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SPORTS



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Playoff hockey: The Plymouth Whalers face off against the Sault St. Marie Greyhounds in the Ontario Hockey League Western Conference Finals. The next home game is Friday. See today's sports section for series coverage.

AT HOME

Applause, applause: A Plymouth interior designer is among those from the area who set the scene for style in the Junior League of Detroit Inc. Designers' Show House 2000, the former home of actress Julie Harris. /D8

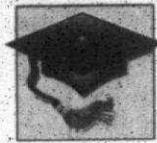
ENTERTAINMENT

Theater: Bob Weibel of Westland directs the Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of *Squabbles*, opening May 5 at the Water Tower Theatre in Northville. The comedy, produced by Mary Lynn Kuna of Plymouth, also features Robert Purcell of Canton. /E1

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Charter school firm files suit



National Heritage Academies has sued Canton Township in Wayne Circuit Court over the township's rejection last March of special land use approval for construction of a charter school.

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National Heritage Academies is suing Canton over the right to build a charter school in the township. The Grand Rapids-based company

claims Canton has no authority to control site plans or other specifications of its proposed elementary school at the corner of Ridge and Warren roads. The suit was filed April 19 in Wayne County Circuit Court and served to the township Monday. It came as no sur-

prise to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack. "I expected this," he commented, "because they have so much invested into that site from a cost perspective." "Simply, we don't believe the township has jurisdiction over the issues discussed," said National Heritage Academies Director of Marketing Jeff Poole.

Trustees denied a special land use request by National Heritage on March 14. Parcel size and potential impact on the beauty road status of Ridge were

among the reasons cited by the board in making its decision.

NHA first proposed a charter school for Beck and Hanford. Similar concerns led to a board denial in March of 1999.

Plans for the Warren/Ridge site emerged late last year. Canton's Planning Commission, however, denied NHA Jan. 10 and again Feb. 28 even after major plan revisions.

On March 14, National Heritage

Please see CHARTER SCHOOL, A4

Hey, I think we're being followed.



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Along for the ride: "Sebastian," a 10-year-old poodle, gets a bicycle ride from his owner, Tim Tsiang, near Beck Road last week. Obviously not camera shy, Sebastian apparently convinced Tsiang to stop for an Observer photographer as well. Tsiang and his wife Cindy were on their way home from Summit on the Park where they earlier finished a workout.

Township: Gun range will bring in cash

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A new outdoor gun range for township officers may accomplish several things, according to Public Safety Director John Santomauro.

While the range would provide an excellent place to train for Canton's finest, it could also generate significant revenue for the department. In a township board of trustees study session Tuesday, Santomauro said many local departments are scrambling to find practice facilities.

"There just aren't any outdoor ranges in this area," he commented. "We think there's a real market out there to tap into. Frankly, we're surprised nobody has done this."

The range is being planned for Lilley

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—John Santomauro,
Canton Township public safety director

Road north of Van Born. Site plans will be presented to trustees within the next few weeks.

Officers currently use a range adjacent to Canton's Department of Public Works building on Sheldon Road. Santomauro said the department has simply outgrown the facility, which was built in 1988.

"We had 40 officers at that time," he commented. "We now have 75 sworn police officers."

Residential areas around the exist-

ing facility have also grown since 1988, Santomauro said. Range noise is disruptive to folks living in those homes, he added.

"At some point," said Santomauro, "this site needs to be sold and developed (residentially)."

Police Lt. Pat Nemecek said officers aren't allowed to shoot after 5 p.m. There would be no such restriction at the new site, he said.

"It would allow us to do night shooting," Nemecek told trustees. "It would

be more realistic practice for our officers that work at night."

Construction on the new site will likely begin this summer, said Santomauro. It should take about a year to complete, he added.

Cost was a primary consideration in choosing an outdoor instead of an indoor range. The department will spend about \$370,000 to build the outdoor range.

"We'd be looking at \$1 million to \$1.5 million for an indoor facility," Santomauro said.

An outdoor range will also offer more flexibility, he added.

Officers will be able to practice pistol, shotgun and long rifle shooting. A classroom will be included on the site

Please see GUN RANGE, A4

Canton crime rate jumps by 7 percent

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Overall crime rose by 7 percent in Canton last year from 1998.

"Part I" offenses, which include murder, larceny and burglary, among others, jumped in five of eight categories, according to township police statistics. Robberies and burglaries had the highest percentage increases at 41 and 33, respectively.

Public Safety Director John Santomauro attributed the rise to Canton's continued growth.

"The essence of this is that crime does increase with growth and more people," he commented. "But I think the community is a very safe place to live."

Canton Chamber of Commerce President David Griffin agreed.

"Things are stable," he said. "Canton's still a good area."

Griffin, who operates a Ford Road

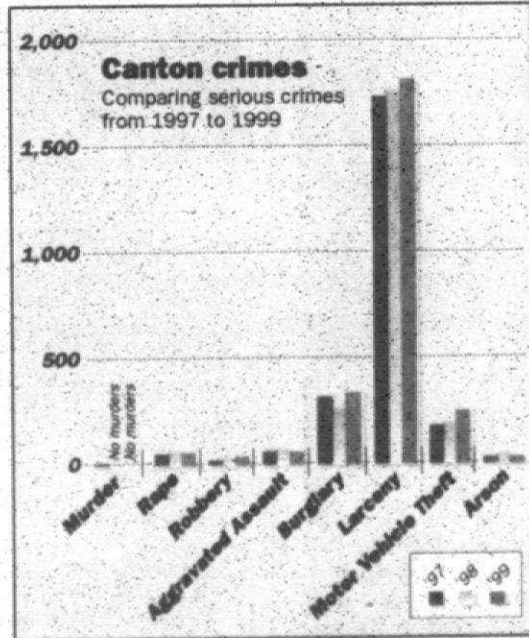
funeral home, also sits on the Downtown Development Authority board. He said he doesn't hear complaints about crime within the business community.

"I think we're in an extremely secure area," Griffin commented.

A total of 2,562 Part I offenses were committed in Canton last year. That compares to 2,400 in 1998 and 2,378 in 1997.

The township had seen between 2,200 and 2,400 Part I crimes since 1993, Santomauro said.

Crimes against property were far and away the most numerous. A total of 1,816 larcenies were reported, an increase of 3 percent from 1998.



"It's typical of most communities in the area," said Santomauro.

Most of the larcenies, he added, occur at Canton's bigger retailers such as Meijer and Super Kmart.

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New club to feature food, dance

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Imagine not having to drive to Royal Oak or Pontiac to find a nice place to dance.

That's what Greg Krystallis has in mind for "Sneaky's," which is scheduled to open in Canton's Golden Gate Shopping Center this August. His goal is to provide a large dance floor, good food and comfortable atmosphere for area residents.

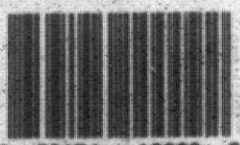
"I'm trying to be a couple of things," said Krystallis. "A bar and a casual restaurant. I think it will have a unique character. It won't be like anything else around."

Canton's Board of Trustees recommended approval of a class C liquor license for Sneaky's at its April 4 meeting. Michigan's Liquor License Commission will make a final decision.

Please see NEW CLUB, A5



The first place to visit when you're looking for a new place to live? The Real Estate ads in today's HomeTown Classifieds!



Man arrested for abuse; takes it out on patrol car

A 37-year-old Canton man was arrested Friday afternoon for kicking out a police car window, according to reports.

The incident occurred at about 3 p.m. in 7000 block of Iron Gate, which is north of Warren Road and east of Sheldon. Reports said the man was placed in the back of a township patrol car after being arrested for domestic abuse.

While in the car, he kicked the passenger's door window out, reports said. No dollar estimate was given relative to damage done to the patrol car.

The man, reports said, had gotten into an argument with

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his wife and hit her several times.

A township officer spotted the man's 1999 Ford pickup at the intersection of Ford and Haggerly roads and ran a background check. Reports said the man also had outstanding misdemeanor warrants out of Garden City and Westland.

DWLS
A 21-year-old Dearborn man was arrested Friday morning for driving with an expired license, reports said.

A township officer spotted the man's 1999 Ford pickup at the intersection of Ford and Haggerly roads and ran a background check. Reports said the man also had outstanding misdemeanor warrants out of Garden City and Westland.

Tool time?
About \$250 worth of tools were stolen from a home in the 45000 block of Rudgate, which sits east of Canton Center and north of Geddes.

A lawn edger (\$100) and drill set (\$150) were stolen from the home's garage, reports said. Police have no suspects.

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Veterinary Notes

by **Elizabeth Roubton, D.V.M.**

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CANTON CONNECTION

New board member

Greg Gruber has been appointed to the Canton Public Library Board of Trustees.

Gruber, of Canton, is senior vice president and chief operating officer of Garden City Hospital.

He was one of about 20 applicants for the seat, vacated earlier this year by Greg Stachura, said library Director Jean-Tabor. "So many wonderful people applied. It was hard to choose just one," Tabor said.

The seats of all six library board members will be up for election in November.

New board member, part II

Jim Winebrener has been appointed by the Canton Chamber of Commerce to fill a board vacancy created by the departure of Penny Klei.

Winebrener is the owner of Promotional Video, a production company that specializes in creating telephone hold messages for businesses. He is also on the chamber's Ambassadors Committee.

Klei stepped down from her chamber post in March when she retired from Bank One.

Nursing award

Canton resident Maryanne Patten, an RN at Sinai-Graess Hospital in Detroit, has received the Clinical Excellence in Practice Award from Madonna University's Kappa Iota Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the nursing honor society.

The award is given annually to a nurse who demonstrates excellence in nursing practice. Applicants are nominated by their peers.

Crime rate from page A1

"When you build large stores the reality is you end up with more Part I offenses like shoplifting," said Santomauro.

While stopping such crimes may be unrealistic, he thinks the problem can be controlled. Santomauro said his department works closely with retailers. Increasing patrols may help cut larceny numbers, he added.

"High visibility does provide a level of deterrence," Santomauro said.

Besides robberies and burglaries, motor vehicle thefts increased. A total of 243 cars were stolen last year, a 23 percent jump from 1998.

Some Part I numbers did drop

in Canton. Aggravated assaults were down 11 percent and arsons 22 percent.

Santomauro said percentages, both positive and negative, aren't always reflective of crime in a community. A more meaningful statistic, in the director's opinion, is the Part I crime rate per resident.

"I think you get a truer picture of what's really going on," said Santomauro.

Canton's population stood at an estimated 75,457 last year, according to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. That gives the township a rate of one crime per 29 residents.

It's a mark that compares to similar communities.

Plymouth Township, for example, had an estimated 26,747 residents with a total of 907 Part I offenses for 1999. That works out to an identical 1:29 ratio.

"Demographically, we're very similar to the Plymouths and Northvilles," said Santomauro.

Among non-Part I crimes, vandalism saw the biggest increase. A total of 977 incidents were reported last year, up a whopping 53 percent from 1998.

The number of complaints against juveniles saw the biggest decrease in 1999. Just 125 incidents were reported, a drop of 26 percent.



Hop to it: Heritage Park's Easter Bunny mixes it up with a decidedly young crowd Saturday.

Ready, set...
Albert Li, 2 years old of Canton, awaits the start of the Easter Egg hunt. His mother is holding him.



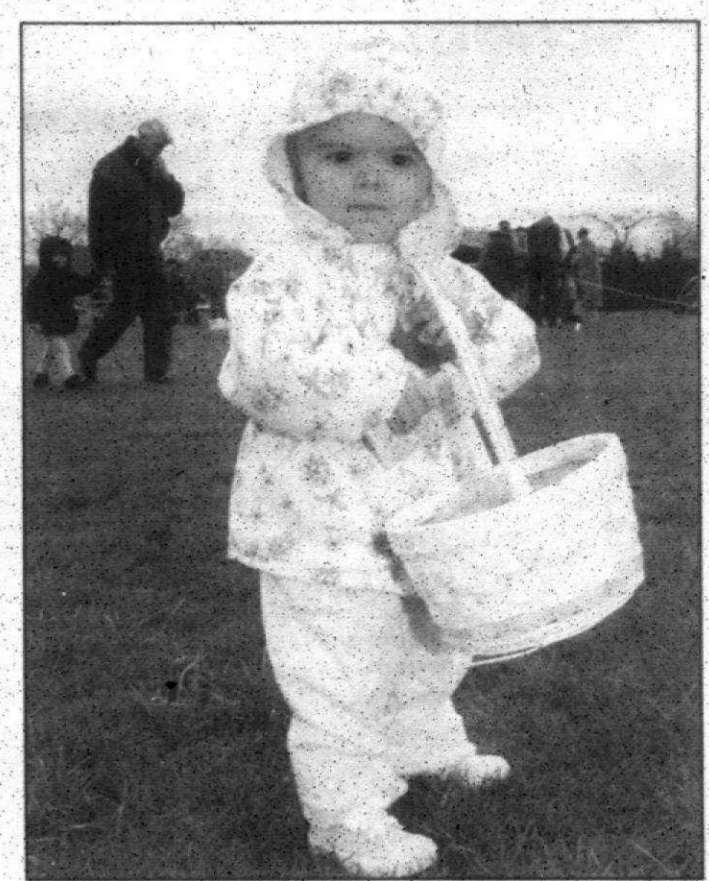
Egg-citing Cool weather can't stop this hunt

Gray skies and a chilly breeze didn't thwart hundreds of Canton youngsters from going after Easter goodies Saturday in Heritage Park.

The 10 a.m. hunt - which was over by about 10:10 - was divided by age groups

so that everyone could claim a prized egg or two.

While there were many first-timers in the crowd, Saturday's festivities were in keeping with a 20-year tradition in the township.



Full baskets: Grace Packham, 1½ years old of Canton, has her hands full with candy. Below, Franky Jwor, 3, of Canton tries to get as much candy as possible.



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Library construction update
Have you noticed the walls for the new Youth and Adult Departments going up? The youth department will be moving into the community meeting room as of May 15. Visit the proposed floor plan and our photo album of the expansion at our Web site: www.metronet.lib.mi.us/canton/updates/index.html

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Q&A
Q: What is America's favorite condiment?
A: Recognizing salsa as America's favorite condiment, May 1-31 is National Salsa Month. Salsa is used more often than even ketchup and is topped, dipped, marinade and to spice up countless recipes. National Salsa Month celebrates more than 50 years of picante sauce, a salsa created in 1947, and Cinco de Mayo, a major Mexican holiday.

New audio books
Here are some new books on audio tape available from the library:
■ "Amaryllis" by Jayne Catle
■ "Foundation and Earth" by Isaac Asimov
■ "Forward the Foundation" by Isaac Asimov
■ "The Greatest Generation Speaks" by Tom Brokaw
■ "Reckless Love" by Elizabeth Lowell
■ "Walkin' the Dog" by Walter Mosley

Good reads
Here are some books that are classic page-turners:
■ "Shining Through" by Susan Isaac
■ "Three Women at the Waters' Edge" by Nancy Thayer
■ "Time and Again" by Jack Finney
■ "The Shipping News" by Annie Proulx
■ "Stones for Ibarra" by Harriet Doerr

Hot topic of the week
■ National Arbor Day. Observed on the last Friday in April, Arbor Day was first observed in Nebraska in 1872, where it is still a state holiday. The Committee for National Arbor Day has as its goal the observance of Arbor Day in all states on the same day, the last Friday in April. This unified date would provide Americans with the opportunity to better learn the importance of trees to our way of life. This date is also a good planting date for many states throughout the country. More than half of the states now observe Arbor Day on the proposed April Friday.

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Choral group performs at fest

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Chamber Singers, a select men's choral ensemble from Plymouth-Canton, has been invited to participate in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival, May 11-13. The festival will be on the campus of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. The annual festival celebrates its 38th anniversary this year.

The Chamber Singers will perform in the Ensemble Invitation

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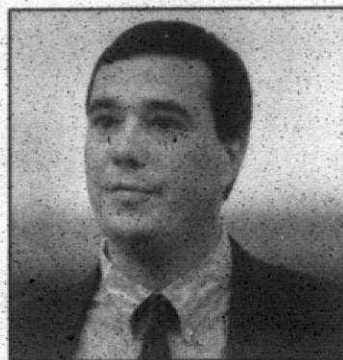
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Charter school from page A1

attorney Tim Stoeper argued that the school met all of the special land use criteria and was a compatible use in the growing residential area.



Jeff Poole

"There's a real demand and desire to have this school at this location," he said at the meeting. Trustees unanimously disagreed, however.

Gun range from page A1

Special operations teams will use the range for training, too. A repelling tower will be among other amenities at the site, Santomauro said.

In terms of renting the range to other departments, "we're approaching it as a business venture," he told trustees.

Canton would provide ammunition, targets and other supplies, as well as instruction, said Santomauro. All of those costs would be built into a contract fee to each department.

"We've had tremendous success with practitioners teaching practitioners," Santomauro said of his department's training program.

'Simply, we don't believe the township has jurisdiction over the issues discussed.'

—Jeff Poole, National Heritage Academies

special land use. "The Charter Development is a Michigan nonprofit public school," the suit claims. "Canton's classification of public schools, including public school academies, as a special land use and subject to special land use and site plan approval, is on its face unlawful."

The lawsuit asks that Canton be "enjoined preliminarily and permanently from asserting any jurisdiction and control over the site plan, construction, design, plans and specifications of (National Heritage's) public school pursuant to Canton's Special land use and site plan ordinance."



Tom Yack

'I think we're OK on the special land use side. The question is if we find a circuit court judge to agree with us.'

—Tom Yack, Canton Township supervisor

Canton has 21 days to respond to the suit, according to court documents. Yack believes the township will emerge victorious.

"I think we're OK on the special land use side," he said. "The question is if we find a circuit court judge to agree with us."

Photo contest open to students

Wayne RESA, the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, is once again sponsoring its annual photography contest for Wayne County high school students.

Three winners will be selected in each of the three categories: people, places and pride. First place winners will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, second place winners will receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond, and third place winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Borders Bookstore.

The winners will be announced at Wayne RESA's Art Fair held from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at 5454 Venoy Road in the city of Wayne.

New club from page A1

It wouldn't be a stretch to say Krystallis wound up in Canton by chance.

The native New Yorker wanted to open an establishment in the Midwest for some time. Last December, he decided to visit Detroit and Chicago.

Krystallis toured both cities but didn't find exactly what he was looking for. On his way back to New York, he decided to make a pit stop and see a friend in Canton.

"That's when he discovered his current location, which is off of Lilley Road north of Joy. The site, formerly Pogo's, had been vacant for about a year.

"I looked at the place and thought it was nice," said Krystallis. "I thought it had potential."

He signed a lease at Golden Gate in mid-February. Since then, Krystallis has been working on transforming the facility.

He plans to give it a Mediterranean feel through mural paintings and other accents.

Sneaky's menu will match its decorum. Having help his family run a Greek restaurant in New York, he plans to go with what he knows best.

"We make great Greek food," Krystallis said. "We use only quality ingredients and make healthy meals."

"He wanted to get away from typical bar food — burgers, Buffalo wings and such. Instead, Sneaky's will offer select Greek dishes.

Shishkebab, spinach pie, stuffed grape leaves, gyros and salads are just a few of the items. Krystallis said his prices will be very moderate.

"We want Sneaky's to be a great place to get good Greek food in a casual atmosphere," he commented.

Dance will be a big part of Sneaky's as well. A variety of dance music, from 70s disco to funk and Latin tunes, will be played by a DJ, Krystallis said.

"It will be a good mix," he added. "If you have a variety you attract more people."

Krystallis said his plans for Sneaky's are far from finalized at this point. But he does plan on giving area residents a local entertainment option.

"Why not give them a choice to stay here if they want," said Krystallis.



Sneaky's New Canton night club will feature dancing and Greek food.

Cruisers welcome, chief says

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

As certain as the swallows fly to Capistrano, the warm weather is sure to bring the cruisers from metro Detroit to downtown Plymouth.

While in the past police officials have discouraged teenage cruisers by handing out tickets and re-routing cars to keep them from clogging Main Street, new Plymouth Police Chief Dick Miller is using a different tactic.

"I welcome anyone into this town," said Miller, who admittedly has yet to witness the effects of cruising. "The kids are welcome here, as long as their behavior is acceptable."

Miller said he's heard the stories about misbehaving teens, loud music blasting from car stereos, beer bottles being thrown from cars, and people urinating on lawns.

However, Miller plans to be aggressive in stopping the bad behavior and doesn't plan on stopping the fun for those who obey the laws.

'The kids are welcome here, as long as their behavior is acceptable. We're going to take a very aggressive stand when it comes to loud noise from radios.'

Dick Miller, Plymouth police chief

"We're going to take a very aggressive stand when it comes to loud noise from radios," said Miller. "I have a low threshold when it comes to that, and I expect to see a lot of citations handed out from our officers on those. And, we'll be tough on young people who are abusing alcohol and cigarettes."

While Miller has yet to experience cruising in downtown Plymouth, it doesn't mean he hasn't studied the situation.

"I've sought out some key business residents downtown and met with them," said Miller. "They told me about some of the issues and showed me some of the areas of concern and where kids congregate. I asked them their thoughts and what I can do to help."

Miller has already begun taking action by making his police department visible downtown. "We've already put bike patrols out and will continue them, and we've taken the first

steps of having officers walk the beat," added Miller. "We'll have officers walking downtown, including during cruising times, to deal with kids on the streets."

Miller will have a new policy this summer when it comes to confiscation of alcohol. "The former policy was to collect alcohol bottles and beer cans as evidence, but the court isn't requiring those now for prosecution," said Miller. "This year, when minors are caught in possession of alcohol, the officer will have them pour it out at the scene and then issue a ticket."

Former chief Bob Scoggins regularly used barricades to keep traffic from congesting Main Street. Miller doesn't see that as a routine traffic tactic.

"I think blocking streets is a viable option, but needs to be reserved for significant periods, depending on volume of traffic and the conduct of participants," said Miller.

"Anything citizens call in our officers will take action, and we'll prosecute in court," he said. "We've already done that on at least on occasion this year."

Deadline is May 12 to apply for grants

Applicants have until Friday, May 12, to submit proposals for funding under the Drug-Free grant awarded to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

A state grant for \$72,074 has been awarded to the district from the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program for the 2000-2001 school year. The local grant is coordinated through a subcommittee of the Plymouth-Canton Community Council for Substance Abuse Prevention.

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Prisoner flees hospital

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

The Michigan Department of Corrections is looking for an escapee from the Scott Correctional Facility in Northville Township.

"The prisoner was taken to Hazel Hospital in Detroit because she was pregnant, and escaped two days after the baby was born," said Matt Davis, spokesman for the corrections department. "We had at least one officer attending to her, and we're continuing to investigate how she escaped. There wasn't an assault on the officer."

Lockie Rolack, 26, was sentenced in St. Clair County last September to 2-3 years for resisting a police officer and being a habitual offender. She was scheduled to be paroled in June 2001.

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OBITUARIES

MYRLE L. SCHAIBLY
Services for Myrle L. Schaibly, 93, of Plymouth were held April 24 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Dr. David Brown officiating. Burial was in Skyway Memorial Park, Palmetto, Fla.
Mrs. Schaibly was born Nov. 2, 1906, in Grand Rapids and died April 19 in Plymouth. She came to the Plymouth community from Bradenton, Fla., in 1995. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Bradenton, Fla., and also Covenant Community Church in Redford. She was a "Prayer Warrior" who loved to pray for anyone in need. She loved solving crossword puzzles and was a loving mother and grandmother.
She was preceded in death by two husbands, Max Triplett and Hobart Schaibly. Survivors include her son, Gerald (Jane) Triplett of Northville; sister-in-law, Audrey DeVires of Jackson; brother-in-law, George Schaibly

of Michigan; four grandchildren, Kimberly (Aaron) Koons of Roseville, Ohio, Timothy Triplett of San Diego, Melodie Triplett of Carey, Ohio, and Charles Triplett of Roseville, Ohio; and great-grandchildren, Travis Koons of Roseville, Ohio and Kelsey Koons of Roseville, Ohio.
Memorials may be made to Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church Missions, 4000 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.
KULDIP RAGHIBIR SINGH
Services for Kuldip Raghibir Singh, 78, of Canton Township were held April 24 at Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton, with Bhai-Shangara Singh and Bhai-Dharm Singh officiating.
He was born June 21, 1922, in India and died April 22 in Canton Township. She was a homemaker.
Local arrangements were made by the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.
DOROTHY A. WILHELM
Services for Dorothy A. Wilhel-

mi, 87, of Livonia and formerly of South Lyon were held March 25 at Our Lady Of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth with the Rev. Doc Orman officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.
She was born on March 23, 1912, in Detroit and died March 22 in Livonia. She was a beauty operator. She came to the South Lyon community in 1930, where she completed the eighth grade in a one-room country school. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth and served on the Rosary Society there. She was a member of the Happy-Hour Senior Citizen Club, the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary, and the K of C. She loved bingo, braiding rugs and traveling when she was able.
Memorials may be made as Mass offerings.
TERRY DOYLE
Private services for Terry Doyle, 65, of Plymouth were held

April 22.
She was born Sept. 26, 1934, in Marquette and died April 19 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker. She also worked outside the home during her life in various professional jobs, the most recent as a sales agent for Century 21.
She had also earned her law degree from Wayne State University. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. She enjoyed many outside interests, including working as an art-aide for the Detroit Institute of Arts, the opera and the theater. She was an avid reader. Her greatest joy came from her family.
Survivors include her three daughters, Tamsie (Rob) Gottschalk of Hilton Head, S.C., Tara (Kirk) Reighard of Plymouth and Tiffany Fisher of Canton; three sons, Sean (Shirley) Fisher of Westland, Kelly Fisher of Canton and Todd (Melanie) Fisher of Allen Park; two brothers, Ronald Doyle of Rockford, Ill., and Patrick Doyle of Virginia; one sister, Barbara Soppell of Plymouth; and seven

grandchildren.
Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.
VERA HILDE HELM
Services for Vera Hilde Helm, 92, of Westland took place April 25 at the Plymouth Church of Nazarene with the Rev. Norman Long officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.
Mrs. Helm was born Sept. 28, 1907, in Benzonia, Mich., and died April 19 in Westland. She was a homemaker and a member of the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene. She enjoyed being a homemaker, helping her family, and participating in missionary projects for the church sewing chapter called the KumJoyns. She also enjoyed helping provide dishes for funeral dinners.
She was preceded in death by her parents, James A. and Myrtle M. Stoops; her husband, Roy Helm; seven brothers, Ervis, Roosevelt, Julius, Edward, Howard, William and Ray; and one sister, Marguerita. Survivors include her daughter, Norma (Gerlad) Hamlin of Plymouth;

two sons, Arthur (Eileen) Helm of Ann Arbor and Donald (Judy) Helm of Milford; two sisters, Hazel Parsons of Frankfort, Mich., and Blanche Bock of Honor, Mich.; one brother, John Stoops of Naples, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.
Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.
EMMA LOUISE CARR
Services for Emma Louise Carr, 74, of Canton were held April 27 at the Community Free Will Baptist Church, Westland, with Pastor Jimmy Lawson officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.
She was born Nov. 22, 1925, in Calloway County, Ky., and died April 22 in Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn. She was a faithful member of Community Free Will Baptist Church in Westland.
She was preceded in death by her husband, William Howell Wayne Carr; one grandson, Billy Block; and one brother, Paul Lawson. Survivors include her three daughters, Glenda (David) Fletcher, Gloria Block and Brenda Carr; four sisters, Betty Goad, Carlene Williams, Gladys Fox and Lorene Lovett; one brother, Homer Fennell; three grandchildren, Cindy Litz, Mandy Block and Tommy Simo; three great-grandchildren, Anthony William, Zachary Joseph and Hailey McKenzie Litz; several nieces and nephews.
Memorials may be made to the Community Free Will Baptist Church.

