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The forum will be conducted from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main.

Candidates seeking election to two four-year terms include incumbents Liz Givens and Judy Marigian, and newcomers James Donahue, Kathleen Payne and Carl Battisell.

The forum will be moderated by Anne Marie Graham-Hudak of Canton, a member of the League of Women Voters.

Call the Observer at 459-2700 for more information.

Scheduling concerns dispatchers



Plymouth dispatchers are worried about a reduction in services to residents as more and more shifts are covered by a single dispatcher, while department officials say they're doing what they can with available manpower.

BY SUE BUCK
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The staffing of the Plymouth Communications Center dispatch operation is in crisis.

That's the opinion of both Steve Mann, president of the Police Officers Association of Michigan local unit, and some dispatchers.

"The dispatch situation has gotten worse because so many people are quitting," Mann said. "Our people are so

frustrated with everything, with the way the merger was forced upon them. There's no consistency in filling second shifts. There's a slew of things. It comes down to the way they are being treated."

The city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township merged dispatch services Nov. 1 to become the Plymouth Communications Center, housed in the Plymouth Township Police Department headquarters located at Ann Arbor and Lilley roads. City dispatchers didn't want the merger and at one point they

quit as a group.

Since then, according to Mann, an increasing number of shifts have been manned by a single dispatcher. Mann sees that as a reduction in service, since before the merger there would have been a dispatcher on duty in the city and another in the township.

"As far as we're concerned, it's a reduction in services since the merger," said Mann. "That's a reduction in what the people were used to getting."

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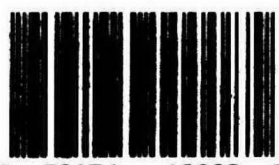
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Helping hand: When the children had difficulty performing alone at the talent show at St. John Neumann Church, professionals and volunteers were ready to help. Here occupational therapist Maureen Palmer helps Casey Orr perform a Little Mermaid song.

One shining moment

Children get their chance on stage

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In the course of her work teaching for Speech and Language Systems Inc. in Plymouth, Maureen Palmer comes in contact with special kids with special needs all the time.

Thanks to Palmer — with generous amounts of help from Joanne's Dance Extension and St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton — about 20 of those children got to savor at least a brief moment in the spotlight.

The children, with an enthusiastic crowd of parents and well-wishers looking on, took the stage at the church recently, put their talents on display to plenty of applause and left the audience in tears of joy.

"It was a dream and a

desire for these children to have their moment, because they may never have some of the moments we have, like weddings or proms," said Palmer. "It really tapped their talents and gifts. There wasn't a dry eye in the house."

Palmer got the idea after watching two of the children with whom she works.

Katie is an autistic child who suddenly started humming a song she'd heard coming from the mobile above her crib when she was a baby. Another, Andy, could recite poetry like he'd written it.

"I started thinking a year ago these children need a place to shine," Palmer said.

So the idea of letting the kids have their moment took root, as did the theme "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." She

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Kettle o' fun: Matthew Kleinhenz of Livonia performs "I'm a Little Teapot."

Plymouth mom takes lead as moms ready for march

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Little Rock

The names rolled by like storm clouds, darkening the horizons of what seemed like safe little worlds. School districts across the country started using metal detectors, cameras and other forms of security, desperate to make sure their children were safe.

Barb Case never felt the need to go to that extreme. She doesn't send her kids off to school every day wondering if a similar incident will happen in Plymouth.

Still, the shootings around the country did finally convince her of one thing: This country needs better gun control.

"I don't fret that every day my kids go off to school something is going to happen," said Case, the mother of four, including two school-age children. "It's something urban dwellers have lived with a long time. It's a shame on us for not getting involved before this."

Getting involved for Case meant the Million Mom March, this weekend's event to promote gun control legislation. Case, perusing the Internet, saw a site asking for volunteers to help with the march.

She added her name to the list and the rest, as they say, is history.

"I originally saw mention of the march on an e-mail list," said Case, a librarian at the Canton Public Library. "I registered on-line and decided this was something I was going to do."

Many people who get involved in causes do so

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HERSHMAN

Mom marcher: Barb Case poses in the family's back yard in Plymouth Township.

Mother Nature passes through

BY TONY BRUSCATO
AND TRACEY BIRKENHAUER
STAFF WRITERS

City Manager Paul Sincock said it could have been worse, but still his crews were busy as a result of Tuesday night's storm.

Municipal Services crews were busy Tuesday night and again Wednesday morning picking up the pieces left behind by high winds, driving rain and golf-ball size hail.

"There were a few trees down, lots of limbs and brush as well as street flooding," said Sincock. "Municipal Services responded to at least 30 calls from 8-11 p.m."

"The Tonquish Creek crested at the top of the retaining wall, and Harvey Street flooded," he added.

Detroit Edison reported 1,400 customers were still without power as of Wednesday morning. Crews were

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Schools turn to cops to stem hi-jinks

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth-Canton school officials plan to make sure there are no shenanigans at the high school complex as the school year comes to a close.

"We're not going to tolerate shaving cream or horseplay that could be potentially dangerous and cause injury," said Bruce Siegel, assistant principal. "We'll have a coordinated effort of Canton Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township police to keep anything from happening at the high schools. Police will be ticketing for disorderly conduct and behaving inappropriately."

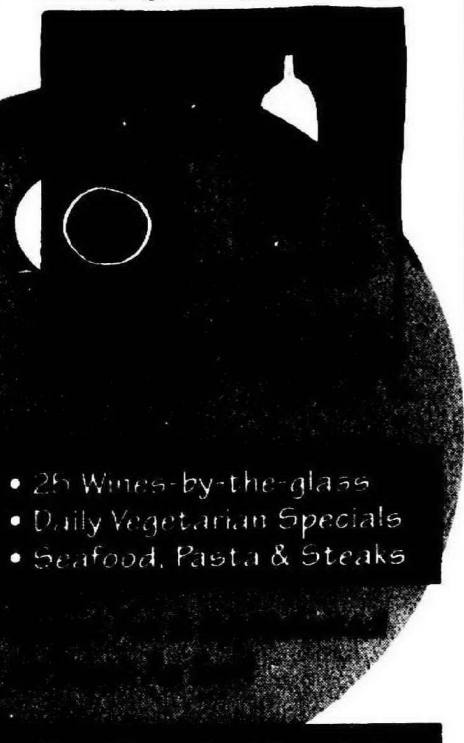
Last year Canton Township provided bike, motorcycle and road patrols around the inner perimeter of the high

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Garden Club honors volunteer

Karen Horton will be honored Tuesday as the Plymouth Garden Club's Volunteer of the Year for her "dedication and efforts on behalf of the club," club officials said in a press release.

Horton will be honored at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Showcase Plymouth event at the Plymouth Manor.

On Wednesday, Planting Chairperson Ann Leland, along with the entire membership of the club, will complete spring planting. The Plymouth Club will plant flowers near Kellogg Park, at Plymouth Township Hall, Garden Club City Park, and the planters at the Old Village Fire Station.

Seeking players

Ward Church is hosting a Home Run

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Derby contest Saturday, May 20 at 10 a.m. on the church's south diamond.

Families and neighbors are invited to participate, at a cost of \$1 per child and \$2 per adult. Reservations are required by May 19 and can be made at (734) 374-5937.

The church is also looking for players for its slow-pitch, six-week softball league. There are men's and women's teams available. Games are played Saturdays at 1 p.m. or Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., and games begin

May 20 and May 23. The \$25 per-adult charge includes child care. Reservations and payment must be made by May 15.

Vet open house

Plymouth Veterinary Hospital hosts an open house Sunday, June 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. to welcome its new owner, Dr. Vyvian J. Gorbea, and bidding farewell to Drs. Steve and Mary Beth Leiningner. The doctors and staff will escort visitors through the facility and will offer refreshments, snacks and complimentary gifts (while supplies last) for dog and cat owners.

For more information, contact Joyce Thomas, patient care coordinator, at (734) 453-0485.

Dispatch from page A1

Two of the township's highest-seniority dispatchers have left or are leaving. Barb Scott, who worked for the township 12 years, has gone to work as an Ann Arbor dispatcher. Gonzalo (Gonzo) Duque, who has the same amount of seniority, leaves May 13 to work for Traffic.com in Southfield, providing traffic information throughout metro Detroit.

"The job is underpaid," Duque said of the dispatch situation. "There's a lot of stress. Plymouth Township is not a small, quiet community. There's a lot of houses and a lot of businesses."

There had been a steady increase in calls even before the merger, he said. Duque estimates the township's daytime population swells to 80,000 people. Duque also complained about officers' attitudes toward dispatchers.

"They are more concerned

about pulling cars over than helping citizens," he said.

"It's the way they perceive they are being treated," Mann said. He said it comes down to "management style."

Kathy Johnson, a former Plymouth dispatcher who came to work as a township dispatcher after the merger, complained Tuesday about what she sees as a public safety problem. When this week's schedule was posted no one was assigned to cover the 11 p.m. Thursday to 7 a.m. Friday shift or the 11 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday shift, she said.

"I haven't checked the schedule but I wouldn't doubt it, because we had somebody just quit," said Plymouth Township Police Chief Larry Carey. "We are in the process of hiring two more. We have another one who came over from the city who is on long-term disability who worked for about 30 days for us.

Of course we will man it."

Mann agrees the shifts will be covered, probably by asking whoever is working the previous shift to work additional hours or an additional shift. They might be called in from home. He just doesn't think it should be that way.

He said the union addressed the issue as far back as last fall, and was told then by department officials that shifts would "most often" be manned by two dispatchers.

"Yet here it is in May, and the problem is festering," Mann said. "The number of shifts with just one dispatcher is ever increasing."

According to Johnson, dispatchers who are dependent on baby sitters don't have the flexibility of working extra hours. It's at the point where dispatchers are reluctant to answer their home telephones, Johnson said, because they might have to come in.

Dispatchers shouldn't be expected to worry about staffing, she said. Duque said dispatchers can't leave their post until they find a replacement for the next shift. Insuring proper staffing and calling for replacements shouldn't be the responsibility of dispatchers but of command officers, he said.

"They might have a point

there," Carey said. "We could work that out. Everybody is busy. Everybody has tasks. So, they want you to call to see if you could get one of your people to work Friday, for example."

"This is public safety," Carey added. "We have an obligation to serve and fill positions. What are we going to do, not man it and not have people answer the phone when you call police? Anyone in police work has to work overtime and be held over during times of emergency and to step up to their responsibilities."

"We're short every week. If somebody calls in sick, we're short. We will jockey around the schedule and schedule everybody to work and cover the shifts (Dispatchers) are trying to cause problems. We run into this every once in a while when people quit and give us a week's notice."

The township is down to six dispatchers, Johnson said. Carey said that is the same number of dispatchers Plymouth Township had before the merger. Johnson was a part-time dispatcher in the city of Plymouth. Plymouth dispatchers opposed the merger and at one point all dispatchers quit before reconsidering and coming to the township, he said.

Carey said one Plymouth dispatcher went on disability as soon as she started working in Plymouth Township.

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Ann Arbor Road project hits snag

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Reconstruction of Ann Arbor Road from Sheldon to General Drive in Plymouth Township has been delayed. The project had been scheduled to start this week. Completion was scheduled for November.

The project comes under the direction of the Michigan Department of Transportation. The road runs through both the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

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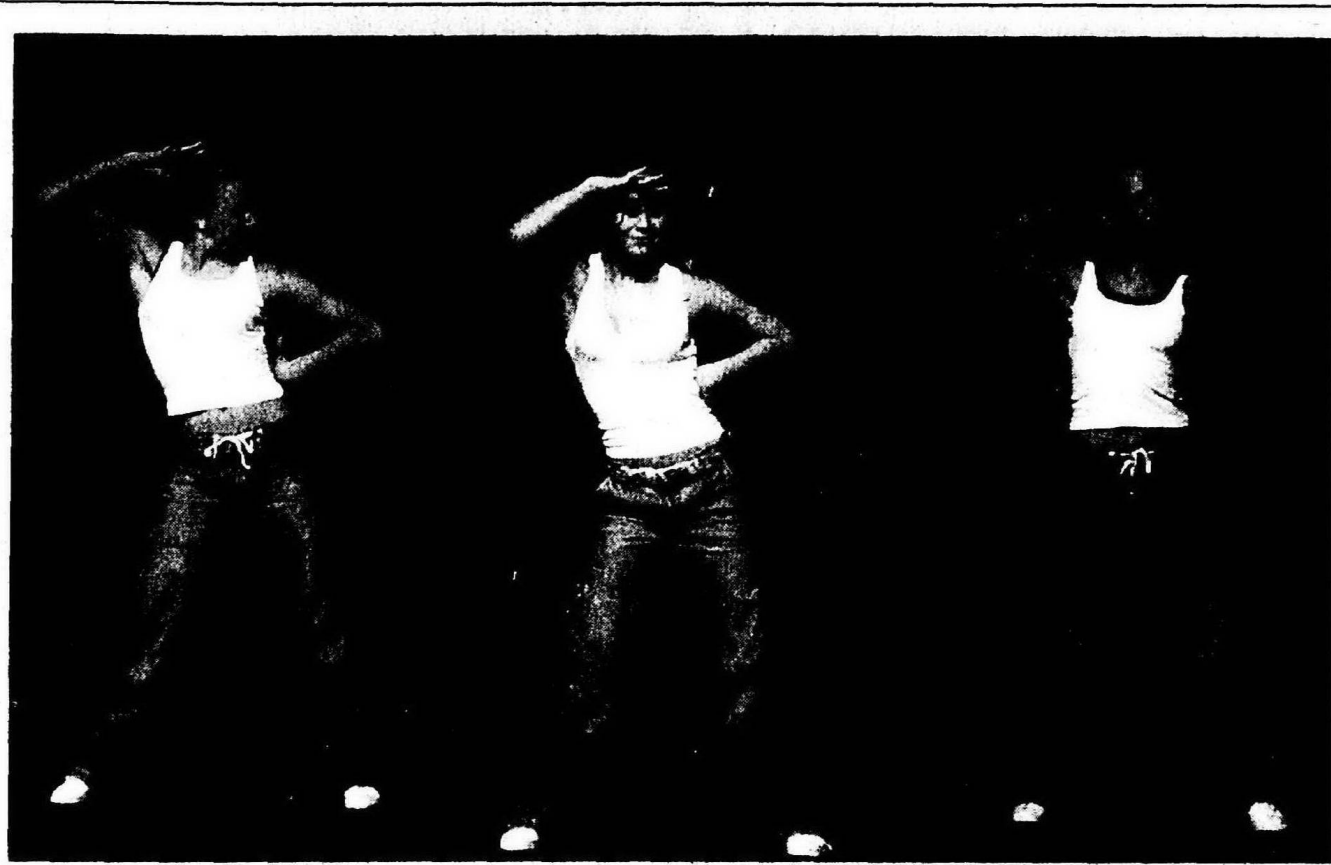
Jim Anulewicz

—Township Director of Public Services

Plymouth Township Trustee Kay Arnold asked Jim Anulewicz, Department of Public Services director, if businesses on Ann Arbor Road would be kept informed as the project progresses.

"We have already sent out notification to most of the businesses," Anulewicz said. "There was to have been a meeting on May 1. That meeting was canceled. This morning the state indicated that they do have a low bidder. There is some issue with contract language and nothing further has progressed. As soon as that language is worked out there will be a meeting and we will have more information."

Anulewicz will work to send out notification to get e-mail addresses and fax numbers from Ann Arbor Road businesses.



Getting ready: Rockette All-Stars Jessica Sandoval, 18, Becky Murray, 18, and Kristen Janz, 17, all of Plymouth, rehearse their routine, "Jump Around."

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Rockettes perform in annual variety show

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The Plymouth Salem Rockettes held their annual variety show over the weekend with performances Friday and Saturday at the Salem High School auditorium.

In addition to the pompon team the Rocks cheerleaders and other local talent (including some of the pompon team's parents) provided entertainment.

The Rockettes, who finished third overall at national competition the last weekend of January at Disney World in Orlando, Fla., out of 50 teams, were looking forward to performing for their local audience.

"The girls were really pumped about the show," said coach Aileen

Balatico, in her sixth year with the team. "They're really excited about all they accomplished this year and they're really excited to show people what they've done."

"We did so well at nationals, and we had a strong finish to the year's competition placing second at the Palace in statewide competition."

The Rockettes will also perform at this year's Canton Liberty Festival in late June and at the Plymouth Good Morning USA Fourth of July Parade.

After that, they'll attend summer camp at Michigan State University in July.

Auditions for next year's squad will be held next week at the Salem gymnasium.



Kicking their heels: Carol Liu of Canton, 16, and the rest of the squad do high kicks during "All That Jazz."

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

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because they've been directly affected by something related to the cause. Case has never lost a child to gun violence and never really been affected by it, other than the murder of a cousin some 25 years ago.

But when the state coordinator of the march started looking for help, Case decided to dive in.

"This has always been an issue for me," Case said. "It just makes no sense to me that we have 5,000 kids dying in this country because of a lack of sensible gun legislation."

The state coordinator, who lived on the west side of the state, had been having trouble contacting the media on the east side. She finally asked for help, and Case was happy to oblige.

At first, it figured to be a pretty easy job, checking e-mail addresses and sending out e-mails now and then. It sounded

■ 'The best part has been feeling like I'm making a difference.'

Barb Case

Plymouth marcher

easy enough at the time. Along the way, it has become something of a full-time job, with Case spending three or four hours a day.

"I had no clue it was going to get this big," she said. "But every second has been rewarding. I've met a lot of neat people and interesting women."

The issue became even more meaningful for Case with a visit from a Japanese friend, who pointed out to her that the Japanese don't have the same access to weapons Americans do. Consequently, the friend told

her, while more than 5,000 children were dying by gun violence in the United States, there were no such deaths in Japan.

"My friend said many things in this country are better than over there, but that's one area where it's not," Case said. "They're not allowed to have weapons, and that makes it safer for kids."

Case certainly isn't advocating that kind of legislation, but she does think there needs to be more controls. Whether such a march can be effective won't be immediately known, Case hopes the event will raise awareness among the voting public.

"Most people feel it can't be changed, that there's no getting around the NRA and groups like that," Case said. "I hope the march alerts our elected officials to the number of voters in favor of safer gun legislation."

Schools from page A1

school, while Plymouth and Plymouth Township police worked traffic enforcement along Canton Center and its roads.

"It worked really well, and we didn't have to issue any citations," said Canton police Lt. Pat Nemceck. "Hopefully, it will run as smoothly this year and we'll only be there as a visible presence."

Police presence at the Edison Memorial Park will be on the last day of classes for seniors June 7, and the last day of classes for all students June 15.

In the past, some kids attacked other students who didn't want to participate in spraying shaving cream or being hit by water balloons," said Siegel. "The stress that broke the camel's back was a couple of years ago when a girl who was a

pedestrian, got hit by a car in the parking lot.

"Everyone was so pleased last year that it went so smoothly," added Siegel. "It was so remarkably calm that it caught every one by surprise."

Siegel said last year's heavy contingent of police around campus didn't produce any complaints from students.

"We accomplished a safe and orderly last day," he said. "We want to celebrate the last days without it being at the expense of someone."

Salem High School Principal Gerald Ostom and Canton Principal Patricia Patton sent home a letter to parents outlining safety procedures for the last day of classes. The letter read in part,

Please advise your child not to bring any items to school that

■ 'We want to celebrate the last days without it being at the expense of someone.'

Bruce Siegel

Assistant principal

could be used to cause disruption to the normal school day. Examples include but are not limited to aerosol containers, shaving cream, silly string, whipping cream, etc.; firecrackers, smoke bombs, water pistols, Super-soakers, water balloons and balloon launchers.

"In addition, we are asking that students refrain from bringing book bags on the last day of school. In the event a student is

While it's been rewarding, finding the time has been the biggest challenge.

Case has a husband, John, and four children: Abby, 22, Joe, 20, Andy, 13 and a student at West Middle School, and Sam, a 10-year-old Bird Elementary School student.

While admitting her level of involvement has been a bit of a strain on her family, Case can finally see the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel.

And she's glad she's been involved.

"The best part has been feeling like I'm making a difference," she said. "We all have issues where we find something needs to be done, but we don't know what that something is."

"This really gives you a tangible sense of dealing with local government."

carrying a book bag, the contents may be checked. Lockers/cabinets will not be allowed to leave the school during the last week of school unless they have a current driving permit.

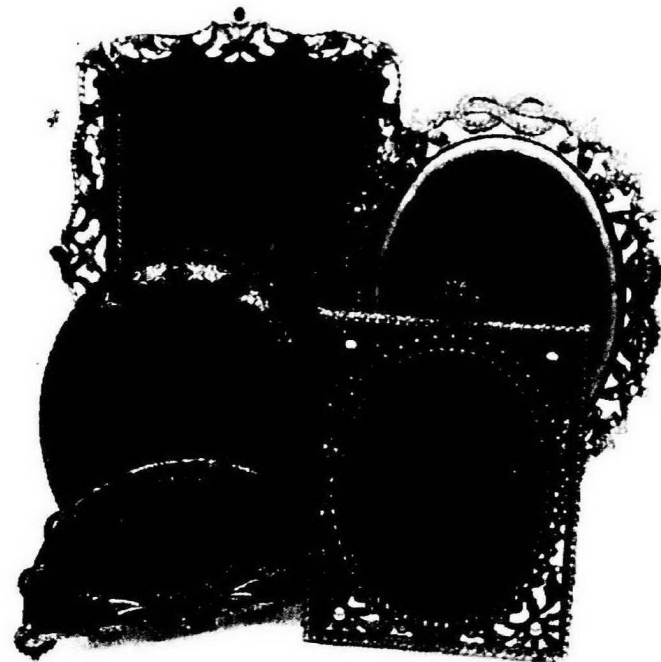
Nemceck said Canton police will also be sending patrols to the elementary schools, after high school students are dismissed.

"We will try to separate the neighborhoods and all the schools because there is a trend by the high school students to spray the younger kids with shaving cream," said Nemceck.

The two-day detail will cost \$2,000 to make certain the last day of the high school year is orderly.

"We definitely think it's cost-effective to ensure the safety of students," said Nemceck.

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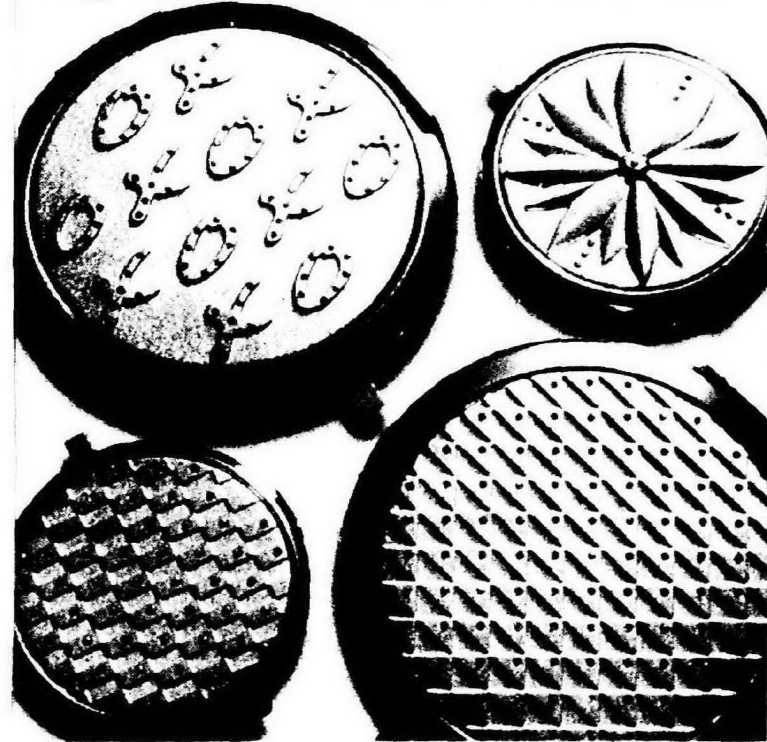
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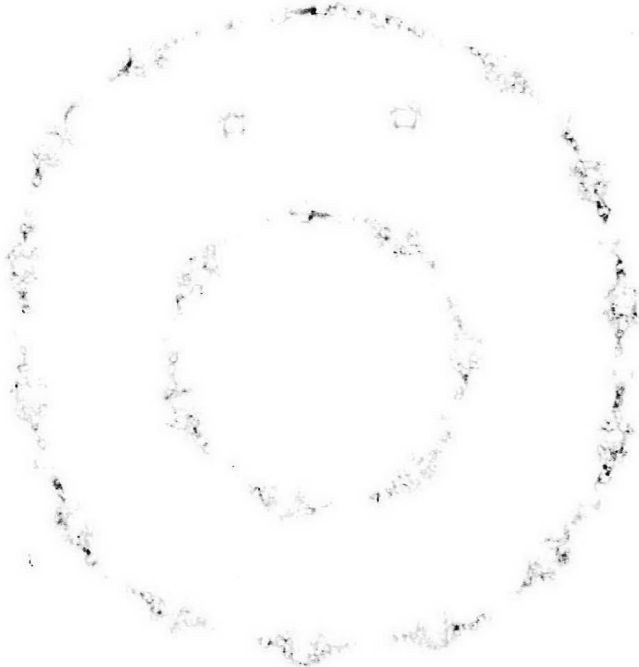
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New Lowe's store still seeking help

BY DOUG JOHNSON
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Hiring will continue through this month and next for the new Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse at Newburgh and Warren Road in Westland.

Landscaping and paving at the store were being completed this week.

Lowe's hiring office is about a mile north of the store at the northwest corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Newburgh.

The office is open 8 to 5:30; phone (734) 953-0547.

Store manager Ed Watkins, a Livonia Churchill graduate, is working with other store personnel to fill between 225 and 250 jobs, both part-time and full-time positions.

"We've interviewed, or looked at the applications of, about 2,000 people so far. Our employees must have a good outlook, must be friendly and must be willing to work with the public," Watkins said.

Even with the tight job mar-

ket, Watkins said they have interviewed a lot of good people.

"We have hired some great retirees," he said. "Primarily we are looking for a good attitude. We are willing to train people."

Watkins expects by the time the process is done 3,000 applicants will be screened.

Lowe's of Westland is hiring in the following areas:

Department managers, assistant department managers, sales specialists, sales associates, cashiers, loaders, stockers, greeters, delivery drivers and phone bank operators.

Also they are seeking "Lowe's Pros," electricians, hardware experts, painters and plumbers.

These few specialized jobs require experience, Watkins

said. Watkins said customers to the new Lowe's will be impressed by selection and how orderly and clean the stores are.

The cleaner, neater aisles are one area the firm's advertising emphasizes in its national ads.

Lowe's biggest local competition will be Home Depot.

Watkins said Tuesday that the store would open around July 1; he and other managers were doing a "walk-through" Tuesday afternoon at the building.

The firm's headquarters are in North Carolina and the stores are concentrated in the eastern half of the United States.

The nearest Lowe's in the area are the ones in Ann Arbor and

'Our employees must have a good outlook, must be friendly and must be willing to work with the public.'

Ed Watkins
—Store manager

Warren. The following information is taken from the company's Web site, lowes.com.

Lowe's is the nation's 18th largest retailer with 589 stores in 39 states and annual sales in excess of \$15 billion. They are in the midst of an expansion plan (\$2 billion nationwide), opening more than one store every week.

The stores are the largest in the industry at approximately 150,000 square feet of retail space.

Lowe's caters to the "do-it-yourselfer," as well as commercial business customer, stocking more than 40,000 items. Lowe's also has an extensive special order program featuring more than 400,000 items.

A Fortune 200 company, Lowe's employs more than 98,000 people and has been listed three times as one of the "100 Best Companies to Work for in America."

Lowe's customer support center is based in rural Wilkesboro, N.C.



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Pure poetry: Alan Palgut of Plymouth recites a couple of Shel Silverstein poems (from memory).

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sounded out the church, and parents began signing up. Seeking help to choreograph a musical number, they turned to Joanne Zavisla, who turned to the students in their dance school.

The dance students volunteered for 13 consecutive Satur-

days, giving up the usual teenage fare like mall-hopping and sleeping in.

"Our kids are always there to help," said Zavisla. "They were very good about donating their Saturdays. They're just really good kids."

Foundation schedules date for annual 'Summer Stroll'

Summer is just a few weeks away and that means it's time to think about lacing up those tennis shoes for the Epilepsy Foundation's annual Summer Stroll for Epilepsy.

This year's stroll is scheduled

for Saturday, June 3, at Kensington Metropark. Foundation supporters from throughout the area and the state will converge on the park between 8:30 a.m. and noon to honor their loved ones, friends and co-workers

who have epilepsy.

"We are very excited about this year's stroll," said Arlene Gorelick, president of the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. "With the help of all of our supporters and the community,

this could be one of the largest strolls in the country."

The Summer Stroll for Epilepsy is held at 40 locations around the country by local affiliates to raise money in order to generate awareness and understanding of the disorder that affects more than 2.5 million Americans, including 98,000 individuals in Michigan.

People can participate as an individual stroller or member of a team. For more information about the Summer Stroll, call the foundation at (800) 377-6226, Ext. 218.

POLICE BLOTTER

A couple driving west on Joy near Lilley Road shortly after midnight May 6 reported that someone threw a ball of an unknown substance into their car, police said.

That ball flew inside the vehicle, past the driver's head, hit the back window and burst into a powder, a report said. The interior of the car wasn't damaged.

Window peeping

A Russell Street resident told police that she observed a neighbor peeping into her window about 6:23 a.m. May 6.

The neighbor said he never left his apartment, the report said.

Auto damage

A Massachusetts man who was visiting on Trailwood about 10:35 a.m. May 6 reported that someone smashed the driver's side window of his 1999 Mercury Sable rental car.

—by Sue Buck

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coming in from out of state to help restore power, which Edison said could take until today.

"I couldn't believe it, the rain was coming down sideways," said Sincock, who was out on the roads during the storm. "I couldn't see while driving and had to pull over. I probably would have been better off in a boat."

Central Middle School students were excused from classes Wednesday because their school was without power. Plymouth-Canton's Starkweather Center canceled day classes on Wednesday because of loss of electricity.

Meanwhile, downed wires and false fire alarms had the Plymouth Township Fire Department working overtime. Fire Chief Larry Groth said the department went on 11 runs, with no actual fires.

"In my opinion, it looked worse than it was," he said. "I'm surprised we didn't have more damage. I followed the fire truck on one of their runs and it was so dark out, I couldn't see my hand in front of my face."

Seven officers were on duty Tuesday evening. Nine more

were called in to work overtime, staying on the clock until about 11:30 p.m.

Groth said the storm was nothing compared to the killer storms Plymouth has experienced in the past.

"I remember July 2, 1997 when the court house burned," he said. "Then there was July 1998, when the police tower was struck by lightning. Those are the ones I recall."

Although there were many branches and trees down, Groth said there were no reports of damage to area homes or other buildings.

Plymouth wasn't hit as hard as many areas of Southeast Michigan, which experienced tornadoes, up to 75-mile-per-hour winds and hail up to three inches in diameter.

The last time Michigan had a similar storm was July 21, 1998, with 70 mile-per-hour winds and 1 3/4-inch hail, according to Dean Gulezian, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in White Lake Township.

"This was typical severe weather for May," he said. "This

was not an unusual event."

No deaths have been reported in the state as a result of the storm. Gulezian says that may be because of early warning systems, allowing people to take cover several minutes before severe weather hits.

He predicts another thunder storm likely will strike Southeast Michigan tonight.

At Mettetal Airport, however, a Cessna 150 single-engine plane flipped over on its top, leaving it sitting upside down in a field. No one was in the plane at the time.

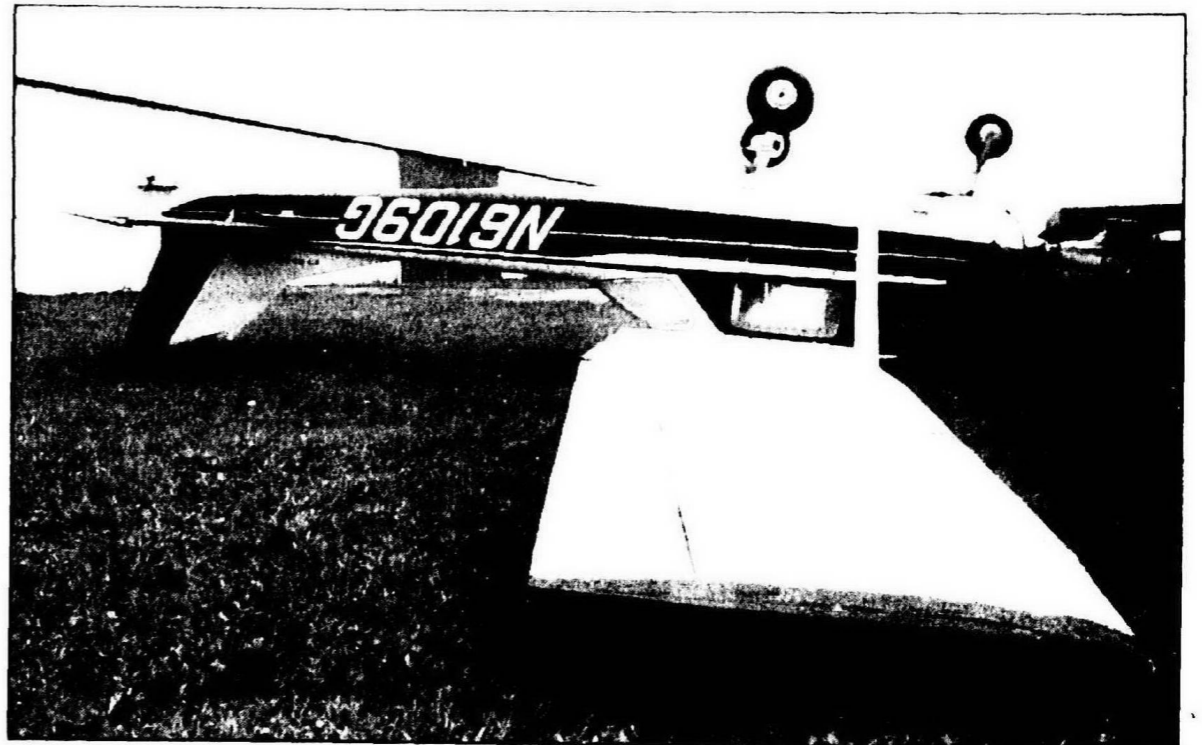
Airport manager Doug Kitze said the plane's owner was alerted.

"He knows about it and we're just waiting to see what the insurance company has to say," he said.

No other damages were reported at the airport, which sits at Joy and Lilley roads.

"Our roof stayed on this time," Kitze said jokingly. "We've had the roof peel up before."

Canton Observer staff writer Scott Daniel contributed to this report.



Plane upended: Tuesday's storm did damage around the area, including turning this small aircraft upside down at Mettetal Airport.

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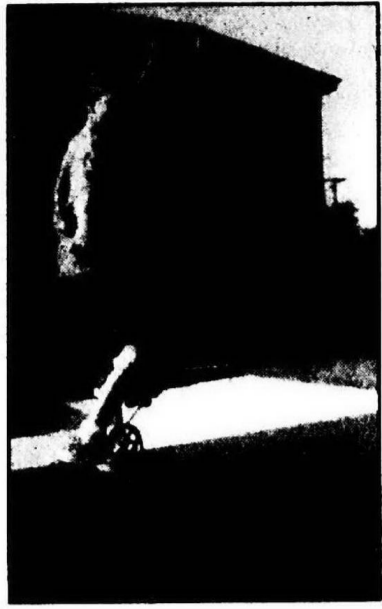
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Cyclists rely on natural balance



High rider: Cory Potter proves that he can ride a 5-foot "Giraffe" unicycle.

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
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Everyone needs a little balance in their lives, but some need it more than others.

Forty families in the Redford Unicycle Club rely heavily on balance. They can't lean forward too far, nor sit back too far as they pedal their one-wheel wonders down the streets. Depending on the height of the unicycle, all that rests between the rider's seat and the cement is a 20-inch wheel, a six-foot stick and a lot of air.

The Redford Unicycle Club started as a small group of children riders in 1975. Parents in a three-block area of Lyndon and Telegraph organized the group because there was enough interest in the neighborhood.

"It is a lot different now," said Carol Brichford, a descendent of one of the original riders. "Some of the families have as many as

five members riding (two parents and three children), some only have one."

A family affair

Brichford admitted that neither she nor her husband ride, but her four children do. Now three of her grandchildren don their own wheel in the name of family tradition.

With members aged 4 to 72, Brichford said unicycling "is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with your children or grandchildren."

The group spends quite a bit of time together in once-a-week practices January through October in addition to their 30 minute shows. While performances are held many times during the year, they are just now riding into their busy season.

A typical summer will include a number of parade perfor-

mances as well as demonstrations for various community organizations. They will have at least one show every week.

"This year is a little different," said Brichford, a Farmington Hills resident. Several libraries throughout the area are sponsoring a summer program with a sports theme. The Redford Unicycle Club has been commissioned to demonstrate their unique sport for the public at libraries throughout Wayne and Oakland counties.

Not everyone is born to ride a unicycle, but everyone apparently can learn if they possess commitment. Members of the Redford Unicycle Club offer beginning 10-week classes January through March. Classes run \$30 for the first family member and \$15 for additional family members. Classes are an hour long. Those who are interested should call Brichford at (248) 661-0334.

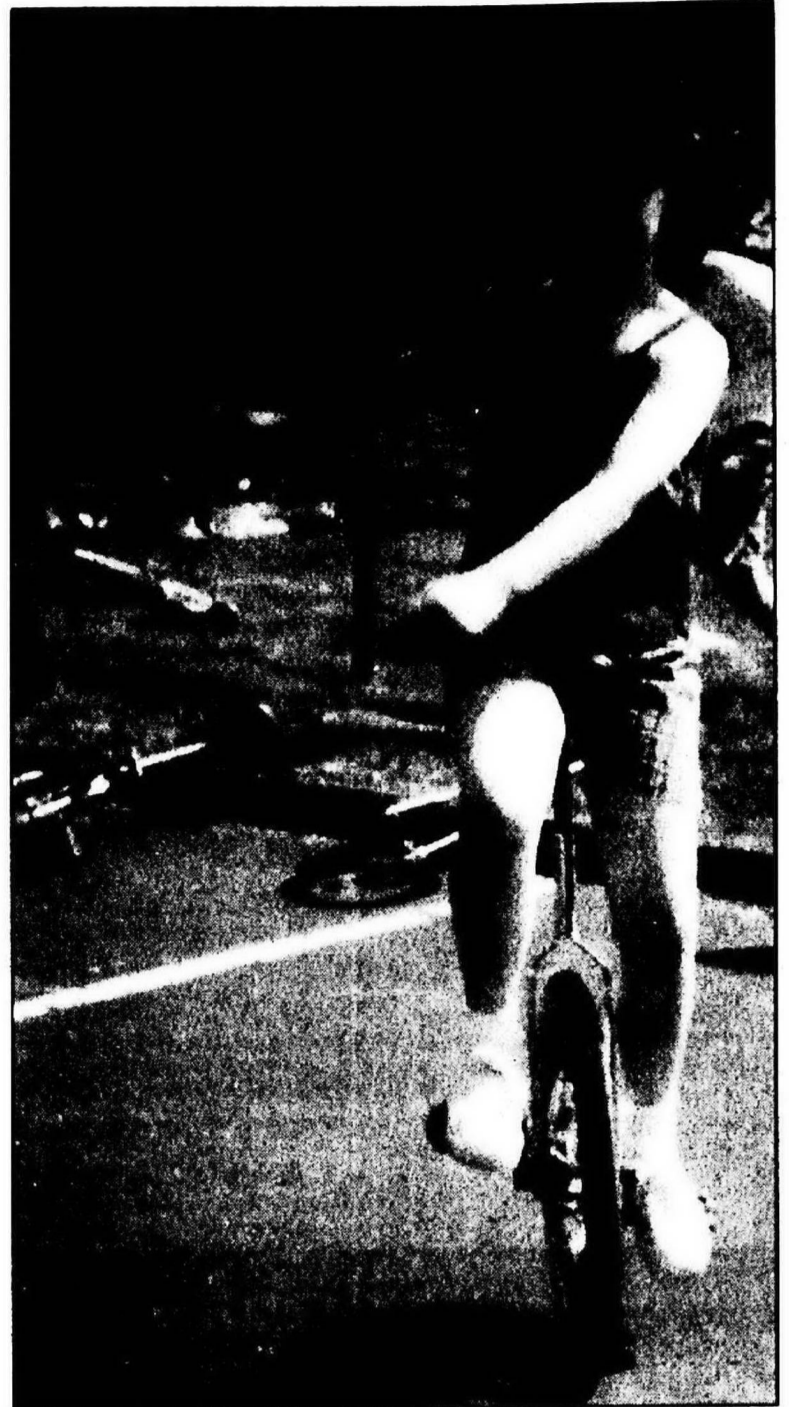
Unicycles range in price from \$50 to over \$200, but the Club has 15 extras to lend to those who are learning.

