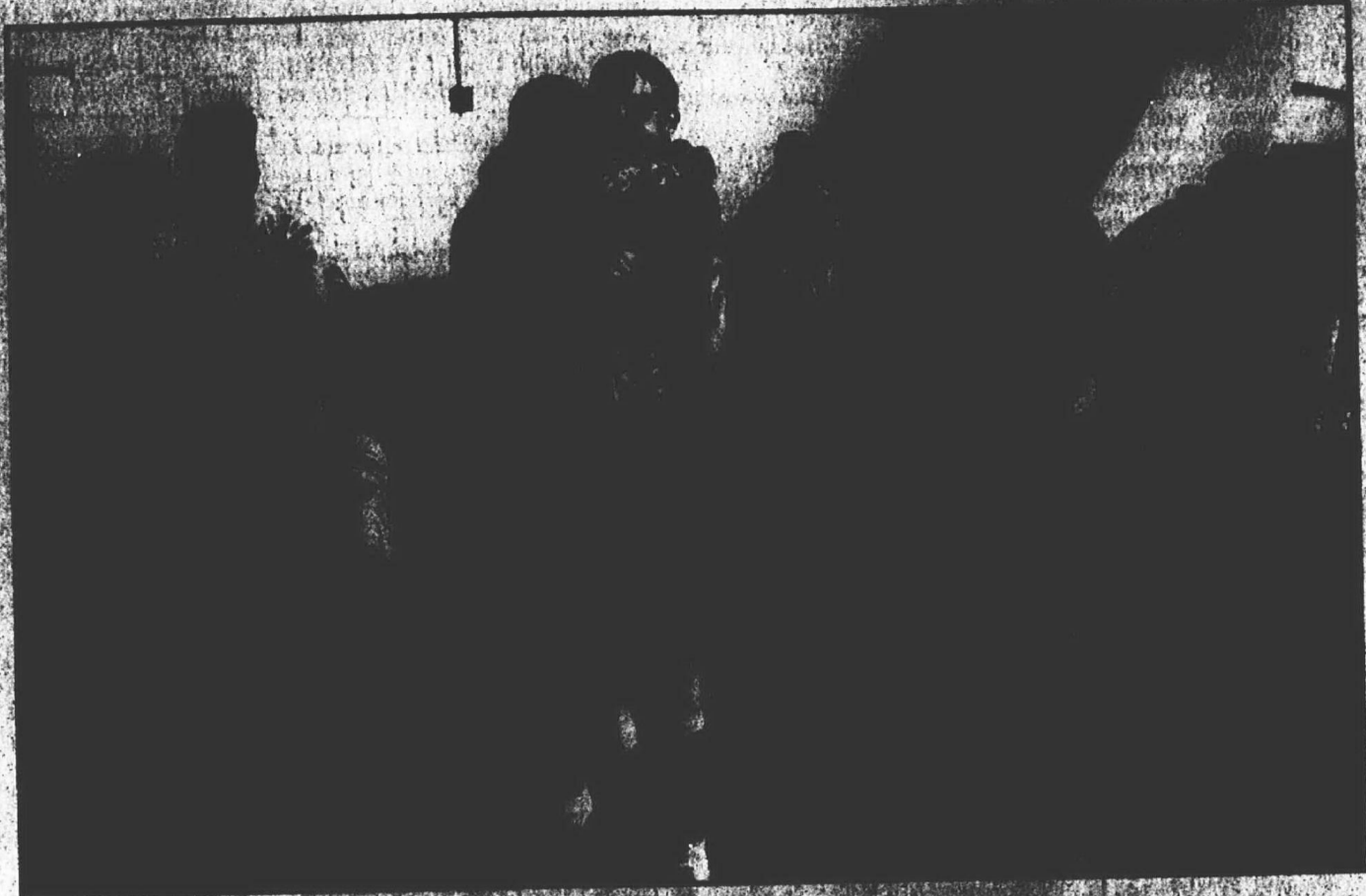


Seniors part was a quiet one



Classes ended quietly Wednesday for seniors with about 40 police officers and a prisoner bus standing by. There were no reports of disruptive behavior as in past years when pranks turned dangerous.

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Besides a few whoops and hollers by seniors and some horn honking in the parking lot at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools, the scene after school Wednesday ... the last day for seniors ... was fairly subdued.

School officials had made it known they were out to stop the decades-old tradition of spraying shaving cream and throwing water balloons in the parking lot on the last day. In recent years students were injured by cars, and some were hit by balloons filled with bleach or urine.

Canton police on bikes patrolled every lane of the parking lots, school security recorded students with video cameras from the roof tops, Plymouth and Plymouth Township police directed traffic to clear the educational park, and parent volunteers patrolled the hallways.

"I know this is for our safety, but it's a tradition that's been going on for so long," said Brad Morgan, a senior from Canton, who said he's been hit in the past with water balloons and eggs. "I think it would be better to let us continue. To have a slide show and dance to replace it is pretty pathetic."

Senior Rachel Maurer of Plymouth Township. "I think it's really sad that a few kids have ruined it for everyone. The tradition was really fun. Now you just go home after school."

And that's what most students did at the end of the day without much fanfare. In fact, most of the complex was cleared within 45 minutes as

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Last day: Nina Nowicki (top photo) jumps into the arms of Jason Stough as the two seniors embrace shortly after the seniors were released for the final time Wednesday at P.C.E.P. Above, Nowicki, right, and two fellow seniors walk to their cars. At left, a police officer on top of the school videotapes students leaving from Salem High School.

Concerns over parking in downtown Plymouth have dwindled/AS

Geo good time: Lou LaRiche Chevrolet has donated a Metro Geo for a raffle at an all-night senior party at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park./A6

COMMUNITY LIFE

Tracing roots: Brigitte Frost was in seventh grade when she got hooked on genealogy. Twenty year later, she's still tracking down missing relatives and helping others fill out their family trees./B1

Groovy: McFarlane Toys in Plymouth is ready to unveil its latest line of action figures, the characters from "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me," which opens in theaters June 11./B5

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Safe at home: Style as well as security and convenience make home safes a winning combination./D8

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Summer festival: There's something interesting happening every weekend at Greenfield Village in Dearborn during Summer Festival, June 12 to Aug. 22./E1

Music: When Sean Gavin of Redford and his friends get together to play, they might do a few reels and marches, then a couple of slow airs./E1

MEA plugs in weekend phone bank

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Monday's Plymouth-Canton school board election is expected to be one of the most political decisions in recent memory. Unions representing more than 1,700 employees in the district say the lack of a contract for district administrators and the school board's desire to run the district like a business are the top reasons they're working hard to oust

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incumbents who are seeking re-election. In an unprecedented move, the Michigan Education Association will call its members this weekend, urging them to vote. And, for the first time, the Plymouth-Canton Administrator's Union is endorsing candidates, choosing to support newcomers to the board. Incumbents Carry Blamer and Mike Maloney, both of Plymouth Township, are being challenged by Steve Guile and Mark Slavens, both of Canton, for two four-year seats on the school board. "In the past we've taken a neutral

stance in the school board elections," said Jim Burt, president of the administrator's union. "However, we've decided to change that because we don't have a contract because of merit pay roadblocks. And, we're concerned about the location and programming decisions for the third high school."

"I know merit pay for administrators is a number one problem," said Blamer. "However, merit pay needs to part of a number of factors, including long-range

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Classic cars rev up for first area show

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The downtown area will be filled with old cars and plenty of people this Saturday when the 11th Annual Ford-Mercury-Lincoln Owners Convention descends on Plymouth.

Over 150 classic cars from the late 1940s and early 1950s are registered with the show and will be on display in and around Kellogg Park between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. that day.

"It's a celebration of the cars from that time," said Melanie Purcell, director of the Downtown Development Authority in Plymouth.

The event will include a "Show and Shine" exhibit and an old parts swap on the lawn of the Wilcox property located near the park.

To accommodate the show, the northbound lanes of Main Street in front of the park will be closed as will Penniman between Main and Union Streets.

"The cars will be on display on the streets around Kellogg Park and in the park itself," added Purcell.

Fran Toney, executive director of the

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Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, said the event has been in the planning stages for quite some time and is looking forward to it this weekend.

"It's really exciting because this has been in the works since last year," she said.

The event, which moves to a new location each year, is sponsored by Magstar Publications in Santa Rosa, Calif.

"They change venues each year and they contacted us," said Purcell. "We

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River Day 1999



Cleanup: Steve Bruce, left, his daughter Beth, 8, and wife Mary carry a section of a fallen tree out to the road for pick-up on Saturday during River Day 1999 at Lion's Park in Plymouth. The cleanup of Tonquish Creek, a tributary to the Rouge River, was part of the annual Rouge River Cleanup project. For story and more photos of the county-wide effort, please see page A5.

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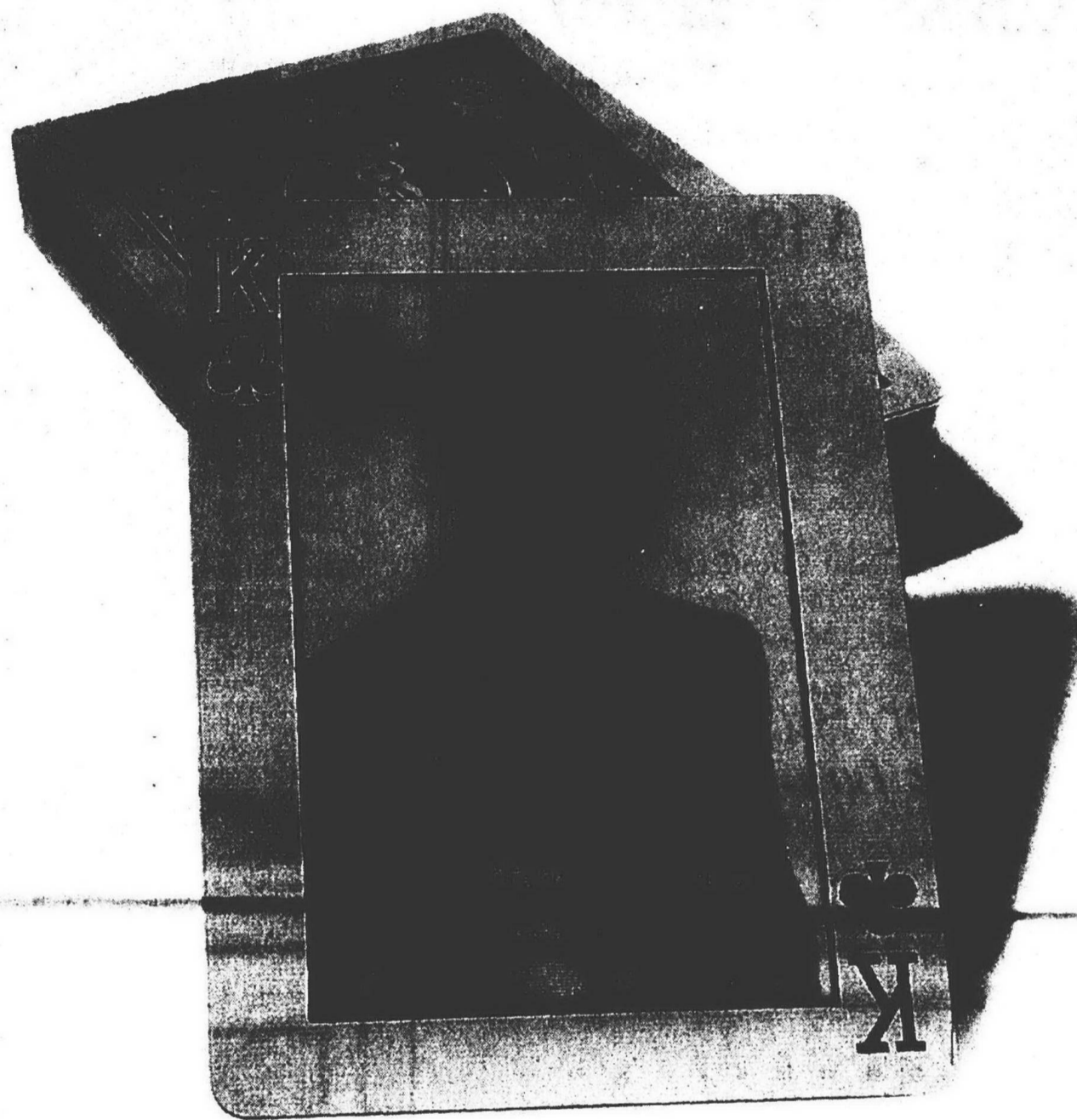
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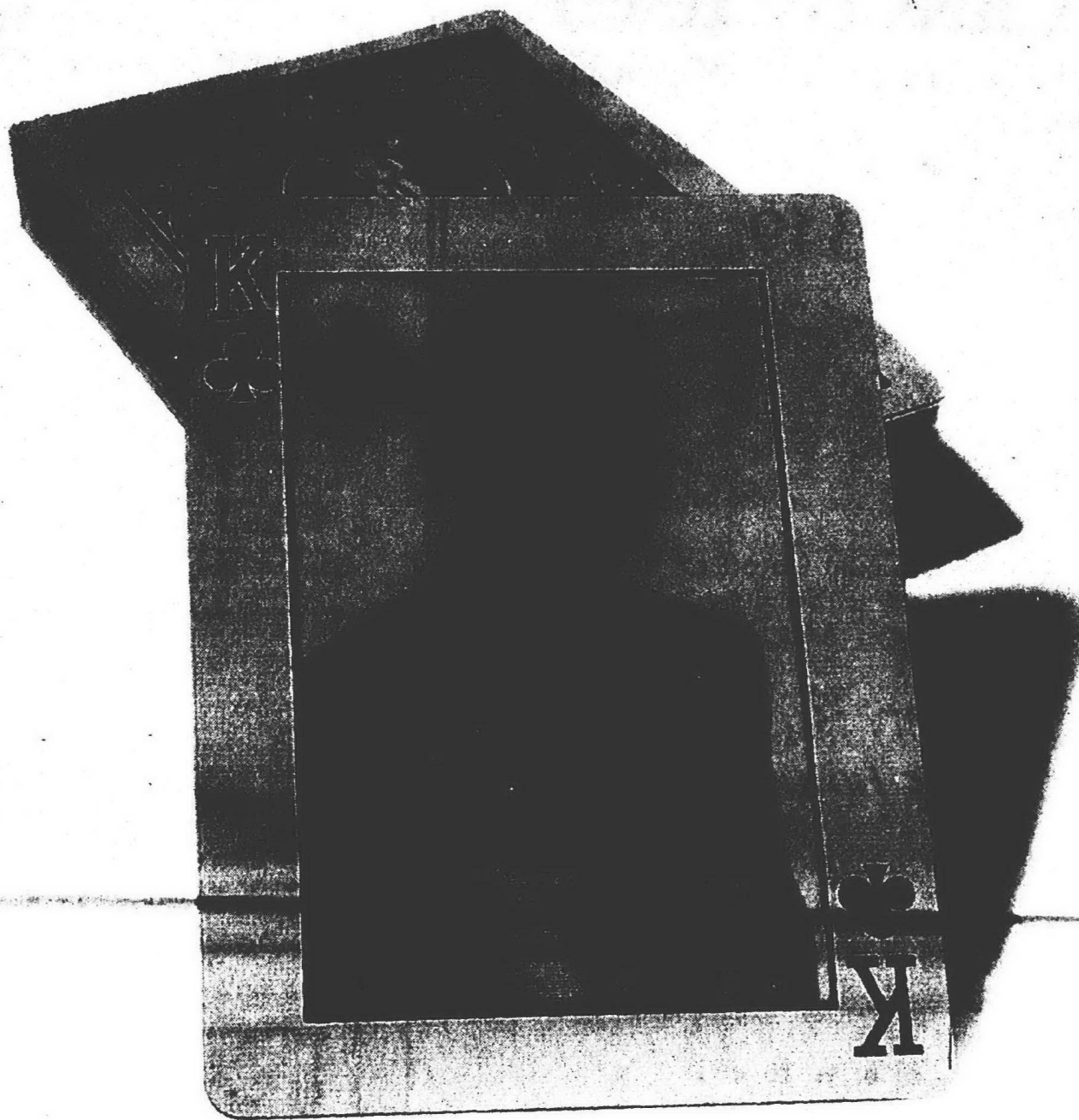
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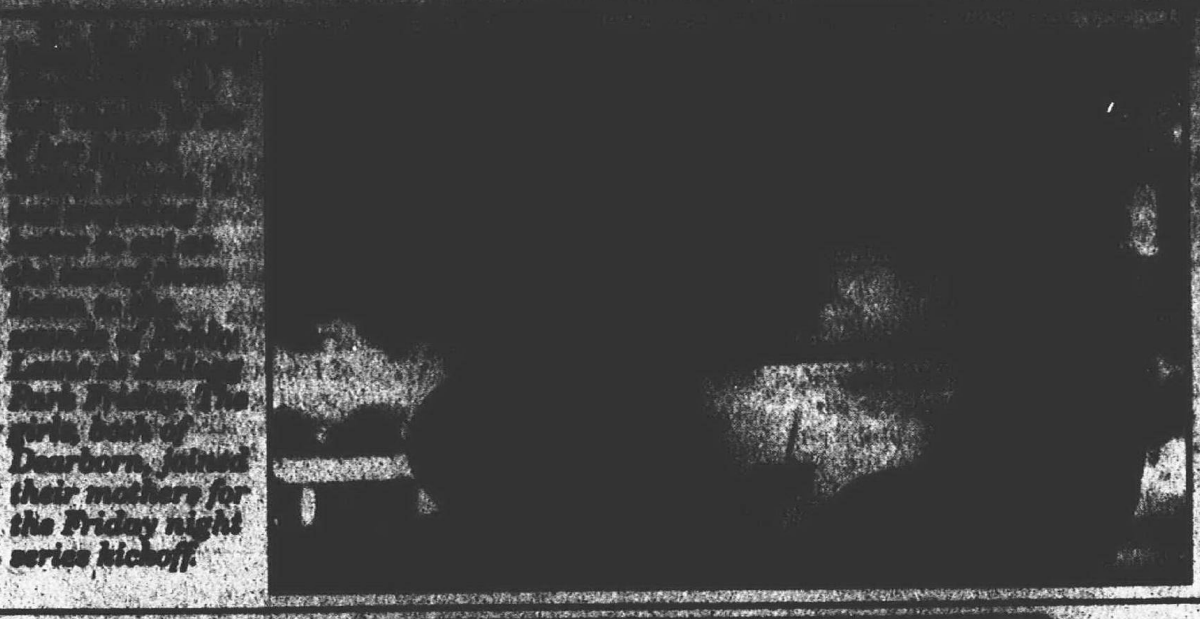
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Concert series jazzes up park

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Downtown Flymouth's Friday night jazz concert series began last week with Bobby Lewis & the Cracker Jack Band.

Friday, June 18, the Friday Night Jazz Band with Robert Neill and Mission Club with special guest Robert Jones of WDET.

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Geo to lure seniors to party

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What has become a part of the tradition for graduating seniors at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park for more than 30 years continues this Sunday.

Senior class parents are sponsoring the all-night graduation party at Salem High School, which begins at 9 p.m. and ends at 4 a.m. Students are locked in and aren't allowed to leave early, unless they're given permission by parents.

"And that hardly ever happens," said Sandy Fercho of Plymouth Township, who is co-chairperson of this year's event. "Parents don't usually let their kids leave early, and most kids don't want to leave. It's really a fun evening."

While the event is generally attended by almost all the seniors from the two high schools, Fercho said this year they are making it more tempting.

"We are raffling off a Metro Geo car from Lou LaRiche

Chevrolet," she said. "Some senior is going to ride away in a \$10,000 car."

Tickets for the party are \$25. Students will be able to dance, play games, participate in karaoke and Vegas-style gambling, eat all night and win prizes.

The Adults Only Sneak Preview will be held from 7-7:45 p.m. Sunday evening at Plymouth Salem High School.

Fercho expects a thousand students and nearly 400 adult volunteers at the party.

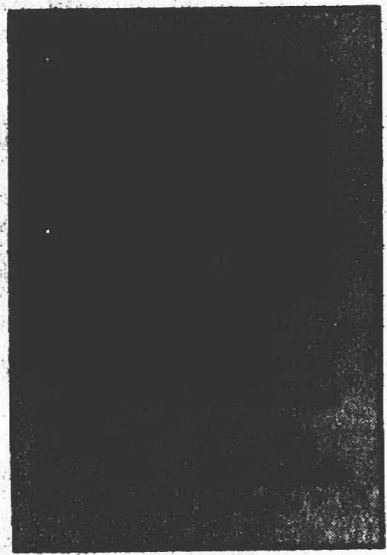
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seniors were let out 15 minutes earlier than the underclassmen.

Salem High School Principal Gerald Ostoin noted that despite some manure put on the bridge between schools, and some profanity spray painted on the pavement, the day went as planned. Canton police reported no tickets or arrests were issued.

"I couldn't be happier," said Ostoin. "Everything has gone extremely well. The kids took charge and did the job for us. I hope we can start a new tradition with the dance."

Inside the Salem cafeteria there were about a hundred students watching a slide show of their senior year, with a disc jockey blaring music in the background.



Crystal Kelley, a Plymouth Township senior, who in the past has been hit with shaving cream and chocolate syrup. "I think it will take a while for the dance to become a new tradition."

Parents who helped keep watch inside the school were glad to see a much calmer-than-usual seniors' last day.

"I think it's much nicer for the kids to be watching a slide show than being outside and massaging each other with shaving cream," said Patty Strops of Plymouth Township, who remembers the tradition when she attended high school. "I think they're really enjoying themselves."

School officials say they'll implement the same security plan next Thursday, the last day of classes for underclassmen.

"I think this is a safer alternative than the shaving cream, which just got out of hand," said

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Rescue team: Dawn Rezin 16, Ashley Hewett, 15, and Erin Gavle, 16, pull a shopping cart from the Rouge River Saturday at Botsford Park in Livonia during Rouge Rescue '99. Hundreds of volunteers spent their morning pulling debris from the river at several sites in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties.

A River's Day

Hundreds of volunteers gather to clean up debris at area sites

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Kick out the jams, indeed. The Rouge River flowed a little more freely this week after Friends of the Rouge volunteers and others — perhaps taking their cue from the famous song by Detroit's legendary MC5 rock band — broke up numerous logjams during Saturday's Rouge Rescue '99.

Among the Observer communities in the 48 which comprise the Rouge River Basin, Livonia, Redford and Westland were the leaders in the Rescue, which began cleaning up Rouge pollution in 1986.

Some 106 Livonia volunteers — twice the number in each of the last three years, according to Rouge coordinator Sharon Sabat — filled three 30-cubic-yard Dumpsters with logs, grocery carts and other refuse.

Redford's total of 65 volunteers and township employees filled almost two 30-yard dumpsters with the logs from two big jams and Westland's

175 volunteers more than filled a 40-yard dumpster with debris that included some 25 shopping carts.

Each community usually has twice as many volunteers.

Except for Livonia, Observer communities had fewer volunteers than previously, but overall, the 2,000-plus from all 48 communities was "about average," according to John Bingham, director of public involvement projects for Friends of the Rouge.

Bingham said the good weather, with its blue skies and temperatures near 80 degrees, plus free T-shirts, food and publicity helped the cleanup effort.

For the first time, the Rescue was part of River Day 1999, which involved four southeast Michigan river-stewardship groups, said Bingham, noting participants enjoyed the various River Day activities. He predicted more such programming.

In Canton Township, youngsters and their parents participated in an "aesthetic stream survey" and built birdhouses that are to be installed along the Rouge.