Schoolcraft approves alliance with Ohio 4-year college

BY RICHARD PEARL
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A recent vote by the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees is making location less important in choosing an institution of higher learning, according to a school official.

For the second time in about three years, the Livonia-based community college's board approved an educational alliance with a private university, thereby expanding its students' range of choices in four-year degree programs.

The new arrangement, with Franklin University of Columbus, Ohio, permits Schoolcraft students to earn a bachelor of science degree in one of six disciplines without having to leave the Schoolcraft campus.

The arrangement "makes the idea of location irrelevant," said Conway Jeffress, Schoolcraft vice president for instruction and student services.

"You don't have to quit your job and move to Ohio if you want the education offered there," he said.

Schoolcraft first offered programs for earning bachelor's and master's degrees three years ago through the establishment of Omnibus - for Online Multidegrees in National and International Business - with Madonna University of Livonia.

With Franklin, a combination of on-line offerings originating there, together with on-campus offerings at Schoolcraft, will allow students at the Livonia school to earn a bachelor's in either business administration, computer science, technical administration, health service

administration, public safety management or management information systems. All are fully articulated with existing programs at Schoolcraft, said its president, Dick McDowell.

Jeffress said Schoolcraft might make some additional degree offerings available through the Franklin alliance in the fall. Franklin, which serves about 5,000 students, is a fully-accredited, private institution like Madonna.

Madonna's Omnibus, which permits students to earn their associate's, bachelor's and master's of science in business

administration in three years through a combination of e-mail, the Internet and tapes, is "doing well," Jeffress said.

He said there are 51 students in the cohort group between the two Livonia institutions and that the program has "very good retention."

Offering four-year degrees through the two-year college "Obviously is something we want to do more of," Jeffress said.

"We've got Eastern Michigan University right down the street, there's Central Michigan University and we've got Wayne State University at 12 Mile Road" in

Farmington Hills, any one of which could conceivably expand Schoolcraft's offerings in the future, he said.

You can look at other institutions as competition, he said, or as the basis for offering more to your students. If an arrangement means each school can offer something more than both can do separately, "then it's a greater service," he said.

"We look at it as one of providing choices for the students," Jeffress said. "We like to provide as many opportunities as we can offer."

"Our aspiration would be to


have the best collection of opportunities we can put together," he said.

The computer is the key, Jeffress said. "It's opened up doors and windows to the possibilities of partnerships" between colleges.

Besides, "People are insisting things be faster, more convenient and have more utility," he said. "They want things they can apply right now, as opposed to 10 years from now."

Those factors "are shaking up education these days," Jeffress said.

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GOP gun safety proposals draw fire in Wayne County

BY MIKE MALOTT
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State lawmakers are preparing to fire off 18 to 20 rounds of new legislation, aimed mostly at increasing firearms safety. Among the proposals is a call for \$1 million to help municipalities hand out free trigger locks to gun owners. And the package would require that trigger locks be included in all future gun sales.

The plan, unveiled in a media roundtable Thursday, April 20, by House Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo Township, and expected to be introduced within the week, also calls for a list of new "family safety" measures, including the addition of 50 child protective service workers and requirements for background checks for day care workers.

But the "Family Safety Priorities" package is also drawing return fire from Wayne County officials. One portion of the package would eliminate the right of municipalities to file lawsuits against gun manufacturers. Only the attorney general would be allowed to take such legal action.

Wayne County and the city of Detroit filed suit against 35 gun makers last year in circuit court. The case alleges that the gun



State Rep. Andrew Raczkowski



Prosecutor John O'Hair

manufacturers are engaging in "willful blindness" to the illegal distribution of the guns they make. Similar lawsuits have been filed by Cleveland, Chicago, Miami, New Orleans and Bridgeport, Conn.

Nonetheless, if the new legislation is passed, it would stop Wayne County's suit.

Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair said he sees no reason why local governments should be blocked from filing such suits. Wayne is winning its case, he argues, and has already received significant concessions

from four gun manufacturers.

The most notable concession was Smith & Wesson's announcement in March that it will add child safety features to the guns it makes, and add "smart gun" technology to its products, making it impossible for someone other than the owner of the gun to use the weapon.

The Springfield, Mass., gun maker also agreed to hold its distributors to a new "code of conduct." Smith & Wesson's concessions came in return for the dropping of lawsuits filed by a

number of cities.

"I can think of no reason why the right of a person or a community to sue should be restricted," O'Hair said. He said he wasn't satisfied with the idea the state attorney general would retain the power to sue on behalf of city governments.

Rather, he said cities should keep their authority to sue. If they can make a case in court, it would show the suit was indeed valid. If they could not, the courts would toss the case out.

Lorri Rishar, spokesperson for House Republicans and speaker Perricone, said it is not unusual for states to restrict the right to sue gun makers. Nineteen states restrict the right of individuals and cities to sue gun manufacturers, 12 give the power to the state, and two restrict the power to their attorneys general.

If the case is legitimate, she said, it could proceed. It would simply have to be reviewed by the attorney general first.

Rishar argued that reserving the authority for the state would "level the playing field" among communities. Few have the resources of a Wayne County, and so few would be able to take on gun makers in a suit.

Restricting the authority to sue to the attorney general would give all Michigan communities the same ability to file cases

through that state office, she explained.

State Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, who expects to be called on to sponsor a portion of the package, favors the provision.

"It would keep people from filing a lot of silly lawsuits," he said. "This is a product that is doing what it is supposed to do. It is not malfunctioning. If you want to sue them for the proliferation of violence in our society, you should sue Hollywood. We should sue Miramar. We should sue Hostess for making Twinkies."

Unveiling the plan for the package of safety bills, Perricone explained he believed "youth violence has more to do with families than firearms... We are giving many new tools to parents, students, educators, day care workers, and law enforcement personnel as they work together to maximize family safety."

The package of bills would also:

- Require trigger locks be sold with all new purchases of guns.

- Raise the age for those seeking to purchase guns at gun shows from 18 to 21, or 18 with a high school diploma.

- Provide firearms safety and training classes in public schools. State police would visit classrooms to raise awareness of

firearms safety. Michigan State University's Criminal Justice program would train 400 police officers to conduct the classes.

- Provide tax credits for the purchase of trigger locks and gun safes.

- Establish a toll-free state school safety hotline.

- Increase the number of school counselors in public schools. At present, the ratio of counselors to students is one to 700. Perricone said he would like to cut that ratio in half.

- Add \$45 million in spending for childhood intervention programs.

- Add 50 employees in the state Child Protective Services.

- Add \$50 million to the Family Independence Agency budget for increasing day care in impoverished neighborhoods.

- Require background checks on day care workers.

- Permit mental health assessments of children who have committed acts of arson or animal cruelty to determine if they are dangerous.

- Create a program to be known as the Project Exile Fund Commission, which will put more prosecutors on the job to lend technical assistance to local police departments when they are prosecuting defendants on firearms charges either in the state or federal courts.

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Market value

Owners discover everything has worth

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Elise Emrick was thrilled to know the crystal bowl she just had appraised at the Plymouth Historical Museum was not only worth \$200, but was indeed a work of art.

"I knew it was very old because it was a gift from my sister, and she got it about 70 years ago," said Emrick, 82, of Plymouth Township. "I thought it was Waterford crystal, but I was told it was much better than that because of the different levels of cutting, something like an artist would do."

Emrick said she had six of the pieces. "But I like them because of their beauty, not because of the value."

Emrick was one of several dozen people who showed up at the museum Wednesday to have heirlooms, antiques and items just collecting dust appraised by the DuMouchelle Art Gallery in Detroit.

"This is fun," said Ernest DuMouchelle. "You find things people think aren't as important and tell them they are. But the most important thing is we help them discover their own pieces."

And that's exactly why Robert and Bracky West of Stockbridge stopped by with their ceramic piece.

"We've had this for 40 years and never knew what it was," said Robert Bracky, who was told he had a 19th century German stoneware vessel. "We weren't as much concerned about value as to what it was and its history."

"And that's what most people want," added DuMouchelle. "They just want to know the history of items they've had in their

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—Art appraiser

families. The best thing about the truth is that they can then determine what to do with the item."

Which is why Rosemary Kasunic, a secretary at Our Lady of Good Counsel, was at the appraisal.

"I've had this antique tea set sitting on the shelf for a long time after inheriting it from my mother," said Kasunic after having the seven-piece set appraised at \$600. "I was surprised because it was undated and so tarnished. I'm giving him the set to sell on consignment."

Another Plymouth couple left a set of paintings to be auctioned by DuMouchelle. They were appraised at \$15,000 for the pair. DuMouchelle gets 10 percent.

DuMouchelle, 57, has been appraising items since he was 8 years old and has auctioned some very old and historic items.

"I remember going to a home and appraising an antique bank at nearly \$12,000," said DuMouchelle. "In mint condition the bank was listed at \$18,000. We sold it for her and got \$45,000."

"We never sell by the book because selling is reality," he said.

DuMouchelle once appraised eight Ty Cobb letters at \$1,000 apiece. Those letters from the Detroit Tiger great sold for \$64,000.



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Seeking value: Robert and Bracky West of Stockbridge listen to Lynne Marthey of DuMouchelle Auctions as she appraises an odd family heirloom the Wests brought with them. It turned out to be a "German salt-glazed stoneware vessel, probably 19th century," and Marthey valued it at approximately \$300. Left, Ernie DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Auctions appraises a spinning wheel for Elise Emrick. A picture of President Abraham Lincoln hangs on the wall, keeping DuMouchelle honest.

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Husk pushes advisory panel to oversee Friend of Court

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A western Wayne County commissioner is pushing for creation of a citizen advisory committee to oversee the county's Friend of the Court operations.

"People are asking for this committee," said Kathleen Husk, R-Redford Township, who earlier this month introduced a resolution urging its appointment.

"County Commissioners receive many complaints about Friend of the Court operations which could be better directed to such a committee," Husk said in the resolution.

A state law on the books since January 1997 authorizes county executives across Michigan to appoint such committees, but Husk said to date, only Saginaw County has acted.

The problem, she said, is that the state "didn't make clear" who would fund or administer such a committee.

Husk's resolution, introduced April 5, is expected to be taken up today by the commission's committee on public safety and judiciary and Husk plans to be present.

According to the resolution, the state authorizes citizens advisory committees to investigate grievances filed by a party to a domestic relations case about FOC operations. However, it does not accept "grievances about the conduct or behavior of a (FOC) staff member."

The FOC office "is required by law to cooperate with the committee in responding to a grievance," the resolution says.

The law directs the county executive to appoint, subject to county commission approval, six citizens who are not public officers.

They are to be an advocate for children, a representative for non-custodial parents, a representative of custodial parents, an attorney who engages primarily in family law practice, a mental health professional who provides family counseling, and "A member of the public who could not serve in any of the foregoing capacities."

Serving with the six citizens will be the county sheriff, prosecuting attorney and the director of the Michigan Family Independence Agency or their designees.

Appointees would serve three-year terms, up to a maximum of two consecutive terms, she said. The committee would meet six times per year.

The advisory committee "cannot change the court's legal order" in any domestic case, Husk noted. It would only "be used to monitor the operational procedure of the FOC."

Because the committee's basic role "will be to help track problem areas" in operations, it "will help to keep communication open between the public and the FOC."

"By knowing the problem areas, (county commissioners) will be able to work on them and correct them," she said.

Husk, who said she has received numerous complaints from constituents alleging the FOC is unresponsive to, or mishandles, their inquiries, also is continuing to push for an audit of FOC operations by the county commission.

"We've been trying to do an audit, but they say no, we can't audit their operations, only their finances, said Husk.

The advisory committee is "definitely one approach" to resolving grievances, "but we still need to do an audit."



Kathleen Husk, R-Redford

County promises top-notch triathlon to mark Newburgh Lake restoration

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Wayne County will be in the very early stages of organizing its first-ever triathlon, but the event will be top-notch all the way, a Wayne County spokeswoman said Wednesday.

"We plan on running a first-class race," said Barb Farrah, who handles community relations for the county's department of environment, said that, in addition to the triathlon, the county also is planning a "happening" at the lake.

She said it is expected to offer "general informational displays" about the lake "and hopefully some interactive things" so it will be "fun for kids" and their parents as well as for those watching the competition and for others unfamiliar with the lake and Hines Park in which it is located.

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House task force proposes hotline for consumers

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Who do you call?

Consumer complaints go nowhere without the right numbers

When a consumer has a complaint, knowing whom to call is a key issue. And according to Rep. Mark Jansen, R-Grand Rapids, it can be very confusing because the regulatory agencies are spread out about across all levels of government - federal, state, county and local - as well as among various departments at each of those levels.

As the House Republican Policy Committee Task Force on Consumer Issues released its report Monday, April 24, outlining proposals for new legislation it would like to see enacted to address consumer concerns, it also compiled a list of already available phone numbers to which consumers can take their complaints.

Numbers to call include:

- To file a **slamming or cramming** complaint against any unauthorized provider, contact the Michigan Public Service Commission at **1-800-292-9555**.
- If unresolved, consumers can also file complaints to the Enforcement Division of the Federal Communications Commission at **1-800-225-5322**.
- For complaints regarding **nursing home care**, call the state's Bureau of Health Systems in the Department of Consumer Industry and Services on its health care facility hotline at **1-800-882-8006**.
- The Health Care Financing Administration provides a national database on where consumers can find the most recent survey results for nursing homes. The administration has a website accessible at www.medicare.gov/nursing/home.asp.
- For help finding the right **long-term care facility**, consumers can contact the Elder Care Locator at **1-800-677-1118**.
- For **legal advice**, seniors can contact the Legal Hotline for Older Michiganians at **1-800-347-5297**.
- For assistance and advice on **health benefits**, seniors can contact the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program Hotline at **1-800-903-7174**.
- The Attorney General's **Consumer Protection Division** can be reached at **1-817-373-1140**.
- For complaints about **licensed professionals**, the state's Consumer and Industry Services Bureau of Health Systems can be reached at **1-817-373-1820**.
- Complaints regarding **the environment** can be made to the Department of Environmental Quality Environmental Assistance Center at **1-800-662-9278**.
- Complaints about service in the state's **Family Independence Agency** should be made to **1-817-373-2038**.
- And complaints regarding **potholes** in the road and about state Department of Transportation services can be made to **1-817-373-2090**.

Slamming, cramming, credit reporting problems, medical billing fraud and nursing home care are among the concerns most on the minds of consumers, according to the findings of the House Republican Task Force on Consumer Issues.

But the biggest frustration for consumers, said state Reps. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, and Mark Jansen, R-Grand Rapids, is that when they have a problem they often do not know whom to call.

In fact, many of the phone calls lawmakers receive in their Lansing offices from constituents turn out to be not government related, but consumer complaints.

Complaint hotline

To address that, the representatives are proposing to create a "universal complaint hotline." Not only would staffers operating the toll-free number provide a referral service for complaining consumers - directing the callers not only to the correct level of government, federal, state or local, but to the specific department - and would compile lists of the calls it gets to keep lawmakers informed about what kinds of consumer complaints are on the minds of constituents.

Toy and Jansen are also asking that lawmakers begin to receive quarterly reports about various state departments that typically handle them: the attorney general, Consumer and Industry Services, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Transportation and others. The purpose is to keep elected officials "pry to the most common consumer complaints and help develop legislative solutions to these problems."

Those proposals were among a list unveiled April 24 by Toy and Jansen at a press conference in Livonia. They were contained in a report issued by the task force as a result of hearings held around the state last summer.

Members of the task force - including Reps. Toy, Randy Richardson, R-Monroe, Steve Year, R-Hillsdale, Clark Bisbee, R-Jackson, Charles LaSata, R-St. Joseph, and Jason Allen, Traverse City - conducted six hearings across the state from Monroe to Traverse City which drew, on average, crowds of 25 attendees.

This is the 32nd task force report to be issued by the House Republican Policy Committee, chaired by Jansen, since its formation in 1987. Toy said task force efforts are intended to keep the lawmakers in touch with their constituents. Past task force reports have generated many new state laws.

Slamming and cramming

In the hearings, lawmakers identified three areas of consumer concern they can address in legislation - telephone slamming and cramming, nursing home care and medical billing practices.

Slamming is already illegal in Michigan under a law passed in 1998, but it remains the number one source of complaints from state residents to the Federal Communications Commission.

Some 2,800 slamming complaints were filed in 1998 to the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Phone companies are supposed to receive a "letter of authority" or verify the customer's request through a third party before switching long distance services, but "there are many ways in which unscrupulous companies prey on unknowing consumers and use deceptive measures to obtain service," according to the task force report.

"For instance, there are phone companies named Hold, I Don't Care, I Don't Know. During a typical phone solicitation, the caller (representing the company Hold) may ask in the middle of the call, 'Can I put you on Hold?' An answer in the affirmative results in the switching of the consumer's telephone carrier."

Likewise, according to Toy, cramming is also illegal. That is the practice of adding charges to a consumer's phone bill that the consumer did not ask for. But it is still a source of many complaints.

Recommendations

To address these concerns, the task force is recommending a number of changes in the law, including:

- Legislation requiring "truth in billing." This legislation would require any company adding a charge to a consumer's phone bill to also include a toll free number at which the company can be reached and the company's address. Residents who testified before the committee hearings complained that when they find unauthorized items on their phone bills, there is often no phone number or address where the company can be reached to file a complaint.
- Increase the penalties for slamming and cramming. Already, consumers can dispute their bills when they have been slammed, and the law prohibits the company from collecting more than what the customer would have paid the old phone company for the same services. However, the task force believes that allows slammers to still make a profit. So, the task force is proposing legislation to prohibit slamming companies from collecting any fees.
- Legislation requiring background checks for anyone seeking to enter the telecommunications market in Michigan.
- Creation of a "no call" list which would allow consumers to block phone solicitors from dialing them up.
- Toy noted that lawmakers, learning the lesson from telephone deregulation, also are proposing bills to prevent slamming and cramming when the state similarly deregulates electric and gas service. Reps. Richardson and Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, have already introduced bills to outlaw the practice in those utilities.
- Nursing home care was not an area the task force anticipated reviewing, Toy said, but the number of complaints heard by the committee prompted several recommendations for new laws, including:
 - Continuing the state's Elder Prescription Insurance Coverage program and promoting it better to make more Michigan seniors aware that it is available.
 - Requiring criminal background checks for employees of nursing homes and county medical care facilities. Such background checks are already being proposed in legislation sponsored by Rep. Gerry Law, R-Plymouth.

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Seniors tell task force of problems

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A chairwoman's job is never done.

Or so it seemed Monday morning, just after state Rep. Laura M. Toy, R-Livonia, chair of the House Republican Consumer Issues Task Force, presented her panel's findings about Michigan consumers' top complaints.

As soon as Toy announced that phone-slammings, nursing-home loopholes and medical-billing problems were top concerns, a quartet of Livonia senior citizens introduced some new ones that gave Toy some pause.

The new complaints help underscore the panel's recommended toll-free constituent hotline, Toy said. "What is often missing is who to call or write, where to go, just where to get answers," she said.

People often see Lansing as if it's "some big Wizard of Oz-type thing," unreachable or un-knowable, she noted. By helping find answers, the hotline will bring some "clarity," she said.

Regina Dunne told Toy she wanted billings for unauthorized long-distance charges stopped. Her husband, Bill, said the same about altered credit-card receipts.

Cornelia Blaga said the flood of unwanted telephone solicitations she gets are making her "nasty" while Betty Ronayne protested being excluded from Livonia's free minor home-repair service because she now has a condominium.

Dunne said her phone was billed for calls made while she and Bill were out of town. The phone company told her the number apparently was stolen, but did nothing about it.

Bill Dunne said credit card companies who let restaurant employees boost tips on already-signed bills - which happened to him - should be penalized.

The new law should "whack them (card companies) big-time if they're going to let people pull this stuff," he said, suggesting a penalty five times the increase.

Blaga said she "can't pick up the phone" without finding a telephone marketer on the other end - a problem she believes

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Local woman's warning: Caution before giving

BY KURT KUBAN
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Livonia resident Kathleen Kowalski has a message for anybody thinking about contributing to a certain charity: Be careful before making out that check.

Kowalski recently received a letter from the Children's Wish Foundation asking her to support the organization's "2000 Livonia Area Wish Sponsor Drive."

"Join us in our efforts of putting children first," the letter states.

The organization says that its goal is to pay for the wishes of terminally ill children. These wishes include, among other things, paying for them and

their families to go to Disneyland, or even visit the Pope. According to the letter sent to Kowalski, today there are more than 125 children across the nation who are awaiting a "gift of love."

"We strive for each child to feel that the moon and the stars were hung in their honor and that they deserve every smile and every moment of laughter we can create," the letter goes on to say.

Touched by the message, Kowalski decided to contribute the \$15 the foundation was soliciting.

However, before writing a check, Kowalski decided to call the Michigan Attorney General to further inquire about the organization.

She was shocked by what she learned.

In the 1998 fiscal year, the organization raised \$26.7 million in total revenue. Of that total,

only \$3.05 million was used to fund 402 individual wishes. Another \$4.9 million was contributed to various children's hospitals and other charitable agencies, such as Ronald McDonald Houses.

"I think this is so misleading," Kowalski said of the letter. "This organization is all baloney. Finding out what I found out just rubs me the wrong way."

Representatives for Children's Wish Foundation say they are sympathetic to Kowalski's concerns.

"She has got to recognize that there is a cost to all of this," said Errol Copilevitz, legal counsel for Children's Wish Foundation. "The standard in this industry is that you have to spend a dollar to earn a dollar. People have to realize that there is a major cost to all of the fund raising."

According to the organization's financial returns, it paid \$13.4 million, about half of its total

revenue, to a fund-raising company called Reese Brothers. Another \$4 million was spent on publishing and consulting costs.

"If this woman (Kowalski) had directly called the foundation and said she wanted a 100 percent of her check to go directly to a certain area, it would have happened," said Copilevitz.

However, Copilevitz said, anytime someone contributes as a result of a fund-raising function, such as a phone call or a letter, the contribution has to help pay for the fund-raising efforts. He

said the longer the 15-year-old organization is around, the less they will need to spend on fund-raising because they will have regular contributors.

The organization definitely wants to see a higher net," he said.

Marion Gorton, director of the Michigan Attorney General's Charitable Trust section, said the financial breakdown is fairly typical of wish foundations, of which there are more than 50 operating nationally.

Despite her personal concerns, Gorton said the state is unable to make any kind of demands on these charitable organizations, except that they provide the state with the financial statements they file with the Internal Revenue Service each year.

If the organizations provide this information, the Attorney General has no choice but to give them a license that allows them to operate in the state.

"The United States Supreme Court has told the states they cannot tell these organizations how much they have to actually spend on certain causes," said Gorton. "We are very limited to

how much scrutiny we can give them."

During her years with the Attorney General's office, she has seen the whole gamut in the way charitable organizations actually contribute to certain causes. While some have contributed nearly all of the money they raise, others have contributed nothing.

In her experience, Gorton said local charities are typically the most likely to donate the majority of their money to whatever cause they are supporting. That's because they are usually volunteer-oriented.

"People can call us to check on each organization they wish to donate to. It takes a little research to do it right," she said.

Gorton said people can obtain charity information by calling the Better Business Bureau, or by accessing Web sites such as www.nccib.org or www.guidestar.org/research.

Kowalski, for one, is happy she looked into the matter before making a contribution.

"This is the first time I've done something like this. I even did it during my favorite soap," she said.

Task force from page A11

■ Requiring care facilities to provide prospective patients with written descriptions of the services they provide.

■ Creating an insurance program to provide for long-term care.

■ To deal with complaints about medical claims, the task force recommended requiring the use of a standardized medical claim form.

■ Additional recommendations of the task force included having the Department of Consumer and Industry Services make its disciplinary data base more

accessible to state residents so they can find out when a professional licensed through the state, such as a health care provider, has been disciplined.

And the task force suggested legislation requiring that security deposits required by hotels be credited back more quickly to consumers' accounts. Toy said some credit card companies do not reverse the security deposit charge until as much as 30 days later. This is particularly a problem for travelers, she explained, who may quickly find their credit cards are at their limits due to unreturned security deposits.

Toy from page A11

increases as people get older. "Too many solicitations" have made her "nasty to everybody" — to the point she once almost hung up on winning raffle. "I don't know what approach to take," Blaga said.

Ronayne said since she moved from a house to a condo, "new government regulations" have excluded her from the City of Livonia's free minor home-repair program. She related paying \$55

recently to have a light switch repaired.

But her condo fits the description of "a freestanding, single-family dwelling," she said, so "What's the difference?"

A Livonia housing commission spokesman said Tuesday condos are excluded from the federally financed community block-grant program at this time, but eligibility rules are under revision.

Service awards deadline June 9

June 9 is the deadline for submitting nominations for the 2000 Joint Public Service Awards, sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and the Metropolitan Affairs Council.

Now in its third year, the awards program recognizes local governments, school districts and private or non-profit organizations that cooperate to improve quality of life and conserve limited public funds.

In 1999, the Conference of Western Wayne firefighter testing program was honored.

For applications and guidelines, contact Joseph Davis at 313-961-4266 or download from www.semcog.org/services/jps.

