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Test costs vex school officials



A new state testing program has Plymouth-Canton school officials wondering where they will come up with the \$85,000-plus needed to put it into practice.

By M.B. DILLON
 STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school officials are wondering where they're going to get the money to pay for upgraded testing the state is mandating.

On Christmas Eve, the Legislature passed Public Acts 335 and 339 which require more in-depth testing

of students.

"This is high-stakes legislation," executive director for instruction Tom Tattan told the Board of Education Monday. "We'll need \$85,000 plus staff development costs yearly."

"We will lose funding of 5 percent per year, per school that doesn't achieve the state formula," added El-

ison Franklin, curriculum coordina-

tor. Students now take a standardized test called the Michigan Educational Assessment Program in fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth and 11th grades. Students will be tested differently and more frequently in the future.

"They'll see exams requiring more writing and fewer multiple choice responses. Districts will have to find retired teachers, or pay their own staff, to correct essays," said Franklin. "It's a very different way of assessment. We've never done anything like this before," she said.

There'll also be changes in early elementary education.

"We're absent some type of measuring device to show how children are progressing in the program," said Patrick O'Donnell, executive director for instruction. "The Early Childhood Advisory Committee is willing to explore multiple options, and wants to find something so staff and principals can say, 'This program is benefiting students.'"

State mandate also will mean added expense for textbooks and training.

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Working world



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BROSEK

How it's done: *Cynthia Vanpool of Adistra shows Katie Ploch how a graphics computer works during "Take a Girl to Work Day" at the Plymouth firm Thursday.*

Workplaces welcome sons and daughters

By KEVIN BROWN
 STAFF WRITER

This going to work thing isn't all grim.

Sarah Cooper, 12, and her sister, Angie, 14, along with Ryan Williams, 10, laughed along with their parents when a rock band video popped up unexpectedly during a demonstration of a new video information system at West Middle School.

They were with their parents, Nic Cooper, a counselor at West, and Tom Williams, a sixth grade teach-

er, who brought their kids to work Thursday.

Around Plymouth and Canton, and around the country, parents and kids participated Thursday in "Take Our Daughters to Work Day," or "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day."

The event, which originated as a day to take daughters to work to observe the workplace, has expanded to include boys for some businesses and institutions.

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On the job: *Karen Huston (left) of Dynacom makes a presentation to West Middle School staffers as kids participating in "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" look on.*

Church leaders hope to create community asset

By KEVIN BROWN
 STAFF WRITER

The Temple Baptist Church plan to create a campus on 56 acres on the southwest corner of North Territorial and Ridge roads will benefit Plymouth Township, a church official said.

But the Rev. Brad Powell, the pastor, stressed, "We're not coming in with our agenda and asking the township to swallow it."

"We want to come in and be an enhancement to the community," Powell said.

Leaders of the church, now in Redford Township on West Chicago just east of Telegraph, have scheduled a meeting at 7 p.m. Friday, May 13, to explain their plans and answer questions.

The church draws members from around metro Detroit, and is known for its choir, orchestra and Christmas and Easter concerts.

While these programs draw traffic to the church, the new facility will hold 4,000. "They've been a very good neighbor," said Redford Town-

ship clerk Marilyn Holdenbrand.

"I don't think I ever heard one complaint, no more than you hear about any church," she said. "We're sorry to see them leave."

Powell said the church welcomes questions. "Communities of a quality nature like Plymouth have a desire and concern to know what's coming into our community. We want to have an open meeting and answer any questions on what we're about, what we hope to accomplish in Plymouth," he said.

Plans call for two baseball fields, two large ponds, walking paths, benches and plenty of grassy areas and landscaping at the 56-acre site. "We'd love to provide some community recreation areas, and make that acreage a beautiful part of the community," Powell said.

The church was founded in the 1892. "Presently we're in a very congested place, we're in the middle of tons of houses on 16 acres, yet we

See CHURCH, 4A

Golf outing

To benefit the Plymouth Dream Playscape Project, a golf outing is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, at Salem Hills Golf Club.

Cost to play in the four person scrambles tournament is \$100 per person. Companies can sponsor holes with a \$100 donation.

The event is a fund raiser for the the planned 15,000 square foot wood play structure, to be built in Plymouth Township park in spring 1995.

For more information, call John Mizzi at 454-4829 or Mike Jenner at 420-2466.

Positively Plymouth time

The whole dang town is invited for the annual Positively Plymouth community mixer 5-7 p.m.

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Tuesday, May 3, at the Mayflower Meeting House.

The annual event is free and sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. There will be wine, hors d'oeuvres and 50 door prizes.

There will also be awards for the volunteer of the year, most positive employee and three student citizenship awards.

Farmer's Market

The annual Farmer's Market opens Saturday, May 7, and is open every Saturday through Oct. 15.

The market is open 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and

features fresh produce, dairy and cheese products, bakery goods, flowers and plants, fresh herbs, dried fruit and other seasonal items.

The market, presented by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, is in The Gathering off of Kellogg Park.

For more information, call the chamber at 453-1540.

Dog sought

A Northville couple is seeking to contact the owners of a Dalmatian they say mauled their dog, a yorkie-poodle mixed breed, and bit the owner and her husband April 25 at Cass Hill in Hines Park near Seven Mile.

The Dalmatian's owners are asked to call 348-1156 and ask for Lynne or John, as they'd like to know if the dog has had its rabies shots.

LIBRARY WATCH

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

■ Holiday closing

The library will be closed May 29-30 for Memorial Day.
■ Friends annual meeting

At 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, the Friends of the Library will present an "Evening of Ragtime" at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main. Robert Milne, a ragtime pianist and composer as well as "master of boogie wag" will entertain after a brief annual meeting and introduction of new officers.
■ Youth Department

"Rev Up To Read" program is offered by Channel 2, Chrysler Corp. and the Plymouth District Library. For every five books a child reads before May 29, he or

she can earn prizes. Stop in the Youth Department during regular library hours and complete the entry form.

■ New releases

Selected titles from the library's best-seller list are listed below and, among others, may be reserved by using the book rental collection or by adding your name to the reserve list. They are: "The Courtship of Princess Leia" by Dave Wolverton, "Lovers" by Judith Krantz, "The Cat Who Came to Breakfast" by Lillian Jackson Braun, "Without Remorse" by Tom Clancy, "Mr. Murder" by Dean Koontz, "The Book of Virtues" by William J. Bennett, and "The Hidden Life of Dogs" by Elizabeth Marshall.

■ Literary Group meetings

Writers Club meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of May in the second

floor meeting room. For information, call Brian Anderson, 416-0418.

Contemporary Books discussion group meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, to discuss "A Summons to Memphis" by Peter Taylor. This is a 1987 Pulitzer Prize fiction winner. It addresses tangled memories of adult children locked in polite, civil warfare with their tyrannical, 81-year-old father.

Great Books discussion group meets every other Monday. To join this group, call Karen Berrie, 453-2454.

■ Arts Council

The Plymouth Community Arts Council continues to rent original works of art, upstairs at the library, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

■ Literacy programs

The Community Literacy Council, a non-profit organization

serving Plymouth, Canton and surrounding communities, trains volunteers to work with adults wanting to improve reading skills. To volunteer, call the council, 416-0400.

■ Board meeting

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, upstairs in Plymouth City Hall. This meeting is open to the public. Individuals with special needs who plan to attend this meeting should contact the library at 453-0750 (voice) or 453-6712 (TDD) if auxiliary aids or services are needed. Advance notice is required.

■ Library hours

Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

■ The event will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 21, at East Middle School in Plymouth.

hospital every six months for a checkup.

For more information on the Bike-A-Thon, call 455-0620.

School finalist visits district

The third semifinalist for Plymouth Canton school superintendent is visiting the district today, Monday, May 2, and Tuesday, May 3.

A public reception will be from 8:30-10 p.m. today for Gary Hughes, superintendent of Durand public schools, at the E.J. McClellon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

Durand is between Flint and Lansing. Hughes will be interviewed for a final time by the board 4:7 p.m. Tuesday. The

board and administrators planned to have dinner with Hughes before the 8 p.m. reception.

A board subcommittee plans to visit the hometown of the finalist selected for the job before making a hiring decision May 16. The other two semifinalists are Dr. Charles Little of Frontier public schools near Buffalo, N.Y., and Dr. Robert Monson of the Westwood school district in suburban Boston, Mass.

Arrest awakens duo snoozing in auto

Plymouth Township police arrested a man and woman found sleeping in a car parked at the Plymouth House Apartments, 42520 Postill, after determining the license plate was stolen and that the car's occupants had 11 outstanding warrants between them on criminal charges in other communities.

Police were called to the apartment complex at 11:27 p.m. Tuesday, as a caller said two people were sleeping in the front compartment of the car. Upon arriving at the scene, police determined the license plate was stolen, and that the two were sought on outstanding warrants. Police charged the man, their ages and residences were unlisted in the report, with receiving and concealing stolen property.

Watch gone

A 32-year-old Canton man told

police that his \$3,500 Rolex watch disappeared from his duffel bag April 23 while he was playing hockey at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The man said he's unsure whether his 13 karat yellow gold and stainless steel watch fell out of his bag or was stolen.

CSX cited

CSX Transportation was cited by Plymouth police twice April 27 for delaying traffic for more than five minutes.

The first train was northbound and delayed traffic from 1:02-1:08 a.m. at the Ann Arbor Trail crossing. Officers said the train was long and slow with just one engine.

The second train, with three engines, was eastbound and obstructed traffic on Sheldon Road from 1:35-1:24 a.m.

Bike event benefits hospital

The city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a Bike-A-Thon to help support St. Jude Hospital.

The event will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 21, at East Middle School in Plymouth. Registration will begin at 8 a.m.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was founded by entertainer Danny Thomas. The institution opened its doors to the public in 1962 to combat catastrophic diseases which afflict children. St. Jude Hospital is non-sectarian and covers all costs of care beyond those reimbursed

by insurance.

