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On the Gogh: Constance Woodrich and Harriette Hafer look for memorabilia in the gift shop following their tour at the Van Gogh exhibit. /A9

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Cartoon-like: Plymouth native Kent Culotta was on the animation team that created "The Chief" character in Dreamworks latest release, "The Road to El Dorado." See his artwork come to life at movie theaters this weekend. /E1

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Good news, bad news for project



■ It appears as though contractors won't bring the new 35th District Courthouse project in on time but, on the other hand, they're going to finish an extra courtroom and still bring the project in under budget.

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The bad news is completion of the new 35th District courthouse in Plymouth is about three months behind schedule.

The good news is that despite the delay, the project is expected to come in below budget and include completion of a fourth courtroom.

"Things have gone so well and under budget the court board decided to go ahead and finish the fourth courtroom," said Kerry Erdman, court administrator, during a tour of the nearly completed courthouse. "That added several weeks to construction, but even with that we'll come in under budget. At this point I'm not sure how much, but we'll be in real good shape."

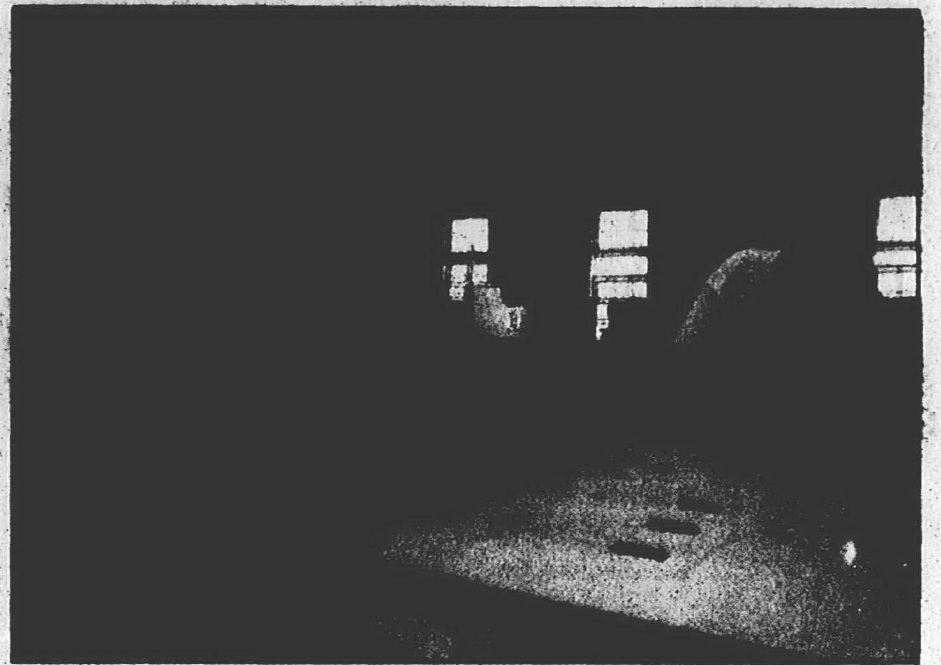
The project was originally estimated to cost \$8.25 million. The 35th District

Court Authority sold \$4.25 million in bonds to pay more than half the total. The remaining \$4 million came from \$2.4 million in insurance proceeds as a result of the July 1997 fire which destroyed the courthouse, plus another \$1.6 million in excess court revenues that were held back from the five local communities the court serves.

The new courthouse sits on the same site as the building which burned down, but will be three floors instead of one. The 44,000-square-foot building was always slated to include four courtrooms, but to save money only three were going to be completely finished. However, as the project began coming in under budget, the board decided to go ahead and complete the fourth courtroom.

Along with the courtrooms, the new

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Getting there: Ceiling tiles are going up inside the 35th District Courthouse; the project isn't expected to be finished until late June.

A boost for babies



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Kids helping kids: Jennifer Grodus (front center) and her Allen Elementary School fourth-grade classmates pose with many of the 400 Beanie Babies they collected for the Beanies for Preemies program.

Baby boomer

4th grader sets out to help other kids

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Jennifer Grodus, a fourth grader at Allen Elementary, knew that despite some of the bad publicity concerning kids with guns, children her age were really good kids. So she set out to prove it.

"I wanted to help the world in some way, and we found a program that could help babies all over the world," said Jennifer, 9, of Canton. "I got all the information and started the program at school. It worked out really well."

Jennifer, with the help of her mom and her fourth-

grade classmates, began collecting Beanie Babies for the Beanies for Preemies non-profit organization. The New York group collects Beanie Babies and sends them to Neonatal Intensive Care Units nationwide.

The Beanie Babies are put next to premature babies, offering comfort since the bean toy feels like a hand cuddling around the infant's body. The toy also tends to make babies feel more calm and helps promote growth and healing, according to the national organization. The bean bag toys are also used to prop arm board, umbilical catheters, feeding tubes and suction catheters. Nurses also use the beanies to support pacifiers when the baby is too weak to hold it itself.

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Township OKs funds for golf course plan

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Plymouth Township officials will fund a \$25,000 master plan for the 18-hole Hilltop Golf Course on Powell due to an increasingly competitive market and safety issues at the course.

The township board approved the expenditure with Trustee Chuck Curmi's insistence that the agreement be contingent upon the Jerry Matthews Natural Course Design, of Lansing, providing a statement of work.

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Top cop says new gear puts officer safety first

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Plymouth police will soon be sporting new handguns and armored vests, an effort by Chief Dick Miller to standardize protective gear for his department.

The purchase also means Plymouth police officers will no longer have to buy their own sidearms and protective vests. "Part of the problem, as I see it right now, we have seven different weapons and four different calibers being carried by road patrol officers," said Miller. "My concern is that some of the weapons aren't as up-to-date, and don't have all the capabilities that an enforcement officer needs in this day

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Residents won't see hike in water rates

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Plymouth Township officials don't expect to raise water and sewage rates in conjunction with Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's 2.7 percent rate increases this summer.

Though Trustees Chuck Curmi and Kay Arnold said the township should pass the increase on to township customers, Treasurer Ron Edwards felt otherwise at the March 21 study session.

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"Pass it on," Curmi said. "Anything cheap gets wasted." "I don't see a need to raise rates," Edwards responded.

"We don't really need to bring in any more money," said Rosemary Harvey, director of administrative services. "We have a very healthy cash balance of \$13 million in the Department of Public Works. That's why I'm not recommending any increase in water or

sewer rates."

The DPS department also proposes to hire two part-time people to read water meters. "This would eliminate meter-reading by our full-time staff," Anulewicz said. "This will allow us to spend more time on our maintenance programs."

The department will also look at alternative metering systems and reading methods.

The estimated cost of hiring two part-time people at \$11 per hour for eight hours 13 days a month is

\$27,456, a savings from having two full-time people read meters at \$30 an hour for the same time period, amounting to \$74,880.

Residential accounts are divided into three cycles with each cycle read and billed four times a year. Commercial accounts are read each month and billed each month. It takes 10 to 15 working days each month to read meters. Bills are sent at the end of the month.

This program requires two field peo-

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Business Expo

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce is giving businesses a chance to grab the spotlight with its annual "Showcase Plymouth 2000."

Co-sponsored by Hines Park Lincoln Mercury, the 12th annual Plymouth Business Expo takes place 5:30-7:30 p.m. May 16 at Plymouth Manor, 345 N. Main St. Last year's expo drew more than 500 people.

The expo provides a chance to salute local volunteers, acknowledge deserving employees, award outstanding student citizen scholarships, recognize the Plymouth Chamber's Volunteer of the Year and nominate a Plymouth-based business for the Beautification Award.

Booth space is limited, and a six-foot covered table comes with each space. Cost is \$60 for Plymouth Chamber of Commerce members, \$125 for potential members. Exhibitors are required to submit a door prize at time of reservation.

For more information, call the Chamber, 453-1540.

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Symphony performs

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents the annual Pops Dinner Concert & Auction, "Spring Fling: Dance & Romance," Friday, April 7, at 6 p.m. at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

PSO's new music director/conductor Nan Washburn, winner of 13 ASCAP awards, conducts the orchestra in her first Pops Concert in Plymouth. The evening features a variety of music: marches, waltzes, jazz and movie music with selections by Strauss, Bizet, Sousa, John Williams and others.

Principal flutist Deborah Rebeck Ash, winner of the 1997 National Association of

the Professional Performer's Competition, will solo on Foster's "Summertime Fantasy."

Tickets are \$45 for adults, \$25 for children through 12th grade. Season subscribers pay \$42.50 (adults) and \$22.50 (children). Reservations are required. Call 451-2112.

Rock Shop offer

The student-operated Rock Shop, located inside Plymouth Salem High School, is offering 250 Northwest frequent flier miles with every \$25 purchase. The Rock Shop is located at the corner of Joy and Canton Center and is open from 10:15 a.m. to noon every weekday.

The shop offers many "school spirit" items such as sweatshirts, T-shirts, hats and coats for Michigan, Michigan State and Plymouth Salem, plus items such as Beanie babies, mylar balloons, color-by-design greeting cards and more.

City makes small change to glass recycling program

The City of Plymouth announced this week there will be a minor change in the city's glass recycling program.

Beginning Monday, the city will no longer accept brown or green glass as a recyclable material. According to City Special Projects Coordinator Scott Cabauatan, "the glass recycler used by the city is no longer able to accept brown and green glass due to a glut in the marketplace."

"The majority of glass collected in the city's program is clear glass, and it will continue to be accepted," Cabauatan said.

City residents will be informed of the changes in glass recycling through informational flyers passed out by the Mister Rubbish employees. In addition, future mailings from the city's Solid-Waste Division will have the new glass regulations.

"The city has seen several changes in its recycling program

over the years due to changes in the recycling marketplace," Assistant City Manager Paul Sincok said.

In 1988, the city's recycling program added the acceptance of paperboard boxes, such as shoe or cereal boxes. City officials indicated there will always be changes in the program to address market conditions. According to Sincok, recycling requires a full circle of use and reuse and also requires that consumers use products that create market demand for the products made from recycled goods.

In 1999, the City of Plymouth recycled or composted more than 1,000 tons of material. That is equivalent to 100 large semi-trucks' worth of material that was diverted from landfills, officials said.

Questions can be directed to the City Solid Waste and Recycling Hotline, (734) 455-1392.

Hangin' around



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

When it was "Hangin' around/Nothin' to do but frown," was the lyric to the Carpenters "Rainy Days and Mondays." This squirrel, hanging from a bird feeder in a yard on Harvey Street, was anything but depressed when we found him having an early lunch Friday.

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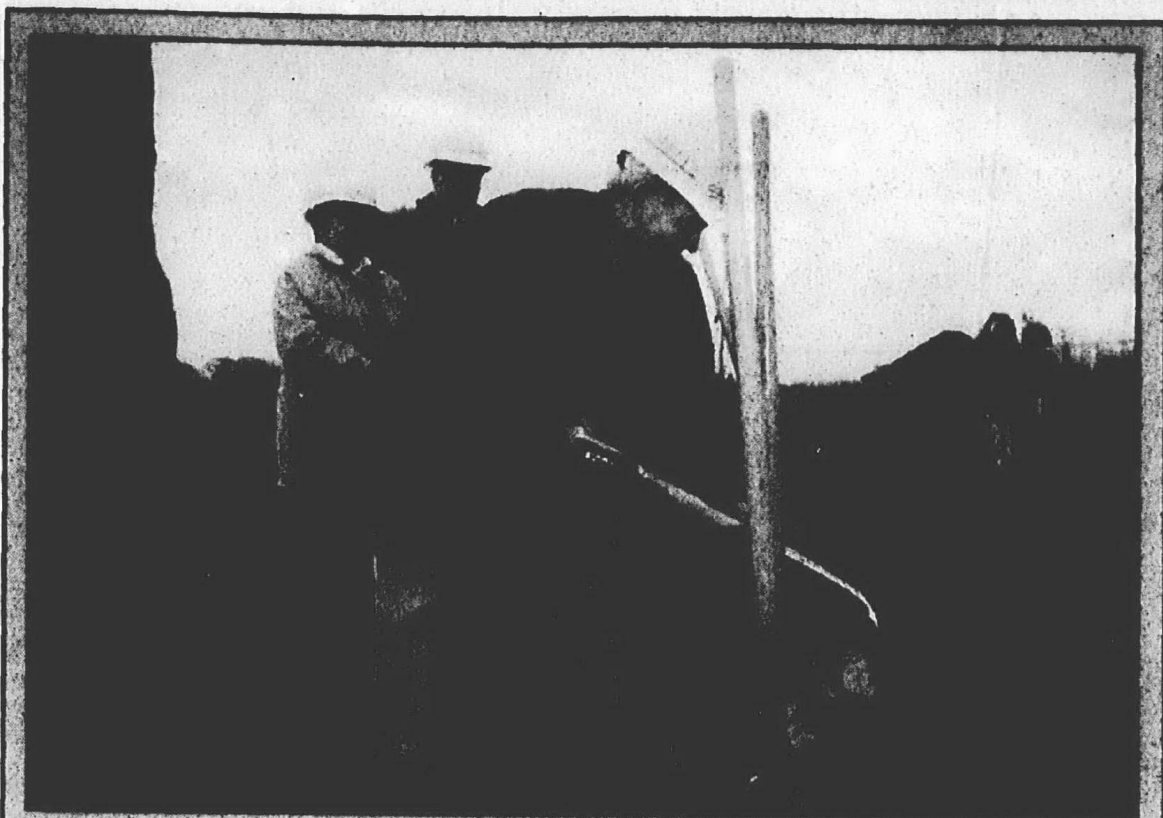
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Diggin' It: George Dodson digs up the first shovel of dirt at Tuesday's ground breaking ceremony for the new elementary school which will be named in his honor.

Breaking ground

The honor of having a new elementary school named after him took one step closer to reality for George Dodson Tuesday.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials broke ground in an afternoon ceremony on the new George Dodson Elementary School. The new building will be located at Cherry Hill and Beck Roads in Canton. It is scheduled to open in August 2001.

"This is a very special and very happy day for me," he said. "For the many years I have worked with children in the Plymouth-Canton community, I know them to be intelligent, energetic and happy with a need and desire to learn. This building, this public school structure, fulfills the housing needs toward that objective."

"This ground-breaking represents the future place for children to start their educational journey," he added. "I am honored that it will be called the George R. Dodson Elementary School."

The ground breaking was the first in the tenure of new superintendent Kathleen Bocher, who also gets to oversee the construction of a third high school.

"I've also had the honor of meeting this wonderful person (Dodson) this building is going to be named after, and I think it's a very special honor for this young man, George Dodson Elementary," Bocher said.



Pitching in: Youngsters get a chance to help at Tuesday's ground breaking ceremony for George Dodson Elementary.

Deal near for WTUA treatment plant expansion

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It took six months longer than anyone would've liked, but it appears a deal between Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships and the Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority is imminent.

Talks were continuing this week and a tentative agreement may be in place by the authority's April 11 meeting, Western Townships Utilities Authority Operation Manager Tim Faas said. The deal calls for an expansion of the Ypsilanti wastewater facility and would give the townships a stronger voice in YCUA operations.

"I think it's in all of our best interests," Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said. "It's the most cost-effective approach for them and us."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy agreed.

"It's a win-win for all of us," she said. WTUA currently sends about nine million gallons of waste water to Ypsilanti. Other flows go to Detroit.

YCUA's plant, located in Ypsilanti Township, has a current capacity of 29 million gallons per day. WTUA's flows are expected to rise well beyond that capacity within five years.

The local authority has been left with the options of helping Ypsilanti expand or build its own treatment facility.

In September, WTUA voted for the later at a cost of about \$130 million. But those plans were put on hold late last fall for a last-ditch negotiation effort with Ypsilanti.

Talks have been on-going since. After several

months of little progress, the two sides began moving closer together in late January.

"I think they finally realized that we're their biggest customer," Faas said. "If we go away and do our own plant, it wouldn't be a good thing."

He told WTUA board members Monday that a deal was nearly complete. The board may vote on a tentative agreement next week, he added.

A voice in YCUA business affairs. While the townships wouldn't have a vote on the authority's board, "contractual mechanisms" would give them a measure of control over expansion and operational costs, Faas said.

"With composting, for example, it wouldn't happen without significant input from us," he commented. "We would have a say in any decision that affects costs of operation, maintenance and capital."

The addition of a 17-million-gallon per day treatment facility. The building would sit adjacent to the current plant on YCUA's 50-acre parcel in Ypsilanti Township.

It will cost approximately \$110 million to construct, said Faas. WTUA would be responsible for \$80 million and YCUA the remaining portion, he added.

The townships would receive one million gallons of temporary space from YCUA in its current plant. The additional capacity would handle any excess flows until the new facility is built, Faas said.

WTUA would have about 25 million gallons worth of total capacity when the project was complete, said Faas. If projections hold true, he said that would satisfy the townships' needs for the next 20 to 30 years.

Hilltop from page A1

The golf course is owned by the township.

Charles McIlhargey, the township's chief building official, said at the March 14 board study session that people are getting hit driving their cars on Beck Road when balls have gone through their windshields.

American Golf employees, who manage the golf course, have complained to township officials about a liability problem created when large trees were removed with the widening of Beck Road.

At Tuesday's regular board meeting, Curmi renewed his request for data about how many cars have been hit by balls.

The master plan could lead to \$1 million total renovation of the course.

"We have some stiff competition in the area, with the reconfiguration of St. John's Golf

Course," McIlhargey said at a recent study session. "They have added an additional nine holes and have added driving ranges. Northville is adding a new golf course. We have not kept up with our competition."

The board also discussed the need for a larger clubhouse for golf outings, weddings, etc., during recent talks. Trustee K. C. Mueller has asked that the board also consider using the clubhouse for youth activities.

The Matthews firm would do a hole-by-hole analysis and recommend timelines to minimize the impact on the course during operation, said Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy.

Plymouth Township resident Alan VanKerckhove, an avid bicycle enthusiast who is promoting a bicycle greenway concept in the Plymouth area, asked

the board Tuesday to consider a pathway leading from the intersection of Beck and Powell and from the intersection of Beck and Ann Arbor Trail into Plymouth Township Park.

The park and golf course are connected.

"We have fairly good access for pedestrians and bikes from the east, south, and north leading into the park," VanKerckhove said. VanKerckhove also asked that a pathway be installed along the park perimeter.

Planning for that access should be included in the statement of work at the golf course, Curmi said.

Jim Anulewicz, Department of Public Services director, said that the township will handle this on its own and will solicit VanKerckhove's expertise in the process.

Cops from page A1

and age.

"That poses a problem in training and keeping officers knowledgeable on their particular weapons," he added. "I want them to have the very best weapon available."

Miller, who is going through the bid process for the gear, expects to pay about \$10,800 for 18 Glock .40-caliber handguns, as well as magazines for the semi-automatic weapons, holsters and magazine holders.

"The practice in the past was officers bought their own weapons," said Miller. "However, I feel more comfortable that everyone carry the same weapon. Plus, there are some advantages. If one officer had to use another officer's gun in an emergency, he would be trained

on it. I want the officers to have every advantage that technology can give us."

Miller said most police agencies in this area have officers carrying standardized department-issued weapons.

"I want to make sure our police officers have a weapon that can deliver a large number of rounds in a hurry, if that need arises," said Miller. "The semi-automatic will allow the officer to deliver 40-50 rounds in 15-20 seconds. Experience shows the more rounds the better, you're not limiting yourself to six rounds in a revolver. It's much easier to reload a magazine in a semi-automatic than reload a revolver."

Miller expects to spend about the same amount of money for

17 titanium armor-plated vests.

"Other agencies have worn the Second Chance vest and they have a good track record," he said. "We selected this particular vest because it's lightweight, the most comfortable to wear, and gives us the best protection."

"This particular vest is superior to anything worn in this agency right now," said Miller. "And, like the handgun, this will be a mandatory part of the patrol function."

Miller sees the purchases as a way of further professionalizing the department, as well as improving safety for his officers.

"I have the utmost concern about officer safety," said Miller. "We have a lot of things to do in this department, but I will spend my budget on safety first."

Water from page A1

ple to read the meters and one office person to review the reads, prepare callbacks and prepare the accounts for billing.

Plymouth Township has 8,695 meter accounts, including residential, commercial, industrial, and government customers.

There are also plans to replace the township's 13-year-old street

sweeper at a cost of \$140,000 as a general fund expense. Plymouth Township has more than 500 curb miles to sweep. Streets are swept twice a year, during the months of April through October. Typically street sweepers last 10 years.

"All debris picked up by the sweeper is hauled to a landfill,"

said Jim Anulewicz, Department of Public Services director.

The collected debris has previously been laboratory tested and nothing has been found that would prevent it from being disposed in a landfill, he said.

Anulewicz assured Curmi that the street sweeper purchase would be put out to bid.

Babies from page A1

Jennifer, with the help of her classmates, collected more than 400 Beanie Babies, which will be sent to Beanies for Preemies.

Jennifer also presented her idea to administrators at Children's Hospital in Detroit and University of Michigan Hospitals in Ann Arbor. And now, the two hospitals are preparing to become the first in Michigan to take part in the national program.

"I wasn't nervous telling the directors because I knew that it would help babies," said Jennifer. "It's important the beanies are put next to the babies to help them grow, then they won't be sick and the death rate will go down."

Jennifer plans on encouraging

other schools in the Plymouth-Canton school district to participate. After that, she plans on trying to expand the program nationally.

"It's really encouraging to know that kids have the ability to take on a project like this, organize it and see it come to fruition," said Allen Principal Marcia Moore.

"I know her mom gave her the lightbulb idea to get started, but she did do the rest herself," added Moore. "Jennifer wrote the announcements, read them over the public address system, organized collecting them... it's always nice when you see kids thinking of other kids, but to actually do something about it is fantastic."

"I'm very proud of her," said Kathy Grodus, Jennifer's mother. "She's always thinking about helping other people and trying to make a difference."

It's obvious that Jennifer's caring has rubbed off on her classmates.

"I thought this was a good project because it makes us do something nice for someone," said Kate Spangler of Plymouth. "People who are born small, it's not their fault and they should be able to live like us."

"The babies are so small and they can't do much for themselves," added Matt Lewandowski of Canton. "I feel good being able to help them."



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COLIN LAMPSON

Colin Lampson, 12, delivers the Plymouth Observer in New England Village. He has been delivering the Observer since May 1998.

The Plymouth Christian Academy sixth grader's favorite subjects are reading and social studies. His hobbies are models, reading and anything electronic. He has high honors for academic achievement. Colin wants to go to school and become a veterinarian.

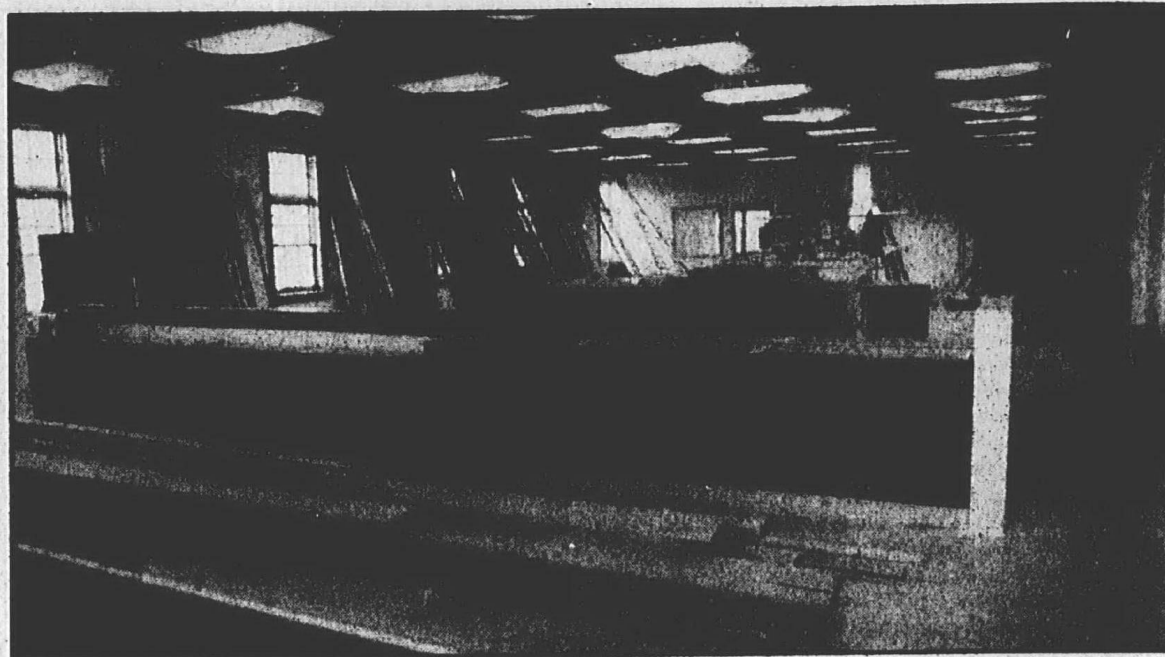
Friendly customers and friendly pets are some of the things he likes about his route. Money management and customer service are some of the skills he has developed.

Colin is the son of Jim and Debbie Lampson. He has a brother, Brett, 10.



Colin Lampson

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In progress: Work continues inside the new 35th District Courthouse, although the project now probably won't be finished until the end of June. On the flip side, the project is expected to come in under budget, even though a fourth courtroom will be finished, which wasn't included in the original cost.

Courthouse from page A1

courthouse will have conference rooms, a security area in the basement for prisoners, plus a security garage for judges and court personnel.

In February 1999, after being awarded the construction project, Bob Bedzyk, president of Bedzyk Bros. Inc. of Livonia, predicted completion of the project in March of this year. The date was pushed back to mid-May. Now, Erdman said he expects to get the keys to the building June 23.

"Next week they'll be putting ceiling tiles in ... that's a pretty good indicator things are rolling along," said Erdman. "That means most of the mechanical and electrical work is done.

"We're going to start moving things in before June 23rd," added Erdman. We'll have a limited docket June 26-30, and during that time we'll hire a company to help move us in. We should be ready to begin business July 5th."

That will be three years and three days after the July 2, 1997 fire which was caused by electrical lines falling on the building during a storm.

Much of the interior wood and wood trim have yet to be put up, and carpenters are currently installing marble floors.

Erdman said Chief Judge John MacDonald requested his courtroom be painted hunter green, while Judge Ron Lowe requested

a ruby red color.

Aside from the colors, all four courtrooms will look exactly alike when completed.

"The courtrooms belong to the community, so except for the colors we didn't personalize them," added Erdman. "This is a building that is indicative of the communities it serves. There's room for future growth over the next 30 years."

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

Erdman said he plans to have an open house soon after the court opens for business.

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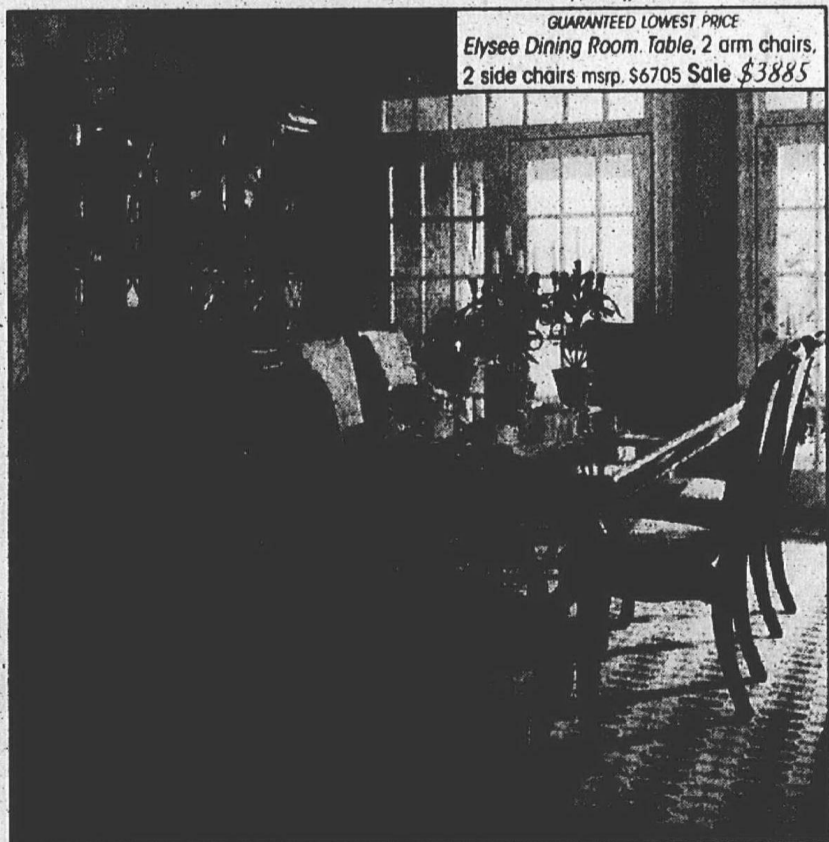
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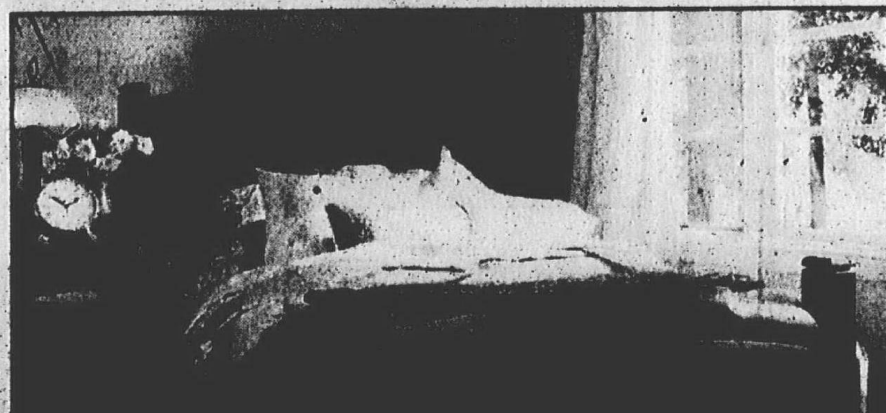
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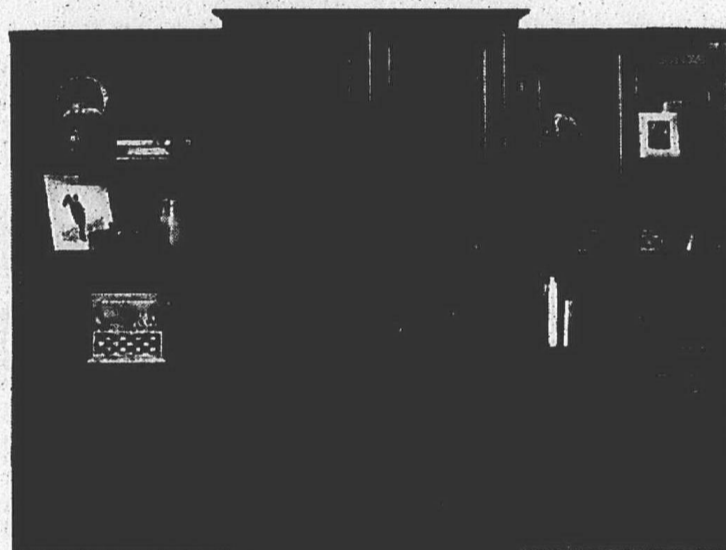
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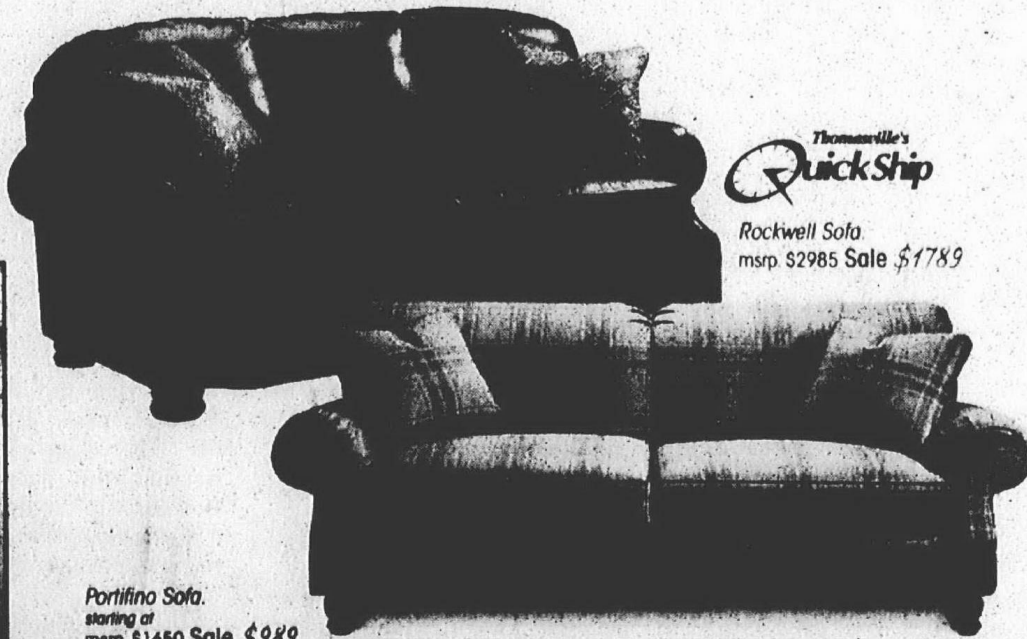
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by Steve Mansfield

SOME FREESIA ADVICE

Freesias may well rank foremost among the least-known, best-loved flowers in the florist's shop. This delicate and beautiful trumpet-shaped flower arranges itself in a series of blooms at the end of a gently curving stem. The flowers open in sequence in colors ranging from white, yellow, and orange to pink, red, and purple. And as if the paper-like delicacy of its petals were not enough, freesia has a heady scent that makes it a favorite for wedding bouquets. Freesias look absolutely lovely in same-flower arrangements, or they combine beautifully with other flowers to add a romantic quality to mixed bouquets. If you are not already acquainted with freesia, be sure to familiarize yourself with its beauty.