"It was a real good turnout," Steve Shaw, project coordinator, said of the roughly 100 residents and township employees who turned out.

In the aesthetic survey, youngsters took photos of the river, noted the water's color, odor, wildlife and debris and caught insects. Additionally, a number of storm drains were stenciled and logjams

"We were very, very successful this year. We're hoping in the next couple of years we won't have to do this."

*Sharon Sabat
—Livonia site coordinator*

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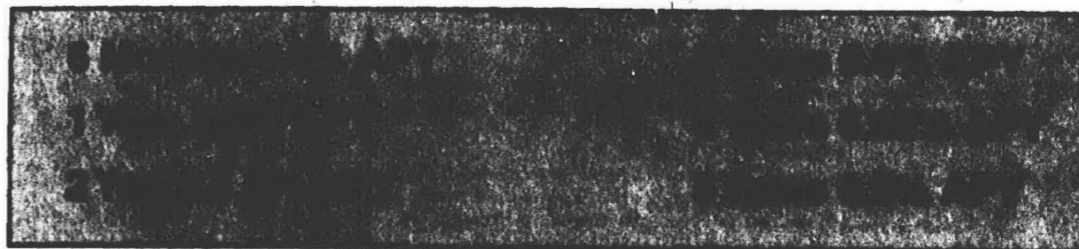
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planning a good evaluation tool, and trust. Change is difficult. "I don't feel personally attacked," added Blanner. "I think they're concerned about the philosophy of the board."

Meloney, a Vision executive, isn't apologetic for running the district like a business. "We need to be aware that we're facing competition," said Meloney. "Like it or not, charter schools are coming. Changes make people uneasy, but it doesn't mean we don't face up to it."

The MEA's A-2 Coordinating Council is made up of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, which represents teachers; the Plymouth-Canton Paraprofessional Association; the Plymouth-Canton Custodial/Maintenance Association; and the Alternative Adult Education

Union, for teachers at Starkweather.

Volunteers will meet a phone bank on Saturday and Sunday, reminding members who live in the district to get out and vote.

"This is a much more concerted effort than we've had in the past," said Plymouth-Canton Education Association President Chuck Portelli. "Our members want to become more politically active."

The unions will also send out post cards to MEA members who live in Plymouth and Canton, reminding them to vote, Portelli said.

"A lot of this has to do with the lack of a contract for administrators for nearly three years," said Portelli. "On the merit pay discussion, all we got from the board was that it's good for you."

It is correct, but you don't necessarily like it.

"Our members feel it's time for a change and a new direction," added Portelli. "The district isn't a Fortune 500 company producing widgets. We develop kids."

Both Gilles, president of the Paraprofessional Association, echoes Portelli's assessment. "The board wants everything run like Ford Motor Co.," added Gilles. "We're not producing cars, we're modeling children. That's a big difference."

While agreeing with his union counterparts, the president of the Custodial/Maintenance Association has concerns about the outsourcing of work.

"The incumbent candidates said they weren't in favor of privatization of services now, but

they would have to see if it might save money in the future," said Tom Pincock. "We're not happy about even considering privatization."

Irene Ras, president of the new Alternative Adult Education Union for teachers at Starkweather, said they've been working on a contract for their newly formed union for eight months. "We want to be recognized by the district, but there's been no movement," said Ras. "Maybe a new direction on the board will help that along."

The school district offices at 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth will be open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 13, for residents who want to vote absentee or turn in absentee ballots. Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, June 14.

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TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 14, 1999.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the regular school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2002.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

Carrie Blanner Michael J. Maloney
Steve Gule Mark Stevens

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 11, 1999.

SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Schoolcraft Community College, Michigan, will be held at the same time and at the same voting places as the regular school election on Monday, June 14, 1999, and will be conducted by the same school officials for those electors of the Community College District residing in this school district.

At the Regular Biennial Election there will be elected two (2) members for the office of Community College District Trustee for full terms of six (6) years ending June 30, 2001.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

Gregory Stempson
Patricia L. Watson

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 11, 1999.

- SIX YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2)**
- Michael Novak Gregory Stempson
Richard Reame Patricia L. Watson
- Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 11, 1999.
- THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**
- PRECINCT NO. 1**
Voting Place: Central Middle School. The first precinct consists of all of the City Precinct No. 2 and all of City Precinct No. 3.
- PRECINCT NO. 2**
Voting Place: Callison Elementary School. The second precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 10 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 11.
- PRECINCT NO. 3**
Voting Place: Ishler Elementary School. The third precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 5, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 9, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 14.
- PRECINCT NO. 4**
Voting Place: East Middle School. The fourth precinct consists of all of City Precinct No. 1 and all of City Precinct No. 4.
- PRECINCT NO. 5**
Voting Place: Allen Elementary School. The fifth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 3, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 4, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 10.
- PRECINCT NO. 6**
Voting Place: West Middle School. The sixth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 12, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 15, and all the territory of the school district located in Salem Township.
- PRECINCT NO. 7**
Voting Place: Farred Elementary School. The seventh precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 1, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 2, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 5, and all the territory of the school district located in Northville Township.
- PRECINCT NO. 8**
Voting Place: Flag Elementary School. The eighth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 3, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 6.
- PRECINCT NO. 9**
Voting Place: Miller Elementary School. The ninth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 4 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 12.
- PRECINCT NO. 10**
Voting Place: Halden Elementary School. The tenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 7, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 13, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 24.
- PRECINCT NO. 11**
Voting Place: Brillman Elementary School. The eleventh precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 9 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 14.
- PRECINCT NO. 12**
Voting Place: Field Elementary School. The twelfth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 5 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 15.
- PRECINCT NO. 13**
Voting Place: Canton High School. The thirteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 8 all of Canton Township Precinct No. 25, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 26, and all the territory of the school district located in Superior Township.
- PRECINCT NO. 14**
Voting Place: Hill Elementary School. The fourteenth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 1 and Plymouth Township Precinct No. 11.
- PRECINCT NO. 15**
Voting Place: Brown Elementary School. The fifteenth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 6, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 13, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 22.
- PRECINCT NO. 16**
Voting Place: Duke Elementary School. The sixteenth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 11 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 11.
- PRECINCT NO. 17**
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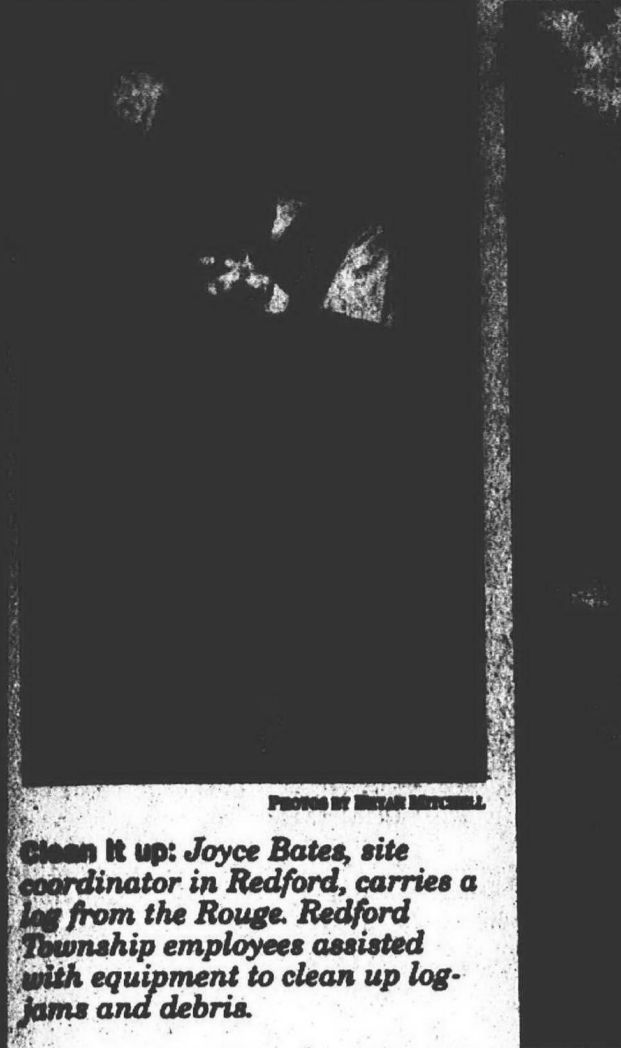
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SMART, DDOT work toward coordinating bus routes, operations

By Dan Armstrong
Herald Staff Writer

The Detroit Department of Transportation and the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation continue to work toward coordinating regional transportation systems.

Whether they merge remains to be seen, but the Big Four — Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Peterson and Macomb County Board of Commissioners Chairman John Hertel — believe they have made strides toward coordinating routes.

They outlined their progress over last weekend's legislative conference of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce on Mackinac Island and reached an agreement to work toward a single regional mass transportation system. They will meet four times a year, including the next meeting in July.

"We're making a little progress in public transportation," said McNamara. "We all recognize we

have to try to make this thing move.

"We all agree if a merger makes sense, then we'll move toward that."

SMART and DDOT have completed the following activities over the past year:

- SMART and DDOT expect to start using a new linehaul scheduling software in September to improve connections between the systems at locations where two or more routes intersect;
- Both are improving radio systems and installing Automatic Vehicle Locators. The AVL system will allow dispatchers to communicate with both DDOT and SMART drivers;
- Both systems are working with the Michigan Department of Transportation and Southeast Michigan Council of Governments in a bus stop identification project, so that bus stops will be coded into a computer mapping system. That system is designed to improve scheduling, customer information and transit planning. SEMCOG and MDOT can use data for regional

"We all recognize we have to try to make this thing move."

Edward McNamara
—county executive

planning;

- Both systems will seek "Access to Jobs" money from the Federal Transit Administration for routes to connect Detroiters to suburban jobs;
- Both systems have a reciprocal fare agreement that allows for joint tickets, system pass and transfers.

The leaders updated the conference just days after the state House approved a new transportation budget endorsed by Gov. John Engler that would cut aid to 1997 levels, which would cost the systems millions. SMART receives about \$32 mil-

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Tax phaseout draws criticism from Dems

Engler: It's time to cut costs of doing business

By Dan Malachuk
Herald Staff Writer

Often referred to as the "small business tax" and disliked by Michigan companies since its inception back in the 1970s, the state's Single Business Tax may soon be on track for complete elimination.

State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, and Gov. John Engler announced plans last week of a three-bill package that would cut the SBT by a tenth of a percent each year, eventually phasing it out altogether in 23 years.

But the move brought strong objection from House Democrats.

Originally, the House Tax Policy Committee, which Cassis

chairs, had been considering phasing the SBT rate. But the committee instead reported out bills calling for its total elimination.

The main bill in the package, House Bill 4785, was passed 61-45 by representatives.

"The plan is a job booster," Cassis said. "We are giving a strong incentive for companies to invest in Michigan, translating into more jobs and continued economic growth for residents ... Our state economy is hampered under the Single Business Tax. It can only skyrocket once the SBT is fully dissolved."

Gov. Engler echoed the sentiment. "Michigan has stood alone since 1976 in its approach to business taxation — the year the SBT went into effect. Now, Michigan will stand alone again ... It's time to cut the costs of doing business and, over time, eliminate the primary cost of providing jobs. This will be a major new incentive for investment. We will make Michigan more competitive and attract

thousands of new, high-paying jobs to Michigan," he said.

House Democrats were sharply critical of the plan.

"Individuals, families and small businesses got nothing but a back door tax increase from the House Republicans," House Democratic Leader Michael Hanley, D-Saginaw, said. "I don't know how Republicans can get home and look their constituents in the eyes without feeling ashamed of themselves."

The Republicans have rushed through a big giveaway to big business, nothing more. Democrats continue to hold out hope for responsible business tax relief which helps small businesses grow and supports employees and their families. We will support tax breaks to lower the cost of health care, child care and retirement benefits for employers. We will support exempting more small businesses from paying the Single Business Tax. What Democrats will not support is allowing

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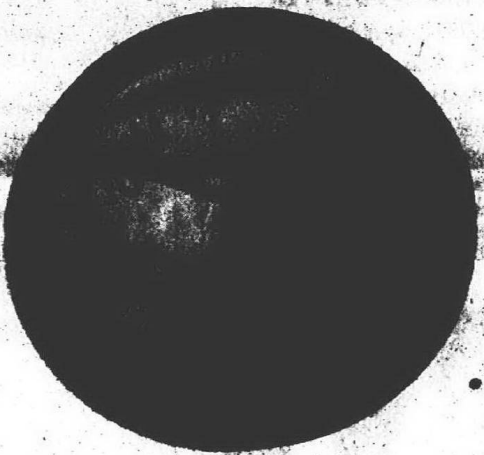
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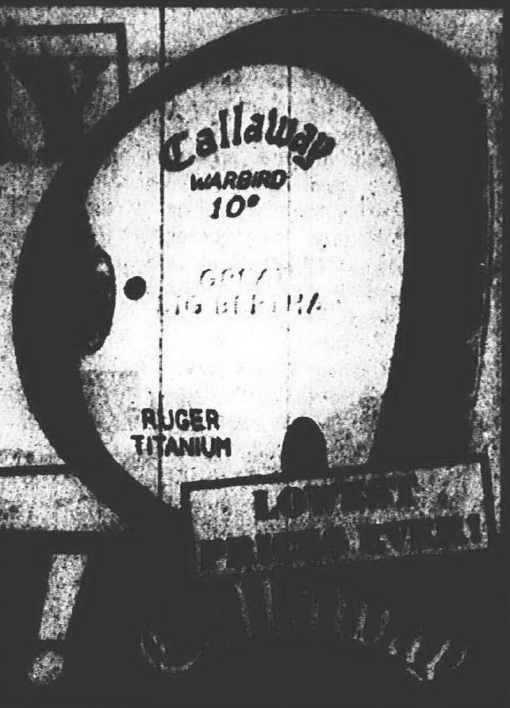
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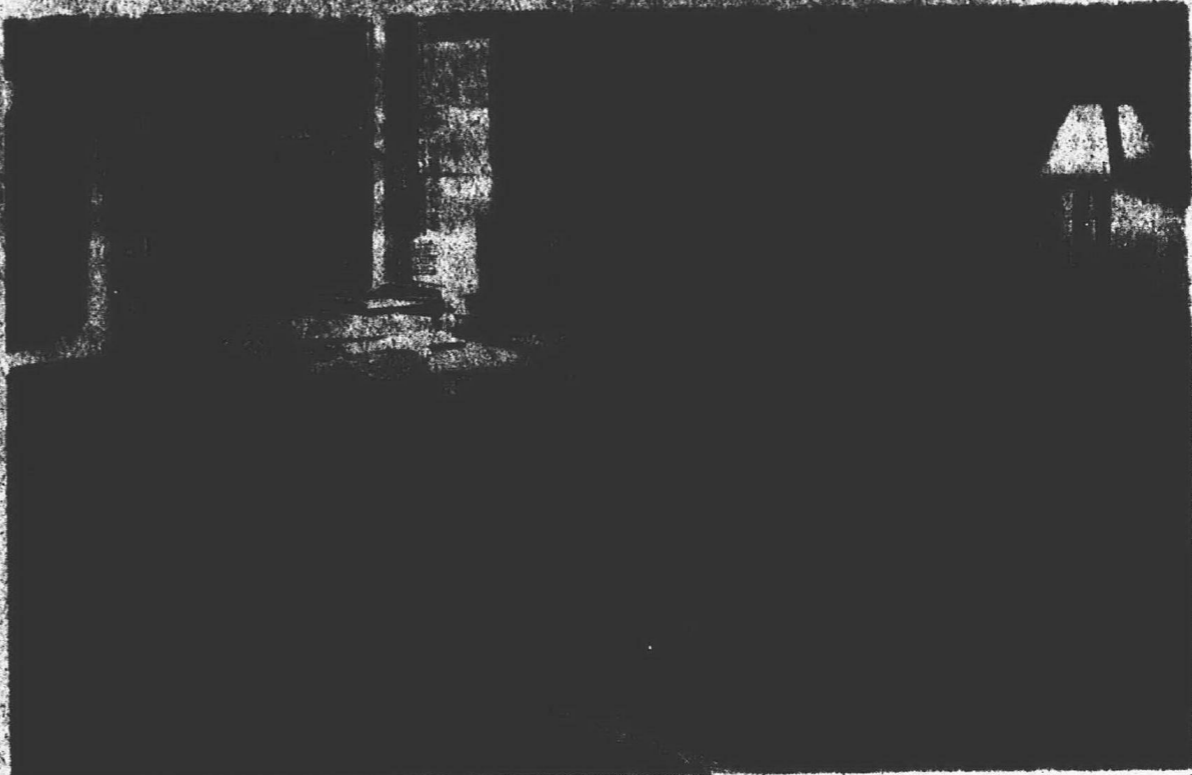
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CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE
 COMMUNITY PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON,
 WASHINGTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Act 189 of the Public Acts of 1967 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Commission's Plan of the Charter Township of Canton and the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 12, 1999 at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 E. Canton Center Road at 7:30 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

CANTON TOWNSHIP FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT CONSIDER AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL FOR PART OF PARCEL NO. 141 00 0020 0020. Property is located on the south side of Michigan Avenue between Lotz and Hansen Roads.

Services for Jack E. Dobbe, 68, of Plymouth, were June 10 in the Schermer-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Dr. James Skimmie officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

He was born May 17, 1930, in Plymouth. He died June 2 in Novi. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1948. He played football, baseball, and basketball. He was captain of the football team. He graduated from the University of Michigan.

Survivors include his mother, Henrietta (Hondorp) Dobbe of Arizona; wife, Margery E. of Plymouth; two daughters, Janet and Cheryl; one son, Paul; two granddaughters, Julie and Megan; and seven grandchildren.

Services for Julia T. Kawoosi, 74, of Garden City were June 8 in St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.

She was born Feb. 22, 1925, in Detroit. She died June 4 in Westland Convalescent Home. She worked for Ford Motor Company.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister. Survivors include her daughter, Carol Chanler of Canton; one son, Thomas Kawoosi; one sister, Agnes; two brothers, Pete and Walter; and two grandchildren.

Services for Margaret A. Kopech, 88, of Canton were June 9 in St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

She was born Jan. 5, 1910, in Harbors, Okla. She died June 4 at Angela Hospice. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hipolite Kopech. Survivors include her two daughters, Delores M. and

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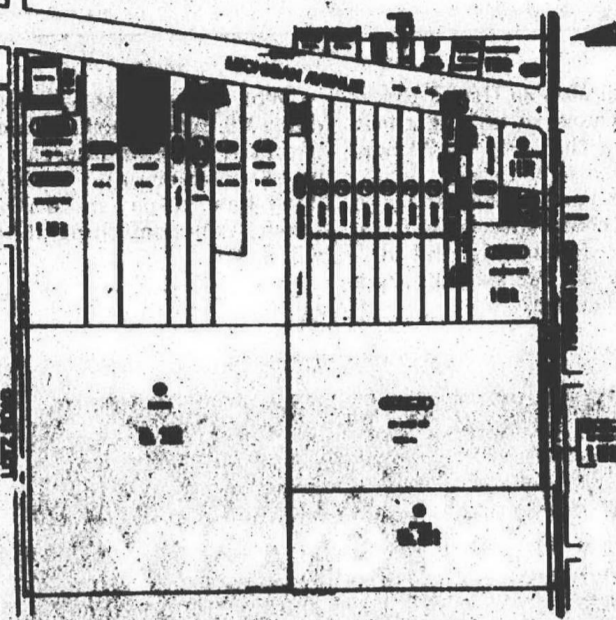
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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Public Hearing on July 12, 1999

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Public Hearing on July 12, 1999

Benjamin Nelson of Plymouth was among 36 students that have been awarded the Guardian Educational Scholarship for the 1999-2000 school year by the Guardian Industries Educational Foundation.

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She was born Jan. 5, 1910, in Harbors, Okla. She died June 4 at Angela Hospice. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hipolite Kopech. Survivors include her two daughters, Delores M. and

Services for Joseph J. Jacet, of Canton were June 10 in the Schermer-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Dr. James Skimmie officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

He was born May 17, 1930, in Plymouth. He died June 2 in Novi. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1948. He played football, baseball, and basketball. He was captain of the football team. He graduated from the University of Michigan.

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McNamara promotes medical examiner's staff

A former assistant medical examiner has been chosen to be the deputy chief medical examiner, while a former investigator also was promoted.

Dr. Carl Schmidt was named by Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara to be the deputy chief medical examiner. Eunice Howard, a former medical examiner's office investigator and a 26-year veteran of the Detroit Police Department, was promoted to director of administration.

"Both Dr. Schmidt and Eunice Howard have clearly demonstrated advanced technical skills and leadership qualities," McNamara said. "We are fortunate to have personnel with their experience and integrity at our facility."

Born in Cali, Colombia, Schmidt received his medical degree in 1981 from Universidad Anahuac in Mexico City. Schmidt was familiar with the United States because his family vacationed there often and made a permanent move to the States in 1984 when he began a general surgery residency in New Jersey.

"I was thinking of being a surgeon, but then I didn't like medicine as a full-time activity," said Schmidt.

After working in neurobiology, the 41-year-old pathologist, trained in anatomic and clinical pathology at the Medical College



Dr. Carl Schmidt



Eunice Howard

of Ohio in Toledo.

Schmidt decided to try forensic pathology, a branch of pathology that investigates how and why people die. He trained at the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office in 1994. In 1995, he was hired as an assistant medical examiner.

Schmidt is concerned about the problem of child abuse. "Children are defenseless. Having children of my own (two boys, 7 and 9) makes it hard for me to understand how that can happen."

Howard, a Detroit resident, has worked in all facets of law

enforcement throughout her career. Howard said she looks forward to the challenges of guiding one of the nation's finest and busiest medical examiner's offices.

Cassandra Smith Gray, director of the County's Health and Community Services Department, where the Medical Examiner's Office is one of 11 divisions, is pleased with the appointment.

"Eunice has investigated hundreds of medical examiner's cases and has a superb working knowledge of the inner workings

of the office. Her appointment demonstrates Wayne County's ongoing effort to employ and promote highly trained staff at the Medical Examiner's office."

The Medical Examiner's office employs 52 people, the fifth busiest office in the nation. The office handles an average of 10-12 deaths a day, or about 3,500 to 4,000 annually.

By law, the county medical examiner investigates the cause and manner of death in all cases where there has been a violent death, or a person whose death is unexpected or under a suspicious circumstance. Autopsies and inspections are to be performed within 24 hours of the office receiving the body.

Air show begins June 26

/PRNewswire/ -- Tactical demonstrations by two current airplanes -- the F-14 Tomcat and the F-16 Fighting Falcon -- highlight military participation in the 1999 Air Show June 26 and 27 at Willow Run Airport.

The U.S. Army Golden Knights are also well represented as they illustrate precision parachuting. Adding a new military presence to this year's Air Michigan are the Nicorette-NicoDerm CQ Sky-toppers, flying 1940's SN3-2 Navy fighter planes.

The U.S. Navy's F-14 demonstration will show the capabilities of the venerable F-14 Tomcat. The F-14 Tomcat is a supersonic, two-place,

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Survey: Seniors should renew drivers' licenses more often

/PRNewswire/ -- A new national survey reveals Americans would support a law requiring drivers 70 and older to renew drivers' licenses more often.

According to the survey, conducted by Farmers Insurance Group, 75 percent of the respondents would support the type of legislation currently being introduced in many states, while 21 percent would not.