The Bike-A-Thon program this year is dedicated to 7-year-old Shauna Richters, who was diagnosed with Wilms' tumor, a malignant growth on her left kidney, in December 1990. Surgery was done to remove the tumor, and she returns to St. Jude Hos-

Meijer employees help friend battle cancer

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

Meijer employees in Canton are continuing to do all they can to help a former co-worker who is fighting a rare form of cancer.

A series of fund raisers has generated \$5,144 to help Inkster resident Gale Peters, 20, pay medical bills. Peters has choriocarcinoma, a rare cancer that strikes 1 in 30,000 women. The cancer affects the liver, lungs and kidneys.

"She's due to go in for another treatment," said Rose Kaitish, a cashier, who with a number of

other employees organized a quilt sale, raffles and a managers auction to raise money for Peters.

Sherray Peters, Gale's mother, has taken a leave from her Meijer job to care for her daughter.

The queen size quilt, made by employees, raised \$836 when sold. Two raffles raised more than \$1,500. The managers auction, which allowed employees to bid on managers to do their jobs, raised more than \$1,000. Employees also had a baked goods and craft sale, which generated more than \$700.

"This will help pay her medical bills," Blue Cross Blue Shield dropped her because she is no longer a full-time student," Kaitish said.

Peters was in her first year of nursing school last year at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., when she was stricken with severe stomach pains. After a number of tests, doctors diagnosed her illness as cancer.

"Her dream is to go back to school," Kaitish said. Peters is now back in Canton and is being

treated at Hutzel Hospital, Detroit.

Employees are organizing an other raffle that will involve donations from Meijer and other Canton businesses. They also are having a couple car washes, the next on Saturday, May 7, at John Rogin auto-dealership in Wayne.

A committee of employees organized the fund raisers. They are Kaitish, Judy Phelps, Gary Fett, Tracy Towels, Dan Gault, Nina McKay, Joan Maynard and Steve Briske.

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Books galore found at sale

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

For several decades now, local book lovers have looked forward to the used book sale sponsored by the Plymouth Branch American Association of University Women.

"It all goes to scholarships, basically scholarships for women," said Carol Davis of Plymouth Township book sale chairwoman. "It's been a phenomenal amount of money."

This year's sale, the 40th, will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, May 5-6, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 7, at Starkweather Center, 550 N. Holbrook in Plymouth's Old Village. Friday will be half-price day, and books will be sold for \$5 a bag Saturday, with the AAUW providing the bags.

Scholarship support goes to students at Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, Schoolcraft College, Plymouth-Canton Community Education and others.

Members work on sorting and pricing books throughout the year, with about 50, roughly half the membership, helping in one way or another. Book donations come in through the drop box at

the Dunning Hough Library in Plymouth or are brought directly to Starkweather while AAUW volunteers are working.

"We have all kinds of good books. Davis said. Many mysteries will be available. There's a larger than usual number of children's books, some donated from school libraries. Prices range from about 50 cents to \$4, with some children's books priced lower than that and some rare or unusual books bringing in more.

The sale has, through the years, included some first editions signed by authors. Each year, book dealers show up the first day of the sale, looking for rare books.

AAUW volunteers who work at the sale get some humorous requests. Some book lovers request a specific title, thinking the volunteer will be able to locate it with ease, as would be possible in a public library. One time, there was a request for a blue hardcover book, title and author unknown, that the browser had seen earlier during the sale.

"We haven't done magazines for a couple years," Davis said, explaining that magazines are too heavy to transport easily and don't sell well.

Some records and tapes, in-



Getting ready: Mildred Kladzyk (left) and Carol Davis, members of the American Association of University Women, prepare for the annual used book sale. The event will be Thursday through Saturday, May 5-7, at Starkweather Center in Plymouth.

cluding exercise tapes, will be available. There's some, but not a lot, of sheet music.

Members don't sell textbooks that are older than five years, as the information is almost always outdated. Leftover books go to such organizations as the Purple

Heart, First Step and Mott Children's Hospital, members would be happy to donate leftover books to other deserving organizations.

"We do try to find homes for them, rather than throw them out," Association members hold

a mini sale of paperbacks each September during Plymouth Fall Festival.

"Don't go to the sale looking for anything that's too smutty. AAUW members opt not to sell sex manuals which some readers might find offensive.

Disposing of such books hasn't always been easy. When the sale was held at Tanager School, AAUW members worried about elementary-age youngsters finding them in the Dumpster. Starkweather is used for adult education classes, so that isn't a concern.

Teacher earns 'Marx' as no grouch



A winner: Teacher Stu Raben said he owes his Extra Miler award to many people he works with, including teachers, secretaries, bus drivers and parents.

Stuart Raben knew he was going to be honored as the Plymouth-Canton school board's "Extra Miler" Monday, but something the Groucho Marx look-alike didn't expect was the sight of Marx doubles throughout the meeting room.

The teacher got a good laugh when he looked up and saw board members, staff, parents and students who'd suddenly donned dark-framed glasses, replete with bulbous plastic noses and bushy fake mustaches.

School board president Roland Thomas took his glasses off to read what Extra Miler nominators had to say about Raben. "I'm not wearing these,

because I can't read what I wrote," said Thomas.

Thomas praised Raben not only for being an excellent teacher "who helps students live each day to the fullest," but also for being an "early leader in drug and alcohol rehabilitation. He's very patriotic and helps students strive for the American dream," Thomas said.

"One parent said he has a child with multiple problems who said he didn't need to go to a counselor because Mr. Raben always has time to talk to me," said Thomas.

Staffers and parents who nominated him said he "accepts all students equally and helps each one to develop self-esteem."

"He is a strong, committed teacher whose focus is always on the children's well-being," said Field principal Larry Miller. "In today's world, it's unusual to find someone who can always make things better. Stu has that capacity, whether with students, staff or the community."

Raben has volunteered on the district's I Care Committee, the Substance Abuse Committee, the Mainstreaming Workshop Committee and the Administrative Intern Program.

Thomas received a certificate, a Flag of Learning and Liberty pin, and a dining certificate for two donated by the Roman Forum in Canton.



Duck soup: No, that's not Groucho Marx's family, just parents and students on hand to see teacher Stu Raben honored by the Plymouth-Canton school board.

Magic Riders pedal along to help needy kids cope

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

This year's Magic Ride will offer the choice of bicycling or walking to raise money for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

If they are interested in walking or riding, they can register the day of the ride, said Sandra Murphy, executive director of the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Out-County.

Magic Ride is 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at the Canton Township Recreation Complex, behind township hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Money for child abuse councils is raised from pledges taken by bicyclists and walkers, as well as participants' registration fees.

All is returned to the child abuse council of where the walker or bicyclist is from," Murphy said.

Participants, who have not registered in advance, may sign up 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the recreation complex. Children younger than 12 years must be accompanied by an adult. Family activities such as games, music and

crafts are planned for the day.

Registration fees the day of the event are \$15 without a special Magic Ride T-shirt or \$20 with T-shirt. The family rate for four members is \$50.

A highlight of the event is a celebrity ride, with retired Detroit Pistons star Vinny Johnson at 10 a.m. Johnson and community leaders will ride a one-mile police-escorted route.

"I can't tell you how many people are excited about this," Murphy said, adding participants are welcome to join in the celebrity ride.

Walking loops and bike routes begin and end at Canton Township Recreation Complex. Walking loops are well-suited for strollers and children on tricycles and are eight tenths of a mile long.

Bike routes are clearly marked with stakes and signs and follow scenic, paved country roads in Wayne and Washtenaw counties. If you are an average rider it will take you one hour to ride 10 miles. Routes are 4, 14, 25, and 50 miles long. "We do have maps of all the routes," Murphy said.

Magic Ride is designed to raise money and public awareness of child abuse prevention activities. It is co-sponsored by the child abuse councils of Oakland, Wayne, Washtenaw and Monroe counties in cooperation with Sen. Debbie Stabenow and the Magic Ride Michigan Bicycle Tour.

Prizes also will be given. The top pledge getter will receive a grand prize of a gift certificate for a bike and helmet. Second, third and fourth prizes will be hotel or restaurant gift certificates. Pledge money must be turned in by June 1 to be eligible for prizes. Biker/walker numbers will be drawn for prizes throughout the day.

Magic Ride has raised more than \$114,000 since the event was started in 1990. About 300 bikers and 100 volunteers generally participate.

Participants should bring pledges, water bottle, comfortable shoes, bright layered clothing and rain gear if necessary. Helmets are strongly encouraged and bikers should carry their identification when they ride.

Play equipment, improvements planned for Brentwood Park

Hey kids, Brentwood Park is getting some new play equipment and other improvements by July 4.

The action was approved by Plymouth Township trustees at their meeting Tuesday.

The creation of hard play surfaces and access ways for handicapped will be paid for with \$29,000 in federal grant money. Molded plastic kids' play equipment is being paid for through a joint contribution from the Lake Pointe Homeowners Association

and the Rotary Club of Plymouth. The park is off of Schoolcraft in the Lake Pointe subdivision in the northeast section of the township.

The creation of hard surface access ways will be performed by low bidder C&H Landscaping of Waterford, by the trustees' action.

Work will include removing, then reinstalling the existing slide and swing. Other work includes removing some trees and relocating shrubs, adding berms,

gravel benches, a concrete sidewalk, grass seeding, removal and disposal of monkey bars and installation of new play equipment.

James Anulewicz, township public services director, said the slides are of a different kind and make than the slide used in recent months in Ann Arbor. In an Ann Arbor incident, a child died after catching a jacket drawn string on a slide, choking her.

Work on the park is to start in mid May and finish by July 1.