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HINT: Choose freesia stems with at least one flower open and three or four others showing good color.

OBITUARIES

BARBARA NELSON

Services for Barbara Nelson, 58, of Ann Arbor were March 26, at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Phil Rogers officiating.

She was born Feb. 4, 1942, in Detroit. She died on March 24 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township.

She was preceded in death by her father, Clemens Teodecki and mother, Hattie Teodecki.

Survivors include one daughter, Kimberly A. Nelson of Farmington Hills; one son, Randall F. Nelson of Plymouth; one sister, Kathie (Michael) Trombley of Grand Blanc; one brother, Gregory Teodecki; one grandson, Riley F. Nelson of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Rd. Suite 110, Southfield, MI 48076.

Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.

LELAND CURTIS RORABACHER

Services for Leland Curtis Rorabacher, 85, of Salem Township were March 23 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Doc Ortman officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

He was born Dec. 23, 1914, in Salem Township. He died March 20 in Ann Arbor. He was the former owner of the Dundee Casting Company (an aluminum casting foundry) in Dundee, Mich. He owned the company from the early 1950s to the late 1980s. He was a lifelong Plymouth resident.

He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. He was a member of the 12-point club - a deer hunting club established in 1946 in Sidnaw, Mich. He loved deer hunting. He enjoyed fishing. He took up owning race horses and he liked jogging the horses. He also loved gardening.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Henrietta Rorabacher.

Survivors include two sons, Dennis (Dorine) Rorabacher of Lawrenceburg, Ind. and David "Tony" (Ruby) Rorabacher of Northville; one daughter, Mary Jane "Janie" (Aaron) Smith of Jackson; 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute or a Mass offering.

Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

DONALD F. TOTTEN

VFW Services for Donald F. Totten, 75, of Romulus, formerly of Plymouth were March 27 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with Robert Dale Totten officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia.

He was born on July 17, 1924 in River Rouge. He died on March 25 in Westland. He owned and operated the Texaco gas station at Schoolcraft and Wilcox from 1950-1978. He also owned and operated the Plymouth Ice Service and Equipment Co. during those years. At one time he owned a Sunoco gas station.

He came to Plymouth, in 1950 from the Downriver area and later moved to Romulus.

He was a member of the Mayflower Lt. Gamble VFW Post No. 6695. He was a past commander and past chaplain. He was previously a member of the VFW Post in River Rouge. At

one time, he was a member of the Plymouth Elks. He worked with the VFW Post on Charles Street while growing up.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ann; one son, Donn; and two brothers, William R.V. Totten and Edwin Leo Totten. Survivors include one granddaughter, Dawn; one brother, Robert "Dale" (Vickie) Totten of Dearborn Heights; two sisters, Aletha Gourlay of California and Frances Ann Smith of Erick, Okla.; his former wife, Marie, and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

LOIS N. LITTLE

Services for Lois N. Little, 77, of Las Vegas, formerly of Plymouth, will be 10 a.m. Friday, March 31, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

She was born on April 14, 1922 in Clare, Mich. She died on March 24 in Las Vegas. She came to the Plymouth community in 1966 from Detroit. She lived in Plymouth from 1966 to 1983. She was a homemaker.

She did some secretarial work for several companies. She loved to play bridge. She enjoyed bowling, sewing, family gatherings, traveling, reading, and being with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her hus-

band, William Little of Las Vegas; three daughters, Barbara (Jay) of Seattle, Kathleen (Frank) of Plymouth, Patricia (Mark) of Detroit; six grandchildren; Katie and Emily Walker of Plymouth, Adam and Ellen Lezotte of Detroit, Patrick and Christopher McDonnell of Seattle; one sister, Maxine Vershave of Warren; one sister-in-law, Jean Sinclair of Carlsbad, Calif.

Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

SHIRLEY ROSBURY

Services for Shirley Rosbury, 75, of Florida were March 29 at the Troy Oaks Reorganized

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Burial was at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak.

She was born on Feb. 27, 1925 near Rosenberg, Mich. She died on March 25 in Florida.

She graduated from Yale High School in Yale, Mich. in 1942. After high school she moved to Detroit where she met her husband, Vere, in a community orchestra. Their 56th wedding anniversary is Tuesday, March 28.

She raised three children and later worked as a branch auditor for Standard Federal Bank. She and her husband moved to Bloomfield Hills in 1970. She

was very active in the Troy Oaks Congregation of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

She is survived by her husband, Vere; one daughter Carol (David) Rodwell of Canton; two sons, Keith D. (Lorraine) Rosbury of Frisco, Texas and Blake (Lori) Rosbury of Concord, Ohio; six grandchildren, Paul, Eric and Timothy Rodwell and Andrew, Cassandra and Megan Rosbury; three great grandchildren, Brooke, Hannah and Nathan Rodwell.

Arrangements were made by Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Clawson.

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Garden party-er

Scarecrow is centerpiece of artist's yard

BY SUE BUCK
STAFF WRITER
sbuck@oe.homestead.net

Some people dress their garden geese. Barb Richard outfits her garden scarecrow.

"She arose because I was being very liberated," Richard said. That's why this bundle of wood and straw is dressed in women's clothes, unlike most scarecrows, who are suited up in menswear. Her wooden face and head are crowned with a tuft of moss that serves as her hair.

She typically doesn't wear a hat. "Hat's can fly off," Richard said.

For almost four years, Richard has displayed the garden creature in her yard on Palmer, drawing continual attention and comments from passersby.

A frugal shopper, Richard finds the scarecrow's duds at local Salvation Army stores.

Richard can change the scarecrow's clothes often if she doesn't spend a lot for them, she said.

The first year she clothed her with a pinafore and jewelry.

"It was getting cold and she really looked cold so I threw a sweater on her," Richard said. "I get my joy out of others watching to see what she is wearing. I change her clothes every month."

In April the scarecrow wears a rain slicker; in June she's dressed as a bride.

Every June Richard shops for a new bridal gown and is surprised by the price, even at Salvation Army stores.

"She is wearing ecru this year," Richard said.

Richard shops at fabric stores to buy fabric for the wedding veils.

The garden lady welcomed the new Millennium with a black, crepe wraparound dress and a little black bolero Richard found at a garage sale.

Sometimes passersby give Richard costume ideas. "I'd love to see her in a bathing suit," one man told Richard.

Just as the garments change, Richard calls the scarecrow by different names. One favorite is Esmeralda.

But Richard doesn't always live in whimsy. She is a clothing painter by trade who has lived in her Plymouth home for 10 years and lived in the Plymouth area for 21 years.

Richard's garden will be included for the first time in the Trailwood Garden Club's garden walk from noon-8 p.m. June 27.

"Her garden is unique," said club President Georgia Randinitis. "It's a small yard, but it's stocked full of stuff. The scarecrow is what makes people take notice."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN
Hanging around: This scarecrow is the featured attraction in the garden of Palmer resident Barb Richard.

Habitat for Humanity sponsors...

The Western Wayne County chapter of Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers to help build a new home for a family in need. The chapter is currently building a new home for a family in need. For more information on how you can help Habitat for Humanity, call (734) 459-7744.

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

HYPERTHYROIDISM IN CATS
Hyperthyroidism - an overproduction of hormones usually due to a swelling of the thyroid gland - is extremely common in cats eight years old and over. It affects a cat's behavior in two ways. The cat becomes extremely hungry and may even break into a cupboard or jump on the table to eat its owner's food. Ironically, the cat loses weight despite its voracious appetite. Hyperthyroidism also directly affects a cat's nerve tissue, causing restlessness or even aggression. It causes enlargement of the heart and hypertension, which basically puts the body into overdrive. Treatment may involve an antithyroid drug, though long-term use of medication is not ideal. The thyroid may be removed or treated with radioactive iodine to destroy its hormone-making tissue.

For more advice about normal eating patterns and good nutrition for your cat or dog, contact PARKWAY VETERINARY CLINIC. Our knowledgeable staff can describe routine animal care, including diet and exercise guidelines, for new pet owners. When your pet is ill, we will carefully examine the animal and thoroughly explain any recommended treatments. Visit either of our two locations at 41393 Wilcox Rd. in Plymouth, tel. 734-453-2577, or 5750 Lilley Rd. in Canton, tel. 734-981-4400. We're open six days a week for your convenience.

P.S. A side effect of hyperthyroidism is that it compensates for kidney failure, which is common in older cats.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

April 13, 2000

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, April 13, 2000 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
Roll Call: Blaylock, Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern
Acceptance of Agenda

- Joel & Susan Goddard, 46839 Creek's Bend Canton Mi 48188 (734-495-1337), requesting a variance of Zoning Ordinance Article 26.01 Schedule of Regulations Intent & Scope of requirements (Tabled from October 14, 1999 and postponed March 9, 2000) Parcel #111-04-0199-000. (Building)
- Patio Enclosures, Inc. 40480 Grand River, Suite A, Novi, Mi. 48375 (248/473-3980) Representing Otha & Josephine Harris, 43111 Lombardy Dr. Canton, Mi. 48187 for property at same address are requesting a variance of Zoning Ordinance Article 26. Schedule of regulations for rear yard set backs. (Tabled from March 9, 2000) Parcel #007-01-0584-000. (Building)
- Scott Gardner Gardner Signs, Inc 3800 Airport Hwy. Toledo, Ohio 43635 1-800-537-2236 representing Standard Federal Bank Home Lending Center, 8526 Canton Center Rd. Canton, Mi. 48187 for property for same address are requesting a variance of Zoning Ordinance 120 section 7.4 schedule of regulations for additional sign. (Tabled from March 9, 2000) (Building)

(Approval of March minutes)

TERRY G. BENNETT
Clerk

Publish: March 30, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1959 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 1, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Charter Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

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

ZONING MAP SECTION 27

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, April 27, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON
Chairman

Publish: March 30, and April 30, 2000.

Deadline nears for library luncheon reservations

The deadline to order tickets for the annual Book and Author Luncheon hosted by the Friends of the Canton, Plymouth, Novi and Northville libraries is Sunday.

Author and Detroit News columnist George Cantor will be the guest speaker for this year's luncheon, which is Thursday, April 13, at the Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth Township.

available at all four libraries or may be ordered by mail addressed to the Friends of the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth 48170. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. The order deadline is Sunday, April 2.

Seating for the 14th annual luncheon starts at 11:30 a.m. A cash bar will be available.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., April 13, 2000 for the following:

PURCHASE OF SOFTBALLS FOR CANTON SOFTBALL CENTER

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF MEETING MERIT SYSTEM COMMISSION

March 27, 2000

5:15 P.M. - Treasurer's Conference Room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road

Call To Order

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of February 28, 2000

Correspondence

AGENDA

- Additions to Agenda
- Personnel Director's Report
- Adjourn

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley
ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton
1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 397-5435

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON "NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS"

TO THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OR ANY PERSON OR PERSONS, FIRM OR CORPORATION HAVING CHARGE OF ANY LAND IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON:

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan must be cut and destroyed on or before the first day of May, the first day of June, the first day of July, and the first day of August in each year and/or as needed and as often as may be necessary to prevent same from going to seed. Any owner, occupant, or person having charge of any such land must notify the Township that such weeds have been destroyed within three (3) days of such cutting. Any person failing to comply with this notice shall be liable to the imposition of the penalties set forth in Ordinance #64 of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the Township in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the Owner or occupant, shall be spread against the property on the next County and State tax roll or the next general Township tax roll and/or place a lien upon the property to secure the collection of such expense. The Township of Canton may notify by certified mail with return receipt requested, the owner, agent or occupant as shown on the current County and School tax roll, of any lands on which said noxious weeds are found growing. Such notice shall contain a summary of the provisions of this section of the Ordinance. Failure of the Township to give such notice shall not, however, constitute a defense to any action to enforce the payment of any penalty provided herein or any debt created hereunder.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

TERRY G. BENNETT
Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 21, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2000 at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL
Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, Lajoie, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Director Santomauro, Lt. John MacDiarmid, Lt. Patrick Nemecek, Lt. Eddie Tanner, Officer Ken Winkler, Officer Brian Darow, Officer Dan Woodward, Autumn Kucka

PUBLIC SAFETY TECHNOLOGY
Lt. John MacDiarmid explained the technology the department is using. This includes the following:
AIT (Accident Investigations Team)

This team is called out on to investigate all serious or fatal accidents and for any accident involving township vehicles.

It is compromised of two command officers; a Sergeant and Lieutenant. It consists of 7 investigators who must complete 17 specific courses to reach the highest level of training.

These courses range from basic investigation to technical reconstruction. It requires 220 hours to reach a level 9 which is basic reconstruction. It further requires 350 hours to finish all 17 courses.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS APPLICATION
The computer software program currently in place to track complaints and disciplinary action replaces the manual system of writing complaints by:

Employee name
The complainant name.
The date the complaint was closed.
A brief summary of the complaint.
The action (founded or unfounded).

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM
The purpose of the Special Enforcement Program utilizes a Rapid Response Unit whose primary purpose is to reduce traffic accidents and crime through a high-visibility and directed patrol. The unit works in two modes: reactive: which responds to calls/complaints by saturating an area and taking swift enforcement action on all violations; and pro-active: which is high visibility patrol in parks, major intersections, schools, and special events.

DECOY OPERATION
The Special Enforcement Unit also maintains the Decoy Operation. The Decoy Operation sends minors into local establishments to attempt to purchase alcohol or tobacco products. Publicity related to the decoy operation has made business owners in the area more aware of the seriousness of alcohol and tobacco sales to minors.

MML Petition Initiative
The Michigan Municipal League has started a campaign entitled "Let Local Votes Count", which proposed an amendment to the Michigan Constitution requiring a 2/3 vote in each chamber of the legislature on any bill that would preempt, restrict or eliminate local governing authority. The campaign needs to gather the signatures of 400,000 Michigan voters by July 10, 2000 in order to place the question on the November 7, 2000 statewide election ballot. If passed in November of 2000, the bill would then be retroactive to March of 2000.

State Senator, Loren Bennett was present to explain his interpretation of the Michigan Municipal League petition initiative. He said that if this amendment to the constitution is passed, he sees a constant battle between cities and townships. The State Chamber is opposed and leading the fight against this amendment.

UPDATE
Senator Bennett gave an update to the issue that the Detroit News called attention to in their "Metro Cities in fight to keep unsafe trucks off Roads" article. There has been no vote thus far as an agreement could not be reached. There has been a new compromise where the Library would receive 50% of the fine and the local community would receive 50% of the fine with no strings attached.

ADJOURN
Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to adjourn at 8:35 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on Mar 21, 2000. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on March 28, 2000.

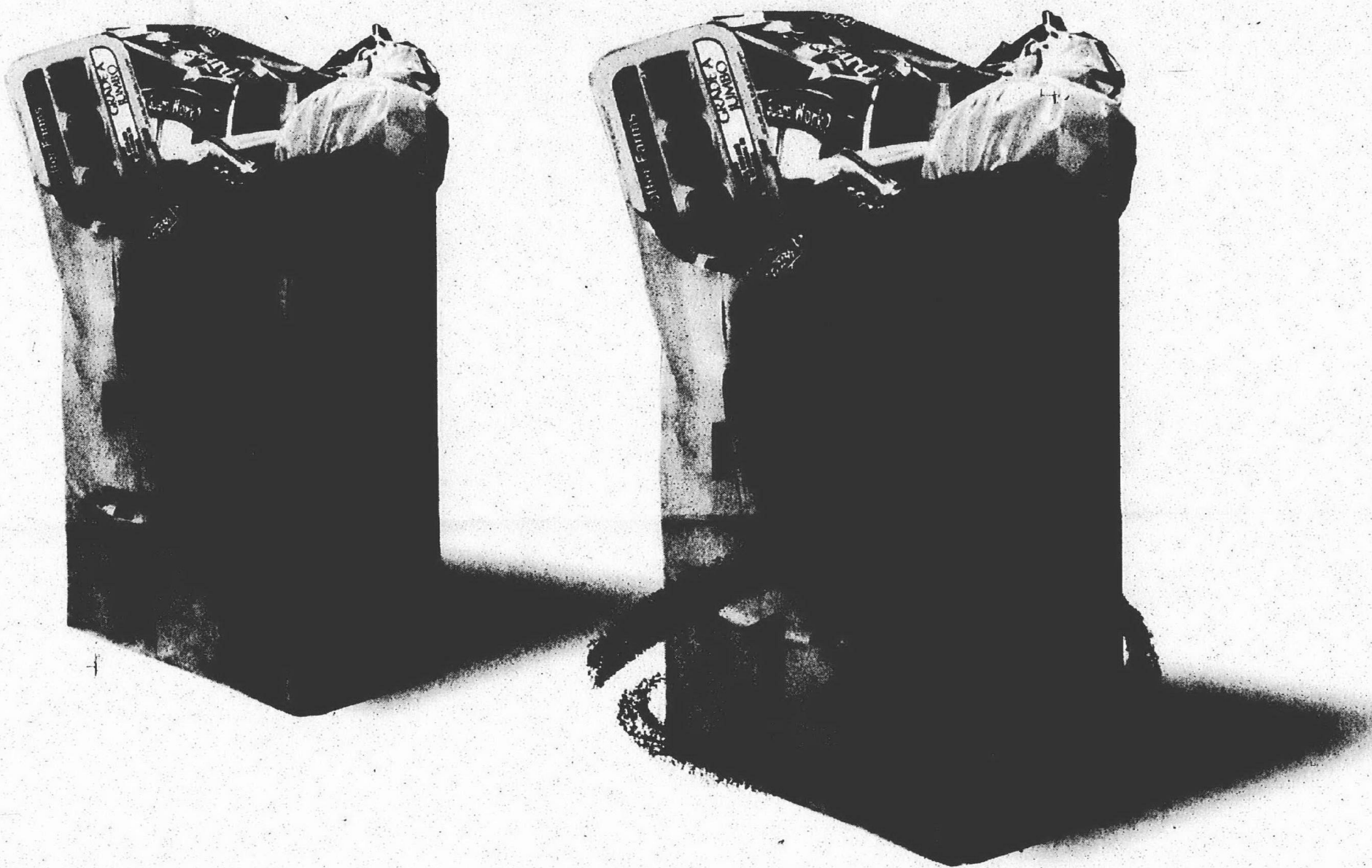
THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor
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Township ready to start compost pickup

By Bob Beck
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township's curbside compost collection program will run April 14 through May 12. All township residential households have curbside solid waste pickup. Residents are encouraged to separate yard waste to be picked up from their regular trash. This includes those who are part of the township's

composting program and those who have a compost bin. Residents for disposal of yard waste include: leaves, vegetative material, grass, and small tree cuttings. Residents should mark "Compost" and/or "Yard Waste" on their bins. Please do not include any of the following materials in your compost bin: animal manure, tires, white plastic, or roofing. For more information, contact Ross at (734) 454-0530.

THE LIBRARY'S CARD

The Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, offers programs for the Plymouth community. The following events are scheduled for April:

■ **Commemorative Stamp Second-Day Issue, Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m.** — The new Library of Congress bicentennial commemorative stamp, complete with cover, a locally designed cachet, and cancellation will be sold at the Library as part of a year-long celebration of the world's largest library.

■ **Contemporary Books Discussion Group, Wednesday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.** — The title selected for this month's discussion is "Cities of the Plains" by Cormac McCarthy. Copies of the book are available at the check-out desk. For further information, call Darlene Ursel at the library, 453-0750.

■ **Brown Bag Books Discussion Group, Wednesday, April 26, noon** — Copies of this month's selected title, "The Pillars of the Earth" by Ken Follet, are available at the check-out desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided by the library. Registration is at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by calling 453-0750, press 4.

■ **Plymouth Writer's Club, Thursdays, April 13 and April 27, 7 p.m.** — Writers of all ages are invited to join other aspiring writers to share their work in a friendly group setting. Contact club facilitator Brian Anderson at (734) 416-0418.

■ **Your Poetry Group, Sunday, April 9, 1:30 p.m.** — Bring your own or others' poetry to read aloud; short stories are also welcome. Reader's discretion is asked in the language of the works read. Contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or donhewlett@aol.com for more information.

■ **Great Books, Mondays, April 10 and April 24, 7:30 p.m.** — This discussion group is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature. For additional information, call group facilitator Karen Berris at (734) 453-2454.

Teen Events
■ **After-school activities, Monday, April 10, 3:30 p.m.** — Teens in grades six through 12 are invited to make tile mosaics using wetset clay and colored glass. Refreshments will be provided.

Advance registration is required at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone at 453-0750, press 4.

■ **Coffeehouse, Saturday, April 22, 2 p.m.** — Celebrate National Poetry Month by reading your own or your favorite author's poetry. Refreshments will be provided. Advance registration is required at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by calling 453-0750, press 4.

■ **Teen Advisory Board, Saturday, April 22, 11 a.m.** — Teens 12 to 18 years old are invited to share ideas for the Teen Summer Reading Program and other summer library activities for teens. Refreshments will be provided. No registration is necessary.

■ **Teen volunteers** are needed at the library to provide one-on-one tutoring for Plymouth residents unfamiliar with computers, particularly Windows 95/98 and the library's new catalog, PAC for Windows. Contact Eva Davis at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 230, or at eva@tin.lib.mi.us for more information on becoming a teen volunteer.

Youth Events
■ **Off the Page, Thursday, April 13, 7 p.m.** — The purpose of this student storyteller group is to learn how to make stories our own and how to share them in the oral tradition. Students in grades three through eight are welcome.

■ **Visit with Lilly, Saturday, April 15, 2 p.m.** — Lilly, the star of *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse* and other books by Kevin Henkes, will meet children aged three to eight and their families. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by calling 453-0750, press 4.

■ **Spring Break movies, Tuesday, April 25, 2 p.m.** — Two funny movies, James Marshall's *Three Little Pigs* and Finn McCoul will be shown to children ages six to 12 and their families. Registration is not required.

Library board
■ The Plymouth District Library Board holds its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Library Tuesday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. Individuals with special needs who plan to attend should contact the library, 453-0750, if auxiliary aids or services are needed. Advance notice is required.

Comcast eyes cable services

By Heather Needham
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Canton and Plymouth cable customers, who have made their payment checks out to Continental Cablevision, Ameritech and MediaOne in recent years, might begin making payment checks out to Comcast by next year.

Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Northville cable customers are currently serviced by two cable companies — MediaOne and Ameritech.

That could change with telephone giant and cable provider AT&T last year winning a bidding war against Comcast to buy MediaOne for \$60 billion.

Bill Black, director of public affairs for Comcast, said AT&T has written a letter of intent stating that they would transfer MediaOne properties to Comcast in a trade. The deal would likely take effect by the year's end.

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— *Comcast Public Affairs*

"We're not sure when a definitive agreement will be signed," Black said.

If Comcast does acquire the AT&T cable properties, services should not be affected.

"Comcast will be offering the same services in (MediaOne) service areas," Black said. Plans are to begin offering high-speed Internet access to downtown Detroit customers by this summer.

Cable rates should not be affected by the change, either, he said. "Normally a transfer of ownership does not have an

effect on rates."

Paula Peters, corporate communications manager with MediaOne, declined to comment specifically about the potential Comcast deal.

"We have nothing to say yet," Peters said. "We haven't been told that a merger is going to happen."

The proposed trade with AT&T is part of an effort to create big regional clusters — including a large one in Michigan.

Comcast could more than double its customer base in the deal and end up controlling 48 percent of Michigan's cable systems.

Patricia Andrews Keenan, spokeswoman for AT&T's regional office in Chicago, referred comment to both MediaOne and Comcast.





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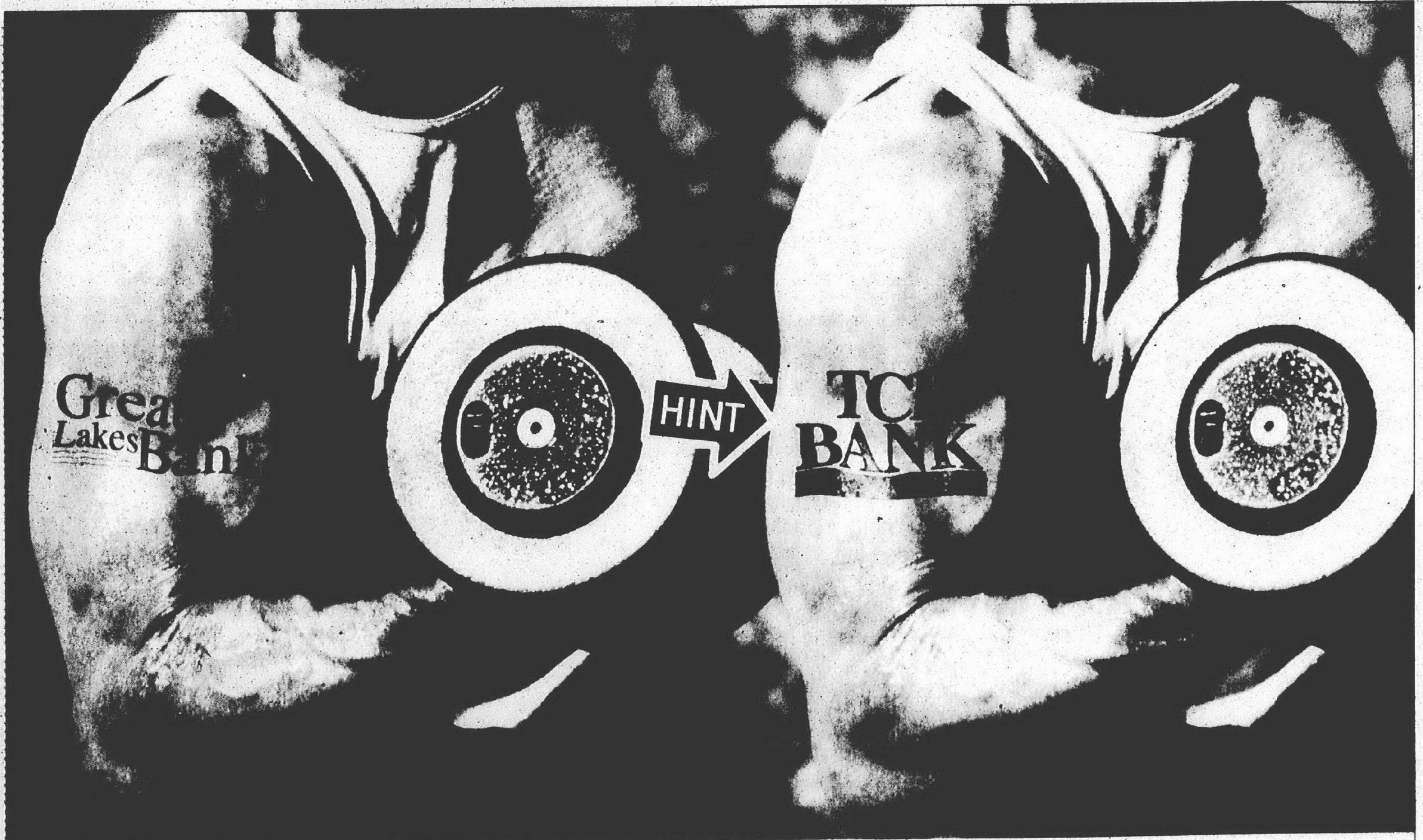
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Colorful trip

Van Gogh exhibit at DIA is big draw for area seniors

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Sitting in a cafe at the Detroit Institute of Arts Wednesday, Lottie Kesner looked as if she had run a marathon.

Her posture was a little off, her eyes a bit drawn. But it was to be expected, really. The Canton resident had just spent several hours studying and absorbing "Face to Face," an exhibit of works by the Dutch 19th century artist Vincent van Gogh.

"I have to digest it all," she said, sipping a soft drink. "It's quite overwhelming." Kesner was one of more than 40 Canton senior citizens to

tour the exhibit, which runs through June 4. A large DIA crowd didn't seem to bother or deter the group from enjoying van Gogh.

"It widened my horizons to art," Kesner said. "I knew very little about it before."

Her husband, Horst, agreed.

"I never knew much about him, only his name," he said. "I'm quite impressed. I would say he's a great artist."

Harold Mack doesn't consider himself an art connoisseur, either. But he picked up a few things about van Gogh's style.

"I like his work because of the bold brush strokes," Mack said, "and vivid colors he uses."

