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HOMETOWN LIFE



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Resignations stun commission

Rich leaves for Ohio university

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Last Thursday, Police Chief Dick Miller walked into City Manager David Rich's office and handed him a letter.

"He didn't look very startled or shocked that I was giving him my resignation," remembers Miller. "I was kind of surprised."

In his City Hall office, one day after announcing to the city commission the resignations of both Miller and himself, Rich remembered that moment.

"I just looked at him and said 'That makes two of us.'"

Rich was hired by commissioners Feb. 1, 1999 at a salary of \$75,924. He's given commissioners a 90-day notice, and is hopeful he can leave earlier to get on to his new job.

In his letter of resignation, dated



City Manager Dave Rich

June 5, Rich said "I have been offered and accepted a position as a professor of public administration with a university in Ohio. I believe that my new position will enable me to have a more significant impact on the field of public administration."

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Police chief out after 5 months

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Plymouth Police Chief Dick Miller was almost apologetic when he announced to the city commission Monday night he was resigning his position as of June 30, only about six months after being picked by City Manager David Rich to succeed the retiring Bob Scoggins.

"I want you to understand it doesn't have anything to do with my relationship with the people of Plymouth, who have been wonderful to me the past several months I've worked here," he said. "It certainly doesn't have anything to do with this body (commissioners), and I'm particularly indebted to Mr. Rich and Mr. (Paul) Sincok (assistant city manager) for the level of support they've given me. As it turns out, with regards to my entire



Police Chief Dick Miller

family, this wasn't meant to be. "The personal reasons I have are compelling, they're not bad reasons, they're good reasons," he said. "It's not a matter of illness or any calamity in my family. But, as it turns out, in terms of my entire family, it just wasn't

Please see MILLER, A3

Man's Best Friend

Leader dog learning 'people' skills

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Patients at Michael Brackney's chiropractic practice might have noticed a vivacious blonde in the office recently - one who's always ready to lavish affection on those who walk in the door - and get it in return.

Tara, a 1-year-old golden retriever, is being socialized as a Leader Dog for the Blind in Brackney's office at 8512 Canton Center south of Joy. There, the dog is learning "people" skills she needs before she is trained and placed with a visually impaired person.

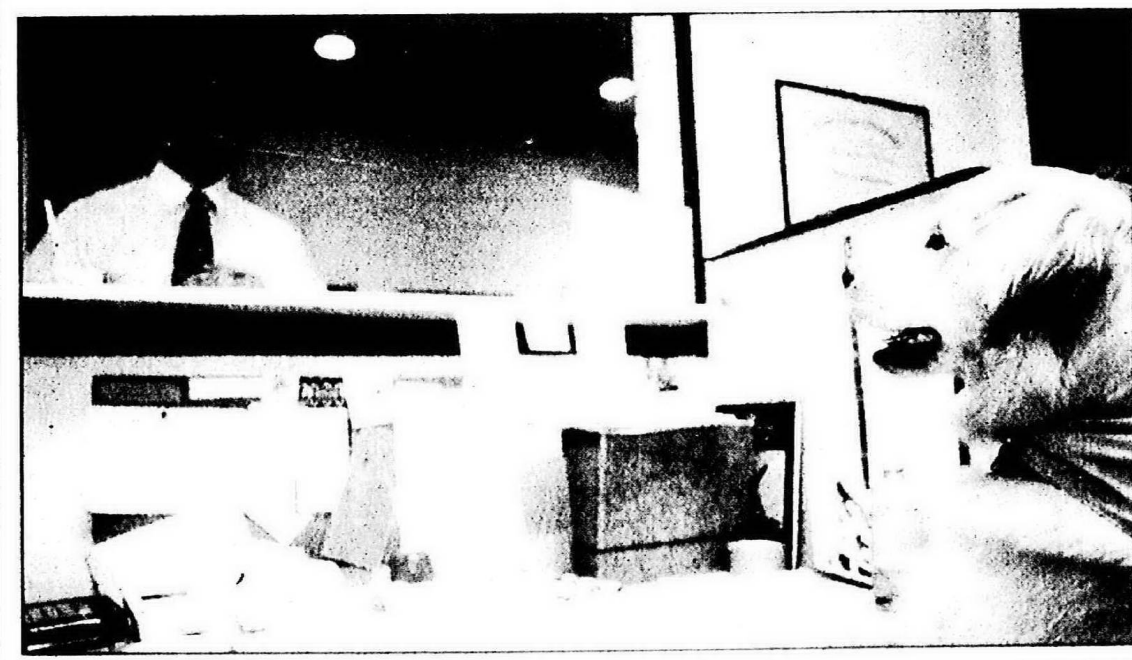
While at the office, Tara enjoys approaching visitors, begging for



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I saw it here somewhere ... Tara, the leader dog in training, goes over the day's sign-in sheet with assistance from Tara Brackney.

Please see LEADER DOG, A2



Who's next? Chiropractor Dr. Mike Brackney checks up on Tara at the reception desk.

Board lets Mann stay on during campaign

BY SUE BUCK
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Plymouth Township Police Officer Steve Mann dodged a bullet Wednesday night in his bid to become township supervisor.

The Plymouth Township board voted unanimously not to invoke a public act, brought to the board's attention by township attorney Tim Cronin, that could have forced Mann to take a 60-day, unpaid leave of absence while he campaigns before the Aug. 8 primary.

The decision leaves Mann on the job while he seeks elected office.

"I believe, based on everything I think is fair, we should take no action," said Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, the two-term incumbent against whom Mann is running. "I believe we should not invoke the act."

"The act" is Public Act 169 of 1976, which says, in part, that "if a person becomes a candidate for elective office within the unit of government in which (s)he is employed, the employer may require the person to request and take a sixty (60) day leave of absence without pay."

Mann stood to lose about \$8,000 in pay if the board had required the leave. He had also been concerned about his benefits, especially his medical coverage, but the board assured him the benefits would remain in place.

The provision in the act was brought to the attention of the board by Cronin, who suggested a meeting as quickly as possible since the 60-day period would have had to start Friday. Since Keen McCarthy felt there was a conflict of interest, Cronin worked with Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill to set up Wednesday's special meeting.

"I was aware of the particular public act, and I have obligations as the township attorney to make sure the board is aware of its responsibilities and, to



Steve Mann

Please see LEAVE, A4

Township man arraigned on drug charges after raid

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A Plymouth Township man faces a preliminary exam June 16 before 35th District Judge John MacDonald on charges of intent to deliver and manufacture drugs and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Wesley William Reck, 21,

was arraigned Monday. He stood mute and a plea of not guilty was entered for him. Reck remained in jail Wednesday. Eric Colthurst, 35th District Court Magistrate, set bond at \$10,000 cash Monday.

If convicted, Reck could be sentenced to a maximum four years and/or \$20,000 on the intent to deliver and manufacture drugs and five years

and/or \$5,000 on the firearms charge.

Narcotics and special operations police officers descended on a Briarwood home near the eastern edge of the township late Sunday.

Plymouth Township Police had begun surveillance on the home within the last 30 days after they received numerous complaints about people com-

ing and going from the home at less than 10 minute intervals, according to a police report.

Police found two 12 gauge shotguns. There was also one ledger containing narcotic transactions in a bedroom as well as four bags of suspected marijuana, according to a report. They also found four narcotics pipes, two buck

knives, a Kevlar helmet, one gas mask and one smoke grenade.

Police found two scales commonly found in the narcotics trade and Ziplock Baggies used to package narcotics next to the scales, which were located in a tattoo parlor within the home.

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City approves purchase

The Plymouth city commission has approved the purchase of 17 protective vests for the police department.

The city commission has also approved the purchase of 18 Glock 40-caliber pistols for the police department at a total cost of \$10,119.

Ordinance gets OK

City commissioners have approved the city's first indecency ordinance which, in effect, outlaws adult entertainment establishments in Plymouth.

City gets new attorney

Plymouth has a new city attorney. Sarah

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Osburn, who works for Plunkett & Cooney, will be moving out of the city, which is a requirement of the city charter.

Library board

The Wayne County Clerk's Office Election Division is accepting nominating petitions for candidates for the Plymouth District Library Board.

Four non-partisan seats are up for election Nov. 7. Not less than 74 signatures of registered voters from the city and township are required to place a candidate on the ballot.

Deadline for filing petitions is 4 p.m. July 20 at the Wayne County Clerk's Office, Elections Division.

two-year term ending Dec. 31, 2002, the other three are four-year seats with terms ending Dec. 31, 2004.

For more information on the library board, call Pat Thomas, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 218.

Cheerleaders get busy

The Plymouth Salem High School Cheerleading team holds a fund-raising Cheer-a-thon Tuesday, June 20th from 3 to 8 p.m. in the Salem Gymnasium.

The cheerleaders host a UCA Championship Stunt Clinic June 24 at the Salem High School gymnasium.

Leader dog from page A1

loving pats, rolling on her back for tummy rubs and playing with her ball squeak toy.

He said he began assisting with Tara's Leader Dog training after learning her "foster parents," George and Kathy Shea of Plymouth Township, both worked day shifts and had to leave the dog alone.

"The dog needs to be socialized," Brackney said. "She needs to learn to be around people and not have any nervousness about new locations or new people."

All Leader Dogs for the Blind must be at least a year old before they are trained and placed in people's homes.

Apart from a handful of dog-allergic patients, Tara has been a big hit at the office, Brackney said.

"Patients will pet her when she's around. It really helps the atmosphere of the office while she's here," he said.

treats for Tara and tell Brackney they're disappointed if she's not there.

But not only does Tara calm down the patients, but the patients have helped calm Tara.

"She's definitely a lot more calm (than she was before)," Brackney said.

Her foster parents have noticed the difference as well.

"When she comes home, she's a little tired, which is good," George Shea, an attorney with Brashear, Tangora and Spence, said.

"Frankly, (Tara) enjoys it," Shea said. "She gets a lot of attention and it also helps with the training process."

Shea's wife, Kathy, said raising the puppy has been rewarding, but it's also been frustrating at times.

"She was a real chewer," she said, adding that obedience classes and growing up helped rid her of the habit.

All bad habits aside, Tara has had a positive effect on the Shea family, including children Mike, 14, and Kelly, 13.

"Raising puppies is a real positive experience for the whole family," she said.

Soaring Eagle



Top honor: Christopher J. Thomason, 14, a Plymouth Salem High School freshman, was presented the rank of Eagle Scout by Ron D'Avanzo, Scoutmaster 1537, at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth on May 30.

Schools make final election preparations

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

Plymouth-Canton school officials are putting together last-minute preparations for Monday's district-wide school board election.

"The administration offices will be open this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to accept and issue absentee voter ballots for Monday's election," said Liz

Adams, elections clerk.

As of Tuesday, Adams issued 925 absentee ballots, but only about half had been returned.

"Anyone who needs to vote absentee has until the Saturday 2 p.m. deadline," said Adams. "If you have an absentee ballot and want to send it, it must be in Monday's mail delivery."

The administration offices are located in the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, located at 454 S. Harvey Street in Plymouth.

The polls are open Monday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Adams said any questions concerning where to vote can be answered by calling her office at (734) 416-3095.

Meanwhile, Friday at 4 p.m. is the deadline for write-in candidates to file a Declaration of

Intent form with the elections office in order to be considered a candidate for the school board election.

There are two four-year terms for voters to decide. The two incumbents running for re-election are Elizabeth Givens and Judy Mardigan.

Silver Spoon Antiques advertisement featuring a spoon and contact information for Ypsilanti.

Hands On Center advertisement for physical therapy, featuring a 'Tennis Elbow Update' and contact information.

Raid from page A1

"It is the publication point of white supremacist propaganda," police said in the report. They found white supremacist literature and logos in every room.

The literature was similar to that found recently in the Green Meadows subdivision.

"Any connection to the literature that was passed out in the Green Meadows subdivision is still being investigated," said Plymouth Township Sgt. Steve

Rapson.

While police were doing surveillance on the home, a car pulled up to the home. Two people went inside and then left, said Jamie Senkbeil, Plymouth Township community resource officer.

They may face charges, Senkbeil said.

Plymouth Veterinary Hospital advertisement for an Open House event on Sunday, June 11, 2000, from 1-4 PM.

'I was absolutely shocked'

Commissioners react to Rich, Miller departures

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Stunned. So stunned you could hear a pin drop.

That was the reaction of Plymouth city commission members when, near the end of Monday's regular session, Police Chief Richard Miller tendered his resignation, immediately followed by City Manager David Rich, who announced he'll also be leaving.

"I was surprised, but I understand both of them... these were family decisions and career moves," said Mayor Dave McDonald. "I don't think the moves are good for Plymouth. But, we'll have to live with them and move forward."

"I'm very disappointed with the chief. I think he set the standard for police chiefs of cities this size," said Commissioner Sean FitzGerald. "I'm disappointed to see Dave go. We challenged each other... but I think good policy comes out of vigorous debate, which we always had."

"I was absolutely shocked. I didn't see either of them coming," added Commissioner Michele Potter. "Looks like the commission has a lot of work ahead of it. Maybe it will give us an opportunity to work together toward a common goal."

Miller from page A1

"Once my family decision was made, I couldn't delay in telling you," he continued. "There are important decisions to be made in terms of hiring and promotions, and it would be unfair for me to make those for the next police chief."

Miller didn't go into detail at the meeting, but afterwards said his wife, who is director of development for the College of Arts and Letters at Michigan State University (a fund-raiser), had received increases in responsibilities and pay.

"It's her career and I'm honoring it," said Miller. "I had my 22 years with the Michigan State Police, and now it's her turn."

Miller said he was concerned about moving to Plymouth, which would require a commute for his wife each day to East Lansing. He also had concerns about finding affordable housing in the city "where I promised the citizens I would live."

Miller was hired by Rich and approved by commissioners last December. He officially began his duties on Jan. 5 at a salary of \$67,000.

Miller was brought in to implement a community policing program, and recently began scheduling more time for officers to walk the downtown area.

"It's a great loss for the city," said Rich. "I'm very disappointed."

Rich from page A1

"I've always had teaching as a goal, and when this opportunity came I had to take it," said Rich, an Ohio native. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, so I grabbed it."

"I wasn't ready to leave the city because I had a lot of things I wanted to accomplish yet," he added. "If you look at my previous tenures in other communities, you can see I've stayed longer. This hasn't been an easy community... it's been a challenge."