Drivers 75 years and older have a higher rate of fatal motor vehicle crashes per mile driven than drivers in any other age group except teenagers, accord-

ing to an analysis by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

"Most senior drivers understand the need for extra caution as they age. Reflexes may not be as sharp as they once were," says Diane Tasaka, director of corporate communications for Farmers Insurance Group. "Our study shows that many Americans, including the elderly, support initiatives that would make roads safer for older drivers."

The survey revealed that nearly half of all respondents have a family member who is 70 or older and still driving.

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Incumbents are best choices

Voters in the Schoolcraft College district will decide June 14 who will oversee a \$25.7 million budget, evaluate a college president who oversees the school's departments, oversee the college's operations and sometimes future contract negotiations with the college's four unions.

The college's district includes the school districts of Clarencoville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi. Voters will choose two out of four candidates—Michael Novak, Richard Reaume, Gregory Stempfen and Patricia Watson—to serve the next six years.

It is a strong field with all candidates displaying qualities that would serve the college's district well. The trustee position is unpaid, so it takes a commitment of time from board members to serve.

We believe the two incumbents—Greg Stempfen and Patricia Watson—are the best choices.

Watson, a forensic and clinical psychologist at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti, has served as the board chair since 1995. The Northville resident was appointed to the board in 1991 and was elected to a six-year term in 1998.

Watson is knowledgeable about the college and educational trends. Watson is respected by her colleagues as she has retained the board chair. Watson asks fair questions of President Dick McDowell at the board meetings. She appears even-handed in leading the board meetings.

Stempfen, an attorney who has a law practice in Livonia and resides in Northville, was appointed last January to the board to fill a

vacancy. That seat must be filled in Tuesday's election.

Stempfen brings a good legal mind to the board. He doesn't shy away from asking questions about the budget or capital expenses. When something doesn't sit right with him, he isn't afraid to suggest a solution. Stempfen recently suggested the board have its attorney review language changes in a separation of church and state policy, which is what the board did.

While we believe the incumbents are the best choices, the challengers also are strong candidates.

Richard Reaume of Plymouth has been impressive with his efforts to inform himself about the Schoolcraft budget and state laws governing community colleges.

Besides Stempfen, Michael Novak is the only candidate who interviewed with the board last year for the board vacancy who returned this year to run. That indicates that Novak is serious about his candidacy and shows his desire and persistence. Novak has vowed to resign his teaching position at Radcliff, where he says he hears firsthand the concerns of students and instructors.

Whoever is elected, trustees should push college administrators to promote the college more at the high schools, particularly with a heightened presence in Canton. Canton has grown by leaps and bounds, and the college should actively pursue that growing area for students, scholarship money and business partners.

As with all board elections, voters should inform themselves about the candidates before Monday's election.



LETTERS

Time for a change

I would like to address these remarks to all those in our community who care about the future of education in Plymouth-Canton.

At this very moment the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education faces challenges that will have far-reaching implications:

- The appointment of an interim superintendent to guide the district through the planning and building of new elementary, middle, and high schools in addition to overseeing the hiring and monitoring of 150 new teachers by August 2000.

- The hiring of a permanent superintendent who will inspire confidence and respect from the employees, students, parents, residents, and businesses of our community and who will be responsible for continuing the tradition of excellence that has long been a hallmark of our schools.

- The development of a strategy to see that our local schools are properly supported in terms of both funding and citizen involvement.

Is our present leadership on the board of education up to these challenges? As a member of the Long Range Planning Committee, a member of the New High School Planning Committee, a PCEA building representative, an observer at every school board meeting, a veteran teacher, a 22-year resident, and parent of two children presently attending Plymouth-Canton schools and one graduate, I have grown increasingly concerned. Consider the following:

- Morale among employee groups is at an alarmingly low level. Central administration is viewed as untrustworthy, insensitive, coercive.

- Recommendations on educational issues by staff have been routinely ignored. Despite pleas from PCEP teachers, President Mike Maloney refused to consider a workshop meeting to study serious concerns raised about the plans for the third high school.

- District learning specialists and parents recently appeared before the board to convince them not to eliminate half of these positions, which would have placed NCA accreditation of our elementary schools in jeopardy.

- Lawsuits against the district and the relating settlements have been numerous and costly.

- Information was recently provided to the board by member Roland Thomas which

showed that the district will not have the funds to open the third high school. Nonetheless, the board is moving ahead the plans.

- Numerous administrators and employees have recently left the central office jobs in other districts: Dave Ridwell, director of Research and Technology, LuAnn Grech, director of Transportation, Donna Aveck, director of Instructional Technology, etc.

- Our district's dedicated principals have been working without a contract for almost two years. In frustration, many are looking for new jobs. Barb Church, principal of Central Middle School, is the most recent administrator to resign. Others are likely to follow. Still, President Mike Maloney and Secretary Carrie Blamer support the board's present negotiations. How many more devoted people will our district have to lose?

- Citizens who attend board meetings often leave angry and frustrated after waiting up to three hours to address the board. President Maloney, however, recently suggested enforcing a limit on citizen's comments as a way of shortening meetings.

- Last week, petitions were presented to the board representing over 2,500 parents, students, and teachers, imploring them to preserve the park concept and re-think their plans for the third high school. As it has happened time and again, there was no response from the board.

I, for one, do not find the present state of affairs to be acceptable. For the last four years, candidates Mike Maloney and Carrie Blamer have served on the board of education. Is our school district better today than it was four years ago? Clearly, it's time for a change. That's why, on June 14, I will be voting for Steve Guile and Mark Slavens, recommended candidates of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association.

It's time for a change. It's overdue.

Cynthia Burnstein
Plymouth

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Gun bill is irresponsible

The shattering news out of Littleton, Colo., has had a sobering effect. In the United States Congress and in state legislatures across the country, concern about the easy accessibility of weapons has led to consideration of stricter gun control laws. Except in Michigan.

The state Legislature has with unconscionable speed and a reckless disregard for the public interest moved to pass "shall issue" concealed weapons bills in the House and Senate that will make it easier for residents to obtain guns.

Under current law, a person must prove need before a county gun board to obtain a concealed gun permit. Under the proposed legislation, boards must issue permits unless a person has been convicted of a felony, had a history of mental illness or drunk driving convictions. The proposal also increases the minimum age from 18 to 21.

The legislation is currently in conference to iron out differences between the Senate and House versions. The major difference in the two proposals concerns the creation of gun free zones and the makeup of the board.

The Republicans are already beginning to reconsider. This past weekend at the GOP's conference on Mackinac Island, Gov. Engler signaled that the bill will not be coming to him anytime soon. He said it will be at least fall before it comes to a vote.

The proposed legislation has placed the governor in an awkward position. The majority of legislators in his party have voted in favor of these measures, but public sentiment and national momentum are moving in the opposite direction. A poll in last Tuesday's Detroit News shows that 60 percent of voters agree

that need should be proven to obtain a concealed weapon permit and 66 percent agree that there will be an increase in accidental and intentional shootings if more people have the right to carry concealed weapons.

Engler is also faced with having to answer for the speed with which these proposals were pushed through the Legislature and the hyper-ventilated rhetoric of their sponsors, Rep. Mike Green, R-Mayville, and, especially, Sen. David Jaye, R-Washington Township.

The rush to pass this legislation suggests that the gun lobby in this state has an undue influence over GOP legislators, even in the face of strong public opposition.

Jaye has often suffered from engaging his mouth long before his brain has a chance to catch up. But his comments about arming everyone as a deterrent to "crime" reach a new level of insensitivity and cynicism. Unfortunately, most shootings involve relatives, friends and neighbors—not unknown assailants. It is the presence of guns that often turn dangerous, angry situations into deadly ones.

The "right to bear arms" is a complex issue with a complex history. In Michigan, which has a long history of sports shooting, responsible gun ownership is part of the state's heritage.

But this bill is an irresponsible endangerment to the general public, unnecessary and in defiance of the wishes of the electorate.

We urge the governor to veto this legislation whenever it gets to his desk. Should Gov. Engler sign the legislation, we encourage the Law Enforcement Coalition to move ahead with their plan to gather petitions to put the issue on the ballot next year.

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Vote for Slavery

Encourage all your students to vote for the position of the candidate and vote in the June 16 Primary Election, Community School District.

We profess Mark Stevens. Mr. Stevens wants to prevent more equal rights for the district from the state of Michigan. (In fact, he has been working at this as the chairperson of Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding). He has severed communication between the school, administration, teachers, students and the public as critical. He is interested in input from the business community and wants to increase parental involvement in the schools. Finally, Mr. Stevens is committed to

small class size. Remember, your vote counts. Vote Monday, June 22!

Right to choose

An open letter to the parents of Plymouth-Canton High School students: The issue I am about to address will be of specific concern to the majority of community residents who presently have students at the high school educational park or those who plan to have students attend the Ply-

mouth-Canton High School. When a student is enrolled in the educational center of the high school, the parents have the right to choose the educational program for their child. They will have to choose between the traditional high school or the educational center. They will have to choose between the traditional high school or the educational center. They will have to choose between the traditional high school or the educational center.

At present, we try to make things for work, youth group activities, and recreation, we have to make sure to fit in physical education. We have regretfully not signed up our daughter (to enter ninth grade) for day band because of this problem. Our son will find it difficult to make summer employment and had

to get out of a church youth group. Also, our family could not sign up for family camp because of this problem.

I applied the administrative team and the Board of Education for the most serious of allowing substitution of half the physical education credit for participation in certain after-school activities. This will help -- but, in my opinion, it does not go far enough. If this provision is of concern to as many parents as I believe it is, with this vote the solution may be as near as their phone or word processor.

Let your opinion be known. It would not be difficult to resolve this problem. A few courageous come to school.

Do not limit the new substitution

policy for Phys. Ed. classes of high school.

I believe it is time to give high school students and their families a choice regarding their future. In the words of the great American author, "The way more knowledge is our responsibility to give our children the treatment they deserve." Please let your voice be heard regarding this matter.

Check the box for your opinion.

Check the box for your opinion.

Phones trump firearms when trouble comes calling

The problem with the debate in Lansing over concealed weapons is that it is based on some bad assumptions. Local gun control boards should not be able to deny you a permit to carry a concealed weapon without good cause, so the thinking goes, because no one should be able to deny you the right to protect yourself.

Well, there's myth No. 1, that a gun gives you "protection."

Let's see, if a mugger were to walk up to you, pull a gun and demand your wallet, are you really going to go for your gun? Do you really think you could reach into your jacket or purse, unstrap the holster, pull the gun, flip off the safety, rack a shell into the chamber, aim and fire, all in time to beat the mugger who only has to pull the trigger?

"Every scenario is different but it would be a rare case in which someone could use a gun to defend themselves from a rapist or a robber," Farmington Hills Police Chief



MIKE MALOTT

William Dwyer told me last week. "Police are trained in how to use their weapons, and officers are told that if someone has a gun on you, you do not go for your weapon."

OK, let's say a threatening-looking person approaches you and you pull your gun preemptively. That's called "brandishing," it's illegal and now you're in trouble with the law, Dwyer agreed.

Scenario No. 3: Let's say you do get your gun out somehow, do you think you could hit your target? District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie pointed out to me recently that in gun-fights, even trained people have trouble hitting their targets. Why? Terror, sheer terror.

This is not the firing range where a shooter can line up his sights and gently squeeze off a shot. No, people are shooting back, then diving for cover.

Your aiming technique will be more akin to point-and-shoot, or spray-and-pray. Dwyer argued bystanders might be in more danger than the gunfighters themselves.

And let's go one step further: Say you do get the first shot off and you hit your target. Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer has always argued to me that it is pure TV fiction that a suspect can be brought down, except in rare cases, with a single shot. Bullets go in like needles, he says. They don't knock you down. They don't throw you back or spin you around. And it takes a few seconds for them to have an effect. More than enough time for your target to take a few shots of his own.

Guns don't provide protection. At best, they make a counter threat (if

you try to hurt me, I'll hurt you back).

Even CCW "reform" proponent Rep. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) agrees that guns are thin self protection.

"Right, there are very few quick-draw specialists in our society anymore and we are not looking to encourage their return," Patterson said.

More likely, Patterson argues, any protection given by guns would come from bystanders who, when seeing a criminal prey on a victim, might intervene on the victim's behalf.

"Look, if I'm a lion on the savanna and I'm looking out over a herd of gazelle, I'm going to have a whole different attitude than if there is a likelihood that someone will be shooting at me. Perhaps I shouldn't even make that analogy," Patterson said.

Actually, his point is well taken. A predator looking for a victim will be less bold if there is a likelihood someone else, a third party, might inter-

vene on the victim's behalf.

And that's a point police officers well understand. The minute they think they're getting into a potentially dangerous situation, they call back to the dispatcher to send help. That way, they know that if they get into trouble, their cop pals are right behind them, arriving within minutes, to help them out.

A police officer's best defense isn't his or her gun, it's the radio.

If you are looking for intervention, a permit to carry a concealed weapon won't get that far you.

No, if it's self defense you are looking for, your best weapon these days is a cellular phone.

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Culture dog wagged by tail

My son, Nathan, and his friends finally got to see "The Phantom Menace," the Star Wars prequel, over the weekend. They'd tried several times, only to be defeated by persistently long lines and equally persistent poor planning.

It's not that they didn't know the movie was coming. The hype associated with its release certainly exceeded anything in my memory.

Star Wars candy, cereal and toothpaste at the supermarket! Star Wars dolls and models in the toy store! Star Wars coloring books at the book store! Star Wars this! Star Wars that! I swear I'll puke if I see yet another feature about Jar-Jar in the newspaper.

Musing on the dazzling mastery of commercialization now being exhibited by Twentieth Century Fox and Lucasfilm, I found myself thinking about the entertainment industry as a whole and why we have such a strong love-hate relationship with it.

Certainly, with increased disposable income and leisure time a predominant factor in today's society, the products of the entertainment industry have come to play a greater and greater role in our lives. Movies, TV, videos, computer games, music — the products of the industry pervade our days and nights, and especially those of our children.

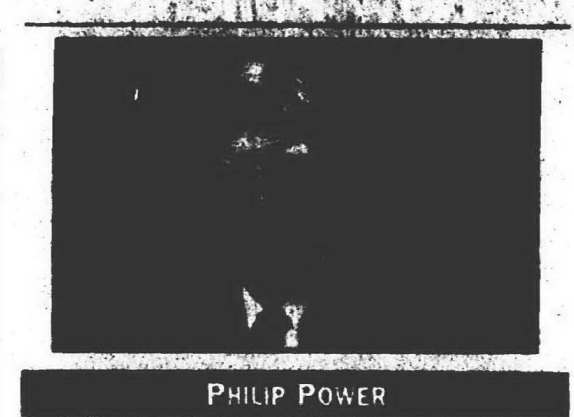
To a large degree, it is now the entertainment industry that creates and distributes American popular culture throughout our land and, as anybody who has traveled abroad recently knows full well, throughout the entire globe.

I suspect that's exactly what bothers folks about the nexus between the entertainment industry and our popular culture: How come a bunch of smart, talented people in LA or New York get to have such colossal influence over the culture which defines the world in which I and my family live?

In the old days (whenever that was), a society's culture got built up gradually, element by element, over time. The liturgy and the music of the Roman Catholic church might play a part. The visual images created by a Leonardo or the architecture of an individual master of the 18th century might be components. The words of a Winston Churchill or the phrasing of a Frank Sinatra might fill the interstices.

Societies would gradually build up a composite, constantly changing culture that expressed something about what the society stood for and how individuals related to that society. The process was kind of organic, uncontrolled, going on in all kinds of different ways.

A culture certainly was not the creation of a few smart people in LA or New York. And it certainly was not the consciously contrived product line of enormous corporations with profit as their central motive and the technological



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means to propagate their products worldwide. There lies the rub. Twentieth Century Fox — I use the company as an example, not as a sole practitioner — has at its disposal a battery of products, technologies and distribution tools literally unparalleled in human history. Television, videos, radio, tapes, computers — the entire panoply of modern distribution methods — know no boundary, encounter no limits, brook no resistance.

Moreover, Twentieth Century Fox has a clear profit motive involved in stimulating demand for its products. Not only has the company a business interest in maximizing the worldwide gate for "The Phantom Menace," but it exploits a network of licensing deals that both further spread the demand for the core product and bring extra income.

So instead of our culture being the evolutionary output of our society's unconscious process of sorting, discarding and retaining things, much of late 20th century American popular culture winds up as the composite product of a few powerful commercial enterprises driven largely by the profit motive.

No wonder so many people have such ambivalent feelings about the entertainment industry.

No wonder so many parents think the computer games their kids are playing are too violent, but they can't do anything about it. No wonder parents constantly gripe about their kids watching too much TV, but can't control what they see. No wonder learned psychologists are beginning to link violent behavior among kids to the amount of violence they see on TV or experience in computer games.

And no wonder so many people are so angry and feel so powerless in trying to assert their standards and their family's history in the face of such pervasive popular culture. That's why the culture wars are likely to be with us for a very, very long time.

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Think of it this way: The five communities in the area are growing at the rate of 1.5 percent a year. That's not much, but it adds up to a lot of new residents in the next 20 years.

Twenty-four percent more land in the region will be developed by the year 2020, according to the report.

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Father's Day gifts this Dad wants

I've been reading all these columns about Father's Day. You know, the ones that have headlines like "Make Father's Day special for dad" or "Pick the perfect gift for dad" or "Make dad feel special on his day."

The columns are usually written by women who sit around thinking up ideas such as:

"Pull together a 'House Treasure Hunt' with a prize at the end of the clues. Make your clues into rhymes. Each clue will bring him to a new location in the house until he eventually wins his gift."

Or: "Wrap his gift in newspaper or a brown grocery bag. You can decorate the bag with clippings from the sports page or a self-portrait."

Or: "Some dads may enjoy getting gag gifts. If your dad has expressed a desire for a red sports car, buy him a toy one similar to what he would like to own."

That's how I want to spend Father's Day: traipsing all around the house trying to figure out rhyming "clues" until I finally get to a package wrapped in a grocery bag with a sports page clipping attached and a Hot Wheels sports car inside.

I don't know where these women come up with their "ideas" for making Dad feel special, but it's obviously not from Dad. They seem to get ideas for

mixed up with what a 40-year-old father wants to do on Father's Day.

On the other hand, they deal in stereotypes: father as macho man.

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Well, I don't bowl. I don't play golf. I don't read the sports pages. I hate sports. And my favorite meal is probably something that I'd cook myself. Not that I want to spend Father's Day in the kitchen.

So I decided to do my own column on "How to make Dad happy on Father's Day." Here's how:

■ Mow the yard. Front and back. And don't forget to edge along the sidewalks.

■ Trim the shrubs. Those electric hedge clippers you gave him last year will make the job a lot easier.

■ Weed the garden. And while you're at it, use that string trimmer you gave him a couple of years ago to whack the weeds along the fence and around the trees.

■ You can extend the celebration into the week. Take the trash out to the curb on Tuesday night.

■ Vacuum upstairs and downstairs and dust like you are supposed to do anyway.

■ Sweep and mop the kitchen floor.

■ Empty the dishwasher. Put the clean dishes away (and in their proper places, please). Then load it up again with all those dirty dishes in the sink and on the counter.

■ Feed the cats.

■ Feed the dog.

■ Don't ask Dad to drive you to the mall. Don't ask him to drive you anywhere.

■ Don't ask him to drive to the store to buy you a magazine or a candy bar.

■ Don't complain that "There's never anything to eat in this house."

■ Don't ask for fast food for dinner.

■ Keep your stereo turned down enough that it only vibrates the walls of your room. If you really want to make him happy, keep your stereo turned off.

■ Don't tune the television to MTV while he's in the room.

GENEALOGY TREE

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Brigitte Frost was in the seventh grade when she got hooked on genealogy. Twenty years later, she keeps searching further and further back in time, finding relatives who have long been forgotten.

Every once in a while, the Plymouth resident comes up with a gem, like learning that her husband has a relative who was on the Mayflower.

Everyone who takes the genealogy path travels a different trail of stepping stones to his own past, the people who are responsible for who they are today. The exhilaration comes from finding records that catapult them backwards from generation to generation.

Frost started the search on her husband's side after his grandmother died and she realized that a valuable resource had been buried.

"That loss inspired me," said Frost, a member of the Western Wayne County Genealogical Society.

After four years and "a lot of lucky breaks" that included meeting a few of her husband's cousins on the Internet, Frost was making strides in learning about his family. The Plymouth Library also helped by providing her with 1860 census records for Oakland County.

"I'm making history more relevant for myself, for my children and stepson," she said.

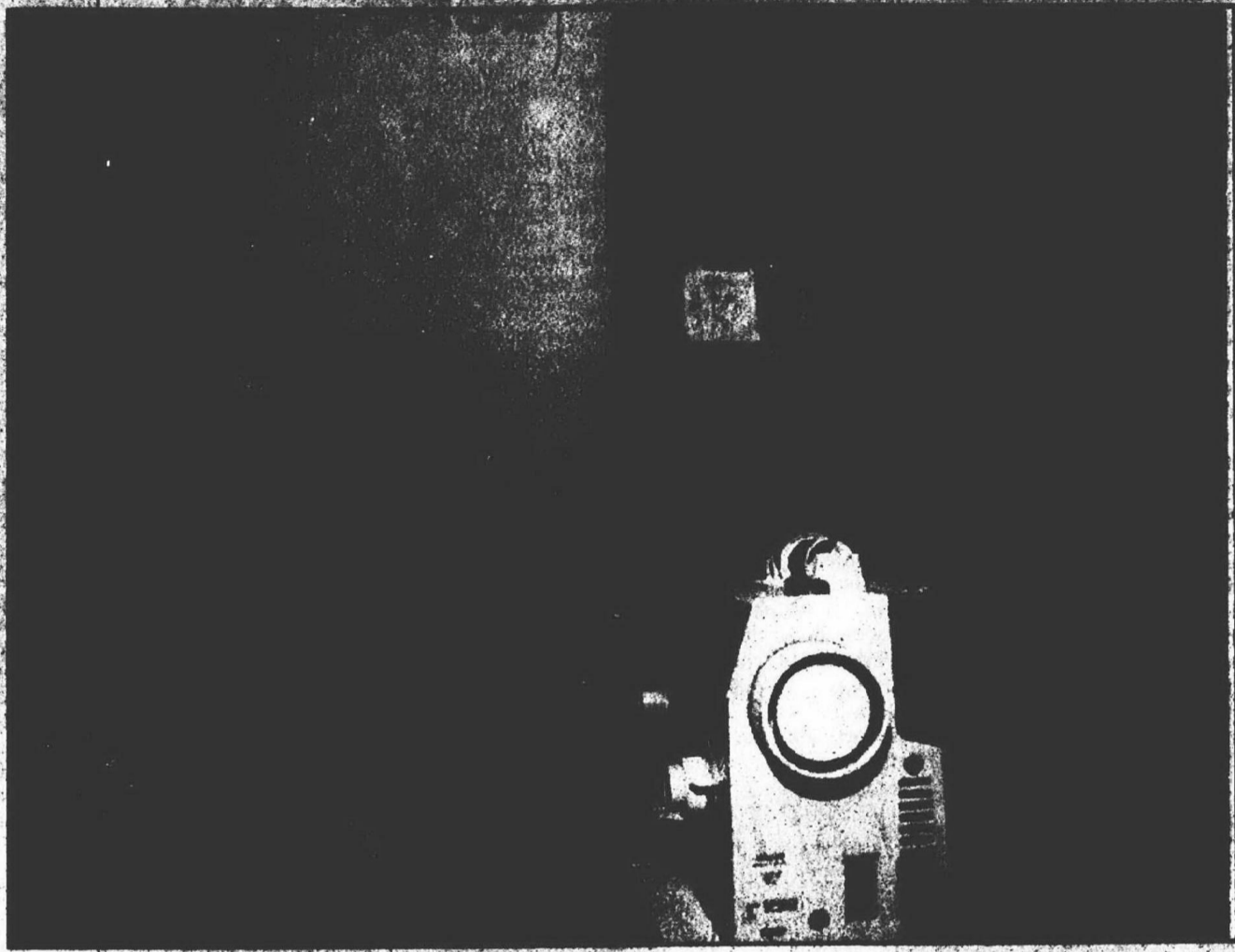
Her advice to beginners is simple: "Take advantage of all your living sources while you've got them."

the hobby has come in spurts. As a possible and traced her paternal family tree back to the 1600s.