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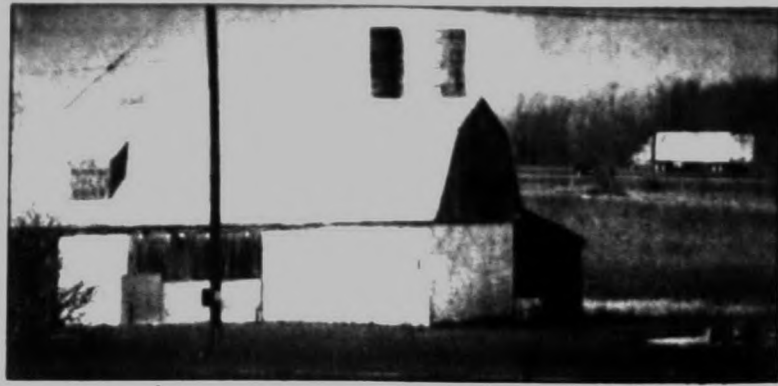
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Bill Broecker Staff Photographer

New church site? Temple Baptist Church of Redford is seeking Plymouth Township government approval to build a new church at this 56-acre site at the southwest corner of North Territorial and Ridge roads.

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have had no community complaints," Powell said.

Asked to describe the church Powell said, "The key word for us would be relevant ministry. We have a very diverse world with people from various economic and social backgrounds of various nationalities having different time demands. We're trying to meet people when they are."

"We believe God's word is true and very relevant to the problems

they're facing today, we're a very pragmatic, relevant teaching ministry," he said, adding Temple Baptist is a conservative evangelical church.

A public hearing is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at township hall before the township planning commission on the church's application for special use approval to allow the land, now zoned agricultural, to be approved for church use.

Work from page 1A

The Plymouth-Canton schools put together a program for the day. Students who wanted to participate filled out forms, and school staffers were given a packet of information suggesting activities.

At West Middle School in Plymouth, principal Judy Stone said 250 students went to

school on Thursday, as they had elected to participate with parents in the event.

The Business-Education Partnership Program, which includes the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, sponsored the program in district middle schools to make career aware-

ness a priority the career-awareness program, presenting the whole notion of the world of work," Stone said. "You hear them say, 'I didn't know my mother did all that on my father.'"

"I brought my kids here last year, too," said Cooper, adding

"They kind of get a feel for what I do."

In the lower level of Canton Township hall where the Canton Crickets day care program for 3- and 4-year olds is housed, Judy Kubak brought her daughter, Kristy, 15, to work at the center.

"I helped the kids put their paint shirts on," Kristy said, smiling, adding she also set out the paints and read to kids.

"I had fun because I like little kids," she said.

Adistra Corp. of Plymouth was one of several area businesses also participating in the program. Kathy Hincer of Adistra said the program there, "Take a Girl to Work Day," has grown in popularity.

"The company scheduled a whole series of activities for the girls, starting with breakfast. We divided them in groups by ages and we're taking them on a mini-tour. They learn what we do and the opportunities here," she said.



Helping: Anna Huddleston, who works in the records department at Starbuckeather Center, brought granddaughter Rachel Cooper to work Thursdays.



Learning: Pam Raines shows daughter Jackie a computer process during "Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" at Starbuckeather Center.

Testing from page 1A

Plymouth-Canton currently teaches life, earth, and physical science. "They want us to be integrated under themes, such as energy," said Franklin. "If we change, our texts won't be applicable. And teachers will need extensive training in integrating

disciplines."

Another change will give school districts 12 months to bring poor readers up to grade level. "These remediation issues are going to impact on costs," said Lattan.

It's staggering, and it gets worse every time you turn

around," said trustee Carl Battishill. "There are constantly more expectations from the state and lower dollars. It's a vise."

Superintendent John Hoben said, "One thing that disturbs me is that they can lay all this on us, but somewhere along the line,

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BY TIM H. STANLEY

The state's two largest utility companies will be required to pay a new tax on their profits. The tax is part of a new energy package that will be passed by the state legislature in the next few weeks. The tax is expected to generate an additional \$100 million in revenue for the state. The revenue will be used to fund a variety of public programs, including education and health care. The tax is expected to be levied on the profits of the two largest utility companies, which are currently exempt from the tax. The tax is expected to be levied on the profits of the two largest utility companies, which are currently exempt from the tax. The tax is expected to be levied on the profits of the two largest utility companies, which are currently exempt from the tax.

Sheriff would sell guns to raise cash

By RALPH R. ECHINAW
Staff Writer

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department wants to sell 400 guns to a Detroit gun dealer, but county commissioners objected to the plan when asked for permission last week.

The sheriff's department would rather not put more guns in the hands of the public, but the department needs the \$57,000 such a sale would generate, said Nancy Mouradian, the chief of staff for Sheriff Robert Egan.

Sheriff's department materials manager James Carmody appealed unsuccessfully to the county commission's public safety

committee last week for permission to sell the guns.

"I understand Bob Egan needs money, but this isn't the way to do it," said commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, who also represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Police take guns off the street and government puts guns back on the street. This makes no sense to me.

Commissioner Bryan Amann, D-Wayne, who also represents Canton Township, said the guns should be destroyed. "We ought to just melt the damn things down."

The sale would finance the purchase of equipment for the department's tactical operations unit, Mouradian said. "We've been out front with handgun safety and keeping guns off the street for a long time," Mouradian said.

In December 1993, the sheriff's department bought 400 guns from the public. In a similar program just completed, the department bought 300 guns.

Of the 400 guns Egan wants to sell, more than 200 are .38-caliber revolvers, which have been replaced by semiautomatic pistols. And more than 200 of the guns are at least 20 years old, Mouradian said. The plan is to sell the

guns to CMP Distributors of Detroit.

Mouradian agrees that putting guns in circulation is not the best option, and it would be better to simply destroy the guns, but "we are definitely between a rock and a hard place. We have no other funding at our fingertips here. We just don't have money available."

The next step is to appeal to the commission's ways and means committee, Mouradian said. The committee will be asked to come up with some more money for the sheriff's department to buy the equipment for the tactical operations unit, she said.

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Job fair for military veterans set for May

Employers in search of well-qualified, skilled and disciplined employees need look no further than the Michigan Employment Security Commission's veterans job fairs.

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openings to participate in several veterans job fairs throughout the state.

Employ A Vet Expo '94, one of five fairs scheduled for this year, will be held Wednesday, May 18, in Detroit. Other veterans job fairs are scheduled this year for Flint, Kalamazoo, University Center and Wyoming.

Employ A Vet Expo '94 offered at no cost to employers or veterans, will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Light Guard Armory, 3400 Eight Mile in Detroit. Employers wishing to register for the fair should call Jane Darling of the Sterling Heights MESC office at (580) 939-9668. Preference will be given to those employers anticipating job openings within 90

days of the expo date.

This marks the third year the MESC has sponsored job fairs to help find jobs for veterans affected by the downsizing of the military. The MESC predicts that more than 18,000 veterans and their spouses will return to Michigan's work force in 1994. By 1995, that number will have reached 25,000.

Senate bills spur argument

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

The state Senate has passed two "truth in sentencing" bills amid warnings the election year bills will drive up prison costs.

"Certain people who are currently allowed to be in corrections centers or half-way houses prior to parole would not be eligible for that until after parole," said Sen. Jack Welborn, R-Kalamazoo, one of two nay votes on the popular bills.

"People want to vote on being tough on prisoners and criminals on a big television day," Welborn said, "but I think it is a mistake to pass legislation that is going to undermine some of the alternative programs we put forth."

But the sponsor, Sen. William Van Regenmorter, R-Jenison, said the cost of letting prisoners go free too soon exceeds, immeasurably, the cost of keeping them behind bars until their minimum sentences have been served.

"The minute that 15-year person walks into the front door at Jackson prison," he said, "that sentence is going to be reduced to about 11 1/2 years for good time—it really doesn't matter whether you earn it or not."

Final passage came on a 34-2 vote. All area senators voted yes except David Hongman, R-West Bloomfield, who was recuperating from surgery.

The bills would:

- Assure that felons who commit crimes of assault crimes would serve at least the minimum sentence in secure confinement. Currently some may be paroled or released to half-way houses.

- Eliminate "good time," which can reduce an inmate's sentence by seven days per month and replace it with "bad time" under which an inmate's sentence could be lengthened beyond the minimum for prison infractions.

According to various fiscal estimates, the bills could cost the state 2,000 additional prison beds (currently 6,000 felons are behind bars), a one-time construction cost of \$90 million and annual operating costs of \$98 million. This year the Corrections Department budget is \$1.1 billion.

Support for the bills came from families of the victims of ex-convict Leslie Allen Williams, who left a trail of four brutally murdered young women in western Oakland and Livingston counties.

Van Regenmorter, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said perpetrators of violent crimes should not be eligible for alternative programs until their minimum sentences have been served.

The Senate amended the bills to include carjacking among crimes to which the bills would apply.

Others are first- or second-degree murder, kidnapping and hostage taking, drunken driving or drunken boating that causes death or long-term injury, burning buildings or natural resources, assault, robbery, armed or unarmed robbery, bank robbery, disarming a police officer, breaking and entering an occupied house, and first-degree child abuse and sexually abusive activity.

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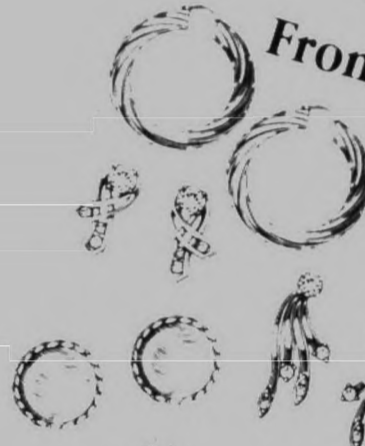
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House votes to give farmers a break on taxes

BY TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Nearly all agricultural property will be taxed at the 6-mill homestead property tax rate under a controversial bill passed by the House of Representatives.

Business property and second homes will be taxed 24 mills under Proposal A, the school finance reform plan approved March 15 by voters.

The bill defines farmland by its use, said the sponsor, Rep. Dan Gustafson, R-Williamston.

That is language tax assessors now use and that is understood at every level of government. That is the language used in this bill.