Bills aimed at speeding HMO reviews

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Insurance consumers who have disputes with their Health Maintenance Organizations would get faster, independent reviews of their health care coverage claims under a set of new bills introduced recently in the state House of Representatives.

Additionally, Michigan's Insurance Commission would be required to publish "Health Plan Report Cards" about the state's HMOs, to help consumers select the right plan when shopping for coverage.

In return, HMOs would avoid the specter of lawsuits over those coverage disputes. And the reforms include new rules aimed at protecting the solvency of Michigan HMOs, which have been losing money in the past few years.

The package, House Bills 5572-5576, unveiled in the House by Reps. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Muskegon, and Gary Woronchak, R-Dearborn, Charlie LaSata, R-St. Joseph, and Sandy Cault, R-Mount Pleasant, and Sens. Dan DeGroot, R-Port Huron, and Beverly Hamerstrom, R-Temperance, is a follow up to the governor's State of the State address.

Susan Shafer, spokeswoman for Gov. John Engler, said the bills matched the proposals

■ Consumers need to have more leverage when dealing with health care plans and providers.

Sen. Shirley Johnson
R-Royal Oak

Engler called for in his address and that he will push for their passage.

The bills will also likely see the support of the insurance industry. Patrick Foley, director of communications for the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, said his organization supports the intent of the bills, but has yet to review them in detail. The MHHA is expected to testify regarding the bills and offer a formal position when committee meetings get under way in early May, he said.

"Providing a review for managed health care systems or all insurance providers appears to be the central point of the law," he said. "Certainly, providers are leery of additional lawsuits, so this would appear to be the best route."

"Consumers need to have more leverage when dealing with health care plans and providers," Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, said. "Too often, when a

conflict arises involving a health care plan, the consumer is left at the mercy of the health care providers. It's time to strengthen patient rights in Michigan. The bills will keep health care plans accountable while giving patients the ability to resolve complaints quickly. If patients continue to encounter problems, the Office of Financial and Insurance Services gives them somewhere to go for help."

"Michigan residents deserve consumer choice and the highest quality care at a price they can afford," House Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo Township, said of the bills. "That care needs to include rights for the patients. This package furthers the effort we started a few years ago and ensures the rights of all patients to appeal care and coverage decisions. To the patient, the HMO or health insurance company can seem intimidating and impersonal. These bills are

intended to keep health care plans accountable and to help patients feel that there is an avenue open for resolving their complaints in a fair and timely fashion."

The package expands on Michigan's current Patient Bill of Rights, and also calls for:

■ Handing all external, independent reviews of health care delivery or coverage problems to the newly created state Office of Financial and Insurance Services. That would put all reviews of coverage, including HMOs and other insurance firms, under a single state office.

■ Increasing the net worth, deposit, and working capital requirements for HMOs to better ensure their solvency.

■ Requiring HMOs to comply with the same requirements for audited financial statements that apply to other insurance companies.

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Day at Salem High will feature military presence

On Wednesday, May 3, Salem High School hosts Military Day outside the Salem Cafeteria from 10 a.m. until noon. This is an excellent opportunity for students who are undecided regarding a career direction.

Branches attending this event are the Air Force, Air Force Academy, Air Force ROTC, Air National Guard, Army, Navy National Guard, Army ROTC, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, Naval Academy, Navy Seals and West Point.

A Helicopter and humvee will be on display in the bus loop. Giveaways will include free engraved dog tags, Friabees, mugs, pens and more. Salem High School is located at 46181 Joy Road, Canton.

SHURGARD OF CANTON

Notice is hereby given that the following unit(s) will be sold to the highest bidder by open auction on May 28, 2000 at approximately 9:30 a.m. at Shurgard Storage located at 2101 Haggerty Rd., Canton, MI 48187, (313) 951-0300.

Unit #4037 - Rebecca Russell - Dressers, weight bench, mattresses, kid's toys, lawn equipment, picnic table.

Unit #5028 - Gary Tiley - Lockers, office furniture.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH Notice to Bidders

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. on May 15, 2000 for the following:

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Specifications and proposal forms are available at the office of the Administrative Services Director, 201 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170 during regular office hours.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part and to waive any irregularities.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ESTABLISH AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2000

On April 6, 2000, a request from the DeMattia Group was received by the Charter Township of Plymouth Clerk Clerk's Office requesting to establish an Industrial Development District, under Public Act 198-1974, as amended, for Parcels A and B, in Metro West Industrial park Subdivision No. 6 and five parcels in Metro West Industrial park Subdivision No. 7. Public Act 198, requires that the Board of Trustees hold a Public Hearing on the establishment of an Industrial Development District at which the owners of properties within the proposed district and residents and taxpayers of Plymouth Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments submitted prior to the May 9, meeting will also be accepted.

TAKE NOTE that the Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2000, commencing at 7:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan 48170. Phone Number 734-354-3224.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION SUBDIVISION No. 6

PARCEL A
PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 21, TOWN 1 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST, PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 21, TOWN 1 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 21 AND THE CENTERLINE OF FIVE MILE ROAD, NORTH 84°41'52" EAST 174.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID LINE, NORTH 84°41'52" EAST 470.56 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°33'08" EAST 14.54 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°26'52" WEST 155.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°33'08" EAST 14.54 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°26'52" WEST 313.38 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°33'11 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINS 3.753 ACRES. SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, AND UTILITIES, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH CORNER OF SECTION 21, TOWN 1 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 21 AND THE CENTERLINE OF FIVE MILE ROAD, NORTH 84°41'52" EAST 580.83 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID LINE, NORTH 84°41'52" EAST 64.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°33'08" EAST 703.54 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°26'52" WEST 40.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°33'08" WEST 545.04 FEET; THENCE NORTH 33°22'50" WEST 23.40 FEET; THENCE NORTH 05°18'08" WEST 134.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC AND OF ANY GOVERNMENTAL UNIT IN ANY PART THEREOF USED, TAKEN OR DEEDED FOR STREET, ROAD OR HIGHWAY PURPOSES. SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

PARCEL B
PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 21, TOWN 1 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST, PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 21, TOWN 1 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 21 AND THE CENTERLINE OF FIVE MILE ROAD, NORTH 84°41'52" EAST 644.83 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°33'08" EAST 358.54 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 00°33'08" EAST 345.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°26'52" WEST 467.80 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°33'08" WEST 330.46 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°26'52" EAST 319.28 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°33'08" WEST 14.54 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°26'52" EAST 155.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINS 3.603 ACRES. SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, AND UTILITIES, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 21, TOWN 1 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 21 AND THE CENTERLINE OF FIVE MILE ROAD, NORTH 84°41'52" EAST 580.83 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID LINE, NORTH 84°41'52" EAST 64.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°33'08" EAST 703.54 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°26'52" WEST 40.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°33'08" WEST 545.04 FEET; THENCE NORTH 33°22'50" WEST 23.40 FEET; THENCE NORTH 05°18'08" WEST 134.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

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MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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Hockey great Gadsby entertains seniors

By JULIE BROWN
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The room was a sea of Red Wing red as hockey great Bill Gadsby told of his career. The recent event at Presbyterian Village Westland drew eager listeners.

Gadsby, now a Southfield resident, turned pro at age 18. Coming from western Canada, he spent eight years with the Chicago Blackhawks. "Then I went to New York on a trade."

He didn't really like New York, calling it "a big zoo," Gadsby, a Hockey Hall of Famer who spent 20 years in the NHL, didn't care for the Rangers management.

The moving around, including back to Canada in the off-season, was tough on his family, which now includes wife Edna, four

daughters and nine grandchildren.

"Then I got traded to Detroit," the former defenseman said. He called it "the best sports city in North America. The fans here are unbelievable."

The seniors, some from outside Presbyterian Village Westland, peppered Gadsby with questions. He believes Gordie Howe of Red Wing fame is the greatest player of all time. He thinks the Wings could capture the Stanley Cup this year.

"I really believe they've got a very good chance to win it this year. The Detroit team has a lot of depth, he noted, but injuries could be a problem."

Gadsby described his hockey injuries, including numerous stitches, two shoulder separations, nine broken noses ("which is not very pleasant"), a broken

leg, and having both big toes and thumbs broken.

Better equipment means more protection for today's players, he said.

Gadsby, 72, favors long-term unpaid suspensions for players who are abusive. "The game's gotten out of hand," he said.

The National Hockey League expanded too fast, Gadsby said, and some of the expansion teams are of questionable quality. Today, there are 26 teams with more than 700 players, a far cry from the six teams of Gadsby's heyday.

"It's all money today," he said. "The players are making far too

much money." Fans suffer the consequences with high ticket prices.

Gadsby's run hockey schools since his NHL years. He enjoys having all four daughters in the area. "So I've been very blessed in my life."

Women's hockey is growing, he said. "They're very good hockey players, the gals."

Women hockey fans were in the audience, including Marjorie Maierle, a Presbyterian Village Westland resident. "Oh, sure," she said of her fan status. "Way back since the Olympia days when Lindsay, Howe and Abel played."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS April 18, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2000 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Clerk Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Sheffery.

Members Absent: Burdziak, McLaughlin, Yack.
Staff Present: Director Santomauro, Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher, Captain Jim Davison, Lt. Patrick Nemecek, Firefighter John Hunter, Firefighter Ron Battani, Firefighter Chris Stoklein, Firefighter Greg Kowalski, Autumn Kucka

Director Santomauro acknowledged all of the firefighters that have given so much to the Town Unit that entertains while presenting Fire Safety and prevention messages. He also acknowledged the many businesses that have given their support, Draw Tite, JC Whitney, Dan Dan The Choo Choo Man, Goggan/MPG Graphics, Weldon, Auto Craft Collision, Saxton's Garden Center, Biltmore, Blackwell Ford, National Concrete, Pulte Homes, and PAPA.

Director Santomauro explained the Canton Police Range Project by first explaining why a new site is needed. Director Santomauro explained that they have found a new site suitable for a range.

Chief Michael Rorabacher gave a one year update of the ALS program. Canton currently has 24 paramedics in the department, with three rescue squads licensed for Advanced Life support transport.

ADJOURN
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on April 18, 2000. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on April 25, 2000.
THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: April 27, 2000

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CANTON SOFTBALL CENTER SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Sealed bids for the Canton Softball Center Site Improvements including ornamental fencing, swing gates and temporary chain link fencing shall be received by the Office of the Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m., May 11, 2000 at which time they will be opened publicly.

Contract documents may be obtained at Cityscape Architect, Inc., 33730 Freedom Rd., Farmington, MI 48335 on or after 3:00 p.m. on April 27, 2000.

A non-refundable plan deposit of \$15,000 shall be required. Checks shall be payable to Cityscape Architects, Inc. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Canton Softball Center Site Improvement Bid Enclosed" with bidder name, address and phone number, date and time of bid opening.

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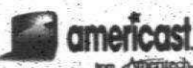
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS April 11, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, April 11, 2000 at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the pledges of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sheffery, Yack

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Machnik, Director Minghine, Director Santomauro, Debby Bradley, Paige Moore, Kristie Smith, Barb Adkins, Laura Lebbon, Jennifer Varajan, Greg King, Ed Cann, Bob Dates

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Supervisor Yack amended the agenda to add an Executive Session to consider employee contract negotiations immediately following the regular Board of Trustees meeting. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Canton of March 28, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Treasurer Kirchgatter amended the payment of bills, deleting the payment of check number 141416 for \$284.55. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Receipt for Board Meeting of January 25, 2000

General Fund	101	\$ 369,006.64
Fire Fund	206	\$ 67,854.05
Police Fund	207	\$ 88,939.28
Summit Operating	208	\$ 53,959.01
Golf Fund	211	\$ 47,448.57
Street Lighting	219	\$ 17,619.58
Cable TV Fund	230	\$ 4,530.27
Public Improvement	245	\$ 100.00
Twp (Community) Improvement	246	\$ 29,697.50
E-911 Utility	261	\$ 349.67
Auto Forfeiture (WWATEE)	267	\$ 391.90
Federal Grants Fund	274	\$ 5,589.11
Auto Theft Grant	289	\$ 106.33
Downtown Dev Authority	294	\$ 5,689.49
Post Employment Benefits	296	\$ 9,196.96
Blig Aukh Construction	469	\$ 3,462.00
Water & Sewer Fund	592	\$ 129,494.41
Total - All Funds		\$1,125,124.45

RECOGNITION

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt a resolution recognizing the Great Canton Duck Derby Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to open the Public Hearing of Necessity for the Gorman Street Water Main Special Assessment District 1998-1 at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to close the Public Hearing of Necessity for the Gorman Street Water Main Special Assessment District 1998-1 at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt Resolution Number 3, setting up the Special Assessment District and directing the Township Supervisor to have the assessment roll prepared. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to set the Public Hearing Date of May 9, 2000 to consider an amendment of Sneaky's Inc. for a New Class C Liquor License. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to appoint Pamela Jones as the Temporary Deputy Clerk for the period of April 19 through April 27, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget

amendment in the Community Center Fund:

Increase Revenues:		
Program Fees	#208-000-652-0000	\$ 3,250
Increase Appropriations:		
Program/Activity-Fitness	#208-757-742-3000	\$ 3,250

This budget amendment increases the Community Center Fund budget from \$2,824,644 to \$2,827,894.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to remove from the table and adopt the Patterson-Barr (Gilmore) Historic District Ordinance No. 117-5. The ordinance will become effective upon publication in the Canton Observer on April 20, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve additional payment of \$400.00 over the 1999 contracted amount for animal control services to Pest Patrol. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery to accept the bid submitted by David Goerke, Ridgement Enterprises in the amount of \$57.00 per lot and \$57.00 per acre for the 2000 Weed Cutting Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to authorize payment to Wayne County for three applications of dust control on local roads for the 2000 calendar year, in the amount of \$12,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following amendment to the purchase agreement with high velocity which extends the closing date to June 23, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery to move that the finance department be authorized to proceed with the purchase of three Ricoh Aficio 270 copiers with the option outlined in an amount not to exceed \$24,524.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve sending three officers to Northwestern University Police Motorcycle Instructor Training in Evanston, Illinois at a cost of \$8,300. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the following budget amendment: Motion carried unanimously.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Canton Township Board approve a budget amendment to:

Increase Revenues:

Appropriation from Fund Balance #207-000-699-0000	\$9,000
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Increase Appropriation:

Training #207-301-952-0000	\$9,000
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This budget amendment increases the Police Fund Budget from \$9,595,932 to \$9,604,932.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund for the renovation costs at the Canton Softball Center: Motion carried unanimously.

Increase Revenues:

Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000	\$200,000
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Increase Appropriations:

Capital Outlay - Land & Improvements	#101-755-971-0000	\$181,000
Capital Outlay - Buildings	#101-755-975-0000	\$ 8,000
Capital Outlay - Equipment	#101-755-977-0000	\$11,000
Total		\$200,000

This budget amendment increases the Softball Center Division budget from \$908,611 to 1,108,611 and the General Fund budget from \$18,139,645 to \$18,339,645.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the bid for the Canton Softball Center adult league individual awards for league champions and second place as follows: 1500 light mock turtleneck long sleeve shirts with 2 colors and one design to the low bidder Al-Star in the amount of \$9,945. 1200 embroidered caps to the low bidder Sports Specialties in the amount of \$4,620. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adjourn to a closed Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on Apr. 11, 2000. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on Apr. 25, 2000.

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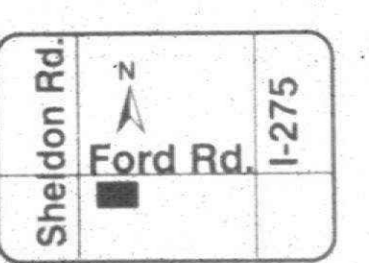
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Charter lawsuit

Compromise would be better solution

"We're just like a public school."

Apparently, the folks at National Heritage Academies hope to sell a Wayne County Circuit Court judge or jury the same oversimplified definition of a charter school they've been feeding area parents for more than a year. That line of thinking appears to be the linchpin of the Grand Rapids-based company's lawsuit filed against Canton Township on April 19.

While we can't predict how the court will rule, we just don't buy the plaintiff's argument. And the Observer is concerned that a protracted legal fight will only stifle efforts to provide additional education alternatives in the Plymouth-Canton area, something many local parents are seeking.

The lawsuit by National Heritage Academies comes on the heels of two rejections since March 1999 by the township board on a special land use request for a charter school in Canton. The board's action followed recommendations from the Canton Planning Commission on two separate 10-acre sites for the proposed school - at Beck and Hanford or Warren and Ridge roads.

In both instances, the board ruled the sites inadequate in size, particularly when unbuildable wetlands were taken into account. The type of building National Heritage planned to erect and the necessity (at the Warren-Ridge site) to put in sidewalks and driveway aprons in an area that has been designated a Natural Beauty Road were also concerns. Both proposals drew considerable protest from members of Canton's Northwest Homeowners Association.

In its lawsuit, which deals with the board's rejection of the Warren-Ridge site last March, National Heritage alleges that Canton has no right to make such a judgment.

The company, it states, was granted a charter contract by Central Michigan University on March 31 to "provide public education as a public school academy in Canton Township for

grades kindergarten through fifth grade."

Like a traditional public school, National Heritage believes it should be exempt from local approvals - including special land use.

"The Charter Development is a Michigan non-profit public school," the suit claims. "Canton's classification of public schools, including public school academies, as a special land use and subject to special land use and site plan approval, is on its face unlawful."

In other words, the township has no say when it comes to construction of a public school within its boundaries. Under Michigan law, that argument carries weight. But in this case it's based on the false premise that a school operated by National Heritage Academies would be a de facto public school.

True, just like public schools charter schools are funded through the state foundation grant of about \$5,700 per pupil. However, National Heritage Academies will take an administration fee for setting up, staffing and performing various services for the school. Company officials have previously said they expect the school to "be in the black" within five years. So the goal here is not only to educate kids but to make money doing it.

With that in mind we have to wonder: is the education "business" really all that different than any other business setting up shop in Canton? Shouldn't National Heritage be under the same building constraints as an office building or day care center?

There is definite interest in a charter school here as evidenced by the 400 families who filled out applications when National Heritage first came calling in 1998. Canton officials have suggested alternative sites - not all of them within the township boundaries - that would draw from the same geographic areas as the two rejected plans.

The Observer believes that kind of compromise would serve the community far better than a courtroom slugfest.

Head Start deserves better

Head Start can trace its roots back to the vision of Lyndon B. Johnson, who in his first State of the Union message called for a war on poverty and the creation of a "Great Society."

Johnson devised and signed into law more than 200 pieces of major legislation, including the Economic Opportunity Act that gave rise to Project Head Start.

Initially, Head Start started out in 1965 as a summer program for 3-4-year-old children, but evolved into a school-year program that, since its inception, has served more than 17.7 million children and their parents. It has provided them with a variety of individualized services in education and early childhood development, medical, dental, and mental health and nutrition.

It is one of the real success stories of LBJ's Great Society, a popular program that legislators flock to support like birds flock to a feeder.

That might explain why a such highly successful program like Head Start has become mired in controversy and highly respected community agencies have been sucked into the dispute in Wayne County.

After being managed for more than 25 years by the Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency, the 18 out-county programs have come under the control of Wayne County. The change of grantees last year provided the opportunity to make Head Start community-based. Instead of naming school districts that had supported the programs for years as its delegates, the county divided up the programs between three community agencies.

While the plan may have looked good on paper, it didn't translate well in reality. TheYWCA of Western Wayne County found itself on the outside looking in after providing Head Start programs in Dearborn, Garden City and Taylor, and Starfish Family Services, which is providing Head Start for most of Inkster, ended up in charge of most of the western Wayne County programs.

The news landed like a lead balloon on many Head Start employees and parents who have directed their wrath at Starfish Family Services.

Employees, who thought of themselves as school district employees, have had to be fired, interviewed and rehired for their jobs, and parents, in looking at the Inkster-based agency, fear their children will be sent to programs outside of their district.

Such controversy is unheard of for Starfish,

which started out working with children in the 1970s as Youth Living Centers. It had hoped for a two-three-year transition and a partnership with the county, much like what it worked out with the Lovelight Foundation and Gleaners to become a food distribution center in western Wayne County.

It has a proven track record providing such things as shelter for runaway teens, a Safe Stay home for the children of families in crisis and an early intervention program for disadvantaged children. The fact that it has become embroiled in such a controversy is testimony to the county's heavy-handed handling of the program.

It's nice to hear the county executive talk about the estimated 30,000 children who are eligible for the program and wanting to increase Head Start numbers as the county heads into the 21st century, but what about the 3,700 children and their parents already in the program?

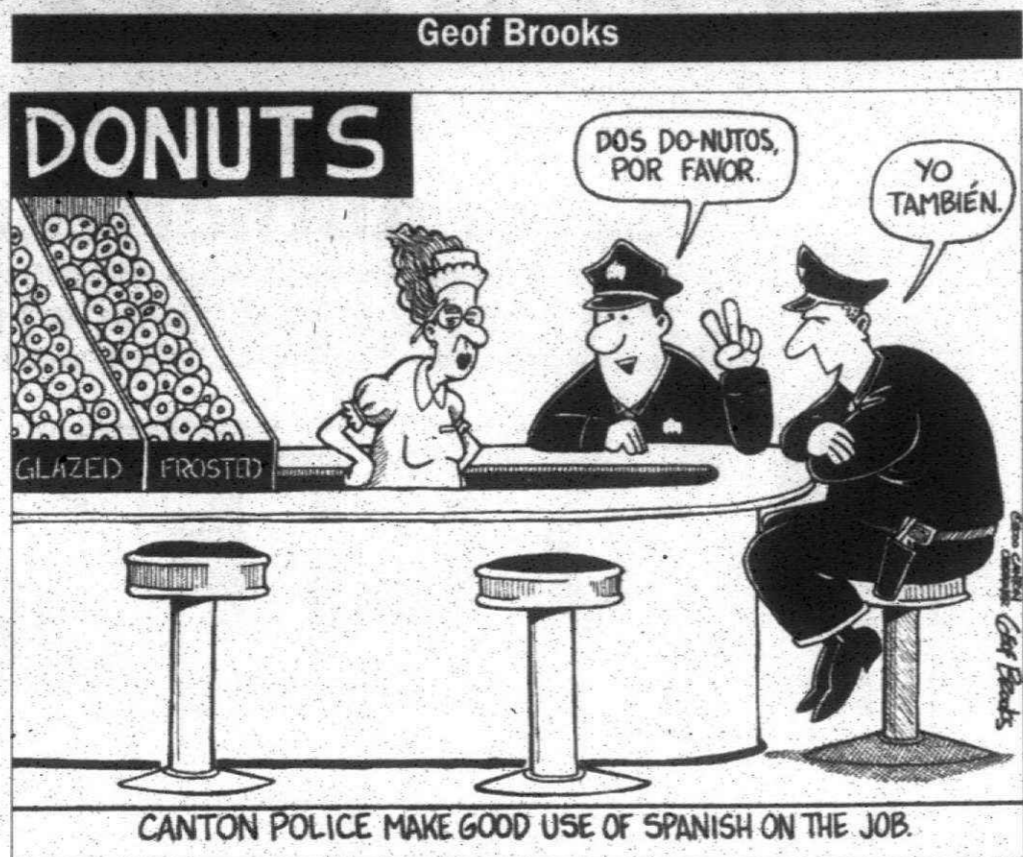
According to Carolyn Gray, Wayne County's director of Children and Family Services, school systems love Head Start because it helps children become emotionally and socially ready to learn. If that statement's true, then why are districts balking at providing the in-kind space that the county estimates is worth almost \$5 million?

Awarding delegate status for Head Start programs to community agencies isn't like handing out concessions at Detroit Metropolitan Airport - in one day, out the next. Politics has no place in a program that is meant to work with families that have been on the short end of the stick for years.

Thrashing out the problems in the newspaper isn't the answer either. If Wayne County wants to expand Head Start, it needs to sit down with all concerned - the parents, employees and delegates - and listen to what needs to be done to make the change as smooth and as painless as possible.

The county also has to stop moving the programs around like they're nothing more than chess pieces on a board. Just two months before the delegates take over the county is still shuffling programs between agencies. Such wheeling and dealing should have been worked out before the county went public with its plans.

Instead of leaving the delegates, families and employees hanging, the county needs to state the case for the change, tell how it will be done and who will do it then leave it at that. Anything less is an insult to those who have made Head Start a great program.



LETTERS

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Looks can deceive

The April 9 Observer article regarding the proposed triathlon scheduled to take place at Newburgh Lake this August was disturbing.

It was stated this event is to "show" the progress made in cleaning up one of the most polluted rivers in the country. That's all this is for me. "Show." I've attended several meetings on that "cleanup" and am familiar with the issue.

Who is Mr. Murray kidding when he cautions no open swimming in the lake, but on the same token encourages "trained athletes" to jump in and enjoy the swim? The very lake where fishermen are prohibited from eating the fish.

I'd be curious to read (though it was not quoted in the article) just what the health department said. I know they were not happy about the canoeing situation. Of course, in this state, anything is possible.

Jog in the park, bike in the park, but swim in Newburgh Lake? Not in my family - not in my lifetime. The lake looks pretty, but looks can be deceiving.

What's the message?

I love going to the high school track meets. I get a thrill watching all the dedicated young athletes performing to the best of their ability in the spirit of friendly competition. I cheer for the winners but I applaud every one of them who you hurt?

They're all winners because of their hard work, their love of the sport and, most of all, because of their commitment to teamwork and good sportsmanship. They encourage and support each other, and not just the members of their own team, but everyone. These are the qualities we want to instill in our young men and women, and high school sports should be an ideal way to help accomplish this.

I was saddened and very disappointed when I learned of the outcome to the April 6 track meet between Canton and Salem, long-time rivals, but in reality parts of the same whole. The meet was very close and the final event would determine the winner.

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- Philip Power

Changing of the names at the schools isn't end of the world

My high school still exists which, based on the reaction of people around here to the school board's most recent decision, means I'm apparently not going to experience the end of the world.

While I understand some of the anguish surrounding the school board's choice of removing "Plymouth" from the names of the existing high schools, and naming the new building "Plymouth High School," it fails to strike me as a disaster-in-waiting.

The school board, citing history and its own intention to return to tradition, has decided to strike the "Plymouth" from the front of the names of the existing high schools, and to call the third high school "Plymouth High School." That means the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will, in fall 2002, have schools named Plymouth, Salem and Canton.

