 0019 000. Property is located on the northeast corner of Warren and Ridge Roads. Second Public Hearing.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, April 29, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Huddas sits along the dock, or across from the boxes along Hines Drive, taking pictures of his favorite duck species. In fact, Huddas has nearly 2,500 photos of the wood ducks that he's taken over the past two years.

"I spend nearly an hour shooting the ducks with my camera,"

said Huddas. "I really enjoy trying to get that perfect photo. Once you have that, you have it forever."

Huddas has photo albums filled with his pictures of wood ducks at his barber shop, Yer Grampa's Mustash, on Liberty

Street in Old Village.

"I like the wood ducks so much I even carved one out of wood," said Huddas, pointing to the wooden replica in his shop.

Huddas said there's no mistaking the wood ducks for the mal-

lards on Wilcox Lake, though the two species do hang out together looking for food.

"There is no comparison," he said. "The wood ducks are such colorful species. The beauty of them is just awesome."

Survey from page A1

in certain areas, establish a benchmark from which we can measure community performance in the years to come and provide information about volunteer opportunities in the community."

"It's to find out what people think about the strengths and weaknesses but more in particular, addressing the weaknesses," said Dan Herriman, a member of the Century Club that is affiliated with the foundation.

"This survey would establish a community performance index allowing homeowners to assess our community on lifestyle needs of the future," states a press release by the foundation.

"My objective is to find out how satisfied people are with the Plymouth Community," added Herriman, currently a Plymouth

Results from the survey will be announced at a Summit on Excellence in mid-May.

Township resident and life-long resident of the area. "It stems from a feeling that maybe we're falling behind our neighboring communities in providing certain amenities. Things like recreation. Not just in terms of physical amenities but both physical amenities and programs alike.

"Plymouth is a great community, don't get me wrong. I'm just concerned about the long-term."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy felt that the idea of conducting a survey, such as the one the foundation is sponsoring, is a good way to find out what residents expect

of their leaders. "I'm always interested in finding out what the community thinks," she said. "You think you know what people want and I think everybody (in office) tries to follow what they believe are the opinions of the people.

"It never hurts to find out what people think, whether you are surprised (about the results), or not."

Joyner said that he expects a good response from the mailing, which cost the foundation nearly \$3,000. He expects to get 1,100 to 1,200 back.

Herriman echoed that enthusiasm, stating, "I think it's terrific and I hope that we get a good return. To the best of our ability,

we tried to make it as objective as possible and I hope people view it that way. I hope they understand what it is and realize that it's not politically motivated."

Results from the survey will be announced at a Summit on Excellence in mid-May, said Joyner.

"At that summit, it is our hope to convene over 100 participants, representing local government, spiritual, health and educational organizations, advocacy groups and business leaders to discuss the results, ideas and emerging trends within Plymouth," he said.

For more information about the foundation or to request a survey, which will be hand-delivered by a foundation representative, call (734) 453-2920.

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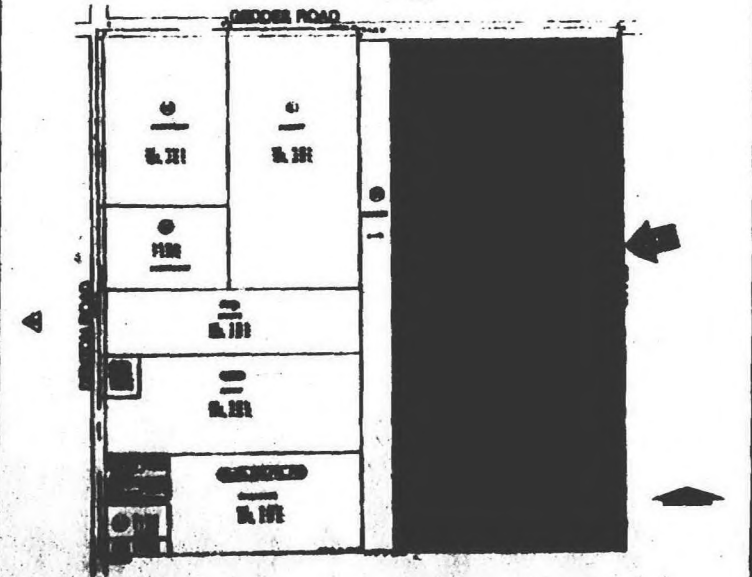
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CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 3, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

GROSS REALTY GROUP REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 126 99 0001 000, 126 99 0002 000, 126 99 0003 001, 126 99 0003 002, 126 99 0004 000, AND 126 99 0005 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the south side of Geddes Road between Denton and Beck Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, April 29, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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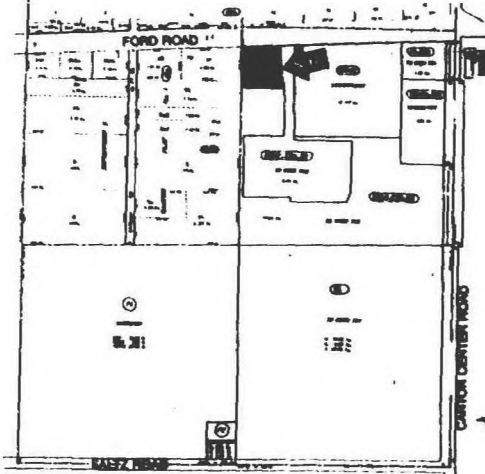
David Medley
ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton
1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
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BELLE TIRE SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR AN AUTOMOBILE REPAIR GARAGE AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 16.02B.8 FOR PARCEL NO. 081 99 0003 701. Property is located on the south side of Ford Road west of Canton Center Road.



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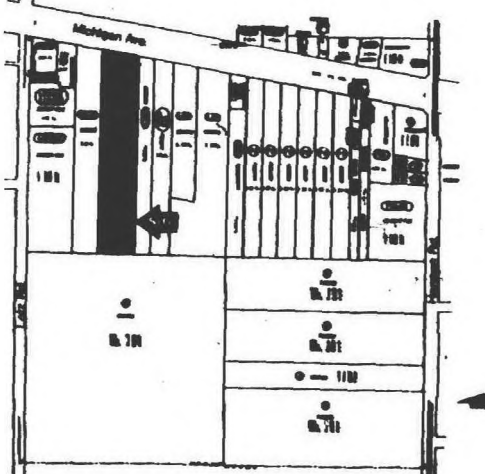
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JARRATT ASSOCIATES SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR TWO (2) HOTELS WITH BANQUET FACILITIES, AND A FREE-STANDING RESTAURANT, AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22.02B.4 FOR PARCEL NO. 141 99 0029 000. Property is located on the south side of Michigan Avenue between Lots and Hannan Roads.



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CAPITOL CAPSULES

'Sports bill'

Gov. John Engler is seeking policy changes to blur the lines between school districts and between public and private schools.

Engler's vehicle is called a "supplemental" appropriations bill because it would supplement the regular \$10 billion school aid bill with \$188 million.

Big item is requiring K-12 public schools to allow students from charter schools, private and "home" schools to participate in sports and other extracurricular activities in their district of residence.

The idea is encountering fierce opposition from public school coaches and school administrators. The big fear: It's a foot-in-the-door form of parochialism.

The state PTA bulletin this week reported that "A groundswell of opposition has spurred House Republicans to issue the 'abandon ship' order" for this portion of the bill. Two of the 15 Republican sponsors have withdrawn their support because of opposition by public school groups. Rep. Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston, favors the concept but has called the idea "a dead issue."

A second big item is a new "blended" method of counting pupils, whereby several counts throughout the school year would be made. Purpose is to reward schools that retain students beyond the first week of classes.

A school "day" is defined as at least five hours beginning in fiscal 2001 (Oct. 1, 2000). Anything less will be counted as a fraction of a day.

Engler also calls for "schools of choice" beyond intermediate (county) district boundaries.

Finally, there's more money for schools. Basic funding in fis-

cal 2000 will go to \$5,652, with no district receiving less than \$5,650. The bill is in the House Appropriations Subcommittee on School Aid.

Environment checks

The state Senate gave four more years of life to an Environmental Response Act but rejected a Democratic amendment that 5 percent of sites be inspected by the state.

Senators voted 38-0 to extend the "sunset" on the act to June 5, 2003. It requires that a person pay a \$750 fee to the Department of Environmental Quality when applying for exemption from liability for hazardous substance cleanup costs. The exemption can be given to someone who becomes owner or operator of a contaminated site after June 5, 1995.

"It's just a paper review. There's no on-site inspection by DEQ," said Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township. His amendment requiring that a 5 percent sample of all sites seeking exemption was defeated 16 to 22. All 15 Democrats and Republican Dave Jaye of Macomb County voted yes. The other 22 Republicans voted no.

Peters said the law can be abused by a company's overstating the amount of pollution in determining the baseline for contamination. "That gives them a free ride to pollute," he said.

Sponsor Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, said the Peters amendment could backfire. As written, his bill "gives a company an incentive to do a good assessment. If they don't detect contamination, they become liable. It (Peters' amendment) would be harmful to require DEQ staff to do useless audits that detract from their mission."

Refer to Senate Bill 420 when writing to your state representa-

tive, State Capitol, Lansing 48909-7514.

New bills

New state legislative bills have been introduced by:

■ **Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion** - to prohibit the attorney general from filing "frivolous" suits against gun manufacturers. Dunaskiss seeks it as an amendment to the AG's budget bill. "If we allow government to hold gun makers liable for the felonious actions of some criminals, what's next? Will we sue automakers because of the felonious driving of some drivers?" Dunaskiss said.

■ **Sen. George Hart, D-Deerborn** - requiring state inspectors from Consumer and Industry Services to survey nursing home residents to see if they are happy with facilities. It's a companion bill to another measure to create a nursing home consumer-rating index.

■ **Rep. Nancy Quarles, D-Southfield**, to require inflationary increases in the homestead property tax credit, currently a maximum \$1,200 credit on the income tax. Her amendment was inserted in another tax bill. If it had been passed last year, she said, the credit in 1999 would have been \$1,219.

Meanwhile, the House unanimously passed a bill by Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, to regulate investigations by county medical examiners of suspicious deaths involving a fire. It was prompted by a Southfield case where a woman was beaten to death by her husband, who set fire to the house. Her death was ruled accidental until the state fire marshal ruled it was arson. HB 4084 goes to the Senate.

Projects from page A5

craft, resurface 0.6 miles, \$125,000

Farmington, Five Mile to Seven Mile, resurface two miles, \$1.7 million

Five Mile, I-275 to Levan, resurface 1.25 miles, \$774,000

Five Mile, Merriman to Middlebelt, resurface one mile, \$857,900

Hines Drive, Plymouth Township limit to Plymouth Road, resurface 0.5 miles, \$100,000

Joy, Farmington to Merriman, resurface one mile, \$693,500

Middlebelt, I-96 to Five Mile, resurface one mile, \$696,000

Middlebelt, Plymouth Road to Joy, resurface one mile, cost not available

Plymouth Road, Eckles to Ann Arbor Road, resurface one mile, \$459,000

Seven Mile, Wayne to Farmington, reconstruct and widen one mile, \$3.2 million

Inkster, I-96 to Five Mile, resurface one mile, \$695,652

West Chicago, Inkster to Beech Daly, resurface one mile, \$207,000

resurface one mile, \$695,652

Plymouth Township

Haggerty, Ann Arbor Road to Plymouth, resurface one mile, \$304,000

Hines Drive, Wilcox Road to township limit, resurface one mile, \$284,000

Lilley Road, Joy to 0.3 miles north, resurface, \$66,000

Main Street, Joy to Ann Arbor Road, resurface 0.72 miles, \$750,000

Ridge, Ann Arbor Road to Powell, pave gravel, 0.75 miles, \$766,400

Redford

Five Mile, Inkster to Beech Daly, resurface one mile, cost not available

Inkster, I-96 to Five Mile, resurface one mile, \$695,652

West Chicago, Inkster to Beech Daly, resurface one mile, \$207,000

West Chicago, Telegraph east to Detroit city limit, resurface 0.65 miles, \$146,000

Westland

Joy Road, Farmington to Merriman, resurface one mile, \$693,500

Hines Drive, Merriman ramp to Inkster, resurface two miles, \$400,000

Farmington, Ann Arbor Trail to Joy, resurface 0.26 miles, \$60,000

Bridge improvements

Canton Center over the lower Rouge River, \$750,000

Geddes over Fowler Drain, \$500,000

Morton Taylor over Willow Creek, \$3.1 million (includes road)

Haggerty over Middle Rouge, \$500,000

Repair from page A5

Motorists can view a complete listing of Wayne County's road construction projects on the County's Web site at www.waynecounty.com, as well as the following road construction-related information:

■ **Construction status:** Biweekly updates will be posted

to inform motorists of the progress of each county project, including expected lane closures and estimated completion dates. A digital map of construction projects also will help motorists avoid construction zones.

■ **Project design status:** See

how far along upcoming road projects are in the design process and when they are expected to be put out for bids.

■ **Five-year federal aid list:** See which federal aid-eligible roads are slated for repairs through 2003.

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School schedule

Senate bill discourages districts from starting before Labor Day

BY TIM RICHARD
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Schools would be discouraged from starting classes before Labor Day under a bill before the Michigan Senate.

If passed, the bill would require that public schools and academies be closed on the Friday before Labor Day for the years 1999-2001. That would set up a four-day Labor Day weekend but wouldn't prevent a pre-Labor Day opening.

Meanwhile, a seven-member task force would be created to report back to the Legislature and governor by the end of 2000.

The Senate Labor Committee reported out the bill April 14 on a 3-2 party line vote. Supporting it were Republicans Loren Bennett (chair) of Canton, Joanne Emmons of Big Rapids and Leon Stille of Spring Lake.

"It's a local control issue," objected Democrat Gary Peters of Bloomfield Town-

ship, joined by Burton Leland of Detroit.

Sponsor is Walter North, R-St. Ignace, whose district includes some of Michigan's prime vacation land — the eastern Upper Peninsula and the northeastern counties of the lower.

Resort owners have pushed for a post-Labor Day opening. They argue that August openings cut off a choice hunk of their summer season.

The task force would be required to study "the economic and educational impact" of (1) no classes on the Friday before Labor Day and (2) no opening until after Labor Day.

The governor would appoint members. They would be picked from lists submitted by teachers unions, Michigan Association of School Boards, Michigan Association of School Administrators, the Travel Michigan unit of the Jobs Commission, Travel Commission, Michigan Chamber of Commerce and general public.

Peters submitted the

amendment to let the Michigan Education Association and Michigan Federation of Teachers nominate teacher members.

A similar bill, sponsored by then-Rep. Pat Gagliardi, D-Drummond Island, died in the House last session. It was generally opposed by area school districts because:

- School calendars often were part of collective bargaining contracts.

- Teachers wanted to make K-12 calendars match university calendars so they could work on master's degrees during summer.

- The state has mandated a longer school year.

- Schools need flexibility to make up for closures during "snow days."

Refer to Senate Bill 53 when writing to your state senator, State Capitol, Lansing 4909-7536.

Memorial service set for shooting victims

A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at the mausoleum at Mount Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia in memory of people killed in Tuesday's shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

Two heavily armed young men opened fire in a suburban Denver high school, that left at least 15 people dead and injured at least 25 others in what police there described as a suicide mission.

Karen Green, manager of

Mount Hope, set up the memorial service for metro Detroiters to lend their support through prayer for victims, their families and survivors of the shootings.

People attending the memorial service can sign a registry book to be sent to Columbine High School. A special fund—The Columbine High School Family Fund in care of Greater Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 661 W. Eight Mile Road, Detroit, MI 48203 — has been established.

Pastors or other members of the Archdiocese of Detroit are expected to speak at the service. Green has invited members of the public, whether they are high school students, counselors or principals, to speak as well.

Businesses also have donated items for the service, Green said.

For information about the service, donating to the victim fund or donating goods for Saturday services, contact Green at (734) 622-2200.

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Generous bidders help make auction best yet for Madonna

Auction-goers were in a bidding mood last Friday at the 11th annual Madonna University Around the World Scholarship Dinner Auction.

"The auction was a tremendous success," said Andrea Dodge, director of marketing and public relations.

"Madonna University grossed \$300,000 which is the largest proceeds Madonna has ever realized through the auction," said Nodge, adding that "proceeds from the car raffle will go toward renovation of the residence halls and the auction proceeds will be used for scholarships for Madonna students and other special projects."

Some 450 guests enjoyed din-



STAFF PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH CAMERON

Raising funds: Sister Mary Francilene, president of Madonna University, is joined by Lina and John DeL Signore, owners of Laurel Manor and general chairs at last Friday's fund-raiser.

ner at the Laurel Manor in Livonia and were generous with bids. A suite for 20 at the Joe Louis Arena for a Red Wings playoff game went for \$19,500. The item was donated for auction by William and Bridget

Please see AUCTION, A11



Helping out: Auction-goers included Madonna trustee William T. Phillips (left), his wife Bridget, Richard Aguiar, MaryLou and Dan Andrews, Livonia residents and honorary chairs for the event.

Welcome to the Marriott

Concierge wins top honors for hospitality

BY RENEE SMOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

For the past six years, Livonia resident Nancy Tressler has arrived at her job as concierge at the Livonia Marriott at 6:30 a.m. determined to make everyone who walks through the hotel's front door feel welcome their entire stay.

She keeps the complimentary tea and coffee in the lobby hot and the gift shop well-stocked. She delivers morning papers, picks up prescriptions, tracks down wayward laundry, and makes reservations for dinner and appointments for haircuts.

Come 3 p.m., the end of her workday, she judges her effectiveness.

"I want everybody to go out the door with a smile on their face. I want to make sure I've taken care of all their needs."

Tressler's efforts haven't gone unnoticed. She was recently named "Michigan Concierge of the Year" by the Michigan Hotel and Motel Association and "Lodging Employee of the Year" by the American Hotel and Motel Association for 1998.

Haydn Kramer, the hotel's market general manager, accumulated guests' letters of praise and nominated Tressler for the initial award. "It was easy to write a compelling piece about Nancy. She's dedicated to our hotel."

Tressler also won the "Rose Award" in 1997, the Metropolitan Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau's top prize for service.

A 5-foot bundle of energy with salt-and-pepper hair and a quick smile, Tressler, 54, patrols the hotel lobby and restaurant. Mostly, she's on the lookout for meeting-weary business people and other new guests.

A giving nature



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Honored: Nancy Tressler of Livonia has been named "Michigan Concierge of the Year" by the Michigan Hotel and Motel Association for her efforts at making guests at the Livonia Marriott feel welcome. For guests, she has done everything from sewing a button on a shirt to decorating Christmas trees in the rooms.

She is a born nurturer. She has brought balloons and chocolate chip cookies to a sick 3-year-old boy and delivered roses and candy to husbands' rooms at their wives' requests. She has even done guests' laundry.

"I once took a man's shirt home. He needed it for a 7 a.m. meeting and had missed the laundry pickup. He also needed a button. I found one that matched in my sewing box and

sewed it on. I washed the shirt, ironed it and took it up to his room at 6:30 a.m. the next morning."

One Christmas a few years ago, she received a call from a man requesting that a suite be decorated with three Christmas trees for his stay that evening. He wanted a tree in the living room, another in the bedroom and a third in the bathroom.

Tressler decorated the trees,

trimmed the mirrors with garland and lights, and filled the rooms with flowers and votive candles. "I think it was a very private party."

Above and the call of duty? Not at all, said Tressler, adding that there are no official limits to her duties. If a guest wants champagne on the nightstand and chocolates on the pillow, she does it. She has carte

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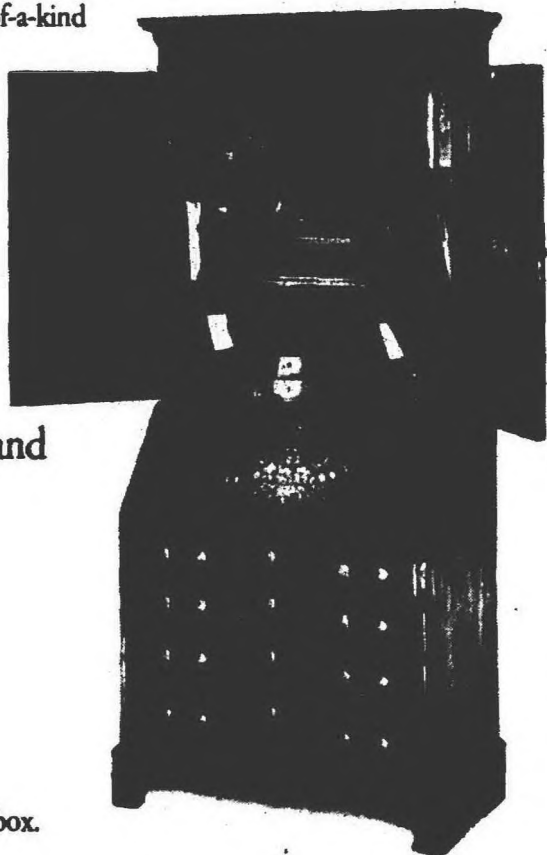


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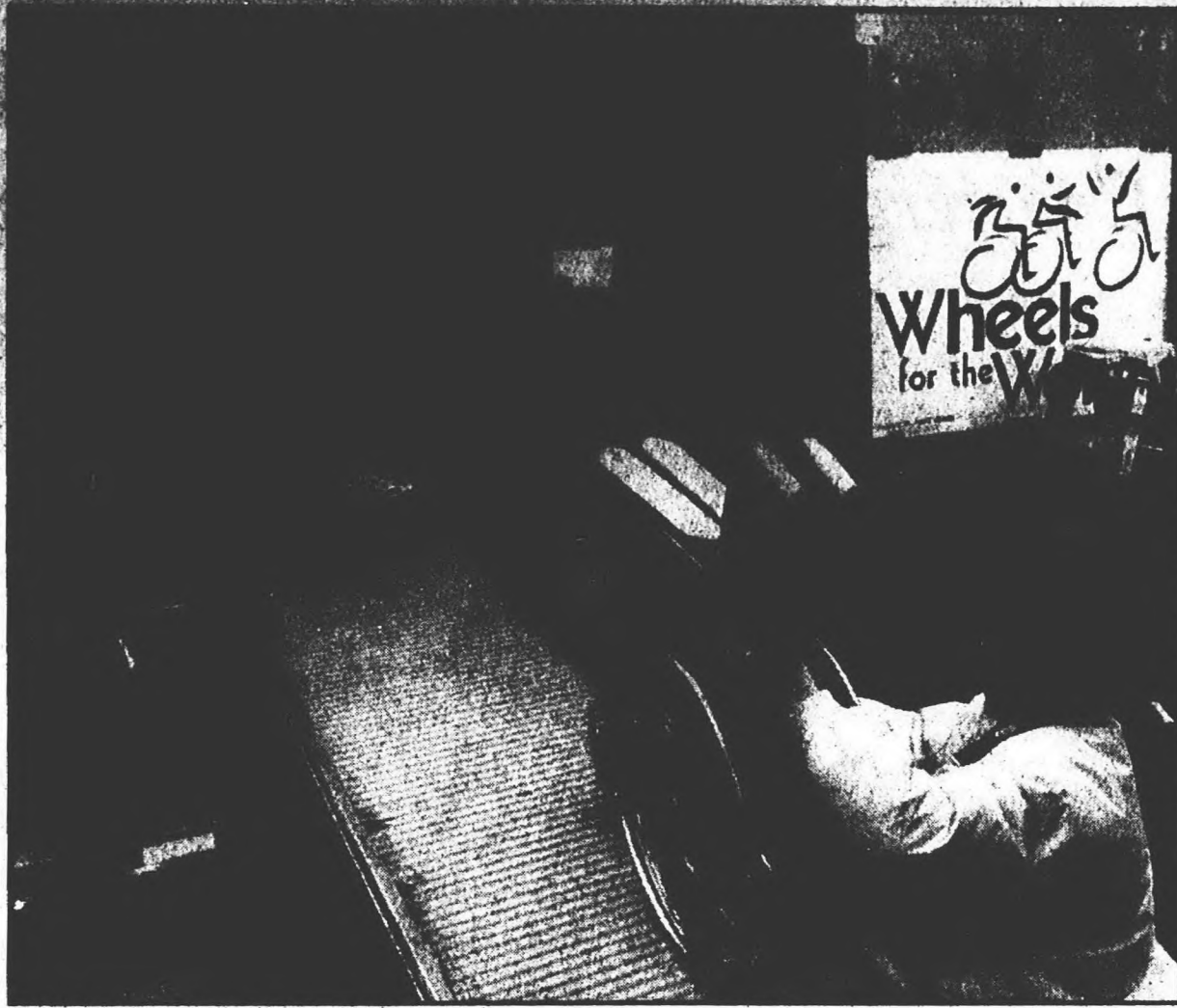
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Campaign ending: Dorothy Pitsch rolls a wheelchair up the ramp to Carol Sheff and Tom Fry. When the Daimler-Chrysler semi-trailer is loaded it will be driven to a prison in Kentucky where inmates will rebuild the chairs. About 600 wheelchairs have been collected by Wheels for the World. Semis provided by DaimlerChrysler, and staffed by company volunteers will accept wheelchairs 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Oakland Community College, at the Orchard Lake Road entrance, south of I-696. Pitsch, Wheels for the World Detroit area-chairwoman, spearheaded the campaign that represents 10 percent of what JAF (Joni and Friends) Wheels for the World has collected worldwide since 1992.



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Organizers wrap up wheelchair drive

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Organizers collected 600 wheelchairs to be donated to needy people around the world in an amazing five-month statewide drive.

Dorothy Pitsch, Wheels for the World Detroit area-chairwoman, spearheaded the campaign that represents 10 percent of what JAF (Joni and Friends) Wheels for the World has collected worldwide since 1992.

Looking at the end of an exhausting campaign that involved more than 1,000 calls from people who had wheelchairs, the Farmington Hills woman has her sights set on the next drive.

"I'm sure there are a lot more out there for the next time that we do this," Pitsch said. "I'll give us a year, but I plan to do it again."

Semis provided by Daimler-Chrysler, and staffed by company volunteers will accept wheelchairs 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Oakland Community College, at the Orchard Lake Road entrance, south of I-696.

The wheelchairs came from individuals, as well as medical facilities, including Mitchell Home Medical Supplies in Ypsilanti, which donated 100 wheelchairs and parts. Skurgard Storage provided space throughout metro Detroit and Greg's Professional Painting in Novi donated an entire day picking up wheelchairs. And many of the wheelchairs came from people who wanted to make a difference in someone else's life.

Pitsch plans to track two wheelchairs and write a story for *Life* magazine explaining how they changed the recipients' lives. The magazine already ran an article about an 11-year-old Chinese girl who was immobile without a wheelchair.

One of the chairs Pitsch will

follow belonged to Larry Bredow, 18, who died last July. His wheelchair was donated to a nun at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament in Farmington Hills.

"She fell and broke her leg and they thought she would never walk," Pitsch said. "The nuns prayed for her continuously, the bone healed and the surgeons were amazed. And she doesn't require a wheelchair at all." Bredow's parents, who have worked tirelessly collecting wheelchairs from around the state, donated his chair to Wheels for the World.

The second wheelchair Pitsch will track belonged to Alex Graham, 17, of West Bloomfield. She died from bone cancer last January and her dying wish was for people to be considerate of others who have lost their hair and who are in wheelchairs.

With the help of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, Graham made a 60-second public service announcement to remind viewers that sick kids want to be treated just like other kids and to remember that their illness isn't their fault. She asked people not to stare at disabled people.

At the end of the announcement she said: "Just give them a smile instead of a stare." Filmed two days before she died, the video was taken to her Beaumont Hospital room for her approval.

"The tears were flowing from the oxygen mask down her cheek," Pitsch said.

"By donating her wheelchair at least it will bring new life for another person. Her dad hugged me and he said Alex would love that."

"Jan (Glovak) and I have been totally blessed from this (the wheelchair drive) experience," Pitsch said.

To contact Pitsch, call (248) 661-3317 or Wheels for the World volunteer Jan Glovak at (248) 661-0964.

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Center features astronomy program

Learn how to identify the Big Dipper, Little Dipper and Pegasus constellations and other celestial formations with guest astronomer Mike Best 7-9 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

Best, the principal planetarium demonstrator of the Volbrecht Planetarium in Southfield, has been an astronomy enthusiast for 50 years. Partici-

pants can expect an informative evening beginning with an indoor slide presentation titled "Spring Skies and Space Update" followed by a discussion and outdoor star viewing, weather permitting. Refreshments will be available following the presentation.

Suited for ages 8 and above, the fee is \$2 per person and advance registration is required. This program has been made

possible through funding from the parks millage. The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off of Hines Drive, and can be reached even if the road is barricaded for flooding.

For information on this event or any other parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

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Phillips of Phillips Service Industries in Livonia. William Phillips is a Madonna University trustee.

Other high-bid items included two weeks in Italy in the town of Fonte D'Amore as guests of auction chairs, John and Lina Del-Signore, \$10,000; dinner for 20 at Under the Eagle Restaurant in Hamtramck, \$2,500; week in Waikiki, Hawaii plus airfare via Northwest Airlines, \$2,400 and an eight-course dinner for six at Tribute in Farmington Hills, \$1,500.

Madonna alumna Christine

Lees of Grosse Ile won the 1999 Don Massey Cadillac Sedan DeVille. Tickets were sold at \$200 each. Lees is a 1989 graduate in allied health management and is presently working on her master's degree at Madonna.

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.

Sponsors of the 1999 auction were Don Massey Cadillac Inc., Northwest Airlines, Kimcraft Printers Inc. and Al Long Ford.

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

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blanche permission to make her guests comfortable.

"Nancy is much more than a greeter. This is a person who captures and solves problems," said Kramer.

Family traits

Tressler believes a good part of her nurturing spirit comes from her grandmother, Anna Rose, who raised Tressler from 18 months after raising 15 children of her own.

"My grandmother overwhelmed me with love and spiritual guidance," said Tressler, recalling her daily treks to Mass with her grandmother. "I told my husband as long as I'm alive my grandmother will live through me."

Tressler's empathy extends to her co-workers, many of whom are younger. "I'm like a mother. Basically what I do is listen. They just talk it out. It keeps me young."

Tressler is modest about her awards. "I feel very humble about everything that's happened to me. I'm only one person, and it takes all of us together to make a good Marriott team."

However, there's no doubt that Tressler loves her job and gives it 100 percent every day. "When I leave I say, phew, I think I did my best today."

