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Incumbent decides not to run

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Plymouth Township Trustee K.C. Mueller announced this week she will not seek re-election.

The two-term board member wants to devote more time to the health of her 89-year-old mother.

"Personal health problems in my family will need far more of my attention," Mueller said in a prepared letter. "For those who had ever contemplated serving their community, I hope that you will seriously consider running for this open position now."

Mueller, who works as a Realtor, hopes the township will improve and expand recreational facilities through

additional joint ventures with the Plymouth-Canton school district and with neighboring communities.

She is proud of the 1995 merger of the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township fire departments that created the Plymouth Community Fire Department and the 1999 merger of police dispatch services for the two cities that created the Ply-



K.C. Mueller

mouth Communications Center, housed in Plymouth Township.

Though Mueller isn't throwing her support behind any trustee candidate, she believes there are township residents who might now consider a run because there is one less incumbent running for re-election.

Board members lauded Mueller's efforts.

"K.C. has done a good job for the township," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy. "I understand her decision. She has been very involved with the township. She always approached things from a different perspective and that added to the discussion."

Mueller encouraged Keen McCarthy's first run for township

supervisor in 1992, according to Keen McCarthy. In fact, Mueller pulled the nominating petitions for Keen McCarthy. "She said, 'I've been meaning to tell you that ...,'" Keen McCarthy recalled.

The two became friends through the years. "She has been extraordinarily active in the community and that shows how much she cares about this community," Keen McCarthy said.

Trustee Kay Arnold also offered compliments.

"She is a very thorough trustee and has let her business suffer as she made sure that all citizens are playing on a level playing field," Arnold said. "She has always tried to make the township more user-friendly."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Crash site: Canton police investigate the scene of a fatal accident at the intersection of Ford and Ridge roads in Canton. The accident, which happened just before 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, killed a Plymouth Salem High School sophomore.

Crash kills Canton teen

Three others injured in accident

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One teenager is dead, and two others are hospitalized after their car was broadsided by a truck at Ridge and Ford roads in Canton shortly before 5:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoon.

Canton police Lt. Robert Kerr said the 1998 Chevrolet Geo Prism driven by 16-year-old Brandon Jose of Canton was traveling south on Ridge Road, attempting to cross Ford, when it was hit by a delivery truck moving east on Ford.

Ford was closed between Ridge and Beck for three hours Wednesday during the investigation.

Canton police said Elizabeth Grelik, 16, of Canton, who was sitting in the front passenger seat, was dead at the scene.

The driver, Jose, was listed in critical condition early today at St.

Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti. Police said he suffered closed-head injuries, a broken wrist and several lacerations.

Sitting in the back seat was Dana Stough, 16, of Canton, who was listed in fair condition Thursday, reportedly suffering a broken leg.

The truck driver, Kenneth Cramer, 53, of Ypsilanti, was treated and released from St. Joseph Mercy. He was driving a truck owned by Metro Parcel and Freight.

Police said Jose, who was driving Grelik's car, did not have a driver's license. Authorities report alcohol was not a factor in the accident, and no charges have been filed pending an investigation.

Grief counselors and social workers were at both Canton and Salem high schools today to help students. Grelik and Jose are sophomores at Salem High School, while Stough is a junior at Canton.



Elizabeth Grelik

"She was a beautiful young girl. Her character was very good," said Jadwiga Grelik of her daughter.

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Board OKs SAD for Pulte project

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Napier Road between Ann Arbor and Powell roads in Plymouth Township will be paved in two lanes this year.

Pulte Land Development representatives asked Plymouth Township to set up the Pulte/Napier Road special assessment district for purposes of paving Napier Road along its development project, the Country Acres of Plymouth.

The board's approval Tuesday was unusual because both the hearing of necessity and the Pulte/Napier Road special assessment district were considered at the same time at a special board meeting. Pulte is anxious to begin construction on the project, estimated to cost \$1,424,000.

Plymouth Township Attorney Timothy Cronin offered comments to the board. "This is not exactly in the form that the board has seen special assessments in the past," Cronin said. Typically the hearing of necessity is held first, followed by the SAD request several weeks later.

The assessment district includes frontage on the east side of Napier Road, the Wayne County stretch of road. Contributions will come from Pulte, Wayne County, Washtenaw County, and assessments of the individual units/lots.

The agreement required the creation of the SAD prior to any closings between Pulte and the potential purchasers of parcels in the Country Acres project. The project of homes and condominiums in the more than \$300,000 price range has boundaries of Ann Arbor Road, Napier, Powell, and just short of Ridge Road.

Because Pulte Land Development Corp. is the only owner at this time,

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Clinton leaves impression at EMU graduation

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Having the president of the United States headline their commencement ceremony Sunday was a highlight for area Eastern Michigan University graduates, although a few were clearly put off by parts of Bill Clinton's speech.

"It was an honor," said Plymouth resident Mark Buerkle.

Buerkle's fiancée, Paula Bobinui, was a little less reserved.

"I didn't expect to be so moved. But the moment he walked into the room my emotions came over me. People like us never get close to someone like that," she said.

"It's definitely a bonus," said Mark Reaume, 29, of Canton. The former Livonia resident and Franklin High School graduate received his bachelor of arts degree in facilities management.

"It was memorable to have him

here," said Jennifer Pastula, 23, of Garden City. "I went to last year's ceremony (when her boyfriend graduated) and I couldn't tell you a single thing about it now," she said.

The Garden City High School graduate received her bachelor of science degree in biology.

Eva Markowski of Westland, a 1994 John Glenn graduate, said Clinton's appearance was "very exciting" but her friends thought "it sounded like he was campaigning."

Clinton spoke for about 20 minutes on the increasing role of technology in society and the need to press forward on environmental issues. He used the speech to introduce a plan to safeguard the financial privacy of consumers by limiting how financial institutions and other companies share personal information.

"In this information age, we can't let new opportunities erode old fundamental rights," Clinton said. "We can't let

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Presidential Impressions: Paula Bobinui and fiance Mark Buerkle of Plymouth comment on having the president speak at their commencement.

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breakthroughs in technology break down walls of privacy." Clinton urged Congress to pass the legislation this year.

But critics are already saying the proposal's chances are remote. Opponents say its cost to business would be too high and it would discourage needed consolidation in the financial services industry.

"The issue is not going to be resolved now, not with this Congress, which at this late date is not going to touch this with a 10-foot pole," Kenneth Gunther, a lobbyist for the Independent Community Bankers Association, told the *New York Times*.

Graduating seniors, though, said Internet privacy and other electronic privacy issues were a concern.

"It bothers me," said Canton's Reaume. "I think laws are needed to protect people's privacy."

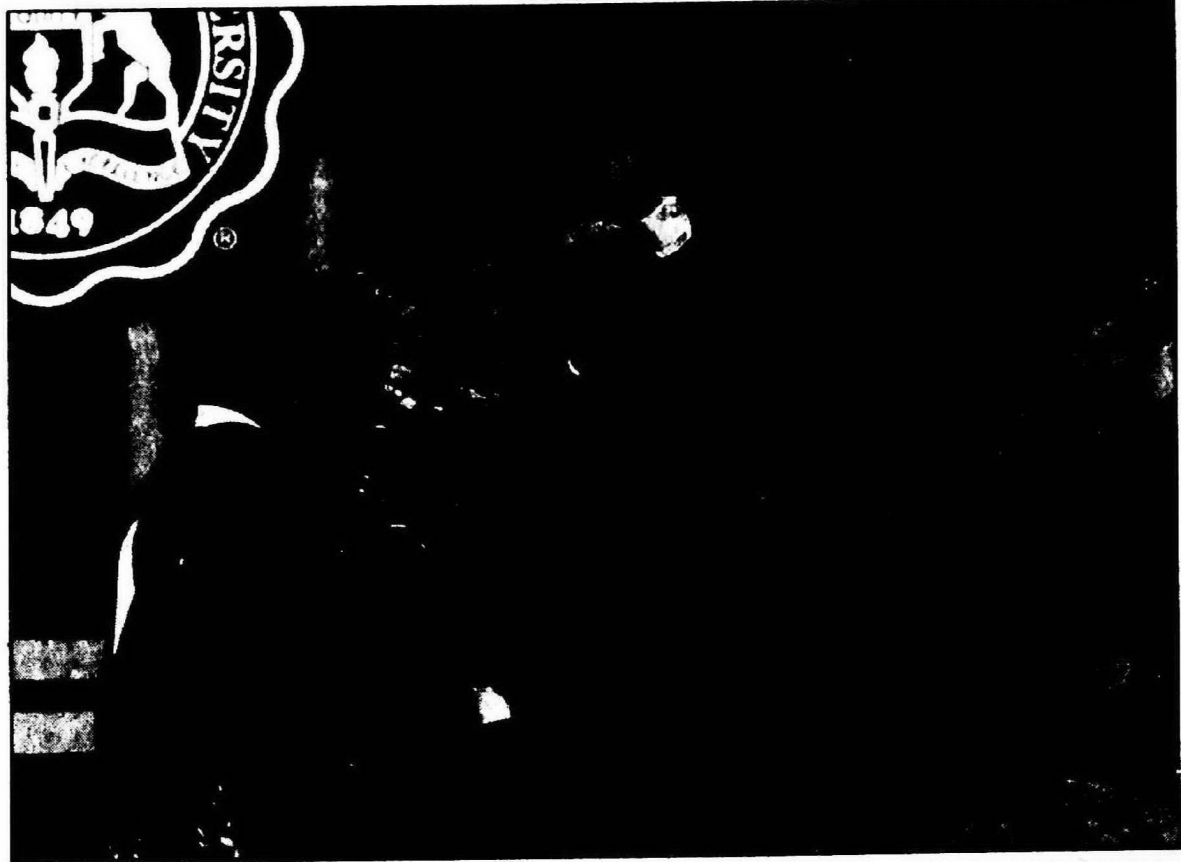
Said Pastula: "There are some things that need to remain private. That's why I don't buy anything on-line."

"If the government doesn't do anything about this now, it's only going to get worse."

The president's remarks on the environment drew criticism from some graduates. Clinton talked about the challenges in dealing with global warming and urged those attending to "embrace environmentally-friendly" technology for the sake of future generations.

"I think some of what he pointed to — with the polar ice caps melting — was the thinking 20 years ago but has been proved erroneous," said Reaume.

Plymouth's Buerkle was more



Show of appreciation: President William Jefferson Clinton waves and receives applause as he steps to the podium at Eastern Michigan University's spring commencement Sunday April 30. EMU's outgoing president William Shelton is at left.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

charitable in his assessment of Clinton's remarks on the environment.

"I like what he said. Business people need to learn that they can protect the environment and make a profit at the same time."

Buerkle, 26, received his BA in German and international trade and was among 2,500 EMU

graduates Sunday.

Clinton gave the commencement address for the afternoon ceremonies at the year-old Convocation Center on the EMU campus in Ypsilanti. He received an honorary doctorate of public service degree following his remarks, then left to attend the NAACP Freedom Fund dinner in

downtown Detroit.

The president was introduced by Rodney Slater, U.S. secretary of transportation and a 1977 EMU graduate.

James P. Comer, a visiting professor at EMU and a nationally-renowned professor of child psychiatry at Yale University, delivered the morning address.

Crier goes to Prose after court hearing

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After 26 years, the Community Crier newspaper has a new owner.

Dr. Thomas Prose, who as publisher plans to be known as T. Mark Prose, bought the Crier for \$180,000 cash during proceedings in federal bankruptcy court last Monday.

Prose and Willett Communications in Wayne were the only two bidders at the hearing in front of federal bankruptcy judge Steven Rhodes. However, during the proceedings Willett pulled his \$352,000 bid for the Crier off the table, leaving Prose the lone bidder for the newspaper at \$357,000.

"They wanted cash and we negotiated the price, which was substantially lower than my original bid," said Prose. "I would have still bought the newspaper at the original price."

Doug Willett said he had "no comment at this time" concerning the sale to Prose.

Publisher W. Edward Wendover and Prose are expected to close the deal Thursday, at which time Prose will take over the operation.

"We are shooting for next week," said

■ 'Our first order of business will be to apologize for the past sins of the Crier.'

T. Mark Prose
—New owner

Prose when asked the date of his first edition as publisher. "We need to get in there as soon as possible to figure out how to get on firm financial footing."

Prose's management team will partly consist of Tom O'Connor, the publisher of the Redford Connection newspaper, who will have a management contract to run the Crier. O'Connor is also a candidate for Redford Township supervisor, having recently turned in petitions.

Prose plans to use the accounting staff from his current business, General Medicine, to handle some of the payables and receivables.

Prose said he doesn't expect Crier Editor Scott Spielman to stay on, but "we'll see if some of the younger reporters will stay with us."

Concerning newspaper content, Prose said the editorial slant will be much different than that of his predecessor.

"Our first order of business will be to apologize for the past sins of the Crier," he said. "I hope we can raise the level of journalistic ethics and standards of the Crier to that of the Observer."

Wendover admitted that Wednesday's edition was most likely his last as publisher.

"It apparently will be the last at the Crier," he said. "Neither I nor any other employees have been offered a job by the new entity."

Wendover said he'd recently been looking at phasing out his duties at the Crier.

"I had been weighing stepping back after 26 years at the same job," Wendover said. "It fits into my life plan. How it all came to be is another story."

"I'm exploring all my opportunities, which include a number of people in town who have approached me about starting a new newspaper," he said. "I've also been approached about teaching in East Lansing."

Wendover said he's talked with someone about co-authoring a book, saying only it will be "about philosophies of life as stated by people we love and respect."

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"She was kind and helpful to everyone."

"She was really happy in high school because she met a lot of friends there," Grelik said. "Elizabeth was an average student, and she was talking about going to Eastern Michigan University."

Elizabeth Grelik is survived by her parents, Edward and Jadwiga, her brother Christopher, 11, and her sister, Jennifer, 9. Funeral arrangements were

■ 'She was a beautiful young girl. Her character was very good.'

Jadwiga Grelik
—Mother

pending early today.

Staff writer Scott Daniel contributed to this story.

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THE WRIST OF THE STORY

There is little wonder that wrist sprains are so prevalent among athletes. With the many stress placed on the wrist by athletic activities, there is a good chance that the ligaments interconnecting the wrist bones will endure sprains due to the fact that there are few muscles in the wrist to lend it stability. The worst type of wrist sprain occurs when the ligaments connecting two or more of the small wrist bones become completely torn. This allows the bones to slide out of place (a subluxation). As with any sprain, the treatment of a sprained wrist involves immediate immobilization, rest, and ice. Once the injury has stabilized, a set of range-of-motion exercises, followed by strengthening exercises, should be undertaken. Whether your injury is due to accident or overuse, sports or work, the highly-trained, knowledgeable staff at the **HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY** can help you to regain maximum function and range of motion. Ask your physician for a referral, or call 455-8378 to schedule a private consultation, you'll find our center located in Plymouth, at 478 Forest Avenue, Suite 28. We also provide massage therapy, myofascial release, cranio-sacral therapy, and spinal evaluation and treatment. Most insurance accepted, including Blue Cross and Medicare.

All Overuse of the wrist in sports causes inflammation of the finger tendons attached to the forearm muscles that control the fingers.



Investigation begins: Police and rescue workers sort out the details of Wednesday's accident.

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Family mourns as fund-raiser approaches

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It will be a bittersweet fund-raising affair for the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation this weekend. The golf outing will raise money for a Canton family whose lives have been turned upside down since a freeway accident last November.

Eric and Michelle Toepfer, along with their three children, were traveling west on I-96 near Lansing the day before Thanksgiving when a car going east crossed the median and struck their van. Eric, 36, was hospitalized with closed-head injuries and remained in a coma. Doctors gave the family little hope for his recovery, and on Sunday Eric died at a hospice in Ann Arbor.

"I feel like I've known Michelle for a long time," said Capt. Jim Davison, who is heading the golf outing. "There are three little kids who need to be cared for, and we just want to help in any way we can. This is what our

foundation does: help people in need."

And people from Plymouth and Canton have done just that.

When the accident occurred, parents and students at Eriksson Elementary, which the Toepfer children attend, raised \$10,000 for the family in just four days. The Canton firefighters gave \$1,000 to that cause.

A spaghetti dinner fund-raiser helped pull in another \$12,000 for the Toepfers.

This weekend, the Canton firefighters are hoping to raise similar numbers from a golf outing at Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth Township.

"So far we have nearly 100 golfers who have paid \$65 apiece to play Friday," said Davison. "We'll accommodate anyone who signs up."

Michelle Toepfer said while it's been hard, she'd been planning for this day since the doctors told her there was little hope.

"I had a great marriage," she said of her 10 years with Eric. "He was a good person and a great father. My focus now will be on

the kids, helping them understand and get through this."

From the first, when the family received a check from Eriksson, and with the knowledge of tomorrow's golf outing, Michelle Toepfer has been overwhelmed by community support for her family.

"Everyone - the firefighters, the schools and friends - has been so generous. I'm not sure I have the words to express how thankful we are."

As for the Canton firefighters, raising money to give to those in need has become more fun than work.

"We're unique because not many fire departments do a lot of fund-raising," said Davison. "We want to give something back to the community that has been good to us."

Reservations for golf, lunch and dinner for \$65 per golfer this Friday at Hilltop Golf Course can still be made by calling Capt. Jim Davison or Firefighter Mike Caruso at (734) 398-5262.

Discovery set to open on schedule

There's still work left, but classes should start in August

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The terrazzo flooring needs to be laid, painting has yet to begin, heating and air conditioning ducts still need to be installed, landscaping is still nonexistent, and there's plenty of cleanup to be done.

But, despite what looks like a lot of work yet to be completed, the construction managers for Discovery Middle School say the building will be completed in time for classes to start in August.

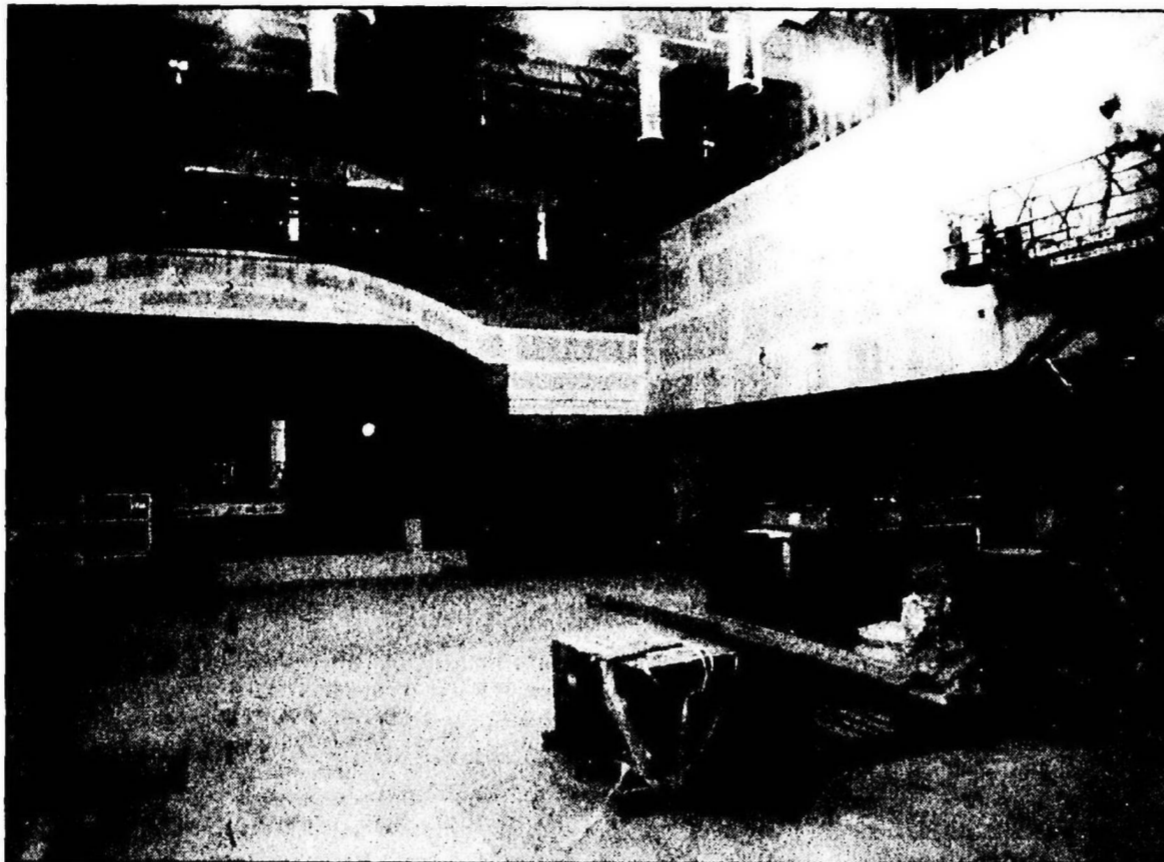
"I see you opening on time," project manager Bill McCarthy of McS/EV told school board members Tuesday night. "It will be exciting ... there's a lot of work to be done ... we'll need a big push."

During a tour of the site at Hanford and Canton Center in Canton, Brian MacAskill, assistant project manager, said there were some tense moments in making sure the project would be completed, but it's all downhill now.

"We're on track. We've always said it would be an exciting schedule," said MacAskill. "Back in December we lost some time and fell behind, but we took the measures to get back in line. We had guys working 10-hour days, on Saturdays and even some on Sundays. If we have to do it again, we will."

Voters approved the \$15.3 million project in October 1998 when it was learned Livonia wanted to take back Lowell Middle School, which the district has rented for 19 years.

The 127,000-square-foot Discovery will be nearly 40,000 square feet larger than Lowell



Featured attraction: Discovery Middle School will feature an "auditeria." The school will open on Hanford Road in Canton in August.



Coolin' out: Assistant project manager Brian MacAskill of McS/EV Construction points out the chillers of the new Discovery Middle School.

and is the first middle school to be constructed in Canton.

"It looks like there's a lot of work yet to be done, but they tell me it will be completed on time. I just wish it were done now,"

said Lowell Principal Roche LaVictor, who has been working with the architects and construction manager this semester to make certain the construction and transition goes smoothly. "I'm working on new equipment purchases, the transfer from Lowell to Discovery, and the schedule for next year."

Along with LaVictor, a group of nearly two dozen teachers gave input into the design and needs for Discovery.

"We'll have three wings, one for each grade, complete with new computer labs," said LaVictor. "We'll have a state-of-the-art technology package. A media center designed for us. An auditeria with more of an emphasis on design and performance than an eating area. And having air conditioning throughout the building will be great."

LaVictor is pleased the entire staff at Lowell will be moving as family to the new school.

"Some teachers who have been at Lowell for the entire 19 years wondered what would happen to

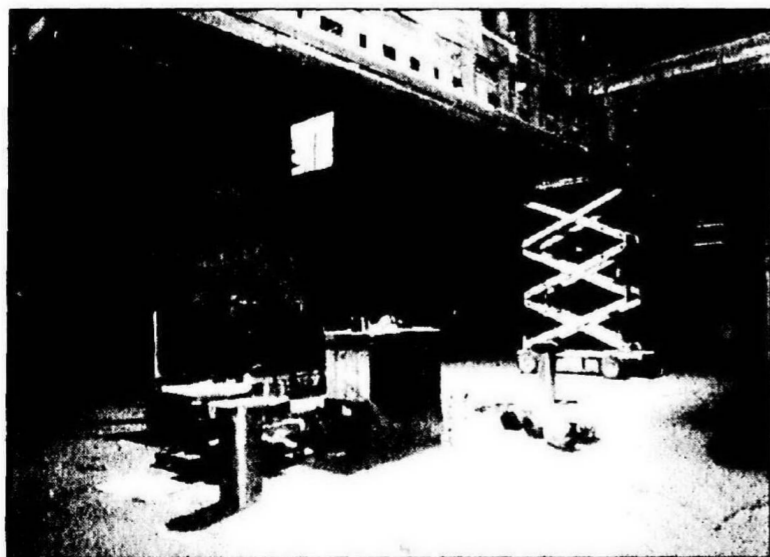
their jobs if Livonia ever decided not to extend the contract," he said. "We all feel grateful that we're going as a group to Discovery."

LaVictor said he's putting together a schedule for teachers to preview the building before it opens, and will have students visit the building by grades so they know the layout of the building before the first day of school.

"Can you imagine what chaos we would have with everyone trying to find their way around the first day of school?" said LaVictor with a chuckle. "Students and teachers would be equally lost."

MacAskill said when it's done, Plymouth-Canton school district residents will have a very useful building.

"I think this school is something you'll be happy with in the long run," he said. "I wouldn't call it a show stopper, but it's much more than functional. This building should be around for 75-100 years."



Inside story: A view of the interior of the new Discovery Middle School Library on Hanford Road in Canton.

Drivers can expect some delays along city streets

For the next couple of days, at least, residents might find the going a little slower in some parts of the City of Plymouth.

The city announced this week it will work on a road and parking lot repair program beginning today (Thursday) and running through at least Friday.

City crews will be hot tar crack sealing the lower level of the Central Parking Deck and Fleet Street today (Thursday). The work is expected to temporarily affect access to the lower level of the parking deck.

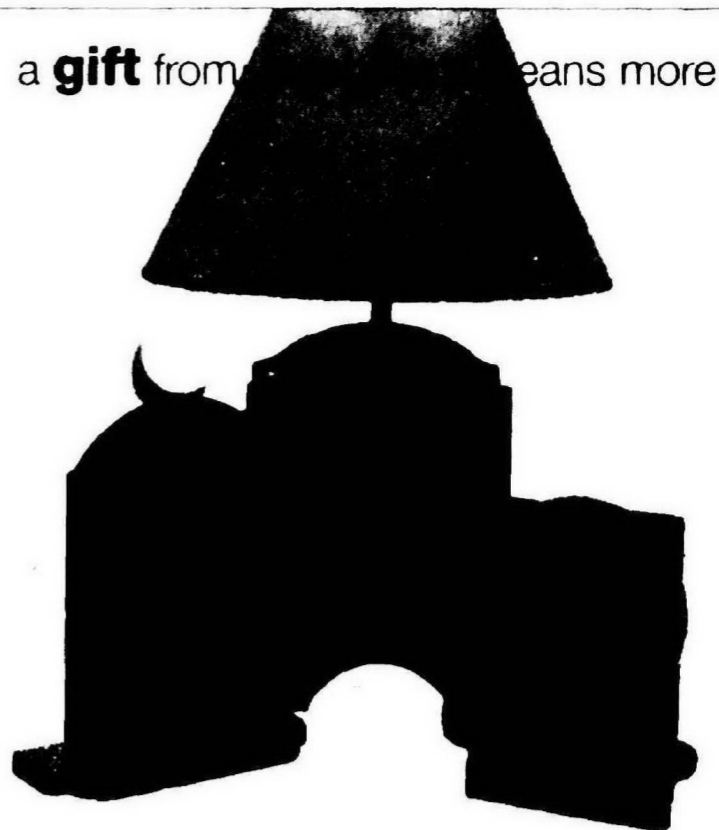
Crews will then move to South Main Street between Wing and

Ann Arbor Road late Thursday and early into Friday, May 5. Traffic on South Main Street will be affected as crews will be blocking one lane of traffic to complete their work.

Hot tar crack sealing is a process of cleaning out any reflex-

ive cracks that may have occurred, city officials said. The cleaning process involves the use of a high-powered air compressor.

Questions can be directed to assistant city manager Paul Sirock at 433-1234, Ext. 248.



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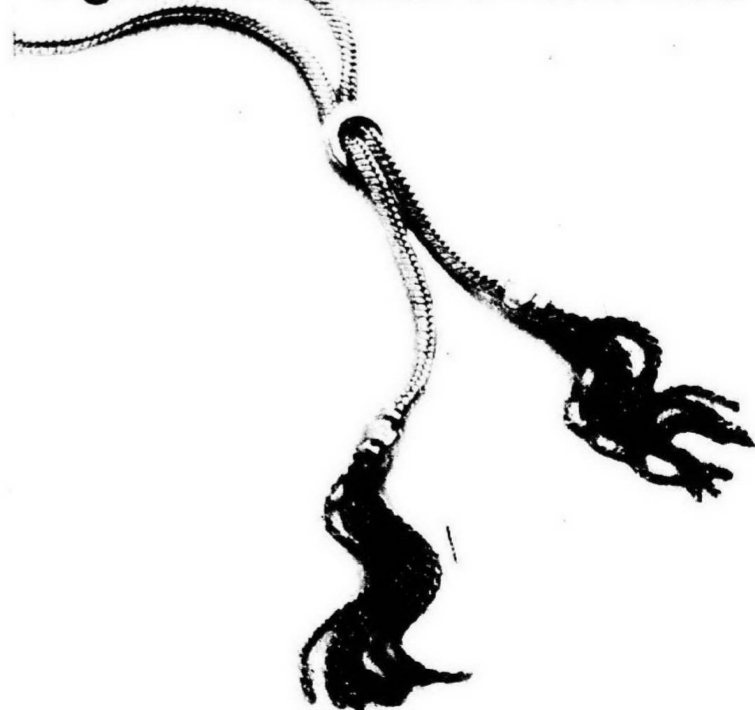
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'Moving Wall' coming to local area

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For family members and spouses of those killed, imprisoned in or missing in Vietnam, seeing their loved ones' names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington can be an emotionally moving experience. The Moving Wall, a half-size replica of the memorial, will be displayed Thursday, June 22, through Monday, June 26, at the Canton Liberty Fest in Heritage Park. Canton is one of only two Michigan communities to sponsor the wall's visit this year. The Moving Wall will be on display in Dearborn Oct. 15-21.

'We are excited - it's an attraction in itself. We think it's going to be a wonderful attraction for Canton.'

Bob Dates
—Canton Recreation Supervisor

There are more than 58,000 names listed on the wall, including roughly 1,300 names of those listed as POWs and MIAs. Visitors will be able to view the Moving Wall in Canton 24 hours a day.

Veterans from the Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of

America Post 528, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion will participate in guarding the memorial and assisting visitors, said John Spencer, treasurer of the Plymouth-Canton VVA. Spencer, a U.S. Army veteran, served in Vietnam 1965-67 as a specialist fifth class.

The volunteers' assistance won't stop with helping find people's names on the 6,600-pound, 253-foot long, 6-foot high memorial made up of 74 aluminum panels.

"We expect some people will be kind of overcome (with emotion) by finding someone's name on the wall," Spencer said. Volunteers will be expected to help console grieving visitors, he added.

Bob Dates, recreation supervisor with Canton Township, said he sent an application to host the moving wall two years ago. Spencer also sent an application at around the same time.

Finding out they would host the wall during the Liberty Fest

Seeing The Wall

The Moving Wall can be viewed in the following cities on the following dates:

- Siloam Springs, Ark., April 27-May 2
- Greenville, Miss., May 5-11
- Bloomington, Ill., May 14-20
- Atlanta, May 26-June 5
- Zanesville, Ohio, June 9-15
- Canton, June 22-26
- Rockford, Ill., June 30-July 6
- Spencerport, N.Y., July 10-16
- Marathon, N.Y., July 18-24
- Falmouth, Mass., July 27-Aug. 2
- Rochester, N.H., Aug. 4-10
- Chicopee, Mass., Aug. 22-28
- Waterford, Conn., Sept. 3-9
- East Hampton, N.Y., Sept. 21-27
- Bedford, Mass., Sept. 3-Oct. 5
- Tobyhanna, Pa., Oct. 7-12
- Dearborn, Oct. 15-21
- St. Marys, Ga., Oct. 25-30
- Hinesville, Ga., Nov. 1-7
- Sebring, Fla., Nov. 10-16

For more information about the Moving Wall, visit www.movingwall.org on the World Wide Web.

was serendipitous. "We were prepared to host the Moving Wall any time during the spring and summer," Dates said. "We are excited - it's an attraction in itself. We think it's going to be a wonderful attraction for Canton."

He estimated the Moving Wall

will draw thousands of visitors from across Michigan and Ohio.

Opening ceremonies are scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, June 22. There, the Livonia Churchill High ROTC will perform drills and planes from the Yankee Air Force at Willow Run and Selfridge Air Force Base are expect-

ed to do fly-over demonstrations, Spencer said.

Karen Newman, who sings the national anthem at Detroit Red Wings games, has been asked to sing and former presidential candidate and U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a Vietnam veteran, has been invited to speak. Neither have confirmed their attendance as of yet, according to Spencer.

Closing ceremonies will take place 6 p.m. Monday, June 26, and will include the honoring of POWs and MIAs from Canton.

The Moving Wall was built in 1984 by veterans John Devitt, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver and several other volunteers. According to the Moving Wall official Web site, www.movingwall.org, the creators wanted others to be able to experience the wall's emotional power, even if they couldn't make the trip to D.C.

The Moving Wall is shown annually all over the United States March through December and was paid for by contributions from the public.

Those interested in volunteering to help with the Moving Wall should call Debby Bradley, Canton's volunteer coordinator, at (734) 397-6450.

POPULAR PICKS

Editor's note: Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of "Best Sellers" based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library 483-0750.

BOOKS

- Book Reads, Tawni O'Dell
- Beowulf, Seamus Heaney
- The Brothers, John Graham
- Horse Heaven, Jane Smiley

NOVELS

- The Case Against Hillary Clinton, Peggy Noonan
- Mississippi Mind, Thomas J. Starkey
- Death of Innocence, John and Patsy Ramsey
- Get Happy: The Life of Judy Garland, Gerald Clark

FAMILY'S CHOICE

CHILDREN'S NEW ACQUISITION BOOKS

- The Honey-Wooney Spider, Mary Ann Hoberman
- All That You Are, Woodleigh Hubbard
- Midnight Math, Peter Lechwon
- Nascar, Thomas Owens
- Writing, New Moon Press

Townships sign deal to fund plant

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships have signed a "letter of intent" to help the Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority expand its wastewater treatment plant.

The Western Townships Utilities Authority will spend \$93 million on the Washtenaw County facility. In return, the communities will receive enough capacity to handle wastewater flows for the next 30 years.

"I think it's an agreement both entities will be proud of," WTUA Operations Manager Tim Faas said. "They keep their biggest customer and we get the use of a world-class facility. The economics of it are a plus, too."

The two authorities have been negotiating since early last fall. Talks went nowhere, however, for months.

At one point, WTUA moved to build its own treatment plant. Canton Township optioned land adjacent to YCUA's facility on Rawsonville Road in Ypsilanti Township for the plant.

Negotiations began improving in January and WTUA stopped pursuing its own facility. Talks since have focused on contract language that would give WTUA more control over capital and

operational costs, among other things.

WTUA's board will vote on the letter of intent tomorrow. Faas said it will then take attorneys from both authorities about six weeks to draw up a final contract.

After it's complete, each township's board will vote on the agreement. Faas is hoping all approvals will be in place by late summer so that design work for the expansion could begin.

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

WTUA, for example, will be allowed to employ a "value engineer" during the design process, said Faas. The value engineer will scrutinize plans and possibly suggest less expensive materials or methods in building the plant.

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

In addition, WTUA will receive a permanent lease of 8 million gallons per-day at the existing treatment plant.

Pulte from page A1

the township doesn't have the usual consideration of having more than 50 percent of the frontage owners contributing.

Pulte hopes to conduct the actual closings beginning this month. The project will be completed next year.