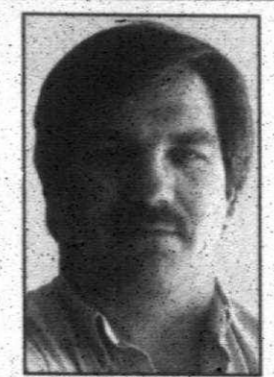
Board President Sue Davis points out (see her column, this page) that, way back when, the school board originally intended to have four schools in P-CEP: Plymouth, Canton, Salem and Superior, reflecting the communities from which they expected to draw students.

Apparently, the idea of putting the "Plymouth" in front of the two high schools came up in 1972, when residents objected to attending schools that didn't include the name Plymouth.

This, of course, proves that old adage: "You can't please all of the people all of the time."

Now, we'd like to think the board came to this decision after carefully reading our opinion in an editorial in which we urged them to choose "Plymouth High School." We're not that silly. We believe the board took into account all sides, carefully considered all the angles and made its decision.

It wasn't unanimous - board members Roland Thomas and Steve Guile were against it all the



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way - but it was carefully reasoned. Unless you listen to the critics, who are alleging more conspiracies than Marieleysis Gonzalez.

A little anxiety is understandable, particularly for the kids who will be seniors in 2002. Suddenly, some of them will be attending an entirely different school.

It'll be odd to them, and that's too bad. Maybe the board can figure out a way to let the seniors graduate from their original school, even if they're attending classes at the new school. Care and sensitivity should be applied to this group of students.

The other kids in the district are going to have time to adjust. If there's a better way, I hope someone finds it, but adjustments are a part of life, which is one of the lessons kids should be learning anyway.

The students who will be freshmen and younger that year won't have a problem. It'll be new, sure, but they won't have known anything else.

Sure, their brothers and sisters will have gone to a different high school, but that's not all that unusual. Besides, my bet is they'll like establishing an identity all their own.

Arguments have been made ranging from signs having to be changed (true, but not all that difficult) to letter jackets having to be altered (also true in some cases, but also not tremendously difficult or, for that matter, expensive).

One writer suggested the letter jacket thing was going to be so divisive that student-athletes would be fighting in the halls.

I frankly find that hard to believe, but if it turns out to be true, the battling parties should be examined for more than just their anger over a school name change.

The group you've heard precious little from since this decision was made - and during the discussion phase, quite frankly - is the alumni, some of whom feel left out. We got a note from a member of the Class of 1975 who wrote about being among the first graduates, picking the mascots and fight songs, etc., and how removing "Plymouth" from the name will destroy those memories.

But memories are ingrained in your mind. There are countless alumni whose schools have been closed or demolished who still hold class reunions and keep memories close to the heart.

It's the best thing about memories. They never die.

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Competition key to meaningful reform of state's telecommunications service

How much do you pay for telephone service? For cable TV? For your cell phone? For modem connections for your computer?

If your household is anything like mine, these bills add up to a big piece of change each month.

Michigan law has a lot to do with the cost and quality of telecommunications services. The current law, which governs all phone companies in the state, was passed in 1995 and expires at the end of the year. A big fight is already under way in Lansing about how best to write the new law.

Everybody says they want the same thing: better consumer protection, better service, more competition, more innovation, reasonable rates. The argument is how best to do it.

Rep. Marc Shulman, R-West Bloomfield, proposes to restore some authority to the state Public Service Commission to regulate telephones and other telecommunications services. His House Bill 4804 would give the PSC the power to hear complaints from competing local service providers when they believe "incumbent companies" - meaning Ameritech and GTE - have engaged in anti-competitive practices.

Shulman argues that the net effect of the 1995 telecommunications law was to usher in an essentially unregulated monopoly to the big phone companies. He says the law allowed existing phone companies to keep competitors out while charging customers high prices disguised by confusing bills.

There is little doubt there's virtually no competition in Michigan for local phone service. And, despite detailed denials from Ameritech, most evidence suggests phone rates here are relatively high.

The Michigan Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications (an alliance of phone companies trying to gain entry into the Michigan market) says the cost for base phone service in Michigan is \$10.77 per month, higher than any other Great Lakes state. By another estimate, phone users here pay overall \$250 million more per year than they would in a freely competitive market. A Small Business Alliance of Michigan survey of members found that high phone rates are the biggest obstacle to business growth in



PHIL POWER

Michigan.

State Sen. Mat Dunaskis, R-Lake Orion, takes the opposite approach. His Senate Bill 1193 simply repeals the 1995 telecommunications act, so as to provide the Legislature with a "new starting point" before determining what regulations are in fact needed. While Ameritech spokesman Mike Barnhart says this approach amounts to a "zero-based approach to regulation," critics charge that repealing the 1995 act would simply let Ameritech continue to dominate the market.

Certainly, allowing the 1995 act to lapse at the end of the year without a successor would leave the big phone companies with an unregulated monopoly. Rep. Shulman says hearings will have to start within two weeks in order to get legislation moved by the time the Legislature quits for the summer.

Shulman is also trying to start an "Internet Caucus" in the legislature. In a notice faxed out to members of the House and Senate, he pointed out, "Michigan has always been in the forefront of technology. However, to remain there, it is essential for us to understand the innovations in the changing of the technological landscape."

Shulman's dead right. If Michigan is to stay anywhere near the forefront of the Information Revolution, members of the Legislature must inform themselves about what's going on in this very rapidly changing world. More than that, they need to be prepared to act as a bipartisan group to enact sensible legislation.

In this case, a good starting point might be for Rep. Shulman and his Internet Caucus to read the report of the Michigan Information Technology Commission, issued a couple of years ago. I served on that group, which concluded that Michigan had a big future in information technology, but that much needs to be done to bring our telecommunications infrastructure up to snuff.

The Legislature needs to frame the debate in terms of how best to achieve an ultra-fast, reliable, state-of-the-art telecommunications environment rather than engage in ideological arguments about regulatory philosophy. Once this is done, it should not be difficult, even for the Legislature, to realize that the best way to do this is by opening the Michigan market to competition rather than hobbling along with unregulated monopolies.

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

School board took history, tradition into account with decision to change

As your elected members of the Board of Education for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, we have been considering a name for our new high school for several months.

Many names have been submitted, with "Plymouth High School" prevailing as the most frequently suggested alternative.

Further, the Board of Education has concluded, based on the best historical information we have including Samuel Hudson's book, *Michigan's Tenth Largest*, that Plymouth High School is the appropriate choice.

The history behind this decision is important to us because it indicates the intent underlying the concept of the educational park, that there would eventually be four high schools named Plymouth High, Canton High, Superior High and Salem High.

In 1972, the Board of Education altered this plan when a number of parents objected to sending their children to a high school that did not have "Plymouth" in its name.

We recognize that using the hyphenated prefix "Plymouth" with the new name "Plymouth High School" would be redundant, suggesting to us that the use of the prefix is now obsolete.

As our policy allows, we also took the action to remove this prefix when the new high school opens.

As a result, we want to clarify several points to our community:

- Plymouth-Canton Community Schools continues to be the name of the school district.
- Plymouth-Canton Educational Park continues to be the name of the site, which includes all three high schools.
- Upon the opening of Plymouth High School in the Fall of 2002, the two existing high schools will become known as Salem High School and Canton High School.
- The mascots for the current high schools will remain the same: The Rocks and the Chiefs.

We have listened carefully to a number of community residents who have expressed their concerns about our decision.



SUSAN DAVIS

We want our residents, students and alumni to know that we intend this change in name to be a transition with an appropriate phase-in period.

While some have expressed concerns about the costs of replacements for signs and insignias, we do not intend that these transitions require sudden and costly action.

We will ask the administration to assure that a stockholder committee is developed to identify the issues related to the name changes and to develop supportive strategies for easing the transition.

Currently, we do not take issue with the many signs and written materials which refer to "Canton" or "Salem" High Schools without the prefix "Plymouth."

According to Mr. Hudson, this process of abbreviating the lengthy, hyphenated names of our two schools began in 1972 "before the ink on the board minutes was dry."

We believe this step to further simplify the names of our three high schools restores clarity and the intent of those who set up what we now know as the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Susan Davis is president of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education.

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Madonna University to honor four at May 6 commencement

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Of the more than 800 graduates joining the university's alumni ranks, approximately 508 will receive bachelor's degrees, 373 master's degrees, and the rest either associate's degrees or certificates.



Josaitis Stella Theus Nodge

Honorees

Honorary doctorate degrees will be bestowed on Eleanor M. Josaitis of Detroit, executive director, Focus:HOPE; Frank D. Stella of Detroit, chairman and CEO, F.D. Stella Products Co. and F.D. Stella International Co.; and Bloomfield Hills resident Major General Lucius Theus, United States Air Force (retired), president of The U.S. Associates and chief operating officer of The Wellness Group Inc.

A distinguished alumna award will be given to Andrea R. Nodge of Livonia, a 1984 graduate and the university's director of marketing and public relations.

Madonna University will confer the degree of doctor of education on Josaitis for her unwavering commitment to the mission of Focus:HOPE, which she co-founded with Father William T. Cunningham in the aftermath of the 1967 Detroit riots.

As the organization's executive director, Josaitis has made important contributions to public awareness of hunger and malnutrition. Through her leadership and advocacy, national policy has been formulated and responsible legislation enacted. Among her most noteworthy accomplishments is the major role she has played in the development of Focus:HOPE's nationally recognized educational and training programs which promote the movement of people away from poverty and into America's economic mainstream.

Stella, of F.D. Stella Products Co. (food service and dining equipment) and F.D. Stella International Co. (consulting firm for businesses in Italy and France), will receive an honorary doctor of humanities degree. It has been due to his dedication and strong support that major strides have been made particularly in the growth and success of cultural institutions, including the Michigan Opera Theatre and the Detroit Opera House.

Stella has become a leader in metro Detroit and across the globe. Whether working on a local fund-raiser, business event or with national and international leaders from all ends of the

religious, business and political spectrum, his influence has made him a driving force in getting the job done.

Pre-eminent in his profession and distinguished in service, Major General Lucius Theus' driving force has always been his desire to serve. Retired from the United States Air Force, Theus held the positions of commanding general, U.S. Air Force Accounting and Finance Center, and deputy director of the Defense Security Assistance Agency. He currently is president of the management consulting firm, The U.S. Associates, CEO of the Wellness Group Inc., and a member of several corporate boards. Madonna University will bestow on Lucius Theus an honorary doctor of business administration degree.

His accomplishments as a member of the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II and in various command and staff positions in the United States, Germany, France, Greece and Vietnam attest to his superior leadership. He became the first African American combat support officer to be promoted to general and only the third African American in the entire history of the United States Air Force to become a general.

Following active duty, Theus joined The Bendix Corp. as assistant corporate controller and subsequently became corporate director of civic affairs for that company and its successor, Allied-Signal Corp.

He has served as a member of Madonna University's board of trustees (1958-91).

A Distinguished Alumna Award will be presented to Andrea R. Nodge for her generous support and devotion to Madonna University. Graduating with high honors from Madonna in 1984, Nodge has served as the University's director of marketing and public relations for the past 15 years.

As a student at Madonna, Nodge felt fortunate to receive a scholarship and vowed that she would one day help to make edu-

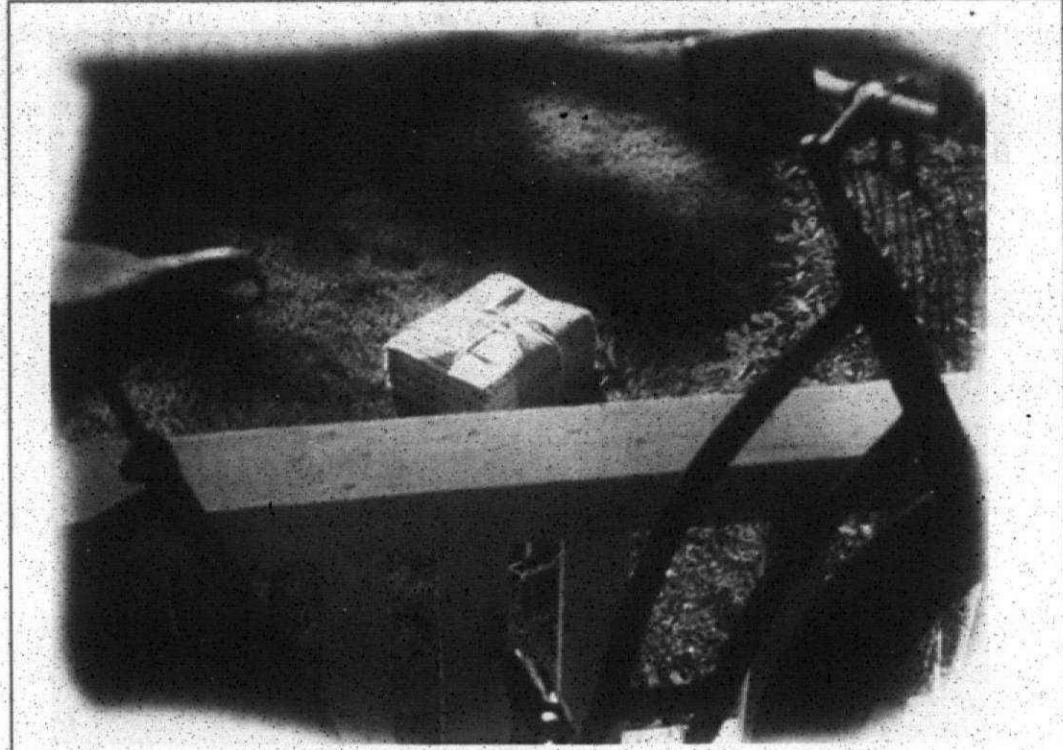
cation accessible to others. In 1997, she and her husband established the Andrea R. and Joseph C. Nodge Family Endowed Scholarship in honor of her family to benefit students in teacher education at Madonna. Upon completing her master's degree in communications, Nodge taught in the journalism/public relations program for seven years.

Currently, she serves on various committees within the university, including Marketing Team chair, World Wide Web Task Force chair, steering committee member on the Institutional Committee on Planning and Mission Effectiveness, and university representative on the Alumni Association Board.

Graduation activities

Presiding over the commencement ceremonies will be Madonna University Vice President for Academic Administration Dr. Ernest I. Nolan. The invocation will be given by the Most Reverend Moses B. Anderson, auxiliary bishop, Archdiocese of Detroit, and pastor, Church of Precious Blood. The mace bearer will be Dr. Robert Q. Kimball, dean of the College of Education.

All graduates and their families are invited to attend Baccalaureate Mass at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, in the Presentation Chapel located at the Felician sisters' Motherhouse. A reception hosted by Madonna University President Sister Mary Francilene, CSSF, will be held in the Residence Hall dining room following Mass.



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SYLVIA KAMBOURIS

Mom realizes gun violence has to stop

There comes a time in a person's life when you feel it is necessary to step out of the safety of your everyday routines, cut through all of the excuses and rationalizations and come out of your comfort zone to take a stand for something you deeply believe in.

For me, the reason to take a stand comes from the obscene statistic that each day 14 children die from gun violence. Whether by suicide, accident, or homicide, close to 5,000 children will be dead every year and the lives of their families will be shattered and forever changed.

I am not the only one who is awakening to the realization that the current status of gun-related deaths involving 36,000 people a year is unacceptable. We are joining together in a movement called the Million Mom March.

A tapestry of women, from all walks of life, are coming together with a common goal: the enactment of common sense gun laws to protect and ensure the safety of that which is most precious to us, our children. The common threads weaving us together are our shared feelings of horror, outrage and tremendous sadness when a child's life is lost to a gun.

How do we ever recover? When a child dies like this, we face a collective loss and an enormous void as it strikes a chord deep within our soul. Million Mom March is about the belief that there is personal responsibility and accountability — that the time has come to realize that all children have a right to live in safety — that not one more child should die — that individuals can and must make a difference.

We have been patient too long. It is taking too long to pass reasonable, common-sense laws, laws that the majority of the people support. This is where women come in. There is great power in women, by sheer numbers.

The Million Mom March is giving us the opportunity to make our view known and to be heard. On Mothers' Day, May 14, we will march in Washington and in Lansing.

This is not a political issue. It is not an anti-gun issue. It is a public health issue. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, firearm violence is a national epidemic and a national emergency. Guns are dangerous and lethal when they get into the wrong hands. In an article recently published in the American Journal of Public Health, 35 percent of people living in a home with children 18 or younger said they keep at least one firearm. That means 8 million children living in homes exposed to unsecure guns.

Million Mom March is asking for common-sense laws involving gun registration and licensing, safety locks, sensible cooling-off periods, background checks, limiting the purchases of handguns to one a month, and a no-nonsense enforcement of these laws.

This in no way infringes on anyone's 2nd amendment right to bear arms. If anyone thinks it is, then I ask how can being able to purchase one handgun a month be an infringement of anyone's right? Where does it say in the 2nd amendment that guns cannot be regulated?

The women who have joined this effort are a remarkable group of women — mothers, non-mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, daughters. Women who have anguish over the unbearable loss of a loved one. One thing is for sure — for the sake of our children, we will be heard. It is an exquisite phenomenon taking hold.

Sylvia Kambouris is a Farmington Hills resident and the mother of two children. For more information about the Million Mom March, contact mimomarch@yahoo.com or call (248) 851-5389. A meeting is scheduled 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30 at Busch's Market in Livonia, Six Mile and Newburgh, in the upstairs meeting room.

LISAKAY MATTERS

Abuse survivor pledges to raise awareness

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Up until January of 1996 LisaKay Wojcik mattered to no one.

During her first two marriages the only thing her husbands seemed to care about where she was concerned, was how they could abuse her. She said even her core family members follow an everyone-for-themselves philosophy.

Physically, emotionally and sexually abused by her first husband, Wojcik found solace in food and weighed as much as 340 pounds during her second marriage.

"I found a good friend in food," said Wojcik, who now weighs 130.

Tragically, it was a stillbirth during her first and only pregnancy in December 1995 that awakened her sense of self-worth. She would have been a mother to someone who would have loved her unconditionally, she now realized.

Those emotions, combined with being dangerously overweight, served to empower her in a way she had never known before.

"The stillbirth changed my whole life around," remembers Wojcik, who began walking and watching what she ate. Eventually she lost 210 pounds.

"The more I got picked on and the more my second husband complained, the easier it got to lose the weight," said Wojcik.

More than four years later and 18 months into a new marriage to a man she says loves her for herself, Wojcik uses walking as a means of raising awareness and collecting donations to stop domestic violence. The 33-year-old will begin a crusade May 6 to walk 30 miles in 50 states — starting in Plymouth. One hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit First Step — the Western Wayne County Project On Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Pure hatred

It was the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department in 1987 which first contacted First Step about a battered Salem Township woman who needed a safe place to stay. First Step placed Wojcik in a shelter called Step House for 30 days to seek counseling and help her "work out" her problems. Wojcik says the 30 day "vacation from her husband" solved nothing and she returned.

"Nothing changed. I'm sure he had an idea of where I had gone but he didn't care," said Wojcik.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Fighting back: LisaKay Wojcik poses in front of a GMC Yukon at Bob Jeanotte Buick/GMC on Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township. She will start and finish her 30-mile walk from the dealership who is sponsoring her fund-raising effort. The black and white inset photograph is LisaKay in September 1994. She was at her peak weight, 340 pounds, and her face is badly scratched after a physical altercation with her abusive husband.

Married at 18 to a truck driver, she said the physical and verbal abuse started approximately two months into the marriage and ended one day after her final beating.

"It started with some minor slaps and name calling. Then he started telling me I couldn't do things. I couldn't take the car or go here or there and when I asked him why he said, 'Because I told you so.' He took away my freedom."

Over the next nine years she endured horrendous physical, sexual and mental abuse from a man who would cry and say he never meant to hurt her and, in the next breath, would turn the blame on her. "Somehow it always came back to me and something I did," said Wojcik.

During her first marriage she estimates she was treated in the emergency room 24-27 times for injuries such as a fractured nose, knocked out teeth, broken fingers, cuts, bruises and black and blue eyes.

"I kept everything to myself. In a way I thought I could change him and make him better. At the hospital once they asked me what happened.

and I told them I fell down the stairs — what I didn't say was that I was assisted down the stairs."

Wojcik partially blames her Catholic upbringing for her unwillingness to leave her spouse. "I was taught that when you got married you were married for life and that divorce was the ultimate sin. If you got a divorce you'd go to hell. I don't know if it was my young age or what but I didn't really know any better and I didn't have a family to turn to."

Finally, Wojcik says she suffered her last beating Sept. 9, 1994. She says her husband came home at 3 a.m. to find her outside their apartment walking their dog.

"He asked me what I was doing outside and I said, 'What does it look like, I'm walking the dog.'" Wojcik says her husband, upset by her challenge, smashed her face against the brick facade of the building and dragged it down the wall. A more severe beating ensued inside the house and subsequently she called the police.

The next day she left him for good and filed for divorce.

"I knew if I didn't leave him he would kill me and I figured I couldn't endure any more head blows or I'd end up with brain damage. It would be better to get a divorce and go to hell for that than continue on living in the hell I already was," said Wojcik.

Her divorce was finalized in January 1995 and she took the next couple of months to get her "senses back together."

A mutual friend from her past, who was fully aware of the degree of abuse she sustained, had now become her lover. By the fall of 1995 the pair were married and in a short time he began to prey on her emotions.

"He used my weight as a control factor. He would tell me the weight didn't matter to him but then when we were in public he would ignore me or he and his friends would laugh and make stupid jokes about me," said Wojcik. "I had a better job at the time and a better vehicle and I think he couldn't handle that."

At the end of that year she gave birth to a stillborn baby that would stop what she referred to as an "emotional roller coaster ride."

"I started walking. I wanted to lose some of the weight that ironically saved my life during those beatings but was going to kill me health-wise."

Things have never been the same since. Wojcik's second husband became more controlling and the more weight she lost the more upset he became with her new looks and improved attitude. "He wasn't very receptive to my weight loss."

Wojcik sought to end her second marriage in 1997. "I found out he was still married to his first wife so I filed for an annulment." It was granted in May 1998.

New leaf

Today, LisaKay is married for a third time to Richard Wojcik and they make their home in Romulus. The couple met while getting haircuts and found out both their sisters

'Phantom' dinner to fund cancer research

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

JoAnn Yost has witnessed the effects of breast cancer among many loved ones.

The Rochester Hills resident lost her mother, grandmother and four aunts to the disease. Even a few of her uncles were diagnosed with it. As chairpersons of this year's Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute Annual Dinner, she and her husband, Larry D. Yost, CEO of Meritor Automotive Inc., understand the fear and pain endured by those diagnosed with cancer.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for me to be involved in this," said JoAnn.

For 18 years, the Karmanos Cancer Institute has held an annual dinner to raise money and awareness for cancer research and patient programs. This year's haunted theme, "Phantom of the Institute," will transform Plymouth's Compuware Sports Arena into an 1860's French opera house.

Events and Entertainment of Michigan, a Southfield-based production company, will provide enough draped velvet, fog and candelabras to create a fantasy land fit for this year's special guests: Broadway stars of *Phantom of the Opera* Sandra Joseph (Christine), Ron Bohmer (The Phantom) and Lawrence Anderson (Raoul).

A phantom illness

For Joseph, a Michigan native, it is a special sort of homecoming. The actress played the female lead (Christine) for more than three of the four years she performed in *Phantom*. She will return to that role in support of a cause she's quite passionate about.

"When I was 18, a student at Michigan State, I found a lump in my breast," said Joseph in a telephone interview. "My parents took me first to the gynecologist for a mammogram. Eventually I ended up at Karmanos."

The biopsy showed the lump was benign, but doctors eventually chose to remove the entire growth when she was 22. Joseph still returns to the institute to make sure nothing has developed. She said she's received excellent care at Karmanos and is always treated on the same level as patients with much more serious conditions.

"You're never too young to start taking precautions," advised Joseph. "I always recommend people take their health very seriously. Do monthly breast self-examinations. Get physicals. Take care of yourself with diet, lifestyle and exercise. You have to take health very seriously."

Joseph, currently starring in the off-Broadway mystery *Blood on the Dining Room Floor*, will leave her role early to make it to the annual dinner, where the performers are expected to sing in character and the audience will view video clips from Broadway's *Phantom*.

Joseph says she'll dedicate her performance to a close family friend who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer, and to all cancer survivors. "It's going to be a really touching evening. Parts of it will be hard to sing through."

Supporting the institute

Larry Yost echoed those sentiments as he prepared to co-chair what he calls this "pretty awesome event."

Meritor Automotive donated \$100,000 as title sponsor of the event, but it isn't the first involvement Meritor has had with the cancer institute. The automotive supply company set an objective to keep a "balanced scorecard," said Yost, which means caring for their customers and the surrounding communities.

A Troy-based firm, Meritor Automotive set up a trust fund in its first year of operation, through which it will donate \$500,000 to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute over a five-year period. Yost said all his employees are concerned about supporting cancer research and helping find a cure, so the decision seemed like a natural one.

"In the case of Karmanos, it happens

'LisaKay's Fighting Back'

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worked at the styling salon. Before leaving the place, Richard boldly asked her for her phone number and she declined.

other the following week. Married in August 1998, LisaKay says Richard has given her the space and the freedom to finally figure out who she really is.

NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: On or before May 1, 2000, it shall be the duty of every owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the Township of Plymouth, Michigan, to cut and destroy noxious weeds before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from perpetuating themselves or becoming a detriment to public health, or shall cause the same to be done.

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to be one of the top (facilities) in the country," said Yost. "We're proud to be in the Detroit community."

A special visit Laura Bochenek, community relations director at Meritor Automotive, said the enthusiasm for this year's benefit began with a very special visit to the institute. "A couple of weeks ago, (Yost) went down to Karmanos with performers Joseph and Bohmer. They were able to visit a number of patients and had the Phantom stars sing songs (from the musical) to the patients."

PLYMOUTH HOUSING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Plymouth Housing Commission has developed its Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It will be available for review by May 1, 2000 at our office in Tonquish Creek Manor, located at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

them but when they see how overweight and unloved I used to be I want them to know there's hope," she said. After the walk-a-thon, Wojcik will open a new chapter of her life. In June she will begin the first of eight surgeries to remove 15-20 pounds of excess skin created from her dramatic weight loss.