West Suburban Club to host state's largest stamp show

The 30th annual "Plymouth Show," sponsored by the West Suburban Stamp Club, will take place on Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25.

The show will be in Central Middle School at Church and Main in downtown Plymouth. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Admission and parking are free.

The exhibition is the largest stamp show in Michigan, with more than 2,800 exhibit pages on display. The Plymouth Show is a qualifying show for the American Philatelic Society's "World Series of Philately."

The exhibit Grand Award winner will compete in August for the 1999 national championship at "STaMpsHOW '99" in Cleveland, Ohio against winners from 34 other national shows.

In support of the show Michigan Gov. John Engler has issued a proclamation declaring the week of April 18-24 as Michigan Stamp Week.

A 41 dealer bourse will offer stamps, covers and supplies in the bourse area for both the new and experienced collector. The dealers themselves come from 13 states and Canada.

The club is offering a set of two cachet covers honoring the 150th anniversary of the Saint Andrews Society. There will also be a U.S. stamp raffle and a number of seminar and society meetings.

Young stamp collectors are always welcome at the "Plymouth Show." This year's program will offer stamp-related games and free stamps for each junior collector.

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

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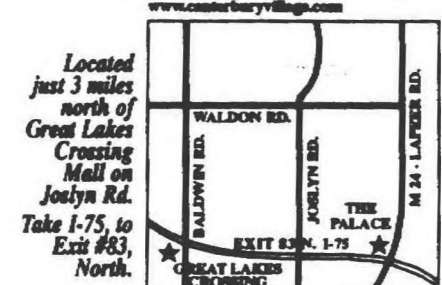
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, April 22, 1999 at 11:00 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, supported by Kirchgatter, to move from an open session to a closed session at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of employee negotiations, pending litigation and property purchases. Motion carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL (Closed)

Members Present: Bennett, Barabak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sheffery, York
Staff Present: Durack

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to return to an open session at 7:00 p.m. All eyes. Supervisor York called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL (Open)

All Members Present.
Staff Present: Durack, Machak, Minghine, Santomauro, Rorabacher, Voyles, Zovalink

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

General Calendar Item No. 14, Approval of Lease Agreement with Cleats, Inc., was added to the agenda. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the agenda as amended. All eyes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery, to approve the Minutes of March 23, 1999 as presented. All eyes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to pay the bills as presented. All eyes.

Expenditure Recap

General Fund	101	\$ 440,186.81
Fire Fund	206	53,591.13
Police Fund	207	109,319.75
Community Center Fund	208	38,389.38
Golf Course Fund	211	21,230.25
Street Lighting Fund	219	22,994.30
Cable TV Fund	230	2,889.72
Community Improvement Fund	246	56,686.58
E-911 Emergency Funds	261	1,198.30
Special Investigative Fund	267	6,749.00
Federal Grants Funds	274	1,082.00
State Projects Fund	289	371.53
Downtown Devel. Auth.	294	790.50
Retiree Benefits	296	7,305.06
Bld. Auth. Construction Fund	469	2,975.94
Water & Sewer Fund	592	521,569.81
Construction Escrow	702	9,809.17
Total-All Funds		\$1,297,471.31

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to remove from the table and publish the Second Reading of the amendments to the Electrical Ordinance No. 77(B) to become effective upon that publication on April 22, 1999. All eyes.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 77B

ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 77, ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE, FOR SAFEGUARDING LIFE AND PROPERTY BY REGULATING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION, ALTERATION, REPAIRING, SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING AND/OR REGISTRATION OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, FIRE ALARM CONTRACTORS, SIGN SPECIALTY CONTRACTORS, MASTER ELECTRICIANS, JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIANS, FIRE ALARM SPECIALTY TECHNICIANS, SIGN SPECIALISTS, APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN AND FIRE ALARM SPECIALTY APPRENTICE TECHNICIAN; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR AN ELECTRICAL EXAMINING AND APPEALS BOARD AND ITS POWERS AND DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE RECIPROCAL ELECTRICAL COUNCIL, INC.; FOR THE PURPOSES OF ACHIEVING UNIFORMITY OF ORDINANCES, ELECTRICAL RULES, LICENSING, EXAMINATIONS AND GENERAL RULES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

This section amends Ordinance No. 77 as follows:

Section 1. Short Title.

This sections titles this Ordinance as the "Electrical Ordinance".

Section 2. Definitions.

This section defines "Apprentice Electrician", "Board", "Department", "Electrical Equipment", "Electrical Contractor", "Electrical Inspector", "Electrical Journeyman", "Electric Sign", "Electrical Wiring", "Fire Alarm Contractor", "Fire Alarm Specialty Apprentice Technician", "Fire Alarm Specialty License", "Fire Alarm Specialty Technician", "Fire Alarm System", "Jobsite", "Master Electrician", "Minor Repair Work", "Municipality", "Outline Lighting", "Owner", "Sign Specialist", "Sign Specialty Contractor", "Sign Specialty License", and "Related Sign Wiring".

Section 3. Electric Inspection.

This section grants jurisdiction to the Electrical Examining and Appeals Board over the inspection of electrical installations, empowers the Board to promulgate and recommend rules and regulations concerning electrical work in the Township, and provides that the Board of Trustees shall appoint an Electrical Inspector.

Section 4. Fees for Inspection.

This section provides that the Board of Trustees shall establish fees for permits, license registration and examination.

Section 5. Right of Access to Buildings.

This section provides that the Electrical Inspector shall have access to buildings in the exercise of his or her official duties and authority to disconnect electrical supply where such current is dangerous or may interfere with the work of the Fire Department.

Section 6. Permits.

This section makes it unlawful to install, alter or repair electrical equipment without a permit, and provides that permits may be issued to Licensed Electrical Contractors, Licensed Fire Alarm Contractors, Licensed Sign Specialty Contractors and a bona fide owner of a single family residence, no part of which is used for rental or commercial purposes.

Section 7. Contractor's Requirements-Exceptions

This section prohibits a person, firm or corporation from engaging in the business of electrical contracting, fire alarm contracting, or sign contracting unless first licensed by the state or appropriate municipality, and prohibits any person other than a Master Electrician or a person licensed, employed by and working under the direction of a holder of an Electrical Contractor's License, Fire Alarm Contractor's License or Sign Contractor's License, to execute any electrical wiring, except for work indicated in Subsections (g), (i)-(n), and provides that a license or permit is not required to execute work specified in Subsections (a)-(f) and (h).

Section 8. Inspection

This section requires the person, firm or corporation installing wiring, to notify the Township Building and Inspection Services Department, and provides that the Electrical Inspector shall inspect said installation, and if in conformance with this Ordinance, to issue a Certificate of Inspection, and provides that all wires to be hidden from view must be inspected prior to concealment.

Section 9. Re-Inspection

This section provides that the Electrical Inspector may, when authorized by state law or ordinance, make periodic re-inspections of wiring, devices and material installed within the Township, and if found to be dangerous or unsafe, to notify the person, firm or corporation owning, using or operating the device to make necessary repairs and/or changes within fifteen (15) days, and to disconnect electrical service if found to be defectively installed.

Section 10. Construction Requirements

This section prohibits the issuance of a Certificate of Inspection unless electrical installation conforms with the provisions of this Ordinance, the laws of Michigan, the rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission, the regulations of the National Electrical Code, the Township Building Code, and the N.F.P.A.'s 71-74 for Fire Alarm Systems, and are deemed to be prima facie evidence of approved methods.

Section 11. Approved Materials

This section makes it unlawful to use any electrical device or equipment unless of good design and construction, and provides that devices and equipment approved by recognized authorities, such as U.S. Bureau of Standards, Electrical Testing Laboratories, Underwriters Laboratories, or Factory Mutual, may be approved by the Electrical Inspector.

Section 12. Record and Review

This section requires the Building and Inspection Services Department of Canton to keep complete records of all permits and inspections, and provides that an owner or agent, after receiving written notice from the Electrical Inspector that all or part of an electrical installation is condemned, may, within five (5) days, petition for a review by the Electrical and Appeals Board.

Section 13. License and Registration for Electrical Work

13.1 This section establishes the membership of the Electrical Examining and Appeals Board.

13.2 This section provides that each Board shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Township of Canton, and that the Board shall examine all applicants for Electrical, Fire and Sign Contractor's License, Fire Alarm Specialty Technician's License, and Sign Specialist License, and shall examine all applicants for Apprentice Electricians and Fire Alarm Specialty Apprentice Technicians.

13.3 This section provides that applicants for Journeyman and Master Electrician License, Fire Alarm Specialty Technician License, and Sign Specialist License shall file their residence address at their last known address with the Township Clerk, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, and that applicants for contractor licenses shall designate their principal place of business as their legal address.

13.4 This section provides that all Electrical Contractors, Fire Alarm Contractors, Sign Specialty Contractors, Master Electricians, Journeyman Electricians, Fire Alarm Specialty Technicians, Sign Specialists, Apprentice Electricians and Fire Alarm Specialty Apprentice Technicians, having their legal address within the corporate limits of the Township, shall secure their license or registration from the Township.

13.5 This section provides that the Board shall prepare application forms, prescribe the examination, and meet on call of the West/Wayne/Walshworth/Oakland Electric Examining Board to hold examinations.

13.6 This section sets forth, in part, the subject matter of the examination for Journeyman, Master Electricians, Fire Alarm Specialty Technician License, and Sign Specialist License.

13.7 This section sets forth, in part, the subject matter of the examination for the Electrical Contractor License, Fire Alarm Contractor's License, and Sign Specialty Contractor's License.

13.8 This section provides that all application and examination forms be in English, and that all applicants be able to read and write the English language.

13.9 This section provides a person holding an Electrical Contractor's License, Master Electrician's License, Electrical Journeyman's License, or Apprentice Electrician's registration shall not be required to hold any specialty license.

Section 14. Contractor's License-Requirements

14.1 This section makes it unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage in the business of Electrical Contractor, Fire Alarm Contractor, or Sign Specialty Contractor without first having procured the appropriate contractor's license.

14.2 Electrical Contractor. This section sets forth the requirements and criteria to obtain an Electrical Contractor's License.

14.3 Fire Alarm Contractor. This section sets forth the requirements and criteria to obtain a Fire Alarm Contractor's License.

14.4 Sign Specialty Contractor. This section sets forth the requirements and criteria to obtain a Sign Specialty Contractor's License.

Section 15. Master, Journeyman and Apprentice Electrician

15.1 License-Apprentice Registration. This section makes it unlawful for any person to engage in the occupation or trade of a Master, Journeyman or Apprentice Electrician without having first obtained a license or apprentice registration.

15.2 Direct Personal Supervision. This section provides that all electrical work done by an Apprentice Electrician shall be performed under the direct supervision of a Journeyman or Master Electrician.

15.3 Master Electrician's License. This section sets forth the requirements for a Master Electrician's License, the consequences of failing to pass the Master Electrician examination two times within two years, and the conditions for renewal of said license.

15.4 Electrical Journeyman's License. This section sets forth the requirements for an Electrical Journeyman's License, the consequences of failing to pass the Electrical Journeyman examination two times within two years, and the condition of renewal of said license.

15.5 Apprentice Electrician. This section sets forth the requirement of registration of Apprentice Electrician, the requirements of issuance of a certificate of registration, the ratio of Electrical Journeyman or Master Electrician to register Apprentice Electrician on the jobsite.

Section 16. Fire Alarm Specialty Technician's License-Requirements

16.1 This section sets forth the requirements for a Fire Alarm Specialty Technician's License, the conditions of renewal, and provides that a holder of a Fire Alarm Specialty Technician's License shall not qualify for more than one Fire Alarm Contractor's License.

16.2 Fire Alarm Apprentice. This section sets forth the requirements for a Fire Alarm Apprentice, the requirements for issuance of a certificate of registration, and the ratio of Fire Alarm Specialty Technicians to register Fire Alarm Specialty Technicians on a jobsite.

Section 17. Sign Specialty Technician License

17.1 Requirements. This section sets forth the requirements for a Sign Specialist's License.

17.2 Failure of Examination. This section sets forth the consequences of failing to pass the Sign Specialist's examination two times within a period of two years.

17.3 Renewal. This section sets forth the conditions for renewal of a Sign Specialist's License.

Section 18. License and Registration Fees and Annual Renewals

18.1 This section sets forth the requirements of fees for examination and licenses, and provides that the Board of Trustees shall establish said fees.

18.2 This section sets forth the expiration date of licenses, and requirements of and limitations on renewal of licenses.

18.3 This section provides that licenses shall be issued by the Building and Inspection Services Department upon recommendation of the Board.

18.4 This section provides that licenses issued pursuant to this Ordinance are nontransferable and must be displayed when required.

18.5 This section prohibits a contractor from obtaining permits for work to be done by any person not employed by said contractor.

18.6 This section provides that Apprentice Electrician and Fire Alarm Specialty Apprentice Technician registrations shall be issued by the Building and Inspection Services Department of the Charter Township of Canton upon recommendation of the Board.

18.7 This section sets forth the expiration dates of Apprentice Electrician and Fire Alarm Specialty Technician registrations and condition for renewal.

18.8 This section requires that any license recognized by the Township be one issued by the Reciprocal Electrical Council, Inc.

18.9 This section provides for reciprocal recognition of licenses.

18.10 This section provides that the Charter Township of Canton Building and Inspection Services Department has the authority to investigate the activities of a person licensed or registered under this Ordinance to determine the existence of any evidence or facts constituting grounds for Board action as set forth in the statute.

Section 19. Grounds for Board Action

This section sets forth the basis for Board action, including:

- 19.1 Fraud or deceit in obtaining a license.
- 19.2 Willful violation of a Code.
- 19.3 False advertising.
- 19.4 Violation of this Ordinance.
- 19.5 Failure to produce identification requested by the Electrical Inspector.
- 19.6 Recommendation by Michigan Electrical Administrative Board to suspend or revoke a license of registration issued by this Board.
- 19.7 Evidence of cheating on an examination.

Section 20. Sanctions

20.1 This section sets forth the sanctions the Board may impose, including: suspension of license or registration, denial of license or registration, revocation of license or registration, restriction from taking an examination for a period of two years, restitution, and/or fines.

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This section provides for the penalty for any violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that the Ordinance is severable and if any portion of the Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions of the Ordinance will remain valid.

SECTION 4. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

This section provides for the repeal of all conflicting Ordinances.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that the repeal and amendment provided for herein shall not abrogate or affect any acts committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution or any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that the Ordinance shall be effective upon publication. *NOTE: A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 South Canton Center Road, during regular business hours.

ITEMS SECOND READING OF ELECTRICAL SERVICE CONDUCTORS PLACEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 78(A)

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to remove from the table and publish the Second Reading of the amendments to the Electrical Ordinance No. 78 (A) to become effective upon that publication on April 22, 1999. All eyes.

**Second Reading - Summary of
ELECTRICAL SERVICE CONDUCTORS PLACEMENT
ORDINANCE NO. 78(A)**

An Ordinance to regulate the location and placement of electrical service conductors.

The Charter Township of Canton ordains:

Section 1. SERVICE ENTRANCE CONDUCTORS.

This section provides for underground 600 volts or less, and installation of underground service conductors.

Section 2. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

If any section of this ordinance be declared void by legal actions for any reason, all other sections shall continue to be in force until specifically declared void through action of the court.

Section 3. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED.

All previous ordinances or parts of ordinances, and all amendments thereto, conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are repealed as of the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This amendment to the ordinance shall become effective upon publication in the Canton Observer on April 22, 1999.

Note: Complete copies of these administrative rules are available for public inspection at the Clerk's office during regular business hours. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to remove from the table and publish the Second Reading of the amendments to the Electrical Ordinance/Administrative Rules (A) to become effective upon that publication on April 22, 1999. All eyes.

**Second Reading - Summary of
ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE-ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (A)**

Administrative rules as promulgated by the Board of Electrical Examiners of the Charter Township of Canton as provided for in Section 16 of the Electrical Ordinance.

Sec. 1. GENERAL.

This section provides for deviation from requirements, plans and specifications, installation procedures, 24 hour notice before inspections is required, inspection before concealment, availability of blue prints on the job, representative for inspection, posting of notices of inspection, code interpretations, special event requirements, certificate of inspection, and advertising.

Sec. 2. FILING OF PERMITS.

This section provides for the requirements of electrical permits, temporary permits, additions to permits, and additional permits.

Sec. 3. DEFINITIONS, PERMIT REGULATIONS, FEES.

A. This section provides for the following definitions of adopted from Chapter 1, Article 100 of the National Electrical Code of 1996: "approved," "Board," "Electrical Equipment," "Emergency Systems," "Independent Electrical Contractor," "Master Electrician," "Journeyman Electrician," "NEC 1996 Edition," "Owner," "Person," "Portable Electric Sign," and "Scoreboard."

B. This section provides for Permit Regulations, to whom and how permits are issued, homeowners' permit, fraudulent applications, revocation and expiration of permits, incomplete installations, inspection of partial installations, owner's notification to the inspection authority, refunds, transfer of permit, and owner completing work started by contractor.

C. This section provides for Permit fee.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This amendment to the ordinance shall become effective upon publication in the Canton Observer on April 22, 1999.

Note: Complete copies of these administrative rules are available for public inspection at the Clerk's office during regular business hours.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to remove from the table and publish the Second Reading of the amendments to the Pool Ordinance No. 110 (B) to become effective upon that publication on April 22, 1999. All eyes.

**Second Reading
SUMMARY OF POOL ORDINANCE NO. 110(B)**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 110 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 17.012, ADDING SECTION 17.019, AMENDING SECTION 17.031, RENUMBERING SECTIONS 17.033-17.036 AND ADDING SUBSECTION 17.051(a) OF ORDINANCE NO. 110; ESTABLISHING DEFINITIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS OF SWIMMING POOLS, ABOVE-GROUND-GROUND POOL, BARRIER, HOT TUB, IN-GROUND POOL, PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL, (INDOOR AND OUTDOOR), PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL AND SPA; ESTABLISHING THE CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS OF POOLS SO AS TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONSTRUCTION CODE COMMISSION RULES OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, 1993; PROVIDING MINIMUM WATER DEPTHS AND DISTANCES FOR DIVING BOARDS AND PLATFORMS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF INVALID SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE CODE

This Section amends Ordinance No. 110, Sections 17.012, 17.019, 17.031, 17.033-17.036, and 17.051 of the Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton as follows:

1.2 CLASSIFICATION OF POOLS.

This section amends the definitions and classifications of pools and defines the following: "above-ground/on-ground pool", "barrier", "hot tub", "private swimming pool", "private swimming pool, indoor", "private swimming pool, outdoor".

Construction Requirements.

This section is added to require that swimming and bathing pools shall conform to the construction requirements of the Construction Code Commission Rules of the State of Michigan 1993, as amended.

3.1 Swimming Pool Enclosure; Requirements.

This section provides that swimming pool enclosures must meet the construction requirements of the Construction Code Commission Rules of the State of Michigan, 1993, as amended.

3.2 Self Fencing.

This section is amended to set forth the specific self fencing requirements as provided in the Construction Code Commission Rules of the State of Michigan, 1993, as amended, where a wall of dwelling serves as part of the barrier or enclosure around a pool.

3.3 Self Fencing; Above-Ground Pools

This section is amended to provide the self fencing requirements for above ground pools.

3.4 Wading Pools

This section is amended to be renumbered from 3.3 to 3.4.

3.5 Temporary Fence

This section is amended to be renumbered from 3.4 to 3.5.

3.6 Compliance with Fence Requirements

This section is amended to be renumbered from 3.5 to 3.6.

5.1 Diving Board or Platform

This section is amended to set forth the minimum water depths and distances for diving boards and diving board platforms.

SECTION 2: PENALTY.

This section provides that any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity in violation of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court, and provides that each act or violation and every day upon which violation shall occur shall be considered a separate offense.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that if any portion of this Ordinance is found unconstitutional or void, all other portions of the Ordinances are not affected by such actions.

SECTION 4: REPEAL.

This section provides that any and all other conflicting Ordinances are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5: SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that the adoption of the Ordinance does not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that the Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication in the Canton Observer on April 22, 1999.

Note: Complete copies of these administrative rules are available for public inspection at the Clerk's office during regular business hours. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to authorize the Canton Police Department to dispose of recovered, stolen and abandoned bicycles at a public auction on April 20, 1999. Further, that after deducting the cost of the auction, all monies from the auction be transferred from the General fund and credited to the Police Budget. All eyes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to dispose of the 1974 Ford F800 with a Sewer King jet cleaner and the 1988 Ford L8000 with a Vector jet cleaner using the sealed bid process. All eyes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the following budget for the Tonquish Creek Storm Drain Improvement Debt Service Fund:

OBITUARIES

BETTY MILLY BARES

Services for Betty Milly Bares, 79, of Plymouth Township were April 17 in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township, with the Rev. Jack Quinlan officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Detroit.
 She was born July 3, 1919, in Detroit. She died April 14 in Plymouth Township. She was a homemaker.
 She was preceded in death by her parents, Vaclav and Betty Liaka. Survivors include her son, Charles (Susan) J. Bares of Plymouth; and two grandchildren, David (Laura) Bares of Pensacola, Fla., and Lisa Bares of Plymouth.
 Memorials may be made to Sokol Detroit-Scholarship Fund.
MARTIN TIMOTHY TROPPI
 Services for Martin Timothy

Tropi, 33, of Kaleva, Mich., formerly of Plymouth, will be 11 a.m. Monday, April 19, in the Kaleva Baptist Church, Kaleva, with the Rev. David Taylor officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Township Cemetery. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Sunday, April 18, in the Terwilliger Funeral Home, Kaleva.
 He was born Aug. 12, 1965, in Dearborn. He died April 14 in Manistee, Mich. He was a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and had attended Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. He was an employee at Metal-Line Inc. in Manistee. He was a former employee of McLaren Engines in Livonia, Centri-Spray in Livonia, Jubbu Designers in Plymouth, Loc Performance in Plymouth, and

Spicer Tool in Plymouth. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and especially the hunting trips he took with his father.
 He was preceded in death by his father, John Edward Tropi Sr., in 1998; and one uncle, George Wilder, in 1999.
 Survivors include his mother, Dorothy Tropi of Kaleva; five sisters, Hope (Roland) Howes of Kaleva, Kathleen (Tim) King of Allen Park, Dorothy June (Ron) Witt of Ypsilanti, Cynthia (Bill) Husk of Canton, Margaret (Chris) Evans of Clinton; two brothers, John Edward Tropi Jr. of Kaleva, David (Connie) Tropi of Canton; three aunts, Helmi (Harvey) Schimke of Onokama, June (Ernest) Kukkonen of Onokama, Mae Busler of Ocala, Fla.; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorials may be made to the Manistee Love for Children or to Kaleva Baptist Church.
GEORGE STANLEY PEYTON
 Services for George Stanley Peyton, 73, of Brighton, formerly of Plymouth, will be 3 p.m. Saturday, April 24, in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Chaplain Dave Bevington officiating.
 He was born March 27, 1926 in Huron, Ohio. He died April 16 in Livonia. He was an automotive engineer at the Ford Motor Co. for 40 years. He retired in 1991 from the Sheldon Plant in Plymouth. He came to the Brighton community in 1991 from Plymouth Township. He lived in Plymouth for 26 years. He was a "Jack of all trades." He enjoyed fishing, photography,

camping and traveling.
 He was preceded in death by two daughters, Pamela Kay Peyton-Snyder and Susan Nancy Peyton. Survivors include his wife, Pat Peyton; one son, Stan (Terry) Peyton of Chelsea; one daughter, Linda Elizabeth (Kirk) Frederick of Whitmore Lake; mother, Letitia Peyton of Fostoria, Ohio; two brothers, Robert of Fostoria, Ohio, James of New Mexico; one sister, Jean Peyton Jones of Lake Wales, Fla.; and five grandchildren.
 Memorials may be made Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48150.
EVA E. AUSTIN
 Services for Eva E. Austin, 91, of Plymouth were April 19 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. David

Boley officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. She was born April 23, 1907, in Brooklyn, Mich. She died April 16 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker.
 She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest J. and Georgia Brown. Survivors include her husband, Elmer E. Austin of Plymouth; two daughters, Shirley (Robert) Roe of Plymouth, Lois (Allen Eddy) Thompson of Plymouth; four grandchildren, Debra (Scott) Kuroth of Saline, Carol Thompson of Livonia, Lori (Jeffrey) Porter of Wayne, Julie Roe of Plymouth; and one great-grandson, Austin Kuroth of Saline.
 Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 48000 N. Territorial, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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Capital Outlay - Equipment	#106-336-977-0000	\$ 26,000
Contribution to Fund Balance	206-336-999-0000	(26,000)
Total		\$ 0
This budget amendment does not increase or decrease the Fire Fund budget.		
POLICE FUND:		
Increase (Decrease) Appropriations:		
Uniforms	#207-301-722-0000	\$ 1,400
Capital Outlay-Equipment	207-301-977-0000	24,947
Contribution to Fund Balance	207-301-999-0000	(26,347)
Total		\$ 0
This budget amendment does not increase or decrease the Police Fund budget.		
BUILDING AUTHORITY CONSTRUCTION FUND:		
Increase Revenues:		
Appropriation from Fund Balance	#469-000-699-0000	\$ 19,500
Increase Appropriations:		
Consultants-Architect/Engineering	#469-900-803-0000	\$ 19,500
This budget amendment increases the Building Authority Construction Fund budget from \$5,289,940 to \$5,309,440.		
All ayes.		
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the transfer of \$1,181,015.26 from the General Fund and \$1,181,015.27 from the Community Improvement Fund to the Building Authority Construction Fund for the purchase of the Canton Softball Center. Further to approve the following budget amendments for these transfers:		
GENERAL FUND:		
Increase Revenues:		
Appropriation from Fund Balance	#101-000-699-0000	\$ 1,181,016
Increase Appropriations:		
Transfers to:		
Bldg Auth. Const. Fund	#101-959-965-4690	\$ 1,181,016
This budget amendment increases the Transfers Department budget from \$1,004,340 to \$2,185,356, and the General Fund budget from \$16,814,896 to \$17,995,912.		
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND:		
Increase Revenues:		
Appropriation from Fund Balance	#246-000-699-0000	\$ 1,181,016
Increase Appropriations:		
Transfers to:		
Bldg Auth. Const. Fund	#246-959-965-4690	\$ 1,181,016
This budget amendment increases the Community Improvement fund budget from \$3,413,729 to \$4,594,745.		
BUILDING AUTHORITY CONSTRUCTION FUND:		
Increase Revenues:		
Transfer from General Fund	#469-000-676-1010	\$ 240,156
Transfer from Community Impr Fund	469-000-676-2460	240,156
Total		\$ 480,312
This budget amendment increases the Building Authority Construction Fund budget from \$4,809,628 to \$5,289,940.		
All ayes.		

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, that Canton Township be authorized to use Community Bank of Dearborn and Huntington Bank as additional investment depositories. All ayes.
 Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, that the Township Board authorize four additional signers, Debra Bibrey-Honosowetz, Kevin Mill, David Horstman and Rosemary Globke, be added to the new Pheasant Run Golf Course checking account so that any of these persons, in addition to Treasurer Kirchgatter may sign a check for C.O.D. deliveries of alcoholic beverages to the Pheasant Run Golf Course or Summit On the Park facilities. All ayes.
 Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the signing of the maintenance agreement for the Community Watch system with Avtex Incorporated for an annual cost of \$2,800. All ayes.
 Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to accept the bid submitted by Cheryl Solo M.S.T.L. Inc. in the amount of \$35.00 per lot and \$60.00 per acre for the 1999 Weed Cutting Program. All ayes.
GENERAL CALENDAR
 Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the special use for Geneva Presbyterian Church. All ayes.
 Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the request of Kenneth and Janice Nicholson to rezone certain property identified by Property tax EDP #062-99-0026-000 from RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, Rural Residential to R-3, Single-Family Residential. All ayes.
 Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the request of Joseph Durso to rezone certain property identified by property tax EDP #063-99-0003-000 from RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, Rural Residential to R-3, Single-Family Residential District. All ayes.
 Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution approving the request of Mel Morris to rezone certain property identified by property tax EDP #141-99-0001-000 from R-2, Single-Family Residential to C-3, Regional Commercial. All ayes.
 Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve Zoning Ordinance Amendments (99-1a and 99-1b) as follows:

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 99-1
 SUMMARY**

The Canton Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

Article 1, Section 1.03 is amended as follows:

Article 1.00-Rules of Construction and Definitions

Section 1.03-Definitions-Kennel

The definition of "kennel" is amended to change the number of dogs, cats or other domestic animals that may be kept in private and commercial kennels from four (4) or more to more than three (3).

Article 6, is amended as follows:

Section 6.00-Site Development Standards Applicable to Specific Uses

Article 6.02K-Site Development Standards for Non-Residential Uses-Kennels

Subsection 1 is amended to change the number of animals permitted to be housed in a private kennel to more than three (3) but not more than five (5) animals over the age of six months.

Subsection 2 is amended to tie the maximum number of animals permitted in a commercial kennel to the lot size. Not more than five (5) animals on the first two (2) acres and a maximum of five (5) additional animals for each additional acre, not to exceed fifty (50) animals.

Section 6.03D-Site Development Standards for Residential Uses-Cluster Development Criteria

Subsection 4 is amended to change the minimum lot width and side yard setbacks in the RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, RE, R-1, AND R-2 Zoning Districts when utilizing the Cluster Development option, as follows:

	Min. Lot Width	Side Setbacks	Min. Total:
RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL	150 feet	30 feet	60 feet
RE	125 feet	Min. 1 side:	30 feet
		Min. total:	50 feet
R-1	110 feet	Min. 1 side:	25 feet
		Min. Total:	40 feet
R-2	90 feet	Min. 1 Side:	15 feet
		Min. Garage Side:	25 feet
		Min. Total:	30 feet
		Min. 1 side:	5 feet
		Min. Garage Side:	25 feet

and striking the requirement for side yard setbacks to be 35% of the lot width; and the "Notes" are amended as follows:

- Remains the same
- All homes in a cluster subdivision shall utilize side entry garages. The subdivision covenants and restrictions (or, in the case of a site condominium, the master deed) must specifically prohibit construction of homes with garage entrances that face the street upon which the house fronts.
- In the R-2 District, the five (5) foot side yard on one lot shall not abut a five (5) foot side yard on another lot nor shall a five (5) foot side yard on any adjacent lot. A minimum separation between adjacent homes of 30 feet is required.