Detroit is the first stop on a three-city tour for the exhibit. It will move on to Philadelphia and Boston for engagements later this year.

"Face to Face" focuses on van Gogh's portraits.

Galleries of drawings comprise the first half of the exhibit. The other portion displays his many oil paintings, including the famous impressionistic self-portrait.

Most of van Gogh's drawings are exquisitely detailed.

"Head of a Peasant Woman with White Cap" provides an example. Through pencil and black chalk, van Gogh captures the woman's feeling of apprehension and her attempt to stay warm with a tug of her coat.

Such subtleties weren't lost on the seniors.

"He thought he could do more with portraits," Mack said.

Many from the group prepared for the trip with an hour lecture on van Gogh at the Summit last week. A video and numerous slides of the artist's work were shown.

"It helped me get more out of it," said Lottie Kesner.

Cost of the trip was \$20 for seniors, which included transportation and exhibit ticket. Canton Senior Center Coordinator Dianne Neihengen said her group was anxious to go.

"We have a very high level of interest in the arts," she added. "We try to go (to the DIA) at least once per year."

Shirley Ann Klucka and Alice Drayton, artists in their own right, were eager to see van Gogh.

Klucka started painting after her children went off to college and hasn't stopped since. She enjoys doing landscapes. Klucka considered the trip a chance to compare notes.

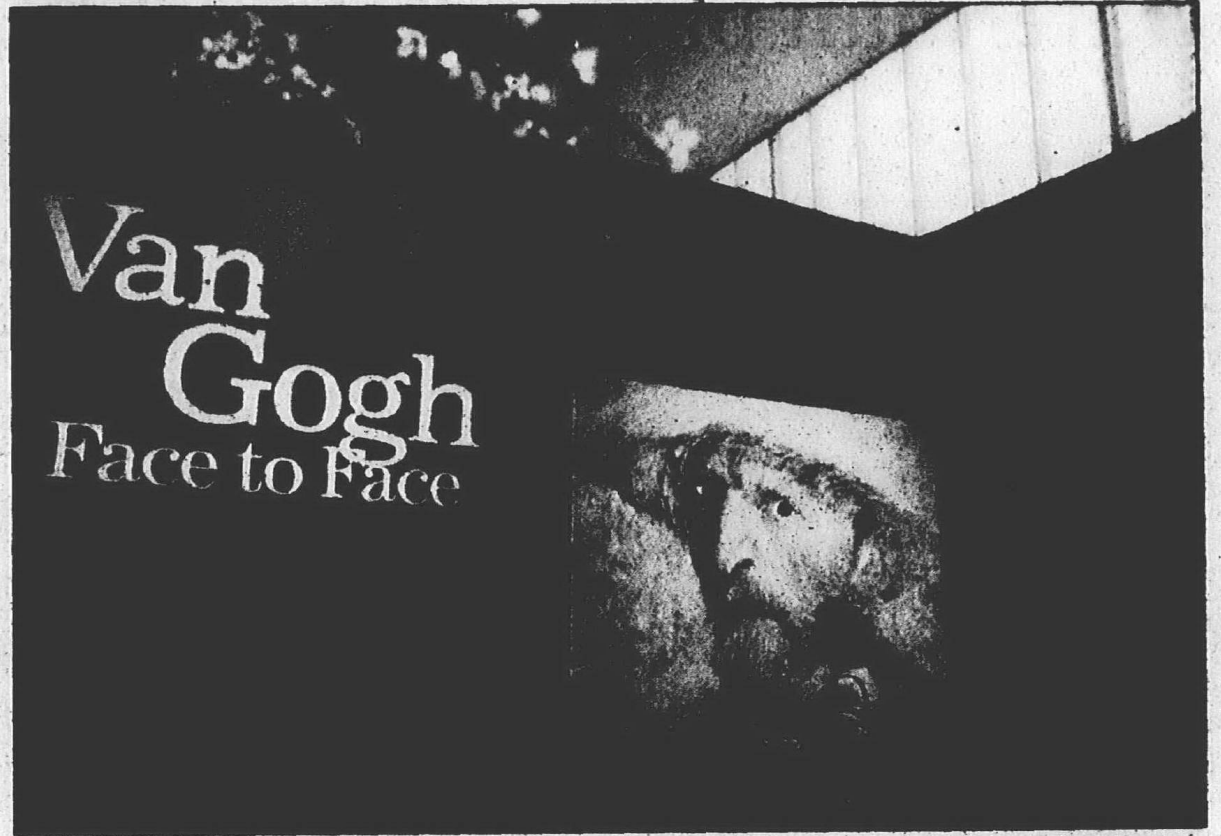
"I've copied Monet just for the study of it," she said. "I think you learn from every artist you come in contact with."

Drayton is a little less serious. She likes to do watercolors and face painting for children. The quality of the Canton resident's work has remained steady over the years.

"Some of my early pictures are as good as my newer ones," said Drayton.

Tickets for Face to Face are \$16 for adults Monday through Friday and \$18 on weekends. Tickets for children ages 6 to 17 are \$8. Children under 5 are free.

For four hours or more information, call the DIA's van Gogh hotline at (313) 833-7971.



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Self-portrait: Visitors are greeted with an oversized lithograph of one of van Gogh's most famous and loved self-portraits, and a time line of his life as they wait to enter the exhibit. This self-portrait, purchased by the Detroit Institute of Arts in 1922, is the first painting by van Gogh to have entered an American public collection.



A memento: Maryann Jason (from left) Mary Bellino and Gerry Groff check out the souvenir shop following their tour of the exhibit.



Quick study: Plymouth resident Ada Callija, center, and Frank Holzauer of Canton study one of the self-portraits.



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Waterman project to benefit computer, culinary programs

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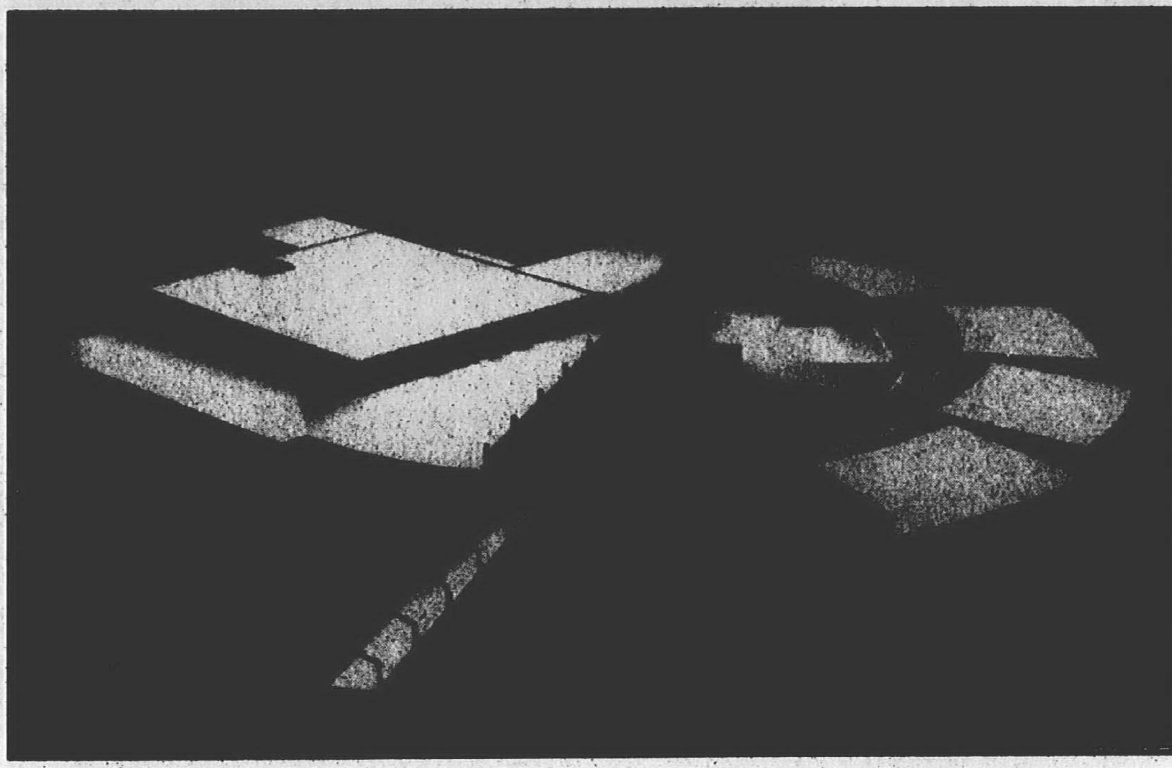
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Something's cooking: A new culinary arts kitchen, restaurant and multi-purpose room (light area to left of walkway), plus a new business and industry training center (light area to right of walkway) are scheduled to be built onto the existing Waterman Center (dark gray) at Schoolcraft College beginning in Spring 2001.

'Our flagship'

"Since our culinary program is our flagship," he said, "we want to maintain the quality of the program and expand the number of students" it can train.

The new culinary arts kitchen, when built, will permit remodeling of the existing one for use in an expanded food service program, he said.

When the Waterman opened in 1982 as home to the culinary arts program, it boosted food service enrollment from 30 to well over 200 full- and part-time students.

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SEMCOG seeks public comment on transportation plans

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Would you like to see the Jeffries and Telegraph Road resurfaced?

How about having such roads as Seven Mile, Haggerty, Warren and the rest of Canton Center widened to five lanes?

What do you think about providing rail transportation between Metro Airport and downtown Detroit, or enhancing and upgrading the People Mover, other mass transit vehicles and facilities and non-motorized (read "bicycling/hiking") pathways?

The first of six opportunities to express your views about these and other transportation issues and plans - some of which are already in the works - will be today, Thursday, when the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) holds its spring general assembly at 5 p.m. at the Centre for the Arts in Southfield.

That's when SEMCOG unveils the latest draft of its 2025 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), a 25-year proposal for the region which includes over \$104 million in projects for western Wayne County.

Public comments about the 2025 RTP will be welcomed at the beginning of today's G.A. and at the five other area meetings slated for various sites April 26 and 28, May 19 and 24 and June 22.

At that final meeting, SEMCOG delegates and alternates will vote on adopting the RTP.

A draft of the RTP is available from SEMCOG by calling (313) 961-4266.

Comments on the plan also may be made by calling (800) 961-3334 extension 303; by fax (313) 961-4869; or by e-mail (Comment2025 RTP@semcog.org).

In addition, SEMCOG officials will be "more than willing" to discuss the RTP with community service groups, said Carmine Palombo, SEMCOG director of transportation. Call him at (313) 961-4266.

"While we have received broad input on the RTP, our job reaching out to the region isn't done," said Paul Tait, SEMCOG executive director.

"We actively seek input from other people in our southeast Michigan community, both for this version of the transportation plan and for future refinements."

Input needed

"We need input from the public to help us shape our region's transportation future," he said.

Major projects planned for 2001-05 in western Wayne County include the \$14-million concrete patching and asphalt overlaying of the Jeffries/Interstate 96 from Newburgh Road to US-24/Telegraph and the nearly \$10-million reconstruction of 1.25 miles of the eastern interchange of I-275/I-96.

Also planned during that period is \$8 million in repairs to the bridges over I-96 and the \$11.6-million reconstruction and asphalt paving of Telegraph/US 24 from Grand River Avenue/M-5 to the Jeffries.

As for local roads, the first five years likely will see various roads widened from two or four lanes to five, such as:

- Beck in Plymouth Township between M-14 and Five Mile;
- Canton Center Road in Canton Township from Palmer Road to Cherry Hill;
- Haggerty Road in Canton from Cherry Hill to Ford/M-153;
- Merriman Road in Livonia, from Seven Mile to Base Line/Eight Mile;
- Seven Mile in Livonia, from Middlebelt to Inkster;
- Warren Road in Westland, from Hix to Newburgh.

Over 2.5 miles of Ann Arbor Road (old M-14) between Lilley in the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township to Newburgh in Livonia will be rebuilt in a \$10-million undertaking and the segment from Napier Road to the western Wayne County line - to Canton Center will be milled and resurfaced.

The first five years also is expected to see construction of the CSX Railroad bridge over Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

But that's not all. A \$1-million study of the feasibility of expanding the People Mover along the Detroit River and toward New Center and another \$600,000 study into the feasibility of making the People Mover two-way in downtown Detroit also are planned in the first five years.

Light rail studies

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A third study will examine the feasibility of light rail from Metro to downtown and a fourth will look at rail transport along the Woodward Avenue corridor in Detroit.

Projects proposed for the years 2006-25 include the widening of Farmington Road in Livonia to five lanes from Joy Road to Ply-

mouth; the widening to five lanes of Joy from Middlebelt in Livonia to Beech Daly in Redford Township/Dearborn Heights and the widening of Seven Mile in Livonia to five lanes from Newburgh to Merriman.

Also planned in Wayne County during those 15 years are projects ranging from improvements

to various intersections and railroad crossings to some \$28 million in enhancements for various non-motorized routes.

The 2025 RTP Plan, which foresees the resurfacing or rebuilding of 6,800 miles of road in southeast Michigan, is a collaborative effort by SEMCOG with input from a variety of local and state transportation planners, transit agencies, special-interest organizations and the public.

It concentrates on preserving and, where possible, enhancing existing transportation infrastructure, including roadways, bridges, airports, non-motorized

pathways and transit vehicles and facilities.

Tait said the plan "strives for balance in supporting economic vitality and the movement of freight and improving traveler safety, while at the same time considering environmental and quality-of-life issues."

Although the plan will spend \$17 billion over 25 years in the seven-county SEMCOG region, it won't fix everything, he said.

Only 417 of the 22,576 miles of public roads in southeast Michigan will be widened and only 13 miles will be newly constructed. Some 88 percent of the projects

will be in the region's existing urbanized area.

The plan also calls for an approach to public transit that would help it grow beyond its present status.

Four of the other five meetings will be held at SEMCOG offices on the 19th floor of the Edison Plaza Building in Detroit: 9:30 a.m. April 26, 1 p.m. April 28, 1 p.m. May 19 and 9:30 a.m. May 24.

The final meeting, at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, will be at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle.

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City off mark

Criticism of township unwarranted

Someone may have to enter in the official record that the Plymouth City Commission simply can't work and play well with others.

When five new faces were elected last year, it was generally hoped and thought the combative atmosphere that had marked the previous commission would dissipate. No one was naive enough to think it would completely disappear, but one hoped for better.

It simply hasn't happened. And now commissioners aren't just grousing at each other. They've directed their shots outside City Hall, and aimed directly at the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

And, while we certainly think there are things to grip about when it comes to the township board, the city's complaint this time is not only unwarranted, it seems hypocritical.

Here's a brief history: The city and township are working with Wayne County to get an underpass built at the CSX crossing at Sheldon Road. The township is on the hook for two-thirds of about \$1.5 million; the city will pay the other third.

The program has been delayed because REDICO, which owns property abutting the project, refuses to give up most of its parking lot for a bypass road. County and local officials have talked to REDICO repeatedly, to no avail.

So the township board entertained officials from the county at their meeting a couple of weeks ago to get the straight skinny on the status of the project. County engineer Kevin Maillard told the board the least expensive

option would be just closing the road.

At its next city commission meeting, Mayor Pro-Tem Colleen Pobur took the township to task for holding discussions of the project without the city. "I want to be cautious about letting parties enter into new agreements, or modifying existing agreements, without the city commission's input."

And this from Mayor David McDonald: "It's frustrating for me to get correspondence ... informing us the county was going to make a presentation at the request of the township at one of their study sessions."

Here's the rub: McDonald was invited to attend, as were the rest of the commissioners. In fact, Commissioner Michelle Potter was in the audience, although she didn't participate. Assistant City Manager Paul Sincock was there, as he has been at every step.

There may have been better ways of scheduling the county's presentation (Pobur's suggestion that the Joint Services Committee reconvene is a good one, if it doesn't delay the construction process). But one can hardly argue the township is in the wrong when it is trying to get as much information as possible.

Perhaps instead of decrying the township's lack of inclusion in scheduling the county's presentation; city commissioners might have better served their constituency by getting to the study session.

It certainly would have done more toward fostering a more harmonious working relationship between the two governments.

Metro deserves top director

Wayne County officials have a golden opportunity to do something right at Metro Airport — for a change. Unfortunately, loud hints coming from the county executive's office last week indicate just the opposite.

Alas, when it comes to the morass on Merriam otherwise known as Metro, disappointment more than shock describes our reaction to each turn of events.

We speak, of course, of the announced resignation of Dave Katz, the county airports director and top gun at Metro for the last two years. And we speak of the apparent "plan" (we use this term loosely) by Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara to quickly name a successor, without the benefit of a national search.

On Wednesday, Katz said he would be leaving May 1 to head up a golf center in Auburn Hills that he co-owns with several partners, including his boss (McNamara).

Katz's tenure has been at best a mixed bag of hits and misses. He can be credited for at least having enough public relations savvy to realize the airport's image has been anything but world class and for attempting to do something about it. Customer service agents are visible and helpful. Bathrooms and restaurants have been spruced up. But Metro still shows up near the bottom of satisfaction surveys among frequent travelers.

Even more troubling are continuing questions on the airport's internal workings, most notably how contracts are let. The issues of who gets airport contracts and the murky bidding process aren't going away soon, with construction of the new midfield terminal heading toward completion and an ongoing investigation by the state legislature.

Given the job as a political plum with no airport experience, Katz should perhaps be cut some slack. Neither was he helped by the

dominance of Northwest Airlines as the airport's primary tenant, a situation that hopefully will begin to change once Northwest moves most of its gates to the new terminal. But as long as Wayne County oversees the airport, the McNamara administration will get the credit or blame for what goes on there.

The Observer believes appointment of an interim airports director (the county also has jurisdiction over Willow Run Airport) with a concurrent national search for someone with experience running a comparable facility makes sense. Some national experts and local lawmakers agree.

"There are a lot of very good people out there who would bring in an awful lot of good ideas," said Linda Green, vice president for the International Council of Airports, North American Region, a Washington-based trade organization.

McNamara, though, seems set on finding a local replacement for Katz — quickly. Staffers and others associated with the executive said the process was well under way and the choice would be revealed in a matter of weeks or even days. It will be someone with airport experience they assure.

To which we ask: where? Flint? Willow Run? Tiny Mettetal in Canton Township? Hardly the kind of background befitting someone asked to keep tabs on some of the nation's busiest runways.

Worse yet, this hurry-up-and-get-it-approved approach smacks of another political payback in the works. Such a move certainly wouldn't be in the best interests of airport users or county taxpayers.

We can only hope the county commission asks tough questions — and hears the right answers — before signing off on a new director. Doing otherwise will further tarnish one of Wayne County's potential jewels.

GEOF BROOKS



LETTERS

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Enforcement the problem

The administration was presented a gun bill with all the requests that President Clinton wanted. Provisions to close the (so-called loophole at gun shows) the 72-hour waiting period, the large capacity clips, instant check and gun trigger locks.

So why was it rejected? Because it was proposed by the NRA.

Bill Clinton's elitist group says it is their way or no way. Since Clinton has been in office, there have been more civilian deaths than ever before. Ruby Ridge. The Randy Weaver family, Waco, Vince Foster, Ron Brown, etc. What other president uses tragedies to further his existence.

We do not live in an armed society, we live in a society in which violent criminals, and agents of the state habitually carry firearms, and in which many law-abiding citizens own firearms but do not go about armed. Essentially, although tens of millions own firearms, we are an unarmed society. The Clinton administration reveals its totalitarian nature by its tacit admission that the disorganized random havoc created by criminals is far less a threat than are men and women who believe themselves free and independent, and act accordingly.

A government that does not trust its honest, law-abiding, taxpaying citizens with the means of self defense is not itself worthy of trust. A government that abrogates any of the Bill of Rights with or without majority approval, forever acts illegitimately, becomes tyrannical and loses its moral right to govern.

All deaths are horrible, Clinton's appointed judges haven't upheld current laws, refused evidence against him. Then you wonder why this country is in moral decay.

Vincent P. Manderachia

Still no answers

It's unfortunate, but after four public meetings, there still aren't any answers explaining why or who wanted to cut the Head Start program from the four local school districts of Redford, Livonia, Wayne-Westland and Plymouth-Canton.

We do know that beginning July 1 the program will officially be out of the schools and run by non-profit agencies under the jurisdiction of Wayne County government. The school districts that have supported and directly run the program for 20 years will be excluded from the equation.

Head Start families and staff gathered on Tuesday, March 21, for an informational meeting at Central Middle School. They heard Ouida Cash, Starfish CEO, explain that Region V, an administrative arm for the federally funded Head Start program, authorized the Wayne County plan that eliminated the direct involvement of the school districts in running their own Head Start programs.

Starfish claims to have sites identified in each of the four communities to house the classrooms and by July 1 will officially announce all the options. Parents voiced concerns after Ms. Cash commented that their lead classroom teachers would meet minimum performance standards, which is a CDA (some college hours by 2003), while the school district lead teachers have college teaching degrees and some with advanced degrees.

The goal often expressed has been to have a "smooth transition." Unfortunately, lack of communication and lack of appropriate forward planning is not allowing for this. The goal in such a major takeover is usually to make necessary improvements. I just don't see it was needed or improvements happening.

It's unfortunate our families, children, staff, and district are all being so negatively impacted. Many of the "new" program improvements that are being proposed have been available to our families all along.

The PLUS Preschool of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will continue to offer quality preschool programs with the financial assistance from the Department of Education at the state and federal levels. Our registration begins the first of April. Area residents can call the office for further information and to discuss qualifying factors at (734) 416-6190.

Mary E. Uhl
 Projects Director
 Plymouth

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What is your toughest spring cleaning chore?



I don't have one, because my husband does them all. He's retired, and it's his gift to me.
 Eunice Mitchell
 Livonia



Windows. They're so hard to reach.
 Joe Savage
 Plymouth



The (whole) house. It's time consuming.
 Fred Crouch
 Plymouth



The basement. It seems to accumulate all the things I didn't use the rest of the year.
 Mary Ann Saint
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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Elián has a family — that's where he should be

Imagine, if you will, the mother of your child is from another country, and she decides the United States simply isn't the place for her and her child to live.

Imagine she takes your child and heads home, undertaking a perilous journey to get there. She dies en route, and your child witnesses the tragedy. He gets to his destination, and some of your own family members take him in.

You begin to make preparations for the boy's return to you here, in the good ol' U.S. of A, when suddenly your family members in the foreign country say, "Whoa, there. Not so fast. We think the American government is corrupt and inhumane, and we can't bear to send little Johnny back to that country."

Months pass. Politicians get involved — politicians embroiled in election-year panic, who are looking for something, anything, to invigorate their campaigns. The foreign country government simply won't listen, won't get off its collective duff and do anything about your child. Meanwhile, the child appears to be bonding with your family members over there.

Imagine the sense of loss. You've always been a good father. You can't help the politics of the U.S.; after all, you don't control the government. It's not your fault. All you want is your child back. But the people in the foreign country swear that'll never happen, because returning a child to a government like ours would do the child irreparable harm.

"Who do they think they are?" you rail. "What arrogance of that country to believe it could possibly be superior to the United States. How dare they?"

Things have never seemed more bleak, especially when the foreign government refuses to show any courage at all in



BRAD KADRICH

returning your child to you. The attorney general says, "You guys work it out," instead of going in, getting your child and returning him to your loving home. Gutless politicians refuse to help, and all you can do is watch your life being analyzed on television as the helpless feeling in the pit of your stomach grows by the minute.

Day by day, the realization comes to you: "I'm never going to see my son again."

Have you closed your eyes? Have you imagined that scenario playing itself out in your life? Have you told yourself how many heavens and how much Earth you would move to get your son back?

Good. Maybe NOW you have some sense of what things must be like for Juan Gonzalez, the Cuban whose little boy, Elián, has been held a political captive in Miami since his mother's ill-fated run for freedom last November. Relatives in Miami don't want to return the boy to a country run by Fidel Castro.

Politicians have used and abused this case to try and curry favor with voters. Even Vice President Al Gore weighed in during a campaign stop Tuesday, saying judicial options should be exhausted before Elián is returned to his father.

The fact that Elián is a political pawn isn't lost on local eyes, either.

"It's a very complex thing, and I don't think there's any one answer," said Paulette Wisnom, who is trying to establish a Human Rights Group in Plymouth. "Unfortunately, he's being used as a political tool. He does have a family, and he should be with that family."

Apparently that idea is lost on some people. I actually heard some ambassadors say Tuesday night that "every day Elián spends in the United States is another day he spends in freedom."

Where do we get such hubris? What makes us this arrogant, that we could deny a man, who by all accounts is a good and loving father, reunification with his son?

Somebody tell me: Aren't we the country that allowed slavery for its first 100 years? Aren't we the same country whose judicial system returns babies to crack-head mothers and drug-dealing fathers to preserve the sanctity of the natural family?

I agree Castro is despicable, and the boy's life would be better if he were here, materialistically. I agree the United States is the best country in the world. And none of that gives us the right to determine this boy's fate. It is our fundamental belief that parents know what's best for their children.

It's time we lived up to that belief. It's time to send Elián back, and ease the pain — for everyone.

Editor's Note: Anyone interested in helping Paulette Wisnom get her human rights group off the ground in Plymouth can call her at (734) 416-9288.

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Traditional schools will pay for the sins of charter schools

After listening to many of the candidates who are vying for elected office this year glibly endorse charter schools, after watching the manipulative marketing ploys and the availability-is-limited hype being used to sell this notion to the public and the politicians, one could wrongly conclude that charter schools are the magic elixir to remedy the perceived shortcomings of our public schools.

Perhaps the charter school "cure" is far worse than the "disease" for one Wayne County school district.

The financial resources of the Inkster Public Schools have been primarily devoured by eight charter schools that feed off their host district.

Eventually, the loss of nearly 800 students and their per-pupil state aid to charters and other schools of choice forced the district to accept cash from a national for-profit education management company, Edison Schools, rather than face a state takeover of their school district.

With many of our school districts already facing uncertain futures because of the budget constraints imposed by Proposal A, with 13 charter schools and six traditional districts already operating with deficits, it would be unwise for our state legislators to increase the number of charter schools.

There are many misconceptions and a basic lack of information among the public regarding charter schools.

A recent poll by Public Agenda, the non-partisan opinion and research group, found that 81 percent of the general public, 79 percent of parents and 52 percent of parents of school children said they knew "very little" or "nothing" about charter schools.

The charter schools we already have in Michigan do not offer students a better public education.

Studies by Michigan State University and Western Michigan University indicate that charters usually mirror the curriculum and achievements of their traditional public school counterparts.

Charter schools are not about providing opportunities for students but about giving opportunists the chance for a big slice of the American public education pie.

If you want to start your own for-profit public school, there is a gold mine of opportunities for you right here in Michigan.

Michigan ranks behind only Arizona in having the most liberal charter school laws, according to their own charter school advocacy group, The Center for Education Reform.

Seventy percent of Michigan's charter schools are run by for-profit education management organizations, or EMOs, compared to just 10 percent nationwide.

EMOs are allowed to skim up to 10 percent

off the student foundation grants for their management fees. No questions asked, since EMOs are private businesses.

Like their HMO counterparts in the health care field, EMOs do what they can to avoid offering their services to the more costly "customers."

So, 75 percent of our current charter schools spend nothing on special education students. Instead, they rely on the traditional local public schools to provide for special education students.

Of course, not a cent of the foundation grant is returned to the traditional districts to pay for educating special needs students in charter schools.

If having a choice of where to get a public education is so desirable, then imagine what would happen if we applied choice to other areas of publicly financed services.

How about taking some of the money for public libraries and giving some people the chance to start their own "more accountable" public libraries?

Would the police and fire departments in our communities give up some of their taxpayer-financed budgets to allow some neighborhoods to create their own public security and safety services and keep 10 percent of taxpayer money for management fees?

More than likely we would see the quality of all our public services decline and/or our taxes increase to cover two police and fire departments and two public libraries, one traditional and the other charter.

If we wouldn't allow the quality of our other community services to be thus compromised, why are we allowing this to happen to our community schools?

With more choices and competition, there will be winners and losers. Most people haven't read about the 8,000 charter school students across our nation who now face a questionable educational future.

The calls to their Arizona-based EMO, The Tesseract Group Inc., are going unanswered. Within the past few months, the CEO and financial officer of Tesseract resigned, it laid off employees and closed three charter schools.

When the profits on charter schools aren't realized quickly enough for the opportunists who manage them, does anyone believe they will care about the students they have victimized along the way?

Free market public school academies, housed in privately owned buildings on private land, raise other troubling concerns.

If a charter school management company, such as National Heritage Inc., which wants to build in Canton, incurs financial difficulties, who pays the delinquent property taxes? What happens to the building and the equipment? How are the property values of the others who live in the area affected by this possible business failure?

We must focus our public resources and our efforts on doing what's best for our kids. Let's support the public schools we already have.

Martha A. Trafford is a Canton resident and retired educator.



MARTHA TRAFFORD

MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No to Sunshine

Shame on the Plymouth Township Board for what they are letting happen on Northern Street in Green Meadows Subdivision. The township's motto is "People-Our Priority". You would never know that by what is happening on Northern.

The semi-truck traffic and car hauler traffic from Sunshine Honda use our street as a parking lot, cut through and turn around. The car haulers park in front of driveways and run their engines as they deliver their cars. They deliver cars at all hours of the day and night. The sickening aroma of diesel exhaust fills the air of our homes to the point that we have to close our windows. The noise of the engines is so annoying you cannot sleep. In the summer even children have to close their windows, at night; because of the stench and noise. Diesel fumes can exacerbate asthma and allergy symptoms and cause headaches.

We have "No Parking" signs and "No Truck" signs on our street but that does not stop the car haulers and semi-trucks. Now Sunshine Honda wants to expand their company further into our neighborhood. This will only mean more semi-trucks, car haulers, mechanic traffic, diesel fumes, and noise. What will it be like when Sunshine Honda expands into our neighborhood? Let us not forget that we live in democratic society in which the majority rules and the majority does not want any expansion of Sunshine Honda into our neighborhood.

When people outgrow their homes they do not bulldoze their neighbor's home. They move instead. When the state knocks down homes to make a freeway they do it for the good of many. In this case the township is knocking down homes for the good of one.

In most communities businesses work with their residential neighbors to create harmony. Not in Green Meadows Subdivision. What Sunshine Honda doesn't realize is that all the people that they are upsetting are potential customers. Multiply those potential customers by their friends, family and business associates that they tell not to go to Sunshine Honda, and they are losing hundreds of customers. Sunshine Honda is a bad neighbor.

Mr. Bohlander was quoted in a recent Observer article that he was responsible for the "No Truck" sign on Northern at Ann Arbor Road. We think he is misinformed because we were responsible and have the letters to prove it. The sign was installed on Oct. 30, 1999. Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes' letters responding to our request are dated Sept. 17, 1999 and Oct. 19, 1999. In those letters she informed us that the Wayne County Traffic and Safety Division agreed with OUR request for the "No Truck" sign. We have lived on North-

ern Street for 22 years. The problem with this illegal traffic did not start until Sunshine Honda moved in. Mr. Bohlander is quoted as saying "Northern is a public street." It may be, but it is also a residential street. Northern is classified as a Class B road by Wayne County with a weight limit of 18,000 pounds. Semi-trucks can weigh up to 80,000 pounds full. Dunkin Donuts trucks respect our wishes and their delivery trucks do not use Northern.