BARBARA ANN KARMANOS INSTITUTE'S 18TH ANNUAL DINNER

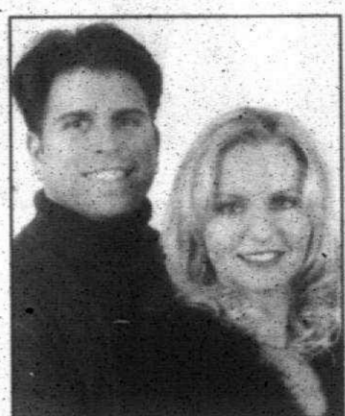
What: "Phantom of the Institute" When: 6 p.m. Saturday, May 6 Where: Compuware Sports Arena, Plymouth Who: Join hosts Dick and JoAnn Purian Why: One of the largest annual fund-raisers, the dinner raises money for cancer research and patient programs. Cost: \$250-\$750 each, call (800) KARMANOS 8 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays.

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LaMey-Lomazzo

John and Janis LaMey announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Marie, to Matthew Dominick Lomazzo of Garden City.



Race Historical Village in Northville.

Goff-Barnhart

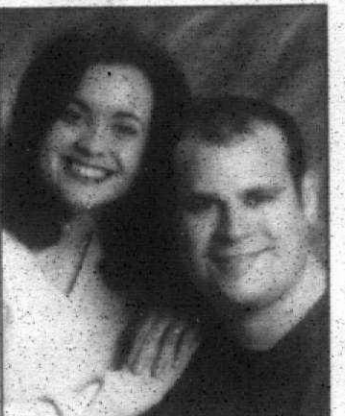
Mr. and Mrs. James E. Goff of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Anne, to T.K. Barnhart Jr.



A June wedding is planned at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills.

Farrell-Garvin

Clayton and Joan Farrell of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Caroline, to Peter Christian Garvin of Comstock Park.



A June wedding is planned at St. James Catholic Church.

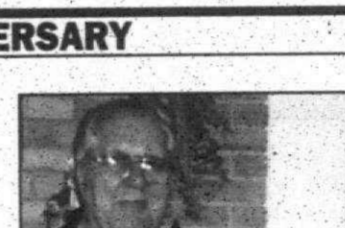
Bolton-Schramski

Milt and Glenda Bolton of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Nicole, to Thomas Michael Schramski of Canton.



ANNIVERSARY

Lawrence and Beverly (Cowell) Prieur celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this month. The couple wed April 29, 1950 in Angola, Ind., and have lived in Livonia for 32 years.



Prieur

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans and specifications are being developed and reviewed by the engineer. Estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$1,424,000.00 and the total to be financed by the Special Assessment District has been set at \$594,200.

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

GARAGE SALE
The Plymouth Canton Civitans Annual Garage Sale will take place 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at the Gathering, next to the Penn Theatre. Clean used items are needed. The Plymouth-Canton Civitans pick the items up. For more information, call Barbara at (734) 464-1129.

FISHING DERBY
Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its annual Kids Fishing Derby from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Heritage Parks Pond. The Heritage Park Ponds will be stocked with rainbow trout. Prizes will be raffled off each hour. Each participant is responsible for his or her own equipment and bait. You may pre-register for a one-hour time period only. This event is for boys and girls ages 15 and under (Canton residents only). Cost is \$1 per child (to be paid on the day of the event). Advanced registration is required in person or by phone (open registration the day of the event, space permitting). Registration takes place through Thursday, May 4. For more information or to register, call Canton Parks and Recreation at (734) 397-5110 from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

TOY SHOW
The Plymouth "Collectible Toy Show" will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. The show will feature dealers and collectors selling new, used, antique and collectible toys of all kinds. Adult tickets are \$5 and kids under 10 are free. For show or vendor information, please call (734) 455-2110.

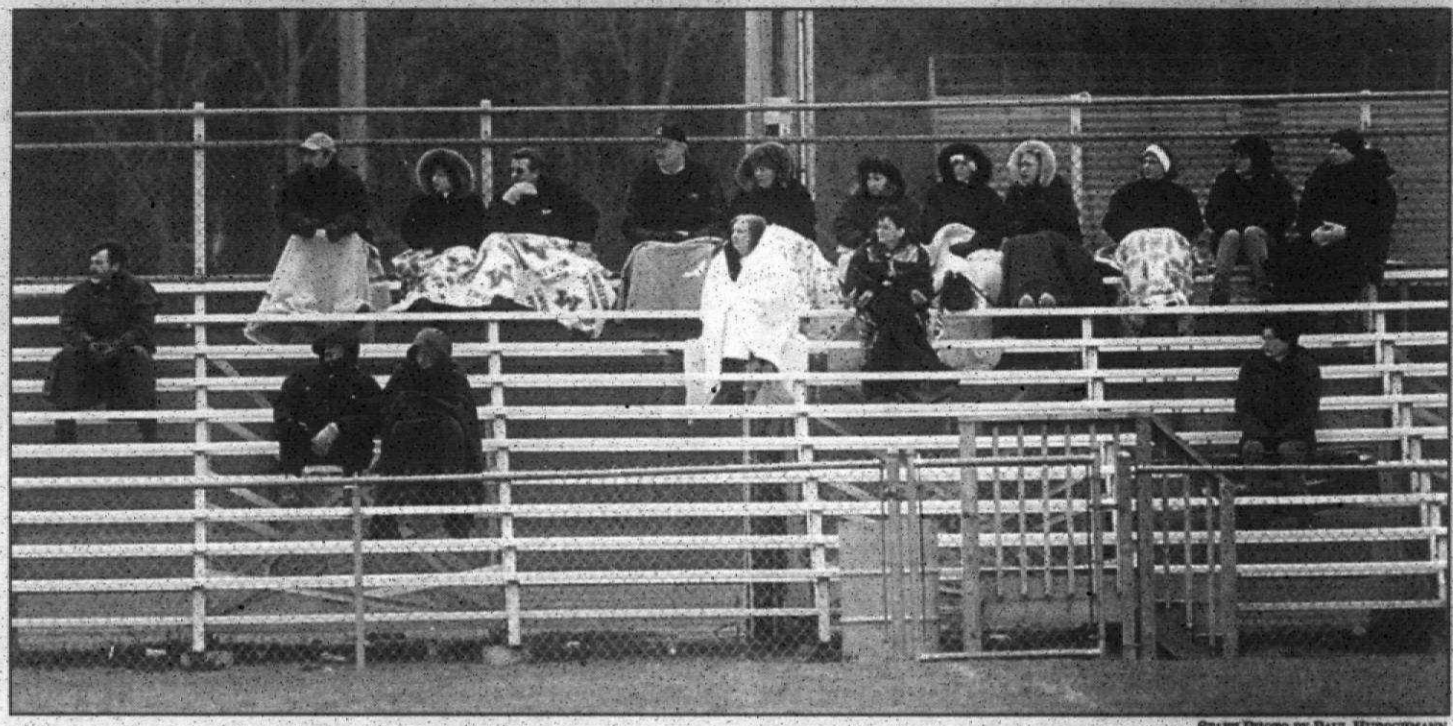
SENIOR PARTY
P-CEP will have its all-night senior party beginning at 9 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at Plymouth Salem High School. This party is open to all P-CEP graduating seniors. Tickets are \$35 and are available at the schools.

COMMUNICATION SEMINAR
Crosswinds Community Church is holding a "Touchy Feely Communication" seminar from 10 a.m. until noon at the Crosswinds Community Church, 45701 Ford Road, Canton (located on the south side of Ford Road just west of Canton Center Road). Cost is \$10 per person (adults and parents only). Registration deadline is May 12.

AROUND TOWN
ANNUAL LOYALTY DAY
The Loyalty Auxiliary to the VFW Post No. 6695 is hosting the 23rd Annual Loyalty Day at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, at the VFW Post No. 6695, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. The following will be presented: Community service awards, voice of democracy winners, poster contest winners. This event is open to the public. For more information, call Alice Fisher at (734) 844-3906.

ADOPTION
Oakland Family Services 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-

Enduring Mother Nature



Wet watchers: The weather didn't do anyone any favors last week, dropping cold temperatures and rainy conditions on everyone, including these hardy fans at the April 17 Plymouth Salem-Livonia Churchill girls soccer game. The weather was worth the result: the Rocks beat their Western Lakes Activities Association rivals 2-1, remaining undefeated.

BOOT CAMP FOR DADS
Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will offer a unique workshop for men who are becoming fathers for the first time. "Boot Camp for New Dads" builds pride and confidence in caring for a new baby. First-time fathers will get hands-on experience in holding and comforting a baby with the help of "veteran" dads who bring their own babies to class. New dads will also get practical information on parenthood, baby care, becoming a family and supporting the new mom. The next round of "Boot Camps" will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 20, at St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center. The cost is \$20 per person. To register or for more information on the program or other dates and locations, call the Saint Joseph Mercy Healthcare at (734) 712-5400 or (800) 231-2211.

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 (734) 455-6262 or check at the web at: www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

BLOOD DRIVE
The Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 1274 is sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive from 1:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at Bentley Elementary in Canton. Free child care while you are giving blood. For more information, call Chris at (734) 394-0998 or Gail at (734) 394-0919.

WRITING SEMINARS
The Plymouth Community Arts Council will host a Creative Writing Seminar with author and journalist Lowell Caulfield 7-9 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning May 2 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. This class is for individuals interested in writing fiction and non-fiction. Classes are limited to 10. Cost is \$175 for six weeks. The arenas that are covered include: how to see and use detail; how better writing spurs better thinking; publishing for profit; and how to be

perceived as an expert (or non-fiction). For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

SPRING CONCERT
The 125-member Plymouth Community Choir is presenting its 2000 Spring Concert, "Touched By A Song," 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the First Church of the Nazarene, Haggerty at Eight Mile Road in Novi. The program contains a vast variety of songs which demonstrate the versatility of the Chorus. Tickets may be purchased at: Sideways, 505 Forest, Plymouth; Evola Music Center, 7170 N. Haggerty Road, Canton; or by calling (734) 455-4080. Tickets are \$8.

ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP
The Northwest Canton Homeowners Association will hold their annual roadside clean-up (rain or shine) at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 6. Volunteers are needed to pick up trash along major roads in our four and a half square miles of paradise. Meet at 10 a.m. at the sign posted in your neighborhood.

GOLF OUTING
The 12th annual Angela Hospice Golf Outing will

swing into action on Monday, May 8, at the Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. The day tees off at 9:30 a.m. with a shotgun start, and participants will enjoy continental breakfast, free range balls before golf, 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch on the turn, steak dinner, open bar, beverage tickets on the course, and a golfer's gift pack. In addition, a raffle and auction are also on the agenda. Spots for golfers, hole sponsors, and business and corporate packages are available. Additional support is needed in the area of securing items for a golf outing auction and on the course contests. Items such as rounds of golf for four, vacation trip packages, or sporting event tickets would be appreciated, and would greatly contribute to the success of this year's outing. For more information, or to register, call Events Specialist Jennifer Trussler at (734) 464-7810.

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. For more information and for reservations, call (734) 420-3531.

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) 481-2517.

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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.

VILLAGE MUSIC
Village Music has open registration for summer and fall Kindermusik classes. Summer classes will begin in mid-June and fall classes will begin the week of Sept. 11. Early registration is recommended. Call now for registration materials. Village music is located at 130 E. Liberty St. in the Old Village section of Plymouth. For more information, or for registration, call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

PRINCETON REVIEW
The Princeton Review will be sponsoring a free strategy session seminar from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at the Summit on the Park, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. This is a 90-minute seminar discussing SAT and ACT techniques, as well as helpful information regarding the college admission process. Each student should bring pencils and a calculator for the free test and parents are welcome to come to the strategy sessions. Students must call the Princeton Review at 800-2-REVIEW, or (734) 663-2163 in order to register for the test and/or strategy sessions.

DOG JOG
Plymouth Dog Jog 2000, presented by the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth, will be held on Saturday, May 13. The two-mile route starts and ends at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Registration begins at noon and the jog/walk begins at 1:30 p.m. Registration fees are \$20 if received by May 1 and \$25 on May 13. Registration forms may be obtained by calling (734) 459-7000 or stopping by at "Doggie Central," 9450 S. Main St., Plymouth. Each registrant receives a newly designed T-shirt and bandanna. The registration form contains a place for pledges. All pledges and part of the registration fees go to the Michigan Humane Society. There are prizes for the most pledges, and other contests. Bring your dog and jog!

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.

Listings for the Funds & Benefits should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

FLOWER SALE
We are having a flower sale from now through April 30. There is a wide variety of flats of flowers to choose from, along with hanging baskets and patio tubs in your choice of colors. Call Sharon (734) 261-8877 or fax (734) 421-7922 for an order form or more information. These are great flowers from quality growers. St. Maurice Parish is located at 32765 Lyndon in Livonia (east of Farmington Road).

UNIQUE GIFT
Starfish Family Services is asking community members to donate \$100 in honor of their mother or another special "mother figure" in their life. The mother or other woman honored will receive notification of the tribute gift and a limited-edition ceramic tile. People wishing to participate in this distinctive giving opportunity should call Starfish Family Services, (734) 727-3108.

GIANT YARD SALE
The National Transplant Assistance Fund will hold a yard sale in honor of Barbara Farver, lung transplant candidate from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 27 and 28; and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 29 at Parkview Baptist Church, 9355 Stark Road in Livonia.

SPRING SALE
St. Timothy Presbyterian Church (16700 Newburgh) in Livonia will host its Annual Spring Rummage Sale (some what used, still good sale) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 4-6.

SOCK HOP
50s and 60s Sock Hop at 6:30 p.m. May 5 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (37775 Palmer Road in Westland). Period apparel optional. Special guest Vinnie Johnson former Detroit Piston hopes to attend. Proceeds go to youth groups for summer mission trip. Cost is \$25 per person. Call Joan for tickets, 722-1735.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE
Our Lady of Loretto (Six Mile and Beech Daly) will host its Spring Rummage Sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 6 and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7. Call (313) 534-9000. Also includes bake sale.

FLOWER SALE
Approximately 500 potted plants will be available at the Friends of the Wilson Barn Annual Spring Flower Sale, including lilies, chrysanthemums, tulips, daffodils and small orchid cuttings. Weather permitting there will be pony rides for children. Sale is the weekend of Mother's Day sale hours include: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 11-13 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 14.

RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE
Presbyterian Women of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (9601 Hubbard at West Chicago) of Livonia will hold a rummage and bake sale from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 27. A \$3 bag sale will be from 4-5 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be available until 2 p.m. Proceeds are distributed to local mission projects.

CHURCH FUND-RAISER
Christ United Methodist of Inkster is having a huge sale of parsonage and church furnishings, estate items and donations from members and friends of clothing, toys, kitchenware, books and personal trea-

sures. Visit both the church and parsonage on April 27-29. Hours are Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9-noon. The church is located at 27830 Avondale, the parsonage just behind at 809 Helen in Inkster between Inkster and Middlebelt roads.

RUMMAGE SALE
St. Paul Lutheran Church (20805 Middlebelt Road) of Livonia will host a rummage sale April 27 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. A bag sale will take place April 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE
Clarencville United Methodist Church (20300 Middlebelt - Livonia) will host a rummage and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 28. Great prices!

MOM TO MOM SALE
Mom to Mom Sale at Newburg United Methodist Church from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 29. Hot dogs, drink, bake sale and clown with free face painting. Rent 8 foot tables (tracks also available). Free childcare for table tents and free lunch ticket for table renters. Call the church at 422-0149 or Vicki at (734) 513-0167.

RUMMAGE SALE
The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church (6443 Merriman Road in Garden City) will hold their annual rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29 in the church Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call (734) 421-8628.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE
Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford will host a spring rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29 (9600 Levern). Big sale is from 1-2 p.m. including a snack bar.

LONGEST DAY OF GOLF
The National Multiple Sclerosis Society (Michigan Chapter, Inc.) will host the MS Longest Day of Golf event May 1-31 to raise awareness and funds to benefit the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Golf courses waive green fees for participating golfers on the day of their choice in May. Play as many holes as you can while collecting pledges to support MS. Call (800) 243-5767 to register.

GILDA'S BIG NIGHT OUT II
Gilda's Club Metro Detroit invites you to Gilda's Big Night Out II featuring comedian Jeffrey Ross with host Gene Taylor of Oldies 104.3. A silent auction extraordinaire and strolling supper will be featured by Catering By Excellence Too as well as a cash bar. Even will be held Wednesday, May 3 at Temple Beth El (7400 Telegraph Road at 14 Mile) in Bloomfield Hills. For information call (248) 577-0898.

RUMMAGE SALE
Orchard United Methodist Church will host a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 5 and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 6 (bag sale). Church is located at 30450 Farmington Road, between 13 and 14 Mile roads. Call (248) 626-3620.

DINNER DANCE BENEFIT
Eric Filipowicz of Allen Park is three-years-old and has Cerebral Palsy. We are holding a fundraising dinner dance to help raise funds for medical and associated expenses not covered by insurance. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner follows at 7 p.m. until midnight Friday, May 5 at VFW Hall (16736 Ecorse Road) in Allen Park. \$25 donation per ticket. Music for the evening is by Lost Highway and guests have the opportunity to win,

donated gifts and participate in 50/50 drawings. Call (313) 386-0544. If you would like to make a donation, send checks payable to: Eric Filipowicz, 8477 Becker, Allen Park, MI 48101.

MYSTERY DINNER THEATER
St. Agatha Church (St. Agatha gymnasium is located on Beech Daly between Grand River and Eight Mile Roads) will host "The Case of the Confidential Source," during a mystery dinner theater program at 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6. For tickets call (313) 532-3317. All proceeds go to the school's audiovisual programs.

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Mark your calendars May 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 6 from 9 a.m. to noon is the Spring Rummage Sale at Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail) in Livonia. Call 422-0149 for information.

MOM 2 MOM SALE
Spring is just around the corner and so is the St. Edith/St. Kenneth's MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Mom's Sale. Rent a table at the sale and turn your child/children's gently used items into cash. Come to the sale to find just the right items for your nursery or child's needs. The sale will be held at St. Edith's Parish Hall from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 13. St. Edith is located just south of Fifth Mile on Newburgh Road. Call Karen to reserve a table (734) 266-6182

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The First United Methodist Church (3 Towne Square) of

Wayne will host their annual Spring Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 11; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 12; and 9 a.m. to noon May 13. The church is located across from the Wayne Post Office. A bake sale will be held Thursday, May 11.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER CELEBRATION
Garden City Presbyterian Church will host a Mother/Daughter Spring Celebration at 6:30 p.m. (dinner) May 11 in Sutherland Hall. Entertainment will be provided by Virgil Norgrove and Friends "Ventriquoil Ventures." Mother's Day Boutique and handmade gift items will be available. Adults \$6; ages 6-12, \$4; and ages 3-5, \$3. All proceeds go to mission.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
Habitat for Humanity Detroit's Second Annual Benefit Golf Outing and Auction will be held on Wednesday, May 17 at the championship 18-hole Eagle Crest Resort and Golf Club in Ypsilanti. The event features a noon shotgun start with a reception afterwards, dinner buffet, and auction. Putting contest, longest drive and closest to pin contests, 50/50 raffle. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.; lunch at 11:00 a.m. Reception, buffet dinner, and auction begin at 5:30 p.m. Individual golf tickets are \$125, a foursome is \$450. Includes golf, lunch, buffet dinner, and auction. All proceeds from the event benefit Habitat for Humanity Detroit. Contact the Habitat office at (313) 521-6691 for registration and information.

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CAMPUS NOTES

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

INITIATED
Kelly Tabaka of Plymouth was one of 10 new members to be initiated into Alpha Alpha Chapter of Kappa Delta Sorority. A freshman majoring in advertising and studio arts at Michigan State University, Tabaka joins the more than 150,000 members nationwide who believe in striving for that which is honorable, beautiful and highest through their sorority membership.

Jamie C. Johnson, of Plymouth, a 1998 graduate

of Mercy High School, now a sophomore majoring in music, was initiated into the national French Honor Society, Pi Delta Phi. Qualification for membership in the honor society includes a minimum of 15 credit hours of college-level French beyond the 100-level, including a French literature course, a "B" average in general studies and a "B" average in French. She is the daughter of Carlton and Phyllis Johnson of Plymouth.

HONORED
University of Michigan professor Yubao Chen, a Canton resident, was among 30 faculty members statewide honored in Lansing by the Michigan Association of Governor Books of State Universities. He received UM-Dearborn's Distinguished

Faculty Research Award in 1999 and the Outstanding Achievement in Grantsmanship Over One Million Dollars Award in 1996. He has earned two Customer Driven Quality Awards from Ford Motor Co., the Outstanding Young Manufacturing Engineer Award from the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and the Teeter Education Award from the Society of Automotive Engineers.

ASSISTANT PROGRAM
David Holmes of Canton has been admitted to Central Michigan University's physician assistant graduate degree program. Students in CMU's program combine 15 months of classroom and laboratory work with 12 months of clinical practice. The university places students in more than 300 health-

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Sunday Worship
9:30 a.m. Contemporary
11:00 a.m. Traditional

Sunday School for all ages.
Wednesday Supper (6:00 p.m.)
& Programs for All Ages
Youth Groups • 7-club Social Groups

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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
16300 Hubbard Road
Livonia, Michigan 48154
421-8481

Mon-Fri 8:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 8:00 P.M. Dinner & Classes
Saturday 5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
Sunday 7:45 & 10 A.M. Holy Eucharist
10:30 A.M. Christian Education for all ages
Sunday Morning - Nursery Care Available
The Rev. Alan Brandenstein Jr., Rector

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Sunday Memorial Service 10:00 A.M.
Sunday School 11:30 A.M.
Bible Class - Wednesdays 7:00 A.M.
36516 Parkdale, Livonia
425-7610

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FULL GOSPEL CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH
291 E. SPRING ST.
2910 N. of Main • Livonia • E. of Van
SUNDAY
9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
WEDNESDAY
7:00 P.M. & 9:00 P.M.
Prayer Meeting 8:45
Pastor Frank Howard • Ch. 453-0323



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10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth
5 Miles W. of Sheldon Rd.
From I-4 I-4 take Southfield Rd. South
734-459-9550
Dr. Wim C. Moore - Pastor

8:00 Prayer & Praise Service 9:30
Liturgy Contemporary Service 11:00
Traditional Service
SUNDAY SCHOOL (NURSERY PROVIDED)
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SERVED
8:00-8:30 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages

Risen Christ Lutheran
48201 Warren Road
(1 Mile West of Sheldon)
Plymouth • 453-5252
Worship Service 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Pastor David Martin
Hugh McMartin, Lay Minister

St. Michael Lutheran Church & School
1807 Bascom Rd. West (corner of Oxford & Bascom)
(734) 728-3900

Sunday Morning Worship Services
Traditional Service 8:15 a.m.
Contemporary Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School (Children & Adults) 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m.
Rev. Dr. Robert J. Schultz Rev. Marie Wilkerson

LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
17810 Farmington Road • Livonia • (734) 261-1960
May thru October • Monday Night Service 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Bible Classes For All Ages 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship Services 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Pastor James Hoff
Pastor Eric Dieckmeier

Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Church & School
14750 Kirtch • Redford Twp.
313-532-8655

Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday Night Services - 7:00 p.m.
School Grade K thru 8

UNITED METHODIST

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST
9425 Henry Rd. at West Chicago
Livonia 48150 • 421-5406
Rev. Conrad Lenzner, Pastor

9:15 a.m. Adult Classes
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
and Youth Classes
Nursery Care Available
WELCOME.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Timothy Lutheran Church
(Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road)
Livonia • 427-2290
Rev. Carla Thompson Powell, Pastor

9:00 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)
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<http://www.timothyvivorita.com>

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WARD
4000 Six Mile Road
Northville, MI
248-374-7400
Dr. James M. McGuire, Pastor

Worship Services,
Sunday School
8:30, 10:30, 11:30 A.M.
Contemporary Service
8:30-9:45 A.M.
Evening Service
6:00 P.M. in the Chapel
Nursery Provided
Now On The Radio 6:30 a.m.
Sunday - WYUR 1310 AM

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
5602 Sheldon Rd., Canton
(734) 459-0013

Sunday Worship & Sunday School
9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Education For All Ages
Childrens Provided - Handicapped Accessible
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(734) 422-0494

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10:30 a.m.
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Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.
Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.
Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M.
NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN: 466-3196

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3030 Schoolcraft • Livonia
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Rev. John Carey
Worship Services 10:15 AM, 6:00 PM
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Sunday School 9 AM
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Building Healthy Families...
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Dynamic Youth & Children's Programs
Adult Education
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CRAFTS CALENDAR

If you would like to announce an upcoming show — items can be sent to: Crafts Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150.

CRAFTERS SOUGHT
The Belleville Central Business Community has extended its deadline for crafters in the downtown area during the Belleville National Strawberry Festival scheduled for June 16, 17 and 18. This is a juried craft show open only to creators of fine arts and quality crafts. Call (734) 697-7151.

GARDEN GALA CRAFT SHOW
Crafters are needed who specialize in yard and garden related crafts for the first "Garden Gala," May 20, at Memorial Elementary School in Garden City, Call Rhonda, (734) 762-0183.

CHELSEA SUMMER FEST
Applications are currently being sought for arts and crafts vendors at the Chelsea Summer Fest, July 28 and 29. Booth hours are Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you are interested in obtaining a booth, contact Penny (734) 433-0354 or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 580, Chelsea, MI 48118.

FALL ARTS/CRAFTS
St. Damian Parish is looking for crafters for their Fall Arts and Crafts Show, Oct. 10 to 13 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. St. Damian is located at 30055 Joy Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads, in Westland. Call (734) 421-6130.

FALL CRAFT SHOW
Crafters sought for the 2000 Fall Craft Show at Schoolcraft College Nov. 11-12. The show is juried, and a limited number of exhibitors are accepted in each category. 12' by 12' space is \$55; a 10' by 10' space costs \$40; and there is a \$40 fee for an 8' by 4' hallway space. \$15 electricity. Contact (734) 462-4417.

Local churches, municipalities observe National Day of Prayer
People will stand hand-in-hand together at the 49th Annual National Day of Prayer May 4, in a concerted effort to pray for a moral rebirth of America. Held the first Thursday in May, the National Day of Prayer unites Americans from all denominations for a brief prayer service — many of which are held around flagpoles at churches, government buildings and schools.

Equal opportunity
Football academy targets women participants
BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER
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Traditionally, women are left on the sidelines when it comes to the game of football. Advertising and merchandising target men in their campaigns as the primary audience that not only understands the sport but actively participates on occasion.

University of Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr wants to change all that. The head coach of one of the best-known teams in the United States initiated a football academy in 1999 targeted toward women.