Even though she works full-time as an assistant teacher with Dearborn Heights Montessori School, Frost said she always finds a way to squeeze in at least a little time for her favorite hobby.

"When I'm teaching my students history, genealogy has given me a different perspective," she added.

Getting involved



In stitches: In the process of researching her husband's family history, Brigitte Frost of Plymouth has started a genealogical quilt, complete with the family "tree" and family members' names.

Brigitte Frost, 34, stresses the importance of looking to the elders in families; it's just as crucial, she said, to get the younger generations involved.

"Try to involve your children," she said. "The projects I'm doing are aimed at them - making sure that it will be alive for someone else after I'm gone."

Her legacy has already begun. She recently gave her 6-year-old nephew a genealogy primer with pictures of

his ancestors. "The book started with him and worked backwards so he could understand how genealogy works," Frost explained.

She also started sewing a quilt with family pictures scanned on the fabric of the panels and an embroidered family tree as the cornerstone.

Introducing genealogy buffs like Frost to their ancestors is just part of an average day at work for Margaret Miesterfeld, a librarian with the

Family History Center at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Woodward in Bloomfield Hills.

Church members (Mormons) consider tracing their ancestors part of their mission and have the world's most detailed information about families. Anyone may use their libraries.

"We do not proselytize in library; we are simply helping people find their ancestors," Miesterfeld said. "We love our family, and we believe

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Vital records is place to start searching your 'roots'

To get started tracing your family tree, gather all your own vital records, suggests Jan Lexja, president of the Western Wayne Genealogical Society.

Then start with your parents' names, birth dates and when they came to the United States. Always try to get the actual certificate, because it might have additional information on it.

"Once you've exhausted what you have immediately, start using (Church of the) Latter-day Saints' libraries," she said.

Bloomfield Hills Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints Family History Center can be reached at (248) 647-5871. It is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and closed Sunday and Monday.

The church has smaller genealogy libraries and staff and fewer hours for genealogical searches in Westland (734) 459-4570 and Roseville (810) 778-4560. Also, a new Mormon Web site can be reached at www.familysearch.org

■ The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society recently donated a computer to the Civic Center Library in Livonia. That computer

is to be used only for genealogy research. The library also has computer software on tracing family trees, including the ever-popular "Family Tree Maker" program.

Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month September through May at the Livonia Senior Citizen building at Five Mile and Farmington roads. The public is welcome.

■ A helpful book is "Finding Your Roots: How to Trace Your Ancestors at Home and Abroad" by Jeane Eddy Westin.

Auction helps clients fulfill their dreams

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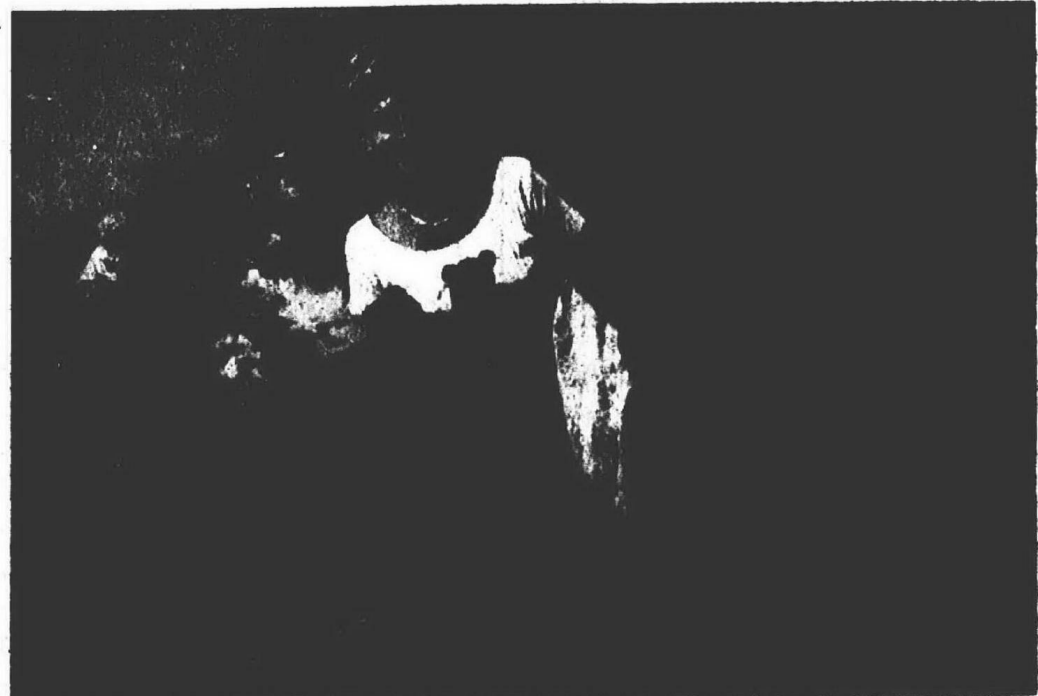
When Diane Montes and her sister Paula Parkin decided to have an auction last year, the idea was to raise money to pay for little extras for their developmentally disabled clients. At the time, they weren't sure it would be an annual affair.

But response from the more than 100 people who attended Domus Vita's "Reach for the Stars" prompted them to do it again.

So on Friday, June 25, autographed photographs, a white water rafting trip, a brick from the old Olympia Stadium and a Marilyn Monroe jacket will be sold to the highest bidder at the dinner and auction.

"We weren't sure we were going to do it again, but it was so well received that we decided to do it again," said Montes, whose mother, Marge Slattery, and Parkin co-founded Domus Vitae. The agency operates eight group homes for developmentally disabled men and women.

"The enthusiastic response from the guests last year and the increasing needs of our consumers convinced us," added Parkin. "It lets our consumers live



What's your bid? Diane Montes models a Marilyn Monroe jean jacket while her sister Paula Parkin shows off some of the other items that will be sold at the auction at Domus Vitae's "Reach for the Stars" benefit Friday, June 25.

Staff Photo by Brian Hirschman

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Capler-Sullivan

Janice Capler of Westland and Robert Capler of Florida announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie Marie, to Joseph Sullivan, the son of Dan and Darlene Sullivan of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and Eastern Michigan University with a degree in apparel textile and merchandising. She is employed by J.L. Hudson's in the Somerset Collection.

Her fiancé is a graduate of John Glenn High School and Central Michigan University. He is employed by OJ Transport in Detroit as an account manager.



A November wedding is planned at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland.

Muncie-Ministrelli

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Butcher of Traverse City and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Muncie of Greenbush, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Muncie, to Peter Ministrelli, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ministrelli of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ladywood High School and Madonna University. She is presently a fifth-grade teacher in Tyler, Texas.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering. He is employed as a junior process engineer at Petrofac L.L.C. in Tyler, Texas.



A July wedding is planned at St. Priscilla's Catholic Church in Livonia.

Esser-Janda

Anthony Esser of Canton and Judith Tanana Esser of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Andrea, to Donald Lee Janda, the son of Bruce and Maureen Janda of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She also is a graduate of Michigan State University with a master's degree in educational psychology. She works at Novi Meadows as an elementary foreign language teacher.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Catholic Central High School and a graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor's



degree in finance. He works at SASSCO International as a program manager. A June wedding is planned at St. John's Armenian Church.

Serys-McCormick

Pamela Serys of Livonia announces the forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Melissa Marie, to Scott James Hillier, the son of Eugene and Elaine Hillier, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is employed at Elite Transportation.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He is employed at Temporary Housing.

A June wedding is planned at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Redford.



Redford.

Dinatale-Coon

Larry and Neva Dinatale of Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Gina Marie, to Donald Rodolfo Coon, the son of Robert and Conception Coon, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wayne State University. She is employed as a graphic designer by the Michigan Department of Career Development.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the Center for Creative Studies' College of Art and Design. He is employed as a senior art director by Q-2 Publishing Inc.

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



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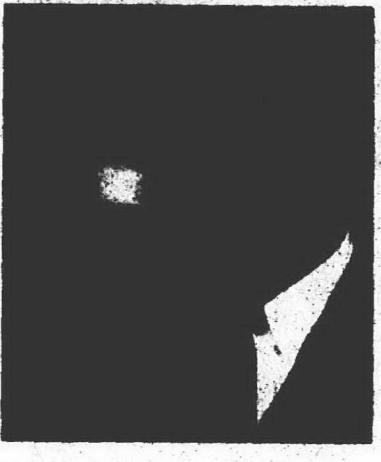
Seres-McGinlay

Eric and Sharon Seres of Holly announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney, to Donald McGinlay, the son of Doris Wietecha of Detour Village, Mich., and Thomas McGinlay of Holiday, Fla.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Southfield Christian High School and Hillsdale College. She is employed by Inco Corporation.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University. He is employed by Glaxo Wellcome Pharmaceuticals.

A July wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville.



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Torpie-Morrison

Russell and Nancy Torpie of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Hillary Ann, to Scott Allan Morrison of

Novi, the son of Jerry and Janet Morrison of Howell.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wayne State University. She is employed at Motoresearch.

Stankowski-Thomas

John and Nancy Stankowski of Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Marie, to Steven William Thomas, the son of William and Judy Hartman of Matteson, Ill.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. She is working as a freelance illustrator in the Chicago area.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Bradley University in Peoria, Ill. He is a manager of the Off-Track Betting facility in Joliet, Ill.

An October wedding is planned.



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Stewart-Cessante

James and Mary Stewart of Troy announce the engagement of their daughter, Danya Marie, to David Michael Cessante, the son of Margaret Cessante of Plymouth and Vince Cessante of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed at Vincam Human Resources in Novi.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Western Michigan University and the Villanova University School of Law. He is employed as an associate at Brady, Hathaway, Brady and Bretz.

An August wedding is planned.



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Hall-Harper

Jon and Mary Hall of Hewitt, Texas, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Suzanne, to James Richard Harper, the son of John and Beverly Harper of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Texas with a bachelor of arts degree in French. She is employed in logistics support at Nokia Telecommunications in Irving, Texas.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Redford Union High School and

Purdue University with bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering. He is employed as a product manager at Nokia Telecommunications.

A June wedding in Dallas, Texas, is planned.



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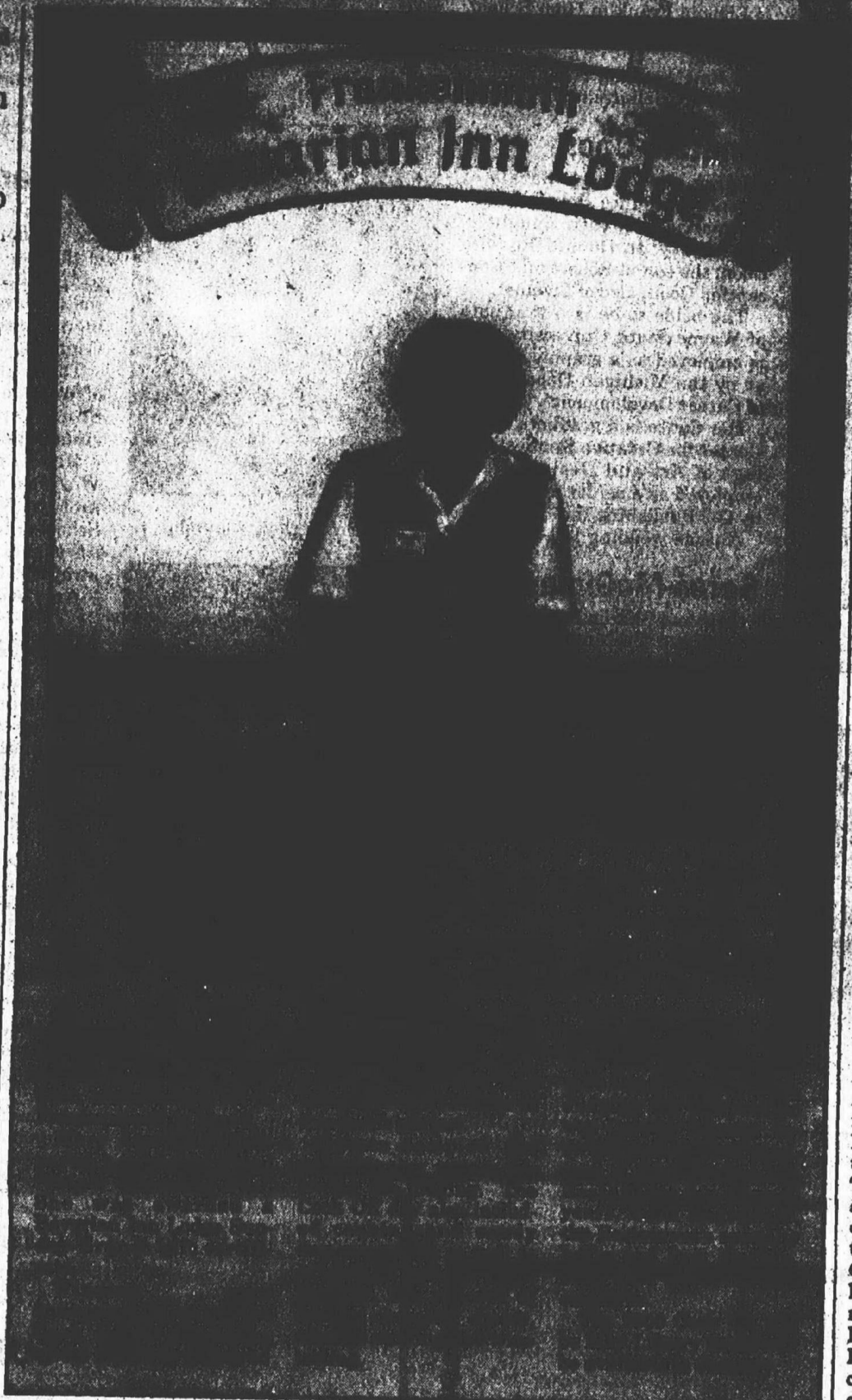
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'Austin Powers' dolls are latest action figure additions

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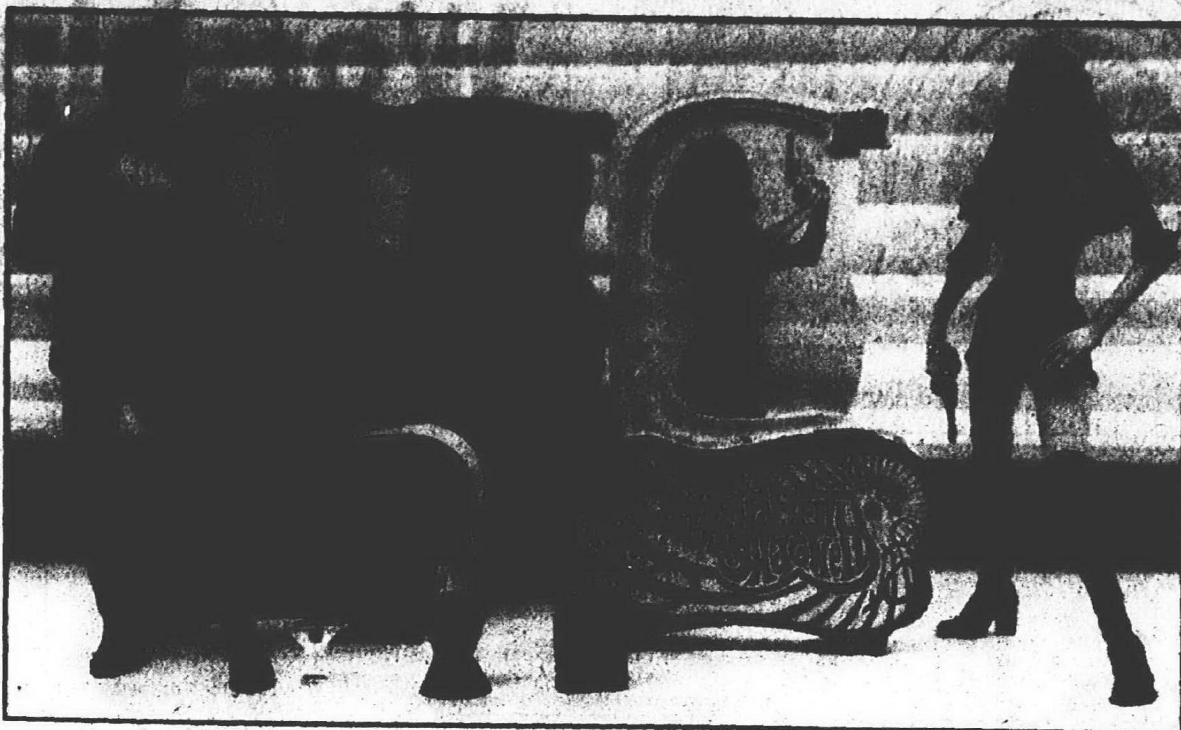
McFarlane Toys, based in Plymouth, is introducing a line of toys in conjunction with the June 11 release of "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me" (PG-13).

The seven-piece set stars Austin Powers in his red velvet suit and wearing his Union Jack undies; Felicity Shagwell, the sexpot CIA agent; Dr. Evil, Austin Powers' arch nemesis; Fat Man, a Scottish character in the movie; and "Mini Me," a clone of Dr. Evil gone awry.

They are available in area toy and specialty stores. McFarlane Toys in Plymouth is the world headquarters and warehouse and not a store where items may be purchased.

"We think this might be something that may bring us to the next level because of the power behind this," said James Hedstrom, senior vice president of sales for McFarlane Toys. "This thing is growing. We've got the psychedelic kick right now. It's really on a vogue."

McFarlane Toys is owned by Ahwatukee, Ariz., resident Todd McFarlane, the mastermind behind the "Spawn" comic books,



Look-alikes: Mike Myers was "instantly smitten" with the Austin Powers doll McFarlane Toys created, but it took four tries to create a doll that met with actress Heather Graham's approval.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL BURCKHARDT

movies, HBO series, and dolls. McFarlane Toys has also created dolls for "The X-Files" movie and the rock band Kiss, among others.

Five-month project

McFarlane Toys was contracted to produce the dolls in Decem-

ber. The company had five months to design, market and produce the line. New Line Cinema gave McFarlane Toys free rein on the project.

"They let us do what we wanted; you look at Dr. Evil, for example, and you see how close it is," he said. "You look at the

picture. He's more like an animated look there, but we captured something. I think they did a beautiful job on these."

An 18-inch version of "Mini Me" will hit stores later this summer. Hedstrom explained that he expects "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me" to be

best.

In "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me," Myers reprised his role as the "International Man of Mystery" while playing several other characters including Dr. Evil. It also stars Heather Graham as Felicity Shagwell, a CIA agent, and Elizabeth Hurley as Vanessa Kensington, his wife.

Austin Powers' life fate, the secret behind his libido, has been stolen by his arch nemesis, Dr. Evil. Austin must travel back to the '60s to regain his mojo and save the world.

During the making of the dolls, the stars of the film were able to approve or veto their life-like creations.

"This young lady (Heather Graham) she's an upcoming star, a rising star, she was really particular," Hedstrom said. "We sculpted maybe three or four heads. That's how we'll do it and we'll send it to them. She looks at them and says, 'No, I don't like this. Change the hair, or I don't like the cheekbones, change them.' On the fourth try, we got it right. She was really picky."

Mike Myers, however, was instantly smitten.

"I think he liked his stuff really fast. I don't think there was too much we had to tweak," Hedstrom said.

Different versions

Not only do the dolls sit there and look pretty, they speak. However, because "Austin Powers" characters ooze sexuality, there are G- and PG-13-rated versions of some of the dolls.

"Being in the toy business, where we think kids maybe as young as 10 years old will be interested, we were a little nervous," Hedstrom said. "This

secretary" came in the movie, we thought it was a good idea to get Mike Myers to do a line or two. He's a real character guy and he has a great sense of humor."

"I think the dolls were also a success."

"Some of the sayings can be kind of risqué," he said. "We didn't want to be - that's the way who have the dolls. (He is offended). If they're in a Wal-Mart or a Kmart, that could be a little risky for us. So we have two versions (one for mass-market stores and one for specialty stores)."

Mass stores are those geared toward families, stores like Toys R Us, Wal-Mart or Kmart, while Spencer Gifts and Kaye's are considered specialty stores.

"A lot of people were worried when we started to do the toys; they were wondering if this will be a little risqué for Wal-Mart or Toys R Us because of some of the stuff in the movie," said Hedstrom, a Northville resident, who formerly lived in Birmingham. "It's really no big deal. The movie is rated PG-13."

"We've got support from every kind of retailer you can imagine from Spencer Gifts all the way to the top: Wal-Mart, Toys R Us."

Depending on the store, the Austin Powers dolls range in price from \$7.99 to \$12.99.

"Todd McFarlane is a pretty unique guy. His big belief is give them the best quality at the lowest price possible," Hedstrom said. "Hasbro or Mattel, they probably would have had to sell this thing at cost, for \$9 or \$8. We were able to sell it at a much lower price."

For more information about "Austin Powers," visit www.austinpowers.com, or the dolls, visit www.mcfarlane.com

Dolls spell success for McFarlane Toys

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This is going to be a busy year for Plymouth-based McFarlane Toys and its owner, Todd McFarlane.

The toy manufacturer's 1999 line-up includes dolls in honor of the 30th anniversary of The Beatles' "Yellow Submarine," Ozzy Osbourne, creepy movie characters and the live-action film "Sleepy Hollow," starring Johnny Depp and Christina Ricci.

James Hedstrom, senior vice president of sales for McFarlane Toys, expects his company to make a big splash with "Yellow Submarine." The dolls are due out this fall in conjunction with the re-release of the movie.

"Each Beatle has a very distinct figure from the movie," he said. "We grouped the Beatle based on how we think they sell. John (Lennon) is with a blue meanie. George (Harrison), in terms of the hierarchy of the Beatles, might be the least popular, if you can say that, so we put him with the yellow submarine."

The "Yellow Submarine" as well as a few "Movie Maniacs" dolls were shown during a sneak preview at a recent comic convention at the Novi Expo Center.

The "Movie Maniacs" line features characters from horror flicks, including "Leatherface" from "Texas Chainsaw Massacre." This fall, the "Movie Maniacs" line will include "Chucky," "The Crow," "Pump-

kinhead," Anthony Perkins' Norman Bates from "Psycho," Halloween's "Mike Myers" and the "Scream" figure.

McFarlane Toys originally passed on the "Sleepy Hollow" project, but the film's director, Tim Burton, stepped in.

"What happened was another smaller company that tries to compete with us, they grabbed it," said Hedstrom. "Tim Burton found out about it, and when he found out, he called Todd personally and said, 'Why didn't you take the license? We wanted you to do it.'"

The dolls will hit stores this fall.

The Ozzy Osbourne doll will be available in late July or early August, right in the middle of his "Ozzfest" tour marking the final performances of Black Sabbath.