Shirley Barney is also quoted as saying, in the Observer article, "this Master Plan has already been approved." The Master Plan called for streets to be closed at Ann Arbor Road and that there would be no mingling of homes and businesses. If the west side of Northern is rezoned, three homes will look out their front doors at commercial property. Until the property behind Dunkin Donuts is rezoned commercial, Northern cannot be closed. We do not want our neighborhood to look like Ann Arbor Road between Haggerty and Gold Arbor with abandoned homes, garbage, and fallen trees. The only business that is interested in expanding is Sunshine Honda.

We would like Plymouth Township Police Chief Carey to know that we appreciate his efforts in stopping this illegal use of our road. We thank him for his recent letter to Northern Street residents regarding the increase in traffic enforcement.

People-Our Priority. I don't think so!
Mike and Janice Litwin
Plymouth

Thanks for the help

This is an acknowledgement of appreciation to all those persons that had come to my assistance in finding "Heidi" my dog who wandered off our Plymouth Township subdivision on March 16, 2000.

For about six hours, neighbors, friends, mail carriers, many of them strangers that I had recruited were only too glad to put forth their efforts in locating her.

Their thoughtfulness and concern is a direct reference to that great commandment that was put into practice - "Love Thy Neighbor." In this case it was helping thy neighbor finding his lost dog.

Special thanks go to Wesley, Greg, mail carrier Debbie, (the other carrier, I didn't get her name), to Jerry, Terri B. of Speciality Pet, (several whose names I didn't get), and especially Chris, who found "Heidi" and coaxed her into her house until I could get over there for the happy reunion.

Mark Shemanski
Plymouth

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George Ward begins his run for prosecutor

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George Ward, chief assistant prosecutor for Wayne County for 14 years, has made it official. He's seeking the Democratic nomination for county prosecutor in the Aug. 8 primary.



Ward

That puts the Plymouth Township resident in the race against both Michael Duggan, deputy county executive, and state Sen. Virgil Smith.

Ward, whose unofficial candidacy has been known for some time, claims the support of his boss, Prosecutor John O'Hair. O'Hair isn't seeking re-election.

Stating the "first and most important issue" in the election is experience, Ward said he is the only one with experience in prosecution.

He stated the "whole range of past airport abuses" in contracts at Metro wouldn't have become public if the prosecutor

"had been the alter ego" of the county executive.

If elected, Ward plans to increase "substantially" the number of youths ages 6-16 in Detroit, Highland Park and Hamtramck in adult-supervised sports and recreational activities and also to institute "structure to the prison day."

Regarding prison policy, he said, "It makes no sense" that the time offenders spend in custody "more resembles how they lived before" prison "than how we want them to live when they get out."

A 1963 graduate of the University of Detroit and, in '66, of the University of Michigan Law School, Ward has taught law at Detroit College of Law/Michigan State University since 1970.

He was elected president of the Wayne County Charter Commission in 1980, became chief assistant county prosecutor in 1986 and is serving as president of the Irish-American Lawyers of Michigan.

He and wife Margaret have five children.

Ward's campaign office is at 19268 Grand River Ave. in Detroit. Volunteers may call (313) 543-1940.

House passes bills to regulate porn shops

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Owners of pornography shops in Michigan, "adult entertainment establishments," found out they have few friends in the state legislature last week.

Lawmakers passed a series of bills, the main pieces of a 13-bill package, aimed at bringing such shops under control by licensing them. Those licenses could be revoked if inspectors find the business to be a "hazardous site," one with high risk sexual activity going on on the premises, or a public nuisance. It would also give residents who live around such businesses the power to sue on the basis the businesses have become a nuisance and recover attorney fees should they win.

The main bill, House Bill 5124, was approved by representatives in a 92-13 vote last week. Opponents mainly objected that the system would require some businesses to have duplicate licenses, because some already hold Class C liquor licenses.

But sponsor Rep. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, noted that not all adult entertainment businesses have liquor licenses, so his bill would address the remainder.

Other pieces of the package passed 104-1. The sole dissenter, Rep. Clark Bisbee, R-Jackson, felt license fees were too high, perhaps as much as \$13,000 for

a single business. But Bisbee supported most of the rest of the package.

He also pointed out that the law as written would allow only residents to recover attorneys' fees against the businesses. That would be unfair, he said, unless businesses were also allowed to recover attorney fees if they prevail. Bishop said he agreed with that last point and will work to amend the bills in the Senate when they are taken up there.

But Bishop felt the license fee amounts were correct. Licensing will be conducted through the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, and when it is done reviewing applications, issuing licenses and inspecting all the adult bookstores, adult motion picture theaters, adult cabarets, massage establishments, exotic dance studios, encounter studios, sensitivity studios, model studios and escort services in the state, it is expected to have expenditures of \$4 million to \$4.4 million.

The bill simply divides that amount among the businesses to be licensed. As estimated, the price could come to \$13,000 for a license, Bisbee pointed out.

"To an individual, the fees that businesses pay sometimes sound high," Bishop countered. "But when you look at it relative to the industry, to the multi-billion dollar industry it is, to the money these types of businesses

make, it's not that much."

And Bishop argued that taxpayers should not end up paying for the licensing of these businesses.

Bishop argued the package is intended to help communities control adult entertainment stores. Communities have found it ineffective to attempt to ban them or to zone them into certain areas. Yet, crimes rates, rape, prostitution and high risk sexual activities often increase in a neighborhood after such businesses open their doors, according to Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

She sponsored the portion of the package that calls for Department of Health inspections of the facilities. Adult entertainment stores can then be ordered to fix health code violations found on their premises within a period of time, or their

licenses may be revoked.

Bishop explained that licensing would not apply to all businesses with adult materials for sale, such as convenience stores that may have a rack of adult magazines. To require a license, a business would have to allocate more than 20 percent of its floor space to adult entertainment.

The main portion of the package, which includes HBs 4327, 5124-34 and 5469, now moves to the Senate.

Most of the bills passed in 105-0 votes. On the main bill, 5124 area representatives Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, and Laura Toy, R-Livonia all voted yes.

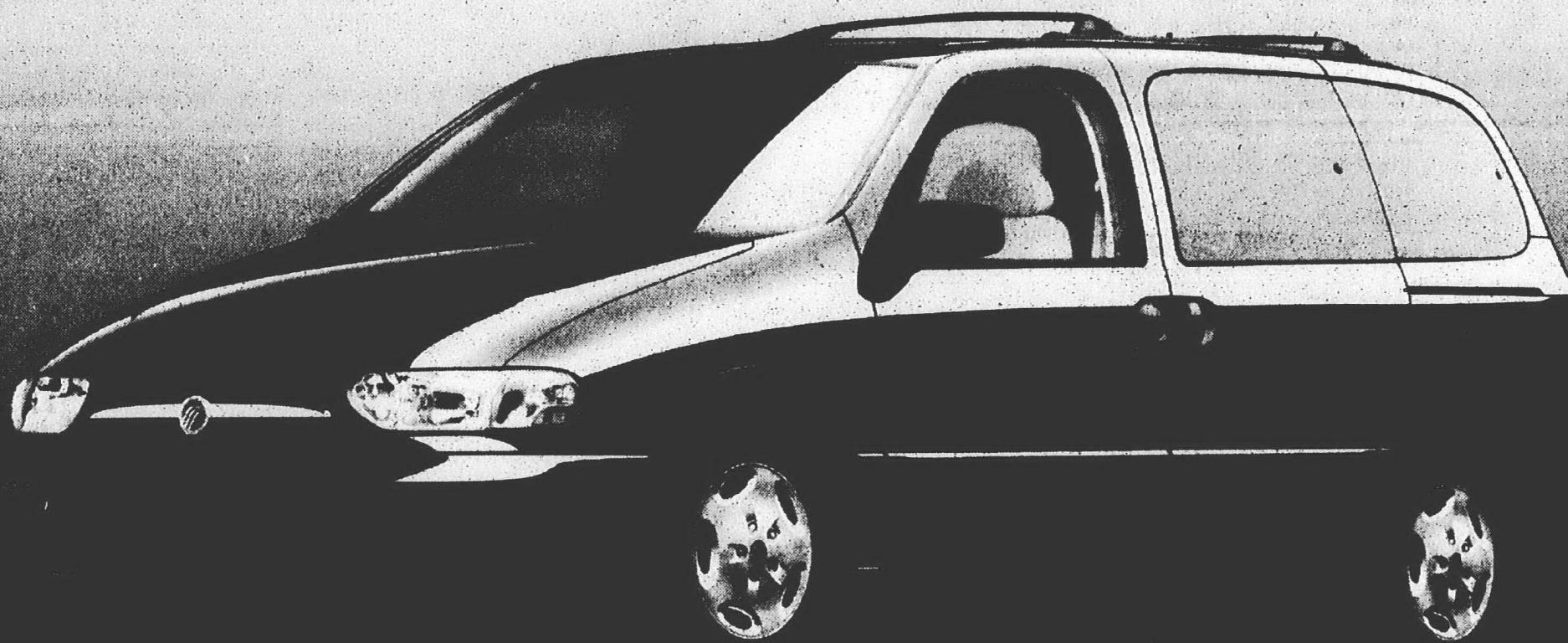
Student program needs hosts

Male and female high school students (15-18 years old) from many countries are in need of a Host Family. The students will be arriving in August for the beginning of the school year. Some students will be here for the full school year and others just the first semester. All students have medical insurance, their own spending money, are

proficient in English and have a strict code of conduct to follow. All students are in the top 20 percent of their classes.

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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

A lot learned from teen focus groups

Recently, I had the opportunity to conduct focus groups with middle and high schoolers in a community in order to gain some insights about kids today.

We talked about their fears and anxieties, what they believe is going well for teens, how they cope with traumatic events that happen in their community, who their role models are, whether they feel substance abuse is a problem for teens, who they find to be trustworthy and programs they would like to see started in their community.

There were distinct differences between the way middle school and high schoolers thought as well as differences between parochial and public students. When asked how students in their community cope with sad or scary things that happen, the high school students commented that they would more frequently turn to their peers before adults if they needed to talk.

Middle schoolers still rely on their parents for support, but reported that they will discriminate as to what they tell them. The parochial students said that prayer services were held as a way to support the students when something bad happens, and that they were very reassured by that kind of support.

When asked what students felt was going well for them, the parochial students' consensus was that private school students had more self-discipline and less stress about their looks because of the dress code.

Middle schoolers from the public schools reported feeling safe in their schools (some attributed it to the Columbine awareness), and much delight over their new freedoms (because they were no longer elementary students). They also appreciated teachers treating them like adults as well as good school counselors. High school students were not as verbal on this question except to say that teens are generally joining in and doing things together.

On the topic of who are their role models, all the focus groups were very forthcoming about the great role models they had in school. These included teachers and coaches. Beyond school, they mentioned parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents. No one commented about sports or high profile media figures, except for injured stars like Mike Utley and Christopher Reeve.

When asked about substance use and abuse in their school, there was a clear difference between public and private responses. The private schools felt that drug and alcohol use wasn't a problem because no one would even think of using it. The females offered that they "tell on" the boys in school when they are doing things that are wrong, yet half the students said they wouldn't tell an adult if someone was experimenting with drinking.

The public school students appeared more complacent about substance use, as if to say, it's the way of the world. The middle schoolers knew that there was smoking in school; they even offered that lots of the parents are using drugs, alcohol and cigarettes, too. They believe that those in charge are not consistent in cracking down on offenders including the party store owners who sell to minors.

Some mentioned that movies are a bad influence for kids. The high school students seemed even more lackadaisical about the use and abuse in their schools. Students brought out that more than half of their school uses illegal substances. No one disagreed. Others commented that it is a source of entertainment to pass the time, while some thought that it counteracts a lot of depression. Everyone from one of the high school focus groups knew more than one depressed person.

Finally, they were asked what pro-

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Vintage weapon: Special Agent Lee Anderson, the FBI's police training coordinator, shows off a Thompson submachine gun, known on the streets as a "Tommy." The gun was most used during Prohibition.

The reception room of the Federal Bureau of Investigation offices on the 26th floor of the P.V. McNamara Building in downtown Detroit is appropriately subdued, an interior decorator's equivalent of "just the facts, ma'am."

On one wall is a picture gallery of Special Agents who died in the line of duty. On the opposite wall, thick, bullet-proof glass protects the receptionist and clerks. No one gets beyond this room unless they have a pass ... or have been arrested and are waiting to be photographed and fingerprinted.

Welcome to the FBI, one of the world's most recognized acronyms, an organization whose motto is "Fidelity, Bravery and Integrity."

Jennie Emmons, 30, and Brian Young, 32, are relatively new agents. Originally from Princeton Junction, N.J., Emmons, who has a bachelor's



Most wanted: Special Agent Jean Wynn explains what it takes to get on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list. She referred to them as "smooth talkers."

FBI profile

- The FBI was founded in 1908 as the Bureau of Investigation. J. Edgar Hoover became director in 1924. A Congressional enactment gave the present Federal Bureau of Investigation its name in 1935.
- On Oct. 11, 1925, Edwin C. Shanahan became the first FBI agent killed in the line of duty.
- The St. Valentine's Day Massacre of Bugsy Moran's gang on Feb. 24, 1929, by the rival Al Capone gang in Chicago spurred the eventual creation of the FBI Laboratory in 1932.
- The forerunner of the FBI Academy was established in 1935 with a class of 23 police officers. The present academy opened in 1972 on the U.S. Marine Base at Quantico, Va.
- The "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" program began in 1950.
- Louis J. Freeh, the present FBI Director, was sworn in in September 1993.
- The FBI investigates more than 280 federal statutes and conducts sensitive national security investigations. Investigations include: organized crime, white-collar crime, public corruption, financial crime, fraud against the government, bribery, copyright matters, civil rights violations, bank robbery, extortion, kidnapping, air piracy, terrorism, foreign counterintelligence, interstate criminal activity, and fugitive and drug-trafficking matters.
- Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the FBI has 56 field offices, 400 satellite offices known as resident agencies, four specialized field installations and 32 foreign liaison posts.
- The FBI has approximately 11,400 Special Agents and over 16,000 other employees who perform professional, administrative, technical, clerical, craft, trade or maintenance operations.

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—Jennie Emmons
Special Agent

degree in political science and a master's degree in forensic science, joined the bureau three years ago. She is assigned to the domestic terrorism squad, one of several squads that make up the Detroit office.

Young, a former Army infantry officer, has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a few semesters of post-graduate school. He also brought eight years experience as a police officer with the Indiana State Police and the University of Indiana police department when he signed on with the bureau in 1996. He serves on the counter-intelligence squad.

Both agents are in top physical condition and excellent marksmen. Special Agent Jean Wynn, who is in charge of recruitment, said Emmons hits her target more than 95 percent of the time. "That's superlative. She's a natural. She's in the stratosphere."

When it comes to hiring Special Agents, the FBI, the principal investigative arm of the United States Department of Justice, seeks - and finds - the best. Although there is no typical hiring year, out of the 9,000 applications received nationwide last year, 700 agents were hired.

"If you look at history, in the case of every great investigator - whether in science, law or criminal justice - they keep the goal in mind in spite of obstacles. To be an FBI agent, you have to have integrity, be tenacious and pay attention to detail," said Wynn.

A challenge

After graduating from college, Emmons sought a non-traditional career for women. She found one in the FBI. Founded in 1908, the FBI first granted the title of Special Agent to a woman in 1972. Today, 16.9 percent of the bureau's 11,604 agents are women.

Emmons spent seven months in San Francisco after graduating from the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va. She was then transferred to Detroit, where her husband, a fellow agent she met at the academy, already had been assigned. The 16-week training at the FBI Academy was difficult but challenging, she said.

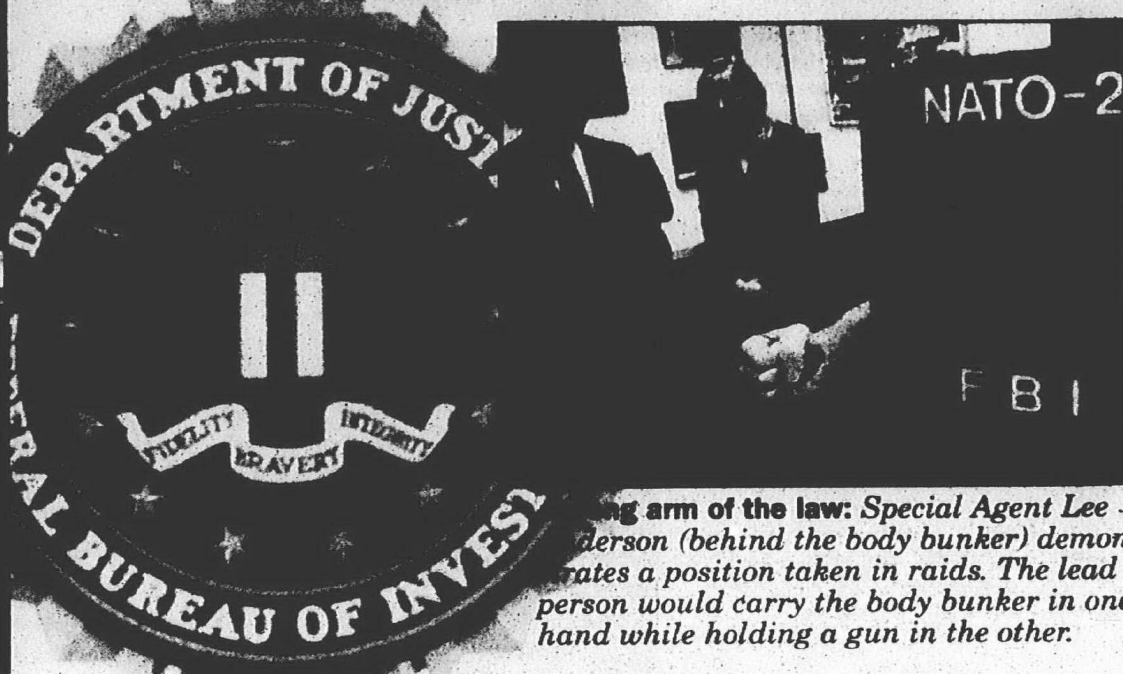
"For me, this was the top of the line. I wanted to do it so bad. For any kind of pressure they put on me externally, I put double on myself. I really wanted to make it through."

In the academy's defensive tactics class, Emmons put on a pair of boxing gloves and faced a male opponent. "One (punch) hit me, the walls started to close and I started to go down," she recalled. Refusing to give in, she let loose and started fighting back. "The instructor said, 'That's exactly what I wanted to see.' I had made progress."

Emmons learned much more in that class than how to defend herself; she learned the meaning of team spirit, FBI style.

She recalled a particular incident that happened within the first few days of class. The class had been divided into opposing teams, and the new and eager recruits were yelling and cheering for their teammates. "The instructor told us to stop," said

Inside the FBI



Leading arm of the law: Special Agent Lee Anderson (behind the body bunker) demonstrates a position taken in raids. The lead person would carry the body bunker in one hand while holding a gun in the other.

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
• STAFF WRITER •
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weapons includes the infamous Thompson (aka "Tommy"), the submachine gun favored by both the bad and the good guys during Prohibition. The FBI stopped using it in 1970. They currently use the much lighter MP-5.

Every agent carries a handgun, a 9 mm. semi-automatic, but it is often used as a secondary weapon. "When we go out on a raid we have shotguns and submachine guns because we always want to out-show and out-gun who we want to apprehend," said Special Agent Lee Anderson, the bureau's police training coordinator.

For raids, the bureau brings in its SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team. Young, a SWAT team member, is modest about his marksmanship: "Most agents are excellent shots," he said. "Let's say to be in SWAT, you must be consistent."

Special Agent Jean Wynn, who currently handles recruitment for the Detroit office, has 19 years of experience with the FBI. She worked on organized crime for several years and truly enjoyed it. "Mob cases go back 100 years or more. There's a lot to it culturally. You have to learn how they think," she said.

She's also had a few "unusual" assignments, including fingerprinting a corpse, a former fugitive, in a casket. "You use a special tool when finger-

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WANTED

On March 14, the FBI celebrated the 50th anniversary of its "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" program. Of the 458 fugitives who have appeared on the list since its inception, 427 have been captured. Of that number, 137 were apprehended because of tips from the public.

There are two criteria for getting on the list, said Special Agent Dawn Clenney:

- The fugitive must be considered dangerous to the public.
- There must be the possibility of public assistance in locating the fugitive.

Several years ago, a man touring the FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C. spotted his neighbor's picture on the "Top Ten" list. He reported it, and his neighbor was apprehended.

"He (the fugitive) was living in the suburbs with a barbecue pit," said Clenney. "Like they say, you can run, but you just can't hide from the FBI ... at least not forever."



Shop talk: Special Agents Brian Young and Jennie Emmons trade stories about personal career experiences in the FBI.

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grams the teens would like to see in the community. The answers were all over the map. Generally, the high school students reported that they would like to see teen hang-outs that included a pool, gym equipment,

pool tables, bumper cars or go carts. They agreed that much of the drinking and smoking stemmed from boredom.

The middle school students were more specific about their "wants list." Many agreed that

sporting venues should be expanded, such as hockey rinks, roller skating parks, basketball courts, swimming pools and baseball fields. A few really unique ideas emerged like having block clubs or block parties.

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printing a corpse. We would pull his hand away, and it would snap back."

Wynn recalled her very first arrest in 1982. It was unexpected, and she had come to work wearing a skirt and heels. The suspect was a female who put up a fight. "The skirt is not the thing to have on when you have to jump over a couch."

No closed cases

Want to know what happened to Jimmy Hoffa? So does the FBI.

"It's still an open case here," said Special Agent Dawn Clenney, an agent for 21 years who now handles the bureau's media relations. "I get calls every week about Jimmy. We still follow up on leads as they come in. We never close a case. That's one of the famous sayings in the FBI. The Hoffa case is still pending."

Last summer, the FBI apprehended Harry Joseph Bowman, one of the bureau's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." Bowman is the alleged leader of "The Outlaws," a notorious motorcycle gang with a presence in the Detroit area. He currently is in federal custody in Florida on racketeering charges, including conspiracy to commit murder and arson.

Apprehending a Top Ten fugitive is not a daily occurrence at the FBI, said Wynn. Agents spend many days interviewing, doing paperwork or pulling long hours on surveillance duty. They're subject to job transfers, and they can be sent anywhere in the state on a moment's notice. And most often, their investigations do not produce immediate results.

However, it's all worth it, said Young. "You have to be adaptable and tenacious. It can be rough. But it's also an opportunity to be a member of one of the most prestigious investigative organizations in the world."



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Focus: Special Agents Jennie Emmons, foreground, and Jean Wynn listen intently during a meeting at the Detroit FBI office.

It is against FBI policy to identify where Special Agents live. For information about employment, contact Special Agent Jean Wynn at (313) 965-2323, ext. 4249. (For employment opportunities with the FBI see the Sunday, April 9 edition of the Observer Newspaper.)

Clothing donations sought for needy women

Gently used women's business attire is being collected as part of the "Clean Your Closet Weekend."

As more and more women look to enter the workforce, the need for external support to help them succeed is increasing.

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Items needed include dresses, suits, skirts, dress slacks, blouses, blazers, shoes and scarves. Appropriate receipts for tax deductions will be available.

The clothes will be distributed to low-income women through the Dress for Success Agency.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE
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KERRY K. ERDMAN
Court Administrator

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the following categories:

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Bid forms and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E.J. MacMahon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Phillips in the POCH Purchasing Department at (734) 418-3748. For technical information, please contact Brian Goby, Procurement & Project Analysis Coordinator, in the Maintenance Department at (734) 418-3963. Sealed bids are due Wednesday, April 19, 2000 at or before the times noted above. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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St. Colette Parish Health Ministry presents "Advanced Directives" a free seminar to shed light on end of life issues from a Catholic perspective. Make your wishes known prior to a medical crisis. Meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 30 in the church (17600 Newburgh Road in Livonia) across from Laurel Park Place. Call to reserve a seat, (734) 464-4436.

FAMILY BANQUET

St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford (13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster road/south of Schoolcraft) will hold its annual family banquet at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 1 in the church's Fellowship Hall. Following the catered dinner will be a mime show presented by Gospel chalk artist and ventriloquist Ron Snow. Tickets are \$10, adults; \$5, children 10 and under; and children three and under, free of charge. Call (313) 538-2660 for ticket information.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Sunday Services for April 2: Reverend Bob Renjilian presents: "Are you more like a sunroom or an open porch?" This question is from a game played in small groups, to get to know each other. Rev. Renjilian will use this question and others to help explore the idea of personal identity, and sharing oneself with others. Services and Sunday School at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. "Meet the Minister" sessions follow each service this week. 25301 Halsted Rd. (between Grand River & 11 mile) More info: (248) 478-7272 or www.wwnet.net/~uucf/

EVENING CLASSES

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Westland (37775 Palmer Road) has several fun classes planned through the month of May on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. They include basket weaving April 3; gardening, April 10 and 17; cake decorating, May 1, 8, and 15; and Saturday May 20 candy making at 10 a.m.

SUMMER CAMP

Registration has begun at Christ Our Savior in Livonia for summer camp and fall classes. We offer Christian programs for children ages 18 months to kindergarten during the school year and up through age eight during the summer. For information please call Wendy at

(734) 513-8413.

SPECIAL LENTEN SERIES

Pastor Gregory Gibbons will present a series of Lenten services based on the theme "What Wondrous Love," at Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Church in Redford (14750 Kinloch - south of Five Mile and west of Beech-Daly). Services are held each Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The series will culminate in Holy Week. Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion will be held at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Two special Good Friday services will be held at 1 p.m. and then a Tenebrae service at 7:30 p.m. The celebration of Easter will feature services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

LENTEN BREAKFAST

St. Maurice Women's Guild is hosting a "Lenten Breakfast" on Wednesday, April 12. The activity starts with Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by a full buffet breakfast. Glenda Everett will speak about the "Yellow Ribbon" program to prevent youth suicide. St. Maurice Church is located at 32785 Lyndon, east of Farmington Road, in Livonia. Ticket price is only \$6.50 per person. Advanced ticket sales only. Call (734) 425-1701.

LENTEN SERVICES

Lenten services will be held at Good Hope Lutheran Church (28680 Cherry Hill - Garden City) each Wednesday before Holy Week at 7 p.m. preceded by a soup supper at 6 p.m. Other worship services include 7 p.m. Thursday, April 20; 7 p.m. Friday, April 21; vigil of Easter worship at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22 and Easter Sunday worship at 8:20 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 23.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford will hold mid-week worship services on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m. during Lent. Wednesday dates are April 5 and 12. Services will be held in the Chapel. Thursday services will be preceded by light supper at 6 p.m., worship at 7 p.m. Dates are March 30; April 6 and 13. All services will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. St. John's Lutheran is located at 13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster Road. Call (313) 538-2660.

LENTEN SERVICES

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday night at 7

p.m. at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church (23310 Joy Road in Redford, five blocks east of Telegraph). Phone (313) 534-2121. A video tape of one of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's retreats will be shown in the Church hall following the Stations each week of Lent. All are invited to attend.

LENTEN DINNERS

St. Agatha Church (19750 Beech Daly) of Redford will offer Lenten dinners on Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent. 3-8 p.m. Dine in and carry out. Senior discount from 3-5 p.m. Children's menu available. Call (313) 531-0371.

LENTEN SERVICES

St. James Presbyterian (25350 W. Six Mile Road) in Redford Township will hold Lenten services every Wednesday evening through April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Maundy Thursday services, including communion, are at 7:30 p.m. April 20. For more information call (313) 534-7730.

EASTER CANTATA

"Embrace the Cross" by Claire Cloninger and Greg Nelson will be presented as the Easter Cantata at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 16 at the Gathering (Clarenceville United Methodist Church - 20300 Middlebelt in Livonia). Choral work is being presented by the Chancel Choir of Clarenceville United Methodist Church, under the direction of Kathy Gardinali and Brian Marr. Call (248) 474-3444.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (39020 Five Mile Road in Livonia) will offer Lenten service at 6:45 p.m. every Wednesday through April 12. Palm Sunday service is April 16 at 8:30 and 11 a.m.; a prayer vigil service will be held during Holy Week at 7:30 p.m. April 18; April 19, healing service at 7:30 p.m.; April 20 is Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday Interfaith service at noon April 21; Good Friday Tenebrae at 7:30 p.m. April 21; Easter vigil and baptism service at 7:30 p.m. April 22 and Easter Sunday services at 6 a.m. (sunrise communion); 8 a.m. communion service with choir; 9:45 a.m. instrumentalists and a joyful Eucharist; and 11:30 a.m. Christ is Rise!

LENTEN MEAL

St. Genevieve Parish of Livonia will offer a Lenten meal March 31 and April 7 and 14 from 5-7 p.m. Menu includes baked fish, potato and all you can eat soup and salad. Macaroni and cheese as a children's meal. Cost is \$6 for adults; \$3.50 for children ages 6-12 and 5 and under eat free. St. Genevieve is located at 29015 Jamison St.

PASSOVER SEDER

Please join Congregation Bet Chaverim for our fourth annual Passover potluck seder. The Passover will be held at the Hanford Clubhouse. The Clubhouse is located on Hanford between Ford and Warren roads. The seder will begin at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, April 20. Our seder will be conducted by Rabbi Peter Gluck. Families are welcome. Call (734) 480-8880 to let us know what dish you would like to bring.

LENTEN BREAKFAST

The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church (6443 Merriman Road in Garden City) will serve their annual Lenten Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 15 in the church Fellowship Hall. The Rev. Melanie Carey, associate pastor of Livonia Newburg United Methodist Church will be the guest speaker. A donation will be taken at the breakfast and reservations would be appreciated. Call (734) 421-8628.

LENTEN WORSHIP

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church invites the public to reflect upon "Prayers of the Passion" during Wednesday evening Lenten services from 7:30-8 p.m. until April 12. Midweek classes and confirmation instruction will be held from 6-7:20 p.m. during Lent. The church is located at 14175 Farmington Road next to Ford Field, just north of I-96.

BROADWAY HITS

Two evening shows of Broadway favorites will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday, April 7 and 8 at the Westland Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (7575 North Dix Road in Westland). Featuring hits from "Guys & Dolls, Fiddler on the Roof, West Side Story, Annie, Oklahoma, The Secret Garden, The Music Man, Oliver, My Fair Lady and Les Miserables. Public welcome. Free admission. No tickets required.

ENGAGEMENTS AND WEDDINGS

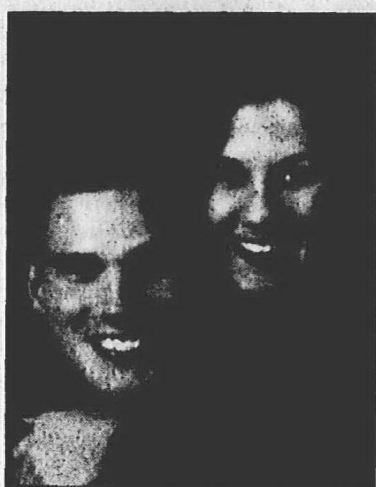
Johnston-Brown

Claire Johnston of Garden City announces the engagement of her daughter, Barbara Jean, to Steven Gerard Brown Jr.