"People should not just go out and buy one. They should give it a try first," she said. Only when they can ride independently should they make a purchase. She estimates that most people can ride independently after three months of instruction.

Brichford said unicycling is not just a fun sport and an opportunity to spend time with family - it provides a lesson for life.

"The self-esteem that is learned from performing in front of a group" is beneficial, she said. "It helps with life situations."

The Redford Unicycle Club is currently scheduled to perform two library shows in Dearborn and one in Birmingham. With Memorial Day just around the corner, they will also be parading their pedal action locally.



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The candidates will be inter-

viewed by Salem junior John Sturk. He will be news director for WSDP during the 2000-01 school year. Sturk also hosts Jazz Central Station, heard 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays.

The interviews will air in the following order: 5:45 p.m., Wednesday, May 17, with Judy Mardigan; 5:45 p.m., Wednesday, May 24, with Carl Battishill; 5:45 p.m., Wednesday, May 31, with Jim Donahue; 5:45 p.m., Wednesday, June 7, with Kathleen Payne.

The elected for school board is set for June 12.

The interviews will air as part of WSDP's program Community Focus.

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Ozone expected to set record highs this summer

BY MIKE MALOTT
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"Ozone Action" days always occur on warm, cloudless, "gorgeous" summer days.

"The sky is bright blue. It's the kind of day we wait for all winter long," said Anita Blasius, manager of public outreach for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. "Some folks think that if they can't see it, it's not a problem. You can see smog, and that tells you the air is dirty, but you can't see ozone."

Ozone in the stratosphere protects humans from ultraviolet radiation, but at ground level it is a pollutant. High concentrations can be an irritant to the lungs, causing breathing problems, especially for sensitive people, the young and the elderly. Those who work or exercise outdoors are also at risk, because they inhale deeply as a result of their physical activity.

Laura DeGuire, environmental air quality specialist for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, says the effect is like a "sunburn on the lungs."

For most, it is likely to be a minor problem, but repeated exposure to high levels of ozone can lead to more serious health consequences later on.

Environmental experts predict there will be a high number of Ozone Action days this summer. SEMCOG and the Clean Air Coalition of Southeast Michigan — a collection of more than 30 businesses and environmental and health advocacy organizations — are urging citizens to participate in Ozone Action days this season, taking steps to reduce pollution on days when the conditions are right for high concentrations of ozone.

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Anita Blasius
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Ozone season

The ozone season, running May through September, is likely to be another record-setter this year, according to Jeff Jaros, senior meteorologist for the air quality division of the MDEQ. He expects to see more than the record of 25 Ozone Action days set in 1999.

The reason is that the weather is expected to be hot and dry. No, Jaros said, it is not a result of global warming. Rather, it is due to low precipitation levels during the winter and spring months.

Light snow falls after January and little rain during the spring have left the soil in southeastern Michigan relatively dry. Moisture in the ground typically has a cooling effect, Jaros explained, carrying heat away as it evaporates. But since the ground is dry this year, higher than normal temperatures are forecast for the region.

Jaros said he does not expect it to be as bad as the summer of 1988, when Michigan set a record for the number of days over 100 degrees. But he does predict temperatures to be above normal. And there is a possibility that the drought now being experienced in other parts of the

country could occur here, too, later in the year.

Ozone is created when hydrocarbons — from automobile and lawn mower exhaust, industrial emissions, gasoline vapors and even fumes from household cleaning chemicals — react with oxides of nitrogen and sunlight.

Residents can have a significant impact on ozone levels by taking the recommended steps to reduce hydrocarbon emissions on days designated as Ozone Action days.

Auto emissions

An estimated 58 percent of ozone comes from auto emissions, Blasius said. Residents can reduce that by driving less. "Linking trips" helps cut emissions because car engines produce less exhaust once they are warmed up, DeGuire said.

Gasoline fumes account for 8 percent of the ozone. Waiting to fill up car tanks until dusk will help cut down on that portion of the problem.

If you must get gas, at least don't top off the tank, advised Blasius, a Canton resident who also serves as the manager of the coalition's ozone program.

"When you fill up all the way," she said, "you just push all those fumes right back out of the tank

and into the atmosphere."

Another 7 percent of the ozone levels come from lawn mower and motorboat exhaust, which have engines with no pollution controls.

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Residents can use Ozone Action days as an excuse to put off other chores as well. Household cleaners, degreasers and paints all add to the hydrocarbon content in the air. In fact, Blasius said, household chemicals account for another 7 percent of the ozone in the air.

Regulations help

Industries do contribute to the problem, according to DeGuire, but regulations have reduced their emissions drastically in recent years. There are 130 sources of industrial hydrocarbon emissions in the region, and they can be made to shut down on high ozone days, she said. Still, it is not unusual for high ozone levels to occur on Saturdays, when those businesses are already closed.

The majority of ozone comes from residents.

The Clean Air Coalition's six-year-old Ozone Action effort is a "premier" program, DeGuire said. It was one of the first in the country and has served as a model for similar programs in western Michigan and elsewhere in the Midwest.

The program gathers together meteorologists from the state MDEQ and the private sector, who meet daily to talk about weather conditions predicted for

What you can do to reduce ozone levels

Tips for reducing pollution on Ozone Action days:

- Avoid using gasoline-powered lawn and garden equipment. Mow lawns the day before or after an Ozone Action day.
- Avoid refueling cars on Ozone Action days. If refueling is necessary, fill up after dusk and don't "top off" the tank. Avoid spilling gas when you are at the fuel pump.
- Reduce automobile use whenever possible. Plan to car-pool, use public transit, bike, walk or combine errands to reduce emissions.
- Stay out of congested traffic and long lines at the drive-through window. Idling engines release a lot of emissions.
- Brown bag it at work instead of driving to a restaurant for lunch.
- Keep speeds down and accelerate slowly.
- Keep all of your engines (car, boat, lawn mower) well-tuned. They'll burn cleaner.
- Make sure your gas caps are on tight. Replace them if they are missing. Park in the shade to avoid evaporative emissions from a sun-heated gas tank.
- Conserve energy at home

- and at work. In the long run, it takes less time to conserve energy than to replace a broken appliance.
- Avoid using oil or solvent based paints, degreasers or other liquids.
- Use low-toxicity cleaning and painting products whenever possible.
- Apply paint with rollers and brushes instead of sprayer. It can save on fumes.
- Enjoy summer barbecuing, but avoid using charcoal lighter fluid.
- Consider natural gas, propane or electric grills as alternatives the next time you replace your backyard or patio barbecue.
- Try telecommuting. If you work from home, you save yourself the commute and clear the air.
- Take advantage of teleconferencing. Why drive to a meeting when you don't have to?
- Stay informed. Ozone Action days are announced during weather reports on both television and radio and in local newspapers. Advisories are posted on the Internet at www.semco.org. They are also announced on a hotline, 1-800-633-3AIR.

the following day. If the conditions are right, they'll issue an advisory, which is disseminated by SEMCOG. Residents can look for advisories over the Internet by checking the SEMCOG home

page at www.semco.org. Advisories are also issued by phone, at 1-800-633-3AIR. Television and radio stations and local newspapers also frequently carry ozone advisories as part of their weather forecasts.

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Engler seeks 5 percent cut in phone, electric charges

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As state lawmakers get ready to debate the restructuring of Michigan's telephone and electric utilities, Gov. John Engler has lost patience.

"I'm tired of waiting," he said, proposing a 5 percent immediate reduction in telephone company and electric utility charges. "I want Michigan customers to get a rate cut now."

"It's been nine years since the enactment of the Michigan Telecommunications Act, which sunsets at the end of this year. The intent of the act was to spur competition among all telecommunications services which in turn would reduce costs. But competition for services remains anemic and Michigan consumers are paying for it - with many rates that are among the highest in the region. In almost all cases, Michigan's prices for basic services as well as enhanced and toll services are higher than those in surrounding states," Engler said.

Engler's goals

He called for immediate passage of legislation to accomplish several goals:

- Enact a 5 percent rate reduction on all intra-state services until 2003, or until the Michigan Public Service Commission determines that a competitive market has been created.

- Quick resolution of disputes. "We need marketplace competition, not committee room fights or courtroom litigation," he said.

- Sanctions for "non-competitive behavior. State tools for enforcement should be sharpened."

- "We need to require providers to vigorously compete. This gives us, as customers a choice among providers," he said.

Engler said he hoped his proposals would break a "legislative logjam." Likewise, he contended the state House and Senate have moved too slowly on restructuring of the electric industry.

"The legislative debate has taken too long. The complexity of the issue precludes resolutions of the issue. The Michigan Public Services Commission did design a plan for electric restructuring. It was approved in June 1997, but that plan fell to a court challenge. Since then, numerous states have passed legislation, but Michigan has not. The legislature can't agree, and the PSC can't act. The bottom line? Michigan is falling behind in electric restructuring."

Reaction mixed

For the electric industry, Engler called for a 5 percent reduction in rates with rate cap guarantees for 10 years, or until the PSC concludes that a competitive market has been created in that industry, too.

Critics of the utilities approved of the governor's plan.

"The governor's proposal sounds like every thing the small business community has been asking for and we look forward to seeing the details," Barry Cargill, vice president of the Small Business Association of Michigan, said. "It's very appropriate for the governor to exercise his leadership to break the logjam."

On the other hand, the utilities were less receptive. Scott Stevenson, president of the Telecommunications Association of Michigan, which represents local telephone companies in Michigan, said he did not believe the governor's proposals would lead to more competition.

"I am certain that to have the government, rather than the free market, set prices will not lead to more competition," he said.

Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy, was positive about Engler's plan. "now the governor has weighed in with a plan to quickly give the state Public Service Commission the tools it needs to 'kick open the door' to local phone competition," he said.

He gave credit to other lawmakers from Oakland County for spurring the governor's response. "The Oakland County House delegation took the matter into their own hands, by holding a hearing on the issue in Pontiac. Dozens of angry citizens showed up to complain about excessive 'local long distance' charges, local calling areas that have shrunk to 'postage stamp size,' and as one citizen put it, the fact that 'I can call Hawaii

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Gov. John Engler
Proposes rate cuts

for less than Farmington Hills," he said. "My Oakland colleagues deserve credit for spurring the Lansing establishment on the issue. They had the guts to take

on The Phone Company, probably the most powerful special interest lobby in Lansing."

A number of bills have already been introduced to address both

telephone and electric utility restructuring.

Bills introduced

Rep. Marc Shulman, R-West Bloomfield, and Rep. Mary Ann Midaugh, R-Paw Paw, have introduced a two-bill package, House Bills 4804 and 5721, that would give the PSC the authority to expedite complaints when competing phone companies have difficulty getting their services to customers. The package would also prohibit "multi-state" providers, such as Ameritech, from charging more to Michigan subscribers than they do for the

same services in other states. Further, the bills would outlaw "cramming," adding charges to phone bills for services not approved by customers, and require that rates be posted on the Internet.

Rep. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, has introduced legislation to outlaw cramming. House Bill 5474 would levy a \$10,000 fine to a phone company for the first offense of adding a charge not authorized by a customer. A second offense would carry a \$50,000 fine.

A variety of other bills have been introduced, including

toughening sanctions against "slamming," switching a customer's long distance carrier without permission.

Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, has also introduced legislation to address telephones, although his bill is intended to simply repeal the telecommunications act. Aides say that is his "starting position," and the senator will add back regulations as they are shown to be needed. Ameritech favors the Dunaskiss proposal. Dunaskiss has also offered legislation to deregulation and restructure electric utilities.

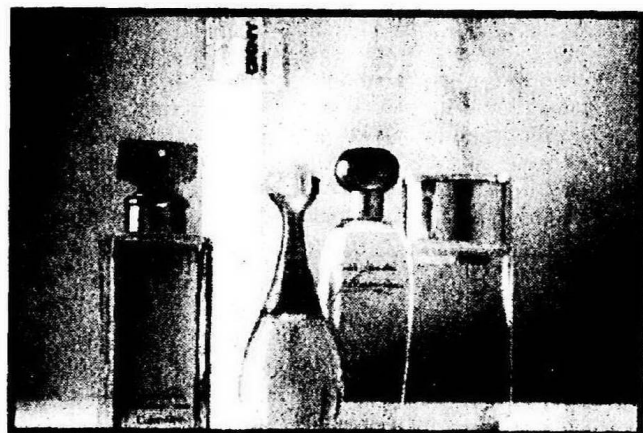
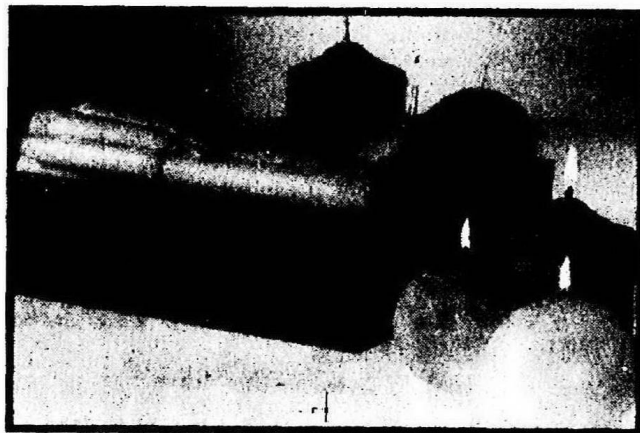


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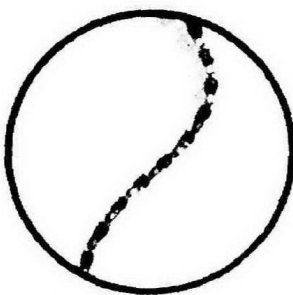
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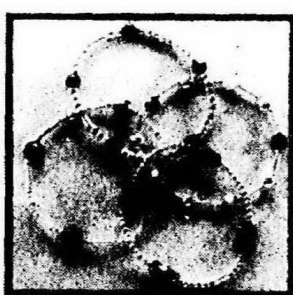
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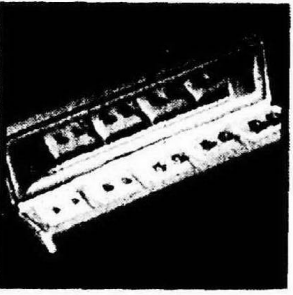
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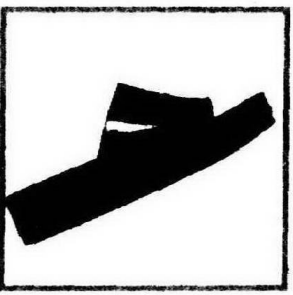
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OBITUARIES

HELEN M. LAW
Services for Helen M. Law, 91, of Plymouth were held May 10 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church with the Rev. John J. Sullivan officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

She was born Aug. 1, 1908, in Pittsburgh, Pa., and died May 7 in Southfield. She was a homemaker and a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. She was united in marriage with Bruno Law Sept. 6, 1935.

Mrs. Law was very active in senior citizens activities. She was an active Republican and a zealous Red Wings fan. She was often seen walking her neighborhood wearing her No. 9 Red Wings hockey jersey autographed by Gordie Howe.

Mrs. Law was a strong advocate for issues affecting senior citizens and often advised her sons on behalf of seniors.

Her advice and counsel on issues relating to seniors strongly influenced all of her sons. She often visited Lansing, where she had the opportunity to meet former Gov. William Milliken, Lt. Gov. James Brickley, Congress-

man Carl Pursell, State Sen. Robert Geake and Gov. John Engler, and lobbied for seniors in her usual diplomatic manner.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bruno Law, and her parents, Josef and Sofia Kuczera.

Survivors include her three sons, Thomas (Sharon) A. Law of West Bloomfield, Gerald (Christine) H. Law of Plymouth and Robert C. Law of Traverse City; one brother, Henry (Mary) Kuczera; and four grandchildren, David, Julie, Jennifer and Katheri.

Memorials may be made as Mass cards or to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5010.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

CLARISSA WITWER

Services for Clarissa Witwer, 96, of Ann Arbor were held May 10 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Dr. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

She was born July 13, 1903, in Owosso, Mich., and died May 5 in Ann Arbor.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, and taught 10 years at East Middle School in Plymouth. She also taught at MSU.

She was past president of the Woman's Club of Plymouth, having served as president from 1969-71. Her late husband, Joseph R. Witwer, was Wayne County Parks first forester.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her daughter, Mary Kay Corey of Scottsboro, Ala.; one grandson, Mark Corey; one great-granddaughter, Adrian Corey; and one great-grandson, Matthew Corey.

Memorials may be made to the Friends of Wayne County Parks-Witwer Fund Wayne Co. Parks Department, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI 48185.

EVELYN A. ROETZGER

Private services were held for Evelyn A. Roetzger, 86, of Plymouth.

She was born March 22, 1914 in Anne Arundel County, Md., and died May 4 in Farmington Hills.

She was a homemaker and a longtime member of Central Congregation of Jehovah Witnesses of Colorado Springs, Colo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis Roetzger in 1985; and her parents, John F. and Elma Arneich.

Survivors include her daughter, Kois Betsy Binder of Sevierville, Tenn.; one brother, Lawrence (Gloria) Arneich of Orlando, Fla.; one grandson, Steven (Cindi) S. Binder of Plymouth; one granddaughter, Terry Lynn (Raymond) Woods of

Sevierville, Tenn.; and four great-granddaughters, Heather Woods, Brandi Binder, Autumn Woods, and Ginger Binder.

LOUISE ROSE GARRETT

Services for Louise Rose Garrett, 81, of Plymouth were held May 8 at Ward Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Neil Ellison officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

She was born Feb. 5, 1919, in Detroit and died May 4 in Farmington Hills.

She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1994 from Dearborn Heights and was a member of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville.

She was a deacon at Ward Church and also volunteered for the telephone listening center at the church. She volunteered for more than 10 years at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum.

She was also a Red Cross volunteer for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl.

Survivors include her two daughters, Lori (Michael) Gaiffe of Livonia and Carol (John) Dolan of Northville; three sisters, Pat Tata of Taylor, Nancy Joynt of Livonia and Mary Lou Gierc of Warren; one brother, Jim (Rosemary) Joynt of National City, Mich.; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

CHARLES A. TRUAX

Services for Charles A. Truax, 73, of Plymouth were held May 9 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Mr. Sanford Burr officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

He was born April 22, 1927, in Cadillac, Mich., and died May 5 in Plymouth.

He was self-employed from 1951 to 1997 doing painting and wallpapering. He was an expert in his field and was respected by those he worked for.

Mr. Truax was born in Cadillac and moved to Plymouth in 1929. He spent the rest of his life in Plymouth among family and friends.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Plymouth and was a life member of V.F.W. Post 6695 in Plymouth. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. He enjoyed doing wood working in his shop next to his garage. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with his sons.

Survivors include his wife, Avis K. Truax of Plymouth; four children, Brad Truax of Plymouth, Claudia (Larry) Krueger of Unionville, Mich., Blenda (Dale) Chmielewski of Warren and Brian (Vicki) Truax of Plymouth; two brothers, George (Alvina) Truax of Onda, Mich., and Sylvester Truax of Wyandotte, Mich.; and seven grandchildren, Michael, Sarah,

Matthew, Charles Andrew, Daniel, Clinton and Jon Paul.

Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice or the V.F.W. Post No. 6695, Plymouth.

JAMES BOYD RICHARDSON JR.

Services for James Boyd Richardson Jr., 72, of Brooklyn were held May 9 at St. Rita's Catholic Church with Fr. Lahr Barkenquest officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph Shrine Cemetery.

He was born Sept. 19, 1927, in Lincoln Park and died May 7. He retired from Ford Motor Co. in 1986.

He was a member of St. Rita's Catholic Church and the K of C St. Rita's Council. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving during WW II.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; seven sons, James Boyd Richardson III of Garden City, Patrick M. (Kathleen) Richardson of Brooklyn, Paul W. (Wanda) Richardson of Brooklyn, William (Susan) Richardson of Perry, Mich., Robert (Julie) Richardson of Brooklyn, John (Amy) Richardson of Brooklyn and Daniel (Suzanne) Richardson of Cement City, Mich.; Mary Frances Benjamin of Brooklyn, Janice (Fred) Crissey of Plymouth, Joyce (Rick) Eathorne of South Lyon and Joan (Mike) Herman of Marshall; two sisters, Joyce Lee and Virginia Bauer; one brother, Wayne (Connie) Richardson; 11 grandsons; 11 granddaughters; and one great-grandchild.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be accepted at the Office of the clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI until 10:00 a.m., June 1, 2000 for the following:

PURCHASE OF ONE (1) ELECTRONIC DOUBLE FACED MESSAGE SIGN AND INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED LOGO SIGN ABOVE MESSAGE CENTER WITH MASONRY WORK INCLUDED.

All bidders will be required to attend a pre-bid meeting at the above address on May 19, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in order to conduct a walk through and determine costs. Bid specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: May 11, 2000

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS SUMMIT ON THE PARK RECREATION CENTER PARKING LOT REPAIRS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed Bids will be received by the Charter Township of Canton at the Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1699. Bids must be enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the bidder's name, address and phone no., date and time of bid opening and be received no later than 10:10 a.m., Local Time, Thursday, May 25, 2000, at which time and place said Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following approximate quantities of work:

Project includes removing and replacing bituminous pavement in marked up areas of the parking lot, crack sealing, sealcoating, re-striping, and related work.

Contract Documents are on file with Ms. Terry Bennett, Clerk. Copies thereof for bidding purposes may be obtained at the Charter Township of Canton, Financial Services, 3rd Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, upon making payment of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, none of which will be refunded.

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, money order, or bid bond, in the amount of at least five (5) percent of the amount bid, drawn payable to the Charter Township of Canton as security for the proper execution of the Contract.

The Charter Township of Canton reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any informality in any bids, and to accept only the bids deemed to be in its best interest.

Bids may not be withdrawn for the period of 60 days after date of receiving bids.

The township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in employment or the provision of services.

Publish: May 11, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS May 2, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2000 at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan 48188. Supervisor Yack, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL
Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: None
Staff present: Director Durack, Director Minghine

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Supervisor Yack amended the agenda to add *General Calendar Items Nos. 2 and 3*. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR
Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to award the bid for 42 Optical-Scan Voting Units with supporting tabulation software and 8 days of staff and inspector training to Doubleday Brothers and Company at 1919 E. Kilgore Rd., Kalamazoo, Michigan 49002 in the amount of \$222,168.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to purchase from Wilkinson Luggage Shop, 327 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104; 42 heavy duty luggage carts to transport election equipment for an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 (\$1,890.00 plus shipping and handling). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to create and fill the Leisure Services Director position. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to authorize the Township Supervisor to retain Carol Rosati to represent Canton Township in the lawsuit filed against the Township by Charter Development, LLC, et al. Motion carried unanimously.

STUDY SESSION TOPIC
Summit Manager Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz explained the expansion project that is under consideration for the Summit on the Park facility. These include a new fitness area, a new aerobics room, a new lounge, men and women adult locker rooms, and a new message therapy room. The addition would be completed with the same construction materials in order to give the consistent appearance to the Summit on the Park. She also expressed the need for replacement of chairs, wall covering, and carpeting.

SUMMARY
The changes that have been implemented have had a positive impact on the banquet/conference operation. During this transition period, Canton's revenue has increased 50% and it is anticipated that this trend will continue and will have a positive impact on the total operating budget.

ADJOURN
Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on May 2, 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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
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Publish: May 11 and 28, 2000

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 non-refundable 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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Friends host used book sale

The Friends of the Plymouth District Library will hold a social used book sale May 11-13. Hours are: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday, May 11; 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, May 12; and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, May 13. The items to be sold include many beautiful coffee table books, foreign language books, video and audio cassettes, CDs and books with large type. This will be a great place to shop for bargains at bargain prices as well as special gifts. Proceeds will be used to finance new library projects. For more information, call (734) 456-0782.

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Publish: May 4 and 11, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 is seeking REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS for Professional Consulting Services for planning, programming and design of the Independence Park Concession/Restroom/Storage Building.

Sealed proposals will be accepted up to 5:00 p.m., May 26, 2000 in the Office of the Clerk. Proposals must be clearly marked "Professional Consulting Services for Independence Park Concession/Restroom/Storage Building".

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.

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: May 11, 2000

WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING SYNOPSIS 9:00 A.M., FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2000

Special meeting called to order at 9:20 a.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy, Richard Henningsen
Agenda - adopted as presented.

Chuck Barbieri and Tim Faas gave a presentation on the letter of intent that was negotiated between WTUA and YCUA over the past two years. Following the presentation, a question and answer period was held. YCUA/WTUA Letter of Intent on Plant Expansion - approved.

THE SPECIAL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:05 A.M.

Chairman: THOMAS J. YACK

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Publish: May 11, 2000

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SOFTBALL CENTER SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Sealed bids for the Canton Softball Center Site Improvements including ornamental fencing, swing gates and temporary chain link fencing shall be received by the Office of the Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m., June 1, 2000 at which time they will be opened publicly.

Contract documents may be obtained at Cityscape Architects, Inc., 33730 Freedom Rd., Farmington, MI 48335. Phone number 248-471-7877, on or after 3:00 p.m. on May 11, 2000. Documents will be available between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., with the office closed between 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. A non-refundable plan deposit of \$150.00 shall be required. Checks shall be payable to Cityscape Architects, Inc. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Canton Softball Center Site Improvements Bid Enclosed" with bidder name, address and phone number, date and time of bid opening.

Canton Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Canton 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 11, 2000

House leader proposes tax holiday around Labor Day

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Cutting the sales tax as a way to return Michigan's budget surplus to taxpayers has certain advantages, House Tax Policy Chair Nancy Cassis told her committee May 9.

"It never leaves taxpayers' wallets," said Rep. Cassis, R- Novi. "They don't have to wait for a refund next April or to get a tax credit. The money is never

sent to the government in the first place."

Cassis is pushing for the creation of a sales tax holiday, two weeks around the Labor Day weekend when clothing purchases would be exempt from Michigan's 6 percent state sales tax.

Committee members are receptive to the proposal, although they are asking that the cap on the cost of clothing eligible for exemption be trimmed from \$500 per item to

\$150. Still, if enacted, the tax-cutting measure would save taxpayers an estimated \$16 million per year, according to House Fiscal Agency analyses.

That's money Cassis said she believes the state will recover, because state consumers will likely spend that same cash elsewhere.

"They'll go out to dinner or buy a piece of jewelry they hadn't planned on buying," she said.

Similar tax holidays enacted in Texas, New York and Florida have not cost state coffers as much as originally projected, due in part to the extra spending consumers tend to do when they can save a few dollars.

If the committee acts quickly on the bill and it gets a good review from the full House and Senate, Cassis said she hopes the holiday can be in effect for the coming Labor Day weekend. It will benefit not only families

that are shopping for clothing to send kids back to school in the fall, but should be a boon to Michigan retail businesses, which can use the holiday to attract shoppers from out of state on the last big tourist weekend of the summer, she said.

Sales tax revenues have grown so far this year, up 8 percent over this time last year, Cassis said. Despite recent volatility on

Wall Street and signs the economy may be slowing, she said she doesn't see a slow down in consumer spending in Michigan.

Gov. John Engler is likely to be receptive to the bill as well, Engler's aides have said he is looking for "broad-based tax cuts" as a way to return the state's surplus.

"What could be more broad based than this?" Cassis said. "Everybody wears clothes."

S'craft OKs tuition hike for 2000-01

BY RICHARD PEARL
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The anticipated modest increases in both tuition fees and the general fund operating budget at Schoolcraft College have been approved for the 2000-01 school year.

Trustees approved both 6-0 after no one spoke at the public hearing on the proposed increases which preceded the April 26 board meeting.

Trustee Brian Broderick was absent.

Prior to the vote, trustee Greg Stempien voiced mild opposition: "I am not happy raising tuition. But I don't have to like it."

However, Dick McDowell, college president, cautioned that tuition "has not kept pace" with overall increases.

Tuition will rise next fall by \$1, \$2 and \$3 per credit hour to \$54, \$80 and \$119 for in-district, out-of-district and out-of-state students, respectively.

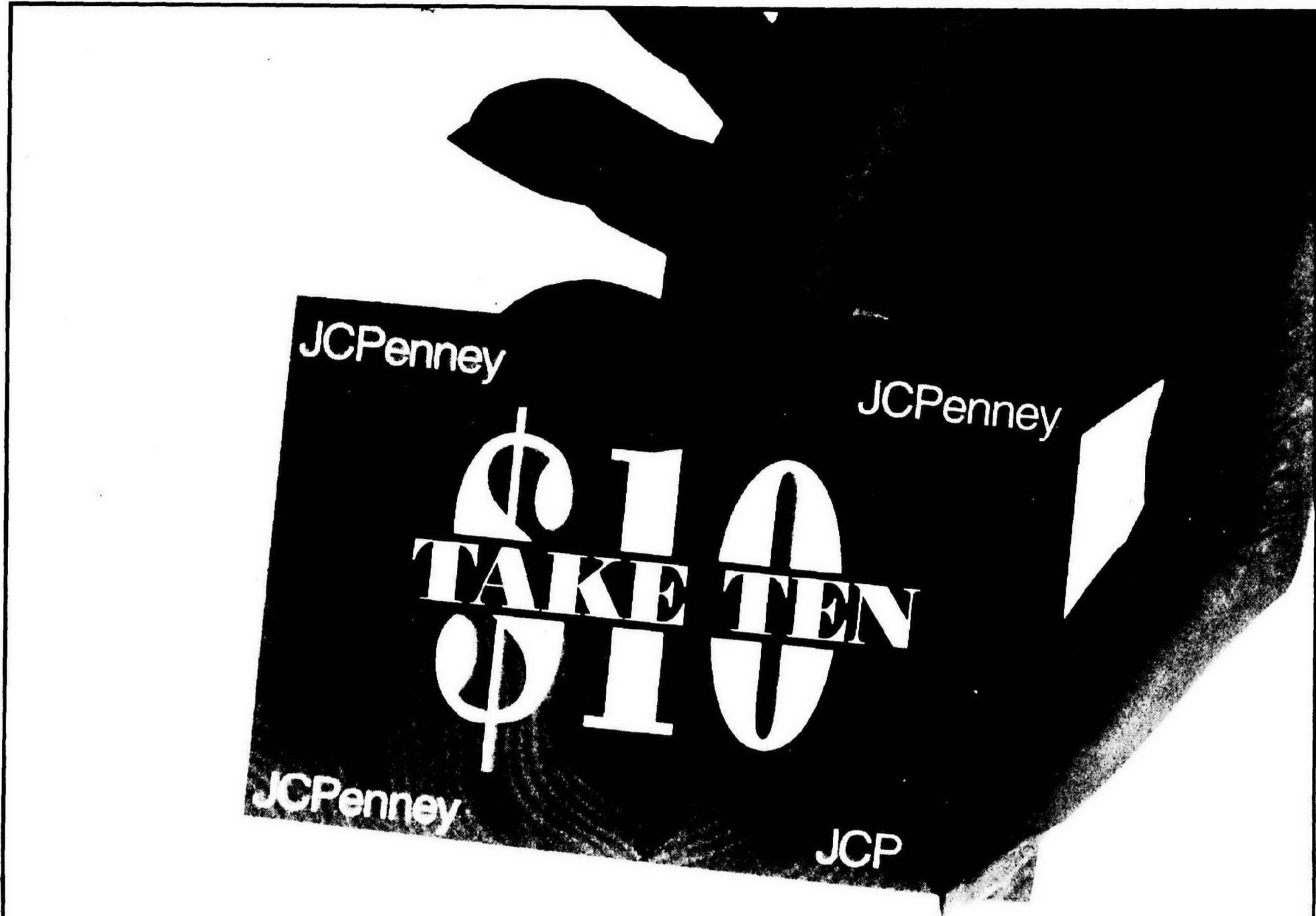
Trustees also adopted without comment a \$45.5 million general fund budget for the coming year — a 2.82-percent increase over the estimated \$44.2 million budget for 1999-2000.

Increases were due largely to previously approved teacher-salary contracts and escalating health insurance premiums, officials said.

The budget was based on a tax levy of 1.8440 mills of ad valorem property taxes and Gov. John Engler's proposed \$12.2 million state appropriation.

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Decedent: Attested and Sealed April 12, 2000.
HEN, JAMES M. THOMAS,
Surrogate, Broome County.

J.S. MARDEN & ASSOCIATES,
Attorneys at Law, 100 North Broadway Street,
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ATTORNEYS
Name of Attorney: J.S. Marden & Associates,
Telephone No.: 607-724-8624, Address of Attorney: 100 Channing Street, 901 Essex Building, Binghamton, NY 13905.
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MADD sponsors Hines 5-K run Saturday

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Friends and family of the late Caryn Casaz are hoping for dry weather this Saturday. And it's not because they don't appreciate an occasional drought-buster like Tuesday night's. Rather, it's because May 13 is the scheduled fifth annual "Run from the Heart" 5-Kilometer Race/Walk in Hines Park, held

in memory of Casaz, the 23-year-old marathon runner who was training for a race in 1995 when she was struck and killed in the park by a drunken driver. The course for the annual free event, held every Mother's Day weekend, passes the spot where Casaz was hit. Victor and Mary Casaz of Chicago, Caryn's parents, will again participate, as will Caryn's sister, Christine Byndas, who coordinates the event with the

sponsoring Wayne County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. While Christine, a marathoner like her late sister, runs the course Saturday, her children will walk it with their grandparents. "It's a family affair," says Jenny Lozano, MADD-Wayne County chapter administrator. Registration Saturday is to begin at 8 a.m. at the Nankin Mills shelter on Edward Hines Drive at Ann Arbor Trail, with the competition at 9. No entry fees are charged, but donations are welcomed, she says. Proceeds go to the chapter's victim services for families of those killed or injured by drunken drivers. The top finisher overall and the best female and male finishers get prizes. The MADD Race/Walk, the

only such in Wayne County, usually draws 100-150 people, Lozano says. For the third straight year, track coach Russ Keyes of Westland John Glenn High School and his team will help. Some also will compete. Wayne Memorial High School students from teacher Tracy Vaughn's class and WMHS cheerleader Alana Green also will help. Carol Nalepka of Westland, the MADD-Wayne County chapter secretary, also works the race. Another chapter event, the anti-drunk driving demonstration scheduled for Ladywood High School in Livonia on Friday, has been postponed by the wet weather until Monday, Lozano said. For information, call the MADD office in Westland, (734) 721-8181.

Post Office collects food for the Gleaners

DETROIT/PRNewswire/ — Gleaners Community Food Bank is reminding Detroit area residents to leave nonperishable food items at their mailbox on Saturday, May 13. The 8th Annual National Association of Letter Carriers/United States Postal Service Food Drive will collect the food to help families in need in the community and take the donations to the Post Office to be delivered to Gleaners Community Food Bank that day. Gleaners Community Food Bank has reserved space for the more than 300,000 pounds of food expected to be collected by the Letter Carriers. Last year, more than 376,000 pounds were collected bringing

the total to 19 million pounds collected over the past eight years. "Delivering the mail, in addition to the food items, represents a serious commitment on the part of our local letter carriers who see firsthand the impact of hunger on children and seniors," says Rick Loewenstein, president of Gleaners Community Food Bank. "The Postal Service is a neighbor in every community," says John Taltek, Lead Executive/District Manager for the Detroit District Postal Service. "I am quite proud of the charitable and humanitarian efforts put forth by our employees."

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Schoolcraft police/fire academy graduates a 'very special' group

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Some 113 "very, very, very special" young men and women passed a milestone Friday night at Schoolcraft College.

As hundreds of family members and friends cheered, 64 were graduated from Schoolcraft's police academy and 49 from its fire academy. It was the second annual combined commencement for the two programs.

The grads were praised by guest speaker Rich Fisher, the WKBD-TV50 news co-anchor, who said that "People who want to serve their communities" in those jobs "are very, very, very special people."

Fisher, whose father was a Detroit police officer for 26 years, noted the work is dangerous and said police and firefighters are both "looked up to and

taken for granted."

He called police officers and firefighters "the most underpaid professionals."

Of the 64 graduating the Wayne County Regional Police Academy police program at Schoolcraft, 18 had full-time positions with nine area police departments — Adrian, Ann Arbor, Belleville, Erie, Farmington Hills, Oak Park, River Rouge, Taylor and West Bloomfield.

Another 20 are reserve officers with the Berkley, Dearborn, Madison Heights, Northfield, Northville Township, Southgate, Walled Lake, Wayne and Wyandotte departments.

Jerry Flowers, River Rouge deputy chief, coveted his three graduates, saying it is "hard to find and keep recruits" because other departments seeking qualified minorities often hire away some of them.

Eight of the 49 fire academy graduates had jobs with the Ann Arbor Fire Department.

Not to worry, said Livonia Fire Lt. Clyde Rivard. "The next three to five years is going to be a great time in the job market for firefighters."

That's because many Vietnam veterans who joined the fire service in the 1960s and '70s are retiring, said Rivard, Schoolcraft's fire technology program coordinator.

Among those hoping he's right is Jodi M. Auvil of Redford Township, one of the five women among 25 part-time students earning certificates.

Auvil, a former resident of Garden City, takes night classes while working part-time at Tyme Auto Sales in Plymouth and the North Jefferson Avenue DaimlerChrysler Jeep plant.

The fire academy? "I love it," she said.

Madonna holds basketball camps

Madonna University's All-Star Basketball Camps for boys and girls ages 8 to 15 will run Monday, June 12, through Friday, July 7.

The camps' features include guest speakers, camp championship tourney, a personal written evaluation, shooting instruction, passing and receiving the ball drills, offensive footwork, movement without the ball and much more.

There will be two camps for boys held at Madonna, both camps will run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The first camp for boys will be Monday, June 12, through Fri-

day, June 16, and the second camp will be Monday, June 19, through Friday, June 23. A third camp for boys will be held at Fairlane Christian in Dearborn Heights on Monday, June 26, through Friday, June 30. There will be one camp for girls at Fairlane Christian from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 2, through Friday, July 7, with the exception of Tuesday, July 4.

The cost for the boys camps held at Madonna University is \$130 and the cost for both the boys and the girls camps at Fairlane Christian is \$120. For more information, call Coach Bernie

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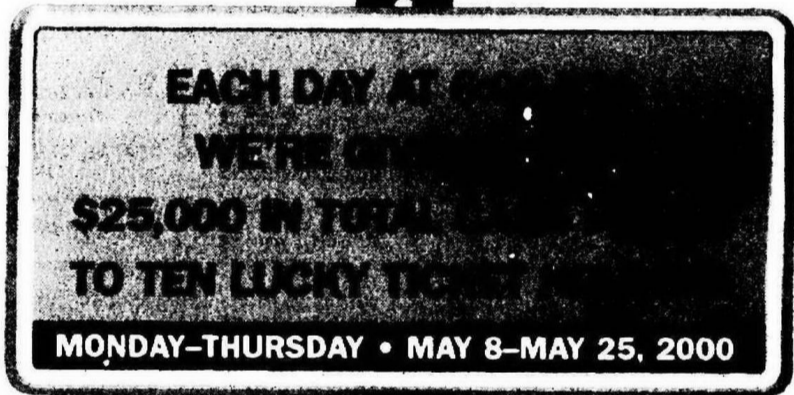
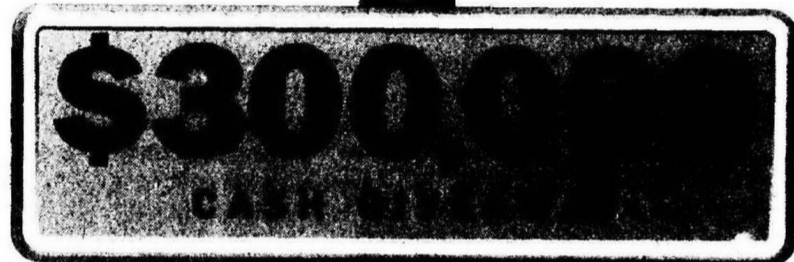
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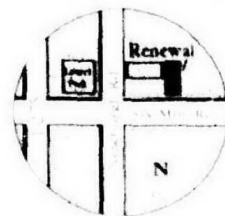
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THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2000

The time is now

Township needs good candidates

KC. Mueller has decided against seeking re-election to her position on the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, a loss of a quality decision-maker whose presence will be missed.