However, city and suburban lawmakers protested the bill would give an unfair property tax break to farmers while giving rural schools a whopping increase in state aid. But they were on the short end of a 61-39 vote.

Voting yes: Republicans Penny Crissman of Rochester, Shirley Johnson of Royal Oak, Jerry Vorva of Plymouth and Deborah Whyman of Canton.

Voting no: Republicans Lyn Bankes of Livonia, Barbara Dobb of Union Lake, John Jamian of Bloomfield Township, and Democrats Justine Barns of Westland, Maxine Berman of Southfield, David Gubow of Huntington Woods and Richard Young of Dearborn Heights.

Missing the vote were Jan Do-

lan, R-Farmington Hills, Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, and William Keith, D-Garden City. Kaza announced he would have voted yes had he been present.

The bill goes to the Senate, which is expected to pass it despite fiery debate. Gov. John Engler, during the Proposal A campaign, promised to support it in order to win the endorsement of the Farm Bureau.

Young, Democratic co-chair of

the House Appropriations Committee, protested.

Previously, a large number of farm districts were spending approximately \$1,200 per child. Under the new state law, the amount will be increased to \$1,800 per child.

The farmers will be getting a 40 percent increase in state dollars expended on their children and now were going to lower the tax not only on their homestead, but on their economic enterprise,

namely their farmland in excess of 100 acres.

The farmers will receive a 40 percent increase in spending on education for their children, while cities in urban areas will receive only a 1 percent increase. The farmer will receive additional tax breaks, the city dwellers will not receive the additional state funding and

The original law approved by the Legislature on Christmas Eve gave the 6-mill tax break to

when occupied farms where the land was contiguous to the homestead. But it changed the 24 mill rate to 20 mill for non-contiguous land and corporate owned land.

State Rep. Bruce Distefano, made eastern, northern and western Livingston counties, said his bill will continue to tax commercial storage, processing, distribution, marketing and shipping operations at the 24 mill rate.

But it will make those changes

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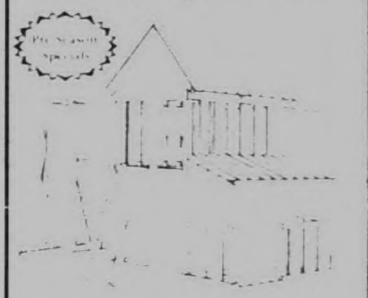
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POINTS OF VIEW

Superstars: an alchemy of mind, body and spirit

In the 1940s my father took me to see Detroit-born Sugar Ray Robinson box the super "Raging Bull" Jake LaMotta, the Tigers' super Hank Greenberg hit home runs and the Red Wings' super Gordie Howe blast pucks into the net. I also listened, mesmerized by hero worship, to broadcasts of super champ Joe Louis beating the entire world, and I pondered upon the sparkling status of super-stardom. Recently I studied these superstars, trying to determine what ephemeral virtue separated them from ordinary athletes.

In the 1950s I did this again more methodically than recently when I raced against the greatest Olympic champions of my time—superstar speedsters like Charley Jenkins of Villanova, Hayes Jones of Eastern Michigan, Glenn Davis of Ohio State, Mike

Larrabee and Rex Cawley of Southern California, Ira Murchison of Western Michigan and George Rhoden of Jamaica. Unsurprisingly, some of them beat me even though I had dissected every step of their previous races in training films. I would scrutinize these films in a hand-cranked micro viewer in my coach's office at Wayne State University, searching for some slight flaw in the swift superstars' style or strategy. This did pay off, because I managed to beat some of them, too.

In the 1970s I took my father to see Tommie Hearn's power punch his way to welterweight super-stardom. And in the 1980s I took him to a Pistons game where a diminutive wizard of slight-of-hand named Isiah Thomas outplayed much taller men—passing and taking and dribbling and shooting Detroit to a lopsided win. My dad—an ex-pro-



JOHN TELFORD

fighter—predicted that Hearn would win many titles and Thomas would lead the Pistons to more than one. Sadly, he didn't live to see it happen, but his ultimate correctness on both counts caused me once again to contemplate the traits that set a superstar apart from mere stars.

It isn't just technical virtuosity that produces superstars. It isn't brute speed or strength, either. Nor strategy. Nor is it coordination alone. Nor concentration. Nor even determination. What makes superstars super is the same thing that produces super poets or artists or violinists. And it's the same thing that produces super statesmen or generals. It's an inner sense of invincibility—the feeling that any rare loss was a pure accident. And it's charisma—an aura that John F. Kennedy and George S. Patton had, an aura that Jesse Owens had, an aura that Sugar Ray Robinson had, and an aura that Muhammed Ali above all had. It's an alchemy of mind and body and spirit that's greater than the sum of its parts.

It is facing and beating the best opponents, too—the kind that lend the

combat a sense of drama—and a sense of history. It's Louis Schmeling, Ali Frazier, Hearn's Leonard, Michael Moorer, Evander Holyfield, Nancy Kerrigan, Oksana Baiul, and Ulysses S. Grant. Robert E. Lee. And it's Isiah Thomas, Magic Johnson and Isiah Thomas. Michael Jordan. Isiah has probably played his last game of professional basketball. My old Pershing High coaching colleague Will Robinson—now a Pistons official—often coaxed me to join him at the Palace for a game. I wish I had, because I missed my chance to see the Pistons' super-starriest star sparkle one final time.

John Telford is a former assistant superintendent in the Rochester School District. He also was executive director of secondary education in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

LETTERS

Child care benefits

As a follow-up to my participation in Job Shadow Day, sponsored by the Michigan Worthy Wage Coalition, I would like to provide additional information concerning employer-supported child care.

With the cost of child care averaging \$4,500 per child per year, parents can not afford to pay any more for child care expenses. One way to divert the cost from parents is to encourage employers to offer child care benefits.

I won't get into the optimum benefits that some employers offer, only the basic benefits such as flexible benefit packages, pre-tax spending accounts and flexible work schedules.

Flexible benefits: Flexible benefit plans are employer-sponsored benefit packages that offer employees a choice between taking cash or certain employer-provided benefits. The employer allows employees to decide which benefits they want and how much money they will spend on those benefits according to their needs. For example, if a husband and wife are both working, one may choose to be part of the other's

benefits. Thus one can opt to take the cash value established by the employer instead of the benefit.

Pre-tax spending accounts: This is an excellent, low-cost option that an employer can provide to employees. Workers deposit pre-tax dollars from their gross income into a spending account which can be used to pay child care expenses. Essentially, employees are decreasing their gross income, thus they are paying less in Social Security, federal, state and local taxes. If the employer is paying less Social Security, then the employer is also paying less. This is how the employer is able to cover the costs associated with the administrative fee.

If employees choose to use the dollars saved from opting out of their flexible benefits package and put them into a pre-tax spending account, then they would have maximized their dollars to pay for safe, quality child care.

Also, there are pre-tax spending accounts for medical services. Those who have high medical expenses may want to consider such an account because it could save the employee money.

Flexible work schedules: In order to

offer the benefit of flexible work schedules, employers must identify the workload and product that needs to be accomplished in a given week or month. Employers should then ask their employees to identify how the work can be accomplished and the goals achieved. The employer must be flexible in allowing employees to meet the needs of their family lives without interfering with work.

As chair of the House Republican Task Force on Child Care, I learned that many parents took off at least five work days per youngster each year to care for their children. Unfortunately, this disrupts the work product and creates tension between employee and employer. If employers allowed those employees flexibility in their schedules, then those days could have been made up with no loss of productivity.

These are all benefits an employer can offer an employee at very little or no cost. I want to stress the point to employers that it takes a "family friendly attitude," not necessarily money.

Since I began holding the annual Child Care Challenge awards competi-

tion, I have yet to meet a business that regretted offering these benefits. I believe this is the very least that employers should do for their workers.

Lyn Bankes
State representative
Livonia/Redford Township

Plan affects suburbs

As you know, Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer recently endorsed a conceptual plan presented by Tigers' owner Mike Ilitch for a new Tiger Stadium in Detroit. In declaring his advocacy for the so-called "Fox-town Plan," Archer made it clear that there is no money in Detroit's budget for such an endeavor.

Indeed, it is illegal for the city to subsidize a new stadium based on a March 17, 1992 vote in which 63 percent of Detroit voters said they did not wish to pay for a new stadium. Thus the debate moves to the state Capitol, where the House Oversight and Ethics Committee is considering House Bill 5135, also known as the State Preservation Empowerment and Enterprise

Development Authorities bill, to provide state money from Indian gaming for some costs associated with the construction of a new stadium. The debate over the fate of Tiger Stadium and the SPEEDA bill have been the focus of media attention for weeks.

On March 23, state Sen. John Kelly, D-Grosse Pointe, introduced a substitute version of SPEEDA that has a direct impact on your readers. Kelly's version of SPEEDA would spread the revenue received from Indian gaming so that all Michigan residents could benefit. Instead of limiting coverage to Detroit and Grand Rapids (which is also seeking state funds for a new arena), Kelly's SPEEDA includes the largest 75 cities in the state, providing no-interest loans to rebuild those communities.

Readers might be interested to learn that there is an alternative to simply giving money away for sports stadiums. I urge you to contact the legislators representing your area and find out which version of SPEEDA they plan to support.

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Experimenting: Katie Patterson (left), Kate Kobchak and Amy Masterson learn about the world of isopods.

Mr. Wizard wows kids



Students in Kathleen Moylan's third grade class at Bird Elementary School were treated to a visit from Mr. Wizard, Don Herbert, Thursday.

Mr. Wizard was in the neighborhood to attend the University of Michigan's commencement, and decided to stop by the Plymouth-Canton school to observe a science experiment.

Moylan's class is studying ani-

mal habitats. The students experimented with isopods, or sow bugs, to see whether the insects preferred the wet or dry area of a box.

Celebrity guest: Mr. Wizard delighted students at Bird Elementary Thursday.



Exploring science: Teacher Kathleen Moylan teams up with her third graders and Mr. Wizard to do an experiment.