The bride-to-be is a student at Pensacola Christian College in Florida and will graduate in May to pursue a career as a legal secretary.

Her fiancé, son of Pastor and Mrs. Steven Brown Sr. of Livonia, is a student at Pensacola Christian College pursuing a degree in criminal justice. He will graduate in May.

An August wedding is planned at Parkview Baptist Church.



Coletta-Liparoto

Vincent and Christina Coletta of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa to Stefano Liparoto of Ypsilanti.

The bride-to-be is a student at University of Michigan's Mechanical Engineering program. She will graduate in May and work for General Motors.

Her fiancé, son of Philip and Giovanna Liparoto of Rockwood, is a construction engineering student at Eastern Michigan University and will graduate in December.

An August wedding is planned at St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth. A reception at Laurel Manor in Livonia will follow.



Holliday-Fyke

Paul and Mary Holliday of Portage announce the engagement of their daughter, Brandi Lynn, to Mitchell Craig Fyke of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Portage Northern High School and holds a bachelor's and master's degree in speech pathology from Michigan State University. She works as a speech pathologist at Cheshire Speech and Voice Center.

Her fiancé, son of Russell and Suzanne Fyke of Plymouth, is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and holds a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He works as



manager of Golf Pro. A June wedding is planned at the Holiday Inn Ballroom in East Lansing.

Wooliver-Parker

John Wooliver of Trenton and Karen Fear of New Hudson announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Diane Wooliver, to Jamie Keith Parker of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and works as an accountant at the University of Michigan.

Her fiancé, son of Robert and Linda Parker of Canton, is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and a 1997 graduate of Wayne State University, where he earned his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He works as an electrical technician at Acromag



in Wixom. A June wedding is planned at Walden Woods in Hartland.

Roberts-Xvereb

Richard and Karen Roberts of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine, to Steven Xvereb of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Canton High School and attends Madonna University. She works for Community Federal Credit Union in Plymouth.

Her fiancé, son of Frank and Gail Xvereb of Whitmore Lake, is a 1989 graduate of Dexter High School and a 1994 graduate of Northern Michigan University. He works for GMR in Brighton.



An August wedding is planned at First Baptist Church of Plymouth.

Brazin-Mallis

James and Susan Brazin of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristine Nicole, to Robert Joseph Mallis of Ames, Iowa.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1997 graduate of Grand Valley State University, where she obtained a bachelor of science degree in chemistry and biomedical science. She expects to receive her doctorate in biophysics from Iowa State University in May 2001 and works for Iowa State University as an assistant researcher.

Her fiancé, son of Stephen and Charlotte Mallis of Dunmore, Pa., is a 1986 graduate of Dunmore High School and a 1990 graduate of Pennsylvania State University, where he earned his



bachelor of science degree in biology. He earned his doctorate in biochemistry from Iowa State University in December 1999 and works for Iowa State University as a post-doctoral researcher. A June wedding is planned at Remain Gardens in Ames, Iowa.

DePlanche-Boucher

Jennifer Diane DePlanche of Belleville is engaged to Paul Joseph Boucher of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a Michigan State University graduate and works as a quality assurance manager for Ford Component Sales.

Her fiancé is a Michigan State University graduate who works as a remote technical trainer for Qualex.

An October wedding is planned at St. Michael Church



in Livonia.

Smyth-Latella

Robert and Frances Mrdjenovich announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristyn Ann Smyth, to John Joseph Latella of Southfield.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Garden City High School and works as professional singer. She recently signed a recording contract with Barrister Records and is working on a CD. She's also the National Anthem singer for the Detroit Tigers.

Her fiancé, son of Anthony and Victoria Latella of Clinton Township, is a graduate of Chippewa Valley High School. He obtained his masters degree from Walsh



College in Troy and a law degree from Michigan State University's Detroit College of Law.

An October wedding is planned at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Brighton.

Johnson-Maurin

Craig and Kim Johnson of Fort Gratiot announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Matthew Maurin of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a student at Western Michigan University and works at RE/MAX Advantage as an office assistant.

Her fiancé, son of Pete and Charlene Maurin of Livonia, is a Western Michigan University graduate and works at Altair Engineering as a design engineer.

An October wedding is



planned at St. Joseph Church in Port Huron.

NEW ARRIVAL

Heather Ann and David P. Cadogan announce the birth of their son Connor Thomas born Feb. 4 at Christiana Hospital in Newark, Del. Grandparents are Gene and Lydia Olson of Plymouth, Victor and Gerrie Lotrich of Newark. Great-grandparent is Doris Leinweber of Longmont, Colo.

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CALENDAR

WEEKEND

CRAFT-BAKE SALE

■ The seniors at Sheldon Place Apartments in Canton will hold a craft and bake sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at the complex, 2105 Sheldon Road. For information, call Ingrid (734) 981-7727.

PROJECT HEALTHY LIVING

■ Project Healthy Living, formerly Project Health-o-Rama, will be held on Saturday, April 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center. The center is located at 1600 S. Canton Center Road in Canton. Project Healthy Living offers free or low cost health screenings and tests to individuals age 18 and older. The Canton site will offer free blood pressure, height and weight, vision and glaucoma testing. Project Healthy Living is sponsored by WXYZ-Channel 7 and The United Health Organization, a United Way Community Service agency. For information, call (248) 424-8600 from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

STORYTELLING

■ Plymouth Historical Society sponsors "First Sunday's at 2:00," 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street. Ruth Burr will share the art of storytelling and teach children how to become storytellers. Come hear "Br'er Rabbit" and Ruth's famous "Spoonierism" stories and learn how to tell and share your own stories. The program is free with museum admission; adults \$3, students \$1 and families \$7. Special drawing: Gift certificate from The Little Bookshop in the Park. For further information, call (734) 455-8940

AUCTION

■ New Morning School, a Plymouth nonprofit, parent cooperative school for children through grade 8 will hold its 24th annual auction, Saturday, April 1, from 5 p.m. to midnight at Laurel Manor Banquet/Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. The cost is \$55 per person/advance registration required. For further information or ticket inquiries call the school at (734) 420-3331.

AROUND TOWN

KINDERMUSIK STORY TIMES

Kindermusik story times will be held Saturday, April 1, at 4 p.m. at the Little Book Shoppe on the Park, 380 S. Main, downtown Plymouth, (734) 455-5220 and Tuesday, April 3, at 9:30 a.m. at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, downtown Plymouth, (734) 454-0178. Parents and their children are invited to experience a free interactive 20-30 minute program of storytelling, music and movement during Story Time with Miss Karen. Karen Onkka Schanerberger, a licensed Kindermusik educator at Evola Music, has more than 20 years teaching and conducting experience with students of all ages. Favorite children's books, simple instruments and imaginative songs and chants highlight the story times. Registrations are suggested, but not mandatory. For further information call Evola Music at (734) 455-4677.

TAI CHI CLASSES

■ New Beginner Tai Chi classes starting Monday, April 3, are offered under the sponsorship of the Taoist Tai Chi Society in Livonia and Bloomfield. The Taoist Tai Chi Society

is a nonprofit, charitable organization that offers day and evening classes. Day classes for seniors available at the Livonia location. Observers welcome. Visit the website at www.ttes.org. For more information, call the society at (248) 332-1281.

WOMEN'S WELLNESS FORUM

■ ReLiv International sponsors a free Women's Wellness Forum on Friday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Hilton Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road in Novi. The forum features speakers Dr. Carl Hastings, food scientist, and Dr. Stephen Pfeifer, board certified family practice physician. To receive individual or group tickets, call Cheryl at (248) 486-6293.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

■ The Knights of Columbus sponsors a breakfast buffet every Sunday from 8:30 a.m. until noon at 150 Fair St., Plymouth (off Lilley Road). Menu includes eggs, hash browns, ham, bacon, Belgian waffles, fruit, toast, cereal, juice and coffee. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. For more information, call (734) 453-9833.

DINNERS FOR LENT

■ Summit on the Park in Canton offers pasta and fish buffet dinners every Friday between now and April 21. The dinners, served 4:30-7 p.m., include cole slaw, two pastas, baked cod loin, potato, vegetable, roll and dessert along with a choice of beverage. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Call the Summit at (734) 397-5110 for information.

BOOK SALE

■ The League of Women Voters serving Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne, Westland and Livonia is working to make this year's April Book Sale another successful fund-raising event. New batches of used books always are needed. The public is encouraged to donate used books by calling Esther Friedrichs at (734) 427-0222 or (734) 421-4420 and leaving a message with the League of Women Voters. Hardcover and paperback books in different categories of nonfiction and fiction for all ages are accepted as well as recent magazines.

DANCE CLASSES

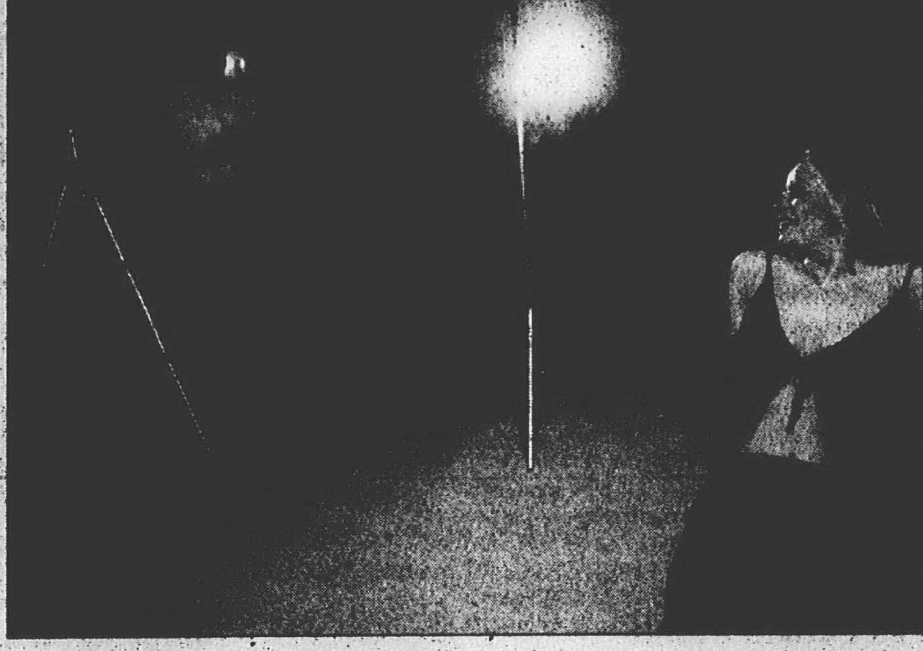
■ The Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts is sponsoring kids dance classes starting April 3. There will be Hip Hop, Combo Dance, Budding Ballerinas, Beginning Ballet, Jazz, Tap, and Mom and Tot. In addition, there will also be ongoing drop-in studio for adults and drawing sessions once a month. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

■ The Canton Softball Center began spring league registration on March 1. Leagues are offered for Men's (B, C, Super D, D, E) Women's and Co-Ed (Competitive, Recreational) divisions Sunday through Friday beginning April 10. The spring season will offer a five-week double-header league plus playoffs. The cost is \$475 per team plus umpire fees. Full payment must accompany registration and league space is limited. Summer registration will begin on May 1. For more information, call the Canton Softball Center at (734) 483-5600. The registration form can also be found at www.canton.mi.org. The Canton Softball Center is located on Michigan Avenue, west of Canton Center Road.

ADOPTION

■ Oakland Family Services



In focus

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

On film: Plymouth residents Frank Allen, Ken Chan and Don Alley photograph 26-year-old Amy Wright of Canton during a Basic Glamour Lighting techniques class at the Plymouth Community Arts Council recently. The class, taught by Observer photographer Paul Hurschmann, featured a variety of glamour lighting setups using tungsten lights and studio strobes. For more information on upcoming classes, contact Betsy Calhoun at 734-416-4278.

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

HELP SOURCE

■ Plymouth Family Services Help Source is offering a 12-week program for compulsive overeaters. The program will be led by a certified eating disorder therapist and registered dietitian. For more information, call Cathie, Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. at (734) 453-0890.

ADULT SOFTBALL

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

SCHOOL OPENINGS

■ New Morning School in Plymouth has vacancies in the Primary/Kindergarten and Middle School for the 2000-01 school year. NMS is a parent cooperative that fosters individualized/independent learning, self-esteem, and positive interpersonal skills. Open houses for Primary/Kindergarten will begin at 9:15 a.m. and last approximately 90 minutes on Tuesday,

April 18. Middle School open house is April 5. Prospective students are welcome. For more information and for reservations, call (734) 420-3331. ■ Creative Day Nursery School is accepting registration for its preschool program for the fall 2000 sessions. Creative Day's program is a developmental approach with small classes and low student/adult ratio. Sessions consist of Freeplay, Storytime, Sharing, and Art and Music activities. Creative Day is located in Canton Township. Children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 5 are eligible. For more information, call (734) 981-3990. ■ Registration for Spring Kindermusik classes is now in session. Spring classes are held from May 1 through June 5 at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial (just west of Sheldon). Sign up early and receive a free Kindermusik beach ball. For more information, call (734) 354-9109.

PROGRAM

■ "Raising Strong and Confident Daughters" is a program that will cover topics such as avoiding cultural and peer pressures for girls to look good and please others; understanding why some young girls with healthy bodies think they are fat; encouraging girls to have and voice their own opinions and keeping girls on track with academics and sports. It is presented by two social workers who are also co-owners of the program. The program will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 23, 30, April 6 and 13, at Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center. To register for more information on fees and programs, call the

Saint Joseph Mercy Healthline at (734) 712-5400 or (800) 231-2211.

OPEN HOUSE

■ Cherry Hill Internal Medicine will have an open house from 3-6 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at Cherry Hill Internal Medicine, 42287 Cherry Hill, Suite D, Canton. Dr. David Margolis and Dr. Michael Schaefer invite the community to visit their new practice. Guests will have the opportunity to tour the facility, enjoy complimentary refreshments and meet the physicians and staff. Cherry Hill Internal Medicine is currently accepting new patients, including adolescents age 12 and up. Convenient evening and weekend appointments are available. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (734) 981-1086.

CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

■ Teens (ages 13-17) can fend off the mid-winter blahs with the upcoming event "Make Your Own Book" at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at the Canton Public Library. Make an entire journal or scrapbook to take home. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call Stefanie at (734) 397-0999, ext. 128, or e-mail her at stefanie@metronet.lib.mi.us.

CONFERENCE

■ Dr. Robert Evans will present a free seminar series entitled "Medicine and Morality: Decisions Making in a World Without Absolutes," from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Sunday, April 2, and at 7 p.m. April 3-5 at Calvary Baptist Church, Canton, 43065 Joy Road. The conference will cover issues such as human cloning, euthanasia and end-of-life decisions. For directions or for more information, call (734) 480-3969.

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T-BALL REGISTRATION

■ The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will be registering from April 3 through April 21 for the 5- and 6-year-old T-Ball League. Children must have been born July-December 1993, January-December 1994, January-July 1995. Registration will be at the recreation office at the Cultural Center, during office hours from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Birth certificate is required. The season runs seven weekends, running June 24-Aug. 12. No games July 1. For more information, call the city Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, or connect with the Web site at: www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

GED TESTING

■ GED testing will be offered through the Plymouth-Canton Adult Education Department. Evening testing will take place from 5-10 p.m. Monday, April 17, and Wednesday, April 19. The test will also be offered during the day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, and Thursday, April 20. It is a two-day test. The test will be held at Starkweather Education Center, 550 N. Holbrook, Plymouth. Registration fee is \$75. Please register early. If registration is too low, one or both tests could be canceled. For more information or to register, call (734) 416-4901.

AARP TAX HELP

■ AARP will sponsor free federal and Michigan income tax preparation for elderly people at the locations listed below. Work is performed by counselors qualified by the IRS. An appointment is required. Assistance is available 9 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays at Canton Recreation Center, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton, by appointment at (734) 397-5444; from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays at Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady, Northville, by appointment at (248) 349-4140; and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 233 S. Main St., Plymouth, by appointment at (734) 453-1234.

SERVICE CENTER

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

CENSUS 2000

■ The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring enumerators for the 2000 census. Enumerators spend most of their time locating addresses and conducting door-to-door interviews. They work evenings and weekends. This temporary job will last up to two months. Census workers are paid \$13-\$15 per hour and are reimbursed for mileage. Bonuses are available. Call (888) 325-7733.

MOPS MEETING

■ Plymouth Baptist Church holds Mothers Of Preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with their children, kindergarten-age and younger, may attend

for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Childcare is provided. The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

M.O.M. MEETING

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

M.I.T.I.

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

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

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

KIWANIS CLUB

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

VOLUNTEERS

FIRST STEP

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

HANDS ACROSS THE WATER

■ "Hurry-Up and Wait" will be presented by Hands Across The Water for all those waiting to adopt, Thursday, March 30. How to make the waiting period more manageable will be discussed. What do you have control of, what you don't, and how not to go crazy. 7-9 p.m., \$10 per person/\$15 per couple. To register or for more information, call (734) 913-0831. Hands Across The Water is at 2300 Washtenaw, Ste. 103B in Ann Arbor.

HANDS ACROSS THE WATER

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

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

■ Arthritis Foundation classes are being held now through May 16, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Arthur's Place, 47659 Halyard Drive, Plymouth. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$35 for non-members and \$10 for a non-member's spouse or friend. For further information call (734) 254-0500.

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

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

Fashion show benefits scholarship recipients

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

The Garden City Business and Professional Women will usher in spring at the seventh annual "Parade of Fashions" event Sunday, April 9 at Plymouth Manor.

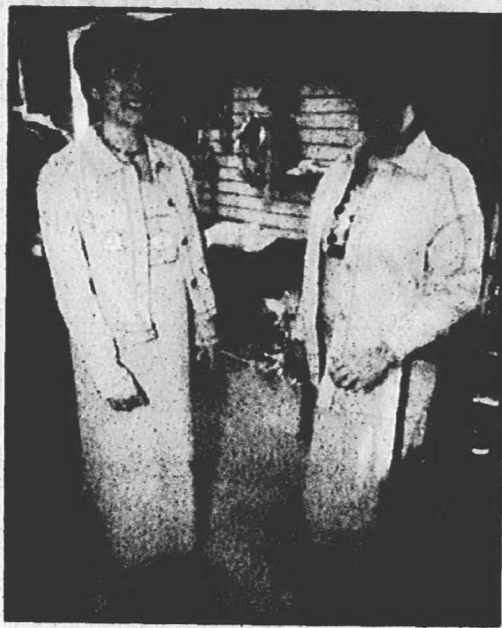
Fashions will be presented by Unique Accessories, Plymouth; Dress Barn, Livonia; and Nicole's Revival, Westland. According to GCBPW President Beth Csicsila, raffle (tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5) prize winners can look forward to winning items such as a \$200 gift certificate from A-Team Travel and Tours; \$100 gift certificate, Orin Jewelers; and an overnight stay at Munro House in Jonesville, MI.

"People come out to this event every year because they have a great time and it's a lot of fun," said Csicsila. "We have some wonderful prizes this year and will be showing unique clothing and accessories from three different suppliers."

According to Csicsila, funds raised annually at the fashion show benefit scholarship recipients from Garden City High School and women from the community interested in entering the workforce.

This year, three community members will be honored including Kimberly Allen, Amy Feta and Madonna Bernard. The teen scholarship winner from Garden City High School is Joshua Morgan.

The president also noted that for the past four years GCBPW makes a donation to the Garden City High School Sea Camp program. Students travel to Florida



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Fine fashions: Garden City Business and Professional Women's Club First Vice President and Event Chair Carol Bielaniec, left, and President Beth Csicsila model fashions from Unique Accessories in Plymouth as a preview for the show. Carol wears a hand-painted cotton jacket/dress, and Beth a three-piece cotton ensemble from Krakers of Vancouver.

for a hands-on learning experience focusing on ocean and its unique underwater environment.

Registration begins at noon and the luncheon follows at 12:30 p.m.

To ensure table reservations for your entire party, send all names and payment together. Seating is limited. Requests will be honored in the order received, subject to availability, until April 1.

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Women hold a prominent place in Lutheran history

My assignment was clear. I was to make a presentation highlighting the important Christian thinkers from the first century AD until the present. I worked hard to research and present this assignment. On the day of my presentation I received many "well done's" from my classmates and instructor. I felt very good about what I had done until a voice from the only woman in the class and one of a handful at the seminary asked, gently but firmly, "Where are the women theologians?"

I was shocked! I wanted to say that all my work came from the only textbooks we had available and there was hardly any mention of women at all. But I knew that was a cop-out. I had worked hard in our seminary community to help raise consciousness about the ordination of women issue. How could I have made such a glaring omission?

I did not know what to say at first, but I finally asked the instructor if I could have a week

to redo my assignment and I asked my female classmate to help me. If I asked her today if she remembered this event, I'm sure she would not. However, I do. It was one of those watershed moments in life.

The year 2000 marks the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women in the Lutheran church. After many years of struggle with scriptural texts and asking our Lutheran heritage about the office of those set aside to preach the Word of God and administer the sacraments, the Lutheran church concluded that it was the guidance of the Holy Spirit which led to this new thing.

In 1970, Elizabeth Platz was ordained into the Lutheran Church in America and Barbara Andrews was the first woman in the American Lutheran Church to enter the ordained ministry. In 1976, the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Church ordained its first woman clergy, Jan Otte-Murphy. These three Lutheran church bodies merged

in 1988 forming the current Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Since then many women clergy have had significant impact on our church. We have globally, three women bishops and in our Southeastern Michigan Synod we are blessed with 30 women clergy; 17 percent of our active roster.

In the Livonia area we have two fine pastors serving: Carla Thompson-Powell at Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia and Sharon Janot at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Redford. Holy Trinity was privileged to be served by Dana Runestad in the early 90s.

Women, of course, have enriched the life of the church from its very beginnings and their leadership role has been crucial in the Christian movement through the centuries. I personally have been deeply influenced by the writings and insights of such women as Hildegard of Bingen, Dorothy Day,

Phyllis Trible, Elizabeth Johnson and Elsa Tamez. Two of my most significant mentors for fashioning my personal ministry are two sainted laywomen, Dorothy Swanson and Doris Srock.

The presence of gifts of women has been at the same time both deeply pastoral and restless. Women in the ordained ministry have reminded us all that it is important to "cross" the concrete experiences of real human beings with the scriptures and our faith traditions. At the same time women clergy have challenged many of our biases so that our symbols, language, consciousness, institutions and structures might better reflect God's gracious, just intentions for all creation.

In light of all this my prayer continues to be: "Thanks be to God."

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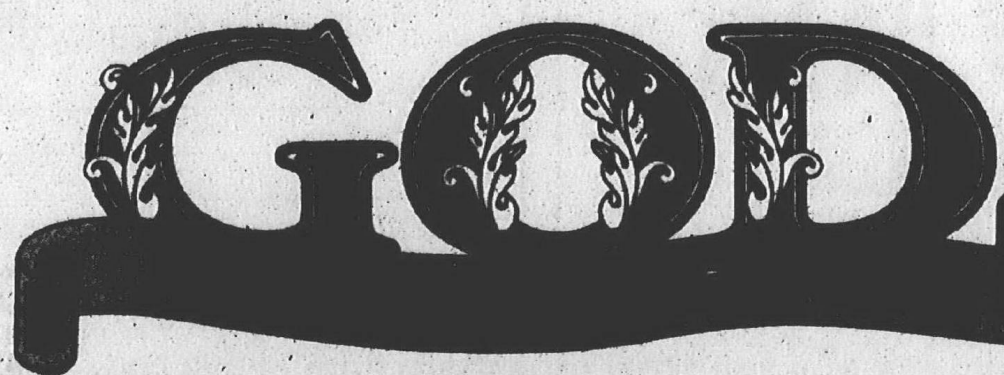
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Monastery renovations won't affect ministry services

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Change is good. That should be the mantra of the Capuchin Friars this week, and for the next 12-18 months, as they pack their personal belongings and relocate temporarily to Harper Woods while their home - the historic St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit - is renovated.

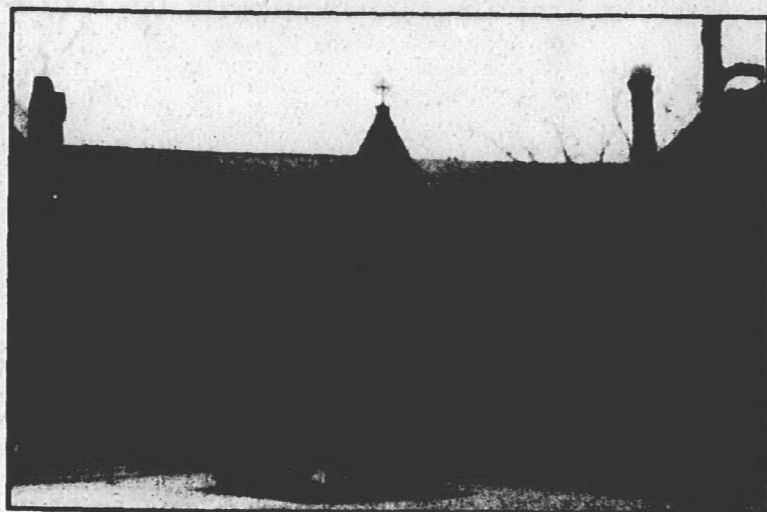
Some things, however, remain the same and in this case it will be the daily ministry of Masses, counseling and confession that go on at the 116-year-old church.

"We want to assure people that the church will remain open as usual every day," said Brother Leo Wollenweber, Order of Friars Minor, Capuchin.

'The preservation and restoration is really symbolic of our commitment to Detroit ...'

*Leo Wollenweber
-Capuchin Friar*

Wollenweber, the elder Friar at the Franciscan monastery, said the exterior of the facility and St. Bonaventure Chapel will not be



Landmark: St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit has been home to the Capuchin Friars since 1884.

impacted. However, the renovation of the Monastery interior will ultimately bring about updated and modern living quarters for the 14 Friars that live onsite as well as necessary improvements to the heating/cooling, plumbing and electrical systems.

"The preservation and restoration is really symbolic of our commitment to Detroit and our continued service both spiritually and physically. We have felt this was important for so long. It's kind of exciting that we're also a part of the renewal of Detroit," said Wollenweber.

While discussion of the renovation has been in the works for more than a year, Wollenweber said the Friars actual move took place this week.

"Yesterday we did the bulk of the movement and into the evening," said Wollenweber. Last night was the first evening we spent in our new living quarters."

The 14 Friars who make up the core community of the monastery will reside at Lady Queen of Peace in Harper Woods and make the nine-mile commute to perform daily ministry of Masses, counseling and confessions at St. Bonaventure Chapel.

Wollenweber said the ages of the Friars range from the late 30s to 82. The addition of an elevator will improve accessibility for aging and disabled Friars who minister and live at the monastery.

Historic

The land the monastery sits on, originally owned by George Meldrum, was purchased by the Rev. Bonaventure in 1883, for \$5,500. Located at the corner of Mount Elliott and St. Paul, the monastery was established in 1884 as Provincial headquarters for the Province of St. Joseph (a province of the Capuchin Order covering New York to Wisconsin).

An architectural exception these days, the 116-year-old Monastery is a well preserved example of German Gothic design.

"The inner appointments are all made of wood ... typical of the Capuchin influence from Europe whose design was followed here," noted Wollenweber.

The 82-year-old Friar said it's not only the physical beauty of the aging structure that makes the monastery unique but the blended parishioners who worship at St. Bonaventure.

"We have people come from throughout the metro area," said Wollenweber. "From the east and west-sides, the Grosse Pointes, Warren, Livonia - all over. We also help people in our

soup kitchens and with our social services who come from this neighborhood."

No place like home

Born and raised on Detroit's east side, Wollenweber said he grew up near Jefferson and Chalmers and worked in an advertising studio downtown before joining the Capuchin Friars in 1940. The Detroit native said he has lived at the monastery three different times over the past six decades - a total of 40 years in all.

One of the most exciting developments Wollenweber has witnessed recently has been the designation by the Archdiocese of Detroit as one of 27 area holy sites Catholics are encouraged to visit in celebration of Jubilee 2000. Those who complete the pilgrimage as specified by the Vatican will be able to gain a plenary indulgence - the pardon of temporal punishment of sins that have already been for-

given. "Jubilee is designed to structure a hope for the future that will be even better than the best of our past - by providing an opportunity for personal renewal, reconciliation and release," explained Father Daniel Fox, O.F.M., Cap., Provincial Minister. "The Monastery's renovation is a symbol of Jubilee hope. By continuing our ministry outreach during the renovation, the Friars wish to be harbingers of hope and promise."

The daily ministry at St. Bonaventure includes: Mass, Monday through Saturday at 7:45 a.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m.; confession, Monday through Saturday at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.; blessings for the sick are every Wednesday at 2 p.m. and the fourth Sunday of every month at 2 p.m. St. Bonaventure Monastery is located at 1740 Mount Elliott in Detroit. For information call (313) 579-2100.