Her decision means a new face in at least one of the four trustee positions. To whom will that face belong?

That, at least in part, is up to you.

Every four years, you have a chance to become part of your own government. The township board of trustees is made up of regular citizens, like you. They come from diverse backgrounds, have wives and husbands and families, like you. They're neighbors, like you. They decided to seek election, for the most part, out of a genuine desire to see things get better.

If that's like you, you'd better hurry. Time is running out.

Decision day for any fence-sitters is May 16. By next Tuesday, you've got to either hoist yourself forward and file a petition, or gently ease yourself back and say, "Let the next guy do it."

Either decision is O.K., because you're entitled to do as you please. It's the beauty of a democracy. The larger beauty is, of course, that the democracy is made up of people exactly like you, regular Joes uneasy about stepping forward, uncomfortable with the process, yet unable to stand by and let someone else do it.

There are a lot of reasons to be frightened about getting involved. Elections, especially at the local level, can get nasty. Dare to utter

something contrary to what someone else thinks or advocates and your name can be dragged through the local mud. We know of one election where a candidate's pets were poisoned, for crying out loud.

And then you have to decide if you can afford to win. Some elections take thousands of dollars. If you're running against a guy like Gerry Law, the term-limited state representative who swears up-and-down he isn't running for anything, you're going to need some help.

If you're someone who has never sought public office, and you have to run against veterans like Law or Maurice Breen, established politicians who can draw on a pretty extensive "good ol' boys" network, you might think more than twice about getting involved.

But if you're someone who has ideas on how to move the township forward, someone who wants to put his or her interests aside for the greater good, that's what counts. That's what makes local government so interesting, so valuable.

Your township needs you. But the time for sitting on the fence is past. It's time to get in the game, with the filing deadline less than a week away.

At the end of her letter to her constituents printed in the May 4 issue of this newspaper, Mueller wrote: "For those of you who had ever contemplated serving their community, I hope you will seriously consider running for this open position now."

It's a sentiment we echo.

Care should be person-centered

No butts about it, if you're a nonsmoker, and want to enjoy a smoke-free dinner out, there are plenty of restaurants in southeastern Michigan to choose from. Which leads us to question whether a state law banning smoking in Michigan bars and restaurants is practical, enforceable or really necessary.

House Bill 5645, proposed by Rep. Raymond Basham, D-Taylor, would ban smoking in all Michigan restaurants, and bars that serve food, but not private clubs. It is similar to legislation enacted in California two years ago and Maine in 1999.

Both states have encountered mixed results under the policy. Business has increased (the solid economy is a contributing factor) but so have costs associated with enforcement. It's too early to put a value on health care savings, although a study by the Journal of the American Medical Association did find that female California restaurant staffers suffered higher mortality rates from diseases commonly associated with second-hand smoke.

The Observer believes a more reasonable approach is offered with the restrictions already in place here or the encouragement of a "voluntary" ban such as one in Wisconsin.

Basham's bill would amend the Michigan Public Health Code, which currently requires food service establishments with a seating capacity of less than 50 to designate 25 percent of those seats for nonsmokers. Restaurants with seating capacity of 50 or more, must designate half of the seating for nonsmokers.

We note that those figures are minimums. The actual size of non-smoking sections in many area restaurants substantially exceeds the requirements. Others have eliminated smoking altogether.

In fact, the number of smoke-free restaurants in Michigan has increased from about 1,900 to more than 2,500 in the last three

years, according to the Michigan Restaurant Association.

Still other restaurants have improved their ventilation systems, and limited smoking to certain areas such as the bar to make nonsmokers more comfortable.

In Michigan, local health departments are charged with enforcing the state's smoking guidelines. This would remain unchanged under Basham's proposal. The proposed legislation requires investigation within five days of a complaint and correction by the establishment within two days after a determination has been made that a complaint is valid.

Penalties may include the suspension of food service operations until compliance is achieved.

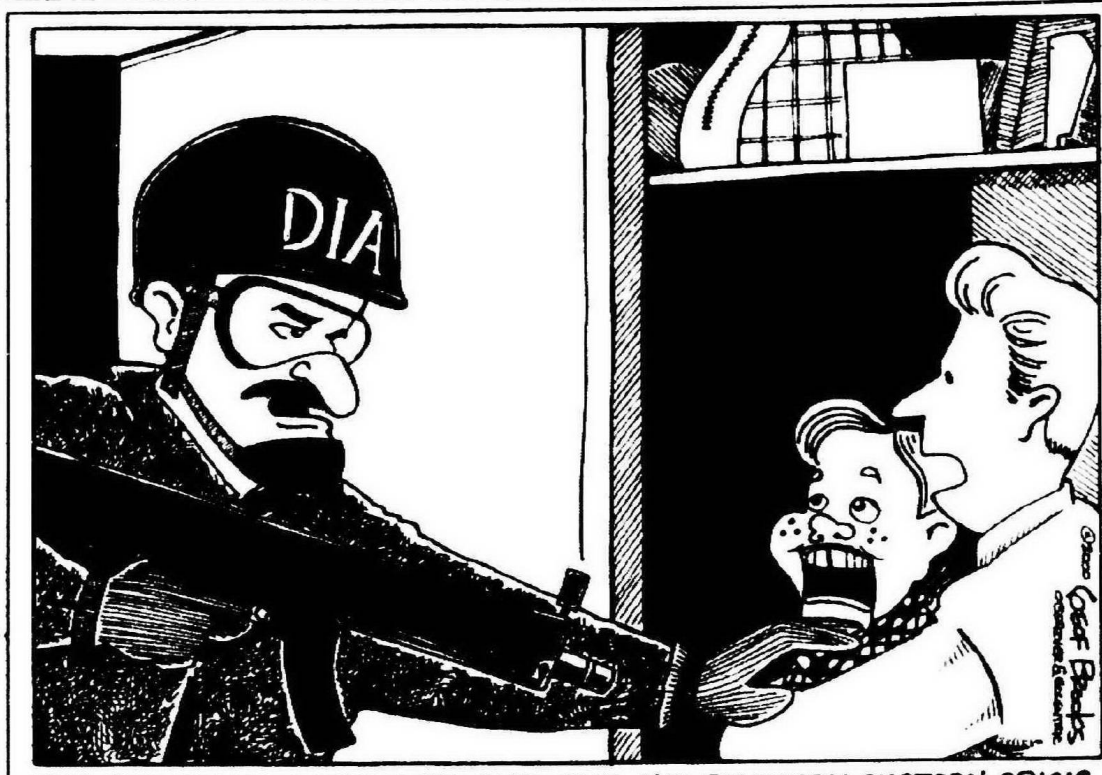
We're not sure where that leaves a local restaurateur dealing with a citizen complaint about another patron's behavior. Or an employee's decision to violate the law, for that matter.

Local public health dollars are better spent promoting programs that help Michiganders get and stay healthy. Dollars spent policing restaurants are dollars taken away from developing programs that help lower the risk factors for chronic disease in Michigan, including those caused by smoking.

We agree nonsmokers should be given a choice and protected from secondhand smoke. Current law provides for that. Nonsmokers have options in southeast Michigan — they can request seating in nonsmoking areas, or patronize only restaurants that ban smoking. Restaurants are in business to make money. If enough customers demand a ban on smoking, restaurant management will comply. It's simply good business.

Restaurants should decide for themselves if they want to ban smoking from their establishments. They shouldn't be forced to.

GEOF BROOKS



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LETTERS

Marchers on wrong track

I would like to commend those participants of the Million Mom March for exercising their rights to assembly and speech with regard to a subject they feel strongly about.

However, that is perhaps as far as my agreement with the Million Mom Marchers will go. As a law enforcement officer, hunter and gun owner, I would pose a few points to ponder for your readers as well as for those who are advocating yet more restrictions on the law-abiding hunters and gun owners of this country.

The Million Mom Marchers say that they want "reasonable" gun laws passed. Summarizing a bit, they have asked for several things. They would like to have pistol purchases limited to one handgun per month. They also desire safe storage laws and mandatory trigger lock legislation. All of these, at face value, might sound "reasonable" to anyone who may not be familiar or associated with their right to firearms ownership.

However, if gun locks or "safe storage" laws are passed, how would they propose they be enforced? One scenario is that the law would be enforced only after a firearm is found unsecured/unlocked and is used to kill someone. Thus, the law prevents nothing. The other scenario, and the only solution — and one which I am not in favor of — would be to allow law enforcement personnel to enter gun owners' homes day or night for pre-emptive "inspections" of firearms storage. This would be a violation of personal freedom, rights and security.

As for one gun a month, even though I personally have no desire to buy one handgun per month, or one refrigerator, car or swimming pool, I would like to retain the right to do so. I would also point out that I have the right to peacefully assemble provided I secure a "permit." Should we also restrict peaceful assembly to one march per month? I certainly wouldn't support that, neither would most. Yet, our Bill Of Rights is being picked apart by these "reasonable" laws.

Gun lock laws and safe storage laws are all simply posturing efforts by politicians and gun control advocates who are concealing their true wants behind the word "reasonable." These measures, within the parameters of our current constitutional republic are, if they are to be effective, unconstitutional.

I truly wish the marchers a very safe and prosperous journey to our nation's capital. I commend them for exercising their rights to freedom of expression and am proud to call them fellow Americans. However, the real agenda of the proponents of such measures is

simple. They want to completely disarm the law-abiding citizenry of America. And the only people who would benefit from that would be the criminals in our society.

Frank Finch
Canton

Parents must help

The Canton Township, Plymouth Township and Plymouth City Police Departments have undertaken a social enforcement effort to combat underage consumption and possession of alcohol and the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. Alcohol possession and consumption becomes more of a problem for us with the warmer weather, the end of the school year and the large parties that accompany high school graduation.

This year, once again, our police departments are making an extra effort to educate your teenagers to the danger of hosting and/or attending these large parties; however, we desperately need your assistance in supporting our efforts.

There are laws, peer programs, prevention efforts and school regulations, but one of the most powerful means of assuring your teens are not drinking and driving this graduation and prom season is to exercise your parental responsibility to say "No" and refuse to allow alcohol to be served at graduation or prom house parties.

We are asking that you as parents recognize and accept control over the number of invitees, the type of entertainment, the use of amplifiers and speakers, and the consumption of alcohol. Plan ahead for the supervision of activities, such as the parking of cars. Since your neighbors will be among the first affected, have you advised them of what to expect?

Please show this letter to your children and take the time to discuss it with them. As they leave each Friday and Saturday night with their friends, please remind them of the potential dangers of alcohol and how easily their 12 years of effort can be shattered in an instant by an accident which could result in injury or death.

These reminders may serve to prevent embarrassing and often tragic incidents that are unpleasant to all of us in the community.

Lawrence Carey, Chief of Police
Plymouth Township
John Santomauro, Director of Public Safety
Canton Township
Richard Miller, Chief of Police
Plymouth City

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Do you think this weekend's Million Mom March will impact gun legislation?



"Sure. I think if more people show concern about guns and gun control, the more effect it will have."

Dave Mullins
Westland



"I doubt it. If kids dying doesn't do anything for gun control, I doubt people marching will."

James Williams
Plymouth



"I don't think there will be any effect. The NRA is just too strong."

Debra Eaves
Northville



"I think it's the same as other marches before. Any effect will be temporary."

Jennifer Lawson
Redford

We asked this question outside the post office in downtown Plymouth

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Tragedy proves how little we know about people's real feelings

We likely will never know why Donald and Marie Strom decided to die.

But one day, they sat down together and made arrangements to be cremated, with their ashes buried together in one grave with a single headstone.

They chose a plot at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth, next to the grave of their 16-year-old daughter, Christine.

In early April they entered the garage of their Southfield home and placed a folder containing their final requests on the dashboard of their brown 1980 Oldsmobile. They climbed into the car and turned the key. Together, they would once again feel the clammy touch of death, this time for the last time.

It's not every day we news folk come across a double-suicide, especially one where a couple asks to be buried in one grave.

I was moved by the Stroms, the more I learned about them, the tragedy they had survived years ago and their complete devotion to each other until their very last breath.

It's also puzzling how some people, myself included, are held hostage by their emotions while others, like the Stroms, so successfully conceal from the world the tidal waves that swell and crash within us.

After interviews with a dozen people who knew them, I can only guess at the reasons for the Stroms' decision.

The couple attended church at Beverly Hills United Methodist regularly, sat in the same pew and always had a pleasant comment about the weather or a compliment for the communion host. Friends described Marie, 70, as a quiet homemaker who enjoyed classical music and reading. She also enjoyed sports, especially the Detroit Red Wings.

Don, 68, was remembered as a brilliant thinker. He once worked for a defense contractor and during a program for seniors at the church entitled "Young at Heart," he named "Wall Street Week" as his favorite television show. Friends said he had a keen mind for physics, always pondering the forces that make a playground swing or an airplane work.

He even flew small aircraft once but gave up flying when Christine was born, joking that he traded in his airplane for a daughter. When his only child entered Southfield High School, he agreed to let her take flying lessons. She seemed born to fly, he said.

But a week after her first solo flight, in July 1980 while practicing her landings and takeoffs at the Big Beaver Airport in Troy, she hit a power line, crashed into a garage and died instantly.

Although friends and neighbors said they never heard the Stroms talk about Christine or the crash, Rev. Stephen Perrine said Don was particularly attuned to news events involving human suffering. During services, he asked for special prayers for those affected by the Kosovo crisis and the student victims at Columbine High School.



MARY McDONOUGH

Their days grew longer and neighbors said the couple had difficulty getting around, so much so that Don used to back his car down the driveway to retrieve his mail, putting it in a canvas bag each day. When the mail began to pile up, neighbors on Secluded Lane suspected something was wrong and contacted police.

The suicide affected the neighborhood so much it compelled two residents to attend a recent meeting of the Southfield Homeowners Coalition to get information about starting a homeowners' organization in their neighborhood.

One of them was Alfredine Wiley, a Detroit Public Schools administrator.

"I feel bad. I knew they were alone over there and I always said I was going to knock on their door," said Wiley.

About 10 years ago, Wiley said, the Stroms put their house up for sale intending to move to Plymouth, closer to Marie's brother. Before the house could be sold, her brother died and they took the house off the market.

"They were very private people but I felt I could have done more. When I heard about this happening, I thought, 'we are going to have to get our neighborhood together,'" said Wiley.

Contrary to popular opinion, only a fraction of suicide victims have been diagnosed with a terminal illness at the time of their death and most elderly suicide victims are in relatively good physical health, according to Common Ground Crisis Center.

"There is still a huge stigma that someone will label them crazy if they seek counseling," said Anna Arini, a crisis counselor at Common Ground. "The generation they come from was one where it was not OK to talk about their feelings. They're just not aware of the resources available to them."

Arini said a higher percentage of elderly suicides are attributed to depression, as compared with suicides in the general population. That depression is often linked to isolation or loneliness caused by a lack of mobility.

The Stroms exchanged pleasantries at church potlucks but in the end they may have been haunted by memories of a blond-haired daughter they couldn't protect, a tragedy too profound to measure and grandchildren they would never have.

In the age of tell-alls and talk shows, their suffering took place behind closed doors and sunny demeanors, and they revealed little if any of their pain to neighbors or relatives.

Last weekend's graveside ceremony was at once comforting and unsettling, attended mostly by church members and distant cousins. In death, as in life, Don and Marie's feelings were shared only with each other; their friends and family now left to wonder how much they didn't know. When the guests at the memorial service were asked for stories or memories about the pair, no words were spoken. The only sound heard was the wind whistling through the trees and then the words of Rev. Perrine.

"At times like these we are reminded that we never really know each others' thoughts and feelings. We're limited by the feelings that we share. We never know what is in others' hearts."

Mary McDonough is a staff writer for the Southfield Eccentric.

Internet sales tax evens playing field for brick-and-mortar businesses

Whoever would have imagined a couple of years ago that an e-mail virus masquerading as a love letter would shut down computers all over the world? And those whose computers were infected last week now have a clear idea of just how dependent we've become on e-mail and computerized address books and JPEG picture files.



PHIL POWER

And that's just small beer compared to the profound impact the Information Revolution will have throughout our entire society.

Take taxes, for instance.

With more than a third of all homes in America hooked up to the Internet, home shopping is turning out to be the biggest growth sector in the entire economy. And when you're shopping on amazon.com and click the "execute order" button, the one thing you won't find on your screen is a line detailing how much sales tax you owe.

By contrast, when you shop at a local store in Michigan, you'll pay 6 percent state sales tax on most purchases, excepting things like food and medicine.

Most states and a few cities rely on the sales tax as a big part of their revenue base. Nationally, the sales tax produces around \$150 billion in taxes for states, which is about two-thirds of their total revenue. In Michigan, the sales tax last year produced \$6.4 billion, which is 17.5 percent of the total \$36.6 billion in total state revenue.

Up to now, taxpayers who shop from catalogs or over the Internet have found it easy to ignore the question of tax liability for their purchases.

But anybody who filled out the Michigan income tax forms last month knows that this year, for the first time, there is a question on line 30 asking whether you owe "use tax" (another term for sales tax) on purchases you made from another state on which no tax was collected. You could either check the box marked "no" - in which case you might have been cheating on your taxes - or you could turn to page 11 to calculate how much you owe.

Some people I know concocted an arbitrary -

and low - number for their Internet purchases and computed a use tax obligation on this basis. Sure, they're cheating on their taxes. And no, they probably won't get caught.

So the Information Revolution, through the entirely new phenomenon of home shopping via the Internet, threatens to undo a very big chunk of the system of tax revenues throughout the entire country. Not surprisingly, this is producing a whole lot of strange bedfellows and alliances.

Gov. John Engler, for instance, is normally a tax cutter. But he is also a governor who is responsible for maintaining the revenue base of his state. And state Treasurer Mark Murray estimates that something like \$100 million in Michigan sales tax revenue on catalogs and Internet sales was lost last year.

So Gov. Engler went down to Washington to urge Congress to pass a law requiring companies that sell by catalogs or the Internet to collect sales taxes at the time the purchase is made and remit them directly to the relevant state. His testimony was compelling, even in making the distinction between imposing new taxes (which he's against) and providing states with the ability to collect sales taxes already on the books (which he's for).

But the U.S. Congress, normally vigilant in maximizing revenue for the federal government, is not about to pass a law that most people would regard as a big tax increase, especially not in an election year. Moreover, a bunch of Engler's traditional (and very conservative) supporters - the Mackinac Center for Public Policy and the Michigan Federation of Young Republicans - are going after him as a big taxer, of all things.

Engler replies that it's simply unfair to tax brick-and-mortar Michigan retail businesses but not tax Internet companies selling similar products. He's absolutely right.

But the topsy-turvy twists in the politics of the argument only demonstrate how profound the consequences of the Information Revolution will surely be as the years go by.

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Attempts to restrict recall rights should prompt outcries

Attempt to enact gun control legislation that could be interpreted as a restriction on Second Amendment rights and folks will come out in droves to protest. Adopt a law that infringes on First Amendment rights to free speech and another group of citizens will give you very strong reaction.



MIKE MALOTT

But when lawmakers try to tighten down on the constitutional right to recall elected officials, it often meets with a collective yawn. Why Michigan voters aren't more protective of their right to recall has always been a mystery to me.

The right of recall narrowly survived another assault recently. Rep. Charles LaSata, R-St. Joseph, proposed tightening recalls in one of two ways. In one version, the only permissible reasons for recalling an elected official would be misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance - essentially, doing the job in an unlawful fashion or not doing the job at all. Another proposal would have required that the official be recalled by more than the number of votes that put him or her into office in the first place.

LaSata's proposals were set aside last week by the House Constitutional Law and Ethics Committee, but it's not entirely dead. Lawmakers say the bill may come back if the representative can find additional votes.

Either version would seriously restrict the right of recall as it is presently included in the state Constitution. Article two, section eight, states: "Laws shall be enacted to provide for the recall of all elective officers except judges. The sufficiency of any statement of reasons or grounds procedurally required shall be a political rather than a judicial question."

The phrasing of the provision is important because the Constitution makes it clear recalls are supposed to be decided at the ballot box, not in the courts. Recalls are supposed to be a pressure release valve for voters unhappy with their

elected officials, not debates over the fine points of legalities.

Of course, that's also why they are unpopular with elected officials. Recalls can be conducted for reasons that aren't very good, and often they are. Locally elected officials - township board members, city council members, school board trustees - are the ones most often targeted, if only because the smaller number of signatures needed to get on the ballot makes local attempts more likely to succeed.

LaSata has said that recalls can get to be very troubling for a town. He noted that in one town, 24 recall attempts were made within a single year. Oakland County is another good example. Over the past five years, 68 attempts have been made to recall local officials, resulting in four elections and the ouster of one township official.

But if those numbers show recalls are indeed attempted often, they also show that they rarely succeed.

Already, the Legislature has put one artificial barrier in front of recalls. In place now is a law requiring the "reasons for recall" to get the approval of the county Elections Commission.

That may sound reasonable enough, but in practice it becomes pretty arbitrary. For one, it takes the recall into a quasi-judicial proceeding before the Elections Commission. For another, local officials and their attorneys, who spend their days talking and writing in legalese, suddenly seem to have trouble understanding simple sentences.

So do some Elections Commissions. In the end, as always, it is up to citizens to protect their own rights. And the right to recall a public official - no different really than the right of an employer to fire an errant worker - should be considered just as important as any other right in the Constitution.

They should not hesitate to protest when lawmakers attempt to take that away from them.

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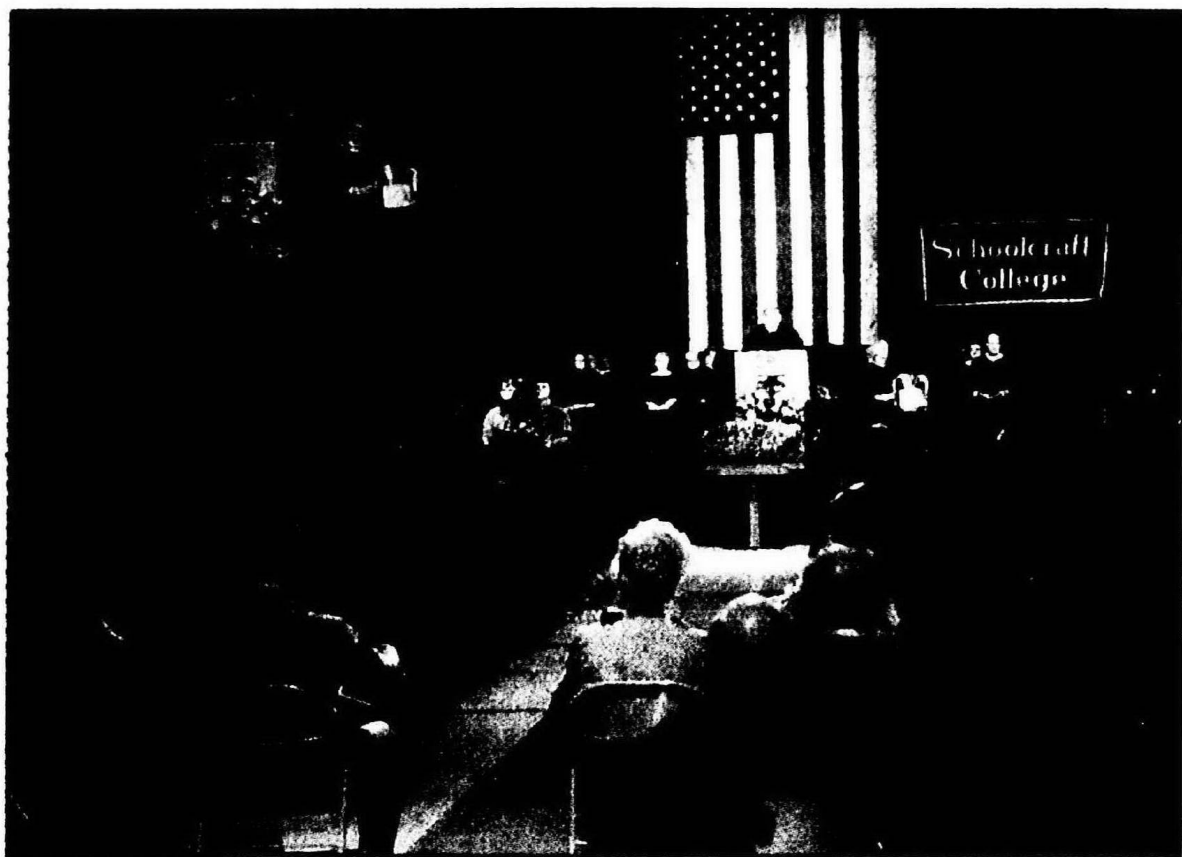


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Graduates gather: Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell addresses the graduating students during ceremonies at the Schoolcraft gymnasium.

Schoolcraft graduates inspired

BY RICHARD PEARL
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One of the largest graduating classes in Schoolcraft College's 36-year history heard similar prescriptions for happiness and fulfillment from two very different — but very successful — speakers Saturday night.

The two — Robert Thompson, multi-millionaire founder of Michigan's largest asphalt paving company, and Rev. George Shalhoub, pastor of southeast Michigan's largest Antiochian Orthodox church — each addressed the 1,087 graduates and their families and friends during the 35th annual commencement exercises in the college's gymnasium.

"Treat people right and know your business," but take time out for family, said featured speaker Thompson, whose generosity toward his former employees has become a modern business legend.

"Be alive for God and community and family," said Shalhoub, a Syrian native whose small

parish is today's 650 family St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church in Livonia. "Don't just live mainly for salary and careers."

Even the graduates were inspirational.

College President Dick McDowell spoke of several, including Anne Bolander of Westland and Crystal Kerr of Redford Township.

Bolander, he said, was born deaf but her family thought she was retarded and put her in an institution where children were routinely beaten, not allowed to show emotion, touch one another, laugh or have a name.

She was later released and eventually graduated from high school. Now a General Motors Corp. employee for 25 years, the 42-year-old Bolander is finally earned her degree at Schoolcraft after 15 frustrating years of trying at other community and four-year colleges.

Bolander's book of her experiences, *I Was #87*, is being published this month.

Kerr earned an occupational

therapy assistantship despite having a husband diagnosed with cancer, working full time nights at a Plymouth nursing home, giving birth to the couple's daughter and also taking care of home and health.

"Who needs to sleep?" joked Kerr, whose husband has since recovered.

Thompson, the former teacher, fighter pilot and entrepreneur told the crowd, "You can start with nothing, and you can be anything you choose to be."

With the support of wife Ellen, he created a business which sold in 1998 for \$450 million. The couple shared \$128 million of that with their loyal employees and families and also have provided scholarships at Schoolcraft.

Stating "All of us need both education and experience" to become confident people, Thompson told the graduates, "You have received an excellent start here at Schoolcraft."

Shalhoub, honored as a distinguished alumnus, said that's what Schoolcraft gave him.

Madonna grads told 'find a passion'

Eleanor Josaitis, executive director of Focus:Hope, told the more than 800 graduates of Madonna University Saturday to turn around and wave to the people who helped get them there.

She also admonished them to "find their passion and go for it."

Josaitis joined the other honorary doctorate recipients — business leader Frank Stella, chairman and CEO of Stella Products Co. and F.D. Stella International Co., and Major Gen. Lucius Theus, United States Air Force (retired) and president of The U.S. Associates and chief operating officer of The Wellness Group Inc. — in inspiring the graduates to set goals and follow dreams at Madonna's 53rd commencement at Calihan Hall at the University of Detroit Mercy.



Hi folks: Art Bardell of Livonia waves to his family as the ceremony begins.

The university awarded approximately 508 bachelor's degrees, 373 master's degrees

and the rest associate degrees and special certificates.

Andrea Nodge, the university's director of marketing and public relations, was awarded the distinguished alumna award.

"It was a great honor. I've been at the university 15 years, actually became a student 17 years ago and stayed," Nodge said. "It's like Eleanor said, I found my passion and got into this position and I love it. People come and say 'Andrea you deserved it,' because they know how much my alma mater means to me. It's been wonderful to be rewarded for having a rewarding career."

The invocation was given by the Most Rev. Moses B. Anderson, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit.



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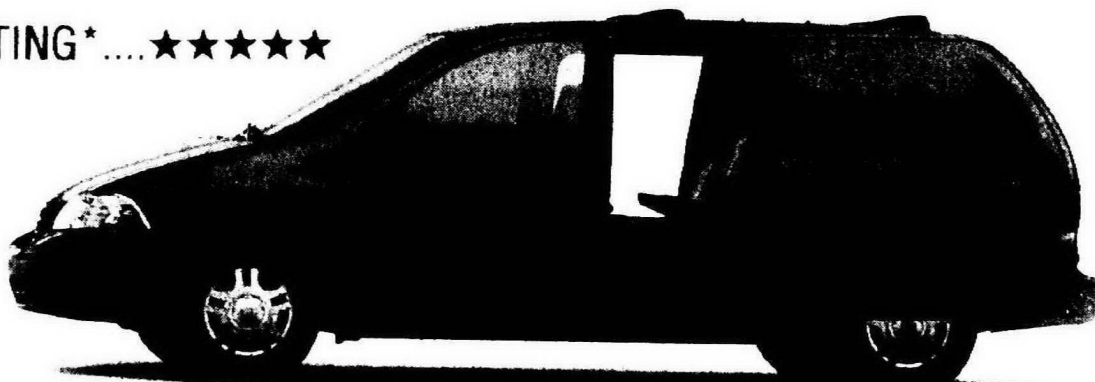
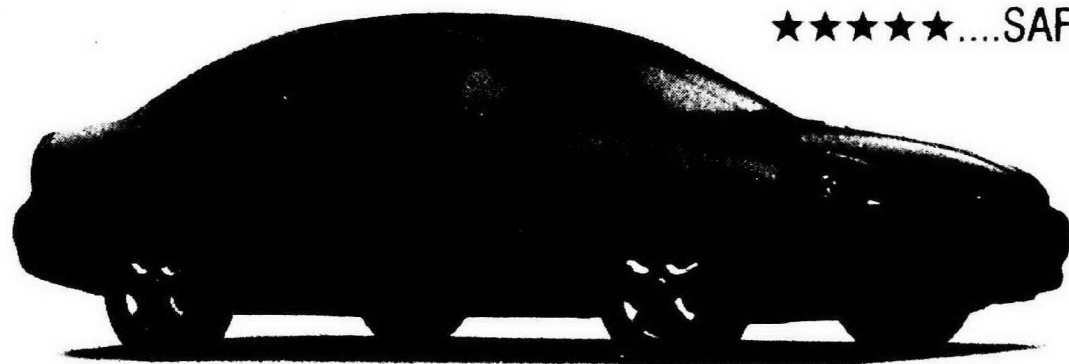
Happy graduates: Hundreds of students awaited diplomas at Madonna University's 53rd Annual Commencement held Saturday.

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STEPHANIE CASOLA

First-time aunt learns a few simple lessons

As the youngest in a line of three daughters in my family, I've watched and listened as my sisters went first.

All of my life, I got used to seeing my oldest sister, Paula, make all the major life choices and accomplish many rites of passage. She was the first to drive, graduate high school, go to prom, move away to college, earn a master's degree, get a good job, get married to a wonderful man and buy a home.

She's been an inspiration and a guide to what my own future may hold. But of all the "firsts" I've seen, none has impacted me more than the one I witnessed first-hand just over four months ago.

Babies remind us of the simple necessities in life. The first sounds Angela began to make were giggles and coos. I knew she meant to bring humor and light-hearted joy into all of our lives.

When Paula — with her husband, Mark, at her side — gave birth to little miss Angela Kay Bruni, it was not only a first and an overwhelming delight, it was also a moment that has forever impacted our families. She's become the major source of entertainment

at all family functions and no one can help but want to hold the sweet baby in their arms.

Since that very day, I've done my best to coax and repeat the words "Aunt Stephanie" whenever Angela and I are together. I think she's bound to spout out those four syllables any day now.

But in the meantime, I've decided to share a few lessons she's taught me so far on her journey into toddler-dom and beyond.

Be observant. Angela didn't scream when she entered the world. Not right away. She looked around and wondered who in the world all those people surrounding her could be. And you can't look into those bright, big eyes without knowing she's curious to learn about everything she sees.

Be patient. It doesn't really matter who's holding her as long as she's been fed and changed and had a good nap. She doesn't rush around — of course she hasn't yet mastered the ability to turn over, never mind crawl.

Be happy. Babies remind us of the simple necessities in life. The first sounds Angela began to make were giggles and coos. I knew she meant to bring humor and light-hearted joy into all of our lives. Even her eyes have the ability to smile and there's no way to stop from smiling right back.

Casual serenity

But she seems to take everything in with a casual serenity only babies can truly possess. And that calm is contagious whenever someone else is near. I feel myself relax, my voice soften and my hand loosen to a gentle cuddling grip at the mere sight of her. In a world where rushing around seems necessary, this aunt has learned how to take things one step at a time.

From these simple rules I've been reminded of the true pleasures in life — and the life that is separate from deadlines, schedules and life's little responsibilities. I've finally achieved something before my oldest sister, I am an aunt and now a godmother to this beautiful little girl we waited for so long.

Becoming an aunt is an inspiring experience. It's a title I wear with pride. I can hardly wait to hear her call me by name.

Happy Mother's Day to Paula Bruni, and to all new mommies and grand-mommies everywhere.

Fabric of life

Quilts tell stories of family history, milestones

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Meena Schaldenbrand's exhaustive collection of quilts is like pages of a book telling the story of her life.

One quilt illustrates how Schaldenbrand and her brother, Pradeep, flew alone from India to meet their parents in the United States when she was 13. Another is a four-foot collage made from one-half-inch squares of her husband's face copied from a computer print out. Schaldenbrand laughs and sighs as she describes how difficult it was to coordinate the many different colors and fabrics to make the project work.

"Each quilt can be so different and so personal," she said.

Near and dear

But the one that holds the most emotion so far, Schaldenbrand said, is a recently finished graduation quilt for her daughter, Lisa, a 12th grader at Ladywood High School in Livonia.

Schaldenbrand painstakingly sewed swatches of material from Lisa's sleepers, dresses and other clothes, right up to a pair of jeans she still wears. The keepsake illustrates every milestone in her daughter's life, including her first earring, which is sewn into the fabric. It's another example of her mom's artistic flair and devotion to detail.

"A lot of people don't think of quilting as an art, but I sure do," she said.

The nearly 50 women who gathered to see Schaldenbrand's work during a Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan workshop last week at the First United Methodist Church in Birmingham thought so, too.

"Rumpelstiltskin better hide," said Reva Barahal, who watched as Schaldenbrand quickly explained the myriad of stories behind the fabric and illustrations.

Jeanne Sarna of Troy said: "I think they're fabulous. She's constantly trying new things and is very successful and very talented."

The 120 guild members live throughout Michigan and represent a wide range of artistic venues, like beading, sewing, knitting and doll-making, just to name a few. They have four exhibits annually, including "A Spring Show," that ran through the first week of May.

After 20 years of hand and machine sewing, the 44-year-old Schaldenbrand said she stopped counting how many quilts she had when she reached 100, but knows "it's well over that." In fact, quilts replace pictures and other wall decor throughout her Plymouth home.



STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGFIELD

Talented: Meena Schaldenbrand and one of her colorful quilts. A small portion of the "Graduation Quilt" (below left) she made for her daughter, Schaldenbrand (right) talks with Judy Ginsberg of Farmington Hills and Jeanne Sarna of Troy.

Pulling quilt after quilt from more than eight bulging suitcases, Schaldenbrand gave the audience glimpses of her work and snippets about her life. Her mother, Shyama Manudhane, stood at her side helping her hold-up each quilt. A quiet humor filled Schaldenbrand's conversation and seemed to spill out from the colorful fabrics of her pictures.

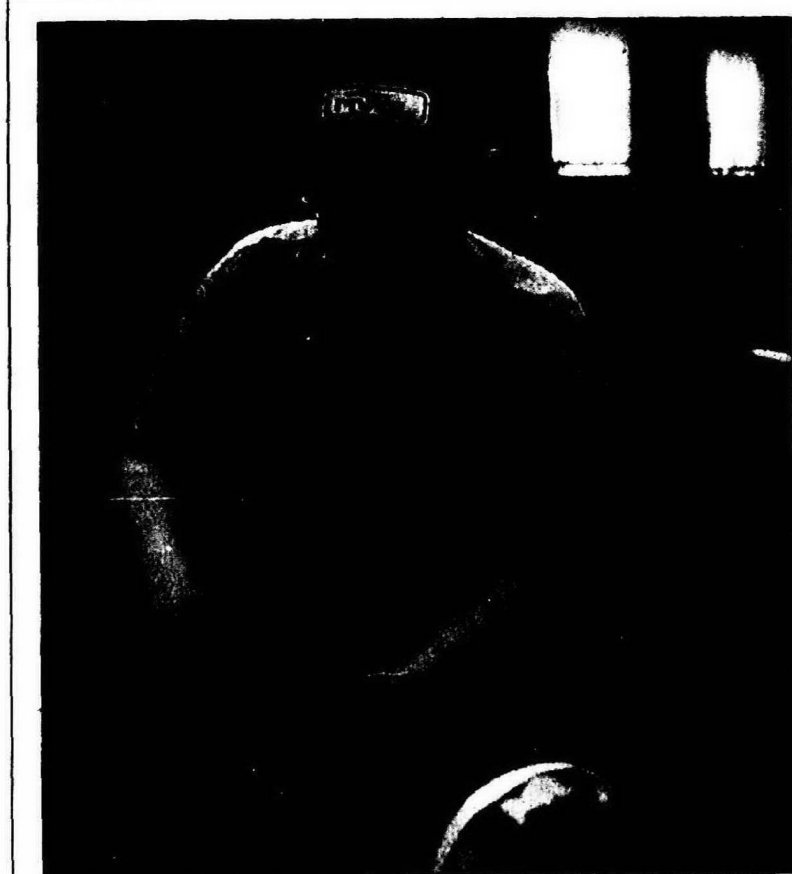
She described her first quilt as "ugly." The brown tones are much more drab than what followed, "but it's my daughter's favorite, because she dragged it around the house all those years."

One quilt illustrated moments in her daily routine, including a house with a three-dimensional door that opened and closed and reminds her of the days her daughters always left the door open. Another panel is of an "invisible" washer and dryer.

"It's invisible, because only I can use it," she said. A few inches away lies a toilet with goldfish swimming in the tank, showing the demise of so many of her family's aquatic pets. The quilt includes hundreds of personal meanings and memories.

In fact, quilting became a creative outlet.

Please see FABRIC, B2



Committed: Matt Ramey rolls up a sleeping bag he helped make. It will be distributed to the homeless.



DO UNTO OTHERS

Teen shows compassion for less fortunate

FRIDAY'S

The first Saturday of every month Matthew Ramey has the chance to make some new friends. It doesn't matter to Ramey that these individuals, mostly adult men, are homeless. And from the perspective of these men, it doesn't seem to be an issue that Ramey is just 14 — he's a man for looking beyond their situations and offering only friendship.

The teenager's parents, Darlene and Wayne, chose to expose their children to life in the Cass Corridor by initiating a project called "Mercy House."

The entire family, along with other relatives and members of their congregation

(Belleville Church of God) travel to Detroit the first Saturday of every month to provide ministry and a hot meal to dozens of "street people" at the Mercy House.

"He greets the homeless without reservation. He makes them feel wanted and shows a lot of love. The people there know him," said Darlene Ramey, Matthew's mother.

Ramey, a student at Garden City Junior High School, lives with his parents, Darlene and Wayne Ramey, and siblings Amanda and Andrew in Garden City.

"Matthew has always exhibited a kind spirit," said Darlene of her eldest son. "He loves helping people and doesn't see a difference between color. He's color blind."

Rise and shine

The Ramey family rises early on this first Saturday in April and heads off to their former place of worship, Dearborn Church of

Please see FRIDAY'S CHILD, B2

Fabric from page B1

for Schaldenbrand when she was looking for something to occupy her time while her husband, John, was working on his residency at the University of Ann Arbor Hospital. She tried knitting and countless crafts, but nothing appealed to her until she took a quilting class.

"I hated sewing when I was younger," she said. "Quilts make me feel like I'm creative, which I never thought I was."

Schaldenbrand earned a bachelor's degree as a medical technologist, but quit when Lisa was born. Now she considers herself a quilter first. It was only natural that her two daughters, Lisa and Amy, 16, would find joy in quilting. Both girls have finished quilts that Schaldenbrand takes special pleasure displaying in their home and during demonstrations.

"I tell my kids that their inheritance will be of fabric and quilts," she said. "When I go shopping on vacation, I bring back fabric as my souvenirs. I love vibrant, colorful fabrics."