When asked about those challenges, Rich said "I'm not going to get into details because it's negative."

It's no secret that city commissioners, at times, have given Rich a run for his money. And, it may have culminated Monday evening when they failed to approve the 2000-01 city budget because they wanted more time to make cuts.

On May 24, Rich received his annual performance evaluation from commissioners. Overall, they rated him 3.4 on a scale of 5. Last Monday, Rich gave his own assessment of his performance in writing to the commission. While he won't publicly say it, Rich believes he deserved a better evaluation.

"We've stabilized the city financially, turning it around in a year. From the Bathey property, we collected a million dollars in lost revenue to the city," said Rich. "Then we go through a barrage of attacks on a budget that's balanced and more than

'Maybe It will give us an opportunity to work together toward a common goal.'

Michele Potter
—City Commissioner

"I was surprised at the chief leaving," said Commissioner Bill Graham. "With Dave, I had a feeling in the back of my head that something would happen. But, I certainly wasn't expecting it tonight."

Miller, whose resignation is slated for June 30, began his duties Jan. 5 at a salary of \$67,000. A 22-year veteran with the Michigan State Police, Miller was the top candidate of a committee formed by Rich to find a replacement for Bob Scoggins, who retired at the first of the year.

"I listed in my letter compelling personal reasons for resigning my position," Miller told commissioners. "I want you to understand it doesn't have anything to do with the people of Plymouth, who have been wonderful to me the last several months that I've worked here. It certainly doesn't have anything to do with this body (commissioners), and I'm particularly indebted to Mr. Rich and Mr.

(Paul) Sincok for the level of support they've given me. As it turns out, with regards to my entire family, this wasn't meant to be."

Rich immediately announced that Sgt. Steve Hundersmarck would become acting chief as of July 1. The commission approved Rich's request that Hundersmarck receive additional training to take over the department on an interim basis until a new chief is selected.

Rich was even more concise when announcing his own resignation to the commission.

"The mayor has a letter from myself that also is a resignation, effective 90 days from today's date," said Rich. "I have accepted a position at a university in Ohio."

In his letter of resignation, Rich said "I have been offered and accepted a position as a professor of public administration with a university in Ohio."

McDonald told his fellow commissioners he was notified by Rich only hours before Monday's meeting, and apparently was the only person who knew about the resignations beforehand.

Rich was hired by city commissioners on Feb. 1, 1999 at a salary of \$75,924. He recently received his evaluation by commissioners, which rated him 3.4 on a scale of 5.

ed. It will be very difficult for the city to recover from this."

While Miller has been praised by administration and community leaders, he has often met resistance from police officers who have objected to change, including a new mandatory policy of wearing bulletproof vests. A number of grievances have been filed by the police union regarding actions taken by Miller, though the chief refuses to say the grievances had anything to do with his leaving.

"There was quite a bit of resistance from the department, and I think it's quite unfortunate," said Rich. "I think you'll continue to see it, and that's again unfortunate."

While Det. Wayne Carroll has generally run the department in Miller's absence, Rich recommended, and the commission approved, Sgt. Steve Hundersmarck as acting chief until a permanent replacement is chosen.

"He best represents where we are right now, and for moving forward with our community policing model," said Rich. "Steve has an extensive background in community policing."

Rich told commissioners it will take three or four months to find a replacement for Miller. While Rich said he's committed, as always, to getting input from a number of sources, he's not sure

he'll appoint a committee to help make the decision, as he did with Miller. Rich didn't rule out naming someone from inside the department as the city's top cop, saying "we have several people who have the experience to take over the department."

Just saying no



DARE-ing to graduate: Students from Allen Elementary file into the gymnasium (above) as last week's D.A.R.E. graduation ceremonies begin. Eighty-nine students took part in the program, designed to steer elementary children away from the evils of drinking and drugs. Detective John Drake (left) welcomes the students, teachers, families and friends to the ceremony.



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Blaze torches home; nobody hurt

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There were no injuries, but a Plymouth Township family is facing some \$100,000 in damages after a fire tore through part of their Powell Street home Tuesday.

Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth said the fire started in an addition to the house apparently used as a recreation/family room, spread upward through the roof, but did not enter the basic structure of the house.

A neighbor called to alert firefighters to the

blaze around 3:30 p.m. after noticing smoke coming from the addition.

"When (firefighters) arrived, there was heavy smoke coming from the attached family room," Groth said. "(Firefighters) did stop the fire from getting into the main structure of the home."

Groth said the residents weren't home at the time of the fire and hadn't been seen since around the lunch hour. "I'd say they're looking at about \$75,000 in losses to the structure, and maybe \$25,000 in contents," the chief said.

Groth said the cause of the fire had been determined to be electrical.

Leave from page A1

is aware of its responsibilities and, to some extent, its options," Cronin said.

After a little less than an hour of discussion, much of it taken up by Cronin's discussion of his findings and some questioning of Mann himself, the board decided not to invoke the act.

"I'm happy they came to their senses and not make me take a leave," Mann said. "Now we can get into the issues of the campaign, and not these distractions."

The meeting, short as it was, contained a couple of surprises. Mann had assumed Keen McCarthy was behind the meeting to start with, a charge she forcefully denied. In fact, Keen McCarthy tried to abstain from any action on the issue, but was thwarted by a "no" vote from Massengill. A unanimous vote is required to allow a board member to abstain.

Keen McCarthy wanted to abstain "because it could affect

'I believe, based on everything I think is fair, we should take no action.'

Kathleen Keen McCarthy
—Plymouth Township Supervisor



my livelihood"

"The board is voting on something that could make it easier or harder for me to get re-elected," she said. "I believe I have a serious conflict."

Discussion included similar cases from 1992, when chief building official Charles McElhargy ran for supervisor and Massengill, then the deputy clerk, ran for clerk. Neither, however, ran against an incumbent.

There have been cases in other communities, however, where public employees have been made to take a leave of absence. In Redford Township, Public

Safety Director Dave Parker, who was then a police lieutenant, was forced to take a three-month unpaid leave of absence when he ran for supervisor against incumbent James Kelly in 1984 Parker lost.

"There was no meeting to decide, Kelly decided," Parker said. "It hurts somebody if they don't know it is coming. They really stuck it to me. Nobody has to take a leave of absence except the poor schmuck running for office. What saved me was several weeks of vacation that I had put in for. They can't take that away from you."

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GRADUATES

Amber Corey Kilgore of Canton graduated from Michigan State University School of Arts and Letters with a bachelor's degree in music performance. While at MSU she was a member of the Michigan State University marching band and also a member of the MSU symphony orchestra. She will continue her education at Indiana University, where she received a full scholarship in music performance. She is a percussionist. She graduated from Plymouth Canton High School in 1995. She is a daughter of Larry and Jerry Kilgore of Canton.

Katherine Zopf of Plymouth, a graduate of Mercy High School, received her bachelor of arts degree in political science and biology from Alma College.

WHO'S WHO

Elizabeth Mae Carr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Carr of Canton, was selected to appear in the 2000 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." A 2000 graduate of Bob Jones University in Greenville

S.C., Carr was one of the 63 students chosen from the university student body this year on the basis of academic standing, campus leadership, service to the community, and potential for continued success. Carr graduated with a bachelor of science degree in composite social studies education. She was a member of the Association of Christian Teachers, the Inter-Society Council, the National Council for the Social Studies, and has served as president and secretary of Tri Epsilon society. Carr won the 1999 speech commencement contest in original oratory and was on the honor roll every semester.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARD

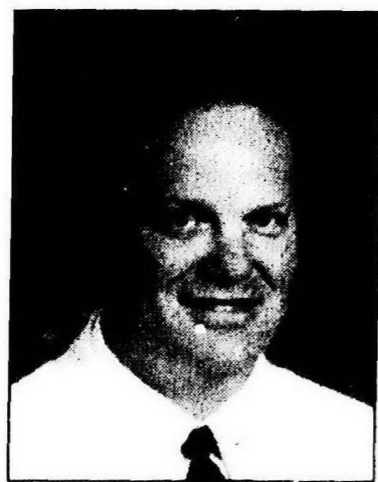
Canton resident **Julie Twietmeyer** was honored as the Outstanding Physical Education major of the Year from Hope College by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education. The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding students majoring in physical education or sport from colleges and/or universities throughout the country that have professional preparation programs.

Only one student from each institution is recognized each year. During her collegiate years, Twietmeyer was involved in Habitat for Humanity and coached basketball at several different levels.

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Dr. Lefkowitz

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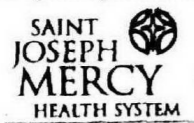


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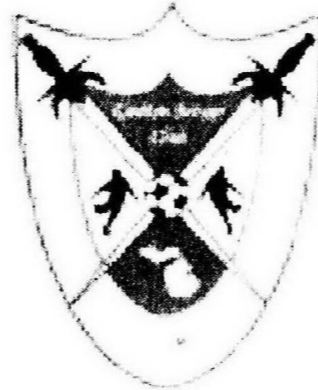


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U10 A&B	Bill Joker				
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U12 Select	TBA				
U13 Premier	Sean Bowers	(734) 455-9946	6/15 6p-8p,	6/16 6p-8p	Canton HS
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U14 Premier	Gonzales/Wheatley	(734) 454-7092	6/19 6:30-8:30,	6/20 6:30-8:30	Flodin Park
U14 Premier	Fagan/Preibe	(734) 459-7252	6/19 6:30-8:30,	6/21 6:30-8:30	Flodin Park
U15 Premier	Wensley/John Kieler	(734) 451-5331	6/21 6p-8p,	6/22 6p-8p	Flodin Park
U16 Premier	Ernie Bucks	(734) 453-6555	6/20 6p-8p,	6/21 6p-8p	Flodin Park
U17 Premier	Eric Dean	(734) 455-3662	6/20 6p-8p,	6/21 6p-8p	Flodin Park
U18 Premier	John Schummel	(734) 981-1672	6/15 6p-8p,	6/16 6p-8p	Flodin Park

Softball tournament kicks off annual Strawberry Festival

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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A men's and women's softball tournament at the Canton Softball Center this weekend will be the first of Strawberry Festival events hitting the area.

The Strawberry Festival Tournament runs from June 10 to June 11. Events include:

- A live Planet 96.3 broadcast from noon to 2 p.m.
- A hitting contest from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. sponsored by Budweiser
- A home run derby from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. sponsored by Miken

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■ A free Vegas night, sponsored by the Quality Inn of Plymouth from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. featuring a variety of prizes.

The Belleville National Strawberry Festival runs the following weekend, Friday, June 16 through Sunday, June 18 at various locations in downtown Belleville. The best parking is at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia St.

Shuttle service to festival locations will be available.

Reggie Miller, executive director for the festival, said she expects about 150,000 to attend the 24th annual festival.

The festival runs from noon to 11 p.m. Friday, June 16; from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 17 and from noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, June 18.

"What makes (the festival) great is the camaraderie we have with the volunteers," Miller said.

The variety of food is also a bragging point.

"You name it, we've got it along with the strawberries," Miller said. Some of the choices include Cajun, Polish, Italian and Greek as well as typical American fare such as steaks, chicken and ribs.

■ 'What makes (the festival) great is the camaraderie we have with the volunteers.'

Reggie Miller
—Executive Director

Nearly every festival location will have crafters selling their wares, Miller added.

Some highlights of this year's festival:

- A "Circus on the Lake" water-skiing show from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on

Belleville Lake, featuring local talent.

■ The "Bride of the Millennium" wedding 2 p.m. Sunday, June 18 at Victory Park featuring a local couple who won a contest.

■ The Wee Little Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss pageant from noon to 3 p.m. at the festival's main stage, at Fourth Street and Main. The queen pageant will be 7:30 p.m. in the Belleville High School auditorium.

For more information about the Belleville National Strawberry Festival, call the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce at (734) 697-7151.

Festival returns with something old, new

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
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The Spree summer festival and civic birthday party returns to Ford Field June 20-25 as Livonia continues to celebrate its 50th year of cityhood.

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Experienced Spree-goers will be comforted by the things that haven't changed, excited by what's new and won't miss what's missing too much, if Spree organizers have done their jobs well.

Old favorites

What hasn't changed is the carnival, unless you count the addition of two rides to bring the total to 50 one-ride-for-each-year-of-cityhood.

Taste of Livonia is back with the same low price (\$5) but with a different lineup of food service businesses.

The musical entertainment is top notch as summer festivals go and includes Livonia's Steve King and the Ditties, an old favorite that has been absent from last year's Spree. Returning musical acts include 3 of 9, Art of Fact, New Odyssey and Espresso.

Family Fun Day provides games and activities for children Saturday afternoon.

The Sunday night fireworks return as usual. Spree organizers have never messed with the fireworks, said board Secretary Bill Fried.

And of course, the Robinson Racing Pigs are back. Spree organizers heard plenty of squeals the last time they tried to have a festival without the porcine mammals, Fried said.

What's new

The lumberjacks of the last three Sprees have been axed in favor of the Golden Dragon Chinese Acrobats, in the first year of a three-year contract.

New musical acts include Janis Leigh and Luck of the Draw, the Tommy C Band, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, the Bugs Beddow Band and Jack Dalton's Dixie Land Band.

Budweiser will give a beer-brewing demonstration, but consumption of the beer is illegal.

"They might distribute 'non-alcoholic brew' to make up for it."

What's missing

Discontinued activities include the petting farm and pony rides and the Hoops of Livonia Casino Night.

Twisty the Clown is gone after more than 10 straight years at the Spree. Twisty's absence lands a double whammy on the Spree because the clown's alter ego, Ray Wojciechowski, was the longtime games marshal for Family Fun Day.

Organizers say they had a hard time replacing him at that capacity.

Grape Shot and the Red Garter Band, popular with the crowd last year, are not returning although Spree organizers tried to get them. Both bands were already booked by the time they were asked to perform at Spree.

Fried said that tinkering with the makeup of Spree from one year to another is a necessity to keep it fresh but hazardous in that mistakes can haunt you.