Note "d" is added as follows:

d. The side yard reductions specified in Section 26.02, footnote "m", are not applicable to lots within cluster subdivisions approved according to the above provisions.

Section 6.04A - Site Development Standards for Mixed Uses - Mid-Rise and High-Rise Developments

Subsection 2, Landscaping and Seening; Landscaping to a Freeway, is amended as follows: 1) A landscaped buffer is required consisting of a minimum of one (1) deciduous and one (1) evergreen tree for every forty (40) linear feet or portion thereof of freeway frontage, PLUS, a minimum of one (1) shrub for each ten (10) linear feet or portion thereof of freeway frontage; 2) Shrubs must be planted in masses of at least five (5). Dwarf species may be utilized at a rate of one and one-half (1.5) times the base shrub requirements; 3) Tree may be planted at uniform intervals, at random, or in groupings.

Article 15, Section 15.02, is amended as follows:

Article 15.00 - C-1, Village Shopping District

Section 15.02A-Permitted Uses and Structures - Principal Uses and Structures

Subsection 9 is amended as follows, and the existing subsections 9 and 10 are renumbered to 10 and 11 respectively:

- Personal fitness centers, martial arts studios, dance schools, music and voice schools, and art studios.
- J. Uses similar to the above.
- Uses and structures accessory to the above, subject to the provisions of Section 2.03.

Article 16, Section 16.02, is amended as follows:

Article 16.00-C-2, Community Commercial District

Section 16.02A-Permitted Uses and Structures - Principal Uses and Structures

Subsection 10 is amended as follows:

- Personal fitness centers, and martial arts studios, dance schools, music and voice schools, and art studios.

*NOTE: This Amendment to the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance (99-1) becomes effective upon publication of this Summary within the Minutes of the April 13, 1999 Board Meeting in the Canton Observer on April 23, 1999. A complete copy of this Amendment is available for public inspection in the Canton Township Planning Services Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 during regular business hours. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the Spring 1999 Resident Sponsored Cost Share Tree Planting Program to Action Landscaping of Canton, Michigan for a total cost of \$17,281.46. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to waive the bidding requirements and approve the signing of a contract with the Michigan Humane Society for animal sheltering for 1999 and authorizes the Township Clerk to sign the contract. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid for the purchase of a 1999 McCoy/Miller Type III Modular Ambulance from Goggan & Associates, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$82,932. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to award the bid for the \$1,500,000 Charter Township of Canton, 1999 Downtown Development Bonds (General Obligation Limited Tax) to the low bidder, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter (Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc.) and adopt the attached Awarding Resolution. All ayes.

RESOLUTION RE AWARD OF BONDS AND DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING REGARDING 1999 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT BONDS (GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX) CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, Michigan (the "Township" or "Issuer"), held on the 13th day of April, 1999, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

PRESENT: Members: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

ABSENT: Members: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Bennett, and supported by Member Shefferly:

WHEREAS, April 13, 1999, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, has been set as the date and time for opening bids for the purchase of the Issuer's 1999 Downtown Development Bonds (General Obligation Limited Tax); AND WHEREAS, said bids have been publicly opened and read;

AND WHEREAS, the bids attached hereto and made part hereof have been received;

AND WHEREAS, the bid of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter (Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc.) has been determined to produce the lowest interest cost to the Issuer;

AND WHEREAS, it is necessary to undertake to make continuing disclosure respecting the Township and the Bonds in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- The bid of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter (Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc.) as stated, be and the same is hereby accepted.
- Checks of the unsuccessful bidders be returned to each bidder's representative or by registered mail.
- The Issuer hereby covenants that, to the extent permitted by law, it shall take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exclusion of the interest of the Bonds from adjusted gross income for general federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including, but not limited to, actions relating to the rebate of arbitrage earnings, if applicable, and the expenditure and investment of Bond proceeds and moneys deemed to be Bond proceeds.
- Continuing Disclosure Covenant: (a) Definitions. The following terms used herein shall have the following meanings:
 Audited Financial "Statements" means the annual audited financial statement pertaining to the Issuer prepared by an individual or firm of independent certified public accountants as required by Act 2, Public Acts of Michigan, 1968, as amended, which presently requires preparation in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
 "Bondholders" shall mean the registered owner of any Bond and beneficial owner (as defined in Rule 13d-3 of the SEC) of any Bond.
 "Disclosure Representative" means the Finance Director of the Issuer or his or her designee, or such other officer, employee, or agent as the Issuer shall designate from time to time in writing.
 "Issuer" means the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, Michigan or any successor thereto.
 "MSRB" means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.
 "NRSIR" means each nationally recognized municipal securities information repository as designated by the SEC in accordance with the Rule.
 "Rule" means Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the SEC pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
 "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.
 "SID" means the appropriate state information depository, if any, for the State of Michigan as designated by the SEC in accordance with the Rule.
 (b) Continuing Disclosure. The Issuer hereby agrees, in accordance with the provision of the Rule, to provide or cause to be provided to each NRSIR and to the appropriate SID, if any, for the State of Michigan ("SID"), on or before the last day of the sixth month after the end of the fiscal year of the Issuer, the following annual financial information and operating data, commencing with the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999:
 (1) Current fiscal year updates of the numerical financial information and operating data included in the official statement of the Issuer relating to the Bonds (the "Official Statement") appearing in the Tables under the headings in the Official Statement as described below:
 a. Population;
 b. History of Property Valuation;
 c. Taxable Value by Class;
 d. Major Taxpayers;
 e. Tax Rates;
 f. Tax Rate Limitations;
 g. Tax Levies and Collections;
 h. Revenues from the State of Michigan;
 i. Special Assessment Collections;
 j. General Fund Balance;

k. Debt Statement;

- Major Employers;
- Audited Financial Statements, or if unavailable, the unaudited financial statements immediately after they become available.
- Such additional financial information or operating data as may be determined by the Issuer and its advisors as desirable or as necessary to comply with the Rule.

Such annual financial information and operating data described above are expected to be provided directly by the Issuer in the following documents to be filed with each NRSIR and the SID, if any: the Audited Financial Statements; materials containing the updates described in (b)(1) above; and in subsequent official statements of the Issuer filed with the MSRB.

(c) Notice of Failure to Disclose. The Issuer agrees to provide or cause to be provided, in a timely manner to (i) each NRSIR or the MSRB and (ii) the SID, notice of a failure by the Issuer to provide the annual financial information with respect to the Issuer described in subsection (3) above on or prior to the dates set forth in subsection.

(b) above.

(d) Occurrence of Events. The Issuer agrees to provide or cause to be provided in a timely manner (i) each NRSIR or the MSRB and (ii) the SID, if any, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events listed in (b)(5)(i)(C) of the Rule with respect to the Bonds, if applicable, if material:

- principal and interest payment delinquencies
- non-payment related defaults
- unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties
- unscheduled credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform
- substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform
- adverse tax opinions or events affecting the tax-exempt status of the Bonds
- modifications to rights of holders of the Bonds
- bond calls
- defeasances
- release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds
- rating changes

(e) Materiality Determined Under Federal Securities Laws. The Issuer agrees that its determination of whether any event listed in subsection (3) is material shall be made in accordance with federal securities laws.

(f) Termination of Reporting Obligation. The Issuer reserves the right to terminate its obligation to provide annual financial information and notices of material events, as set forth above, if and when the Issuer no longer remains an "obligated person" with respect to the Bonds within the meaning of the Rule, including upon legal defeasance of all Bonds.

(g) Benefit of Bondholders. The Issuer agrees that its undertaking pursuant to the Rule set forth in this Section is intended to be for the benefit of the Bondholders and shall be enforceable by any Bondholder; provided that, the right to enforce the provisions of this undertaking shall be limited to a right to obtain specific performance of the Issuer's obligations hereunder and any failure by the Issuer to comply with the provisions of this undertaking shall not constitute a default or an event of default with respect to the Bonds.

(h) Amendments to the Undertaking. Amendments may be made in the specific types of information provided or the format of the presentation of such information to the extent deemed necessary or appropriate in the judgment of the Issuer, provided that the Issuer agrees that any such amendment will be adopted procedurally and substantively in a manner consistent with the Rule, including any interpretations thereof by the SEC, which, to the extent applicable, are incorporated herein by reference. Such interpretations currently include the requirements that (a) the amendment may only be made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature, or status of the Issuer or the type of activities conducted thereby, (b) the undertaking, as amended, would have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the primary offering of the Bonds, after taking into account any amendments of interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances, and (c) the amendment does not materially impair the interests of Bondholders, as determined by parties unaffiliated with the Issuer (such as independent legal counsel), but such interpretations may be changed in the future. If the accounting principles to be followed by the Issuer in the preparing of the Audited Financial Statements are modified, the annual financial information for the year in which the change is made shall present a comparison between the financial statements as prepared on the prior basis and the statements as prepared on the new basis, and otherwise shall comply with the requirements of the Rule, in order to provide information to investors to enable them to evaluate the ability of the Issuer to meet its obligations. A notice of the change in accounting principles shall be sent (i) to each NRSIR or the MSRB and (ii) the SID.

6. All changes respecting the Bonds set forth in the notice of sale published in connection with the sale of the bonds and the notice of sale be and are hereby approved and ratified.

7. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Members: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

NAYS: Member: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on April 13, 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.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the bid for rental of portable toilets for the 1999 season to John's Sanitation Inc., in the amount of \$19,760. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the 1999 Lawn and Cemetery Maintenance bid to GreenKeepers, Inc., in the amount of \$23,374. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, that the Board authorize the administration's emergency actions to retain Detroit Litho Inc., to print the special edition of the FOCUS newsletter at a cost of \$10,300. Further, that the bid arrangement with Kimcraft be voided and that the second low bidder Detroit Litho be awarded the contract for the summer edition of the special FOCUS at a cost of \$9,650. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the contract for food service at Summit On the Park with Summit Gourmet for a one year period and to authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to sign the contract on behalf of the Township. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to reconvene to a closed session at 8:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of employee negotiations, pending litigation and property purchase. All ayes.

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Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to return to an open session for the purpose of adjournment at 8:45 p.m. All ayes.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on April 13, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on April 27, 1999.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Hefty agenda

Long meetings serve no one

Anyone who has attended a Board of Education meeting for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools lately knows a dose of caffeine is needed to keep up with them. It's not uncommon for the meetings to last well into the wee hours of the morning.

We've heard weary-eyed board members make statements regarding their state of mind as the hours tick away. After working at their own full-time jobs all day long, it's understandable that the board members would be fatigued.

Last week, the Hockey Boosters waited until after 11 p.m. to speak as the district considered forming two pay-for-play teams. Not long ago, the district's tennis players also had to wait just as long for their item to be addressed on the agenda. No one should have to wait three hours to be heard by the school board, especially students. By 11 p.m., students should be at home and in bed.

The Board of Education reserves time at the beginning and end of each meeting for public comment. We urge board members to also ask those in attendance whether they want an item moved up on the agenda. Other government agencies commonly do this.

The school district is the largest employer in the Plymouth-Canton area with 1,488 employees. It is also responsible for 15,000

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students and a budget of \$102 million. The school board is making crucial decisions that affect our youth and our community.

In fact, the school district is larger than Canton and Plymouth township governments combined. However, both of those communities meet weekly to conduct business. In addition to their bi-monthly board meetings, the townships hold study sessions on alternating weeks. The result is shorter board meetings. We suggest the school district consider doing the same.

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Our board members should be thanked for giving up so many hours to conduct district business. It's an important job. Late night meetings are not fair to them or to the public they serve.

State's 'road rage' bills off target

Oh, wow! More "tough new laws." This time the Michigan Legislature's target is "road rage."

As if passing a law could make drivers stop going 20 mph over the speed limit, running red lights, tailgating, passing on the right, cutting off others entering a freeway from a ramp, crowding another driver literally off the road, flashing headlights to intimidate another, flipping "the bird" and on and on, *ad nauseum*.

Two bills to enact tough new laws against "criminal road endangerment" are currently on the state Senate's calendar. They appeared to be moving quickly early in March, but then the sponsor, Sen. William Van Regenmorter, R-Jenison, stopped the forward motion.

Road behavior, particularly in southeastern Michigan, is disgraceful. You notice it driving north from Ohio, where drivers usually observe speed limits, particularly on US 23 and I-69. When they hit the Michigan line, however, down goes the right foot, and up comes "road rage."

On I-96, the bad behavior drops a bit at Brighton and becomes rare after the Portland exit, west of Lansing. On I-75 northbound, it becomes safer once you're past Standish. In Ontario, you can breathe a sigh of relief a few miles east of Windsor.

So what can be wrong with passing ever more laws?

"The bills define "criminal road endangerment" as any three of the above-listed offenses that would likely harm another vehicle, a motorcycle, bicycle or pedestrian. Any three.

Penalties would escalate for repeat offenses, for displaying a firearm, or for causing injury or death. Maximum: four years in prison, a fine of \$5,000, license revocation and six "points."

We see two problems:

■ Catching the miscreants who drive so crazily. Drivers routinely travel at 85-90 mph on I-96 and I-696 without the flashing blue lights of the police interfering. On surface roads, the chances you will be stopped for slipping through as a light turns red

are a whopping 500 to 1. There just aren't enough patrol cars to dampen the current bad driving. There is nothing in SB 287 and SB 390 that we can see to put more patrol cars on the freeways and roads.

■ Getting a conviction. Ask any student if we have a system of trial by jury, and the student will say "yes." False. We have a system of attorney negotiations. Something like 95 percent of misdemeanor and felony cases never go to trial because the accused either pleads guilty, or a high-priced attorney negotiates a deal.

We predict few "criminal road endangerment" cases ever will result in convictions. With the high stakes of prison time and stiff fines, an accused will find it financially feasible to hire a lawyer and negotiate downward to just one or two offenses. A prosecutor won't want to take the chance of going to trial and losing, so he'll negotiate.

Few "road rage" types drive rusty pickup trucks. Most have nice, new, fast cars and good jobs. The attorney will ask the judge to be lenient because the driver has a responsible job and often a family that would become innocent victims if he were sent to the slammer.

We got a laugh out of the poll conducted for the Michigan State Safety Commission in which drivers were asked to rate themselves: 61 percent rated themselves "above average," a mathematical impossibility.

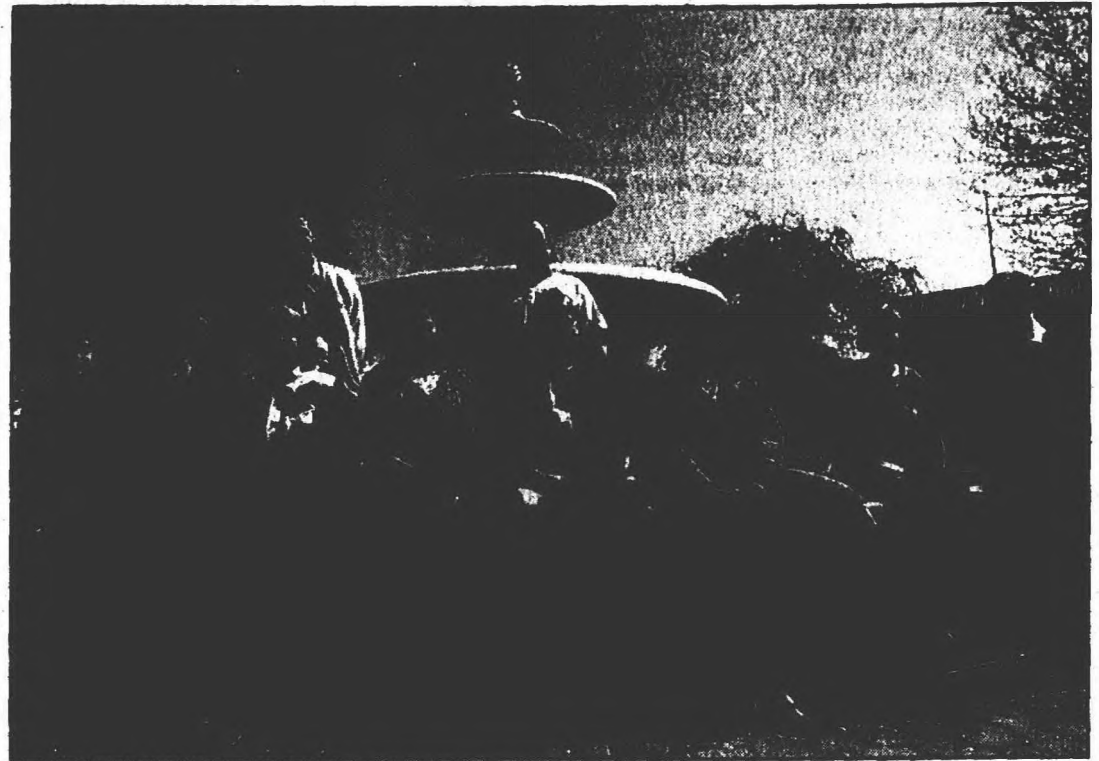
So what can we do about "road rage?"

Put more patrol cars on the roads. We may have to forego that income tax cut from 4.4 to 3.9 percent.

Find methods of holding up genuinely bad drivers for public ridicule. In part, that's the job of the media, but it would help if state police could somehow make information available to all the competing media.

Legislators certainly spend enough on publicity for their bills. They should be able to allocate more to publicizing some of the crazier drivers.

Born leaders



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Graduates: Leadership Plymouth graduates are (from left) Maureen Brodie, Beth Stewart, Sandy Gellman, Mike Weaver, Michelle Karako, Dave Koesters, Fred DeRoche, Ann Kuhn, Dianne Kenny, Barbara Blom and Nancy Cavis-ton. The program is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

LETTERS

We don't belong in Kosovo

This letter is submitted as another view point to the letter of Michael Gerou dated April 8 entitled "Stop Genocide."

Generally speaking, wars are fought for either land and/or assets. Military forces' primary mission is protection of the state, commonly referred to as acting on behalf of the nation's "best interests." Any time spent in a peace-keeping mode is time away from the primary training vehicle, "war fighting."

In this century, a review of history would indicate that no aggressive nation has been successful in its expansion efforts for its cause. Rather than win, the aggressive nation has lost!

Thirty years post-Vietnam, the United States finds itself led by a commander in chief who's resume would kindly refer to himself as a "pacifist."

The United States military forces in the late 1990s cannot repeat a Desert Storm operation nor can it fight a philosophical-in-theory two-war front. The plain facts are that the military is stretched to the max: doing more with less and hoping that two enemies do not simultaneously threaten our existence.

Genocide is defined by Webster's as "the deliberate and systematic destruction of a racial, political or cultural group." It's best example in American history is what the WASPS did to the Indians!

Since we chose to not get militarily involved in the deaths of approximately 800,000 people in Rwanda to find myself asking why we are getting deeper and deeper into a "European problem."

As a combat veteran at the ground level in Vietnam, I believe that Ronald Reagan's Secretary of Defense, Casper Weinberger, said for American involvement one should consider: a failure to declare war, the enemy determination, any peace movement, any potential Russian and/or Chinese support, a lack of commitment by the US, a critical media, poor strategy and poor politics.

A careful review of the aforementioned statements would indicate to me that at the present time we do not belong in Kosovo! Furthermore, where was our warmonger in the White House really 30 years ago? American should be intently listening to the voice of Arizona Sen. John McCain and not the comman-

der in shame/chief!

Roger L. Kehier
Plymouth

Another great season

Congratulations to Mr. Chuck Olson, Jim Mellis, Jim Shinn, and the Salem Swim Team for winning the conference finals swim meet on Friday, Feb. 27. This was the seventh year in a row that the Salem Swim Team has achieved their goal of winning the WLAAC Championship.

What has made this group of young men special is the fact that even though the year began with the team feeling the loss of their teammate, Mike, and some having doubts about the team's ability, they worked hard to accomplish their goal. While there were some disappointments along the way with the loss of some dual meets; they focused on their goal: to win the championship. This is an example of a fine group of coaches and young men who proved that success can come if you never give up.

Chuck Olson and his coaching staff should be commended. They had a year of changes, and they continued - as they have every year - to do a wonderful job coaching. These coaches not only teach swim skills but more importantly the students learn about teamwork, commitment, respect, and responsibility. These are life skills that will benefit the students forever.

Thank you to the team for letting our family be a part of your lives. Your remembrances of Mike during the season were a blessing to our family. Our best wishes and love will be with our "Swim Family" forever.

The Kilgore Family
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Will you be sad to see the Mayflower Hotel torn down?



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Lisa Howard
Plymouth



"It will be nice to have a new building. The hotel has been in bad shape for years."

Debra Badrak
Plymouth



"We need something more exciting on the corner, like more downtown dining."

Mary Gowroski
Plymouth



"I'm sad to see it go, but it's nice to get some good bargains."

Jill Burdick
Plymouth

We asked this question at Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail outside of the Mayflower Hotel.

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— Philip Power

View of Federalist

This is in response to Tim Richard's Feb. 11 column on the Federalist Society.

First, let me say the column was more benign than others on this subject. However, there are few principles which I believe would be helpful in understanding the view of the Federalist Society.

The Federalist Society does not categorically condemn judge-made law - it cannot and would not take such a position because much of what is known as common law is precisely that - judge-made law.

The significant point where the Federalist Society differs from the judicial philosophy known as "activism" is in the arena of "constitutionalizing" issues. Saying an issue is controlled by the U.S. Constitution when it is not, wrongfully takes the issue out of the arena for public

debate and the decision away from the voters by this judicial sleight of hand.

Let me give you an example - abortion. The pertinent question is not are you for or against abortion, but who should make that decision. The Federalist Society contends, correctly in my view, that the abortion issue is not one which is either endorsed or prohibited, much less addressed by, the U.S. Constitution.

What it regards as improper is the "constitutionalizing" of this and other issues so that states, through its voters and representatives, no longer have a say on whether abortion, or other such key issues are legitimate or not.

For example, you will recall that in the doctor-assisted suicide case, the Supreme Court said - something which the Federalist Society has been saying for years - that the question of doctor-assisted suicide is not con-

trolled by or even addressed in the Constitution and therefore, just as it should, in a democratic society, with the people to vote as we did in Michigan, and as voters did in Oregon.

I believe the central tenet of the Federalist Society is intellectual honesty. That is, if the legislature passes a law, it is irrelevant whether a judge likes or dislikes the legislation; judges simply should apply the law as written. To do otherwise, would be to take away power from the people as surely as the United States Supreme Court has improperly done in a number of cases.

No doubt there are areas, be it *Miranda* or *Olden* - where reasonable minds may differ on whether or not the Constitution actually affords a right articulated by the United States Supreme Court. However, there are areas which are clearly in the arena of the democratic process wherein the people should vote and

the courts should not decide an issue for hundreds of millions of judicially disenfranchised citizens. As you know, federal judges are not elected and therefore, not accountable to the people and, accordingly, if we err at all, judges should err on the side of advancing democratic, not elitist principles.

Clearly, this is a very complicated subject and there are volumes written on this subject and the foregoing discussion is, by necessity, an oversimplification. However, I thought it might be helpful for you to hear at least one view from one judge who is a member of the Federalist Society.

Judge Henry W. Sauter
Michigan Court of Appeals

Judge's argument weak

While I do not share Tim Richard's entirely negative view of the Federalist Society, neither am I

impressed by the society's appallingly weak position on abortion, as conveyed, and affirmed, by Judge Henry Sauter. In fact, I am deeply disturbed that any jurist or legislator subscribing to a position so clearly lacking in moral discernment has risen to such a level of public service.

The Constitution (Amendment 5) reads, "No person shall be ... deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." An appeals court judge, or any other member of an organization of which the "central tenet ... is intellectual honesty," who claims that the Constitution does not address "the abortion issue" is sadly lacking in intellect, making "the honesty issue" irrelevant. More importantly, to make such a claim betrays a moral vacuity that has become the norm in a society divorced from its historic conscience.

Ted Gomulka Jr.
Livonia

POINTS OF VIEW

Call of The Goofball excludes enjoying the great outdoors

The Goofball and his buddies arrived from the Detroit area about 1:30 a.m. on an August night in 1995. Their destination was the Ambrose Lake State Forest Campground in Ogemaw County.

That's up north, but not very far north, about 10 miles from West Branch, maybe a three-hour trip from the Detroit area on I-75. So The Goofball must have left home after dark.

I know the area a bit. It's not far from the Rifle River campgrounds. I've scouted campsites in the past but rejected most because they are contaminated by people like The Goofball whose chief source of recreation is a gas-guzzling vehicle. Other writers also have reported how the hillsides in that part of the state are being ripped up by motorized vehicles.

The Court of Appeals opinion says the group intended to do off-road riding. The Goofball knew he was supposed to pay a camping fee but didn't. Prior to reaching the campground, they ate a pizza (no camp food over an

open fire for these softies) and bought a case of beer. The Goofball said he had "three or four beers" before arrival, the court record says.

"At approximately 2:30 a.m., plaintiff (the court's name for The Goofball) started his off-road vehicle (ORV), with the intention to warm up the vehicle and check out the path and to come back and gear up and then head out." Plaintiff was not wearing any safety equipment, including a helmet.

The Goofball checked out the path and headed back to the campsite, traveling on the left side of the road, "when he suddenly struck something. The impact with the object caused the ORV to become airborne, and vaulted plaintiff's body forward into a tree. From his point of contact with the tree, plaintiff was thrown to the center of the road and severely injured.

"The object plaintiff struck was a cedar post. Such cedar posts are used throughout the campground, and at other campgrounds around the state,



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to prevent people from driving through certain areas of the park. The posts stand approximately 18 inches high, are approximately 6 to 12 inches in diameter, and are placed approxi-

mately 2 feet apart."

Get this: In the middle of the night, The Goofball has drunk beer, operates an off-road vehicle without a helmet, makes a racket for the forest creatures, hits a post that is intended as a barrier - and sues us, the taxpayers, with a claim against the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The Goofball argues that his route was some kind of highway. Under a doctrine going back to Henry II of England, government is immune from most lawsuits except, in Michigan, for defective highways. In the Court of Claims, the judge throws out the suit.

The Goofball seeks a reversal in the Court of Appeals. Judges Stephen Markman, Joel Hoekstra and Brian Zahra are unimpressed with The Goofball's logic, saying:

"We conclude that the natural grassy area is not an improved portion of the highway. Consequently, the cedar post that plaintiff struck constitutes an installation outside the improved portion of the highway."

They affirmed the Court of Claims judge.

I would have fined The Goofball for whatever damage he did to the cedar post, the tree he hit and the grass he landed on, and charged him for the ambulance run and the law enforcement officer who investigated; then maybe tack on a \$1,000 charge for the Non-Game Wildlife Fund for disturbing the wildlife. Then I'd confiscate his ORV, or what's left of it, until he paid part of the \$100,000-plus salaries of the three appellate judges.

Certainly it was no way to enjoy Michigan's environment. The conventional method is to sit around a campfire, sip a beer, pick the guitar until 9:30 or 10 p.m., then listen to the coyotes howl or the owls hoot until beddy-bye time.

It's more fun than being airborne when you hit a tree.

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

Students need some protection

There were lots of student radicals on college campuses in the late 1950s and early '60s. I should know. I was one of them.

In those days, Tom Hayden (before he became a celebrity) and I were staffers on the University of Michigan student newspaper, *The Michigan Daily*. Together with a group of other activists, we launched in 1960 a campaign to get rid of Deborah Bacon, then the dean of women.

At that time, deans of women exercised a lot of power at college campuses all around the country. They set rules defining proper nonacademic conduct for coeds: drinking (mostly a no-no), dress (ladylike), dorm hours (in by 11 p.m. on weekdays, 1 a.m. weekends), sex (decidedly a no-no, but routinely ignored).

There were deans of men, too, who set nonacademic rules for male students. These were a lot looser - boys will be boys, after all - but you could get in trouble for things like rowdy or noisy behavior or having an unregistered car on campus.

Taken together, the rules governing nonacademic conduct for college students were based on the assumption that university authorities were acting as substitute parents - "in loco parentis" was the Latin phrase - while kids were on campus. And it was the notion that somebody had the right to set rules for us students that made us mad.

In due course, we got rid of Miss Bacon at U-M and, as well, the institutions of the dean of women and the dean of men. And over the next 10 years all around the country, colleges and universities gradually ridded themselves of deans and ideas of *in loco parentis*.

By 1980, the idea that colleges had any business trying to govern the nonacademic behavior of their students was passé. University boards of trustees amended their rules.

Some - U-M among them - wound up with no rules whatsoever governing nonacademic conduct. If the kids violated the laws of Ann Arbor or Michigan, it was the cops' business to arrest and charge them.

The pendulum started swinging back about five years ago, when folks running colleges realized that students could do all kinds of nasty things and get away with it as long as they didn't break some nonuniversity law.

At the U-M, racist and gay-baiting fliers were occasionally distributed around the dorms. Some women were harassed and a few were raped. Thefts on campus increased.

The administration and the Board of Regents concluded that the safety and civility of the academic community were threatened. Against vehement protest, the regents in 1990 authorized armed campus public safety officers and



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later adopted a limited code of nonacademic conduct.

A bunch of well-publicized recent events on Michigan campuses suggest there is much more to do, especially with respect to alcohol.

The alcohol-fueled riot in East Lansing three weeks ago involved not only MSU students but also students from campuses all around the state. Last fall, a MSU student died of alcohol poisoning after he consumed 26 shots during a night of drinking to celebrate his 21st birthday. At Central Michigan University, another student fell out of his apartment and was killed.

Last fall, Courtney Cantor, a first-year student at U-M, fell to her death out of a window in her dorm in Ann Arbor. Traces of alcohol and a date-rape drug were found in her blood.

I was on the Board of Regents at U-M when Courtney Cantor fell to her death. A friend whose daughter is a first-year student in Ann Arbor, called me. "What can you do to assure me that your university is taking appropriate care of my daughter?" I couldn't fully answer his question.

I don't think Michigan colleges should return wholesale to the days of *in loco parentis*. But, equally, I am certain that university officials and boards of trustees have a greater responsibility to their students - and to the parents and families of these students - than merely warehousing them in dormitories or fraternities, letting them do what they will and hoping for the best.

There may be protests and pickets. But officials and governing boards should have the guts and wisdom to look at their rules of nonacademic conduct and carefully rewrite them.

In addition to being a student activist while an undergraduate at U-M, Phil Power served for 11 years on the university's Board of Regents. He 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@eonline.com

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that area. Some of the homeowners have made improvements on their own without historic district designation."