However, as part of the purchase agreement, future owners reviewed and signed a document stating they know that Napier Road will be paved and they would be part of the special assessment district. Cronin said. "They have certain legal rights to be aware of this process," he said. About 50 people have purchase agreements, Cronin said.

There will be an assessment against the residential unit not

to exceed \$2,800. Pulte will give a one-time cash contribution of \$233,000, said Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township director of public services.

In anticipation of the project, the township insisted Pulte notify people with purchase agreements for Country Acres of Plymouth lots or units which would be part of the assessment district that such assessments will occur.

The road will not be closed during paving, Anulewicz said.

Original road plans would have left a gravel gap between the northern-most point where Pulte's project left off and Powell Road, but both Wayne and Washtenaw counties agreed to

contribute money to pave the road up to Powell Road, in addition to what Pulte will contribute, Anulewicz said. The estimated Pulte SAD of 222 lots at \$2,680 means Pulte's contribution will amount to \$594,200. Wayne and Washtenaw counties' contributions are estimated at \$298,400 each.

Anulewicz said, "What we have done is go outside the box so that we could come back in so that we could get the full road paved."

Developers of another project still in the planning stage are expected to pave Napier Road from an area north of M-14 to North Territorial, Anulewicz said.

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County seeks help finding unlicensed day care facilities

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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As part of its "Keep the Little Kids Safe" program, Wayne County authorities are asking people to report suspected unlicensed day care facilities by phoning a hotline.

The campaign was spurred by a case involving a Livonia woman, who is suspected of running an unlicensed day care home where an infant died last year.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office signed a warrant for Genie Lynn Hurley, 42, charging her with a misdemeanor for operating an unlicensed day care home. Hurley took care of four to five children unrelated to her in the family's Bretton Street

home, Livonia police say. State law requires private homes caring for minor children unrelated to the operator to be licensed. Failure to register with the state is a misdemeanor, carrying up to 90 days in jail and/or \$100-\$1,000 fines if convicted.

"(The Livonia case) triggered it," said George Ward, Wayne County assistant chief prosecutor. "The point is the environment we have our children spend part of the working day in has to be safe."

"We do hear reports of neighbors complaining about unusual activity at a house and suspect a

business going on that shouldn't be going on without a license."

In-home operators have to register with the state Children Day Care Licensing Division, which is part of the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

The licensing fee is \$25, but subsequent home inspections may run up to \$200, Ward said.

Statewide, there are 900 licensed day care homes, which are allowed to handle one to six children. Some 278 group day care homes are licensed to watch seven to 12 children.

State officials believe there

could be 600-1,000 unlicensed home-based day care centers.

"That's a guesstimation," Ward said. "If they are part of the underground economy, by definition nobody knows their exact number."

Hurley has not been formally arraigned, Livonia police said. When reached by phone, a relative said the woman would not be making any statement.

The Livonia woman is not being charged in the death of 6-month-old Jacob Mattison, who died of accidental suffocation while in Hurley's care Nov. 1.

"There was no intent, no sus-

pected child abuse or anything of that nature," Livonia police Detective Keith Schoen said. "It was one of life's unfortunate tragedies."

Authorities believe the infant boy suffocated after becoming entangled in some bedding. The child had been placed on a queen-sized bed for a nap when the accident occurred.

Police investigators later found the woman received \$350-\$400 a month from two parents in exchange for caring for their two respective children. One mother said the woman had been watching her two kids for

three years. When asked why she didn't apply for a day-care license, the woman replied "I don't know," police said.

"I'm guessing she is a good soul. She loves kids," Ward said. "She needed a few bucks and didn't get a license and certainly didn't expect the baby to die in her care."

"We don't expect she's anything other than a homemaker who had a tragic occurrence in a business she shouldn't have been operating."

The hotline number is (313) 256-3814.

Jury convicts shooter

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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A prosecutor calling a defendant a liar was just one of many accusations hurled during a three-day trial in Wayne County Circuit Court which found a Canton man guilty of a random shooting spree last summer.

A jury took about an hour Monday to find Timothy Regan Boster, 23, guilty on all felony counts in connection with the incident that injured one woman and left bullet holes in several residences and a business.

Boster was tried on an assault with intent to commit murder charge and other firearms counts. Judge George E. Crockett II presided over the three-day trial.

The assault charge carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for 9 a.m. June 15 in Crockett's courtroom.

Boster, 23 and Zachary Scott Woodby, 21, were both charged with assault with intent to commit murder, discharging a firearm at an occupied dwelling, discharging a firearm at a vehicle and possessing a firearm in a vehicle.

Woodby pled no contest to the assault charge in exchange for the firearms charges being dropped, thus avoiding a trial. His sentencing is planned for 9 a.m. May 11 in Judge Karen Fort Hood's courtroom.

Police witnesses testified that 19 rounds of shotgun shells were found at the shooting scene at Sheldon and Palmer. Canton resident Dawn Davis, 22, was injured by a grazing bullet while she drove home from work. The incident occurred at 2:25 a.m. June 25. Bullet holes were found in several residences, as well as the Wee Care Day Care Center and Davis' car.

Davis was present during the proceedings but declined to comment on the case. Boster's mother, Judy Andrews, also declined to comment.

Boster took the stand Monday, testifying that he had only shot into the air and that he ran away when Woodby was shooting at Davis' vehicle.

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Arts council hosts pair of events

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts a discussion with a local flavor Saturday. The PCAC sponsors a roundtable discussion with sculptor Joe DeLauro of Canton at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon (at Junction). Refreshments will be served beginning at 7 p.m.; the discussion starts at 7:30. Admission is free and open to the public.

DeLauro was born in Connecticut and studied at Yale University and the University of Iowa before settling in the Midwest. He taught at Detroit's Marygrove College and at the University of Windsor.

Painting exhibit — The golden light of Southern France is the inspiration of the paint-

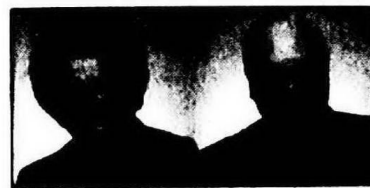
ings of Julia Hardy to be exhibited at the PCAC May 8 through May 26. An opening reception is scheduled for Friday, May 5, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The artist, who comes from Ann Arbor and has won prizes for her watercolors, is also a practicing psychiatrist. Her watercolors can be viewed at the PCAC Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The artist will also give an informal presentation of her work and the creative process in general at the Council building Friday, May 12 at 1 p.m. There is no charge, but call (734) 416-4278 for reservations.

Couple give Bankes local eyes

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Josie and George Kaczmierczak

George and Josie Kaczmierczak of Plymouth Township didn't think twice when asked to be Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes' legislative aides.

The retired and active couple of 53 years have seven children. They first met Bankes when they lived in Livonia. The Kaczmierczaks moved to the township in 1985.

"My wife is a seamstress who did work for (now Livonia City Clerk) Joan McCotter," George said. McCotter referred Bankes to Josie.

George did work for Thaddeus McCotter when McCotter ran for Wayne County Commission. McCotter is now a state senator.

The Kaczmierczaks recently represented Bankes at a Plymouth Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Bankes said people don't have to be Republican to be a volun-

teer legislative aide. "I look for people who are prominent in the community," Bankes said.

"These people have been with me for a long time."

Bankes has six other aides who live in Livonia and Northville Township who serve as an extension of her eyes and ears.

When Bankes can't attend events, she sends her aides. The money for their tickets come from her campaign fund, she said.

"Because some are retired,

they are more flexible," Bankes said.

George, who led the St. Agatha Church Boy Scouts for many years, eagerly attends area Eagle Scout ceremonies.

"It's gratifying to see these young men in their Court of Honor," George said. "When so many people bash youth, these Eagle Scouts give (George) faith for future generations."

George reads the paper regularly, noting those who have made special achievements. He sends these clippings to Bankes who, in turn, sends out congratulatory messages.

"We really enjoy Plymouth Township and the surrounding area," George said.

Josie caters monthly dinners for the Plymouth Senior Center, where she is well-known. "The seniors really enjoy it," Josie said. "A lot of seniors are by themselves."

Deadline looms for Mother of Year contest

Zehnder's of Frankenmuth sponsors its ninth-annual Mother of the Year Contest. Individuals can enter by writing a poem in 50 words or less why their mother should be selected "Zehnder's Mother of the Year."

To enter, send entries by Friday, May 5 to: Zehnder's Mother of the Year, Zehnder's of Frankenmuth, 730 S. Main Street, Frankenmuth, MI 48734. Entries must include the name of the nominated mother, and the name, address and day phone number of the individual submitting the nomination.

The winning mother will receive a Zehnder's of Frankenmuth Mother's Day dinner for up to 10 family members (including Mom); a Zehnder's overnight package for two at Zehnder's Bavarian Haus; and a recognition plaque.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed bids will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188. Bids must be enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the bidders, name, address and phone no., date and time of bid opening and be received no later than 10:00 a.m., May 25, 2000 at which time the bids will be opened publicly for the following described project:

CANTON CENTER ROAD SIDEWALK, SOUTH OF GEDDES:

Project includes installation of 5 feet wide, 4-inch thick concrete sidewalk and two ramps along Canton Center Road from Geddes Road south approximately 500 lineal feet. Project also includes installation of a 18-inch high retaining wall (Unilock or equivalent) for approximately 212 lineal feet, along with grading and restoration.

Bid documents are available to pick up at the Finance Dept. at the above address. A nonrefundable fee of \$10.00 will be charged for the bid packet. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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Any person or persons who wish to comment on the Interagency bank Merger Application of New Liberty Bank may do so by submitting comments to the:

Director of Supervision
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
500 W. Monroe St. Suite 3500
Chicago, Illinois 60661

MICHAEL D. WEAVER
Designated Representative
249 N. Main St.
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., May 18, 2000 for the following:

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: May 4, 2000

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

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

Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 12, 2000.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2000, IS MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000, PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

JUDY L. MARDIGIAN
Secretary, Board of Education

Publish: May 4 and 11, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA May 11, 2000

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, May 11, 2000 AT 7:30 P.M.** The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

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

1. Riad Zahr, 5854 Mead, Dearborn, Michigan 48126 (313-584-0136) is requesting a variance of 25 ft. from the required rear setback of 30 ft Zoning Ordinance Article 26 Section 26.03 for Proposed Retail Building located at 6438 Canton Center Road N., Canton, MI 48187. Parcel #71-038-99-0013-701 (Planning)

2. Wilfred Brunk, R & S Investment Co., 409 Plymouth Rd., Suite 200, Plymouth, MI 48170 (734-459-5693) representing Cotman Transmission Systems, 5815 Canton Center N., Canton, MI 48187 (734-453-1222) for appeal of an **Administrative Decision** denying certification of Zoning Compliance, pursuant to Section 28.04 E of the Zoning Ordinance Administrative Organization Jurisdiction. Parcel #036-99-0006-706 (Planning)

3. Jens Pedersen, 1399 Elmhurst, Canton, MI 48187 (734-844-1412) is requesting a variance of Article 2.03 D1 Accessory Structures and Uses for a detached garage. Size variance from 21' x 21' to 24' x 26'. Parcel #057-01-0337-000 (Building)

4. Robert Breach, 1300 Beck Rd. Canton, MI 48187 (734-844-7956) is requesting to construct a garage in the front of his house. This would be a Variance of Article 2.03 D3 (Specific Requirements for Accessory Structures and Uses) and Article 26.02 Schedule of Requirements for Residential Districts. Parcel #71-062-99-0023-000 (Building)

(Approval of April 13 & April 27 minutes)

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Sheriff Ficano gives ammunition to anti-gun moms

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

"We all feel pretty strongly about gun safety legislation, but frankly I've never seen a handgun or a trigger lock," Barb Case acknowledged to about 60 Oakland and Wayne organizers and supporters of the Million Mom March for sensible gun laws.

The Plymouth resident was introducing Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano, who obliged by opening up a box full of gun locks so the audience could not only see one but take it home.

Ficano says his department started giving them away more than eight years ago and has probably gone through more than 20,000. But, he said, the largest number of requests - 2,000 - came in the wake of the killing of a 6-year-old Kayla Roland by a 6-year-old in Flint earlier this year.

He called on the Moms to stay with the sane gun law issue after the Million Mom March.

"The history of the whole issue has been very difficult," he said. "Things never happen in great strides. Things happen incrementally. The key is persistence. Your opponents will count on you going back to your normal lives."

"All the coordinators are in it at least through the November elections," answered Lori Spillane, a Troy resident.

Ficano didn't have all the answers at this, the last organizational meeting before the national Million Mom March in Washington, D.C., and the local spin-off in Lansing. Both are scheduled for May 14 - Mother's



Sheriff Robert Ficano

Day.

But he gave those who gathered in a community room, made available by Busch's Food Store in Livonia, a lot to think about.

"There are more guns in metro Detroit than people," Ficano told his audience. "That really stopped me," said Amy Pines, a Birmingham resident who had not heard that statistic.

What also scared her was his take on concealed weapons proposals that the state Legislature is ready to re-address. The legislation, according to Ficano, will basically allow anyone to carry a concealed weapon who is not a felon or mentally unstable. That's considered a "Shall Issue" stance.

A major problem is that it is already difficult to determine applicants who might be mental-

ly unstable, because those records are usually sealed. Ficano says county gun boards have better access to that information.

"I'm a real pessimist," said one Oakland County mom who asked not to be identified because she is still mourning a family member killed with a handgun. "Can you give me any hope?"

Ficano suggested that movement can be made with hunters, gun manufacturers and Congress.

"Most hunters think the NRA has gone too far, he said. "Gun manufacturers don't have the kind of wealth that big tobacco, for example, has. They're more willing to come to the table." And, "Hopefully legislators will listen to their mothers rather than the NRA," Ficano said.

"I really thought it went well," Case said by telephone the next day. "He (Ficano) put a realistic spin on things. The turnout was great - a lot of familiar faces and a lot of new ones."

An estimated 1,000 people from Oakland and Wayne counties will make the trip to Washington, reports Spillane, who is organizing bus transportation.

Buses will leave from the Cosco store at Square Lake and Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills and from the parking lot at the Ferndale Baptist Church, both at 6 a.m. May 13. They will then head for Busch's, Six Mile and Newburgh, loading there at 6:30 a.m.

Buses will leave for Lansing from the John Fisher Chapel at Oakland University, Walton east of Squirrel, at approximately

11:30 a.m. May 14, according to Susan Masiak who is organizing the Rochester area. That bus will then make a stop at Denny's Restaurant in front of the Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi to pick up west side Oakland County residents at about 12:30 p.m.

Spillane herself is flying to D.C. She urged everyone to make signs they can carry with them. "I'm taking mine - Love Kids Not Guns - on the plane."

Moms marching from Michigan can attend a party at the Westin Grand Hotel 7:30-10 p.m. Saturday, May 13. Expect to pay \$5 at the door.

Michigan's senators and members of the House of Representatives are expected.

Sunday is an all-day affair beginning at 9 a.m., with activities aimed at children, followed by an Interfaith Service (10 a.m.) and a Stroller March (11 a.m.) toward the National Mall, with Moms with small children leading the way.

The heart of the march is noon to 3 p.m. Comedienne Rosie O'Donnell is emcee. Celebrities scheduled to appear include Roseanne Cash, Patty Smythe, Emmylou Harris, Melissa Manchester, John McEnroe and Raffi and the Ted Christopher Band.

The Michigan contingent will gather at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Smithsonian Castle near 10th Street. At 2 p.m. marchers from Washington and Lansing will stand together in support of "common-sense gun legislation," including licensing and registering of all handguns, requiring gun safety locks and limiting

purchases to one handgun per month.

Case reminds people who are going but may have not formally registered for the march to do so at www.millionmommarch.com

or by calling (888) 989-MOMS. It's important so the Washington, D.C., police can know how many officers to assign and also for the final count on how many people attend.

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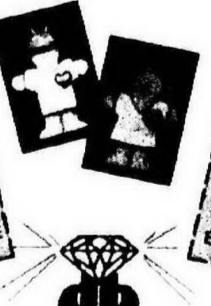


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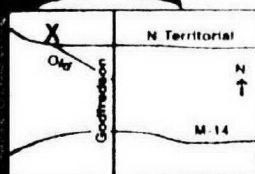
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Ready to help: Participants in the annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica hold up a sign prior to the start of Saturday morning's eight mile long walk. More than 15,000 walkers helped raise more than \$1.7 million.



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On the job: Jaime Leining and Rachelle Greenspan stroll along during the early stages of the March of Dimes Walk Saturday morning.

Dimes to dollars

Walkers help raise money to fight against birth defects



Clowning around: CareyAnn, of CareyAnn's Clown Caravan, looks on as participants in the Walk pass by at Saturday's Walk America.

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER
bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net

At least two teams waged a friendly battle Saturday, and they're hoping they helped March of Dimes and medical research take a step toward winning the war.

Walkers from Plymouth Salem High School and the Kmart Canton Distribution Center walked off a challenge Saturday, raising more than \$10,000 between them in the March of Dimes' largest annual fund-raising event. The two groups had challenged each other to a "walk-off" to raise money to help fight birth defects.

The Salem contingent raised approximately \$5,000, as did the Kmart group.

"It was a lot of fun, actually," said Matt Salah, who headed up the Salem team. "Our original goal was \$10,000, but that might have been a little out of our reach. We were very happy with the money we raised."

According to Salah, the Kmart group's goal was \$5,000. "We heard they at least reached their goal," the teenager said. Representatives of the

'Our original goal was \$10,000, but that might have been a little out of our reach. We were very happy with the money we raised.'

Matt Salah
—Plymouth Salem walker

Kmart team couldn't be reached.

Salem walkers raised \$4,800 last year. In southeast Michigan, some 15,000 walkers helped raise more than \$1.7 million in the annual march, which took place locally at Hines Park. Plymouth was one of 11 communities in southeast Michigan. This year's march topped the \$1.5 million March of Dimes collected last year.

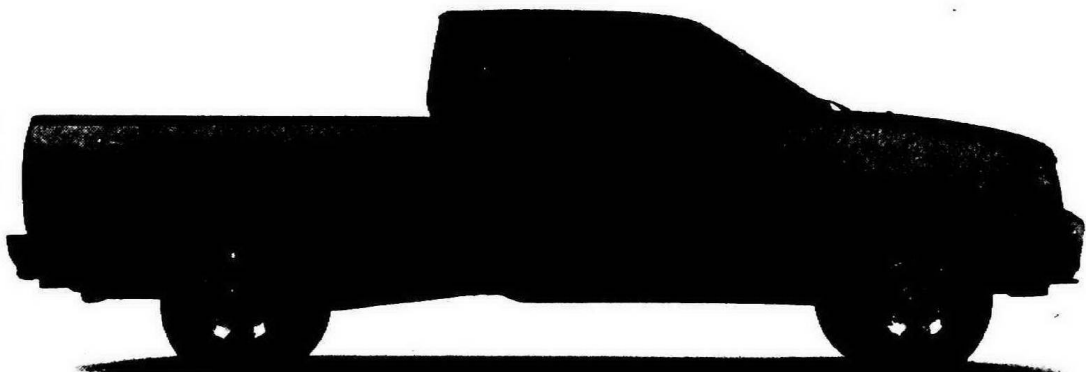
"We're still getting additional contributions," March of Dimes representative Bill Axtell said. "We were pleased to come out higher than last year."



Having fun: Children bounce around in an inflatable castle that was set up in the picnic area of Hines Park after the Walk.

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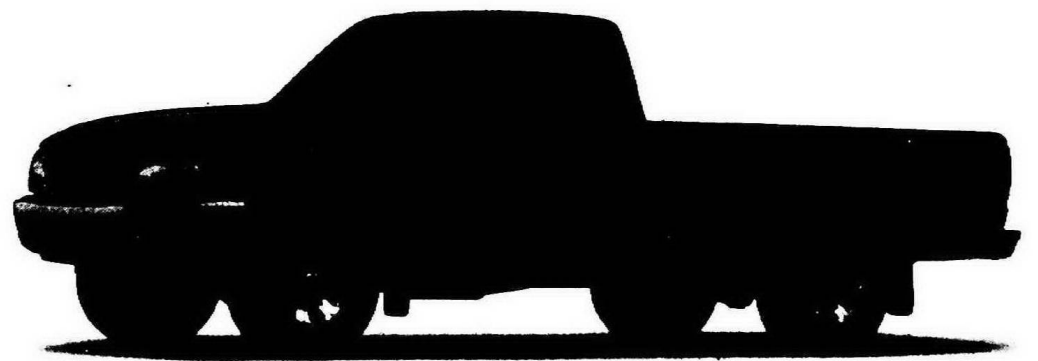
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OBITUARIES

SOPHIE SMITH
Services for Sophie Smith, 94, of Plymouth were May 1 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.
She was born on July 26, 1905 in Austria. She died April 27 in Superior Township. She was a sewing machine operator, a lifetime member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW and retired from GM in 1970 after 32 years of service.
She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Catherine Kohut. Survivors include her

daughter, Marion Ripp of Plymouth; two grandsons, Robert (Bernadine) Ripp of Plymouth and William (Karen) Ripp; and two great-grandchildren, Jason and Jennifer.
Memorials may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, 1669 Hamilton Road, Suite 210, Okemos, MI 48864-1809.
ERIC JON TOEPFER
Services for Eric Jon Toepfer, 36, of Canton were May 2 at the St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly Jr. officiating.
He was born Feb. 27, 1964 in Dearborn. He died April 30 in

Pittsfield Township. He was a design engineer for Ford Motor Company.
Survivors include his wife, Michelle Toepfer; two sons, Nicholas and Spencer Toepfer; one daughter, Rachael Toepfer; parents Joan and Perry Toepfer; and grandparents June and Perry Toepfer and Romana Schaefer.
Memorials may be made to the family.
Local arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.
HARVEY C. SHAW
Services for Harvey C. Shaw, 79, of Plymouth were April 27 at

First United Methodist Church, Plymouth, with the Rev. Dean A. Klump officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.
Mr. Shaw was born April 8, 1921, and died April 22 at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. He was retired from Michigan Bell. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Plymouth, the Plymouth B.P.O.E., Michigan Bell Pioneers and VFW Post 06695.
He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Lucy Shaw; one son, Jerry Bennett of Canton; two daughters, Gail Smith of Northville and Linda Johnson of White Lake; one sister, Virginia Duke of Plymouth; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.
Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, or to the Elks Major Project-BPOE No. 1780, 41700 East Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.
Local arrangements were made by the Casterline Funeral Home, Northville.

JEANNE ZACK
Services for Jeanne Zack, 83, of Canton were May 2 at Resurrection Parish, Canton, with the Rev. Richard Peretto officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.
She was born May 6, 1916 in Montreal, Canada. She died April 28 in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker. She moved to the Canton community from Redford Township in 1977. She was a member of Resurrection Parish in Canton.
Survivors include her daughter, Nanette M. Glencer of Canton; one son, Ronald (Beverly) Zack of Walled Lake; eight grandchildren, Claudette, Derrick, Tibeau, Jesse, Marci, Dustin, Douglas and Haley; and three great-grandchildren, Neil, Sean, and John.
Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Cystic Fibrosis Association.
Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.
THERESA M. HARPER
Services for Theresa M. Har-

er, 92, of Westland were April 29 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Canton Chapel with the Rev. Alberto Bondy officiating. Burial was in Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.
She was born Nov. 9, 1907 in Detroit. She died April 26 in Westland. She was a homemaker.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Harper. Survivors include her two sons, Gerlad Harper of Lathrup Village and Allen Harper of Canton; one daughter, Karen Sirko of Ohio; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.
EDWARD BARR
Services for Edward Barr, 92, of Canton were May 1 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Jack Quinlan officiating.
He was born Sept. 6, 1907 in Brooklyn, N.Y. He died April 27 in Westland.
He was preceded in death by his wife, Eleanor Barr; and one son, Gerald Barr. Survivors include his son, Richard Barr of Canton; two brothers; one sister; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.
Local arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.
JESSICA ERIN WALIGORE
Services for Jessica Erin Waligore, 2, of Canton were May 1 at St. Raphael Catholic Church, Garden City with the Rev. Tom Kirwan officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery.
She was born April 4, 1998 in Southfield. She died April 28 in Wayne.
Survivors include her parents, Mark and Jennifer Waligore; one sister, Amanda Waligore; and grandparents, David and Patricia Larson and Christina and Stan Waligore.
Local arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.
CHARLES R. ROWE
Services for Charles R. Rowe, 44, of Canton were April 25 at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial West Cemetery.
He was born Jan. 28, 1956. He died April 22.
He was preceded in death by his father, Warren. Survivors include his wife, Linda; his mother, Virginia; three children, Jerry Lee, Tracey and Charles Nicholas; three sisters, Joyce, Sonja and Jenny; two brothers, Larry and Ronald; and one grandchild, Joshua Lee.
VERONICA ROSE KUZMA
Memorial services for Veronica Rose Kuzma, 89, of Canton (formerly of Redford Township, Detroit, and Foley, Ala.) will be held June 17 at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, Canton, with the Fr. Raymond Lucaszynski officiating. Burial will be in Pine Rest Memorial Park in Foley, Ala.
She was born Jan. 31, 1911 in Luzerne, Pa. She died April 12 in Westland. She was a member of St. Thomas a'Beckett Church. She worked at Awrey Bakery for over 20 years as a shipping clerk. She was one of the founding members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Detroit Detachment, and was a life member.
She also belonged to the VFW, American Legion Auxiliary, Czechoslovakian Club and Foley Seniors. She was a homemaker and a skilled cook and baker. She loved entertaining the family. She had an avid interest in travel, ballroom dancing, golf and pinocle.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore Kuzma in 1987; her parents, Veronica and Duchan Radovis; three brothers, Joseph, Nicholas and George; and one sister, Genevieve Kinger. Survivors include her brother, Andrew; two sisters, Anna Alaimo and Elizabeth Winnicki; two sons, Theodore Kuzma and Robert (Kathy) Kuzma; two daughters, Connie (Mike) Lucas and Pat (Tom) Sell; grandchildren, Michael (Debbie) Lucas, David Lucas, Todd Kuzma, Jill Kuzma, Jason, Chad and Evan Sell, and two great-grandchildren, Evan Maffessol and Meredith Lucas.
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Group homes concerned about open bidding plan

BY RICHARD PEARL
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A federal- and state-mandated move to require open bidding to operate group homes for the developmentally disabled has been put on hold.

But concerns remain about what the change will do to established non-profit homes once bids are opened and implemented, probably in October 2001.

Among the concerned is James Mies of Plymouth, a retired Wayne County Circuit Court judge and a former board member of the Wayne Center, one of two area agencies through which funding goes to the homes.

Mies fears that the bidding process, "instead of letting (home operations) remain with organizations and people (who have been) doing this for many years," will bring in much larger organizations "and people interested from a profit standpoint" who will cut services to win contracts.

"I wonder if we'll be saving a few dollars at the expense of people that need (those) services," said Mies. "The people that will suffer are the people that the services are intended to benefit."

Another area of concern, particularly for community-based group homes and those who have contributed to them in hopes of one day placing family

members, is waiting lists. At least one non-profit agency - Community Opportunity Center of Livonia, which operates homes in Garden City and Redford Township - has such a list. COC operates homes in Garden City and Redford Township and provides services to 82 developmentally disabled people.

Mies, who is involved also with COC, said COC's agreement the past 15 years with Wayne Center, its main funding source, has been to alternate between the COC and Wayne Center lists in selecting residents.

However, that is expected to change, with COC's list probably merging with Wayne Center's much larger list.

"When you use public dollars, then people have to have equal access," said Anthony Thompson, president and chief executive officer of the Wayne Center, which funds care for 800 people. "You cannot discriminate."

Resource utilization must be examined, he said: There are people in group homes who "should be in less restrictive homes" and so likely will be moved to open spots for the more needy.

A state Senate committee public hearing on a managed care plan is scheduled for 9 a.m. May 19 in Ann Arbor. Call (517) 373-2523 for information.

County audit office passes peer review

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Brendan G. Dunleavy, Wayne County's auditor general, has good reason to smile these days. His office recently passed - with flying colors - a tough peer review that he personally requested.

His office, which is the county commission's independent, full-service internal appraiser of county spending and operations, not only earned the highest rating in the review, but is one of the few such offices in the Midwest region to successfully complete it.

The quality control review was the first ever conducted of the department by an outside team of independent governmental auditors, said Dunleavy, a Plymouth Township resident and

certified public accountant who was appointed auditor general 2 1/2 years ago. He said peer reviews should be conducted every three years.

The top rating his office received is "the highest of the three possible outcomes," he noted.

"Essentially, it means that the auditors found that we were in compliance with" government auditing standards, he said.

It also means that the "new audit approach" which Dunleavy instituted when he was appointed "was suitably designed and provided reasonable assurance" that such standards "are followed during the course of our audits," he added.

"I tried to streamline some areas, make (the office) function a little smoother," Dunleavy said of the changes.

"I instituted some different procedures, with more staff meetings to discuss the audit scope," he said. "I tried to fine-tune it."

The NALGA commendation drew praise from County Commission Chairman Ricardo A. Solomon.

Noting the commission "realized the need for a strong audit function as part of our goal of building effective government for Wayne County," Solomon said the review "confirms that our auditor general's office has strong leadership and a professional team whose work is exemplary."

The peer review, conducted by the Kentucky-based National Association of Local Government Auditors, was a weeklong, on-site study of the period Oct. 1,

1998, to Sept. 30, 1999, conducted by a three-person NALGA team which earlier reviewed the department's policies and procedures.

Dunleavy was pleased to note that Detroit Auditor General Gil Harris was a member of the NALGA team, which was led by Alan D. Ash, city auditor for Gainesville, Fla. Jerry D. Shaubel, director of audit services for Toronto, Ontario, was the third member.

Dunleavy's department garnered headlines last year when it discovered that some contracts at Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport had been renewed without county commission approval.

That investigation stimulated a similar probe in the state legislature.

CLARIFICATION

A resolution urging the county executive to appoint an advisory council to oversee operations of the Friend of the Court has been passed by county commissioners.

The resolution, introduced by Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford Township, was approved at the commission's April 20 meeting.

"It was one of those 'quick gavels'" in which several resolutions are approved quickly at one time, a commission spokeswoman said.

An April 27 Observer story said the resolution was to be studied by a commission committee.

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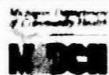
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OPINION

794 SOUTH MAIN, PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 48170

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2000

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Cruisers welcome

Behavior the key to positive outcome

The welcoming arm City of Plymouth Police Chief Dick Miller extended to those who would cruise downtown streets leaves us wondering if the chief has ever heard the old adage, "Be careful what you ask for, because you might get it."

Certainly his attitude toward cruisers — which many in town consider the scourge of the city — had to have raised some eyebrows downtown. We would imagine the cops on the streets, especially those who have battled this problem for any length of time, were thinking something akin to, "What is he thinking?"

But we actually agree with the good chief. People should feel welcome in our town. We also agree with his assessment that the welcome extends to those obeying the law.

"The kids are welcome here, as long as their behavior is appropriate," the chief said.

Therein lies the rub, we think. As would be expected in a group as large as the one that cruises Plymouth's streets, there are always a few who ruin what can be a fun experience for the others. Loud music, beer bottles being tossed from cars, urinating in public... these are a few of the complaints downtown business owners have voiced over the years.

And rightly so. Residents and business peo-

ple shouldn't be expected to have their passage blocked along sidewalks. They shouldn't have to suffer verbal abuse from a few teens who don't know the meaning of "responsible behavior." They shouldn't have to close their windows in a vain effort to block out the throbbing strains of music emanating from a constant stream of traffic.

Residents and city officials also shouldn't have to clean up after the cruisers. There shouldn't be a bunch of beer bottles and empty cigarette packages and used condoms lying around for others to pick up. Those are city streets, not the confines of a garbage dump somewhere.

Perhaps Downtown Development Authority Director Melanie Purcell said it best: "Common courtesy is welcome."

That's all it takes, and even the youngsters who hang around downtown are old enough to respect that. Hopefully, they will.

Apparently, Miller takes his cue from the Jackson Five: "One bad apple can spoil the whole bunch."

We agree. We hope the rest of the barrel will keep the rotten ones in line.

Care should be person-centered

There is a real danger, as Wayne County gets ready to crank up managed care for mental health care providers, that we repeat the mistakes of the past.

We should know from experience when implementing managed care in the medical field that an economic model is not the answer. The economic model has ruined some HMOs and is threatening the stability of others.

The lesson Michigan officials and taxpayers need to learn is that mental health clients must be treated as people, not economic commodities. The Department of Mental Health proclaims that the developmentally disabled are to be treated as human beings with individual rights and responsibilities. The state model places a high emphasis on "person-centered planning."

A quarter-century ago, the state declared that placing the developmentally disabled in institutions "dehumanized" them and treated them more like commodities stacked up in warehouses than the real human beings they are.

So Michigan emptied its institutions and placed its developmentally disabled and mentally ill residents in group homes where they could receive the individual attention and support that would help them grow as persons and move into apartments or other appropriate settings as they learned to handle more responsibility.

The original model was group homes of about 16 persons, but that since has been downscaled to homes for four to five persons and independent apartment living for the higher functioning. The state was able to prod the nonprofit group home providers in this direction because they directed the funding. The money (state budgeted dollars and federal Medicaid funds) flows from the state to regional agencies such as Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health (CMH) to Wayne Center to the nonprofit residential provider groups.

Now, on the dawn of launching managed care in the mental health field in Wayne County, we are on the verge of returning to those dark days of viewing the developmentally disabled as economic commodities to be

bartered over.

The first mistake was when Wayne Center decided to choose which providers would work with which clients by implementing a bid basis. The lowest bidder would become the agency which would then deliver the services and support needed by the developmentally disabled.

The problem, however, is that the agency which bids the lowest will ultimately be the least able to provide needed services because their "costs" did not emanate from person-centered planning, but from a bid process.

In theory, a developmentally disabled person who has lived in the same group home for 10-12 years could be removed and placed in a group home operated by the low bidder. This says that money mandates choice, not personal needs.

A second mistake by Wayne Center is a decision to have a single waiting list for the entire county with one single set of priorities countywide. Thus a residential provider in the suburbs with a waiting list of 200 individuals, some on the list 10-15 years, will be melded into a single countywide list.