Making a quilt takes years, she said, but the most time consuming part is "dreaming of the idea." She usually spends between nine months and one year fine tuning the designs. "Sewing is the easy part," said



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACQUELD

Variety: Schaldenbrand also quilts clothing.

Schaldenbrand, who feeds her creativity by being a member of the Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild, the Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan, the American Sewing Guild and the Creative Clothing Club in Troy. She's also the leader of the American Sewing Guild in Plymouth, which meets on the first Thursday monthly at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.

One quilt, representing innovations of the 1970s, took

months of research and planning and includes everything from a peace sign and a CD-ROM that is sewn into the fabric to Post-it notes. Another quilt shows how she would have lived her life if she had it to do over. The tropical scene means she would reside somewhere warm "because I'm always cold" and a frying pan charm indicates that "I would be a better cook and not burn my food so much when I'm sewing."

Family themes dominate the work and landscapes come in a close second. Others are the result of projects launched on the Internet. Quilters present themes and explain the rules, like what colors are wanted. Sewers are told how many squares, all in the same design, to contribute and the originator passes them along until everyone involved has a completed quilt.

While she doesn't enter contests as a rule, Schaldenbrand has won national and local competitions, including first place in the Kaye Wood Star-maker Challenge that came with a \$3,000 sewing machine and a surger from a local contest. But it isn't the prizes that motivate Schaldenbrand, who approaches each project with the enthusiasm of a child at a new game.

"I run down to my sewing room the minute my family leaves in the morning, and I don't come up until they come back," she said. "I go to play in my play room so to speak." The Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Birmingham. For more information about the group call Colleen Ryan-Peters, 734-475-5851.

Friday's Child from page B1

God, to assemble and sew sleeping bags for homeless people. Matthew has no reservations of spending his Saturday serving others rather than playing with friends or sleeping late.

After several hours of work, Matthew and his parents drive

■ 'Matthew has always exhibited a kind spirit. He loves helping people and doesn't see a difference between color. He's color blind.'

Darlene Ramey
—Matt's mother

back to Garden City to arrange the food they'll take to Detroit. The family and their fellow parishioners prepare an entire meal for the shelter, which opens every Saturday thanks to the efforts of members of four churches, who serve food on a rotating basis.

"We make a hearty meal ... something we'd be proud to serve at home," said Matthew. "A few weeks ago we cooked 150 pieces of chicken at home to take to the Mercy House, and in the summer we have the Great Cass Cook-out. We start at 7 a.m. cleaning up the park and setting up tents. We have a big barbecue and pass out drinks and listen to music. It's great for everyone."

The family is in charge of preparing a menu and shopping for all the ingredients. From setting out plates, and cutting up vegetables to serving hot/ cold drinks and locking the doors after the last person is fed, the family is driven by their commitment to God.

Four years ago the pastor of the Ramey's church in Dearborn approached them with the idea to serve and minister to homeless people and they "jumped at

the chance," according to Darlene.

Since, they have brought the idea to their new congregation in Belleville and are passing on their convictions to their children. It's Matthew, however, who shows the greatest affection for his service.

"All of our children care about what we do but Matt has always been more sensitive to the plight of others," said Wayne Ramey.

Frame of mind

"Some kids at school ask me why I'd want to go to Detroit. 'Aren't you afraid of getting shot?' they say. That's ridiculous. They don't give a hoot about anyone but themselves. I love the people of Detroit. It's a great place. I'd go there every day if I could. I think it's a privilege to be able to serve meals to others."

The Rameys also spend their Thanksgiving at Mercy House preparing and serving a meal with all the traditional trimmings. Matt said this past year they chose to stay at home and opt out of their annual volunteer roles. "It just wasn't the same. It felt empty. It wasn't special ... just another dinner at home."

So they are planning to spend this holiday season back at Mercy House.

The Garden City teen hopes to do missionary work overseas when he's old enough and would like to play professional hockey.

His mom remembers his earlier career aspirations however. "When he was in preschool he was asked what he wanted to be when he grew up. The other children said policeman, mailman, doctor. Matthew said he wanted to be a millionaire so he could help all the needy people in the world. To this day, I think if Matthew became a millionaire, he would give it all way to the people he came in contact with at Mercy House."

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:

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| 413 N. Harvey | 402 Ann |
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| KATE E ALLENS ADDITION TO | 6 |
| PLYMOUTH VILLAGE | TIS R8E L64 P77 WCR |
| TIS R8E L22 P54 WCR | |
| 426 N. Harvey | 424 Ann |
| N 45.0 FT OF LOT 146 | LOT 176 |
| KATE E ALLENS ADDITION TO | WILLIAM A BLUNK ADDITION |
| PLYMOUTH VILLAGE | TIS R8E L27 P59 WCR |
| TIS R8E L22 P54 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

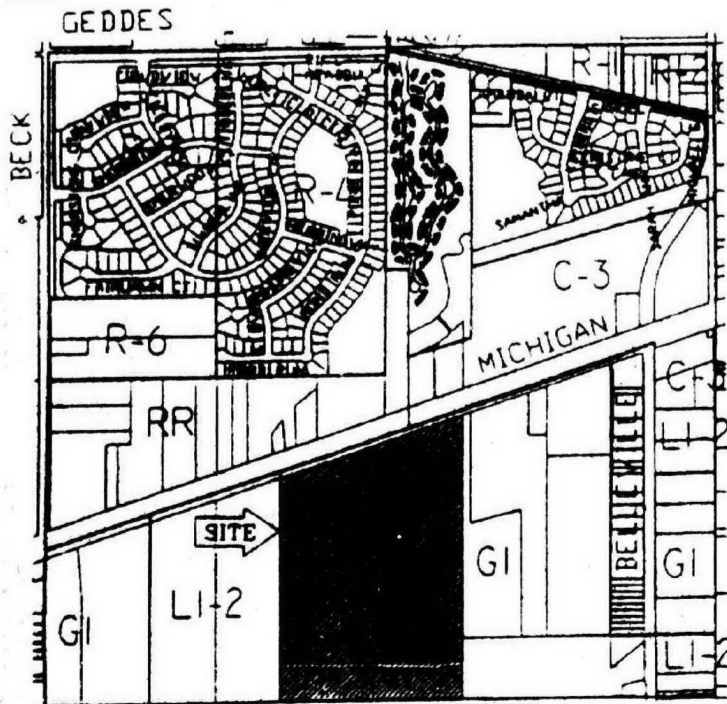
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 5, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

CANTON TOWNSHIP/CANTON SPORTS COMPLEX REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 131 99 0016 002 FROM G1, GENERAL INDUSTRIAL, TO LI-2, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL. Property is located on the south side of Michigan Avenue between Belleville and Beck Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, June 1, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: May 11 and 28, 2000

PLYMOUTH FINANCIAL CORPORATION NOTICE OF INTENDED MERGER/ACQUISITION AS REQUIRED UNDER THE BANK MERGER ACT

Notice is hereby given that New Liberty Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of Plymouth Financial Corporation 249 N. Main St., Plymouth, Michigan 48170, and their respective Organizers/Incorporators: Michael D. Weaver, William S. Graham, David D. Phipps, Wallace E. Smith, John E. Zafarana, Paul T. Bohlander, and Genesio C. Masculli has made application with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1828b for the purpose of acquiring the assets and liabilities of the Plymouth, Michigan branch office of Peoples State Bank located at 245 N. Main St. Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

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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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

CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE N. 2000-2001

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING THE ZONING MAP:

Section 1. The City of Plymouth ordains:
Section 78, "Zoning" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended by changing the Zoning Map as described in Section 2.

Section 2. Legal Description.
Proposed areas for zoning map amendments are incorporated as follows:
REZONE FROM B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS TO B-2 CENTRAL BUSINESS
789 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Lot 703 Assessors Plymouth Plat No. 20, Liber 68, Page 42 W.C.R., Parcel ID # 006-10-0703-000

Section 3. Zoning Map Insert - Modify as Required
Section 4. Rights and Duties.
Rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.

Section 5. Validity.
Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part thereof, other than the part declared invalid.

Section 6. Ordinances Repealed.
All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

Section 7. Effective Date.
This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication
Introduced April 17, 2000
Enacted May 1, 2000
Effective May 8, 2000

DAVID A. McDONALD, Mayor
LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC, City Clerk

Publish: May 11, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BRE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC D/B/A McLeod USA, INCORPORATED

PLEASE take notice that a public hearing as required by the Plymouth Township Telecommunications Ordinance will be conducted regarding the Telecommunications Permit Application filed by BRE Communications, LLC d/b/a McLeodUSA, Incorporated at the regular Plymouth Township Board Meeting to be held on May 23, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth Township Hall located at 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 23, 2000, at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Schuler Incorporated for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property for a new facility to be located at 7145 Commerce Blvd., Canton, Michigan within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

Part of the SW 1/4 of Section 1, part of the NE 1/4 of Section 12, and Part of the NW 1/4 of Section 12, T2S, R8E, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, described as follows:

Commencing at the S 1/4 corner of Section 1, T2S, R8E, thence N 02°07'49" W 85.50 feet along the N/S 1/4 line of Section 1, thence S 88°45'59" W 49.51 feet to the westerly right-of-way of Commerce Boulevard (99' wide) and the point of beginning, thence along said westerly right-of-way the following three courses: S 02°07'49" E 10.08 feet to the beginning of a curve concave to the NE, having a radius of 549.50 feet, and southeasterly 323.08 feet along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 33°41'13" (the chord of said curve bears S 18°58'25" E 318.44 feet), and S 35°49'02" E 96.71 feet, thence S 88°45'59" W 933.54 feet to the easterly right-of-way of I-275 Expressway (width varies), to the beginning of a non-tangent curve concave to the SE having a radius of 11356.16 feet to which point a radial line bears N 83°08'15" W, thence northeasterly 311.25 feet along the arc of said curve and said easterly right-of-way through a central angle of 00°26'13" (the chord of said curve bears N 07°38'52" E 311.24 feet) to the south line of Section 1, thence N 88°45'59" E 22.32 feet along said line and easterly right-of-way to the beginning of a non-tangent curve concave to the SE having a radius of 11334.16 feet to which point a radial line bears N 81°32'53" W, thence northeasterly 86.78 feet along the arc of said curve and said easterly right-of-way through a central angle of 00°26'13" (the chord of said curve bears N 08°40'16" E 86.78 feet), thence N 88°45'59" E 696.16 feet to the westerly right-of-way of Commerce Boulevard (99' wide) and the point of beginning.

7.18 Acres Parcel No. 046-99-0008-718 A



TERRY G. BENNETT
Clerk

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ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Hausch-Poshadlo

Mark and Julie Hausch of West Unity, Ohio announce the engagement of their daughter, Jama Lynn, to Michael Lawrence Poshadlo of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Mill Creek West Unity Schools and Dearborn Heights Montessori Center in Dearborn Heights.

Her fiancé, son of Lawrence and Judith Poshadlo, is a 1995 graduate of Garden City High School and earned a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan - Dearborn in April. He works as a software design engineer at Motorola in Rochester Hills.



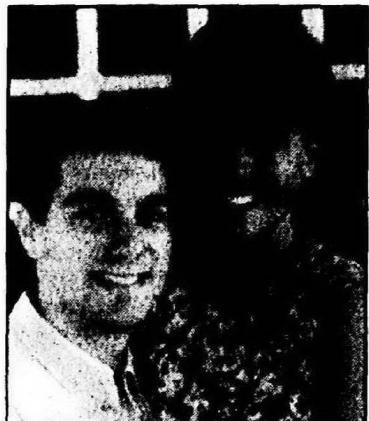
An August wedding is planned at Solid Rock Church in West Unity, Ohio.

Meck-Ceru

William and Elizabeth Meck of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Marie, to Scott Joseph Ceru of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a Mercy High School graduate who also attended Oakland University. She works at Citimortgage as a loan processor.

Her fiancé, son of Joe and Jean Ceru of Livonia, is a graduate of Stevenson High School and University of Michigan. He is working toward his master's degree in business at University of Michigan. He also works at Ford Motor Company as an engineer.



A July wedding is planned at St. Mary's of Orchard Lake.

Meehan-Adamski

George and Cheryl Meehan of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter Kristin Marie to Raymond James Adamski of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Northville High School. She received her degree in mechanical engineering in 1996 from the University of Michigan and works for Ford Motor Company.

Her fiancé, son of Raymond and Nancy Adamski of Plymouth, is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and he received his master's degree in mechanical engineering in 1996 from the University of Michigan. He also works for Ford Motor Company.



A June wedding is planned at Martha-Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village.

Costyk-Krause

David and Christine Costyk of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Ann, to James Grant Krause December 18, 1999.

The bride is a graduate of Ladywood High School and Western Michigan University and works as a nurse at Bronson Hospital.

Her husband, son of James and Marie Krause of Marine City, is a graduate of Marine City High School and Western Michigan University. He is a route manager for True Green/Chem-Lawn.

The couple wed at Mary Margaret wedding chapel in Roseville and received guests at Sajo's Restaurant. Lori Comiskey was the bride's attendant and Jeffrey and Jason Krause and Patrick Costyk were the groomsmen.



The Krause's took a cruise to the Caribbean to celebrate and will make Kalamazoo their home.

David-Kummer

Ray and Barbara Schuller of Temple, Texas, and Allen Ray David of Taylor announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole LeAnne David, to Robert Francis Kummer of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Texas A&M University and is employed by the university's athletic department where she serves as athletic assistant director for Olympic sports.

Her fiancé, son of Frank and Christine Kummer of Livonia, is a 1992 graduate of Redford Catholic Central and a 1996 graduate of the University of North Carolina in Charlotte. He is also employed by Texas A&M University's athletic department as assistant basketball coach.



A May wedding is planned at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Temple, Texas and the groom's parents will host a reception in Michigan in August.

Piper-Galligan

William and Marilyn Burns of Michigan City, Ind., announce the engagement of their daughter, Cindy Lou Piper, to John Steven Galligan, a former Livonia resident.

The bride-to-be is a Rogers High School graduate and works for the News-Dispatch in Michigan City, Ind. and Crate and Barrel.

Her fiancé, son of Dr. James and Katherine Galligan of Livonia, is a Livonia Churchill High School graduate and graduate of Central Michigan University. He works at From's Supply Company in Michigan City.



A June wedding is planned at Free Methodist Church in Michigan City.

Wright-Henkel

Larry Wright of Westland and Judy Wright of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Annette of Plymouth, to Sean Eric Henkel of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is a visual specialist for Reebok International.

Her fiancé, son of Russell and Geri Henkel of Livonia, is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Madonna University. He works as an information systems analyst for Johnson Controls.



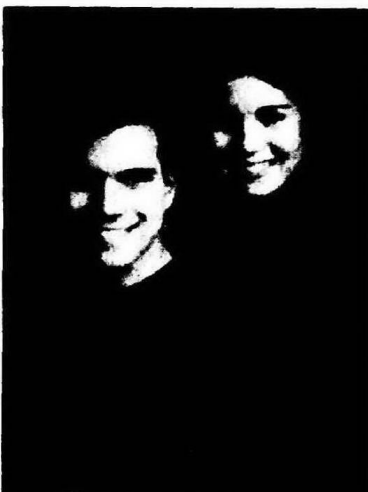
A June wedding is planned at North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills.

Rapin-Holmes

Richard and Cecilia Rapin of Curtis, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacie Ann, to Douglas Andrew Holmes of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Petoskey High School and a 1999 graduate of Michigan Technological University. She will attend the University of Michigan Graduate School in the fall to study ecology.

Her fiancé, son of Emmett and Karen Holmes of Livonia, is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and will graduate with a mechanical engineering degree from Michigan Technological University this month.



A June wedding is planned in Curtis, Mich.

'Arrivals

- William Powell Sr. and Pamela Douglas of Wayne announce the birth of **Bril Pamela** April 15 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. She joins J'Dale Douglas, Chris Williams and William Powell. Grandparents are William and Lillie Powell of Inkster and Priscilla Douglas of Detroit.
- Mike Walter and Stacy Eglinton of Westland announce the birth of **Cameron Michael Walter** April 18 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. He joins brother Michael Walter. Grandparents are Mike and Cherris Walter of Westland and Ken and Margaret Eglinton of Westland.
- Antonio and Shannon Spight of Inkster announce the birth of **Antonio Michael Jr.** April 12 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. He joins sister Antania. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wardell Johnson and Shirley Moore all of Inkster.
- Robert and Crystal Desselles of Belleville announce the birth of **Verity Taylor** April 21 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Tony and Tammy Desselles and Frank and Carol Romano all of Belleville.
- Phillip and Maryann Beckert of Wayne announce the birth of **Michael Patrick** April 20 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. He joins siblings Phillip Jr. and Elizabeth. Grandparents are Mary M. Beckert of Canton, Ohio and Francis M. Norton of Plymouth.
- Duran Carl and Sarah Renee of Westland announce the birth of **Alyssa Renee** April 22 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Dan Stephan and Mary Hewson of Westland and Tracy and Duran Crow of Lincoln Park.

REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

HENRY FORD TRADE
Class of 1950

February and July classes of 1950 are planning a 50-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Holiday Inn, Dearborn. Call Harold Brockel, 810-465-1517, Frank Collar (248) 618-9865. All alumni are invited.

HIGHLAND PARK
January-June classes of 1950-51 are planning a reunion.

Send name, address and telephone number to Fred Kaschoutz, 21528 Raymond, St. Clair Shores 48082 or call (810) 294-7512 or (313) 881-2023.

HOLY REDEEMER
Class of 1940

There will be a Mass at Holy Redeemer 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon at Bill Knapp's, 15750 Northline, Southgate, 734-281-9948. For information, call Bernie Droff, (313) 388-2148.

IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL
Class of 1955

A reunion is planned for the fall of 2000. Call Margaret White at 248-299-1948 or e-mail.

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND

WEEKEND

DINNER SOCIAL
 The Dearborn-Livonia Chapter of the U.S. Singletons will host their next dinner-social at 5:30 p.m., Friday, May 12, at Ernesto's-Hillside Inn, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth (between I-275 and Lilley roads). Adults ages 45 and up wishing further information regarding this national organization's activities please write to: Dearborn-Livonia Singletons, P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn, MI 48123.

USED BOOK SALE
 Friends of the Plymouth District Library will hold a social used book sale May 11-13. Hours are: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday, May 11; 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, May 12; and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, May 13. The items to be sold include many beautiful coffee table books, foreign language books, video and audio cassettes, CDs and books with large type. This will be a great place to shop for favorites at bargain prices as well as special gifts. Proceeds will be used to finance new library projects. For more information, call (734) 455-0782.

GARAGE SALE
 The Second Annual Garage-Rummage-Craft Sale will be held from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., Friday, May 12, and from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Saturday, May 13, at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (one mile west of Sheldon Road). Table space is available or your items can be sold on commission. Donations of items also are appreciated. Proceeds will benefit the Building Expansion fund. For more information, call the church office at (734) 453-5252.

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.

CARWASH
 Vietnam Veterans of America will host a car wash from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Sunday, May 21, at Main Street Carwash, downtown Plymouth, Main Street between Ann Arbor

Trail and Ann Arbor Road. Each car wash is for a donation. Proceeds go to the VVA general fund. For more information, call Don Dignan (734) 525-0157 or (313) 845-3752.

AROUND TOWN

CROCHET ANGELS
 Crochet Angels is looking for people to make preemie 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.

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 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.

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 ratios. Sessions consist of Free Play, Story time, Sharing, and Art and Music activities. Creative Day is in Canton Township. Children 2 1/2 to 5 years of age 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. Summer classes will begin in mid-June, and fall classes will begin the week of Sept. 11. Early registration is recommended. Call now for registration materials. Village Music is located at 130 E. Liberty St. in the Old Village section of Plymouth. For more information or for registration, call Norma Atwood at

Graduation day



New leaders: Thirteen participants recently completed Leadership Plymouth, the Chamber of Commerce program designed to give insight into the area's history, schools, government and judicial system. The graduates included (front, from left) Jane Van Steennis, Bird Elementary School; Peggy Roosevelt, Visteon Automotive Systems; Jim Schultz, Sealant Equipment and Engineering; and Carol Wirth, E&E Manufacturing; (back, from left) Sally Bailey, St. Joseph Mercy; Robin McHugh and Brenda Dani, Schoolcraft College; Karl Hosten, Lou LaRiche Chevrolet; and Dave Rich, Plymouth City Manager. Not pictured are Roger Ballard, Community Federal Credit Union; Nancy Jousey, Charter Township of Plymouth; Pat Kingsbury, Community Federal Credit Union; and Marie Morrow, Plymouth Community United Way. For information on the next Leadership Plymouth class, call Fran Toney, 453-1540.

(734) 354-9825.

DOG JOG
 Plymouth Dog Jog 2000, presented by the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth, will take place Saturday, May 13. The two-mile route starts and ends at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Registration 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 registration fees go to the Michigan Humane Society. There are prizes for the most pledges and other contests.

ASTRONOMY GROUP
 The Plymouth Library Astronomy Discussion Group will meet 7-8 p.m., Monday, May 15. Star gazers from 6 years to 106 are welcome. This month's topic will be "Black Holes." There will be door prizes, handouts, videos, and slides. For more information, call (734) 459-2378.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 The Canton Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 17, at Cherry Hill School, Cherry Hill Road at Ridge Road. Harold Sherman of the Yankee Air Force will speak on the building of the Willow Run Bomber Plant. Refreshments will be served. The public is

invited to attend.
CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK
 Oakwood's Keep Kids Safe Team and Oakwood Annapolis Hospital are teaming up to sponsor a free Car Seat Safety Check. The event is 3-6 p.m. Thursday, May 18, at the West/Outpatient Lobby Driveway at Oakwood Annapolis. This is an important event because motor vehicle crashes are still the nation's leading cause of death and serious injury to children under the age of 14. Oakwood's trained child passenger specialists check each car seat for appropriate use, installation and placement, recall status, age and history. For more information, call Oakwood at (313) 791-1494 or (313) 791-1488. Preregistration is not necessary.

ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC
 The Junior Group of Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit will hold its 17th Annual Goodwill Golf Classic on Monday, June 5, at the Wyndgate Country Club in Rochester Hills. Proceeds from the event help benefit Goodwill's employment and training services for people with disabilities and other special needs in the metropolitan Detroit area. The ladies' event kicks off with a morning shotgun start followed by a luncheon; reservations are available at a cost of \$195 per person. Luncheon-only reservations are \$40 per person. For more information or for reservations, call event chairperson, Linda Handy

side at (248) 349-8407.
BICYCLE RIDES
 Bike tours throughout the Plymouth community will start at 6:30 p.m. every Monday through September (except for three holiday Mondays). This low-mileage bike ride (8-11 mph, 8-20 miles) will meet at the Comerica Bank back parking lot on Ann Arbor Road just west of Sheldon. Initial rides, which always return before dark, will start off at the low-mileage end and be geared towards basic bicycling abilities. For those seeking a more challenging ride, the AABTS is leading a bike tour which meets, starts and ends at the same place and time as the ride. Wearing helmets is strongly advised but not required. A multi-gear non-racer type bike is preferred but not necessary.

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 located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

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

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

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

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- to 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., through May 25 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 CHHCS, 127 S. Main St. For additional 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 for more information.

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.

CLUBS
MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES
 The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third week of each month on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays. Play group meets twice a month on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For additional information, call Pam Heestand at (734) 981-3341.

HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP
 The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

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.

SUPPORT GROUPS
HANDS ACROSS THE WATER
 Hands Across The Water holds its Adopting Older Kids (A-Okay!) meetings the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. There is a \$5 fee; they also sponsor an adoption book discussion group the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. 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.

CALENDAR FORM

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

Event:
 Date and Time:
 Location:
 Telephone:
 Additional info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary.

Pastor follows God's guidance to march in D.C.

On May 14 this year my husband and I will join at least a million people in Washington, D.C., for the Million Mom March. This event is to advocate for common sense gun laws for our nation.

Several people in my congregation and in our community have asked me why it is that I am attending this event. Here is some of what I have said.

I'm going to the Million Mom March first of all because I am a mother of two children and because I care about children. Whatever position one takes about guns, the fact is that children are most often the victims

of the violence in our society. They may be hurt or killed themselves or their parents/caregivers may be the ones hurt or killed.

Either way, they are forever and irreversibly impacted by the violence in our country.

I am going on the Million Mom March because I think we need to stand up for children and be their voice. According to statistics from the Million Mom March Web site (www.millionmom-march.com), "Gun homicide is the second leading cause of death for young people ages 15-24." I find this unacceptable and want my children to know that I

tried to do something about this deplorable statistic.

I am going on the Million Mom March because I am tired of comforting people who are victims of violence. As a pastor I spend a great deal of time helping people deal with their grief as they face the loss of loved ones. My job puts me in situations where I have to answer questions about "why did this happen?" and "how could a loving God allow this kind of violence to take place?" My answer is that I believe God deplors this violence. And God is weeping right along with these parents and relatives.

Yet as I work with families coping with the aftermath of violence, I too wonder why we as a society continue to see violence as a way to solve our problems. I wonder why we seem to value human life so little. I am going on the Million Mom March because I believe God has called us to a path of peace.

When I was 16, my best friend shot and killed herself in her home, using a gun that belonged to her family. To this day, I continue to mourn her loss and I wonder if there had not been a gun available to her that day, would she still be here. I am going on the Million Mom March

in her memory.

Follow faith

Finally, I am going on the Million Mom March because I believe my faith calls for me to take a stand. I see this as a justice issue. I am a follower of Jesus and I know He would not have been passive about this issue.

A few years ago, bracelets and T-shirts with the initials WWJD on them became very popular. The letters stand for "What Would Jesus Do?" The T-shirts and bracelets were created so that people could have a visible reminder of how to make

decisions.

When faced with difficult issues, one was called to ask, "What would Jesus Do?"

I believe he would march with us and call for peace. I am going on the Million Mom March because it is what Jesus would do and where he leads me I will follow.

Rev. Melanie Lee Carey has served as associate pastor of Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia since June of 1993. She grew up in Chelsea, Mich., and lives with her husband and children in Livonia. She can be reached via e-mail at Melanlee@newburgumc.org

Reunions from page B3

immac55@aol.com

JAMES VERNOR SCHOOL

Class of 1956
Nov. 18 noon brunch at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 723-4562 or e-mail vernor56@hotmail.com

JOHN GLENN

Class of 1970
Contact Marilyn Ross, (734) 326-8300; Kathy Wedhorn, (248) 637-7686; Larion Thomas, (734) 416-1157; or JGHS, (734) 595-2331
January Class of 1950
June 4 at the San Marino Club-house. (313) 345-9104 or (810) 263-8179

JOHN F. KENNEDY

Class of 1970
Reunion is planned for Sept. 23. Contact Jackie (Rehahn) Simons (248) 344-9385 or jlsimons@medaone.net or call Ken and Susan Renner, (313) 292-5567.

LAKE ORION HIGH

Class of 1980

A reunion is planned for Aug. 26. Looking for alumni
Call Kim (Zilka) Berkal (800) 423-4018 ext. 8050 or Jill (Billard) Winship (800) 365-3968 (ext. 2786).

LINCOLN PARK

June Class of 1965
A reunion is planned for August. (734) 676-9178 or (734) 763-5988

LINCOLN HIGH FERMDALE

June Class of 1950
50th class reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Best Western Hotel in Farmington Hills.

Call Donna Rouse Mackey (248) 546-3056 or Lynn Lambert at (248) 474-2657.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Class of 1990
Is planning a reunion. Send name, address, telephone number and e-mail address to CHC Class of '90 Reunion, 6609

Salem Road, Plymouth 48170 or by e-mail to hallen72@hotmail.com

LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Class of 1980
A reunion is planned for Saturday, July 22. Call (734) 464-4523 or e-mail murraytr@northville.k12.mi.us

MACKENZIE HIGH

Class of 1960

A 40th year reunion is planned for Saturday Sept. 23 at the Troy Marriott (Mediterranean Room) 200 West Big Beaver in Troy. Event runs from 6:30 to 1 a.m. and includes cocktails, cash bar and a buffet dinner as well as dancing and an address booklet for \$60. Special room rates are available if you check directly with the hotel and mention The Mackenzie High School reunion. Call Sharon (Hobayak) Sturgis at (248) 476-0034 or e-mail MACKGRAD1960@aol.com or Carol (Rudnick) McCreadie at (734) 420-2443.

420-2443.

MACKENZIE HIGH

Combined reunion

Classes of 1958, 1959, 1960,

1961 and 1962 are holding a 40-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 30 at The Warren Chateau in Warren.

To get on the mailing list call (248) 746-9618.

MACKENZIE

Class of 1945
Class of 1945 invites all classes (1940-49) to attend a reunion Oct. 14. For information call Evelyn Dienes Mayer (248) 349-5245, or Richard Saxby (313) 837-0641.

MADISON HIGH

Class of 1980
20 year reunion is scheduled for

July 22.

Call Adam Russell at (248) 693-4229.

MADISON HIGH

Class of 1989
An 11 year reunion is planned for Aug. 12. Call Matt Walker (248) 542-2971 or Dustee Metcalf (248) 988-6116.

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"This will be an extra rehearsal for the kids before their spring performance recital in June," said DeFranceschi. "Particularly for the smaller ones who have never been on

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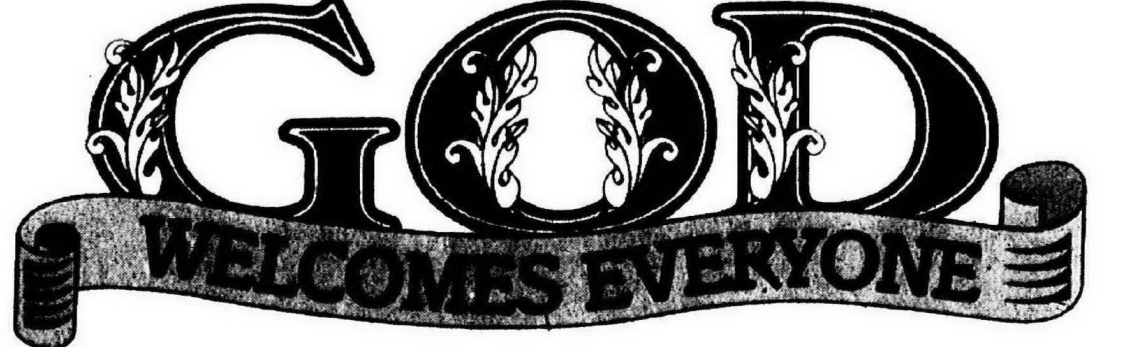
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St. Mary opens new activity center

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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After 138 years, St. Mary Catholic Church honors a special addition this week.

The church, 4530 Michigan Ave. in Wayne, will dedicate its new activities center on Thursday, May 11. The center holds up to 750 people and is a representation of the church's continued growth.

Construction on the activities center began in April 1999, and its doors will officially open at the dedication ceremony, which follows a 7:30 p.m. Mass. Holy water will be sprinkled at the door and a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be performed by pastor Jack Baker.

"The purpose of (the building) is to gather together outside of

church," he said. The addition offers more of a community perspective and chance for parishioners to come together, he said.

Pastoral Council Chairman Kenneth G. Hafeli said the project to build the \$2.5 million structure has been in progress for the past six years. Money was raised by pledges and a credit line from the archdioceses.

"It's going to be a proud moment for us," said Hafeli, a Westland resident and church member for 21 years. "It's a focal point as you come into the city from the east side. We now have an entire city block."

The activities center at St. Mary's includes a large multipurpose room with a basketball court as well as a stage and collapsible seating. Parish offices, which have been temporarily housed in a convent on church

grounds, will be moved to the center, offering more space.

The center will be used for athletics, theater, dinners and other activities planned by the parish, which has a membership of more than 2,000. The dedication ceremony will allow visitors a peek at the building. Invitations have been sent to priests who have ministered at the church in the past as well as local and state officials. St. Mary's Choir and Bell Choir will offer music and light refreshments will be served. About 700 people are expected to attend.

Baker extended the invitation: "It's a celebration of the building. Everyone is welcome."

For more information, call (734) 721-8745 or check the Web at www.waynestmarys.org

Jewish congregations host Town Hall

CANTON

The Jewish Community Council and the Detroit Jewish News are preparing to sponsor the third in a series of Town Hall meetings slated for Sunday, May 21.

Hosted by Congregation Bet Chaverim, the Plymouth/Canton Town Hall meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Summit on the Park Banquet and Conference Center, 4600 Summit Parkway

in Canton. The Town Hall meetings represent the first concerted effort by the organized Jewish community to reach out to residents living outside the Oakland County suburbs which have significant Jewish populations.

Developed in consultation with organizational partners and area residents, each Town Hall meeting offers participants the opportunity to learn about the various services provided by metro area Jewish organizations, discuss their needs and explore the

unique issues facing them as Jewish members of their community. Leaders from area congregations and agencies will be on hand to take part in the meetings and respond to questions.

The Summit on the Park Banquet and Conference Center is located west of Canton Center Road and south of Cherry Hill Road in Canton. For further information, call the Jewish Community Council, (248) 642-5393.

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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.

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.

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Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Sunday Program for May 14 is titled "Parenting Sunday and Child Dedication." In honor of Mother's Day, but also with inclusion of all who might be parents. Pancake breakfast will be served by the Youth Group "Meet the Minister" will be held after each service for visitors and others interested in finding out more about our church and Unitarian Universalism. Services and Sunday School at 9 and 11 a.m. UUCF is located at 25301 Halsted Road (north of Grand River). Call (248) 478-7272 or www.wwnet.com/~uucf/

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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 fol-

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A Scripture Series is being offered at Saint Colette Church (Newburgh Road between Six and Seven Mile roads) from 7-9 p.m. Thursday evenings, May 18. "Get into the act and take a letter," will be the topic discussed in the activities center. What is the Acts of the Apostles? What does it tell us about the early church? May 25: "Revelations about the Book of Revelation," Why is the Book of Revelation so frequently misinterpreted? How do Catholics understand this last book of the Bible? Sr. Ginny Silvestri, OSM, will be the guest speaker. Pre-register by calling (734) 464-4435.

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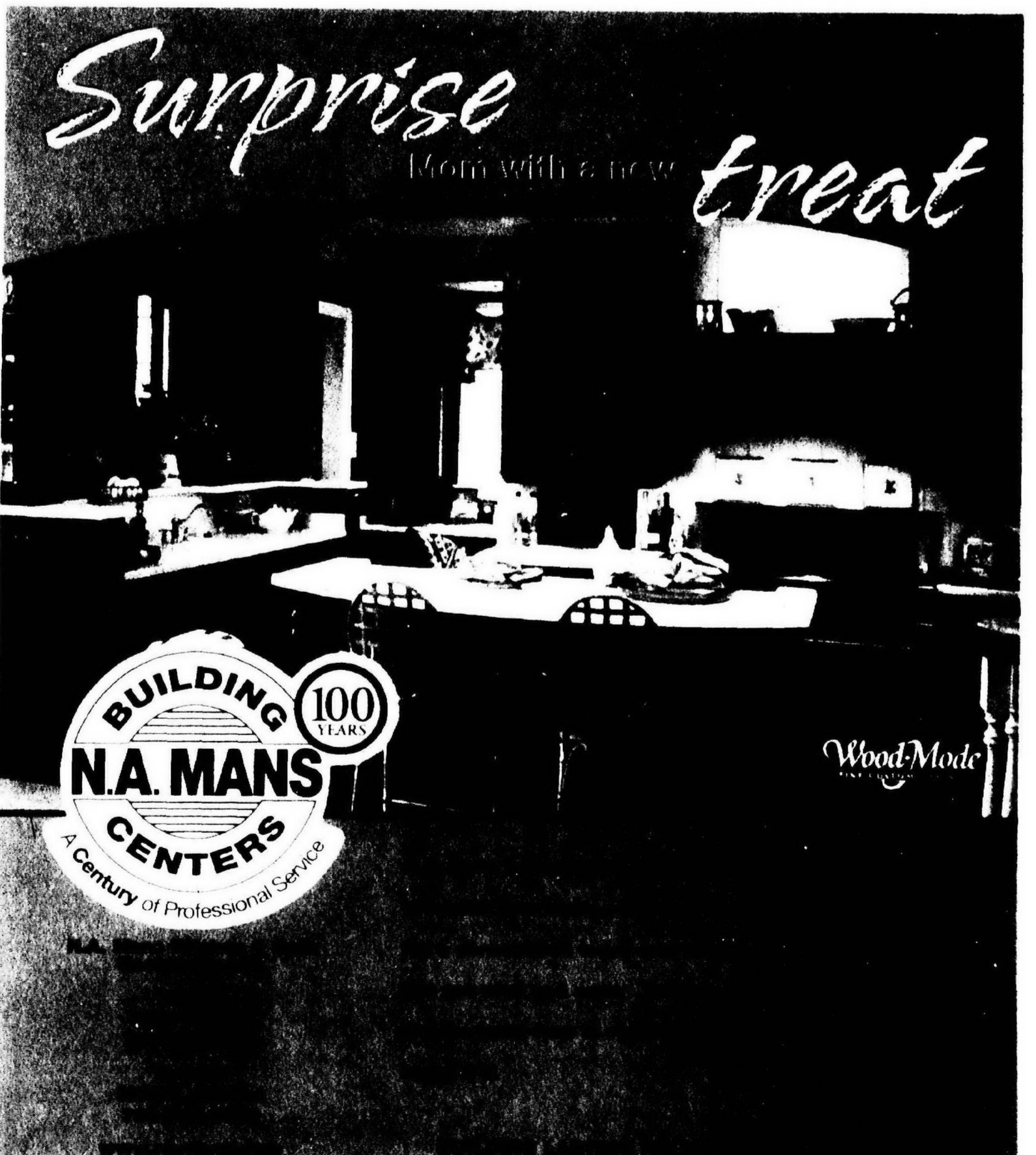
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ONGOING

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.

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.

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 handmade 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. Includes golf, lunch, buffet dinner, and auction. All proceeds from the event benefit Habitat for Humanity Detroit. Contact the Habitat office at (313) 521-6691 for registration and information.

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 donational. 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. All proceeds will be sent to the University of Maryland celiac research programs co-directed by Drs. Alessio Fasano and Karoly Horvath. 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. The event features a reception with food stations donated by area restaurants; wine/beer/beverages; and ticket to the screening of a new premier movie, pop and popcorn. 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 individuals 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.

TOUR DE CURE

The American Diabetes Association will sponsor "Cure De Tour", an annual cycling fund-raiser to benefit both diabetes research and local programs Sunday, June 11 at Island Lake Recreation Area in Brighton. Early registration, \$15 (before April 19); \$20 (after April 19); \$25 (day of registration); and \$100 minimum pledge required. To register call (888) 342-2383.

GOLF OUTING FOR HOSPICE

The 7th annual "Living Every Day" golf outing, sponsored by the Community Hospice Foundation will be held Monday, June 12 at Washtenaw Country Club

in Ypsilanti. All proceeds from the event are designated for the "Hospice Home" project of Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. of Westland and Plymouth. Cost is \$200 per individual golfer. Call for event details, (734) 522-4244.

HEALTHCARE CLASSIC

Golf pro Stacy Hollis will join more than 350 women in their support of women's healthcare through the Kelly Sorini Women's Healthcare Classic. The 8th annual all women's golf event will be presented by Oakwood Healthcare System June 19 at the Grosse Ile Golf & Country Club. Entry fee is \$175

per person. To register call (313) 791-1234

GOLF CLASSIC

The fifth annual St. Mary Hospital Golf Class will be held Friday, June 23 at Bay Pointe Golf Club, West Bloomfield to benefit breast cancer. New this year are two starting times of 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for the 18-hole scramble. Both golfing groups will enjoy breakfast, driving range, buffer or sit-down dinner, locker room facilities and great prizes (week at a Florida golf resort). LPGA teaching professionals will be on hand for putting and driving clinics. Proceeds for the \$200 per person event are desig-

nated for breast cancer treatment, diagnosis and prevention programs at St. Mary Hospital. Corporate sponsors are available. Call (734) 655-2907 to register.

JULY FLEA MARKET

Vendors are needed for Good Shepherd Reformed Church flea market to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 8 at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. (Next to Big Boy Restaurant on Wayne Road). Space available. Cost is \$20 per spot. Applications are available by calling Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-7225.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Players of the week

• Ben Tucker, a freshman at Kalamazoo College from Plymouth Canton HS, was named pitcher of the week in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association after tossing a three-hitter in the Hornets 5-1 win over Olivet College.

Tucker struck out five and walked two in evening his record at 3-3.

• Jenny Tenyer, a freshman pitcher for Madonna University's softball team, was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference pitcher of the week after tossing a five-hit shutout in the Lady Crusaders' 5-0 win over Saginaw Valley State.