Old Village homeowner Halber Doughty spoke in favor of the designation.

"I think it would help us ensure that when we do something in Old Village it will remain a nice, upscale project," said Doughty. "It will raise the property values, and show that we're an enlightened community aware of our history."

Resident Chuck Avis was concerned that some homeowners will benefit without having to comply with more strict rules.

"Some single family residences would have to abide by rules and regulations of the historic district while others who don't will benefit from economic improvements," said Avis.

'Some single family residences would have to abide by rules and regulations of the historic district while others who don't will benefit from economic improvements.'

Chuck Avis
-Old Village resident

"I'd be concerned about the control I have over my own home, whether I could make repairs or it would become a big hassle," added another homeowner.

While the Historic Commission is in favor of the designation, its chairman, Dan Doyle, was that group's lone dissenting vote.

"There could be a disincentive to business to make improvements to their buildings," said Doyle. "It could be perceived as

more restrictive and a higher cost of doing business."

Doyle also noted any increases in property values because of historic designation would be mostly perception.

"While they may be only perceptions, they can be difficult to overcome," he added. "However, it's a dead issue now."

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Common Senses



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What do we value most?

Have you ever heard the name Tim Forneris? This 22-year-old man is seen by some as a hero, by others as a nut.

Tim's 15 minutes of fame came last summer when he retrieved Mark McGwire's 62nd home run ball and promptly turned it over to McGwire instead of keeping it.

Mr. Forneris has been belittled and ridiculed for doing such a "foolish thing" when he stood to make more than \$1 million by selling the infamous ball. It brings us back to that same old discussion about what we value.

You can fairly quickly sum up what some of your friends value when you watch what they prioritize in their life. If it's their work, it comes before their family. If it's their money, they either hoard it or spend it on lots of "stuff." If it's health, they spend a serious amount of time and money on nutrition, physical fitness or doctors.

For Tim Forneris, in this instance, it was someone else's accomplishment that he valued. As Tim wrote in a letter to Time magazine, which admonished him for acting "impetuously and not treating found money seriously," he said, "My decision was by no means made on an impulse ... what did influence my actions was my family and my background.

"I have always been taught to respect others and their accomplishments. Life is about more than just money. It is about family, friends and the experience you have with them. Being able to return (the ball) to Mr. McGwire was a real honor and thrill. I still would not trade that experience for \$1 million."

As I was conducting a parenting workshop last week, I had one of the participants comment, "It's too bad more parents don't come out to hear this kind of information."

A dad in the audience, who happened to be the lone male in the group, raised his hand and offered, "My male friends at work scoff and laugh when I talk about going to seminars like this. Last week, when they found out I was watching 'Aladdin' with my kids instead of the Final

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Heavenly hobby



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Oh heavens: Virginia Saltarelli (at left) of Livonia admits her collection of angels doesn't quite rival the 700-plus angels Jean Draper of Farmington Hills has collected over the years.

Club has a soft spot for angels

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Long before Roma Downey, Della Reese and John Dye earned their wings, Virginia Saltarelli, Jeanette Gabel and Jean Draper were being touched by angels.

So much so that they carry umbrellas and wear clothes adorned with the cherubic faces of angels. Look around their homes and you'll see mailboxes, flags, figurines, even books about angels.

Gabel has a signed angel shelf she bought for \$65 in Boca Raton, Fla., a lot of Lladro figurines, a woodcarved mirror from Italy and a plant stand, to name a few of the angelic furnishings in her Farmington Hills home. Of course, she has an angel wristwatch, earrings and broken china angel pin.

"Have you heard about the broken china jewelry?" Gabel asks her friends. "A friend in Maryland sent me a price for Christmas. The head and wings are made from broken china sent to a couple in Colorado who make it into jewelry."

"I have many, many, many angels. I've never counted them, I just enjoy them."

Draper who lives across the street from her, bought her first angel 48 years ago. It was a Swedish angel holding a candle that she bought for her son's first birthday.

"I probably have 700 angels plus my Christmas ornaments," she said. "A lot of mine are on open shelves. I don't get tired of dusting them because as I dust I think about where I got them or from whom I got them."

"And when people know you collect angels, you get books and everything," added Gabel.

Saltarelli, who recently moved to Livonia from the west side of the state, doesn't have as many as Draper and Gabel. Her collection numbers about 100 and many are still in packing boxes. She also reads "anything per-

taining to angels."

Club for collectors

The three women are members of the Great Lakes Chapter of the Angels Collectors Club of America which meets for lunch the second Tuesday of the month around the metropolitan area.

While the chapter covers in the entire state, its 15 members are from southeastern Michigan - Garden City, Livonia, Farmington Hills, Canton, Hartland and Detroit.

The chapter was started in 1994 by Sherry Moore of Canton when a few enthusiasts gathered at a Big Boy Restaurant. Word-of-mouth helped bring in other collectors.

"It's interesting because there's so many different kinds of angels," said

Saltarelli, who prefers very detailed angels. "Some members collect certain kinds of angels. One collects only wooden angels for her Christmas tree, one just Precious Moments angels."

Gabel and Draper collect all kinds of angels, from little bitty to big ones although Gabel doesn't describe herself as a collector. She likes angels and likes getting them. She remembers buying one angel that cost just 89 cents.

"We'd shop and shop for them," said Gabel of shopping trips with Draper. "When we used to find one, it was a treasure."

Chapter dues are \$10 a year and local members must belong to the ACCA which has a \$20 membership fee. Each chapter member gets a turn

to pick where the chapter will meet for lunch. So far, the group has met at Jacobson's meeting room, the Leather Bottle Restaurant and local libraries.

"It's not a religious thing, it's non-denominational," said Saltarelli, current chapter president. "We've had speakers like the woman who owns an angel shop in Rockford and try to exchange information on shops that carry angels. We just like angels."

And one store the women enjoy shopping at in search of angels just happens to be Victorian Lace Elegance Ceramics and Country Accents on Grand River in Farmington, owned by chapter member Sandy Burkhardt.

The ACCA was organized in 1976 by Theo Marie Sponsler of Wheatridge.

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A few facts about angels

- When we think of an angel, we imagine a beautiful winged human. That image can be attributed to works of art created by ninth through 17th century artists.
- Although many people now mistakenly associate angels with the Christian religion, evidence exists to support a belief in angels in almost every religion and culture; many of which pre-date Christianity by thousands of years.
- The Angel Magi of the Renaissance believed that angel magic was among the oldest forms of worship known to humans. The earliest recorded angel magic rituals were composed in ancient Chaldea around 3000 BCE.
- The Greeks believed in the existence of gods whose function was the same as Christian angels - they also believed in guardians, which they called 'daimons' - the



source of the word 'demon' because early Christians believed the angels and gods of other cultures must be devils in disguise.

■ It also was the Greeks who gave us word angel comes from their word "angelos," meaning messenger.

■ Ancient Egyptians believed that angels could be controlled by invoking the power of the names of greater angels and it was they who began the use of magical names as part of their angel magic prayers.

■ The Aryans who came to India and Persia around 2500 BCE believed in devas, meaning shining ones. The devas made their way into the Veda, a collection of sacred Hindu writings, and were closely aligned with elements of nature: earth, air, fire and water. Devas found their way into Zoroastrianism and from there evolved into angels.

Couples resolve problems with counseling

Helping out:
As a marriage counselor, Vilma Valente helps couples to get their relationships back on track.



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According to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, marriage is the relation between a husband and wife. The flip side is divorce, the real and legal dissolution of a marriage.

In between, there are people like Vilma Valente, a psychologist and marriage and family counselor, who helps individuals and couples get their relationships back on track.

But before that can happen, the parties involved many times need to overcome one thing - the stigma of marriage counseling.

"People hesitate to come in because they feel they should be able to do it on their own," said Valente. "They think, 'There must be something wrong with

me, if I have to get help.'"

Valente has been a counselor for 15 years, working with 10-15 people a week in her office in the Newman House at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Also on the faculty of the college's psychology department, Valente has a master's degree in marriage and family counseling from Wayne State University and a master's degree in education from the University of Detroit Mercy.

It was the program at WSU that attracted her to marriage counseling. "I like to negotiate with people and help people negotiate with each other," she said. "Now I help people resolve their problems themselves."

Not surprisingly, it generally is the man who doesn't want to go for coun-

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A-MAY-ZING MOM

Moms ... they're amazing people. Granted, they can't leap buildings in a single bound or stop a speeding train like Superman, but when it comes to juggling the demands of work, home and their children ... Well, they're just amazing.

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elling. But usually, if one spouse starts, the other will get curious and start joining in, Valente said.

The right tools

And she finds couples are surprised that once they have the tools for a relationship, the rest seems to fall into place.

"It takes a lot of energy," she said. "A good relationship doesn't

just happen. It happens over time with the right tools."

Her counseling sessions run 45-50 minutes a week, although the time between sessions can gradually increase as the situation begins to improve. How long they are in counseling depends on the couple. Valente likes to see people for a minimum of three sessions.

"It depends on how much the

couple wants to do and when they're satisfied with the results," she said. "I've worked with some and they've resolved their differences in three sessions or three months."

Some people balk at the idea of counseling, fearing they will be told how to run their lives. That's part of the misconception of marriage counseling. A counselor, according to Valente,

"helps them realize where the problem come from and how they can resolve it."

"In talking, we help them figure out what their problem stems from," she added. "Sometimes, they drift apart, sometimes, they focus entirely on the children. They do everything around the kids and don't leave time for themselves."

If that's the case, Valente will tell her clients they should do two days and two nights together without the children. If they don't do anything together, they can't build on their friendship, she said.

"Couples have to remain friends; they have to make time for each other," she said. "Once a week is ideal and a minimum is twice a month."

"Get a baby sitter, do whatever you have to do, but go out without the kids. You need to do something so you can talk to each other."

Valente may suggest books that are useful while helping the couple to work as a team and communicate with each other.

Last-ditch effort

In many instances, a spouse who is thinking about leaving a marriage decides to make "a last-ditch effort" to go to counseling, although some may not have the energy to resolve their problems.

"Working with a couple is a whole lot of fun, especially when both parties are willing to work," Valente said. "But sometimes you get a couple where one part-


ner wants to work on it and the other is already gone emotionally. Then you help that partner accept reality. It can be very difficult."

Sometimes, one spouse doesn't have the energy to have the marriage and decides on divorce. The marriage counselor can help the couple say goodbye and resolve issues involving the children.

"If both are committed, no marriage has to end in divorce," she said. "But it does take two."


"Each situation is as unique as the people involved. Their problems might have a common theme, but how they deal with them depends on the people involved."

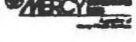
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Four basketball playoffs, they mocked me with sarcastic remarks about how stupid I was. They think I am very strange."

Do these stories point up these two men's priorities? You bet. Sadly, a great number of people let their "feel good" instincts override a decent value system.

"Sure, I value my family," says Mike, a 33-year-old account executive. But Mike's actions speak otherwise. He spends 10 hours a

day at his office and another six hours on Saturday on the computer at home.

His wife used to appreciate the amount of money he brought home because of his hard work, but no longer. Her values about money changed when the first child was born. Unfortunately, his didn't and they now have enormous conflicts because of it. If you are a parent, there is a secret out there that may help

you set your priorities. Kids know by your actions what you value most. Let us hope that you have chosen them.

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Colo., and Mary Matthews of Dallas, Texas. It has more than 300,000 members, including first lady Hillary Clinton and enthusiasts living in China, Sweden and Canada.

"It started when one of the founders read about the other in a newspaper," Gabel said.

ACCA holds biennial national conventions, featuring speakers, authors, banquet, visits to angel gift shops and field trips. One year, conventioners visited the Angel Museum in Beloit, Wis. Housed in an old church, the museum has 13,000 angels, including a number that were donated by talk show host Oprah Winfrey.

This year's convention will be Sept. 9-12 in Niagara Falls, N.Y., hosted by the Angel Collector's Club of Western New York.

"It's wonderful," said Gabel. "You get to see friends from all over. You can sign up for secret pen pals, the quote group ... Each month you send a quote to a member in the group. There's seven in our group."

It was Saltarelli's husband who found out about ACCA when he called to order an angel birdbath from a catalog. Draper learned about ACCA from an article a friend had found in an antiques publication.

Saltarelli knows there are plenty of angel collectors in the

area and would like to add new members. She also knows the time the club meets can be a hindrance. She hopes that the chapter can get enough new members to start a group that meets in the evening.

"If you belong to the club, you always have someone to talk to about angels," said Saltarelli. "There's always a lot of unusual stories to tell about angels, and almost everybody who belongs has a strong belief in angels as well as love of collecting."

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CC Moms ready for annual show

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It was an easy sell for Nancy Chapman and Kathy Snyder. In just 10 days, 760 tickets were sold for the Catholic Central Mother's Club annual luncheon and fashion show.

Slated for Sunday, April 25, at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn, guests will be treated to "An Enchanted Garden" theme, starting with the social hour at 11 a.m., followed by lunch and fashions provided by the shops of the Somerset Collection.

"The hardest part of this is to get someone to commit to the fashion show," said Chapman, who is co-chairing the event with Snyder. "You want to have a nice show for the guests so they want to come back, so I guess they must have enjoyed themselves last year because we sold out so quickly."

The garden theme will start in the reception area where there will be a bench and garden decor. Table decorations will feature topiary centerpieces, garden angel table favors and goodie

bags filled with seeds and garden items.

Even the invitations fit the theme. Found by Snyder, they feature garden angels and match the table favors.

The benefit got its start about 24 years ago as a card party held in the gymnasium of the high school, located on Outer Drive in Detroit at the time. The participants brought their own brown bag lunches and dessert and coffee was served.

Eventually, it moved into a fashion show and evolved to banquet facilities around the area. Being at the Ritz this year marks the return to a popular spot, according to Snyder.

"We were at the Ritz for two evening shows about 10 years ago," she said. "The Ritz is wonderful presentation-wise. The moms wanted to come back and were happy we chose it this year."

For the fashion show, the Somerset Collection will showcase casual, everyday, sporty and evening wear. And for what has become a fashion show tradition,

14 Senior Board members will model evening dresses, escorted by their 15 sons (there's one set of twins) who will wear tuxedos provided by Steve Petix.

And if that's not enough, benefit-goers will have a chance to win some of the more than 150 raffle prizes. Cindy Patrick and Susan White have been coordinating acquisitions for the raffle and have jewelry, gift certificates, overnight stays, including one at the Ritz Carlton, Waterford crystal and CC spirit baskets among the prizes.

"I don't know how they do it," said Chapman. "They have \$15,000 in donated prizes and they're still working on it."

"Last year, we sold \$4,000 in raffle tickets the day of the show," added Snyder. "We didn't have enough raffle tickets and used coat check tickets. We raised around \$8,000 with the raffle."

The club raised about \$12,000 and Chapman and Snyder hope to hit \$15,000 this year. The money raised is used to purchase

items for the school. This year, the club will make a "sizeable contribution" to put air conditioning in the cafeteria, which doubles as a mini auditorium.

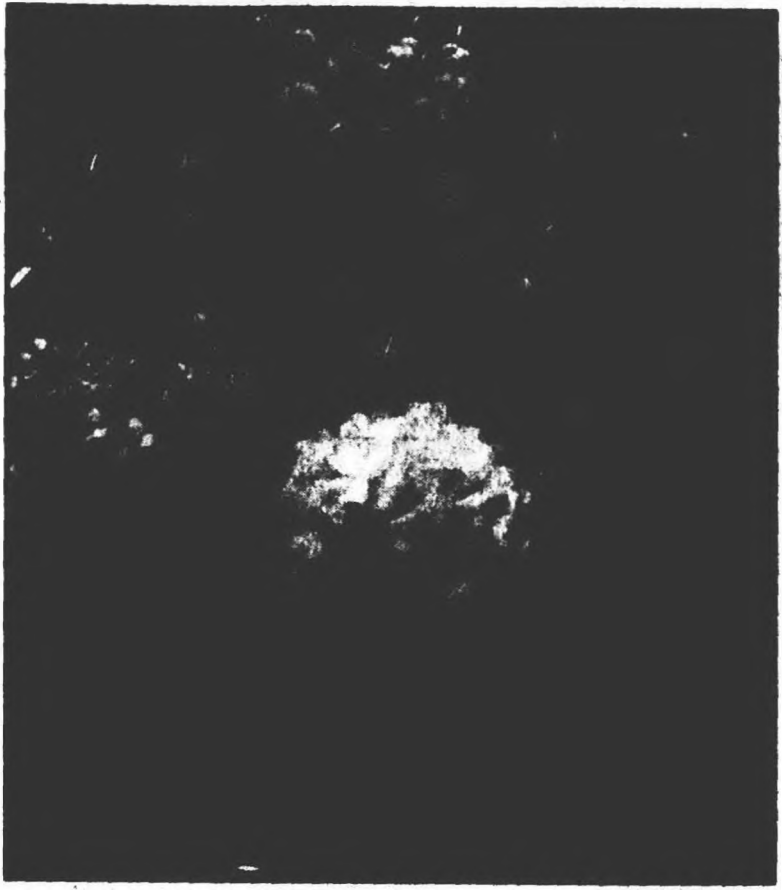
And even though the show is a sellout, there's still plenty to do. Chapman and Snyder and a cadre of volunteers, including many fathers and sons, will be at the Ritz at 7 a.m. the day of the benefit to help with the setup.

"It'll be a busy morning," said Chapman. "All of the committees, about 40 women, and anyone else they can bring will be there."

The mothers of CC students are automatically members of the Mother's Club. It is "the gift of time" that they generously give to the school, according to Chapman.

"It's a wonderful group of ladies," she said. "Some of the mothers give 60 plus hours for an event. We had 30 women help do the mailings for this."

"There's nothing like the experience of being a CC mom. It's hard to describe."



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Garden delights: Nancy Chapman (left) and Kathy Snyder look over topiaries that will serve as centerpieces on tables at the soldout Catholic Central Mothers Club's annual fashion show.

Special honor

MWF recognizes 5 women

Five women are on tap to be honored as Women of Achievement and Courage at benefit galas, sponsored by the Michigan Women's Foundation.

The accomplishments of Erma Henderson of Detroit, Pam Aguirre of Grosse Point Park, Elizabeth Upjohn Mason of Kalamazoo, Margaret Taylor Smith of Birmingham and Alecia Woodrick of Grand Rapids will be celebrated at the 10th annual dinners for Thursday, April 29, at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids and on Tuesday, May 4, at The Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn.

Tickets for the dinners are \$150 each and can be purchased by calling the Michigan Women's Foundation at (734) 542-3946.

Both dinners are sponsored by the General Motors Corporation. During the past decade, the number of guest at the dinners have more than doubled and revenues have increased from \$47,000 to \$225,000.

This year, Detroit co-chairs Deborah Dingell, president of the General Motors Foundation, Geneva Williams, executive vice-president and COO of United Way Community Services, and honorary co-chair Trudy Duncombe Archer expect to attract more than 850 people at The Ritz-Carlton and raise more than \$150,000.

"This 10th anniversary of the dinner gives us much cause for celebration," said Dingell. "Funds raised at this year's dinner will allow MWF to directly support more critical programs serving women and girls in Michigan."

"At the same time, it is an opportunity for us to celebrate the outstanding contributions of women of our state, both over the course of the century and during our lifetimes."

Honorees are selected for their leadership, vision, passion and achievements. Henderson will receive the first ever Trillium Award for Lifetime Achievement from MWF at the dinner in Grand Rapids.

A renowned labor leader, civil rights activist and political pioneer, she has fought tirelessly throughout her lifetime to promote social justice and put an end to racism and discrimination.

Ironically, Henderson will receive her award in the very same establishment where in 1938 she organized a sit-in to end segregation at was then the Pantland Hotel.

A life of firsts, she was the first African American port secretary on the Great Lakes, the first woman trustee of Wayne County Community College and the first African American

woman in history to be sworn in as a member of the Detroit City Council, becoming its president in 1977.

Women of Achievement and Courage honoree Aguirre is CEO and chairman of the board of the Detroit-based Mexican Industries and benefactor of the Hispanic community. She has devoted much of her time fulfilling the company's vision as articulated by her father, the late Detroit Tigers all-star pitcher Hank Aguirre.

An author, Taylor Smith is the first female board president of the Kresge Foundation. A self-described volunteer, she has served as mentor for women and girls during her lifetime through her vision and leadership with the Detroit Medical Center, Legal Aid Society of Oakland County and New Horizons of Oakland County to name a few.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Duke University, Taylor Smith has endowed a directorship in women's studies at her alma mater and served on both the national board of Women and Philanthropy and the advisory council for the MFW.

Mason has log many decades of community involvement and philanthropy, stemming from a strong family tradition of volunteerism. The president of Upjohn National Leasing, her current focus is on the Women's Education Coalition which utilizes its million-dollar endowment to assist women in completing their education.

Woodrick a philanthropist and community volunteer, has served on the board of directors for Grand Rapids Opportunities for Women (GROW), Special Olympics and Grand Rapids Art Museum. As co-founder of the Grand Rapids Children's Museum, she was instrumental in articulating its vision for the future. She also has helped build three Habitat for Humanity homes.

The Michigan Women's Foundation was founded in 1986 to respond to the significant barriers and challenges that prohibit women and girls from reaching their full potential and to create a permanent financial for programs to help them. MFW promotes economic self-sufficiency and personal well-being for women and girls, so that they may maximize their contributions to society.


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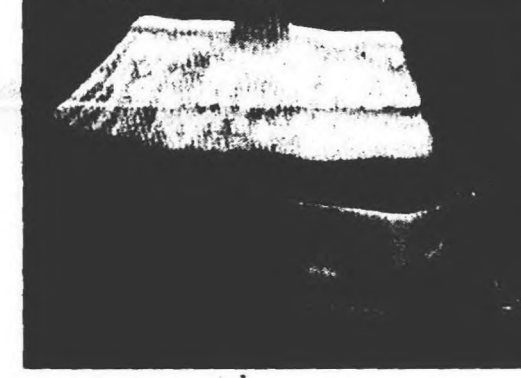
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'FABULOUS FABLE FACTORY'
 Whistle Stop Players present "The Fabulous Fable Factory," 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for 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.

DANCE ENSEMBLE
 West Senior: *Glock-wise from top left, Cathy Eehalt, Andrea Miller, Colleen Badgero, Kristine Rovlo, Beth Berzac, Christen Ogden, Valerie Miller, Julie Godfrey, Susan Carlson, Anne Bresler (not pictured), and Lim Svenson (not pictured).*



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determined from the shots played. The fee is \$140 for a three-person team. Registration is in person at Leslie Park Golf Course. Final deadline to register is May 2. For more information, call (734) 994-1168.

CAREGIVER COLLEGE
 Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan's "Caregiver College" is a free community education program designed to teach family caregivers how to care for the elderly. The program is a series of seven two-hour sessions conducted by health professionals on various topics such as first aid, emotional health, and medications. Classes are being offered at seven metropolitan-Detroit locations beginning the week of May 3. For more information or to register, call (313) 745-1068.

MEET AT CITY HALL
 The American Family Association on National Day of Prayer will sponsor the annual "Meet at City Hall" 12:20-12:40 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at the Canton Township Administration Building (around the flagpole). For more information, call (734) 981-3442.

RELAY FOR LIFE
 The 1999 Plymouth/Canton Relay for Life, a 24-hour run/walkathon to raise money for the American Cancer Society, will be held May 8-9 at Heritage Park in Canton. Teams consist of 12 or more people who divide up the relay so that a member is on the track at all times. Team members are asked to raise \$100 each to participate. There will be entertainment and refreshments for the duration of the event. Student volunteers are also needed. For information on participation or sponsorship, call Gloria Peterson at the ACS Great Lakes Division, (248) 557-5353. For information on becoming a volunteer, call Debbie Zevalkink, (734) 397-5381.

SHOWCASE PLYMOUTH
 The 11th annual "Showcase Plymouth '99" will be 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, at the Plymouth Manor. The spotlight will be shining to salute local volunteers (from service clubs to seniors), acknowledge deserving employees, award outstanding student citizenship scholarships, recognize the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year, and nominate a Plymouth-based business for the Beautification Award. Hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and beverages will be served. Booths are limited. The cost for a booth for Plymouth chamber members is \$55, and \$125 for potential members. For information, call 453-1540.

GARDEN ART SHOW
 The Northville Rotary Club will host a spring fund-raiser Sunday, May 23. Garden Treasures, a garden art and accessories show, will be held at Mill Race Village. To receive a vendor application, call Traci Sincock at (248) 449-9941.

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.

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. Cleanup 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., 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. to 4 p.m. Sunday, 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.

BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE
 The American Legion Post 112 is sponsoring a bottle and can drive 8 a.m.

to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 24, in the Old Fellows Hall parking lot on Elizabeth and Ann Arbor Trail. Proceeds go to help the needy veterans and their families. For more information, call (734) 459-7324.

USED BOOK SALES
 Friends of the Plymouth Library will hold a special used book sale through April 24 during regular library hours. The books to be sold will all be of special interest, quality, age or design. Many dictionaries, encyclopedias, yearbooks, foreign language books, Bibles and coffee table books will be available, as well as video and audiotapes. This will be a great place to shop for gifts. Proceeds will be used to finance special projects for the new library. For more information, call (734) 455-0782.

The League of Women Voters is holding the annual Used Book Sale 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 23-24, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 25, in Wonderland Mall, at Middlebelt and Plymouth Road in Livonia. Books are priced to sell with hardcov-

ers costing \$1, paperbacks 50 cents and romance novels 25 cents. Special collector books are individually priced, and there will be a \$4 bag sale on Sunday. Proceeds will be used to educate the public on governmental issues.

BEANIE BABY SHOW
 The "Beanie Baby Show" returns 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Admission is \$5 for adults, and \$2 for kids 4-12. More than 50 vendors and collectors will be selling current and retired Beanie Babies and their accessories. There will be Beanie Baby door prizes given hourly. For more information, contact R.R. Promotions, Inc. at (734) 455-2110.

FOOD DRIVE
 Your mail carrier will be collecting nonperishable food items on Saturday, May 8, as part of a nationwide food drive conducted by the National Association of Letter Carriers in conjunction with the U.S. Postal Service. Place your food donations at your mailbox before your letter carrier's normal arrival

time. The food will be brought back to the post office where the Salvation Army will collect it and distribute it to the needy families in the Plymouth community. Food donations can also be dropped off at either the Plymouth post office, Danny's Food or Kmart. The Salvation Army has requested no perishable/glass items.

AROUND TOWN

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.

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 28. 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 Bozmowski at (734) 459-3790 or Stan Sulewski at (734) 453-8343.

LOYALTY DAY
 The Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 6695 is sponsoring the 22nd Annual Loyalty Day 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, in the post, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. The following will be presented: Community Service Awards, Voice of Democracy winners, and Poster Contest winners. This event is open to the public. For more information, call Alice Fisher at (734) 728-7619.

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.

GOLF TOURNAMENT
 The city of Ann Arbor Department of Parks and Recreation is 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

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.

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CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement in Campus Notes, send the material, printed or typewritten, to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

WHO'S WHO
 Rebecca Uhlmann of Superior Township has been named in the 1999 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

The 1999 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" will appear in the annual volumes,

which has been published since 1984. They were chosen from among students representing more than 1,000 colleges and universities in the United States and abroad. Recipients who are selected by campus nominating committees and "Who's Who" editors are chosen based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Uhlmann is a member of CMU's Phi Chi National Honor Society. She is also a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, the

Lansdale Hall Council and the National Residence Hall Honorary.

She is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and the daughter of David and Roxanna Uhlmann.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
 Chen Nee, Sarah Robenalt, Denise Spanish, Joseph Stevens and Theresa Tyler of Canton have been awarded scholarships for the winter 1999 semester at Walsh College. The scholarships were awarded based on merit and financial need. To qualify for a merit scholarship, students must

maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5. Need-based scholarships are selected using the standard federal formulas and college criteria. Walsh College scholarships are funded through the support of private donors.

Oda Ehrkett of Plymouth has been awarded a scholarship for the winter 1999 semester at Walsh College. The scholarship was awarded based on merit and financial need. To qualify for a merit scholarship, students must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5. Need-based scholarships are selected using the standard federal formulas and college criteria.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Pearson-Hoffman

Diane Lyne Pearson of Commerce, formerly of Livonia, and Anthony Allan Hoffman of Livonia are planning an August wedding at Fox Hills Country Club in Salem Township.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John G. Pearson. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Hoffman of Romulus.



Fox-Latham

Richard and Elsie Fox of Greenwich, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenny Lynn of Canton, to Matthew James Latham, the son of William and Mary Latham of Novi.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of South Central High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed at Gudel Lineartec Inc.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Novi High School and the University of Michigan. He is employed at Diamond Tool Manufacturing.

A May wedding is planned at the Dearborn Christian Reformed Church.



Reformed Church.

Bingham-Chapman

Kevin Alan Bingham and April Leigh Chapman were married at Weller's in Saline. The Rev. Gary Mayer, uncle of the bride, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Clyde and Dee Chapman of Vassar, Mich. The groom is the son of Michael and Marilyn Bingham of Garden City.

The bride is a graduate of Vassar High School and Michigan Technological University. She is employed by Pulse/FX as a Web page designer.

The groom is a graduate of Garden City High School and Michigan Technological University. He is employed in computer support by Kimberly Clark in Wisconsin.

The bride asked Christi Chapman to serve as maid of honor with Lori Bingham as bridesmaid.

The groom asked Tim Hass to



serve as best man with Tony Gartrell as groomsman. The ushers were Maria Bingham, Cathy Sturgeon and Amy Thayer.

The couple received guests at a reception in Weller's Carriage House. Following a wedding trip to Chicago, they are making their home in Menasha, Wis.

Franzen-Martin

Carol Lobeck of Warren and David Franses of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Suzanne, to Kevin Joseph Martin, the son of Claude and Judy Martin of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism and plans to graduate from Oakland University in December with a master of arts degree in English. She is employed as editor of C-E Publishing in Warren.

Her fiancé attended the Center for Creative Studies. He is employed as a graphic artist at the Macomb Daily newspaper in Mount Clemens.

A November wedding is



planned at St. Mark Catholic Church in Warren.

Koetje-Lehoczy

Richard and Ruth Koetje of Mattawan, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen R., to Trevor K. Lehoczy, the son of Kenneth and Norma Jean Lehoczy of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the Bronson Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. She is employed at Promed Pediatrics in Portage as a registered nurse.