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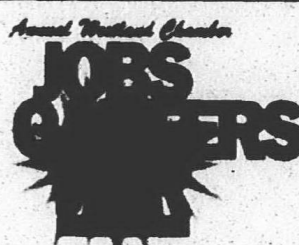
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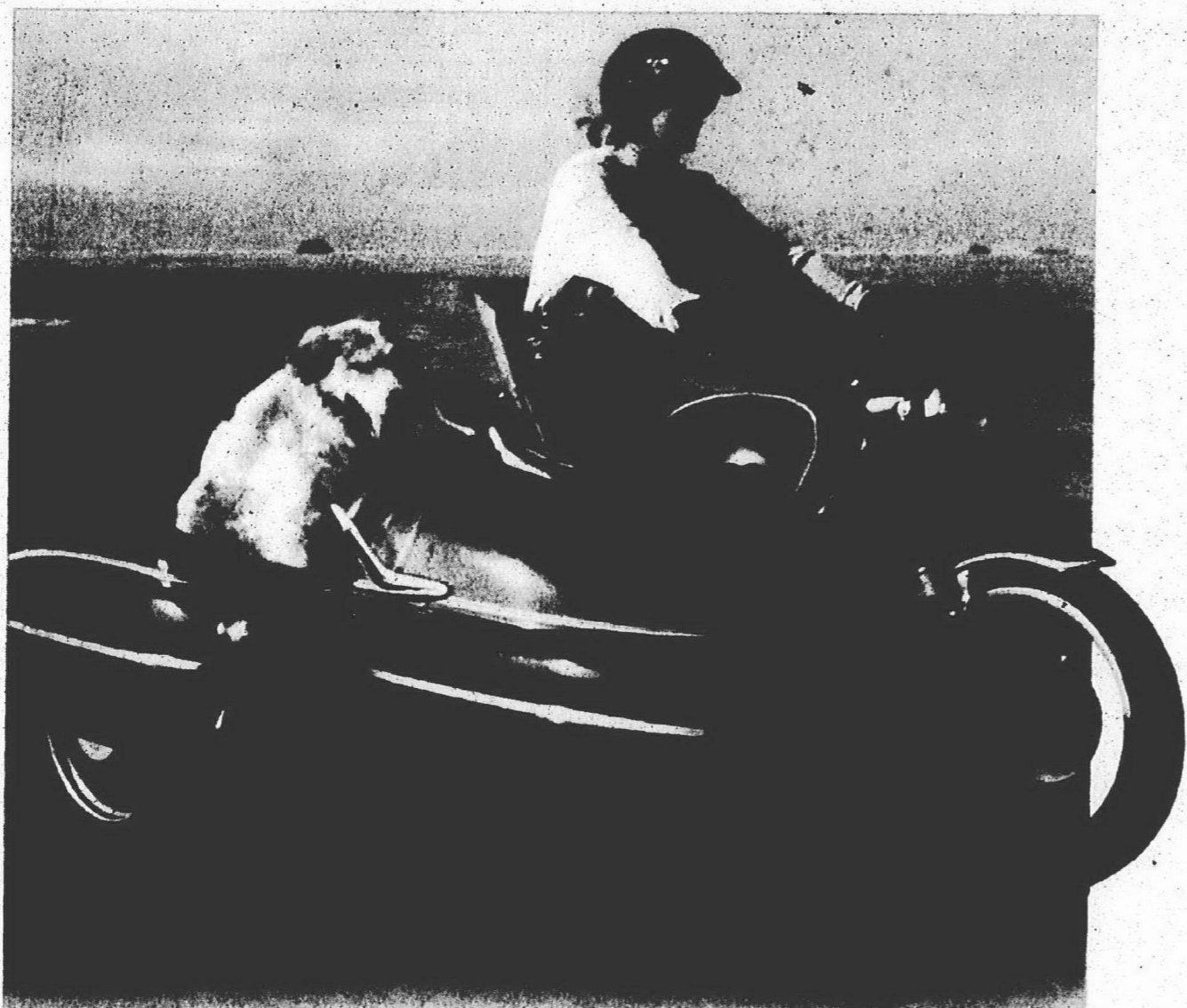
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Ambassadors clinch

The Compuware Ambassadors clinched first place in the North American Hockey League's Eastern Division with a 6-1 win over the Rochester Junior Americans Friday.

Two goals by Todd Bentley, a goal and two assists from Andy Burnes, a goal and an assist from Andy Green, single goals from Alex Sawruk and Matt Rutkowski, and three assists from Ryan Lessneau propelled the Ambassadors.

That win, combined with a 7-1 trouncing of the Cleveland Barons March 22, improved the Ambassadors' record to 37-14-3 (77 points).

Against Cleveland, the Ambassadors got two goals and two assists from Ryan Webb, two goals and one assist from Sawruk, and goals from James Wisniewski (from Canton), Daniel Knapp and Mark Cannon.

Craig Kowalski was in goal for both wins, stopping 41 of 43 shots to earn NAHL Goaltender of the Week honors for the second-straight week. It is the third time this season Kowalski has been honored.

For the season, he has a 32-12-3 record with a league-high 48 appearances, with a 2.41 goals-against average, a .922 save percentage and four shutouts. Kowalski has committed to attend Northern Michigan in the fall.

Women's golf league

A women's Friday morning golf league will get underway May 8 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. All ability levels are welcome; individual handicaps will be established.

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Not this time! Whalers romp

BY C.J. RISAK
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Enough all ready. Twice the Plymouth Whalers had met the Guelph Storm in a first round Ontario Hockey League playoff series. And twice they had been thoroughly frustrated.

The Whalers, who rose to the top of the OHL with a 17-game winning streak that stretched from the end of January to mid-March, had lost just five times since December. Losing twice in three days was inconceivable.

And unacceptable. "We had hit a hot goaltender," said Whalers' coach Pete DeBoer, referring to Guelph's Chris Madden.

Madden's miracles were a no-show in the third game of the series, played Wednesday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena. Indeed, Madden was sent packing midway through the second period after giving up five goals.

His replacement, Craig Andersson, wasn't any more effective as the Whalers swarmed the goal and simply overwhelmed the Storm in posting an 8-0 victory.

"This," said an obviously relieved DeBoer, "was a big-time turnaround. It's just what the doctor ordered."

"We had trouble scoring goals (in the first two games) and we got eight of them tonight. Rob Zepp had given up a few goals and tonight he got a shutout."

"You couldn't have ordered a better script."

The guys who co-authored this best-seller (at least it was to Whaler fans) with Zepp were Justin Williams, who single-handedly chased Madden by scoring three goals against him, and Steve Weiss, who also connected for a hat-trick.

Williams, who led the Whalers in goals with 37 during the regular season but had been shutout in the first two playoff games, had six points in this one.

The Whalers started the game slowly, almost cautiously. But they started



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Unstoppable: Justin Williams proved to be just that, riddling the Guelph defense for three goals and three assists in leading the Whalers in an 8-0 rout.

to roll about six minutes in and the Storm couldn't keep pace.

A turnover by Guelph at mid-ice, forced by Weiss, led to the Whalers' first goal — scored by Weiss, who

knocked in a rebound of a Williams' shot with 12:35 left in the first. Shaun Fisher also assisted.

With 7:05 left in the period, the Whalers made it 2-0 with a power-play

goal by Williams on a play started by Damian Surma behind the net. He pushed the puck to Fisher at the point, and Fisher found Williams in the slot for the scoring shot.

With less than a minute left in the first, a Williams' takeaway and pass to Randy Fitzgerald, positioned directly next to the Guelph net, resulted in a third goal.

If the Storm still believed a comeback was possible, the opening 10 minutes of the second period convinced them otherwise.

Williams scored twice in the first 8:16, slamming in his own rebound on the first. On the second he calmly skated through the slot, waiting for Madden to commit. After the Guelph goalie obliged, Williams put his shot top shelf, making it 5-0.

After that, Madden retired to the bench, replaced by Andersson. Both sides got feisty and the rest of the game was marred by a half-dozen fights, which led to 10 misconduct penalties.

All the goal-scoring, however, belonged to Plymouth. Surma finished a charge to the net by Fisher and Cole Jarrett, making it 6-0 with 6:08 left in the second, and Weiss capped a 2-on-1 break with his second goal of the game with 2:16 left in the second.

Weiss' third goal came just 52 seconds into the third period, tapping in a pass from Fisher. He totaled five points in the game, with Fisher getting four assists and Kris Vernarsky and Jarrett adding two apiece.

The resurgence wasn't due to any major alterations, DeBoer said. "We changed the lines around a little bit," the Whalers' coach explained. "But being down 2-0 (in games), I didn't think it was a good time to start changing things too much."

The Whalers, who have outshot opponents regularly all season, had a 42-31 advantage this time. "If we can outshoot them, I like our chances," said DeBoer.

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GIRLS TRACK PREVIEWS

Rocks have the stuff to keep WLAA title

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It's a constant complaint among coaches of any spring sport: Seniors become pre-occupied with graduation and everything that goes with it and either give a half-hearted effort or decide not to play the sport at all.

Plymouth Salem's girls track team is fortunate enough to avoid that. The Rocks have enough senior leadership to recapture the Western Lakes Activities Association championship for a fourth-consecutive year, and more than enough young talent to make some noise at the state meet.

But let's not elevate expectations beyond reach before the season has even started.

Still, it must be difficult for Salem's Mark Gregor — entering his 13th year as the varsity coach — to hide his optimism. He knows he has a well-stacked deck to deal, and the last thing he wants

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Young Chiefs must improve to move up

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There are a few losses but lots of newcomers for Plymouth Canton's girls track team. The question is, can the additions offset the subtractions?

Among those who have graduated are hurdler Crystal Alderman, thrower Jenny Sciberras, mid-distance runners Jaclyn Bernard and Kelly Tabaka, and distance runner Lark Haurert.

Those are a lot of points. Alderman won the 300-meter hurdles and placed fifth in the 100 hurdles at last season's Western Lakes Activities Association Championships, and Sciberras placed third in the shot put.

With them the Chiefs finished seventh in the 12-team league. John Venning, Canton's coach, is hoping to at least match that finish.

"I'm guessing that's about where we'll be this year," he said.

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Salem starts with a victory

They only managed to score a single goal, but that was enough to give the Plymouth Salem Rocks a 1-0 victory over Novi in its season-opening girls soccer match Monday at Salem.

The win gave new Rocks' coach Joe Nora a victory in his opening game. "I was very pleased," he said. "We didn't dominate, but we played well. We did a good job knocking the ball around."

The only goal of the game was scored midway through the opening half, when Salem's Kellee Mullin knocked one in with an assist going to Jami Coyle.

That proved to be enough, in part due to a strong defensive effort and a shutout performance in goal turned in by Jill Dombrowski.


Scoring goals was a bit of trouble for Salem last season. It's a problem Nora does not see repeating.

"I don't foresee it being a problem," he said. "We practice finishing every day."

"We had a lot of shots on goal (against Novi) but not that many quality chances. As the game went on, our offense played better."

Salem returns to action tonight in a game that's been changed from Friday to Thursday. The Rocks will host Ann Arbor Huron at 7 p.m. tonight.

Initial goal-scorer: Kellee Mullin (18) powered past the Novi defense to score Plymouth Salem's first goal of the year.



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to upset the equilibrium. "I think this team has a chance to be better than last year's, but there's a lot of things to consider," said Gregor. "They need to realize what it takes to compete up a level."

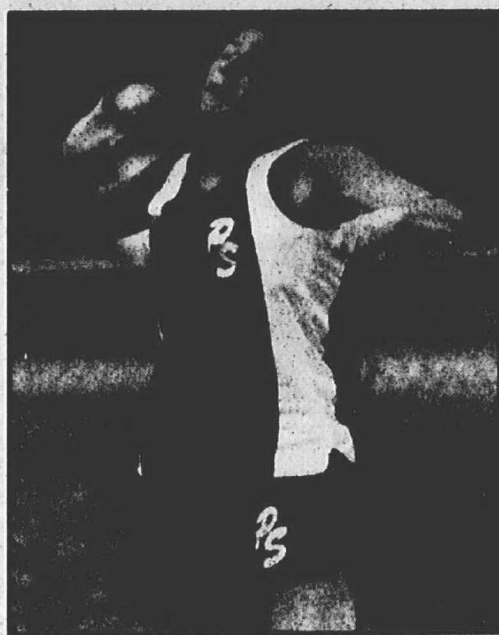
"Sooner or later, they'll have to compete with someone as good or better than they are. They're going to have to deal with that."

Results from last year's state regional and state meet provide Gregor with all the fuel he needs to light that fire. After edging rival Livonia Stevenson for the WLAA title, the Rocks finished third at the state regional — behind Stevenson and Detroit Cass Tech — then ended up 11th at the state meet.

The reason for their state meet position rested solely with current senior Tiffany Grubaugh. Grubaugh captured the state championship in the discus and placed third in the shot put, scoring all 16 of Salem's points.

"Every state qualifier we had from last year is back," noted Gregor. "And all of them except Tiffany have nothing to show for it."

That should provide enough motivation for the upperclassmen, and they in turn should provide the underclassmen with insight and leadership. If the mix comes out right, the Rocks



State champ returns: Salem's Tiffany Grubaugh won the state title in the discus and placed third in the shot put at last season's state finals. She accumulated 16 points, but that accounted for all of the Rocks' scoring, something that must change this season.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

could indeed be a force to be reckoned with.

It starts, of course, with Grubaugh, the defending discus and shot put champion in the WLAA and the region. "As a junior, she took it as far as she could and she's still hungry," said Gregor. "She's amazing the way she approaches things."

Four others share the team co-captainship with Grubaugh: Aisha Chappell, Rachel Jones, Brynne DeNeen and Miranda

White.

Chappell was fourth at the WLAA meet in the high jump and 100-meter hurdles, fifth in the 300 hurdles and ran on the 4x400 relay that placed second. "If there's anything tougher than those four events, I don't know what they are," said Gregor.

Jones came within the blink of an eye of winning two events at the WLAA meet. She finished first in the 200 meter dash, but got edged by Walled Lake Western's Crystal Kuzma in the 100 (both ran a 12.7). "No one works harder than Rachel," insisted Gregor.

DeNeen placed seventh in both the long jump and 400 at the WLAA, and White took sixth in the discus at the WLAA and is a solid 400 and 800 runner.

Two other seniors who will contribute are Val Brown in the hurdles and Kristin Kukahn in the 400, 800 and hurdles.

Autumn Hicks is one of several impressive juniors. A state qualifier in four events last season (she placed ninth at the state meet last season), Hicks was second in the 400 and third in the high jump at the WLAA in '99.

Michelle Bonior took third in the 100 at the WLAA meet; she'll also throw the shot put and run in the sprint relays. Katie Gerst is a thrower who has worked her way up to a position as a potential scorer; Elikem Amable, a transfer from Flint who joined

the team last year, could help in the 400, the high jump, and perhaps the shot and discus; and Jessica Bobee, a pole vaulter.

The talent already listed should be enough to challenge for the WLAA title with. But Salem has much more.

Sophomores include Celena Davis, who finished sixth in the 100 last season at the WLAA; Kim Wood, a 1,600 runner who placed fifth in the league in '99; Melissa Drake, who was fifth in the 200 and is versatile enough to run anything from 100-400 meters as well as long jump and pole vault; Mary Lou Liebau, the team's top high jumper and a 200-400 runner; Kelly Holka, a hurdler; Lori Cairo, a shot putter; Jessica Shamberger, a sprinter and long jumper; Kelly Solano, a middle-distance runner coming off a knee injury suffered in soccer last spring; and Angela Florn and Jennifer Jedlick, both pole vaulters.

With all that, Gregor will be tested to find spots for some talented freshmen, like Erin Jensen (800 and 1,600), Jennifer Early (shot put, discus) and Susan Woodard (sprints, long jump).

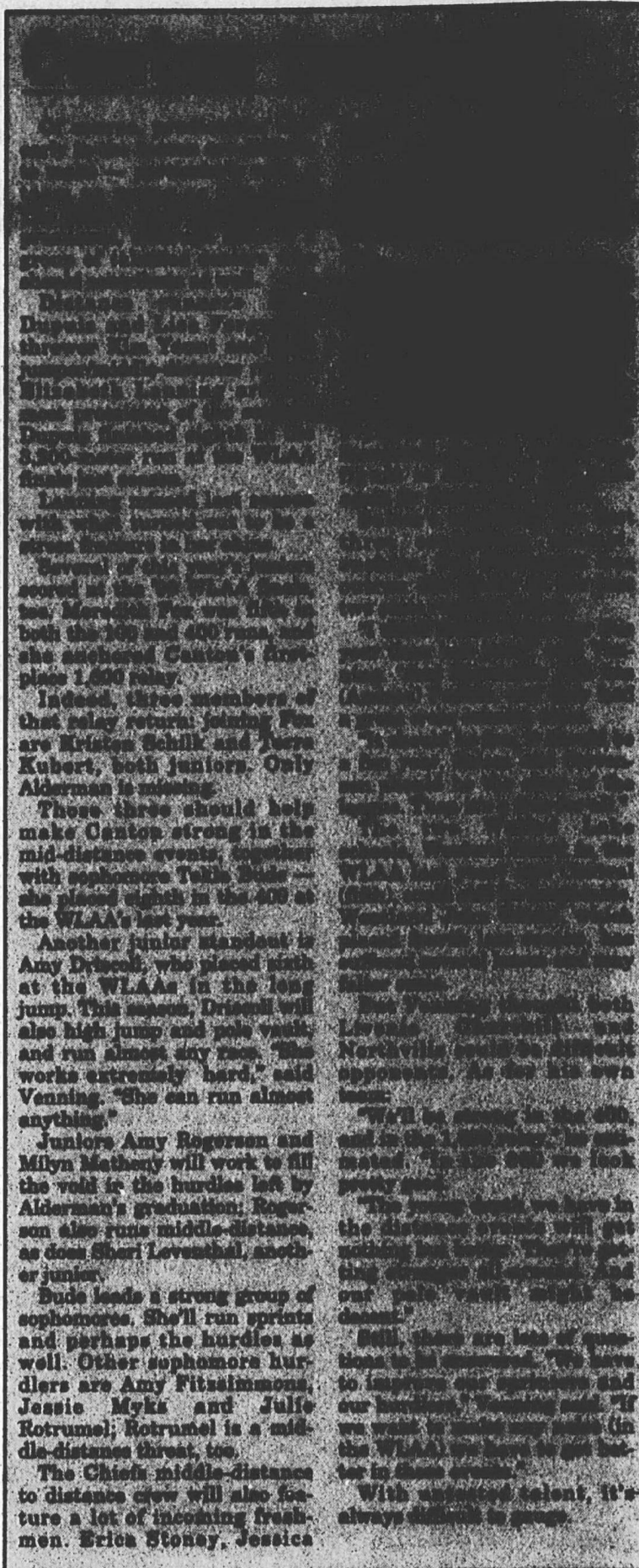
"From top to bottom, this is a real competitive group," said Gregor.

The coaching staff, he feels, will keep this team focused. Dave Gerlach, Salem's girls cross country coach, will handle distance events; Tom Garrett and Dana Driscoll will coach sprinters; Jay Blaylock handles the throwers and sprint relays; Ken Constantino works with the pole vaulters; and Gregor will concentrate on the high jumpers, hurdlers and 4x400 runners.

The Rocks will have to be focused to compete with Stevenson. "Every year in the Lakes (Division), Salem and Stevenson end up battling," Gregor said. "(Stevenson) has some outstanding kids back. They'll be a very formidable rival for us."

Gregor knows problems could surface. "I always said two things could slow them up: injuries or sickness, or if they start thinking they're better than they are."

That's where the senior leadership and those coaches should make a difference. How much of a difference time will tell.



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Chiefs 18th at relays

There weren't a lot of points scored by Plymouth Canton's boys track team, but considering the wide-ranging field of competition, the Chiefs' performance was pretty good.

Canton scored 11.5 points to place 18th out of 59 schools. All of the Chiefs' points were scored in field events: Jordan Chapman tied for second in the high jump, clearing 6-foot-2, and Ugo Okwumabua placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 20.3.

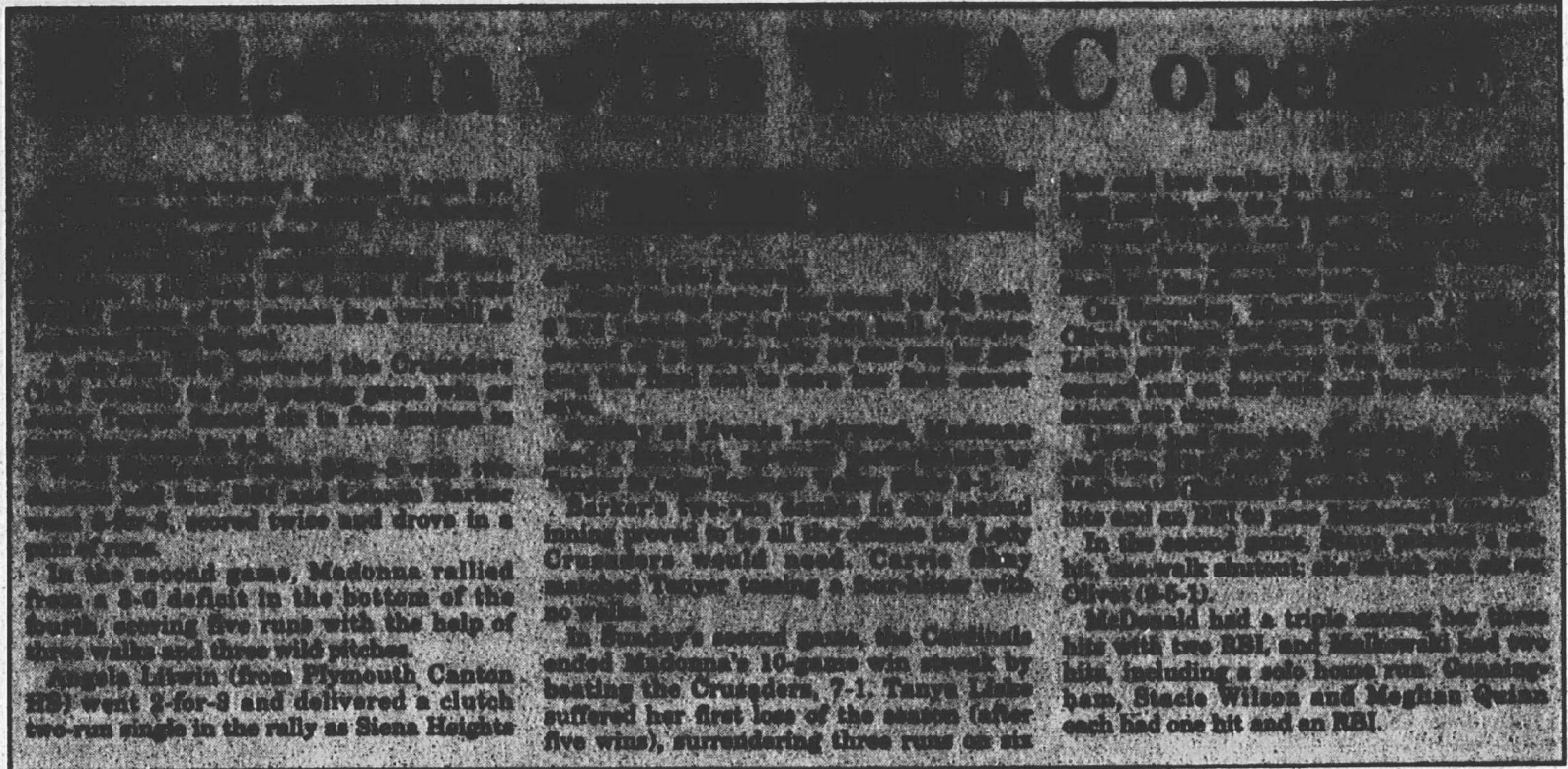
"In my opinion, we're ahead of where we were last year at this time," said Canton coach Bob Richardson.

Richardson was also pleased with the non-scoring performances of four relays. Jack Tucci, Ricky Singh, K.J. Singh and Jerry Gaines went 3:40.9 in the 4x400-meter relay; Gary Lee,

Nate Howe, Jamie Bonner and Doug Kurth went 1:41.1 in the 4x200; Tucci, K.J. Singh, Howe and Gaines went 3:50.8 in the sprint medley relay; and Aaron Schmidt, Matt Dukas, Scott Gillen and Jon Mikosz unofficially went 11:51.2 in the distance medley.

The official time of the distance medley was 12:30.2, but then it was learned teams in that heat actually ran an extra 200 meters.

Canton runs at the Pioneer Indoor Track Invitational Saturday. The meet is hosted by Ann Arbor Pioneer HS and will be run at the University of Michigan Fieldhouse.



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"Adam is a good playmaker, the kind of guy who makes everyone around him better," Hatley said.

Matt Lee, Farmington Unified: The sophomore forward led the Flyers in scoring with 21 goals and 24 assists and was the team's most valuable player.

Lee was a tremendous playmaker, according to coach Glenn Breuhan, and was Farmington's go-to player on the power play.

"To me he's a Wayne Gretzky-style player," Breuhan said. "He's so fluid in his skating, and he sees the ice so well. He can make a scoring chance out of nothing."

"He's a very responsible defender; he's one of the first guys back. You get everything out of Matt Lee every night. He gives you 100 percent all the time."

Mark Nebus, Livonia Stevenson: The 6-0, 190-pound senior played both forward and defense for the Spartans.

In 21 games, Nebus had eight goals and 23 assists with 24 penalty minutes.

He was also voted All-Western Lakes and made All-State as a junior.

"Mark is a special kid, our captain, a leader on and off the ice with a 3.0 grade-point average," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. "Mark moved back to defense from center to make the team better defensively."

"He's a fabulous hockey player, tremendously strong

with excellent skating skills and explosive speed."

Stevenson's co-MVP was selected to represent Team Michigan, an elite high school team, in the upcoming Chicago (Ill.) Showcase.

Nate Jakubowski, Livonia Churchill: The 5-10, 180-pound junior captain was a standout on defense for the Chargers.

Jakubowski was named to the All-Western Lakes team.

"Nate is a good athlete," Hatley said. "He brings a good attitude. He's a good leader."

"He's an offensive defenseman who likes to get in the rush and create chances. He's also a physical player."

In 24 games, Jakubowski had seven goals and 17 assists.

Dave Sellin, Redford Unified: If Moul was the heart of RU's squad, then Sellin was its soul. With 19 goals and 46 assists, Sellin was second on the team in scoring and in the Mega.

Sellin, a senior defenseman, earned honorable mention All-State honors and racked up an eye-popping plus-minus rating of +86.

"Dave has great vision," said Mazzoni. "He sees the ice as well as anybody. If he gets into trouble, he finds

a way to escape. He did everything — was on the power play, our No. 1 penalty killer — and got as much ice time as possible.

Kevin Marlowe, Livonia Stevenson: In 19 games, the 5-10, 170-pound junior netminder had a 12-5-1 record with three shutouts.

His goals-against average was 1.68. He allowed 32 goals in 21 games. He also had two assists.

He was named Game MVP, stopping 37 of 39 shots against host Marquette in a 2-1 overtime loss during a holiday tournament. He was named to the All-Marquette Holiday Tournament team after beating Ann Arbor Pioneer, 2-1, in the consolation final.

Marlowe also made All-Western Lakes and was team co-MVP.

"Kevin is a fundamentally sound goalie who plays his position extremely well," Harris said. "He was the backbone of our team because everyone had tremendous confidence in his abilities."

"He had outstanding game preparation and concentration skills. He's as good, if not the best goalie we've had here in the past 11 years."

Staff writers Paul Beaudry, Brad Emons and Dan O'Meara contributed to this story.

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Open shoot hours are from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 6-10 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call (313) 825-2110.

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The 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. The range is also open Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only through the end of November. 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.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
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ACTIVITIES

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Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

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FOUR SEASONS
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FISHING BUDDIES
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HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
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Crusaders got 3 wins to open WEAC

The Crusaders football team opened their season with three wins over the Western Area Conference (WEAC) opponents. In their first game, the Crusaders defeated the Bulldogs 21-14. In their second game, they defeated the Panthers 28-14. In their third game, they defeated the Vikings 21-14.

The Crusaders will play their fourth game on Saturday, April 1, against the Knights at 1 p.m. at the Crusaders' home field. The Crusaders are currently ranked 15th in the WEAC.

The Crusaders' head coach, Coach [Name], is pleased with the team's performance. "The team has shown a lot of improvement since last year," he said. "We are excited about the future and look forward to a successful season."

Whalers from page C1

Friday's game in Guelph will be a key matchup in this series. The Whalers can't afford to fall behind 3-1 in games; they must prevent the Storm from regaining momentum and continue to outthrust them.

On Wednesday, Guelph certainly didn't match their previous efforts. And neither did the Whalers — fortunately.

Guelph 4, Plymouth 1: Chris Madden continued his mastery over the Whalers by stopping 39 of 40 shots to push the Storm's series lead to 2-0 Monday in Guelph.

The Storm took an early lead, with Brent Kelly scoring at 2:07 of the first period (Joe Gerbe assisting). Lindsay Plunkett

made it 2-0 with a goal at the 14:11 mark (Morgan McCormick, Charlie Stephens assisting).

The Whalers closed the gap to 2-1 when Shaun Fisher got a goal at the 15:32 mark, with assists from Stephen Weiss and Jon Billy. But it was the only time Plymouth could solve Madden.

The Storm increased their lead to 3-1 with a goal from Matt House (from Stephens) with 1:59 left in the second period. Plunkett's second goal of the game, scored with 23 seconds remaining to play, capped Guelph's triumph (Kevin Dallman, Bo Subr assisted).

Rob Zepp had 16 saves for Plymouth.

Guelph 5, Plymouth 2: The combination of Chris Madden in goal and Eric Beaudoin on the ice was too much for the Whalers in Saturday's OHL playoff opener at Compuware Arena.

The Storm upset the league's regular-season champion with Beaudoin scoring a hat trick and Madden stopping 31 of 33 shots.

Guelph scored twice in the second period and, after the Whalers rallied with a pair of power-play goals early in the third to knot it at 2-2, the Storm netted three unanswered goals to wrap up the victory.

Beaudoin and Kent McDonell, who also had two assists, got second-period goals for Guelph. Randy Fitzgerald and Stephen

Weiss got the power-play markers for Plymouth, with Damian Surma assisting on both. Weiss also assisted on Fitzgerald's goal, and Shaun Fisher assisted on Weiss'.

Kevin Mitchell's goal 22 seconds after Weiss had tied it allowed the Storm to regain the lead. Beaudoin took care of the rest, getting a power-play goal at the 11:24 mark and an empty-net marker with 38 seconds left.

Rob Zepp had 30 saves in goal for the Whalers.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP BASEBALL**
Saturday, April 1 (all double-headers)
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- BOYS TRACK**
Saturday, April 1
MSU Spartan Relays, 10 a.m.
A.A. Pioneer Indoor Invitational at University of Michigan, 10 a.m.
- GIRLS TRACK**
Thursday, March 30
Wolverine Invitational, 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 1
MSU Spartan Relays, 10 a.m.
A.A. Pioneer Indoor Invitational at University of Michigan, 10 a.m.
- GIRLS SOCCER**
Thursday, March 30
A.A. Huron at Salem, 7 p.m.
Friday, March 31
Ladywood at Woodhaven, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
- MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL**
(all double-headers)
Saturday, April 1
Spring Arbor at Madonna, 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 2
Madonna at Aquinas, 1 p.m.
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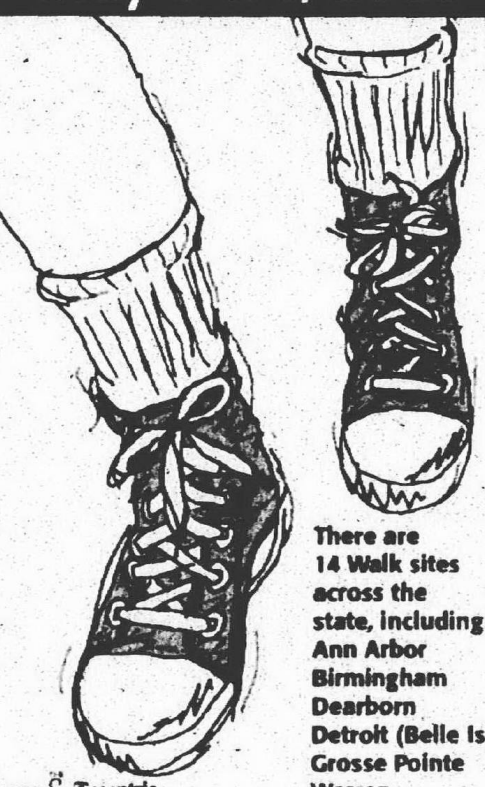
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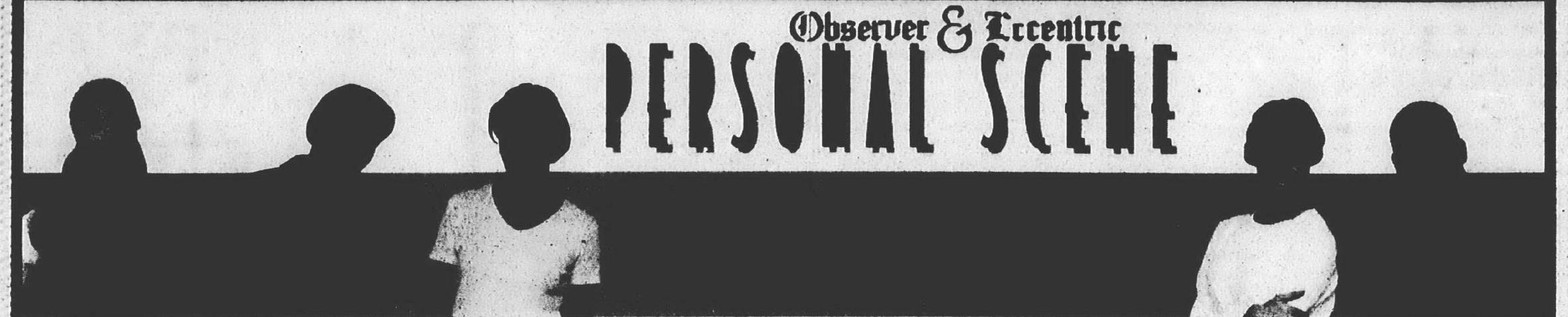
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THE WEEKEND

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SATURDAY



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EL DORADO

ANIMATOR BRINGS COLORFUL CHARACTERS TO LIFE

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Not many people make a definite career choice at age 9. But Dreamworks animator Kent Culotta took one look at "Sleeping Beauty" and knew just what he wanted to do.