The Michigan Football Women's Academy brings together the entire coaching staff of the U-M football team with hundreds of women from Michigan and across the U.S. who want to gain a better understanding of the game — everything from terminology to strategy.

According to Janet Roth, development officer at the U-M Cancer Center, the day-long event scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 17, is open to women ages 18 and up (13-17 year olds must be accompanied by an adult) who are interested in comprehending all

aspects of the game while getting an equal opportunity to receive individual attention from the coaching staff.

The event, sponsored by the 31 Metro Detroit Ford Dealers, is simultaneously a fund-raiser for the Coach Carr Cancer Fund to benefit patient services at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center in Ann Arbor.

Last year, after expenses, \$40,000 was applied to the

endowment fund created by Carr, according to Roth.

"The philosophy coach Carr shares with the students and his coaching staff is that it's not just about playing football," said Roth. "The academy gives the players a chance to meet the community and to let individuals know what it's like to be a part of Michigan while having a fun day and raising money for cancer."

Forty-five dollars of the \$65 registration fee can also become a tax deductible gift if participants choose that designation.

In the trenches
Of the 450 women who participated in the 1999 program, Roth said ages ranged from 13 to 81 and guests included Michigan residents as well as out-of-staters from Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. Women have the choice of observing or actively participating in all of the discussions and activities with the offensive and defensive coaching staff as well as some players from the U-M football team.

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coaches to learn the position they are responsible for in the game as well as moves, strategies, rules of play, philosophy of the staff and more," said Roth. "There will be several new activities offered different from last year and we hope to have a Big Ten official talk about the rules and regulations of playing football."

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At the end of the day women have a better grasp of ball throwing, plays, positions, and receiving and can put their new skills to the test in an optional exercise against one another in small groups.

If you are interested in participating, the registration deadline for the Michigan Football Women's Academy is June 7. Cost is \$65. Parking is free and a brochure with a map will be provided after you register. Call (734) 615-0665 for more information.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

HOMECOMING & REVIVAL
The Community Free Will Baptist Church of Westland will hold a "revival" series of services will begin at 7 p.m. April 26-28 with Rev. Paul Ange of North Carolina as the evangelist. The church is at 33031 Cherry Hill just west of Venoy in Westland.

MADONNA PRAYER GROUP
Madonna University Prayer Group will have a guest speaker, Evangelist Don McCain and his wife Carol, from St. Clair Shores at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 30 in Patio Classroom #1 at 14221 Levan Road (north of Schoolcraft Road and I-96). Everyone is welcome join. Call (734) 422-5611, John; or (734) 591-3247, Cecile.

SUNDAY SERVICE
UU Church of Farmington Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Sunday program for April 30: Rev. Bob Renjilian presents "The Wider Movement: An exploration of how we each might fit into something that goes beyond our own local circumstance." UUCF is a family-oriented liberal religious community nurturing the human spirit, social action, and the global environment. Services and Sunday School at 9 and 11 a.m. 25301 Halsted Rd. (N. of Grand River) Information: (248) 478-7272 or www.uucf.com/~uucf/

EVENING CLASSES
Prince of Peace Lutheran

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

NEW BEGINNINGS
St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia offers a year-round grief support group and this new Thursday speaker series, beginning with the Rev. Phil Seymour on "Dreams, Visions and Images" May 4; and Warren Gilbert's "Managing Memories" June 1. The series is free and open to the public. Call (734) 422-6038.

DAY OF PRAYER
Residents of Canton Township will be participating in the annual "Meet at City Hall" to pray around the flag pole from 12:20-12:40 p.m. Thursday, May 4. The National Day of Prayer was initiated to pray for a moral rebirth of America. Canton Township Administrative Building is located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer roads.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew

their love for each other. The weekend experience is May 5-7 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit this Web site: www.rc.net/detroit/wmme. "The Marriage Journey" is broadcast 8:30-9 a.m. Sundays on WCAR 1090 AM.

VALIANT WOMEN PROGRAM
The Aldersgate United Methodist Church will host a continent breakfast at 9:15 a.m. Friday, May 5 (1000 Beech Daly Road, Redford). The program titled "Valiant Women of the Early Church: Models for Today," will be presented by Wilma Strang. For reservations call Bonnie June Legge (734) 464-7727 by Tuesday, May 2. Baby-sitting by reservation only, same deadline and phone number. Bring "Love Pillows" to donate to Children's Hospital.

SPRING CONVENTION
The Associated Bible Students of Metropolitan Detroit Michigan are planning their annual spring convention. The convention will be held at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, Garden City. The dates and times of the convention are May 6 and 7, and both days sessions begin at 9:45 a.m. For further information, e-

mail us at Dutkaws@aol.com

WITNESS TO PEACE
Trinity Church of the Brethren (27350 W. Chicago) will present Joan Deeter, a Brethren clergywoman, role-playing Muriel Lester at their annual spring banquet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6. Ticket price is \$7 per adult; \$3.50 for children ages 4-10. Advanced ticket sales only. Call (313) 274-6379.

OSTEOPOROSIS PREVENTION
The Presbyterian Women's Association of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church are sponsoring a presentation on "The Prevention and Treatment of Osteoporosis." The presentation will be at noon Sunday, May 7 in the chapel at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (Hubbard

and West Chicago) of Livonia. The featured speaker will be Kristie Forester, a nurse practitioner specializing in osteoporosis. The presentation will be open to the public and all are invited to attend.

CHAI DINNER
Congregation Beit Kodesh will hold the 41st annual Chai Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at the synagogue (31840 W. Seven Mile in Livonia). The honoree couple will be Sally and Larry Stein. Advance reservations are required. Call Elaine Gittleman, (248) 544-0674.

EXERCISE FOR LIFE
St. Colette Parish Health Ministry invites you to attend a seminar on Exercise: Can it Save Your Life? Dr. Steven Keteyian,

exercise physiologist from the Henry Ford Heart & Vascular Institute will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 9. St. Colette Church social area is located at 17600 Newburgh Road in Livonia. To reserve a seat call (734) 464-4436.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER CELEBRATION
Garden City Presbyterian Church will host a Mother/Daughter Spring Celebration at 6:30 p.m. (dinner) May 11 in Sutherland Hall. Entertainment will be provided by Virgil Norgrove and Friends "Ventriloquial Ventures." Mother's Day Boutique and handmade gift items will be available. Adults \$6; ages 6-12, \$4; and ages 3-6, \$3.

Symposium links faith to global concerns

Once a year, individuals of different religious backgrounds converge to push the limits and begin to understand how building relationships across the boundaries of faith can impact global concerns.

The 14th Annual Interfaith Symposium offers just such an opportunity.

Steve Spreitzer, interfaith program coordinator for the Archdiocese of Detroit, says he looks forward to the annual symposium.

"The main purpose of the symposium is to create a forum enabling people of different Abrahamic religions (Muslim, Christian, Jewish) to come together and learn about one another," said Spreitzer, a Plymouth resident and Livonia native. He said the purpose is to take interfaith interaction from a level of tolerance to apprecia-

tion and engaging one another in activity. The symposium is the culmination of "dialogues" among members of the three faiths that take place during the year.

From 1:30-7 p.m. Sunday, April 30, the Muslim, Christian, Jewish Leadership Symposium will be hosted by Congregation Beth Shalom, 14601 W. Lincoln, Oak Park. The public is invited and more than 400 people are expected to attend the event titled "Religion and Responsibility in the Global Community," sponsored by National Conference of Community and Justice.

The NCCJ is one of 66 such organizations across the country that works on issues of diversity and conflict resolution.

Keynote speakers at this year's symposium include Rabbi Everett Gendler, Professor Mahmoud Ayoub and Sister Amata

Miller who will speak on how their religions relate to world issues such as sweatshops, labor, global warming and third world debt.

Gendler educates Tibetan exiles in strategic non-violence. Ayoub is a Muslim Mystic/Sufi. And is an economist who will focus on forgiveness of third world debt. In addition, six workshops will span topics of global interest for those who participate.

Spreitzer said the symposium allows participants to appreciate their own traditions and religion by gaining an understanding of other faiths. "It's something sacred," he said. "There's also a sense of what's possible. We all believe in one God."

Child care will be provided. For more information, call Sonia Morton at (313) 567-6225.

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SATURDAY MAY 13

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REGISTRATION NOON

DOG JOG 1:30 P.M.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

LaPointe to ump finals

Marc LaPointe, former Canton baseball coach, has been selected to umpire in the Michigan High School Athletic Association state championships.

"I won't know until I get there Thursday (June 15) which games I'm going to do," said LaPointe, who also coached Redford Thurston's football team from 1980-83.

LaPointe has been assigned the Division I quarterfinal game at Mount Clemens Clintondale on June 13. The semifinals and finals are in Battle Creek June 16-17.

LaPointe has been umpiring high school games since resigning as Canton's varsity baseball coach in 1993.

"This has been a goal of mine ever since I began umpiring," he said. "It's an honor."

MHSAA officials aren't assigned games until the participants have been determined.

Beechuk helps Aquinas

Junior Kim Beechuk (from Plymouth; Livonia Ladywood HS) helped the Aquinas women's track and field team win the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference outdoor championship with a third-place hammer throw.

Beechuk's hammer throw went 142-feet and helped Aquinas, which totaled 250 points, easily outdistance runner-up Siena Heights.

She will now participate in the NAA National Track and Field meet May 25-27 in Vancouver, B.C.

Bedford wins race

Senior Ian Bedford (Canton) set a personal record April 18 in winning the steeplechase for the University of Detroit-Mercy.

Bedford's time of 10:08.4 came in the Toledo Triangular. He will compete next in the Drake Relays April 28-29.

Whaler All-Stars

Coach Peter DeBeer of the Plymouth Whalers, already named the Ontario Hockey League's Coach of the Year, was named Monday the league's All-Star coach.

The Whalers' Rob Zepp was picked as the second-team All-Star goalie.

The OHL All-Rookie team also had two Whalers honored.

Tomas Kurka was picked first team left wing while Plymouth's Stephen Weiss was named second team center.

Sailing instruction

The American Sailing Institute, a non-profit corporation dedicated to teaching sailing and seamanship in the Detroit area for the past seven years, will begin classes the beginning of May for sailors of all levels, from beginner to advanced.

Depending on the type of class chosen, costs range from \$170 to \$295.

ASI is entirely a volunteer organization. For class schedule or other information, call Diane, the ASI secretary, at (248) 624-4030, or try the ASI website at www.sailasi.org.

Title tribute

The 1975 and 1991 Plymouth Salem state championship baseball teams will be honored at approximately 3:30 p.m. Saturday May 6, during a Salem-vs.-Plymouth Canton double-header.

State championship banners will be presented during the dedication ceremonies. Game action begins at noon.

Kids Fishing Derby

Back by popular demand... the Canton Parks and Recreation Services is once again sponsoring its annual Kids Fishing Derby, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Heritage Park ponds.

The Derby is open to boys and girls 15 and under — Canton residents only. Cost is \$1 per participant (payable the day of the Derby); for one-hour increments. Advanced registration, by phone or in person, is required.

The Heritage Park ponds will be stocked with rainbow trout. Prizes will be raffled off each hour. Each participant is responsible for his/her own equipment and bait. Check-in ends 10 minutes after the start of each scheduled hour.

For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

Back in front

Whalers open Western final with 4-1 win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Following Saturday night's fisticuff-filled opening game of the Ontario Hockey League's Western Conference finals between Plymouth and Sault Ste. Marie, it was safe to assume that the two teams would not be sitting down to Easter dinner together the following afternoon.

"No, I think we'll be eating in different restaurants," cracked Whalers coach Pete DeBoer moments after his team posted a convincing 4-1 home-ice victory in the series opener.

It was a hockey game that started to evolve into a World Wrestling Federation event mid-way through the third period.

"Everybody on the ice was battling for territory. Both teams went out to send a message, and I think we did."

"Even though there were a lot of penalties and fights, I think our team played with discipline. We didn't have any retaliatory penalties that gave them power plays."

Game-misconduct penalties were distributed as generously as marshmallow bunnies at an Easter egg hunt in the rugged third period, which ended like it began — with players from both teams squaring off in a series of mini-boxing matches.

The teams were whistled for 40 minutes of penalties including five 10-minute majors in the game's final 20 minutes.

During a post-fight stoppage of play with 22.2 seconds left, Greyhound left-winger Josh Bennett boldly skated slowly in front of the Plymouth bench, gesturing with his stick at Whaler players. He was eventually escorted off the ice by officials to a chorus of boos from the 2,987 people in attendance.

The home team was not immune from taunting in this intensity-packed struggle.

Following one fight late in the game, a Plymouth player directed a universal hand gesture at the Greyhounds' bench to show them that the Whalers were "number one" — only he didn't use his index finger to get his point across.

Please see WHALERS, C4



PHOTO BY DON ALLEY

Rushing up the ice: The Whalers' Stephen Morris carries the puck into Sault Ste. Marie's end, with teammate George Nistas (10) following in Saturday's series opener, won by Plymouth 4-1.

Jarrett's goal boosts Whalers

There were 3,823 fans of the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds who no doubt were still cheering after their hero of the moment, John Osborne, had knocked in a power-play goal with just 3:56 left in regulation to pull the Greyhounds even with the Plymouth Whalers at 3-apiece.

That moment of joy lasted 70 seconds.

Forty-four seconds after Osborne's goal, teammate Daniel Passero headed to the penalty box for hooking. It didn't take long for the Whalers to cash in; with 2:46 remaining, Cole Jarrett blasted in the game-winning goal, lifting Plymouth to a 4-3 triumph Wednesday.

The victory gives the Whalers a 2-to-1 edge in their best-of-seven Ontario Hockey League Western Conference final. The series now heads back to Plymouth, where it will resume with Game Four at 7:30 p.m.

Friday at Compuware Arena. Jarrett's goal, assisted by Stephen Weiss and Randy Fitzgerald, was his second point of the game. He had also assisted on the second of three second-period Whaler goals.

Rob Chapman had given Sault Ste. Marie the early lead, scoring at 9:11 of the first period. Weiss knotted it for Plymouth at 8:36 of the second, assists going to Justin Williams and Shaun Fisher.

Fisher then put the Whalers ahead with a power-play goal at 12:43 of the second, assisted by Jarrett and Eric Goody. Williams made it 3-1, getting a goal with just 10 seconds left in the second (Fitzgerald assisted).

Trevor Daley's goal 4:06 into the third period drew the Greyhounds to within one, setting up the late dramatics.

Rob Zepp had 28 saves for Plymouth, while Ray Emery made 29

stops for the Soo.

S.S. Marie 2, Whalers 0: They had their chances, but Sault Ste. Marie goalie Ray Emery proved unbeatable Monday in the second game of this OHL Western Conference final.

Emery stopped 40 Plymouth Whaler shots in guiding the Greyhounds to the victory in Sault Ste. Marie.

The Whalers had a 14-5 shot advantage in the first period and a 12-7 edge in the second, but failed to solve Emery.

In the second period, the Greyhounds scored twice. Ryan Milanovic, who had 13 goals in 55 regular-season games, got his fourth of the playoffs at the 6:02 mark, and Jeff Richards made it 2-0 at 14:37 with his first playoff goal of the season.

The Whalers' Rob Zepp stopped 22 of 24 shots on goal.

Rocks batter DePorres to take a pair

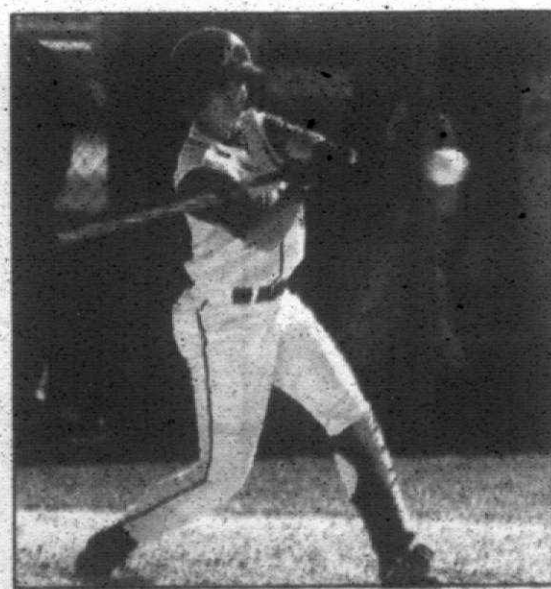
BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Salem is a baseball team in search of itself.

Coach Dale Rumberger's squad gained some confidence Tuesday with 8-2 and 14-5 victories over outmanned Detroit St. Martin de Porres.

It went to Cincinnati for doubleheaders today and Saturday — with a team golf outing in between — in hopes of finding out more about itself before the stretch run in the Western Lakes Activities Association begins next week.

"We're still searching for a lineup," Rumberger said after getting some sound pitching from Jason



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMAN

Contributor: Madonna's Angela Litwin, from Canton, singled and scored a run in the first inning of the second game.

BASEBALL

Lukasik, Chris Hardy and Mike Thackaberry against de Porres.

"We're a capable team," he said. "It's just a question of who's going to show up for each game."

"It was nice to win a doubleheader. I don't think we've done that for two years."

"We're awfully young," Coach Mark Brown of the Eagles said. "We're still trying to find out who wants to play and who doesn't."

Lukasik went the distance in the first game, firing a three-hitter in which he struck out six and walked,

two. Walks have hurt Salem (5-4) this year; virtually every time a Rocks pitcher walks the leadoff hitter in an inning this season he's scored.

Lukasik walked freshman Venias Jordan in the second, he was forced and junior Brandon Murphy doubled the runner in to tie the score, 1-1, in the third.

Senior Gui Bryant singled to start the fourth, stole second, went to third on a groundout to third and was squeezed home by senior Jason Glenn.

First baseman Bryant was held to two singles and a pair of walks in six trips to the plate in both games.

Please see SALEM BASEBALL, C5

Crusaders in playoffs

MADONNA

Madonna University's softball team clinched a playoff berth Tuesday in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a doubleheader sweep of Indiana Tech, 4-1 and 6-0.

Jennifer Staup and Jenny Tenyer combined on the six-hit shutout in the second contest. Staup (12-6) worked the first six innings with one walk and one strikeout. Tenyer pitched a perfect seventh to wrap it up.

Angela Litwin scored in the first when she led off with a single, moved to second on a wild pitch; was sacrificed to third and came home on an error.

Devon Fletcher made it 3-0 in the fourth with a two-run double, with Stacie Wilson getting Fletcher home by grounding out to second.

Vicki Malkowski doubled home a pair of runs in the fifth.

Tenyer (11-7) went the distance in the opener, allowing five hits. She didn't walk a batter and struck out two and the only run she allowed was unearned.

Malkowski doubled home a run in the first and another scored on an error to stake the Crusaders to a 2-0 lead.

Madonna added its other two in the sixth on a two-run double by Pam Konwinski.

The sweep left Madonna (28-19) with a 13-11 WHAC mark while Indiana Tech (15-29) dropped to 6-18 in the league.

Madonna reached breakeven in

the WHAC Saturday with a doubleheader sweep of Tri-State University at Angola, Ind.

The Lady Crusaders took the first game, 6-2, thundered to the second-game win, 11-4, to improve to 26-19 this season and 11-11 in the WHAC.

Kristy McDonald and Fletcher each went 3-for-4 with two RBI in the opener.

McDonald belted her fourth home run of the season while Fletcher smoked two doubles. Wilson also had two RBI.

The Crusaders banged out 13 hits with Malkowski and Emily Cunningham adding two each. They scored two in the second and three in the third to take a 5-0 lead.

Please see MADONNA, C5

COLLEGE RECRUITING

Keep 'em coming

Schoolcraft signs 3 more top-notch prospects

BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITER

Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs.

Three more players have been added to the fold and the biggest catch is 6-foot-8, 247-pound center Sam Hoskin, a Redford Bishop Borgess High product who is leaving Eastern Kentucky University after leading the Colonels in scoring (15.7 points per game) and rebounding (8.0).

Schoolcraft will also get 6-6 forward Keanan Weir, another transfer from ECU, along with 6-2 guard Colin Wilkinson, a transfer from Hillsdale College. Earlier this month Briggs signed 6-6 Emir Medunjanin, a first-team All-Observer pick from North Farmington.

Hoskin, who sat out the 1998-99 season at ECU to concentrate on academics, shot 51.8 percent from the field and 69 percent from the line as a freshman. He had a season high of 31 points. He also grabbed 14 rebounds in a loss back in January to the University of Detroit Mercy.

He was named to the Ohio Valley Conference's All-Newcomer Team.

"Sam is a major college player who can be a dominate force inside for us at Schoolcraft," said Briggs, who has an impressive 74-19 record in three seasons with the Ocelots. "His inside presence should open up the perimeter game."

This year Schoolcraft finished runner-up to Flint Mott in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association tournament and won the Eastern Conference title.

The Ocelots would up 24-7, falling to national power Vincennes (Ind.), 96-83, in the NJCAA Division I-Region 12 semifinals.

Against Vincennes, which wound up third

MEN'S BASKETBALL

in the NJCAA Tournament, Schoolcraft was hurt by the Trailblazers' inside tandem of 6-7 Cincinnati transfer Aaron McGhee and 6-8 Purdue transfer Cam Stephens.

"Sam brings us some things we didn't have in our game against Vincennes (Ind.), which is a strong inside game," Briggs said.

As a junior, Hoskin and teammate Aaron Jessup, now a starter at Wisconsin-Green Bay, helped Borgess to the 1996-97 state Class C championship.

As a senior, Hoskin made All-Catholic and second-team All-Observer.

Former University of Michigan assistant Scott Perry, who became head coach at ECU, then signed Hoskin to an NCAA letter-of-intent out of Borgess.

But the Colonels never took off under Perry, who resigned following a 6-21 season (2-16 in the OVC). ECU lost its final 16 games this year as Perry finished 19-61 in three seasons.

Weir, a swingman, averaged 3.2 points per game for the Colonels, starting eight of 25 games during the 1998-99 season. He appeared in only one game during the 1999-2000 season after going down with a knee injury.

Weir averaged 16.3 points and 9.6 rebounds per game during his senior year at Detroit King.

"At King, Keanan was more of a role player," Briggs said. "But like Sam, he comes from a winning program. He has that winning mentality and he's used to hard work and discipline like we are here."

"Keanan can hit the 15 foot shot. He likes to run in the transition game and rebound."

Wilkinson, Dearborn High's all-time leading scorer, is the second player to transfer

from Hillsdale to Schoolcraft.

The Ocelots' starting center, Nick Evola, a 6-7 product from Warren Woods-Tower, also attended Hillsdale for one year.

As a freshman for the 16-11 Chargers, Wilkinson appeared in 17 games and averaged 2.1 points. He averaged 8.6 minutes per game.

At Dearborn High, Wilkinson lettered in four different sports. He was a standout in football as a running back and was a 6-8 high jumper in track.

He averaged 20 points and six rebounds per game his senior year en route to All-Metro honors and All-Mega Conference Red Division.

"Colin can shoot the ball and he'll give us perimeter scoring," Briggs said. "He was also a good student at Dearborn High. The fit was not there at Hillsdale and he elected to come here."

"All three players bring experience and leadership. They understand what it takes to win as far as time and effort. All three are also good kids who come with no baggage."

Briggs, however, just missed out on signing Hamtramck's 6-5 Class B All-Stater Eli Warren, who elected to go to Pensacola (Fla.) JC.

"We thought we had an opportunity to get him and that says a lot about where our program is at right now," Briggs said. "People have seen how many of our players are going Division I and want to be a part of that along with our strong academic program."

Three Schoolcraft players have signed letters-of-intent including guards Gilbert Mitchell and Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial), both with Western Illinois, and Reggie Kirkland with Wayne State.

The team's top two scorers, Robert Brown and Lamar Bigby, will make visits this weekend to Wisconsin-Green Bay and Texas A&M, respectively.

Ocelots ink Chiefs, Rocks goalkeepers

SC SOCCER

Schoolcraft College women's soccer coach Bill Tolstedt feels his eight recruits will help the Ocelots keep the program at the same high level it attained this year.

Highlights Crestwood, defender Toni Perry of Grand Blanc, and defender Katie Weber of Troy Athens.

"I am very excited about the upcoming fall season," Tolstedt said. "These young women come in with a wealth of experience with top ranked high school and premier club programs."

"This group of incoming freshmen coupled with our returning veterans should keep us among the NJCAA elite."

Hait, a Clawson resident, was honorable mention All-State, All-Catholic, All-District and All-Region.

Karavas won the Michigan Mega Conference's Red Division Coach's Award. She plans to major in Fine Arts.

Maile, a resident of Novi, plays for the state-ranked Northville team and is a member of the Olympic Development Program's state pool. She played on three state cup championship premier club teams and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Perkovich, of Dearborn, was an All-District, All-League and All-City player.

Perry plays for the state-ranked Grand Blanc while Weber is a mainstay on Division I power Troy Athens.

Fitchett's Rocks are ranked fifth in the state.

Also signing with the Ocelots were Kristan Hait, a defender from Royal Oak Shrine; Audrey Karavas, a forward-midfielder from Dearborn Heights Crestwood; forward Angela Maile of Northville; midfielder-defender Erin Perkovich of Dearborn

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Chiefs split with Falcons, sweep Dearborn

It was a nice break, but it wasn't quite a vacation for Plymouth Canton's baseball team.

While most teams were off on a spring break this week, Canton went to Dearborn Divine Child for a doubleheader Tuesday.

It came back with a split, shutting out the Falcons in the opener, 5-0, before dropping a mistake-filled 9-5 decision in the second game.

"We'll find out more about our team Monday (May 1) when we play Farmington Harrison," Coach Scott Dickey said. "We have them at home and they're undefeated."

Canton got a three-hit shutout from Jon Johnson (4-1) in its first-game vic-

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tory over Divine Child. He only struck out one but he kept his walks to three batters.

Junior Oliver Wolcott went 2-for-4 with a double, drove in two runs and scored two. Sophomore Jim Wisniewski went 2-for-3 with an RBI and senior Bryan Kay was 1-for-2 with an RBI.

Canton (8-3) doomed itself with five errors in the second game, four of them coming in the second inning.

Divine Child took advantage of the errors, two walks and a pair of hit batters to score seven times, six of the runs unearned.

"Up until the second game against Divine Child, we'd been playing good defense this year," Dickey said. "We've been getting better every day."

"The strength of our team has been hitting. We're averaging 8-9 runs a game and allowing about two. I'm pleased with that."

"And, our young pitchers are starting to come around."