Her fiancé is attending Western Michigan University.

An August wedding is planned



at Grace Christian Reformed Church in Kalamazoo.

McDonough-Marschall

Joanne McDonough of Clinton Township announces the engagement of her daughter, Shannon Marie, to Matthew Stephen Marschall, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Marschall of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in speech pathology. She is employed as a summer day care teacher for the Utica Community Schools.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed as a design engineer at Assembly Technology & Test in



Livonia. A June wedding is planned at St. Sylvester Catholic Church.

Rice-Frieders

Timothy and Kathleen Rice of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Marie, to Christopher John Frieders, the son of John and Jane Frieders of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor with a bachelor of business administration degree. She is employed as a public accountant at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of John Glenn High School. He also attended Schoolcraft College. He is employed as a technician at AirTouch Cellular.

A September wedding is



planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

Cibor-Cameron

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Cibor of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Rochelle Angel, to John Jeffrey Cameron, son of Jack Cameron of Farmington and Maureen Cameron of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Kalamazoo College. She expects to graduate in April with a master of science degree in physical therapy from Grand Valley State University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of University of Detroit Jesuit High School and the University of Michigan. He is employed by



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11:00 a.m. - Traditional, Full Choir
Sunday School
9:30-Adults; 11:00-Children-Adults
Scripture/Liturgy: 24:36-49
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Teens gather at Silverdome for 'Acquire the Fire'

More than 70,000 teenagers from throughout the United States, Canada, England and Jamaica will gather at the Silverdome in Pontiac Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, for "Acquire the Fire's Day One."

Sponsored by Teen Mania Ministries of Garden Valley, Texas, the gathering will put a new teen image before the nation - young people who are not ashamed of their belief in Jesus and who are ready to lead their generation into the new millennium.

"Day One" will feature hard-hitting inspirational messages from Philadelphia Eagle Irving Fryar and national Christian leaders E.V. Hill, Jack Hayford, Josh McDowell and Ryan Dob-

son, the contemporary Christian rock sounds of the Newboys, Fred Hammond, Out of Eden, Third Day and Rebecca St. James and dramatic skits with state-of-the-art multimedia and pyrotechnics.

The event will culminate when participants sign a "Teenage Bill of Rights," asserting their values - sexual purity, personal accountability, families with both parents present, purpose, respect for authorities and caring about other people - and intention to move the nation forward with honor and integrity.

"Because of their sheer numbers alone, this generation of teenagers - just as their Baby Boomer parents - will set the course of the nation in the next

millennium," said Ron Luce, president and CEO of Teen Mania. "While Madison Avenue and Hollywood see these teenagers as a profitable target market, we concentrate our time and attention to help them profit - and ultimately the nation - by building a personal foundation in Jesus Christ."

"They want to lead their generation, not follow it, and send an encouraging message to teenagers everywhere that they are not alone and that God loves them."

"They are passionate about their faith and want to boldly assert their decision to chart their own course and define their own values, rather than passively accepting the labels assigned

to them by popular culture." A leadership summit for youth pastors will be held simultaneously at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Over the last 10 years, Teen Mania has hosted more than 500,000 teenagers in "Acquire the Fire" events around the country.

The two-day youth conventions employ biblical teaching, contemporary praise and worship and skits to challenge young people to become WorldChangers for Jesus.

Since the first "Acquire the Fire" eight years ago, Luce has witnessed a groundswell of teenagers looking to break out of the popular culture mold and take their own message of faith

to the world. Luce oversees Teen Mania's mission training through the Global Expeditions program and Teen Mania Academy and has taken the gospel to more than 60 countries. He also hosts the weekly "Acquire the Fire," shown on the Trinity Broadcasting Network and New Inspirational Network and other North American outlets.

"It's time to stop pretending that everything is OK and start rescuing these teenagers from the zeitgeist that says 'whatever goes,'" Luce said. "We want to rally around them as they proclaim they will not let the world steal their innocence, pervert their minds, confuse their morals or distort their destiny."



Ron Luce

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

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, Northville Township. Concerns as to what individuals can do to prepare for Y2K and what problems to expect will be addressed by the panel that will include Y2K consultants and a representative from the Emergency Management Division of the State Police. The goal 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 (248) 374-5937.

SPRING INTO AUCTION
St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School of Farmington Hills will present "Spring into Auction" Friday, April 23, at Livonia VFW Post 3941, 29155 Seven Mile. 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 Schuldt at (734) 522-8117.

RUMMAGE SALES
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, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile in Novi.

Aldersgate 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, 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 Merriam. Lunch will be available, and \$2 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.

MOM'S SALES
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, 15089 Newburgh, 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.

'PROSPERITY PLUS'
Unity of Livonia will present "Prosperity Plus," a seminar for anyone who is interested in changing life for the better, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the church, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia.

The seminar will feature master prosperity teacher Edwene Gaines and cover such topics as setting, meeting and exceeding

personal development goals, keeping universal abundance circulating in your life, discovering your divine purpose in life and the benefits of forgiving yourself and others.

The seminar is offered on a love offering basis. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-1760 or visit the church's Web site at www.unityoflivonia.org.

ILLUSIONIST SHOW
Illusionist/magician Andre Kole will bring his magic show to Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Tickets are \$5 and available at Christian Family Store in the Ford Road Sheldon Shopping Center or by calling (734) 913-9595.

In addition to earning the highest award from the Academy of Magical Arts in Hollywood, Kole is the creative consultant for David Copperfield. Several years ago, he was challenged to

examine the miracles of Jesus Christ from the standpoint of an illusionist and a skeptic to determine if they could have been the work of a master magician. In making his investigation, he made some discoveries that changed the course of his life. He will share some of these findings during his performance.

SPRING MUSICAL
The "Jesus Jammers" Choir of Memorial Church of Christ will present its spring musical, "Oh, Jonah," at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Memorial Church of Christ, 34575 Five Mile, Livonia. The choir is made of children in grades one-six and is directed by Sue Ford, Judy Anderson, Barb Pilat and Liz Garofali.

MISSIONS RALLY
"How Shall I Hear Without a Preacher" will be the theme of



Andre Kole

the Faith Promise Missions Rally Sunday, April 25, at Memorial Church of Christ, 34575 Five Mile, Livonia. The Faith Promise goal for 1999 is \$67,000. Kevin Dooley, executive director of F.A.M.E. (Fellowship of Associates of Medical Evangelism) will speak at the morning worship services.

'WORD 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, 31468 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. For more information, call the church at (734) 522-0138.

GUEST SPEAKER
Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano will be the guest speaker when the Men's Club of the First Congregational Church of Wayne meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 26, in the sanctuary of the church, 2 Towne Square, Wayne. A dinner will be served by the church at 6:30 p.m. For a reservation, call the church office at (734) 729-7660.

SISTERHOOD
The Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. Following the meeting, there will be a guest speaker, Louis Schneider, who will discuss "Jewish Achievements." Guests are invited. Refreshments will be served.

PARENTS' DISCUSSION
Timothy Lutheran Church's Parenting Book Discussion Group on parenting will be held 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, April 28-29, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. The group will begin with Thomas Lickona's "Raising Good Children." The church will supply the books as long as participants register at least one week in advance. For more information, call (734) 427-2290.

FASHION SHOW
St. Genevieve Catholic Church will host at "Roman Garden" Fashion Show Thursday, April 29, at the church on Jamison in Livonia. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., with the fashion show at

7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$17 and are available by calling Billie Ray at (734) 422-1109.

IN CONCERT
World-renowned composer-singer David Haas will be in concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Haas is regarded as one of the pre-eminent liturgical composers in the English-speaking world. He has produced more than 25 collections of liturgical music. He serves as the director of the Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry in St. Paul, Minn.

Haas will be joined by local musicians Stephen Petrunak and Zack Stachowski, both of Sterling Heights. Petrunak is a

distinguished guitarist and composer. Stachowski is an accomplished violinist who performs with the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Concert tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children and \$20 for an entire family in advance and \$10, \$5 and \$25, respectively, at the door. Call (734) 844-8404 for tickets.

On Saturday, May 1, Haas will conduct a Day of Renewal for people involved in liturgical ministry. Participants will gain a stronger understanding of their role in the church and come away with a renewed sense of purpose and spirituality. The workshop costs \$20.

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NEW VOICES

Amber Rose Carranza of Westland announces the birth of Cheyenne Jade Dec. 7 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Urbano and Terry Carranza of Westland.

Monty and Jill Mullins Jr. of Westland announce the birth of Taylor Madison Dec. 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins three sisters, Linnie, 5, Alysa, 3, and Mary, 5. Grandparents are Monty and Ava Mullins, Jack Ball and Dorothy Oliver, all of Taylor.

Raymond B. and Lynn S. Banel of Westland announce the birth of Raymond Chase Jan. 20 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Oakland in Pontiac. He

joins two sisters, Colette, 22, and Brittany, 10. Grandparents are Ken and Pauline Kunkel of Northville, Donald and Dorothy Musser of Royal Oak and Frank and Shirley Bartosh of Belleville. Great-grandparents are Reno and Josephine Capra of Westland and Angeline Musser of Jackson Center, Pa.

Michael and Linda Robb of Redford announce the birth of Dale Matthew Dec. 8 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He joins a sister, Rose, 3. Grandparents are Evelyn Robb of Livonia and Arnold and Barbara Johnson of Walled Lake. Great-grandmother is Rose Calcagno of Garden City.

David and Kate Bale of Canton announce the birth of

Annabelle Sofia Dec. 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two siblings, Stevie, 13, and Shelly, 12. Grandparents are Margaret and Stuart Bale and Josephine Rugg, all of the United Kingdom.

Alan and Janice Erickson of Livonia announce the birth of Alicia Kelsey Dec. 8 at the University of Michigan Hospitals in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Ken and Barbara Kelsey of Farmington Hills and Jerry and Carol Erickson of St. Clair. Great-grandmother is Betty Listerman of Farmington Hills.

Jeff and Jessica McGrath of Westland announce the birth of Kaitlin Marie Dec. 23 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Tyler, 2. Grandparents are Frank Rincon of Westland, Dennis McGrath of Westland and Sharon Holcomb of Gainesville, Ga.

David Johnson and Amy Prevo-Johnson of Plymouth

announce the birth of Sullivan Conall June 9 at St. Joseph Hospital, Ypsilanti. Grandparents are Sue Pryor of Jackson Gary and Kay Prevo of Livonia. Great-grandparents are Mildred Limmer-Jackson, Katy and Jerry Stanley and Helen Bradley, all of Livonia.

Michael and Renee Bone of Canton announce the birth of Jessica Ann Dec. 24 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Kyle Anthony, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Dave and Donna Bone of Canton and Pam and Ron Ryan of Plymouth.

Charles Alex and Debra Ann Bezzina of Livonia announce the birth of Ethan Marlon Nov. 15 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. Grandparents are Earl and Laurel Nelson of Grosse Ile and Carmelo and Josephine Bezzina of Farmington Hills.

Jeremy and Jessica Luttrell of Redford announce the birth of Shannon Keith Dec. 28 at the

Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Shannon joins a brother, Dakota Joseph, 5 1/2. Grandparents are Dan and Barb Osowski of Farmington Hills and Paula Spear of Piquette, Ark.

Keith and Renee Postler of Redford announce the birth of Kelsey Marie Dec. 8 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. She joins three siblings, Ashley, 8, Brandon, 5, and Alex, 3. Grandparents are Dan and Paula Peterson of Livonia, Marion Postler of Redford, and the late Harry Postler. Great-grandparents are Harley and Marie Trygg of Inkster.

Kevin Lucas and Rebecca Baleja of Canton announce the birth of Kayley Jordan Lucas Dec. 29 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Mitchell, 5, and Kyle, 3. Grandparents are Jim and Debbie Lucas of Ypsilanti, Linda Gildea of Westland and Walter Baleja of Belleville.

James and Renee Scherer of Canton announce the birth of

Brendan Michael Jan. 2 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are John and Irene Rothermal of Canton, and Joe and Marilyn Scherer of Taylor.

Michael and Deborah Gese of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of Zachary Louis Dec. 30 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Jacob, 3. Grandparents are Ron and Bonnie Pietryka of Garden City and Ed and Valerie Sinnamon of Livonia.

James Brooks and Lisa Frederick of Redford Township announce the birth of James Henry Brooks Jr. Jan. 15 at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. Grandparents are Mike and Patricia Frederick of Redford, Melody Burton of Redford, and Gary Brooks of Lincoln Park. Great-grandmothers are Betty O'Neil of Detroit, Doreen West of Garden City, and Audrey Frederick of Redford.

Scouts' Bailer named to Leadership America

The executive director/chief executive officer of the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council has been selected to participate in the 1999 American Issue Forum of Leadership America.

The selection process for Leadership America is highly competitive and the inclusion of Penny Bailer in the 1999 forum reflects her status as an established leader in Detroit's community and professional arenas.

Leadership America brings together 100 women nationwide in a yearlong series of intense professional development sessions held in three cities across the country. It unites women of high achievement and diverse geographic, ethnic, cultural and professional backgrounds as they explore national and global issues.

Bailer has been the CEO of the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council for 15 years. She has received the 1997 United Way Executive of the Year award and is on Crain's Detroit Business's 1997 list of Detroit's Most Influential Women.

Among her many community service activities, Bailer is a member of the Council of Schools of the 21st Century, member of the Board of Directors of New



Penny Bailer

Detroit Inc. and appointee of Mayor Dennis Archer to his seven-member Mayor's Education Task Force and a steering committee member for Detroit's Promise: The Alliance for Children.

The Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council is the fourth largest in the United States and provides leadership and cultural development opportunities for more than 40,000 girls in Wayne and Oakland counties.



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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Good vault

Amy Sonnanstine, a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton now in her sophomore year at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, placed eighth in the pole vault at the North Coast Athletic Conference Indoor Track Championships. Sonnanstine's finish helped her team take a fifth in the nine-team meet.

Now competing outdoors, Sonnanstine has thus far finished second twice in the pole vault and taken a third in the 400-meter hurdles. She qualified for the all-Ohio meet last weekend, where she placed fifth in the pole vault.

Kids fishing derby

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its annual Kids Fishing Derby from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, May 1, at Heritage ponds, which will be stocked with rainbow trout.

Prizes will be raffled off each hour. Fee is \$1 per child to be paid the day of the event. Girls and boys age 15 and under are eligible.

Advance registration is required in person or by phone for a single one-hour time slot per entrant. It runs April 20 through April 29.

Open registration the day of the event will be available if space permits.

Participants are responsible for their own equipment and bait. Check-in for each time slot ends 10 after the scheduled hour.

Call 397-5110 if you have questions.

Royal Blue Classic

The IHM Sisters will host their fourth Royal Blue Classic women's golf outing Wednesday, June 30, at Fox Hills Golf & Country Club.

The shotgun start scramble is open to golfers of all levels and is available in nine-hole or 18-hole packages for \$100 and \$175, respectively. Price includes cart, beverage, lunch, dinner, door prizes and silent auction.

Those wishing to attend without playing golf may attend the cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres beginning at 3:30 p.m., followed by the silent auction, raffle and dinner. This package costs \$50.

The Royal Blue Classic raises funds for the IHM Ministry Fund supporting people in need. Corporate sponsorships are available.

For more information or to reserve a tax deductible ticket, call (248) 433-0950 during weekly business hours. Registration ends June 11.

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 non-residents.

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.

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.

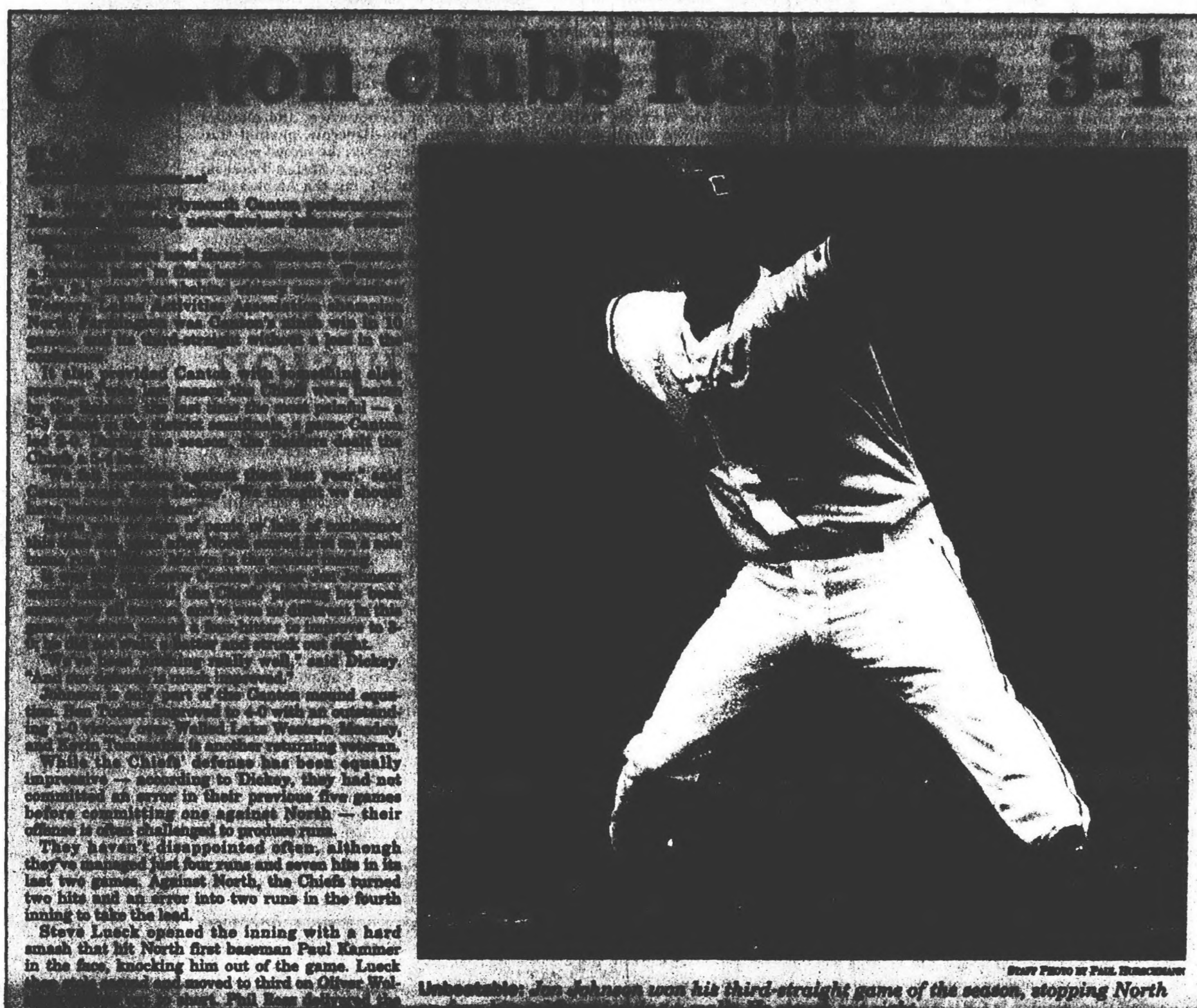
All proceeds go to UDM baseball. The cost is \$100 per person (includes 18 holes, cart, beverages, lunch and dinner).

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) 484-0808 or (734) 941-7847.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schweser Rd., Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 993-7278.



Unbeatable: Jon Johnson was his third-straight game of the season, stopping North.

Through Canton's performance in the W.L. Western Division, the team has a record of 1-1. The team's offense has been equally impressive — according to Dickey, they had not committed an error in their previous five games before committing one against North — their offense is also challenged to produce runs.

They haven't disappointed often, although they've managed just four runs and seven hits in its last two games. Against North, the Chiefs turned two hits and an error into two runs in the fourth inning to take the lead.

Steve Lueck opened the inning with a hard smash that hit North first baseman Paul Kammer in the face, knocking him out of the game. Lueck then advanced and moved to third on Oliver Wolcott's error. Phil Ross followed with a single to first base.

Johnson, meanwhile, was almost untouchable. He hit a home run in the fifth and sixth, in the seventh, Joe Cortellini's error put a man on, and Melvin got a one-out single to give the Raiders runners at first and second.

But a fly to right and a grounder back to the mound ended North's threat.

The Chiefs managed just five hits, with Lueck getting two of them. They scored their final run in the sixth when Oliver Wolcott led off the inning with a base hit. After a sacrifice bunt attempt

failed, Brad Smigielski replaced Wolcott on the basepaths. Smigielski moved to second on Johnson's ground out, then came around to score on Jason Evans' grounder that got past shortstop Evan Feldman and dribbled into the outfield.

Dickey predicted that "if our pitchers keep throwing strikes, I'm confident that our defense will hold up. It's just a matter if Ben, Kevin and Jon can keep pace." It all sounds so good.

Lukasik's 3-hitter gives Salem a win

Plymouth Salem struck for five runs in the fourth inning Monday at North Farmington, and that proved more than enough with Jason Lukasik firing a three-hitter.

The Rocks improved to 2-5 overall with the 7-1 victory; they are 1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association North 1-1 in the WLAA.

Richard Stanton's two-run single with the bases loaded was the key hit in the fourth. Nick Richer also had two hits and an RBI. Mike Hoban had two hits and scored a run; Joe Blasi had a run-scoring double; and Geoff

on a pair of Walled Lake Western errors in the sixth inning to keep Plymouth Canton perfect in the WLAA's Western Division Monday at Canton.

Tucker improved to 4-0 with the win, giving up three walks while striking out 10. The Chiefs are 2-0 in the division.

Canton had just two hits in the game, singles by Andrew Copenhagen and Phil Ross, but no hit was needed to score the game's only run. Wolcott opened the sixth with a walk; Smigielski came in to run for him

and, on his attempt to steal second base, the ball skipped past the second baseman and into center field, allowing Smigielski to break for third. The throw from the outfielder was then overthrown, and Smigielski scored.

Eric MacDonald took the loss for Western. He struck out six.

Salem 9-10, Seaholm 5-4: Chris Longpre got things started for Salem in Saturday's first game against visiting, non-league opponent Birmingham.

BASEBALL

Bennett had a double and scored twice.

Lukasik gave up three hits and three walks, striking out seven in evening his record at 1-1. Garry Penta took the loss for North.

Canton 2, W.L. Western 0: Ben Tucker tossed a three-hitter and Brad Smigielski, pinch-running for Oliver Wolcott, scored the game's only run

Salem reigns over the April Showers

Plymouth Salem's girls track team followed a strong performance at Saturday's West Bloomfield Invitational with a first-place finish at Tuesday's April Showers Relays, hosted by Ypsilanti HS.

Salem scored 134 points to outdistance runner-up Ypsi (92), which was fifth in the state last year.

"We got off to a good start, and that bothered them," said Salem coach Mark Gregor of the Braves. "They kind of faded after that."

The Rocks finished first in seven of the 16 events; they had seconds in five others, and third in four more.

Tiffany Grubaugh was Salem's leader in the field events; she teamed with Miranda White to win the discus relay (a total of 198-feet, 2-inches) by tossing 121-6, and she combined with Paula Tomlin for a first in the shot put relay (74-0 total) with a school record-tying effort of 38-2, a mark she set three days earlier at West Bloomfield.

Other Salem wins came in the 4x800-meter relay, with Annemarie Vercreyusse, Becky Phelan, Shannon Will and White (10:20.3); the sprint medley relay, with Michelle Bonior, Jessica Shamberger, April Aquinto and Melissa Drake (2:00.5); the 4x100 relay, with Bonior, Shamberger, Drake and Rachel Jones (51.7); the 4x400 relay, with Autumn Hicks, Brynne DeNeen, Drake and Jones (4:15.9); and the mixed medley relay, with Elikem Amable, Rachel Brown, Megan Salata, Lisa Jasnowski and Marylou Liebau (4:34.0).

The Rocks were second in



Double-winner: Salem's Rachel Jones was on two winning relays Tuesday, the 4x100-meter and the 4x400.

TRACK

Rocks 1st at Elks

The Plymouth Canton's boys track team had a solid performance at the Elks Invitational, it was a solid performance for the team. The team finished first in the 4x100-meter relay and the 4x400-meter relay. The team also placed second in the 4x200-meter relay and the 4x800-meter relay. The team's overall score was 134 points, which was enough to win the relay events.

DeBoer chosen as top coach

Peter DeBoer, coach and general manager of the Plymouth Whalers, was named winner of the Matt Leyden Trophy, presented annually to the Ontario Hockey League's Coach of the Year.

DeBoer earned the award by guiding the Whalers to the top record in the OHL (51-13-4 106 points). Also, the Whalers finished the regular season ranked No. 1 in the entire Canadian Hockey League, which also includes the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League and the Western Hockey League. It was the first time in the Whalers' franchise history they had been ranked No. 1.

All-Rookie goalie

Robert Esche, who helped guide the Plymouth Whalers into the third round of the OHL playoffs last season, was named to the American Hockey League's All-Rookie Team.

A sixth-round draft choice of the Phoenix Coyotes in 1996, Esche — playing with the Springfield Falcons — had a .906 save percentage this season in 54 games.

Ambassadors can clinch

The Compuware Ambassadors are one game away from a clean sweep in the Robertson Cup Championship Series and the overall North American Hockey League title after beating the St. Louis Sting twice last weekend in St. Louis in the best-of-three series.

The Ambassadors, who were the NAHL's regular-season champs, can clinch the title Friday at Compuware Arena. Game time is 6:35 p.m.

On Friday, the Ambassadors beat the Sting 7-4. They followed that with a 5-1 triumph Sunday.

In Friday's win, Compuware opened up a 4-1 lead after one period but saw that melt away in the first six minutes of the second, as St. Louis rallied to tie it at 4-all. Jim Abbott, who had two goals for the Sting, got

the tying goal.

But the Ambassadors had too much Josh Bowers for the Sting. Bowers, who scored four times in the game, got his third at the 18:11 mark of the second period to put the Ambassadors up for good. J.J. Swistak, Jack Redwood and Steve Jackson also scored for Compuware.

On Sunday, Bowers again got the Ambassadors going early, scoring his fifth goal in two games 1:13 into the opening period. Just 1:27 later, defenseman Troy Milam made it 2-0 in favor of Compuware, and another defenseman, Pete Broccoli, pushed that advantage to 3-0 early in the second period.

A goal by the Sting's Stefan Petroski closed the gap to 3-1, but the Ambassadors answered with goals by Jackson and Mark Mink. John Shouneyia had three assists in the game.

Compuware is now 5-0 in the playoffs and, including its regular season-ending win streak, has won 12 straight.

Rocks get 2 victories in division

Scoring goals a problem?

Not lately for Plymouth Salem's girls soccer team. The Rocks struggled a bit early, it's true; in their first three games, they managed just three goals in posting a 0-2-1 record. But that scoring slump is over.

Salem followed a 7-0 pasting of Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division rival Westland John Glenn last Wednesday with a 3-1 victory over another divisional foe — Farmington — Monday.

"We finally came out and scored some goals," said Salem coach Doug Landefeld, his team now 2-2-1 overall and 2-0 in the division. In the win over Glenn, he said, "We finished goals early in the game and that always helps."

In Monday's win at Farmington, the Rocks led 1-0 at the half and 3-0 until, with two seconds left in the match, a Falcon was tripped and a penalty kick was awarded. Emilie Villemonte con-

verted to get Farmington (2-2-1 overall, 0-1 in the division) on the board.

Jami Coyle scored Salem's first goal with 10 minutes left in the first half, nailing a shot from 30 yards out. "She struck the ball really well," said Landefeld. Suzy Towne assisted.

It remained that way until, 15 minutes into the second half, Jessica Bucks crossed the ball to Jenny Fisher at the far post for the finish and a 2-0 lead. Natalie Thomas made it 3-0 five minutes later, on an assist from Kellee Mullin.

Jill Dombrowski was in goal for Salem. She backstopped a defense that has been solid all season.

"The defense is playing well," agreed Landefeld. "Kristen Shull is doing a great job sweeping. She's a big part of that."

In the win over John Glenn, the Rocks put three goals on the board in the first half to put some cushion between them and the Rockets. Towne finished with three goals, with Mullin adding two more. Bucks and Danelle Phillips netted one goal apiece.

Dombrowski was in the net in the first half; Jenny Fitchett played the second.

Salem hosts Birmingham Seaholm in a non-league match at 7 p.m. Friday.

Canton 2, Northville 0: The Morrell sisters accounted for all the scoring Monday in a key WLA Western Division match played at Northville.

"We had a lot more scoring opportunities tonight," said Chiefs' coach Don Smith. "Our midfield play was much stronger."

Abi Morrell opened the scoring

for Canton, getting a goal 27 minutes into the first half on an assist from Lisa Tomasso. Anne Morrell made it 2-0 midway through the second half, with an assist from Elise Thornell.

Amy Dorogi was in goal for the Chiefs. She made 12 saves. The win improved Canton's record to 3-1-1 overall, 2-1 in the WLA and 1-0 in the WLA's Western Division.

On Saturday, the Chiefs played host Ann Arbor Pioneer to a 2-2 tie. Canton trailed 2-1 at halftime, with Anne Morrell scoring the only goal of the half. Morrell then got the game-tying marker with 16 minutes left.

With her goal in Monday's match, Anne Morrell now has seven goals in four games.

The Chiefs have a tough non-league match at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, at home against Troy Athens — the team that ended Livonia Stevenson's 42-game unbeaten streak.

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Tuesday at Western

- No. 1 singles: Matt Nagy (PC) def. Luciano Gonzalez, 6-4, 6-3.
- No. 2: Stas Jelkovski (WLW) def. Scott Mincher 6-1, 6-4.
- No. 3: Ritchie Ikeh (PC) def. Ryan Stewart 6-1, 6-4.

No. 4: Chris Foss (PC) def. Ryan Sobaleski 6-2, 6-1.

- No. 1 doubles: Jason Darow-Chris Houdek (PC) def. Anthony Joris-Matt McKeown 6-1, 6-1.
- No. 2: Matt Schmidt-Niraj Patel (PC) def. Jared Tank-Shawn Price 6-3, 6-1.
- No. 3: Boris Vald-Mark Lister (WLW) def. Phil Shedd-Brad Kreger 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

No. 4: Yuta Shokinski-Matt Kolb (WLW) def. Adam Landy-Chris Slupek 6-7 (6-8), 7-5, 6-3.

Canton's dual-meet record: 1-0. Next match: 4 p.m. Friday at Livonia Stevenson.