OBITUARIES

VERNER NYMAN

Services for Verner Nyman, 95, of Livonia were Monday, April 25, at Newburg United Methodist Church. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery.

He was born April 1, 1899, in Finland. He died Friday, April 22, in Livonia. He retired in 1964 from Kelsey Hayes in Detroit. He was a member of the Newburg United Methodist Church and the Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 47, F&AM and the Order of Runeburg (a Scandinavian lodge).

He is survived by one son, Eric Nyman, of Escanaba, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

JEANIE PARK

Services for Jeanie Park, 87, of Westland were Saturday, April 30, at Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

She was born May 7, 1906, in Renton, Scotland. She died Wednesday, April 27, in Westland. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Daughters of Scotia and the Memorial Church of Christ, Livonia.

She is survived by two daughters, Lilvann G. Angell of Canton and Sylvia J. Erick of Long Beach, Calif.; five grandchildren, and one sister, Helen Russell of Alhambra, Calif.

Memorial contributions may be given to Salvation Army.

ROBERT L. ROBERTSON

Services for Robert L. Robertson, 78, of Westland, previously of Plymouth were Tuesday, April 26, at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

He was born April 29, 1915, in Glass, Tenn. He died Monday, April 25, in Dearborn. He was a machinist and was employed by Whitman & Barnes in Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife, Stelania Robertson of Westland, three daughters, Sylvia Maxim of Storres, Conn., Linda Estep of Westland, Sharon Newport of Plymouth, two sons, Marvin Robertson of Canton, 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

FRANK A. MARCEWICZ

Services for Frank A. Marcewicz, 70, of Canton were Saturday, April 23, at Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

He was born July 9, 1917, in Edwardsville, Pa. He died Wednesday, April 20, in Westland. He was a retired machinist and member of St. Thomas-A-Beket Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Lotte M. Marcewicz of Canton, two daughters, Barbara Monticello of Westland and Marilyn Fitchett of Northville, two grandchildren, and two sisters, Anna Kopeck of Pennsylvania and Helen Yezetsky of New Jersey.

Memorial contributions may be given in the form of Mass cards.

DOROTHY J. HOSKI

Services for Dorothy J. Hoski, 64, of Plymouth were Saturday, April 23, at Schrader Howell Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 17, 1929, in Detroit. She died Saturday, April 16, in Plymouth. She was a homemaker. She previously lived in Detroit.

She is survived by her husband, Gene Hoski of Plymouth, one daughter, Kimberly Mock of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, two sons, Kevin Hoski of Plymouth and Keith Hoski of Westland, five grandchildren.

ADELINE L. KELLER

Services for Adeline L. Keller, 94, of Canton and Ellenton, Fla., were Thursday, April 28, at Community United Methodist Church in Romulus. Burial was in Romulus Cemetery.

She was born in Prattville, Mich., July 3, 1899. She died Sunday, April 24, in Ann Arbor. She attended Eastern University and started teaching in Hillsdale County in 1918. She had also taught in various Wayne County school districts until 1950.

She is survived by two daughters, Doris Fisher of Coldwater and Donna Vaught of Westland.

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LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WAYNE AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
Please Take Notice that the annual school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 13, 1994.
THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERKS, IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 13, 1994, IS MONDAY, MAY 16, 1994. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 16, 1994, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.
Persons planning to register with the respective city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.
This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

JOHN F. FARROW,
Secretary, Board of Education

Governor to make speech at Schoolcraft graduation

Gov. John Engler will be the keynote speaker for Schoolcraft College's Spring Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 7, when 957 graduates receive their diplomas.

Engler was elected the 49th governor of Michigan in November 1990. Engler's main objective has been to improve Michigan's economy. He points to Michigan's rate of job growth, which is three

times the national average, with 130,000 jobs created since August 1991. As a result, Michigan's unemployment rate has fallen below the national average for the first time in 10 years.

Engler is a Michigan native who earned his bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Michigan State University and a law degree from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School.



Gov. John Engler

Teachers promise to behave

By RALPH R. ECHLINAW
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College teachers have agreed to participate in commencement exercises Saturday, May 7, "in spite of the governor's appearance, not because of it," according to Faculty Forum president William Nickels.

The Schoolcraft teachers are part of the Michigan Education Association teachers union that is mad at Gov. John Engler for a new law that makes it impossible for teachers to strike and takes away some of the things that used to be bargained in contracts.

Engler is scheduled to deliver Schoolcraft's commencement address at graduation ceremonies Saturday.

In light of the recent vehemence on the part of teachers around the state in protesting Engler's policy, Nickels wrote a letter to Schoolcraft Board of Trustees chairman Steve Ragan.

"I have been directed by the

Senate of the Faculty Forum at its meeting of April 20 to express our unhappiness and disappointment because of (Engler's) presence at the college's commencement activities. The governor has demonstrated in word and deed that he is no friend of teachers or of education.

"However, we will not permit our feelings to interfere with the commencement exercises. Therefore, the union and its officers will participate in the ceremony out of respect for our college and student graduates and their parents, friends and relatives. We do not wish to embarrass either them or our college."

Ragan said that the Schoolcraft teachers "have been under a lot of pressure to exploit this opportunity." He commends the teachers for saying they won't protest Engler's appearance. "My real concern is that this be a day for the students."

Schoolcraft President Richard

McDowell said, "we're expecting the focus to be on student accomplishment and graduation, and we're appreciative of the faculty efforts to support the students."

However, there's no telling if other area Michigan Education Association affiliates are planning protests, or if individual teachers will picket Engler's appearance.

Chuck Portelli, the Plymouth-Canton Education Association president, said no organized protest will be launched from his MEA affiliate. "If individuals choose to go, they can, but we're not organizing anything," he said.

Redford Union Education Association president Larry Digon said he's not organizing a protest either, but individual teachers are free to picket if they choose.

The presidents of MEA affiliates representing teachers in Livonia and Wayne Westland schools did not return the Observer's phone calls by press time.

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Madonna workshop focuses on conflict

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The fee is \$95 for a continuing education unit or \$175 for one academic credit. Call 501-5188.

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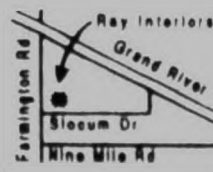
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MUSIC NOTES



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Marilyn Manson wanted to capture a live feel when they recorded their debut album so they took matters into their own hands—they mimicked a live show in the studio. "I was singing with a mic and I took the mic stand and smashed it in the studio," said lead singer Mr. Manson.

The band, who will release its album in June, is set to bring its live show to the State Theatre in Detroit on Sunday, May 8, to open for **Nine Inch Nails**. (The show is sold out.)

NIN lead singer Trent Reznor produced the band's debut for his Nothing Records label so he's pretty confident that NIN fans will embrace Marilyn Manson, too.

"Nine Inch Nails fans will be interested in anything that Trent Reznor is involved in."

Besides that, Mr. Manson said that he and Reznor have a lot in common. "Trent and I are (stuck) off for our own reasons." Reznor, he theorized, is "unsatisfied" with his current situation. He, on the other hand, is "basically comin' at the world with a shotgun, shooting everyone in my way."

As for the bizarre name, it's a combination of Marilyn Monroe and Charles Manson's names.

"People always need flashy names to get attention (in the entertainment industry). I'm making a mockery of that."

Collective Soul has had a whirlwind courtship with the music industry since it signed with Atlantic Records in early February. A snippet of their video for the single "Shine" shows up sandwiched between videos by **Alice in Chains** and **Ice Cube** in an MTV commercial.

"Shine" is also frequently played on alternative and rock stations while the album "Hints, Allegations & Things Left Unsaid" is selling more than 3,000 copies per week.

Now the band is in the midst of its first major headlining tour. That's not bad for a band that's officially been together for less than a year. Has the band's heads stopped spinning yet?

"It still is," said lead singer Ed Roland. "It hasn't slowed since."

The band will bring its hook-laden blues-inspired rock to The Ritz, 10½ and Gratiot, Roseville, on Friday, May 6. Call (810) 778-6404 for more information.

For trivia nuts, the phrase "Collective Soul" is how **Asa Rand** describes mankind in her novel "The Fountainhead."

Congratulations to **Shawn Grimes** of Rochester Hills, who won two tickets to the Paw concert last Thursday at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit. **Kimberly Garrett** of Westland, **Tony Gagnon** of Detroit, **Sue Tollafield** of Ferndale, **Jim Hofer** of Harper Woods, **Tony Barragan** of Lincoln Park, **Cathy Sanchez** of Lake Orion, **Todd Bolton** of Monroe, **Mark Phillips** of Wayne, and **Steve Mohr** of Westland, can look forward to receiving Paw CDs, posters and singles in the mail.

To leave a message for Christina Fuoco, dial (313) 953-2047, mailbox number 2130, on a Touch Tone phone, or write her at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

STREET SOUNDS

McFly
— Spanking Bozo



On their new album, "McFly," the Detroit-based band Spanking Bozo use the same funky pop for moola that made many bands rich.

Most of the album walks that familiar street looking for a different route to take and finding nothing new, but there are a few tracks that are welcome exceptions. "Wipe Off That Page" takes the funkiness to an otherworldly eccentric level. "J.B.I.A. (James Brown Is Alive)" is a response to the L.A. Style hit "James Brown Is Dead."

Proclaiming "Electronic disco music by sensitive white boys from England is dead but James Brown is alive," Spanking Bozo shows that the funk James Brown brought to the world is also alive.

Their only obstacle is that there has been so much done with funky pop music that it is difficult to carve a distinctive niche. "McFly" shows a band with the ability to take the funk to their own level once they find their space.

— Eric Darling

Harris, the Snakes? Charming

Mimi Harris has proven she's a musical storyteller, crafting songs filled with sublime imagery. She also has proven she can sing with power of Janis Joplin and the bluesy style of Bonnie Raitt.