"That was our worst game and I'm happy to get it out of our system."

Greg Neino went five innings and took the second-game loss, giving up all three of the hits the Falcons (14-3) collected in the game. He walked three, struck out two and was charged with two earned runs.

Junior Brian Rossov went 3-for-4 with a double, RBI and a run scored. Junior Jay Sofen went 2-for-4, Johnson had a hit and two RBI and Jon Loos had a hit and scored twice.

In the opener, sophomore Matt Staley scattered six hits, walked four and struck out six over 6 1/3 innings.

Only three of the runs allowed by Staley (1-0) were earned. Wolcott came on for the final two outs, fanning one.

Kay had two hits including a triple, drove in two runs, scored three and stole a base. Wolcott went 2-for-3 with two RBI and a stolen base and Wisniewski was 3-for-4 with two RBI, a stolen base and a run scored.

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Mike Tomasaitis had a double and two RBI; junior Russ Caid had a double; and both Sofen and Mike Jopps had a hit.

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Rocks get 1st victory; good score, bad result for Chiefs

Plymouth Salem got its first dual-meet win of the season Wednesday (April 19), defeating Walled Lake Central 204-212 in a Western Lakes Activities Association dual golf meet at St. John's.

The Rocks evened their WLAAL dual record at 1-1.

Angie Jones earned medalist honors with a 42. Three other Salem golfers shot 54: Danielle March, Kim Tamme and Kelly Tamme. Molly Hedges was next best with a 58.

Salem doesn't play again until May 1, when it goes against Walled Lake Western.

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W.L. Western 195, Canton 198: Plymouth Canton posted a very solid score April 19 at Hilltop, but Walled Lake Western was a bit better.

The Chiefs lost in their WLAAL opener; they won't play again until May 1, when they host Livonia Franklin.

Christina Slupek and Julie Dziekan each shot 48 to pace Canton. Megan Stewart had a 49 and Jessica Pondell scored a 53.

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Trying to get a fastball by Bryant is like trying to sneak a carrot past Bugs Bunny, but Salem did a good job with him de Porres' best player.

"I think maybe in the first game the guys thought de Porres was a bad as some people were saying they were."

"That's a good team. They've got some good players and in a year or two they're going to be very, very tough."

Stiles started the second game with a ground single up the middle against lefty Kevin Martin, a sophomore with a decent breaking ball.

Like most high school teams, Salem had trouble with offspeed stuff and breaking balls, which it saw a good deal of the time in the doubleheader.

Junior Chris Mackinder sacrificed Stiles and went all the way to third when the Eagles' first baseman muffed the throw.

Steve Gordon doubled to start the fifth and scored on a single by Kolb. The Rocks added two unearned runs in the sixth."

Stiles walked, went to second on a wild pitch and scored when Horvath sacrificed and was safe on an error by the pitcher. Kolb singled Horvath home with two outs.

"The second game," Rumberger said, "we played a little differently. And we played a lot of guys. I like to do that; that's how you get better."

Then the Rocks solved the southpaw's secrets. Junior Chris Trotter snuck a single to center. Jason Furr lined a single to left and Ryan Cook beat out a bunt for a single that loaded the bases.

Stiles walked to force in a run. Mackinder laid down a squeeze bunt and beat it out for an RBI single. Lukasik forced Mackinder to drive in the third run of the inning, a run was bailed home and Goethe grounded an RBI single to right.

Gordon then lined an RBI double to left and Drew Stiles laced an RBI double to right to close the scoring and give Salem a 9-1 lead.

De Porres showed resilience with four runs in the third. Pack had an RBI single but the other three runs were gifts. Two scored on a throwing error by the pitcher and another scored when the shortstop made an excellent chest-stop of a bad-hop grounder, only to throw the ball away at first.

"That's our shortstop's first error in nine games," Rumberger said. "He's been outstanding."

And our pitcher throws the ball away for two runs. "We've been doing stuff like that. We'll be having a nice day like this one, then stuff like that will creep up. It's the little things."

After a leadoff single by de Porres in the fourth, Rumberger turned to Thackberry. The right-hander gave up a sacrifice by closed out the threat with two strikeouts then pitched one-hit ball the rest of the way. He hit one batter but didn't walk anybody and struck out three.

An error gave Salem a run in the fifth and Plymouth closed out the game with four runs in the bottom of the sixth for a mercy.

Furr walked with the bases loaded, a run scored when Cook hit into a force out and two came home when Stiles doubled and the second baseman threw the ball away for an error on a relay.

"That's the best we've pitched all season," Rumberger said. "That first game came in at under 90 pitches."

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DeBoer predicted the excessively chippy play would not continue through the series despite the bad blood that is brewing between the two teams.

"I don't think you'll see as much of the extracurricular activity) out there the rest of the series because neither team wants to risk getting in a lot of short-handed situations in the playoffs," DeBoer said. "It's not worth it."

After allowing the game's first goal six minutes into the contest, Whaler goalie Rob Zepp was flawless over the final 54 minutes, smothering 20 Greyhound shots.

"Our best penalty killer is Rob Zepp," DeBoer said, smiling. "He didn't do anything last night, but he was solid throughout the game."

Plymouth, which hadn't played in over a week as it waited for a winner in the Sault Ste. Marie series, looked rusty in the game's opening period.

The Whalers managed 10 shots on Greyhound goalie Jason Flick during the first 19 minutes, however none came close to finding the mark.

Trailing 1-0 with the final seconds trickling down in the first period, the Whalers received an injection of momentum from Justin Williams.

The smooth-skating winger controlled a pass from linemate Stephen Weiss at mid-ice, outmaneuvered two defenses and faked a shot to Flick's glove side before depositing the puck in the net past the falling goalie's outstretched glove-hand.

The goal, scored at the 19:37 mark of the period, tied the score at 1-1.

"That was a huge goal," DeBoer stressed. "If you let them go into the lockerroom with a 1-0 lead, they start believing in themselves even more. The goal was a big boost for us."

The momentum generated from Williams' Jagr-like goal carried over into the second period for the Whalers, who grabbed their first lead when George Nistas fired a slapshot past Flick to make it 2-1. Nistas was assisted by Chris Cava and Andre Robichaud.

The Whalers put the game on ice a short time later with a pair of power-play goals.

Left-wing Tomas Kurka made it 3-1 at the 9:40 mark when he whistled a one-timer past Flick from 10 feet in front of the net. Kurka was set up by defenseman Shaun Fisher.

The game's final goal came less than seven minutes later off the stick of Damian Surma, who wristed in a rebound at 16:44. It was Surma's sixth playoff goal.

While the Whalers skated into the game rested, the Greyhounds were coming off an exhausting seven-game quarterfinal series against Erie. The series-deciding game seven ended less than 48 hours prior to Saturday's Easter-ve opening face-off.

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Madonna from page C1

Tenyer worked the first six innings for the win. He is now 10-7.

In the second game, Madonna pounded out 10 hits and 11 runs, overcoming a 3-2 deficit with two runs in the top of the fourth and six in the fifth.

Latwin led the hit parade with a 3-for-5 outing with two RBI and two runs scored. Konwinski delivered two hits, including a triple, and had two RBI.

Malkowski had two more hits, including her team-high 17th double, and drove in two runs. Erika Keys and Jennifer Krugel and Cunningham each had one RBI.

Staup went the distance on the mound, allowing two earned runs in seven innings to improve to 11-6 on the year.

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OUTDOORS CALENDAR

CLASSES/CLINICS

League will be presented by Royal Oak Archers Inc. of Lake Orion (Orion Road, one-half mile west of Adams) beginning Wednesday, April 26. The league is scheduled to last for 10 weeks. For more information, call (248) 589-2480 or (248) 583-4229.

ACTIVITIES

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS 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) 757-7366 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

DOMINIC LIPAROTO at (248) 476-5027 for more information. MICHIGAN FLY FISHING The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

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

BASS TOURNAMENT The 2000 Top Bass Tournament will be held at various sites throughout the summer months. The schedule is as follows: Saginaw Bay, May 27; Lake St. Helen, June 3; Wixom Lake, June 24; Sanford Lake, July 8; Wixom Lake, July 22; Lobdell Lake, Aug. 5; Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payoffs will be awarded with amounts determined by the number of entries. For more information, call (734) 729-1762 or (734) 422-5813.

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

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call

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

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

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

METROPARKS METROPARK REQUIREMENTS Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

2000 PERMITS The 2000 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching per-

mits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

PERMITS The 2000 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is \$20 through April 30 and \$25 thereafter. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

STATE PARKS

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

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314.)

WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL Thursday, April 27 Wayne at John Glenn (2), 11 a.m. RU at Southgate (2), 11 a.m. Canton at South Lyon (2), noon. Salem at Norwood (Ohio), 4 p.m. County Day at Redford CC, 4:30 p.m. Salem at Cincinnati Purcell, 7 p.m.

SOFTBALL Saturday, April 28 Canton at Chelsea Tournament, 9 a.m. BOYS TRACK Friday, April 28 Jackson Invitational, TBA. Saturday, April 29 Lincoln Park Relays, TBA.

GIRLS TRACK Saturday, April 29 DelSalle Invitational, 9 a.m. Lincoln Park Relays, TBA. Sunday, April 30 Madonna at St. Francis (RI), 1 p.m. Madonna at St. Francis (RI), 11 a.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL (all double-headers) Thursday, April 27 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 30 Madonna vs. Tri-State (Ind.) at Liv. Ladywood H.S., 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY PLAYOFFS WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-5 series) Friday, April 28 Pk. Whalers vs. Saint Ste. Marie at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29 (If necessary) Pk. Whalers vs. Saint Ste. Marie at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

TBA — time to be announced.

Trout stalking Great places close by to find trout

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS

BILL PARKER

Opening Day of the first regular inland trout season of the 21st Century is less than a week away. The last Saturday in April triggers an intense desire in many ardent trout chasers to return to that magical, secret hole where, undoubtedly, a two-pound brookie awaits your offering.

Anglers are scrambling to prepare for the season: sorting flies, oiling reels, patching waders and making last-minute trips to the sporting goods store for equipment and fishing licenses.

The first dimple of the season, the first sunrise on the river and the first battle with a brookie, brown or rainbow will occur for many anglers on the last Saturday in April.

While fishing blue-ribbon trout streams like the Ausable, Manistee or Piere Marquette certainly has its merit, for anglers who are pressed for time or for some other reason can't make a trip up north, there are other alternatives.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, many times with help from conservation organizations like the Livonia-based Michigan Fly Fishing Club, maintain an aggressive stocking program on many streams and rivers in southeastern Michigan.

The effort pays off nicely with a modest, but recreational fishery down here close to home.

Paint Creek, Kearsley Creek and the Huron River at Proud Lake, which all flow through parts of Oakland County, and the Johnson Draw, which originates in Washtenaw County and flows through western Wayne County are some of the better local streams that benefit from the program.

OUTDOORS

Check the 2000 Inland Trout and Salmon Guide (give a few minutes to familiarize yourself with it) for specific regulations, such as size and creel limits, on a particular stream.

Paint Creek, which originates at Lake Orion and empties into the Clinton River in Rochester, receives between 5,000 and 6,000 brown trout each spring.

With decent over-winter survival the stream gives up an occasional fish in the 20-inch range each year.

Paint Creek receives tremendous pressure on opening weekend, but after that the fishing gets fun as the pressure subsides.

There is ample access to Paint Creek, which flows through parts of the Bald Mountain State Recreation Area.

An old railroad grade that runs nearly the entire length of Paint Creek was turned into a hiking/biking trail by the Paint Creek Trailways Commission.

There are several stairways along the trail that provide easy access to the water.

Kearsley Creek originates in Ortonville and hooks up with the Flint River in southern Genesee County. Access is restricted as most of the creek runs through private property, but local homeowners have been known to allow fishing to a respectful angler who politely asks for permission.

Some 4,000 browns are stocked each year in Kearsley Creek.

Johnson Creek receives a stock of between 4,000 and 5,000 brown trout. This tiny creek is the only tributary of the Rouge watershed that holds trout.

Access to Johnson Creek is also limited. One option is through Hatchery Park in downtown Northville. Anglers also access the stream at east-west crossroads including Five Mile, Six Mile and Napier roads.

'Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

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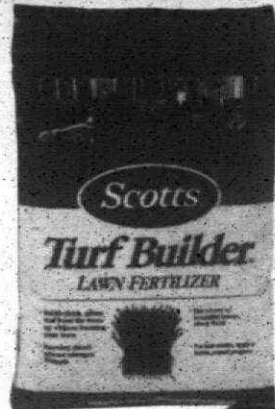
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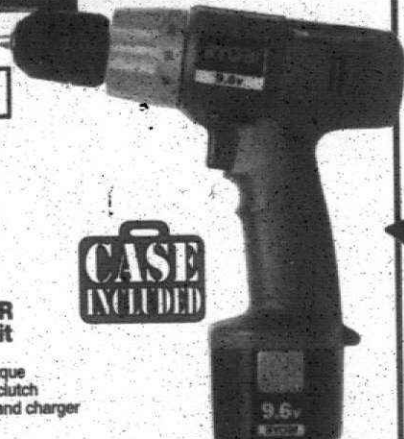


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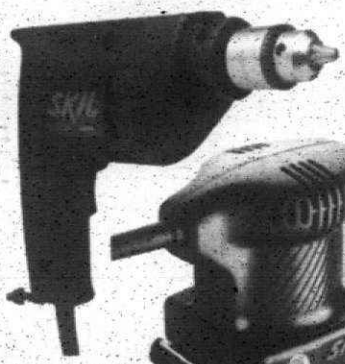
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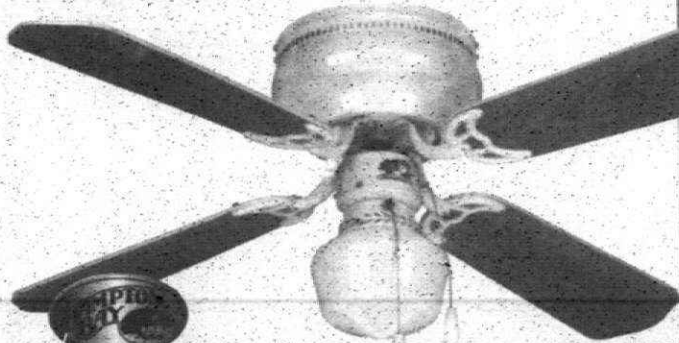


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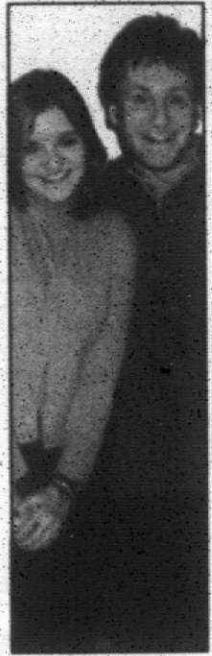
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Stephanie Siemion of Southfield and Jim Diggs of Plymouth star in "The Butler Did It," presented by Jack-In-The-Box Productions, 8 p.m. at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's School of Management Building. Tickets \$10 at the door, \$9 in advance, \$8 students with ID, call (734) 797-JACK.

SATURDAY



The Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents world-renowned soprano Jessye Norman, 5 p.m. at Detroit Opera House. Tickets \$30 to \$250, call (248) 645-6666 or (248) 737-9980.

SUNDAY



Arliss Ryan, author of "The Kingsley House," a historical novel that takes place in Livonia, will give a slide presentation at Greenmead Historical Park at 4 p.m. The Kingsley House will be open for tours 2-7 p.m. Call (248) 477-7375 for more information.

HOT TICKET



Hot Ticket: Modern vintage posters, 20th century design furniture, costume jewelry and more will be on display, and offered for sale, at the Michigan Modernism Exposition, featuring 100 exhibitors, Saturday-Sunday, April 29-30, at the Southfield Civic Center. Admission \$8, no charge for children age 12 and younger, call (810) 469-1706 or (810) 465-9441 for information.

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When Kid Rock declared the State Theatre to be "The house that Rock built," his words rattled from stage to mezzanine. He might've been addressing his own success, but the musicians and sold-out crowd at the 2000 Detroit Music Awards heard those words echo a promising future for the local scene and shout: yes, the rest of the country is watching — and listening.

It's no secret that big winners at the April 14 awards — such as country rock favorites The Forbes Brothers, reggae quintet Immunity and bluesman Johnnie Bassett — would still be basking in their glory. But the annual show rose to new heights. Attracting national celebrities, such as hosts Kid Rock and Twisted Brown Trucker, The Contours and an appearance by Bloomfield Hills' spiciest Red Hot Chili Pepper, drummer Chad Smith, the show shook the foundation of that historic theater in Detroit. The show was sponsored by the Motor City Music Foundation and The Metro Times, with proceeds going to Pontiac-based non-profit organization The Rainbow Connection.

All eyes focused on the Motor City, and performers flocked from all around the metro area. With record labels, MTV associates and media crawling around Woodward Avenue's State Theatre and newly opened State Bar, the evening was buzzing like Seattle in the early 1990s.

"This is the first time the Detroit Music Awards has been this big," said Paradime, also known as Freddie Beauregard of Livonia. Paradime may not have walked off with an award, but the blue-eyed rapper still rocked the stage accompanied by DJ Mark E.P. of Westland and the band, Plaidipus. "We're playing to a sold-out crowd," said Paradime, "you can't really beat that with a bat."

Kicking out a funkified hip hop trilogy: "Broke," "I Know What You Did Last Summer" and "Ode to



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I know what you did: Paradime hicks out three songs at the Detroit Music Awards. The Livonia resident is being touted as the next big thing in hip hop.

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Guinness," Paradime reaffirmed his space on the verge of national notice. Plaidipus' Mike Schiller, Jason Mood and Dan Trenz knew the performance would be a "pretty big jump" for the band. "We hope Kid Rock will dig what we do," said Trenz, a Franklin native.

Local scene

One thing's for sure: Kid Rock's DJ Cracker, Outstanding Hip Hop DJ winner, couldn't say enough about the hot local scene. "This is bigger than the Grammy's," he said while hanging backstage with Paradime. "It's all about Detroit."

Though Forbes wasn't everything, The Forbes Brothers got a good gulp of that victory cocktail. Nabbing group awards for Outstanding Country Group, (Scott Forbes for) Vocalist, (Dennis Forbes for) Instrumentalist and (Scott and Dennis Forbes for) Songwriters, The Forbes Brothers accepted the recognition gracefully, while friends and family looked on. The Forbes Brothers is Farmington Hills resident and guitarist Scott Forbes, guitarist and Keego Harbor resident Dennis Forbes, drummer Dave Jack, bassist Jon Ross, guitarist J.C. Whitelaw, keyboardist George Canterbury and new vocalist and Troy resident Ron Jacob.



For the kids: (left to right) Red Hot Chili Pepper's Chad Smith of Bloomfield Hills, The Rainbow Connection's executive director Patricia Tessmer-Flack of Oxford, Kid Rock and an avid fan auction off an autographed axe for \$4,000 to grant wishes for ill children at the 2000 Detroit Music Awards.

Accolades

"It's nice to get the accolades from your peers," said Scott Forbes in a telephone interview. "It's a driving force that really makes you want to keep going." With 19 DMA's under their belts, The Forbes Brothers are currently

working on their second CD, "Three Chord Truth." For those skeptics who feel jilted by the awards, Forbes said it's time to "make themselves known to the people voting. You do that by playing out and getting in the media."

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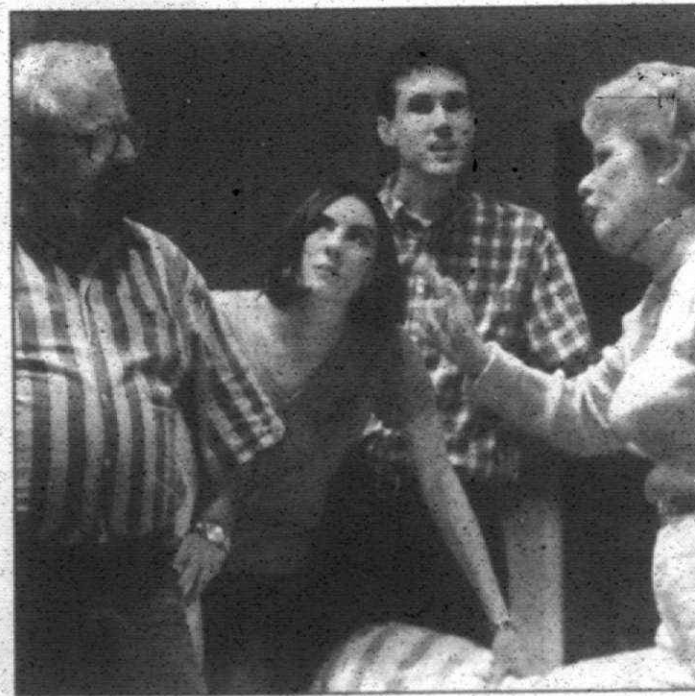
Number 19: Scott and Dennis Forbes of The Forbes Brothers accept yet another award for making great country music at the 2000 Detroit Music Awards.

COMMUNITY THEATER

Plymouth Theatre Guild Delivering a laugh-a-minute

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Barry Levine and Bob Weibel trade one-liners so fast it makes your head spin. But this is just a prelude. The rehearsal for the Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of *Squabbles* hasn't even begun. The banter between Levine, the Southfield resident playing Abe Dreyfus, and Weibel, the director, mimics the squabbling overheard as several of members of a dysfunc-



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Squabbles: Barry Levine (left) as Abe Dreyfus, Nicole Ludwig and Robert Purcell as Jerry and Alice Sloan, and Dorothy Dunne as Mildred Sloan make up the core of the dysfunctional family in Marshall Karp's comedy.

Livonia Redford Theatre Guild 'Fun' Raiser invites interaction

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Steve Belcher warns everyone to look for the jugglers and guitarist they'll encounter before stepping through the door of The Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford. *Cabaret Calypso: A New and IMPROVED Comedy* means to grab audience members the minute they exit their cars. The fun doesn't stop until they're heading home after the entertaining evening to benefit the community theater.

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For a band that didn't win, two of three Brothers Groove members made it to the podium more times than most nominees. Vocalist Chris Codish tied with Butler Twins' Clarence Butler for Outstanding Blues Songwriter and vowed to share his award with his father Bob Codish, also a nominee. Codish and his brother-in-law, bassist Jim Simonson of Clarkston, accepted awards on behalf of Johnnie Bassett — who won for Outstanding Blues Recording, Instrumentalist and Group. Both musicians performed on the winning album, "Party My Blues Away."

The reggae wild men in Immunity were all smiles while accepting four awards. Jonathan Petrus, who works in Birmingham, took the Outstanding Reggae Vocalist award from nominated band mates Tom Varga, Tom Wall and Tony Mitchell. Bassist Bill Koggenhon won for Outstanding Reggae Instrumentalist. His wife, band manager and MCMF member Terri Koggenhon, was proudest when Immunity seized the Outstanding Reggae group award, a category Immunity's been nominated for three years running. "It was quite a night," she said.

That night finished off on a hopeful note for 13-year-old Ryan Rischack and Kathleen Coules, 17. Michigan's favorite "Cowboy," Kid Rock, sauntered out with the two representatives of The Rainbow Connection. The organization grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses.

Kid Rock, who has a long history with The Rainbow Connection, sponsored both of the kids' wishes to go to Disney World. He handed them cowboy hats and both Detroit Music Awards he earned that night. "He's been very kind to this organization," said Patricia Tessmer-Flack, executive director of the charity and an Oxford resident. "He obviously cares about the kids. We've seen the softer side of him. He's a very gentle person."

The Rainbow Connection raised \$4,000 by auctioning off Kid Rock's guitar. The rest of the money raised has not yet been tabulated.

For a complete list of DMA 2000 winners, please refer to the Web site at www.detroitmusicians.com/winners.html. For more information on The Rainbow Connection or to donate, call (248) 338-7760.

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After reading the script for *Squabbles*, Bob Weibel is amazed that the play hasn't been done with any regularity since it premiered in 1982. Written by Marshall Karp, the comedy, which is produced by Mary Lynn Kuna of Plymouth, opens Friday, May 5, at the Water Tower Theatre in Northville.

"It's a nifty script and a funny, funny show," said Weibel of Westland. "The name is apropos. It's about a 30-something couple and a man who moves in with his kids. He lives to argue. He's a retired cab driver and they're trying to figure out what to do with him when he moves in after her house burns down. They both think the other one has to go. Then the daughter gets pregnant. One night the lights go out and the next thing you know they're not thinking about getting married but are going to live together."

Even though Weibel stepped in at the last minute to direct, he's not worried about the quality of the production because of the seasoned actors with whom he's working. Weibel, who's been in theater since 1958, sees a lot of plays as a reviewer for the *Observer* newspapers. He believes theater is a living organism that only happens once.

"This is the kind of play that's pure escapism," said Weibel. "They'll have a lot of fun watching this dysfunctional family and the warm ending where they go off into the sunset together."

Levine continues to go through the script delivering one funny line after another. He thinks it's the quality of writing that makes *Squabbles* a hit with audiences.

"It's a contrast of characters," said Levine. "Abe and Mildred are different but similar. He's always trying to get her and she's trying to get back at him with plays on words. She says, she had a dream about being in a cab that stops suddenly but there's no jerk. Get it? Because I'm not in the cab."

Levine empathizes with his character who's "a loud mouth, insulting kind of guy but deep down inside he really cares." He's physically comfortable with the part as well. It's usually difficult

for Levine to find roles such as Dreyfus or the rabbi he played in *Fiddler on the Roof* with the Village Players of Birmingham.

Over the years, the types of roles Levine is able to play have changed. In fact his busy life as drama director at several metro Detroit high schools in the '60s and '70s and his current position as principal of the Academy of Westland, has left little time for acting during the last 30 years. He returned to the stage last season in the guild's *Wait Until Dark*. "You have to have a sense of humor," jokes Levine, a short, graying man on the rotund side. "No longer could I play the handsome, 6-2 hero."

Robert Purcell is Jerry Sloan, the son frequently in the middle of the rows between his father-in-law and mother, Mildred Sloan, played by Dorothy Dunne of Livonia. Nicole Ludwig plays his wife. Ken Kuna and Sara Ellsworth have spent the last six weeks constructing the set and perfecting the lighting. Nancy Adams is responsible for costuming the actors in clothing from the 1980s. "In the play he's a commercial jingle writer who took in her father who had a heart attack, then his mom moves in," said Purcell, a Canton resident. "and all heck breaks loose when the lights go out."