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COLLEGE SPORTS

Leschinger lifts Crusaders to title

Janell Leschinger put Madonna University's softball team on the right track last weekend, and kept them there all the way to the championship of the University of St. Francis (Ill.) Spring Classic Tournament.

The Lady Crusaders won four of five games, with Leschinger earning three of the victories — including a tournament-starting 14-0 no-hitter against Tri-State University Saturday. Leschinger surrendered just two walks and struck out five.

Kristy McDonald (from Redford Thurston) led the offense in the romp, collecting three hits and three runs batted in. Courtney Senger also had three hits and two RBI, Vicki Malkowski got two hits and two RBI, Jamie Cook (Westland John Glenn) had three hits and scored three runs, Tanya Lieske contributed two hits and two RBI, and Kelly Zurawski had a hit and two RBI.

Saturday's second game was just the opposite of the first — except that Madonna still won, by a 5-4 margin. Leschinger got the win in relief of Janelle Schmidt; Leschinger did not give up a hit, walked two and struck out two in two innings.

Madonna won the game with two runs in the bottom of the seventh. Cook was the hitting hero with three hits and an RBI; McDonald added a triple and an RBI, and Missy Bako (from Garden City) chipped in with a hit and an RBI.

The Crusaders lost their third game Saturday, 6-5 to Mount Mercy College. Bako absorbed the defeat in relief to fall to 1-6.

Madonna had 11 hits in the game, with Jen Walker and Jenny Kruzel each getting two with an RBI. Zurawski also had two hits, while McDonald and Cook added a hit and an RBI apiece. Malkowski contributed a hit and scored two runs.

In the tournament semifinals, the Crusaders edged St. Xavier 1-0 in eight innings with Leschinger again starring on the mound. This time she fired a three-hit shutout, improving her record to 12-4; she walked five and struck out five while pitching eight innings.

The game's only run was delivered by Kruzel with a double in the eighth, one of her two hits.

In the final, Madonna outdueled St. Francis 3-1 thanks to the combined pitching effort of Janelle Schmidt and Leschinger. Schmidt got the win, allowing one unearned run on six hits and no walks in four innings. Leschinger worked the last three innings and was again unscathed upon, earning her first save of the season. She gave up two hits and struck out two.

Malkowski's three hits and an RBI led the attack.

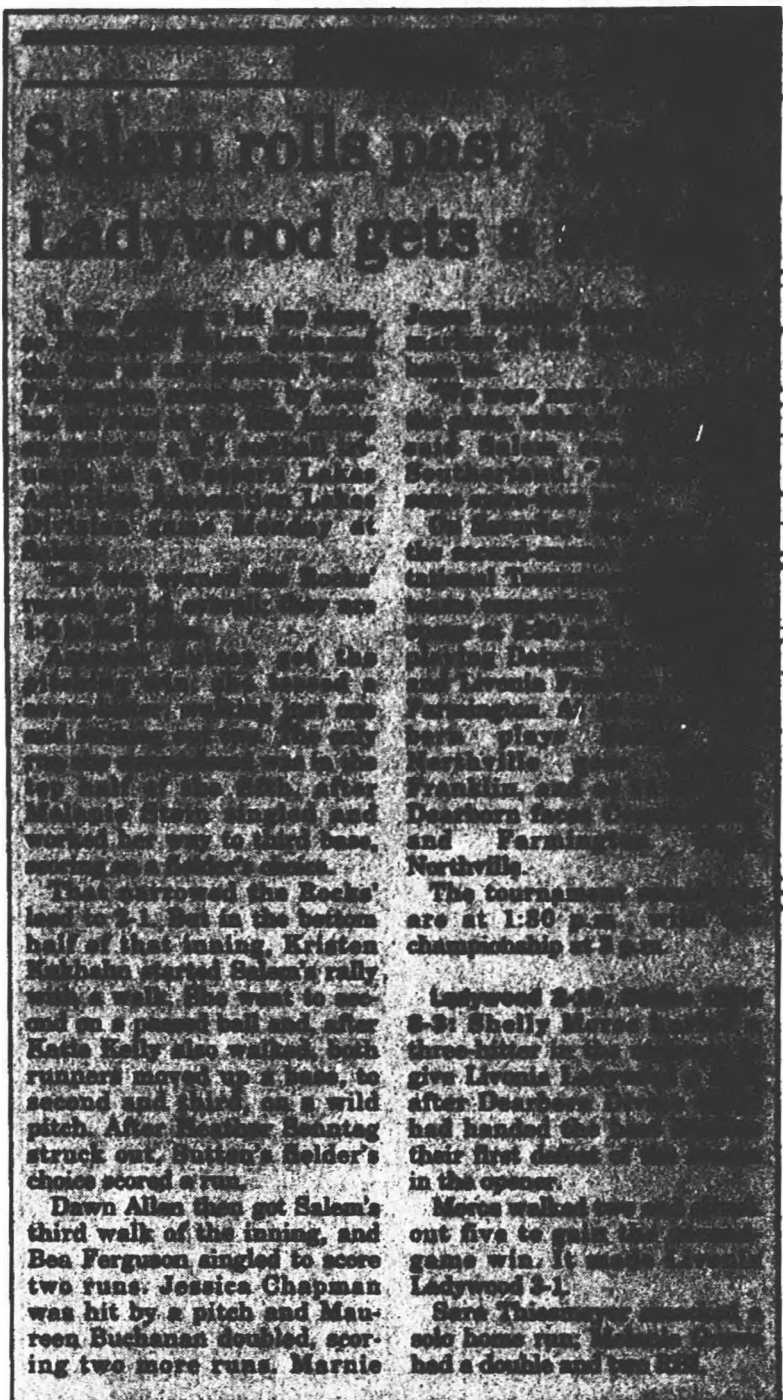
Madonna 1-5, Cornerstone 3-2: Janell Leschinger rebounded from a loss in relief in the first game against the team that led the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference through the weekend by beating them in the second game Tuesday at Madonna.

Leschinger allowed one hit and two runs (one earned) in one inning in the first game, in relief of Janelle Schmidt, who gave up just one run on three hits and two walks, with one strikeout. Madonna managed just three hits in the defeat off winner Tarrah Brown; Missy Bako singled in the Crusaders' only run.

In the second game, Leschinger tossed a three-hitter, surrendering two runs (none earned) and one walk, with five strikeouts. Her record is 13-5.

Jen Walker had three hits and an RBI, Vicki Malkowski had three hits and Kelly Zurawski had two hits and two RBI in the game. Kristy McDonald added a double and a single, with one RBI, and Courtney Senger had a double and an RBI.

Brown absorbed the loss for Cornerstone, which is 19-9 overall, 10-6 in the WHAC. Madonna is 22-18 overall, 7-7 in the conference.



Madonna gets a split following a sweep

The road trip to Spring Arbor College Tuesday started well, but finished poorly for Madonna University's baseball team.

The Fighting Crusaders used a strong pitching performance by Jeff Warholik and clutch hitting by Derrick Wolfe and Daryl Rocho to beat the host Cougars 5-3 in the opening game of their Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference double-header. In the nightcap, however, Spring Arbor reaped its revenge, routing Madonna 13-1.

The split left the Crusaders with a 16-16-1 overall record, 6-8 in the WHAC. Spring Arbor is 8-18 overall, 5-7 in the conference.

Warholik went the distance in winning the opener to even his record at 3-3. He allowed three unearned runs on six hits and five walks, striking out three. Warholik also had a single and a run batted in.

Wolfe went 3-for-3 at the plate with two RBI and Rocho had two hits and two RBI.

BASEBALL

Rich Reid took the loss for the Cougars.

In the second game, E.J. Roman was tagged for 13 runs (six earned) on 11 hits (including three doubles and two homers) and a walk in 2 2/3 innings to fall to 2-3 for the season. The game was halted after five innings by the mercy rule.

Madonna managed just five hits in the contest off Spring Arbor starter and winner Kyle Gaffner. Rocho singled in the Crusaders only run in the first inning.

Madonna 14-20, Concordia 4-3: The Crusaders erupted for 34 runs in a WHAC double-header Sunday at Concordia College.

Mike Butler was the winner in the five-inning mercy in the opener. He gave up four runs on four hits and three walks, striking out two while improving to 3-

2. Justin Krupsky was the loser.

Delano Voletti cracked his ninth home run of the season and a double; he had three hits and three RBI in the game. Neil Wildfong (from Plymouth Canton) also had three hits, with three runs scored and an RBI, and Todd Miller added two hits, two runs scored and an RBI.

In the second game, Madonna's 18-hit attack was led by Nick Dedeluk, who had four hits (including two doubles), three runs scored and three RBI; Aaron Shrewsbury, who clubbed his 12th home run of the season and a triple, scored three runs and drove in four more; Jeff Warholik, with two hits and three RBI; Voletti, with two hits (including a double) and two RBI; Derrick Wolfe, with two hits (including a double) and an RBI; Bob Hamp, with two hits, three runs scored and an RBI; and Wildfong, with two hits and an RBI.

Dedeluk was also the winning

pitcher (he's 1-0), in relief; he pitched the last five innings, giving up two runs on seven hits and two walks, with seven strikeouts. Steve Lezotte took the loss for Concordia (4-22 overall, 2-12 in the WHAC).

CC TENNIS RESULTS

Rochester Adams 4 Redford Catholic Central 3 Tuesday at Adams	No. 3: Brett McLeod (RA) dec. Evan Currie, 6-2, 6-0. No. 4: Brian Potter (RA) dec. Ian McHenry, 6-4, 6-1. No. 1 singles: Kai Blache (RA) dec. Mike Findling, 6-2, 6-3. No. 2: Andy Formanczyk (RA) dec. David Atallah, 6-1, 6-4.	No. 3: Mark Fleszar-Eric Tomkiewicz (CC) dec. Joe Droste-Joe Desteiger, 6-2, 7-5. No. 4: Ryan Cibor-Matt Rowe (CC) dec. Nate Parr-Nick Austin, 6-1, 6-4.
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Baseball from page C1

Seaholm. Longpre followed Archie Kenny's double leading off the Rocks' half of the first inning with a two-run home run, and Salem was on its way to a two-game sweep.

Jason Lukaszik also had a home run, with two hits and two runs scored in the game. Nick Eicher contributed two hits and Richard Stankou collected two hits and three RBI.

Steve Gordon worked 6 2/3 innings to get the win; he allowed five runs on four hits and a walk, striking out seven.

In the second game, Chris Trott started on the mound and earned his first varsity win, working four innings and allowing two runs on four hits and a walk, striking out seven. Steve Stiles two-run homer was one of the big blows in the game for Salem; Joe Rizzi added two hits and an RBI, and Mike Hoben had an RBI single.

Canton 10, Crestwood 0: Plymouth Canton got one game in, anyway, of a scheduled double-header Saturday against non-league foe Dearborn Heights Crestwood, and the results were certainly satisfactory.

Jon Johnson kept the Chiefs' stretch of solid pitching going by blanking the Chargers. Johnson, who improved to 2-0, allowed just three hits and did not walk a batter; he struck out eight.

Andrew Copenhagen paced the offense with two hits, including a triple, two runs batted in and two runs scored. Steve Lueck added two hits, two runs scored and an RBI; Phil Ross had a double and two RBI; Joe Cortellini had two hits and an RBI; Johnson had two hits; and Bryan Kay had a hit and scored two runs.

Canton broke open a tight game with a

five-run fifth inning that extended its lead to 7-0. The Chiefs added three more in the sixth.

St. Field, Christian 11, PCA 3: It was a game until the seventh, when Southfield Christian put seven runs on the board to pull away from host Plymouth Christian Academy Tuesday.

The loss left PCA with an 0-3 overall record and an 0-1 mark in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Southfield Christian is 3-2 overall, 1-0 in the MIAC.

PCA trailed 4-0 going into the bottom of the fifth, after Southfield Christian had broken up a scoreless duel with a four-run fifth. Dave Shumaker got PCA on the board with a two-run homer; it was his second hit of the day.

The deficit was trimmed to 4-3 in the sixth when Derric Isensee singled, stole second, went to third on a ground out and scored on a sacrifice fly by Jim Morrison. Isensee also had two hits in the game.

Scott Maddock took the loss for PCA; he allowed four runs in 5 2/3 innings. Andy Power (five runs in 1 2/3) and Travis Yonkman (two runs in 2/3) followed him to the mound.

Redford CC 6-2, Brother Rice 2-0: Catholic Central senior Mark Cole delivered key hits in both ends of a double-header sweep Saturday OF visiting Birmingham Brother Rice.

Cole had a bases-loaded single to drive in three runs in the 6-2 first-game win. He hit a solo home run — the Shamrocks' only hit — in the fifth inning of the 2-0 second-game win.

Seniors Anthony Tomey and Dan Duffey

picked up complete-game pitching victories in the first and second games, respectively.

Tomey threw a five-hitter with five walks and nine strikeouts in raising his record to 2-0. The Shamrocks scored three runs in the third and five in the fifth in support of their hard-throwing right-hander.

Cole's bases-loaded single got past the Rice outfielder for an error, sending him to second and letting three runs score. He was credited with two RBI.

Adam Kline, who was hit by a pitch, Bob Malek, who walked, and Matt Loidas, safe on a fielder's choice, scored ahead of Cole.

Tomey added an RBI single and Mario D'Herrin picked up an RBI on a ground out for the Shamrocks.

In the second game, Duffey struck out 10 while allowing three hits and six walks in earning the shutout. The Shamrocks scored on four straight walks in the third, the fourth issued to Casey Rogowski, and Cole's solo homer in the fifth.

The sweep improved the Shamrocks to 6-0 overall, 4-0 in the Catholic League Central Division.

Malek was twice by pitches after being hit on the elbow April 13.

CC coach John Salter thinks teams are pitching Malek tight, but not purposely hitting him.

"One was a curve ball, it's not like they're throwing at him," Salter said. "He's just having a streak of not being able to get out of the way."

Malek made a fine running catch in centerfield in the second game, spun and threw out a runner who was caught leaning too far off first base for a double play.

Boys track from page C1

Allen placed second in 18:54.0 in cold, rainy, dreary weather conditions.

The rest of the team competed at the Elks, the first time Salem has done that in several years. "That was our plan," said coach Geoff Baker. "Before we always had more guys stay down at Mansfield, but this year we decided to go for it at Elks."

The strategy worked well enough, with the Rocks claiming their first Invitational title of the season. They finished first in four events and had seconds in four others.

The team of Mike Shull, Chris Mason, Pat Johnson and Mark Sheehan finished first in both

the 4x100 (44.4) and 4x200 (1:34.8) relays to lead Salem. A school-record win went to Matt Anderson, Cushman, Little and Allen in the 4x1,600 relay; they finished first in 18:29.0, breaking the mark of 18:30 three relay members set last year.

Sean Galvin, Ryan Thomas, Charlie Fisher and Dave Clemons also won the intermediate hurdles relay (1:25.5). In the shot put relay, Mark Snyder, Richie Cieslak, Thomas Foor and Andy Brandt were second (169-foot, 5-inches); they also placed fifth in the shot put 4x100 relay (57.7). In the discus relay, Brandt, Foor and Snyder took a fourth (340.4).

Other seconds went to Manvir Gill, Gabe Coble, Craig Little and Warner in the distance medley relay (11:18.0); to Trevor Davis, Cushman, Jon Little and Allen in the 4x800 relay (8:18.4); and to Sheehan, Andy Gabriel, Anderson and Coble in the 4x400 relay (3:38.6).

For Canton, there was one first from Jordan Chapman, Ugo Okwumabua and Kevin Palmer in the long jump relay (57-1/4) and a second from Chapman, Juan Cortes and Chris Kalis in the high jump relay (17-6).

The Chiefs also got a third from Steve Blossom, Jerry Gaines, Jason Rutter and Bryan Kulczycki in the distance medley

relay (11:22.0), and they got fourths in the pole vault relay from Chapman, Brian Page and Palmer (27-0) and in the 4x200 relay from K.J. Singh, Jamie Bonner, Emmanuel Etim and Dave Thomas (1:37.9).

The shuttle hurdle relay team of Okwumabua, Dane Kobus, Rickey Singh and Jim O'Brien were fifth (1:11.3), as was the 4x100 relay team of K.J. Singh, Bonner, Etim and Gaines (46.2).

"The guys are running better than they had, jumping further than they had," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "We found some things we had been looking for."

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FUND-RAISERS

TV BANQUET
The Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited is holding its 25th annual fund-raising banquet on Thursday, April 22, at the Royalty House in Warren. Tickets are \$40 per person and \$75 for couples. The event includes a prime rib or broiled whitefish dinner, raffles, auctions, door prizes and more. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. For tickets and more information, call (248) 594-8283.

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) 553-7764 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) 476-5027 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 18, June 6 and 19, July 11 and 25, Aug. 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 to register and for more information.

MOUNTAIN BIKING
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

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. Par-

ticipants 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

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 nonboaters 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) 476-5027 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 nonboaters). Call (248) 656-0556 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 Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at

(734) 266-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a nontournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2868 for more information.

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a nonprofit 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) 988-8556 for more information.

ARCHERY

3D LEAGUE
Royal Oak Archers will hold a 15-week 3D league beginning at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, on its walk-through range in Lake Orion. Call (248) 693-9799 or (248) 589-2480 for more information.

MOTHER'S DAY SHOOT
Oakland County Sportsman's Club will host a Mother's Day 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 9, on its walk-through range in Clarkston. Mothers shoot free. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE
The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. 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.

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WATERFORD
Waterford Archery will host a youth archery camp 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 (313) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2200 for more information.

HOW TO ARCHERY
The Livonia Archery Range will host a beginner archery class on May 1. Call (784) 466-2410 for more information.

YOUTH 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 (shot & 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 1930 Greenshield Road, which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

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

OTTONVILLE RECREATION
Ontonville Recreation Area in Ottonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ottonville 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 for Saturday, April 24, at Lake Erie, (800) 477-3189, and Kensington, (800) 477-3178. Most programs last one-half day and lunch is provided for all volunteers who register in advance.

WOODY WOODCOCK
An indoor discussion followed by an outdoor observation session of the woodcock's serial mating display begins at 8:30 p.m. Friday at Indian Springs.

ADIRONDACK GRAY
Learn all about frogs in the springtime during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Kensington.

STONES AND STONES
A naturalist-led hike focusing on the needs of many animals begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

1000 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) 477-PARKS for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

OFFICIAL PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (248) 666-6478 to register or for more information.

EARTH WEEK
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 Inland 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 Inland Lake, call (810) 229-7067.

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.

Mercy finally gets a win against Ladywood

Two good things about coaching kids: They bounce back from adversity and they nearly always improve through the course of a season.

Visiting Farmington Hills Mercy defeated Livonia Ladywood for the first time in five years Tuesday, 76-52, but Coach Rod Sorenson of the Blazers saw lots of good things ahead.

"We're in a rebuilding year so we're a young team," Sorenson said. "We had some people step up there (in the short distance

race).

Stacey Schroeder, Emily Donnellon, Erin Hayden and Jennifer Koterba combined to win the 3200-meter relay with a time of 10:53.3.

Ladywood took the 1600 relay in 4:32.4, the runners being Susanne Poplinski, Donnellon, Carey and Page Ahrens.

Brianna Watson started the Blazers out to

victory in the 400 relay. She was followed by Katie McGraw, Kelly Frednesky and Kelly Carey. Their winning time was 54.2 seconds.

Alexi Noel won the high jump for the Blazers with a 4-10 effort while Poplinski captured the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 48.5 seconds.

Koterba stepped up in the 800 run and won with a time of 2:46.3.

It was the first dual meet of the season for both schools. It was also a Catholic League meet.

PREP BASEBALL

Thursday, April 22

B.H. Rooper at Pky. Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Claireville at Harrison, 4 p.m.

Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Macomb at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 23

Northville at Canton, 4 p.m.

W.L. Central at Salem, 4 p.m.

Franklin at Churchill, 4 p.m.

Stevenson at Farmington, 4 p.m.

N. Farm. at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Lahser at Redford CC, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 24

(all double-headers)

Dearborn at Salem, noon

Fiat Rock at Luth. Westland, 10 a.m.

Crestwood at Churchill, 11 a.m.

Tay. Kennedy at Stevenson, 11 a.m.

John Glenn at Garden City, 11 a.m.

Redford CC at Notre Dame, 11 a.m.

Claireville at St. Field Christian, TBA.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Thursday, April 22

Ply. Christian at Canton Agape, 4:30 p.m.

Thurston at Churchill, 4 p.m.

Macomb at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 23

Canton at Northville, 4 p.m.

Salem vs. W.L. Central (at W.L. Western), 4 p.m.

Churchill at Franklin, 4 p.m.

Farmington at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

John Glenn at N. Farm., 4 p.m.

Ladywood at Regina (2), 4 p.m.

Pky. Christian at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 24

(all double-headers unless noted)

Salem Tournament, 8:30 a.m.

Canton at Chelsea Tournament, 9 a.m.

Rochester North Star Classic, 9 a.m.

John Glenn at Tay. Kennedy, 11 a.m.

Det. Dominica Tournament, TBA.

BOYS TRACK

Thursday, April 22

Northville at Canton, 3:30 p.m.

Harrison at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.

W.L. Western at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.

N. Farmington at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, April 23

Dick Waters Relays, 9:30 a.m.

Belleville Tiger Relays, 10 a.m.

Monroe-Jefferson Invitational, TBA.

Monroe Invitational, TBA.

DeLaSalle Invitational, TBA.

GIRLS TRACK

Thursday, April 22

Canton at Northville, 3:30 p.m.

Churchill at Harrison, 3:30 p.m.

Franklin at W.L. Western, 3:30 p.m.

Stevenson at N. Farmington, 3:30 p.m.

Southgate at Wayne, 4 p.m.

John Glenn at Salem, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 23

Saginaw Valley St. Inv., 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 24

Canton at Cougar Invitational, 9 a.m.

Franklin Patriot Relays, 9:30 a.m.

Dick Waters Relays, 9:30 a.m.

Belleville Tiger Relays, 10 a.m.

Monroe-Jefferson Invitational, TBA.

DeLaSalle Invitational, TBA.

GIRLS SOCCER

Thursday, April 22

Ladywood at Bishop Foley, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 23

Seaholm at Salem, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Wayne, 4 p.m.

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

Saturday, April 24

Troy Athens at Canton, 12:30 p.m.

A.A. Huron at Stevenson, 12:30 a.m.

Churchill at Roch. Adams, 12:30 p.m.

Franklin at Ladywood, 1:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

(all double-headers)

Thursday, April 22

Saginaw Valley at Madonna, 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 24

Aquinas at Madonna, 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 25

Siena Heights at Madonna, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL

(all double-headers)

Thursday, April 22

Madonna at Saginaw Valley, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 24

Madonna at Tri-State, noon (CST).

Sunday, April 25

Madonna at Aquinas, noon.

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Cultural Center to host 1st-ever high school figure skating championships

BY MARTY BOURNE
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With the popularity of figure skating rising like a triple loop these days, it only seemed like a matter of time before the sport landed into the competitive world of high school sports.

Well, the time is now.

The Michigan High School Figure Skating Championships will debut Saturday at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena (525 Farmer Road). Some 73 skaters representing at least 10 schools, including a combined team from the Birmingham Public Schools, will be among the participants.

The 11-team Birmingham Unified team has practiced at the Birmingham Ice Arena for the past two months in preparation for the state championship which is sanctioned by the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA).

Team members, including co-captain Bethany Grabiell, are eagerly looking forward to the competition. Grabiell has skated

for 13 years, participated in a dozen ice shows at the Birmingham Ice Arena and tested successfully from level-to-level over the years.

This, however, will be her first full-scale skating competition.

"I skate for fun, basically. I skate about two or three days a week and I'm not much of a competition girl," said Grabiell, a senior at Birmingham Selholm High School. "There's a little bit of nervousness, but I'm used to the nerves because I've been involved in a lot of ice shows."

Skaters will compete in three different categories - spinning, jumping and freestyle skating. In each of those categories, skaters compete against people of their own abilities and levels. Each team will be allowed five skaters in the spinning and jumping categories, while the music-accompanied freestyle competition can include up to 10 skaters per team.

Scores will be posted by appointed rinkside judges, just as they are in national and inter-

national ice skating competitions. Each individual score will be added towards a team score, and the team registering the highest score at the end of the competition will be declared the inaugural state high school figure skating champions.

"I'm not really sure what to expect since this is the first time (for the championships)," said Ann Endres, skating director for the City of Birmingham who is co-coach of the Birmingham Unified team with Lori Anderson.

"We just want to make a good showing and, of course, have every one skate at their best and see how it all turns out."

Endres explained how this skating championship will be different from other meets. All individual scores in this competition count towards a total team score. Regular figure skating competitions, of course, highlight individual scores and winners.

"Skating is generally such an individual sport," said Endres. "This competition brings a team concept to the sport where the

girls are still doing individual elements but their scores all get added together to come up with one aggregate score that is for the team.

"In this sport there is so much individual competition and it's hard because sometimes you

have to compete against your friends," she said. "This time the friends are all on the same team, which is nice."

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If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk at (734) 453-1234 ext. 234.

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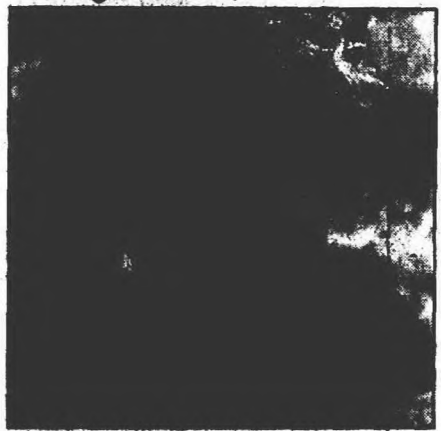
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Celebrate Spring Farm Days at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Learn about chickens, help clear the fields of rocks, and watch as farmhands shear sheep of their heavy winter coats, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., call (313) 271-1620 for information.



SATURDAY

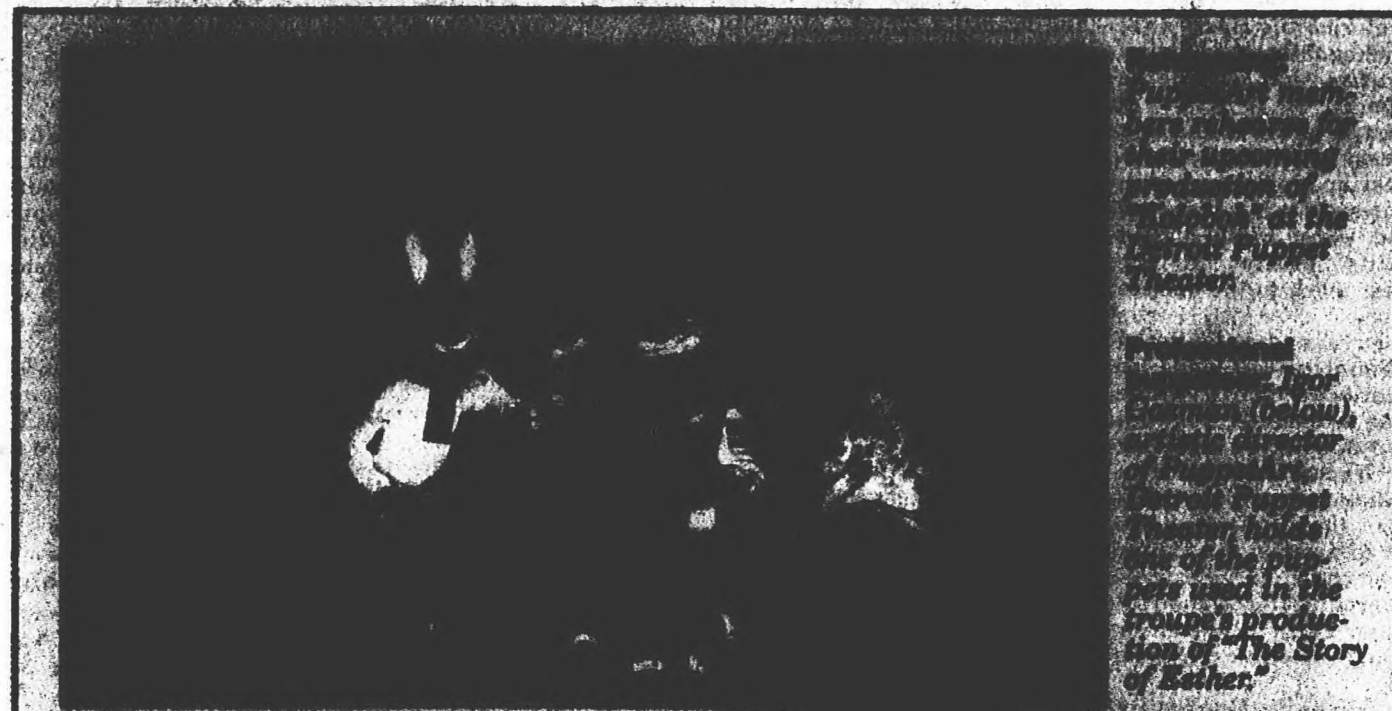


Singer Nancy Wilson performs 8 p.m. at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Tickets \$30 and \$35, available at Southfield City Hall, 26000 Evergreen Road, or call (248) 645-6666.

SUNDAY



Popular jazz flutist Alexander Zonjic turns classical for "Two Flutes and a Piano," a 3 p.m. concert also featuring flutist Ervin Monroe and pianist Margaret Kapasi, in the shrine chapel on the campus of St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake Road at Commerce Road. Tickets \$15 and \$25, call (248) 683-1750.



Theater showcases puppet art

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It's lunchtime in downtown Detroit on Tuesday. The sun is shining, the sky is blue, it's warm enough to walk around without a jacket, but there's no one on the corner of East Grand Boulevard near Woodward Avenue.

A fence surrounds the pit that used to be J.L. Hud-
Dworkin of Southfield waves to me as I approach what appears to be a vacant building, welcoming me to the Detroit Puppet Theater.

The theater is a dream come true for Igor Gosman and his wife Irena Baronovskaya of Auburn Hills, Natalia Hladik of Oak Park and

Soviet Union, they met about seven years ago and formed PuppetArt, a troupe of professional puppeteers. Inside the renovated space, formerly three storefronts, Mikheyenko is working with Diane Spratt, who recently joined PuppetArt, and Baronovskaya on a scene from "Kolobak," the Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man."