"It's just one figure. We will be conservative on the number, and it will sell out. That's what we want. You'll see that more in the specialty stores like Spencer Gifts," Hedstrom explained.

Osbourne's likeness, which will sell for more than \$10, comes with an etched, stained glass backdrop, cloth-like cape, bracelets, necklaces and headless doves and bats. He even has O-Z-Z-Y tattooed on his fingers.

McFarlane dropped plans for the much-talked-about Marilyn Manson doll, Hedstrom said.

"We could have done him, but I think we backed off based on some of the things recently," he said, alluding to the high school shootings. "We're going to stay

away from certain things because we don't want to be tattooed with that."

Hedstrom still expects the company to do well.

"This is going to be our breakthrough year," he said. "We'll

start out the summer with Austin Powers. You'll head into the fall with 'Movie Maniacs' for Halloween, 'Yellow Submarine,' the Johnny Depp/ Tim Burton movie 'Sleepy Hollow' and our typical 'Spawn' lines."

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yell or throw a fit when you don't get what you want.
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Jack Gladden is a copy editor for The Observer Newspapers. He lives in Canton Township.

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Salem stopped in final

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE
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The Plymouth Salem baseball team came unraveled in the fifth inning of its district final against Livonia Stevenson on Saturday at Salem as the Spartans went on to a 14-5 win.

The victory puts the Spartans (20-5 overall) against host Brighton (24-5) in the Division I regional semifinal beginning at 10 a.m. this Saturday.

Following a dramatic 6-7 last-inning win over Plymouth Canton earlier in the day, Salem started quickly, scoring four first-inning runs.

Stevenson, however, evened the score in their half of the first inning by utilizing speed on the basepaths and well-placed sacrifice hitting.

"We had to hit to win," said Stevenson coach Harv Weingarden. "And we did."

Weingarden said his squad is playing some of its best baseball of the season.

"Right now we are," he added. "We've been playing well, but this is the best we've played all season."

Salem was thwarted from collecting its sixth district title in the 1990s, having won in '90, '91 and '93-'95.

"We didn't pitch well today," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger after his team's loss. "That and we made some uncharacteristic errors that cost us. We had plenty of opportunities but we just didn't capitalize on them."

The decisive fifth inning, in which Salem allowed eight runs on six Stevenson hits, turned an offensive battle between the two teams into a lopsided victory for the Spartans.

"They did have a few hits that inning but we just made it worse (with errors)," said Rumberger.

Rock pitchers hit two batters, walked two more, and an easy pop fly (which would have ended the inning) was lost in the sun by an outfielder during

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Vipers strike

The Canton Vipers, an under-14 boys premier soccer team, finished first in their division at the Canton Invitational Tournament over Memorial Day weekend, going undefeated and unscored upon in five matches. The Vipers defeated the Royal Oak Raptors 1-0, Michigan United 2-0, the Plymouth Kicks 2-0, the Red Arrows 6-0 and, in the title game, the Canton Impact 1-0.

Viper team members are Andy Beyer, Nick Brown, Carl Fanning, Scott Foess, Mike Goethe, Andy Howald, Jason Lenahan, Jason Lewis, Greg Musser, Joe Pomorski, Kevin Savitakie, Jeremy Schemanski, Adam Serafin, Steve Shull, Todd Tindall, Anthony Tolomeo and Pat Zemanaki. The Vipers are coached by Dave Foess and Mark Zemanaki; Bill Joker is the team trainer.

Dynamite explode

The Canton Dynamite, an under-11 girls select soccer team, earned the Blue Division title at the Canton Invitational Tournament over Memorial Day weekend, following a scoreless tie against the Novi Jaguars with wins over the Rochester Thunder 4-0, the Ferrysburg (Ohio) Stingers 4-0, the Vicksburg Red Dogs 1-0 and, in the finals, the Gross Pointe Dragons 3-0.

Dynamite players are Kendra Armstrong, Angie Bond, Lauren Delapaz, Jenna Dreher, Lindsey Fanning, Jessica Hanley, Becky Houdak, Megan Justus, Ashley Kline, Jenny Krajovic, Mary Matarrella, Christina Moniodis, Courtney Pickard, Brittney Scero, Claire Zelmanaki and Kelsy Zelmanaki. Team coaches are Craig Pickard, Mark Zemanaki and Mark Kline.

Father's Day golf

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring the 26th annual Father's Day 3-Person Golf Scrambles Tournament Sunday, June 20 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. Tee times start at 11:30 a.m.; cost is \$100 per team, which includes greens fees, awards and snack lunch.

Teams will compete for awards for closest-to-the-pin, longest drive and to the top three teams.

There are no residency requirements. Deadline to register is June 17. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

Soccer registration

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking registrations for its Fall Youth Soccer programs throughout the month of June, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Recreation office (located at 625 Farmer in Plymouth).

The cost for six, seven and eight year-olds is \$45 for city of Plymouth residents and \$65 for non-residents; for under-nine year-olds and those above, the cost is \$50 for city of Plymouth residents and \$80 for non-residents.

For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620.

Hawks, Wolves soccer

The Michigan Hawks (girls) and Michigan Wolves (boys) will be having tryouts for all of their premier-level soccer teams Tuesday at Wixom Total Soccer. These teams have produced 60 state champions, seven regional champions and three national champions, and have placed approximately 110 members into the state Olympic Development Program.

Players are asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to their tryout time to sign in. Players requesting to play up in age must provide a letter in advance to the club.

Tryouts for the under-18 Wolves and Hawks will be at 3 p.m.; the under-17 Wolves and Hawks, 3 p.m.; the under-16 Wolves and Hawks, 9 p.m.; the under-15 Wolves and Hawks, 9 p.m.; the under-14 Wolves and Hawks, 4 p.m.; the under-13 Wolves and Hawks, 4 p.m.; the under-12 Wolves and Hawks, 7:30 p.m.; the under-11 Wolves and Hawks (two teams of each, 15 players per team), 7:30 p.m.; the under-10 Wolves and Hawks (two teams of each, 15 players per team), 6:30 p.m.; and the under-9 Wolves and Hawks (two teams of each, 15 players per team), 6:30 p.m.

Wixom Total Soccer is located at 1000 Wixom Road, Wixom, Mich. For more information, call (734) 938-3333.



Forced: Stevenson's Brian Campbell is out at second as Salem's Corey Wacker tries to double up Pete Pinto at first.

Salem wins state crown

It was a moment of triumph for Tiffany Grubaugh as she celebrated her second state championship in the shot put. The junior from Salem had just thrown a 40-5 1/2, a personal best, to win the title at the Ann Arbor Meet of Champions (June 1). "Under that kind of pressure, I was really nervous," she said.

Grubaugh's eventual winning toss came in her second attempt. "She actually went like a survivor in that event," said Grubaugh. "The rest of the crowd when she got to the finals."

Now they have another state champion to build around: Tiffany Grubaugh. A junior, Grubaugh recorded a shot of 134 feet, 7 inches in the shot put.

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What a sweet! Tiffany Grubaugh recorded her second best effort of the season in the shot put to finish third at state. In the district, no one did better at state than the Salem junior.

We thought to win it, she'd have to throw it the best shot. But her throw was just what we needed.

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Chapman scores for Chiefs; Rocks fall short

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Less than an hour after the Class A boys state track meet in Livonia, the Canton Chiefs celebrated their victory for Plymouth Canton and in disappointment for Plymouth Salem.

The Chiefs had the best of the finisher: Jordan Chapman, a sophomore, placed sixth in the state by equalling his best high jump at the 5-foot-8-inch mark.

Two other sophomores also had standout performances for Canton. Chris Kalis, who had also cleared 8-4 in the high jump this season, got past his opening height of 5-11 but could not clear 6-2.

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Other Chiefs to run at state were Steve Blossom, a senior, in the 300 (2:08.7); the 4x800 relay team of Blossom, Jason Rutter, Andy Tessema and Marty Lane (2:30.0); and the 4x100 relay team of K.J. Singh, Nate Howe, Jamie Bonner and David Thomas, who set a personal record of 44.0.

"We were real pleased," said Richardson. "We only have six seniors on this team."

For Salem, the frustration was palpable. "Over the last few years, we've been pretty healthy," said

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Ousted Farmington jolts Canton

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It was... unexpected. Not just by Plymouth Canton, a softball team that was state-ranked, that had been to the state semifinals last year and fully intended on making on a return trip. But the outcome was also a surprise to Farmington, a team with a losing record, that had won nothing, a team that had no idea of what it was capable.

Until Saturday's Division I district championship game. Farmington 3, Canton 1. It was one of the bigger upsets of the state district tournament. The Chiefs finish with a 20-4 record; Farmington, now 12-15, advances to Saturday's

Division I regional tournament at Brighton HS versus the host team, the Brighton Bulldogs (32-8), in the second regional semifinal; the game will start approximately 30 minutes after the end of the first game.

In the first regional semifinal, Ann Arbor Pioneer (21-19) goes against Highland Milford (11-26) at 10 a.m. The championship will be 30 minutes after the end of the second semifinal.

"It is unbelievable. I didn't know if the girls thought they could do it," said Farmington coach Jerry Osborne. "When (Melissa) Mytty is on (the



Close call: Farmington's Julie Rotenheber and Canton catcher Kathleen Mokienko look to the umpire for his call on a play at the plate. Rotenheber was called out, but Farmington still won.

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the lining. "It was that kind of ballgame for us," Rumberger added. Brian Campbell led Stevenson throughout the day (six-for-seven). He was 3-for-3 in the championship final. Brad Buckler allowed three runs on nine hits with a walk and a strikeout to earn the win for Stevenson. Steve Gordon (six runs, five hits, two walks and three strikeouts in relief) took the loss for Salem. Joe Rissi went 8-for-4 with a three-run home run to lead the Rocks offense with Nick Eicher going a perfect 4-for-4 with a home run and a double in the loss. The uncompromising heat and longevity of the game, caused by the umpire's shrinking strike zone, made for a long day for both teams — and Rumberger acknowledged it. "That just made the game like it was," he said. "Some teams like to just sit there and take, take, take, but I don't like walks a lot. We're here to play baseball.

We've played games this year in an hour-and-twenty minutes." The final game, which began at 1:45 p.m., lasted for more than three-and-a-half hours. Weingarden concurred, saying, "It was a long day and a hot day." Salem 8, Canton 7: The Rocks posted a dramatic, come-from-behind win in their Division I district semifinal against cross-campus rival Plymouth Canton Saturday morning at Salem. Joe Rissi answered the call for Salem, going 2-for-4 in the early game, including a one-out single in the bottom of the seventh inning to drive in the winning run from second base. After a scowling battle throughout the game, the score was deadlocked at 0-0 at the end of six innings. The Chiefs pushed a run across in the top half of seventh when Jon Johnson homered into a fielder's choice, scoring Ron McCus from third base. The late-game heroics were short-lived, though. Salem's Geoff Bennett drew a walk in the bottom half of the inning, and Steve Stiles laced a drive to the wall in right-center field, scoring Bennett from first base to tie the game at 7-all. Jason Lukasik was given the intentional pass, setting up Rissi's game-winning hit. "Our offensive goal is to always answer when an opponent scores and we did it here today," said Rumberger. "I was surprised they walked (Lukasik), but Rissi came through for us." Plymouth Canton coach Scott Dickey was obviously disappointed with the game's result but showed class in giving credit to the Rocks. "Each game we played against them, it came down to one inning," he said. "They really played hard today." Dickey said he is looking forward to next year with a large group of players returning. "This loss is a tough one," he said. "But we've got a lot of guys coming back. I'm proud of the seniors. They led us to a 23-10 overall record."

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PCA wins softball district

Talk about luck of the draw. Plymouth Christian Academy's softball team advanced to Saturday's Division IV regional at Whitmore Lake by beating Westland Huron Valley Lutheran 10-6 in last Saturday's district final, hosted by PCA.

The Eagles, now 13-15 for the season, had only to play the final because on Friday Redford Bishop Borgess, the team they were supposed to meet in the district semifinals, telephoned and forfeited the game, reportedly due to the absence of several players for disciplinary reasons.

Ephraeme Crystal Mead was the winning pitcher against Huron Valley. She worked the first 5 1/3 innings and gave up all six runs, striking out 16. Senior Sarah Lovian relieved and earned the save with three strikeouts in 1 2/3 innings of scoreless relief.

PCA built a 9-1 lead, with Lacia, senior Lisa LaRow and freshman Amber Ward each collecting two hits. It was the Eagles' fifth district title in seven seasons.

PCA plays Whitmore Lake at approximately noon Saturday.

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Rocky coach Geoff Baker. "Then this all hit me at once. I don't know if you can think it up to a late-season start or not."

"It was just frustrating." In the final weeks of the season, the Rocks lost their top three sprinters and, at the regional, one of their top mid-distance/distance runners in Bobby Cushman. The injuries to such key personnel roared their colors and raised their chances of repeating as Class A regional champs and Western Lakes Activities Association title-holders.

Saturday's near-90 degree temperatures didn't help Salem either. The Rocks' strength was in the distance events, but such heat made it difficult for any single runner to do well in races that are distance races.

Nick Allen, Salem's top distance threat, finished seventh in the 1,600 (4:19.83), his team's best finish of the day. But he was well back in the pack in the 3,200; his time (10:31.0) was far off his season-best of 9:41.1.

Jon Little also performed well in the 1,600 for the Rocks, placing 10th in 4:23.6. But like

Allen, in the 3,200 he trailed (10:35.9).

"They were just good," said Baker.

Only Salem state meet qualifier was Steve Calkins, who placed in a 15-16 relay in the long jump, and the 4x200 relay team (2:28.4).

Roosie is all-state

The hope was to finish in the top eight and earn a medal. Jordan Roosie trashed those plans quickly at Saturday's Class D boys track finals at Frankenmuth.

Roosie, a junior at Plymouth Christian Academy, was coached seventh going into the meet. A multi-event star, Roosie is accustomed to running three or four events a day, including both the 1,600 and 3,200. But he missed qualifying for state in the 1,600 by just .2 of a second at regionals.

"He was really upset that he missed qualifying in the 1,600 meters, but I really think that was a blessing in disguise," said his coach, Steve Bauslaugh.

The reason: The high temperatures that quickly ruined a run-

ner's stamina. Being able to run outdoors on just the 3,200 helped Roosie immensely.

"He showed it when the state 'He went out running with the leaders,'" said Bauslaugh. "He should be proud with that."

"Roosie's performance was what you have to go for with the big dogs."

Roosie found out. The heat tripped the numbers in the freestyle pack lap by lap, but Roosie stuck with it. By the end he couldn't catch the winner — senior Ben Hale of Galesburg, who finished in 10:22.0. But he hung on for second, clocking 20 seconds off his previous best in the 3,200 (10:16.1).

"He ran a perfect race," said Bauslaugh of Roosie, who earned all-state honors for his finish. "To take 20 seconds off your previous best at the state meet. He ran the race of his life on a lay day. It was perfect timing."

Roosie accounted for all eight of the points scored by PCA. It was the best finish ever at state by an Eagle.

"It was a fantastic race," summarized Bauslaugh.

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By the time her senior track season rolls around, Grubaugh will have plenty of choices to make.

Solid showing

Although Grubaugh was the only Rock to score for Salem's girls team at state, several others performed capably.

Autumn Hicks, a sophomore, finished ninth in the 400-meter dash in 59.5 and was 18th in the

high jump with an effort of 5-1.

"In that heat and as busy as she was, I thought that (400 time) was good," said Salem coach Mark Gregor. Hicks also ran legs in the 4x200 and 4x400 relays.

The Rocks' other individual qualifier was Aisha Chappell in the high jump. She placed 21st, clearing 4-10.

In the relays, Michelle Bonior,

Celena Davis, Melissa Drake and Rachel Jones teamed to finish ninth in the 4x100 relay in a school-record 50.3 (the same foursome had set the record of 50.4 at the regional). Hicks, Drake, Brynne DeNeen and Jones combined to place 10th in the 4x200 relay in 1:46.6, and Hicks, Drake, Chappell and DeNeen placed 19th in the 4x400 relay (4:12.7).

Their 16 points put Salem in 11th place in the team scoring. As expected, Ann Arbor Pioneer was an easy winner with 76 points; Rockford was second (60), with Detroit Cass Tech and Southfield tying for third (55).

"We were hoping for a top-10 finish, but we needed to score in another event," said Gregor. Fraser placed 10th with 19 points.

SHOT PUT

- Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 40-11
- Paula Tomlin (Salem) 36-1 1/2
- Judy Telford (Mercy) 34-10 1/2
- Emily Yambasky (Stevenson) 34-8 3/4
- Jenny Sciberras (Canton) 34-0
- Shannon Moran (Redford Union) 33-11
- Tasha O'Neil (N. Farmington) 33-4 1/2
- Rachel Kieft (Redford Union) 33-2
- Lisa Selko (Franklin) 33-2
- Michelle Bonior (Salem) 33-1

DISCUS

- Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 138-4
- Judy Telford (Mercy) 120-9
- Jenny Hafner (Churchill) 119-5
- Emily Yambasky (Stevenson) 111-9
- Jen Dash (Lutheran Westland) 108-11
- Miranda White (Salem) 104-9
- Erin Allen (Farmington) 104-8
- Julie Yambasky (Stevenson) 104-4
- Ann Armstrong (Farmington) 103-9
- Megan Kelley (Redford Union) 99-0

HIGH JUMP

- LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 5-8
- Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 5-4
- Carey Czech (Mercy) 5-4
- Autumn Hicks (Salem) 5-3
- Aisha Chappell (Salem) 5-1
- Amy Driscoll (Canton) 5-1
- Bekah Hoffmeyer (Lutheran Westland) 5-1

- Felecia Barnett (John Glenn) 5-0
- Andrea Polasek (Stevenson) 5-0
- Erin Hayden (Ladywood) 4-11
- Lizzy Mathis (Mercy) 4-11
- Erin Szura (Garden City) 4-11

LONG JUMP

- Nicolette Jarrett (John Glenn) 18-1 1/4
- LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 18-9
- Kate Bouchet (Farmington) 18-1 1/2
- Erin Hayden (Ladywood) 15-11 1/2
- Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 15-11 1/2
- Layne Keaparak (Stevenson) 15-10 1/2
- Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 15-9 1/2
- Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 15-8 1/2
- Amy Driscoll (Canton) 15-6 3/4
- Carey Czech (Mercy) 15-6 1/2

POLE VAULT

- Kim Wise (Garden City) 10-8
- Kari Cezak (Churchill) 9-8
- Shiloh Wint (Franklin) 9-1
- Andrea McMillan (Franklin) 9-0
- Jane Peterman (Churchill) 9-0
- Lauren Turner (N. Farmington) 8-9
- Kelly VanPutten (Salem) 8-6
- Nicole Simonian (John Glenn) 8-6
- Liliana Cipolone (Churchill) 8-3
- Abbie Schrader (Stevenson) 8-0

100-METER HURDLES

- LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 15-3
- Emily Mayberry (Harrison) 15-8
- Erin Liara (Redford Union) 15-9

- Aisha Chappell (Salem) 16.0
- Suzanne Popilinski (Ladywood) 16.1
- Cassie Ehlers (Stevenson) 18.1
- Crystal Alderman (Canton) 18.2
- Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 16.3
- Kristel Stricker (N. Farmington) 16.5
- Valerie Brown (Salem) 16.6

300-METER HURDLES

- Suzanne Popilinski (Ladywood) 46.5
- Christy Tzilos (Stevenson) 47.3
- Crystal Alderman (Canton) 47.6
- Cassie Ehlers (Stevenson) 48.4
- Aisha Chappell (Salem) 48.4
- Katie Sharron (Stevenson) 48.6
- Valerie Brown (Salem) 48.1
- Jami Snow (Mercy) 49.2
- Hana Hughes (Lutheran Westland) 49.5
- Angela Alford (Stevenson) 49.9

100-METER DASH

- Angka Morris (Mercy) 12.1
- Tiffany Simon (Borgess) 12.3
- Brianna Watson (Ladywood) 12.4
- Rachel Jones (Salem) 12.6
- LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 12.8
- Meredith Fox (Canton) 12.8
- Felecia Barnett (John Glenn) 12.9
- Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 12.9
- Michelle Bonior (Salem) 12.9
- Angela Mikkelson (Stevenson) 12.9

200-METER DASH

- Tiffany Simon (Borgess) 25.0

- Angka Morris (Mercy) 25.4
- Rachel Jones (Salem) 26.3
- Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 26.3
- Nicolette Jarrett (John Glenn) 26.4
- LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 26.8
- Melissa Drake (Salem) 27.0
- Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 27.1
- Brianna Watson (Ladywood) 27.1
- Alana Simpson (Borgess) 27.1

400-METER DASH

- Nicolette Jarrett (John Glenn) 58.3
- Angka Morris (Mercy) 58.9
- Autumn Hicks (Salem) 58.4
- Meredith Fox (Canton) 1:00.4
- Jennifer Hardebeck (Stevenson) 1:00.8
- Rita Malec (Franklin) 1:01.0
- Katie Sharron (Stevenson) 1:02.6
- Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 1:03.3
- Page Ahrens (Ladywood) 1:03.5
- Christy Tzilos (Stevenson) 1:03.9
- Kristy Rose (Lutheran Westland) 1:03.9

800-METER RUN

- Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 2:27.1
- Dawn Daniels (Wayne) 2:29.2
- Ashley Fillon (Churchill) 2:30.7
- Valerie Burnisky (Mercy) 2:30.7
- Tess Kuehne (Lutheran Westland) 2:31.1
- Miranda White (Salem) 2:31.3
- Becky Phelan (Salem) 2:31.9
- Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 2:33.5
- AnneMarie Verduyse (Salem) 2:33.6
- Leslie Knapp (Stevenson) 2:35.0

- Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 5:15.5
- Ashley Fillon (Churchill) 5:28.0
- Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 5:23.1
- Tess Kuehne (Lutheran Westland) 5:38.0
- Kristen Sarkaki (Redford Union) 5:37.0
- Kim McNeelance (Stevenson) 5:38.1
- Kim Wood (Salem) 5:38.6
- Stephanie Stowers (Churchill) 5:38.9
- Alison Filler (Churchill) 5:41.1
- Melanie Mosler (Salem) 5:41.4

1,600-METER RUN

- Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 11:48.5
- Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 11:58.7
- Alison Filler (Churchill) 11:58.3
- Ashley Fillon (Churchill) 12:04.1
- Stephanie Stowers (Churchill) 12:13.5
- Kim McNeelance (Stevenson) 12:20.0
- Held Frank (N. Farmington) 12:30.6
- Lisa Janowski (Salem) 12:31.3
- Sarah Peltola (Mercy) 12:37.4
- Mandi Davis (Garden City) 12:38.2

3,200-METER RUN

- Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 24:15.5
- Dawn Daniels (Wayne) 24:29.2
- Ashley Fillon (Churchill) 24:30.7
- Valerie Burnisky (Mercy) 24:30.7
- Tess Kuehne (Lutheran Westland) 24:31.1
- Miranda White (Salem) 24:31.3
- Becky Phelan (Salem) 24:31.9
- Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 24:33.5
- AnneMarie Verduyse (Salem) 24:33.6
- Leslie Knapp (Stevenson) 24:35.0

- Plymouth Salem 50.3
- Livonia Ladywood 52.0
- North Farmington 52.2
- Livonia Stevenson 52.5

400-METER RELAY

- Westland John Glenn 1:48.3
- Plymouth Salem 1:48.7
- Redford Bishop Borgess 1:47.3
- Livonia Stevenson 1:50.0
- Farmington Hills Mercy 1:51.6


1,000-METER RELAY

- Livonia Stevenson 4:08.3
- Plymouth Canton 4:08.9
- Plymouth Salem 4:09.9
- Lutheran Westland 4:14.4
- Livonia Ladywood 4:17.1

2,000-METER RELAY

- Livonia Stevenson 9:48.1
- Plymouth Salem 10:11.6
- Lutheran Westland 10:14.7
- North Farmington 10:25.3
- Livonia Churchill 10:26.0

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CC crushes Cooley in 'title' game

Blazers lead in districts, regionals next

What started as a five-team Division I baseball district at Redford Catholic Central on Saturday turned into a two-team event.