That's when Jim Christiansen takes over as Hector Lopez, the Puerto Rican handyman who can never correctly pronounce Dreyfus' name.

"My challenge has to be consistent with the accent and to remember to mispronounce Dreyfus," said Christiansen of Livonia. "There's a running gag but if I forget and pronounce it right, it blows the gag."

Delores Pearson, who plays Mrs. Fisher, is looking forward to her role as the nanny.

"It's wonderful to get to be so bossy," said Pearson of Canton. "She thinks nobody should touch the baby but she's just a fun character." Becoming a member of the guild has made Pearson's recent move to Michigan easier. She'd been experiencing a sense of isolation. Back in Pennsylvania, Pearson hosted her own syndicated TV program on crafts and cooking.

"It's a marvelous way to meet new people and that's what community is all about in community theater."

Guys and Dolls

When: Musical presented by Rosedale Community Players
When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30 and May 7; 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 12-13.
Where: Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, one-half block east of Lahser in the Old Redford area of Northwest Detroit. Theater is not handicap accessible.
Tickets: \$13, reserved, call (313) 537-7716 or (313) 532-4010. Discounts available for large groups, senior citizens and students.

The only thing to fear is fear itself," said Rosati, quoting President Franklin D. Roosevelt as he talked about directing and choreographing *Guys and Dolls*, the first musical comedy ever to be presented by the Rosedale Community Players.

Some people said "we're not a musical group," but Rosati who has been involved with the Rosedale Players since 1973 encouraged them to do the show.

Rosati describes *Guys and Dolls*, which takes place in the 1950s, as "a great ensemble show." The show opens Friday at the Upstage Theater and continues weekends through Sunday, May 13. Some shows are sold out, so call ahead for ticket information.

"Most people are having a great time," said Rosati about the rehearsals. "They've gotten over their fear and trepidation. I think it will lead to the group doing other musicals."

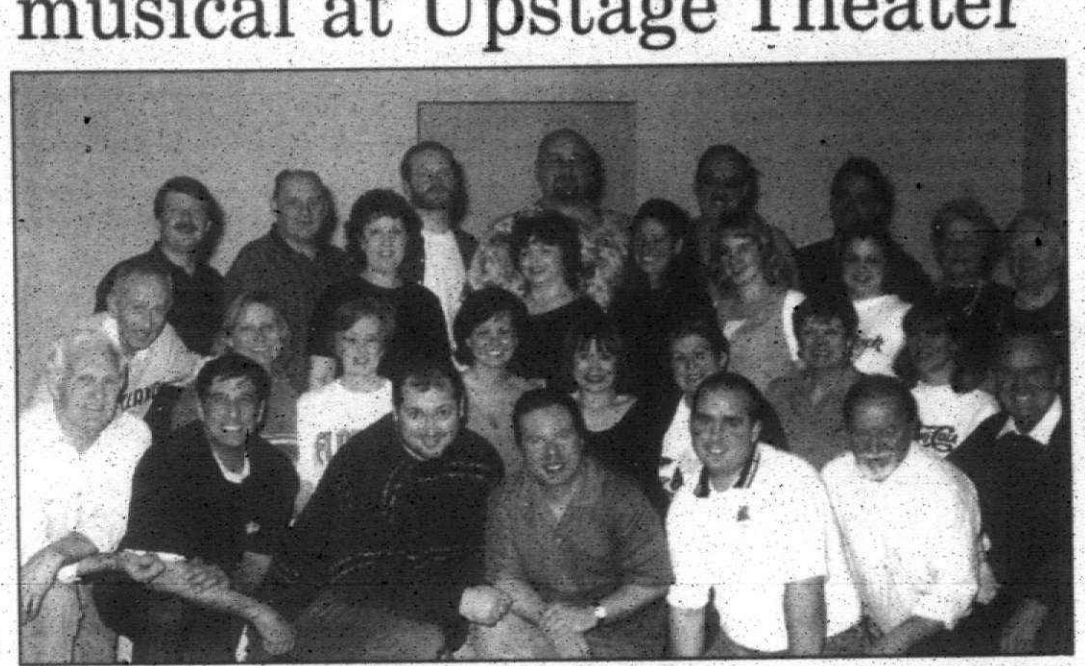
Over the past 43 years, Rosati, who lives in Wixom, says she's covered a lot of territory performing in, and directing shows for the Rosedale Community Players, Plymouth Community Theater, SRO Players in Southfield, and Farmington Players.

He recently directed P.T.G.'s production of *Oliver!* which also featured his son, Marc, as Fagan. Marc, a resident of Walled Lake, stars as Nathan Detroit in *Guys and Dolls*, with Judy Hill of Southfield who is Adelaide.

Dennis Day of Livonia portrays Rusty Charlie.

"There's some really good talent in this show," said Day. "Ralph is a very good director. If you've never seen *Guys and Dolls*, this is something good to catch. It could be a life memory. Some people can't get to New York to see a Broadway play and this production is very good."

Guys and Dolls, The Broadway hit musical by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows with words and music by Frank Loesser, is about two gamblers, a woman at the Save Our Souls Mission, and showgirl.



Cast: The cast of "Guys and Dolls" takes a break from rehearsal for a group photograph.

Frank Sinatra starred as Nathan Detroit in the movie version, and even if you're not familiar with the show, you've probably heard some of the songs — Luck Be A Lady, Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat, and I've Never Been in Love Before.

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"It's kind of hard to explain the production," said Belcher, vice president of The Theatre Guild's board of directors. "It's an interactive evening. There's some people planted in the audience. You'll never know what's the show and what's not."

Debbie Tedrick of Farmington Hills wrote the cabaret-style production with help from Tim Jeffrey. The comedy opens on the final rehearsal for a cabaret show that's gone awry. Tedrick, who also directs the *New and IMPROVED Comedy*, is an old hand when it comes to theater. She's the music director and plays the part of Celeste Romano in *Tony n' Tina's Wedding* at the Baci Theatre in Pontiac.

"We're blurring the lines," said Tedrick. "It's like *Tony n' Tina's Wedding* which mimics incidents you might encounter if you were attending a wedding. There's improvised bits going on even during intermission. I always like to do a skeleton improvised show with actors making up their lines as they go along."

Chip Duford, a cast member along with Tedrick in *Tony n' Tina's Wedding*, plays the emcee. Stacie Guerrero is one of the younger actors in the production. A Canton resident, Guerrero recently played the lead role in the Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of *Oliver!* During the 1998-99 season at Meadow Brook Theatre, she won the People's Choice award for Best Supporting Actress as Helen Keller in *The Miracle Worker*. Gary Blumer, a musician who toured with Martha Reeves, plays piano in *Cabaret Calypso*.

"We're working with a lot of professional performers who come from such venues as Second City, the Michigan Opera Theatre and Meadow Brook," said Belcher. "It's going to be a fun evening and ticket sales go to support our 2000-2001 season. The nearly \$10,000 spent last year in renovations dried up the budget."

"We're coming out of a one-show season which didn't make enough to keep the theater alive, so we're shifting our reliance from membership to a board of directors. It's a different approach for community theater but one we hope will work. We'll still have members who want to act in plays but it will be run like a business."

In addition to restructuring the way The Theatre Guild is operated, Belcher and the rest of the board plan to renovate the exterior of the building. Many people, said Belcher, don't even know the theater is there. But the group has come a long way since December when its very existence was in doubt. Today, thanks to the help of members interested in carrying on the nearly 50-year tradition, The Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford is making plans to open a five-production season with *The Fantasticks* in fall.

Drama at Meadow Brook tells of family love and destruction

Crimes of the Heart
When: Continues through Sunday, May 14, performance times vary.
Where: Meadow Brook Theatre. Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills.
Tickets: \$19.50-\$35
Call (248) 377-3300, or (248) 645-6666

Years before Hollywood put the box-office star power of Jessica Lange, Sam Shepard and Diane Keaton behind *Crimes of the Heart*, the story appeared on the Broadway stage, where it received the Pulitzer Prize for best drama in 1981.

While the movie introduced a wider audience to the quirky and bizarre world of playwright Beth Henley, the play remains one of the best examples of the indescribable laws that hold together most dysfunctional families.

Crimes of the Heart runs through May 14 at Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus.

The play represents the final presentation in Meadow Brook's season.

With a story filled with the gothic and grotesque — including a horse struck by lightning, a woman who commits suicide by first hanging her cat, then herself — *Crimes of the Heart* presents itself as a tale of three rather "ordinary" sisters living in the south.

The story, however, is anything but ordinary.

The off-center MaGrath sisters of Mississippi are as complicated as figuring out the relationships at a down-home family reunion. One sister is destined to become an old maid, another sister has returned home after a failed attempt at a singing career, and the youngest sister has recently shot her husband after he found her with a 15-year old boy.

After they sort through their emotional — and legal — entanglements, the MaGrath sisters stumble upon the truth of their lives: Life isn't too painful as long as they have each other's company.

It's a lesson delivered with plenty of off-beat humor.

Crimes of the Heart features several local actors, including Christopher Howe and Angel Maclean of Rochester Hills; Kate Willinger Manfredi of Auburn Hills and Denise McCauley of Bloomfield Hills.

Meadow Brook recently announced the lineup of plays for its 2000-2001 season.

Next season's schedule includes:

- Sept. 13-Oct. 8 ■ *Dancing at Lughnasa* —
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- Jan. 10-Feb. 4 ■ *Killing Time* —
- Feb. 14-March 11 ■ *The Diary of Anne Frank* —
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Author Arliss Ryan will give a presentation about the process of researching a historical novel, show slides of historic documents and photographs, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 30 at Greenend Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh Road, south of Eight Mile Road, Livonia. Arliss is author of The Kingsley House, a novel that takes place in Livonia. The Kingsley House will be open 2-7 p.m. for tours on Sunday, Ryan's book will be available for purchase, and she will be present to sign books and answer questions. (248) 477-7375

SERIOUS MONEY

Financial analyst Richard A. Ferris of Troy will sign copies of his book, Serious Money: Straight Talk About Investing for Retirement, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27 at Barnes & Noble in Northville. (248) 851-8872

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

Der Rosenkavalier, an opera by Richard Strauss continues to Sunday, April 30, performance times 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30; Detroit Opera House, tickets \$18-\$98. (313) 237-3429/(248) 645-6666

JESSIE NORMAN

5 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at the Detroit Opera House. \$30-\$250. (248) 646-6666

SPECIAL EVENTS

ALL BREAD ACG DOG SHOW/OBEDIENCE TRIAL: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 29-30, at Michigan State Fairgrounds, Detroit. \$4, children under 5 free; \$5 parking. (248) 477-8477/(734) 425-0857
BLUES LIVES LIVE: Join Blue, Steve and friends on a quest for the most spectacular place, 10 performances, times vary, Wednesday, May 3-7, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$14.50-\$25.50, includes notebook and crayon. Call (248) 433-1515 for details.

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

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DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS

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With Tim McAllister debuting new saxophone concerto, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 769-2999

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AFTERNOON IN BAVARIA

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FULL CIRCLE DANCE COMPANY

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Featuring Ballet Los Pampas with special guests Hugo Daniel Gonzalez and Silvia Cespedes, and Pampa Cortez and Ana Valeria, 8 p.m. Friday, April 28, in Pease Auditorium, Eastern

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: WalkWorks, a self-directed exploration of the exhibit galleries that invites families and young visitors to become Super Sleuths; the museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, 1901 E. Grand Ave., Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 10:45 a.m. Friday, April 28, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at Monaghan K of C Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tickets \$12, advance purchase recommended. Two world class Grade 1 Pipe Bands from Toronto also Highland Dancers and Celtic music by the Jar, Scottish fare will be available for purchase, cash bar. (248) 477-0584 or (248) 477-7542

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

"On the Air" Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting, 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30, at the museum, Detroit. Museum hours 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays: \$3, \$1.50 seniors/children ages 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," "Whales," "Mysteries of Egypt" and "Everest," at the center, Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. Call (313) 577-8400 for additional information

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM

Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. Call (313) 852-4051 for additional information.

CLUB BART

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MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Ypsilanti \$40, \$45 students); 6 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at Royal Oak Music Theatre \$40, \$50 VIP tickets, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at the Capitol Theatre and Arts Centre, Windsor (\$40 U.S., \$50 Canadian, \$70 VIP ticket includes afterglow). (313) 561-3236/(313) 565-3329

WIELICZKA DANCERS

3 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at Tom Dooley K of C, Livonia. \$12; \$7 ages 10 and under, includes dinner and recital. (734) 591-2079/(313) 531-6986

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HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

at the museum in Dearborn. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 273-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL

Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday. Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure," continues through August, 7:30 p.m. at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940

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

ARIZING: With Too Many Gods, Pooch, Left, One, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 29, St. Andrew's Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$7. (313) 961-MELT.
JOSEPH ARTHUR: With Scott Fab, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6, Coffee Beanery, Royal Oak. All ages. Free.
THE BACK DOORS: 6 p.m. Friday, May 5, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030
BEATING REAPER: With Lifebreath, 2 Ugly 4 Porn, Saturday, April 29, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292
GORDON BENNETT: 10 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, 10, 17, 24, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Nov. (248) 735-4011; 10 p.m. Friday, May 19, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922
BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD: 10 p.m. Sundays in May, Friday, May 5, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922
INDIGO GIRLS: 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666
JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Mondays in May, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922
JUDGE: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Black Nightclub, Free. (313) 881-ROCK
MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VREELAND: 7 p.m. Thursdays, Le Metro, Southfield. (248) 353-2757 (jazz duo)
BE KING BLUES FEST: 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. (248) 645-6666
KISS FAREWELL TOUR: With Ted Nugent and Skid Row, 7 p.m. Wednesday Thursday, May 24-25, The Palace, Auburn Hills. \$7.50-645-6666
CHANTAL REVIAZUK: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 11, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. (313) 833-9700

THE CHEFTAINS AND LOS LOBOS

8 p.m. Sunday, June 25 at Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$35 pavilion / \$20 lawn. (248) 645-6666

CHISEL BROTHERS WITH CHEF CHRIS

10 p.m. Saturday, May 13, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

TERRI CLARK

8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$15-\$30. (248) 645-6666

COMPANY OF STRANGERS

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 12-13, Cowley's, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

COUPLA FAT GUYS

10 p.m. Friday, April 28, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011

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

CHARLIE DANIELS

With Hank Williams Jr. and Little Feat, 7 p.m. Sunday, June 4, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666

MOVIES

Take a wild ride to find out 'Where The Money Is'

BY VICTORIA DIAZ SPECIAL WRITER

There's this young woman. Restless, wired-for-action type. Former prom queen, married to former prom king. Bored silly by her small-town life. One day she meets a bank robber. Why not enlist his help, she figures, recruit her oh-so-malleable husband, and steal a big bunch of money? That should take some edge off the ennui.

May suffer an unwelcome sensation of déjà vu. It's a little like witnessing a slightly frayed piece of Butch Cassidy, "Fast Eddie" Felson, Henry Gondorf, and other wily types played by the screen icon through the years. Maybe he's done this variation on a theme enough already. Or maybe I've just reached my limit on caper flicks.

Partners-in-crime, Carol and Wayne, are played by deep-throated Linda Fiorentino and hunky Dermot Mulroney. Carol works in a nursing home and, one day, Henry Manning (Newman) is wheeled in, apparently the victim of a stroke. He's been transferred there from a nearby prison, where he's serving a sentence for bank robbery. Though he looks to be paralyzed and somewhat aphasic, we will soon learn that he's faking the stroke in order to slip the bonds of the slammer.



Tango crime spree: Linda Fiorentino and Paul Newman dance their cares away in "Where The Money Is."

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Grid of movie listings with theater names, showtimes, and ratings. Includes sections for National Amusements Showcase Cinemas, Star Theatres, and United Artists.

Thomas Burstyn and production designer Andre Chamberlain add some engaging visual style to the film, and the script by E. Max Frye and Topper Lilien & Carroll Cartwright provides some real punch now and then. Victoria Diaz is a Livonia resident who writes for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Grid of upcoming movie listings with theater names, titles, and showtimes. Includes titles like 'Deterrence', 'The Virgin Suicides', and 'Frequency'.

Twist adds intrigue to 'Gossip'

By LANA MINI STAFF WRITER imini@oe.homecomm.net. It's no Sixth Sense or The Crying Game but the surprise, twist end of the drama Gossip makes this too-hip movie fun to watch.

Detroit Music Awards revisited

Though the Detroit Music Awards have faded from mind, I thought we could all use a recap, a little something for those who didn't attend, those hiding backstage before they performed, and those who just weren't paying attention.

With a ball game across the street, the entire music community converging on the State Theatre, the minimal parking spots went fast and cost more than ever before. If the winners weren't stuck looking for a spot to park in the Motor City, maybe they just didn't know about the preshow.

STREET SCENE



Backstage: Paradime gets support from the hottest Chili Pepper around, Chad Smith, 10 minutes before showtime.

musicians to mingle, perform and support one another. I can't wait to see how the sponsors top this one next spring.

Reverend Horton Heat sizzles with new release, nationwide tour

Talking to the guitar-slinging rock 'n' roll rambler-rouser while at his Las Vegas hotel April 12, the Observer Eccentric got a healthy dose of the Reverend's dogmas.

When he strayed from the formula under previous record contracts, the songs wouldn't make the final cut. "The real energy shapes the power and flavor of the CD, see what I'm saying?" A lot of rockabilly got ignored by the last label.

He gets inspiration for writing music by just driving around, he said. "I purposely don't have a radio. I drive around and sing. I've gotten into a lot of crashes."

Movie listings for 'The Future is Listening', 'Gladiator', 'Scary Movie', and 'Up at the Villa'.

Movie listings for 'Love & Basketball' and 'Rules of Engagement'.

Movie listings for 'Frequency' and 'Crimes of the Heart'.

Advertisement for Meadow Brook Theatre featuring 'Crimes of the Heart'.

Advertisement for Rules of Engagement movie.

Advertisement for The Gem & Century Theatres featuring 'Always... Patry Cline'.

DINING

Double down

Iridescence a sure bet at MotorCity Casino

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Restaurants with high-profile chefs are the current dining draw at Las Vegas casinos. Detroit's casino scene is not Las Vegas, yet one of its restaurants, Iridescence in the MotorCity Casino, has pizzazz.

Don't get hung up on the name. Iridescence just sounded hip and cool to owners of the Detroit Entertainment Group, owners of MotorCity Casino. They are the experienced Las Vegas Mandalay Bay folks that count 21 other properties with restaurants among their holdings. Experience backs all the panache at Iridescence.

Open now for just over four months, with Executive Chef Michael Russell, Certified Master Chef, at the helm, everything at Iridescence, from waitstaff to menu, vibrates to much the same harmonic — your dining pleasure.

Chef Russell, a Rochester Hills

resident, may not have Las Vegas celebrity chef notoriety, but his credentials are the best in the business. In 1966, he graduated with high honors from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. In 1988, he became a Certified Master Chef, the highest level of achievement in the American Culinary Federation. He is one of only 54 Certified Master Chefs in the U.S. and one of six in Michigan.

Each year, only 12 chefs qualify to take the 10-day, 18 hours-per-day test to earn Certified Master Chef status. Test failure rate is 80 percent.

Chef Russell was a member of the World Champion 1988 U.S. Culinary Olympic team and team captain for the 1992 Culinary Olympics. He has won 38 gold medals in international culinary competition.

As Executive Chef at some of metro-Detroit's most prestigious

Iridescence

Where: 2901 Grand River (in MotorCity Casino), Detroit (313) 313-7711.

Open: Dinner only from 5 p.m. to midnight daily.

Menu: Stylized, generously-portioned American cuisine with unique Asian twists.

Cost: Main courses \$26-59.

Reservations: Recommended.

Credit cards: All majors.

Parking: Use valet and enter through the casino.

Beverages: Full service bar and stellar wine list.

clubs, including most recently, Bloomfield Open Hunt, he supervised a staff of 17. At MotorCity Casino, he oversees a culinary staff of 358, for not only Iridescence, but the gigantic kitchen serving all six casino eateries.

While Chef Russell won't be pinned down to a food style at Iridescence, he does admit that the Asian influence of his most creative and artistic dishes stems from a Navy tour of duty in Vietnam.

"I've changed the menu since we opened," he said. "We had a number of game dishes on the first menu, but they were not as popular as we expected."

In addition to doing more Asian-inspired, I've added such items as a 22-ounce lobster tail and a 20-ounce Char-grilled aged New York strip steak. We've ordered equipment to start tableside preparation of some menu items in May.

Plate artistry for appetizers such as Trio of Chilled hot Vietnamese spring rolls and Hunan shrimp is spectacular. The Medley of fresh crab meats, napped with sweet pea beurre blanc and

fire-roasted red pepper coulis is exquisite. Flavor of jasmine rice in the piping hot lobster, truffle and sweet corn chowder is exotic.

Braised barbecued short ribs of beef "Bonanza" is the exceptional main course that won the Gold Medal at the Culinary World Cup for the U.S. Culinary Team. Pan seared Chilean sea bass is laced with fresh horseradish glaze and finished with a touch of wasabi cream and crispy leak threads. It is accompanied by stone ground polenta with unusual texture.

It's the textural element that makes so many of Chef Russell's dishes a cut above.

Desserts

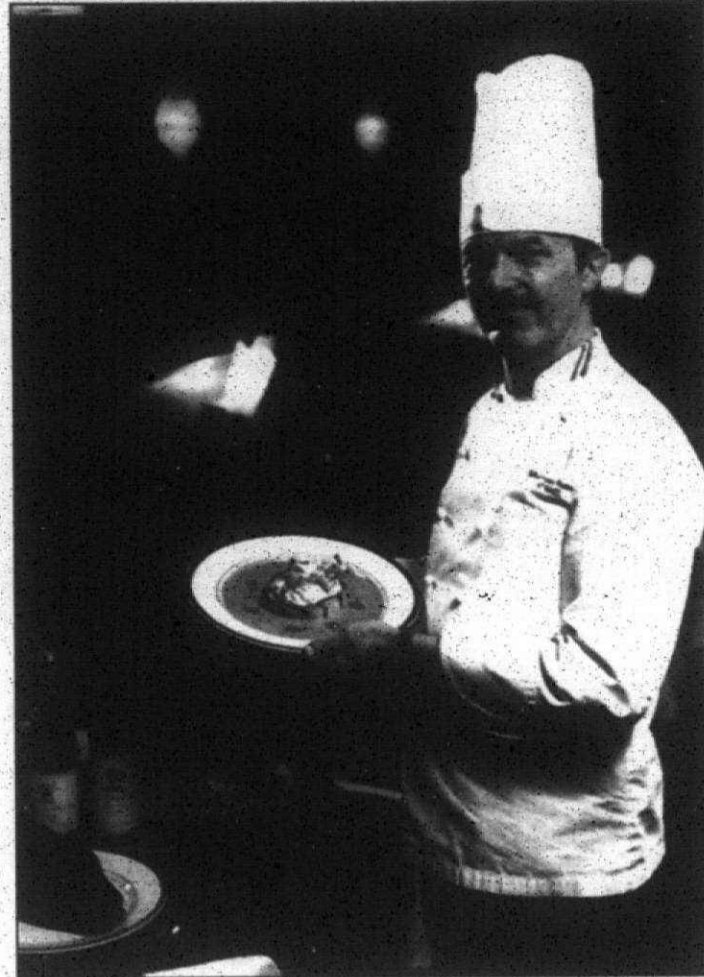
The Iridescence experience is incomplete without one of Pastry Chef Tariq Hanna's desserts. Hanna is an Oakland Community College culinary grad, who professes to be "self-taught" when it comes to desserts.

He must also have an architectural bent to create "Kaboom," a large dark chocolate cone filled with a trio of chocolate mousse standing upright and casting its shadow in cocoa on the plate. Finished with a medley of assorted berries, it is a treat for the eyes as well as the palate.

Key Lime Napoleon bests any key lime pie you've ever had.

Carrying through the subtle Asian theme of some of Chef Russell's dishes is Hanna's "Binto Box" in which one finds a selection of Hanna's signature desserts (including a mini Kaboom), tastefully arranged in a Japanese binto box.

Iridescence spells posh, yet clubby. Warm wood dividers act as sound barriers between dining sections. Prevailing bronze tones are accented by black. Each table or booth is subtly highlighted by small ceiling spots.



Cullinary mastery: Certified Master Chef Michael Russell presents his Medley of Fresh Crabmeats napped with sweet pea beurre blanc and fire-roasted red pepper coulis.

Diners, comfortable in tuxedo, business suit, or upscale casual dress enjoy new-age downtown Detroit dining. Slots and gaming tables are not the only reason to make MotorCity Casino a destination.

Eleanor Heald is a Troy resident who writes about dining, food and wine for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.



Winning dessert: Key Lime Napoleon bests the best Key Lime Pie.

Tribute chef earns tribute

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

This month, *Food & Wine* announced the winners of the magazine's 13th annual Best New Chefs Awards.

Those who've dined at Tribute in Farmington Hills will not be surprised to learn that Executive Chef Takashi Yagihashi was on the list of 10.

What is surprising is that Takashi, as he's affectionately called, joined an elite group of chefs from such food meccas as New York, Chicago, Miami Beach, Providence and Newport Beach. Always crediting his kitchen staff for his success, Takashi's French-inspired dishes with an Asian twist have brought recognition to the fine dining scene in metro-Detroit.

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Takashi's culinary journey from a small town 100 miles from Tokyo, where he had his first experience as a dishwasher in a French restaurant at age 16, is an inspiration in determination.

After graduating from the Tokyo Design School in 1981, he

came to America to assist with the opening of a Japanese restaurant outside Chicago. Seizing the opportunity to combine various styles and cooking techniques, impossible in Japan where tradition rules, he spent the next 17 years working under some of the finest European and Asian chefs in the U.S.

Having risen to Chef de Cuisine at Chicago's famed restaurant Ambria, he came to launch Tribute in 1996 as its executive chef.

The Best New Chefs of 2000 will cook together for the first time in June when they prepare a meal for 800 guests at the *Food & Wine Magazine Classic* in Aspen, Colo. They will be featured in the magazine's July issue.

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Send dinner specials, menu changes, restaurant renovations, and other items to Keely Wygonik, Assistant Managing Editor Features Group, *Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net.

Students — what restaurants do you recommend for prom night? If you're a restaurant owner, and are planning a special menu for Mother's Day, let us know. Send, fax or e-mail your dining suggestions and menus to *Wygonik* for consideration in an upcoming dining feature.

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