After a quick tour, Dworkin, who has been working with the group since 1995 and serves as its managing director, says "you know destruction is part of the creative process. Before you can create, you have to destroy. Think about it. An artist starts out with a blank sheet of paper, but until they ruin it, make a mark, it's just a blank piece of paper."

"I saw one of their puppets, and I was absolutely astounded," said Dworkin explaining how she met the puppeteers. "I knew they could be a big success."

A graduate of Cass Tech High School, Dworkin earned a master's degree in art education. She taught in the Detroit Public Schools and later nursery school. Before retiring she worked for the State of Michigan licensing nursery schools. Dworkin is managing director of

PuppetArt — Detroit Puppet Theater
Where: 25 E. Grand River (between Woodward Ave. and Farmer St.) Detroit.
Performances: Noon and 2 p.m.
What: Premiere of "Kolobok," a Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man,"

noon and 2 p.m. Saturdays through May 15.
Tickets: \$8 adults, \$6 children with the exception of the April 24 premiere. Tickets for this performance are \$6.50 adults, \$5 children. Proceeds from the April 24 performances benefit the Regional Puppetry Festival to be hosted by Detroit Puppeteers Guild. A puppet making workshop follows all performances. The cost is \$8 per person. Call (313) 961-7777 for information.

Detroit Puppeteers Guild "A Day of Puppetry"
When: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24
Where: Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia.
Cost: Adult registration \$32.50 (includes 6 month membership in the Detroit Puppeteers Guild), Detroit Puppeteers Guild Members \$25, Teens (ages 13-18) \$20. Register at the door or call Nancy Henk, (810) 463-0480.
Highlight: There is a children's workshop performance package for children ages 7-12. Children will meet at 1 p.m. to make a puppet, then watch a 2 p.m. performance featuring magical surprises by the Amazing Clark, and Brad Lowe's presentation of "Rumpelstiltskin." There is a \$5 fee per child, registration limited to 25 children. Additional tickets for the 2 p.m. puppet show are \$3 each.

to the Guild, and they said, "these are our people."
Guild adviser Nancy Henk and her "Puppets to Go" performed at the Detroit Puppet Theater, which opened last July, on April 10.
"It's like a little miracle in downtown Detroit," said Henk about the Detroit Puppet Theatre. "In the larger downtown theater district you have this wonderful little theater devoted to puppets. It's been a dream for the people involved, and I've been happily watching their dream come true."
Dream
It's a dream that took over seven years to come true.
"I was a drama director in Leningrad," said Mikheyenko. She wanted to meet other Russian immigrants who, like her, were involved in theater in Russia. "I put up flyers in apartment buildings and other places," she said. Mikheyenko believes it was fate that brought the four puppeteers together. "I fell in love with the puppets," she said. "A puppet can do more than a live actor."
From the beginning, the group's

Professional puppeteer (left) and (right) are used in the troupe's production of "The Story of Esther."
PuppetArt has received publicity, contracts and grants. "I beat the bushes to get jobs," she said. "It's absolutely a labor of love. These are incredibly talented people who needed someone to help them," she said. Detroit has a long history of puppetry, and we're not just talking about the ones who pull strings at city hall.
The Detroit Puppeteers Guild, an organization devoted to the art of puppetry, was founded in 1946 and is affiliated with the Puppeteers of America Inc.
Puppetry is an ancient art. Puppets were found in Egyptian tombs. Haydn composed operas for marionettes, and Bernard Shaw wrote plays for them. Native Americans used puppets for magic effects and in religious cere-



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Jekyll-Hyde role challenge met by versatile actor

By Hugh Gallagher
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Twenty years ago actor Chuck Wagner was there at the beginning for the musical "Jekyll & Hyde."

Wagner was a student at the University of Southern California in 1979 when fellow students Frank Wildhorn and Steve Cuden devised a musical based on Robert Louis Stevenson's popular tale of good-hearted Dr. Jekyll who creates a serum that turns him into evil Mr. Hyde.



Chuck Wagner

"I did the original demo tape that was used to get a record deal. Then Colm Wilkinson got to do the album ..." Wagner said.

The show went through various changes over time. In the mid 1980s, established lyricist Leslie Bricusse ("Oliver," "Stop the World I Want to Get Off") signed on to write lyrics and reshape the book.

In 1991 Wagner got his chance to perform the lead role on stage in the world premiere production at Houston's Alley Theatre. The show opened on Broadway in 1997 to mixed reviews. But it won a popular following of devoted fans who call themselves "Jekkiies."

Wagner is now on the first leg of a yearlong national tour, playing at the Fisher Theatre through May 9. Composer Frank Wildhorn has gone on to have wild success on Broadway with an astounding three musicals currently playing on the Great White Way — "Jekyll & Hyde," "The Scarlet Pimpernel" and "Civil War."

"I think Frank has a gift, the ability to write songs that are beautiful and emotional," Wagner said of his fellow USC alum. "You don't just hear them but feel them. But they're also simple and accessible to people."

The score includes the hit songs "Someone Like You" and "This Is The Moment."

Wagner has carved out a varied career since graduating from USC. He's performed as a regular on soap operas, appeared on "The Dukes of Hazzard," starred in a movie called "Automan" and performed in several successful stage productions including national tours of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" and as Javert in "Les Miserables." He also

performed as Sir Lancelot opposite the original Lancelot Robert Goulet's King Arthur.
But the role of Jekyll and Hyde is a special challenge.

What: Musical "Jekyll & Hyde" by lyricist Leslie Bricusse and composer Frank Wildhorn
Where: Detroit's Fisher Theatre
When: 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sunday and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through May 9.
Tickets: \$32-\$62, available at the Fisher Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone, call (248) 645-6666.

Please see JEKYLL-HYDE, E2

POPULAR MUSIC

Eminem is ready for controversy

By Christina Fuoco
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Marshall Mathers, otherwise known as Eminem, strolls into Harmonie Park Studios in Detroit, the picture of insecurity. His hands are pushed deep into the pockets of his baggy jeans, his blonde-dyed head of hair is pointed down to the ground. Mathers can't seem to focus, glancing quickly around the small studio.



Returning home: Rapper Eminem, otherwise known as Marshall Mathers or Slim Shady, plays the State Theatre in May.

Mathers was there to perform for the now-defunct alternative radio station WXDG-FM and its "Edge Session," something of which he was unaware.

"I came here this morning and absolutely had no idea what I'm gonna do because nobody told me. But I can do what I want to do," he said.

"OK, listen. If I'm gonna do some freestyles and I'm gonna do a show, I'm gonna do a little performance there, everybody's got to stand up or this will be very boring."

The studio pumps an instrumental version of Eminem's hit "My Name Is" through the speakers. Encouraging the sound engineer to turn it up, Eminem

Please see EMINEM, E7

Esham hopes to follow peers

By Christina Fuoco
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Sitting back on a plush



Working it up: Detroit rapper Esham works the boards at Overture Studios in Novi.

couch in Overture Studios in Novi, rapper Esham Smith explained he's the real deal.

He described growing up on the mean streets of New York City and Detroit near Seven Mile and Hoover roads. Unlike Kid Rock and I.C.P., Smith said he doesn't call the suburbs home.

"When I talk about some (stuff) it's more realer than when another (person) talk about it. They just playin'," he said of rappers from the suburbs. "We can't get over the fact that we come from the ruins. Detroit is ruins. I don't care what anybody else say," said Smith, who calls himself "an extreme realist."

"They should blow that

Please see ESHAM, E7

Upcoming performances

■ Esham performs during the Detroit Music Awards, 7 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the State Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$10, \$15 and \$25. For more information, call (313) 961-5451 or visit <http://www.statetheater.com>

■ Esham will also headline Clutch Cargo's, 85 E. Huron St., Pontiac, on Friday, May 7. Call (248) 333-2362 for more information.

■ Eminem plays the State Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23. Tickets are \$20 general admission for the all-ages show.

■ Also, the film "The Least World," the official Detroit hip-hop documentary, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, at Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$5. Call (313) 832-2355 for more information.

■ Kid Rock is scheduled to perform on "David Letterman" on Tuesday, April 27.

Bonstelle romps with 'Once Upon A Mattress'

The Bonstelle, Wayne State University's undergraduate theater company, presents the rollicking musical "Once Upon A Mattress" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 23-24, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 25 at the theater, 3434 Woodward Ave., Detroit. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (313) 577-2900.

BY SUS SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

The rollicking, tongue-in-cheek humor of "Once Upon A Mattress," the musical version of the fairy-tale "The Princess and the Pea" makes for a fun, light-hearted evening of theater. The Bonstelle company has lavished enthusiasm and creativity into their final show of the season.

Unlike its tame origin, "Once Upon A Mattress," this production tells the "real" side of the story, with double entendres and adult humor. In a kingdom ruled over by a shrewish, domineering queen and a mute, lascivious king, no one may wed until Prince Dauntless shares his marriage bed. However, Mama has made sure that a dozen princesses to date have all failed their royalty tests. Matters become more urgent when Lady

Larkin informs Sir Harry that his impending fatherhood makes it imperative that a bride be found soon.

Sir Harry's quest produces a most unusual potential bride — the endearing, unconventional, and meat-swimming Princess Winnifred, whose wildly offbeat personality excites Prince Dauntless, much to the queen's dismay.

The colorful and uninhibited role of Winnifred was made for junior Maribeth Monroe, whose exuberant personality has captured the Bonstelle stage this season. Whether belting out a song, kicking up her heels, delivering comic lines or sending the audience into gales of laughter with a well chosen facial expression, Monroe is the wonderful girl named Fred. Her senior year at the Bonstelle ought to be promising.

Susan Michelle Gouine as Queen Aggravain epitomizes the character you love to hate, with her intrusively funny invasion. Her glares, stares and pompous indignation brought delightful laughter from the house.

Caleb Gilbert as the Minstrel and Mark Shock as the Jester delivered strong performances,

and formed a comedic trio with the mute King Sentimus, played by Stephen Bismell.

Junior Patrick O'Reilly of Livonia makes his Bonstelle debut as the shy, mama's boy Prince Dauntless. He makes a nice puppy-dogish, naive counterpart to Princess Winnifred over-the-top extrovert.

The songs are spirited and funny, from "Opening For A Princess," to the Spanish Panic dance, the not-so-quiet "Quiet" to the enthusiastic finale.

There are smooth, easy on the ears love songs, as well: "In A Little While," "Normandy," and "Yesterday I Loved You" with Lady Larkin and Sir Harry.

Princess Winnifred gets the house laughing with "Shy," and "Happily Ever After."

The costumes were striking and coordinated, with a basic white color scheme accented with bright jewel-toned colors. The ladies' hats had amazing wing spans, creating a delightful touch of whimsy. The set was very versatile, with the crew, dressed as royal pages, swiftly choreographing the scene changes.

Puppetry from page E1

dream was to have their own theater.

"Puppetry is attractive and additive," said Gosman, the theater's artistic director. No other art form covers so many bases — painting, sculpture, drama, music and ballet. "Every production is original. The music and everything."

The puppeteers design the puppets, create sets and even music for their productions. After performance, guests can attend a workshop to make their own puppets to take home.

"Puppets are a great opportunity to form a child's imagination, which adults are losing," said Gosman. "Puppets are useful tools, they can educate children and teach them how to behave."

"Kolobok," opening Saturday, is a one of the first stories children learn in Russia. "Children learn how to behave," said Gosman. "They learn that they must do what their parents say. It's also

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Igor Gosman
Detroit Puppet Theater CEO

quits musical."

Their goal is to host more guest puppeteers such as Hank and build a larger audience that includes school groups who can visit the theater during the week. Puppeteer members also tour throughout the state presenting puppet shows at schools and other venues.

Another goal is to introduce children to other cultures through puppetry to introduce them to these cultural treasures. They're working on a Japanese story.

"We've created a theatrical atmosphere here," said Mikheyenko. "I think that's

important for children to experience. Puppetry is not just for children, it can be interesting for adults too."

The Detroit Puppeteers Guild is presenting "A Day of Puppets," 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24 at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

The event, co-sponsored by the Livonia Civic Center Library, offers an opportunity to learn more about the art of puppetry.

There are a variety of workshops including Improvisational Muppetette Theatre, Fun with Walk-Around Puppets, and How To's of Youth Puppet Theater.

A Children's Workshop/Performance Package for children ages 7 to 12 with Maureen Schiffman gives kids the opportunity to make their own puppet. Afterward, they will attend performances featuring magic by the Amazing Clark, and "Rumpelstiltskin," presented by Brad of TV's Hot Fudge Show.

Jekyll-Hyde from page E1

"Anytime you play the full dichotomy of mankind, to be as good as you can be and as bad as you can be, it's a challenge," he said.

"The interesting thing about this show is that both Jekyll and Hyde are delighted with their lives. Though his father's madness leads to his experiments, Jekyll is happy with his life and with his fiancée. And when Hyde is freed, he's delighted to be alive despite the evil things he does. There's a visceral joy to his excitement."

The role has been a favorite of many film actors. John Barry-

more, Fredric March and Spencer Tracy all did classic versions. Wagner said the musical draws on those old films for some elements of the story.

"The novel is very thin, a first-person narrative that doesn't go anywhere. There's no love interest," he said.

Wagner said Wildhorn added the part about Jekyll's father being insane to give motivation for his experiments. The good fiancée and the good-hearted prostitute were developed in several film versions and have become standard elements since.

Wagner said he enjoys musical

comedy and the rapport it builds with audiences.

"There's nothing like singing and acting. It takes you to the edge, you open your heart and feel the emotions. When that happens it's cathartic for the performer and the audience. It's a symbiotic relationship, very thrilling," Wagner said.

Wagner said "Jekyll and Hyde" is the most physically wearing role he's done.

He will be sharing his music with audiences with a new CD, "Broadway Bound" which will include songs from the shows he's done.

UMS announces '99-'00 season

The University Musical Society has announced its 121st season, which includes 79 public performances of 60 events in eight different venues.

Highlights include the first regional appearance since 1965 of the Berlin Philharmonic with Claudio Abbado directing; Yo-Yo Ma, Anne-Sophie Mutter and Murray Perahia; a series devoted to the music of J.S. Bach on the 250th anniversary of his death; the UMS debut of jazz legend Oscar Peterson; a women in dance series; Neeme Jarvi appearing with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and his other ensemble, the Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra; Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra in a Swing Dance Tour; the Chieftains a week before St. Patrick's Day; and a return of "The Harlem Nutcracker" to the Detroit Opera House.

A season brochure will be mailed out at the end of April. To be added to the mailing list, call UMS Box Office at (734)764-2538.

The UMS series:

For October: Laurie Anderson's "Moby Dick," Sept. 30 to Oct. 2;

Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Oct. 3; Ballet Folklorico de Mexico, Oct. 5-6; Paco Pena and Intillimani, Oct. 8; Lyons Opera Ballet, Oct. 16-17; The Berlin Philharmonic, Oct. 20; "Moon-drunk," Oct. 22; The King's Singers, Oct. 23; Sankai Juku, Oct. 27; Bill Frisell's New Quartet, Oct. 28; Orquesta Ibrahim Ferrer & Ruben Gonzalez y su Grupo, Oct. 30.

For November: Emerson String Quartet, Nov. 5; American String Quartet, Nov. 7; Les Arts Florissants, Nov. 10; Theatre of Voices, Nov. 12; Paco de Lucia and His Flamenco Quartet, Nov. 19; Kremerata Baltica Soloists, Nov. 21; "The Harlem Nutcracker," Nov. 26 to Dec. 5.

For December: Handel's "Messiah," Dec. 4-5; Boys Choir of Harlem, Dec. 9; Frederica von Stade, Dec. 10; Gabrieli Consort & Players, Dec. 14.

For January: The Romeros, Jan. 9; Bebe Miller Company, Jan. 15; Take 6, Jan. 17; Yo-Yo Ma, Jan. 20; American String Quartet, Jan. 23; Russian National Orchestra, Jan. 24; Barbara Hendricks, Jan. 29.

For February: Jazz at Lincoln Center Sextet, Feb. 4-5; Gothen-

burg Symphony Orchestra, Feb. 5; Meredith Monk's "Magic Frequencies," Feb. 9; Drummers of West Africa, Feb. 10; Martha Clarke's "Vers Le Flamme," Feb. 11; Anne-Sophie Mutter, Feb. 12; Estonian Philharmonic, Feb. 13; Murray Perahia, Feb. 16; New York City Opera's "Barber of Seville," Feb. 17-19; Christian Tetzlaff, Feb. 20.

For March: The Chieftains, March 8; Ballet d'Afrique Noir, March 9-10; English Consort, March 11; Ustad Ali Akbar Khan and Ustad Zakir Hussain, March 17; Oscar Peterson Quartet, March 18; American String Quartet, March 19; Thomas Quasthoff, March 20; Forgiveness, March 24; Mamas, March 25; Beaux Arts Trio, March 26; Moscow Virtuosi, March 31.

For April: Czech Philharmonic Orchestra, April 1; The Watts Prophets, April 8; Trisha Brown Company, April 12; Susanne Mentzer, April 13; Australian Chamber Orchestra, April 14; Bach's St. Matthew Passion, April 16; Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra Swing Dance Tour, April 22.

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MOT's 'Madame Butterfly' delicate and heart-rending

"Madame Butterfly" continues at the Detroit Opera House 8 p.m. April 23-24 and May 1, 2 p.m. April 25 and May 2. For ticket information, call (313) 237-SING (7464), all Ticketmaster locations or by calling Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER
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Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" has long been one of the most popular works in the operatic repertoire for its heart-rending portrayal of love and trust brutally betrayed.

The Michigan Opera Theatre's current production is so lush, delicate, precise and believable that it would draw a rush of tears from the most hardened heart.

"Butterfly" is the source for the hit musical "Miss Saigon" and tells a simple but gripping story. The year is 1904 and a callous but charming American naval lieutenant marries a beautiful, naive 15-year-old Japanese geisha Cio-Cio-San in a ceremony that he mocks. After he has



MARK MANCINI/MOT

False love: Francesco Grollo as Lt. Pinkerton takes the hand of bride Cio-Cio-San, Sun Xiu Wei in the MOT's "Madame Butterfly."

abandoned her to return to the United States, she bears his son, knowing in her heart that her Lt. B.F. Pinkerton will return.

But when he does, it is with his American wife and plans to take his son, driving Butterfly to a last desperate act of ceremonial

suicide.

At the heart of this fine production on Saturday's opening night was Chinese soprano Sun Xiu Wei, who is not only a magnificent singer capable of soaring and beautifully controlled high notes but also an actress of fine subtlety capable of suggesting both joy and anxiety in a few facial and hand gestures. Her *Un Bel di Veremo* is incredibly moving.

Francesco Grollo drew a hearty round of boos as he took his bows, a tribute to his perfect Pinkerton, all swagger, arrogance and, ultimately, cowardice in facing his deceit. Grollo's huge tenor embraces the rich romantic charm that makes Pinkerton's deception so real. He also looks the part of a young naval lieutenant and acts with the easy "we rule the world" attitude that was just beginning to make "ugly Americans" a common phrase.

The love duet here is a complex well of conflicting emotions that are vividly conveyed by these two outstanding performers.

Victor Ledbetter brings

warmth, rectitude and a deep sense of maturity to the role of the American consul Sharples, using his voice to brilliant effect. Kathleen Segar handles the emotional role of Suzuki with admirable restraint and then finally succumbing with a voice that pierces.

"Madame Butterfly" is Puccini's most melodious, sweeping and emotional opera. The music is rich, inventive, playful as it incorporates Japanese folk music and American marches. The orchestra, under Steven Mercurio, is in top form, drawing all the many nuances and warmly

supporting the leads. The choral work is excellent.

Mario Corradi's direction is as delicate, suggestive and beautiful as a Japanese painting. The end of Act II is especially effective.

Zack Brown's simple set of Cio-Cio-San's house and the lighting of Kendall Smith add to the perfection of this production.

Sun Xiu Wei and Francesco Grollo sing the leads April 24 and May 1. On April 23, 25 and May 2, the roles of Cio-Cio-San and Pinkerton will be sung by Natalia Dercho and Carlo Ventre.

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'Rocky Horror' full of haunting surprises

Meadow Brook Theatre presents "The Rocky Horror Show" through Sunday, May 9. A special late-night performance will take place 10:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1. A costume contest will precede the show. Tickets \$24 to \$35, call (248) 377-3300. Student and group discounts available. MARY JANE DOERR
SPECIAL WRITER

If there are any Rocky virgins still lurking around, Meadow Brook Theatre is spreading its luring fishnet to catch them with a terror treat — the stage version of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

This rock musical, which is still touring after 25 years, is full of fiendishly funky good fun on the normally respectable Meadow Brook Theatre stage.

For his swan song, artistic director Geoffrey Sherman has come up with a "fasten your seat

belts" horror spoof about the 1950s passion for RKO midnight "B" rated double features.

There are some wonderful surprises in this production of the "Rocky Horror Show."

Meadow Brook Theatre regular Paul Hopper dons spiffy red bell bottoms as he brings out an Elvis voice that he's been hiding in the Coke Cola cooler all this time. John Michael Manfredi, another familiar face, may be embarking on a new career playing Drag Queens. So inciting is he as transvestite Frank-N-Furter, the alien spy from the Transylvanian galaxy, Manfredi stimulates the audience into a rousing "Time Warp" dance.

If you don't know the dance, neither does the straight couple Janet Weiss and Brad Majors at first. Actors Janet Caine and Scott Crowover do know all of the right moves as these two Denton High School delinquents

on their way to see their high school science teacher, Mr. Scott, when a flat tire on a stormy night diverts to Dr. Frank-N-Furter's unfriendly castle.

Something should have told them all was not right when the hunchback Riff-Raff (John Michael Norman) answers door, and doesn't show them to the phone. Pretty helpers Columbia and Magenta take the couple's clothes not just their wet coats.

As the narrator, David Regal's dark and powerful voice warns the audience of foul play, but Janet and Brad don't want to get the message and are beguiled by Frank and Frankenstein Place where lingerie is the raging fashion. Science fantasy has helped Dr. Frank create Rocky, played by gym enthusiast Jeff Applegate, as his perfect playmate. But Frank hasn't heard of cloning, and Rocky is more interested in Janet.

The Fishnettes Band lead by Tim Link on the keyboards including Mike Dungan, Tim Baum, and Dave Legacy, make the music a listenable experience.

The tunes are very humble though some might refrain from singing the lyrics.

Caine ("Touch A Touch Me"), Crowover ("Once in a While"), and Applegate

are especially good singers. Although he claims he is not a singer, Manfredi stops the show for applause with "Going Home."

Susan Taran-Kohler and Jodie Kuhn Ellison are strong as Frank's helpers Magenta and Columbia.

Taran-Kohler does a wonderful opener with the song "Science Fiction" and has fun bringing this thrillerless thriller to its final conclusion.

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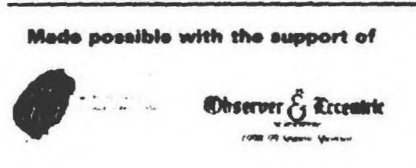
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"A Thousand Clowns," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, April 23-24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon. \$8, \$7 students/seniors. (810) 220-3521

RIDGEVILLE PLAYERS
"Into the Woods," a musical by Stephen Sondheim, April 30-May 2, 7-8, 14-16 and 21-23, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 206 W. Long Lake between Crooks and Livernois. \$13, \$12 seniors/students. (248) 988-7049

ROSDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS
"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 Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River east of Lahser, Detroit. \$10. (313) 537-7716/(313) 532-4010

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

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM
"Long Day's Journey into Night," 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

ZETHEUS THEATRE
"Dutchman," and "The Owl Killer," through May 1, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the theater, 2651 Michigan Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-9192

YOUTH

MARQUEE THEATRE
"Velveten Rabbit," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through April 25, and 2:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 23-24, at the theater, 139 E. Main St., Northville. \$7. (248) 349-8110

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 Victoria Players Club, 3521 E. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougall across from Hartland, Detroit. \$7.50, includes lunch and show. (313) 662-8118

WHEELS STOP PLAYERS
"The Fantastic Feline Factory," 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 8 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Plymouth Community Arts Council, Joanne Whitman Hall, Center for the Arts, 774 N. State St. (at Junction), Plymouth. \$8. (734) 858-4278

YOUTH THEATRE
"Home Sweet Home" with Bill the

Moose and Marc Thomas making beautiful "Moosic" together, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25, and 11 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$8, \$7 advance. (313) 963-2366

SPECIAL EVENTS

DETROIT MUSIC AWARDS
With performances by Demolition Dollrods, Telegraph, Willie Max, Miracles, Enemy Squad, Jeff Haas w/Marcus Belgrave, Today's Generation, The Suicide Machines, an all-star blues jam led by Mark Pasman of Mudpuppy, plus a sneak preview of "The MCS: A True Testimonial," 7 p.m. Friday, April 23, State Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10, \$15 and \$25. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheater.com>

DETROIT ZOO
Cynthia Moss renowned for her 30-year study of African elephants, talks about elephant families as well as her sometimes dangerous experiences on the African savanna, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. \$25. (248) 541-5717, ext. 1205

GRAYFOX VISITS
Sunday, April 25, tour the refitted U.S. Navy Torpedo Recovery Ship at the foot of Hart Plaza after attending an 11 a.m. service in Mariner's Church (next to the entrance of the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel) honoring the Naval Sea Cadets Corps of Michigan and Ontario. (313) 259-2206

MOMA MUSIC AWARDS
Wayne County Music Awards hosted by Benny and the Jets with award-winners Over Easy, Steve King and the Ditties, Jeff Jennings, Cub Koda and Elvis Shelton, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Lucille's, 43711 Michigan Ave., west of I-75, Canton. Free. 21 and older. (313) 730-1627 or <http://www.fast.to/bennyjets.com>

MICHIGAN STUDENT FILM & VIDEO FESTIVAL
The 30th annual festival co-sponsored by the Detroit Institute of Arts and Detroit Area Film & Television, features films and videos by students, grade K-12, Saturday, May 1, at the Detroit Film Theatre. Free. (248) 547-0847

"OCEANS OF PUPPETS"
Performances and workshops for puppet enthusiasts including parents and teens, featured performers are the Amazing Clark, and Brad Lowe of TV's Hot Fudge Show, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. (810) 230-0106/(810) 493-0480

SPRING CELEBRATION
Spring One's is a Spring Vibe celebration, comedy, music, and entertainment, featuring Mike Rodriguez and Gary Mack in a special benefit concert by the Detroit Area Film & Television, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. (810) 230-0106/(810) 493-0480

WILL SANFORD
A children's folk concert, 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Borders, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0556

SOUTH BAY CELEBRATION
Nature hikes, conservation art, and planting and earth craft activities, and information on fundraising with native plants of southwest Michigan, directed plants available for sale, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 24, begin at the Park Conservancy Building at Park Conservancy, 2400 E. Park Ave., Farmington Hills. (248) 998-3120

BENEFITS

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 Church, Opdyke Road, south of Hickory Grove Road, Bloomfield Hills. Free, donations go to the Metro Detroit Ulster Project. (248) 644-5480

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

"STARRY NIGHT"
Preview gala for the Farmington Community Festival of the Arts with music by Matt Michaels Trio, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, proceeds from auction will help fund the festival, at the Wilkum Cocktail Center, 11 Mile and Middlebelt roads, Farmington. \$15, \$25 a couple. (248) 478-3256. Festival opens to the public April 25 and runs to May 2 with live musical performances, art council display, student talent, demonstrations, and art work for sale.

DIOR WASSER
Legendary guitarist performs with guest immunity, 10 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Augie's, 31880 John R, Madison Heights. \$15 donation, benefits multiple sclerosis research. 21 and older. (248) 968-3120

FAMILY EVENTS

WILL SANFORD
A children's folk concert, 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Borders, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0556

SOUTH BAY CELEBRATION
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and motor vehicle permit. (248) 349-6666

ARMED AND DANGEROUS
Musical performed at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43099 19th Road, Canton. \$5, available at Christian Family Store in the Ford Road Shopping Center. (734) 623-2888

ANIMALS
A celebration of animals owned and loved by people across the US, features seminars, activities, veterinary and grooming tips, advice on improving pet manners, the doggie bag, on-site dog and cat adoptions, and PAX-TV's PetStar Search for undiscovered animal talent, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at PetSmart, 5650 Mercury Dr., Dearborn.

DAVID BYRNE
Dubbed "The Human Jukebox," pianist Symes performs 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. \$8, \$5 non-members. (248) 661-7649/(248) 967-4030

CONCERT BANDS

NOVI CONCERT BAND
Featuring the Metro Horn Quartet playing "Concerto for Four Horns" by Heinrich Hubler, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25, in the Novi Community Center, 10 Mile Road, west of Novi Road. (248) 932-9244

WARREN CONCERT BAND
With the Warren Community Chorus, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Warren Woods Fine Arts Auditorium, 11 Mile Road, west of Schoenherr, Warren. \$8. (810) 465-0497

CLASSICAL

ARBOR QUARTET
Perform compositions by Ida Gotkowsky, Alfred Desenclos, Russell Peck, Paul Nagle and others, 4 p.m. Monday, April 26, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$8, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

SARA CLEVELAND
The cellist performs Schubert, Beethoven, Elgar, and Brahms with pianist Haysook Kim, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$8, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With violinist Kurt Nikkanen and conductor Jerzy 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.detroitso.org>

NIKKI SYMPHONY OF TOKYO
With Charles Dutoit, conductor, Sarah Chang, violin, and Kazuo Sawal, koto, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$16, \$30, \$40 and \$50. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

PONTIAC-OKLAND SYMPHONY
8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Lake Orion Performing Arts Center. \$15, \$10. (248) 370-3013

ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY
"Show Boat," starring Howard Keel, Kathryn Grayson and Ava Gardner, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30, organ overture begins 30 minutes before performances with Tony O'Brien, at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

POPS/SWING

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

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

R-44 ORCHESTRA
9-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Soup Kitchen, 1685 Franklin, Detroit. (313) 256-1374; 7-9:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Heidelberg, 219 N. Main, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 963-7758

AUDITIONS

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

FREE
Auditions for a walk-on role 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 22 at WDIV TV 4 Studios, 990 W. Lafayette, Participants must arrive at WDIV by 2 p.m. Be prepared to sing the entire "Fame" theme. Participants must be at least 17, call (313) 226-2246 for details. Final auditions at Parkview Town Center 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 24.