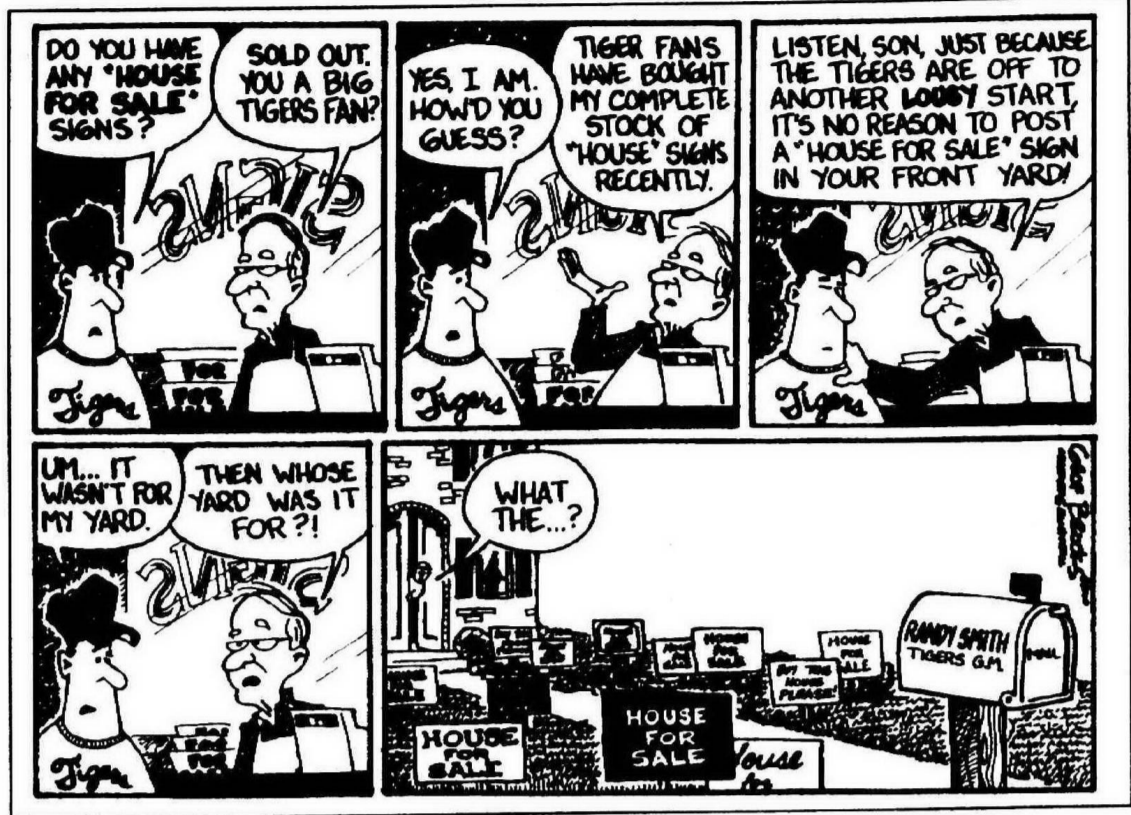
Instead of being number five on a list of 200 with the chance to move into a group home in one-two years, the individual could drop to number 400 on a list of 1,500 with a six-eight-year wait. This move, if finally implemented, should shoot a cannon hole through the idea of person-centered planning.

The real need in Michigan is to find a way, somehow, to pay for up to 2,000 residential units for the developmentally disabled so that every person on a waiting list who needs housing will have a real chance, rather than a chance that exists only on paper.

There is an opportunity in managed care to cut costs and reduce needless expenses in the mental health field. There also is an opportunity to become economically more efficient by coming up with creative programs and solutions.

But let's avoid taking a commodity approach in the mental health field and instead remain locked onto a person-centered approach. Michigan became a leader when it emptied its mental institutions; let's not retreat back into darkness.

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LETTERS

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Opinions hit mark

I am writing to express my positive reaction to two columns on the Points of View page of the April 27 issue of the Plymouth Observer concerning the naming of the new high school. School board president Susan Davis ably explained the rationale behind the decision, and Editor Brad Kadrich's "Changing of the names at schools isn't end of the world" was very well written.

I have tried to stay away from the controversy surrounding the naming of the new high schools, although months ago I did call the administrative offices of our school district to give my suggestion of "Plymouth." My reasoning was that there should be a high school with that name, since Plymouth-Canton High School has become known as "Canton" and Plymouth-Salem High School as "Salem."

Our three children attended both schools and graduated from Canton (Plymouth-Canton). After reading the rationale (including the original intent for the naming of schools at the Educational Park) behind the school board's decision, I agree with it more than ever. The problem with using Superior in a school's name is that it would sound like it is "of higher quality" (from Webster's dictionary).

From what I have read about the last school board meeting, some residents expressed their opinions well, with courtesy, while others yelled insults. Each one of the school board members has my respect for all the hours they spend and the stress they endure over the decisions that have to be made. I consider them as individuals trying their best to serve our school district. They are evidently being maligned for a decision which was made with requested input from the community and after much research.

Thank you for printing the school board's explanation for their decision to name the new high school "Plymouth" and for providing an additional perspective in your own column. Those nastily negative attendees at the school board meeting need to read such logical points of view.

Janet Sockolosky
Plymouth

Lesson in politics

I commend the young people for attending their first up-close and personal political

forum. They learned more about deceitful and painful political decisions, better than any book could teach them.

Instead of remaining at home to review for the MEAPs, they felt compelled to express their pride and passion for their school named Canton and Plymouth-Salem. I must admit that they have to fine-tune their approach to disagreeing with the powers that be.

I would like to thank the "Plymouth/Canton Five" for teaching them what they don't want to become and for the definition of the following:

1) Totalitarianism - a centralized and authoritarian regime based on any political philosophy advocating total regimentation of all aspects of life, suppressing civil liberties and demanding obedience of its citizens.

2) Deceit - to deceive or lie (the Plymouth/Canton Five's survey of the student body in naming the new school, and not stating in writing that they were also voting for the elimination of the name Plymouth from their schools).

I guess it depends on their definition of "what a truthfully worded survey is." With this type of deceit they also took advantage of the young, preoccupied (ACTs, MEAPs, prom, etc.) and naive (not politically sophisticated) students with the Slavens-Davis survey.

After the meeting, I sat and listened to a Canton student's pleading questions:

- 1) How can seven people decide for 5,000 students?
- 2) Who were the teachers polled?
- 3) How many teachers actually live in Plymouth?
- 4) Don't they have to ask the kids who go there?

This episode reminded me of a political conflict called Vietnam, where Congress did not declare this conflict a war, but they still wasted many young lives and didn't listen to the young people and taxpayers who paid their salaries. I told them that I felt and understood their passion, pain and tears of frustration. I guess they will have to decide for themselves, as we did back in 1968, etc., as to what course they should take, what bonds they'll vote for, and how to stand up to and against self-serving public officials.

Mr. and Mrs. Samborsky
Plymouth

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Do you agree with the way the U.S. government resolved the Elian Gonzalez situation?

We asked this question Monday outside the post office in downtown Plymouth.



"Yes. But they should have done it sooner. They wouldn't have had so much of a conflict."
Jean Seigmiller
Plymouth



"I think they were forced to do it. It was a last resort."
Robert Salas
Plymouth



"Yes. He's with his father. That's the way it should be."
Cheryl Knox
Plymouth



"The kid should have gone back to his father after they made sure he was healthy."
Jim Oldfield
Plymouth Township

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POINTS OF VIEW

Academic All-Stars shine beacon of optimism and hope

They seem flush with optimism. They've come of age in a time of unprecedented prosperity and technological advancement, and when they look into the future they see their generation continuing mankind's march against poverty, despair, disease and ignorance.



HUGH GALLAGHER

They are The Observer's Academic All-Stars and they have every right to believe that they and their contemporaries will make a better world and build on the wonders that have so recently transformed our lives.

In today's Observer we present these wonderful young adults and honor their hard work, their idealism, their intellectual curiosity, their stamina and, yes, their optimism.

The Academic All-Stars are the best of the present and the promise of the future, and that's why it has become so important to The Observer that we take time to call attention to these young people, who sometimes in the pecking order of high school society take a back seat to the athletes.

We understand that. We also honor the athletes for their hard work and physical strength and grace.

And, as you'll see when reading about these young people, many of them are both athletes and scholars, bookworms and social butterflies, artists and mathematicians.

In fact, their long lists of school and civic activities suggest how rich, varied and complicated their lives already are. Their activities also suggest what kind of intelligent, active, productive citizens they will become.

When the young people featured on our cover arrived to have their picture taken, their conversation included discussion of some really neat books they had been reading, recent math competitions and plans for college. They were uniformly warm, enthusiastic and willing to share.

The All Stars are Paul Schultz of Catholic Central, Teresa Elizabeth Elsey of Farmington Harrison, Daniel Freeman of North Farmington, Michael Levy of North Farmington, Laura Portwood-Stacer of Livonia Churchill, Luke Williams of Plymouth-Canton, Jeffrey Gross-

man of Farmington Harrison, Qian Zhang of Livonia Churchill, Nicholas Demek of Livonia Stevenson, Sarah Ernst of Mercy High School, Timothy Bodnar of Plymouth-Salem, Ryan King of Plymouth-Salem, Marya Link of Farmington High, Alexis A. Black of Clarenceville, Ross Ian MacKenzie, Martina Moro of Wayne Memorial, Christine Chan of Plymouth-Canton, Eva-Marie David of Mercy and Joseph Colombo of Redford Thurston.

Much of the credit for these young people belongs to their parents, of course, but also to the many teachers who have inspired them.

Each year we ask the All-Stars to tell us about some of the teachers who have left their mark. This question gives some insight into what matters to a young scholar and helps to explain how optimism grows under the right conditions.

Paul Schultz of Catholic Central writes of English teacher and track coach Gene Grewe: "In my mind, Mr. Grewe is what a teacher is supposed to be: supremely educated, thoroughly prepared, always accessible and having a genuine care for the education and welfare of his students."

Pretty good definition and one echoed in the praise of other teachers.

Michael Levy of North Farmington High School writes of his computer aided design teacher Bruce Sutton: "He helped me move away from the concrete thinking of right and wrong that I developed in early education and showed me that there are many ways to solve a problem, and the best way is not always the most obvious."

Qian Zhang and Laura Portwood-Stacer of Churchill High School both praise math teacher Mary Buda for her dedication, her challenge to be the best and for her kindness. Laura writes, "It is obvious that she loves to teach and that she takes great pride in each one of her 'children.'"

These and the other teachers named have a right to be proud of these great young people. And, so do we all.

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MORE LETTERS

Thanks for support

I would like to thank all Plymouth Township residents for their support in the past two elections for my position as a Township Trustee. I have enjoyed serving the community and being a part of the improvements and savings made through our joint services with the city and with our most recent agreement between WTUA and the Ypsilanti Board saving us potential millions.

This board has always had the future of Plymouth Township as its underlying drive for its actions and decisions. It is my hope that the board will continue to explore ways to improve and expand our recreational facilities through additional joint ventures with our schools and with neighboring communities.

While I shall continue to serve to the end of my term, it is with a heavy heart that I must announce that I will not be seeking re-election. Personal health problems in my family will need far more of my attention. For those who had ever contemplated serving their community, I hope that you will seriously consider running for this open position now.

K.C. Mueller
Plymouth Township Trustee

More firepower?

Hopefully Chief Richard Miller was misquoted in the March 30 article "Top Cop Says New Gear Puts Officer Safety First."

He is quoted as stating, "Experience shows the more rounds the better, you're not limiting yourself to six rounds in a revolver."

Rather than increasing the rounds to be fired by a police officer I would hope and expect that experience indicates accuracy under supreme stress is the objective. For every round fired, the target is hit.

The term "firepower" is synonymous with the military and has been recently adopted by law enforcement as the reason for moving from revolvers to automatics. If law enforcement agencies truly believe they need more "firepower," maybe they should consider the purchase of M1-A2 Abrams military tanks.

Roger L. Kehrier
Plymouth

Safety first

On behalf of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and its Industrial Advisory Committee, which accounts for many

of its member companies that reside in the township's Northwest Industrial Parks, we would like to commend each of you for your outstanding efforts in working with us in the attainment of the Beck Road/Halyard Drive traffic light and railroad signaling system.

The business communities are now enjoying a much safer traffic environment as well as their employees experiencing a much easier commute to and from work.

We recognize your efforts in coordinating the various agencies that were required to be involved in a project of this scope. Your hard work has greatly benefited all using the M14/Beck Road corridor. We know it was a long and complicated endeavor that each of you helped bring to a successful and positive outcome.

Again, we sincerely would like to thank you for all that you did in helping us in the business community.

Joseph Grima, Freudenberg-NOK
Denise Robinson, Henry Ford Medical Center

Ralph DeNio, Isuzu Motors America
Robert Morris, Johnson Controls
Barb Rukat, Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America, Inc.

Gwenyth Smith, TRAM, Inc.
Michele Ruppel, Chamber President
Fran Toney, Chamber Executive Director

Phone appreciation

This past week WSDP received four new touch-tone phones from Lucent Technologies. These phones will replace rotary dial phones that have been in our studios since the dawn of time.

WSDP is a high school radio station with a tight budget. The kindness shown to us by Lucent Technologies, in particular Raymond Hanks, is appreciated. Susan Ciaglo, a parent of one of our students, met Ray through the Leadership Canton program. She shared with him our need for new phones and he was quick to volunteer his assistance.

Thank you, Ray and Lucent Technologies. The students on our staff were so excited to see the new phones at our April staff meeting. Thanks for your commitment to the Plymouth-Canton Community.

Bill Keith
Station Manager
Plymouth

College education is still a terrific experience, investment for nation's youth

I admit it. I'm a sucker for ceremonies like weddings and graduations. I suppose it's mostly because the ritual makes concrete and intensifies the emotion of the event.

I like university commencements best of all. I never fail to be moved at the sight of a young person - often the first in the entire history of the family - receiving a college degree and thereby entering "the community of educated men and women." The grin of the newly minted graduate turns incandescent and nobody minds when the family's whoops of joy punctuate the decorum of the ceremony.

There were a lot of grins throughout Michigan last weekend. Something like 45,000 graduates and their families piled into Michigan Stadium for the University of Michigan's ceremonies, while President Clinton spoke on Sunday to a packed house at Eastern Michigan's commencement exercises in Ypsilanti.

So when I was invited to say a few words at the commencement of the College of Natural Resources and the Environment at U-M, I was happy to put on my academic robe and proceed down the aisle to the tune of Jeremiah Clarke's fine air for trumpet.

Sitting on the stage and listening to the awards being handed out and the speeches being given, I found myself reflecting on what is really going on at the core of this gigantic enterprise that takes adolescent high school graduates and over four years or so turns them into educated men and women.

I had no idea what would become of the kids sitting before me, only partly solemn in their black robes, some with flowers stuck to their academic hats. Some would become landscape architects, while others would challenge the captains of industry as leaders of the environmental movement. Some might not even have a career in natural resources, they might go off to law school or become teachers.

But each would have received while at the university an enormous injection of what might be called "human capital." And the value added to each graduate - value for society, value for the graduate - by the university experience is perfectly enormous.

The dry data in the *Digest of Education Statistics* sum up the value added in cold, hard cash.

In 1997 (the last year for which statistics are available), men with less than a ninth grade education earn on average \$19,291 per year. Average annual earnings for male high school graduates rise to \$31,215. But the average BA graduate earned \$48,616.

The earnings gains are even more remark-



PHIL POWER

able as the years of investment in human capital increase. At the master's level, average earnings jump to \$61,051, while those who go on to a professional degree earn an average of \$85,011.

I'm not certain measuring human worth in dollars and cents is the best way of doing it, but the facts possess a certain solidity. Investing in human capital through a college education pays off better than any other investment I can think of.

Those in Lansing who preside over the allocation of taxpayer dollars might bear this fact in mind, especially when they consider the trade off between appropriating money to educate young people at Michigan universities and warehousing criminals in prisons.

In my experience, universities don't make this point very well when they lobby the legislature at appropriations time. A Bartlett Gramati, the former president of Yale, understood the issue when he wrote in his book, *A Free and Ordered Place*: "Of all the threats to the institution, the most dangerous come from within. Not the least among them is the smugness that believes the institution's value is so self-evident that it no longer needs explanation, its mission so manifest that it no longer requires definition and articulation."

It's no loss of dignity for university presidents to point out that their institutions add more value than any other. And it's hardly crass to point out that a dollar spent in developing young minds pays off better than any other investment the state can conceivably make.

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Help Wanted: State focuses on recruiting workers

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The biggest obstacle to economic growth in Michigan today is a lack of skilled workers, not a lack of businesses, said Jeff Kaczmarek, senior vice president of Business Services for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

"The No. 1 issue is work force, a lack of people, a lack of skills. We have to focus on people recruitment rather than business recruitment," he said. "We need to increase the supply of workers. The population is not growing very quickly, and most businesses are constrained by their lack of ability to find skilled workers."

But efforts to bring highly skilled employees here are limited by the perception that Michigan isn't a particularly attractive place to be, Kaczmarek said. He spoke Thursday, April 27, to editors and publishers of the HomeTown Communications Network, the company that owns this newspaper. His presentation was made at a quarterly meeting of the company's editorial board in Livonia.

Kaczmarek was invited to address the group to explain the workings of the MEDC and to detail what he believes is needed for the state to continue its economic growth.

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Jeff Kaczmarek

Michigan Economic Development Corporation

Michigan has a good reputation for recreation. But the perception of Michigan's business climate is dominated by the image of Michigan's largest city, Kaczmarek said. The MEDC is looking for ways to boost the state's reputation among businesses. Part of that will be a campaign to combine Michigan's recreational opportunities with its business recruitment efforts.

Michigan will likely see growth in three high technology industries, or "technology clusters," - advanced manufacturing, information technology, and life sciences. But that growth may be constrained if the state doesn't act to create "smart parks," industrial parks where businesses have access to shared high tech facilities.

Smart parks could consist of research laboratories, telecommunications centers, business incubator centers and the availability of enough fiber optic communications.

Kaczmarek said the corporation hopes state lawmakers will approve legislation enabling construction of smart parks before the legislators break for the summer.

The state also needs to streamline the clearing up of land titles in urban areas. Assembling land is one of the most difficult tasks in redevelopment of older, blighted urban areas, he said.

Clearing up title work can be cumbersome, Kaczmarek said. He wants the legislature to enact laws making it easier to clear up that paper work. No bill on the topic has yet been introduced. Bills are being drafted, but he said he doesn't know who will sponsor such a proposal.

That's needed, Kaczmarek said, to curtail urban sprawl. Redirecting growth toward already developed central city areas would allow for continued economic development while avoiding the need to plow up

suburban fields, he said.

Other improvements Kaczmarek said he would like to see include:

- Making the MEDC available 24 hours per day, seven days a week, always ready to respond to interested businesses.

- Increasing the transfer of knowledge from Michigan universities to businesses. Few patent applications come from Michigan colleges, despite the large amount of research done here, Kaczmarek said.

- Increasing the amount of venture capital available to businesses that want to set up shop here or expand current operations.

- Increasing the amount of mass transit available in the Detroit area. The layout of the metro area will likely keep the state from developing a workable, sustainable light rail system, Kaczmarek said. Rather, he called for a flexible-route bus system.

Communities can join in the hunt for new businesses, Kaczmarek said.

"They need to have a single, visible source of contact," he said. "That is the most important thing they should do. When a business is interested in coming in, they want to talk to just one person."

And that person needs to know

what development opportunities are available in town, so he or she can respond quickly. Businesses often want responses to questions about demographics, regulations and availability of land in as little as 48 hours, Kaczmarek said.

Community attitude toward economic development is also important, he said.

"Why would a business want to go out and look at a community that is going to stall and delay at every point?" he said. "That's not good planning. The community needs to have a strategic plan, an approach to dealing with business. If they don't want to grow, that's fine, but you can't have it both ways."

Formerly the Michigan Jobs Commission, the MEDC was created by executive order from the governor just a year ago last

April. It receives two-thirds of its money from the legislature. The rest comes from grants and gambling revenues.

The MEDC is a public corporation, operating under public scrutiny and legislative oversight. The MEDC is subject to the Freedom of Information Act, Kaczmarek said. The MEDC has inter-local agreements with 40 communities, which serve as its board of directors. The corporation has 280 employees.

Its purpose is to attract businesses to the state, working competitively against other states that have similar operations, such as Florida and Wisconsin. Should a company want to move to Michigan, the MEDC is assigned to the job of working with the firm to streamline the approval process.

Madonna registers for fall

Madonna University's registration for fall 2000 term will begin Monday, May 15, and continues through Friday, Sept. 1, for new and returning students.

Office hours will be held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, May 15 through June 16 and Aug. 7 through Sept. 1 (with the exception of May 29 when the office

will be closed). Summer registration hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 19 to Aug. 4. Classes begin the week of Sept. 5.

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BRAD KADRACH

LisaKay serves as role model

The thoughts used to occur to her, as the pain worsened and the veil of despair descended upon her heart.

She wore the collection of injuries like badges of honor. A shattered nose. Both legs broken. Both arms broken. More bruises than she could count.

And more pain than she would ever have thought imaginable.

This was the life of LisaKay. And as the beatings continued, hammering her flesh while crushing her spirit, she wished it was over.

"I just wanted to die," she says now, years after the beatings ended. "I figured he was going to kill me anyway. Sometimes I would wish he'd kill me, so it would be over. There were times I just said, 'Let it be now.'"

It's a familiar refrain for victims of domestic violence. Death becomes a friend, a security blanket in a nightmare of a life. Wife at 18, punching bag at 21. Nearly dead by 27.

He hit her the first time maybe three months after the wedding. The daily beatings didn't start until three years later. He didn't like the way she cooked. Or cleaned. Or the way she wanted to drive a car. The hand would draw back, and her head would duck.

The abuse lasted six years. For most of that time, she figured she had it coming. A wife pleases her husband, does things the way he wants them done. These are the things she'd been taught. If he was beating her, it must be her fault. She tried to do better, to be the perfect wife. Things just got worse.

"The more you tried, the more you'd mess it up," she says now. "A lot of it was guilt, that I wasn't a good wife, couldn't do the things he wanted me to do."

"I was actually an emotional wreck, because I didn't know my emotions. He controlled all of them."

Like many victims, she said nothing. Her family viewed the rocky marriage with a "You take care of it yourself" attitude. Friends noticed the amazing number of injuries but "didn't want to interfere."

There were repeated trips to the hospital, where her file grew by the visit and no one — not a single medical professional — said or did anything to help her. Sometimes, the husband would accompany her, the unspoken threat tangible in his demeanor. "Say anything, and you'll really get it," his manner told her.

The police were no help. Washtenaw County sheriff's deputies ignored the problem. The Westland Police responded to a call and told a bleeding LisaKay to "take a walk" because they were changing shifts. Finally, she gave up.

"You get tired of calling and nobody helping you," she said. "So you quit calling."

When no one else will help, there is little course of action left but to help yourself. Finally, through the tremendous pain and indignity, LisaKay found a way to do just that.

It was Sept. 9, 1994. LisaKay had just suffered what would be the last beating at the hands of her first husband. Feelings that had been building inside her, a self-preservation mechanism she didn't know she had, kicked in. Finally, she'd had enough.

"It had been coming, and I didn't realize it until that last beating," LisaKay said. "I'd finally grown up enough to finally realize if I didn't leave him for good, he was going to kill me."

She packed up and left the next day — her birthday present to herself — and has only seen him once since then. But she had let her weight balloon to more than 300 pounds, and suffered through a second, shorter marriage with a husband who mentally abused her.

The final straw came in December 1995. She'd given birth to a stillborn child, and sat in the hospital emergency room, languishing in the trauma

Please see LISAKAY, B2



Bargain Hunter: Community Life Editor Kimberly Mortson finds a good deal while on assignment.

ONE MAN'S JUNK ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE

Garage Sales

STORY BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

I'll admit it — I'm a junkie. I've been one ever since I can remember and I have no intention of quitting. My drug of choice ... garage sales.

Nothing draws my attention away from the road faster than a collage of garage and yard sale signs haphazardly affixed to a telephone pole. It's a sheer work of art.

I find the winter months to be almost unbearable — having to lie dormant waiting for that first roadside sign or classified ad to crop up like a spring tulip. Now that winter has come and gone, sales are slowly starting to occur in neighborhoods and subdivisions in all of our communities and my mad money has been burning a hole in my pocket since the fall.

To feed my own habit and to understand the garage sale culture better, I recently spent the day with a staff photographer weaving our way through seven communities along the garage sale circuit observing peoples' sales, purchases, methods and philosophies about what makes a garage sale so appealing.

First and foremost we found you have to start early. Many clichés apply to garage saling, including "the early bird gets the worm," and "one man's junk is another man's treasure."

With that in mind, start scanning the classified section of the newspaper the week prior for sales during the upcoming week and weekend. Years ago most sales took place Friday through Sunday. Today, however, veteran sale holders peddle their wares Thursday through Saturday and spend Sunday cleaning up and throwing out what's left.

"It really pays to advertise," said Barbara Gallant of Garden City. "This is only the second sale I've had in probably 20 years but we've had a lot of people come through here already and today's the first day."

Photographer Bryan Mitchell and myself left the newspaper at 8 a.m. on a Friday with the classifieds and maps in hand. Many of the sales we circled had already started the day before so there was a good chance we missed a lot of the initial foot traffic and the good deals.

"People go to sales to get bargains, plain and simple," said Tracy Mason of Canton. "A lot of our bigger items went on the first day."

Garage sale shopping isn't for everyone. Some people aren't willing to travel all over the city, racking up the mileage on their cars just to save a few dollars. Also, these trips can prove to be unsuccessful. I'll admit there have been days, even weeks, at a time when I didn't find a thing that interested me and that can be a little discouraging.

But on the flip side, a good find can be a truly joyous event. It's that one purchase that really makes all of the lackluster sales and tables of "another man's junk" worth it.

"I home school so I'm always looking for books and things like that for the kids," said Jennifer Kayden of Garden City. "I also shop for clothes the kids can play in and stuff for the house."

When it comes to garage sales, *stuff* is the bottom line. You never know what you're going to happen across and what people are willing to part with once they start spring cleaning. I've seen everything from spaghetti stained Tupperware and feminine deodorizing products to handmade antique Irish lace and a stuffed squirrel mounted on a piece of driftwood.

"It's funny. You don't realize what will go. Having a garage sale is a good way to eliminate all that silly stuff that adds up after time," said Mason. "If you really aren't sure you want to part with something you price it a little higher and see what happens, then the things you want to get rid of you price to go."

Barb Schmid, a Canton resident browsing the tables in Mason's garage, said she likes to look for household items and things for her grandchildren.

"I really enjoy garage sales. I look forward to them when it starts to get nice in April and May," said Schmid.

Schmid wasn't the only one who found a bargain at Mason's sale. I scooped up an already refinished "gossip" or "telephone" table that just needs a new fabric seat — nice find for only \$35.

Alternatives
Referred or advertised as garage sales, we found



Variety: Barb Schmid of Canton looks for goodies for her grandchildren. Below, a rack of girls' dresses neatly hangs at a multiple-family garage sale in Garden City.

many residents moving to another residence chose their house as the stage for their sale. Typically people who have already moved out of their home or have heavy items they don't want to move three and four times will allow people to walk through their house for the sale. Estate sales — oftentimes take this form if a person dies and the family opts to pare down what they keep by selling things right out of the home.

We ran across three moving sales and found mostly clothes, furniture and household items. If you're comfortable with a more personal approach to a sale then you won't be bothered traipsing through someone's bedroom to look at their oak armoire. These sales can be particularly good sometimes because homeowners get to the point where they

want to move on to their new home and have no trouble discounting their goods to part ways fast.

A third option to the garage sale is an auction. Again, these take place in a home or spill out into the yard, garage and basement to avoid the seller having to move big ticket items.

Got away

A few hazards to garage saling, other than getting lost or coming across a sale that was advertised as "huge" only to find it bordering on petite, is just missing that one particular item that would have made all your travels worth it.

I spotted a small, antique wicker rocking chair for my daughter as soon as we made our way up the driveway of a Garden City garage sale. As I walked over to pick it up not even caring how much the price on the orange



Please see TREASURE, B2

International Women's Show scheduled today through the weekend

Ladies, you're invited to the spring's biggest event for women of all ages! A place where you can celebrate how good it feels to be a woman.

Among the highlights — you'll be prepared with makeovers, high-energy fashion shows, informative seminars, delicious food sampling and some of the best shopping of the year. If you haven't guessed yet it's the Michigan International Women's Show starting today through Sunday at the Novi Expo Center.

Bring yourself, your mother, a neighbor, friend or co-worker and enjoy a variety of events and offerings from finding a new look for spring to products that will bring out the best in you. Professionals from Avon will be on hand to help you create the perfect look. Plus, you'll find fabulous skin care products

and the latest in cosmetics from Arbonne, Equibal, Michelle's Salon and Day Spa and Marlo Beauty Supply. You'll walk away from the show feeling refreshed and revived.

Looking to add a little sizzle to your wardrobe? Check out Group USA's "Models! Information! Music!" for the latest styles in business suits, bridesmaids gowns and even that dream wedding gown. Plus, attend "Psychology of the Closet," presented by Jackie Walker, a nationally recognized personal image consultant. After leaving the show, you'll never say "I don't have anything to wear."

Meet Oprah Winfrey's secret weight-loss weapon — Bob Greene, nationally known fitness expert and author who will demonstrate a breakthrough in exercise and fitness equipment.

The ProBell system, introduced by Michigan-based Premise Products, Inc., is a free weight system which can be used by men and women of virtually any level of fitness for a wide range of exercise routines. It provides versatility of traditional dumbbells with the convenience of a compact and adjustable unit that can be used in a home or office.

"This product is revolutionary in its simplicity," said Greene. "For convenience, variety, effectiveness and quality, the patented ProBell system allows for quick weight adjustment sand gives you an entire weight room with virtually no floor space. It is terrific for both men and women."

Shifting gears

Is improving your mind a priority? You can stay informed on a variety of

topics from financial management to osteoporosis. Plus, meet Mitch Albom, author of the best-seller "Tuesday's With Morrie."

Take a moment to focus on your health. At the show, you'll find plenty of health information from menopause to breast cancer.

Watch demonstrations and talk with doctors and professionals from Blue-Cross BlueShield, the Botsford Health Care Consortium and the Birmingham Menopause Institute. Looking for the perfect gift for Mom on Mother's Day?

How about a night out of the kitchen. You'll find some gourmet goodies at the show like Lowcountry specialties Shrimp & Grits and She Crab Soup from Southern D'Lites. The Farmer Jack Food Pavilion will be brimming with food — luscious samples, mouth-

watering recipes, quick meal ideas, cooking demonstrations and plenty of coupons.

And if shopping is what you love, look no further. You'll find over 400 specialty boutiques with everything from cosmetics and fashion hair products to jewelry, home decor, health/fitness products and one-of-a-kind gifts plus travel ideas and more.

The 2000 Michigan International Women's Show is open From 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 4 through Saturday, May 6 and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 7. Admission is \$7, adults; \$4, youth 6-12; and free for kids under 6. For information call (800) 849-0248 or visit the show's Web site at www.southernshows.com/wde

Secretaries honored by local Chamber of Commerce, colleagues

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Linda Paris has been working for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for 11 months and co-workers already think of her as royalty.

"She's the e-mail queen, and the Internet queen; She can find anything," said Judy Evola, director of communications for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Both attended the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Secretary's Day Luncheon, Wednesday, April 26, at Plymouth Manor. The luncheon was started eight years ago by executive director Fran Toney and has since become an annual Plymouth tradition. Toney said it has grown in attendance every year.

She knows firsthand how valuable it is to work with assistants. "Sharon (Holroyde) and Michelle (Karako) are the best team any-

one could have," said Toney. "Michelle has been with us for two years and she is unbelievable. I couldn't say enough. Sharon has been with the chamber for 22 years. Everyone knows Sharon."

That would be Sharon Holroyde, administrative assistant, who said the people are the best part of her job and the reason she's stayed with the chamber for so long.

"I have the best staff in the world," gushed Toney, knowing she wasn't the only one who wanted to show that appreciation. "The way I think about it, it's like taking your staff to lunch at a private club."

Those in attendance this year won prizes ranging from a two-week stay in a condominium at a destination of choice, to free movie tickets, restaurant meals, make-overs and even original-design handbags. In place of the usual fashion show, the chamber

decided to do things differently this year and presented an all-male revue for the audience's amusement.

Entertainment

Joanne Zavisa of Joanne's Dance Extension choreographed a medley including *Men in Black*, *Macho Man* and *YMCA*. Dancers donning all black included Plymouth Township Police Chief Larry Carey, Plymouth Observer Editor Brad Kadrich, Soil and Material Engineers Inc. President Kenneth Kramer, Community Bank of Dearborn Brian Mamo, Chamber Vice President Tom Nunez, Denny Pennington of Westchester Square, Plymouth City Manager Dave Rich and former Plymouth Police Chief Robert Scoggins.

Kramer brought along 17 employees. Referred to as the Prince of Secretary's Day, he's said it's important to recognize

the staff. "Annual recognition is not enough," he said.

Beth Stewart, executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, claimed her assistant, Delores Meador, contributes to her whole life. Together two days a week for the past five years, Stewart and Meador keep programs and exhibits at the museum going strong.

"She has just made my life so much easier," said Stewart. "She gets to wear a lot of different hats." From setting up exhibits to running a freight elevator, from organizing scavenger hunts for student groups to coordinating the museum's 35 volunteers, Meador has become acquainted with the museum and the history of Plymouth.

The appreciation goes both ways. "I feel very proud to have a boss like her," said Meador with a smile. "This is really one of my favorite bosses."

That says a lot for a woman

who's been working as a part-time assistant since 1984. She said her work has changed considerably over the years. Most of those changes can be attributed to advances in technology like the widespread use of computers. "I used to have to type on a typewriter," said Meador. "Computers are a dream come true."

But some things never change. Communication skills and the ability to get along with people are most important in her line of work.

Paris agreed. She said patience, organization and follow-through are key skills for a secretary or executive assistant. According to Evola, she excels at every one: "She's very organized and has a wonderful, friendly presence on the phone. If she doesn't know the answer, she'll find out. She's great with follow-through."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS
April 25, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, April 25, 2000 at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL
Members Present: Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: Bennett
Staff Present: Director Machnik, Director Minghine, Director Santomaro, Chief Rorabacher

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Supervisor Yack amended the agenda to delete General Calendar Item No. 7 and No. 8. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to adopt the Agenda as amended. Motion carried by all members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Canton of April 11, 2000. Motion carried by all members present.
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Canton of April 18, 2000. Motion carried with Trustee McLaughlin and Burdziak abstained.

PAYMENT OF BILLS
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Expenditure Report for Board Meeting of January 25, 2000

General Fund	101	\$ 304,480.89
Fire Fund	206	\$ 45,861.74
Police Fund	207	\$ 92,374.54
Summit Operating	208	\$ 49,550.15
Golf Fund	211	\$ 77,239.32
Cable TV Fund	230	\$ 1,738.82
Public Improvement	245	\$ 300.00
Twp (Community) Improvement	246	\$ 15,195.50
E-911 Utility	261	\$ 681.63
Auto Forfeiture (WWATEE)	267	\$ 400.50
Federal Grants Fund	274	\$ 24,919.63
Auto Theft Grant	289	\$ 1,457.94
Post Employment Benefits	296	\$ 2.42
Bldg Auth Construction	469	\$ 278.90
Water & Sewer Fund	592	\$ 1,219,294.70
Total - All Funds		\$ 1,833,776.68

PRESENTATION
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to accept the 1999 financial reports for the Charter Township of Canton. Motion carried by all members present.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to set the public hearing for May 23, 2000, to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption application of Schuler Incorporated for their new facility located at 7145 Commerce Blvd., Canton, Michigan 48187. Motion carried by all members present.