Two Detroit Public School League teams pulled out before the tournament began, and a third failed to show. Not long after the first pitch against CC was thrown, Detroit Cooley probably wished it stayed home, too.

CC, the No. 1 ranked team in Division I, beat Cooley, 20-0, in what was billed as the championship game, only because

there weren't any other games to be played. The game was called after five innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Senior Mark Cole went 3-for-3 with two RBI and sophomore Charlie Hager was 2-for-2, including a double, with two RBI.

Winning pitcher Bob Malch struck out seven of the nine batters he pitched, allowing no hits and one walk in three

innings. Sophomore Charlie Hager struck out two in two innings of relief.

The Shamrocks had just as good a time in Tuesday's Operation Friendship game, beating P.E. Champion Mound, 21-4, at University of Detroit-Mercy.

Senior Casey Rogowski and junior Matt Larkin each hit grand slam home runs in the first inning when the Shamrocks jumped to a 16-0 lead. The game ended after four innings due to the mercy rule.

Winning pitcher Anthony Tenny allowed no hits and walked one and struck seven batters in three innings.

The Shamrocks will play 20-1 overall. The Shamrocks' district championship sends them to the regional Semifinals of Southgate to play Dearborn and also to see pitcher, Ryan Gilson, the Detroit Tigers' 28th round pick in last week's Major League Draft.

The winner meets the Livonia Churchill-Moore semifinal winner.

Livonia Lutheran won the All-Catholic tournament with a 10-0 victory at Dearborn on Sunday when it played Dearborn in a regional semifinal. Not to worry, however, as he at third base.

Coach Bob Smith has brought freshman Steve Smith up from the junior varsity to play cleanup for the regionals and in what the coach expects to be a game for Eastern Michigan University next spring.

Ladywood improved to 12-10 with two victories Saturday in the state high school softball tournament district it hosted.

The Blazers blasted Detroit Redford, 28-0, and dubbed Detroit Central, 20-0.

Central's pitcher struck out a double-hitter against Redford in her four innings of work, while Redford's pitcher struck out a double-hitter at Cooley in four innings.

Ladywood pounded out 16 hits in the first game and 18 in the second.

Ladywood plays Taylor Truman after Lincoln Park and Livonia Churchill open the regional at 10 a.m. The winners of each game meet for a quarter-final berth at 2 p.m.

REGIONAL BASEBALL PARCHISES

(all Saturday, June 13)

DIVISION I

at BRIMPTON

Semifinals: Livonia Stevenson vs. Brighton, 10 a.m.; Walled Lake Western vs. Ann Arbor Huron, 12:30 p.m.

Championship final: Approximately 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 15 at Carleton-Airport vs. Southgate Anderson regional champion.)

at SOUTHGATE ANDERSON

Semifinals: Redford Catholic Central vs. Dearborn, 10 a.m.; Livonia Churchill vs. Morris, 12:30 p.m.

Championship final: Approximately 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 15 at Carleton-Airport vs. Brighton regional champion.)

DIVISION II

at CLINTONDALE

Semifinals: Madison Heights Lamphere vs. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 10 a.m.; Farmington Hills Harrison vs. Harper Woods Notre Dame, 12:30 p.m.

Championship final: Approximately 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 15 at Southgate Anderson vs. Carleton-Airport regional champion.)

at CARLETON-AIRPORT

Semifinals: Redford Thurston vs. Riverview,

10 a.m.; Carleton-Airport vs. Walled Lake, 12:30 p.m.

Championship final: Approximately 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 15 at Southgate Anderson vs. Clintondale regional champion.)

DIVISION III

at FARMINGTON

Semifinals: Livonia Clarenceville vs. Bluefield, 10 a.m.; Allen Park Cabrini vs. Onsted, 12:30 p.m.

Championship final: Approximately 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 15 at Lansing Everett vs. Ovid-Elsie regional champion.)

DIVISION IV

at WESTMORE LAKE

Semifinals: Redford St. Agatha vs. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 9:30 a.m.; Southgate Aquinas vs. Morris, noon.

Championship final: Approximately 2:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 15 at the University of

Michigan's River Falls vs. Dearborn Our Lady of the Lakes regional champion.)

REGIONAL SOFTBALL PARCHISES

(all Saturday, June 13)

DIVISION I

at BRIMPTON

Semifinals: Ann Arbor Pioneer vs. Highland Township-Milford, 10 a.m.; Farmington vs. Brighton, 12:30 p.m.

Championship final: (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 15 at Carleton-Airport vs. Southgate Anderson regional champion.)

at SOUTHGATE ANDERSON

Semifinals: Livonia Churchill vs. Lincoln Park, 10 a.m.; Livonia Ladywood vs. Taylor Truman, noon.

Championship final: Approximately 2:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 15 at Carleton-Airport vs. Brighton regional champion.)

at CLINTONDALE GROVES

Semifinals: Farmington Hills Mercy vs.

Troy, 10 a.m.; Farmington Hills vs. Royal Oak, noon.

Championship final: Approximately 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 15 at Clinton vs. Groves Pointe North regional champion.)

DIVISION II

at BRIMPTON

Semifinals: Clinton vs. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 10 a.m.; Lutheran Westland vs. Monroe St. Mary's, 12:30 p.m.

Championship final: Approximately 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 15 at Lansing Everett vs. Ovid-Elsie regional champion.)

DIVISION III

at WESTMORE LAKE

Semifinals: Bath vs. A.P. Inter-City Baptist, 10 a.m.; Plymouth Christian Academy vs. Whitmore Lake, noon.

Championship final: Approximately 2:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 15 at the University of

Panthers to open league play at Ford

The Michigan Panthers, a first-year member of the Great Lakes Collegiate League, will open its season with a double-header against Grand Lake, Ohio, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Livonia's Ford Field.

Admission is free. The Panthers play six games at Ford Field this year, including a single game against the league's other Michigan-based team, the Michigan Monarchs, at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday. The rest of the league's teams are located in Ohio.

The Panthers have four players on their roster who were selected in the 1998 Major League draft out of high school. This league is for players who have completed at least one year of eligibility in college and no more than three.

The only former Observerland player on the team is Ron Blackmore, a Livonia Churchill graduate who plays at the University of Detroit-Mercy.

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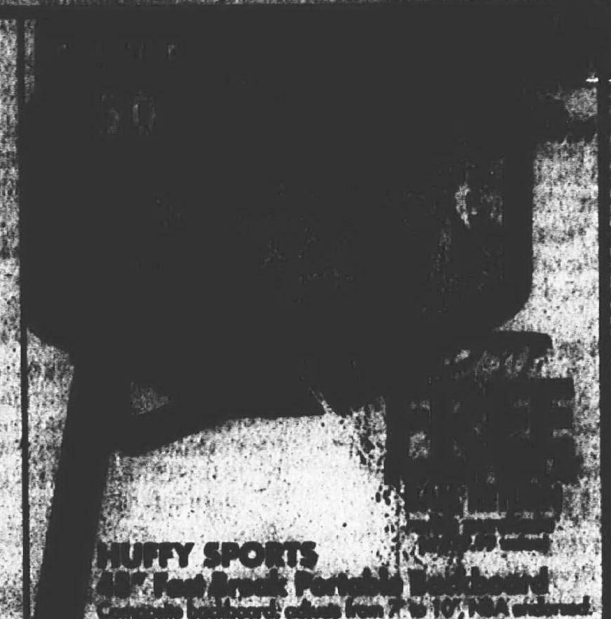
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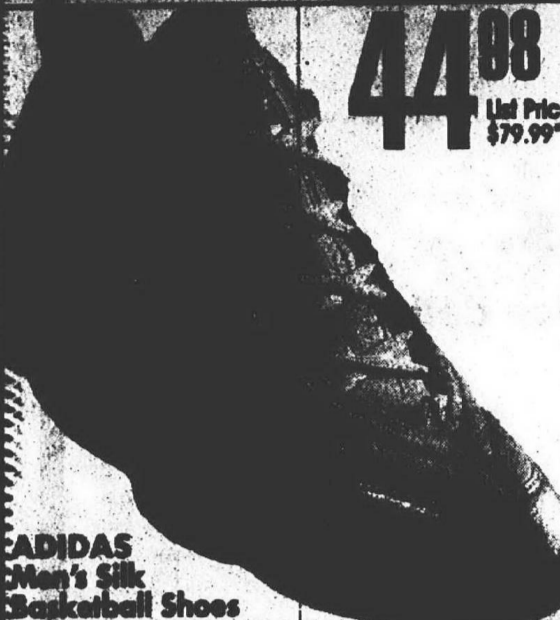
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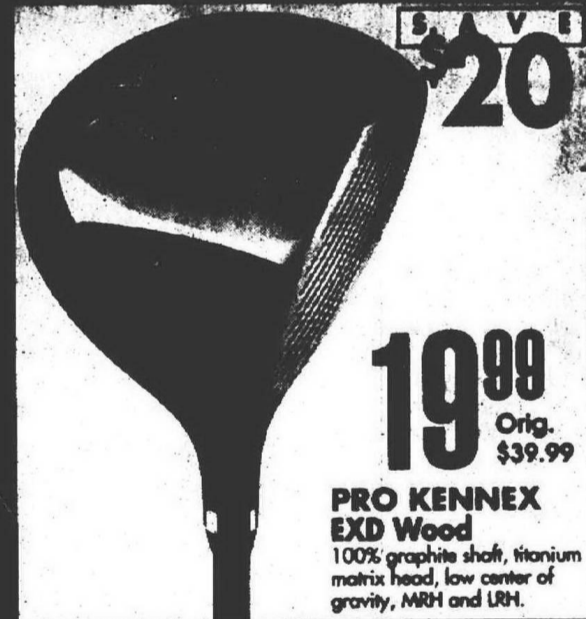
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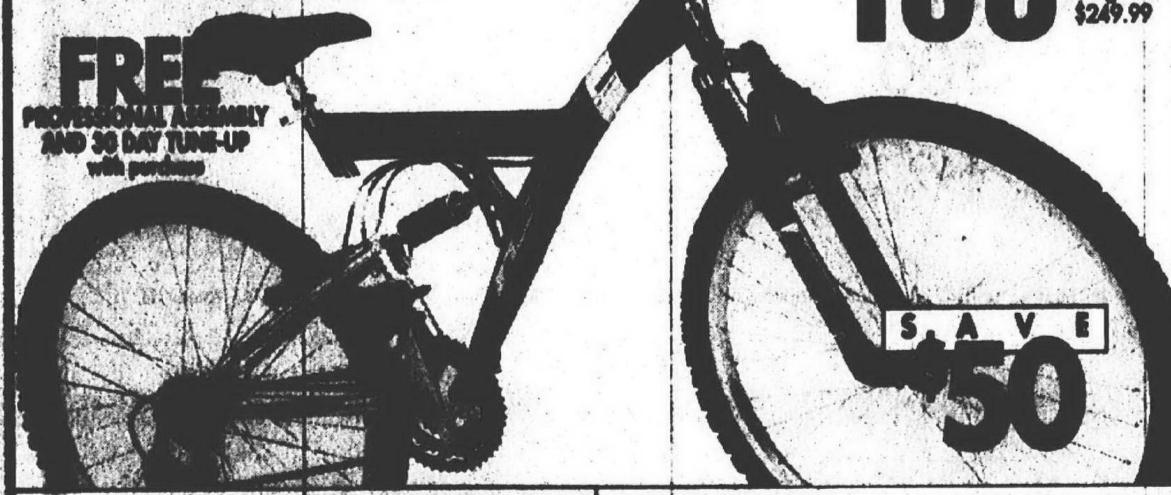
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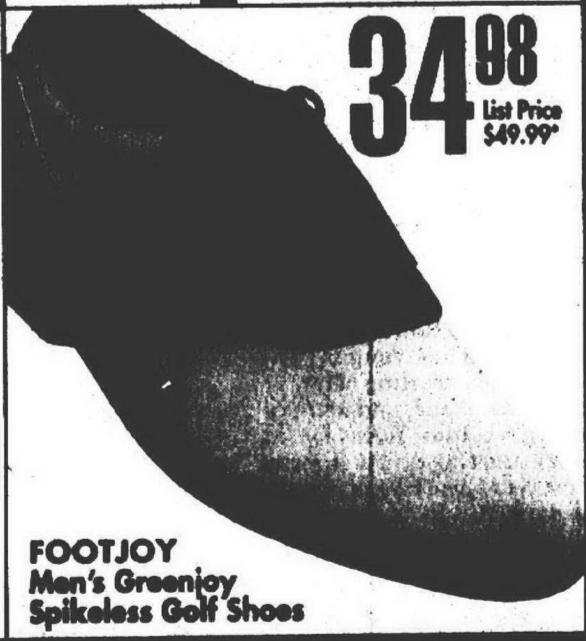
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Michael McCullough is one of more than 200 artists participating in the Livonia Arts Festival, an outdoor arts and crafts show and a fine arts exhibit, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Greenmead Historical Village, 20501 Newburgh Road, (south of Eight Mile Road), Livonia. Call (734) 488-2540 for more information.

SUNDAY
The fifth annual West Bloomfield Art Festival showcases works by more than 200 artists, including K. Samson, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Henry Ford Medical Center-West Bloomfield campus, 6777 W. Maple Road. For information, call (248) 626-3636 for more information.

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Talbot plays Ford in a new dramatization during the Summer Festival, June 12 to Aug. 24, at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. One of the numerous activities offered at the village, visitors learn about the man behind the car during Talbot's dramatization.

As a boy, there was nothing that stamped Ford as a man who would invent the assembly line and build a historic village where people could return to yesterday. What set Ford apart from peers was that his dreams were bigger than most.

"Ford talks about his childhood and how he loves to work on engines," said Talbot, a graduate of the Hilberry master of fine arts program at Wayne State University.

quadricycle, his first automobile. It's interesting to see someone before they get famous, that he was a man, just another guy."

Ford is just one of the American dreamers brought to life at the summer celebration of men and women who saw how great America could be and set out to change it. From Orville and Wilbur Wright to George Washington Carver, and the African-American slaves struggling for their freedom, you listen

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MUSIC

Irish musicians play off each other's strengths

Irish music celebration featuring the Detroit/Ann Arbor Grupai Cheoil "band of musicians" with world champion Irish step dancers Paul Cusack and Mike Belvitch, and local Irish musicians perform 8 p.m. Friday, June 11, at Clonlara School, 1289 Jewett, (between Packard and South Industrial), Ann Arbor and 8 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at the A.O.H. Hall, 24242 Grand River (one block west of Telegraph), Detroit. A donation of \$8 at the door recommended for both concerts. For information about the June 11 concert call (734) 944-9358; call (313) 537-3489 for information about the June 12 concert.

**BY KEELEY WYCKOFF
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When Sean Gavin and his friends get together to play, they might do a few jigs, reels and marches, then a couple of slow airs.

"That's what we do together," said Gavin of Bedford who is 12. "We play music, Irish music."

Gavin plays flute and penny whistle, Jeremy Kinnel, 14, plays the fiddle, Tyler Dunsen, 13, uilleann pipes, Colleen Burke, 14, harp, and Colleen Shanahan, who just turned 16, plays penny whistle. Together they are the Detroit/Ann Arbor Grupai Cheoil (Irish for "band of musicians").

On Friday and Saturday they are performing two concerts to raise money for a trip to County

Wexford, Ireland, in August to compete in the Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann — the equivalent of the world championships in Irish music.

In addition to the "band of musicians," the concerts will feature world championship Irish step dancers Paul Cusack and Mike Belvitch of Plymouth, and other local Irish entertainers and musicians. Cusack is joining Riverdance in August, and Belvitch, who was also accepted into the group, will join the tour after he graduates next year.

In April the band of young musicians surprised everyone when they won first place in the U.S. Midwest Irish music competition qualifying for the national competition in Ireland.

"It was quite a shocker for the other schools, like taking a cold shower," said Terence McKinney who has been working with the group for nearly a year. "This was a major upset, very unexpected."

Gavin and his friends competed against groups as large as 20 musicians. "It proves that numbers don't count," McKinney said. Unlike Chicago and other cities, Detroit doesn't have a professional school of Irish music. All of the students in the group were privately taught by different teachers.

"They're musicians well beyond their years," McKinney said. "The challenge was to make them

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Young champion: Flutist Sean Gavin is an award-winning musician who will be competing in Ireland this August.

Powerful voices put muscle into 'Samson'

Michigan Opera Theatre presents "Samson and Delilah," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 11-12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway (one block east of Woodward Avenue), Detroit. Tickets \$18-\$95, call (313) 237-SING or (248) 645-6666. BY MARY JANE DOERF, SPECIAL WRITER

These Philistines really know how to throw a smashing good party. In their shimmering gold costumes, with exotic ballet dancers, the mammoth gold gilded temple columns, and choral singing that literally raised the roof, it made the Detroit Opera House stage look like something out of a Cecile B. DeMille film.

Then in the middle of all this frivolity, suddenly the gold costumes turn to brilliant aqua and this hefty Hebrew Samson crashes the party. He was a real hit.

Let us all drink to this Court of Dagon and Irina Mishura. As the seductress Delilah in Michigan Opera Theatre's production of Saint-Saens' "Samson and Delilah," the Bloomfield Hills mezzo-soprano sizzled in her performance Saturday evening, bringing to doom the strong man Samson of the Hebrews — kind of a Monica Lewinsky of the ancient world.

Mishura is beautiful, and costumed in fuchsia, she commanded the action during the entire second act. She out maneuvered Samson, sung by Mark Lundburg and matched up beautifully with Gregg Baker as the High Priest of Dagon. Together their Act 2 duet "Il faut, pour assouvir ma baine" was the evening's climax.

Baker has as much muscle in his voice as he does in his biceps, something we got a better glimpse of in his magnificent past performances of Crown, and John the Baptist.

The electricity in the second act didn't come from the thunderstorm. It came from the friction

between these dynamic voices in the clash of wills, passion and powerful singing.

Mishura was silky smooth in her seductive "Mon coeur, s'ouvre a ta voix." Samson's costume gave an awkward impression rather than one of masculine strength. As the Samson trying to gain Delilah's favor, Lundburg seemed ill at ease in these seduction scenes though his singing was powerful. His aria in the millstone scene was touching.

"Samson and Delilah" is simply a fabulous mix of tension and excitement. The action of this familiar biblical story moves quickly. What is surprising is the composer's use of oratorio style with the choruses.

With Suzanne Acton's training and conductor Christian Badesa's special attention, the Michigan Opera Theatre chorus made the two choruses "Hymne de joie" and "Arretez, o mes freres" glorious. The MOT chorus never sounded better. Neither has the orchestra, under Badesa's tight control.

The wonderful thing about this Saint-Saens opera is the all the characters have great solos if not long roles. James Patterson, a MOT regular, does a satisfying job sinking those bass notes as the sagacious Old Hebrew.

War has touched not only the opera's story, but also the production. Yugoslavian director Dejan Miladinovic was caught in the present war and unable to fulfill his commitments here in Detroit. So the French master director Bernard Usan filled in with his usual impressive results, comprehending the French literature with greater sympathy and understanding, which always makes a satisfying production.

No French opera is complete without a ballet. Dancers Erlands Zieminch and Sara Viale were wonderful and made that party scene even better. Keeping these party scenes at a superior artistic level is what MOT has to be do to keep Delilah's favor.

Humidity dampens play at Outdoor Greek Theatre

St. Dunstan's presents "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" at 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 10-12, at the Cranbrook Outdoor Greek Theatre, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors ages 62 and older, and students ages 18 and older. For more information, call (248) 644-0527. BY HELEN ZUCKER, SPECIAL WRITER

St. Dunstan's attempt to exhume "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," directed by Edgar A. Guest III and Peggy A. Lee, gets an A for phenomenal effort and a C for production.

The 29-member cast, the huge technical staff and the musicians valiantly battled heat and mosquitoes but seemed to have so much on their minds that the drama behind this musical has no edge.

Production values dominate. The set, designed by Michael J. Brooks and Nancy Craig, based on James Thurber drawings, is ingenious.

Abe Burrows, Jack Weinstock, Willie Gilbert and Frank Loesser wrote the book and music for "How to Succeed" at a time when many Americans, not only hippies and beatniks, were protesting against sexism, conformity and corporate values. Protest is lodged at the heart of this musical, but St. Dunstan's gives us a fond look at the end of the '50s, the beginning of the '60s.

Y. Jamie Mistry is spirited as Finch, the boyish master of manipulation who works his way from the mailroom to the boardroom. Finch moves well, and he delivers a smooth rendition of "I Believe In You," the show's best song. Mistry seems like a nice guy though; it's hard to believe he's Finch, a totally self-

absorbed spinmeister who was once a window washer.

Jan Casai as Rosemary, the secretary who wants to marry Finch and move to New Rochelle, stands for everything Gloria Steinham marched to change. When Casai, a nice woman, sings "Happy to Keep His Dinner Warm" I couldn't help thinking of "The Stepford Wives." Despite her wifely ambitions, Rosemary is supposed to be spunky.

Keith Lepard as Biggley, Finch's boss, is a walking cliché. He's meant to be, but Lepard takes it a bit too far. The fact that Lepard seems to be a kind man also gets in the way. Amy Lynn Smith is very fine as Smitty, Rosemary's sarcastic friend and fellow secretary. Smith seems to understand the world she inhabits, and she sings with energy.

Scott MacDonald as Frump, gives us a believable baby. As the nephew of the boss and Finch's rival, it's hard to believe he's "stupid," as Biggley keeps saying. Maybe nasty? Whatever, MacDonald is fun to watch as he winds himself into tantrums. Krystyn M. Irvine as the obligatory sexpot, the boss's mistress looking for "advancement" as a secretary, tries on a Marilyn Monroe hairdo, dress and walk. Irvine strains a bit, but is very cute as the Treasure girl who can't tell a lie on television.

Margie Brooks as Miss Jones, the soul of the coffeepot hour, and Biggley's secretary, and Heather Bell and Miss Krumbolts try to lend a bit of snap. John Roberts stands out as Bratt, the smarmy personnel manager, as does John Schore as Gatch.

Musical director John M. Tartaglia conducted the mostly unmelodic score with energy, and his orchestra was right there with him.

Fisher season heavy on the musicals

The Fisher Theatre's 1999-2000 Playgoer Subscription Season gives the audience what it wants: musicals.

It opens in October with "Footloose" and continues in December with "Martin Guerre." January brings the non-musical "Art" followed by musicals "Fosse" in March and "Cabaret" in April.

"Footloose" is based on the 1984 movie about a free-spirited kid who reminds the town that it's no sin to be young, and "footloose." With solid-gold musical hits "Let's Hear It For The Boys," "Holding Out For A Hero," "Almost Paradise" and the title song along with explosive dancing, it's a singing, swinging story with a heart.

December's offering is musical in a completely different mode. Martin Guerre, a soldier who returns after seven years at war has been reported dead. His wife accepts him but questions about his true identity begin to emerge. Composed by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg, creators of "Les Miserables" and "Miss Saigon," "Martin Guerre" has drama and suspense

and a memorable score. It won Olivier Awards for Best Musical and Best Choreography and ran for more than 700 performances in London.