BY MARK E. GALLO
SPECIAL WRITER



That Mimi Harris comes from a theatrical family seems obvious. There's an inherent sense of drama that threads its

way through every song she sings, a sort of bare-boned theatricality.

A storyteller of sublime imagery, she is one of the premier songwriters in the area, yet she is equally adept at bringing a musically astute, discerning and sympathetic voice to the songs of heroes and peers.

There is a fervor that informs every performance, and it's the direct result of that fever for the stage instilled in the Grand Rapids native as a child. A couple of years of honing her musical chops on local coffeehouse stages, when she was barely eligible for enrollment in high school, completed the one-two

STREET BEATS

punch that sent her on her path.

There was never any doubt that Mimi Harris was meant to be a performer, and it was as a seasoned vet that she first hit the Detroit area music scene some 17 years ago. She's been a powerhouse presence ever since.

Although she was a staple early on at venerated venues like the Blind Pig and Mr. Flood's Party in Ann Arbor, there were also the bread-and-butter days of what she calls "the Dry Dock and Mountain Jack scene," as a "human juke box five or six nights a week." Those are the gigs that got her through the transitional times.

Such is the life of the singer-songwriter. In Harris' case, though, there came the revelation that a lithe electricist and a rockin' little combo had a much broader appeal.

The first band, an R&B outfit that she formed with the Rockets' John Fraga, was born in 1979 as Mimi & the Midnighters. A couple of years later came the Intruders, with Jim McCarty of Mitch Ryder Rockets Detroit Blues Band fame.

Somewhere in the mid-1980s, she even sang with the Sun Messengers, an experience she calls valuable, if



Smart move: Mimi Harris has landed a recording contract with Blues Factory Records with the help of The Snakes, and together, they'll record 10 original compositions later this year.

only for the opportunity to sing with a big band.

Through it all, her reputation grew steadily among a constantly growing legion of fans. Then she took a couple of years off to be a mom.

With the formation four years ago of the Snakes—Greg Calder (drums), Mike Marshall (bass), Bill Cooper (lead guitar) and the just-added keyboards of Jimmy Bones—Harris has the kind of band every musician dreams about.

As intuitive as they are chops-smart, they're the band that helped Mimi Harris land a recording contract with Blues Factory Records.

Sometime this June or July, she and the band will record 10 original compositions for the label that's had so much to do with putting Detroit back on the musical map. She's already excitedly planning a CD release party for December.

Often compared to Janis Joplin for her power and Bonnie Raitt for her slinky bluesy style, like any

performer worth her royalty check, Mimi Harris rises above easy comparisons.

In the apples-and-oranges milieu that is the Detroit music scene, it may be beyond reason to call anyone the best at anything, but Mimi Harris is certainly in that category of one of the best reasons in town to actually get out there and experience the magic of live music.

Mimi Harris will play a rare solo show at the Disc Cafe in downtown Pontiac on Tuesday, May 3.

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BARBARA SCHIFF

STREET SENSE
Barbara Schiff
I strongly disagree with the mothers who responded to their son's requests for 'Playboy' by buying the magazine for them and then even going so far that they read them together with their sons. As you said, we don't know all the answers yet, and what is right for one family may not be right for another, but in my home pornography is in bad taste. Buying it for one's son is, at the least, very poor manners. I agree that many teenage boys want to look at pornographic pictures. For them, it is age appropriate behavior. But when parents

show approval for this behavior they are denying their children an adult role model, a person who knows the difference between wrong and right.

When I was confronted with the same problem, I wanted my son to know that I disapproved. To me, it was better for him to sneak to read pornography than it was for me to imply my approval by allowing him to do it at home. I wanted him to feel guilty, and to know that I disapproved.

Parents who give away their authority are cheating their children from having an ideal they can look up to. All of this is enough reason not to, and there is much more, not the least of which is that sex is private.

Barbara Schiff
I'm responding to your column

where someone wrote in about pornography. I think this parent's intentions are very misguided, however good. I do not believe that you need visual aids, such as the ones she described. I feel that she's giving her child mixed messages, that even though she doesn't approve of this material, she will let him have it as long as he locks it up.

I think that a parent can have frank discussions with a child about this type of material without the help of visual aids. I feel that in a home where you do not approve of it, that type of material should not be allowed. A child will be exposed in his own good time, I suppose, but she can certainly warn him about that material, talk to him about it, and tell him that as a family they do not approve.

I think this woman should not be commended for her good intentions, and I think her husband shirked his duty because he was too afraid to discuss it, so he said it was OK for his wife. I don't feel that this was a combined effort between these parents and I feel that it was very inappropriate.

Dear Callers,
Thank you for your astute comments on this difficult problem. As I replied to a recent letter with the same theme, I understand your criticism of my guarded response to the caller who bought her son "Hustler," "Penthouse" and "Playboy," and also rented an X-rated movie for him. I am truly delighted that they called and wrote, and that those of you who do not agree with them also shared your opinions. All of this correspondence was prompted by the mother who asked for

advice on getting her 11 year old son a subscription to "Playboy." She called this week to say her son has forgotten the subject. She will not get him a subscription.

Another call came this week from a mother who comments that if her son requests pornography when he gets older she will take him to the art museum to see beautiful, not exploitive, pictures of love. In this way, she hopes to instill in him respect for himself and others.

Barbara

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Goal drought plagues Rock kickers

The Plymouth Salem soccer team has hit a mid-season lull. After a frustrating 2-2 tie at Livonia Franklin on Wednesday, the Rocks were crushed by No. 3 Troy Athens Friday, 4-0. The tie and loss drop the Rocks to an uncharacteristic 3-4-2.

"We really don't have any go-to people right now," Coach Ken Johnson said after the Franklin game Wednesday. "We have a lot of really hard-working players. But somebody

■ **'We really don't have any go-to people right now. We (just) have a lot of really hard-working players.'**

Ken Johnson
Salem coach

has to step up and start scoring goals." Athens (8-1) was dominant on Friday. Susie Anderson scored twice. Karen Melcher and Shannan Beal

each scored one. Goalies Gina Belardi and Kristi Balyeat were far from over-worked.

On Wednesday, Alexis Marinos and Colleen Kirby each scored first-

half goals to stake the Rocks to a 2-0 lead. Elizabeth Pelter and Leah Rutherford notched assists.

"We should have had more," Johnson said. "We had the wind at our backs and we missed some real good chances."

Franklin tied the game in the second half on goals by Lisa DeShano and Sarah Ouellette.

The Rocks have one victory in their last six matches.

Golf update

The Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton girls golf teams took their sticks to Livonia last week to battle Livonia Churchill at Idyl Wyld Golf Course. Salem prevailed, Canton fell.

Salem (2-0) played on Monday and won 239-241. Katie Collins (55 for nine holes), Kelly Collins (59) and Katie Murinas (62) led the Rocks.

Canton played on Wednesday and lost 233-293. Jenny Wilson (64), Kim Stafford (73) and Karen Kelly (74) were the Chiefs' low scorers.

Churchill's Erin Murfey was the medalist in both matches, shooting a 54 on Monday and a 50 on Wednesday.

On Friday, Salem placed 14th in the 22-team Brighton Invitational at Oak Pointe Golf Course. It was the team's best finish there in five years. Katie Collins (104 for 18 holes), Kelly Collins (108), Jenny Massey (120) and Katie Murinas (124) were Salem's scorers. Jackson Lumen-Christi won the match, shooting 369.

Fishing derby

Registration has begun for the seventh annual Canton Parks and Rec Kids Fishing Derby at Heritage Park Ponds. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 14. Boys and girls ages 3-15 will compete in one-hour time blocks. The cost is \$1. The ponds will be stocked with rainbow trout. First prize is a \$100 savings bond. Call 397-5110 for more information.

Champs again

The Canton Flames U-12 premier girls soccer team won the first division indoor title at Total Soccer in Southfield for the second straight season. The team went unbeaten in the division and won titles at Canton and two other tournaments. The Flames, coached by John Schimmel with assistance from Ernie Bucks, Tom Masters and Rocco Mitkov, are: Michele Baldori, Susannah Bryant, Jessie Bucks, Lacey Catarino, Amy Dorogi, Jeannine Edwards, Marianne Juarez, Amanda Lentz, Julie Masters, Rachel Morrell, Robynn Morrell, Jessica Palis, Suzi Towne, Andrea Schimmel, Heather Thompson, Pam West and Emily Wilkinson.

MacKinnon signs

Livonia Stevenson track and cross country standout Bridget MacKinnon will become a DePaul University (Ill.) Blue Demon after signing a national letter-of-intent on April 23. Last fall, MacKinnon finished third in the 3,000-meter state Class A individual cross country race with a time of 19:01.

This season, MacKinnon clocked an 11:25.5 in the 3,200 run at the Lady Chief Relays.

Plymouth Canton standout Lana Boroditsch has narrowed her choices down to two of the best: University of Michigan and University of California-Berkeley.

Livonian wins 10K

Susan Tatigian won the 10-kilometer race April 24 at the 17th annual Briarwood Run in Ann Arbor.

Tatigian's first-place time was 38:08. She was the Briarwood Run 20K winner in 1992 and finished second in the 10K in 1991.

Livonian Bridget MacKinnon was third in 39:40.

Rochester's Laura Murphy took the 20K event in 1:17:30.

Chippewas sign pair

Two All-Observer players recently signed national letters-of-intent to play men's soccer for Central Michigan University.

Coach Rick Trainor has added seven recruits, including Livonia Franklin striker Victor Rodopolous, who scored 51 career goals and added 24 assists.

Rodopolous will join Livonia Stevenson midfielder Chris Grodzicki, who helped the Spartans reach the state Class A final. He was also a member of Stevenson's 1991 state championship team along with brother Matt, who also attends CMU.

The Chippewas are coming off a 2-11 season. "I was real impressed with their recruiting class," said Grodzicki, who also considered walking on at Miami of Ohio. "They're bringing in seven All-State caliber players. It's a good group of recruits."