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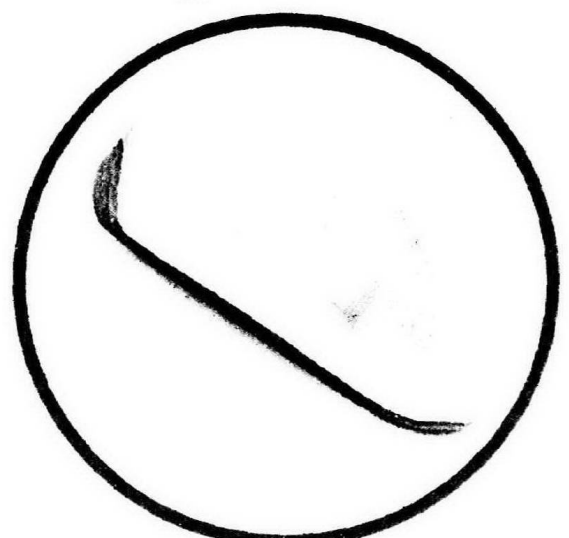


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VA honors volunteers for work with veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Ann Arbor Healthcare System honored its corp of dedicated volunteers for their work helping veterans and staff

Last year, more than 800 dedicated individuals contributed approximately 67,000 hours of their time at the medical center, the equivalent of 32 full time

employees. Among these volunteers were: Abgel Cruz of Canton with 8 years of service to the Paralyzed Veterans of America organiza-

tion; Chester Zaydel of Canton with 7 years of service to American Legion; Everett Houk of Canton with 8 years of service to the Submarine Veterans of WWII organization; Karl McNulty of Canton with 300 hours of service to the Marine Corps League organization; and Geraldine Townsend of Plymouth with 1,000 hours of service to the Military Order of the Purple Heart organization.

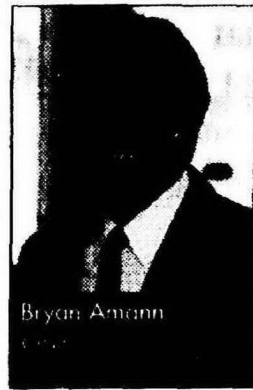
Community Volunteers Lend Support, Success to this Year's Las Vegas Golf & Tennis - St. Joe's Pro Am Golf Classic

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Saint Joseph Mercy Health System knows the hard work and dedication necessary to put on a first rate Golf Classic. The Steering Committee of this year's Las Vegas Golf & Tennis - St. Joe's Pro Am Golf Classic, which will benefit women's health education programs in the Plymouth and Canton communities, have been hard at work since early this year to bring you a top notch event scheduled for June 14, at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton. Their efforts have paid off. The 2000 Golf Classic is a Sell Out!



Ted Lindsay



Bryan Amann

An event of this magnitude also needs the support of local businesses. Hats off to this year's lead underwriter - Las Vegas Golf & Tennis - for its role in the Golf Classic.

On behalf of the Health System, we extend our appreciation to this year's Chair, Bryan Amann, for his dedication and leadership. We also thank and recognize Honorary Chair Ted Lindsay, well known for his role with the Detroit Wings, and the many members of the 2000 Steering Committee for helping make this event possible. Their names are listed below.

We could not have done it without you! We look forward to June 14 and are grateful for your participation.

2000 Las Vegas Golf & Tennis - St. Joe's Pro Am Golf Classic

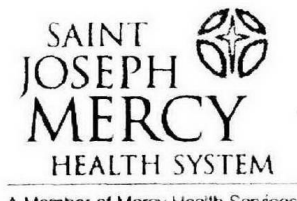
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Say it with Flowers

by Steve Mansfield

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Arts council hosts Vogelheim exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is pleased to showcase the work of Donna Andruccioli Vogelheim, currently on exhibit at the JWH Center for the Arts through June 30.

The center is at 774 North Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Her exuberant watercolors are a perfect early summer display and a wonderful backdrop to the Plymouth Garden Walk scheduled for June 27.

This annual event has the Arts Council once again hosting itself as a refreshment stop on the Trailwood Garden Club's popular tour.

The artist's great love of color and the watercolor medium is clearly evident in her painting, according to PCAC officials. She says that the beautiful transparent watercolor medium has a spontaneity which allows her to immediately capture the beauty of the subject and convey her intense feelings about it.

Vogelheim's lifelong interest in drawing was exhibited at an early age. Always pouring over art books, she had little formal art training. It was while studying biology in college that she spent hours in labs sketching what was visible through the microscope. This drawing experience served as her training ground, and taught her eye to really

see. Vogelheim is an elected member of the National Watercolor Society, holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and attended graduate school there and at the University of Detroit. Her work has been published in several publications and can be found in galleries, private corporations and private collections. Her most recent commission is a 13-foot mural at the Assatian Cancer Center of Providence Hospital titled "A Short Course in Miracles."

Her most recent workshop is titled "Flowers, Flowers and more Flowers," a watercolor workshop to be held from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29 and Friday June 30. Cost is \$150. Materials list will be provided at registration. In this workshop Vogelheim will show students how to paint fresh flowers by breaking them into simple parts. Many different techniques of flower painting will be taught.

Exhibit hours are from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and until 9 p.m. on Wednesdays. For more information or for registration for workshops, call (734) 416-4278.

Local students win scholarships

Bethany Biallas, a graduating senior at Starkweather Education Center in Plymouth, received a \$1,200 Schoolcraft College Trustee Scholarship for 2000-2001.

Also winning scholarships were Plymouth Salem High School seniors Mark Coates, Kristen Kukhahn and Christopher Schriber. These seniors will receive \$1,000 scholarships: Jennifer Berczel, Lori Perry, John Putala and Teresa Strang.

The awards are for full-time attendance for the fall and winter semesters at Schoolcraft College and may be renewed for the following year if the students meet continued eligibility requirements. Trustee scholarships are awarded annually to graduating seniors to recognize academic achievements.

Approximately 80 scholarships are granted each year.

CLARIFICATION

A May 25 Observer story about Euro Stars Gymnastics quoted co-owner Peter Gueorguiev as saying there weren't other gyms in the area. Splitz Gymnastics in Canton offers similar programs.



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McNamara calls airport audit a 'witch hunt'

BY MIKE MALOTT
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If there are inefficiencies at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, it's because 35 million passengers a year are trying to use a facility intended to handle 11 million passengers annually, said Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara.

That's why the county is spending \$1.2 billion to build a Midfield Terminal, which will have 74 gates, a new parking structure, and a fourth parallel runway. As soon as that opens in late 2001, the county will begin renovating its existing terminal, McNamara said.

The state's contribution to expansion has been a "witch

'When he said it would be done by Labor Day, I forget asking which Labor Day he was talking about.'

Ed McNamara
Wayne County Executive

hunt," McNamara said at the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce's Mackinac Island Leadership Conference June 2. An audit called for at last year's conference by a House Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo, has yet to conclude its work, McNamara said.

"When he said it would be done by Labor Day, I forget asking which Labor Day he was talking about," McNamara said.

The chairman of the Select Committee reviewing airport operations, Rep. Koetje, R-Grandville, blames the delay on the reluctance of airport officials to turn over the necessary documents. The committee recently ordered the airport to turn those documents over more quickly. And state officials say they hope to wrap up their work this summer.

McNamara argues that the

airport turned over thousands of documents and state auditors are concentrating on contacts that are 25 years old. The plans to improve the airport, however, date back 13 years and span two previous airport directors.

Current director Les Robinson went over airport plans with the Mackinac Island conferees, displaying plans for the new mile-long terminal, the new parking structure and lots with 1,300 additional spaces, and an access road to the south, allowing drivers to enter the airport from Eureka Road.

The airport concourse will have 25,000 square feet of retail

space. Stores there will generate additional revenue for airport operation, he said.

A \$4.50 airport user fee provided the money for the new construction, he said. That fee will also pay for renovation of the existing terminals. Renovation of the existing terminals will begin in earnest next year, McNamara said. Only sketchy plans have been laid on that project to date.

He said he didn't believe the state audit was contributing anything to the airport's improvement. He dismissed it as "foolishness."



Ed McNamara, Wayne County Executive

Police training center awarded \$2 million grant for sim-city

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It appears certain now that Oakland Community College will receive a \$2 million grant for development of its Combined Regional Emergency Services Training center, as a result of an agreement among the state's legislative leadership.

Last week, leadership agreed on a "targets" to be included in a \$393.26 million supplemental appropriation bill, according to Brian O'Connell, legislative aide to Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak. The agreement transfers the \$2 million dollar grant for the CREST center from the Consumer and Industry Services budget to supplemental appropriations and means both House and Senate will likely vote approval before they head out for summer recess.

The agreement was reached in a meeting involving Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, Senate Appropriations Chair Harry Gast, R-St. Joseph, House Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo, and House Appropriations Committee Chair Terry Geiger, R-Lake Odessa.

Despite the rejection of a planning grant last year by the governor, his office has not said it

will reject the grant this time around. An agreement among the leadership increases its chances, O'Connell said.

The money will go to the \$7 million, 22-acre "simulated city" already under construction at the college, to be used to train police and fire workers. Emergency personnel will be able to use the facility to train and practice their responses to the emergencies, from hostage situations to toxic chemical spills to gas

leaks.

The center is often compared to FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia. Oakland County taxpayers approved money for the center in a millage vote in 1995 but the college has been hoping to get up to \$4 million in assistance from the state before completing construction.

Approval of the grant means OCC officials will likely see the check sometime in October.

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Rouge Rescue

After 15 years, a cleaner river

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

An estimated 2,500 volunteers attended 22 sites along the Rouge watershed Saturday to participate in the 15th-anniversary of the Rouge Rescue.

Maybe the most important outcome of the event, now known as River Day, was there was not as much garbage and debris pulled from the river as in years past.

The reason was not a lack of effort. There just wasn't as much to pick up.

From Canton Township to



Nature's way: Leah Petersen crosses over the Rouge on a natural bridge.

Livonia, and from Novi to Beverly Hills, volunteers helped with a wide variety of activities that went far beyond picking up garbage, and included building pathways, planting vegetation, and constructing observation decks.

The fact the projects at each of the sites were as diverse as the volunteers who came out to lend a hand is an indication the event has become more ambitious over the course of a decade and a half.

"We used to measure our success on the number of trash containers we filled up," said Jim Graham, executive director of Friends of the Rouge, the volunteer organization devoted to cleaning up the long-polluted river.

"Now we base it on the number of volunteers who show up and the diversity of the projects we accomplish. To me this is much more significant."

In Westland, around 200 volunteers battled mosquitoes along Tonquish Creek in Hix Park.

While they picked up their share of trash, Westland volunteers also employed a new technique known as woody debris management along Tonquish Creek. Rather than extract all of the logs from the creek, volunteers used cables to permanently secure many of them to the banks.

"In the past we just ripped out everything that was in the creek, so this is something a little new," volunteer Marty Johnson said of the project, which required a permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

"Not only does it stabilize the banks, but it oxygenates the water as it rolls over the logs, which helps the fish and keeps the creek healthy."

Canton attracted approximately 100 volunteers, the biggest turnout in the township's four

years of sponsoring a site. Volunteers, most of whom remained relatively clean compared to the mud-caked, mosquito-bitten Westland volunteers, broke off into four groups and participated in different activities.

The largest group traveled around the various township neighborhoods and stenciled storm drains to remind residents the drains lead directly to the river.

"The stenciling raises awareness and reminds people not to dump things down the storm drains," said Canton coordinator Kelly Kelly, noting volunteers had made it to every neighborhood in the township.

Another group, comprised mainly of children and their parents, remained at the Township Hall and constructed birdhouses, which they could take home and hang up in their yards.

Canton's other two activities took place at Field and Tonda elementary schools. At Field, workers put in the posts for an observation deck that will overlook Truesdell Creek, as well as planted vegetation along the stream bank.

At Tonda, volunteers built a pathway along Fellows Creek. The site already has an observation deck, and school officials plan to incorporate the natural area into the curriculum as an alternative to classroom instruction.

"The children love getting out of the classroom and getting outside," said Marjane Baker, a 4th grade teacher at Tonda and chairperson of the entire project, which has also included planting over 1,000 shrubs and trees.

"In the process of educating them, we get them tuned-in to the natural world around them. They really do have a good understanding that we have to conserve our natural resources."

All of Canton's volunteers were rewarded for their efforts



Unjammin': Bill Craig (left) and Phil Crookshank clear debris from a logjam in the Rouge.

with a lunch featuring a pig roast at the end of the day's work.

While many of the 2,500 participants at the various sites were event veterans, some came out for the first time. One such person, Westland resident John Borczak, picked up trash and put up a few birdhouses at Hix Park.

"I do a lot of walking and hiking at Hines Park. I figured since I use it a lot, I might as well contribute in some way," he said.

Canton resident Rich Taglione, also a first-timer, brought his 7-year-old son Richard and the two built a birdhouse together.

"I wanted to participate because this is a good cause," Taglione said. "Plus it was something my son and I could do together."

By all accounts, Saturday was a great success.

"We accomplished nearly everything we had envisioned getting done," said Bill Craig, who help lead the efforts in Westland.

Canton organizers were also happy with the efforts of volunteers.

"Each year we seem to get



Log hauling: Ralph Williams of the city of Livonia Forestry Department brings logs out of the Rouge to the banks of the river.

more people showing up," Kelly said. "We got everything done that we wanted to. We even had people sitting around. We should

have had more to do." Kelly should take heart, because there is always next year.

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Old and new: Dr. Steve Leininger, with his 18-year-old cat Jake, has sold his veterinary practice to Dr. Vyvian Gorbea, who will continue to operate the 41-year-old practice on Wing Street. Leininger and his wife, Mary Beth, who have owned the practice for 30 years, are moving to Kansas.

Out with the old

Veterinarians sell 30-year-old practice

By SUE BUCK
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Plymouth Veterinary Hospital isn't closing but has changed ownership.

An open house to welcome new owner Dr. Vyvian Gorbea, of New Hudson, and a farewell party for Drs. Steven and Mary Beth Leininger, Plymouth Township residents, is set for 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at the office located on Wing and Deer streets.

The Leiningers practiced in this Plymouth location for 16 years and were situated on Harvey Street for 13 years prior to that.

"The practice is 41 years old," Steven said. They acquired it from another veterinarian.

Gorbea, who now owns the practice,

grew up in Puerto Rico. She is a graduate of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University and also received additional training in cardiovascular physiology that led to a Ph.D.

Gorbea did emergency work in Milford and Taylor. The Leiningers are both graduates of the Purdue University Veterinary School.