Tenyer was 14-9 with a 1.45 ERA for the season.

All-WHAC baseball

The selections for the all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball team have been made, and a pair of Madonna University players were chosen.

Senior outfielder Derick Wolfe, from Tecumseh, and senior shortstop Todd Miller, from Farmington Hills (Birmingham Brother Rice HS), were Crusaders named to the team.

Wolfe led Madonna in batting average (.411), hits (60), doubles (16), triples (five), home runs (six), runs scored (48), walks (21), slugging percentage (.712) and on-base percentage (.509).

Miller hit .369 with a team-best 36 runs batted in. He had 11 doubles, 34 runs scored and committed just 12 errors in 48 games.

Junior pitcher Ryan Andrzejewski (Plymouth Salem HS), who was 5-2 with a 5.44 earned run average; senior pitcher Mitch Jabczynski, who was 4-4 with a 4.21 ERA; freshman first baseman Eric Lightle (Livonia Churchill), who hit .360 with three homers and 20 RBI; and junior outfielder Neil Wildfong (Plymouth Canton HS), who batted .360 with 20 RBI, were honorable mention selections.

Tennis camp

Plymouth Salem tennis coach Tom Kimball will offer a summer tennis camp for kids 10-18 years through the Plymouth Canton Community Education Department, starting in June.

Students interested in taking the camp will be offered 12 lessons on the following dates: June 21, 22 and 26-29, and July 5, 6 and 10-13. No make-up dates are scheduled unless more than two of the dates are cancelled.

Registration fee is \$60. Beginners (ages 10-14) will meet from 9-10 a.m.; beginners (ages 14-18) will meet from 10-11 a.m.; and intermediate/advanced (ages 12-18) will meet 11 a.m.-noon.

Kimball, a USPTR instructor with eight years of coaching experience, will be assisted by USPTR certified player Matt Nagy of Canton HS and Salem HS standout Jason Meininger.

For sign-up information, contact the Community Ed department at (734) 416-4900.

Competitive cheer

All-Star Gymnastics in Northville will be holding tryouts for a competitive cheerleading and stunting team for girls in grades seven through 12 at 8 a.m. Sunday, May 21. Boys interested in trying out for the Senior squad, grades 10 through 12, are also invited to tryout.

No cheerleading experience is necessary, but it is helpful. Girls will be asked to learn a cheer, do jumps and basic tumbling.

For more information or to pre-register, call All-Star Gymnastics at (248) 380-5330.

Girls softball clinic

A clinic in the fundamentals of softball will be conducted by the Plymouth Canton girls softball varsity team and coaches from noon-4 p.m. Saturday, May 20 at the Canton softball field.

The clinic is for interested girls ages seven and over. Cost is \$25 per player.

Register with the Plymouth Canton Softball Parent's Club, 39601 Mayville, Plymouth, MI, 48170-4710.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Canton rallies to grab title

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The best track meets are decided by the last event.

Saturday's 30th Annual Observerland Relays certainly fit that bill.

Down 21 points to Redford Catholic Central with six events remaining, Plymouth Canton won three of the last six events to edge the Shamrocks and Farmington Hills Harrison to win its first crown since 1986.

"Because of the order of the events, I knew we were going to score well at the end," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "If it was close we were going to have a chance."

Canton won the meet with 68 points, while Harrison was second with 64, CC was third with 62, North Farmington was fourth with 49 and

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two-time defending champion Plymouth Salem was fifth with 42.

"I told Bob before the final results were announced that I didn't care who won between us," said Harrison coach John Reed. "Bob's been a great friend over the years and I was just as happy to see his kids win."

CC, on the strength of its field events and distance teams, led most of the meet — taking a 61-40 lead over both Canton and Salem with six events to go. Then Canton got hot with wins in the sprint medley and shuttle hurdle relays, with Harrison getting a win in the 400 relay and seconds in the 100 dash and shuttle

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHELMANN

Winning jump: Canton's Jordan Chapman cleared 6-feet, 4-inches at the Observerland meet Saturday, the best jump of the day.

Whalers pick up the pace

BY C.J. RISAK
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Well. Thank goodness it didn't go to overtime.

In a game that seemed to get uglier with the passing of every minute, the Plymouth Whalers salvaged one of the first two games played at Compuware Arena in the early stages of the Ontario Hockey League final, holding off the Barrie Colts to gain a 5-3 triumph Monday.

After Plymouth scored twice in the first 2:15 of the second period to open up a 4-2 lead, the game switched networks to a WWF sideshow station. Fights erupted at almost every stoppage — even after the game ended, with reportedly a Barrie assistant coach tangling with Whalers' head coach Pete DeBoer.

"This was a great hockey game," said DeBoer afterward. "It fits in with the first two games of this series, between two teams that have fought tooth and nail."

Question: Where was Colts' head coach Bill Stewart? Apparently at the team hotel in Windsor; Stewart was refused admission into the U.S. by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Services after reportedly smuggling a player with improper credentials into the country last year.

Pinpointing the difference thus far in this series, marginal as it's been, isn't difficult. The Whalers are getting some production from their offensive stars and Barrie isn't.

Certainly there was no indication of it at the game's start. Barrie carried the play through most of the opening period as Tim Verbeek — with older brother Pat, a Detroit Red Wing; in the crowd watching — scored twice to give the Colts the lead.

But the Whalers never let Barrie assume complete control. Yes, they scrambled at times defensively against one of the most potent offensive forces in the OHL, but they never allowed the Colts to take a two-goal lead.

And they never allowed the Colts'

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Maneuvering room: The Whalers' Tomas Kurka sweeps in front of the Barrie net with a defender draped on him and Colts' keeper Brian Finley keeping a close watch. Kurka later scored a goal.

Whalers can't quite catch Colts

The sell-out crowd packed in the Barrie Molson Center last night helped the Barrie (Ont.) Colts post a 6-3 victory over the Plymouth Whalers in Game Four of the Ontario Hockey League Championship Finals.

The series, tied at 2-2, heads back to Plymouth's Compuware Arena for Game Five at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

GAME FOUR

Denis Shvidki and Ryan Barnes staked Barrie to a 2-0 lead in the first period. Plymouth's Tomas Kurka narrowed that gap to 2-1 with a power-play goal just 8:10 into the period. Barnes and Mike Henderson scored

for the Colts in the second period to increase their lead to 4-1.

Two goals by Damian Surma, the first unassisted and the second from Justin Williams and Fisher, pulled the Whalers to within 4-3. But Barrie pulled away with goals by Mike Christian and Sheldon Keefe, the latter into an empty net.

Chiefs reign in 1st game; 2nd is Rocks

BY C.J. RISAK
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This was a double-header that could appeal to everybody.

One game was a pitcher's duel, the other a hitting contest. Errors weren't a decisive factor in either game. And, for those who straddle the fence in cheering for Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton — well, both teams got a win.

In the opener of Saturday's twin-bill, which featured a pennant presentation between games to Salem's 1991 and 1975 state championship teams, Greg Neino tossed a strong six innings in subduing the Rocks 5-2. Neino gave up two runs on two hits and six walks, striking out three to improve to 3-2.

Steve Gordon started and took the



PHOTO BY TOM HIRREN

Opening victory: Canton players congratulate pitcher Brent Vasher (1) for closing out Saturday's first game, a 5-2 Canton win. The Rocks rallied to win the second game.

loss for Salem. The Chiefs took the lead in the first inning, just as the civil defense sirens were going through their weekly test. With a runner aboard and two out, Jim Wisniewski

unloaded a long shot over the left field fence to give Canton a lead it would never lose.

The win didn't come easily, however. Salem narrowed the gap to a sin-

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SOFTBALL

Chiefs edge Rocks in 19-inning duel

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The cost of victory, as it turned out, was steep indeed for Plymouth Canton's softball team.

When Canton and rival Plymouth Salem clashed in the final of Saturday's Canton Classic, no one could foresee what lay ahead. Both teams started their pitching aces — Laura Stewart for Canton and Liz Dekarske for Salem.

What followed was a classic duel between two strong teams, a duel that wouldn't be decided for 19 innings. With umpires ruling the 19th inning would be the last of the game, Canton managed to squeeze in a run with Brianna McNicholas scoring on the second wild pitch of the inning.

As it turned out, Canton's 1-0 victory in

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Madonna powers to WHAC title

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Unexpected?
To say the least — considering the streak Madonna University's baseball team carried into the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament.

But the Crusaders came through when they had to, beating Aquinas College 8-4 in the WHAC Tournament championship game Tuesday at Battle Creek's Bailey Park.

The three-straight tournament wins put Madonna, now 28-23-1, in the double-elimination four-team NAIA Region VIII Tournament, 11 a.m. Friday at Indiana Wesleyan vs. Marian (Ind.). The other matchup pits Indiana Tech vs. Huntington (Ind.). The finals will be 4 p.m. Saturday.

"The kids really played well," said Madonna coach Greg Haeger. "They played great. They really didn't have a lot to play for the last 10 games, so we did some different things, had kids playing other positions. And it didn't work — we lost nine of 10."

But as Haeger said, it really didn't matter. One thing the Crusaders could do in that final, meaningless stretch was save their pitching, and it showed.

The Crusaders led all the way in the championship game, scoring four times in the first three innings. When

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Aquinas closed to within 4-3, Madonna put four more runs on the board in the fifth, with Eric Lightle (Livonia Churchill) singling in one run and Bob Hamp — who was 4-for-4 in the game — slugging a three-run home run.

Hamp also had a double in the seventh and RBI singles in the first and third innings to finish the game with five RBI. Lightle and Derick Wolfe each had two hits and an RBI (Wolfe hit a double and a solo homer, scoring three runs), and Neil Wildfong (Plymouth Canton) added one hit and three runs scored.

The pitching win went to Dale Hayes (Westland John Glenn), boosting his record to 2-4.

Hayes worked seven innings, giving up four runs (one earned) on seven hits and four walks, striking out five.

Eric Williamson tossed the last two innings, surrendering no runs on one hit, fanning two.

The loss went to Don Zomer (3-3).

It was a big win in a big game, to be sure, but the turning point for Madonna — perhaps for their season — came in the Crusaders' first tournament game against Spring Arbor Monday.

Pitching wasn't good in this one: Madonna found itself trailing the

Cougars 9-4 entering the bottom of the eighth inning.

But the offense saved the Crusaders. With two on and two out in the eighth, Wolfe smacked a three-run homer, trimming the five-run deficit to 9-7.

The ninth inning was equally dramatic. Todd Miller (Farmington/Birmingham Brother Rice) opened the inning with a double and Lightle followed with a two-run homer, knotting the score at 9-all.

Hamp then reached base on an error and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Jason Brooks, bringing Roy Rabe (Livonia Stevenson) to the plate — and he unloaded a game-winning, two-run homer.

"They had us dead to rights," said Haeger. "They really did. Maybe their pitcher got a little tired. He started elevating his pitches and we really tagged them."

"That got us back rolling, back to where we were before those last 10 games (of the regular season)."

Wolfe went 4-for-5 with three RBI. Miller had three hits and two RBI. Lightle totaled two hits and three RBI. Mario D'Herin (Redford CC) had two hits, and Rabe had his homer and two RBI.

The pitching win went to Ryan Andrzejewski (Plymouth Salem), who allowed two runs (one earned) on four hits and three walks with three strike-

outs in 3 1/2 innings of relief. Jeremy Stevens started, but he was tagged for seven runs (six earned) in 5 1/2 innings.

In its second game Monday, Madonna defeated Aquinas 7-3 behind the strong pitching Mitch Jabczynski and the Crusaders' 15-hit attack.

Jabczynski (5-4) allowed three earned runs on nine hits and three walks, striking out nine in nine innings.

Hamp had three hits and an RBI to pace Madonna's attack.

Wildfong had two hits and two RBI, Lightle had two hits and an RBI, and Wolfe and D'Herin each had two hits.

If Madonna can keep both the offense and pitching clicking, it could extend its season.

St. Xavier 5-10, Madonna 2-0: Not much of a warm-up for the WHAC Tournament.

Madonna's trip to Chicago last weekend wasn't too successful. On Saturday, they were swept by St. Xavier University to cap the 0-for-4 trip.

In the first game, St. Xavier broke a 2-2 tie by scoring three runs in the fourth. Rick Dedeluk, pitching in relief of starter Randy Palmer, took the loss.

Derick Wolfe had a perfect game at the plate, going 4-for-4 with a double. Roy Rabe (Livonia Stevenson) had two hits and Todd Miller had a double and an RBI.

In the second game, the Crusaders were limited to three hits in this five-inning mercy. Rabe had two of those safeties.

Mark Cole surrendered four runs on three hits and a walk in one inning pitched to absorb the defeat.

St. Xavier improved to 37-28 with the two sweeps.

St. Xavier 8-11, Madonna 3-9: Friday's results got the Crusaders weekend off to a poor start.

In the first game, Nick Newman gave up seven runs in four innings, something Madonna could not overcome. Newman took the defeat.

Dave Kwiatkowski (Plymouth Canton) had two hits and an RBI to pace the Crusader attack. Joe Rizzi and Jason Brooks each had two hits and a run scored, and Eric Lightle had a hit and an RBI.

In the second game, Madonna took an early lead by scoring three times in the first inning, but St. Xavier's seven-run third and four-run fourth ended that. Eric Williamson started and took the loss, allowing seven runs in 2 2/3 innings.

Offensively, Wolfe had two hits and two runs scored; Joe Pruchnik had a hit and two RBI; Mario D'Herin had a double and two RBI; and Miller, Cole and Bob Hamp each had a hit and an RBI.

Season ends for Crusaders; 2 losses knock them out

It was a short stay at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament for Madonna University's softball team.

The Lady Crusaders went two-and-out on Monday, losing to Cornerstone University 4-0 and then to Siena Heights University

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4-1. Madonna ends its season with a 31-24 overall record.

The pitching wasn't bad for the Crusaders, but they man-

aged just seven hits and one run in the two games. In the opener, Cornerstone's Tarrah Brown stopped them on two hits and four walks, striking out seven.

Jenny Tenyer took the loss for Madonna; she allowed four earned runs on 11 hits and a

walk, striking out two. Stacie Wilson had both of the Crusaders hits.

The game was a scoreless tie until the bottom of the sixth, when Tenyer weakened and surrendered four runs.

In Madonna's second game, its

only run in the tournament knotted the game at 1-1 in the fourth inning. Devon Fletcher scored it when Meghan Quinn was safe on an error.

Tanya Liske deserved a better fate; she pitched all six innings, allowing four runs (one earned)

on five hits and no walks, striking out four.

Angela Litwin (Plymouth Canton HS) had three of Madonna's five hits, one of them a double.

Errors plagued the Crusaders — they committed six in the two games.

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Redford Union at Salem, 11 a.m.
PCA at Baptist Park, 11 a.m.
Annapolis at Luth. W'sid, 10 a.m.
Brother Rice at Redford CC, 11 a.m.
Warren Zoe at Huron Valley, 11 a.m.
Thurston at Churchill, 11 a.m.

GIRLS SOFTBALL
Thursday, May 11
Wayne at Ypsilanti, 4 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
PCA at A.P. Inter City, 4 p.m.
Friday, May 12
W.L. Western at Canton, 4 p.m.

N. Farmington at Salem, 4 p.m.
Northville at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Harrison, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Marian at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.
Harper Wds. at C'ville, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. W'sid at Kingswood, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 13
Bedford Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Fred Pieper at Memorial Pk., 9 a.m.
(all double-headers)
Baptist Park at PCA, 11 a.m.
Annapolis at Luth. W'sid, 10 a.m.
Warren Zoe at Huron Valley, 11 a.m.
Sunday, May 14
Fred Pieper at Memorial Pk., 9 a.m.

BOYS TRACK
Thursday, May 11
W.L. Western at Canton, 5:30 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Central, 3:30 p.m.
Northville at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
Harrison at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
Wayne at Fordson, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 13
Troy Athens Relays, 9:30 a.m.
Jackson N'west Invitational, 9 a.m.

Annapolis Invitational, 10 a.m.
A.A. Huron River Rat Meet, 10 a.m.
A.A. Pioneer Last Chance Meet, TBA

GIRLS TRACK
Thursday, May 11
Canton at W.L. Western, 3:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at Salem, 3:30 p.m.
Churchill at Northville, 3:30 p.m.
Franklin at Harrison, 3:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
Wayne at Southgate, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 13
Troy Athens Relays, 9:30 a.m.
Jackson N'west Invitational, 9 a.m.
A.A. Huron River Rat Meet, 10 a.m.
Annapolis Invitational, 10 a.m.
A.A. Pioneer Invitational, 10 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, May 11
Mercy at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.
Wayne at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 12
Canton vs. A.A. Huron (at Concordia College), 6 p.m.
John Glenn at Dearborn, 4 p.m.
Aquinas at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Churchill at Brighton, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Bishop Foley vs. Catholic Mem. Wis. at Livonia Stevenson, 5:30 p.m.
St. Charles (Ill.) at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 13
Stevenson vs. Catholic Mem. at M.H. Bishop Foley, 11 a.m.
St. Charles at Foley, 1 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL (NAIA-Region 6 Playoffs at Indian Wesleyan University)
Friday, May 12
Madonna vs. Marian (Ind.), 11 a.m.
Huntington vs. Indiana Tech, 11 a.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (best-of-seven)
Friday, May 12
Whalers vs. Barrie Colts at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 14 (if necessary)
Whalers at Barrie (Ont.), 6 p.m.
Tuesday, May 16 (if necessary)
Barrie (Ont.) vs. Whalers at Compuware Arena

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Blindsided

Colts crowd crease, slip away from Whalers

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Whalers goalie Rob Zepp can't save what he can't see.

With that in mind, the Barrie Colts decided to turn the area in front of Zepp's crease into something resembling 1-696 at rush-hour during Game Two of the Ontario Hockey League championship series Sunday night at Compuware Arena.

The traffic theory proved to be effective, as the Colts edged the Whalers 4-3 to even the series at 1-1. Two of the visitors' goals were the direct result of Zepp getting screened from the shot.

"Great goalies like Zepp are going to stop everything they see," theorized Colt forward Ryan Barnes. "So we figured we would try to make it difficult for him to see what was coming at him."

Playing before a crowd of 3,608, the Whalers nearly pulled off a startling third-

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period comeback. Trailing 4-1, Plymouth tallied two goals in the final 3:30 to pull within one.

They pulled Zepp from the net and added an extra attacker with 1:11 to go, but all four shots they took in the final minute were stuffed by Barrie goalie Brian Finley, the sixth overall pick in the 1999 NHL draft by the Nashville Predators.

"We're in trouble when we have to come from behind, because we're a defensive hockey team," said Plymouth coach Pete DeBoer. "We're not at our best when we have to open it up, which we had to do tonight when we fell behind 3-1."

Barrie forward Rick Hwodeky opened the scoring at 11:35 of the opening period when he knocked a rebound shot past a diving Zepp. Hwodeky seemed an unlikely source of

offense — he was a scratch in the opening game of the series.

Plymouth knotted the game at 1-1 with just 32 seconds left in the first period when Eric Gooldy deflected a Shaun Fisher shot past Finley.

Barrie regained the lead at the 2:12 mark of the second period when Denis Shvidki controlled a loose puck at center ice and wristed a shot through Zepp's five-hole.

The Colts seemed to ice the game early in the third period on goals by Tim Branham and Matt Dzieduszycki to make it 4-1, the second coming with 7:01 remaining in the game.

However, George Nistas and Justin Williams both beat Finley in the game's final moments to make it interesting.

Fisher picked up two assists for the Whalers, and Gooldy had a goal and an assist. Tim Verbeek and Mike Henderson each had two assists for Barrie.

Plymouth outshot Barrie 38-27.

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biggest playmakers, Sheldon Keefe and Denis Shvidki — who combined for 89 goals and 227 points during the regular season — to score a goal. In fact, in the three games played, Shvidki has the only goal scored by this dynamic duo.

Much of the credit for that has to go to Whalers' goalie Rob Zepp, who was superb again Monday, making several magnificent stops — as did his counterpart, Barrie goalie Brian Finley. Both were simply exceptional.

"I thought he was outstanding," DeBoer said of Zepp. "He was the best player on the ice tonight."

It didn't come easily. Verbeek's first marker came with just 2:14 elapsed in the first period, after Zepp stopped one shot only to have Verbeek find the rebound and shove it in.

Barrie was getting all the chances early — the game was nearly four minutes old before the Whalers got a shot on goal — and the Colts even managed to kill a one-minute long five-on-three penalty situation.

Perhaps the Colts were beginning to feel too confident. With nine minutes left in the opening period, Barrie went on the power

play. But it was the Whalers who took advantage, with Stephen Weiss outracing a Colt defenseman to the puck in the Barrie end, then tapping it away from Finley and putting it over the sprawling goalie to give Plymouth a short-handed — and equalizing — goal.

Randy Fitzgerald assisted. The Colts continued to send players charging to the net, and that traffic in front paid dividends when Verbeek managed to tip a pass from Mike Henderson past Zepp, giving Barrie a 2-1 lead with just 1:41 left in the period. Ed Hill also assisted.

However, if this season has proven nothing else in the OHL, it's shown what determination can accomplish — and that's just what the Whalers' Justin Williams showed in carrying the puck past a pair of defenders into the Barrie end, then sending a pass from the left side to Kris Vernarsky at the top of the right circle.

Vernarsky's shot beat Finley, and with 44 seconds left in the first period the score was tied at 2-2.

It would remain tied for about the length of the between-period intermission. As Williams said afterward, "Anytime you get a late goal like that, you want to come out and take advantage of it."

The Whalers did. Barrie was called for a penalty at the end of the first period, allowing Plymouth to start the second with a power-play advantage.

It took the Whalers 44 seconds to capitalize; Williams, playing at the left point, got the puck and skated in close to unleash a shot. It was blocked by a sliding defenseman, but the puck stayed in front of the Barrie goal, eventually getting tapped back to Williams, whose shot beat Finley to give Plymouth its first lead, 3-2.

Weiss and Shaun Fisher assisted. Just 1:31 later, Weiss forced a Barrie turnover at center ice and led a 3-on-2 Whaler foray into the Colts' end. Weiss centered the puck to Tomas Kurka, and Kurka beat Finley over his right shoulder to put Plymouth up two goals.

Weiss had struggled a bit through the first two games of the series, but he didn't in this one, getting a goal and three

assists. "I just wanted to get on the scoresheet," said the Whalers' first-year player. "I've had a hard time. I talked it over (with some teammates) and decided to just keep it simple."

Kurka's goal apparently was the signal to change venues, from hockey to a WWF tryout. The Colts continued to persevere, even after a goal was disallowed with 6:57 left in the second period.

With 3:13 to go and Barrie on the power play, Mike Jefferson tipped in a shot taken by Michael Henrich. Ryan Barnes also assisted, narrowing the gap to 4-3 with one period left.

The Colts could never get the equalizer, however, although they kept Plymouth scrambling throughout the third period. Finally, with 13:1 seconds to play, Randy Fitzgerald scored into an empty net to insure the Whalers triumph.

The fighting continued, even after the final buzzer. But what mattered — goals scored, not punches — had already been totaled.

Salem shuts out Harrison; Canton blanks Franklin

Fifth-ranked Plymouth Salem's girls soccer team kept its unbeaten status intact by scoring three goals in each half Monday in dismantling Farmington Harrison 6-0 at Salem.

The Rocks improved to 11-0-1 overall with the Western Lakes Activities Association win.

Kellee Mullin poured in four goals and assisted on another to lead the attack. Jeannine Edwards had a goal and an assist, and Suzi Towne had one goal. Brandi Groves and Rachel Berezek each had assists.

Jill Dombrowski and Jenny Fitchett each played a half in goal for the shutout.

Last Saturday, the Rocks scored twice in the second half to subdue host Birmingham Groves 2-0. Mullin scored both goals for Salem; Edwards and Towne earned assists.

Canton 7, Franklin 0: Plymouth Canton redefined one-sided Monday at Livonia Franklin. In this case, the Chiefs were in Franklin's side of the field for most of the game.

The Patriots did not register a shot on goal as Canton, ranked sixth in the state, improved to 10-1-1 overall, 6-0-1 in the WLA and 4-0 in the Western Division. Franklin fell to 1-9-1 overall, 0-4 in the division.

Anne Morrell scored three goals for the Chiefs and Stephanie Johnson added two more, while Amanda Lentz earned three assists. Kara Marsh and Erica Ahrens also had goals, and Betsy Huebler, Abi Morrell and Shaina Smith each picked up assists.

GIRLS SOCCER STATE RANKINGS

Girls Soccer (As of 5-9 by MHSAA)		Division III
Division I — 1. Brighton; 2. Troy Athens; 3. Livonia Stevenson; 4. Troy; 5. Plymouth Salem; 6. Plymouth Canton; 7. Rochester Adams; 8. Grosse Pointe South; 9. Saginaw Heritage; 10. Utica.	Honorable Mention — Livonia Churchill, Grand Blanc, Grand Haven.	1. Mattawan; 2. Auburn Hills Avondale; 3. Holland Christian; 4. Caledonia; 5. Flint Powers Catholic; 6. Royal Oak Dondero; 7. St. Clair Shores South Lake; 8. Hudsonville Unity Christian; 9. Bloomfield Hills Andover; 10. Grosse Pointe.
Division II — 1. Portage Central; 2. Madison Heights Bishop Foley; 3. Bloomfield Hills Lanser; 4. Portage Northern; 5. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central; 6. Northville; 7. Grosse Pointe North; 8. Birmingham Groves; 9. East Lansing; 10. Midland Dow.	Honorable Mention — Trenton Okemos, Mason.	Honorable Mention — DeWitt, East Grand Rapids, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.
Division III — 1. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep; 2. Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic Central; 3. Jackson Lumen Christi; 4. Birmingham Country Day; 5. Franvenmuth; 6. Grosse Pointe Woods University Luggitt; 7. Saginaw Nouvel Catholic; 8. Lake Forest; 9. Kalamazoo Christian; 10. Clawson.	Honorable Mention — Royal Oak Shrine, Lansing Catholic Central.	

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Best jump: Gabe Coble leapt 20-feet, 4 inches, the best overall jump of the meet, in leading Plymouth Salem to a first-place finish in the long jump relay.

hurdle. With two events to be completed — the pole vault and 1,600 relay — the Shamrocks still held a 62-56 lead over Harrison, with Canton at 54.

Lightning then struck twice for the Chiefs within minutes of each other. First, Jordan Chapman, Brian Page and Kevin Palmer led Canton to an upset win in the pole vault over the Hawks as the two teams moved past CC to share the lead at 64. Then Canton finished fourth in the 1,600 relay, while Harrison was sixth and CC didn't place.

When the standings were announced and the Hawks were named the second-place team, the Chiefs exploded.

"The seniors kept us going, but we had a huge day," said Richardson. "We set four school records and had several kids who set personal bests. Jerry Gaines had an awesome day. He ran his 800 split in the distance medley in 1:57.5, anchored the sprint medley relay in 50.0 in his 400 split and ran

50.4 in his split of the 1,600 relay. He had a huge day."

So did CC's Mike Morris. He had the best throws of the day in the discus (151-8) and shot put (53-11), and joined with Jeff Dueueke and Charlie Rozum in setting a meet record in the discus at 439-11.

"I'm very pleased with what we did," said CC coach Tony Magni. "We were strong in the events I thought we'd be strong in. The way the events were lined up, we got all our points early and hoped for the best after that."

CC's Matt Daly won the 1,600 run (4:26) and Adam Tymowski, Robert Tymowski, Ron Lowry and Jeff Haller won both the 6,400 relay (18:43.9) and the 3,200 relay (8:23.9), with Haller outdueling Churchill's Jason Richmond in the last 100 yards in a thrilling conclusion to the 6,400.

Bishop Burgess' Darryl Anglin won the 100 dash (10.9) and Harrison's Nick Hall came through in the 110 hurdles (14.8).

Agim Shabaj, Chris Roberson, Marcus Woods and Kevin Woods provided dual wins for Harrison in the 400 relay (43.0) and the 800 relay (1:29.3), setting meet records in both events.

"I thought we could run well," said Reed. "We practiced our handoffs and did a great job on the relays. Marcus is just a freshman and did a fantastic job and we're going to miss Kevin because of his leadership. But I'm very happy with what we did today."

Canton also used wins in the high jump (Chapman, Gaines, Chris Kalis; 18-4), the sprint medley relay (Jack Tucci, Jamie Bonner, K.J. Singh, Gaines; 2:27.8), and shuttle hurdle relay (Jim O'Brien, Dane Kobus, Ugo Okwumabua, Kalis; 1:02.4).

Salem won two events in the meet — the long jump relay (Pat Johnson, Ryan Silva, Gabe Coble; 59.4 3/4) and the distance medley relay (Coble, Rob Showalter, Manvir Gill, Donnie Warner; 10:46.2).

OBSERVERLAND RESULTS

30th ANNUAL OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK AND FIELD RELAYS
May 6 at Livonia Churchill

Team Standings: 1. Plymouth Canton, 68 points; 2. Farmington Harrison, 65; 3. Redford Catholic Central, 62; 4. North Farmington, 49; 5. Plymouth Salem, 42; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 40; 7. Livonia Churchill, 36; 8. Northville, 36; 9. Redford Bishop Burgess, 24; 10. Livonia Franklin, 20; 11. Southfield Lathrup, 17; 12. Farmington, 15; 13. Wayne Memorial, 10; 14. Redford Union, 8; 15. Westland John Glenn, 3; 16. Garden City, 1; 17. Redford Thurston, 0.

FINAL RESULTS

Pole vault: 1. Canton (Jordan Chapman, Brian Page, Kevin Palmer) 35.0; 2. Harrison, 34.6; 3. N. Farmington, 33.0; 4. Farmington, 31.0; 5. RU, 30.6; 6. Churchill, 30.0 **Best vaults:** (tie) Derek Laskowski (FHH) and Chapman (PCI), 13.6 each.

Long jump: 1. Salem (Pat Johnson, Ryan Silva, Gabe Coble) 59.4 3/4; 2. Wayne, 58.7 1/2; 3. Canton, 58.1 2/4; 4. Redford CC, 57.8 1/4; 5. Farmington, 57.7; 6. Southfield Lathrup, 56.1 1/4 **Best jump:** Coble (PS), 20.4 1/2.

High jump: 1. Canton (Jordan Chapman, Jerry Gaines, Chris Kalis) 18.4; 2. Northville, 17.6; 3. Churchill, 17.0; 4. Lathrup, 16.10; 5. Redford CC, 16.10; 6. Franklin, 16.6 **Best jump:** Chapman (PCI), 6.4.

Discus: 1. Redford CC (Jeff Dueueke, Charlie Rozum, Mike Morris); 439-11. Meet record; old record: Salem, 1981, 438-10; 2. Salem, 389-10; 3. Churchill, 379-14; 4. Stevenson, 379-8; 5. N. Farmington, 359-11; 6. Franklin, 349-6 **Top toss:** Morris (CC), 151-8.

Shot Put: 1. Redford CC (Dan Zimmerman, Charlie Rozum, Mike Morris); 149-3 1/4; 2. Salem, 128-9 1/2; 3. Franklin, 127-11 1/2; 4. Harrison, 124-10 1/2; 5. N. Farmington, 123-2; 6. Garden City, 121-11 **Best throw:** Morris (CC), 53-11.

6,400-meter relay: 1. Redford CC (Adam Tymowski, Robert Tymowski, Ron Lowry, Jeff Haller) 18:43.9; 2. Churchill, 18:44.4; 3. Stevenson, 18:58.1; 4. Northville, 19:21.1; 5. N. Farmington, 19:30.6; 6. Canton, 20:23.3.

110 hurdles: 1. Nick Hall (FHH), 14.8; 2. Brian Jones (LS), 15.0; 3. Brett Paxling (N), 15.4; 4. Dave Brown (RU), 15.6; 5. Chris Kalis (PC), 15.6; 6. Tom Grant (CC), 15.7.

Distance medley relay: 1. Salem (Gabe Coble, Rob Showalter, Manvir Gill, Donnie Warner); 10:46.2; 2. Stevenson, 10:59.1; 3. Canton, 11:02.5; 4. Redford CC, 11:17.5; 5. RU, 11:38.8; 6. John Glenn, 11:40.1.

800 relay: 1. Harrison (Agim Shabaj, Chris Roberson, Marcus Woods, Kevin Woods); 1:29.3, new record; old record: Bishop Burgess, 1987, 1:29.6; 2. Burgess, 1:30.2; 3. N. Farmington, 1:30.5; 4. Canton, 1:30.8; 5. Lathrup, 1:31.1; 6. Stevenson, 1:31.9.

1,600 Run: 1. Matt Daly (CC), 4:26.0; 2. Charlie Stambouljan (NF), 4:27.6; 3. Jason Richmond (LC), 4:36.7; 4. Brian Klotz (LF), 4:39.6; 5. Brian Coates (FHH), 4:40.1; 6. Eric Mink (LS), 4:46.6.

3,200 Relay: 1. Redford CC (Adam Tymowski, Robert Tymowski, Jeff Haller, Ryan Lowry); 8:23.9; 2. Northville, 8:27.9; 3. N. Farmington, 8:32.4; 4. Salem, 8:37.1; 5. Churchill, 8:42.3; 6. Canton, 8:43.7.

100 Dash: 1. Darryl Anglin (BB), 10.9; 2. Marcus Woods (FHH), 11.1; 3. Anthony Beal (NF), 11.2; 4. Brandon Langston (N), 11.3; 5. Kwame Hampton (WM), 11.4; 6. Mark Ostach (F), 11.4.

Sprint medley relay: 1. Canton (Jack Tucci, Jamie Bonner, K.J. Singh, Jerry Gaines); 2:27.8; 2. Stevenson, 2:31.0; 3. Northville, 2:32.2; 4. Harrison, 2:35.3; 5. John Glenn, 2:36.1; 6. N. Farmington, 2:37.2.

Shuttle Hurdle Relay: 1. Canton (Jim O'Brien, Dane Kobus, Ugo Okwumabua, Chris Kalis); 1:02.4; 2. Harrison, 1:02.7; 3. Churchill, 1:03.7; 4. N. Farmington, 1:05.0; 5. Salem, 1:05.0; 6. Redford CC, 1:05.2.

400 Relay: 1. Harrison (Agim Shabaj, Chris Roberson, Marcus Woods, Kevin Woods); 43.0, meet record; old record: Northville, 1998, 43.6; 2. Farmington, 43.2; 3. Burgess, 43.2; 4. Canton, 44.2; 5. Stevenson, 44.6; 6. Churchill, 44.6.

1,600 Relay: 1. Southfield Lathrup (Stepherd Phillips, Boyer Smith); 3:25.2; 2. Franklin, 3:27.0; 3. N. Farmington, 3:27.1; 4. Canton, 3:29.6; 5. Stevenson, 3:29.6; 6. Harrison, 3:31.3.

RUNNING

YMCA Run

The Plymouth YMCA's 21st Annual Run is scheduled for Father's Day, June 18, and it will be a full day of fun and competitive events for all ages.

Races will start in downtown Plymouth. The day begins at 7:30 a.m. with a kid's jog for 4-6 year-olds. That will be followed at 7:45 a.m. with a kid's trot for 2-3 year-olds and, at 8 a.m., a one-mile run/walk.

At 8:15 a.m., there's a 5-kilometer run/walk, and at 8:45 a.m. there's a 10-K run. Also, there's the chance to run the Triple Race (one mile, 5-K, 10-K). There's even the free diaper dash for toddlers under two years old.