What is art and what is friendship, and can either be defined by the other? Three friends discuss the newest acquisition by one, a minimalist painting that evokes spirited responses, and exposes biases, opinions and conflicts among the men. The art of friendship is explored and probed on many levels. "Art" is a challenging, enticing and funny play.

Bob Fosse's Broadway theater credits reflect his originality, his flair, his flamboyance and his genius. The musical "Fosse" recreates his stunning dance numbers from stage, film and television. Numbers from "Sweet Charity," "Pippin," "Little Me," "The Pajama Game," "Dancin'" "All That Jazz," numbers Fosse performed on television's "The Ed Sullivan Show," "The Colgate Comedy Hour," his choreography for "Liza with a Z" and a number he choreographed for Gwen Verdon for a 1968 Bob Hope special are only part of his legacy.

"Cabaret" is a musical that jolts its audience with shock and surprise. It was first produced in 1966, revived in 1987 and won the Tony Award for Best Revival of 1998. In its earlier production, the menace of Nazism was clear but less threatening. This one is bawdier, raunchier, with an overlay of approaching terror. It's a powerfully realized show of enormous emotional strength.

Subscribers receive priority seating, have full exchange privileges, have their tickets sent to their home or office, receive advance notice of non-subscription shows, including more musicals this season, have a special subscriber telephone number and may renew their seats each season.

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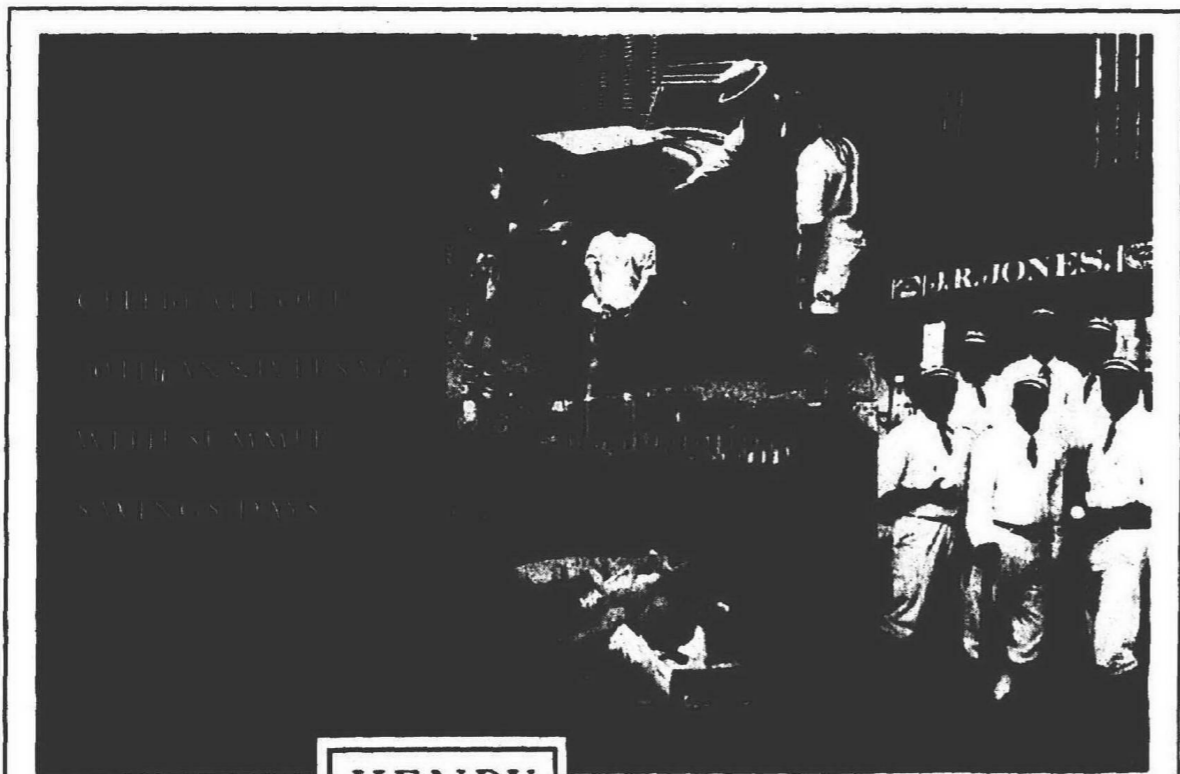
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Saturday (\$24.50), 1:30 p.m. Sundays (\$29.50), and 8:30 p.m. Sundays (\$24.50). (313) 963-3913
SENIOR THEATRE
"Amphigour," the story of the slave Saint-Joseph-Angelette, runs Thursdays through June 27, at the Millan Theatre Company, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Sundays. \$15. (313) 968-1347 or http://www.culturefinder.com or DetRepTheat.com
GENIE THEATRE
"Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," runs through June 27 at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 or (248) 645-6666

COLLEGE

THEATRE
"The Fantasticks," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 10-12, at the Sponberg Theatre on Eastern Michigan University's campus, Ypsilanti. \$7 Thursday, \$12 Friday-Saturday, \$10 Sunday, \$2 discount for tickets purchased more than 20 minutes in advance. (734) 487-1221

COMMUNITY THEATRE

PLANET ART
"Lib," an original play by Kim Carney, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturdays, and 7 p.m. Sundays, through June 27, at the theater, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 365-4948 or www.planetart.com
ST. BUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK
"How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 10-12, in the Cranbrook Outdoor Greek Theatre, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$15, \$12 seniors/students age 18 and younger. (248) 644-0527
WALK & SQUAWK PERFORMANCE PROJECT
"Who It Is," June 10-13, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit. \$18, \$15 students/seniors/museum members. (313) 494-5800

THEATRE
"A Pretty Piece of Business," 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.; Saturday, June 19, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 20, Burgh Park, northeast corner of Civic Center Dr. and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph. \$5. (248) 827-0707
THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD
"Au Naturelle," one-act play festival, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 17-19, and Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 27, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. (313) 531-0554
THEATRE
Eugene Ionesco's "Victims of Duty: A Resound-drama," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26, at Zeitgeist, 2661 Michigan Ave., west of Tiger Stadium, between 19th and 20th streets, Detroit. \$10. (313) 965-9192

YOUTH

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN ARTS CONSERVATORY
"Jack in the Beanstalk" presented by the Theatre Performance Ensemble, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 11-12, and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at the conservatory, 5701 N. Canton Center and Maben roads, Canton. \$6. (734) 463-7590, ext. 200

SPECIAL EVENTS

THE 12th ANNUAL WILSON BARN HOT ROD AND ANTIQUE CAR SHOW featuring '50s and '60s music by Steve King and The Detroiters, designer awards, swap meet, arts and crafts, food and pony rides, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 13, Wilson Barn, Midland and West Chicago roads, Livonia. \$5. (734) 464-1341/(734) 981-1341
8th ANNUAL MICHIGAN JAZZ FESTIVAL
8 a.m. Saturday, June 12, meet at the dining table serving area on Beak Street, south of Five Mile at Maybury Square, Farmington Hills. (248) 949-6360
THE 1999 MICHIGAN COUNTRY INSTITUTE'S MICHIGAN COUNTRY FESTIVAL
The 1999 Michigan Country Institute's Michigan Country Festival will be a 22th anniversary event featuring a host of local and national acts performing at the Michigan Country Institute, 10000 E. Grand Ave., Farmington Hills. (248) 949-6360



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What's Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival
When: Saturday-Saturday, June 12-26
Where: Concerts take place at various locations including St. Hugo's of the Hills Church, Temple Beth Shalom and Kirk in the Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills, and Haverhill Concert House in Ann Arbor.

Tickets: Adults, \$25; students/seniors, \$15; Family concerts, \$1. Five-concert subscription series - adults, \$100; students/seniors, \$65. For more information, call (248) 963-0171.

Festival celebrates through Sunday, June 26
8 p.m. Saturday, June 12 - violinists Miriam Fried and Philip Setzer, violist Paul Bies, cellist Peter Willey, pianist James Toes and Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings in a program of Beethoven's "String Trio in C-Minor, Op. 9, #3," "Wind Obit in E-flat Major, Op. 104" and "Sonata in A Major, Op. 47 for piano and violin." Where: Temple Beth Shalom, Telegraph Road at 14 Street East.

8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 17-18 - Violist Ida Kavanan, cellist Peter Willey, haritone Kurt Ollmann, pianists Ruth Laredo and Ned Rorem in a program of Beethoven's "Sonata in C Major," Kodaly's "Duo for violin and cello, Op. 7," Rorem's "War Scenes for voice and piano," and Ravel's "Sonata for violin and piano." Where: Kirk in the Hills Refectory, Long Lake Road, one mile west of Telegraph Road.

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FAMILY FISHING
1-3 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at Maybury Pond, inside the Beak Road entrance to Maybury State Park, south of Eight Mile, Northville. Free, but a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry to the park. (248) 349-8390
HARPBEAT
Concert 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, Wayne County Parks and Recreation, Westland. (734) 261-9067

YOUTH FISHING DERBY
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With Marika Schenberg, soprano, Sweden's 1996 Jenny Lind recipient, and Natalya Paschryk, pianist, Sweden's Wilhelm Freund recipient 1998, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. \$15, \$5 students, includes hors d'oeuvres and dessert afterward. Concert hosted by Jenny Lind Club, founded in 1937 to promote and preserve Sweden's cultural heritage. (313) 255-9705

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11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at Petco, Ford Road between Beech Daly and Inkster, Dearborn Heights. (734) 425-6230

"WALK AND AUCTION FOR SOLIDARITY"
An event, featuring magic, an auction and ice cream social, held to raise awareness of scleroderma and to raise funds to support patients and medical research, 12:30 p.m. Sunday, June 13, Royal Oak Library. (248) 349-2899

Presented by the FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts to benefit programs for people with special needs, registration begins at 8 a.m., walk at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 12, Comerica Bank at Hamlin and Squirrel roads, Auburn Hills \$10 advance, \$15 day of walk. (248) 852-5297

DEO YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT
With conductor David Alan Miller, "Beethoven: Back to the Future," 11 a.m. Saturday, June 12, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8-\$22 (box seats \$30) (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitamphory.com

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Auditions for the cast, 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 21, Oakland University, Room 110 of Vassar Hall, Rochester. Candidates will perform an improvisation audition. Some candidates will be asked to perform basic movement auditions and a brief original monologue based upon the character for which they are auditioning. Auditions by reservation only. Lu Harding-Capots 1-800-601-4848 before June 17.

THE SECOND CITY'S CAMP FOR KIDS
9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. June 14-24, July 19-29 and Aug. 16-26; at The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., \$150 per session. (313) 965-2222

"SOUTH PACIFIC"
Auditions for all residents of Farmington/Farmington Hills as well as school district employees, ninth grade and up, 6 p.m. Friday, June 18, callbacks as needed 7 p.m. Monday, June 21, audition music available at office of North Farmington High School. (248) 489-3539

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TIMBERBOX PRODUCTIONS
Placement auditions for the Performing Arts Summer Day Camp, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 19-30, open to high school graduates, all levels of experience, grades 1-12, placement auditions 1-4 p.m. Sundays, June 6 and 27, at Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962

GEORGE BENSON QUARTET
Saxophonist performs 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, June 11, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax/piano/bass/drums)

JUDIE COOKILL TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, June 12, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

FUNTELLIGENCE
9:30 p.m. Friday, June 18, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (funk)

DONALD HARRISON QUARTET
9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 11-12, Serehgeti Ballroom, 2957 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20, 21 and older. (313) 832-3010

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JAZZHEAD
9 p.m. Saturday, June 12, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 19 and older. (313) 833-2355; 9 p.m. Sunday, June 13, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368

RANDY JOHNSTON
9:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 10-12, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$10, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

SHILA LANDIS
With her trio, 7-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 11-12, Free Vite, 2203 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 471-3500; With Rick Matie, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 18-19, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With Cary Koehler, vibraphone and vocals, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, June 10; With Chris Collins, saxophone, and Dennis Tini substituting for Matt Michaels, special guest Chris Collins (saxophone), 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner, and \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

MARK HIGLITZ TRIO
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SHANDA MURILLIAN QUARTET
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PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND
With the Detroit Symphony Pops, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, June 10, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 11-12, and 3 p.m. Sunday, June 13, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48 (box seats \$40-\$65) (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitamphory.com

GARY BORNHEIM TRIO
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8-11 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, at the No.VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar in the Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 305-5210; 8-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Northern Lakes Seafood Company in the Kingsley Inn, 1475 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 646-7900; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-7333

JAZZHEAD
9 p.m. Saturday, June 12, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 19 and older. (313) 833-2355; 9 p.m. Sunday, June 13, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368

RANDY JOHNSTON
9:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 10-12, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$10, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

SHILA LANDIS
With her trio, 7-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 11-12, Free Vite, 2203 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 471-3500; With Rick Matie, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 18-19, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With Cary Koehler, vibraphone and vocals, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, June 10; With Chris Collins, saxophone, and Dennis Tini substituting for Matt Michaels, special guest Chris Collins (saxophone), 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner, and \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

MARK HIGLITZ TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, June 17, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

SHANDA MURILLIAN QUARTET
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, June 18, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass/drums)

PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND
With the Detroit Symphony Pops, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, June 10, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 11-12, and 3 p.m. Sunday, June 13, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48 (box seats \$40-\$65) (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitamphory.com

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JANET TERNI TRIO
Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield. (248) 381-2925
PAUL VORHAGEN QUARTET
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 18-19, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310
URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDDON
Fridays, June 4, 13, 25 and July 2 and Saturdays, June 12 and July 3, at the Main Event Restaurant inside the Pontiac Silverdome, no cover, (248) 858-7898; with Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forts, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 584-7300
THE WARRIOR CONNECTION
6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Big Rock Chop and Brew House's stone terrace, 245 E. Eton, Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 647-7774

GOSPEL

FARMER JACK FRANKFORT
Featuring CeCe Winans, Helen Baylor, Dottie Peoples and Vickie Winans, Friday-Sunday, June 11-13, Hart Plaza, Detroit. Free. (734) 453-9157 or <http://www.wattsapinc.com>

WORLD MUSIC

ANN ARBOR IRISH ENSEMBLE
9 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or <http://www.arborbrewing.com> (Irish)
CHRIS ARDORN
8 p.m. Sunday, June 13, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>
ANN ARBOR IRISH ENSEMBLE
9 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 (Irish)
BLACKTHORN
9:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays in June at John Cowley and Sons Irish Tavern, 33338 Grand River, Farmington. (248) 474-5941 (Irish folk music)
GRATTITUDE STEEL BAND
9 p.m. Friday, June 11, The Deck above The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older. (313) 965-9500 (reggae)
IMMIGRANT SUNS
With Eyegore and Floraine, 9 p.m. Thursday, June 10, Gold Dollar, 3428 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (Eastern European)
IMMUNITY
8-11 p.m. Thursday, June 10, Gameworks in Great Lakes Crossing, I-75 and Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675; 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday, June 13, Jamaica Joe's, 6041 Haggerty Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 926-5300; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, June 18, The Deck above The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older. (313) 965-9500 (reggae)
IRISH MUSIC CELEBRATION
Featuring first place winners in the Midwest Irish Music Competition, Detroit/Ann Arbor Grupa Cheoil, 8 p.m. Friday, June 11, at Clonlara School, 1289 Jewett, between Packard and South Industrial, Ann Arbor; 8 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at the A.O.H. Hall, 24242 Grand River, west of Telegraph. \$8 donation at door to benefit the five youths headed to County Wexford, Ireland to compete in the Feadh Cheoil na hEireann, the equivalent of the world championships in Irish music. (734) 944-9358/(313) 537-3489
TIPPA IRIE AND RAPPA ROBERT
Backed by Tabarruk Band, 9 p.m. Friday, June 18, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (reggae)
SHANE MCGOWAN
With Mogue Doyle, 8 p.m. Sunday, June 13, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15 in advance, \$18 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (Irish)
UNIVERSAL XPRESSION
9 p.m. Saturday, June 12, The Deck above The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older. (313) 965-9500 (reggae)
MATT WATROBA
4 p.m. Sunday, June 13, Cohn Amphitheatre, adjacent to the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$2.50. (248) 625-8473/(248) 858-1684 (TTY) or <http://www.cwoakland.mi.us>

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

DANCING LIGHTS FOLK EXTRAVAGANZA
MacAoidh, Liz, Bombiano, Sege, SkyPilots, Shell, Rick Stachura, and more, 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 11 (\$2), 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 12, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 13 (\$3), open mic noon to 1 p.m. Sunday in Pavilion A at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5065 Ann Arbor. To benefit Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Program and the youth development program of Michigan State University Extension.
BRIAN LILLIE

8-10 p.m. and 10 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 12, Zou Zou's, 101 N. Main St., Chelsea. Free. All ages. (734) 327-2041
CHARLIE MONTERRAY
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 12, Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., Chelsea. Free. All ages. (734) 327-2041
ROCKY FRANKS
8 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, June 15-16, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>
KETH PARMENTIER
8-10 p.m. and 10 p.m. to midnight Friday, June 11, Zou Zou's, 101 N. Main St., Chelsea. Free. All ages. (734) 327-2041
JIM POST
8 p.m. Saturday, June 12, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>
ROBBIE IN THE SKY
8 p.m. Friday, June 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>
BRANDY SINCE
With Michael Shehata, 8-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 18, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Free; suggested donation \$7 adults, \$5 students ages 13 and older, \$3 for kids 6-12. (734) 327-2041
SPYDER JOE
8-10 p.m. and 10 p.m. to midnight Friday, June 18, Zou Zou's, 101 N. Main St., Chelsea. Free. All ages. (734) 327-2041
NIEL WOODWARD
8 p.m. Thursday, June 17, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD
"POETRY IN MOTION"
Hosted by Marc Maurus, with performances by Jere Stormer and Black Frost, 6-10 p.m. Sunday, June 13, The Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Free. All ages. (248) 615-9181
DANCE
"DANCING BETWEEN THE LINES"
Kimberly Boyd's one-woman show using movement art and storytelling as tool for understanding contemporary issues and fostering empowerment, inspiration, 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, June 11-13, at 1515 Broadway, Detroit. \$15 advance, \$20 at door, partial proceeds to benefit Wayne State University dance department/Ann Zirkoff Lecture Fund. (248) 645-6666/(313) 835-5059/(248) 353-5640
ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING
With calling by Eric Arnold and Don Theyken and live music by David West and Donna Baird, all dances taught, previous experience and partner not required, 7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, at Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158
EAST COAST SWING DANCE CLASS
Beginning class for ages 14-18, at the D. Dan and Betty Kahn Building of the Jewish Community Center. \$28 center members, \$35 non-members. (248) 661-7649
"HAWAIIAN LUAU DINNER DANCE"
With music by The Mike Wolverton Band and entertainment by Hawaiian Aloha Tropics and a special appearance by "Elvis," 5 p.m. Sunday, June 27, Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. \$25 includes dinner of roast pork, roasted potatoes, two pastas, marinated zucchini and eggplant, salad, rolls, coffee, tea and pineapple cake. Tickets sold in advance only. (313) 534-5924/(734) 422-3415
POLYNESIAN FANTASY DANCERS
A professional Hawaiian dance group highlight the Hawaiian Dance Recital, 7 p.m. Monday, June 14, at Coolidge Junior High School Cafeteria, 2521 Bermuda, Ferndale. \$5, \$2 seniors/students, children under age 12 free. (248) 547-3109/(248) 546-6832
WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS
7:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 12, at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7. \$6 WSD members. (313) 526-9432

POPULAR MUSIC
ALBERTA ADAMS
With The Bill Heid Trio, 9 p.m. Thursday, June 17, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)
THE ALLIGATORS
9 p.m. Thursday, June 17, Memphis Smokes, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (blues)
JOCELYN B.
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 4-5, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. \$5. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues)
BASKIN
9 p.m. Friday, June 11, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)
BEACH BOYS FAMILY AND FRIENDS
Featuring the band along with Matt and Adam Jardine, Carrie Wilson, Daryl Dragon and Owen Elliott, with special guest Immunity, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 12, Clio Area Amphitheater, 301 Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio. \$32 reserved, \$26 bleachers. (810) 687-7811 or <http://www.clioamp.org> (pop)
BLACK BEAUTY
With Thornetta Davis, 9 p.m. Saturday, June 12, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213; 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6369 (rockabilly)
BLUE CAT
9 p.m. Friday, June 11, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213; 9 p.m. Saturday, June 12, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 9 p.m. Thursday, June 17, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues)
BLUE ROSE
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 11-12, Nancy Whiskey, 2644 Harrison, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 962-4247 or <http://www.bluerose.iuma.com> (blues)
BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 18-19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)
BOREDOMS
With W-Vibe, 6 p.m. Friday, June 18, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. \$12 in advance, \$15 day of show. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (noise rock)
BRANDED
10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday, June 16-18, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road, one block north of Five Mile Road, Redford. Free. 21 and older. (313) 533-4477 (rock)
C.J. CHEWEN AND THE RED HOT LOUISIANA BAND
8 p.m. Saturday, June 15, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (blues)
CODE BLOOM
9:30 p.m. Friday, June 18, Theo's, 705 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 485-6720/(313) 303-8630 or <http://www.codebloom.com> (rock)
COOLU
With Rukus and Diverse, 8 p.m. Monday, June 14, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$18.50 in advance, \$20 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rap)
ELVIS COSTELLO
With Steve Nieve, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$35 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacetnet.com> (alternative rock)
A.J. CROCE
9 p.m. Thursday, June 17, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)
PAT DAILEY
7:30 p.m. Friday, June 18, The Barnstormer Entertainment Complex, 9411 M-36, Whitmore Lake. \$20 in advance, \$25 day of show. 21 and older. (248) 845-6666/(734) 449-0040 (pop/comedy)
DAVE DELL AND THE BIG BEAT EMBASSY
9 p.m. Saturday, June 12, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)
THE DETERANTS
With Jill Jack and Big Sam, 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 4, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)
DIAMOND DUKES
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 11-12, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's

Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)
BING BEATLES
Celebrate release of CD with party and performance, with Hope Orchestra and Paul Gaughan and Not Forgotten, 8 p.m. Friday, June 11, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (pop/rock)
ROBBIE EARL AND THE BROADCASTERS
8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 12-13, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$17 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (blues)
ECHO AND THE SUNSHINE
With Grand Mal, featuring former members of St. Johnny, Ag!pop, the Dwarves and Meles, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. Postponed until September. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com> (alternative rock)
FACTORY 81
With Innercourse and Too Many Gods, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 10, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)
GRR
9 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (rock)
HARRIS WAY
With Buddha Fulla Rhyemz and Redline, 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 11, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)
HARRINGTON BROTHERS
8 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)
AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS
9 p.m. Saturday, June 12, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Thursday, June 17, Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or <http://www.arborbrewing.com> (boogie blues)
HOOTIE AND THE BLOWFISH
With Shawn Mullins, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$28.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacetnet.com> (rock)
THE HOPE ORCHESTRA
9 p.m. Saturday, June 12, Sweetwater Cafe, 123 W. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 769-2331 or <http://www.concentric.net/~hopeorch> (pop/rock)
LISA HUNTER
6 p.m. Friday, June 11, as part of the 89X Garden Party at the Whitney, 4421 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 832-5700; 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 11, Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 994-3940 or <http://www.lb.com/onemanclopping/llisa.htm> (pop)
HYBRID
With Dominant Factor, 9 p.m. Thursday, June 10, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 833-2355 (rock)
IMPACT 7
10 p.m. Friday, June 18, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. \$5. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (rock)
DENISE JAMES
Backed by the Volebeats, and Slumber Party, 9 p.m. Friday, June 11, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (pop)
EDDIE KIRKLAND
9 p.m. Thursday, June 10, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)
GLADYS KNIGHT
With comedian Bill Thomas, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 11, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$28.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacetnet.com> (R&B)
LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND
9 p.m. Thursday, June 10, Memphis Smokes, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (blues)
LIQUID BROTHERS
8 p.m. Friday, June 11, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)
LUCKY HASKINS
9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rockabilly)
STONE MAZAAR AND THE WESTSIDERS
9 p.m. Friday, June 18, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)
MERCURY REV
With Sparklehorse and Diane Izzo, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance, \$14 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)
GRANT MCLENNAN AND ROBERT FORSTER
Of The Go-Betweens, 8 p.m. Friday, June 11, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$10 in advance, \$13 day of show. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (acoustic pop)
CHARLIE MUEBELWHITE