GENERAL CALENDAR
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution approving special land use for Ramz Plaza Automobile Service Station and Mini-Warehouse Facility. Motion carried with Supervisor Yack opposing.
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution for approving an amendment to Morgan Creek Planned Development District and Site Plan. Motion carried by all members present.
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdziak, to adopt a resolution approving the site plan for Holiday Inn Express. Motion carried by all members present.
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution approving the site plan for Tri-City Christian Center. Motion carried by all members present.
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution approving an addition to All Saints Catholic School. Motion carried by all members present.
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Shefferly, to award the Spring 2000 Resident Sponsored Cost Share Tree Planting Program to County Line Nurseries for \$42,422.00. Motion carried by all members present.
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Shefferly, to approve an expenditure and budget adjustment as follows: Motion carried by all members present.

Income:
101-853-824-2000 Tree Planting-Residential Tree Prog \$23,000.00

Decrease:
101-853-824-1000 Tree Planting-Public Property \$23,000.00

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Shefferly, to introduce for First Reading the amendments to the Uniform Traffic Code No. 66 (J). Motion carried by all members present.
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Shefferly, to table the amendments to the Uniform Traffic Code No. 66 (J) for publication in the Canton Observer on May 4, 2000. Motion carried by all members present.
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Shefferly, to adopt a resolution approving the finance of the installation of a fiber optic changeable message sign at Hanford and Morton Taylor for Miller School. Motion carried by all members present.
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to adopt a resolution approving the purchase of five self-contained breathing apparatus. Motion carried by all members present.
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Shefferly, to award the bid for the purchase of nine mobile radios and two helmet kits through Mobile Communications Sales, Inc., Livonia, Michigan for a cost not to exceed \$92,000. Motion carried by all members present.

ADJOURN
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on April 25, 2000. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on May 9, 2000.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor **TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk**
Publish: May 4, 2000

LisaKay from page B1

matic morass that had become her life. She looked up and saw her reflection in the mirror.

"After it was over, I looked at myself and I could see my stomach down to my knees and my face was huge," she recalled. "I figured I was young and I didn't want to die from this. I knew it was an impediment to what I wanted to accomplish in my life."

No more. LisaKay has lost more than 200 pounds. She's happily married to her third

husband, Richard Wojcik, who she says "loves me for who I am."

And she's trying to make a difference for women going through the same thing she endured for so long. On Saturday, she'll do a 30-mile walkathon, "LisaKay Fights Back," in an effort to raise awareness about domestic violence, an issue one wouldn't think needed much more awareness these days.

Not so, according to one vic-

tim.

"No one talks about domestic violence," LisaKay said. "I'm here to say, 'I'm here and I'm not going away.' God gave me a mouth, which I use really well, and I'm going to do this."

It's the end of one compelling story, perhaps the beginning of another. Without benefit of therapy, LisaKay has found a way out of purgatory.

"If I thought I needed it, I would do it," she says of therapy,

CORRECTION

A special camp for children and young adults struggling with cancer was profiled in the Thursday, April 20 edition of the Community Life Section. The camp was incorrectly named and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. The correct name is Camp Make-A-Dream.

Treasure from page B1

orange sticker read — I realized the woman that walked up just ahead of us already claimed it as her own and placed it next to the table where the homeowner was cashing people out.

Although I wasn't specifically looking for a wicker chair, I'm still pining away over my loss.

At our next stop we ran across Albert Rickard of Farmington Hills and his friend Sam Plunkett of Brighton at a Garden City sale. The pair are retired electricians who say garage saling is a way for them to "keep busy."

"It's something to do," said

"I know when I'm out I look for clothes for my kids because they grow and wear out of things so fast and I look for household stuff for our cottage," said Falzon. "For myself I keep my eye open for antiques."

Whatever your passion — whether it be pewter thimbles or pickle green mason jars — garage saling is a great way to spend a lazy Saturday, discover a new city, meet your neighbors and maybe, just maybe, find another man's treasure.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VACATING OF ALLEY CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, May 15, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. a Public Hearing will be held by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan, in the Commission Chamber of the City Hall, concerning the question of whether or not the following alley is to be vacated. The Public Alley adjacent to:

413 N. Harvey S 5.0 FT OF LOT 146 ALSO LOT 147 KATE E ALLENS ADDITION TO PLYMOUTH VILLAGE TIS R8E L22 P54 WCR	402 Ann LOT 128 ASSESSORS PLYMOUTH PLAT NO 6 TIS R8E L64 P77 WCR
425 N. Harvey N 45.0 FT OF LOT 146 KATE E ALLENS ADDITION TO PLYMOUTH VILLAGE TIS R8E L22 P54 WCR	424 Ann LOT 176 WILLIAM A BLUNK ADDITION TIS R8E L27 P59 WCR

All interested parties will be given ample opportunity to participate in the hearing and, at the close of said hearing, comments and suggestions of these citizens participating will be considered by the City Commission prior to rendering its decision.

For questions concerning this Public Hearing contact the Building Department at (734) 453-1234 ext 232.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk

All interested persons are invited to attend

ADA Notice
In compliance with the Americans with disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

CAROL STONE, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary
Planning Commission

Publish: May 4 and 11, 2000

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF CLUSTER HOUSING OPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from S & R Michigan, L.L.C., to amend the approved Cluster Housing Option, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 83, as amended. The subject property is located at the northwest corner of Gotschalk and North Territorial Roads. Application No. 15700299.

Public Hearing is required by Ordinance No. 83 and/or Subdivision Ordinance No. 32, of the Charter Township of Plymouth. Application No. 15700299. Tax I D Nos. 003-99-0004-002, 042-99-0001-000 and a portion of 042-99-0002-001.

Questions regarding the application may be directed to the Community Development Department, Department of Public Services Building, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider the application at its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2000, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 734-453-8131. Ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address of Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the Meeting/Hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's office, 42850 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number: (734) 453-1231. TDD number: 1-800-448-8777 (Michigan Relay Service).

JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary
Planning Commission

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ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Smith-Depa

David and Charlene Smith of Fowlerville announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracey Marie, to Michael Thomas Depa of Lansing.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Fowlerville High School, Eastern Michigan University and teaches special needs children for Livingston County Educational Services.

Her fiancé, son of Thomas Depa of Fenton and Ann Knox of Ypsilanti, is a graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland, Eastern Michigan University and obtained his master's degree at University of Michigan. He works for the State of Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality in Lansing.



An August wedding is planned at United Brethren Church of Christ in Fowlerville.

Fulkerson

James and Betty (Jacob) Fulkerson celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this May. The couple wed on May 6, 1950 in Toledo, Ohio and have lived in Garden City since 1955.

James Fulkerson worked for Bancroft Abrasives in Dearborn. His wife, Betty, was employed by the Wayne County Intermediate School District. Both retired more than 10 years ago. The couple enjoys traveling and gardening. James hunts and fishes and Betty enjoys making porcelain dolls and other crafts.

The Fulkersons have three children and five grandchildren. Siblings James Fulkerson, Susanne Serman and Donna Marks plan to join their parents



and family friends for dinner and festivities May 28 at Angelo Brothers Restaurant in Westland.

Roberts-Hutting

Grace Roberts of Livonia and Bill and Debbie Roberts of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Ann, to Matthew Blane Hutting.

The bride-to-be is a West Bloomfield High School graduate and a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University. She earned her master's degree in Education from Saginaw Valley State University in 1997 and works for Dewitt Public Schools as a French teacher.

Her fiancé, son of Patrick and Carolyn Hutting of Dimondale and Jeffrey and Margo Sauter of Grand Ledge, is a 1988 graduate of Charlotte High School. He attended Lansing Community College and graduated from



Michigan State University in 1993. He is employed by Ingham County.

Burley-Blankenship

Laura and David Heyser of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Ann Burley to Jason Lee Blankenship.

The bride-to-be is an Eastern

Michigan University student and works for Bergstrom's Heating and Cooling.

Her fiancé, son of Holton and Lynn Pittman of Detroit, is a plumber with Mastercraft.

An August 2001 wedding is planned.

Marsh-Horvath

Kathy Mimnaugh-Story formerly of Livonia and Mike Marsh Sr. of Tennessee announce the engagement of their daughter, Michele Kathleen Marsh to George Alex Horvath of Belleville.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and now works for Coca Cola Company in Van Buren Township.

Her fiancé, son of George and Judy Horvath of Detroit, works for A.S.W. Logistics in Van Buren Township.

An August wedding is planned at St. Theodore's Catholic



Church in Westland.

Tichik-Caruso

Mel and Evy Tichik of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Ellen, to William Joseph Caruso of Redford.

The bride-to-be is an Oak Park High School graduate and works as an administrative assistant.

Her fiancé, son of Bill and Ann Caruso of Redford, is a Thurston High School graduate and works in sales.

A July wedding is planned at Victoria's Wedding Chapel in Waterford.



Schwab-Bonadeo

Cheryl and Edward Isabell of Livonia and Barry and Melanie Schwab of White Lake announce the engagement of Colleen Ann Schwab to Nico Eugene Bonadeo of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of University of Michigan - Dearborn who works in the marketing department of Superior Consultant Company, a health-care and information technology consulting firm in Southfield.

Her fiancé, son of Gene and Rosanna Bonadeo of Novi, is a 1999 graduate of Lawrence Technological University and works as a design engineer at MacValves in Wixom.



An October wedding is planned at St. Genevieve Church. The couple will receive guests at Laurel Manor.

Davis-Fradette

Michael and Renae Davis of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather, to Gregory Michael Fradette of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Divine Child High School, a 1999 graduate of Eastern Michigan University and works as a kindergarten teacher in Farmington Public Schools.

Her fiancé, son of Donald and Mary Ann Fradette of Novi, is a 1991 graduate of John Glenn High School and works at Ford Motor Company on Sheldon Road.

A June wedding is planned at



St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne.

Walters-Rork

Orren and Johanne Walters of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristianne Marie, to Jerome Rork of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and is pursuing a degree in Psychology from Eastern Michigan University.

Her fiancé, son of Paul and Elaine Rork of Canton, is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and is pursuing a degree in Telecommunications from Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts in Southfield.

A June wedding is planned at St. Richard's Catholic Church in



Westland.

Ozdarski-Quatro

Frank and Nina Ozdarski of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Tamara Elizabeth, to Cary Daniel Quatro of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Thurston High School and a new graduate of Wayne State University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She will be working for Spectrum Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Grand Rapids.

Her fiancé, son of Dan and Vona Quatro of Westland, is a graduate of Franklin High School and a 1998 graduate of University of Michigan - Dearborn, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in economics. He works for Old Kent Bank in



Grand Rapids. An October wedding is planned at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford. The reception will follow at the Italian-American Club.

Scappaticci-Guberinich

Silvio and Georgia Scappaticci of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Cristina, to Danny Guberinich of Ann Arbor.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University and works for S&S Services Management Company.

Her fiancé, son of Zoran and Voyna Guberinich of Ann Arbor, is a graduate of Denison University and works for Datascope Corporation.



An August wedding is planned.

Allen-Yee

William and Kathryn Janes of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Michelle Allen, to Brian Robert Yee of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of University of Michigan and works in linguistic research.

Her fiancé, son of Karen Yee of Livonia, is a University of Michigan graduate who works as a World Wide Web developer.

An August wedding is planned at Trinity Presbyterian Church. They will receive guests at Plymouth Manor.



NEW ARRIVALS

■ Jason and Jaclyn Wetmore of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, Madison Marie, April 12 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. She joins brother Brendan Allen. Grandparents are James and Judy Wetmore of Westland and Anthony and Cheryl Elkins of Lincoln Park.

■ Andy and Kim Jones of Canton announce the birth of their son, Zachery Alan, April 5 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. He joins siblings Andy Jones II and Kaylee. Grandparents are Mike and Cherie Walter of Westland and Bud and Sandy Kline of Garden City.

■ Matthew and Tammy Fournier of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, Katie Lynn, April 11 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are William and Suzanne Schaffer of Livonia. Ted and Jan Fournier of Westland and Terri and Greg Kennedy of Mount Pleasant.

■ Daniel and Jennifer Rauton of Belleville announce the birth of Hailey Rose February 10 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Tom and Julie Dunigan of Westland and Ed and Linda Perkins of Wayne. Mark and Isabelle Blanton of Westland and Don and Nancy Clarke of Beaverton are her great grandparents. Dorothy Clarke of Gaylord is her great-grandmother.

■ Jason and Cheryl Johnson of Canton announce the birth of Kayla Raine April 24 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. She joins sister Karissa Renee. Grandparents are Dave and Pat Douglas of Willis and Denny and Gail Johnson of Plymouth.

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CALENDAR

WEEKEND

FISHING DERBY

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

TOY SHOW

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

SENIOR PARTY

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

GOLF OUTING

■ The fifth annual New Morning School Golf Outing will be held Friday, May 19, at the Warren Valley Golf Course. This is a charity golf outing for the benefit of New Morning School. Community members are welcome. For more information, call (734) 420-3331 or e-mail newmorning@mediaone.net.

BOOT CAMP FOR DADS

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

AROUND TOWN

WELLNESS PROGRAM

■ The Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute will offer a series of classes designed to provide information on cardiovascular disease, prevention and wellness. "Coping With Chronic Illness" will be 1:30-2:30 p.m. Friday, May 5. Participants will learn techniques to help work through emotions when you or a loved one has a chronic illness. "The Rhythm of the Heart" will be 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9. Participants will

learn the different types of heart rhythms and which are dangerous and which are not. They will also get an understanding of the meaning of palpitations and skipped heart beats. Classes are \$5, payable at the time of the class. Classes are free if referred by a medical professional. All classes will be at the Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center, Canton. For more information, call (734) 712-3546.

ADOPTION

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

CROCHET ANGELS

■ Crochet Angels is looking for people to make premie booties, hats and afghans for area hospitals. Items can be crocheted or knitted. For more information, call Lisa at (734) 326-7759.

HELPSOURCE

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

■ Plymouth Family Service hosts an educational series for adolescents interested in learning about attention deficit and attention deficit-hyperactive disorders. The series is open to anyone 11-17 years of age. Class will meet noon-1 p.m. Saturdays for five weeks. Call Plymouth Family Services, (734) 453-0890. Cost is \$100 payable in advance.

ADULT SOFTBALL

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

CREATIVE WRITING SEMINARS

■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council will host a creative writing seminar with author and journalist Lowell Cauffiel 7-9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. This class is for people interested in writing fiction and non-fiction. Classes are limited to 10. Cost is \$175 for six weeks. The areas that are covered include: How to see and use detail; how better writing spurs better thinking; publishing for profit; and how to be perceived as an expert (for non-fiction). For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

SPRING CONCERT

■ The 125-member Plymouth Community Choir is presenting its 2000 spring concert, "Touched By A Song," 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the First Church of the Nazarene, Haggerty at Eight Mile in Novi. The program contains a variety of songs that demonstrate the versatility of the chorus. Tickets may be bought at: Sideways, 505 Forest, Plymouth; Evola Music Center, 7170 N. Haggerty,

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Bargain shopping: Courtney Hoelscher cradles a stuffed animal she found at the annual Civitan garage sale at the Gathering on Saturday as her grandfather Larry and Gail Hoelscher look on.

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Canton; or by calling (734) 455-4080. Tickets are \$8.

ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP

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

ARBOR HOSPICE

■ Arbor Hospice is seeking volunteers interested in helping terminally ill people and their families with activities such as meal preparation, errands, reading and eating. Arbor Hospice is also looking for volunteer gardeners, greeters and office workers. A volunteer orientation will take place 6-9 p.m. Monday, May 8, at the Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. To register for one of the orientations or for more information, call the Arbor Hospice Volunteer Services department at (734) 662-3742, Ext. 143.

GOLF OUTING

■ The 12th annual Angela Hospice golf outing will swing into action Monday, May 8, at the Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. The day tees off at 9:30 a.m. with a shotgun start, and participants will have continental breakfast, free range balls before golf, 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch on the turn, steak dinner, open bar, beverage tickets on the course, and a golfer's gift pack. In addition, a raffle and auction are planned. Spots for golfers, hole sponsors, and business and corporate packages are available.

Additional support is needed in the area of securing items for a golf outing auction and on the course contests. Donations sought include rounds of golf for four, vacation trip packages, or sporting event tickets. For more information or to register, call events specialist Jennifer Trussler at (734) 464-7810.

SCHOOL OPENINGS

■ New Morning School in Plymouth has vacancies in the Primary/Kindergarten and Middle School for the 2000-01 school year. NMS is a parent cooperative that fosters individualized/independent learning, self-esteem and positive interpersonal skills. For more information and for reservations, call (734) 420-3331.

■ Creative Day Nursery School is accepting registration for its preschool program for the fall 2000 sessions. Creative Day's program is a developmental approach with small classes and low student/adult ratio. Sessions consist of Free play, Story time, Sharing, and Art and Music activities. Creative Day is in Canton Township. Children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 5 are eligible. For more information, call (734) 981-3990.

■ Registration for spring Kindermusik classes is now in session. Spring classes are held through June 5 at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial (just west of Sheldon). Sign up early and receive a free Kindermusik beach ball. For more information, call (734) 354-9109.

VILLAGE MUSIC

■ Village Music has open registration for summer and fall Kindermusik classes.

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

PRINCETON REVIEW

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

DOG JOG

■ Plymouth Dog Jog 2000, presented by the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth, will be Saturday, May 13. The two-mile route starts and ends at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Registration begins at noon. The jog/walk begins at 1:30 p.m. Registration fees are \$25 payable at the event. Registration forms may be obtained by calling (734) 459-7000 or stopping by at "Doggie Central," 9450 S. Main St., Plymouth. Each registrant receives a newly designed T-shirt and bandanna. The registration form contains a place for pledges. All pledges and part of the reg-

istration fees go to the Michigan Humane Society. There are prizes for the most pledges and other contests.

SERVICE CENTER

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

MOPS MEETING

■ Plymouth Baptist Church holds Mothers Of Preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with their children, kindergarten-age and younger, may attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Child care is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5334.

M.O.M. MEETING

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

M.I.T.I.

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

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

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

VOLUNTEERS

FIRST STEP

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

SAFE HOUSE

■ If you just have four hours each week and a commitment to ending domestic violence, you can volunteer at Safe House. There is a wide variety of volunteer positions available. The next training begins on May 12. For more information, call (734) 973-0242, Ext. 1.

SUPPORT GROUPS

■ Hands Across The Water holds its Adopting Older Kids (A-Okay!) meetings the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. There is a \$5 fee; they also sponsor an adoption book discussion group the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. The group is free. Meetings are held at 2300 Washtenaw, Ste.

103B in Ann Arbor. For further information call (734) 913-0831.

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

■ Arthritis Foundation classes are being held now through May 16, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Arthur's Place, 47659 Halyard Drive, Plymouth. Fibromyalgia Self-Help Course is a seven-week course, which meets once a week. The course teaches the following keys to successful self-management: basic fibromyalgia information, strategies for decreasing pain, how to relax and deal with stress, proper use of exercise, dealing with depression, good nutritional habits, problem-solving techniques and how to research unproved remedies. Advance registration is required. Cost is \$35 for non-members and \$10 for a non-member's spouse or friend. For further information, call (734) 254-0500.

STARTING OVER

■ Starting Over is a group for widowed men and women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church of Christ. Call (734) 662-5999.

GRIEF AFTERCARE SUPPORT

■ Vermeulen Funeral Homes offers a monthly grief aftercare support group meeting for those who have recently experienced the death of a family member or close friend. For more information, call (734) 459-2250.

ARBOR HOSPICE

■ Arbor Hospice will offer New Pathways, a six-eight-week support group for adults who are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one. The Ann Arbor group will meet Tuesdays, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. or Wednesdays, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., through May 24 at the Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive in Ann Arbor. The Northville group will meet Thursdays 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., through May 25 at First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile in Northville. For adults grieving the death of a parent, a support group will meet in Ann Arbor, Thursdays, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., through May 25 at the Arbor Hospice Residence. Arbor Hospice also offers various age- and need-specific support groups, including groups that address the special needs of grieving children. Arbor Hospice also offers a support group for loss of an adult child. A seven-week support group will meet from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., through May 18 in Ann Arbor. To register or for more information, call (734) 662-5999 or (313) 383-8800.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

■ Community Hospice and Home Care Services hosts ongoing grief support services for adults experiencing a loss through death. The meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. at the Plymouth office of CHHS (127 S. Main St.). For information, call (734) 522-4244.

COUNTERPOINT

■ Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. Call (734) 563-5005.

ANGELA HOSPICE

■ Angela Hospice offers free monthly grief support groups for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. All groups meet at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. For meeting dates and times, call Ruth Favor, (734) 464-7810.

Jesus, the High Priest and Dr. Spock



LES HARDIN

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

The last time I wrote for this column we talked about those rare occasions when the movies teach us lessons about spirituality and the Christian life. Now remember, the movies aren't your source of theology; the Bible is your only word from God. But look closely and you may see these biblical principles showing up in obscure places.

Take one of my favorite Star Trek movies, for instance: *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Kahn*. It's got everything a movie buff could want: treachery, unexplored regions of space and technology, revenge, a bit of romance and everybody's favorite enemy, the Klingons!

The stage is set for the big climactic scene at the end of the movie. The warp core is damaged and the entire crew faces annihilation unless they stumble upon some strange intervention. Risking his own life, Spock enters the engineering room and dramatically fixes the warp core with his bare hands.

He knows this is suicide, and his best friend, Captain Kirk, knows it as well. But Spock draws upon his famed logic faculties and proclaims this bit of truth to Kirk: "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few."

Then Kirk, "Or the one." This dramatic scene portrays the sacrifice of one individual for his friends.

Is it true? Is it true that the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few, or even the one? That one man's life must be given for the needs of an entire community? You'd expect something like that to come from the mouth of Jesus himself, but it doesn't. It comes from the mouth of one of Jesus' most vehement enemies, High Priest Joseph Caiaphas.

He proclaims to the Sanhedrin, "It is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish" (John 11:50). Caiaphas wants Jesus dead, and he counts the life of one man a benefit to the whole nation. The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few ... or the One.

Treacherous example

Caiaphas certainly was a treacherous man. He married into one of the most notorious families of the Jewish high priesthood, the family of Annas Hanan. A first-century historian, Josephus, tells us that Caiaphas was eventually forbidden by the Roman government to ever serve as high priest of the Jewish nation.

And Caiaphas wasn't above using others to further his own agenda. In fact, John makes it clear a couple of verses later that Caiaphas and his buddies began to plot to take Jesus' life

(John 11:53). So why did Jesus do it? Why allow himself to be taken by these men? He certainly wasn't overcome by them, for the gospel writers make it clear that Jesus laid down his own life. At one point during the arrest itself, power goes out from Jesus, knocking the entire brigade to the ground, reminding them that they can only arrest him because he allows it (John 18:6). So why? Why lay down your life? Why consider your life worth handing over to the executioners knowing that you are innocent?

Jesus did so to prevent every other human being in history from having to lay down his life for his own sins. Jesus knew that he was the only one who could remove the sins of the entire human race. He knew that the decision between his own life and the lives of every other human being that ever trod the planet hung in the balance. Just like Spock, he chose to give his own life in exchange for the lives of his friends.

The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few ... or the One.

Les Hardin has served as the minister of Christian education at Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia since August 1997. He grew up in Kentucky and lives with his wife and three children in Livonia. He can be reached via e-mail at memorialchurchofchrist@juno.com. Memorial Church of Christ is located at 35475 Five Mile Rd. Livonia.

Grief Issues Group focuses on teens

Dealing with the loss of a loved one is a "journey not to be taken alone," according to Patti Briggs, professor of psychology at Oakland Community College.

Briggs is offering a bereavement group in conjunction with Cathy Clough, director of the New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville.

The focus of the six-week program, scheduled from 7-8:15 p.m. Tuesdays beginning May 9, will be on teens dealing with the loss of a loved one whether it be a parent, sibling, friend, or relative such as a grandparent or cousin.

"The Grief Issues Group will help teens deal with the overwhelming feelings of isolation, depression, lethargy and irrational feelings," said Briggs, whose own 14-year-old daughter was killed several years ago.

Briggs, along with her daughter Melissa, will facilitate the class which is open to children from age 12 into their early 20s.

"It's easier to break the isolation people feel in a group of their peers. Grieving emotionally and psychologically is necessary before you can start to heal. You even start to question your own sanity, because it's hard to imagine something can hurt so badly without having any physical wounds," said Briggs, a Dearborn resident.

Some of the topics Briggs hopes to cover include what is bereavement and what are the feelings associated with it, irrational feelings, depression, lethargy, isolation, how to adjust to life without your loved one in it, gaining a sense of who you are now that these changes have occurred, and memorializing the person through rituals.

"Every year we remember my daughter with a balloon launch," said Briggs. "Rituals become a very important part of the healing process."

The OCC professor said it's important for anyone, particularly teens, to talk about the loss and for friends and family

to "allow conversation about the person who died."

"We'll talk about what it was like when they died, how they were feeling, were they there and other issues relating to the death," said Briggs. "I encourage young people to come and try it out. It's OK to feel bad and it's necessary to feel bad before you can feel better."

If you are a teen interested in attending or a parent/guardian who would like your child to participate, the Grief Issue Group will meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Newman House (Schoolcraft College Campus) on Haggerty Road and Six Mile. For information and registration forms call (248) 348-0115 or e-mail nhope@altavista.com. There is no charge and light refreshments will be served.

Briggs also recommends the book "Tiger Eyes," by Judy Blume as a fictional resource for teens. It's about a 15-year-old girl dealing with the loss of her father who was murdered.

Maybury State Park spring schedule

Maybury State Park has several spring programs planned during April and May. There is no fee for these events, however, a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry to the park.

Wildflower hike

Maybury State Park will host a Spring Wildflower Hike at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29. Join the park interpreter as we walk some of the trails through the park in search of early wildflowers and other signs of spring. Meet at the Concession Building in the main parking lot on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck.

Farm stories

Maybury Farm will again host its monthly Farm Stories programs for children. Join us at

11 a.m. Saturday, May 6 in the farm classroom building as we read stories about farm animals, followed by a short activity. Maybury Farm is located within Maybury State Park in Northville Township. Enter the park on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck.

Sheep Shearing Days

Maybury Farms' 20th Annual Sheep Shearing Days will take place from 1-4 p.m. May 13 and 14. Watch the sheep lose their woolly coats and see how wool is processed into yard during carding and spinning demonstrations. Maybury Farm is located inside Maybury State Park on Eight Mile, one mile west of Beck Road in Northville Township.

Bird Hikes

Maybury State Park hosts bird identification hikes throughout the year. These hikes give us a chance to observe bird species seen in the park, and record dates, locations and trends from year to year. We explore a variety of habitats throughout the park, and each hike lasts one to two hours. Spring is a great time to look for migrating birds and nesting behavior. The hikes are open to all regardless of birding experience. Plan to join us on any of the following dates:

May 13 meet at 8 a.m. at the Concession Building in the main parking lot on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck.

June 10 meet at the riding stable parking lot at 8 a.m. Beck Road, 1 mile south of Eight Mile Road.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

If you would like to announce an upcoming craft show, bazaar, or arts boutique — items can be sent to: *Crafts Calendar*, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

CRAFTERS SOUGHT

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

GARDEN GALA CRAFT SHOW

Crafters are needed who specialize in yard and garden related crafts for the first "Garden Gala," May 20, at Memorial Elementary School in Garden City. If you are interested in participating call Rhonda, (734) 762-0183.

CHELSEA SUMMER FEST

Applications are currently being sought for arts and crafts vendors at the Chelsea Summer Fest, July 28 and 29. Booth

hours are Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you are interested in obtaining a booth, contact Penny (734) 433-0354 or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 580, Chelsea, MI 48118.

FALL ARTS/CRAFTS

St. Damian Parish is looking for crafters for their Fall Arts and Crafts Show that will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 throughout the school. St. Damian is located at 30055 Joy Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads, in Westland. Call (734) 421-6130.

FALL CRAFT SHOW

Crafters sought to apply for a spot in the 2000 Fall Craft Show at Schoolcraft College Nov. 11 and 12. With 150 crafters, this show is one of the premier venues in the area and attracts crowds of more than 2,000. Crafters are asked to submit a photograph of their work with their application if they have not been accepted for a previous show. The show features all types of handmade crafts including painting, sculpture, pottery,

jewelry, textiles, needlework, photography, glass, leather and woodcarving. The fee for a 12' by 12' space is \$55, a 10' by 10' space costs \$40; an 8' by 9' space is \$40; and there is a \$40 fee for an 8' by 4' hallway space. There is an additional \$15 fee for electricity. Applications must be received by May 5. To obtain an application, contact (734) 462-4417.

Recumbent bike rally upcoming

The third annual Michigan Recumbent Rally is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 13 at the Willow Metropark Pool Shelter.

If your regular upright bike is becoming more and more of a discomfort to ride this is your opportunity to test ride a recumbent, talk to recumbent owners, view displays of trikes and tandems, and participate in a group recumbent ride at noon.

Recumbent refers to the seated position. They usually have two wheels although some have three and are most often powered by pedaling with your legs, but some bents are handpowered, and some are both hand and foot powered. The seats are larger and you actually sit in the seat rather than on top of it.

Sponsored by the Michigan Wolver-Bents Recumbent Cyclists, a "buying your first recumbent workshop" will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the same day.

While the rally will not be conducting any "formal" rides, maps with suggested ride routes of 8, 20, 25, 45, and 62 miles will be available. Also, cyclists are urged to try out the 25 mile interconnected, traffic free bike path system of Willow, Oak Woods and Lower Huron Metroparks.

If you can't make the rally, the Michigan Wolver Bents Recumbent Cyclists meet the second Saturday of the month at the Willow Metropark Pool Shelter. The Wolver Bents also ride at the Stony Creek Metropark Eastwood Beach Shelter on the third Saturday of the month. For both events, recumbent talk/displays and test rides take place from 9-10 a.m. followed by a group ride at 10 a.m.

Visit their Web site at

www.lmb.org/wolbents or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Bob Krzewinski, 706 Dwight Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48198. To be placed on an e-mail list (10-12 per year) send a message to bobmich@compuserve.com. For general information call (734) 487-9058.

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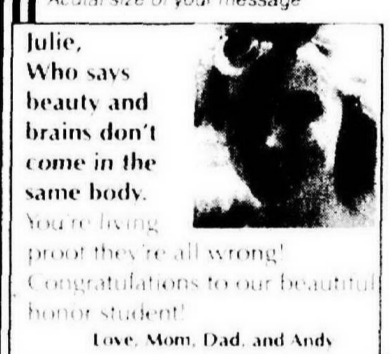
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May 7
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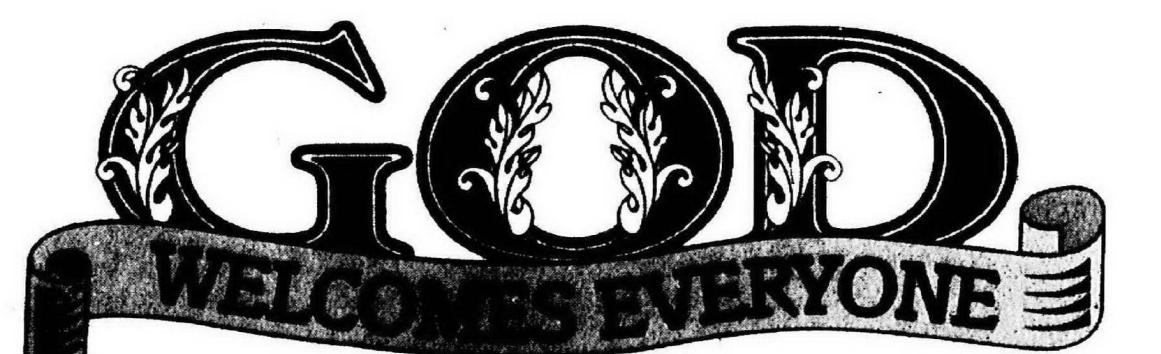
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RELIGION CALENDAR

BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive, sponsored by the Canton Hindu Temple from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 31. Canton Hindu Temple is located at 44955 Cherry Hill Rd. in Canton. For information call (734) 981-8730.

SUMMER CAMP

Registration has begun at Christ Our Savior in Livonia for summer camp and fall classes. The church offers Christian programs for children ages 18 months to kindergarten during the school year and up through age 8 during the summer. Call Wendy at (734) 513-8413.

REDEEMED TREASURES

Redeemed Treasures thrift shop (sponsored by Detroit Teen Challenge) is open most Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. year round. The shop is at 20740 Grand River (1.5 miles east of Telegraph). While browsing, you can have your car washed and detailed for a donation.

PRAYER GROUP

Madonna University Prayer Group will meet Sunday, May 7 at 6 p.m. to hear guest speaker Ben Stapel, D.C.C.R. representative. Everyone is welcome to join us. Meet in Patio Classroom #1 (14221 Levan Road). Call John, 422-5611 or Cecile 591-3247.

QUEST SINGER

Clarenceville United Methodist Church (20300 Middlebelt Road in Livonia) has the privilege to welcome Dr. Ross F. Jutsum, at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 7. Jutsum will perform thanks to a sponsorship by the Clarenceville United Methodist Church at the Gathering. He has composed over 100 songs and in the fall of 1998 released two albums, "Rivers of Living Water," and "Silent Night." This fall he released a new album of sacred easy-listening piano arrangements called "To God Be the Glory."

EVENING CLASSES

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Westland (37775 Palmer) has several fun classes planned through the month of May on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. They include candy making at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 20.

NEW BEGINNINGS

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

DAY OF PRAYER

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

PRAYER VIGIL

St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westland (5885 Venoy Road) will host a National Day of Prayer event Thursday, May 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. All are welcome. Call (734) 425-0260.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other. The weekend experience is May 5-7 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit this Web site: www.rc.net/detroit/wwwme. "The Marriage

Journey" is broadcast 8:30-9 a.m. Sundays on WCAR 1090 AM.

VALIANT WOMEN PROGRAM

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

SPRING CONVENTION

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

WITNESS TO PEACE

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

OSTEOPOROSIS PREVENTION

The Presbyterian Women's Association of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church are sponsoring a presentation on "The Prevention and Treatment of Osteoporosis." The presentation will be at noon Sunday, May 7 in the chapel at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (Hubbard and West Chicago) of Livonia. The featured speaker will be Kristie Forester, a nurse practitioner specializing in osteoporosis.

UUCF SUNDAY SERVICES

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Sunday Program for May 7: Guest speaker Maryann Mahaffey, Detroit City Council President Pro Tem, returns to our pulpit. Also inductions to the Honorable Order of the Red Vest senior group. UUCF is a family-oriented liberal religious community nurturing the human spirit, social action, and the global environment. Services and Sunday School at 9 and 11 a.m. at 25301 Halsted Rd. (N. of Grand River). For information call (248) 478-7272 or www.wnet.com/~uucf/

CHAI DINNER

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

EXERCISE FOR LIFE

St. Colette Parish Health Ministry invites you to attend a seminar on Exercise: Can it Save Your Life? Dr. Steven Keteyian, exercise physiologist from the Henry Ford Heart & Vascular Institute will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 9. St. Colette Church social area is located at 17600 Newburgh Road in Livonia. To reserve a seat call (734) 464-4436.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER CELEBRATION

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

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Enjoy a potluck luncheon with like-minded senior citizens (Wise Guys N' Gals) at unity of Livonia Fellowship Hall (28660 Five Mile Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads) at 11:30 a.m. May 11. Max Nemazi will be showing slides of exotic animals on the famous Pacific Island of Galapagos where Darwin conducted his research on evolution.

MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads) will hold identical services honoring mothers for Mother's Day at 9:30 and 11 a.m. The services will be followed by a pancake breakfast. Mothers eat for free while adults are \$3 and children are \$1.50. Plants and flowers will also be available for purchase priced just above cost.

COFFEE WITH YOU

Gerry MacBean, mystic presenter, will host a night of poetry and sharing at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads) at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16. This is a new monthly series, Coffee with You — all are welcome. For more information call (734) 421-1760.

KITCHEN KAPERS

A salad buffet luncheon will be presented by the Mother Cabrini Guild of SS. Simon and Jude Church (32500 Palmer Road) of Westland from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 18. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Call (734) 722-1343 for tickets. \$6 per person. Raffle, 50/50, and prizes. No smoking please.

ADOPTION SEMINAR

Interested in domestic or international adoption? Please join us for an informational seminar, free of charge, the First Church of the Nazarene in Novi at 10 a.m. May 20. Call Adoption Associates at (248) 474-0990 for directions.

YOUNG ADULTS OF UNITY

Young Adults of Unity is a spiritual group for singles, couples and all young adults ages 18-35 seeking fellowship and fun. This group is open to high school graduates, college students and young couples seeking spiritual support. Young Adults of Unity will be having a spaghetti social at 6 p.m. May 20 at Unity of Livonia (28660 Middlebelt Road). Young Adults of Unity also has a Bible study the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. at the church.

STORY OF GOD/HIS PEOPLE

Covenant Community Church (25800 Student St. in Redford) presents Savior... the story of God's passion for his people. A musical production done in the spirit of the Messiah and the style of Les Miserables. Begins at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 21. Free admission. Nursery provided.

WORLD HEALING SERVICE

On Mon., May 22 and Mon. June 19 a World Healing Service will take place at 7 p.m. facilitated by Barbara Wade, licensed Unity Teacher at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads). Come and pray for healing of Mother Earth, your loved ones, mankind, the world and yourself. Call (734) 421-1760.

LIVONIA PRAYER BREAKFAST

The 26th Annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast will be held from 7:15-9 a.m. Tuesday, May 23 at St. Mary's Cultural Center (18100 Merriman Road) in Livonia between Six and Seven Miles roads. The theme of this year's event is "Think Globally, Act Locally." Richard E. Stearns, president of World Vision United States, will be the guest speaker. Part of the proceeds from this year's Prayer Breakfast will be used for local and global charities through World Vision U.S. For tickets call Sally Butler, (248) 476-9427

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Starfish Family Services is asking community members to donate \$100 in honor of their mother or another special "mother figure" in their life. The mother or other woman honored will receive notification of the tribute gift and a limited-edition ceramic art tile. Call Starfish Family Services, (734) 727-3108.

ONGOING
Friends of Garden City resident Joe Ziurinkas, who recently died in a construction accident, are collecting donations for his children ages six and four. A former employee of Complete Health and Fitness, the business will be collecting monetary donations if individuals want to drop them off or send them to: Complete Health & Fitness, 35000 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185. Checks should be made payable to: Anthony and Emily Ziurinkas. A 1989 graduate of Garden City High School, the administration office is also accepting donations. Money will be placed into a trust fund for the children's education. In the future Standard Federal Bank will be handling the fund.

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

SOCK HOP
50s and 60s Sock Hop at 6:30 p.m. May 5 at Prince of Peace

Lutheran Church (37775 Palmer Road in Westland). Period apparel optional. Special guest Vinnie Johnson former Detroit Piston hopes to attend. Proceeds go to youth groups for summer mission trip. Cost is \$25 per person. Call Joan for tickets, 722-1735.

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

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

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

GILDA'S BIG NIGHT OUT II
Gilda's Club Metro Detroit invites you to Gilda's Big Night Out II featuring comedian Jeffrey Ross with host Gene Taylor of Oldies 104.3. A silent auction extraordinaire and strolling supper will be featured by Catering By Excellence Too as well as a cash bar. Even will be held

Wednesday, May 3 at Temple Beth El (7400 Telegraph Road at 14 Mile) in Bloomfield Hills. For information call (248) 577-0898.

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

DINNER DANCE BENEFIT
Eric Filipowicz of Allen Park is three-years-old and has Cerebral Palsy. We are holding a fund-raising dinner dance to help raise funds for medical and associated expenses not covered by insurance. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner follows at 7 p.m. until midnight Friday, May 5 at VFW Hall (16736 Ecorse Road) in Allen Park. \$25 donation per ticket. Music for the evening is by Lost Highway and guests have the opportunity to win donated gifts and participate in 50/50 drawings. Call (313) 386-0544. If you would like to make a donation, send checks payable to: Eric Filipowicz, 8477 Becker, Allen Park, MI 48101.

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

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

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

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

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE
The First United Methodist Church (3 Towne Square) of Wayne will host their annual Spring Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 11; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 12; and 9 a.m. to noon May 13. The church is located across from the Wayne Post Office. A bake sale will be held Thursday, May 11.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER CELEBRATION
Garden City Presbyterian Church will host a Mother/Daughter Spring Celebration at 6:30 p.m. (dinner) May 11 in Sutherland Hall. Entertainment will be provided

by Virgil Norgrove and Friends "Ventriloquial Ventures." Mother's Day Boutique and hand-made gift items will be available. Adults \$6; ages 6-12, \$4; and ages 3-6, \$3. All proceeds go to mission.

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

CARD PARTY
St. Mel Women's Club will hold a Springtime Card Party at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 17 (7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren). Smorgasbord dessert, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, raffle prizes and more. Men are welcome. \$7 donation. Call Lillian 274-8779 or Veronica 425-5699 for tickets.

CELIAC SPRUE 10K
The Tri-County Celiac Sprue support group will host a 10K walk for research Saturday, May

20 at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House (1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores). TCCSSG is sponsoring the walk to raise funds for research to determine the prevalence of celiac disease. To register write: TCCSSG, 915 Ridgeview Circle, Lake Orion, MI 48362. All registrants will receive a t-shirt.

OAKWOOD/LOEKS' GALA
Oakwood Healthcare System Foundation and the Loeks' Star Theatre-Fairlane will present a Gala Event from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, May 23 at Star Theatre-Fairlane (18900 Michigan Avenue) in Dearborn. Admission is \$50 per person. For information call (313) 791-1234.

STROLL FOR EPILEPSY
The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan will host the "Summer Stroll for Epilepsy" June 3 at Kensington Metropark in Milford. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. with continental breakfast; 9:30 a.m. awards presentation; 9:45 a.m. warm up and stretch routine; and 10 a.m. stroll around the lake. One lap is approximately four miles. Team up with family members friends and co-workers or walk as an individual with hundreds of other participants. Collect donations towards your own individual fund-raising goal. For a brochure to start collecting pledges call (800) 377-6226. The more money you raise, the better the prizes; and the more you help.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

West Point captain

Kyle Petroskey, a senior-to-be for Army and a graduate of Plymouth Salem HS, was named co-captain of the 2000-01 men's swim team.

Petroskey was Army's top distance freestyler last season. At the Patriot League Championships, he finished second in both the 500-yard and 1,650-yard freestyles, and he placed fifth in the 200 free.

He had the team's top times in the 500 (4:36.09), 1000 (9:37.38) and 1,650 (16:05.00), and his time in the 500 was a personal-best and the 10th fastest in Academy history.

Petroskey's performance helped Army gain its eighth Patriot League title in the last nine years.

Record-breaker

Amy Sonnanstine, a junior at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, and a Plymouth Canton HS graduate, finished first in the pole vault at the Wittenberg Invitational Track Meet with a school-record leap of 9 feet.

Sonnanstine also placed second in the 400-meter hurdles and third in the steeplechase.

Cruiser award-winners

At the season-ending awards banquet, the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers Swim Club presented awards in three categories to boys and girls in each of the four age divisions.

- The 4-D Award, given to those whose attitudes reflect desire, determination, dedication and dependability, was given to: 8-and-under age division, Ellen Paleczynski; 9-10, Allison Arble; 11-12, Allison Goldsmith and Nick Dixon; and 13-14, Celine Nambride and Brad Herbeck.

- The Achievement Award went to: 8-and-under, Kara Gregory and Drew Greeneisen; 9-10, Alyssa Johnson, Lucy Liu and Christopher Marinica; 11-12, Heather Michalsen and Greg Calabrese; 13-14, Alex Derian-Toth and Ben Dzialo.

- The Most Improved Swimmer Award went to: 8-and-under, Jena Aeschbacher and Ian Fleming; 9-10, Megan Hodges and Erika Runyan; 11-12, Mihaela Lawless, Hannah Walters, Kristen Woods and Nick George; 13-14, Lindsey Freysinger and Adam Sonnanstine.

1st victory

Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard's Will Wojcik Shook (from Plymouth) earned his first pitching victory Friday with a scoreless inning of relief in the Irish's 7-6 win over Detroit Holy Redeemer in the second game of a doubleheader.

Wojcik Shook, a second baseman, pitched the fifth and struck out two of the four batters he faced. He also contributed a single to Gabriel Richard's four-run rally in the sixth that erased a 5-3 deficit.

Gabriel Richard is in second place in the A-West Division of the Detroit Catholic League.

Chiefs' boosters meet

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, May 10 in Room 165 at Canton HS.

Parents of all football players, and parents of incoming freshmen who plan to play football, are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Paul Szwajkowski at (734) 453-0985.

Cup team tryouts

The Detroit Rockers Hawks will make their debut in this year's United States Amateur Soccer Association National Cup Tournaments, and tryouts for all five women's teams are scheduled for Saturday at Total Soccer-Wixom.

Registration will be from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; tryouts will be from 1-3 p.m. Registration fee is \$5.

Teams will be chosen in under-20, under-23, amateur, open and over-30 divisions. Regional competition for all divisions begins in St. Louis June 16; regional winners in each division advance to the Nationals in Oakford, Pa. in July.

Total Soccer-Wixom is located on Wixom Road south of Pontiac Trail, 1.5 miles north of I-96. For more information, call Kathy Coyne at (248) 366-1255.

Salem, Stevenson battle to a draw

BY C.J. RISAK
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Now what the heck happens? It's really an accepted tenet: The team that wins this single game, between Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Salem, advances to the Western Lakes Activities Association championship match in girls soccer.

The opponent: the winner of the Plymouth Canton-Livonia Churchill game.

This has become a time-tested tradition. It's always been that way.

But on Monday, when Salem hosted Stevenson in their pivotal match, tradition staggered. A goal by sweeper Christen Shull on a restart from 22 yards out early in the second half pulled the Rocks even with the Spartans at 1-1.

And that's the way it ended. Thus, the scrambling began.

"I really don't know what happens now," said Stevenson coach Jim Kim-

ble. "We'll cross that road when we come to it."

It could come pretty quickly. Face it — no other team in the WLAA's Lakes Division is capable of beating either Salem or Stevenson. Which brings in the tiebreakers, like best overall conference record.

And that means Plymouth Canton, perhaps the Western Division's elite team (Churchill will battle the Chiefs for that right, however, next Wednesday), could be the decisive factor. Stevenson and Canton have already played to a 1-1 tie.

Salem has beaten Churchill. If the Rocks can defeat Canton May 15 and handle the rest of their WLAA schedule without a misstep, they would earn the right to play in the WLAA title match.

Stevenson plays Churchill at Stevenson May 17. What if the Spartans win that game and Salem and

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Sandwiched: Salem's Danielle Portelli (21) and Katelyn Lee converge on a Spartan, with Portelli winning possession. It was a game in which neither side was able to assert control for long.

Canton, Salem entertain title hopes

BY BRAD EMONS
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The field is set and it should be quite a race on Derby Day.

The run for the 30th annual Observerland Boys Track Relays appears to be wide open.

Post time is 3:30 p.m. Saturday when the field events get under way at Livonia Churchill. Preliminary heats for the 110-meter hurdles and 100 dash start at 6 p.m. The final events kick off at 6:30 p.m.

Admission is \$3.

OBSERVERLAND PREVIEW

Two-time defending champion Plymouth Salem, which garnered five titles during the 1990s, appears to be an uncouth darkhorse for the 2000 meet.

"We're going to have to run out of our minds to contend," Salem coach Geoff Baker said. "But it appears to be a toss-up. There's no clear-cut favorite."

"We're young and we don't have enough good seniors to go around. Our distance people are really not ready to handle it yet."

The Rocks shaved rival Plymouth Canton in a dual meet, lost to North Farmington and defeated Westland John Glenn.

Salem, however, will still be a factor led by seniors Gabe Coble (jumps and middle distance), Ryan Silva (high jump/hurdles) and Pat Johnson (sprints/long jump), along with juniors Mark Snyder (shot put) and Donnie Warner (distance).

Recently at the prestigious Mansfield (Ohio) Relays, Salem's distance medley team of Warner, Coble, Rob Showalter and Archie Kinney took a

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Onto the finals!

Greyhounds gone; OHL finals next

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

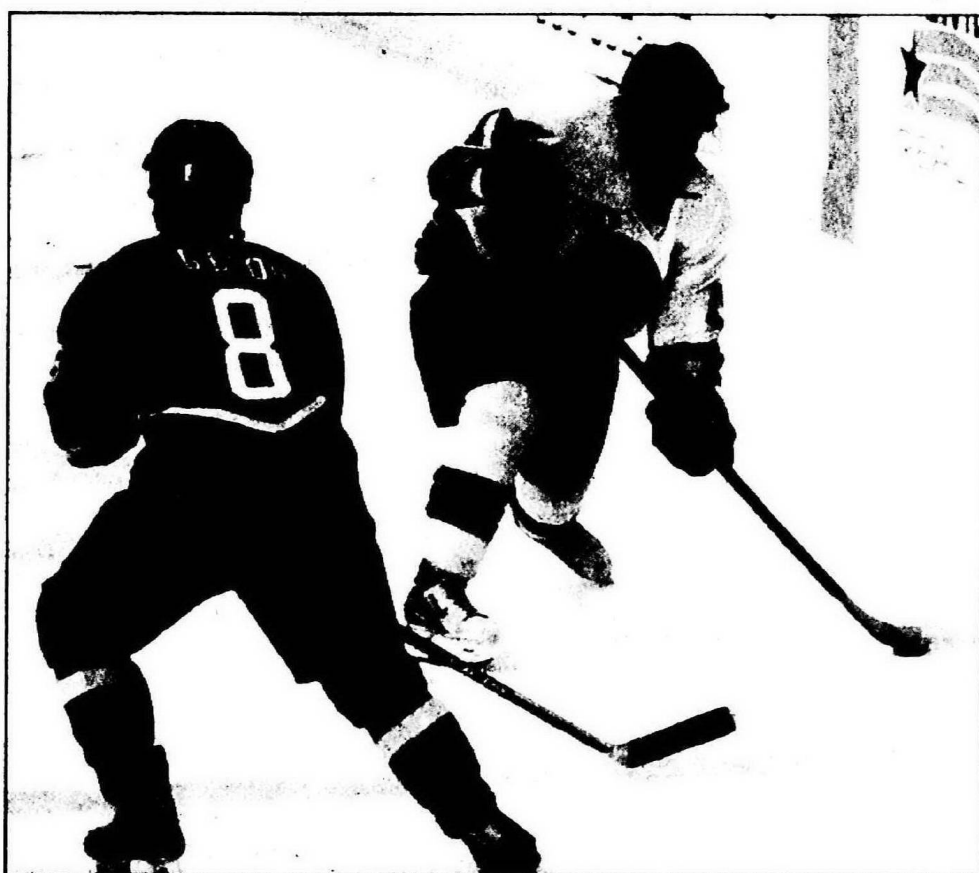
Six months after they were picked by more than one pre-season hockey publication to completely miss the Ontario Hockey League playoffs, the Plymouth Whalers are thriving in the post-season.

The Whalers' most-recent conquest came Saturday night at Plymouth's Compuware Sports Arena when they muzzled the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, 3-1, in game five of the OHL's best-of-seven Western Conference finals.

With the victory, the Whalers clinched the series, 4-1, and earned a berth in the OHL championship series against Barrie. The Colts ousted Belleville, 4-1, in their Eastern Conference semi-final series.

The OHL Finals begin at 7:30

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Puck carrier: Tomas Kurka (right) readies to slip a pass past the Greyhounds' Jake Gibson. Kurka had two assists in Saturday's win.

Side issues aside, series looks tough

BY C.J. RISAK
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What more could someone ask for in a series?

The Ontario Hockey League Championship has a bit of everything, including a wide array of intriguing questions that add to the drama.

In fact, there are enough tempting queries to push that "Whalers: The team nobody thought would be here" angle to the back of the bus.

Speaking of buses, has the U.S. Border Patrol been alerted?

Cheep shot, I know, but this entire episode involving the Barrie (Ont.) Colts, the team Plymouth plays for the OHL title, and the smuggling charges against their first-year coach, Bill Stewart, have to be at the top of

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Whalers: Undiscovered success (as yet)



C.J. RISAK

HELLO! IS ANYONE OUT THERE?

Maybe everyone's still in Florida, celebrating spring break.

Nah. Can't be it. This all started way before spring vacation.

Got it! They're hibernating — you know, like bears? They dozed off during the regular season, figuring to wake up in time for a run at the Cup.

Kinda doubt it. Thing is, this isn't new news. Only way that hibernating theory would work is if they fell asleep a month into the season and flat-out missed the wake-up call for the playoffs.

Well, just in case anyone did, consider this the official

WAKE UP CALL!

I'm issuing this alarm to alert everyone and anyone in the area. In case you didn't know, there's a

hockey team playing for a major championship, and it's right in town.

And don't give me that "I'm wearin' my Red Wings jersey, I know what's goin' on" stuff. 'Cause the Red Wings aren't playing for a major championship. Not yet, anyway.

So drag yourselves away from the TV and go see some championship-level hockey! Go see the Plymouth Whalers!

Can you imagine a mug like me making a plea

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like that? I can't. Never thought I would. When the Whalers came to town three years ago, I figured they'd have no trouble getting big crowds out to a great arena for some big-time hockey — and at reasonable prices!

They did, too — for a season, anyway. Now the Whalers look like some sort of poor cousin. Check 'em out from a distance, but don't get too close.

This is a team that has posted the best record in the Ontario Hockey League the past two seasons. The Whalers were hoping to challenge for a playoff berth when the season started; instead, they earned the OHL's No. 1 seed.

And now they're on the verge of winning the whole gosh-darn championship! On Thursday, they travel to Barrie (Ont.) to play the Colts in the first game of the OHL's Championship Series, a best-of-seven struggle. They return to Plymouth for Games Two and Three, on Sunday and Monday.

The question now isn't whether the Whalers can win the title. They can. They

proved they have the stuff it takes when they won 17-straight games, going unbeaten from the end of January to mid-March.

The question now is, does anyone care? When the Whalers beat Sault Ste. Marie in the last game of the Western Conference finals Saturday, a crowd of 2,397 showed up to witness it.

Wow. There were more empty seats than full ones. Thing is, that's about average for the playoffs in Plymouth.

Meanwhile, in Barrie, each and every single playoff game has been sold out.

And they call this Hockeystown? Please.

It's hard to believe this is the same area that begged for years to make hockey a prep sport at Salem and Canton HS. An area that has produced the likes of Mike Modano and Al Iafrate.

Perhaps the OHL is too strange to them. Does anyone realize the league is a direct thoroughfare to the NHL? That no other single league provides more NHL talent?

Four Whalers from last season's team played for NHL clubs this year. That should

say something about the caliber of play in this league.

There are some future NHLers on the current club, too. Stephen Weiss is certainly one to watch, and he's just in his first year in the OHL.

Guys who have shown a tremendous amount of guts in taking the Whalers to the peak are veterans like defenseman Shaun Fisher, team captain Randy Fitzgerald and forward Eric Gooldy. Then there's players like Justin Williams, the team leader in points, and goalie Rob Zepp, perhaps the Whalers' MVP.

Imagine having seen Mario Lemieux or Brendan Shanahan or Martin Brodeur when they played junior hockey. To witness the development of a future NHL star, knowing you're seeing history in the making.

That's what the OHL has to offer — a glimpse at hockey's future. And a lot of good games as well.

People, you just don't know what you're missing.

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the aforementioned list.

Stewart, it seems, instructed one of his players, Vladimir Chernenko, a Ukrainian-born defenseman, to hide in the baggage compartment in the bus when he discovered Chernenko didn't have the proper papers to enter the U.S.

The first reported occurrence was Oct. 15, when the Colts came to Plymouth to play the Whalers.

Chernenko was later traded and the incident was brought to light. OHL commissioner David Branch stripped Stewart of his dual title as Barrie's general manager.

Now, according to a story appearing in Tuesday's Toronto Sun, there's some question whether Stewart will be allowed to enter the U.S. for the series, which opens tonight in Barrie then returns to Plymouth for games three (Sunday) and four (Monday).

No one's saying for sure what will happen, but a decision might not be made until Sunday, when the Barrie team tries to enter the U.S. So stay tuned.

It makes it challenging, to be sure; Barrie has four guys who outscored everyone on the Whalers this season.

Still, the Whalers have weapons of their own. Justin Williams, the team's leading scorer in the regular season (32 goals, 40 assists, 72 points), has been on fire, collecting eight goals and 16 assists (24 points) in 16 playoff games.

Others who have been significant are center Stephen Weiss (seven goals, 14 assists, 21 points), defenseman Shaun Fisher (four goals, 16 assists, 20 points) and team captain Randy Fitzgerald (nine goals, seven assists, 16 points).

But defense usually rules at this point, and Plymouth has the edge in that department. The Whalers Rob Zepp has been superb in all 16 games, allowing just 29 goals, a 1.79 average, while posting two shutouts.

Barrie's Brian Finley has surrendered 39 of his team's 43 playoff goals allowed for a 2.51 goals-against average.

Look for this series to be offense-vs.-defense, and which team can raise the level of play in the areas it figures to be its weakest.

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p.m. tonight in Barrie. Games Two and Three will be at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, at 7 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Monday.

"Considering we were picked to miss the playoffs, advancing to the finals is very satisfying," said Plymouth coach Pete DeBoer. "Overall, we have a young team, but the veterans have really picked us up in the playoffs, and especially tonight."

In Saturday's clincher, the Whalers were as good as Gooldy — four-year veteran Eric Gooldy, who scored twice, including an icing-on-the-cake goal at 9:04 of the third period that gave Plymouth a 3-1 lead.

Seconds after Whaler goalie Rob Zepp made an eye-popping save on a shot by the Soo's Rob Chapman, Gooldy took a pinpoint pass from Tomas Kurka and broke free down the right side. He then whistled a shot past Greyhound goalie Ray

Emery's glove hand to give his team a two-goal cushion.

And the way Zepp was playing, it might as well have been a 22-goal lead. The red-hot netminder stopped 31 of 32 shots, many from just in front of the crease.

"That third goal was typical of our entire season," DeBoer reflected. "Rob made a great play at one end of the ice, and Eric made a nice play on the other end to finish it off. That was definitely the key play of the game."

In the early going, it looked as though both teams may be taking the five-and-a-half-hour bus ride up to the Soo for game six. The Greyhounds scored the game's first goal at the 6:02 mark of the first period when Corey Pecker slid a rebound shot past Zepp to make it 1-0.

The period ended that way, but only because of the heroics of Zepp, who somehow managed to smother a break-away attempt

by the Soo's Ryan Jardine in the period's waning moments.

The Whalers outshot the Greyhounds, 12-8, in the opening 20 minutes, but couldn't solve Emery.

Gooldy knotted the game at 1-1 just over three minutes into the second period when he out-hustled a Soo player for the puck, skated in front of the net and jammed a shot past a sprawling Emery. Gooldy's third goal of the playoffs was assisted by Stephen Weiss and Kurka.

Plymouth's Randy Fitzgerald scored the eventual game-winner 35 seconds later when he wristed a rebound shot into the back of the net.

Both teams finished with 32 shots on goal.

The OHL final-round series should be interesting since it pits a team with low pre-season expectations (Plymouth) against a team that was expected to contend for the title from Day One

Kind of like David vs. Goliath, with David having the home-ice advantage — something Plymouth earned by compiling the most regular-season points in the league.

"I really don't know a lot about them except that they were picked to finish near the top of the standings during the pre-season," DeBoer said.

Most hockey playoff series begin with two games on the higher-seeded team's ice. However, that won't be the case in this series due to a scheduling conflict at Compuware Arena.

"A year ago, when no one knew we would still be alive in the playoffs, a fund-raiser for the Karmanos Cancer Institute was scheduled for the arena," DeBoer said. "So we may have to change the schedule around."

"It's a nice conflict to have to deal with," he joked, referring to the alternative scenario — an early playoff exit

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Chiefs crush Hawks; Ladywood falls

It was, coach Don Smith of Plymouth Canton noted, "a good game to have right after the break."

Canton's highly regarded girls soccer team romped to a 10-1 victory Monday night over host Farmington Harrison with six girls accounting for all the Chiefs' goals.

Anne Morrell and Stephanie Johnson each recorded a hat trick with four other Canton players scoring a goal apiece — Amanda Lentz, Ashley Rosaen, Allison Mills and Kara Marsh.

Lentz also had two assists, Melanie Dunn chalked up four assists while Nicole Schlik, Abi Morrell and Shaina Smith notched one

assist each.

Smith used the opportunity to give all his goalkeepers some work as the Chiefs raised their record to 7-1-1.

"There's not much you can say about it," Smith said. "It ended up being a nice evening, too, after all that afternoon rain."

Marian 4, Ladywood 3: A goal by Kristen Endress in the final 10 minutes of the game Tuesday lifted visiting Birmingham Marian

to the win.

Marian is now 5-8 while Ladywood slipped to 2-8-1, including a 1-5-1 record in the Catholic League's Central Division.

The two teams alternated goals, with Ladywood scoring first, until the half ended in a 3-3 tie. It remained that way until Endress scored the game-winner.

Jessica Bibbee scored the first two goals and Chris Wasniewski scored the third.

For Ladywood, Katy Rozum scored twice and Jenny Bartkowiak added the other.

Stephanie Stachura had two assists and Melissa Harakas one.

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Canton play to a tie? Then what?

Who plays for the WAAA championship may come down to something as trivial as goal differential.

But let's face it: Neither team on Monday looked to be of championship caliber. And with good reason.

"The fact that we had to play Salem in the first game back after the (spring) break was terrible," said Kimble. "We were slow, we were sloppy, we were unconditioned."

"It was just awful." The teams didn't get much work in over the break, simply because many of the players traveled out of town with their families.

"The girls have got to be rusty," admitted Salem coach Joe Nora, who appreciated the effort if not the level of play. "I thought both teams were outstanding. I mean, there was no practice during the break... it was tough."

"That's why I was proud of the girls."

The Rocks had to deal with other problems on Monday, too. Leading scorer Jami Coyle (six

goals, five assists) suffered a hamstring injury seven minutes into the match; she returned for a short time in the second half before retiring for the remainder of the game.

Then midway through the second half, co-captain Suzi Towne went down after getting hit in the head; she returned after spending 10 minutes on the bench.

Fortunately for Salem, the Spartans were unable to sustain the pace they started the game with.

"The first 10 minutes was indicative of how we wanted to play," said a none-too-happy Kimble. "But we got away from that."

"I think it was indicative of our lack of conditioning. So now we're back to square one."

Stevenson did get the early lead, with Danielle Lewis sending a pass outside to Lindsay Gusick, who centered it back to Lewis for the finish. The goal came 13:55 into the match.

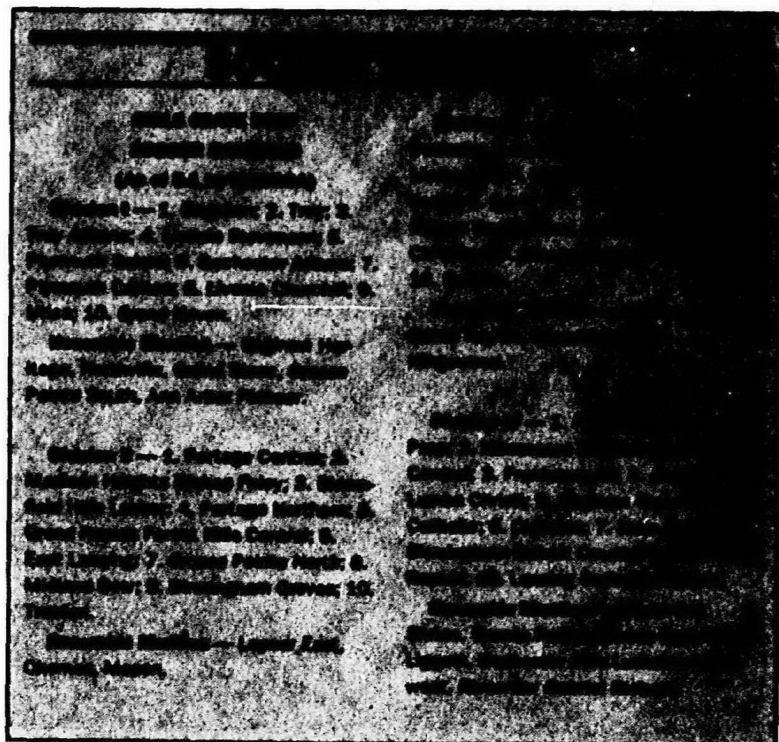
Salem's tying goal by Shull was scored 2:37 into the second half. Her direct kick went over the Stevenson wall and through

keeper Lesley Hooker's hands to the score.

"It's tough to say you enjoy a tie," admitted Nora, who added this was "by far" the biggest

game in his first year as Salem's coach. The Rocks' record went to 8-0-1.

The draw left Stevenson at 6-



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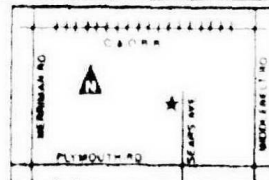
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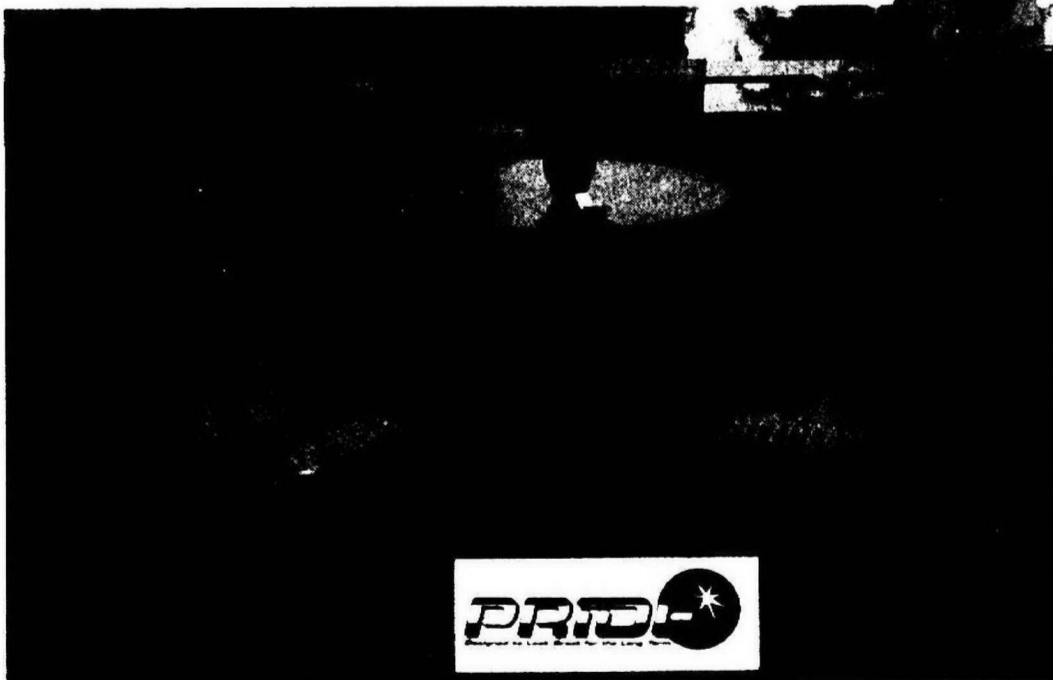
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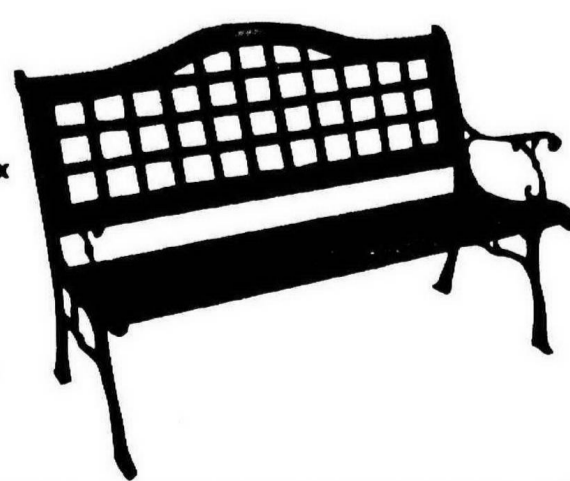
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A Farewell 'Kiss'



Kiss Me, Kate: Angie Tyburski, (left to right) Nate Kaufman, Marcia Peterson, Beth Egan-Bradtko, Lisa Muscio, and Eric Henrickson practice their lines for the production that features Cole Porter's music and lyrics.

Players say good-bye to barn with production of 'Kiss Me, Kate'

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Dressed in paint-speckled sweats, Emily McSweeney hardly looks like a director as she puts finishing touches on the dressing room of one of the lead characters in *Kiss Me, Kate*.

It's a bittersweet moment. *Kiss Me, Kate* is the final production at the old Farmington Players Barn on 12 Mile Road. After a fund-raiser and performance on Saturday, June 3, the red structure will be razed to make way for a new theater. The 240-seat facility is scheduled to be completed in time for the opening of the Farmington Players' 2001-2002 season.

A jack-of-all-trades, McSweeney believes when "you're working on a large show, everyone has to pitch in." And that's why the Farmington Players have existed for 48 years. McSweeney is at the theater, on a Tuesday afternoon, painting sets with the help of Beth Mackie, a volunteer.

Kiss Me, Kate, a musical comedy with music and lyrics by Cole Porter, opens Friday, May 5. "This is the part you don't get a lot of help with," said McSweeney. "But it's really like painting by numbers. Bill Mandt drew all of the designs on the flats and we're just filling them in. It's a lot of work and some of it is just tedious."

The set for the play-within-a-play only hints at the interior and exterior scenes in *Kiss Me, Kate*. Set changes will be incorporated into the musical.

Moving the set

"We're not going to hide scene changes. The cast will be moving the set," said McSweeney. "There are 17 different scenes, but several repeat themselves. We begin by taking performers through the audience. During the opening number, the traveling troupe winds their way through the seats to the stage."

Kiss Me, Kate

What: The Farmington Players present the musical comedy about actors in the middle of opening Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*; music and lyrics by Cole Porter

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A special gala celebrating 48 years of community theater and the last show at the barn begins 6 p.m. Saturday, June 3 with hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction followed by *Kiss Me, Kate* at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$100. All proceeds to benefit the construction of a new barn theater. Call (248) 553-2955

Nate Kaufman (Fred Graham) and Angie Tyburski (Lilli Vanessi) play the lead characters preparing to open a production of Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*. The divorced couple bicker and romance their way through *Kiss Me, Kate* just as Petruchio and Kate in *Shrew*.