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- Medical Center Pediatrics DMC W. Bloom./Bing Farms
- Special Offer For New Patients. Call for Details
- Partners Salon 478-2849 Farmington Hills
- 10% Off Color Services, 10% Off Massage, Haircut
- Orthodontics - Drs. Shaw & Ginzler 248-471-1555 Livonia
- Free Consultation, a \$225 Value
- Personalized Hearing 35337 Warren Westland
- Save 10% on 2 Digital Hearing Aids
- Ph.D. Psychologist 734-596-8077 Westland
- 50% Off 3 Visits - No Ins. with Disc. \$65 each
- Poosh Salon Southfield
- 20% Off All Services
- Shear Radiance Sheridan Square Garden City
- 10% Off First Service
- Str Davids Hair Salon Westland
- 20% Off of Hair & Tanning Products
- Spunkys Womens Gym Clawson
- 15% Off Any Membership
- \$ Coffee, Bagels & Bakeries**
- Mary Dennes Cakes Westland
- 10% Off Special Order Cakes
- \$ Day Care**
- Handie & Hearts Around the World Garden City
- 10% Off 1st Months Tuition
- \$ Dry Cleaners & Laundry**
- J.S. Prestige Cleaners on 5 Mile Livonia
- 10% Off Dry Cleaning (No Other Coupons)
- Mai Kal Cleaners All Locations
- Free Seater or Pant/W/99.95 Incoming Cleaning
- Park Ave \$1.75 Cleaners 844-5091 Canton
- \$1.50 Per Item for Dry cleaning
- Rags to Riches Cleaners Clawson
- 15% Off Dry Cleaning Only (Min. \$25 Order)
- Touch of Class Plymouth
- 15% Off All Dry Cleaned Garments

- \$ Entertainment**
- Detroit Zoological Society Royal Oak
- 10% Off All Membership Packages
- \$ Financial Services**
- James B. Williams, CFP Livonia
- 50% Financial Plan + Inv. Fees
- Kozak Consulting Co., Inc. Westland
- 10% Discount Off 1999 Income Tax Prep
- Tax Time** Westland
- Free Electronic Filing with Paid Return
- \$ Florists & Gifts**
- Mary Jane Flowers Royal Oak
- \$3.00 Off Any Purchase Over \$10.00
- Steve Codens Flowers Southfield
- Free Delivery in Metro Detroit Area
- The Green Bee Royal Oak
- 10% Off Purchase over \$10
- \$ Home Improvement**
- ABC Plumbing Clawson
- \$20 Off Service or \$25 Off SNR
- American Blind and Wallpaper Factory Plymouth
- 10% Off Order \$50 Min. Mention Code HE10
- Bergstroms Inc. Plumbing & Heating Livonia
- \$15 Off Service Calls 734-522-1350
- Burton & Sons Garden City
- \$15.00 Off Service Call 734-427-3070
- Burton Plumbing & Heating Wayne
- 10% Off All Materials Service/Store
- Carouse Building and Painting Westland
- 10% on All Labor, 15% Seniors
- Coachs Carpet Care Ypsilanti
- 10% Reg. Scheduled Services, Carpet, UPH Ducts
- Colbys Decorating Center 968 Newburgh Westland
- 10% Off ALL In Stock Merchandise
- Horton Plumbing Plymouth
- Free Laundry Tub & Faucet with Repipe
- 1 Do Windows 313-927-4990 Redford
- First Clean Free with Pre-Paid Service
- Kroll Window Garden City
- \$300 Off 3 or More Windows
- Livonia Home Improvement 27790 Joy Road Livonia
- In business since 1951. Windows, siding & roofs. Best Prices
- New Beginnings LLC 734-513-0755 Livonia
- 10% Off Painting Two or More Rooms
- On The Mark Roofing & Home Improvement 29016 Van Buren Westland
- 10% on Labor, 15% for Seniors 734-728-7110
- United Temperature Livonia
- Furnace Cleaning & Inspection \$57.00
- \$ Insurance**
- Juenemann Insurance Westland
- Gift for Comparing Home & Auto Insurance
- \$ Jewelers**
- Bright Jewelers 44344 Cherry Hill 734-844-2404 Canton
- 50% Off 14K Gold Chains
- Chinn Jewelry Royal Oak
- We Will Pay Your Sales Tax Excluding Loose Diamonds
- Doble Jewelers Berkley/Farmington Hills/Wood/Royal Oak
- 1/2 Off Ring Sizing (excluding platinum)
- O & D Bush Jewelers 734-455-3030 Plymouth
- 50% Off All Silver Jewelry
- \$ Landscape & Maintenance**
- Billie Outdoor Care Canton
- Commercial Snowplowing Contract 10% Off
- D. A. Alexander & Co Livonia
- 10% Discount
- Outdoor Fun Store Co. Wayne
- 10% Off Purchase of Any Wooden Playset
- OV's Landscaping 734-728-8030 Westland
- \$150 OFF Sprinkler System over \$1500
- Saxtons Garden Center Plymouth
- 10% Off All Hand Garden Tools
- \$ Pizza**
- Cottage Inn Pizza Birmingham
- 2 Large Pizzas W/One Item \$12.99
- Marias Deli & Pizzeria 734-981-1200 Canton
- \$5.00 OFF a \$50.00 Purchase (excluding tobacco & alcohol)
- Papa Romanos Farmdale
- \$1.00 Off Bambino Bread with any purchase

- Pizza One** Ferndale
- 2 Small Pizzas for \$9.99 + tax
- Rattios Pizza Royal Oak
- \$1.50 Off Large Square Pizza
- Vizzy's Pizza Palace - We Deliver 722-3333 Westland
- 2 Large Reg. Pizzas with 1 Item & Jumbo Bread \$14.75
- \$ Restaurants**
- Alexander The Great Westland
- 10% Off Entrees - Not Valid on Specials
- Barbs Pasties Livonia
- 10% Off When You Buy 4 Pasties
- Burger King 120 S. Meridian Rd. Westland
- 99c Double Cheese Burger w/any purchase
- Burger King 237 S. Wayne Rd. Westland
- 99c Double Cheese Burger w/any purchase
- Beethve Family Dining Wayne
- 20% Off Any Order
- Code 30 Coffee Cafe Inc. Redford
- \$1.00 Off Any Flavored Latte
- Dairy Queen of Royal Oak Royal Oak
- 10% Off Total Bill
- Deli Delle Royal Oak
- 15% Off Purchase of \$10 or More
- Denny's Westland
- Buy One Regular Priced Breakfast, Get One FREE
- Not valid with other coupons or offers.
- Not valid on Holidays or Weekends
- One coupon per guest per visit
- Faym-us Chicken & Ribs Clawson
- Buy One Dinner and get \$1 OFF Second Dinner
- Fire Academy Brewery Westland
- Buy One Lunch, Get The 2nd at 1/2 Price!
- Hard Ice Cream Cafe on Farmington S. of Plymouth Livonia
- 10% Off Any Item including Sanders Cakes
- Legacy Restaurant Livonia
- 10% Off Your Bill Excluding Specials
- McDonald's 5625 Sasshaw Rd. Clarkston
- Buy One Big Mac, Get One Free
- McDonald's 6695 Dixie Hwy Clarkston
- Buy One Big Mac, Get One Free
- McDonald's 2450 Dixie Hwy Waterford
- Buy One Big Mac, Get One Free
- McDonald's 141 N. Telegraph Waterford
- Buy One Big Mac, Get One Free
- McDonald's 220 N. Ann Arbor Rd. Plymouth
- Buy Any Sandwich, Get One Free
- McDonald's 45510 Michigan Canton
- Buy Any Sandwich, Get One Free
- McDonald's 44960 Ford Rd. Canton
- Buy Any Sandwich, Get One Free
- McDonald's 40241 Michigan Canton
- Buy Any Sandwich, Get One Free
- Max & Ermas Birmingham
- 10% Off Purchase, excluding alcohol & gratuities
- Mitch Houseys Schoolcraft/Micklebath Livonia
- 10% Off Your Bill - Lunch or Dinner 734-425-5520
- W. Miles Coney Island 755 W. 13 Mile Rd. near from Astor Mall Westland
- 10% Off Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. Open 7 a.m.
- New King Linds 248-474-2781 Farmington Hills
- 10% Off Total Bill
- O'Malley's Bar & Grill 15231 Farmington & Five Livonia
- 15% Discount after 8 p.m. except Holidays
- Paynes Berkley
- 10% Off Total Food Bill With \$10 Purchase or More
- Samuel Hoffmann New York Deli Clawson
- 10% Off Total Food Bill
- Steves Deli Bloomfield Hills
- \$10.00 Off Any Catering Order
- Subway Berkley/Ferndale
- \$1.00 Off Any Footlong Sub
- Southern Clawson
- \$5.00 Off Any Sandwich
- Wayne Restaurant & Coney 3209 Metro Place Center Wayne
- 10% Discount Excluding Specials 734-326-6099
- Woody's Diner Royal Oak
- 10% Off Total Food Bill With \$10 Purchase or More
- \$ Rentals: Apts., Housing, Seniors**
- Marquette House 36000 Campus Drive Westland
- 10% Off First Month Rent
- Westland Conveyance Center 36137 W. Warren Westland
- 10% Off First Month Private Pay

- \$ Retail**
- A Shady Business Walled Lake
- 10% Off Any Lamp Purchase
- Alexanders Framing Royal Oak
- 15% Off Any Purchase
- Atlas Greenfield Market Southfield
- 5% Off Any Meat or Produce Purchase
- Border Outlet 1500 Lileay 734-397-6326 Canton
- 10% Off In-Stock Only
- Champions Cellular Warehouse Southfield
- Chris Furniture Farmington/Plymouth Rd. Livonia
- 40% Off All End Tables
- Dalley Carpet & Tile W of Meridian Livonia
- 10% Off Any Reg. Priced Merchandise (Excludes Labor)
- Dimitrie Upholstering Royal Oak
- 10% Off Complete Order
- Doll Hospital 15947 W 12 Mile Berkley
- 10% Off Regularly Priced Dolls & Bears
- Dolls and Trains Lathrup Village
- 10% on Selected Items
- Express Photo 6 Mile Livonia
- 20% Off Processing 25% Off Enlargements
- F & N Floor Covering 16 & Dequindre Troy
- 15% Off All Carpet & Pad - Showroom Price
- 15% Off Any Purchase
- 40% Off All In-Stock Carpet and Vinyl Floors
- Four Seasons Garden Center Oak Park
- 10% Off Reg. Price Shrubs & Perennials (not w/ discount)
- Frentz & Sons Hardware Livonia
- 10% Off Purchase
- Henderson Glass Berkley
- 10% Off Any Purchase excluding sale items
- Hereshys Shoes 2922 Ford Road Garden City
- 10% Off Regularly Priced Merchandise
- Independent Carpet One Westland
- 10% Off Labor
- J & K Trophy & Engraving 248-473-7871 Livonia
- 10% Off All Awards, Signs & Gift Items
- Looking Glass Antiques Plymouth
- 10% Off Any Item \$25.00 or More
- Marcys Groceries & Deli Birmingham
- 10% Off Deli Supplies (does not include grooming)
- Matress King Pleasant Ridge/Madison Heights/Troy
- 10% Off Any Purchase
- Mistys Cards & Gifts 734-421-1066 Garden City
- 10% Off Regularly Priced Items
- Nicolas & Revival www.nicolasrevival.com
- 10% Off In-Store Purchase with Card
- Once Upon A Child 5804 N. Sheldon Canton
- 10% Off In-Store Purchase 734-455-6666
- Pascha Books & Gifts 6 Mile Livonia
- 10% Off Purchase of \$50 or More
- Randy's El of Troy Troy
- 15% Off Any Reg. Priced Merchandise thru 12/31
- Reme Collectibles 42839 Ford 734-981-7500 Canton
- 20% Off Storewide
- Red Wing Shoes Garden City
- \$20.00 Off Any Regular Price Shoe/Bout
- Talking Book World Lathrup Village
- Up to \$10 Toward 1st Purchase or Rental (new Customers)
- The Framery & Gallery Troy
- 20% Off All Merchandise, Incoming Frame Orders
- Therapeutic Books & Cooling 734-422-8080 Garden City
- Save 10% on all books
- Training Effect Fitness Store Birmingham
- 10% Off Equipment Purchase 25% Off All Accessories
- Village Peddler Plymouth
- 10% Off Storewide
- \$ Services**
- Bill & Rod's Appliance 734-425-2504 Livonia
- \$10 Off In Home Appliance Repairs
- Carmack Appliance Garden City
- 10% Off In Home Service
- Classic Maids 38599 Draper Lane Westland
- \$30.4 Rooms, Insured, Bonded, \$5 Each Extra Room
- Community Federal Plymouth, Canton, Northville
- Free Checks with New Accounts & 1/4% off Loans
- Corrie Lynn Hix - Vocalist 8612 Diane Ct. 313-720-8450 Westland
- Specializing in Weddings, Funerals & Private Functions
- Family Heating & Cooling 734-422-8080 Garden City
- Recommended by Joe Gagnon Appliance Dr. WJB Radio
- International Printing Press 734-729-5401 Westland
- 10% Off Minute - 20% Off Wedding Invitations

- Jans Dance Connection 313-562-1203 Dearborn
- 50% Off Registration Fee
- Kirby Vacuum Service, Service & Supplies Westland
- 10% Off Supplies
- Mail Boxes Etc 7 Mile next to Joes Produce Livonia
- 10% Off Shipping Fed Ex or UPS
- Men on the Move Westland
- 20% Off Boxes and Packing Supplies
- Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Plymouth
- FREE Attention Getter with Your Classified Ad - \$5 Value, private party ads only 1-800-579-SELL
- Singer Service Center Clawson
- 10% Off Sewing Machine Repairs
- Suburban Appraisals 313-937-0191 Redford
- 15% Discount Off Jewelry Appraisals
- The Dance Connection 734-379-9755 Canton
- 50% Off Registration Fee
- Tuffy Auto Service Plymouth Rd W of Middlebelt Livonia
- 10% Off Parts & 5% Off Discount Prices
- Vai's Catering Inc. 734-728-0547 Westland
- 50% Off Parties over 50 People
- Visions of Joy Graphic Designs Livonia
- 10% Discount on Typesetting over \$35
- World Explorers Travel 877-391-4414 Livonia/Oak
- Wave Service Fees on Air & Vacation Pkgs Toll Free
- \$ Sports & Recreation**
- Ambassador Roller Rink Clawson
- Buy One Admission - Get One Free (Sat. Only)
- Bel-Aire Lanes 24001 Orchard Lake Rd. Farmington Hills
- Free Shoe Rental with Any Paid Game
- Bonanza Lanes Warren
- 25% Off Lane Daytime Weekdays, 50% Off Evening & Weekends \$1.00
- Bronco Lanes Warren
- 25% Off Lane Daytime Weekdays, 50% Off Evening & Weekends \$1.00
- Century Bowl Waterford
- 25% Off Lane Daytime Weekdays, 50% Off Evening & Weekends \$1.00
- Electric Stick Westland
- Play for One Hour of Pool - Get One Hour Free
- Hartfield Lanes Berkley
- Free Shoe Rental for Cardholder
- K&S Pro Bowling Supply 45100 Ford Rd. Canton
- Total Sales of \$50 or more 10% Discount. Located in Super Store
- Merrill-Bowl Livonia
- 25% Off Lane Daytime Weekdays, 50% Off Evening & Weekends \$1.00
- Oxford Lanes Dearborn
- 25% Off Lane Daytime Weekdays, 50% Off Evening & Weekends \$1.00
- Plum Hollow Southfield
- 25% Off Lane Daytime Weekdays, 50% Off Evening & Weekends \$1.00
- Ray's Bowling Pro Shop Inc. Westland
- Inside of Westland Bowl
- Rollerama II Brighton
- Buy One Admission Get One Free (not Friday)
- Skatin' Station II Canton
- Buy One Admission Get One Free (not Friday)
- Skore Lanes Taylor
- 25% Off Lane Daytime Weekdays, 50% Off Evening & Weekends \$1.00
- Sterling Lanes Sterling Heights
- 25% Off Lane Daytime Weekdays, 50% Off Evening & Weekends \$1.00
- Super Bowl Canton
- 25% Off Lane Daytime Weekdays, 50% Off Evening & Weekends \$1.00
- Troy Lanes Troy
- 25% Off Lane Daytime Weekdays, 50% Off Evening & Weekends \$1.00
- Universal Lanes Warren
- 25% Off Lane Daytime Weekdays, 50% Off Evening & Weekends \$1.00
- Westland Municipal Golf Course 500 S. Meridian Westland
- Pay \$5.00 Between 12 p.m. & 3 p.m. Mon. - Fri. 9 holes walking
- Westland Sports Arena 6210 Wixomwood Westland
- Receive one free group ice skating lesson with the purchase of one session. Call for details (734) 729-4560
- Wonderland Lanes 28455 Plymouth Rd. Livonia
- Buy One Game, Get One Free

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BEST BOYS TRACK AND FIELD PERFORMANCES

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SHOT PUT
 Mike Morris (Redford CC) 53.11
 Mike Gaura (Churchill) 51.44
 Mark Snyder (Salem) 50.00
 Nate Hensman (Franklin) 47.8
 Nate Meckes (Lutheran Westland) 46.1
 Asa Hensley (Canton) 45.10
 Jeff Swinger (N. Farmington) 44.6
 Brad Person (Redford CC) 43.10
 Charlie Rozum (Redford CC) 43.10
 Jeff Dzeweke (Redford CC) 43.9

DISCUS
 Mike Morris (Redford CC) 151.8
 Charlie Rozum (Redford CC) 148.7
 Nate Meckes (Lutheran Westland) 145.1
 Brad Person (Harrison) 144.7
 Jeff Dzeweke (Redford CC) 141.5
 Mark Snyder (Salem) 139.8
 Nate Hensman (Franklin) 139.10
 Ben Lukas (Farmington) 134.11
 Asa Hensley (Canton) 131.9
 Rory Crittenden (Farmington) 131.0

HIGH JUMP
 Jordan Chapman (Canton) 6.6
 Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 6.5
 Laynie Bodily (Farmington) 6.4
 Chris Kalls (Canton) 6.2

Jerry Gaines (Canton) 6.2
 Brad Tucker (Harrison) 6.2
 P.J. Woodman (Plymouth Christian) 6.0
 Ryan Silva (Salem) 6.0
 Brad Person (Harrison) 6.0
 Paul Karoliak (Churchill) 6.0

LONG JUMP
 Eric Scott (Churchill) 21.00
 Gabe Coble (Salem) 20.11
 Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 20.10
 Kwame Hampton (Wayne) 20.6
 Tom Grant (Redford CC) 20.3
 Michael Rashad (Wayne) 20.2a
 Ken Page (Canton) 20.1
 Aaron Veithoven (Redford CC) 19.11a
 Jason Spinks (Farmington) 19.11
 Jermaine Garner (Wayne) 19.10
 Randy Lee (Wayne) 19.10

POLE VAULT
 Derek Lasowski (Harrison) 14.2
 Jordan Chapman (Canton) 13.6
 Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 13.0
 Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 12.6
 Brian Page (Canton) 11.6
 Justin Shafer (Harrison) 11.0
 Trevor Moore (Farmington) 11.0
 Erik Oswald (Harrison) 11.0
 Jim Brzuch (Salem) 10.6
 Drew Martens (Farmington) 10.6
 Jason Davis (Luth. Westland) 10.6
 Steve Richest (Luth. Westland) 10.6

Kevin Palmer (Canton) 10.6
 Greg Kubatski (Salem) 10.6
 Joe Reilly (John Glenn) 10.6

110-METER HURDLES
 Nick Hall (Harrison) 14.5
 Brian Jones (Stevenson) 15.0
 Ben Lukas (Farmington) 15.2
 Chris Kalls (Canton) 15.2
 Dennis Kuslak (Franklin) 15.4
 Brent Hauck (Churchill) 15.5
 Tom Grant (Redford CC) 15.6
 Dave Brown (Redford Union) 15.6
 James Cook (Harrison) 15.6
 Ryan Silva (Salem) 15.7
 Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 15.7

300-METER HURDLES
 Nick Hall (Harrison) 39.8
 Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 40.4
 Chris Kalls (Canton) 41.2
 Rob Showalter (Salem) 42.2
 Brian Jones (Stevenson) 42.3
 Dave Brown (Redford Union) 42.4
 Brent Hauck (Churchill) 42.4
 Rocky Singh (Canton) 42.5
 Kyle Meteyer (N. Farmington) 42.5
 Nick Doherty (Luth. Westland) 42.8

100-METER DASH
 Marcus Woods (Harrison) 10.9
 Darryl Arglin (Borgess) 10.9

Kevin Woods (Harrison) 11.0
 Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 11.1
 Jamie Bonner (Canton) 11.1
 Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 11.1
 K.J. Singh (Canton) 11.2
 Mike Clark (Lutheran Westland) 11.2
 Brian Weiss (N. Farmington) 11.2
 Pat Johnson (Salem) 11.2
 Anthony Beal (John Glenn) 11.2
 Rob Gearty (John Glenn) 11.2

200-METER DASH
 Agim Shabay (Harrison) 22.1
 Kevin Woods (Harrison) 22.5
 Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 22.7
 Brian Weiss (N. Farmington) 22.8
 Mark Ostasz (Farmington) 23.1
 Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 23.1
 Mike Sparks (Garden City) 23.2
 Jamie Bonner (Canton) 23.2
 Jerry Garner (Canton) 23.3
 K.J. Singh (Canton) 23.3
 Chris Robinson (Harrison) 23.3
 Mike Parker (Canton) 23.3

400-METER DASH
 Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 48.7
 Jerry Gaines (Canton) 50.9
 Brian Weiss (N. Farmington) 51.3
 Gabe Coble (Salem) 51.5
 Kevin Schneider (Franklin) 51.5
 Jack Tucci (Canton) 52.1
 Terrill Mayberry (Harrison) 52.7
 Dustin Gress (Farmington) 52.8

Dave Novara (Stevenson) 52.9
 James Cook (Harrison) 52.9

800-METER RUN
 Jason Scarborough (Harrison) 2:01.3
 Steve Kesikemeti (Stevenson) 2:01.8
 Brian Horn (N. Farmington) 2:02.2
 Ryan Gall (Churchill) 2:04.0
 Robert Tymowski (Redford CC) 2:05.1
 Jeff Haller (Redford CC) 2:05.2
 Jimmy Lala (N. Farmington) 2:06.3
 Charlie Stamboulis (N. Farmington) 2:07.0
 Jerry Gaines (Canton) 2:07.2
 Donnie Warner (Salem) 2:07.8

1,600-METER RUN
 Matt Daly (Redford CC) 4:26.0
 Charlie Stamboulis (N. Farmington) 4:27.6
 Jason Richmond (Churchill) 4:33.9
 Brian Klotz (Franklin) 4:39.6
 Brian Coates (Harrison) 4:40.1
 Steve Warner (Franklin) 4:44.3
 Eric Mink (Stevenson) 4:43.0
 Manvir Gill (Salem) 4:45.0
 Issak Kaufman (N. Farmington) 4:46.9
 Scott Geller (Canton) 4:48.6

3,200-METER RUN
 Matt Daly (Redford CC) 9:35.0
 Jason Richmond (Churchill) 9:51.0
 Dan Krawiec (Redford CC) 10:13.4
 Steve Stewart (Franklin) 10:13.4
 Eric Travis (Stevenson) 10:13.9

Matt Isner (Stevenson) 10:21.0
 Donnie Warner (Salem) 10:22.2
 Doug Gibbons (Redford CC) 10:24.3
 Steve Stewart (Franklin) 10:25.0
 Chris Tobe (Farmington) 10:31.0

400-METER RELAY
 Farmington Harrison 43.0
 Farmington 43.1
 Redford Bishop Borgess 43.7
 Plymouth Canton 44.2
 Livonia Stevenson 44.6
 Livonia Churchill 44.6

800-METER RELAY
 Farmington Harrison 1:29.3
 Redford Bishop Borgess 1:30.2
 North Farmington 1:30.5
 Farmington 1:30.8
 Plymouth Canton 1:30.8

1,600-METER RELAY
 Livonia Franklin 3:27.0
 North Farmington 3:27.1
 Plymouth Canton 3:27.9
 Farmington Harrison 3:27.9
 Livonia Stevenson 3:29.6

3,200-METER RELAY
 Redford Catholic Central 8:20.4
 Livonia Stevenson 8:22.6
 North Farmington 8:32.4
 Plymouth Canton 8:34.9
 Plymouth Salem 8:37.1

BEST GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD PERFORMANCES

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SHOT PUT
 Tiffany Grubiaugh (Salem) 40.7
 Judy Teiford (Mercy) 38.3 1/2
 Tasha O'Neal (N. Farmington) 36.10 3/4
 Marie Jacoby (Churchill) 34.8 1/2
 Lisa Balke (Franklin) 34.3
 Michelle Bonier (Salem) 33.3
 Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 32.10
 Jerry Hebler (Churchill) 32.0
 Gaybriel Newton (Harrison) 31.10 3/4
 Kristen Rader (Churchill) 30.5 1/2

DISCUS
 Tiffany Grubiaugh (Salem) 143.6
 Judy Teiford (Mercy) 126.3
 Jerry Hebler (Churchill) 122.1
 Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 109.0
 Meghan Kelley (Redford Union) 109.0
 Susan Hand (N. Farmington) 106.4
 Detos Chen (N. Farmington) 105.0
 Jer Dash (Lutheran Westland) 103.4
 Tasha O'Neal (N. Farmington) 100.5
 Miranda White (Salem) 99.7

HIGH JUMP
 Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 5.5
 Amy Driscoll (Canton) 5.2
 Alexis Noel (Ladwood) 5.2
 Aisha Chappell (Salem) 5.1
 Autumn Hicks (Salem) 5.1
 Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 5.1
 Andrea Polasky (Stevenson) 5.1

Krystal Dennis (St. Agatha) 5.0
 Felicia Barnett (John Glenn) 5.0
 Elizabeth Lanning (Canton) 4.11

LONG JUMP
 Amy Driscoll (Canton) 16.7 1/2
 Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 16.2 3/4
 Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 16.2
 Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 16.2
 Alexis Noel (Ladwood) 16.1 1/4
 Tara Tarole (Stevenson) 15.11
 LaTasha Chandler (John Glenn) 15.10 1/2
 Heather Vargo (Ply. Christian) 15.8
 Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 15.7 1/2
 Stephanie Dean (Churchill) 15.5 1/2
 Allison Drakow (Churchill) 15.5
 LeVina Kasparek (Stevenson) 15.5

POLE VAULT
 Kim Wise (Garden City) 19.4
 Kari Cezar (Churchill) 9.6
 Jake Peterman (Churchill) 9.4
 Andrea McMillan (Franklin) 9.2
 Lauren Turner (N. Farmington) 8.0
 Amy Driscoll (Canton) 8.0
 Nicole Samoniani (John Glenn) 8.0
 Juliana Varma (Harrison) 8.0
 Jenny Jedlik (Salem) 8.0
 Kelly Clark (Lutheran Westland) 7.7

100-METER HURDLES
 LaTasha Chandler (John Glenn) 15.1
 Aisha Chappell (Salem) 16.1
 Davina Clemons (N. Farmington) 16.2
 Kristel Stricker (Farmington) 16.3
 Cassie Ehlerdt (Stevenson) 16.3

Lisa Rosemary (Harrison) 16.7
 Valerie Brown (Salem) 17.0
 Angela Fodor (Harrison) 17.0
 Anna Ruff (Lutheran Westland) 17.0
 Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 17.1

300-METER HURDLES
 Cassie Ehlerdt (Stevenson) 47.5
 Kristel Stricker (Farmington) 48.3
 Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 49.3
 Aisha Chappell (Salem) 49.6
 Valerie Brown (Salem) 49.8
 Colleen Busman (Stevenson) 49.8
 Mandy Rue (Churchill) 51.5
 Kristen Ruehahn (Salem) 52.3
 Amy Pogerson (Canton) 52.4
 Anna Ruff (Lutheran Westland) 52.5

100-METER DASH
 Brianna Watson (Ladwood) 12.6
 Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 12.7
 Rachel Jones (Salem) 12.8
 Michelle Bonier (Salem) 13.0
 Felicia Barnett (John Glenn) 13.1
 Felina Davis (Salem) 13.1
 Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 13.1
 Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 13.2
 Meredith Fox (Canton) 13.2
 Sierra Miller (Ladwood) 13.2
 Charia Felton (Redford Union) 13.2

200-METER DASH
 Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 25.5
 Rachel Jones (Salem) 26.8
 Davina Clemons (N. Farmington) 27.2
 Kelly Carey (Ladwood) 27.3

Brianna Watson (Ladwood) 27.3
 Charia Felton (Redford Union) 27.5
 Charia Davis (Salem) 27.6
 Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 27.8
 Michelle Bonier (Salem) 27.8
 Meredith Fox (Canton) 27.8
 Kristel Stricker (Churchill) 27.8
 Dominique Whitner (Borgess) 27.8
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400-METER DASH
 Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 1:00.2
 Autumn Hicks (Salem) 1:00.7
 Meredith Fox (Canton) 1:02.2
 Erin Mazzoni (Stevenson) 1:02.2
 Laura Glenn (Harrison) 1:02.7
 Tera Bode (Canton) 1:03.1
 Jessica Levels (Canton) 1:03.7
 Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 1:04.1
 Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 1:04.1
 Kari Bouschet (Farmington) 1:04.1

800-METER RUN
 Andrea Doud (Ladwood) 2:29.4
 Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 2:31.7
 Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 2:32.8
 Tessa Tarole (Stevenson) 2:32.8
 Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 2:32.8
 Holly Stockton (N. Farmington) 2:32.9
 Anne Lieberman (N. Farmington) 2:32.9
 Tessa Kuehne (Lutheran Westland) 2:34.6
 Susan Duncan (Churchill) 2:34.6
 Rachel Jones (Salem) 2:34.6

1,600-METER RUN
 Susan Duran (Churchill) 5:33.6
 Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 5:34.0

Tara Tarole (Stevenson) 5:36.2
 Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 5:36.4
 Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 5:36.6
 Holly Stockton (N. Farmington) 5:37.0
 Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 5:37.6
 Lisa Jaskowski (Salem) 5:39.5
 Michelle Phillips (Churchill) 5:42.4
 Tessa Kuehne (Lutheran Westland) 5:42.9

3,200-METER RUN
 Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 12:13.0
 Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 12:20.6
 Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 12:32.1
 Tessa Tarole (Stevenson) 12:33.1
 Lisa Jaskowski (Salem) 12:36.7
 Kim Woods (Salem) 12:40.4
 Megan Ansara (Farmington) 12:40.5
 Sara P. (Stevenson) 12:47.0
 Dana Leparski (Churchill) 12:47.0
 Anna Paganis (Ladwood) 12:47.0

400-METER RELAY
 Plymouth Salem 51.2
 Westland John Glenn 52.0

Livonia Ladwood 52.7
 Livonia Stevenson 53.0
 Redford Union 53.6

800-METER RELAY
 Plymouth Salem 1:48.3
 Westland John Glenn 1:49.4
 Livonia Stevenson 1:51.4
 North Farmington 1:51.7
 Plymouth Canton 1:52.6

1,600-METER RELAY
 Plymouth Salem 4:12.8
 Livonia Stevenson 4:19.3
 Plymouth Canton 4:20.5
 Farmington Harrison 4:21.1
 North Farmington 4:24.1

3,200-METER RELAY
 North Farmington 10:01.0
 North Farmington 10:01.1
 Livonia Ladwood 10:01.2
 Livonia Stevenson 10:01.4
 Plymouth Salem 10:04.6

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DANCE WITH ME

Single white female, 24, likes sports, dancing and the outdoors. Seeking a single male for friendship and possibly more. BOX 16667

SHOOTING STAR

Divorced white professional female, 55, 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes. Seeking a single male for friendship and possibly more. BOX 16469

GREEN EYED BLONDE

Single white female, 40, 5'6", weight proportionate, pretty romantic at heart. Enjoys arts, flea markets and horseback riding. Looking for an affectionate professional male with a good sense of humor and enjoys children. BOX 35077

TRUE LOVE WAITS

21 yr old, single mother of one attractive, easy going, seeking single white male, 21 to 30, who enjoys dining out, movies, football and other sports for friendship possible relationship. BOX 16469

MAKE ME SMILE

Divorced white Christian mother of two, 37, 5'4", 145 lb, self employed. Enjoys theater, walks, museums and keeping up with my children. Seeking a single male, 30 to 40, who is non-smoker, non-drinking, male with a healthy attitude and a sense of humor. Must value honesty and be a good oriented. BOX 31976

JUST THE TWO OF US

56 yr old, professional, divorced white female with blonde hair and green eyes who is new to the area enjoys dining out, movies, quite times, romantic evening and much more. Seeking a single male, 45 to 60, who shares good times, friendship and maybe more. BOX 13010

ENJOYABLE TIMES

Single lady, 122 lb, 5'5", blonde with blue eyes, social drinker, enjoys having fun. Looking for a single male for friendship and possibly more. BOX 13011

ROMANCE 101

Single white mother of three, 39, 5'7", blonde with green eyes, medium built, employed, enjoys long walks, camping, going to the beach and many more. Looking for a single male, 30 to 43, 5'10" and above, non-smoker with similar interests for friendship and more. BOX 13031

SEEKS SPECIAL SOME 1

Single Hispanic female, black hair, petite, enjoys dancing, swimming, bike riding, walks in the woods and more. Looking for a single male with similar interests, for friendship and more. BOX 13010

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RIDE OF YOUR LIFE!

Single white female, 38, 5'5", 120 lb, romantic, fun loving, going to the beach, who loves to ride on Harley's long walks, boating, camping, music and good company. Seeking a single white male, 36 to 45, who is caring, affectionate with similar interests, for friendship and possible long term relationship. BOX 13058

HATES COUNTRY MUSIC

Single white female, 40 something, 5'4", medium build, long brown hair, green eyes, smoker and social drinker, likes movies, going out, shopping, pool, television, rock n roll, quiet times at home. Seeking a single white male, 30 to 40's, for a loving relationship. BOX 13734

LOOKING FOR LOVE

Single white female, smoker, 40's who is sincere, honest and affectionate. Enjoys movies, rock n roll, shooting pool and quiet times at home. Looking for a single male, 30 to 40, for friendship and more. BOX 10099

ROMANCE IS THE KEY

Single white female, 44, hard working, non-smoker, financially secure, looking for a single male who is romantic, charming, honest, easy going and has a good sense of humor. BOX 16116

IF INTERESTED, CALL

Sophisticated, senior lady educated who enjoys cooking, animals, traveling and dancing. Looking for a single white male, 55 to 65, who is honest and enjoys female companionship. BOX 16148

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

38 yr old, single white female who needs to be spoiled but spoils in return. BOX 16283

LONG TERM LOVE

30 yr old single female with blonde hair and blue eyes who goes to college and works full time. Looking for a single male who is ready to settle down. BOX 16339

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Single white female, 56, blonde with brown eyes, medium built, easy going, enjoys children, bingo and just having a good time. Looking for a single male with similar interests, for friendship and more. BOX 16484

HONESTY IS THE KEY

Single white female, 5'5", blue eyes, brown hair, medium build, smoker, non-drinker, with old fashioned values, enjoys music, dining out, trips up North, movies and animals. Seeking a single white male, who is sincere, honest, social drinker, with a good sense of humor for friendship first. Down River Area. BOX 31953

CLASSIC ROMANCE

50 yr old, single female, 5, believes in romance, likes music, dancing, classic cars, country life and simple pleasures. Seeking a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 42 to 60, non-smoker with similar interests for a long term monogamous relationship. Down River Area. BOX 14471

WORTHY OF YOUR LOVE

Single white female, young 40 plus, 5'10", seeking life partner with a good character, dancing, fellowship and ready to be fully blessed with an enjoy woman. BOX 33640

REV YOUR ENGINES

Attractive independent female, 37, 5'6", 140 lbs, looking for a single male, 35 to 45, who is a social or non-smoker and enjoys cars, car show and likes to go dancing. BOX 33647

GOLFERS WHERE ARE YOU

Single white female, 56, young looking, active, down river area, loves to golf, but not ready for the full. Lots of interests, new adventures. Seeking fit single white male, 5'10" or taller, between 50 and 60, for conversation, friendship and more. BOX 33652

EXTREMELY ENERGETIC

Single white female, 53, 5'5", blonde and hazel eyes, I am looking for a sincere, romantic, non-smoking, white male, 45 to 55, who loves dancing, traveling and eating out. Start with friendship and see what happens. BOX 31910

LOOKING FOR YOU

Youthful 53 yr old, single white female, energetic, good sense of humor, athletic to muscular build. Likes horseback riding, bowling, walks in the park. Looking for a fun loving black or Caucasian male 45 plus, for fun times and possible relationship. BOX 31912

TAKE A CHANCE!

35 yr old, divorced white mother of one, 5'3", blonde hair, blue eyes, medium build, smoker, non-drinker, enjoys movies and camping. Looking for a marriage minded man who doesn't drink or do drugs. Down River Area. BOX 12314

SOMEONE SPECIAL

44 yr old, single black woman, fun loving and outgoing. Likes gardening, cooking, walking, concerts and traveling. Seeking a black male, 43 to 50, who's outgoing, down to earth and sincere for friendship first. An possibly more. BOX 31923

WANTED: A GOOD MAN

Single white female, 46, full figure, blonde, casual, non-smoker, non-drinker. Seeks very honest, warm male, 45 to 55, who shares dinners, movies, concerts and good times. Serious minded men only. BOX 31937

SEEKING COMMITMENT

35 yr divorced white female, mother of one, 5'3", blonde hair, blue eyes, who loves to travel, fishing, bicycling, and having fun. Looking for a single female who enjoys the outdoors and good conversations. BOX 12706

HAVE FUN

21 yr old, 6'1", 170 lb, single male interested in meeting a female with a good sense of humor, who likes animals and enjoys having a good time. Could this possibly be you? We will never know if you do not pick up the phone and call. BOX 12784

HOW ABOUT IT? CALL!

51 yr old, professional, divorced white male who smokes, enjoys the outdoors. Looking for a female, 35 to 40, for a long term relationship. BOX 12792

ARE YOU THE ONE?

5'8", 170 lb, single male with brown hair and eyes. Looking for a single female, 30 to 40, who enjoys camping, fishing, and being together with one who would appreciate her company. BOX 12848

MUST LIKE ANIMALS

28 yr old, 5'8", clean cut, attractive single white male, enjoys music, dining out, gardening, working out and sleeping in. Looking for a single white female, for a long term relationship. BOX 12855

I'LL CALL YOU BACK

190 lb, single male with brown hair and blue eyes. I like camping, picnics, church and barbecues. Looking for a single female with similar interests. BOX 12862

GIVE ME A CHANCE

28 yr old, single white male looking for a white female, 18 to 26, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 12880

LET'S SEE WHAT COMES

23 yr old, 5'8", 160 lb, single white male who enjoys sports, clubbing and having fun. Looking for a single female, 20 to 25, 5'2" to 5'5", for friendship and possibly more. It is agreeable to the both of us. BOX 12899

SEEKING BEST FRIEND

41 yr old, 5'8", 175 lb, single white male with blonde hair and blue eyes. I like the outdoors, animals, working out and being romantic. Looking for a single female for friendship and possibly more. BOX 12910

ARE YOU THE ONE?

Single white male, 22, 6'5", 195 lbs, looking for a single attractive female, for friendship and a possible relationship. BOX 12914

TILL DEATH DO US

28 yr old, single white male, 5'8", 200 lbs, wears glasses, non-smoker, social drinker, likes camping, four wheeling, country music. Seeking an attractive single female, 26 to 30, non-smoker for friendship, companionship and eventually get married and have a family. BOX 12959

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Single white male, 6'1", 170 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys sports, activities, clubs, music, movies and more. Looking for a single warm, caring, loving female with similar interests. BOX 13027

WITH OPEN ARMS

Single white male, 39, 6'3", 210 lbs, brown hair and eyes, looking for a single female, 35 to 54", who likes to have fun, sports, travel and who is interested in getting a call. BOX 13028

SOMEONE SPECIAL

27 yr old, single white male, 5'11", 230 lbs, seeking a single white female, 20 to 29, who likes hockey, football, the outdoors, clubbing, hiking, movies and just relaxing for friendship and maybe more. BOX 13109

BEST TIME TO CALL

Sensitive, caring, divorced white male, 38, 5'10", brown hair and eyes, loves to communicate, likes social drinker. Enjoys all sports, movies and dancing. Seeking a single or divorced white female, 28 to 40, for friendship and possibly more. No head games. Children are okay. BOX 15379

VERY NICE GUY!!!

54 yr old, white male, good conversationalist, non-smoker, moderate drinker. I enjoy movies, varied music, baseball, photography, travel, walks, good laugh and dancing. Looking for a lady, 46 to 63, who likes to communicate, is fun to be with and enjoys being respected. BOX 16180

GET TO KNOW ME

37 yr old, 5'5", 150 lb, divorced white father who enjoys traveling, camping, hiking and weekend getaways. Looking for a down to earth, single female to spend time getting to really know each other. BOX 16268

CONSTRUCTION WORKER

27 yr old, 6'2", 235 lb, divorced father with brown hair and hazel eyes. I like working out, the outdoors, sports, and spending time at home. Looking for a single female, 25 to 35, with similar interests. BOX 16278

A NEW ROMANCE

40 yr old, 5'6", 160 lb, smoker, single male with brown hair and blue eyes. Looking for a female, 35 to 45, medium build, 40 to 55, with a wide variety of interests. BOX 16301

LOOKING FOR LOVE

Single white male in 40's, blue eyes, educated, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys playing racquet ball, dancing and just having fun. Looking for a single female with similar interests. BOX 16465

DESIRES OF THE HEART

Single white male, 34, 5'7", 153 lbs, brown hair and eyes, non-smoker or drinker, well educated, enjoys golf, bike riding, weight lifting and more. Looking for a single or divorced female, with no children, 29 to 35, 5'9", non-smoker or drinker, family oriented with similar interests. BOX 16471

EVERYTHING IS SAID

25 yr old, single male, thoughtful and outgoing. Seeking a single female, 18 to 25, height and weight proportionate, with similar interests for a possible relationship. BOX 16491

WANT TO MEET ME?

39 yr old, divorced white male, brown hair, blue eyes, 5'11", 185 lbs, who enjoys baseball is looking for a single female with similar interests for friendship and maybe more. BOX 16498

BEACHES PARKS & MORE

40 yr old, white male, 6'200 lbs, good shape, no govt, social drinker, smoker, honest, up front and open. Looking for a single white female, whose height and weight proportionate, 35 to 45, enjoys various interests for friendship and maybe more. BOX 16516

CARING AND HONEST

37 yr old, single white father of two, caring and honest who enjoys gardening, is seeking a single white female, with similar interests and children for friendship and a possible relationship. BOX 16593

LONG TERM

White divorced male, 50's, enjoy movies, flea markets, travel, dining out and garage sales. Seeks kind hearted lady for long term relationship. BOX 36083

LET'S MEET

Single, easy going, down to earth male, 24, 6'0", blonde with blue eyes, athletic built, enjoys the outdoors, playing pool, good conversation with a good sense of humor. Looking for a single white female, 20 to 28, for friendship and a possible relationship. BOX 16543

DOWN RIVER DAD

Communication, no games, divorced white male, 40 yrs old, 5'11", 185 lb, non-smoker, single dad. Seeking single or divorced white female for friendship and possible relationship, 32 to 45, I enjoy movies, dining out and travel. BOX 33648

SHARING AND CARING

I am 5'8", dark brown hair, eyes, 185 lb, good looking, Italian and German. Enjoy traveling, movies, music, dancing, dining, horseback riding, romantic nights, cuddling, outdoor events and sports. Seeking a female, 26 to 38, who is well educated, honest, caring, fun loving, with some similar interests. BOX 36085

CHRISTIAN LOVE

31 yr old, single white, Christian male, new to area, who enjoys running the outdoors, looking for single white female, for friendship, dating and good times. BOX 13112

NEW BEGINNINGS

Single male, 25, 6', 185 lb, enjoys watching movies and working out. Looking for a single female, 19 to 32, age and race unimportant, to begin a warm and wonderful relationship. BOX 32037

WANT TO BE...

Someone's sweetheart? Envision a promising relationship with stimulating, fun, affectionate, security. Handsome, energetic, white male, 45, looking for the right woman to focus on. BOX 36087

MARRIAGE IN MIND?

39 yr old, divorced white male, who enjoys the outdoors, sports and much more. Seeking single white female, who enjoys cats, the outdoors and sports for friendship, possible long term relationship. BOX 13129

SOMEONE SPECIAL

Single white male, 30, 5'8", 165 lbs, with black hair. Some of my likes are outdoors, animals and cooking. I enjoy jet skiing and boating. Looking for a single female companion, pete to medium build, 21 to 40, to spend time together in a great relationship. Down River Area. BOX 32008

SEEKS COMMITMENT

Single black male, 21, 5'11", 165 lbs, hard worker, smart, honest, gentleman, who enjoys basketball, football, reading, writing and music. Seeking single female, 19 to 35, non-smoker for long term relationship. BOX 36089

PLEASE BE MINE

36 yr old male, 5'8", 155 lb, brown hair and hazel eyes, enjoys golfing, cooking, traveling, camping and more. Seeking a single female who shares similar interests. BOX 16497

BLACK OR HISPANIC

40 yr old, 30, divorced white male, 5'7", 175 lb, brown hair and eyes, attractive, intelligent, financially fit, home owner, with a good job. Seeking a single or divorced black or Hispanic female, 25 to 35, attractive, intelligent, physically fit, with a heart and great smile. BOX 33653

SHY BUT WELL ESTABLISHED

Good looking, 45, divorced white male, told I look much younger, 5'9", 150 lbs, with many interests including: music, low all types, plays guitar, exercise, I work out continually and I love being out doors doing just about anything. Contact: BOX 36091

BEAM ME UP SCOTTY

33 yr old, 5'7", 145 lb, non-smoker, Catholic, Downriver area, financially secure, professional. Enjoys sports, travel, skiing, scuba, music. Seek non-smoking physically fit, woman to share interests. BOX 13124

MUSIC, MAGIC & YOU

Attractive, nice looking, affectionate, single white male, 50, 5'9", 150 lb, blonde hair, with many interests including: sky diving, non-smoker, occasional drinker, would love to respectfully adore a cute, slender, trustworthy, talented single white female, who wishes to unite our future as one. BOX 32036

WORK HARD, PLAY HARD

Very active, physically fit, male, 46, 5'8", 180 lb, non-smoker, non-drinker, Catholic, Downriver area, financially secure, professional. Enjoys sports, travel, skiing, scuba, music. Seek non-smoking physically fit, woman to share interests. BOX 13124

IS THERE A FUTURE?