Other signees include Tom Grasso and Steve Phelps, both of Grand Blanc; Ken Perlin of state Class A champion Warren DeLaSalle; Ryan Maxey, Brighton; and Rob Roney, Swartz Creek.

Cage assistant sought

Madonna University is seeking a men's assistant basketball coach. Those interested should send a resume to: Etta Barbee, Department of Athletics, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150-1173.

To submit items to Sports Scene, call sports editor C.J. Risak at 953-2108 or send a fax at 591-7972.

Salem 9 pull plug on Rockets

■ **Mike Marsella shackled the Rocket bats and Plymouth Salem scratched out just enough hits to post a thrilling 3-1 victory in a key Western Lakes contest.**

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER



The state finals are still six weeks off, but the way the Plymouth Salem baseball team celebrated its 3-1 win

Friday at Westland John Glenn, it might as well have been the World Series.

Hats and gloves filled the air, as Salem's Mike Marsella certainly had the look of Mr. October. The senior right hander out-duced Glenn ace Bryan Besco in a battle of Lakes Division leaders in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"Emotion just took over," said Marsella, who scattered four hits and only one walk over seven innings against the powerful Rockets. "I was not thinking about it, just pitching. I had lost my last two decisions against Glenn. I lost to them in the regional finals last year. All I was thinking was 'I just want to win.'"

Salem is now 9-4 overall and 3-0 in the Lakes.

"This puts us in the driver's seat now in our division," Salem coach John Graylin said. "The kids know that you don't win anything until you get by John Glenn. This is a huge step."

Glenn, which dropped its second straight, fell to 7-3 overall and 2-1 in the division. The Rockets have dropped three of six since being ranked No. 21 in the nation by USA Today.

Besco, the senior left hander bound for Michigan, certainly had the attention of the four major league scouts in attendance, particularly over the first five innings.

He clubbed a wind-blown triple to center field in the first, but was left stranded on third when twin brother Derek Besco, relegated to designated hitter status because of a sore back, was fanned by Marsella to end the inning.

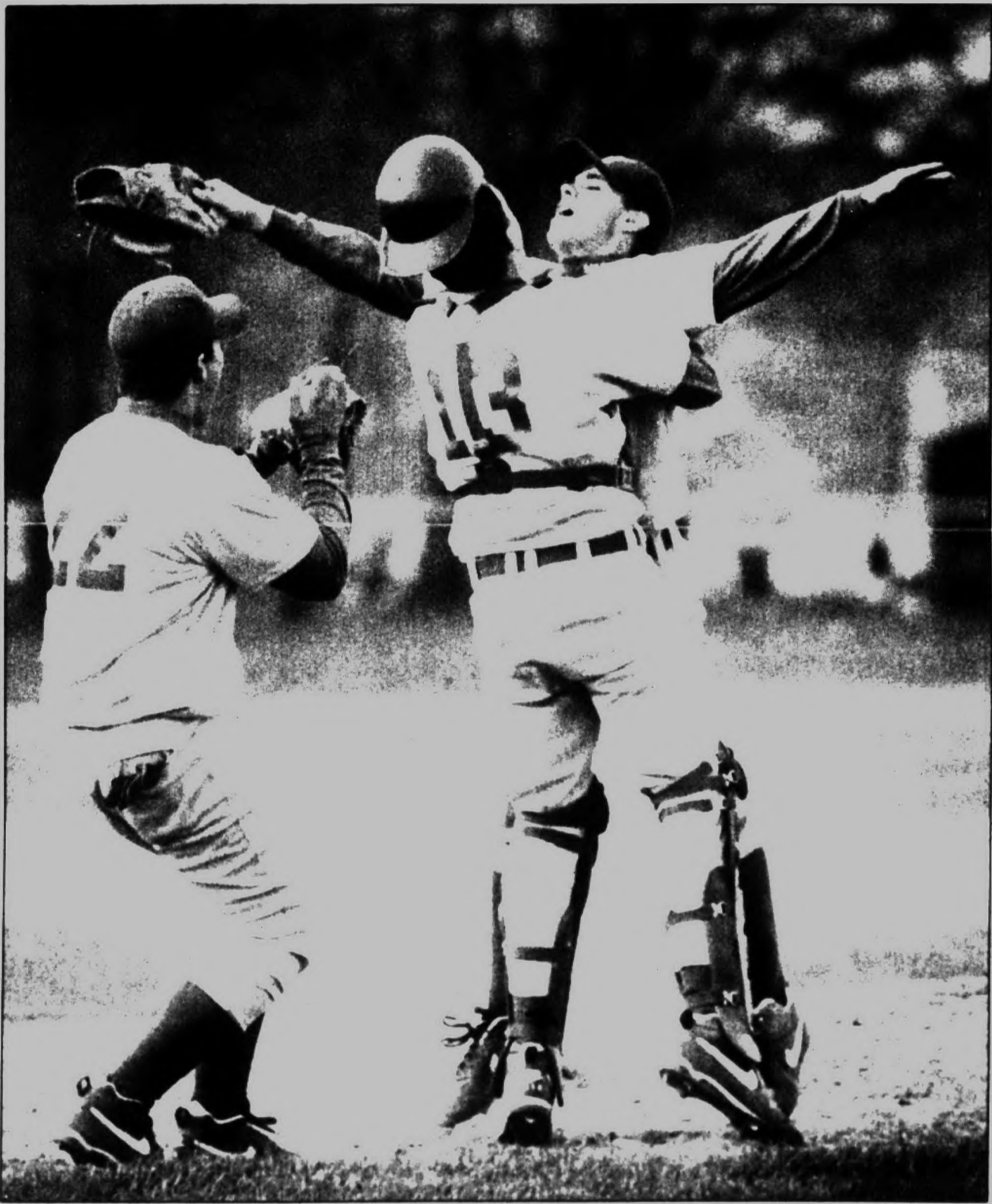
Bryan Besco, meanwhile, mowed down 15 of the first 16 batters he faced, including seven strikeouts. The only runner to reach base was eventual game hero Dave Knight, who singled over the middle in the fourth.

Marsella's only glaring mistake came in the fourth when Bryan Besco ripped a shot over the right field fence for a 1-0 Glenn advantage.

"The home run was my mistake," Graylin said. "I call all the pitches and that was supposed by be a split finger, but it was a breaking ball."

But he didn't let the home run bother him.

The Salem pitcher got himself out of a pickle in the fifth after back-to-back singles by Jamie Hagelthorn



STAFF PHOTO BY BRAD EMONS

and Brian Morrison.

Matt Howton popped out, and Marsella fanned Jeromey Cosby to end the threat.

In the top of the sixth, Salem's Billy Styles hit a liner to right, but Hagelthorn was handcuffed by the sun, the ball glancing off his chest.

With Styles reaching second on the error, Sam LaGrew followed with a bunt single.

Styles scored to make it 1-1 on Kaz Kurisu's soft chopper that Morrison couldn't handle at third.

Matt Abbott then bunted the runners over and Knight followed with a clutch two-run single to right.

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Oh Yeah! Salem catcher Bryan Proctor (13) and Brad Lear (22) rush out to congratulate Mike Marsella after he shut down the Rockets Friday. At left, Billy Styles attempts a bunt.

Madonna slugger has that old-time look

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Madonna University left fielder Craig Overaitis is a throwback to the old days of baseball.

He's part Hack Wilson. Part Babe Ruth. Lots of RBI. Lots of home runs.

In contemporary times he resembles the stubby and lovable first baseman of the Philadelphia Phillies, John Kruk.

"I just love his style of play, we call him 'Baby (John) Kruk,'" Madonna coach Mike George said. "He plays the game the same way. He's hard nosed. He doesn't look like he should be a player when you look at him.

You wouldn't say he's in the best of shape. He's very unassuming.

"But he never quits. He runs out every ball."

The senior from Livonia Franklin, who bats from the left side, packs a surprising wallop in his 5-foot-10, 187-pound frame.

During one stretch (April 18-24), the senior batted 410 (16 for 39) with seven homers and 18 RBI. He scored 15 runs, had three doubles and a triple.

It was enough to be named District 23 Player of the Week—as well as the top player in the country during the same period, by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

"I was just seeing the ball better and I became more confident at the plate," Overaitis said. "I was spraying the ball a lot and I was turning on the inside pitches."

Overaitis is a good bet to surpass Ernie Bowling's school RBI record of 52.

As of April 28, Overaitis had 11 homers, only five shy of Bowling's season mark of 16. His batting average is hovering around .360.

"Craig got off somewhat of a slow start, but ever since he's been on fire," George said. "He uses the whole ballpark. Three of his home runs came on the road in straightaway center field.

"When Craig gets hot, he can carry a ballclub. And he hits in the clutch, too. He proved that when he went to Johnstown (Pa.) a couple of years ago."

Playing for Walter's Appliance of the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League in 1992, Overaitis hit a dramatic two-out, three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth to beat New Orleans, 8-7, in the semifinals of the prestigious All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament.

Overaitis not only does the job at the plate, but has also put a smile on George's face with his play in left

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scoring two runs.

Marsella, who is leaning toward Henry Ford Community College, then closed the book on Glenn for the victory, retiring six of the next seven batters he faced. He allowed only a lead-off walk to Mike Bunt in the seventh.

Salem seemed to get confidence after that fly ball (by Styles). Glenn coach Norm Hoenes said "That's a tough place to play because there is a lot of sun."

"Give them credit. We gave them a crack in the door and it gave them confidence. They're always well prepared and they have good athletes. What's bad is that we wasted a good pitching performance. They made all the plays and that was the difference."