"I loved the way that one looked," said the Plymouth native. "I saw everything that came out at that time. It was a cumulative effect."

Culotta studied graphic design at Michigan State University, where he learned to use an animation camera. After earning his bachelor of fine arts degree, he moved to California and completed graduate school coursework in animation at UCLA.

Now a Glendale, Calif., resident, Culotta has had a hand in "Pinocchio and the Emperor of the Night," and recent favorites like "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," "The Little Mermaid," "Rescuers Down Under" and "Beauty and the Beast." He adds characters like Roger Rabbit and Droopy, Ariel and Ursula, and Belle to his list of experience with character model clean-up and assisting other animators.

Truly realizing his longtime dream, Culotta became an animator for Dreamworks' "The Prince of Egypt" and furthered his skill with Dreamworks' latest release "The Road to El Dorado."

The City of Gold

"The Road to El Dorado" tells the story of two wide-eyed friends, the discerning Tulio (Kevin Kline) and the free-spirited Miguel (Kenneth Branagh), who in 1519 stumble upon the legendary city of gold known as El Dorado. Mistaken by High Priest Tzekel-Kan (Armand Assante) for revered gods, the bumbling con men believe they've found the road to fortune and glory.

But their lies begin to unravel and time runs short as Spanish explorer Cortes approaches and Tzekel-Kan threatens an evil takeover of El Dorado. It's the pure-hearted ruler, known as the Chief (Edward James Olmos), who's onto their scheme but aids them every step of the way.

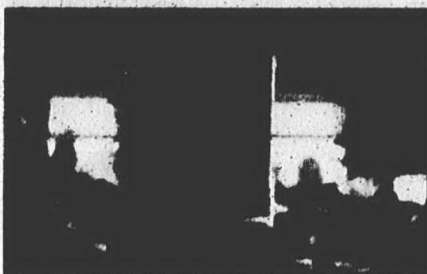
With the help of Chel (Rosie Perez), a stunning and smart native, good triumphs over evil. Like Elton John sings, "All will be revealed/On the trail we blaze," and friendship becomes more valuable than all the gold in El Dorado.

The comedic adventure-fantasy is



DREAMWORKS PICTURES

Ruling powers: The Chief and Tzekel-Kan believe ancient gods have arrived in El Dorado in a scene from "The Road to El Dorado."



DREAMWORKS PICTURES

A way out: The Chief, animated by a team including Plymouth native Kent Culotta, speaks to Miguel and Tulio who are eager to take their gold and leave El Dorado.

brought to life by a host of animators like Culotta. From the streaming rivers and rushing ocean waves, to the lush rain forest and sparkling city of gold, the latest in high-tech animation draws fire from the sketches of imagination and colors it in with vibrant, realistic movements, heart-felt emotions and life lessons.

"I just think it's a great way to tell a story," said Culotta, who worked on the animation for the Chief. "There's just so many things you can do... It's a very rich medium."

Paving his own road

In the mid 1980s when he was beginning his career, animation was in a sort of slump, confined to television cartoons like "He-Man" and considered to be "kiddie stuff." Culotta

didn't realize then that he was on the cusp of a cartoon renaissance spurred by companies like Walt Disney Feature Animation.

"When I started it was very difficult to get a job," he said. Now film and television are flooded with traditional and computer animation. It isn't just restricted to Saturday morning cartoons anymore.

While computer animators also worked on "The Road to El Dorado," Culotta draws by hand. His only contact with computers is shooting his drawings with a computer-operated camera. While he sees the industry moving closer to computers, he said, "I love having a pencil in my hand."

That pencil did not serve as lead animator for the character, so Culotta did not set the tone and mannerisms of the Chief. But he did help bring the Chief to life onscreen. "My job is to try to assimilate (the lead animator's) version of it and make it my own as well."

As often happens, the Chief became a different sort of character in the final product than he was originally intended to be. "He started out mainly as a comic figure and ended up being more the straight man," said Culotta. What animators initially pictured as a cartoon-like Jackie Gleason became a much more serious, profound character of enormous proportions and keen observations. "He's a good guy; he never really believes these are the gods they pretend to be."

Please see **EL DORADO**, E2



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUNCEMAN

Orchestra: Conductor Nan Washburn and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

Orchestra 'pops' for a good time

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Looking for fun, laughs, a good time? Then Nan Washburn wants you to take note of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's approaching Pops Dinner Concert and Auction Friday, April 7 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

If you love a South American beat or music from movies such as "Pocohontas" and "E.T.," the Plymouth Symphony conductor thinks you're gonna love "Spring Fling: Dance & Romance."

A major fund-raiser for the orchestra now in its 54th season, the evening features silent and live auctions of items ranging from a chance to conduct the orchestra to season tickets and an evening at Genitti's dinner theater. A raffle will award a first prize of \$1,000 and a second prize of two airline tickets.

"It's a fun, fun event with a great meal and a combination of dance and romance tunes that are favorites, but with a sprinkling of some exotic things," said Washburn. "It's important for the community to support the orchestra and it gives the orchestra a chance to let their hair down a little bit. There'll be auction items that they might get a good deal on and an auction winner who'll get to conduct Sousa."

Program

The evening program includes such popular tunes as Alan Menken's "Color the Wind" and "Carmen Suite No. 1" by Georges Bizet. But count on Washburn to add her own color to the program. Orchestra members have been working hard to learn the difference between a western and eastern glissando for Mao Yuan's "Dance of the Yao People." They'll play the work right after "Summer-time Fantasy for Flute and Orchestra," an adaptation of a Gershwin song by Ronald Foster. PSO principal flutist Deborah Rebeck Ash

Please see **ORCHESTRA**, E2

BALLET

Dancers sparkle in enchanting 'Swan Lake'

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Eric Johnston is enchanted with Tchaikovsky's classic ballet, "Swan Lake" because it has all the elements of a good love story - a prince falls in love with a girl he hopes to save from spending the rest of her life as a swan.

Johnston, a Farmington Hills resident, dances the role of Prince Siegfried in addition to directing the production by Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet Sunday, April 9 at the William M. Costick Activities Center. The timeless tale, which debuted in St. Petersburg in 1895, features Sally Wood as Odette, the White Swan.

"It's a compilation of the four-hour 'Swan Lake' with highlights of the story," said Johnston. "They talk about fundamentals of human relationships apart from human love."

History

This is the eighth "Swan Lake" Johnston's directed although he's danced in the ballet many times. A dance student from age 4, Johnston knew he wanted to eventually join a traditional ballet company. In his early teens, he learned the basics from George Zorich, a former principal dancer with Ballet Russe de Monte

Carlo, at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio owned by his mother in Farmington Hills. He went on to train at the American Ballet Theater School, the Harkness Ballet and University of Cincinnati where he earned a bachelor of fine arts degree.

Johnston has been a member of the Cincinnati Ballet Company and London Ballet Theater, London England. He returned to Detroit in 1985 to teach at the school his mother, Betty began 50 years ago. Johnston also teaches at the Birmingham Dance Academy. He founded Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet 13

years ago as a bridge for dancers hoping to one day perform with a professional company.

Johnston's Detroit Ballet presents four productions a year including "The Nutcracker," and children's ballets such as "Peter and the Wolf" and "The Sorcerer's Apprentice."

"Ballet goes in and out of popularity depending on if there's a Baryshnikov or a Margot Fonteyn in the spotlight," said Johnston who received the Farmington Area Arts Commission's Artist-in-Residence award in 1993. "If I don't do it, nobody will. We're losing the tradition of a ballet company. I'm an artist. If I don't speak, ballet will be lost and



Classic tale: Eric Johnston (center) and company members in a scene from Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake."

these ballets say things."

Passion

It's apparent Johnston, who's 44, still has a passion for dancing. He's frequently a principal in the company's productions. "Dance isn't like a painting," said Johnston. "Dance will never happen again. There's something beautiful when they're dancing honestly - you'll see right into their hearts."

Caroline Coleman appreciates Johnston's commitment to ballet. The Farmington Hills resident danced her first "Swan Lake" at age 7 as one of the pages. Now 14, Coleman dances in the Swan Corps who accompany the White Swan, and as one of the princesses hoping to marry the prince. A dancer since age 4, Coleman is performing in her fourth "Swan Lake." She's currently understudying the role of the White Swan. She also takes part in the lecture/demonstrations Johnston presents to students in Detroit and Pontiac schools as part of the Omni Arts in Education program. He's made 400 appearances so far.

"That's what I like about Eric's productions," said Coleman, an East Middle School student. "He'll create roles and when you're not in it, you're an understudy. And I like to go to schools to present it. A lot of the kids haven't seen dance before."

Music

As a musician, Coleman has played Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" music before. Her flute and piano playing help her evaluate the score before it comes time to put on her dancing shoes.

"It's been a lot of rehearsal and blocking and coordinating the dancers," Coleman said. "Knowing the music, you can appreciate what you're dancing to. Sometimes it's frustrating but you work at it to see if you can kick your leg higher or turn an extra time. Then if you can do it, it's a really great feeling."

'Cactus Flower' delivers laughs Orchestra from page E1

Schoolcraft College's Theatre Department presents "Cactus Flower" through Saturday, April 8. Show is sold out, but you can be placed on a waiting list for available tickets, call (734) 462-4596.

BY ROBERT WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

Beginning with a lie isn't the way to begin a relationship. Unless, of course, the object is a screwball, comic farce. Which is just what the Schoolcraft College production of "Cactus Flower" delivers. Playwright and librettist, Abe Burrows, ("Guys and Dolls," "Can-Can," "How to Succeed in Business") and famed "play

doctor" used his fertile bag of theatrical tricks to fill "Cactus Flower" with funny lines and situations. Brian Taylor (Dr. Julian Winston) turns in his usual solid performance as a swinging bachelor dentist with a Park Avenue clientele. His little black book would rival Hugh Hefner's. He's adept at covering one lie with another, then saying, "thank God I still have something left, my integrity." Jerri Doll, is stunningly funny as his ditzy, main squeeze (Toni Simmons) with her New Yorker accent. She likes honest men, and is attracted to Julian, because he admits he is married with three kids when they meet. That, of course, is an

artful dodge, to juggle his many girlfriends. When Julian breaks a date, Toni fails in a suicide attempt (It's their first anniversary). In a panic to prove his love, Julian promises to divorce his wife. The fun begins when Toni demands to see the wife and kids to soothe her guilty conscience for breaking up a home. Brenda Lane is splendid as the dentist's spinsterly nurse (Stephanie) and substitute wife, who blossoms after the boss pays attention to her. Christopher Curd (Igor) is very good as Toni's neighbor who saves her from suicide, and ultimately wins her love. Timothy McKernan (Harvey) gives a nice performance as

Julian's buddy who assists in the elaborate plans to deceive Toni. The most definitive character of the evening is created by Benjamin Karl as (Senor Arturo Sanchez) a would-be Latin lover. Colleen Greenwell has the look of a Park Avenue lady of means in several elegant costumes. John Abair, Jr., Ryan-Iver Klann, Tiffany Byars and Trish Kero round out the cast in fine fashion. Scenic designer, Katy Monthei's, settings enhanced the show. Thanks to director, James Hartman's fast scene changes with lively music, the 15 scene changes never slowed the fast-paced show.

solos on the "Fantasy" based on "Summertime."

"In China, 'Dance of the Yao People' is as popular as Gershwin's 'Rhapsody in Blue' is here," said Washburn. "We're also doing 'Los Voladores' by Alice Gomez. I'm a big fan of her work and with the Gomez we get to feature our own percussion section. There's Latin percussion happening and a little Native American sound in this piece."

Even though Washburn's working hard to present a fascinating, multi-cultural program for the dinner/auction, she's also busy working out details for next season.

Washburn, who's in her first season with the orchestra, is excited about the music the Plymouth Symphony will perform in 2000-2001. This fall, look for more composers to talk about their work before concerts in which their compositions are presented.

Which brings Washburn back to the topic of money. The dinner/auction is vital if the orchestra is to raise the \$220,000 operating budget needed to deliver the new programs. In addition to revenue from ticket sales and donations from individuals and corporations, fund-raisers like the dinner/auction help bring music into the community. So instead of spending another boring Saturday night at home, get out and have some fun. Enjoy yourself and support the orchestra all at the same time. The Ply-

'Spring Fling: Dance & Romance'

What: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's annual Pops Dinner Concert and Auction to raise funds for the orchestra.
When: 6 p.m. Friday, April 7
Where: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia
Tickets: \$45, \$25 for children through grade 12. Reservations required, call (734) 451-2112

mouth Symphony League already has. The fund-raising arm of the orchestra recently presented Washburn with a check for the \$25,000 they raised by holding card parties and a Holiday Home Walk.

"This year we had big successes with jazz and our March 18 concert featuring accordionist Peter Soave was sold out," said Washburn. "Certain pieces people love to hear. We brought in a composer into town and the audience loved hearing her talk about what went into the piece. We're also building the orchestra so we get better and better. We're working with repertoire to expand the orchestra's skill. Doing the Duke Ellington was a stretch but went over well with the audience. We're excited about the new season."

El Dorado from page E1

He's sort of the smartest character in the film.

The smartest character and the one which most closely reflects the logic of the audience in unraveling the story.

A shining example

Culotta said it takes patience, craftsmanship, acting ability and an observant eye to become an

animator. It can take as long as four years to complete one animated film — from the spark of the idea to the time it hits theaters. Animators don't begin working until a story is roughly worked out and production has begun.

Culotta finally saw the completed version of the film about two weeks ago and enjoyed it.

"It's interesting," he said. "When you work on a film, usually you can see only the faults." Once the story, animation and background music come together, what seemed to be lacking works out in the end.

The film features music by the Oscar-winning team of "The Lion King," Elton John, Tim Rice and composer Hans Zimmer, who col-

laborated with John Powell on the score.

Though "The Road to El Dorado" opens in metro Detroit movie theaters Friday, March 31, Culotta is already working on his next project with Dreamworks. What began with one sleeping beauty has led down a long road for the animator, a road that seems to be paved in gold.




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Theater Company makes a play for new works

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If there's such a thing as a theatrical saint, Jan Radcliff might be it.

"She's put her heart, mind and soul into this venture," said Livonia playwright David MacGregor. "She's interested in the creative process."

Radcliff, a Birmingham resident, is one of the founders of Heartlande Theatre Company, producers of the fourth annual Play by Play 12-hour marathon, on Saturday, April 1 at Roeper School in Birmingham.

MacGregor's comedic play, "Revelation," will be among the 22 original works, ranging from 6 to 15 minutes. The plays will be presented twice between noon and midnight, an average of three to four plays each hour.

"We provide a venue to showcase new plays," said Radcliff. "We keep discovering new people."

Play by Play is Heartlande Theatre Company's only fundraiser. The event features the combined work of more than 100 writers, actors, directors and the-

ater artists.

Among those expected to attend are people from the Screen Actor's Guild, artistic directors of local and regional theater companies, theater buffs, and of course, relatives of those people performing on stage.

"It does expose actors who regularly work at the Detroit Repertory Theatre and other venues to new audiences," said Radcliff. "We asked them to list where they're performing next in their biography."

Heartlande Theatre's focus is on developing and nurturing the artistic theater company. "We're not defining content," explained Radcliff. "We're interested in the process of writing plays."

But something happened over the last four years. They found that audiences "were blown away by the level of talent," said Radcliff. "I'm blown away by the talent and quality of the scripts we receive. We got 120 short scripts from all over Michigan and the world, the 22 we selected are really quite remarkable."

Play by Play has also become a place where people in the theater community network with one another.

Play by Play

What: Features 22 new works by local and regional authors. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

When: noon to midnight Saturday, April 1. Seventh inning stretch 6:30-7 p.m.

Where: Roeper School, Adams Road campus, between Maple and Big Beaver Roads, (three blocks north of Maple on west side of Adams Road), Birmingham.

Cost: All day admission \$20, hour-by-hour tickets \$5. Tickets sold at the door on day of marathon, first come, first served. Cash or check only. Call (248) 988-1094, Ext. 1 or (248) 433-1233 for more information. Proceeds support Heartlande Theatre Company's writing programs and productions.

"They're so involved in plays that they don't get to see other people's work," said Radcliff. "This gives them an opportunity to watch and support that work. It creates a sense of community."

Radcliff will present "A Big Girl Now," a drama about a woman who has put her father into a private-care residence, and how she feels about leaving him.

Actor Mary Rychlewski will perform in Radcliff's play.

"It's beautifully written, honest," said Rychlewski, who co-founded Heartlande with Radcliff. "It's about her own guilt for not being there when her father

was well. Now it's up to her to make him comfortable, and how she feels about having to leave him."

MacGregor, who teaches English and a film class at

Wayne State University, participates in the marathon because it's just plain fun.

"Writing plays is a long tortuous process," he said. "To get people to look at your play makes it complete."

Playwrights seeing their works on stage is much like the feeling an artist gets when their work is exhibited.

"If you've never been to the theater before, you'll learn how important it is," said Rychlewski. "How it brings up issues, makes you laugh and cry. If I get you into the theater and you like it, you'll come back."

Heartlande Theatre Company works with artists year-round encouraging them to develop new scripts. Two of this year's

playwrights participated in Heartlande's Young Playwright's program at Fitzgerald High School in Madison Heights.

If you can't attend the marathon, but want to make a tax deductible donation, send checks to Heartlande Theatre Company, P.O. Box 2014, Birmingham, MI 48012

Retreat

This year the group is presenting a Writer's Retreat for anyone interested in learning about the craft of dramatic writing, Friday-Sunday, May 5-7 at the Skyline Conference Center in Almont, Mich. The cost is \$200 per person.

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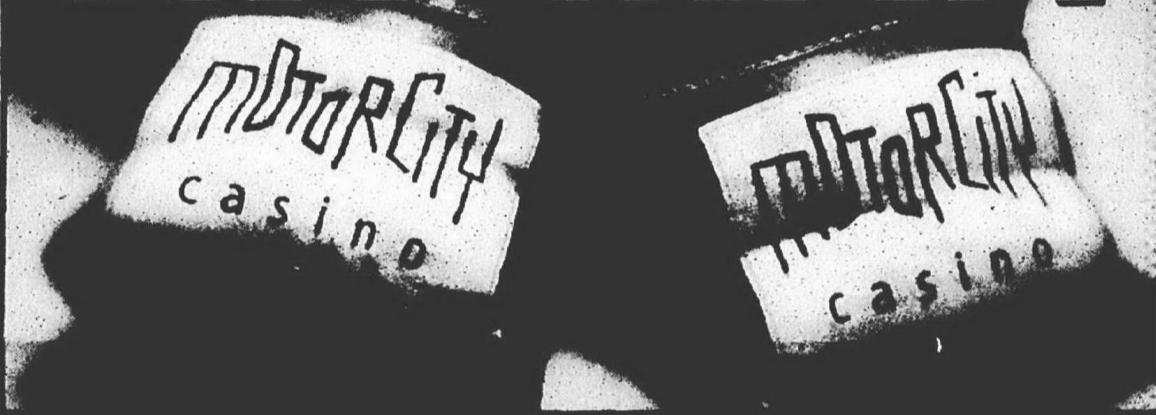


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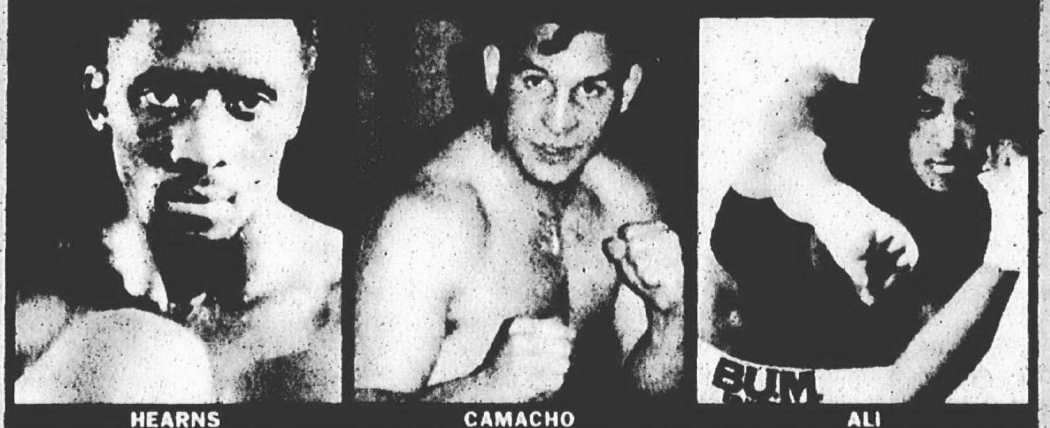
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CENTURY THEATRE: "Always...Patsy Cline" continues to Aug. 27, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

GEM THEATRE: "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through June 25, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

JET: Arthur Miller's "Broken Glass," March 30-April 2 and April 5-9, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "Chagall's Arabian Nights," a love story inspired by the art of Marc Chagall by Meadow Brook Theatre Playwright-in-Residence Karim Alrawi, matinee and evening shows through Sunday, April 9, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$19.50-\$35. (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE: "Cactus Flower," dinner theater performance 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1; theater performance only 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, in the Liberal Arts Theater, Schoolcraft College, Livonia. \$19 dinner theater, \$8 theater only. (734) 462-4596

UD MERCY THEATRE: "The King Korn Trio," March 30-April 16, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday except for April 2, in the McAuley Theatre on campus, Detroit. \$10, \$8 seniors/students. (313) 993-1130

UM THEATRE: "S'lichot" by Kim Yaged, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 30-April 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$14. (734) 764-0450; "Cabaret" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 6-8 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$14, \$7 students. (734) 764-0450

WSU BONSTELLE: "Godspell" opens Friday, April 7 and runs to Sunday, April 16, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$10-\$13. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERRY: "Our Town," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 30-31; "Five by Tenn" continues to May 6, at the theater, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

FIRST THEATRE GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM: "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the theater, Birmingham. \$7, \$5 students/seniors. (248) 644-2087, ext. 151

HEARTLANDE THEATRE COMPANY: "Play by Play Marathon" noon to midnight Saturday, April 1 with a 6:30 p.m. reception celebrating the theatrical community during the Seventh Inning Stretch, at the Roeper School, Birmingham. \$5 for one hour, \$20 all-day admission, all tickets sold at door. (248) 988-1094

PARK PLAYERS OF NORTH ROSDALE PARK: "The Wizard of Oz" 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, at the North Rosedale Community House, Detroit. \$15/\$13. (313) 835-1103

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS: "Oklahoma!" March 30-31 and April 1. Friday-Saturday shows 8 p.m., 3 p.m. Sunday, at the theater in Troy. (248) 988-7049

STAGECRAFTERS: "Barefoot in the Park," continues to Sunday, April 9, signed performance for deaf Thursday, April 6, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. \$12-\$14. (248) 541-6430 or for TTY assistance (248) 541-6796

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: "The Trial of God" opens Friday, April 7 and runs to Sunday, April 30, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Livonia. \$8-10 Friday-Saturday, \$5 Sunday. (734) 484-8302

VILLAGE PLAYERS: "Sherlock Holmes" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, at the theater,



Dancing shoes: Detroit's Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts presents the energized, gravity-defying spectacle, "Garth Fagan Dance," Thursday-Sunday, March 30-April 2. Fagan is the Tony Award-winning choreographer of Disney's hit musical "The Lion King." The Wayne State University graduate and his latest revue have earned accolades including the New York Governor's Arts Award. "Garth Fagan Dance" blends jazz, Afro-Caribbean, ballet and modern dance in an exotic way. Tickets \$30-\$40, call (313) 963-2366 or (248) 645-6666.

Birmingham. \$12. (248) 644-2075

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE: "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets (\$25 Thursday and Sunday, and \$30 Friday-Saturday); and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666

FOX LAIR DINNER THEATRE: Presents "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," a hilarious comedy runs Saturday nights only, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner (show follows), at Fox Hills Golf Club, Plymouth. \$29.95. (734) 453-7272

RAMADA HOTEL DINNER THEATRE: "Fools," a comic fable by Neil Simon, on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater; Southfield. \$25. (248) 544-0283

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS: "Amahl and the Night Visitors," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 30-March 31, and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Churchill High School, Livonia. \$7, \$5 students/seniors. (734) 523-8841

MARQUIS THEATRE: "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through April 30, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 24-28, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50. (248) 349-8110

PUPPETART: Celebrates Puppetry Month with guest artists, 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1, 8, 15 and 22, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS: The musical, "The Adventures of Beatrix Potter and her Friends," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 1-2, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. \$5, tickets suggested. (734) 416-4278

YOUTH THEATRE: "Jekyll and Hyde," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Music Hall, Detroit. \$8 advance, \$9 at door, \$8 Saturday morning Pre-Show Playshop. (313) 963-2366

SPECIAL EVENTS

BLUES CLUBS LIVE: Join Blue, Steve and friends on a quest for the most spectacular place. Ten performances, times vary, Wednesday, May 3-7, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$14.50-\$25.50. Includes a notebook and crayon. (248) 433-1515

BORDER CROSSINGS: A multi-layered arts concert featuring dance, poetry, animation and music, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, in Rackham Auditorium in Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 747-8885

FRIENDS OF POLISH ART: Celebrate Easter with a traditional "Swienconka" meal and a demonstration of Easter palm weaving 2 p.m. Sunday, April 16

at Polonus Restaurant, Wyandotte. \$30 advance reservation by April 9. (248) 549-4527. If you wish to participate in the art of Easter palm weaving bring scissors and some palms for braiding.

EARTH DAY CONFERENCE

Detroit Audubon Society's annual conference begins with 7:30 a.m. bird walk at the Belle Isle Nature Center, followed by 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. program at Central United Methodist Church, Detroit. \$15 programs/awards, \$10 child; \$10 program only, \$6 child. (248) 545-2929/(313) 928-2950

MOTOR CITY EXTRA CON: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the Knights of Columbus, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

SPRING HOME & GARDEN SHOW: 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 6-7, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and until 7 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Novi Expo Center. \$4, \$3 seniors/children ages 6-12. (248) 862-1019 or www.builders.org

FAMILY EVENTS

AMAZING MARLO MAGIC SHOW: 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, April 1 in the Food Court at Wonderland Mall, Livonia. Free. (734) 522-4100

ROYAL HANNEFORD CIRCUS: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 6-7, 11 a.m. Friday, April 7, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$5-\$12, \$4 opening night. (248) 645-6666, group sales (248) 371-2055

BENEFITS

RAISE THE ROOF: A 25-hour band playing marathon, begins 5 p.m. Friday, March 31, in Pease Auditorium, Ypsilanti. Free. Proceeds will go to Huron Valley Habitat for Humanity and the Eastern Michigan University Bands. Anyone wishing to make a contribution should call (734) 487-1430

TASTE OF THE NATION PREVIEW: Strolling dinner and preview gala of Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation (May 7), 7 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Somerset Collection, Troy. \$125, black tie. Proceeds to benefit anti-hunger efforts at Forgotten Harvest, Gleaners Food Bank, Food Bank of Oakland County, and the Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute. (248) 557-2510

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Salute to the 2000 Summer Olympics concert, plus a fund-raising dinner to salute the BBSO's 25th anniversary, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 2, Temple Beth El, Bloomfield Hills. \$5 adults, \$30 students for concert and dinner; concert only \$20 adults, \$15 students. (248) 645-2276

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Czech conductor Libor Pesek leads the orchestra in music performances by Czech conductors 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 30-31, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1; Estonian conductor Erkki Kusla leads

the orchestra in "Don Juan" and "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks," 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$19-\$50; "Overtures" pre-concert buffet dinner followed by concert Friday, April 7. (313) 576-5111

HARP HEAVEN

"Music for One to Eight Harps" with guest violinist Paul Kantor and flutist Christopher Kantner 11 a.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$9 general seating, includes croissants, coffee and juice. (734) 769-2999

SPRING FLING: DANCE & ROMANCE

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's annual Pops Dinner Concert and Auction, 6 p.m. Friday, April 7, Laurel Manor, Livonia. \$45, \$25 for children through grade 12. Reservations required, call (734) 451-2112

ST. CLAIR TRIO: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the Henry Ford Estate-Fair Lane, Dearborn. (313) 593-5330

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY

Moscow Virtuosi and violinist/conductor Vladimir Spivakov 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, at Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$26-\$40; Czech Philharmonic Orchestra 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$14-\$46. (734) 764-2538

POPS/ SWING

MIGHTY MEATY SWING KINGS: Perform at "The New Big Swing Extravaganza," doors open at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Token Lounge, Westland.