There are only about 28 veterinary schools in the United States and Canada, according to Steven. "They are very expensive schools to operate," he said. Mary Beth's professional activities influenced their move.

"My wife accepted a job with Hill's Pet Nutrition that makes Science Diet in September," Steven said. "It's a 70-year-old company that makes prescrip-

tion dog and cat food for sale to veterinarian offices. She is director of professional affairs for the company. She is the liaison person between the company and the veterinarian profession."

Steven plans to get licensed in Kansas. "I may ease into practice by doing relief work or work part-time to get familiar with the area. I will get acquainted with the veterinarians there and go to local meetings."

The couple will make their new home in Lawrence, Kan.

Mary Beth is a frequent traveler. She attended a World Small Animal Conference in Amsterdam at Easter. "She will be called on to go out of the country about a couple times a year," Steven said.

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Sure-fire get-rich-quick scheme: Construction barrels and cones

A few years ago, in the early part of John Engler's tenure as governor of our great state, the question, "Which state has the worst roads in the country and still tries to sell itself as a tourist attraction?" had one answer:



BRAD KADRICH

Meech-i-gan.

Potholes. Narrow lanes. Rubbish along the side. Michigan's roads had all the ills.

Fast forward to the last couple of years, with Engler in his final term. Suddenly, you can't change a lane without running into one of those stupid orange barrels. At one point, every single mile of my commute from the East Side was covered with them.

Now, we've discovered why that is. Here is a transcript from a secret tape recording we've obtained. It is a conversation between Engler and his Chief of Frustration, Bare E. Cades, taped some time during his tenure:

Engler: "I'm tired of hearing all the whining about the road conditions. I'm giving them non-accountable charter schools. What more do they want?"

Cades: "You're right, Your Honor. Greedy Michiganders. What makes them think they have the right to safe roadways, anyway?"

Engler: "Tell you what we're gonna do. They want good roads, we're gonna give 'em good roads."

Cades: "Yes, sir. I'll map out a reasonable plan to make improvements that won't clog the state's major arteries with construction zones that don't actually appear to be having any construction done."

Engler (slapping Cades in the back of the head): "What are you, nuts?"

This is politics. We don't have to be reasonable. We'll just put up construction zones willy-nilly without worry-

ing about any kind of cohesive plan. Then, when the complaints start rolling in, I can either just ignore them or I can say, "Hey, you wanted road work done, and I'm your humble servant, so I'm having road work done."

Cades: "What if that doesn't appease them, Your Honor?"

Engler: "Then I'll do the politically smart thing to do."

Cades: "What's that, sir?"

Engler: "I'll blame you."

Every day, it seems some new zone has popped up, increasing the traffic volume the way saturated fats clog the human arteries. I-696 is closed nearly every weekend for construction. Telegraph is a perpetually "under construction" route. M-59, I-75, the Lodge, I-275, the Southfield you get the idea.

It has been said the fastest way between Point A and Point B is a straight line. When you're traveling in Michigan, though, you can't draw a straight line. It's more like playing "Connect the Orange Cones."

The construction craziness has even reared its ugly head right here in tiny little Plymouth, where Ann Arbor Road is allegedly due for some cosmetic work. First the state awarded the job to the low bidder, who then proceeds to back out. So the second low bidder gets the project.

But when will the work actually start? It was already supposed to have begun. The latest guess has workers starting some time next week. The state still maintains the project will be done in November.

Maybe they've got an "in" with someone at the John Engler Orange Cone and Barrel Factory Outlet.

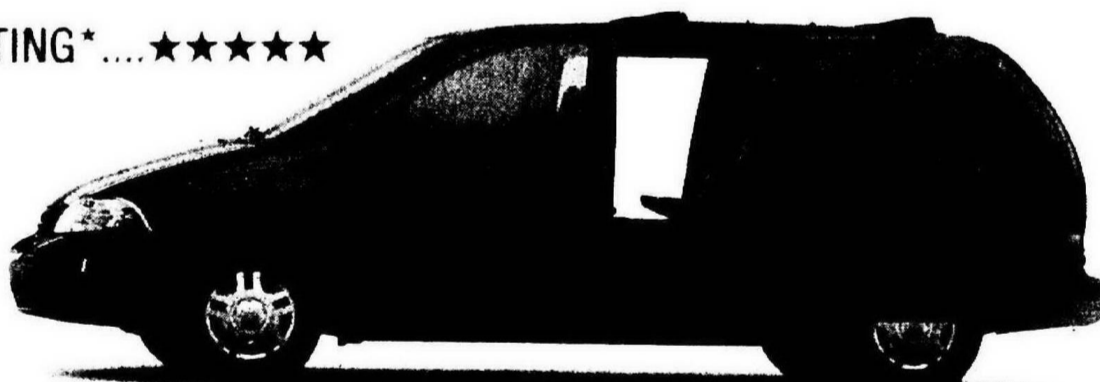
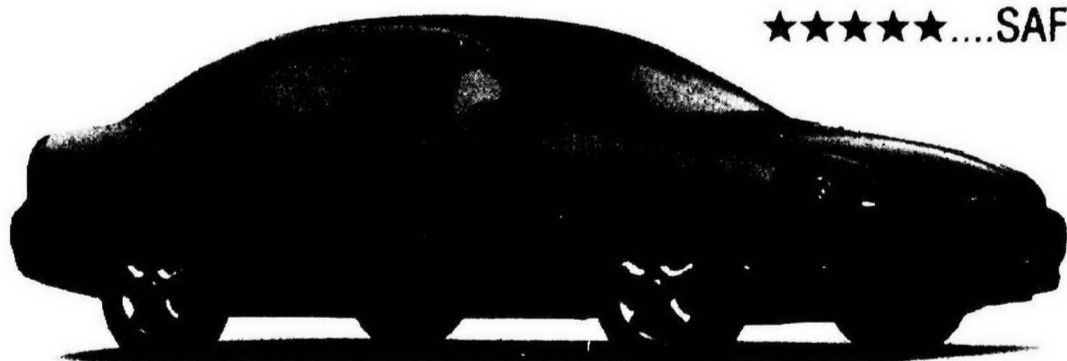
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Buckeye fund-raiser reaches out for Schoolcraft donors

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Schoolcraft has picked a Buckeye nurtured in Michigan soil in the hope he will help the state's ninth-largest community college grow its financial base.

David Barcus, who grew up in Marion, Ohio, near Columbus, but who is a 1967 graduate of the former Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, has become the Livonia-based Schoolcraft's first professional fund-raiser.

With the college's continued growth - among other things, it recently announced a \$20-million state-of-the-art expansion of its Waterman Campus Center - Barcus is expected to move the college from an event-based fund-raising format focusing mainly on scholarships to one with a broader base as the 8,000-student college seeks to meet the needs of its student and business clientele.

"Our aim is to establish a large base of donors, a more diverse base of donors" and to create "a planned-giving approach," said Nevene Thomas, Schoolcraft's director of marketing and development (fund-raising), in discussing the addition of Barcus to his staff.

"That's where he's got the expertise," she said, adding the administration believes "he's the one to take us to the next level of giving."

"We hope (Barcus) will move us to a position where "people think of us in their wills and estates, or think of us for contributions routinely," said Thomas.



Fund-raiser: David Barcus is hoping to broaden Schoolcraft's fund-raising efforts to attract new contributors.

The 50-year-old Barcus, who came to Schoolcraft earlier this year from the St. John Health System Foundation in Macomb County, estimates he has raised about \$40 million for institutions in Indiana, Oregon and Michigan.

A Nebraska native who planned to become a teacher, Barcus majored in English literature and philosophy at Northwestern University and later added a master's in American

studies from Bowling Green University.

But he got into arts administration instead when, after college, he took an 18-month job writing grants to help Fort Wayne, Ind., celebrate the bicentennial.

'The best job'

"It was the best job I ever had," said Barcus. "It gave me a taste of fund-raising" and also a broad introduction to cultural arts.

But "I really got into fund-raising," he said, when he became

assistant director of the Fort Wayne Fine Arts Foundation, helping raise \$4 million between 1978-81 to develop the Fort Wayne Museum.

Until 1985, Barcus worked for the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, returning to his prep alma mater, Cranbrook, to start a \$7-million capital campaign for its Institute of Science.

From there, Barcus became executive director of Bon Secours Hospital Foundation in Grosse Pointe, raising \$18 million before the hospital merged with Cottage Hospital and he joined St. John, creating a major capital campaign for a cancer center there.

Schoolcraft's new executive director of development said he is considering a \$20-million capital campaign.

"Education is more important than ever and community colleges are in a position where they deserve more support," Barcus said.

"They are the key to the work force," he said. "We need more and more leaders and more people to do the skilled jobs."

He said the college is "looking to get out of only raising scholarships. We're looking at what we might do if we had our entire wish-list fulfilled."

More involvement

His aim is to "get people involved more," Barcus said: "We're trying to create givers, to let people know why they should give."

"If we do that well, people will want to give. And if more people understand why that's important, we all benefit," he said.

Volunteers are the key, he said: "The people who best raise money are volunteers."

Schoolcraft is blessed with "a very good foundation board," Barcus said, and also is a place that teachers, administrators and students "have very warm feelings for."

"This is a great place to work," he stated. "It is extremely well managed. (Its) reputation in the community is solid."

"Schoolcraft is a part of the identity of the area. It helps define what this area is and why

it's a great place to live," he said.

Barcus, the father of two teenagers, is an "avid" tennis player who golfs "when I have the time."

"I love to read, love to walk," he added.

But "I have never cooked," he said during a recent interview, acknowledging Schoolcraft's fine culinary arts program.

"Will I ever be a gourmet chef?"

Probably not," he said, but he figures he eventually should be able to put a good meal together.

At the time, he was looking forward to accompanying the school's student chefs to Chicago for a major cooking competition.

But not to try his hand at cooking. There'll be some Schoolcraft alumni there, he said, and "I'll do a little fund-raising."

Schoolcraft adapts to changing needs

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To paraphrase a popular recent slogan: It's not your father's old Schoolcraft anymore.

What began 35 years ago as an intermediate institution of higher learning for high school graduates has blossomed into a many-faceted community college that educates and trains teenagers and also their parents and grandparents and even the owners and managers of the businesses and industries where they work.

"Our mission has expanded," stated Richard McDowell, who's been president of Schoolcraft for more than half its existence.

The school, ninth largest of Michigan's 28 two-year schools, finds itself continually "responding to specific needs" of the public it serves, he said, and "We're excited about what's happening."

Today, he said, the Livonia-based college is:

■ Both a traditional and a non-traditional institution that offers formal, in-the-classroom education and the new "wall-less" computer Internet version wherein students choose when and where they will study.

■ A continuing education center that provides a wide range of classes on everything from hobbies and exercise to child-care and computer training - including the latest software, Microsoft 2000, and

■ A center that helps business and industry by training and cross-training supervisors, teaching quality-control, helping firms determine what their customers want and even how to become automotive and government suppliers and exporters.

McDowell said Schoolcraft's Business Development Center and its director, Bruce Sweet, have helped local companies do over \$960 million in business with the federal government alone by teaching them how to access that market.

It also helped a Farmington Hills business win a \$32-million contract to supply computers to the U.S. House of Representatives, McDowell said.

The pervasiveness of television, VCRs, radio and computers as transmitters of information means that "We're past the place where the teacher can be the primary source" of that information, McDowell noted.

Today, the Schoolcraft faculty's role is to help students relate to what they learn about things like Bosnia or the Federal Reserve raising interest rates.

"We are helping students learn how to learn, to be informed and to form opinions and, hopefully, make their own decisions" about things, McDowell said.

"The role of Schoolcraft is to deal with the situations and help people learn throughout life, because the need is there," he said.

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Program aimed at helping kids get 'ready to succeed'

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Couples who bring home a new baby are likely to hear a knock at the door shortly afterward from a new school district official known as a "home visitor."

The visitor's job will be to inform parents about the latest research that shows early experiences affect how the brain "wires" itself in the first few years of development and to make sure they know about all the resources that are available to them to help them be good parents.

Strictly voluntary, the Ready to Succeed program will encourage new parents to talk to their babies, interact, read and play simple games with them.

According to state Rep. Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham, it doesn't involve anything good parents don't already do. Unfortunately, some parents apparently believe it is unnecessary to talk to their youngsters out of the mistaken impression that it has no effect because the children can't understand the words.

That's not so, according to Joan Lessen-Firestone, an early childhood education consultant for the Oakland Intermediate School District.

Recent research has shown a lack of stimulation in the first years of life can lead to a measurable difference in the structure of a child's brain, a thinner cortex. Negative stimulation, the kind that comes with abuse, can also produce enough stress to change the structure of the brain, she said, leading to increased aggressiveness or quicker use of the "fight or flight" response.

The home visitation program will be run by local school districts, according to Godchaux. The state has already put \$45 million in its K-12 school aid budget to pay for grants to local districts to run the program. Matching funds will be necessary from the community, which may come from the school district, community organizations or local businesses. How much must be contributed by the community is not specified and may vary.

The grant program was fea-

tured in a session at the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Conference on Mackinac Island.

School districts locally already have such programs in place, according to Lessen-Firestone. The Waterford and Birmingham school districts are among them. Similar programs, known as a "Success by Six," are also in operation in other states, including Vermont and Kansas.

Godchaux said she hopes every

parent in the state will receive a visitation within the first couple weeks after bringing a new baby home. "At risk" parents will be specifically targeted to encourage participation.

"If we say it's only for at risk families, those who need it most won't do it. No one likes to be called at-risk," she said. "It's not a matter of people being bad parents, they're just torn by the demands of daily life."

If parents are unwilling to par-

ticipate, home visitors will not return because it is not mandatory, Godchaux said. Still, she hopes everyone will take part in the program.

The seed money was put in the budget as a follow up to a Ready-to-Learn Children's Summit held in the state several years ago, she said, and 19 local forums held around the state by a "Children's Caucus" of state legislators, including Godchaux, Hubert Price, D-Pontiac, Lynne

Martinez, D-Lansing, and Edward LaForge, D-Kalamazoo.

Lessen-Firestone predicted that school districts will soon be operating beyond their traditional K-12 programs, and begin concentrating as well on early childhood development, even prenatal care.