"Fred thinks he's a big shot," said McSweeney. "This is the out-of-town premiere in Baltimore, and the story opens at the closing of the final dress rehearsal and concludes with the end of opening night. We're turning the tables on the bard and having women play men because we were short of men. I want to go for the fun."

"Since rehearsals began in February, there have been a few bumps in the road with schedule conflicts. But the cast has been wonderful, working together and rolling with the punches."

Labor of love

McSweeney spent hours researching the history of the play. She's brimming with all kinds of interesting information about *Kiss Me, Kate* including the fact it was the first American

musical ever produced in Poland. One of the most intriguing is the tradition of a ghost light that will greet the audience as they enter the theater.

"In Shakespearean time everything was out in the open," said McSweeney. "When theaters were enclosed, they had to use candles and kerosene lamps. When the audience would come in, a light — a ghost light — was lit so no one would fall into the pit. When incandescent lights came in the '20s and '30s, they kept the ghost light. It stood to appease the restless spirits of the theater."

Behind the scenes

Backstage, McSweeney makes one last check of wardrobe for the production. The Farmington Hills director is responsible for assembling the men's outfits. Cynthia Tupper sewed all of the women's costumes.

"I love to do period costumes," said McSweeney. "Modern-day shows are fine, but I love to be able to research the period. This is in two periods, modern-day actors from the 1949-50 era and *Shrew*, which is set in Shakespearean times."

Angie Tyburski loves the full-length skirts and gold and jewel colors of her Shakespearean costumes. Tyburski plays Lilli, Fred's feuding ex-wife. Lilli is well dressed, so her *Shrew* costumes are elegant.

"The Shakespearean dresses are gorgeous," said Tyburski, a Warren resident. "It helps you feel the part. Lilli is feisty, probably a little bit spoiled. She's in love with Fred but too proud to show it."

This is Tyburski's second production with a community theater, and she plans to do more come fall. She was in *The Women* presented by the Farmington Players in November.

"I just try to have fun with it," said Tyburski. "I try not to hurt Fred too much because I slap him a lot."

BOOKS

Fibblestax makes reading fun

Fibblestax by Devin Scillian, illustrated by Kathryn Darnell (Sleeping Bear Press, Spring 2000, \$15.95)

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Devin Scillian is a lot like the leading character in his new children's book. *Fibblestax* loves words. He's especially at the peak of delight when naming a cat a cat, or a big mouse a rat.

It's not surprising that Scillian loves words. After all, he is a journalist who admits his favorite part of the job is writing. The WDIV-TV news anchor's journey into the world of country music as a writer and a player confirm life would be dull without the ability to create lyrical phrases that roll over the tongue and then ring in the human

ear. Scillian's love of writing for children goes back to his high school days in Junction City, Kan. It was there that Scillian wrote his first children's story. *Fibblestax* followed some years later.

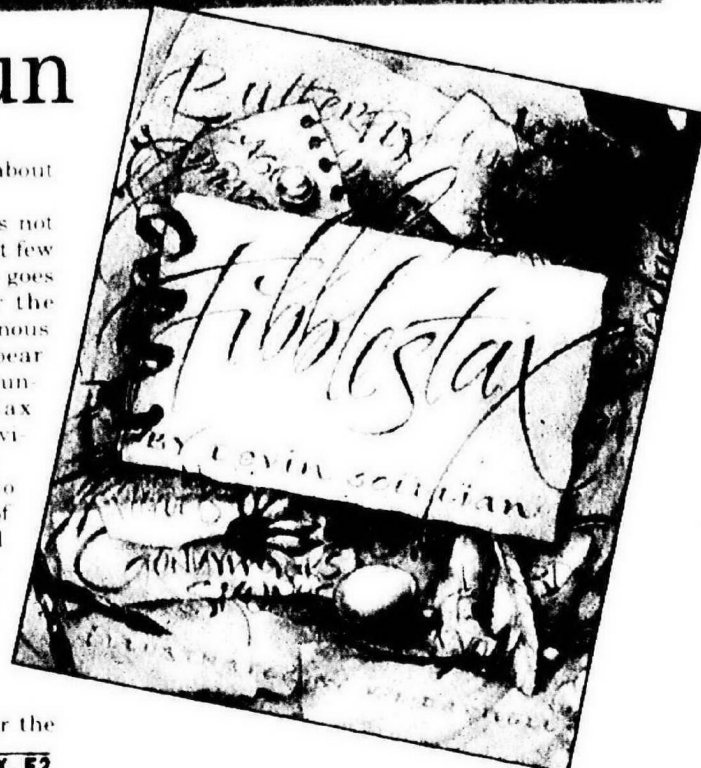
If it hadn't been for the TV news anchor's involvement with literacy programs, *Fibblestax*'s words might have never been heard. Except for charming children at story times in libraries, the story languished around for 10 years before it was published by Sleeping Bear Press in Chelsea this spring. Kathryn Darnell, a graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia, illustrated the book.

"It started with the word *Fibblestax*," said Scillian. "I got it in my head. I didn't know what it meant but I liked the way it

sounds. It got me to thinking about where words come from."

Scillian admits *Fibblestax* is not an easy word to remember. But few will forget the young boy who goes around naming things — or the author who invents the villainous character Carr. A red-faced bear of a man, Carr calls flowers gunnywunks. He and *Fibblestax* eventually vie for the privilege of giving names to things.

"*Fibblestax* can be hard to remember or can be thought of as being memorable," said Scillian. "The trick was finding timeless ideas and then finding ways to make them fun for people. The books I grew up with — Dr. Seuss and Shel Silverstein — were ageless. A lot of adults despair the



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future of the written word but the most visited site on the Internet is Amazon.com, which sells books."

Making reading enjoyable

Scillian believes "writing is a word that's intimidating to a lot of kids." He hopes Fibblestax changes that by making reading and writing enjoyable. When Scillian reads to children around town, he always asks them their favorite words. His favorite is sprocket.

"Messages are better left in bottles than in books," Scillian said. "I don't want to beat people over the head. I want kids to have fun with words."

Although Scillian paints and draws and frequently donates work to auctions benefiting groups such as the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, he felt illustrations for the book were best left to someone else. That's where Sleeping Bear Press came

in. They contacted Darnell who'd previously submitted storyboards and a finished illustration for another author's book proposal. Darnell and Scillian have never met. The East Lansing illustrator faxed most of the project directly to Sleeping Bear Press.

"Fibblestax is really close to how I'd envisioned it," said Scillian, whose second children's book, *A is for America*, is scheduled to be published in the fall. "There's a gentleness and a medieval look to it."

Darnell is looking forward to meeting Scillian during their book signing 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 5, at the Elizabeth Stone Gallery in Birmingham. She wants to find out more about the process that went into creating the story she describes as having "a kind of a magic going on." Even though this is her first picture book, Darnell has 19 years of professional illustrating experience to her credit. She earned her bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Michigan School of Art in Ann Arbor.

"For me it was an involved process," said Darnell, an art instructor at Lansing Community College. "I began by reading the story and thinking about the characters. The story opens with the essence of it being a dream. I looked for natural breaks in the story to get a sense of pacing. Then I worked up a story board and ran it by the editors. A test illustration gave them a sense of technique and palette. The process took about 10 weeks to complete. It's primarily done in colored pencil with some oil crayon."

Darnell makes it all sound so easy. But there were a few bumps in the road for the illustrator who's been interested in art since she "was old enough not to eat the crayon."

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A winner

A former children's librarian, Elizabeth Stone likes the combination of Scillian's writing and Darnell's illustrations. Stone keeps tabs on children's literature at her gallery on North Woodward.

The walls are lined with art work from books with talking animals.

"Devin Scillian's book is a winner," said Stone. "Children, parents and teachers will love this book. The catchy rhythm of the story and the appealing illustrations of Kathryn Darnell work well together. The story is a very

clever approach. Teaching things like etymology is never easy for teachers. This book should be a great help."

Scillian will sign books at the following locations:

- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, Barnes & Noble, Troy.
- 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 19, Barnes & Noble, Rochester Hills.
- 10 a.m. Monday, May 22, Barnes & Noble, Bloomfield Hills.

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Scillian, the father of premature twins, Christian and Madison, wrote the book's preface.

Auction item tells 'Miracle Birth Stories'

Farmington Observer reporter Tim Smith and Devin Scillian, news anchor for WDIV-TV (Channel 4), recently teamed up to sign copies of Smith's *Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!* for donation to the WTVS-TV (Channel 56) auction.

Smith, a Livonia resident, donated copies of his book to both the on-air and on-line versions of the auction, scheduled through Sunday, May 7.

He is hopeful that his auction item will catch the attention of anyone in a position to supply the books to Neonatal Intensive Care Unit resource libraries or parent support groups.

Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies, published in spring 1999 by Connecticut-based Greenwood Publishing Group, was sparked by the pre-



Signing books: Devin Scillian (left), news anchor for WDIV-TV (Channel 4), and Farmington Observer reporter Tim Smith sign copies of Smith's book.

mature birth of Smith's daughter, Elizabeth. She was born at 25 weeks gestation, weighing 1 pound 14 ounces, in November 1994. Later, he found other families in Michigan and around the

country, and captured their captivating, personal stories for the book.

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THEATER REVIEW

Naughty 'Cabaret' reinvents racy Berlin story

"Cabaret" runs through Sunday, May 14, Fisher Theatre, Detroit. Performances are 8 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$33-\$65, call (248) 645-6666.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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There's something almost naughty about the Fisher Theatre these days. Take your seats before a stage shimmering in burgundy, smoky violets lights and silver curtain. Try not to stare at the scantily clad men and women traipsing about, smoking cigarettes and dangling from one of two spiral staircases, with horns and banjos at their side.

Temporarily transformed into the Kit Kat Klub, the Detroit theater invites audiences to forget their troubles and get lost in the lurid life of one Sally Bowles in Sam Mendes' production of the classic John Kander and Fred Ebb musical *Cabaret*.

Relying on voyeuristic audiences, the dancers stare through the crowd, dressed in tattered stockings, bras and suspenders long before the stirring drum roll.

This isn't the *Cabaret* that shot Liza Minnelli to stardom in 1972. Gone are Director Bob Fosse's black derbies and carefully crafted innuendoes. This is

a bold, racy and modern view into the seedy club where "life is beautiful, the girls are beautiful, even the orchestra is beautiful."

Guide to the underworld

The charismatic, ever-present emcee lures the audience into this decadent underground hideaway, donning a leather trenchcoat, red apple lips and a pale face. He flirts with men and women alike. Portrayed with charm, overt sexuality and a curious smile by Jon Peterson, the emcee is the thread holding the story together. He's a guide to the underworld of the Kit Kat Klub, which is fueled by money and desire in the early 1930s, and he is a constant reminder of the stern Fascist eye following all activities in Berlin.

Cabaret is based on Joe Masteroff's book and adapted from Christopher Isherwood's *Berlin Stories* and John Van Druten's *I Am a Camera*. It reflects the paradox of the 1930s in Germany, a cosmopolitan time following World War I and foreshadowing the rise of Hitler and Fascism.

But Mendes (*American Beauty*) directed a *Cabaret* that obliterates the boundaries of previous interpretations. Surprise, Sally Bowles snorts cocaine, "dahling." Her love interest Clifford shares an on screen kiss with a male cabaret dancer. And the tune "Two Ladies" is set to a stage show that includes the emcee, one female and one

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transvestite. No, this isn't your parent's *Cabaret*.

Newcomer Lea Thompson (*Caroline in the City*) wears the frilly undergarments well, but isn't a perfect fit for the role of Bowles - a fast-talking, British girl who wishes for a better life and acts as though she's "perfectly marvelous." True, the character calls for an over-the-top persona, thinly veiled in innocence and fear, but Thompson's past is too littered with sugary characters to transform her into the quintessential "Toast of Mayfair."

If it weren't for her powerful, commanding vocal performance, she might not have pulled it off. But when Miss Sally Bowles bids: "Put down the knitting, the book and the broom," one must do as told. Thompson truly shines in signature numbers like *Mein Herr*, and a soulful solo of *Cabaret* which ends with a crashing the mike stand on the ground.

Marvelous

Jay Goede makes a marvelous "sensitive American writer." As Clifford Bradshaw, his breathy, dear-in-headlights performance suits the character who gets caught up with Bowles and a

fast-paced life. He's a Yankee, trying to write the great American novel. And when he takes out a notebook in the final scenes and truly begins, "There was a cabaret and a master of ceremonies. It was the end of the world and I was dancing with Sally Bowles and we were both fast asleep," the essence of the story rings true.

Cabaret hinges on escapism,

with Sally at the helm. It plays on heightening tension by showing the flip-side of a trouble-free life - the strict control exhibited by the Fascist party, whose members are as close as next-door neighbors.

Fraulein Schneider, played by Cass Morgan, makes this realization of her boarders. She and her Jewish fiancé, Herr Schultz, represent a Berlin quickly crumbling under Hitler's rise to power. Their love for one another and impending marriage is not only questioned, but threatened. Nothing exhibits the changes ahead more than the song *Tomorrow Belongs To Me*, a Fascist anthem heard first on a

scratchy record player and later sung at a jubilant gathering.

Shivering voice

When Peterson mews out a melancholy *I Don't Care Much*, the weight of the world order can be felt in his shivering voice. Rob Marshall choreographed scenes with fluid beauty and scandalous appeal.

The show ends with the same abrupt sentiment that marked the end of an era with the Nazi's torchlight parade in January 1933. Having an explosively and starkly surprising finish, *Cabaret* proves it's valuable enough to be brilliantly reinvented, even in the year 2000.



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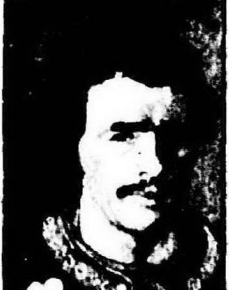


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JUNIOR ACTORS OF RIDGEDALE: Auditions for "You Can't Take It With You." 2 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the theater, Troy. (248) 398-2725
MICHIGAN THEATER AND DANCE TROUPE: Open auditions for dancers age 16 and older. (248) 552-5001
PLOWSHARES THEATRE: Performing Arts Training Workshop begins Monday, May 1 and runs to June 19, at the Heritage Museum & Fine Arts Center, Detroit. \$150. (313) 872-0279
RIDGEDALE PLAYERS: Auditions for "Taming of the Shrew" 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 22, at the theater, Troy. (248) 682-2175
TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: Performing arts sessions continue to Saturday, June 3, at Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962

CHORAL

ANN ARBOR CANTATA SINGERS: 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$5 seniors/students. (734) 476-4803
ANN ARBOR CONSORT: 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at Holy Trinity Chapel, Ypsilanti. \$10, \$7 seniors/students. (734) 665-7823
DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR: "Opera Stars Tonight," soloists and full chorus perform highlights from your favorite operas, 8 p.m. Friday, May 12, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Farms; 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13, St. Hugo of the Hills Church, Bloomfield Hills. "Meet the Artists Reception" follows each concert. \$15 adults, \$12 seniors and students. (313) 882-0118
FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS: It's a Grand Night For Singing 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6, Farmington High School on Shawwassee Road, west of Orchard Lake Road. (248) 788-5322 or www.farmingtonchorus.com
FORD CHORUS: Presented by the Community Concert Association of Troy. 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, Athens High School, 4333 John R., Troy. Tickets \$15 at the door. (810) 979-8406 or (248) 435-5307
GIMBLE: The 14 voice coed a cappella ensemble from the University of Michigan performs 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at Newburg United Methodist church, Livonia. A free will offering will be taken. (734) 455-7427/(734) 422-0149
MADRIGAL CHORALE OF SOUTHFIELD: "Movie Magic," 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7, St. Hugo of the Hills, Stone Chapel, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$15. (810) 445-6199
OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE MASTERWORKS CHORALE: Give their spring concert, "Your Ticket

to Broadway," 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills. Suggested donation is \$5, \$12 for a family of 3 or more. (248) 522-3590
PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS: Spring concert, Touched by Song, 8 p.m. Friday, May 5 and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 6 at First Church of the Nazarene, Novi. \$8. Call (734) 455-4080
PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY: Performs the music of Handel and Rutter, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at First United Methodist Church, Plymouth. A free-will offering will be taken (\$5 suggested donation). (734) 455-8353
SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR: 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Livonia. Free, but donations will be accepted during intermission. (734) 462-4435

COMMUNITY CONCERTS

DAVID SYME: 3 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$8. (248) 424-9022
FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND: 3 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Wm. Costick Activity Center, Farmington Hills. Free. (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412
MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND: 3 p.m. Sunday, May 14, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$10, \$8 students/seniors, \$25 a family. (248) 788-6618/(248) 424-9022

ORGAN

SCOTT FOPPIANO: Performs the music of Bach, Langlais, Vivaldi, Oldroyd, Chopin and Mendelssohn, 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, Detroit. (313) 875-7407

POPS/SWING

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday through May, at Andiamo Italia West, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300
DAVID SYME: Performs at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Tickets \$8, and include opportunity to meet Syme after the concert. (248) 424-9041.

JAZZ

SPENCER BAREFIELD: With Richard Davis, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 11-13, at the Harlequin Cafe, Detroit. \$10. (313) 331-0922
BESS BONNIER SEPTET: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church. \$15, includes afterflow. (313) 885-4939
DETROIT BLUES SOCIETY AWARD PRESENTATION: With performance by Tampa Ted. 2:30-6 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Attic Bar, Hamtramck. Free. (313) 365-4194
ANN DYER: The West Coast vocalist performs 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999
GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800
DICK HYMAN: The jazz pianist performs improvisations of Great American Songs, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$15-\$30. (734) 769-2999
BRAD MEHLDAU TRIO: 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, at the Bird of Paradise, 312 S. Main (new address), Ann Arbor. \$15 advance, \$20 at door. (734) 662-8310
MARTY MONTGOMERY & DOUBLETAKES: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881
TAMPA TED & THE BLUE KNIGHTS: 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Attic Bar, Hamtramck. Free. (313) 365-4194
ALEXANDER ZONJIC: 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at Tiffany's, Detroit. (313) 964-8900
URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON: With Dan Kolton, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241
SUNNY WILKINSON: 9:30 p.m. 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 662-8310

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

JOHN LAUTER: Joins with the Fiddlers Philharmonic to present "A Little Bit of Bluegrass/Country" 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Historic Redford Theatre, Detroit.

DANCE

WATERFORD-OAKS BALLROOM DANCING: 8-11 p.m. Friday, May 5. (248) 673-4764
EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE: "Motown in Motion," 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township. \$18-\$22. (810) 286-2222

COMEDY

FARMINGTON CIVIC THEATRE: Soupy Sales and Marv Welch, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, May 7, Farmington Civic Theatre. \$25. (248) 473-7777
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. Andre Fernandes, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, May 3-4; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sunday (\$5). (734) 261-0555
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Vic DiBietto, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-7, 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the club, Dearborn. Tickets \$12 Friday-Saturday, \$10 Sunday, dinner show package \$24.95 Friday-Saturday, \$22.95 Sunday. (313) 584-8885
MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: John Heffron, also Michael Jr. Thursday-Saturday, May 4-6, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900
SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. \$10, Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday: \$17.50 Friday. \$19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222. (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: WalkWorks, a self-directed exploration of the exhibit galleries that invites families and young visitors to become Super Sleuths; the museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439
DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: "On the Air! Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30, at the museum, Detroit. Museum hours a 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays. \$3, \$1.50 seniors/children ages 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805
DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER: IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," "Whales," "Mysteries of Egypt" and "Everest," at the center, Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400
DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM: Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051
HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: at the museum in Dearborn. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620
MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday. Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140
PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure," continues through August, 7:30 p.m. at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 fam

8 days a week

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SPIRIT OF FORD: Environmental Celebration continues through April at the interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages. Electric Ranger test drives on weekends, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

LIVE MUSIC

CHRISTINA AGUILERA: With Destiny's Child, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$38.50-\$25. (248) 645-6666.
APPLES IN STEREO: 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. (248) 645-6666.
JOSEPH ARTHUR: With Scott Fab, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6, Coffee Beanery, Royal Oak. All ages. Free.
THE BACK DOORS: 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030.
GORDON BENNETT: 10 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011
BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD: 10 p.m. Sundays in May, Friday, May 5, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.
BLINK-182: With Bad Religion, Fenix TX, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25. (248) 645-6666.
BLOODHOUND GANG: With Nerf Herder, A. Powerface and Isabella's Gift, 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$15-\$17. (248) 645-6666.
BLOWUP: With Gypsy Moths, Saturday, May 6, Berkley Front, Berkley. (248) 547-3331
ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030.
BRANDED: With ProtoStar, AntiBevy, Voodoo Blue and Channel 78, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Churchill High School, Livonia. \$3 at door. All ages.
BROTHERS GROOVE: 10 p.m. Mondays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU; 9 p.m. Saturday, May 6, Edison's, Birmingham. Free. (248) 645-2150.
JIMMY BUFFETT & THE CORAL REEFER BAND: 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$46 pavilion/\$23.50 lawn.
BUSTER GROOVE BAND: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 11, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450
SFC Foundation: (248) 645-6666.
CHISEL BROTHERS WITH CHEF CHRIS: 10 p.m. Saturday, May 13, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300.
TERI CLARK: 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$15-\$30. (248) 645-6666.
COMPANY OF STRANGERS: 9:30 p.m. Friday Saturday, May 12-13, Cowley's, Farmington. (248) 474-5941.
COUNTING CROWS AND LIVE: With Galactic, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$23.50-\$46. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.
THE CURE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20-\$45. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.
CHARLIE DANIELS BAND: With Hank Williams Jr. and Little Feat, 7 p.m. Sunday, June 4, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666.
DARK STAR ORCHESTRA: 9 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12 advance. (313) 833-9700.
DEF LEPPARD: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 29, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$28.50-\$38.50. (248) 645-6666.
DETROIT ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVAL: The first ever, three-day, non-stop music festival will be held Memorial Weekend, May 26-28, Hart Plaza, Detroit. It features more than 60 electronic artists including: The Roots, Mos Def, Derrick May, Kevin Saunderson, Juan Atkins, Isotope 217, Kenny Larkin, Stacy Pullen, Richie Hawtin, Space Time Continuum, Ectomorph, Craig Taborn, DJ Bone, Houseshoes, Reeloose, Mike Clark, Mike Huckaby, Clark Warner, Derek Pfisterko, Bill VanLoog and Oscar McMillan. Details to come.
DILATED PEOPLES: With Tall Kwei and Hi Tok, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages.

\$15 advance. (248) 645-6666.
DISTURBED: Saturday, May 6, Harpo's Detroit.
DOPE: With Primer 545 and Pimpadelic, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 13, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10 advance. (248) 645-6666.
ELIZA: Friday, May 5, Xhedos Cafe, Ferndale. See www.elizaband.com
GLENN FREY: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 8, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$42.50. (248) 645-6666.
FUNTOWN: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6, 19-20, Cowley's, Farmington. (248) 474-5941.
KENNY G: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$32.50. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.
MADISON GREENE: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 27, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10. (734) 464-6302.
HARRINGTON BROTHERS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.
MICKEY HART BAND: Featuring Vince Welnick, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$15-\$25. (734) 668-8397.
JULIANA HATFIELD: 9 p.m. Friday, June 2, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10 advance. (313) 833-9700.
ROY HAYNES TRIO: Featuring Danilo Perez and John Pattitucci, 8: and 11 p.m. Friday Saturday, June 16-17, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$20. (248) 645-6666.
DON HENLEY: 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$66 pavilion only. \$1 per ticket donated to Walden Woods preservation. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.
KRISTEN HERSH AND VIC CHESTNUT: With Rose Polenzani, 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 15, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 761-1800.
AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS: 7 p.m. Friday, May 5, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

CLAIRE HOLLEY: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10. \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302.
INDIGO GIRLS: 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666.
JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Mondays in May, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.
JENDZA: With Super 10 and Porn Family, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (248) 645-6666.
MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VRELAND: 7 p.m. Thursdays, Le Metro, Southfield. (248) 353-2757 (jazz duo).
AUTUMN KERR: 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. (248) 335-5013.
KISS FAREWELL TOUR: With Ted Nugent and Skid Row, 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, May 24-25, The Palace, Auburn Hills. \$75-\$25. (248) 645-6666.
ALISON KRAUSS & UNION STATION: 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$12.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.
CHANTAL KREVIJAZUK: 8 p.m.



Thursday, May 11, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. (313) 833-9700
KD LANG: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20-\$35. (248) 645-6666.
JOHN LAUTNER: A Little Bit of Bluegrass Country, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6, Redford Theatre, Redford. \$10, with 50 cents going to a and restoration. (248) 258-5806.
MR. LEN: Tuesday, May 16, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. (248) 645-6666.
LIL LED AND THE BLUES IMPERIALS: 9 p.m. Saturday, May

20, Sisko's, Detroit. (313) 278-5340.
LONESTAR: 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$15.50-\$32.50. (248) 645-6666.
LUNACHICKS: With Mindless Self Indulgence, 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8 advance. (248) 645-6666.
MAGNETIC FIELDS: Thursday, May 25, 7th House, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666.
DJ MARK E.P. OF PARADISE: 10 p.m. Wednesdays, Innisfree Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2434.
DJ MARQUIS: 9 p.m. Thursdays, Detroit Science. "The Lab," 18 and older. \$10-\$15 cover. Ladies free. (313) 438-4146.
DAVE MATTHEWS BAND: With Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals, 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, Comerica Park, Detroit. \$46.50. (248) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6611.
MAZE: With KCI and Jo Jo, Time TBA, Sunday, July 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. (248) 645-6666.
MARTINA MCBRIDE: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 1, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$22.50-\$33.50. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.
EDWIN MCCAIN: With Pete Riley, 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15. (248) 645-6666.

MEDESKI, MARTIN AND WOOD: 8 p.m. Sunday, May 14, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$22.50. (248) 645-6666.
BRAD MEHLDAU TRIO: 7:30, 10 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 662-8310.
MIGHTY MIGHTY BOSSTONES: 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 5, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. Tickets c/o 89X.
MONK: Featuring Ric Hordinski, 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10. \$8 theater members. (734) 464-6302.
ZAK MORGAN: 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$8 theater members, \$10. (734) 464-6302 (for children of all ages).
MOTLEY CRUE: With Megadeth and Anthrax, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$35. (248) 645-6666.
MOTOR BALL 2000: With DJ Manny Lehman, 10 p.m. Saturday, May 6, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$30



CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.bxcom.com
ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com
THE ARK: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587
ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST: 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300
BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.
BIRD OF PARADISE: 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 862-8310
BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com
BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477
CARBON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278
CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900
CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays; 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www.961melt.com
COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616
CONOR O'NEILL'S: 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2968 or www.conoroneills.com
COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941
THE DECK AND THE FIVE MOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500
DETROIT SCIENCE: 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover \$10 for 21 and over. Cover \$15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroit-science.com
EDISON'S: 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150
ELIE'S: 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420
FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS: 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922
FLYING FISH TAVERN: 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747
FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609
FOX THEATRE: 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611
FOX AND HOUNDS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800
GOLD DOLLAR: 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www.golddollar.com
GROOVE ROOM: 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com
HILL AUDITORIUM: 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538
JOE LOUIS ARENA: 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606
JD'S KEY CLUB: 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337.
KARL'S CABIN: 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450
LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB: Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9960
LONELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506
LOWERTOWN GRILL: 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213
MAGIC BAG: 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030
MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441
MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK: (313) 833-9700
MEMPHIS SMOKE: 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300
MICHIGAN THEATER: 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397
MOTOR LOUNGE: 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motor-detroit.com
MR. B'S FARM: 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038
MUSIC MENU: 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU
THE PALACE: 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com
PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATER: 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac
PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE: 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com
PURE BAR ROOM: 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE
ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY: 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080
THE ROOKIE SPORTS CAFE: 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337
ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE: 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610
THE SCARAB CLUB: 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250
ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER: 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com
7TH HOUSE: 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540
STATE THEATRE: 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheater.com
24 KARAT CLUB: 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030
313 JAC: Upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067
TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302.
U.S. 12 BAR AND GRILL/WAYNE BREWERY: 34824 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 722-7639
VELVET LOUNGE: 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411
VILLAGE BAR AND GRILL/BEEDY'S CUE & BREW: 35234 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 729-2360
WAGON WHEEL TAVERN: 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-6789
WOODRUFF'S SUPPER CLUB: 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519
XHEDOS CAFE: Sista Otis performs 8-10 p.m. Sundays at the club, 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 399-3946
ZIM'S IRISH TAVERN: 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467

advance. (248) 645-6666.
NICKELODEON'S ALL THAT TOUR: With Ifo, Bewitch'd and Blaque. Sunday, Aug. 6, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18.50-\$28.50. (248) 645-6666
NOBODY'S BUSINESS: Hosts Rockabilly Jam Sessions, Thursdays at The New Way Bar, Ferndale. (248) 541-9870.
ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION 9 p.m. Friday, May 5, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609.
N'SYNC: No Strings Attached Tour, Tuesday, July 18, Pontiac Silverdome. \$49.75. (248) 645-6666.
OPENING ACT CONTEST FINALS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. See the hottest local bands. Free admission and parking.
ORCHESTRA MORPHINE: Featuring former members of Morphine, with Airplane Man, 6 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$15-\$18. All ages. (313) 961-MELT
ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Monday, May 8, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.
OZZFEST 200: Featuring Ozzy Osbourne, Pantera, Godsmack, Static X, Incubus, Methods of Mahem, POD, Queens of the Stoneage and Crazytown, 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$50.25, with donation to Lifebeat Charity. (248) 645-6666
JIMMY PAGE AND THE BLACK CROWES: With Kenny Wayne Shepard, 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 26, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$39.50-\$55. (248) 645-6666
PARADISE: 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 12, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555.
POISON: With Cinderella, Dokken and Slaughter, 6 p.m. Sunday, July 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666
PUNK-O-RAMA: Featuring Dropkick Murphy's, Bouncing Souls, The Dwarves, The Distillers, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$12.50. (248) 645-6666
DJ'S QUIG AND DARREN REVELL: 10 p.m. Wednesdays in May, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922
RACHEL AND KAPP: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.
REFEERMEN: 10 p.m. Tuesdays in May, Saturday, May 20, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922; 10 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Friday, May 26, Thursday, June 1, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011
DUKE ROBILLARD & HERB ELLIS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$25. (248) 645-6666
DIANA ROSS AND THE SUPREMES: "Return to Love" 8 p.m. Monday, June 19, The Palace, Auburn Hills. \$39.50-\$125. (248) 645-6666
TODD RUNDGREN: With Leon Russell, 8 p.m. Monday, July 3, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$12.50-\$26.50. (248) 645-6666
RUTH'S HAT: With Flashlight, Hoppin' Mad, Caulfield, 5 p.m. Friday, May 5, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (313) 961-MELT
SANTANA: With Macy Gray, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. Tickets \$25.50 lawn and \$39.50 pavilion. A 50-cent donation per ticket will be given to the Magic Foundation. (248) 645-6666
BRIAN SETZER ORCHESTRA: With Twistin' Tarrantulas, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 1, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666
SHIVAREE: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030
SLEATER KINNEY: With Gossip and The Bamps, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13, The Majestic, Detroit. \$10. (248) 645-6666
SONIC YOUTH: With Stereolab, 5 p.m. Sunday, June 11, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater, Pontiac. \$23 advance. Anyone holding tickets for Stereolab's postponed Dec. 9, 1999, show may return them to the distributor for a refund. (248) 645-6666
SPATI: With Hand of Negativity, Jazz Bar, Friday, May 12, 11:30 p.m. Detroit. (313) 881-ROCK
BRITNEY SPEARS: With IFO, Bossor, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. Sold Out. 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25 lawn

\$40 pavilion. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666.
RICK SPRINGFIELD: 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$17.50-\$27.50
STARLIGHT DRIFTERS: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.
RINGO STARR AND HIS ALL-STARR BAND: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11, Pine Knob. \$15.50-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666.
STEELY DAN: 8 p.m. Sunday, July 25, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25-\$75. (248) 645-6666.
MIKE STERN: 8 p.m. Friday, May 12, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$17. (248) 544-3030.
STING: With Tracy Chapman, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 14, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25-\$75. (248) 645-6666.
STYX AND RED SPEEDWAGON: 7 p.m. Friday, June 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$32.50. (248) 645-6666.
TAPROOT: With Papa Roach, 6 p.m. Friday, May 12, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (248) 645-6666.
SALLY TAYLOR: 8 p.m. Friday, May 26, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8 advance. (248) 544-3030.
MARY TIMONY: Of Helium, 9 p.m. Friday, May 5, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. (248) 645-6666
RANDY TRAVIS: With Darryl Worley, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 23, Pine Knob, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.
TRIP THE LIGHT FANTASY: 8 p.m. Friday, May 12, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. (248) 335-5013. 8 p.m. Friday, May 19, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$7. \$5 theater members. (734) 464-6302
TOOTS & THE MAYTALS: 9 p.m. Thursday, June 1, The Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$18. (313) 833-9700
TINA TURNER: With Lionel Richie, Jennifer Robinson, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 1, The Palace Auburn Hills. \$85.25. \$55.25. \$35.25. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666
THE UNDISCOVERED: Friday-Saturday, May 19-20, Conetti's Lounge, Dearborn. Free. (313) 565-4956
U.S. BOMBS: With Union 11, Tiger Army, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (313) 961-MELT
JOHN "DR. DIRTY" VALBY: 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 5, State Theatre, Detroit. \$15-\$25. 18 and over. (248) 645-6666
VANS WARPED TOUR: NOFX, Suicide Machines, Green Day, Jurassic 5, Long Beach Dub Allstars, MXPX, Millepenn, Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Good Riddance, Flogging Molly, Dilated Peoples, Unwritten Law, Strapping Young Lad, Ferrets, Hot Water Music, Animal, Avail, One Man Army, AntiFlag, One Minute Silence, Gob, Nippon, Camp Breadstreak, The Line, Bueno, Scooter Trash, The Hippos, Stringrays and Toledo Show, plus local bands to be announced May 10 noon Sunday, July 23, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater, Pontiac. All ages. \$27.50. (248) 398-4436 or (248) 645-6666
VERUCA SALT: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT
URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Giovanni's Cafe, Pontiac. (248) 334-5214
WEEN: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 11, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$15-\$18. (248) 645-6666
WISH YOU WERE HERE: Pink Floyd Tribute, 9 p.m. Friday, May 5, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$8. (313) 833-9700
TRISHA YEARWOOD: With Jessica Andrews, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 25, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$15.50-\$30. (248) 645-6666
DWIGHT YOAKAM: With BR5-49, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 6, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666
YOUNG COUNTRY DOWNTOWN HOWDOWN: With Trace Adkins, Wade Hayes, Tracy Lawrence, Chad Brock, and more, May 19-21, Hart Plaza, Detroit. Details to come
311: With Incubus, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666

'Love and Basketball' a slam dunk with audiences

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Though this movie, produced by Spike Lee and Sam Kitt, is structured around the game of basketball, it's really about that other game - the one that makes the world go 'round.