7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 10, Magic Stick in the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (blues)
BRUCE
8 p.m. Friday, June 11, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 in advance, \$8 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (ska)
MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM HOGARTY
9 p.m. Friday, June 11, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 9 p.m. Friday, June 18, Sad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)
THE NOTE BENDERS
9 p.m. Friday, June 18, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)
OLD 97'S
8 p.m. Thursday, June 17, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Canceled. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (roots rock)
BETH ORTON
With Joe Henry, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12.50 in advance, \$15 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)
THE OTTOMANS
9 p.m. Friday, June 18, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (acoustic rock)
"OUT OF SCHOOL JAM"
With MTV's DJ Scribble and DJ Stryke, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 17, La Boom, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. \$14.99 in advance. All ages. (248) 926-1000 (dance)
OVER THE HILLS
7:30 p.m. Friday, June 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800
JIM PARANIKES WITH MERIDIAN
Perform a Frank Sinatra tribute, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays in June, Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road, at Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 855-9300 (pop)
PARLIAMENT FUNKADOLIC
9 p.m. Thursday, June 10, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (funk)
PAVEMENT
8 p.m. Saturday, June 12, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12 in advance, \$14 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (avant pop)
TOM PETTY AND THE HEARTBREAKERS
With Lucinda Williams, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 18, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$52.50 pavilion, \$25 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacetnet.com> (rock)
PRIME NUMBERS
9 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, as part of Mood Indigo night, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 (prog rock)
PSYFUNK
9 p.m. Friday, June 18, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)
THE REEFERMEN
9 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)
SANTANA
With Ozomatli, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 12, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$33 pavilion, \$15.50 lawn. 50 cents per ticket donation to Milagro Foundation. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacetnet.com> (rock)
SAX APPEAL
With Valerie Barrymore, 9 p.m. Friday, June 18, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)
SIMPLE NEPTUNE
With Rooster, 8 p.m. Friday, June 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)
STEVE BOMERS BAND
With Valerie Barrymore, 9 p.m. Friday, June 18, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)
"SOUNDS OF SOUL"
With George Duke, Rachelle Ferrell and Kenny Lattimore, 8 p.m. Friday, June 18, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$32.50 and \$40. (248) 433-1515 (soul)
THE STILL
With Utopia Black, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 10, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)
SUN MESSENGERS
9 p.m. Thursday, June 10, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (R&B)

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9 p.m. Thursday, June 17, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (blues)
TWISTY SUBSTITUTES
9 p.m. Thursday, June 10, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (rockabilly)
WARLEN BEE
9 p.m. Saturday, June 12, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9822 (blues)
EBERHART WINTER
9 p.m. Saturday, June 12, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

CLUB NIGHTS
ALVIN'S
The Hush Party with resident DJ Melvin Hill and Carl, 10 p.m. Mondays; and Club Color, featuring funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.com>
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DJ and dancing, 9 p.m. Saturday, June 12, and Thursday, June 17, at the club, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441
ARBOR BREWERY COMPANY
Latin dance night, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tuesdays in June at the restaurant/bar, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or <http://www.arborbrewing.com>
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"Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's, 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>
GOLD DOLLAR
Hip-hop and dancehall reggae dance night with DJ Chino, 8 p.m. Wednesday at the club, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com>
THE GROOVE ROOM
Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D. Thursdays. Women admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative dance night Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays; Alternative dance Tuesdays; gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main St., (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly, 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or <http://www.thegrooveroom.com>
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Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the club, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Ages 15-19. (248) 926-9960
MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER
"Good Sounds," with music by The Tonehead Collective and Images by Thomas Video, 9 p.m. Fridays at Magic Stick, 18 and older. Free; "Work Release," Rock 'n' Bowl happy hour with bowling, music and complimentary food from the Majestic Cafe, 5-8 p.m. Fridays at Garden Bowl, 18 and older; "Rock 'n' Bowl" with DJ Del Villarreal, 9 p.m. Fridays and DJ Gutterball, 9 p.m. Saturdays at Garden Bowl, Free. 18 and older; "The Bird's Nest," punk rock night with live performances, 9 p.m. Mondays at Magic Stick, Free. 18 and older; "Soul Shakedown" with DJ Big Andy, 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Magic Stick, Free. 21 and older. (313) 833-9700
MOTOR LOUNGE
"Back Room Mondays," service industries employee appreciation night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays. Free. 21 and older; "Community Presents" with resident DJs, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays. \$3. 18 and older; "Maximum Overload," 9 p.m. Fridays. \$6. 18 and older; "Divine" with DJs Mike Clark, Mark Flash and Brian Gillespie, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays. \$6. 21 and older. All at the club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080
ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER
"Three Floors of Fun," 9 p.m. Fridays. \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 after midnight. 18 and older; X2X dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays in The Shelter, \$6. 21 and older. St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

24 KARAT CLUB
"Cruise Night" with hot rods, Harleys and live bands, 8 p.m. Thursdays; Latin/House dance night, 9 p.m. Sundays; intermediate swing lessons, 9 p.m. Tuesdays; and beginner swing lessons, 9 p.m. Wednesdays, at the club, 28949 Jay Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

Jewish Community Center hosts film festival

BY KIMMY WYOMING
Special to the Jewish Post-Opinion

You can go to see a movie anytime, but there aren't many opportunities to learn more about the film afterward.

During the first Jewish Community Center Lenore Marwil Film Festival, Thursday, June 10, and Sunday-Wednesday, June 13-16, film buffs will have an opportunity to see 15 films, and hear a variety of speakers.

"The Jewish Community Center has been wanting to have a film festival for many years," said Nitsana York of Southfield, director of Jewish Life and Learning Director at the JCC. "We do have the oldest and

biggest book fair, and wanted to create a summer event."

The festival was created by a \$250,000 endowment from the Marwil family in memory of Lenore Marwil.

"Mr. Milton Marwil came forward in January," York said. "Early on in his relationship with his wife he discovered she enjoyed films, and thought it would be nice in her memory to help start the film festival."

A variety of speakers, including Academy Award-winning filmmaker Sue Marx, Rabbi Elimelech Silberberg of Congregation Bais Chabad of West Bloomfield, and TV personality, author, Sandy Schreier will give their perspectives on the films to

West: Jewish Community Center's Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival: Thursday, June 10; and Sunday-Wednesday, June 13-16, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, and the Star Southfield Theatre, on 12 Mile, just west of Telegraph Road in Southfield.

Tickets: General admission \$6 per screening, \$5 for seniors. Series tickets, general admission \$45, \$35 for seniors. Patron series tickets \$250, includes early admission for preferred seating to all screenings, and reception 6 p.m. Saturday, June 13, in the Galleria Office Centre. Call (248) 661-7649 for advance tickets, or for more information. Tickets available at the door one hour prior to screening, at the DeRoy Theatre on June 10, and the Star Southfield Theatre, June 13-16, space permitting. Only tickets paid for in advance will be held at the door.

be shown at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre inside the Jewish Community Center in West Bloom-

field, and the Star Southfield Theatre.

Jody Podolsky, a native Detroit, will speak after the 5 p.m. screening of her film "All of It," Wednesday, June 16, at the Star.

York, and festival co-chairpersons Mark Chessler and Mindy Sobel of West Bloomfield, screened 50 films before deciding on the ones to be presented.

A variety of films from around the world including feature-length, documentaries and short subjects will be presented. A highlight is "Soleil," which stars Sophia Loren as the matriarch of a Jewish Algerian family during World War II.

"Divine Food: 100 Years in the Kosher Delicatessen Trade," to be shown 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, at the Star focuses on the kosher deli meat industry through the experience of the Oscherwitz family.

"Our mission is to experience Jewish culture around the world through film," York said.

"There are films from different countries," said Sobel, a TV producer. "Some are light hearted comedy, some are off beat. The experiences of people in these films are universal, but seen through Jewish eyes."

One of York's favorite films is "The Personals: Improvisations in Romance in the Golden Years" to be shown June 15.

"It's an amazing film," said York about the work, a 1999 Academy Award Winner in the documentary and short category. "It's about older Jewish people and what's going on in their lives while they're doing a stage production."

Sobel adds, "The film really talks about seniors in New York looking for love."

"My Mother's First Olympics," to be shown 5 p.m. June 14 at the Star is "about a mother who is going blind and competes in the Special Olympics," Sobel said. "It shows how she succeeds despite the hardship of her increasing blindness."

As Sobel pointed out, "You can go to a movie anytime, but how often do you have the chance to experience the film with a group of people and learn more about it afterward?"

Here's the screening schedule: Thursday, June 10 — Aaron DeRoy Theatre, Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield

"Generation to Generation: Jewish Families Talk about Death," USA, 1999, 35 minutes (Video) English, produced by Sue Marx Films — 2 p.m. This screening is free of charge.

Speaker: Sue Marx, Academy Award-winning producer, David Techner, Ira Kaufman Chapel.

"A Life Apart: Hasidism in America," USA, 1997, 90 minutes (Video) English — 5 p.m.

Speaker: Rabbi Elimelech Silberberg, Bais Chabad of West Bloomfield

"In Our Own Hands," co-sponsored by the Zionist Organization of America, Michigan



Family portrait: Alanna Ubach and Michael Silver in a scene from "All of It." The film, directed by native Detroit Jody Podolsky, will be shown 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, during the Jewish Community Center's Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival.

Region, 1998 Jewish Video Competition Winner, USA, 1998, 84 minutes (Video) English and Hebrew with English subtitles — 8 p.m.

Speaker: Introductory remarks by Dr. Jerome Kaufman, president of ZOA Michigan Region

Screenings at the Star Southfield Theatre

Sunday, June 13

"Soleil," France, Germany and Italy, 1997, 111 min. (35mm) French and Arabic with English subtitles — 7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Terry Lawson, Detroit Free Press, film critic

Monday, June 14

"My Mother's First Olympics," Israel, 1997, 54 minutes (video), Hebrew with English subtitles — 5 p.m.

"Human Remains," USA and Denmark 1998, 30 minutes (video) and "A Letter Without Words," USA 1998, 62 minutes (video) English and German with English subtitles — 8 p.m.

Speaker: Director Lisa Lewenz

Tuesday, June 15

"Divine Food," USA, 1998, 40 minutes (video), English; "Odessa Steps," USA, 1997, 18 minutes (video), English; "Mah-Jongg: The Tiles That Bind," USA, 1998, 27 minutes (video), English and "The Personals: Improvisations in Romance in the Golden Years," USA, 1998, 37 minutes (video) English — 5 p.m.

"Hollywoodism: Jews, Movies and the American Dream," Canada, 1998, 98 minutes (video) English, co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit — Avenues Canada — 8 p.m.

Speaker: Introductory remarks by Sandy Schreier, TV personality and author of "Hollywood Dressed & Undressed."

Wednesday, June 16

"All of It," USA, 1998, 85 minutes (video) English — 5 p.m.

Speaker: Jody Podolsky, film director, Detroit native

"Autumn Sun," Argentina, 1996, 108 minutes (35mm) Spanish with English subtitles — 8 p.m.

Speaker: Rabbi Leonardo Bitran, Shaarey Zedek B'nai Israel Center

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GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, June 11

"AUSTIN POWERS: THE SPY WHO SHAGGED ME" Mike Myers and Heather Graham star in the sequel as Austin Powers time-travels back to 1969 in London to search for his mojo, stolen by his look-alike nemesis, Dr. Evil.

"GAMMA" Thelma Houston, David Thewlis and Claudio Santamaria star in Bernardo Bertolucci's romantic drama in which a young married Italian woman, while staying in Rome, has an intense romance with an eccentric English composer.

Monday, June 24

"THE LAST THING ON EARTH" At the Star Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, starts at 8 p.m. with "The Last Thing on Earth" is \$2.

The theater is at 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. More information, call (313) 961-5451 or visit <http://www.statetheater.com>.

Scheduled to open Friday, June 18

"TARZAN" The vocal talents of Tony Goldwyn, Glenn Close and Rosie O'Donnell and songs and music by Phil Collins help bring to the screen Disney's animated version of the classic story about a man raised by apes.

"BIBI VEITA SOCIAL CLUB" Exclusively at the Main Art Theater. Documentary inspired by the album, this film includes appearances by many Cuban musicians.

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Generous 'King of Coneys' works hard

By George Dra
Special Writer

Panayote Stassinopoulos relaxes in the serene booth of his restaurant, stirring cream into a cup of coffee. It is 2 p.m., the quiet time between lunch and dinner. There is time to talk, to reminisce, to reflect.

Many years ago Stassinopoulos Americanized his first name to "Pete," but his accent gives away his Mediterranean roots. His face, rugged and open, and hands, strong and knobby, could be the face and hands of a farmer. When he was a boy, Pete lived on a farm near Kalamata, the town in Greece that gave its name to the prime olives produced in that region of the Peloponnese.

Stassinopoulos has earned anonymous fame. Throngs of people know what he does, but very few people know who he is. For the record, Pete Stassinopoulos is the King of Coneys.

Twenty-five years ago he opened a Coney joint in Southfield. Today, there are 13 locations, most of them called Leo's Coney Island.

"Some people tell me that when they come back from out-of-town, on their way home from the airport, they stop here for a Coney and a salad," said Stassinopoulos shaking his head as if even he is astonished at the ardor. "Before they even go home!"

In 1960 Stassinopoulos left his family farm and immigrated to Montreal. He worked as a dishwasher, then at a factory making women's stockings. Later, he moved to Windsor and got a job on the Chrysler assembly line. He lived frugally, and saved his money.

In 1966 he met a young Greek woman, Esther Commons, at a church dance in Detroit. In 1968 they married. Pete took a job as a cook at the American Coney Island at Northland Center. After three years he and Esther decided it was time to have a business of their own. Using \$25,000 saved from his Chrysler job, and a

leaves. All restaurants are open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.
Menu: Soups and salads, sandwiches, Greek specialties including shrimp kasseri, moussaka, spinach and cheese pie, burgers, breakfast specialties, and omelets. Children's menu available.

- Restaurant locations**
- Farmington Coney Island and Souvlaki**
30885 Orchard Lake Road (between 13 and 14 Mile roads), Farmington Hills, (248) 626-9732
- Leo's Coney Island locations**
- 1235 S. University, Ann Arbor, (734) 930-0084, opening soon.
 - 154 S. Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 540-8780
 - 6527 Telegraph (at Maple Road), Bloomfield Township, (248) 648-8568
 - 1735 Canton Center Road, Canton Township, (734) 981-5483
 - 26540 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights, (313) 724-8182
 - 37590 W. 12 Mile Road (at Halsted), Farmington Hills, (248) 553-2360
 - Laurel Park Mall, Livonia, (734) 462-0121
 - 15131 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, (734) 254-0663
 - 3999 Center Point Parkway, Pontiac, (248) 335-3303
 - 841 E. Big Beaver Road at Rochester Road, Troy, (248) 680-0099
 - 4763 Haggerty, at Pontiac Trail, West Bloomfield, (248) 669-2295
- Southfield Coney Island and Souvlaki**
15647 W. Nine Mile Road, at Greenfield, Southfield, (248) 569-5229

loan with their house as collateral, they opened the 50-seat Southfield Coney Island at Southfield and 12 Mile roads, but had no visions of grandeur. Like many immigrants who open businesses, their only goal was to provide for their family.

Pete and Esther worked side-by-side, he as cook, she as cashier and hostess. Their menu had all the usual fare — coneys, loose burgers, fries. But Pete was an innovator.

"Before, only better restaurants like in Greektown had Greek salads. No coney places. So I had Greek salads. We were the first."

On opening day they sold two Greek salads. Soon it was dozens. Greek salads put the Southfield Coney Island on the gastronomic map.

"Now everybody has Greek salads," Pete says. "But we were first."

Since then they've opened or purchased 12 restaurants. In 1980, Pete's younger brother Leo came to America and got involved in the business.

His formula for success has

remained the same — long hours of hard work, hands-on management, high quality food, and good service.

And those salads! Regular customers become almost addicted to them. The salad dressing is Pete's secret recipe. Bachar Ayoub, a partner with Pete in the West Bloomfield Leo's Coney Island, thinks Pete is successful because of the way he treats his employees and customers.

"He is very generous, and very helpful to people from the old country, or people who need a new start," Ayoub said. "And he gives customers more for their money — Better ingredients, and bigger portions."

Stassinopoulos, now nearly 65, still works every day at the Farmington Coney Island, the chain's busiest restaurant. He does a little of everything, helping cooks during big rushes, taking carryout orders, working the register.

"My father is trying to cut back, but he always seems to be here," said his daughter Chris who helps manage the Farm-



Coney king: Panayote "Pete" Stassinopoulos opened a coney island restaurant in Southfield 25 years ago. His coneys and Greek salads are a customer favorite at Farmington Coney Island and Souvlaki, and the other restaurants he owns.

ington restaurant. On occasion, Esther can still be found behind the register. Leo devotes himself mainly to management responsibilities. Chris, a graduate engineer who worked at Detroit Diesel for four years, gave up her career to work in the family business. A son, John, is a partner in a more

upscale Greek restaurant in West Bloomfield. The rest of Pete and Esther's five children pursued other interests. How big does Pete want Leo's Coney Island to get? "Maybe we open more stores," he says. "We look. But I say don't go too fast. Take time.

Don't go a hundred miles-an-hour." By following his own brand of philosophy, taking it slow and easy, working hard and long hours, taking care of his people and keeping the quality high, Pete Stassinopoulos has become the metro Detroit area's King of Coneys.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

It's summer, and we're looking for suggestions for restaurants to feature on our Dining page. If you have a garden, or an interesting outdoor setting, let us know. Also, be sure to let us know about anniversaries, menu changes, and specials.

Send us your Father's Day menus as soon as possible.

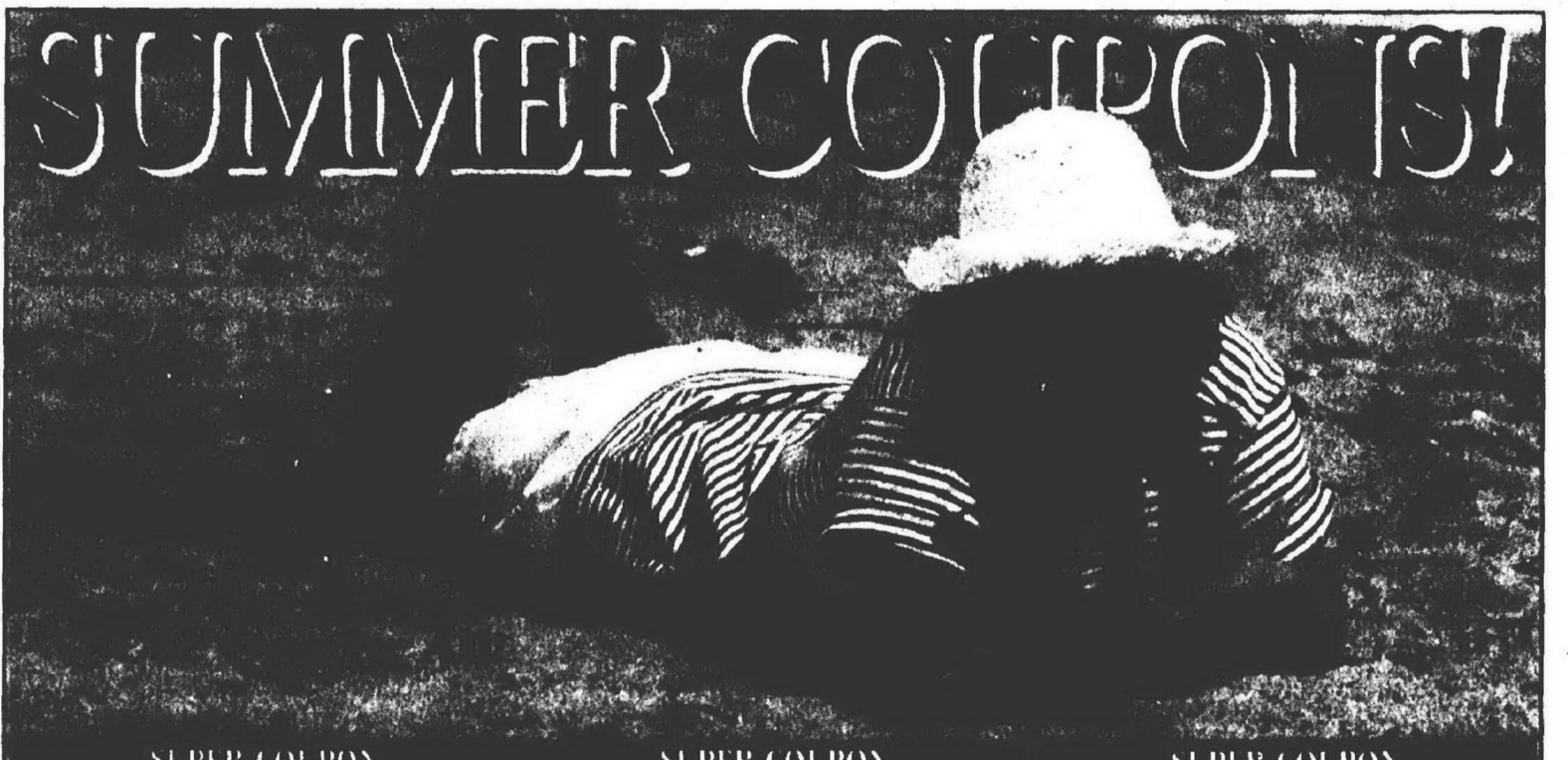
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New Italian restaurant opening Tuesday, June 15, 38888 Six Mile Road, across from Laurel Park Place, Livonia. Hours are 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 5-11 p.m. Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday; 4-10 p.m. Sunday. Call (734) 462-6442 for reservations/information.

RITZ-CARLTON, DEARBORN
Beer Lover's Barbecue, 6:30 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner, Thursday, June 17. Cost \$90 per person, call (313) 441-2100 for reservations, information.

PANERA BREAD
Panera Bread has opened a new bakery-cafe at 37611 Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

BUDDY'S RESTAURANT AND PIZZA
Between now and July 4 visit any Buddy's location and enter their drawing to win a family vacation to Disney World plus other prizes. On Monday, June 21 a portion of sales from all Buddy's locations will go to the 1999 Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund. Between 3-6 Tuesday, June 22, Buddy's will roll back prizes to 1946, the year it all began. Large pizzas with cheese and one topping will be \$3 at all Buddy's locations (table service only, limit 2 pizzas per table).

There are 6 Buddy's restaurants in metro Detroit, two take-outs and one take-out/cafe location throughout metro Detroit.



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