Research has shown that a child's brain matures significantly within the first year of life. Born with some 50 billion synapses in the brain, a baby's

brain increases the number to 1,000 trillion synapses by the end of the first year. A 20-year-old by comparison has only 500 trillion synapses in the brain, showing the number is later pared down.

Because the brain is actually wiring itself in that time, the stimulation given a child has a direct effect on the brain's structure for life, Lessen-Firestone explained.

Madonna cites good writing

Twenty Madonna University students from various academic programs were nominated by faculty to receive Student Awards for Excellence in Writing. The Awards are sponsored by the Madonna University Writing Across the Curriculum program.

The writing award recipients are:

Bloomfield Hills resident Susan Peisner, a post degree student in gerontology; Commerce Township resident Kathleen Quenneville, a May 2000 graduate in allied health administration; Farmington Hills resident Anna Casadei, a junior in Spanish; Grosse Pointe Woods resident Sandra Lynn Millies, a December 1999 graduate in sign language studies; Howell resident Diana Rodolfo, a senior in English.


Livonia residents Stephanie Banaszak, a senior in psychology; Sharon Hover, a May 2000 graduate in English/music with minors in humanities and speech/drama; Nora Kohruss, a senior of biochemistry and biology; Maria Mitter, a junior in psychology; and Lorraine Zytkowski, a May 2000 graduate in mathematics; Milford resident Sharon Whalen, a December 1999 graduate in gerontology; Novi resident Joe Dean, senior general studies; Pinkney resident Karen L. Carter, a May 2000 graduate in allied health administration.

Plymouth resident Yoko Marie, a post degree student in psychology; Redford resident Jennifer Comben, a senior in dietetics; Romeo resident William Braun, a May 2000 graduate in criminal justice; Southfield resident Ann Crumley, a senior in social work; Southgate resident Richard Sands, a junior in the legal assistant program with a minor in criminal justice; and West Bloomfield residents Linda Eowther, senior, sociology and Kathleen Quinn Balch, a post degree student in English and elementary education.

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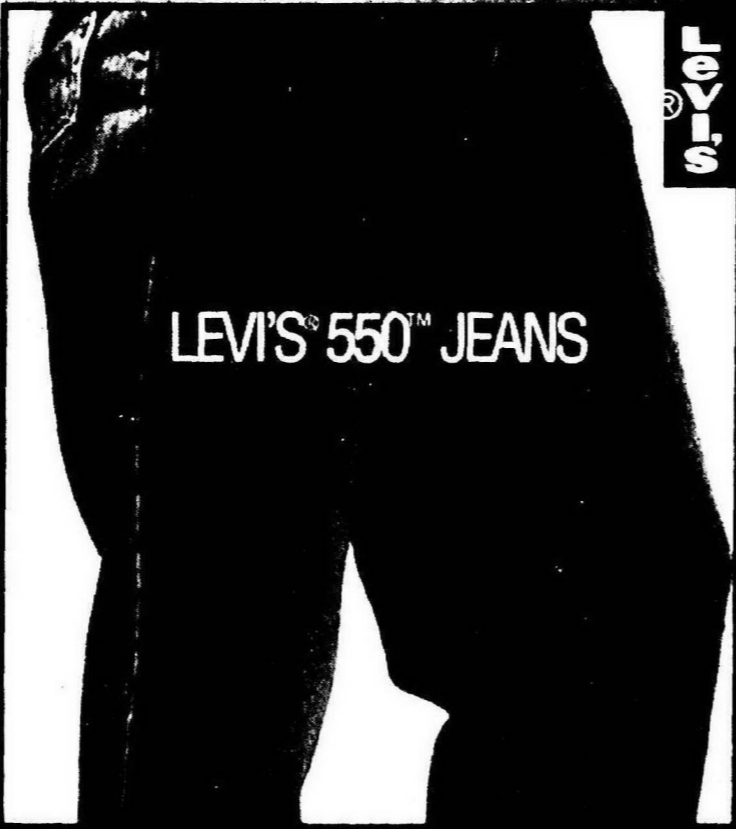
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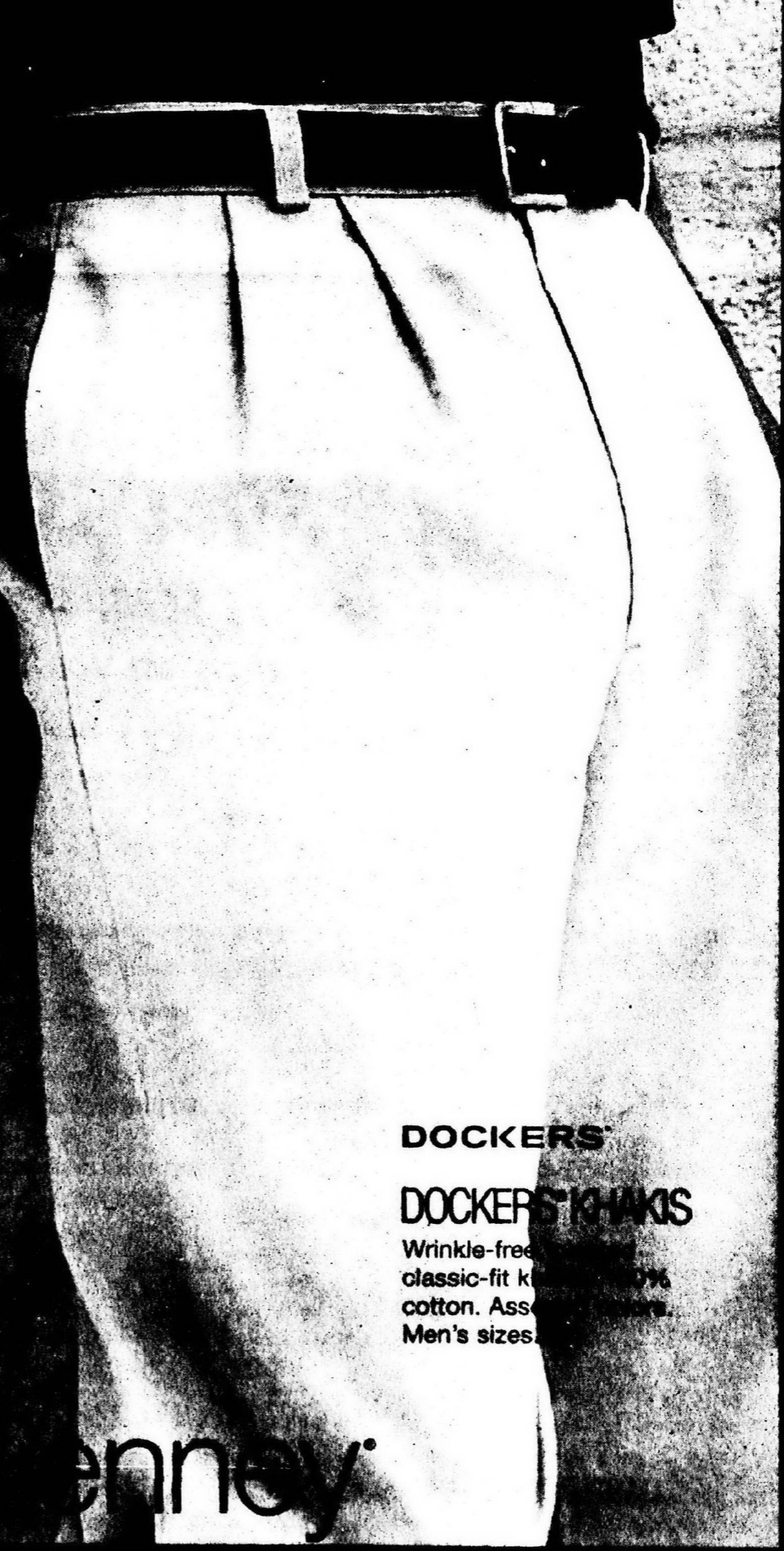
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Critics call deregulation bill a windfall for utilities

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Gov. John Engler signed into law a bill deregulating electric utilities and giving consumers a 5 percent rate cut on Mackinac Island June 5 during the Detroit Regional Chamber's Leadership Policy Conference. It was the end result of a goal he set for the Legislature just weeks earlier.

But the issue is far from settled. Critics say the bill could produce a windfall for utilities. Environmentalists have raised concerns.

And local governments are expected to sue over the bill.

"Michigan will go from being a laggard in electric deregulation to being a leader," Engler said in the ceremonial signing of Senate Bill 937 before the Mackinac conferees. Sponsored by Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R Lake Orion, the bill is intended to open elec-

Included in the legislation is a 5 percent rate cut, a three-year freeze and a two-year cap on electric utility rates. Also included are provisions allowing competing companies to sell electricity over the lines of current service providers

tricity to competition. Included in the legislation is a 5 percent rate cut, a three-year freeze and a two-year cap on electric utility rates. Also included are provisions allowing competing companies to sell electricity over the lines of current service providers. New power gener-

ation companies will be able to begin building plants and marketing electricity over current Detroit Edison and Consumers Energy lines.

The restructuring is intended to bring down costs for consumers.

Choice emphasized

According to Dunaskiss, the bill includes two key elements, protecting customers and providing them with an element of choice. It will also encourage development in new power plants. If customers do not want to shop for a new power supply company, according to Dunaskiss aide Joelle Demand, their service and billing will continue as it presently is.

"We're giving consumers the power to choose the electric company they feel will best serve their needs. This legislation will fuel competition between suppliers in this state, lowering the

cost of electricity. This bill is also needed if our electric companies are to move forward with investing in new electric generating facilities which are essential to meet the growing demand for electricity in this state," Dunaskiss said. Without the construction of new generating facilities brownouts may occur in the near future, he said.

But critics including ABATE and the Small Business Association of Michigan feel the plan could hold an increase in costs for consumers. Of concern is the Legislature's agreement to let utilities collect for "stranded costs." Under the plan, utilities could refinance debt already incurred for the construction of new power plants and apply the repayment costs to consumers' bills whether they switch to a new supplier and not.

Not competitive

The "bill is a windfall for the monopoly utilities," said Barry Cargill, vice president of government relations for SBAM. "This is not deregulation, it's re-regulation. It won't establish a competitive market for electricity for many years."

"Securitization (of stranded costs) hurts competition in two ways. First, all customers have to pay this fee, while Detroit Edison and Consumers Energy get out from under a major obligation they currently have. That means they no longer have any debt for their expensive plants, and would have to charge only property costs while the new company seeking to build a plant and compete would have to pay construction debt and operating fees. That's unfair," according to David Waymire of ABATE.

Waymire said the bill is a "massive bailout of the utilities that would absolve them completely and forever of any risk



Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion



Lana Pollack

involved in paying off the Fermi 2 nuclear plant (Detroit Edison) and the Midland Cogeneration Venture contract, an expensive remnant of Consumer Energy's failed Midland nuclear plant. The securitization legislation would force the (Public Service) Commission to allow utilities to issue an expected \$8 billion in bonds backed by a new fee - a secure a tax - on Michigan utility bills for next 15 years."

Amendments suggested

Lana Pollack, of the Michigan Environmental Council, said lawmakers should have adopted at least three amendments to the bill. She advocated new controls on mercury emissions from the oldest coal burning plants. She also urged installation of modern technology to reduce air pollution, and she asked for requirements for increased energy efficiency cut pollution.

"Consumers Energy and Detroit Edison pump our air and water full of mercury and other toxins, and we should hold them accountable," Pollack said.

Still, the biggest challenge is likely to come from the Michigan Municipal League.

"Our one continuing concern with the electric industry restructuring legislative package is that the language must not include any provisions that circumvent or place limitations upon current local authority over public right-of-way issues - including franchise negotiations options with any public utility," said Dan Gilmartin, director of state and federal affairs for the

MML. At issue are the fees paid by utilities to local township and city governments to string lines across their rights-of-way. Municipalities believe they should be able to collect franchise fees from any new competing electrical generation firms. But Dunaskiss disagrees. Demand said, because no new wires would have to be strung on those right of ways.

"This is just new electrons running down on the same wires," Demand said.

Under the legislation, as approved, such new franchise fees won't have to be paid by school districts if districts "aggregate" or join together to buy electricity from an alternative supplier. One group, the East Lansing-based Middle Cities Education Association, is ready to negotiate on the behalf of 400 schools across the state to buy cheaper electricity from a competitive supplier, Demand said.

But only school districts would get that benefit currently. Businesses and residential customers won't be able to avoid those local franchise fees when they band together for electric services.

She expects the Michigan Municipal League will sue over the provision to block municipalities from collecting franchise fees for school groups that buy electricity from alternative suppliers. But lawmakers are hoping to amend the act later to also allow residents and businesses to "aggregate" to shop for cheaper electric services, she said.

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Matching moneys:
Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell accepts a check for \$11,800 in matching funds from Ameritech representative Diane Webb as state Rep. Laura Toy looks on.



Ameritech matches employee contributions to Schoolcraft

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Schoolcraft College's student scholarship fund recently got an \$11,800 boost from the Ameritech Corp.

The telecommunications firm matched contributions by its employees and retirees to five existing Ameritech endowments which are under the auspices of the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

The corporation's gift match came during the Schoolcraft Foundation's 1999 year-end annual giving campaign. Scholarships are granted through the foundation.

A check was presented to Schoolcraft President Richard W. McDowell on May 22 in a ceremony attended by both college and Ameritech officials and state Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

Toy said the gift "shows what retirees and staff can do working together for the benefit of a great community college."

Diane Webb, Ameritech director of external affairs for north-

west Wayne County, praised the Livonia-based college's efforts, particularly those in technical education.

While Ameritech "is proud to support education in local communities," Webb said, "We really have an interest in a college that, through its own efforts, is advancing education in the technical area. Schoolcraft is making great strides in technology."

"We also want to reward and encourage our employee donations," she added.

Earlier this year, Schoolcraft announced a \$320-million Business and Industry Training Center, including new facilities for its nationally known culinary arts department.

The expanded Waterman Center facility will feature classrooms for state-of-the-art computer technology training and large meeting rooms. The expansion is to be completed by 2003.

McDowell pointed out Schoolcraft already has more on-campus computers than any other community college in Michigan, and that all the units are

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Museum sponsors writing contest

As part of the educational component of the 18th Annual African World Festival, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and The Blue Nile restaurant are inviting high school students to enter a writing contest. Both organizations want to encourage interest in African-based culture, scholarship and writing.