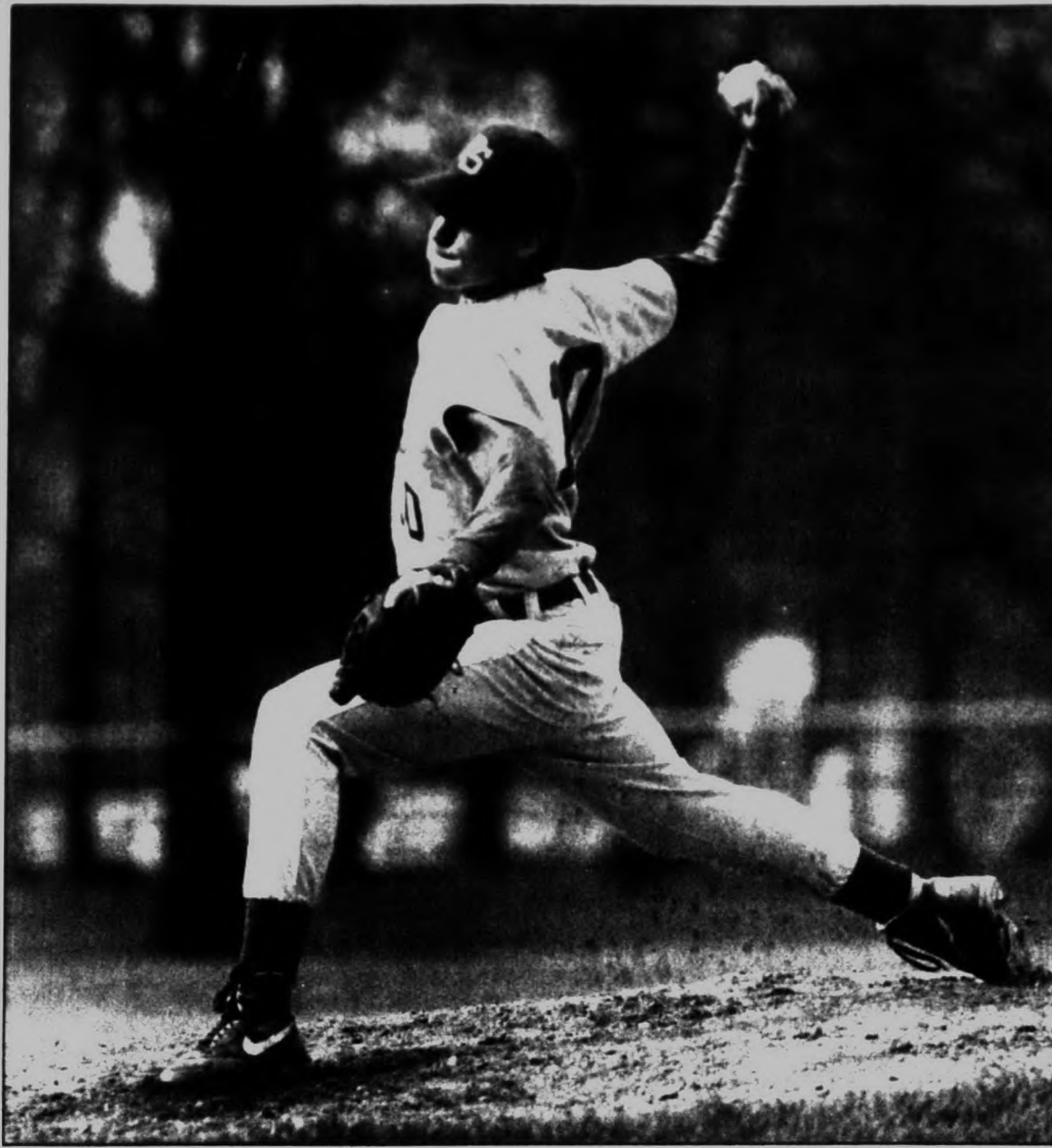
Marsella, who struck out six, was never better, according to Graylin.

"He had all the right stuff, all the levers pulled," the Salem coach said. "He had a no-hitter in the district last year, but this was his best game by far. He showed he could battle in tough situations. I think he was behind only two hitters all day long."

SALEM 12, HARRISON 2: The bats were booming Wednesday and pitcher Justin Marcis flirted with a perfect game.

Marcis was perfect through four and had seven strikeouts. But he was touched for three hits and two runs in the fifth and final inning.

Kaz Kurisu had two hits including a three-run double. Eric Kida had two hits and Marsella a two-run single for the Rocks.



Bill Heston/Staff Photographer

Masterful: Salem's Mike Marsella scattered four hits and struck out five against one of the best teams in the nation (according to USA Today). He beat John Glenn, ranked No. 21 by the national newspaper, 3-1 on Friday.

Mohacsi gets call to Hall of Fame

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Other Hall of Famers present at the ceremony, which took place in front of 4,000 delegates from all over the U.S., were Anita Cantalino, Elvira Toepfer and Marion Ladewig from Michigan.

Mohacsi was accompanied on the trip by her husband, Ted, and daughter, Sandi. Mary received a Hall of Fame medallion and a copy of her portrait which will hang in the Bowling Hall of Fame in St. Louis.

She earned her place in the Hall of Fame through her many accomplishments on the lanes in local, national and international competition.

Mary has also received a lot of previous recognition, having been named to the Greater Detroit Hall of Fame (1978), the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in 1978 and the Michigan Amateur Sports Hall of Fame.

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"Oh, what a moment this is," Mohacsi said during the induction. "This is the greatest bowling achievement in my life."

To elaborate on her many accomplishments would take more space than this column will allow, however, Mary Mohacsi has the distinction of having earned the honor of "Queen" of Detroit Women Bowlers 10 times. That's a record, and one that might never be broken. Mary and son, Mark, operate "The Right Approach" bowling pro-shop located in Merri Bowl and Taylor lanes.

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Chiefs lose 10-inning thriller to Pats

As high school baseball goes, it rarely gets any better than this.

It took 10 innings, several key defensive plays and several gutsy coaching decisions, but Livonia Franklin finally edged host Plymouth Canton, 3-2, on Friday to move into a first place tie with the Chiefs in the Western Division of the Western Lakes.

"It was a great game," said Franklin coach Jim Karoub. "Really a shame somebody had to lose."

The Patriots (2-1 in the confer-

ence, 7-4 overall) scratched out the winning run in the top of the 10th. Dennis Madden singled and stole second. Mike Abuchon, who had three of Franklin's five hits, walked. Then, in a daring move, the two executed a double steal.

"It was a hit and run," Karoub said. "We weren't hitting, so I felt like we had to make something happen. Turns out, the ball wasn't hit and we stole the bases anyway."

Rod Risner's grounder to a pulled-in infield scored Madden.

Franklin starter Brian Crumley (4-1) pitched nine strong innings for the win. He walked the leadoff man in the bottom of the 10th, but Abuchon came on to get three straight outs for the save.

Canton (2-1) had several chances to win the game. The Chiefs loaded the bases with one out in the eighth and couldn't score. They got a runner to second in the ninth and left him there.

The Chiefs will also be kicking themselves for enabling the Pats to tie the game in the fifth. Both runs scored on overthrows of turned balls.

Ryan Ostach had a triple and two singles for the Chiefs.

On Wednesday, Canton pounded North Farmington, 15-4. Kevin Kovachevich had a single and three RBI. Mike Byro had a hit, walk and two RBI. Anthony Pastor pitched the victory.

Canton is 9-4 on the season.

Freshman's homer leads Canton comeback

After enduring an 11-5 bruising from North Farmington on Wednesday, the Plymouth Canton softball team salvaged some wounds Friday with a 9-5 win at Livonia Franklin.

The game turned on freshman Nicole Kovachevich's three run

home run in the fifth inning. It triggered a five run inning that turned a 5-2 deficit into a 7-5 lead.

Amy Price, Kerri Jackson and Heather Schader each had two hits for the Chiefs. Laura Logston contributed a two run single.

Overaitis

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with only one error. "He's an excellent outfielder," said the Madonna coach. "Originally the plan was to play T.C. Rappas (now at second base) in left and use Craig as the designated hitter. But Craig never gave us a reason to move him out because he makes all the plays. He doesn't have the greatest arm, but he's solid defensively."

Overaitis is also one of the team's top bunters and occasionally steals a base.

He does our delayed steal play better than anybody," George said. "He's got about eight or nine this year just because he's so smart."

At Franklin, Overaitis stood out in baseball, basketball and soccer.

After graduating from high school, Overaitis played two years under Stu Rose at Henry Ford Community College before moving to Madonna, where his father, Joe, is employed.

A sociology major, Overaitis is becoming serious about academics.

His younger sister, Tara, an All State basketball player who recently transferred from Livonia Ladywood to Dearborn Divine Child, is a 4.0 student who has become a model for achievement.

"It's tough trying to keep up with her, but I think because of my age, I finally grew up," Craig said. "I had to get more involved. Once I graduate (sometime next year) I want to find something in my field, and I'd like to coach, too."

With his final season winding down and Madonna (36-13 overall) vying for first place in District 23, Overaitis is savoring every moment of his collegiate career.

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Mike George
Madonna coach

his grandfather, Alexander Kaczmarzyk, who is recovering from a stroke.

"He comes to the games, but he has to sit in the car," Overaitis said. "He just loves the game. I'm on a mission because of him."

The outfielder, however, cautions that he may not enjoy another stretch like the one he had when he was chosen national player of the week.

"I don't think that would happen again," Overaitis said. "I just hope I can continue to help the team. As long as we keep winning, I'll be happy."

"It will be sad to see it end. I'll miss it a lot because I like the camaraderie."

George said the loss will leave a void.

"Craig's not a rah-rah type guy, but he knows when to shake things up in the dugout," the Madonna coach said. "I don't know anybody on our team who dislikes 'Ove' but when he puts on the uniform, he hates to lose. Just like the rest of our seniors."

SOFTBALL

Jackie Nicastri earned the victory on the mound. She gave up three hits, struck out six and walked 10.

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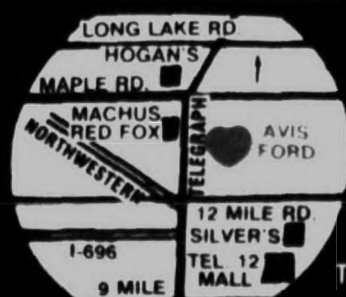


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