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: Frank Sinatra Tribute 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday through March, at Dunleavy 2 River Place, Detroit. (313) 259-9099

THE SPRING SWING: Concert celebrating Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman and the Andrews Sisters, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1; and Pops Concert featuring Barry Baker playing the music of Gershwin, Ellington and more on the Barton Theatre Organ, at the Redford Theatre, Detroit. \$10. (313) 531-4407

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

BARBARA ANN KARMANOS CANCER INSTITUTE: Auditions for singers and dancers (men and women ages 18 and up) for annual dinner 6:30-10 p.m. Wednesday: Thursday, March 29-30, additional talents like acrobatics and juggling an asset, bring one-tempo song, either Broadway-style or operatic, at First United Methodist Church, Royal Oak. (248) 738-0227

DETROIT SYMPHONY SUMMER INSTITUTE: Auditions for the intensive two-week training (July 16-30) for Michigan musicians ages 12-25, Monday-tuesday April 3-4, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5164

HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE: Auditions for 9 positions for spring shows (May 8-June 15) and 30 positions for summer shows June 17-Aug. 20, 2-7 p.m. Sunday, March 12 and 4-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 13, at the Anderson Center Theater inside

Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. (313) 982-6044

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

is looking for an executive director/general manager to work with the music director and board to provide the vision and plan for the growth of the organization and provide primary leadership in development, fundraising, marketing and promotion activities. For more on the description/requirements or an application, visit the Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org

SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION: The Bohemians Club (also known as The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college students ages 16-22), must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail CoufLinks@aol.com

SUMMER SYMPHONY OF ANN ARBOR

Auditions begin Saturday, April 19 and run for three weekends at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. For six performances of three programs scheduled May 18 to Aug. 6. To receive an audition packet, call (734) 741-9418, general orchestra information, (734) 677-4831

TONY 'N' TINA'S WEDDING: Auditions for female keyboardist/pianist who also sings, to hire as a substitute/understudy for performances at the Baci Theatre, 4-6 shows a week, Thursday-Sunday, also bass player needed for full-time. (248) 253-8843

VSA ARTS

The Southeast Michigan region committee of VSA Arts (formerly known as Very Special Arts) is looking for physical and adult performers with physical and mental challenges to take part in their festival Friday-Saturday, May 5-6 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia, special needs school/community groups and solo acts from the metro Detroit area will display their dance, vocal and instrumental music achievements at the festival. Call Connie Lott at Far Conservatory (248) 646-3347. A \$500 scholarship is also available to assist a person (ages 13 and up, including seniors living in Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw, Monroe, Macomb, Livingston, Lenawee or Jackson County) with a disability who wants to further their creative talent in the area of the visual, performing or literary arts. Deadline for application is Sunday, April 16. The scholarship must be used for independent work and not a student project. Call (248) 543-9158

JAZZ

DOUG DEMING & THE BLUE SUIT BAND: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

STEVE LACY-ROSSELL RUDD QUARTET: 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, at the Bird of Paradise, 312 S. Main (new address), Ann Arbor. \$20 advance. (734) 662-8310

RAMSEY LEWIS TRIO: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$16-\$62. (313) 576-5111

DAVID MURRAY/KAHIL EL/ZABAR: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

LARRY NOZERO AND FRIENDS: 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, at La Bistecca, Plymouth. Reservations suggested. (734) 254-0400

TOM SAUNDERS: The cornetist performs with Jim Wyse, reeds, Dennis Tini, piano, Jerry McKenzie, drums and Dan Jordan, bass. 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. \$5 cover in Jazz Room, waived with dinner order, \$5 drink minimum. (734) 762-7756

STRAIGHT AHEAD: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON: With Dan Kolton, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

BUDDY AND JULIE MILLER: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS

ONE FLIGHT UP: Performs as part of Folk Vespers series 6 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at First Baptist Church, Birmingham. Free. (248) 644-0550

ODETTA: 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, at The Ark, Ann Arbor, \$17.50.

(734) 763-TKTS

CHORAL

ARCHIGLAS: A concert of religious music by the acapella choir from St. Petersburg, Russia, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, at St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church School & Activities Center, Redford Township. Goodwill donation. (313) 937-2120/(248) 855-3247

CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK CHOIR: Perform Bach's "Passion According to St. Matthew" with Jeffrey Sherman speaking the role of St. Matthew 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the church, Bloomfield Hills. Free. (248) 644-5210

VANGUARD VOICES: All acapella performance 7 p.m. Sunday, March 26, Guardian Lutheran Church, Dearborn. \$10, \$7 students seniors. (313) 317-6566

DANCE

AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE: "Swan Lake" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 30-April 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the Detroit Opera House. \$17-\$62. (313) 237-SING/(248) 645-6666

CONTRA DANCE: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1, open jam for string and other musicians of all levels 4-6 p.m. free, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-7704

DANCE GALLERY STUDIO: Discussion/demonstration on dance with guest Moore & More Dancers of Detroit, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the studio Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 747-8885

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

The dance company celebrates its 20th anniversary with a gala concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, champagne reception for patrons begins 6:30 p.m., at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. \$16.50 concert; \$35 concert and reception for patrons. No charge for afterglow following performance. (313) 963-2366

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE: Entrances and Exits: Dances for a New Millennium," 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, in the Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills. \$16. (248) 471-7667

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING

7:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, at the Chapel Hill Condo Clubhouse, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

GENDER FREE CONTRA DANCE: 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2 (1:30 p.m. beginners lesson) at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$6, \$5 students. (734) 975-2312

HEARING IMPAIRED LISTENERS FAMILY/COMMUNITY DANCE

Hearing impaired and non-hearing impaired children, families and friends welcome 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$4, \$7 family (scholarships available). (734) 741-8998

HIT AND RUN: DANCES FOR A NEW CENTURY: Performed 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31 and April 1 by Oakland University's Dance Company at Varner Recital Hall on campus in Rochester. \$10, \$8-seniors, \$5 students. (248) 370-3024

GARTH FAGAN DANCE

March 30 to Sunday, April 2 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday. \$30-\$40. (313) 963-2366/(248) 645-6666

SWAN LAKE: Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet presents Tchaikovsky's classic tale 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 9, William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$8, \$5. (248) 473-9570

WSU DANCE

An the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies and Congregation Beth Ahm presents a dance workshop 9:30-11 a.m. Sunday, April 9, and a dance recital "Revisiting Judaism through the Art of Dance" 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Congregation Beth Ahm, West Bloomfield. (313) 577-2679/(248) 851-6880; also a dance workshop 2 p.m. Monday, April 10, at the Maggie Allee Dance Studio on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. reservations required (313) 577-4273/(313) 577-2679

COMEDY

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Big Daddy Fitz with Tim Costello & Dee Proffit, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, at the club, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Angel Salazar, also Mark England Thursday-Saturday, March 30-April 1; Kerry White Wednesday-

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Saturday, April 5-8, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Third Level Improv and new talent nights. 8 p.m. Sunday (\$5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Jeff Rothman, Thursday-Sunday, March 30-April 2, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Blair Shannon, also Jim Hamm, Thursday-Saturday, March 30-April 1; Lewis Black, also Ben Konstantin Thursday-Saturday, April 6-8, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. \$10, Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; \$17.50 Friday, \$19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

SPIRIT OF FORD: Environmental Celebration continues through April at the interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages. Electric Ranger test drives on weekends, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

LIVE MUSIC

BRYAN ADAMS: 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, State Theatre, Detroit. \$29.50-\$39.50. All ages. (248) 645-6666

THE ALLIGATORS: 9 p.m. Friday, March 31, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

LORI AMEY: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Borders Books and Music, Birmingham. All ages. Free. (248) 203-0005; 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 2, Athena Women's Music Festival, Amer's, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 761-6000; 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, Borders Books and Music, Utica. Free. (810) 726-8555; Saturday, April 15, Espresso Royale, Ann Arbor. All ages. Free. (734) 662-2770

PATO BANTON AND REGGAE REVOLUTION: 9 p.m. Friday, April 21, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$15-\$20. (313) 833-9700

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368

BEENIEMAN: With Kirk Davis and Silver Cat. Juggling by Strictly Roots, 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$20. (313) 833-9700

B SIDE PLAYERS: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Shelter, Detroit. Free. 18 and over

BIG BARN COMBO: With Gin Joint Jesters, 9 p.m. Friday, March 31, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700

BLINK-182: With Bad Religion, Fenix TX, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25. (248) 645-6666

BLUE CATS: Thursday, March 30, Oxford Inn, Novi. (248) 305-5856

THE BROTHERS GROOVE: 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, at Edison's, Birmingham. Free. (248) 645-2150

JIMMY BUFFETT & THE CORAL REEFER BAND: 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$46 pavilion/\$23.50 lawn. Includes \$1 donation to SFC Foundation. (248) 645-6666

CAT POWER: With Kristiva, 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, Mill Street Lounge, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$10. (313) 961-MELT

TRACY CHAPMAN: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, State Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$35. All ages. (248) 645-6666

CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

B. COOKE AND PRIME NUMBERS: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555

CUBANISMO: 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$25 advance. (248) 645-6666

THE CURE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20-\$45. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

DICK DALE: With Dusty 45's, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$15. (313) 833-9700

MORRIS DAY AND THE TIME: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$22.93. (248) 645-6666

D'ANGELO: With Mos Def, 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 22-23, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$40-47.50. (248) 433-1515

THORNETTA DAVIS: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

DEATHGIRL.COM: With Six Clips, The Katies, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (313) 961-MELT

DEEP SPACE SIX: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

DIRTY THREE: With Shannon Wright, Storm&Stress, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. (248) 645-6666

D.O.C.: With Powerface, MOC and Degrinder, 6 p.m. Sunday, April 2, Shelter, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (248) 645-6666

CHRIS DUARTE: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-3030

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH: With Zen Tricksters for Hash Bash 2000, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$16.50. (734) 668-8397

FEMI KUTI: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$13 advance/\$15 day of show. (248) 645-6666

FOSSIL CIRCUS: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31, April 1, Bogey's Bar and Grille, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441

FU MANCHU: With The Stepkings, 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666

CHARLIE GERRINGER: 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013

GIVE: With Jill Jack, Scott Fab, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030

GOLDIE AND MC RAGE: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Motor, Detroit. \$10 advance. 8 and older. (248) 645-6666

GOV'T MULE: With North Mississippi Allstars, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$15. (248) 645-6666

GROOVE COLLECTIVE: 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$12. (734) 996-8555; 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$12. (313) 833-9700

GUSTER: With Luna and Josh Rouse, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12. (313) 833-9700

HARRINGTON BROTHERS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

STEFON HARRIS: 8, 10:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 662-8810

DAVID HOLLAND QUINTET: 9, 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$20. (734) 662-8310

HOMEGROWN: 6 p.m. Friday, April 7, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666

JOHN LEE HOOKER: With John Hammond and Larry McCray Band, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$25-\$75. (734) 668-8397

HOT WATER MUSIC: With Elliot and Inside Five Minutes, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 1, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (248) 645-6666

IMMUNITY: 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, Library Pub, Novi. (248) 349-9110

IMPACT 7: Friday-Saturday, March 31, April 1, Oxford Inn, Novi. \$5. (248) 305-5856

JIMMIE JACKSON & THE BLUES CONNECTION: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Sundays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368, 9 p.m. Monday, April 3, Oberon Opening Day Party at Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

JUST FOR FUN: 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013

MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VREELAND: 7 p.m. Thursdays in April, Le Metro, Southfield. (248) 353-2757 (Jazz duo)

BB KING: With Bobby Blue Bland, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$35 (248) 645-6666

KING KONGA: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

KNEE DEEP SHAG: With Electric Boogaloo, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555

MICHAEL KNOTT: 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10, \$8 for members. (734) 464-6302

KORN: With Stained, DJ C-Minus, 353-2757 (Jazz duo)

Ann Arbor, \$20 advance.

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND: 10 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

SHEILA LANDIS TRIO: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Lily's Seafood Restaurant and Brewery, Royal Oak. (248) 591-5459

TONY LEVIN & CALIFORNIA GUITAR TRIO: With Richard Leo Johnson, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$20. (248) 544-3030

LIQUID SOUL: 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-3030

LITJ BUKEM: Friday, April 7, Motor, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com

LOCAL H: With Rev, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, 7th House, Pontiac. \$10. (313) 961-MELT

AJ MCLEAN AS JOHNNY NO NAME: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, State Theatre, Detroit. \$25. All ages. (248) 645-6666

DJ MARQUIS: 9 p.m. Thursdays, Detroit Science. "The Lab." 18 and older. \$10-\$15 cover. Ladies free. (313) 438-4146

STONEZ MAZAAR AND THE WEST-SIDERS: 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609

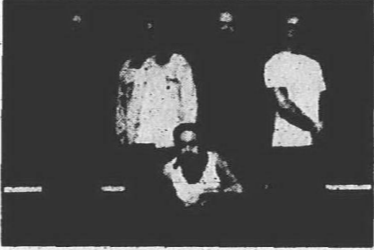
EDWIN MCCAIN: 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$15. All ages. (313) 961-MELT

MINDLESS SELF INDULGENCE: 6 p.m. Monday, April 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$29.50, reserved or general admission. (248) 645-6666

DONNA KRALL: 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$35, \$25. (248) 645-6666

KUNUNDRUM: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

STEVE LACY & ROSWELL RUDD QUARTET: 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street.



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ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com

THE ARK: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587

ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST: 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900

BIRD OF PARADISE: 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477

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THE DECK AND THE FIVE MOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

DETROIT SCIENCE: 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover \$10 for 21 and over. Cover \$15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroit-science.com

EDISON'S: 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

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FLYING FISH TAVERN: 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609

FOX THEATRE: 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611

FOX AND HOUNDS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800

GOLD DOLLAR: 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www.golddollar.com

GROOVE ROOM: 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com

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LOVELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506

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MAGIC BAG: 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030

MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441

MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK: (313) 833-9700

MEMPHIS SMOKE: 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

MICHIGAN THEATRE: 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397

MOTOR LOUNGE: 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com

MR. B'S FARM: 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038

MUSIC MENU: 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU

THE PALACE: 2 Champion Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com

PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATRE: 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac

PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE: I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

PURE BAR ROOM: 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE

ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY: 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

THE ROOKIE SPORTS CAFE: 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337

ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE: 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610

THE SCARAB CLUB: 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250

ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER: 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

TTH HOUSE: 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540

STATE THEATRE: 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheatre.com

24 KARAT CLUB: 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

313 JAC: Upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302

U.S. 12 BAR AND GRILL/WAYNE BREWERY: 34824 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 722-7639

VELVET LOUNGE: 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

VILLAGE BAR AND GRILL/BEENY'S CUE & BREW: 35234 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 729-2360

WAGON WHEEL TAVERN: 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-6789

WOODRUFF'S SUPPER CLUB: 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519

XHEDOS CAFE: Sista Otis performs 8-10 p.m. Sundays at the club, 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 399-3946

ZIM'S IRISH TAVERN: 1350 Leeper Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467

PAT MCGEE BAND: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10. (248) 645-6666

MELVINS: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$12. All ages. (248) 645-6666

METHOD MAN AND REDMAN: With The Outsidaz, 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, State Theatre, Detroit. \$30-\$33. All ages. (248) 645-6666

METHODS OF MAYHEM: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$16.50 advance/\$18 day of show. www.ticketmaster.com or (248) 645-6666

MILENCOLIN: With Ten Foot Pole, Vision and Oskar, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$8.50 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666

JONI MITCHELL: With Vince Mendoza conducting a 70-piece symphony, 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$55-\$75, pavilion tickets only. (248) 645-6666

IAN MOORE BAND: With The Hot Rod Sinners, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030

MUSIC MENU JAZZ ORCHESTRA: 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368

MPXP: With The Hippos, 7 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$12. All ages. (313) 961-MELT

NEBULA: With Zen Guerrilla, The Go, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8 advance. (248) 544-3030

NEGATIVLAND: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$15 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666

NINE INCH NAILS: With A Perfect Circle, featuring Maynard from Tool, 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$29.50-\$45. (248) 645-6666

N'SYNC: No Strings Attached Tour, Silverdome. \$49.75. (248) 645-6666

OASIS: With Travis, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, State Theatre, Detroit. Sold Out.

OPENING ACT CONTEST FINALS: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. See the hottest local bands. Free admission and parking.

ORCHESTRA MORPHINE: 6 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$15-\$18. All ages. (313) 961-MELT

ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Monday, April 3, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

ORIGINAL P: Featuring members of Parliament Funkadelic, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$20. (248) 645-6666

MARTY WILSON-PIPER: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. \$15. (248) 645-6666

PLATINUM PLAYERS BALL: With Chico DeBarge, Jagged Edge, Joe Dave Hollister, Methrone and Kevon, Edmunds, Friday, April 14, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$28.50-\$37.50. (248) 645-6666

RACHEL AND KAPP: 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

REVEREND HORTON HEAT: With Hank Williams III, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15 advance/\$18 day of show. www.ticketmaster.com

REVEREND RIGHT TIME & THE 1ST COUSINS OF FUNK: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 14, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

STAN RIDGEWAY: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 14, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-3030

RIOT IN PROGRESS: With Arising Pooch, Perpetual Hype Engine, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Wired Frog, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (810) 498-9500

ROLLINS BAND: 6 p.m. Friday, March 31, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages, \$12 advance. \$15 day of show. (248) 645-6666

TOM RUSSELL: Friday, April 7, Unitarian Church, Bloomfield Hills.

JOHN SCOFIELD BAND AND DEREK TRUCKS BAND: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Mill Street Lounge, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$18-\$22. (313) 961-MELT

SENSEFIELD: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (248) 645-6666

SEVENDUST: Thursday, April 6, Harpo's, Detroit. \$18.50. (248) 645-6666

SLEATER-KINNEY: With Gossip and The Bangs, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13, The Majestic, Detroit. \$10. (248) 645-6666

SMASHING PUMPKINS: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$29.50. All ages. \$9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Michigan State Fairgrounds. \$29.50. All ages. (248) 645-6666

SMOKE STACK: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Nankin Mill Tavern, Westland. (734) 427-0622

SMOKIN' JOE KUBEK: Saturday, April 8, Sisko's, Taylor.

SNAPCASE: With Grade, Ensign, and Turmoil, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666

SOOT: CD Release, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, Shelter, Detroit. \$7. All ages. (248) 645-6666

BRITNEY SPEARS: With LFO, Bossy: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9, Pine Knob, Independence Township. Sold Out. 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25 lawn/\$40 pavilion. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666

STATIC X: With Pitchshifter and Reveille, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$15. (313) 961-MELT

STEREOPHONICS: 8 p.m. Sunday, April 16, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10-\$13. (248) 645-6666

THE STILL: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

ANGIE STONE: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 15, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 21 and older. \$20-\$23. (248) 645-6666

STRING CHEESE INCIDENT: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$17-\$20. All ages. (313) 833-9700 or (303) 544-5875

SUICIDE MACHINES: With Antifag, Piffers, Bump-n-Ugliers, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 22, State Theatre, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (248) 645-6666

SUN MESSENGERS: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

JOHNNIE TAYLOR AND MILLIE JACKSON: With Marvin Sease and Willie Clayton, 8 p.m. Friday, April 21, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$35. (248) 433-1515

THE TEMPTATIONS: With Ashford and Simpson, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$40-\$47.50. (248) 645-6666

THE THE: 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$22-\$25. All ages. (313) 961-MELT

THOM: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 8, Nankin Mill Tavern, Westland. (734) 427-0622

TINA TURNER: With Lionel Richie, Jennifer Robinson, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 1, The Palace, Auburn Hills. \$85.25, \$95.25. \$35.25. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666

TRAIN: With Str., 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15 advance. (248) 645-6666

TWISTIN TARANTULAS: 10 p.m. Saturday, April 8, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

U.S. BOMBS: With Union 11, Tiger Army, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (313) 961-MELT

RANDY VOLIN & SONIC BLUES: Friday, March 31, Rochester Mills Beer Company, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

ROBERT WALTER'S 20TH CONGRESS: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Motor, Detroit. Ticket price to be announced. 18 and older. (248) 645-6666

MARTY WILSON-PIPER OF THE CHURCH: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. \$15. (248) 645-6666

WRIST-ROCKET AND SLO-POKE: 10 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Jacoby's, Detroit. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067

TRISHA YEARWOOD: With Jessica Andrews, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 25, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester. \$15.50-\$30. (248) 645-6666

ZENE: With The Hookers, The Bulemics, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700

Rollins Band ready to 'go again'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Since he burst onto stage as the fiery frontman for Black Flag in 1981, Henry Rollins has never truly faded from the public eye. He just shifted focus. Musical performances metamorphosed into powerful spoken-word acts, writing books and even making the occasional movie appearance. At the onset of 2000, Rollins is back where he truly belongs — onstage with his band.

After fans were left craving new music for two years, Rollins Band finally offers up "Get Some Go Again," a raunchy rock album that features all-new bandmates: guitarist Jim Wilson, bassist Marcus Blake and drummer Jason Mackenroth. Alone, the trio is known as the Los Angeles-based Mother Superior. A fan himself, Rollins produced Mother Superior in the studio and later asked them to contribute to his latest effort.

The union proved to be a new beginning for Rollins. Pounding out a hard and fast 24 songs by spring 1999, the revamped Rollins Band didn't hesitate to test out new material in a live setting. "We went out with this band no one had seen," said Rollins in his unmistakable and

■ 'It isn't rocket science, it's rock 'n' roll. It isn't hard to play. It's hard to play well.'

Henry Rollins
Rollins Band

quite commanding voice. "People were great. It was very encouraging."

The musical spirit Rollins shares with his new bandmates was an essential ingredient in continuing his music career. "If you can build up a real interest and confident rapport, you can just put it out there and thrive," he said. "I'm having a good time."

"Get Some Go Again," the first album Rollins ever produced for himself, is a testament to how this reconfigured foursome thrives. "I had a very definite sound in mind, very low-fi. A spare, clean, powerful thing. I think too much stuff obscures the music. I think a lot of bands dull the music as a textural backdrop."

The album is many things, and dull is not one of them. He had such a definite idea of what he wanted to accomplish. Not only did Rollins choose to work with a new band, he incorporated the help of a few friends — make that

a few very notable friends.

"I've known Scott Gorham (Thin Lizzy) kind of since summer of '96," said Rollins. "I did a show with him in Dublin. He asked me to come over and sing a song with the band. He's a wonderful guy, a cool dude. We became kind of pals. So I sang with him on 'Are You Ready?' It's the one song Thin Lizzy never did a studio version of, and so I got the idea to do it."

"Are You Ready?" is the only cover song that appears on "Get Some Go Again," and Rollins thought for a moment it wouldn't happen. Gorham turned down many offers to perform on covers of Thin Lizzy material by other bands, but he agreed to do it for Rollins. Rollins sent him a tape; Gorham laid down the guitar tracks and sent it back.

"It's a very distinctive song," said Rollins. "You can pick him out of a windstorm. It's obviously huge for us. It's such a thrill." When it came to songs like

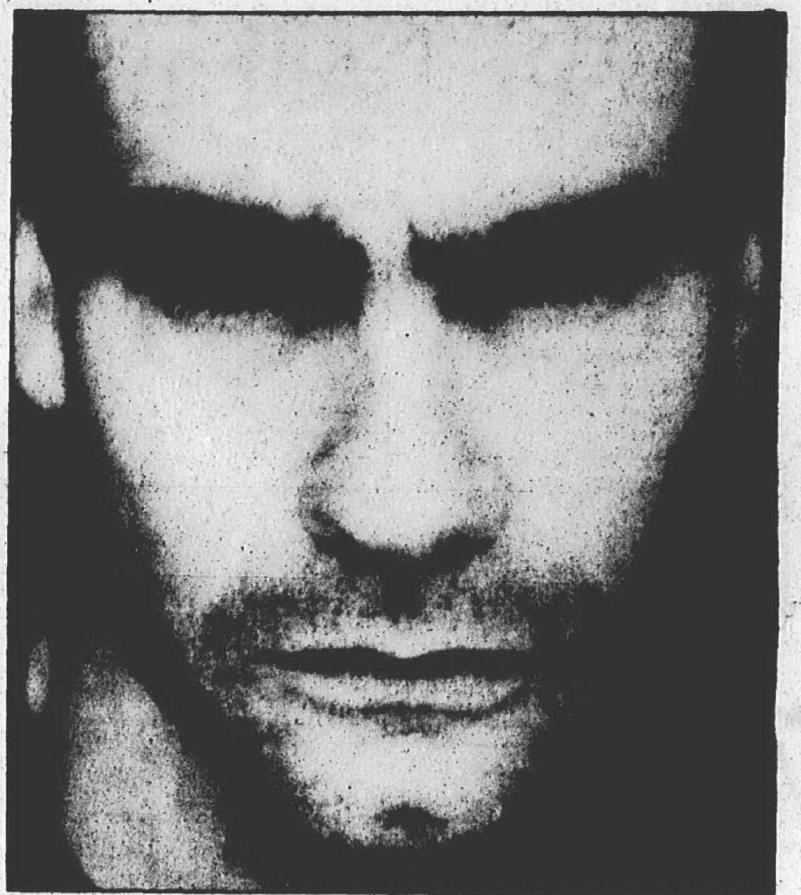
"L.A. Money Train" and "Hotter and Hotter," Rollins found more inspiration, this time a bit closer to home. The MC5's Wayne Kramer is his neighbor. "He's always ready to play," said Rollins. "He's rock 'n' roll, ready to go."

In one day and one take of live improvisation "L.A. Money Train" made it to CD. Keeping the furiously fast spirit alive, Kramer and Rollins wrote "Hotter and Hotter" in 10 minutes. "It isn't rocket science, it's rock 'n' roll," said Rollins. "It isn't hard to play. It's hard to play well."

He has a theory about performing rock music: "When you're in a band, basically, you're in a cover band but you wrote the songs. It's like sex and food, but it's fun."

He's just as passionate about spoken-word performances, which give him even more freedom to speak his mind. "To perform music, you really have to find it in yourself every night. That's where the real thing comes in. How much you are in love with that music, that's where it really is. With talking, I got nothing but latitude."

The intense "L.A. Money Train" may be the closest to Rollins' spoken-word performances that listeners will get on this album, but he hasn't come



Henry Rollins of Rollins Band

close to giving it up. "It's not like a shtick, not like comedy. I go out with a basic foundation of points I want to make ... I let the inspiration of everything take over and jam on some idea." Let Rollins Band inspire you in raw, rock fashion, 6 p.m. Friday, March 31, St. Andreu Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$12 advance. \$15 day of show. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com.

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When Cusack's character says: "What really matters is what you like, not what you are like," it makes some sense. We're drawn to people we have things in common with, and music serves as the perfect common ground. Pop music is a passionate medium. Who hasn't wanted to be the subject of a song? In "High Fidelity," Rob admits: "I want to live with a musician. She'll write songs at home and maybe include one of our jokes in the liner notes."

Who hasn't thought this way

while reading the inside cover of a CD and giggling over the nicknames and inside jokes? It's an extension of that record store culture we've all experienced and it sounds good to me.

"High Fidelity" opens in metro Detroit theaters Friday, March 31.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about popular music for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2130 or e-mail at scasola@oe.homecomm.net.

STAY TUNED...

Well, it looks like another first for Lori Amey — the first Athena Women's Music Festival, that is. The local folk-pop goddess will headline the show 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at Amer's in Ann Arbor. She'll be joined by singer-songwriter Pamela West, folk vocalist Shell Amber Leona Jackson, Laurel Federbush and Jenny Boyer. Sounds like some beautiful music. Call (734) 327-2041.

On the louder end of the rock

spectrum, there's something supernatural on the horizon. When it comes to science fiction and industrial metal, one word comes to mind, Forge. The Detroit band is gaining notice in magazines like "Sci Fi" and online sites like "Science Fiction Weekly," because of its second release "Trials," on Static Records. Now the band's blasting off on tour. Look for them at a club near you.

— BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

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Sweet Lorraine's takes on stunning new look

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Sweet Lorraine's Café in Southfield completed a face-lift this month.

Passersby are doing more than gazing. They're saying, "Wow" to this inviting exterior beckoning them inside to try the innovative cuisine of Lorraine Platman, a staple since the doors first opened in 1984.

Platman and her business partner, husband Gary Sussman, are sole owners of the mini-empire that began with her first specialty, desserts, and the opening of the Madison Heights Sweet Lorraine's Deli & Café in 1982.

The dessert concept provided the name Sweet Lorraine's. An Ann Arbor location was opened in 1993 and the new century anticipates a mid-April opening of a breakfast, lunch and dinner café in the Livonia Marriott.

Southfield's Sweet Lorraine's ultra-modern new look is the creation of Edward Shinn of Identity & Architectural Services "ID&AS" in Redford.

Window artwork is an ode to the deep bond between Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso, giants of the modern art movement. Each paid homage of sorts to the other.

One did "The Dance" and "Seated Woman," then the other translated it into his own. This duel plays out on the front and side of both corners. The eclectic details echo the feel and taste inside the café.

That feel, although now eight years old and scheduled for a minor makeover later this year,

Sweet Lorraine's Café

Where: 29101 Greenfield (north of 12 Mile Road) in Southfield
Open: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday
Menu: World-beat cuisine with emphasis on fresh, seasonal ingredients from local purveyors
Cost: Lunch \$6-12; Dinner \$7-19
Reservations: Only for parties of six or more. (248) 559-5985
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You should also know: Jazz Night 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday. The 1999 Zagat Guide rated Sweet Lorraine's one of Michigan's Top 10 restaurants, the restaurant also received the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence

Other locations

- Sweet Lorraine's Deli & Café - 1451 14 Mile Road, Madison Heights. Open for lunch only. (248) 585-0627
- Sweet Lorraine's Café - 303 Detroit Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-0700
- Sweet Lorraine's Café - Marriott Hotel, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Scheduled to open in mid-April for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Sweet Lorraine's Uncorked

Gary Sussman, business partner and husband of Lorraine Platman, has constructed an interesting wine list. He recommends:

- Wild Mushroom and Chevre Pizza with 1998 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc
- Pecan Chicken with 1997 Chalk Hill Chardonnay
- "French Onion" Steak Tenderloin with 1997 Kathryn Kennedy Lateral (a California red Meritage wine)

is upbeat and urban chic in Mediterranean yellow with dashes of deep blue and green, warmed by clothless wooden tables and colorful tableware.

French-style posters serve as stylish wall art. Planned interior remodeling will add a cozy bar and lounge area to this already comfortable bi-level eatery.

The self-trained Platman maintains she honed her skills "in an apartment at Six Mile and Woodward." She credits her art background and management of

an art gallery as aiding her in viewing food as an art expression.

A diner easily picks up on contemporary approaches and twists on classics.

Meatloaf has no meat. It's soy protein served with sundried tomato sauce, roasted garlic mashed potatoes and broccoli.

Caesar Salad made without eggs is topped with crispy fried clams. Flavors and texture are extraordinary.

Lunch and dinner menus have

common threads, but as might be expected, there's an expanded offering of deli-style sandwiches and burgers at lunch, along with a broad variety of lunch-size salads among the main courses.

Brie Portabello Melt is one sandwich that is also a dinner-time favorite.

At dinner, most popular "Starters" are Classic Quesadilla, a cilantro-chili tortilla, Monterey Jack and queso cheeses with sides of tomato-corn salsa, guacamole and sour cream. Wild Mushroom and Chevre Pizza topped with caramelized onions is a close second.

Lorraine's Special Salad with gorgonzola cheese, fresh pears, hazelnuts and dried cranberries is the top "Side." Pecan Chicken, Maple-Cured Atlantic Salmon and French Onion Steak Tenderloin are atop the list of favorite main courses.

Leave room for dessert from a presentation tray. Choose either the Apple Brown Betty or Something Wonderful, a warm triple chocolate brownie with Ray's White Russian ice cream and Kahlua Chocolate Sauce.

Sweet Lorraine's new look serves to illustrate the innate vision and spirit of its owners to offer diners flavorful, globally-inspired cuisine.

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Vintage look: Marriage and business partners Gary Sussman and Lorraine Platman toast to the new look of Sweet Lorraine's, which underwent recent indoor and outdoor renovations.

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