The theme for the contest is the same as that of the festival: "The Soul That Binds Us: A Celebration of Our Similarities." Entries can be essays, poems/lyrics or short stories and should examine the cultural connections, comparisons and/or similarities between African

Americans and at least one other society in Africa of the African Diaspora. Participants are challenged to think creatively. The contest is open to all students in grades 9-12 who attend school in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb counties.

All entries will be judged for content, originality and style and should be at least 100 to 500 words in length. The deadline for postmarked entries is June 25, 2000. A panel of judges will be selected by the staff of the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. The top five entries will each be awarded a \$1000 cash prize, courtesy of The Blue Nile restaurant.

Any students interested in participating in the contest can obtain an official entry form from the principal's office at his/her high school. Students can also pick up an entry form at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit, or The Blue Nile restaurant, 508 Monroe, Detroit.

For additional information about the contest, contact Matt Lee at Drumbeaters, (248) 584-3715, or Patricia Carrolle Jaynes for the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, (313) 494-5853.

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JOSEPH F. WEGRZYN

Services for Joseph F. Wegrzyn, 73, of Canton were June 6 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton with the Rev. George Charnley officiating.

Mr. Wegrzyn was born Dec. 7, 1926, in Detroit. He died June 3. He worked in roofing as a contractor.

He was preceded in death by one son, Joey. Survivors include his wife, Carol May; three daughters, Sandra M. (Perry) Campbell, Denise M. (Perry) Nicholas and Jonna M. (Kenneth) Jones; one son, Dale J. (Terri) Wegrzyn; one brother, Eugene; one sister, Annette Kowalezy; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

MARY CATHERINE DRUMMOND

Services for Mary Catherine Drummond, 75, of Dearborn Heights were June 5 at Saint Dunstan Catholic Church, Gar-

den City, with the Rev. Donald Demmer officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

She was born Aug. 15, 1924, in Detroit. She died June 2 in Dearborn. She was a teacher.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles R. Drummond, Jr. Survivors include her three daughters, Denise (Mark) Santeiu of Livonia, Nancy (Gilbert) Brooks of Canton, Diana (James) Nelson, two sons, Charles III (Lisa) Drummond, Brian (Martha) Drummond, one brother, Michael Gresock; 16 grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Christian Appalachian Community Center.

Local arrangements were made by John N. Santeiu & Son, Inc., Garden City.

HELEN L. REED

Services for Helen L. Reed, 80, of Canton were June 5 at Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church with Dr. William C.

Moore officiating. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley.

She was born Oct. 13, 1919, in Michigan. She died June 2 in Wayne. She was a licensed cosmetologist. She attended Trinity Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Elizabeth Graves. Survivors include her husband, Clyde A. Reed of Canton; two daughters, Sandra (Neil) J. Minelli of Sterling Heights and Jacqueline (William) K. Osborn of Gaylord; one son, Gregory (Kathryn) C. Reed of Plymouth; one brother, Max Graves of Yale; and one sister, Christine McMertrie of Yale.

Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

GEORGE J. DALPE

Services for George J. Dalpe, 59, of Canton were May 3 at the Liturgy of the Resurrection, St. John Neumann Catholic Church, with the Rev. George Charnley officiating.

Mr. Dalpe was born July 29, 1940, in Cohoes, N.Y., and died May 28 in Superior Township. He was a machine operator for Ford Motor Co., retiring in August 1997 after 30 years of service. He graduated from Cohoes High School of Cohoes, N.Y., and then served in the National Guard.

Mr. Dalpe lived in Latham, N.Y., for 18 years and in Canton for 16 years. He was a member of the UAW Local 845 Retirees, Colonia Elks Lodge No. 2192, Englewood Fla., and American Legion Post No. 113. He enjoyed baseball, hockey, fishing, bowling and auto racing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George A. and Leona M. Dalpe. Survivors include his wife, Janet L. Dalpe of Canton; one daughter, Karen (Edgar) Robert of Boyne City; one son, Brian (Melissa) Dalpe of Plymouth; two grandsons, Joseph Robert and Stephen Robert; and four granddaughters, Liana Robert, Lauren Robert, Shannon Robert and Gillian Dalpe.

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Southfield Road, Suite 110, Southfield, MI 49076 or to the American Diabetes Association Michigan Affiliate Inc., 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 400, Southfield, MI 48075-3680.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

LEMAY SMITH

Services for LeMay Smith, 83, of Ann Arbor (formerly of Plymouth) were June 8 at Bethlehem United Church of Christ with the Rev. Gregory Smith officiating. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

She was born Oct. 26, 1916, in Detroit. She died June 4 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was born and raised in Detroit where she was an active member of Emmanuel Evangelical Church.

After she was married she moved to Plymouth and four years ago she moved to Ann Arbor. She did office work for General Motors-Fisher Body Division, she worked with her husband at Smith Motor Sales in Plymouth, she also worked at A&L Parts Inc.-Allied Inc., and was a cashier at Northville Public Schools. She was a member

of the VFW Women's Auxiliary and Bethlehem United Church of Christ, where she was active in volunteer work.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Beryl Smith. Survivors include her daughter, Donita (James) Ehnis of Ann Arbor; one sister, Fern (Jack) Patrick of Calif.; three grandchildren, Kyle, Scott and Laura Ehnis; two nephews, Wayne (Cyndie) Patrick and Doug Patrick, both of California; one great-niece, Allana Patrick; and one great-nephew, Allan Patrick.

Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Local arrangements were made by Muehlig Funeral Chapel, Ann Arbor.

RAY C. STEWART

Services for Ray C. Stewart, 45, of Plymouth were June 6 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating. Burial was in Knollwood Cemetery, Canton Township.

He was born April 21, 1955 in Detroit. He died June 3 in Livonia.

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The prominence she attained as the first female president of the 110-year-old American Veterinary Medical Association, a national organization, helped her get her new job, Steven said.

"Because of her notoriety, it opened her up to many job offers," Steven said. "She likes to travel, go to meetings, and meet people. She has a knack for making meetings work. It's not long before she knows people, knows when their kids were born... She adapts quickly to situations."

The love the veterinarians have for their own pets is evident in the way they talk about them.

The Leiningers have Teddy, a miniature poodle, and Jake, an 18-year-old cat. Steven refers to Jake as "an aged patient."

Gorbea has Pucho, meaning dear in Spanish, an Italian grey-

hound, and Paco, rescued terrier mix.

She plans to further diversify her practice.

"I'm going to start seeing pocket pets," Gorbea said. "Those are gerbils, hamsters, ferrets, rabbits, mice and rats. No exotics at this point."

In a telephone call from Kansas, Mary Beth Leiningner summed up the couple's feelings as they leave their long-standing practice. "There have been many rewards," she said. "The people there are lovingly connected to their pets. It has made my profession so enjoyable."

Dreams of becoming a veterinarian began early for both Gorbea and Steven Leiningner.

Gorbea remembers always wanting to be a veterinarian.

"We always had a lot of pets when I was growing up," she said. "My mom used to give me

these fake, plastic iguanas. I always remember that I was cutting them. I was always doing something with them, acting like I was a vet. I always played with toy pets."

Steven's parents encouraged him to become a veterinarian. Steven remembers his dog who broke her femur, or thigh bone, when he was about 14 years old.

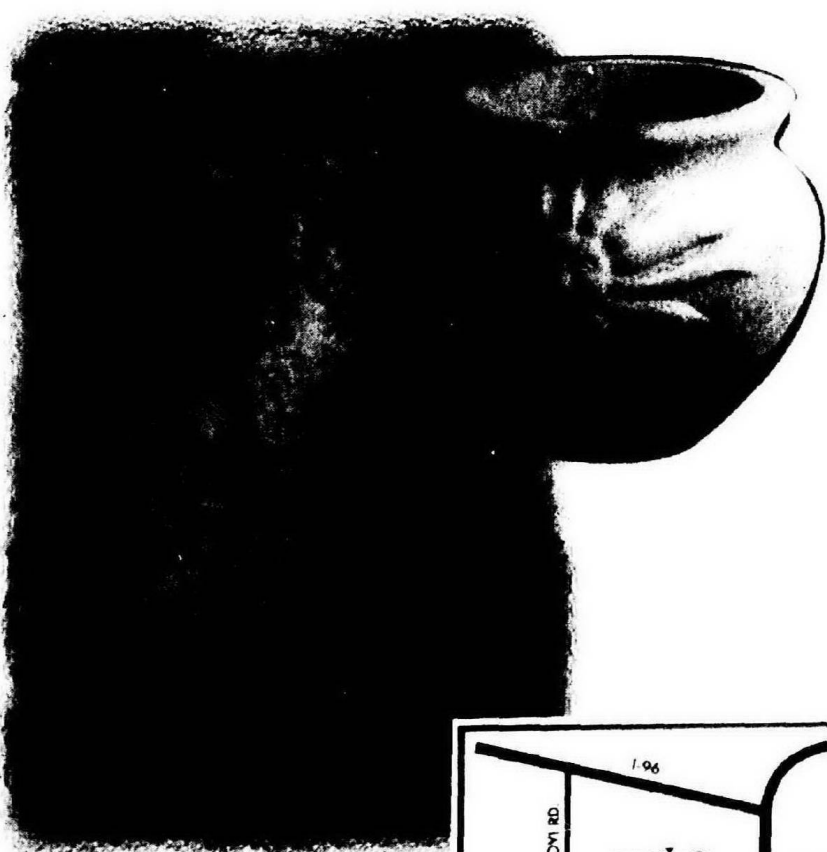
"I had two brothers, but I was the one who took care of her," he said. "She had a pin in her femur that stuck out about an inch at the hip. We don't fix them like that anymore. It had to stay in for about six weeks. She weighed about 20 pounds. I would pick her up carefully and put calcium powder in her food to help her bone heal. I think that's when mother and dad saw that it was in me to take care of Spot."

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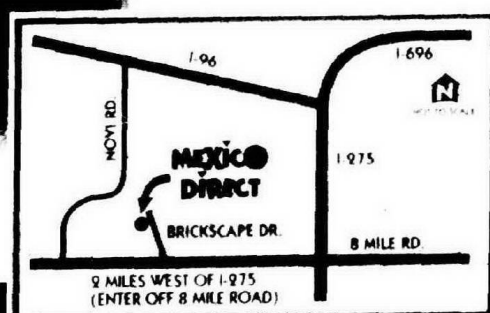
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SCHOLARSHIPS

Matthew Gross, a senior at Plymouth Canton High School, has received a Dean's Award scholarship to attend the Columbus College of Art & Design (CCAD). The merit scholarship was awarded as a result of an art portfolio competition held at the college. The competition was judged by a team of CCAD faculty members. Gross will begin his studies this autumn and plans to major in illustration. He is the son of Steve and Sue Gross of Canton.

Sara Schoeneman of Canton, a 1997 Plymouth Salem graduate, was awarded the Old Kent Southwest Scholarship Award, the Arthur Andersen Scholarship of 2000-2001, and the WMU Honors College Grand Tour of Europe Scholarship. She is a senior at Western Michigan University majoring in accounting and is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, the Golden Key National Honor Society, and Beta Gamma Sigma (business honor society).

Melissa Carabott of Canton was awarded a Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) college scholarship for \$750 for the 2000-2001 academic year. Carabott, who is studying marketing, will be a junior at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She received MRA's D. Larry Sherman Scholarship, named for current MRA Board of Directors

members and former board chairman D. Larry Sherman. Carabott is employed at Sideways, an MRA member business in Plymouth, and has worked there for more than four years.

AWARDS

Sarah Kindred of Plymouth received the Asea Brown Boveri Award from Miami University's Pulp and Paper Foundation. Kindred, a freshman, is the daughter of Chris and Patti Kindred.

Senior Nicole Hryeyk of Canton received the Outstanding Psychology Major Award, the Servant Leader Award and a Student Life Outstanding Service Award and was recognized for completing an honors thesis at North Central College. A graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, she is the daughter of Nicholas and Andrea Hryeyk of Canton.

GRADUATION

Xinning Li of Canton was among the 1,333 graduates at Campbell University. She received her bachelor of science degree.

Kaura Kamm of Canton received the doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. She received the degree during commencement and hooding ceremonies. Kamm is the daughter of Judy and Chris Kamm of Canton and a 1993 graduate of Ladywood High School. She will practice veterinary medicine in Hastings, Mich.

Amber Corey Kilgore of Canton graduated from Michigan State University School of Arts and Letters with a bache-

lor's degree in music performance. While at MSU she was a member of the Michigan State University marching band and also a member of the MSU symphony orchestra. She will continue her education at Indiana University, where she received a full scholarship in music performance. She is a percussionist. She graduated from Plymouth Canton High School in 1995. She is a daughter of Larry and Jerry Kilgore of Canton.

Katherine Zopf of Plymouth, a graduate of Mercy High School, received her bachelor of

arts degree in political science and biology from Alma College.

WHO'S WHO

Elizabeth Mae Carr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Carr of Canton, was selected to appear in the 2000 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

A 2000 graduate of Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C., Carr was one of the 63 students chosen from the university student body this year on the basis of academic standing, campus

leadership, service to the community, and potential for continued success. Carr graduated with a bachelor of science degree in composite social studies education.

She was a member of the Association of Christian Teachers, the Inter Society Council, the National Council for the Social Studies, and has served as president and secretary of Tri Epsilon society. Carr won the 1999 speech commencement contest in original oratory and was on the honor roll every semester.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARD

Canton resident **Julie Twietmeyer** was honored as the Outstanding Physical Education major of the Year from Hope College by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education. The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding students majoring in physical education or sport from colleges and/or universities throughout the country that have professional preparation programs. Only one student from each institution is recognized each year.

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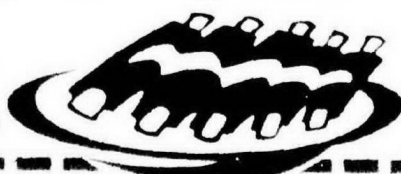
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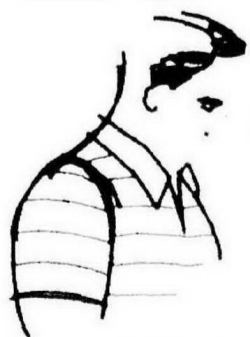
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Charter school

Deal a good one, with some caveats

It has more angles than a three-team baseball trade. But on the face of it, the deal worked out between Canton Township, National Heritage Academies and Singh Development that will lead to construction of a charter school within the township seems to fit the "win-win" cliché politicians toss around.