Divided into four "quarters," it's as much fun to watch and as briskly paced as a well-fought high school or college game. Picture this: It's 1981 ("first quarter"), and Quincy (played as a youngster by Glendon Chatman) is the hotshot "star" in his middle-class, African-American neighborhood in suburban Los Angeles. Then, one day, 11-year-old Monica (Kyla Pratt) moves in

next door, and threatens to get a step ahead in a neighborhood game. Quincy hardly has a clue at this point as to what to do. His position has never been threatened before ("I run this street," he tells Monica), and it's certainly never been threatened by a girl.

Jump ahead to 1988, and the story's "second quarter." A grown-up Monica (Sanaa Lathan) is the star player on her high school team, and Quincy (Omar Epps) is making a huge name for himself on the men's team. Both hope and dream to gain a scholarship to the University of Southern California. They're both, in a way, still competing with each other. But is that a

possible romantic relationship we see developing between these two?

Soon, we're in the third quarter (1988-89) and, just like in an important roundball game, the tension begins to take on another new dimension. We're gripping the edge of our seat just a little tighter, we're hurrying at the low spots just a bit more, cheered by the high spots a bit more. We have come to care about these players (flawed as they are) in the course of this film, simply because we have come to know them, have seen them sweat, have watched them laugh and cry, and have discovered that they are characters with whom we can identify. By the time they

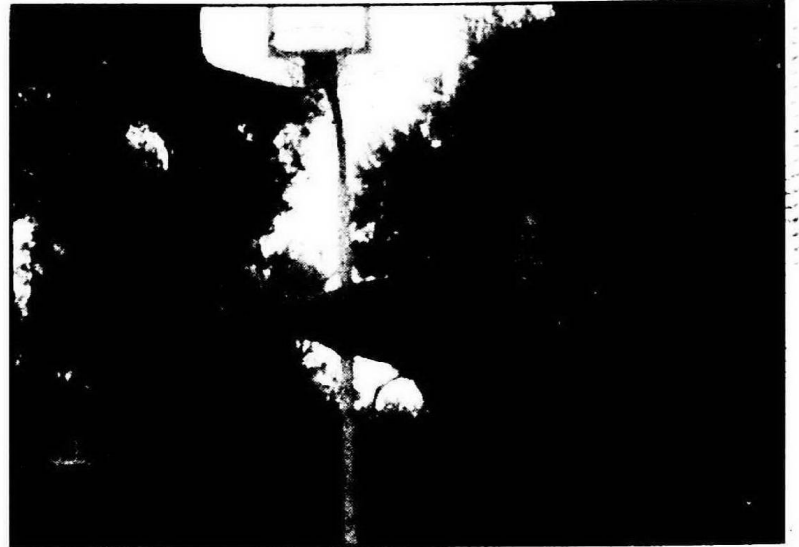
reach college (yes, they both make it to USC), both are dreaming of a pro career. And they are both most definitely dreaming of each other. In fact, they're doing a good bit more than just dreaming.

I'll not give away what happens in the last quarter, of course. Suffice it to say that the game does not always go smoothly and, just like in real life, some surprises are in store.

With this picture, screenwriter/director Gina Prince-Blythe-wood has succeeded in putting together a film that's as tight as a tournament tie-breaker, and as appealing romantically as a new Valentine.

Omar Epps, as the sometimes-cocky, sometimes-touching Quincy, just runs away with the role. Sanaa Lathan, as a young woman destined to fight her family, coaches, and even the man she loves in order to be the basketball player she knows herself to be, is just as convincing. And, as a team, you might say that these two are "awesome, Baby, awesome" (to quote ESPN broadcaster Dick Vitale, who makes a cameo appearance).

Supporting players score consistently, as well. As Quincy's loving father, Dennis Haysbert brings just the right touches of charm and trouble to his role.



Compete: Omar Epps and Sanaa Lathan shoot and score in "Love and Basketball," in theaters now.

Debbi Morgan, in the part of his suspicious, long-suffering wife, could have gone all weepy on us, but she never allows her character to get wearisome; consequently, we're always cheering for her.

Harry J. Lennix manages to make an important contribution in his abbreviated role as Monica's caring father. And Alfre Woodard truly shines as her loving, tradition-bound mother, who simply cannot understand her daughter's dedication and devo-

tion to a game, no matter how hard she tries. (One of the strongest scenes in the movie takes place between these two very real women, as they try to settle their differences in a kitchen.)

The basketball scenes here are some of the best since "Hoosiers," while the romance, with all its accompanying pains and pleasures, shines through like a warm underglow from the opening moments to the final slam dunk.

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Showcase Pontiac 1-5
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Showcase Southfield 1-8
6800 Wayne Rd.
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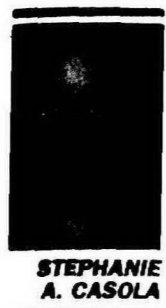
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Blowtop's music spun from friendship



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

How many people can you name from your first grade class?

I'm one of a lucky few because I'm still friends with Miss Angie Burnett, who I first met in Mrs. Kevern's first grade class at Rochester Hills' Brewster Elementary School. Many years later, we can still call each other up and talk endlessly about our lives. We became close friends in journalism class, actually.

If there's anyone out there who can relate, I know Patrick Shanley and John Jacobs are among them. As founding members of the

Detroit-based band Blowtop, Shanley and Jacobs met in first grade at Bishop Gallagher School in Harper Woods. But their friendship emerged in high school due to a common tie - music. As students, they were involved in high school theater and played in the pit band. After school Shanley and Jacobs hung out and played music. That's how it was.

In a way things haven't changed. Jacobs, who was influenced by his father's music like Louis Prima and Frank Sinatra, admitted: "I was always fond of the older stuff." In high school, he and Shanley discovered they shared a love for the blues, The Beatles and Led Zeppelin, while their classmates rocked out to Van Halen and Journey. "We were listening to stuff no one else was," said Shan-

ley.

That mutual taste in music led to a career. It started out when Shanley brought a bunch of musicians to Detroit's Cadiex Cafe for an open mike night dubbed "The Hootenanny." When he found himself in need of a guitarist, he "seized the opportunity" to bring Jacobs into the band. From that collaboration, two old friends began writing new material. *The Island* was the result of their first songwriting collaboration.

Just as true friends can finish each other's sentences, Shanley and Jacobs complete each other's musical ideas.

"We always keep it very level-headed," said Shanley. "We want to do this to have fun."

"It's not just to have fun," clarified his cohort. "We take it serious-

ly." The combination shows on the band's self-titled debut. Shanley and Jacobs consult each other with ideas, but now write independently. Still, the songs share a cohesive quality that is the band's rootsy, melodic sound.

Tunes like *Catch You Later*, the Beatlesque *So Sad* and *Out Of the Question* are just three reasons to give the band a listen.

"The hardest thing is getting the first one under your belt," said Jacobs. "It's hard to put out there, it's something for people to judge."

Blowtop describes its music as eclectic. It's not all-rock, said Shanley. But it can be, insisted Jacobs. There are no boundaries once Blowtop starts spinning. "We don't like to confine ourselves to any one category," said Jacobs.



Blowtop: Patrick Shanley and John Jacobs collaborate in music that's hard to define but sure to please.

This is just the beginning for Blowtop. It's not about striving for success as much as it is pursuing a career both musicians are passionate about. And Blowtop isn't about image, or multi-media-hyped performances. If you love music for music's sake, without the splashy costumes, smoke and mirrors, give this disc a spin. Find it at Harmony House, Tower Records, Car City

Records and Record Time
See Blowtop live, Saturday, May 6, The Berkley Front (248) 547-3331, Sunday, May 7, Cadiex Cafe, (313) 882-8560

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Mary Timony uncovers musical netherworld with 'Mountains'

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Mary Timony speaks with a hushed sweetness that shows almost no signs of someone who was raised on a strict diet of Washington D.C.'s thriving punk scene. At home now in Boston, Timony was preparing to go out on the road in support of *Mountains*, her solo debut on Matador Records.

Known as the voice of Helium since she replaced Mary Lou Lord in 1992, Timony took a step sideways with friend and drummer Christina Files to make a musical landscape that stretches into the depths of the imagination with its subtle tones of murky guitar, wispy vocals and moody piano. Tracks like *The Bell*, *Tiger Rising*, and *Valley of One Thousand Perfumes* possess a pervasive and quite personal quality best achieved on a visionary solo effort such as *Mountains*. "It is something I've wanted to

do for awhile," said Timony. "I wanted the next time I recorded to be kind of mellow, low-key, not a big production. I didn't want to make something like Helium."

Timony moved further into the depths of prog-rock with this album, drawing on the surrealistic levels achieved by Helium on 1997's *The Magic City*. But Timony was first drawn to music through early inspiration from her brother, Pat. "He used to write songs and I would beg him to be able to sing songs he wrote, 'cause I loved them."

From home, to the punk scene surrounding her hometown and the instruments of preference - namely guitar and keyboards - Timony has made her mark in bands like the short-lived, girl-punk group Autoclave, The Spells and alt-rock supergroup Mind Science of the Mind.

But Timony uses words like "bare" and "sparse" to describe the aesthetic of this collection with its 15 shiny new songs. She

said the album, released in March, comes from a "slightly different" place than her work with Helium. "It's a little sadder, a little more raw."

Mountains was written over the past few years and recorded last summer at a Chinatown loft in Boston. "I wanted to focus on getting a good performance," said Timony. To get that relaxed atmosphere, she called on friend and musical cohort, Christina Files.

"She lives in this really cool loft with huge ceilings," said Timony of the space. Songs like *The Hour Glass* hold tones of natural reverberation created in a hallway of that very building. Five different

microphones captures subtleties that add to the mystique of *Mountains*. "We were lucky to have that space," she said.

Lucky indeed. The music is all that's left of that loft these days. "It was knocked down about a month ago," said Timony.

What remains is bound to sound quite different as Timony and Files take it on the road. "The shows have been really rocking," she insisted, despite the soft nature of the album. "There's a lot of noise improvisation."

While audiences might not expect it to "be so rock," as Timony puts it, when was the last time someone called her "pre-



dictable?"
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Treat yourself to a 'Mexican Fiesta' on Cinco de Mayo

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In Mexico, May 5, Cinco de Mayo, is a special day. It commemorates the victory of the Mexican people over the French in a battle that took place on May 5, 1862. The battle marked the beginning of the end of European domination in Mexico.

Cinco de Mayo is celebrated in Mexico with parades and feasting. Fortunately, the celebration has spread north of the border, all the way to metro Detroit. Some local restaurants, like the newly remodeled Mexican Fiesta II in Canton, will have entertainment this Friday.

At the Mexican Fiesta II, diners will eat to the rhythm of a mariachi band 1-2 p.m. "The Mexican people are very festive," said Nancy Schultz, a manager. "We like to celebrate."

If you haven't visited the restaurant for awhile, you're in for a treat. Owned by the Alvarado family of Canton, Mexican Fiesta II is known for its authentic Mexican cuisine. Popular menu items include the botana, burritos, enchiladas and several kinds of fajitas - chicken, beef or shrimp. They also offer seven different Mexican beers, ice cream drinks, margaritas and other cocktails.

If you're not a fan of Mexican cuisine, like they say, "no problema." The menu includes hamburgers, chicken strips and stir-fry, fish 'n' chips and a shrimp dinner.

Recent renovations include a remodeled lounge area, new wall coverings and murals, pictures, ceramic tile and wrought iron accents. "It's much more open now," said Schultz.

The Alvarados have been

Mexican Fiesta II

Where: 44401 Ford Road, corner of Sheldon Road, Canton, (734) 981-1048.

Open: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday.

Menu: Mexican fare, hamburgers and other sandwiches, pork chops, sirloin steak, roast beef, chicken strips and fish 'n' chips. Children's menu available.

Cost: Lunch entrees \$4.25 to \$9.75; dinner \$5.25 to \$10.

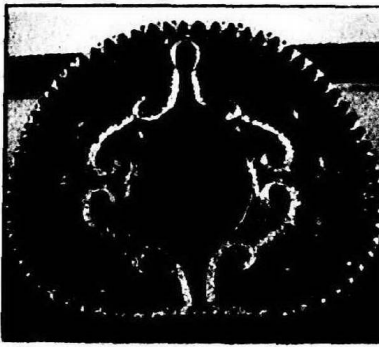
Reservations: Not accepted Friday nights, Saturday or Sunday; recommended Monday-Thursday for parties of six or more.

Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Banquet room: Seats 30-35 people.

Catering: Available for parties and other special events.

Carryout: Available.



pleasing palates Mexican-style since they opened the Mexican Fiesta in Dearborn Heights nearly 34 years ago. They opened their Canton location 10 years ago.

"The restaurants are all run by family," said Schultz. "We want our customers to leave here satisfied."

Celebrate

Join the fiesta. Celebrate Cinco de Mayo, or any special occasion, with dinner at your favorite Mexican restaurant.

Try some of these:

■ **Mexican Fiesta** - 24310 Ford Road, near Telegraph, Dearborn Heights, (313) 274-3066. Hours: 11 a.m. to midnight Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday.

■ **Old Mexico** - 28407 Five

Mile Road (between Inkster and Middlebelt), Livonia (734) 421-3310. Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Closed Sunday.

■ **Rancho Grande Mexican Restaurant** - 7034 Middlebelt, Garden City, (734) 427-1177. Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday; noon to 9 p.m. Sunday.

■ **New Mexico** - 35851 Ford Road, Westland, (734) 641-9455. Hours: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day.

■ **Don Pablo's** - 39895 Ford Road, Canton, (734) 844-7836; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday.

■ **Dos Pesos** - 11800 Belleville Road, south of I-94, Belleville, (734) 697-5777. Hours: 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11



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Celebrate: Nancy Schultz and Julio Rues present Chicken Fajitas and Botana, just two of the many items you'll find on the menu at the newly remodeled Mexican Fiesta Restaurant in Canton.

a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Closed Sunday.

■ **El Nibble Nook** - 27725 Eight Mile Road, Livonia, (248) 474-0755. Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday; noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. Strolling mariachi band Friday nights.

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RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Send dinner specials, menu changes, restaurant renovations, and other items to Keely Wygonik, Assistant Managing Editor Features Group, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net.

Students - what restaurants do you recommend for prom night? If you're a restaurant owner, and are planning a special menu for Mother's Day, let us know. Send, fax or e-mail your dining suggestions and menus to Wygonik for consideration in an upcoming dining feature.

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■ **Quizno's** - Announces the opening of a new Quizno's Classic Subs restaurant in Farmington Hills in American Plaza, 32515 Northwestern Highway. Quizno's Classic Subs are served on a soft baguette, baked especially for the restaurant chain. The subs are prepared and then

run open-faced through an oven to melt the cheese and toast the bread before being served. The Farmington Hills Quizno's is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Customers can order to take out or to eat in the dining room. Call (248) 626-QUIZ to place your carryout order. Quizno's also offers boxed lunches for corporate catering, and a 6-foot, 4-foot or 2-foot length subs for home or office parties. With the opening

of the Farmington Hills Quizno's there are now over 800 Quizno's restaurants open in 38 states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Japan, Central America and Australia.

■ **Too Chez** - Executive Chef Greg Upshur will prepare his prix fixe Organic Vegetarian Feast 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 23. The cost is \$28 per person at Too Chez Restaurant, 27155 Sheraton Drive, Novi. A selection of organic wines will also be available for purchase with the meal.

For reservations/information, call (248) 348-5555. Too Chez is open 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday for lunch, and 5:30-10 p.m. for dinner. Closed Sunday.

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Observer Academic All-Stars



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2000 All Stars set the standard

The faces you are about to see in the next pages might include those of future doctors, engineers, lawyers, teachers, computer dynamos and politicians.

They are the 2000 Observer Academic All Stars - 20 of the brightest and most accomplished high school students in the metro area.

As in the past, this year's Academic All Stars were chosen on the basis of their grade point averages in academic subjects and SAT or ACT test scores. Other important factors are the ways in which these young men and women distinguish themselves with their community and school involvement, numerous honorary awards and the sacrifices they make daily when juggling the demands of school, work, family and friends.

All of these students deserve a sincere congratulations for their work.

Listed in order of point ranking, team members include: Paul Schultz, Catholic Central; Teresa E. Elsey, Harrison High School; Daniel Freeman, North Farmington High School; Michael Levy, North Farmington High School; Laura Portwood-Stacer, Churchill High School; Jonathan Yung-Hsin Ho, Stevenson High School; Luke Williams, Plymouth-Canton High School; Jeffrey Grossman, Harrison High School; Qian Zhang, Churchill High School; Nicholas Demek, Stevenson High School; Sarah Ernst, Mercy High School; Timothy Bodnar, Plymouth-Salem High School; Ryan King, Plymouth-Salem High School; Marva Link, Farmington High School; Alexis Black, Clarenceville High School; Ross Ian MacKenzie, Lutheran High Westland; Martina Moro, Wayne Memorial High School; Christine Chan, Plymouth-Canton High School; Eva Marie David, Mercy High School; and Joseph Colombo, Thurston High School.

Paul Schultz
Catholic Central

Redford

College: Boston College, Harvard, Yale, University of Chicago or University of Michigan, economics and law.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship finalist, A.P. Scholar Award, Xerox Award in the Social Sciences, Rensselaer Medal for Math and Sciences, Purdue University Junior Scholar in Math, three-time Scholastic All-Catholic Team, Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition honorable mention, 2000 Presidential Scholars Candidate, and 2000 All State Academic Team Candidate.

Extracurricular activities: On-line newspaper, editor and reporter, Academic Team captain, football team, Student Council, math team, Catholic Central TV, Catholic Central on-line radio, Angel Tree Project, Easter Cross Memorial, Habitat for Humanity, church usher, Guardian Lutheran Church Youth Group, and CROP Walk.

Influential teacher: Gene Grewe, an English teacher and track coach, "had a way of making English come alive. In my mind, Mr. Grewe is what a teacher is supposed to be: supremely educated, thoroughly prepared, always accessible, and having a genuine care for the education and welfare of his students."

Schultz said he speculates his generation will have the greatest standard of living the world has ever seen. "If we choose the right leaders, there are few social problems we should be unable to solve." He hopes to see an end to abortion, racism, and other forms of discrimination. "If we return to God and receive his blessings, there is nothing we cannot do."

He is the son of Ronald and Sandra Schultz and brother to Mark, 16, John, 15, and Joy, 12.

Teresa Elizabeth Elsey
Harrison High School
Farmington Hills

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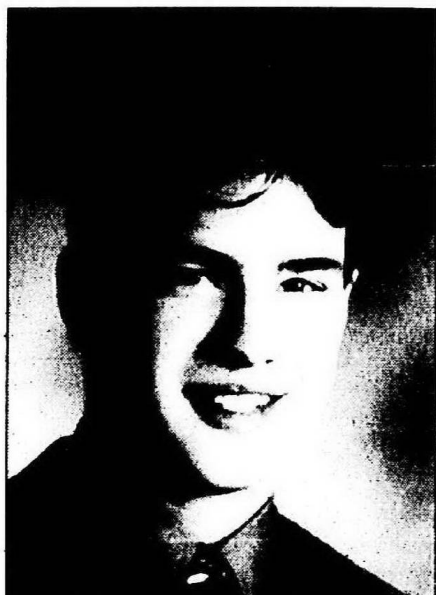
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On the cover: Front row, from left, Laura Portwood-Stacer, Martina Moro, Eva Marie David, Christine Chan and Teresa Elsey. Second row, from left, Sarah Ernst, Qian Zhang, Alexis Black, Daniel Freeman. Third row, from left, Nicholas Demek, Paul Schultz, Ross McKenzie, Luke Williams. Back row, from left, Ryan King, Jonathon Yung Hsin Ho, Jeffrey Grossman and Joseph Colombo. Not shown are Michael Levy, Tim Bodnar and Marva Link.

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College: Harvard, Williams College, University of Chicago or University of Michigan, English.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship finalist; A.P. Scholar Award; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Presidential Scholars Candidate; Dean's List (Oakland Community College); Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition honorable mention, and academic letter.

Extracurricular activities: Harrison High Symphony Orchestra, viola section leader and music librarian, National Honor Society, Science Bowl, and TEAMS.

Influential teacher: Lori Williams, a fifth grade teacher, who "taught me to love learning." Elsey remembers how excited the students got when the teacher brought out a novel she read from daily "People couldn't wait until the next morning to hear what happened next. Sometimes they would go out and get the book to read it."

Elsey expects her generation to contribute "a creativity and intellectual curiosity that will push the limits of every field of human endeavor."

Elsey is the daughter of Terry and Joanne Elsey and sister of Matthew, 16.

Daniel Freeman
North Farmington High School
Farmington Hills

College: Yale, undeclared academic study.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship finalist; 12 subject-based Academic Honor Award, Presidential Scholars Nominee, and Michigan Math Prize Competition, bronze award and honorable mention.

Extracurricular activities: Marching band, squad leader, jazz band, vice president, theater, Quiz Bowl Team captain, Forensics, student government vice president, National Honor Society, choir, Math League, Science Olympiad, 1999 Michigan Boy's State Program president, B'nai Brith Youth Organization chapter president, volunteer for Jewish Agency for Residential Care, volunteer for Yad Ezra food bank, volunteer for Motor City Blight Busters, and volunteer for Ronald McDonald House of Detroit.

Influential teacher: Michael Horner, math. Freeman said "He urged me to work to my potential in the classroom, but outside as well. As my Quiz Bowl coach, he inspired me to learn all that I could about the world around me and the subjects of the past, opening an incredible number of new doors to my imagination."

Freeman expects his generation will contribute the skills necessary for worldwide Internet use. "My generation has been familiar with computers from an early age, and we therefore will be very adept at further integrating them into Americans' daily lives."

He is the son of Fred and Evelyn Freeman and the brother of Erica, 21.

Michael Levy
North Farmington High School
Farmington Hills

College: University of Michigan,

undeclared area of study.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship, commended student; school award in accelerated physics, chemistry and Spanish; and MITES Technology Competition for Computer Aided Design, first place in region and fourth place in the state.

Extracurricular activities: B'nai Brith Youth Organization, vice president and athletic chairman, and varsity tennis.

Influential teacher: Bruce Sutton, computer aided design teacher, provided the greatest influence by teaching Levy how to think. "He helped me move away from the concrete thinking of right and wrong that I developed in early education and showed me that there are many ways to solve a problem, and the best way is not always the most obvious." Levy also credits his former teacher for guiding him in the right direction and letting him solve problems on his own.

Levy sees his generation as one which continuously challenges norms. "I think this fresh outlook will let us approach problems from an entirely different angle, and help us develop ways of solving many of the world's toughest problems, including finding cures for viruses and cancers, as well as issues of waste management and energy sources."

Levy is the son of Bob and Linda Levy and brother to Daniel, 14.

Laura Portwood-Stacer
Churchill High School
Livonia

College: Michigan State University, computer science and philosophy.

Academic honors: University Distinguished Scholarship, Michigan State University, Dean's Merit Scholarship, University of Michigan, Regent's Scholarship, University of Michigan, National Merit Scholarship, finalist, Summa Cum Laude, Academic Honor Roll, Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition, finalist, and American High School Mathematics Exam, finalist.

Extracurricular activities: Marching band, drum major and assistant drum major; Students Against Drunk Driving, president and vice president, National Honor Society, and Phaeton Literary Magazine staff member.

Influential teacher: Mary Buda, facilitator of the Math, Science and Computer Program. She "has done everything in her power to provide an outstanding education for talented students in Livonia." Portwood Stacer said these classes challenged her and gave her confidence. "Ms. Buda is always willing to do that which is in the best interests of her students. It is obvious that she loves to teach, and that she takes great pride in each one of her children."

Portwood Stacer believes her generation has a "duty to establish an ethical code for the use of technology and to employ all of our knowledge to better human existence."

She is the daughter of Norma and Will Portwood Stacer.

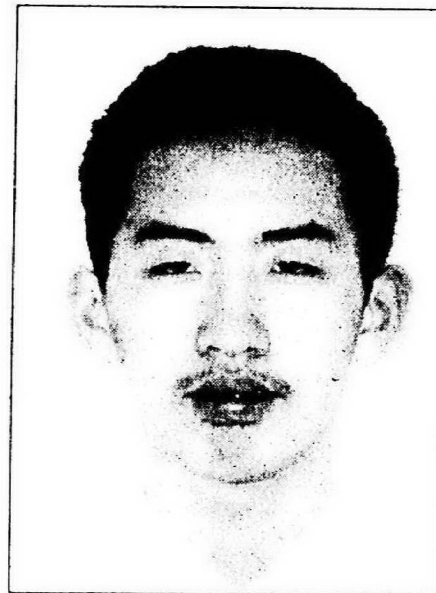
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Luke Williams
Plymouth-Canton High School



Jeffrey Grossman
Harrison High School



Qian Zhang
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Sarah Ernst
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Marya Link
Farmington High School



Alexis Black
Clarenceville High School



Ross Ian MacKenzie
Lutheran High Westland

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Jonathan Yung-Hsin Ho Stevenson High School Livonia

College: University of Michigan, Ohio State University, Harvard or Massachusetts Institute of Technology; undeclared area of study.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship, finalist; PTA Outstanding Youth Recognition Honoree; 1998-1999 Stevenson High School Math Department Student of the Year; Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition, finalist.

Extracurricular activities: Church youth group; National Honor Society; student council; Spanish Club treasurer; Physics Club; Art Club; Chemistry Club; and Spectrum Literary Publication.

Influential teacher: Les Prieskorn, English teacher, taught him to value education more than the grades on a piece of paper. "He taught me that if I work diligently, the grades would naturally follow." Ho also learned that individuality is superior to conformity.

He believes his generation is capable of great things. "We have the potential to cure many previously deadly diseases, and our technology continues to open new frontiers scientifically. At the same time, we cannot grow if we continue to ignore such problems like violence in our schools and racial hatred in our streets."

He is the son of Wei Ho and Wen-Fan Wei and the brother of Joseph, 19, and Esther, 11.

Luke Williams Plymouth-Canton High School Canton

College: Harvard, University of Michigan, Western Michigan, Ohio State or Purdue; physics, computer science, music, political science or psychology.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship finalist; University of Michigan Full Tuition Scholar; Who's Who Among American High School Stu-

dents; AISME Math Contest State Competitor; class Valedictorian, A.P. Scholar Award; and top speaker at state novice debate tournament.

Extracurricular activities: Math Olympiad; wrestling; Debate Team; Science Olympiad; theater; football; Wind Ensemble; Quiz Bowl; and Chamber Men's Ensemble.

Influential teacher: Steve Marsh, debate teacher and coach. "He challenged me to make and keep commitments and barred me from waffling over issues." Williams also credits the teacher for making class fun, despite the heavy work load, and for encouraging students to always challenge themselves.

Williams feels his generation will bring positive change on a global scale, starting with the rejection of hedonism. "It is my hope that this generation will break out of some of the trends of current society, particularly morally ... much will be riding on the decisions of this generation. We will have to resolve many disputes which previous generations have started."

Williams is the son of Sara and Dennis Williams and brother to Jesse, 21, Laura, 14, and Anna, 11.

Jeffrey Grossman Harrison High School Farmington Hills

College: Harvard, University of Michigan, New York University, Yale, Brown, Columbia or Princeton; music.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship finalist; Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition finalist; Harrison High School Premier Musical Scholarship; Farmington Musicale Scholarship; Strey-McCallum Honorary Piano Award; and Farmington Public Schools Superintendent's Award.

Extracurricular activities: Choir, conductor, director and accompanist; Harrison High School Mozart Chamber Group, director, conductor and solo pianist; symphony band; Beethoven Trio director; Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra; Metropolitan Youth Sym-

phony; National Honor Society; and Joy Piano Trio director.

Influential teacher: Miss Mary Batten, now Mrs. Mary Day, a third grade teacher. "As the first teacher who showed me that it was fun to learn, she cultivated an enjoyment of school that follows me through high school. In her class, I learned that school could be a place in which I learned something new and exciting every day."

Grossman hopes his generation will promote acceptance. "I expect that understanding will allow us to eliminate racial and economic lines that now divide us, as well as the social line that divide groups like the athletes and musicians. Finally, I hope that we can learn to accept all different kinds of families, whether they have one parent, two divorced parents, or two parents of the same sex."

Grossman is the son of Beth Grossman and Max DuBois and brother to Shana, 20, Chris, 11, and Evan, 8.

Qian Zhang Churchill High School Livonia

College: Harvard, University of Michigan, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, California Institute of Technology, or University of Pennsylvania; business management and electrical engineering.

Academic honors: Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition, bronze, silver and gold; USAMO (USA Math Olympiad, qualifier); SIGMA MVP; Michigan Math League second and first place; Math Challenge, first place; Lawrence Tech Math Competition second and first place; National Merit Scholarship finalist; American Regions Math League Competition; honor roll; University of Michigan College of Engineering Scholarship; Regent Scholarship; and American Chinese Association Scholarship.

Extracurricular activities: Metro Computer League; Quiz Bowl; Students Against Drunk Driving; National Honor

Society; Stand-Up; swimming, tennis, and student council.

Influential teacher: Mary Buda, facilitator of the Math, Science and Computer Program. "She is very caring, and would do anything to help out her students. She encouraged me when I felt worthless, and also brought out the greatness in me. Furthermore, she is a great example for me on being a human."

Zhang expects his generation to contribute to new ideas. "Perhaps the younger generation can wash out the older ways to do things and bring in a revolutionary new facade to the face of the Earth."

He is the son of Dahong Zhang and Chuanying Ni.

Nicholas Demek Stevenson High School Livonia

College: Michigan Technological University; chemical engineering.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship commended student; National Honor Society; honor roll; summa cum laude; and Michigan Technological University Scholarship.

Extracurricular activities: Physics Club vice president, cross-country and track and field.

Influential teacher: Jim Reeves, math, and Steve Van Westenburg, science. "Dr. Reeves was a big influence because he prepared me for college and taught me to work hard in school. Mr. Van Westenburg influenced my career goals because he taught me and made me enjoy chemistry."

Demek hopes his generation will work to improve things for the future. "I expect some truly amazing discoveries to be made by my generation, both on Earth and in space. In reality, I hope and expect my generation to stop taking the Earth for granted so that future generations will have a livable environment."

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Martina Moro
Wayne Memorial High School



Christine Chan
Plymouth-Canton High School



Eva-Marie David
Mercy High School



Joseph Colombo
Thurston High School

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He is the son of Jeffrey and Sandra Demek and the brother of Jake, 15, and Shane, 12.

Sarah Ernst Mercy High School Farmington Hills

College: Harvard, University of Notre Dame, Boston College, Princeton, or University of Michigan; biological sciences.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship, finalist; 1999 Academic Prep Bowl Team; and Benjamin E. Mays Scholar in Biology.

Extracurricular activities: classical piano; National Honor Society; JCL Science Club; and seventh grade religious education teacher.

Influential teacher: Lawrence Baker, English. "He showed me how enjoyable Shakespeare is and convinced me to not limit myself in my educational goals." Prior to Baker's class, she considered herself a science and math person. "I never thought I had an interest or talent in humanities, but Mr. Baker's class gave me the ability to understand it and a wish to pursue it."

Ernst expects her generation "to make spectacular advances in technology, creating a whole new way of life for people."

She is the daughter of Patricia and Raymond Ernst and the sister of Ray, 16, Ron, 35, Rob, 34, Rich, 32, Ryan, 28, Russ, 26, Joe, 24, Jonathan, 22, Mary, 20, and Andrea, 14.

Timothy Bodnar Plymouth-Salem High School Canton

College: Michigan State University or Western Michigan University; mechanical engineering.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship commended student, and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Extracurricular activities: Junior varsity and varsity tennis; Novice Quiz Bowl captain; Varsity Quiz Bowl captain; National Honor Society; and theater.

Influential teacher: Jane Throneberry, Spanish, and Tom Cotner, math. "Both taught me not only the necessary skills to excel in their subject, but also how to apply those skills. More importantly, after having them, Spanish and math became fun and interesting."

He expects his generation to add to the improvements made by other generations. "Right now we are experiencing scientific and technological advancements almost too rapid to keep up with. I expect my generation to do the same - working for a higher standard of living and a better society."

Bodnar is the son of Timothy and Adrienne Bodnar and the brother of Vanessa, 20, and Caroline, 13.

Ryan King Plymouth-Salem High School Canton

College: University of Michigan or Kettering University; computer science.

Academic honors: Honor roll; Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition finalist; and Bob Jones Award.

Extracurricular activities: Science Olympiad; guitar, and theater.

Influential teacher: Ron Carlson, computer programming. King credits this teacher with sparking his interest in computer technology and caring about his students. "He takes time with you individually to help you with problems. He is more than a teacher, he is a friend."

King expects his generation to "increase the use of computer technology in every aspect of life, including medical advancement. Right now, they are using technology and mapping DNA to determine which genes are faulty." He said he speculates that his generation will correct the faulty genes to prevent mutations.

He is the son of Donna and Glenn King and the brother of Angela, 15.

Marya Link Farmington High School Farmington

College: Georgetown, Duke, or Uni-

versity of Michigan; International studies/political science.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship finalist; academic letter, and honor roll.

Extracurricular activities: Dance Detroit Company; Detroit Symphony Orchestra; and Michigan Opera Theatre.

Influential teacher: Bruce Brown and Steve Korpusik, social studies; and Brian Shaw, math. "They open my eyes up to the world outside of Farmington." Her social studies teachers focused on world issues during the instruction like the movement for women's rights. Her math instructor would talk about things that happened when he was a kid. "He would talk about growing up in the bad part of Chicago. He just opened my eyes to things I had never experienced here in Farmington."

Link "expects her generation to contribute a global awareness to society and a desire to improve it."

She is the daughter of Art and Mary Link and the sister of Brian, 27, and David, 25.

Alexis A. Black Clarenceville High School Livonia

College: Lawrence Technological University; chemistry.

Academic honors: Honor roll, summa cum laude, academic letter, National Merit Scholarship, commended student, Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation, ambassador, Michigan All-State Honors Choir, Michigan State Honors Choir, Buell Scholarship, Lawrence Technological University, department awards for psychology, math, English, history, and economics.

Extracurricular activities: Youth in Government, secretary, treasurer, National Honors Society, marching band, Wind Ensemble, section leader, choir, tutor, and theater.

Influential teacher: Cynthia Raby, social studies. "Her continual thirst for knowledge in many different fields inspires me to not limit myself to one

area of endeavor."

Black expects "an increased level of acceptance of America's social and cultural mosaic" from her generation.

She is the daughter of Randolph and Kathryn Black and the sister of Colin, 19.

Ross Ian MacKenzie Lutheran High School Westland Dearborn

College: University of Michigan or Massachusetts Institute of Technology; mechanical or aerospace engineering.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship finalist; valedictorian; and Who's Who Among High School Students.

Extracurricular activities: Varsity baseball; Midget AA Hockey; National Honor Society treasurer; and student council treasurer.

Influential teacher: Kent Weiner, history, and Eric Heims, an elementary teacher. "Mr. Weiner challenged me and taught me the importance of balancing my time. Mr. Heims influenced me to like math."