Down to earth, divorced, white female, 38, 5'8", 160 lb, enjoys musicals, movies and being healthy. Looking for a single female, with similar interests, for friendship and maybe more. BOX 16535

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

39 yr old, divorced father, who enjoys going to the museums, baseball games, concerts, gardening and more. If you're interested, make a message and number and I'll get back to you. BOX 33688

MR MOM STILL SEEKING

Divorced white, father of two, 36, 6', 150 lb, tall, muscular, athletic, seeking a single or divorced white female, 25 to 40, who enjoys music, family, values, and sports. Interested in meeting at home. BOX 35948

IS THERE A FUTURE?

Single white male, 31, 6', 215 lb, brown hair and eyes, financially secure, attractive, likes country music, animals, spending events, working out, hiking, and more. Seeking a single female, with similar interests for friendship and more. BOX 16418

BLONDES OR ?

Single white male, long brown hair, brown eyes, very affectionate, passionate, caring. Loves movies, dinner, concerts, music, drives up north, quiet nights, candles. Non-smoker. Seek an attractive and fit female with similar interests. Age open. No games. Possible long term relationship. BOX 31930

FEMALE BODYBUILDER

Attractive, 34, 6'3", white, muscular, easy going, enjoys sports, music, movies and more. Seeking single female body builder for Summer Fun, Age and race open. BOX 36061

WILD CHERRY PEPSI

Share some with me! Here about Greenfield village, dinners, new memories, soothing massages, our hopes, dreams and fantasies. Single white male, young 43, 6'0", 185 lb, grey, non-drinker, female, loving "NO TRUCKS PLEASE!" Down town man, prefers down river, progressive girl. All replies answered! BOX 31694

COME ALONG WITH ME

Single white male, big handsome, rascal, 50, shy, humorous, handy man, loves nature, gardening, hiking, Harley's, NASCAR, travel and music. Seeking single or divorced white or Native American female to build a home and life in the mountains. Serious inquiries only. BOX 36083

WANTED: ONE GOOD LADY

Divorced white father, 42, M, firm and very good looking. Enjoys flea markets, swimming, concerts in the park and barbecues. Seeking a single white female, 28 to 43, 5'8" to 6'0", medium build, for a long term relationship. BOX 31905

A TENDER 50

With good looks and vitally single white male, 50, seeks attractive gal, 40 to 55, full of laughter and fun to share a variety of interests, companionship, possible relationship. BOX 36065

WHAT IT TAKES

Is a single thankful for the female to knock this 35, single white male off his feet. Only real ones should respond. BOX 31962

TAKE THIS TEST

Attractive? 35 to 49? Enjoy culture, travel, outdoor activities and good conversation? If yes, then call me. A dynamic, upscale, youthful single white male. BOX 36073

FUN TIMES AWAIT

41 yr old, 5'5", 145 lb, divorced white male, brown hair, eyes, non-smoker, honest and affectionate. Enjoys tennis, golf, movies and travel. Seeks an honest, sincere single female, 37 to 43, with similar interests. BOX 36073

LET'S MEET

Affectionate, retired, single male, 50, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, likes dining out, movies, walks in the park, watching tv and evenings. Seeking a nice lady to have some fun with. BOX 36081

21 ST CENTURY MAN

Single white male, 35, opened for summer, hearts just got back from Australia. Seeks fun loving female, similar preferred. Metro Airport Area. BOX 32033

NO HEAD GAMES

Single white male, early 40's, 5'9", 145 lb, green eyes, dark hair with a touch of grey, non-drinker, non-smoker, enjoys dining, dancing, walks in the park, bowling, sports etc. Seeking single female, 35 plus, who is honest, caring, and who has a sense of humor. Similar interests. BOX 32035

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Attractive, nice looking, affectionate, single white male, 50, 5'9", 150 lb, blonde hair, with many interests including: sky diving, non-smoker, occasional drinker, would love to respectfully adore a cute, slender, trustworthy, talented single white female, who wishes to unite

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man, a walk and, with two out, an error on Gordon's grounder to second. Jimmy Reddy made a good diving stop on the ball, but threw wildly to first and the run scored.

The Chiefs got that run back in the bottom of the fifth on a lead-off walk to Jason Evans, two wild pitches that moved him to third and a run-scoring single by Russ Caid.

They added two more in the sixth, a rally started when Oliver Wolcott struck out but reached base when the ball got away from the catcher. Wisniewski was hit by a pitch and Jon Johnson loaded the bases when he was safe after a misplay on his tapper back to the mound. Jay Sofen then slashed a two-

run single, increasing Canton's lead to 5-1.

Salem made it interesting in the seventh when, with a man at first and two out, Ian Winter singled and Gordon doubled off reliever Brent Vasher, scoring one run. Adam Kolb was hit by a pitch to put the game-tying run at first, but Chris Sherfey flew out to center to end the threat.

"Our defense played well in the first game," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "And Greg Neino pitched well — it was probably his best outing of the season."

Wisniewski had two of Canton's six hits.

The second game was everything the first one wasn't. The Chiefs scored five runs in the

second inning, four of them coming home on Wolcott's grand slam home run, only to lose the lead to a seven-run Salem rally in the bottom half of the inning.

The lead seasawed after that. The Rocks led 9-5 going into the fourth, but Canton pushed across six in that frame to go up 11-9. After Salem tied it in the bottom half of the inning, the Chiefs regained the lead with a two-run fifth. The Rocks finally iced it by scoring five runs in the sixth.

Wolcott finished with three hits, four RBI and two runs scored for Canton. Caid added two hits — a double and a three-run homer in the fourth and four RBI, and Kay, Wisniewski and Jon Loos each had two hits and

an RBI, with Kay scoring twice. Mike Tomasitis also had two hits.

Canton 9, Churchill 1: The hits kept on coming, something that's been occurring with regularity for the Chiefs of late. They pounded Livonia Churchill's pitchers for 12 safeties Monday in posting a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division triumph at Canton.

The win boosted Canton's record to 13-5 overall, 8-1 in the conference, 4-1 in the division.

Mark Hanson got his second straight win of the season, stopping the Chargers on eight hits and four walks, he struck out five. Brad Bescoe, who gave up three runs in 2 1/3 innings, took the loss for Churchill.

Oliver Wolcott's two-run single keyed Canton's three-run third inning. The Chiefs added four more runs in the fourth.

Hanson went 3 for 3 at the plate with two doubles. Bryan Kay had two hits, an RBI and two runs scored. Jason Evans collected two hits and two runs scored, and Brad Smigieski got two hits and an RBI.

PCA 8, Baptist Park 3: Plymouth Christian Academy got its first win in Michigan Independent Athletic Conference play Tuesday, behind the hitting and strong relief pitching of Deric Isensee in a game played at Griffin Park.

The win pushed PCA's record to 7-3 overall, 1-3 in the MIAC. Taylor Baptist Park is 6-6 overall, 2-3 in the MIAC.

The Wildcats led 1-0 going into the bottom of the third, but PCA put seven runs on the board in the next two innings. Isensee and Nick Conti each had three hits in the game, and Isensee and Travis

Yonkman (who had two hits) both drove in two runs, while Conti scored a pair.

Mark Ericson started and got the pitching win for the Eagles, allowing three runs on five hits and two walks, striking out four in 4 2/3 innings. Isensee came in in the fifth and worked the final 2 1/3 innings, giving up no runs on two hits with one strikeout.

Inter-City 18, PCA 6: On Monday at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, the Chargers scored nine times in the first two innings en route to a five-inning mercy of PCA.

Conti, Yonkman and Jason Marra each had two hits to spearhead the Eagles' nine hit attack. Clay Welton was the losing pitcher.

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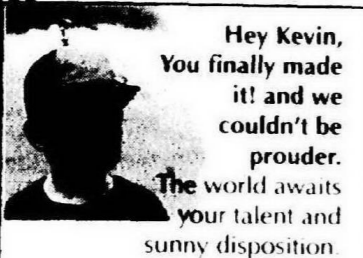
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the title game of the tournament did not come cheaply. Coach Jim Arnold knew that Stewart, one of the state's best-kept secrets (something Arnold wouldn't mind retaining), needed more rest after Saturday's 32-inning (her total on Saturday) marathon. So he turned to Katie Conlon and freshman Renee Ross on Monday.

The result in a key Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division match-up with Livonia Churchill wasn't good — the Chargers avenged an earlier 3-1 loss to Canton by clubbing the Chiefs 10-3.

The result left a knot at the top of the division. Churchill, Canton and Farmington Harrison are all 4-1 in Western play; Canton is 14-5 overall, while Churchill upped its record to 10-2.

"I will never, ever endanger the health of a kid for a softball game," said Arnold in explaining his decision not to pitch Stewart Monday. Conlon pitched four innings against Churchill, giving up nine runs on six hits and six walks. Ross worked the final two innings and surrendered one run on two hits and five walks, with one strikeout.

Paula McKernan led Canton's offense with two hits and two runs scored. Indeed, Stewart wasn't the only regular on the sidelines for Canton; according to Arnold, six starters were out of action.

Meghan Misiak earned the pitching win for Churchill, allowing six hits and three walks, striking out 14. The Chargers got key hits from Sarah Hennessey, who had a two-run double in the three-run first inning; Carly George, who had a three-run double in the four-run fifth; and Sheila Gillies, who had two hits.

Saturday's championship game against Salem lived up to the tournament's title: "Classic." Stewart, who has (according to sources) 175 strikeouts in 105 innings pitched, was — like her counterpart, Dekarske — superb.

Stewart allowed just four hits in 19 shutout innings and did not walk a batter while striking out 25. Dekarske gave up just seven hits and two walks, striking out 13.

"It was an outstanding performance," said Arnold of Stewart. "She can play."

Thanks to four Salem errors, Canton had more baserunners, but as Arnold said, "We just couldn't get them around. There were great defensive plays by both teams."

"I was amazed that both teams could be that focused for that amount of time."

Added Salem coach Bonnie Southerland, "It was a great game. I was really proud of my girls — they all played their hearts out. They wanted a winner. You couldn't as for any

more. "Both pitchers played very well."

Jenna Perino started Canton's game-winning rally with a single. McNicholas hit into a fielder's choice, with Perino eliminated at second, but Chris Weber walked to put runners at first and second. Two wild pitches brought McNicholas in.

Amy Szawara had two of Salem's hits.

Canton reached the Canton Classic final by beating Dearborn Edsel Ford 21-4; Dearborn 1-0; and Livonia Stevenson 3-2. Salem got there by beating Edsel Ford 15-4; Williamston by a 5-0 margin; and Dearborn by a 6-0 final.

Anna Keil led the Chiefs' offense in the five-inning rout of Edsel Ford with three hits. Angie Neu, Michelle DeVos and Christina Kiessel each added two hits to Canton's 15-hit attack. Ross got the pitching win, in relief of Stewart (who started and pitched one scoreless inning); Ross gave up two hits in three innings.

In the Dearborn game, singles by Sarah Griffin and Megan Coultas in the third inning set up the only run. Coultas scored it on a wild pitch, with Stewart earning the pitching victory with a one-hit shutout; she walked one and struck out 15.

The triumph over Stevenson was the result of a two-run rally in the fourth that allowed Can-

ton to overcome a 2-1 deficit. Singles by Weber, Kiessel and DeVos resulted in one run, and a Conlon sacrifice fly scored what proved to be the game-winner.

Conlon started and gave up two runs on two hits and four walks in 2 2/3 innings; Stewart relieved and got the decision, tossing 3 1/3 innings of scoreless relief, striking out six.

In Salem's 15-4 victory over Edsel Ford, Dekarske was given the pitching win. Jen Allen had three hits and an RBI; Shae Potocki contributed three singles and two runs scored; Marnie Jones had two hits and three RBIs; Dawn Allen had two hits and an RBI; Erin Sonntag had a two-run double and a single; Kelly Jaskot had a double and an RBI; Katie Kelly had a double and a single; and Amanda Bilkie had two singles.

Jacqui Slebodnick tossed six innings of five-hit, two-walk shutout ball in the 5-0 win over Williamston. Dawn Allen had a two-run double in the third, Jen Allen tripled and scored a run on Jaskot's fielder's choice in the third, and Szawara had a single and an RBI.

Dekarske hurled four perfect innings before allowing a lead-off single in the fifth in the Rocks' 6-0 win over Dearborn. Salem scored three times in the first, added a single run in the third and two more in the fifth. Dekarske worked five innings, surrendering one hit and two

walks, striking out seven. Szawara had a single and a double with one RBI, Jaskot had a triple and Dekarske had a single and an RBI.

The Chiefs' game against Westland John Glenn, scheduled for Wednesday, was postponed due to the weather until 4 p.m. today at Glenn. They host Walled Lake Western at 4 p.m. Friday. Salem entertains North Farmington at 4 p.m. Friday.

Salem 2, Stevenson 1: On Monday, Salem's Slebodnick tossed a three-hitter at Livonia Stevenson as the Rocks gained the WLAA Lakes Division triumph at Salem.

Salem improved to 12-5 overall, 3-2 in the Lakes. Stevenson slipped to 5-9 overall, 1-5 in the division.

Slebodnick did not walk a batter in improving to 7-0. Kelley Hutchins was tagged for two runs on 10 hits and a walk in absorbing the loss for the Spartans.

Katie Kelly had a triple and a single, and Szawara had a double and a single to pace Salem's hit attack. Slebodnick added two singles and Dawn Allen had a single and an RBI.

John Glenn 6, Salem 4: Two-run homers by Abby Massey and Stephanie Fedulchak in the first inning carried Westland John Glenn to the victory Friday over visiting Plymouth Salem.

Dekarske took the loss for the Rocks, she gave up seven hits and no walks, striking out 10. Fedulchak got the win for Glenn.

Kelly had two hits, including a double, for Salem; Szawara added a double and Slebodnick had a single and an RBI.

Ladywood 9-12, Regina 1-3: Livonia Ladywood evened its Catholic League Central Division mark at 5-5 by sweeping a double-header Tuesday at Harper Woods Regina.

Freshman hurler Shawn Fallon tossed a one-hitter in the opener. She struck out four and walked only two in a 9-1 win.

Kristen Barnes had three of Ladywood's 12 hits. Freshman Patty Kolinski added two hits, including a triple and three RBIs.

Ladywood (8-13 overall) unleashed a 15-hit attack in the nightcap as Cathie Rosperski had three hits and three RBIs to lead the way. Dawn Rini and Barnes each added two hits, while Jana Buemel, just called up from the JV squad, had a double and two RBIs.

Winning pitcher Shelly Moros went the distance, allowing five hits and five walks while fanning five.

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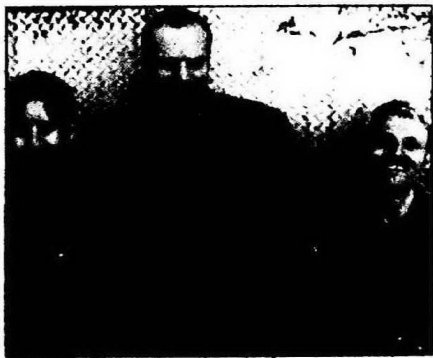
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SUNDAY



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Comedic yin yang: Sally Bondi has won accolades for her comic portrayals of 12 characters in *Dreams of Martha Stewart*. Rob Dubac, below right, wrote and stars in *Male Intellect... an oxymoron?*

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Merely asking, "What do men and women really want?" usually opens the psychobabble floodgates. Out flows a stream of armchair analysis about love, and the nature of relationships delivered with Oprah-like, drive-thru efficiency.

The popular theory goes: Men are one-dimensional hedonists, and women, well, they're grounded all right. Grounded in making men's lives a miserable series of practical tasks.

And so it goes...

But who's fooling who? If the eclectic 1990's taught anything, it was that there's no use for stereotypes, and definitely a blurring of differences between the genders. Despite all the talk about diversity, men and

women share more anxieties than differences. While the play titles have a charming accessibility, don't expect anything remotely similar to male or female bashing. Playwrights Pamela Parker and Rob Dubac have constructed a range of truthful characters in their respective one-person plays.

Dreams of reflection
To her followers, she's known simply as "Martha." Perhaps there's some symbolic connection to the first mother of the country, Martha Washington. Then again, to those who find Stewart more than a bit irritating, perhaps not.

In the tradition of Betty Crocker and Donna Reed, Stewart is held up as the contemporary model of female domesticity. Of course, her uncanny sense of marketing and reinvention makes her firmly rooted in the cash-cow present.

For playwright Parker, the choice of Stewart was both symbolic and

one made from admiration. "I find her fascinating. She's teaching how to be a better housewife, how to take something that might be shabby, and make it elegant," said Parker in her heavy Southern accent. "Although Stewart hasn't seen Parker's work, she has commu-

nicated with her. She's a woman of

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Robert Bradley — discovered, uncovered

Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise sounds more like a story title than a five-piece band. Here's how the fairy-tale goes.

Three young Detroit musicians are playing in the studio when — much to their surprise — they hear a blind street-singer crooning outside. They approach him and after time convince the well-traveled Alabama native to join the band.

Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise may have been blessed with a fable-like beginning, but the band that's reinventing the soulful Motown sound says now is the *Time To Discover* what Detroit music is all about.

With a new album of the same name, and the addition of keyboardist and Detroit Music Award winner Tim Diaz, RBBS sounds stronger than ever. Of course radio and MTV exposure never hurts. Neither do tours with mega-stars like Dave Mathew's Band, Beck and Sonic Youth, appearances on *Conan O'Brien* or write-ups in *The New Yorker*. Let's start at the beginning.

Chapter one

Robert Bradley discovered music around age 6. "I realized I could carry a melody and started singing along with the radio," he said in a phone interview from Mt. Pleasant. Trained on tunes by Buddy Holly, Johnny Cash,



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

What: Celebrate with Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise at the CD release party for *Time To Discover*
When: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20
Where: Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale
Tickets: \$15, call (248) 544-3030

Please see BLACKWATER, E2



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Surprising: Robert Bradley was one of the performers at the 2000 Detroit Music Awards April 14 at Detroit's State Theatre.

THEATER

Director brings more realism to 'The Sound of Music'

By KEELY WYGONIK
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Watching *The Sound of Music* on stage or TV is an emotional experience for a lot of people. It evokes memories, makes you want to "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," and say "I Have Confidence."

"I see people crying in the audience — it touches their emotions," said Jeanne Lehman who portrays Mother Abbess in *The Sound of Music* opening Wednesday, May 17, at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit. "It reaches human values we can all relate to — love, hope in the face of adversity. The music is inspiring, it touches people in so many different ways."

Richard Chamberlain stars as Captain Georg von Trapp and Meg Tilly as Maria Rainer in this Broadway revival directed by Susan H. Schulman.

Lehman has portrayed Maria five different times in *The Sound of Music*, but this is her first time portraying Mother Abbess. She's enjoying the show and the part she's playing.

"Maria and Mother Abbess have a lot in common," said Lehman. "They both grew up in the mountains and have the same love of life and adventure. The Mother Abbess chose a more spiritual life, she sees herself in Maria."

The Sound of Music

When: Wednesday-Sunday, May 17-21; performances 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday; 1 p.m. Thursday; and 7:30 p.m. Sunday.
Where: Masonic Temple Theatre, Detroit
Tickets: \$25-\$55, call (248) 645-6666

Schulman and her creative team have brought more realism to this production. They visited the Nonnberg Abbey in Austria to learn how the nuns really lived.

"The nuns weren't honestly represented in the original play," said Lehman. "They don't stand around and sing. Work and prayer are spiritual commitments, they're all the same. The Mother Abbess is elected, it's very democratic."

There's lots of attention to detail in this *Sound of Music*, and more sense of place and time.

"While the creative team was walking around Salzburg our sound designer Tony Meola recorded the bells," said Lehman. "The bells the audience hears are actually the bells of Salzburg. The costumes are gorgeous."

"To further understand her role, Lehman visited a Benedictine order in the U.S. "When they sing, the nuns became like one voice. They were radiant, their faces were glowing with their commitment."



JAMES MURPHY

At work: Jeanne Lehman and cast in a scene from *The Sound of Music*.

For her *The Sound of Music* is not only a role to play, but a spiritual experience.

"I get to sing *Climb Ev'ry Mountain*," she said. "It's the most glorious song I just love it. I never tire of it. It's a new experience every time I sing it, something I want to share. There's so much hope in this musical — it's an emotional journey for everyone."

Based on the book by Howard Lind-

say and Russell Croisse with music and lyrics by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. *The Sound of Music* opened at Broadway's Lunt-Fontanne Theatre on Nov. 16, 1959. The production won seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical, and ran for 1,443 performances.

The 1965 film version, starring Julie Andrews as Maria, earned five Academy Awards, including Best Picture.

HOT TICKET



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Blackwater from page E1

Marvin Gaye, Elvis Presley and Otis Redding, Bradley moved to Michigan with his parents in the 1960s, when he said "Detroit was hip." "There was a lot of good music going on."
So he started singing on the streets of Motown, finding some good spots where his voice would echo beneath the buildings. He was singing for almost 17 years before brothers Michael (guitar) and Andrew Nehra (bass) and drummer Jeff Fowlkes ever caught sight or sound of his talent.
"They were suburban guys," explained Bradley. So when asked to join the band, he first said no. "I didn't believe a word they said."

About six months later, he changed his tune and picked up the phone. It was the early 1990s, and Bradley was making \$500 to \$600 singing in Detroit's Eastern Market - he didn't exactly need another gig. But he split his time between singing for himself and jamming at White Room Studio with the band. That's where he met Kid Rock - who appears on two songs on *Time To Discover*. "He was Bob, just a white boy trying to rap," recalled Bradley.

In 1995, the band went from the studio to a music showcase in New York City. "Bob went with us," said Bradley. "He was the emcee at the show."

What's happened since then is of no consequence to this music-made man. "I'm living for what's happening right now," he said with conviction. "I was always successful in my head. This here is just fame. That's all it is."

On *Time To Discover*, RBBS takes its recipe for success one step further, with 11 solid songs loaded with old-school soul and modern style. Bassist and Royal Oak resident Andrew Nehra was basking in the band's success and the flood of good press RBBS has received while at the Detroit Music Awards.

He said the new album took seven months to complete. "It was all pretty spiritual," he said. "To get perfection, it took time to find the magic and go that extra step."

Nehra, whose influences include The Temptations and Stone Roses, said notoriety for the Detroit bands is "way overdue." "People have been asleep."

"We just want to be happy with the music first," said Bradley of this album. "That's

the way we feel about it." Two of his favorite songs on the album remind him of his fiancée. *You and Me* and *Ultimate Sacrifice* reflect their relationship and impending May wedding. Bradley said it's all about being "for real."

Another change reflected by the album is the addition of Tim Diaz, whom Bradley said fit right in. "He's one of the most talented musicians in the state of Michigan," said Bradley. "I ain't talkin' no jive."

And he ain't the only one talkin'. Scott Forbes, singer and guitarist of The Forbes Brothers, couldn't say enough about friend and musical colleague Tim Diaz, either. "He's so deserving," said the Farmington Hills resident after Diaz won the Detroit Music Award for outstanding rock

instrumentalist. "He is extraordinary. He writes great songs and plays several different instruments."

Forbes predicts RBBS will be "the next big thing" out of Detroit.

"Detroit is in my soul," said Bradley. "When I come to Detroit things happened." The band with his namesake is one reason the city is on this musical upswing.

"Back in the '60s, it was booming. Now it's jogging. We're hoping to get it running. We need to keep moving to really pump it up."

Take it from someone who's seen it before, Robert Bradley: "Detroit City, The Motor City, it's gonna rise again."

Stephanie Casola writes about popular music for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.



Time to Discover: Robert Bradley's *Blackwater Surprize* is Tim Diaz, Jeff Fowlkes, Michael Nehra, Robert Bradley and Andrew Nehra.

Gender from page E1

icated her support for the play.) *Dreams of Martha Stewart* is Parker's first one-person play. She incorporated the stories of 12 characters with her friend and collaborator, actress Sally Bondi, in mind. Bondi has received a long list of impressive critical reviews for her portrayals.

The play, on a three-year run since debuting at the 1997 Piccolo Spalato Arts Festival in Charleston, S.C., follows a wife/mother searching for perfection. She's intent on living the "perfect life," including antiquing her bathroom, building her own loom and styling her hair à la Martha.

Unsatisfied without the real

thing, the unhappy housewife sets out for Turkey Hill, Conn. to come face-to-face with the real deal. The journey is more of a confrontation of the myriad faces of America, and an uncovering of the illusion behind the notion of perfection.

Among Parker's other plays is *A Higher Place in Heaven*, nominated for a 1995 Pulitzer Prize. Her work has been called distinctively in the southern literary tradition of writers such as Carson McCullers, William Faulkner and Harper Lee.

Clearly, Parker's most recent play is a more adventurous statement about American culture than her other stories, typically set in a southern milieu.

Dreams of Martha Stewart doesn't offer a *Saturday Night Live*-type spoof. Rather, Parker has set out to illuminate what's behind Stewart's immense appeal.

"Since the beginning of time, there's been symbols of perfection," said Parker. "I want to show that we are good enough with who we are, if we can learn to appreciate and accept ourselves."

Similar to Parker's lead character, the protagonist in *Male Intellect*... is searching to discover what lies beyond the notion of perfection. In Dubac's story, however, it's the ideal of romantic love.

Jilted by the girl of his dreams, the lead character, Bobby, is all-too-ready to hear some home-spun wisdom from five male characters who apparently know what women really want. Of course, they have their own illusions about how to avoid dealing with what women really want.

The advice ranges from the benefits of admitting that men are jerks to the attitude of "love 'em fast and leave them first." None of the five characters, Dubac was quick to point out, are autobiographical.

Clearly, *Male Intellect*... has struck a chord with audiences. Dubac has played to sold out houses in Denver, and had an 18-month run in Chicago and a 10-month run in Boston before

heading into Detroit for seven performances.

The show, which is part stand-up comedy and part dramatic theater, has been called by some critics as "too stereotypical." Dubac simply cites the roaring approval of audiences as proof that his characters have more than one dimension. The appeal, he said, is that each of the characters represents a distinctive male perspective.

But the key is that Dubac's message - "Men can't live in the past and have to change" - is delivered with a heavy dose of humor.

"Men are so blatantly maladjusted," said Dubac. "It's not that we're lost, it's just that the tools we're using are outdated."

Dubac has been approached by television producers about adapting his play for a sit-com. Until now, however, he hasn't been pleased that producers have wanted to "dumb down" the material.

"They're looking at demographics, rather than the comedy," he said. "Hey, I know I'm not breaking new intellectual ground here. This isn't the *Vagina Monologues*. I simply wrote the play. My wife explained it to me."

And what about the ideal male role model?

"Hold on," said Dubac, "let me ask my wife."

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You'll enjoy Plymouth Theatre Guild's 'Squabbles'

Plymouth Theatre Guild presents *Squabbles*, a comedy by Marshall Karp, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, May 12-13 and May 19-20, and 6 p.m. Sunday, May 14. Water Tower Theater on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, west of Haggerty. Tickets \$10, \$7 children ages 18 and under, call (248) 349-7110.

BY DAVID MACGREGOR
SPECIAL WRITER

"I was born to squabble," declares Abe Dreyfus in the latest offering from the Plymouth Theatre Guild, and squabble he does. In fact, this comedy by Marshall Karp is called, appropriately enough, *Squabbles*.

Abe, played with considerable vigor and gusto by Barry Levine, is a cantankerous elderly gentleman who has taken up residence with his daughter and her husband upon the passing of his wife. While we are encouraged to believe that Abe has a heart of gold, his exterior is formed of a much less precious material, and he is a character whose one-liners alternately provoke laughter

and sudden intakes of breath as he wallows in personal invective and political incorrectness for the sheer joy of annoying others. Either you like Abe or you hate him, or more likely, you love him one minute, then hate him the next.

Abe's personality is clearly the driving force behind the play, and it is the job of his daughter Alice Sloan and her husband Jerry to rein him in as best they can. Alice is played with long-suffering grace by Nicole Ludwig, while Jerry, played by Robert Purcell, is relentlessly chipper and upbeat despite the best (or worst) that Abe can throw at him. Just when they seem to have adapted themselves to Abe's motto ("to argue is to live"), the walls start closing in on them when Alice announces that she is pregnant.

Immediately after this, Jerry's mother calls with the news that she just burned down her house while making chicken soup. When Mildred Sloan moves in, Abe is appalled, but at the same time perversely appreciative of the fact that he finally has someone around him who will give

him an argument. Mildred, ably played by Dorothy Dunne, at first seems no match for the strafing attacks of Abe, but her retorts grow increasingly pointed until Abe is getting as good as he gives.

Indeed, the sparks that fly between Abe and Mildred effectively put their children in the role of playing parents to their own parents, and there are many occasions when Abe and Mildred sound more like squabbling siblings than senior citizens. How it will all turn out is helped along by the ticking clock of Alice's pregnancy, because it is apparent that once the baby arrives, the house will simply not hold all of them. In other words, someone has to go. After much agonizing and debate, the solution to this dilemma may not surprise you, but it is as elegant as it is effective.

On its opening night, *Squabbles* played to a highly appreciative audience who gladly went along for the ride, and with good reason. Director Bob Weibel and producer Mary Lynn Kuna have put together a very enjoyable



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURBICMANN

Acting: Barry Levine (left) as Abe Dreyfus, and Dorothy Dunne as Mildred Sloan argue during a rehearsal of "Squabbles."

production and the detail and care that went into it is evident from the set design down to the costumes. The only problem one could point to is a sound system

which was, at times, not as cooperative as it could have been. Still, that is a relatively minor flaw in an otherwise fine production with a first-rate cast which

brings a considerable degree of craft and professionalism to the play. David MacGregor is a Livonia resident and playwright.

Clever set, great costumes, acting, singing in 'My Fair Lady'

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents the Lerner and Loewe musical, *My Fair Lady*, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 12-13, May 19-20, May 26-27, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 14 and May 21 at the playhouse on Madison, near the southwest corner of Monroe and Outer Drive, in Dearborn. Tickets, \$14, senior citizen and student discounts available; call (313) 561-TKTS.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents the toe-tapping, feel-good musical, *My Fair Lady*, the next three weekends in May. From the ragged street vendors to the chic aristocracy, director Ron Deihl brought together a cast whose acting and singing is stellar and gave the show a lively, quick pace. The set is cleverly conceived and executed, and the costumes are breathtaking.

My Fair Lady is the story of an unconventional language professor who turns a poor flower girl into a lady by transforming her speech. As Professor Henry Higgins uncovers the princess inside Eliza Doolittle, she touches and changes his life as well.

Ron Otulakowski is the consummate Higgins — articulate and rude in a gentlemanly way, delivering deliciously funny lines with impeccable timing and perfect aplomb. He improves the role each time he plays the part.

Otulakowski was well matched by Emily Turybon's Eliza Doolittle, whose flashing eyes, quick comebacks and resilient dignity bring class to the role. And oh, that girl can sing — a challenge made even more difficult by the demanding attention to precise accents required by her songs.

Dennis Decker, a newcomer to the stage, is a natural as Alfred P. Doolittle, a "common dustman" and Eliza's father. He conveys complacent pleasure in equal measure for both beer and his total lack of status in life.

Jeff Ostrowski, as a bright-eyed and devoted Freddy Eynsford-Hill, was vocally stronger in the second act than the first. He suffered the indignity of redundant pratfalls when one would have been sufficient. However, he brought a likely affability to the role, as Bill Ranley did to the role of Colonel Pickering.

The supporting cast, which includes Annette Ripper of Westland as Mrs. Eynsford Hill and Mark Ripper as Prof. Zoltan Karpathy, and chorus strengthen the show and deliver some of its finest moments.

The Cockney quartet was a vocal and visual treat. The Ascot race scene was delightfully entertaining with every miming step and head toss choreographed with amazing detail.

James Cape's incredible Ascot and Embassy Ball costumes were stars in their own right. His stunning black and white Ascot creations, capped by elegant hats, captured both the privilege and the wasteful frivolity of the ruling class.

His ball gowns painted a bright palette of sparkling color, adding richness and elegance to a Cinderella scene.

Diana Reynolds and her costume committee clothed the rest of the show with attention to detail and imagination, from

Eliza's simple but elegant nightgown to the careworn but colorful garments of the flower sellers.

Chorus members handled their many costume and character changes with speed and talent, removing facial grime and becoming elegant socialites in rapid order.

One of their finest numbers, *Get Me To The Church On Time*, showcased their talent and displayed choreographer Valerie

Mould's creativity and ability to add imagination to the dances on a relatively small stage.

David Reynold's set design was cleverly versatile and overcame the handicap of limited space. Mary Beth Oravec's richly ren-

dered backdrops added a soft pastel dreaminess to the garden scenes.

Sue Suchyta is a Dearborn resident and writes about theater for the Observer Newspapers.

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MUSIC HALL: "Dreams of Martha Stewart" Friday-Sunday, May 12-14; "Male Intellect... an oxymoron?" Tuesday-Sunday, May 16-21, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 5 & 9 p.m. Saturday; 7 p.m. Sunday, at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. \$27.50-\$37.50. 963-2366/(248) 645-6666

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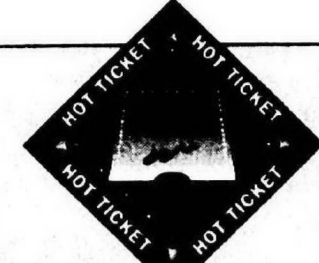
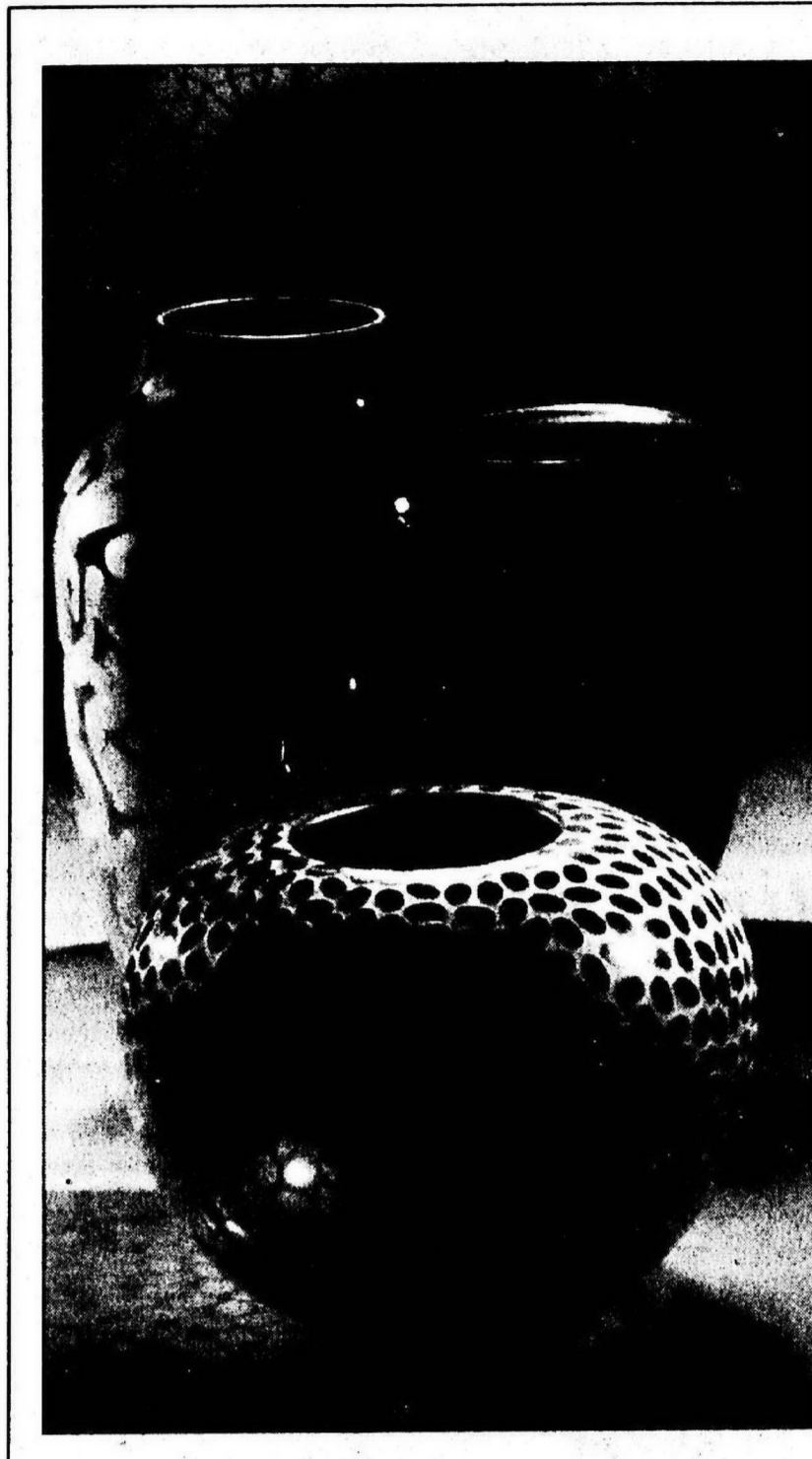
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SPECIAL EVENTS

COLLECTIBLE TOY SHOW: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. \$5, kids under age 10. (734) 455-2110

ICE COMPANY 2000: Spotlights more than 100 skaters, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 11-13, and noon 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, May 14, at the Southfield Sports Area. \$8.50-\$9.50. (248) 354-9357

MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT: Pianist Rick Roe performs 1-3 p.m. Sunday, May 14, at the main branch of the Ann Arbor District Library. (734) 327-4282

MOTHER'S DAY SALON: A feast of art, music, poetry and monologues, 3-6 p.m. Sunday, May 14, at the Robert Mascalco Gallery, Grosse Pointe. (313) 886-2993

MUSIC: A LIFELINE FOR THE CENTURY: The Birmingham Musicale and Farmington Musicale present free concerts by school choruses and instrumental groups (elementary through high school), adult professional and amateur soloists and ensembles, and community choruses, through Thursday, May 11 during regular hours, at Tel-Twelve Mall, Southfield.