In addition to the school, the township will put together property for a community park and the developer will get the right to build a senior living facility.

While we still have some concerns about the charter school and a few questions about the proposed senior center, the Observer believes all elements in the agreement are positives for Canton and its residents.

The details still need to be finalized, and approvals from the planning commission and township board are weeks - if not months - away. The courts will be the next stop for any resolution since the proposed charter school is the subject of a pending lawsuit.

As for the charter school, the Observer shares a belief with National Heritage Academies that there is a demand for education alternatives in this region.

Charter schools are an option for parents seeking options to public education or local private schools. They offer families a choice of smaller schools or a tailored curriculum. Paid for by the same state foundation grant as public schools, anyone can afford to enroll. Because parents must provide transportation, creating charters where there is a local demand is important.

We agree with several Plymouth-Canton school officials, including Superintendent

Kathleen Booher, who have gone on record saying the district will have to meet the challenge presented by having a charter school in its backyard and may benefit in the long-run.

However, we also believe charter schools need to operate under the same principles of accountability as public schools.

National Heritage Academies' intention to have a building up and running by fall leaves us wondering about building quality and whether the school will fit in with the surrounding area.

The Observer would like to see those questions answered before we roll out the welcome mat for the area's first charter school.

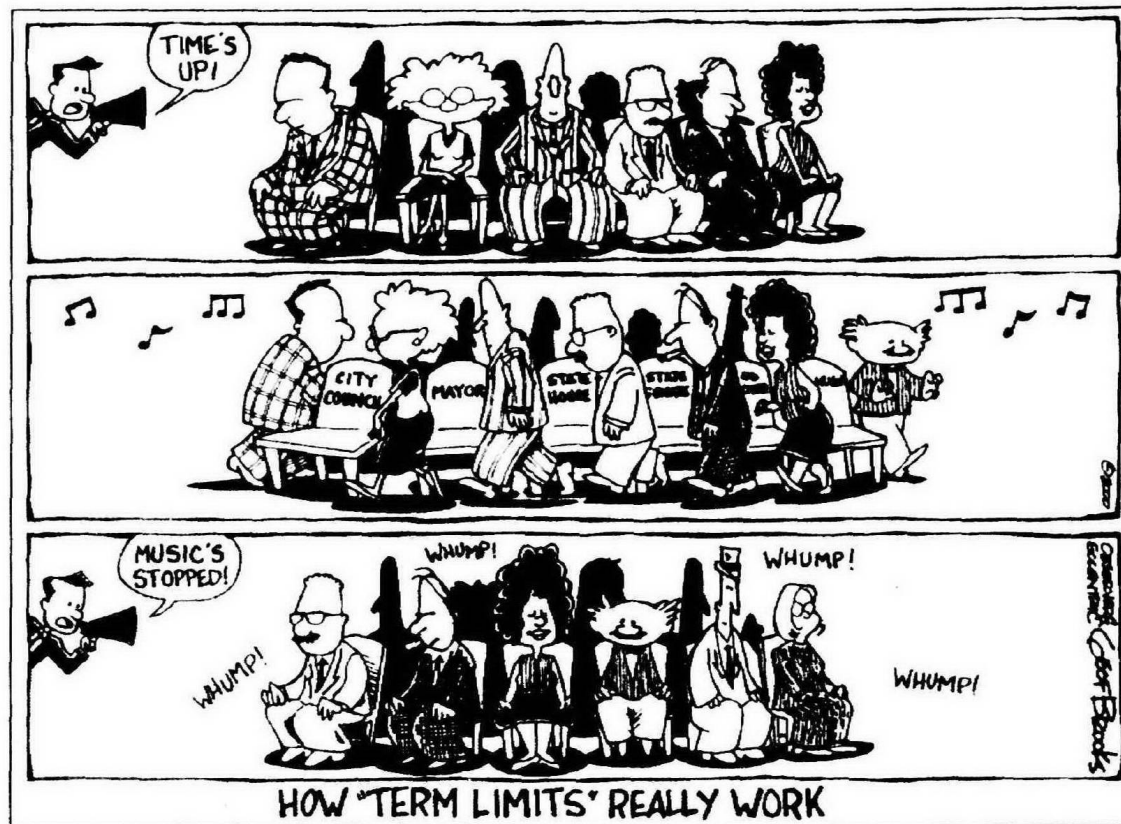
Department of Longevity

Here's an idea we'd like to propose to the Plymouth City Commission: When seeking replacements for City Manager Dave Rich and Police Chief Dick Miller, let's ask potential candidates if they plan on staying longer than 18 months.

That's not meant as a slap at either Rich or Miller. Miller's wife obviously had a golden opportunity, and the move makes sense for the family. Rich likewise got an opportunity he might not have been able to pass up. Of course, in his case, there are times if we had to deal with the contentious city commission, we'd hop on a train out of town, too.

Now it's up to the commission to once again look to the future and find candidates who will provide the stability the city needs from these extremely vital positions, perhaps promoting from within or finding some hungry candidate willing to give the jobs the fire they deserve.

Geof Brooks



LETTERS

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas, that's why we offer this space for your opinions. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity we ask that you provide a contact telephone number and if mailing or faxing a letter, please sign it. Letters can be mailed to: Brad Kadrich, Plymouth Editor, 794 South Main, Plymouth, MI 48170, faxed to Brad at (734) 459-4224 or emailed to bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net

Vote for Mardigian

We wish to encourage your readers to vote on Monday, June 12, in the Plymouth-Canton School Board Election.

We are endorsing current school board member Judy Mardigian. Ms. Mardigian has been active since 1994 in numerous district-wide committees and has served on the board since 1998.

Ms. Mardigian has been one of the leaders in class-size reduction. Since 1994, average elementary class size has dropped from more than 30 students to less than 25 students. She played an instrumental role in passing recent bonds for the three new school buildings being built in the district.

Ms. Mardigian has worked hard to bring attention to and correct the inequitable per pupil funding from the state that hinders our district.

Please remember to vote June 12 for Judy Mardigian.

Richard J. and Darice M. Schubatis
Plymouth

of free speech should be accurate and truthful. They should not be made to mislead and panic the public. As a dispatcher the employee knew that the Plymouth Community Communication Center policy under Section 5.1E3 requires 24 hour, seven days a week staffing.

The Department Rule violations associated with the employee conducting an on-camera interview resulted in one of the lowest forms of departmental discipline. The employee was not assigned from the afternoon shift to the midnight shift or her probationary period extended based on this incident.

To correct the record, I never stated that these actions were in retribution for speaking out to the press. What I said was that the shift assignment was done for the good of the department by allowing another probationary officer to remain in the work force, which is extremely important at this time.

Lawrence R. Carey
Chief of Police
Plymouth Township

Editorial off mark

I would like to correct a few statements made in your editorial of May 25 on "Free Speech" that concerned the actions of a Plymouth Community Communication Center Dispatcher and internal disciplinary matters of the Township Police Department.

I will try to correct the record without violating the employee's right to privacy by disclosing the contents of her internal Department Personnel File. I would not violate this right any more than I would violate the employee's right to free speech.

The employee was not disciplined for using the right of free speech. Since it is public knowledge that the employee appeared on the local news in uniform, I feel free to state that the employee was disciplined for leaving the employee duty post without permission to do an on-camera interview while on duty, in uniform. The employee had every right to air dispatch concerns and personal views off duty, but not while being paid to perform job expectations as a dispatcher.

In addition the facts presented in one's use

Well done

It was with great interest that I read in the Plymouth Observer on June 4 an article by Sue Buck entitled: "Township Interest Income On the Rise."

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Plymouth Township treasurer, Ron Edwards, for a job exceedingly well done.

This article presented a graph that showed Plymouth Township's annual interest income returns since 1995. This graph tells how our present treasurer, Ron Edwards, has been taking care of our township's money since 1997, in a truly outstanding professional manner.

Ron Edwards, because of his dedication, professional ability and financial integrity, deserves our vote in the next election. As for me and my family, we will gladly, and respectfully, vote for Ron Edwards to retain his job as treasurer of Plymouth Township. We need his ability in this extremely delicate position.

Ralph N. Chapman
Plymouth

Elections deserve low sleaze factor

Ah, yes, some should write a song. It'd go something like this: "... election time and the rhetoric is sleazy ..." or something like that, with sincere apologies to Mr. Gershwin.

Summer is upon us and so is the political season. Sometimes that season gets silly.

Filing deadline has come and gone. Soon the signs will be all around, spouting from manicured front lawns and weed-choked vacant lots and overflowing residents' mailboxes.

Voters will have some tough choices to make when they go to the polls in the Aug. 8 primary and the Nov. 7 general election. And make no mistake, these are important elections. Decisions made in August and November will go a long way toward determining what the future will be like.

Unfortunately, it's more than just lawn signs and political mailings and announcements of meet-the-candidate nights in school cafeterias that tell us an election is in the offing. The bad attitudes of some of the candidates are (or soon will be) a dead giveaway.

We'd like to believe that this will be the election where all the hopefuls and their sidekicks behave like ladies and gentlemen and stop picking on each other and actually discuss some of the important issues with alacrity so that the voters may make intelligent choices.

Do we hear some, possibly a candidate snickering in the background? Well, we can dream, can't we?

Now, we think we know many of the people running for the local, county state offices - and we're sure going to get to know them a whole lot better as campaigns progress. The ballots will be stocked with a lot of decent people, we think, and the communities will be

well-served should any of them be elected.

But, hey, let's be honest about it: A lot of adults become children during election campaigns. We've seen it in past elections. Will we see it in this one? Well, what is your guess?

For one thing, certain candidates (you know who you are) are too sensitive about what is (or isn't) included about them in the local newspaper. These types don't seem to realize that it's the voters they have to win over, not the reporters and editors of a newspaper.

Candidates who complain about newspaper content and coverage, while forgetting the voters, are usually the ones who get the "unsuccessful candidate" designation in subsequent stories.

Candidates should remember that newspapers cover political campaigns. The papers don't run them. You'd think people would understand something so basic to the science of politics. Yes, you'd think.

This newspaper will not accept letters that introduce new attacks on a candidate a week before an election. This newspaper will not publish libelous letters. Nor will it run every form letter sent out by a special interest group.

To sum up, candidates who expect to be taken seriously by the voters and the press should show a commitment to the voters and the community, not to their egos.

So, candidates, please grow up and stay grown during the campaigns. Stick to the issues and forget about:

- Starting whispering campaigns about each other.
- Yanking each others' signs out of lawns
- Pitting one supporter against another in divide-and-conquer schemes.
- All the other childish things we've seen local pols do over the years.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:
Do you plan on voting in Monday's Plymouth-Canton school board election?

 Carole Miner Salem Township	 Kathy Powers Plymouth Township	 Joseph Wira Plymouth Township	 Tanya Hyde Salem Township
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This question was asked in front of the Plymouth post office on Penniman Avenue.

"Yes, I vote in every election. It's important."

"Yes, it's important in being part of the community."

"Yes, because it will determine how the schools will be run."

"No, I haven't thought about it."

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 - Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Even judicial system can't seem to be fair when it comes to local election

We all know life isn't fair. It's just too bad the one place where a modicum of fairness exists on a daily basis now finds itself mired in questions of partiality and foot-dragging.



TEDD SCHNEIDER

Of course, election-year politics often lean toward the messy side of things - even when you're talking about the local courthouse.

So it is with this summer's sudden non-race for a judgeship in the 35th District Court.

Now we learn that incumbent Judge Ron Lowe won't be the first sitting judge in the 35th to face a challenge, after all.

Lowe owes that legal non-precedent setting distinction (lucky break, to you and me) to a timely screw-up by the Secretary of State office and a sympathetic circuit court judge. Not to mention his own somewhat murky role in the ballot snafu, which might charitably be described as self-serving, at best.

Before passing judgment on the judges (and would-be judges), let's lay out the theory of the case:

Two local attorneys, William Selinsky of Northville Township and Peter Bec of Plymouth Township, were seeking to challenge Lowe, a Canton resident, in the August primary for his seat on the bench.

The 35th District Court encompasses five communities - the three townships and the cities of Plymouth and Northville.

Geography plays a key role here, so pay attention.

Both Selinsky and Bec received different - and it turns out erroneous - information from the Elections Bureau, which is a division of the Secretary of State, on the number of signatures needed on nominating petitions.

Selinsky was told he needed at least 40 signatures; Bec was told to gather 100. In reality, the number was more like 600. It seems the Lansing bureaucrats based their figures on population for just the two cities, not the entire district.

Calling attention to the mistake at the filing deadline - in a somberly judicial manner, no doubt - was Lowe.

Selinsky and Bec subsequently filed suit to win a place on the primary ballot.

That effort ended last month, barring a successful appeal, when Wayne Circuit Judge Michael Sapala ruled he was powerless to make an exception.

Only the legislature can change state law regarding petition requirements and besides, Selinsky and Bec should have realized something was amiss when they were quoted ridiculously low signature requirements. Kind of like seeing a brand new BMW with a window sticker reading \$4,500 instead of \$45,000, he reasoned.

So who's the guilty party here? Well, you have to admit, Selinsky and Bec were kind of naive.

Still, who can you trust if not your government? It's reasonable, I think, to believe that information provided - be it petition requirements, property taxes or a licensing fee - have some degree of validity.

A by-the-book ruling by Sapala hardly shook the ground. Nor did it solve anything.

While you could question Judge Lowe's motives, he can't be accused of violating any ethical canons with a move that, albeit in his favor, merely made sure that the law was enforced.

In the end, the action and inaction by all concerned contributed to depriving voters of a choice.

That's unfortunate because the district court is perhaps the only judicial race where voters know the candidates, can assess their character and performance.

The ballot snafu certainly doesn't bode well for competition in future district court races. That's something we see all too rarely these days because attorneys - although they may have that shark reputation - rarely rise up to bite the hand that feeds them in the form of a sitting judge.

And it sure makes you wonder about those scales of justice. Just how do they manage to stay balanced in an election year, anyway?

Tedd Schneider is the Canton Observer community editor. He's not planning a run at Lowe's 35th District Court seat. Reach him at (734) 459-2700 or via e-mail at tschneider@homecomm.net

LETTERS

Mardigian right choice

I'm asking people to support Judy Mardigian with their vote in the upcoming school board election June 12.