MacKenzie said he "expects his generation to continue to aid the advancement of science and technology." Specifically, he foresees his generation "linking people around the world and creating a wealth of knowledge for anyone who wants it." He would also like to see the quality of life improved for everyone.

He is the son of Ross and Amy MacKenzie and the brother of Andrew, 16, James, 13, Christina, 12, Katherine, 11, and Mary, 9.

Martina Moro Wayne Memorial High School Wayne

College: University of Michigan; computer science.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship finalist; valedictorian; and academic letter; department awards in math, science, Spanish and social studies.

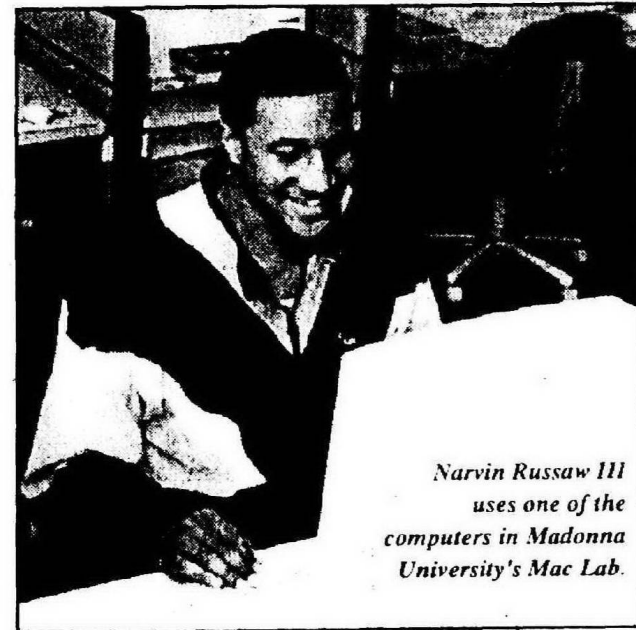
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When Narvin Russaw III of Ypsilanti was deciding which college or university to attend to pursue a major in television and video communication, he explored his options carefully. "I wanted to have access to the most up-to-date video equipment and felt I would need hands-on training if I was to be successful in this field," he said. "I made inquiries at universities around the country, many of which had tuition three times higher than Madonna University's, and found that the program here had the most to offer. Unlike Madonna, some of the other colleges didn't even have a TV studio."



Narvin Russaw III uses one of the computers in Madonna University's Mac Lab.

When informed of the tuition increase for 2000-2001, Russaw stated that students expect tuition to go up each year. "I feel very good about the quality education I'm getting at such an affordable price," he said. "The faculty work with students individually. They listen to what you have to say and trust your judgement. I learn a lot more in an educational community like Madonna."

And, Russaw said, he has benefited in other ways. As a Madonna University basketball player, he has received athletic scholarships and he earns additional income working as a co-op student in media services, continuing to learn while on the job.

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Life Stories Become Reality for Older Adults With Help of Nursing Students

When seven Madonna University nursing students reached out to older adults at the St. Rose Senior Center in Detroit, a portion of history was brought to life. The students assisted in a project, called "Memory Lane," which was

Webb, and Patrice Wingo, with the help of Ann Marie Knoerl, adjunct clinical instructor.

Nursing 331, Family and Community Health Concepts in Nursing I, focuses on the application of fundamental nursing practices with families in the context of community. The students made four visits to the St. Rose Senior Center interviewing seniors and teaching health-related topics. On the fourth and final visit, the seniors were given a book detailing their lives that they were able to take home and share with their families and friends.



(left to right) Lillian Durecki and Nicole Catrinar spend time with Olivia Royster at the St. Rose Senior Center in Detroit.

developed by the Center to give seniors "assistance in writing and publishing something of their life's story, including their faith, accomplishments, desires, and words they want to leave behind." Participating were students from the course Nursing 331: juniors Nicole Catrinar, Lillian Durecki, Nicole Polite, Kelly Przygocki, David Walters, Jenny

"When Sister Rose Bernadette, IHM, from the St. Rose Senior Center, contacted Madonna University, we welcomed this partnering project. The students were able to use their interview skills to create a story of their senior's life. They also provided the older adults with information to promote health while being in the community," said Knoerl.

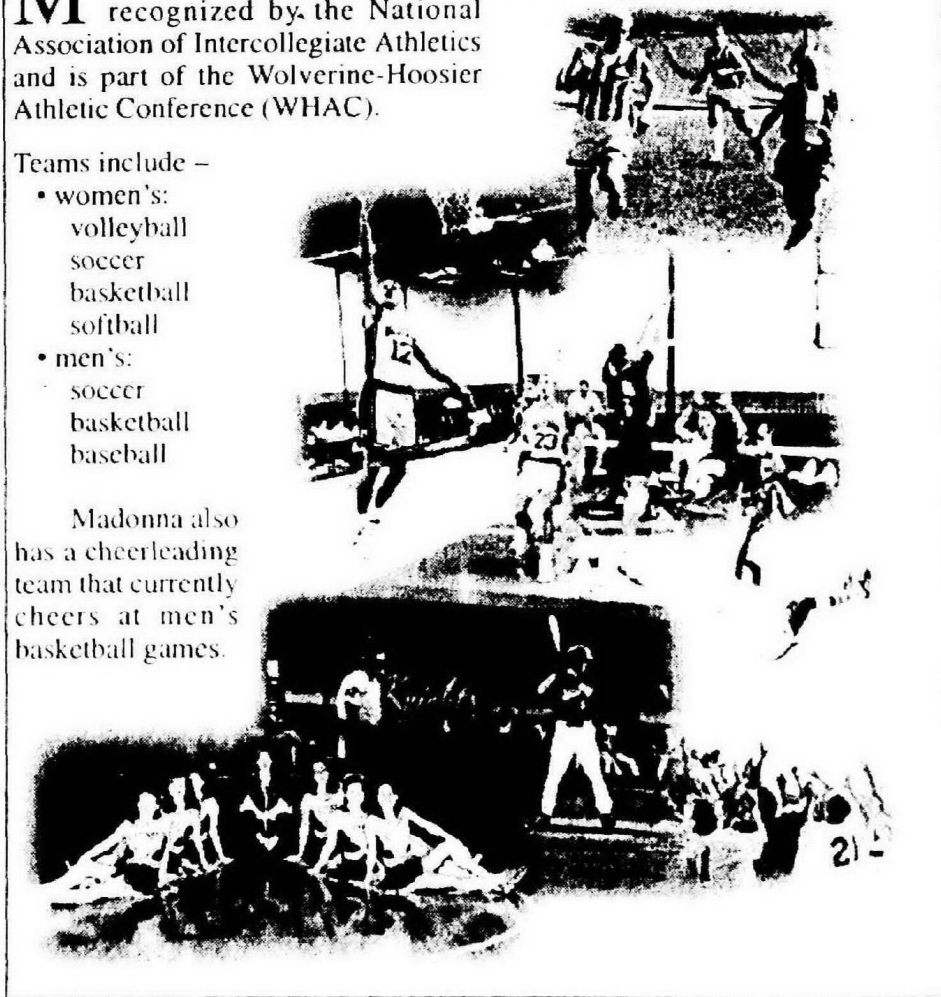
Sports Thrive at Madonna University

Madonna University boasts a seven-sport program which is recognized by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and is part of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC).

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Flexible Scheduling Through Weekend Pathways Meets Students' Needs

Beginning in the Fall 2000 term, Madonna University will offer a unique alternative to the typical weekend college — Weekend Pathways. The program allows working adults to finish their bachelor's degree by taking courses offered in different formats which gives greater flexibility in scheduling courses and accelerates the program.

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Students Like Newly Renovated Residence Hall

Living on campus has become a whole lot nicer at Madonna University. The Residence Hall overlooking St. Francis Pond has recently been renovated, providing living accommodations for 250 students. The newly refurbished dorm features gathering areas on each floor, increased space for students, attractive suites and enlarged kitchenettes. In addition to computer connections, cable TV and telephones in each room, twenty rooms are now equipped with emergency lighting systems for the hard of hearing.

"The Residence Hall is more fun," says Freshman Christine Bolak, sign language major, from Onsted, MI. "Now that we have such pleasant living conditions, the students tend to get

together more often. We go down to the lounge and play the piano, talk and just hang out."

Bolak believes that living on campus enhances her college experience because she gets to know more people and feels a part of the community. She says it makes things "easier and more enjoyable."



(left to right) Christine Bolak and Christina Lopiccolo

The total \$4 million renovation project was the final phase of Madonna's \$15 Million Comprehensive Campaign. The Kresge Foundation awarded Madonna University \$350,000 on a challenge basis to assist the University in raising the balance of \$1,080,466 to complete the funding for the renovation. Among the major donors are Madonna Trustee William Phillips and his wife, Bridget.

New Programs Broaden Areas of Study

An International Studies Certificate, provides students the opportunity to add a global perspective to their field of study.

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Runners-up deserve recognition, too

Jenny Abendroth Franklin Road Christian School Livonia

College: Campbell University, Oral Roberts University or Trinity University for undetermined study field.

Academic honors: High honor roll and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society; volleyball; softball; and math club.

Influential teacher: "My mom. In most areas of her life, she's been the best example of a teacher anyone could ask for."

Abendroth said she believes "strong leadership, caring hearts and boldness about beliefs" will be her generation's greatest contributions to society.

She is the daughter of Tom and Marsha Abendroth.



Jenny Abendroth

Mary Colleen Anderson Ladywood High School Detroit

College: University of Michigan or University of Detroit-Mercy; history.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship finalist; University of Detroit-Mercy Spiritus scholar; and Principal's Honor Roll.

Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society treasurer; Parish Youth Commission member; Students Against Destructive Decisions; Adventure Club; French Club; Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village historical presenter; varsity soccer; Angela Hospice teen volunteer group; and a Detroit Historical Museum youth volunteer.

Influential teacher: "My most influential teachers were my parents, who instructed me at home for all of grade school. Because of my parents, I will never view learning as a strictly classroom activity."

Anderson said her generation's generosity would be its biggest contribution to society. "From what I have seen and experienced, we are a very giving and active group, concerned for others and our world."

She is the daughter of Jerry and Artemae Anderson and sister of David, 32; Dawn, 30; Amy, 23; Brian, 20 and Sarah, 15.



Mary Colleen Anderson

Kyle E. Brooks Bishop Borgess High School Inkster

College: Yale, undetermined study area.

Academic honors: Honor roll; NHM member; and Phi Beta Kappa nominee.

Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society; student council class officer; church group leader and teacher.

Influential teacher: "The Rev. Bill Lunn ... because he challenged me."

Brooks said he expects his generation will create "a more just society where everyone can have a fair chance to live peacefully."

He is the son of Karen Brooks and brother of Kenneth, 18; Kellen, 14; Kris, 13; Kary, 7 and Karis Kalis, 5.

Carianne Chrenko Agapé Christian Academy Northville

College: Spring Arbor College or Adrian College; secondary education.

Academic honors: Math award; science award; English award; history award; French award; varsity letter; academic letter; Superior Award.

Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society president; senior class vice president; cheerleading captain; band (flutist); dance (jazz); TEENS Praise; and church worship team.

Influential teacher: Clark Sexton. "Not only has he made learning math fun, but he takes the time to really help his students and care about them."

Chrenko wants her generation "to set a higher standard and an excellent example for the next generation to follow."

She is the daughter of Dan and Alice Chrenko and sister of Sara, 17, Paul, 16 and Brianna, 10.

Anthony Cabañero Thurston High School Redford

College: University of Michigan, engineering field.

Academic honors: Academic letter; four year honor roll; National Hispanic Scholar Finalist; U of M Scholar Recognition Award; and Regents Merit Scholarship.

Extracurricular activities: Track and field and cross-country.

Influential teacher: Jeffrey Fosnaugh. "I had him as both a biology and ecologi-



Kyle E. Brooks



Carianne Chrenko



Anthony Cabañero

gy teacher and he was also my cross-country coach this year. Throughout the years I have come to respect and admire him as a teacher and an individual."

Cabañero said, "Predicting the future is a little out of my domain, but I do expect advances in technology, medicine, space exploration and environmental causes to occur in the years ahead."

He is the son of Antonio and Presentacion Cabañero and the brother of Christina, 15.

Christiann Comer Agapé Christian Academy Canton

College: University of Michigan-Dearborn, mechanical engineering.

Academic honors: Madame Curie Award; English academic award; Quadratic Kid Award; Lincoln Award; speech class; World Changer Award; world history; Outstanding Chemistry Student; Superior Award, all-around; Excellence in French; Most Consistently Excellent, French III; first place, school science fair; Grammar Achievement Award; academic letter; Wayne County Executive Academic Achievement Award; and ACSI Math league competition, first place, Algebra I division.

Extracurricular activities: Missionettes; cheerleading; National Honor Society; Class of 2000 Politics; girls' basketball home clock; praise and worship team; blood drive committee chair; prom committee chair; Valentine's Day flower sale; and National Junior Honor Society.

Influential teacher: Clark Sexton. "His leadership, dedication and love for the students influences the way he teaches in such a degree that you cannot doubt that he cares for each and every one of the students he comes across."

Family will be the focus of her generation's contribution to society. "Time spent with family will be renewed and the family will be a unit that is not easily broken."

She is the daughter of Floyd and Deborah Comer.

Benjamin Scott Dunne Catholic Central Northville

College: University of Michigan, Tufts University or Bowdoin College; economics.

Academic honors: National Merit Finalist and Gabriel Richard Club.

Extracurricular activities: Varsity



Kyle E. Brooks



Carianne Chrenko



Anthony Cabañero

ice hockey; National Honor Society; and student council.

Influential teacher: "No one teacher in particular. I enjoy learning from someone who can maintain both a demanding course and a sense of humor."

Dunne said diversity will be his generation's biggest societal contribution. "I expect to see much more tolerance for different cultures and ideas."

He is the son of Mike and Landa Dunne and the brother of Jeffrey, 14 and Lane, 9.

College: Calvin College or the University of Michigan; engineering.

Academic honors: National Honor Society, Academic All-State golf honorable mention; and valedictorian.

Extracurricular activities: Varsity golf; varsity golf captain; varsity basketball; church youth group; church youth group president and treasurer; and principal bassist of the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan.

Influential teacher: Barbara Lazzara. "She taught me what I need to know to excel later in life. She expected the best from me and accepted nothing less. She drove and encouraged me to be a better person and student."

Elenbaas said he expects his generation to "contribute to the continued increase in technology."

He is the son of Douglas and Gail Elenbaas and brother of Cindy, 20; Carissa, 13 and Derek, 10.

Gretchen Grosinske Huron Valley Lutheran Westland

College: Wisconsin Lutheran College or University of Michigan, pre-med.

Academic honors: Honor roll, high honors; and valedictorian.

Extracurricular activities: Varsity soccer; varsity volleyball; varsity softball; drama, student council vice president, and swing choir.

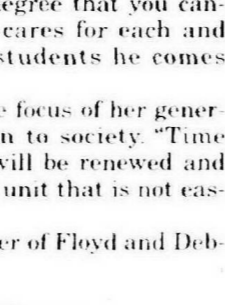
Influential teacher: Elementary school principal Ron Brutlag. "He has always told me to go for my dreams and has encouraged me to go into the field of pre-medicine."

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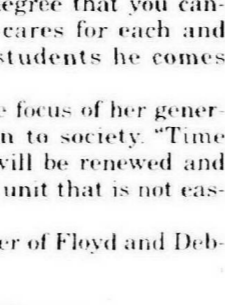
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Cheryl Grosinske and sister of Zachary, 14, and Adam, 10.

Anastasia K. Ketko Franklin High School Livonia

College: University of Michigan-Dearborn or Wayne State University; pre-medicine and biochemistry.

Academic honors: Wayne State University Presidential Scholarship; University of Detroit-Mercy Spiritus Scholarship; honor roll; Franklin High's Academic Excellence Award; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Franklin High School Certificate of Appreciation; Wayne County Academic Achievement Award; President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement; Michigan State Board of Education certificate of recognition; Battle of the Books reading competition, first place; Mathematics and Science Excellence Foundation awards.

Extracurricular activities: Swimming; Franklin's Women's Chorus; participant in "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" volunteer health screener at Oakwood Hospital; and volunteer at St. Mary Hospital's "Health-O-Rama."

Influential teacher: English teacher Francis York. "She not only answered every one of my questions with unending enthusiasm, but she also, ever being supportive, guided me with both positive criticism and encouragement. She genuinely made learning pleasurable and fun."

Ketko said, "I expect my generation to contribute answers to the questions that have been plaguing society — cures for cancer, AIDS. I also expect my generation to address the existing problems that are hindering the well-being of society — pollution, poverty, unemployment, loss of wildlife."

She is the daughter of John and Sandra Ketko and sister of Jacklyn Phillips, 30; Katherine, 29; Wendy Michalak, 27 and Marybeth, 16.

College: University of Michigan or Michigan State University; international relations/natural and environmental resources.

Academic honors: Orchestral award given in New York competition; honor roll; scholar athlete; Franklin Pillar of the Community Award; Continental Mathematics League, third place; Who's Who among

American High School Students; USA Today Academic Scholarship nominee; MEAP scholarship award; and a nominee for 1999 Student Ambassador of the Year Award as a People to People Student Ambassador.

Extracurricular activities: Varsity cross-country; track; National Honor Society treasurer; Student Congress; Class Council representative; Chess Club; Quiz Bowl; orchestra treasurer; Ski Club; PTSA class representative; International Club; orchestra pit member and principal violinist; Chemistry Olympics; prom fashion show; Legislative Action Days; founder of Emerson PTA school newsletter; and Continental Mathematics League. Volunteered at Gleaners Food Bank and helped organize National Honor Society Christmas party for disadvantaged children.

Influential teacher: Eighth-grade history teacher Robert Rivers. "He tapped into my love of politics and current events. He taught me to be an independent thinker, one who doesn't believe everything he reads or hears. He gave me the necessary encouragement to dream, and to let nothing stand in my way in order to achieve my dreams."

He is the son of Lori and Dennis Knight and the brother of Sasha, 21.



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Extracurricular activities: Varsity cross-country; track; National Honor Society treasurer; Student Congress; Class Council representative; Chess Club; Quiz Bowl; orchestra treasurer; Ski Club; PTSA class representative; International Club; orchestra pit member and principal violinist; Chemistry Olympics; prom fashion show; Legislative Action Days; founder of Emerson PTA school newsletter; and Continental Mathematics League. Volunteered at Gleaners Food Bank and helped organize National Honor Society Christmas party for disadvantaged children.

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Emily Lapham Redford Union High School Redford

College: Central Michigan University or the University of Michigan; sports medicine.

Academic honors: Honor roll; Scholar Athlete Award; National Honor Society.

Extracurricular activities: Member of SADD; National Honor Society vice president; peer mentor; junior varsity and varsity basketball co-captain; and Sunday school teacher.

Influential teacher: Kindergarten teacher Judy Sarns. "Not only did she help to develop my educational development, but also my social development. She laid the foundation for my education and achievements by using various teaching techniques, a lot of which I still remember to this day."

Lapham said, "I expect that my generation will provide ideas that will better our country and possibly even the world. I feel my generation is full of knowledge and ambition that will provide us with ideas that will create a safer and better place to live."

She is the daughter of Marion and Scott Lapham and sister of Ruthann, 15.

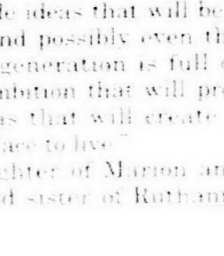
Sonia Lousia St. Agatha High School Livonia

College: Wayne State University; pharmacy.

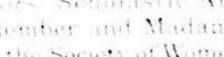
Academic honors: Scholastic All-Catholic Team member; and Madame Curie Award from the Society of Women Engineers.



Emily Lapham



Sonia Lousia



Jesse T. Knight

Extracurricular activities: Student Council secretary/treasurer; National Honor Society secretary/treasurer; yearbook editor.

Influential teacher: John Dudley. "He always believes in me and is always willing to help when I need anything."

Lousia said her generation will contribute to society by making "many advancements in technology and the medical field."

She is the daughter of Raad and Sandra Lousia and the sister of Stephame, 21; Jimmy, 20 and Vito, 16.

Christine Luptowski Redford Union High School Redford

College: University of Michigan-Dearborn; mechanical engineering.

Academic honors: Top of class; Madame Curie Award in science/math; perfect attendance four years; Michigan Technological University Society of Women Engineers award; honor roll and all "A's"; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Lawrence Tech Scholarship; and Wayne State University scholarship.

Extracurricular activities: Publicity and public relations officer for International Thespians Society; National Honor Society; Varsity Club publicity officer; junior varsity soccer; seven school plays and church choir.

Influential teacher: "I cannot choose one ... for they all have contributed to my knowledge and well-being in so many ways."

Luptowski said of her generation: "Our knowledge, desire to learn and a lot of new aspects in life itself" will all help contribute to society.

She is the daughter of Jeffrey Sr. and Marlene Luptowski and the sister of Jeffrey Jr., 14.

Jaime Novak Wayne Memorial High School Wayne

College: Grand Valley State University; public relations.

Academic honors: Academic letter; honor roll; and academic excellence awards in math, science and social science. English, fine arts, and foreign language.



Sonia Lousia



Christine Luptowski



Jaime Novak

Extracurricular activities: Editor of Hi-Lite school newspaper; ski club president; National Honor Society publicity manager; National Hispanic Honor Society; Spanish Club; symphony orchestra; and junior varsity soccer.

Influential teacher: Lynne Eissessar. "She has made me understand that I can't get anywhere without hard work."

Novak said her generation will contribute to society by bringing "back an orientation towards humanity."

She is the daughter of Daniel and Joanne Novak and sister of Jason, 19, and John, 21.

Alan O'Keefe Plymouth Christian Academy Plymouth

College: Hillsdale College; math or science.

Academic honors: National Honor Society; National Leadership and Service Award; International Foreign Language Award; 1999 Math Competition, first place in trigonometry, third place in comets; United States National Mathematics Award; United States Achievement Academy in science; ACSI Band Awards; band director's award; and the John Philip Sousa Band Award.

Extracurricular activities: Youth group; band; and German camp.

Influential teacher: "There is, by no means, a single teacher who has been the greatest influence on me. Undoubtedly, there have been a great many who have, some more subtly than others, left their imprint on me."

Lakewise, O'Keefe said he believes there is no one answer to how his generation will contribute to society. "As time, as well as every other generation is a generation of many different people. There will be those who solve problems and those who create them. I do honestly hope that mine will be a moral, kind and selfless generation."

He is the son of Don and Paul Johnston and the brother of Kyle, 9.

Danielle Paschke Clarenceville High School Livonia

College: Central Michigan University; Abnott College or Eastern Michigan University; performing arts education.

Academic honors: Michigan Math Prize Competition, top scorer for Cayle and part II qualification; and commended student with NMSQT.

Extracurricular activities: Honors religious education teacher with St.



Alan O'Keefe



Danielle Paschke

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Priscilla Parish; and school's spring production.

Influential teacher: Dawn Roberts, Clareville choir director: "She has set an example for her students and is a good musician."

Paschke said "creating and fostering brotherhood across all lines of division" would be among the ways her generation contributes to society.

She is the daughter of Vicky Paschke and sister of Sheryl, 11 and Scott, 7.

Jessica Diane Prater
John Glenn High School
Westland

College: Cornerstone University or Western Michigan University, psychology and French.



Jessica Diane Prater

Academic honors: Honor roll; attendance awards; Academic Letter Award; Presidential Scholarship and MEAP scholarship.

Extracurricular activities: Church youth group leader and discipleship teacher; French club secretary; National Honor Society treasurer and SADD treasurer.

Influential teacher: "Mr. (Richard) Gordon, American history, Mr. (Lynn) LeBlanc, English and Ms. (Sarah) Parmenter, English, were innovative and caring, gave me hope for the future, an open mind, strength in my beliefs (and taught me that) learning was fun."

Prater hopes her generation is a happy medium between her grandparents' and parents' generations. "My grandparents were the 'workaholics,' my parents the 'me' generation, so I hope mine will offer a balance, especially in the wake of all the teenage violence."

She is the daughter of George and Carol Prater and the sister of Bruce, 20 and Danielle, 10.

Brian J. Reed
Garden City High School
Garden City

College: Lawrence Technological University, engineering.



Brian J. Reed

Academic honors: Academic letter; Excellence in Drafting; Excellence in Precalculus; department science award.

Extracurricular activities: Captain of the wrestling team and varsity club.

Influential teacher: "My calculus teacher, Mr. (Keith) Penski, had the greatest influence on me because he inspired me to love my studies."

Reed said "ears, artificial ozone and cures for the diseases of today" were the ways his generation would contribute to

society.

He is the son of Michael and Marcia Reed, and brother of Scott, 16, and Jessica, 14.

David J. Reeves
John Glenn High School
Westland

College: Wayne State University, pharmacy.

Academic honors: Academic letter; 4.0 Wall of Fame; National Honor Society; Regents Alumni Scholarship; University of Michigan; and the Presidential Scholarship, Wayne State University.

Extracurricular activities: Competitive dance, where he has won several awards.

Influential teacher: Marianne Weiss. "She taught me how to fight for what you believe in."

Reeves believes "my generation will contribute a lot to technology and maybe even come up with a miracle cure for cancer."

He is the son of Daniel and Gail Reeves and the brother of Danielle, 13.

Evelyn Sciberras
St. Agatha High School
Garden City

College: Schoolcraft College and Baker College in dual enrollment, teaching.

Academic honors: Mathematics, Algebra I and II, foreign language, Spanish I and II, perfect attendance.

Extracurricular activities: Student council secretary, treasurer and president; Junior National Honor Society vice president and president; varsity basketball, volleyball and track.

Influential teacher: John Dudley. "Throughout the three years I have known him he has been the student council advisor, a teacher and a friend. He loves his job and is an awesome teacher. Wherever needed he will help."

Sciberras said, "I expect my generation to spread education to everyone (and) bring back the family values that once used to exist. We need more family time to understand each other and help those in need."

She is the daughter of April and Arthur Sciberras and the sister of Maurice, 25, Matthew, 23, and Nicholas, 17.

Lina Diana Sirgedas
Ladywood High School
Novi

College: University of Michigan.

Michigan State University, University of Notre Dame or Loyola University of Chicago; nursing and pre-med.

Academic honors: Member of the 15th Annual Scholastic All-Catholic Team; Regents Merit Scholarship; Western Michigan University Achievement Scholarship; Centralis Scholarship Award and Central Michigan University Achievement Award.

Extracurricular activities: Student government senior president; National Honor Society; National Art Honor Society; Students Against Destructive Decisions; Spanish Club; International Club; Society of Mother Angelica Club; Our Lady of Victory Youth Group; leadership council member; and Lithuanian Catholic Youth Group president.

Influential teacher: "Besides her ability to create arenas of dynamic and heated debates within the obviously thrilling calculus and physics classes, Sister Dorothy McDaniel taught me to live life with my head held up high, to fight for what is right as if an army is reinforcing my words and to expand my knowledge of the horizon, understanding fully that it is a life-long journey."

Sirgedas believes her generation "will contribute an optimism to pursue any goal, even those which seem beyond one's reach, a genuine desire to help and inspire others to reach their own potentials and the understanding that, even though each person reaches for their own goals, they're all reaching upward."

She is the daughter of Vitas and Donna Sirgedas and the sister of Tomas, 20; Laura, 14 and Julie, 7.

Christopher M. Thackaberry
Garden City High School
Garden City

College: United States Air Force Academy, aerospace engineering.

Academic honors: Bausch & Lomb Science Award, two academic letters, Air Force Association Award, John F. Kennedy Service Learning Award, and Billy Mitchell Award.

Extracurricular activities: Cadet in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps; varsity tennis; National Honor Society; student council; England Student Service Exchange; Civil Air Patrol; Michigan Boys' State; Michigan Freedom Academy; St. Mel's Youth Group; in-line hockey with Novi Soccerzone Spartans; and court aide at YMCA.

Influential teacher: Keith Penski. "He has outstanding teaching skills and is an excellent motivator. He is always there to help or provide encouragement."

Thackaberry said, "My generation will hopefully provide many advances in science and health care to greatly benefit our nation and the world."

He is the son of John and Sharon Thackaberry and brother of John, 19; Tim, 14 and Erik, 12.

Lisa Woodford
Lutheran High Westland
Detroit

College: Concordia University in River Forest, Ill.; math education and drama.

Academic honors: Daughters of the American Revolution medal in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Extracurricular activities: Drama Club; student director and stage manager for "Trick or Treat"; JROTC Battalion Adjutant; and Unarmed Drill Team Leader.

Influential teacher: "Mrs. Renee Brenner, because of her great faith in Jesus."

Woodford said, "When I become a teacher I hope to make a difference in my students' lives."

She is the daughter of Robert and Karen Woodford and sister of Candace, 15; Michele, 11, and Kelsey, 7.

Benjamin York
Farmington High School
Farmington Hills

College: University of Michigan, Massachusetts Institute of Technology or Michigan Technological University; computer engineering.

Academic honors: Academic letter; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Superintendent's Award of Excellence; Boy's State Government Program delegate; National Young Leaders Conference rep; Presidential Scholar; National Honor Society; National Merit Scholar semifinalist.

Extracurricular activities: Marching band section leader; Student Roundtable president; National Honor Society president and past board member; Musical Stage crew member; youth group president; past treasurer and secretary; Debate Club vice president.

Influential teacher: Fourth and fifth grade teacher Robin DelBianco (Prima). "Ms. DelBianco provided me with the means and know-how to succeed, and I am forever indebted for her gratitude and compassion."

York said of his generation's contribution to society: "Society is just beginning a second revolution into the world of e-commerce, and my generation is in the 'hot seat'."

He is the son of David and Judy York and the brother of Rebecca, 15.



Lina Diana Sirgedas



Lisa Woodford



Benjamin York



David J. Reeves



Evelyn Sciberras

Principals teamed up to rank the All Stars

They represent school districts from around the area, but these administrators all came to the table March 30 for a common goal—to select the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Academic All Stars of Wayne and Oakland counties.

"I think that every building principal wants to take the time to recognize students," said Larry Boehms, principal of Troy High School, "but it's tough sometimes to get a group of us together."

Boehms has chaired the Academic All Star Committee for the past five years and served on it for time. When asked why he, along with other administrators, keep coming back, he responded, "It's the fact that we get to recognize these great kids across the county." He also said the "interaction between principals and assistant principals" was nice.

Administrators went through 119 applications representing 60 schools in the Observer & Eccentric coverage area. They focused on two areas of the application.

"Our job is to verify that the information on the application is accurate," said Boehms. "We'll look at the grade point average and the ACT or SAT scores."

All applications were to be accompanied by transcripts, verification of the student's ACT or SAT scores and the signature of the school principal. If one of the elements was missing, however, the student was not automatically disqualified. Boehms placed a call to the student's principal and had the necessary information faxed to the judges.

"We never want to leave a kid out who is eligible," he said.

In an attempt to level the playing field, judges only used grades from core classes—math, science, social studies, foreign language and English. The students with the highest combined scores (GPA and ACT/SAT scores) were named to the All Star team. Twenty All Stars were selected in Wayne County, which had 45 applicants. Twenty-five winners were selected in Oakland County, which had 74 applicants.

According to Boehms, when judging is based solely on the numbers, choosing the winners is easy. The

process, which occurred at the Lavoie headquarters of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, took about an hour to complete.

Joining Boehms at the judging table were Jennifer Hammond, assistant principal of Troy High School; Bridget Guerra, assistant principal of Kettering High School in Waterford; John Diligghio, principal of Clarkston High School; George Fornero, principal of West Bloomfield High School; Gail Weeks, assistant principal of Northville High School; and Terry Piper, principal of Scobolm High School in Birmingham.

"I appreciate these people taking the time to help with the selection process," Boehms said.

Hugh Gallagher, managing editor for The Observer Newspaper group, seconds Boehms' appreciation for the judges, who sat through 10-15 applications each to find the winners.

"The Observer is happy to have the cooperation of the education community to recognize these young scholars. The time that they take away from their busy schedules is appreciated," he said.

Gallagher also expressed satisfaction about the quality and range of students who submitted applications.

"Every year we recognize various athletic programs at various high schools. We realized that it was equally important to recognize the academic achievements of schools and their students," Gallagher said. "The Academic All Stars is a way to recognize both the schools and their students."

This marks the 15th anniversary of the Observer & Eccentric Academic All Stars program. The program



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Teammates: These are the school officials who selected the Academic All Stars. Seated, from left, are West Bloomfield High Principal George Fornero, Troy High Assistant Principal Jennifer Hammond, Northville High Assistant Principal Gail Weeks and Waterford Kettering High Assistant Principal Bridget Guerra. Standing, from left, are Troy High Principal Larry W. Boehms, Clarkston High Principal John Diligghio and Scobolm High Principal Terry Piper.

started in 1985 when Robert Scramm, the former Union High School principal at the time, approached a newspaper executive with the idea of honoring students for academic achievement.

Each All Star will receive a certificate of recognition and the latest edition of Webster's New World Dictionary. Additionally, they, along with the names of all honorees in this special section.

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Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society, Spanish Club and Human Relations Committee.

Influential teacher: Lynn Elverson, Spanish. "She has helped me a lot with scholarship applications and preparing for next year."

Mora believes her generation will continue advancements in technology. "I envision new uses for technology that can help improve education and improve communication between people."

She is the daughter of Martin and Audrey Mora and the sister of Erik, 11, Katie, 11, and Claire, 9.

Christine Chan
Plymouth-Canton High School
Canton

College: Yale University or the University of Michigan, international politics-pre-law.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship finalist.

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of student school in Yale, Michigan Girls State, American Chinese Association, Student Club for Local and National Academic Achievement, Merit MEAP Scholarship, and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Extracurricular activities: Student senate, president; Students Against Destructive Decisions president; National Forensics League vice president; Forensics varsity team; National Honor Society; musical stage ambassador; Top 10 country singer; League Captain; and Michigan Student Model League.

Influential teacher: Steve Martin, science and biology. "From the very start of high school, he inspired me to overcome my shyness by being a leader and setting goals for myself."

"I'd like to see my generation make a significant impact on the world. I would like to see the world become a better place, one that is more peaceful and more just. I would like to see the world become a more beautiful place."

She is the daughter of Kenneth and Mary Ann Chan, the sister of David, 22.

Eva Marie David
Mercy High School
Farmington Hills

College: Xavier University, economics.

Academic honors: Science Olympiad regional champion; National Merit Scholar; National Merit Scholar finalist.

Extracurricular activities: Dean; National Honor Society; Future Teachers; and National Merit Scholar.

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Influential teacher: "Mrs. Renee Brenner, because of her great faith in Jesus."

Woodford said, "When I become a teacher I hope to make a difference in my students' lives."

She is the daughter of Robert and Karen Woodford and sister of Candace, 15; Michele, 11, and Kelsey, 7.

Joseph Colombo
Thurston High School
Redford

College: Wayne State University, psychology.

Academic honors: Academic letter; Excellence in Drafting; Excellence in Precalculus; department science award.

Extracurricular activities: Captain of the wrestling team and varsity club.

Influential teacher: "My calculus teacher, Mr. (Keith) Penski, had the greatest influence on me because he inspired me to love my studies."

Reed said "ears, artificial ozone and cures for the diseases of today" were the ways his generation would contribute to

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