REDFORD THEATRE: "Edison the Man" starring Spencer Tracy, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 12-13, organ overture at 7:30 p.m., at the Redford Theatre, Detroit. \$3. (313) 531-4407

BENEFITS

SPRING FLING: C.J.'s Brewing Company and Southeast Michigan Wildlife Rehabilitation present a benefit for our wildlife friends, the brew extravaganza features six different brews and great food, 7-10 p.m. Monday, May 15, at C.J.'s Brewing Company, Commerce Township. \$25. (248) 366-7979/(248) 624-8274

CLASSICAL

URI CAINE'S MAHLER REVISITED: 8 p.m. Sunday, May 14, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

CATHERINE MANOUKIAN: The violinist performs 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at Hagopian Rugs, Novi. \$20. (248) 851-9225

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA: The orchestra presents its 30th anniversary Gala Concert, 3 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$4-\$5. (313) 576-5111

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Neeme Jarvi conducts Tchaikovsky's "Piano Concerto No. 1," 8 p.m. Thursday Friday, May 11-12, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$14-\$66. Introduction to classic series features the concerto and explores the role of the soloist, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 14. \$22, \$30. (313) 576-5111

MICHAEL GEORG: The classical guitarist performs 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

SPRINGFEST: Presented by Chamber Music Ann Arbor and Kerrytown Concert House, program theme is J.S. Bach's 250 years of influence, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 16 and Thursday, May 18, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. (734) 769-2999

OPERA

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE: "Tosca," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 12-13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 14, at the Detroit Opera House. \$18-\$98. (313) 237-SING/(248) 645-6666

VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN: The finals of the sixth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan high school students takes place 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at the Italian American Cultural Center in Warren. \$7, \$5 seniors/high school students. (734) 455-8895/(810) 751-2855

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

MICHIGAN THEATER AND DANCE TROUPE: Open auditions for dancers age 16 and older. (248) 552-5001

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS: Auditions for "Taming of the Shrew" 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 22, at the theater, Troy. (248) 682-2175

CHORAL

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH: Presents Mother's Day choral and orchestra concert featuring Vivaldi's "Gloria," Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto No. 3," and Pachelbel's "Canon in D," 4 p.m. Sunday, May 14, at the church, Pontiac. \$15, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 334-4571

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

BRASS

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND: 5 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

POPS/SWING

MICHAEL JAMES/DEBORAH JIMMERSON: Piano bar 7-11 p.m. Wednesday Thursday, and 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, at La Bistecca Italian Grille, Livonia. (734) 254-0400

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday through May, at Andiamo Italia West, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

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

COUNT BASIE ORCHESTRA: 8:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$25. (734) 662-8310

KELLY BROADWAY: With Ron Brooks Trio, 9:30 p.m., 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, May 12-13, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 662-8310

JAMES COTTON: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 18, at The Ark Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 763-TKTS (blues)

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

KISS THE COW: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 12-13, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881 (blues)

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With John Cooper on trumpet, 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. (734) 762-7756

TONY POPE'S N'ORLEANS SIX: 3-6 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at Steak and Ale, Madison Heights. (248) 588-4450

STRAIGHT AHEAD: 8 p.m. Friday, May 12, at The Ark Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-TKTS

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON: With Dan Kolton, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

LARRY ARBOUR: 7 p.m. Friday, at the Flying Fish Tavern, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

KRISTIN HERSH/VIC CHESNUTT: 8 p.m. Monday, May 15, at the Ark Ann Arbor. (734) 763-TKTS

LYNN MILES: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at the Ark Ann Arbor. \$12.50. (734) 763-TKTS

LEE MURDOCK: CD release concert 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13, Wil Danforth opens the show, in Mama's Coffeehouse, at Birmingham Unitarian Church, Bloomfield Hills. \$10. (248) 542-2131

RICHARD SHINDELL: 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, at The Ark Ann Arbor. \$12.50. (734) 763-TKTS

DICK SIEGEL: 8 p.m. Friday, May 12, at the Green Wood Coffee House, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8558

JAY STIELSTRA: In "Old Man in Love" 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at The Ark Ann Arbor. \$12.50. (734) 763-TKTS

WORLD MUSIC

FINNIGANS WAY: 9 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at Conor O'Neill's Traditional Irish Pub & Restaurant, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

MASON & MCMURRAY: 9 p.m. Thursday, May 18, at Conor O'Neill's Traditional Irish Pub & Restaurant, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

MOGUE DOYLE: 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, at Conor O'Neill's Traditional Irish Pub & Restaurant, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

ZRAZY: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 14, at The Ark Ann Arbor. \$13. (734) 763-TKTS (Irish)

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

THE WRITER'S VOICE: Celebrates New York City's Hanging Loose Press with reading by poets Robert Hershon, Donna Brook, Paul Vioi, and Keith Taylor, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at the Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. Creative Writing Workshops May 16 to June 24 (\$40 members, \$60 non-members). (313) 267-5300, ext. 338

DANCE

POLISH AND PROUD: The Polish Alliance Dancers of Dearborn present their annual dance and language review, Polish and Proud: A Celebration of Our Children 6-30 p.m. Saturday, May 13 at Stout Middle School in Dearborn. The children will perform dances from various regions of Poland, in costumes from Poland or duplicated to closely match original designs. Authentic regional choreography is replicated as well. Guest artists Polanie Dance Ensemble, an adult group who performed at last summer dance festival in Rzeszow, Poland, will be featured. (313) 581-3181/(734) 789-8801. Direct on-line requests to msitko1212@aol.com

P.R.C.U.A. SYRENA DANCE ENSEMBLE: "A Polish Journey" dance recital, 7 p.m. Friday, May 19, at Adray Auditorium \$5, \$4 students, seniors. (313) 563-1761

TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCING: Led by Susan Kevra, Friday-Sunday, May 12-14, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-7704/(734) 747-8138

SPRING FLING: Dinner dance featuring the Mike Wolverton Band, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, at the Italian American Banquet Center, Livonia. \$20. (734) 762-6088/(734) 420-2402

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS: 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7. (810) 573-4993

COMEDY

CUBICLE DOGS: Michigan's only comedy troupe dedicated to lampooning corporate life present "Mission Statement: Impossible," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 12 to June 3, at Masonic Temple, Detroit. \$15. (810) 984-6336

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Billy Ray Bauer, Thursday-Saturday, May 11-13, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Danny Wilson, Thursday-Sunday, May 11-14, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Mark Cordes, also Tim Rowlands, Thursday-Saturday, May 11-13, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" continues to May 28, 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 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 family. (734) 455-8940.

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

JIMMY BAKKER AND THE SOUNDCASTERS: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 12-13, U.S. 12/Wayne Brewery, Wayne. (734) 722-7639

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Thursday, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368

THE BEACH BOYS: With Martha Reeves and The Vandellas, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence

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Township. \$12.50-\$29.50 (248) 645-6666.

GORDON BENNETT: 10 p.m. Friday, May 19, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

CLINT BLACK: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666.

BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD: 10 p.m. Sundays in May, 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.

BLUE OCTOBER: With Knee Deep Shag, 9 p.m. Thursday, May 18, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (248) 645-6666.

BOSS HOG: With Delta 72, 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$14. (248) 645-6666.

ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030.

BRANDED: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, Redford.

BROTHERS GROOVE: 10 p.m. Mondays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU; Thursday, May 11, Cadieux Cafe, Detroit. (313) 882-8560; Friday, May 12, Woodruff's, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519; Saturday, May 13, 19, Intermezzo, Detroit. (313) 961-0707; 6:50 p.m. Friday, May 19, Greektown Art Fair, Monroe and Beaubien in Detroit. Free; Saturday, May 20, Edison's, Birmingham. (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.

SCOTT CAMPBELL GROUP: With Mind Circus, Seismic 3, Bob Racecar Bob, hosted by WRIF's Doug Podell, 10 p.m. Friday, June 2, Token Lounge, Westland. (734) 513-5030.

CHICAGO: With Little River Band, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 28, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20.25-\$30.25 (248) 645-6666.

THE CHIEFTAINS AND LOS LOBOS: 8 p.m. Sunday, June 25, at Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$35 pavilion, \$20 lawn. (248) 645-6666.

CHISEL BROTHERS WITH CHEF CHRIS: 10 p.m. Saturday, May 13, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300.

TERRI CLARK: 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$15-\$30. (248) 645-6666.

COMPANY OF STRANGERS: 9:30 p.m. Friday Saturday, May 12-13, Cowley's, Farmington. (248) 474-5941.

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.

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. (Recreating an entire Grateful Dead show).

DEEP CUT: Open jam, musicians welcome 9 p.m. Sunday, May 14, U.S. 12/Wayne Brewery, Wayne. (734) 722-7639.

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, Receptor, Mike Clark, Mike Huckaby, Clark Warner, Derek Plaistako, Bill VanLoose and Oscar McMillan. Details to come.

DOPE: With Primer 545 and Pimpadelic, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 13, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10 advance. (248) 645-6666.

BOB DYLAN: With Phil Lesh and Friends, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25-43.50. (248) 645-6666.

RICK EMMETT: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 18-19, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$25-\$40. (248) 645-6666.

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 19-20, Cowley's, Farmington. (248) 474-5941.

FUTURE SOUND TOUR: With Big Daddy Kane, Roc Raida, Jugganots, DJ Aave and Ripshop, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$18. (248) 645-6666.

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.

GANGSTER FUN: With Funktelligence and The Exceptions, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030.

MADISON GREENE: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 27, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10. (734) 464-6302.

HARRINGTON BROTHERS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, 23, 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.

HEATWAVE: With Sister Sledge and Evelyn "Champagne" King, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$29.50. (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.

HIP HOP HAVOK 2: With Thik and Rotation, 5 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (248) 645-6666.

IMMUNITY: 10 p.m. Friday, May 12, The Deck, Detroit. Cover charge. (313) 965-2222. 10 p.m. Saturday, May 13, Cavern Club, Ann Arbor. Cover charge. (734) 332-9900. 10 p.m. Friday, May 26, The Deck, Detroit. Cover charge. (313) 965-2222.

INDIGO GIRLS: 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

JENZI: With Super TC and Porn Family, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (248) 645-6666.

JOINT VENTURE: Featuring Holly and Kevin, 8:30 p.m. Sunday, May 14, U.S. 12/Wayne Brewery, Wayne. (734) 722-7639.

MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VREELAND: 7 p.m. Thursdays Le Metro, Southfield. (248) 353-2757 (jazzy duo). Township. (248) 645-6666.

KISS THE COW: 9 p.m. Friday Saturday, May 12-13, Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. Free. (248) 356-



8881. 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.

CHANTAL KREVIAZUK: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 11, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. (313) 833-9700.

DAVID LAABS: 8 p.m. Friday, May 26, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. (248) 335-5013.

MR. LEN: Tuesday, May 16, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. (248) 645-6666.

LIL ED AND THE BLUES IMPERIALS: 9 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Sisko's, Detroit. (313) 278-5340.

MAGNETIC FIELDS: Thursday, May 25, 7th House, Pontiac. (248) 645-6366.

DJ MARK E.P. OF PARADIME: 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.

MARS ELECTRIC: With Calopsis and U.S. Crush, 8 p.m. Sunday, May 14, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (248) 645-6666.

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 K.C. and Jo Jo, Time TBA, Sunday, July 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. (248) 645-6666.

MEDESKI, MARTIN AND WOOD: 8 p.m. Sunday, May 14, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$22.50. (248) 645-6666.

MODEST MOUSE: With Califone, Monday, May 15, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. (248) 645-6666.

ZAK MORGAN: 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$8 theater members, \$10. (734) 464-6302 (for children of all ages).

MOXY FRUVOUS: 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030.

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.

CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.tcom.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) 662-8310

BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477

CARBON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278

CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900

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NO DOUBT: With Lit, Black Eyed Peas, 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 3, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater, Pontiac. \$26.50. (248) 335-9497

NORTHSTAR GROOVE: 9 p.m. Saturday, May 13, The Rookie Sports Bar, Wayne. (734) 729-7337.

OPENING ACT CONTEST FINALS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. See the hottest local bands. Free admission and parking.

OFFZEST 2000: 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.

PARADIME: 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 12, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555.

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.

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RUSTY LUNCHBOX: 9:30 p.m. Friday Saturday, May 12-13, U.S. 12/Wayne Brewery, Wayne. (734) 722-7639.

SANTANA: With Macy Gray, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. Tickets \$25.50 lawn and \$59.50 pavilion. A 50 cent donation per ticket will be given to the M. J. McGrath Foundation. (248) 645-6666.

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SKATALITES: 9 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$15. (248) 645-6666.

SLEATER KINNEY: With Gossip and The Bangs, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13, The Majestic, Detroit. \$10. (248) 645-6666.

SONIC YOUTH: With Stereolab, 8 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 Ticketmaster for a refund. (248) 645-6666.

SPAT! With Hand of Neglect, Jant Bar Fly, Friday, May 12, Black Detroit. (313) 881-ROCK.



BRITNEY SPEARS: With LFO, Bosson, 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.

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STEELY DAN: 8 p.m. Sunday, July 25, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25-\$75. (248) 645-6666.

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STING: With Tracy Chapman, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 14, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25-\$75. (248) 645-6666.

STYX AND REO 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; Saturday, May 13, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$10. (248) 645-6666.

SALLY TAYLOR: 8 p.m. Friday, May 26, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8 advance. (248) 544-3030.

TERRAPLANES: CD release parties, Friday, May 12, Lower Town Grill, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213, Friday, May 26, Woody's Diner, Royal Oak.

THREE DOG NIGHT: With Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666.

TRAVIS: With Leona Ness, 6 p.m. Friday, May 19, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$13. (248) 645-6666.

RANDY TRAVIS: With Darryl Worley, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

TRIP THE LIGHT FANTASTIC: 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.

TWISTIN' TARANTULAS: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

THE UNTUNED: Friday Saturday, May 19-20, Confetti Lounge, Dearborn. Free. (313) 565-4956.

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VILLAGE PEOPLE: With Lisa Lisa, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 8, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

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.

THE WHO: 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$35-\$85. (248) 645-6666.

YOUNG COUNTRY DOWNTOWN HOEDOWN: With Trace Adkins, Wade Hayes, Tracy Lawrence, Chad Brock, Joseph James 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.

'Virgin Suicides' looks at bleak matter with beauty

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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With a title like "The Virgin Suicides," movie-goers may have a tendency to cringe, rather than embrace the directorial debut by Sofia Coppola. But judging by this poignant work, she seems poised to follow in her father's famous footsteps.

"The Virgin Suicides" offers a disturbingly beautiful look at five fair-haired sisters crushed beneath the strong-hold of a domineering mother and weak-willed father. Set among the lush tree-lined streets of Grosse Pointe in the mid 1970s, the film welcomes viewers into the Lisbon home. Mr. Lisbon, a math

teacher (James Woods) and his wife (Kathleen Turner) keep a tight lock on its doors, and it's that stifling climate that ultimately leads to tragedy.

"Cecilia was the first to go," says the narrated voice (Giovanni Ribisi) in the opening line. The first, youngest and most delicate of the five girls, she was literally dying for freedom. You can hear it through the wandering voices of neighbors: "That girl wanted out of that house." Cecilia, 13 (Hanna Hall), Lux, 14 (Kirsten Dunst), Bonnie, 15 (Chelsea Swain), Mary, 16 (A.J. Cook) and Therese, 17 (Leslie Hayman) are the Lisbon sisters, all trapped by the conventions of

their upper-middle class family. But the film isn't about suicide, as much as it is about the life they left behind. Dealing with issues of repression, longing, sex and death, Coppola somehow paints a soft portrait of the beauty in life while exploring — in the most profound manner — the simple question of why. Rather than a public service announcement against suicide the film comments on how society can easily crush and overwhelm the innocence of life with its rules, expectations and fears.

Told through the eyes of four young boys obsessed with the enchanting Lisbon girls, "The Virgin Suicides," flashes back to

a time when the automotive industry hit a lull and the air was ripe with adolescent curiosity. Young Tim Weiner (Jonathan Tucker) leads his friends in pursuing the mystery. The girls growing entrapment is represented symbolically through the oak trees which are cut down in the Lisbons' front yard. Parks officials insist they are diseased; that if the trees aren't cut down, the disease will spread.

But the disease that began with Cecilia did spread throughout the home. The boys can only collect pieces of the Lisbon girls — lipstick, a diary, postcards — and try to fit them together to make sense of the events that destroyed their fantasies and an entire family.

James Woods gave a fabulous performance as the under-stated, devastated father who retreats into his collectable war planes and televised ball games. Kathleen Turner is chilling as the overbearing, nervous-minded mother. Her plight is described through the words of a whispering neighbor "You always wonder if there was something you could've done."

Danny DeVito, Michael Pare and Scott Glenn make notable cameo appearances in the film. But its true impact lies in its young, and somewhat unknown, cast. Josh Hartnett portrays Trip Fontaine, the football hero everyone wants to date — everyone except Lux. Jonathan Tucker and Anthony DeSimone portray Tim and Chase, the wide eyes through which this story is told.



The Lisbon girls: Chelsea Swain, Kirsten Dunst, Leslie Hayman and A.J. Cook star in *The Virgin Suicides*.

Thanks to Coppola's careful attention to detail, from the red velvet suit trip wears to Homecoming to the sack-like flower-printed dresses Mrs. Lisbon sews for her daughters, the film never strays from its setting. Cinematographer Ed Lachman uses quick close-up glimpses of the girls in an amber glow, dreamlike sequences and mirages that blend reality with imagination to make a seamless film. The deaths are jarring without offering an explicit look at the aftermath.

With an original score by Air and a soundtrack packed with Todd Rundgren and Heart, "The Virgin Suicides" transforms Jeffrey Eugenides' novel of the same name into a hauntingly beautiful film bound to be remembered come Oscar time.

'Gladiator' recreates ancient Rome

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

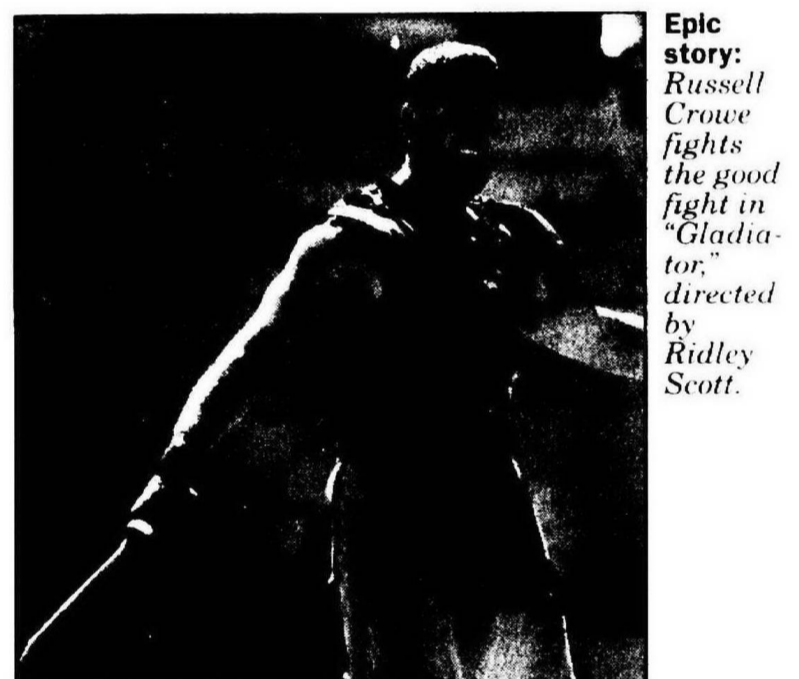
The Roman Empire, circa A.D. 180, was apparently run less like an empire and more like a family business. Sort of a Caesar and Son Inc.

"Gladiator," an epic on a scale rarely seen in four decades, is at its core the story of Son being passed over in favor of the hired help. Put into local perspective, imagine if Richard Golden had been told by his father that one of the optometrists, not him, was going to take over D.O.C.

"You are the son I should have had," aging Emperor Marcus Aurelius (Richard Harris) tells General Maximus (Russell Crowe). When spoiled and cowardly Commodus (Joaquin Phoenix) gets wind of Pater's plan, he does the old man in and oozes his way onto the throne, ordering the execution of Maximus, his wife and son. Escaping his assassins, Maximus is caught by slavers and shipped to a training school for gladiators. There he vows to return to Rome, take his revenge on Commodus and fulfill Aurelius' dream of restoring the empire to the will of the people.

Lifting whole chapters from "Spartacus" and "Ben-Hur," "Gladiator" is nevertheless a major league legend of its own, thanks to bravura performances by Crowe and Phoenix and "Titanic"-like direction by Ridley Scott.

With computer graphic imaging, the kind that gave us the Titanic and its 2000 passengers and crew, "Gladiator" rebuilt



ancient Rome and put 35,000 cheering citizens into the Colosseum. Chilling overhead shots of the city give one the feeling of being in a helicopter time machine.

Yet for all its bigness, New Zealander Russell Crowe ("The Insider") fills his armor with a hero's heart and the physique to go with it. His Maximus is a family man, he doesn't seek the power offered to him, asking only to return home after years of war. Put a sword in his hand, however, and heads will roll, along with a plethora of other body parts.

Crowe is a sensational champion and a worthy successor not only to Aurelius but to Charlton Heston and Kirk Douglas as well.

Commodus, meanwhile, is afraid of the dark and lusts after his older sister Lucilla (Connie Nielsen). In some respects his scenes with sis are grosser than the bloodletting on the battlefield. Phoenix ("SMM") makes an appropriately oily heir apparent, according to vox populi only when it suits his grand purpose.

In his final screen role, the late Oliver Reed plays the sympathetic gladiator procurer, the same role and with some shamelessly similar lines for which Peter Ustinov won an Oscar in "Spartacus." Reed died weeks before the end of shooting.

"Gladiator" is rated R for its graphic fight scenes.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- Scheduled to open Friday, May 12**
- THE BIG KAHUNA**
Contemporary drama tells of life on the road. Three determined industrial lubricant salesmen try to land the largest account of their lives, but only one is invited to a key convention where they can make their move. Stars Kevin Spacey, Danny DeVito and Peter Facinelli.
 - BATTLEFIELD EARTH**
Adaptation of Ron Hubbard's sci-fi novel in which 10-foot aliens have taken over the world and forced humans to live underground. Stars John Travolta as the alien overlord of the conquered Earth.
 - HAMLET**
Ethan Hawke plays a brooding filmmaker and heir to the Denmark Corporation in this modern version of the Shakespearean tragedy set in New York City.
 - HUMAN TRAFFIC**
British rave comedy about five friends who spend an intense weekend partying. Stars John Simm, Shaun Parkes, Danny Dyer, Nicola Reynolds and Andrew Lincoln. Written and directed by Justin Kerrigan.
 - THE LAST SEPTEMBER**
Set in 1920s, a poetic portrait of the final days of British rule in Ireland. Stars Maggie Smith, Michael Gambon, Keely Hawes, David Tennant and Jane Birkin.
 - HELLO UP**
Comedy stars Jamie Foxx and Nia Long as a couple enjoying their vacation through the Grand Canyon State. Foxx's bad luck begins when his fiancée leaves, his car is stolen and he's taken hostage at a convenience store. Also stars Barry Corbin, John Cullum, Jake Busey and Sarah Paulson.
 - SCREWED**
Norm McDonald is a disgruntled, underappreciated chauffeur who seeks revenge on his boss, along with help from his friend, David Chappelle. Their foolproof plan, kidnapping his boss' dog for ransom, backfires in their face — leaving his boss under the impression that her chauffeur has been kidnapped, rather than her dog.
 - EDISON THE MAN**
1929 silent classic starring Spencer Tracy and Rita Johnson will be shown at the Historic Redford Theatre May 12-13.
 - KIKUJIRO**
Touching story of a boy who befriends a hoodlum named Kikujiro. A film about self-discovery with comic tendencies. Directed by and starring Takeshi Kitano. Shown at the Detroit Film Theatre May 12-14.
 - LES BONNES FEMMES**
Claude Chabrol's 1960 crime film about four Parisienne girls who work at the same neighborhood store. Shown at the Detroit Film Theatre 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 15.
 - Scheduled to open Friday, May 19**
 - DINOSAUR**
The full-length computer-animated fantasy tells the story of a dinosaur separated from his family at birth, who is raised by monkeys. Following an asteroid hit on earth, he is reunited with his family, saving their lives using the knowledge he learned from the monkeys.
 - LOSER**
Romantic comedy in which two college students who are always taken advantage of, fall in love and gather the courage to turn the tables. Stars Jason Biggs and Mena Suvari.

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Spring inspires art and music from the heart in Detroit

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

After our first weekend of warm weather, do you find that your thoughts are drifting a bit? Don't knock yourself for having an eroding attention span. There's a good chance that you're just opening your mind to the possibilities of spring. It's a season that fosters meaningful reflection on important issues — such as the amount of time you spend stuck in your office.

Most of us are in a constant quest for the right balance of work, family, recreation and spirituality. When it seems that I'm doing a pretty lousy job of balancing all the things that matter to me, I usually find solace in the arts.

Maybe that's what photographer Russ Marshall had in mind when he drew upon his family's working class roots to document the evolution of labor and industry in an inspiring exhibit which runs through July 28 at the Henry Ford Community College gallery in Dearborn. *This Working Life* consists of stark black and white images that reflect his childhood memories of the coal

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mines near Pittsburgh and his more recent experiences in the auto plants of Detroit. Marshall's exhibit is made even more powerful by a series of working class poets who contribute works that accompany the photos.

The son of the late Michigan painter and alternative press co-

founder Ann Mikolowski has developed a unique tribute to his mother, who died last August. She left a treasured roll of canvases to Michael Mikolowski, who turned it into a heartfelt memorial by enlisting the talents of nearly 250 prominent artists who were friends and admirers of her work. On the next edition

of Detroit Public TV's *Backstage Pass*, airing at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 14, visual arts segment host Gerry Craig visits the Alley Culture Alternative Gallery to give viewers a look at this very moving remembrance and the loving story behind it.

Let's not forget the rejuvenating effect of experiencing the arts and the people-watching potential of the coming festival season. The first major event is the Greektown Festival, which runs from Friday-Sunday, May 19-21. It offers the finest in arts, food and music, with this year's bill featuring legendary rhythm and blues artist Sir Mack Rice, who also performs in the Detroit

Public TV studio for the May 14 episode of *Backstage Pass*.

I've been impressed with the growth of the Greektown Festival over its 10-year history. The pleasure of being part of such a community event is difficult to describe, but we know when we feel it, don't we?

If it has been years since you've been in the area, you'll be amazed at all that is new in downtown Detroit. It is uplifting to see the activity in the Greektown area, especially compared to a decade ago. Since it's a prime season for reflection, pause to imagine where we can be ten years from now.

SOUNDING OFF

MP4: DAYS SINCE A LOST TIME ACCIDENT

Michael Penn
Epic Records

Though *Lucky One*, the initial song on Michael Penn's latest album, might give the impression that his fourth release is merely a collection of overproduced pop drivel, nothing could be further from reality.

The saccharin lead — which, incidentally, is the only tune on *MP4: Days Since a Lost Time Accident* that Penn didn't produce — has some intriguing chord shifts, but the deeper tracks are what will satisfy fans of this wry songwriter.

Lately, it's been Penn's wife, Aimee Mann, who's taken the limelight, having received an Academy Award nomination for *Save Me* from her *Magnolia* soundtrack.

But with *MP4*, Sean's older brother shows that he can carve out intelligent lyrics and passionate observations while keeping within the confines of the four-minute pop song. His tunes seem perfectly formatted for mass radio play, and yet, except for his hit single *No Myth* with its winsome refrain, "What if I

were Romeo in black jeans," Penn's work gets little notice. His first two albums, *March* and *Free For All* aren't even in print.

Perhaps *MP4* will change that. In *High Time*, Penn's hard-edged guitar punctuates his classic turns of phrase ("You've done bereaved and been bereft enough") as he resonates about heady life choices. Over-instrumentation in *Perfect Candidate* masks Penn's natural ability to enhance quirky lyrics with his low voice that easily swoops to falsetto, but he is still a master of sly narration. One could speculate that *Bucket Brigade*, the album's final cut, offers an example of what music would be like if Warren Zevon had been the fifth Beatle.

Bleak and haunting, yet oddly upbeat, it exists — leaving the listener with a bittersweet longing, and a taste for more of Penn's distinctive sound.

— ALICE RHEIN

ALL THIS AND MORE

Cole Guerra
Not Funny Records

This Southfield native headed to North Carolina, but his music never left us. On *All This and More* Cole Guerra gives a



glimpse of his East Coast state-of-mind through moody guitar work, delicate piano and his inspired words. With a little help from friends Jerry Kee on bass and drums, Mackie McKinney on drums and Mike A. Williams on bass, Guerra weaves this sentimental tapestry that sounds both autobiographical and all-too-familiar.

Songs like *Undone*, *You're Not Funny To Me*, and *Forceps* are reminiscent of The Lemonheads on a sluggish day or perhaps early R.E.M. It's contagious music, the kind that spins around you with flecks of wit and heartfelt exasperation at love and life. *Believer* blends a beautiful arrangement of guitar and piano which holds a steady pace even as he sings, "And all she ever wanted was to see you around." Of course, he's not all weepy. *My Glass Mountain*

builds Guerra's conviction and aspirations. ("I will take my own way.")

But to experience Cole Guerra in his true element is to listen as he interacts with an audience — like a bunch of close friends — and watch him sing his heart out live. Guerra opened for Boston's The Push Stars on their last stop at Pontiac's 7th House. He's planning a visit back home this coming summer. Check out *All This and More* in the meantime, and welcome him back.

— STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

COLOUR MOVING AND STILL

Chantal Kreviazuk
Columbia Records

The newest CD by the artist named Best Female Vocalist by Canada's prestigious Juno awards — over legendary singer Joni Mitchell, no less — has some interesting moments but is disappointing overall.

A beautiful pianist and stunning voice are the best features of Chantal Kreviazuk's latest release *Colour Moving and Still* on Columbia records, but the lyrics, riddled with clichés, are uninspiring and sometimes dull ("I was a train wreck waiting to

happen on the way to nowhere," from the song *Before You*).

Drawing obvious inspirations from Tori Amos and Sheryl Crow, *Colour Moving* takes listeners through the loneliness and heartache experienced by Kreviazuk, but the storytelling just doesn't provide anything that other angst-ridden vocalists haven't already accomplished.

Produced by Jay Joyce, *Colour Moving* does have its highlights with Kreviazuk's eerily beautiful voice, sweet piano and scattered spiritual, earthy rhythms. Still, much of the CD is too Tori Amos-like with not as much self-discovery.

It is an exploration of the soul, the liner notes of the CD read. And, for what it's worth, the lyrics and range of emotion by Kreviazuk seem at least honest.

Kreviazuk does have a worthy message to her music: "So much of today's society is geared toward an unattainable goal of youth, beauty and wealth. This album explores love, loss, hardships and all the experiences in life that I think are real true," she writes.

Is it worth the purchase? Barely.

Interesting songs like *Souls*, *M*, and *Eye*, obviously inspired by personal and witnessed love and loss — the kind of songs anyone suffering hardships can



relate to at some point of their life — are comforting. It's refreshing that an artist who has earned honors is still writing and performing songs with heart.

Chantal Kreviazuk performs 8 p.m. Thursday, May 11, Maestic Theatre Detroit. Call 313-833-9700.

— LANA MINI

STAY TUNED...

Fresh off a 7-week North American tour that included opening dates with *No Doubt*, *The Suicide Machines* are welcoming a new addition — sort of. Singer Jason Navarro's wife, Sandra, gave birth to *Adeline Grace* April 25 at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital in Commerce, Mich. Congratulations to the new mom and dad! The band's taking a short break from touring, but there will be no *Suicide Machine* shortage on the airwaves — *Hollywood Records* will release the second single off their self-titled album, *Permanent Holiday*. While life may feel like a permanent holiday for the band whose roots stretch back to Lavonia, they'll be grac-

ing the main stage for this year's *Van's Warped Tour* soon enough. Then it's off to Europe next fall.

Speaking of hard-working bands, *The Workhorse Movement* is looking forward to a June 6 release of their album *Sons of the Pioneers*, on *Roadrunner Records*. Touring with *Kittie*, *The Workhorse Movement* performed last night at *Harpo's*. For those who missed it, the band will be back June 3 to play St. Andrews Hall with *Factory 81*.

Just signed to *Mojo/Universal Music Group*, *Factory 81* is ready to celebrate and will release *Mankind* on the label this summer.

Speaking of summer, the heat is on for *The Brothers Groove* as Chris Codish, Mike Caskey and Jim Simonson pack for a performance at Toronto's *North By Northeast Music Festival*. The word so far is that the band will play 11 p.m. Thursday, June

8, at Cafe Havana in the Canadian music capital. Fans of the groove can get together and caravan on down to show some support.

Those wacky guys who called themselves *The Neptunes* and then changed it to *The Mood*

Elevators just dropped the "s." Now they want us to call them *The Mood Elevator*. It's a good thing the band's music can stand alone, because keeping up with

all the name changes could become a full-time gig. Ask the pop trio what'll be next when the band opens for *Versus* Friday, May 12, at Detroit's Gold Dollar

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Tango's Latin dishes 'bold, vibrant'

BY JOE BAUMAN
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Riding the wave of popularity of the Latin music scene, the Westin Hotel and Resort group has created a special Nuevo Latino menu being featured in all of its restaurants, including Tango's at the Westin Southfield-Detroit in Southfield.

Available through the end of May, the featured selections were created by Westin corporate executive chef Steve Peterson and consulting chef Mark Miller of the famed Coyote Cafe in Santa Fe, N.M., among others.

Local diners have been slow to warm up to the Nuevo Latino dishes, Tango's Executive Chef Siede Huschen said, but those willing to try something new have not been disappointed.

"The majority of our patrons are hotel guests who are looking for something safe, like a steak," said Huschen, who received his

What: Nuevo Latino celebration

Where: Tango's at the Westin Southfield-Detroit, located at Evergreen and the Lodge Freeway in Southfield

When: Through the end of May

Details: Call (248) 728-6558

Mother's Day Brunch - 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 14 in the hotel's Algonquin Ballroom. Cost (not including tax and gratuity) \$29.95 adults; \$14.95 children age 12 and younger. No charge for children under age 3. Every mom will receive a fresh long stemmed rose courtesy of The Westin. Buffet menu includes a carving station, choice of four entrees, breakfast station, salads, and desserts.

training in his native land of Germany before coming to the states 25 years ago. "The dishes offer a bold, vibrant flavor profile which are quite special."

Huschen took over as Tango's executive chef six weeks ago, after a five-year stint as executive chef at Cobo Hall. This is his second stint with the Westin group.

"At Cobo, the challenge was to prepare dinner for up to 10,000 guests," he said. "This restaurant allows much more flexibility in terms of what we can offer our

guests."

The brief Nuevo Latino menu offers several appetizers, including pork and plantain fritters, Chilean salmon ceviche with golden hominy and Ecuadorian shrimp and lobster ceviche.

Featured entrees include quinoa-rubbed sea scallops with cummin and fried plantains in a smoked barbecued mango sauce, and a spiced, seared strip steak with a mango mojo combining shallots, mango, garlic, orange and lime juice and spices.

Highlighted desserts are a coconut pan dulce with cinnamon ice cream and a calabasa flan with fried plantain and ice cream.

The full-service bar is offering companion specialty drinks, including a suave margarita made with Cuervo 1800 tequila and Grand Marnier, and Fresco Nuevo, a combination of Kahlua, Grand Marnier, Cuervo tequila and cream, shaken and poured over ice.

A short list of Central and South American wines also are available by the glass.

Huschen said the Nuevo Latino theme is the first of a series of theme-menus that will be rotated throughout the year. The next one most likely will feature a North American theme, he said.

"We have a terrific kitchen staff that has worked very hard to present these authentic dishes," Huschen said. "We need more people to come out and try something new and special."



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Double your pleasure: Sous chefs Grant Green Jr. (left) and Stacey Short were specially trained to handle the restaurant's Nuevo Latino special menu.

Treat mom to brunch or dinner on her special day

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
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You've got the card and the flowers, but what about the dining reservations? With a bit of luck and some persuasive power, there are tables waiting.

"It's a tradition for lots of families," said Ann Barnes, reservation desk clerk, about Mother's Day at the Dearborn Inn. "The atmosphere is of old elegance. A lot of people like to dress. You feel special when you come here. We do go out of our way to make holidays special."

Whether you and mom crave caviar at the Ritz Carlton, roast pork at the Dearborn Inn, wild game at Cousins Heritage Inn or a dozen desserts at Sweet Lorraine's, start dialing now.

The following restaurants are planning special menus and extra touches for Mother's Day:

Elegant

Dearborn Inn - 20301 Oakwood Boulevard (between Southfield Expressway and Michigan Avenue), Dearborn, (313) 271-2700. Serving in three restaurants: The Early American Room buffet plus entrée 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., adults \$35; children 6-12 \$17.50, children 5 and under free. The Dearborn Ballroom grand buffet plus entrée 1 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., adults \$32.50, children 6-12 \$16.25, children 5 and under free. The Ten Eyck Tavern entrees \$13.95-\$20.95. Limited reservations.

Hyatt Regency - 18600 Michigan Avenue (near Southfield Expressway), Dearborn, (313) 982-6830. Serving 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in two restaurants: Julio's, champagne brunch, adults \$34.95, children 4-12 \$16.95, children 3 and under free. Kafay's Place, brunch, adults \$27.95, children 4-12 \$13.95, children 3 and under free.

Brunch (breakfast, lunch and dinner fare) will be served in multiple stations throughout the restaurants. Call ASAP for reservations. Note: Julio's is booked until 2:30 p.m.

Ritz Carlton - 300 Town Center, Fairlane Plaza, Dearborn, (313) 441-2000. Buffet including caviar, seven hot entrees and waffle and omelet stations) 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Presidential Ballroom, adults \$60, children 5-10 \$19, children under 5 free.

Reservations are currently filled, however, inquire about cancellations or unconfirmed reservations.

Cousins Heritage Inn - 7954 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter (Bakers Street exit 167 off I-94), (734) 426-3020. Entrees include fish, meats, poultry and game (most likely antelope for Mother's Day) and soups. Everything homemade. All meals come with house salad, vegetable and starch, \$18-\$27. Seating at 1 p.m., 3-3:30 p.m. and 5:30-6 p.m.

This is white linen and candles dining in a restored 1855 house with elegantly wallpapered rooms. The restaurant was rated fourth best in Michigan in 1999 by readers of *Gourmet Magazine*. Reservations ASAP.

Upscale

Mackinnon's Restaurant - 126 East Main Street, downtown Northville, (248) 348-9470. Special Mother's Day dinner menu

served 1-5 p.m. \$18.95-\$28.95. Reservations appreciated.

Novi Hilton - 21111 Haggerty Road (off 8 Mile at I-275), Livonia, (248) 349-4000. Brunch with 30 hot and cold items (including prime rib and rack of lamb) 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom and Davinci's Restaurant; adults \$27.95, seniors \$25.95, children 6-12 \$14.95, children 5 and under free. Reservations ASAP.

Cafe Cortina - 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 474-3033. Seatings at 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Adult average menu price \$24; no children's menu, but staff will accommodate.

Ernesto's - 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, (734) 453-2002. Brunch served 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m.; adults brunch \$18.95, children 6-10 \$8.95, children under 5 free. Adult dinner \$20.95.

Hawthorne Valley Country Club - 7300 Merriman Road (between Ann Arbor Trail and

Warren), Westland, (734) 422-3440. Breakfast 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adults \$14.95, children 3-8 \$8.95, children under 3 free. Reservations still available.

Family friendly

Sweet Lorraine's at the Livonia Marriott - 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Buffet 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; adults \$10.95, children 5-12 \$5.50, children 4 and under free. Regular menu also available; breakfast 7-11 a.m., lunch 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., dinner 4-11 p.m. Call (734) 953-7480.

Another buffet will be served in the hotel foyer 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. that includes the Sweet Lorraine's buffet plus roast beef with red wine or horseradish sauce, roast turkey, stuffed sole, chicken and mushrooms, etc. etc. Adults \$25.95, children 5-12 \$12.95, children under 5 free. Call (734) 462-3100.

Weber's Inn - 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor (take exit 172 off I-94, turn left at light), (734) 769-2500. Buffet in ballroom 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and in dining room 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults \$15.95, children \$8.95. Reservations going quickly.

Marvin's Bistro - 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia, (734) 522-5600. Special Mother's Day menu includes prime rib, New York steaks, Marvin's stuffed filet, king crab legs, lobster tails and much more. Priced \$14.95-\$25.95. Entertainment by Wally Bilson & Co. 3-7 p.m. All mothers receive a flower.

Italian-American Club of Livonia - 39200 W. Five Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 953-9724. Family-style Mother's Day luncheon (beer, wine, pop included) 12:30-3:30 p.m. Member adults \$20, non-member adults \$25, children 6-12 \$10, children 0-3 free. Reservation deadline May 11. No tickets sold at door.

Summit on the Park - 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, (734) 397-6800. Mother's Day brunch 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. includes salads, meats, breakfast foods, luncheon buffet and a sweet table. Adults \$19.95, children 4-12 \$11.95, children 3 and under free. Reservations ASAP.

Corsi's - 27910 W. Seven Mile Road (between Inkster and Middlebelt), Livonia, (248) 777-4960. Mother's Day buffet includes pasta, meats, pizzas, soups, salads, desserts and much more. Adults \$13.95, seniors \$13, under 10 years \$9.95. Reservations please.

Farwell and Friends - 8051 Middlebelt (between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail), Livonia, (734) 421-6990. Serving mothers noon-9 p.m. Friendly atmosphere and friendly prices. Reservations appreciated.

Jack Dunleavy's Grill - 340 N. Main Street, Plymouth, (734) 455-3700. Mother's Day brunch includes ham, prime rib, turkey,

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Something different

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Fox Creek Golf Course - 36000 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, (248) 471-3400. Mother's Day Golf & Dinner, nine holes with cart, shot-gun start 11:30 a.m., and buffet dinner (chicken, Italian sausage, roasted potatoes, etc.) \$25. Reservations available. Call ASAP.

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