FREE
Auditions for performers, dancers and models ages 8 and up (male and female) for the semi-annual/comedy musical "The Sound of Music" stage play. Auditions are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Park Conservancy Building at Park Conservancy, 2400 E. Park Ave., Farmington Hills. (248) 998-3120

The Game Show Network show auditions for acts, 4-6 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Magic Bag, 22620 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

STAMPMAKERS YOUTH THEATRE
Auditions for ages 8-18 for "Bye, Bye Birdie," 10 a.m. Saturday, May 1, registration begins at 9 a.m., at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances July 23-25, 29-31 and Aug. 1. (248) 541-4832. Workshop 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 24 at First Presbyterian Church, 529 Hendrie St., Royal Oak. (248) 288-6055

CHORAL

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS
"Jump 'n Time" concert of '30s and '40s swing music 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, at Clarenceville High School, Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. \$7, \$5 seniors/students. (248) 620-4807

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

SCHOOLCRAFT CHORUS
"Spring concert" featuring songs by Bach, Benjamin Britten and Mendelssohn, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, between Merriman and Middlebelt roads, Livonia. Donations will be accepted at the door. (734) 462-4435

JAZZ

TEDDY EDWARDS
9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, and 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25, SereNeti Ballroom, 2957 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20. (313) 832-3010

HEIDI NEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD CURTIS
7-10 p.m. Tuesdays in April, at La Bistecca Italian Grille, 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) 905-5210; 8-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Northern Lakes Seafood Company in the Kingsley Inn, 1475 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 646-7900; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 905-7333

KIMMIE MORNE
Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, at D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-0550 (Jazz, pop, blues)

LINCOLN CENTER JAZZ ORCHESTRA
With Wynton Marsalis, "Jazz at Lincoln Center Celebrates the Ellington Centennial America in Rhythm and Tune," 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$16, \$26, \$32 and \$36. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

LUDWIG SOUL
8 p.m. Friday, April 30, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (avant jazz)

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, with trombonist Ron Kischuk Thursday, April 29, at the Botolph Inn, Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner order. (248) 474-4800

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY (MAS)
8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

SHANIDA NURULLAH
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 23, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass/drums)

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

OWEN AND CHARLES SCALES
8 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays in April, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

GARY SONNICK
8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday, April 22, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

SOUL JAZZ AND PRIME
Michigan Vocal Jazz Arrangers Tribute Concert, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at the Radcliffe campus of Schoolcraft College, Garden City. \$5 minimum donation, proceeds go toward traveling expenses for an international tour this summer. (734) 354-9593

PETE BERRY TRIO
With Johnny O'Neal, drums and Jeff Hisey, bass, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$8 students. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

HARVEY TROSPER
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at

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Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass) PAUL VORNHAGEN 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 30, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. (248) 645-2150 (saxophone, piano/bass/drums) URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY SUDSON With Dan Kofron, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300 CEDAR WALTON TRIO With Don Mayberry, bass and Bert Myrick, drums, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

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

BATTLEFIELD BAND The world famous band from Glasgow, Scotland headlines an evening concert of Scottish music and dance, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at the Royal Oak Music Theater. \$15.50. (248) 645-6868 DISTACTIONS 9 p.m. Thursday, April 22, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish) MOGUE DOYLE 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish/rock) IMMUNITY 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, April 30, Hamtramck Funtrain at Holbrook Cafe, 3201 Holbrook, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 875-1115 (reggae) JO NAB 9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (reggae) LATIN PLAYBOYS Featuring David Hidalgo and Louie 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) TERRY MURPHY 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish) JIM PERKINS DUO 9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish/folk) DETROIT TAMBURTITA ORCHESTRA Annual spring concert 6 p.m. (doors open) 6:30 p.m. (concert begins) Saturday, April 24, Troy High School, 4777 Northfield Parkway, off Long Lake Road between Coolidge and Crooks. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 children 6-12. concert & Reception Dance, after concert at St. Lucy's Church, Waverly Road (between Rochester Road & Livernois) Reception tickets, \$15 adults, children, \$10. (810) 775-4899 or (810) 776-8496.

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

PETER HIMMELMAN 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com JAN KRIST 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 PATTY LARKIN With Jennifer Kimball, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com 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 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 WH CATHY BARTON, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org BALDWIN MOUNTAIN RAMBLERS 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Sunrise Sunset Saloon, 15222 Charlevoix, east of Alter Road, Grosse Pointe Park. (313) 822-6080 RFD BOYS 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org JACK ROUSH The singer/songwriter performs songs from his upcoming album including "My

Dog" and "Future Day Utopia," 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Free. (248) 615-9181 MIND TIME OUT 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, Oakland Community College, 739 S. Washington St., Royal Oak. Tickets at the box office. (248) 544-4900

POETRY

CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN AUTHORS SERIES Features Caribbean poet and novelist Merle Collins reading from her works, 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, in the Madama Cadillac Building's Alumnae Hall at Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit. Free. (313) 927-1448/(313) 927-1430 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) 652-0558 "POETRY IN MOTION" Sista Otis with special guest Ja Meets Jesus, and Detroit scene poet Jim Perkinson, 6-10 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Free. (248) 615-9181

DANCE

COUNTRY/WESTERN DANCE 7:45 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Plymouth Elks, 41700 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. \$7. (734) 425-2207 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 Township. \$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, 1880 N. Telegraph, southeast of Ford Road, Dearborn (\$5-\$7). (313) 585-3329; also advanced Tango Sundays in Troy.

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB Kirk "Fabulous" 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); Ailyn Ball, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 29 (\$5), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All 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 Bobby Slayton, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, April 23 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, April 24 (\$15, \$27.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 25 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package); Diana Jordan, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, (\$8, \$20.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), 7 p.m. Sunday, May 2 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), and ladies only night, 8 p.m. Monday, May 3 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885 MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Mark Cordes and Michael Jr. Thursday-Sunday, April 22-25, Stanley Ullman Wednesday-Thursday, April 28-29, Craig Shoemaker and Stanley Ullman Friday-Sunday, April 30-May 2, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 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 (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com SECOND CITY "Impeachment 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, \$15.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222 JOHN VALBY "DR. DIRTY" 7 p.m. Friday, April 30, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 general admission seating. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451 SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER 8 p.m. Thursday, April 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

MUSEUMS

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER "Breaking Through: The Creative Engineer," an exhibit exploring creativity in engineering everything from roller-coasters to Colorado's Hanging Lake Viaduct, continues to April 30 in the Exhibit Hall; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, and multiple showings of "Everest" and "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R. (at Warren),

Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400 BOSSON GREAT LAKES MUSEUM "Spring Fitting Out Party," featuring the opening of the exhibit "Folk Art of the Great Lakes," a visit by U.S.S. Grayfox, a 100-foot vessel sponsored by the F.C. Sherman Division of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets from Port Huron, and tours of the ship from noon to 4 p.m., all from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the museum, 200 Strand Dr., on Belle Isle, Detroit. \$2, \$1 seniors and children ages 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger. (313) 852-4051 HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE Spring Farm Days, Friday-Sunday, April 22-25 see what life was like on farms during the 18th and 19th centuries, activities range from sheep shearing, plowing, costumed presentations; the village is now celebrating its 70th season with a host of activities including the opportunity to view Merino sheep giving birth to lambs, a young team of working steers in training; also Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair is back on view after a week of conservation efforts, also a life mask made 60 days before his assassination, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALCOHOLIC ZEBRAS Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guest Pain Station, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 THE ALLIGATORS 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (blues) ARK ROYALE With Climax Divine and Blake Chen, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://golddollar.com (pop/rock) JOCELYN B. 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. \$5, 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues) JOHNNIE BARRETT With the Blues Insurgents, 9 p.m. Thursdays in April at Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown; With Joe Weaver, 9 p.m. Friday, March 30, at the Music Menu. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-8368 (blues) BUGS BEDDOW 9 p.m. Friday, April 23, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (blues) BIG BROTHER AND THE HOLDING COMPANY Janis Joplin's former band, with special guests Al Hill and the Love Butlers, 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, The Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., two blocks west of Main Street, between Liberty and Washington streets, Ann Arbor. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 or http://www.bbc.com/BigBrother.html or euphoria@metrolines.net (rock) BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.bigdave.com (jump blues) BLACK BEAUTY 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) "BLIND PIG SHOWCASE" With Jane's American Revolution, The Never Beans, and Redline, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety) BLUECAT 7 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (blues) BLUE ROSE 9 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Impulse, 35980 Groesbeck, Clinton Township. Free. 21 and older. (810) 792-8252; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, Nancy Whiskey's, 2644 Harrison, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 962-4247 (blues) BLUE SUIT 9 p.m. Friday, April 30, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues) BONNE TEMPS ROULE 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 (R&B) BUMPIN' UGLIES With The Unfridlys and The Daggers, 9:19 p.m. Friday, April 30, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://golddollar.com (punk) THE BURROS 9 p.m. Friday, April 23, CK Digs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-6600 (roots rock) GRETCHEN BUSAM ENSEMBLE With Jarimelo, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 22, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (indie rock) SCOTT CAMPBELL GROUP 8 p.m. Friday, April 30, Borders Books

and Music, 17141 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe. Free. All ages. (313) 885-7667 (rock) BLAKE OWEN 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) OWEN, OWEN, WITH OWEN OWEN 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues) COMPANY OF STRANGERS 9 p.m. Friday, April 30, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (rock/Irish) LARRY BOCKER With Black Lodge and Sunday Afternoon, April 28, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock) CRAZY FLYING GIANTS With Climax Divine and the Fringe, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock) DRU HILL With Faith Evans, Total and Case, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$45. All ages. (248) 433-1515 (R&B) ELIZA 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, and Wednesday, April 28, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (pop) THE EX-HUSBANDS 6:30 p.m. Fridays April 23 and 30, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (rock) FACE With Hemigod and Kingsnakes, 9 p.m. Friday, April 23; Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock/blues) THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (acoustic blues) FAT CATS 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (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) FOGHISH MORTALS 10 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Shark Club, 6650 Highland Road, Waterford. Free. 21 and older. (248) 666-4161 (rock) GORDON BENNETT 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (rock) GRAVITY WELL With Poignant Plecostomus and Prime Numbers, 9 p.m. Friday, April 30, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock) GRR 7 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. Sunday, April 25, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (rock) WAYNE "THE TRAIN" HANCOCK 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (blues) AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS 9 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, April 27-May 1, The Habit inside Weber's, 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor. 21 and older. (734) 665-3636 (blues) THE HOPE ORCHESTRA 8 p.m. Friday, April 30, Borders Books and Music, 43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 347-0780 (alternative rock) HOWLING DIABLOS With Park and Niacin Jay, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$7, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (funk/rock) LISA HUNTER 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, Coffee Beanery, 307 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 650-3344, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 994-3940 or http://www.lib.com/oneamclapping/lib.htm (acoustic rock) IMPACT 7 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 29-30, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues) J-TRAIN 10:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (R&B) J.D. AND THE BB'S 9 p.m. Friday, April 23, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock) JUVENILE With Cash Money Millionaires, Hot Boys, B.G., Big Timers, Trick Daddy featuring Trina, Tre-6, and DH Sikes, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$45, \$30 and \$15 general admission seating. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or http://www.statetheatre.com (R&B) BILL KAHLER 8 p.m. to midnight Thursdays in April,

Fire Academy Brewery and Grill, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 588-1988 (singer/comedian) RENE RENEE 8 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) LADYBIRD 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock) STONEY BAZAAR AND THE WESTERNERS 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) LARRY BOCKER With Carl Weatherby, 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (blues) NISSA BLUES With The Arthur White Experience, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (734) 966-8555 (rock) MYSTERY TRAIN WITH ANN MCCARTHY 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 9 p.m. Friday, April 30, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues) NOBODY'S BUSINESS 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rockability) OUT IN WORSHIP With Drumhead, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://golddollar.com (dub) PAPA VEBAS With Kent, 6 p.m. Friday, April 23, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (alternative rock) PINE WITH Xibit and Defari, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 29, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (hip-hop) PINE COME JELLY 9 p.m. Thursday, April 22, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (top 40) 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 29-May 1, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (top 40 dance) GARY RASMUSSEN AND STEPHEN GRANT WOOD 6 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (acoustic rock) 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) JOHN RENBOURN With Geoff Muldrar, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (blues) NYK RISE 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, 5 Hole in The Second City, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free before 10 p.m. 21 and older. (313) 471-3300 (rock) ROOSTER 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (rock) RUBBERNECK 8 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rock) SAFFIRE: THE UPPITY BLUES WOMEN 8 p.m. Friday, April 30, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (blues) SAGE With Gene Yu, 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Suggested donation, \$7, \$5 students ages 13 and older, \$3 kids. All ages. (734) 327-2041 (acoustic 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 SAYER 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, April 24, 5 Hole in The Second City, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free before 10 p.m. 21 and older. (313) 471-3300 (acoustic R&B) SISTER SEED 10 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Atwater Block Brewery, 237 Jos. Campau, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 393-2337 (acoustic rock) SOLID FROG With 19 Wheels and South Normal, 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock) SPACE NELSON 10 p.m. Friday, April 23, Scalic's Lounge, 6650 Allen Road, Allen Park.

Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) (prog rock) STEVE POWERS AND VALERIE BARRYSORE 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) SPOONFUL 7 p.m. Thursday, April 22, Gameworks in Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (R&B/rock) TAMPA TED AND THE BLUE BOBBITS 9 p.m. Friday, April 23, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues) TUNSTY TUNSTUNULAS 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450; 9 p.m. Friday, April 23, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (rockability) UNDERWORLD 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$25 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (techno) UTOPIA BLACK 8-10 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (R&B) MARY VERA, THE MUSIC DOCTOR 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, Fire Academy Brewery and Grill; 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 595-1988 (easy listening) RANDY VOLIN AND SONIC BLUES 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Mount Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-2929 (blues) WILD WOODYS 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rockability) JASON D. WILLIAMS 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$22 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rockability) THE WITCH DOCTORS 9 p.m. Friday, April 23, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues) SHANNON WRIGHT With Eric Bachmann of Archers of Loaf and The Ghetto Billies, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock) CLUB NIGHTS ALVIN'S The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays; and Club Color, featuring funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.tcom.com BLIND PIG "Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons from 8-9 p.m. Sundays with DJ Del Villarret, at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, \$3 after 9 p.m.; "Solar" night featuring Rob Hood, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET "Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's, 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 THE GROOVE ROOM Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D, Thursdays. Women admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative dance night Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays; Alternative dance Tuesdays; gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free. at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly, 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or http://www.thegrooveroom.com LA BOOM TEEEN NIGHTCLUB "MTV Beech Party with DJ Skribble," 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the club, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, \$10. Ages 15-19: Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the club. Ages 15-19. (248) 926-9600 24 KARAT CLUB "Latin Dance Night" with DJ Ronny Lucas, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Thursdays. \$3; Live music Fridays and Saturdays (see popular music calendar); Swing lessons for advanced dancers, 8 p.m. Tuesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$5 for 18 and older), and for beginners, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$5 for 18 and older), at the club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. (734) 513-5030

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nearly causes the speakers to pop. Leading the group in a chorus of "Slim" and "Shady," Eminem's nickname, he freestyled through "My Name Is."

His impromptu lyrics honor Detroit. "I came back one time to make Detroit famous," ... "Detroit, make this frickin' party hype."

"I want to give everybody props for showing Slim Shady love," he said.

Detroiters are showing its rappers a lot of love. Romeo native Kid Rock, known to his mother as Bob Ritchie, has hit platinum. Crown rappers I.C.P., who will release an album in May, have generated their fair share of controversy.

Eminem's "The Slim Shady LP" sold 500,000 copies within the first two weeks of its release. He performed live during MTV's "Spring Break" and returns to Detroit in May to play the State Theatre. Esham Smith, another Detroit rapper, is hoping to follow in their footsteps.

Kid Rock, Eminem and Smith are nominees at the Detroit Music Awards set for Friday, April 23, at the State Theatre.

"It's crazy, crazy," Eminem said of the hype that surrounds him. "It's like something you want to happen but you don't know if it's going to. You know what I mean? When it happens, it's like, whoa."

He attributes the success to "a couple reasons, probably. Just on the LP being timed right, and I feel right now kids are more into hip-hop now more than ever. I feel like I say a lot of things that a lot of people can relate to."

His Eminem/Slim Shady persona is a direct contrast to his awkwardness. Marshall Mathers' story has been well documented. The rapper, whose face stares out from the cover of the current Rolling Stone, spent his formative years in the Detroit area, the exact city is up for debate. Most claim that he grew up in a trailer park on the east side of Detroit. He has a toddler daughter with an on-again, off-again girlfriend.

He left Detroit for Los Angeles where he took second place in the rap Olympics. It was there he was introduced to his mentor, Dr. Dre of the gangsta rap group NWA and Aftermath Records.

"When I was coming up on the local scene, you know a lot of people wasn't trying to hear me. Thanks to the help of Dr. Dre, I'm thankful to come back and rep my city the right way," he said.

It was Dr. Dre who christened Eminem "Slim Shady."

"Slim Shady is like an alter ego, it's just like another name I gave my temper. It's like another way to describe my anger. It's like just a thing," Eminem said

after his performance. Rappers like Smith claim Dr. Dre only got involved with Eminem because he is white. Preparing for that, Eminem responds on "Role Model" off "The Slim Shady LP." "Some people only see that I'm white, ignore skill/ 'Cause I stand out like a green hat with an orange ball," he raps.

Eminem's first hit is the catchy "My Name Is," but the clean version of the song on the radio and on MTV doesn't let on to the theme of the rest of "The Slim Shady LP." Throughout "Slim Shady," Eminem raps graphically about sexually transmitted diseases, HIV-infected women, driving around with his daughter while her mother's body is stuffed in the trunk, stealing, and drug use.

The cover of "The Slim Shady LP" shows Eminem and his daughter staring out into the ocean while a person's legs hang out of a trunk. It's not exactly fodder for water-cooler conversation, and Eminem knows this. He's ready for whatever controversy may come forth.

"I'm expecting that, I'm already gettin' a little bit but you know whatever comes my way, I'm like, whatever. It doesn't matter to me. I'm ready for it," he said.

Big Dave brings it home



At Big Dave and the Ultrasonics' CD release party, celebrators packed the Blind Pig, danced cheered and sang along with the music. That's a typical show for the blues band.

"It was a smash. We work at it. We work at getting people into it and getting active and enjoying themselves," singer/harmonica player "Big Dave" Steele said. Now Big Dave and the Ultrasonics are spreading the bluesy message throughout the United States and Canada during a tour that includes stops in New York, Quebec, Minnesota, Oregon, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Arizona, Utah and California. The band, which will be on the road until Aug. 8, returns home to play three shows this weekend.

They are touring in support of "Big Dave and the Ultrasonics," their debut for Burnside Records and their third overall. Big Dave and the Ultrasonics inked a deal with Portland, Ore.-based label after meeting up with executives at a Portland festival.

"Burnside has a record store in Portland. They saw us and they wanted to sign us up on the spot," Steele explained.

"Big Dave and the Ultrasonics" was produced by Ron Levy, a well-respected member of the blues community. His credits include playing with Roomful of Blues, B.B. King and Albert King.

"It was really good for me personally. It was an excellent experience as far as working with a professional with a lot of experience, especially in blues. He does a lot of different kinds of music."

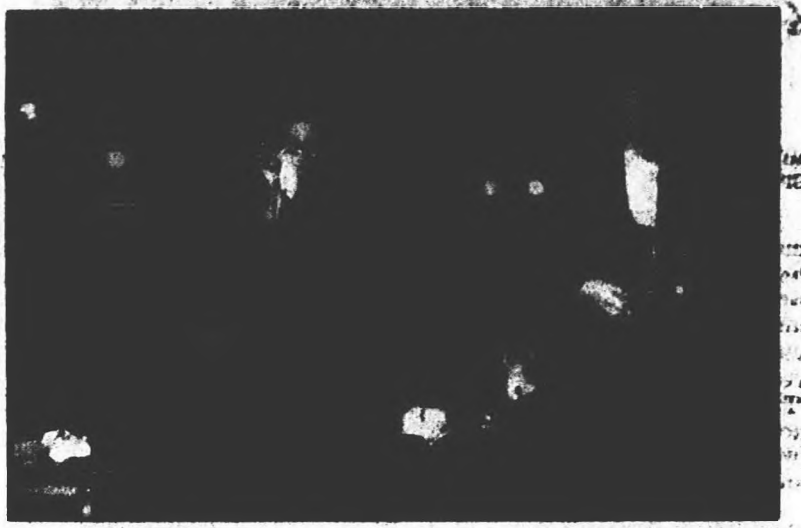
"He has a definite deep understanding of blues which is basically where I come from. He made a lot of good suggestions to me. He showed me a couple guitar licks which I started using. Also, he was very positive toward me, very encouraging and very positive about the way I sang. He just pumped me up a little bit and made me feel good about what we do. It was nice to hear."

Levy also encouraged the band to focus its arrangements.

Steele grew up in Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh, and moved to Ann Arbor eight years ago to form Big Dave and the Ultrasonics with acquaintances.

"The four of us lived in a town in Pennsylvania where I went to school. We were just playing for fun and different people moved to different parts of the country. They persuaded me to move out here and start the band."

"I just enjoy the blues and that's one of the reasons I got persuaded to come here in the first place. There's a lot of good blues in the Detroit area - Johnny Bassett, Mr. B., George



Returning to town: In the midst of a U.S. tour, Big Dave and the Ultrasonics return to the Detroit-area this week.

Bedard, Madcat Ruth. There's a lot of excellent musicians that I continue to look up to."

Big Dave and the Ultrasonics perform at 9 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at Fifth Avenue, 215 S. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. There is a cover charge for the 21 and older show. Call (248) 542-9922 for more information; 9 p.m. Friday, April 23, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. There is a cover charge for the 21 and older show. (734) 278-5340; and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555.

They return to play Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, at 10 p.m. Thursday, June 10. (734) 455-8450. For more information about Big Dave and the Ultrasonics, e-mail the band at bigdave2@earthlink.net or music@burnsiderecords.com.

Misc. Jason Fisher of Royal Oak raised more than \$500 at his show Saturday at the Xhedos Cafe in Ferndale for the family of Nick Schamanski, who died Sunday, April 11, in Auburn Hills. Fisher, who had played in a band with Schamanski years back, has released one CD,



"Jason Fisher, Your Future Over Chamomile."

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up. All that's in there is ruins right now. I hate to say it like that but it is. Ruins. So you tell me how the music ain't gonna be as hard as the city."

"Mail Dominance" on Overcore/Gothom, a subsidiary of Overture Music in Novi, is Smith's latest collection of tales from the street. For "Mail Dominance," he looked to Overture Studios and producer Jade Scott Santos. The partnership worked well, according to Smith's manager Brian Major.

"To watch Esham work, he's truly a genius and I can't speak in enough superlatives to describe him. What was really beautiful was when he had an idea in his head of what a song should sound like, he'd articulate it to Scott, and Scott would translate that into the beat. Now you've got this slamming music loop that has been created in maybe two to three hours."

"Mail Dominance" explores several elements of hip-hop including slow grooves ("Slow Motion"), old school influences ("Outcha Atmosphere"), speed raps ("Reload"), ballads ("Au Revoir") and funk ("King of Hearts"). "Whoa" is innovative and relentlessly catchy with its 1950s pop melody. Smith explained that he likes to mix it up.

"I kind of get sick of the same old type of rapping going on, and just the rhythms that people are using. I'm kind of like multi-posi-

tioned. I don't like the same position. I like to switch it up."

'Knucklehead' Smith

Smith learned about rap music from listening to the radio in New York, where his mother sent him after run-ins with the law.

"When I went to New York, I was probably like 8 or 9 and I used to be stealing cars and being like a knucklehead. My momma she didn't like that. She thought I was hanging out with the wrong people so she sent me off to New York which is where my grandmother stayed," he said.

The radio stations there played rap on the weekend ranging from Run-D.M.C. to "rapper I had never heard of in my life."

"I just caught the vibe. It was a whole 'nother world. As the summer went on, and the year went on, when I came back down here I was rapping."

Upon returning to Detroit, where he attended Osborne High School, with his rapping skills, Smith and his brother started a record label.

"He opened a lot of doors for people, even in Michigan," Smith said about his brother.

"Groups like I.C.P., they don't want to pay homage. But people know very little about me so they just assume things about me. Maybe I'll kill them or something. I don't know," he added laughing.

about Smith is that he's a devil worshipper. His side project is Natas, satan spelled backward. Smith's management didn't respond to requests about the controversy.

But it was the dark imagery that pushed sales of Smith's 15 solo albums and the six with Natas past the 100,000 mark - all without a major marketing push.

"Nobody was doing this type of music. We were using dark imagery to the point where some of our records couldn't get into the store because of the album cover itself," he said. "Now they got albums out with darker imagery that we ever tried to use on a rap album."

The plan is to bring Smith up from the underground with "Mail Dominance." Smith got a hint of mainstream success last year when a song of his, "Hot Booty" from his "KKKkill the Foetus" album, appeared in and out of three scenes of the Warren Beaty film "Bulworth."

Despite this success, Smith hasn't inked a major label contract.

"A lot of the major labels feel threatened by Esham because they could look at his track record and see that he's already been successful. He doesn't need that external validation from a major label saying we're gonna make you a success. He already is one," Major said.

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Stir Crazy Cafe opens in Great Lakes Crossing

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

With the speed that Italian restaurants opened in Metro-Detroit only a few years ago, Asian-influenced eateries are now sprouting up across the area.

The latest is Stir Crazy Cafe in District 6 at Great Lakes Crossing, Auburn Hills, that opened last Friday, April 16.

Stir Crazy Cafe
Where: Great Lakes Crossing, Auburn Hills, District 6 (off I-75 use either Joslyn Road or Baldwin Road South exits).
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m.
Menu: Fresh, creative Pan-Asian with noodle and stir-fry dishes. Create-your-own or sit-down full service.
Cost: Lunch \$7-10. Dinner \$8-14. Kid's menu, seven items \$4-5, including free dessert.
Reservations: Call ahead seating.
Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Since 1995, founder and president Gary Leff has successfully operated three Stir Crazy Cafes in the Chicago area. This is his inaugural in the highly competitive, moderately-priced eatery scene of southeast Michigan.

Leff, a Northwestern University MBA grad, who worked as a management consultant for Fortune 500 companies, conceived the Stir Crazy idea during a trip to Asia in 1992. Attracted to the many healthy ingredients and clean, bold flavors of Asian cuisine, Leff redirected his career to that of entrepreneurial restaurateur.

He says he chose the Great Lakes Crossing location because "Auburn Hills is an up and coming area with strong demographics, but presently under serviced. Being near the 25-screen Star Theater complex is a great draw."

Location just inside the District 6 entrance is a big plus for diners who come to eat seriously-prepared food, but don't wish it complemented by entertainment and the amped-up atmosphere offered at other eateries in the heart of District 6.

Adding to its stellar reputation as the area's busiest restaurant designers, JPRA Architects of Farmington Hills and the Ron Rea team, have come up with another savvy plan offering plen-

ty of visual stimulation, setting an Oriental mood. At a cost of \$1.5 million for the interior, soft maple wood stained a honey color, creates a glow sending your eyes upward to the lighting and the voluptuous silk fabric shades.

Stir Crazy's Crazy Buddha Bar with hammered iron wok torchieres, inspired by a wok and chopsticks motif, move your eyes to the large, gleaming exhibition kitchen with its four double wok stations. Wok cooks, under direction of Malaysian native and executive chef Wah Chew Boey, face diners creating their meal at the interactive food bar.

More eye candy on the walls — a bright "wok on the wild side" Oriental mural depicts among other activities, a colorful dragon opening chopsticks. Chinese characters printed in classical calligraphy send "crazy" messages to those able to translate them.

In one word, Stir Crazy Cafe is "cool." Add that it offers fresh, high-quality food at reasonable prices in a fun, yet sophisticated environment, and you have a happening place before or after shopping or a film at the new Star Theater.

Best food deals at Stir Crazy are on the limited lunch menu,

offered Monday to Friday from opening until 4:30 p.m. Prices then are 25 percent less than dinner, yet only downsized portion-wise by 10 percent.

If as Midwesterners, we're anything like Chicagoans, top appetizer selections will be Crispy Sesame Calamari served with a wasabi cocktail sauce, Coconut Shrimp with a sweet and sour tamarind dipping sauce and classic, crispy, delicate Vegetable Spring Rolls with Thai sweet and sour sauce.

Chinese Chicken Salad is number one in this department and among noodle dishes, favorites are Pad Thai with Shrimp and Crazy Chow Fun with Shrimp, loaded with pea pods, bean sprouts, mushrooms and onions in a black bean sauce.

Wok-Tossed Entrees and Specialty Plate winners include Kung Pao Chicken, Ginger Beef, Sesame Chicken and Asian Cajun Tuna.

Some selections are marked with one (spicy) or two (very spicy) chilis. As a reference point from one who likes Asian dishes kicked up, Stir Crazy very spicy is moderate compared to Thai spicy.

For those who like to move around, create-your-own stir-fry



Fired-up: General manager Andy York (left to right), and Chef Wah Chew Boey work with other chefs to prepare orders at the newly opened Stir Crazy Cafe.

begins with all vegetarian at \$8. Depending on choice, chicken, beef, shrimp, fresh fish or calamari can be added for \$2 to \$3.50. Fill your bowl from the market bar, choose from two styles of rice and two types of noodles, then add a sauce from the selection of a dozen.

Among desserts, overwhelming first choice is Famous Banana Wontons, deep-fried with white chocolate, vanilla ice cream, and caramel sauce.

A large selection of beverages and specialty drinks, including seven bottled Asian beers, are available. Wine drinkers rejoice.

Any wine on the small but crafty list is \$5 per glass or \$18 per bottle. Each wine comes with a suggested menu item.

Looking to the future and late 2000, owner Gary Leff hopes to have more Stir Crazy Cafes, one in Birmingham and the other in Novi.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.horizon.com.net

COMEDY DINNER THEATER
Tony & Maria's Wedding, Saturday, May 8, Livonia American Club, 39200 Five Mile Road. Cost \$44.95 per person, call (800) 817-

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At the Italian American Club of Livonia, 39200 Five Mile Road Livonia, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 9. Family-style luncheon, music by the Eddie DeSantis Ensemble, adults \$25 per person, \$10 children (ages 6-12), \$3 children (ages 4-6), children age 3 and under, free. Call (734) 953-9724 for reservations/informa-

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