When I first met Judy, she was working diligently to reduce class sizes, as part of the Class Size Action Partnership. At that time, it looked as if Plymouth-Canton elementary students were destined to be housed in classrooms with 25-33 students.

Thanks to the effort of Judy and others on the CAP committee, class sizes have been reduced. This year, classes at Allen School have between 19-25 students per class (two fifth grade classes have 26 and 27 students each).

Judy's goal is to further reduce class sizes, as well as provide reading intervention, especially in the K-3 grades, while being mindful of the fiscal restraints this school district operates under. In order to bring financial equity to Plymouth-Canton schools, she also plays an active role on the Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding Committee. Before becoming a member of the school board, Judy served on many PCCS committees.

As a school board member, Judy knows it's important to talk to parents and staff in order to assess the strength and weaknesses of the schools. As a business owner, Judy knows strong, healthy schools are the foundation of thriving communities. As a parent, she knows it's important to stay involved in your child's education. As a parent volunteer, she knows strong parental involvement is essential in order to have dynamic schools.

Debbie Madonna
Plymouth

in five years. What parent would not be impressed with this achievement?

Judy has been involved with Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding, which has helped expose the inequitable per pupil funding ratio from the state.

She also has played a vital role with the successful bond election that is now building three new schools for the growing population of Plymouth and Canton. Coupled with this, she is a member of the PCCS Long Range Planning Committee.

Judy helped saved jobs for all elementary learning specialists that were slated to be eliminated.

Judy represents all parents who have children in the Plymouth-Canton school district. Judy Mardigian is the candidate for school board. Please help her achieve this position and give her your support on June 12.

Linda D. Wallace
Plymouth

Thanks for donation

Community Hospice & Home Care Services would like to express our gratitude to the Fordson Chapter No. 484 of the Order of the Eastern Star for their generous donation of \$1,000.

This wonderful group has dedicated these funds to help the terminally ill in our area. We are very pleased to accept this donation on behalf of our patients. We believe that no one should die alone or in pain. CHHCS provides care based on need - not ability to pay. The Fordson Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, with this contribution, is helping us to concentrate our efforts in helping our patients to live every day of their lives.

Maureen Butrico
Executive Director

School vote

As a former board member, I would like to encourage every eligible voter to make every effort to go to the polls on Monday, June 12, and vote for the candidate of your choice.

I would like also to point out that if you are looking for a candidate who puts kids first you have that in Judy Mardigian. As a matter of fact both incumbents deserve to be returned to the position they hold on the board. They have earned it.

Barbara Graham
Plymouth

Mardigian matters

With the arrival of the upcoming Plymouth-Canton School Board election June 12th, I feel it important to inform the voting community of the one candidate who continues to stand out above the rest and deserves to be re-elected on June 12. That candidate is Judy L. Mardigian.

Judy is one of the most dedicated and committed board members to have served. Unlike other candidates, she is extremely knowledgeable and involved with all educational topics and seems to have a deeper insight into the needs of our children. She attends these board meetings with such sincere focus and energy.

One of Judy's most impressive achievements is the fight she led in elementary schools to lower class size from 30 students to less than 25

Let us know what you think at 459-2700

Wildflower program perks up long drive

There we were - my family and me - driving along on I-96, passing mile after mile of gray, concrete, characterless expressway punctuated occasionally by equally unremarkable bridges. Despite our best efforts, boredom was setting in, especially as we realized we had many, many miles to go.

Suddenly at the Portland exit, a blaze of color! Red poppies, white daisies, what looked like blue wild flax and something dark magenta that I couldn't identify. The small light blue sign featuring a yellow flower read, "Wildflower Planting."

What a pleasure it was to see that small, unexpected surge of color on the side of the road! Suddenly we all came awake, talking excitedly about how lovely the flowers were, what a surprise it was to see them, how the plantings came about.

So I made a few calls. It turns out the wildflower plantings are just a small part of a much bigger program called (with bureaucratic inevitability) the Michigan Transportation Enhancement Program. Funded mostly by the feds but requiring a local match, the Enhancement Program includes a range of projects from building bike trails to preserving historical transportation facilities, preventing ground water runoff and landscaping and streetscaping.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has been looking around for local partners to help invest this year's \$20 million allocation from the federal government. "These are not your typical road resurfacing or bridge replacement projects that receive the lion's share of our federal and state transportation dollars," says State Transportation Director James DeSana. "The beauty of this federal program is that it encourages communities to decide for themselves how to invest these earmarked funds to further enhance the appearance, safety and economic benefit of their local transportation systems."

A lot of activity has been funded by this program.

Trees, shrubs, grass and flowers are being planted along Orchard Lake Road from I-96 to 10 Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

Accenting the new "Welcome to Redford" signs in Redford Township, boulder retaining walls are being built and shrubs and flowers are being planted at the Joy and Puritan intersections with Telegraph Road.

In Howell, a new walkway along Grand River Avenue from the Ann Arbor Railroad overpass to Elm Street will receive trees, shrubs, grass and flowers.

Statewide, the popular handbooks, "Wildflowers of Michigan" and "Michigan's Bayside Trees" are being updated and reprinted.

Oddly, just planting wildflowers is not termi-



PHIL POWER

ly expensive. Obviously, you can't just throw the seeds around and expect much to happen. You've got to kill off the grasses, till the soil and sow the kinds of seeds that match soil conditions. Still, a current wildflower project on M-32 near Gaylord is budgeted at \$2,500 to plant 12 varieties of native flowers and four kinds of grasses on 15 acres.

There are problems, of course. Some species don't make it, while others need periodic maintenance, which Michigan does not currently fund. Sometimes selfish people pick the flowers, or even dig up the plants, jeopardizing the whole idea. MDTOT even has had to put out a press release reminding people not to pick the daisies, because doing so is both illegal and unsafe.

But the whole program seems to me imaginative and valuable to a state whose road system needs all the help it can get. The Transportation Department is looking to partner with local communities for projects ranging from wildflower plantings alone all the way to major landscaping with trees and shrubs.

MDTOT in September will be issuing a call for project applications to be funded in the 2001-02 fiscal year. People interested in looking into the program can contact the state at www.mdot.state.mi.us/programs/enhance/enhance.htm

At 18 acres, the planting we originally noticed on I-96 near Portland was completed in 1996 and is one of the largest ever attempted by the MDTOT. However, with a total of 179,000 acres of roadside in Michigan and only 250 acres of wildflower plantings so far, there's a long way to go.

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

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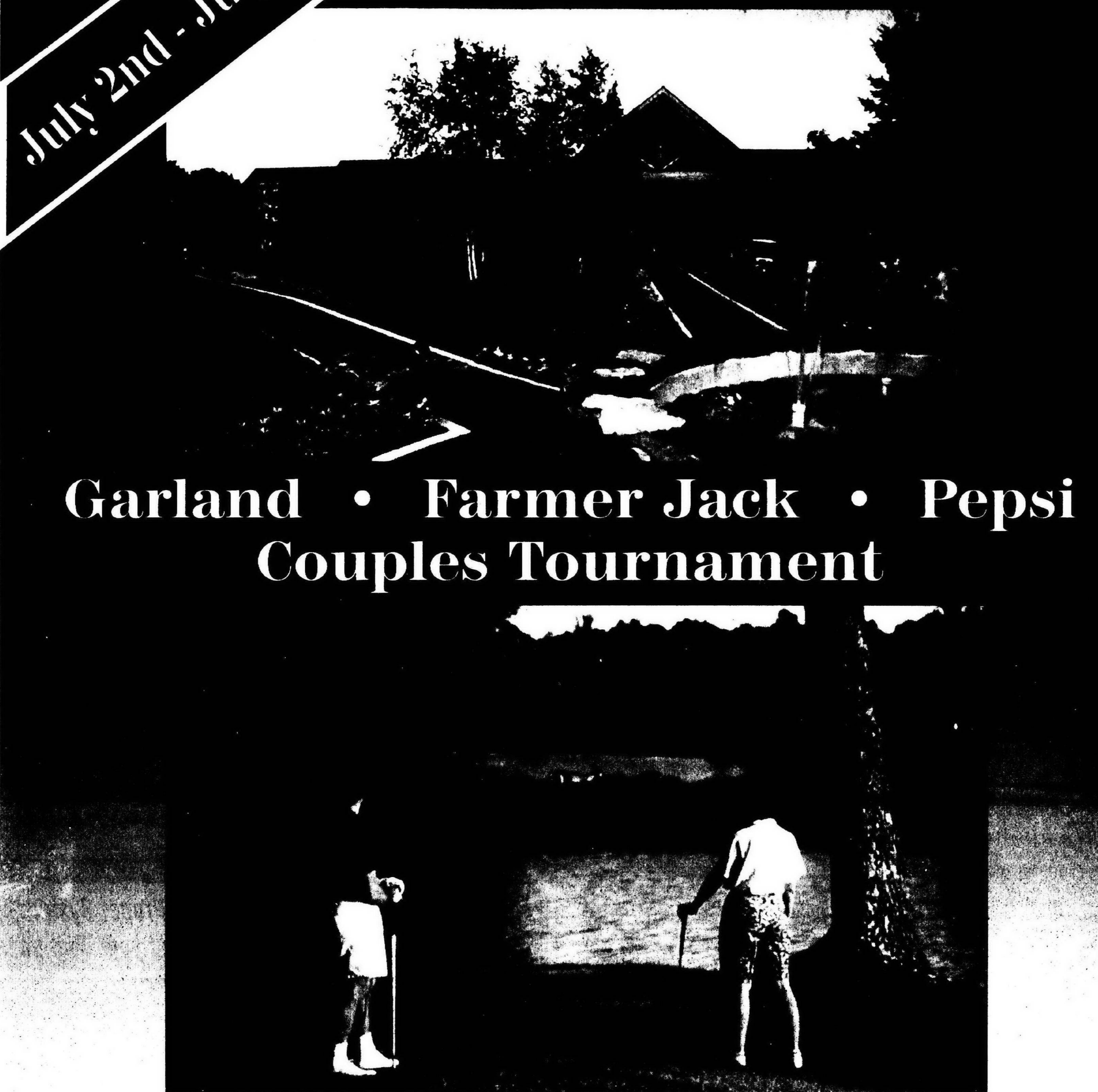
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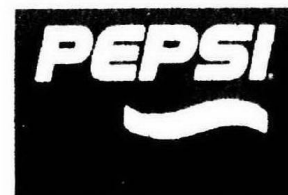
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SHORTCOMINGS



RENEE SKOGLUND

Words cannot define experience shadowing doctors

Words fail even the most prolific writers at times. Nouns and verbs refuse to connect, phrases fall short of added meaning, and adjectives seem anemic at best.

When friends asked me about my recent experience shadowing doctors for two and a half days at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor as a participant in the hospital's Community Associates Program, I struggled for an answer. I never found just the right words.

After all, what do you say when you've witnessed open heart surgery while standing side-by-side with the anesthesiologist? How do you describe the sight of a beating human heart? And what do you say about the surgeon who so patiently and willingly instructed you through the three-hour-plus operation?

"It was awesome," I finally said. A simple declarative sentence, so ordinary, so flat-sounding. Some experiences are beyond the reach of words. Maybe it's better that way. Maybe some experiences are so profound they shed their vibrancy in the telling ... and retelling.

"It was awesome," I repeated for days afterwards. Twice a year, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital invites six members of surrounding communities to participate in the Community Associates Program, whose purpose is to create a first-hand awareness of the world of healthcare.

And what a world it is. I spent the first evening in the emergency room with Dr. James Mattimore, who introduced me to the patients as an "observer." My borrowed white lab coat helped, no one questioned my presence. We saw people with heart problems, wrenched necks, possible strokes, abdominal pain and seizures.

After each visit, we'd discuss his findings. When test results came back, he'd explain their place in the diagnostic puzzle. He kept hoping I'd be able to witness something dramatic — like an intubation of someone with fast-swelling breathing passages — so I could see what the emergency room did best: save lives.

For me, the drama was in just being there. Besides, the slower pace allowed Dr. Mattimore to tell me about Better Together Mobile Health Services, which he started a few years ago. Made up of volunteer physicians from St. Joseph, the program brings medical services to the indigent at homeless shelters throughout Washtenaw County.

If you haven't bathed in a week, you're not likely to seek care at a sparkling clean hospital emergency room like St. Joseph's, he said. It's too intimidating. If someone needs to see a specialist, Dr. Mattimore arranges to have one visit the shelter. This is the kinder, gentler side of healthcare.

The next day I was in the heart catheterization lab with Dr. Stuart Winston, an electrophysiologist — a specialist in the heart's electrical circuitry. Wearing a 40-pound lead apron, I watched as he guided an electrode catheter through an artery from an opening in a patient's groin into the patient's heart.

In a procedure that took several hours, Dr. Winston burned away minute patches of heart tissue that caused the patient's heartbeat to go haywire. His focus was intense. The patient doesn't want to come back for a repeat performance, he said.

I spent the morning of my last day in the operating room with Dr. Bobby Kong. I watched him cut, saw and pry open a patient's chest in what was a surprisingly bloodless surgery. Observing him carefully suture a vein harvested from the leg to a dissected artery in the heart made me realize the awesome responsibility, as well as the privilege, of being a heart surgeon.

See? There's that word. Awesome. My experience at St. Joseph's concluded with Dr. Leila Saxena, a new family care physician. In between seeing patients, we talked about her new baby daughter and the difficulties of fixing up a house when you have huge medical school loans to pay off. She

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Family gains strength from community

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Kenny Lindquist, 11, is dying and as his parents slowly watch him fade, the thoughtfulness and generosity of students, parents and staff at Central Middle School have given them strength.

The sixth-grade student has been diagnosed with adrenoleukodystrophy, a disease that attacks the adrenal glands and destroys the nerve fibers in the brain. It's the same disease described in the movie *Lorenzo's Oil*. Kenny was diagnosed in February, and his ability to do even the simplest things, like playing his beloved video games, is diminishing rapidly. The mental decline will get worse until he lapses into a coma and finally dies.

"For the last couple of years he's been seen by doctors for attention deficit," his father, Ken, said. Doctors ruled that out, but Kenny continued to be very nervous and couldn't focus on school work. He became more confused and eventually suffered hearing loss.

He struggled at school and his teachers had a hard time dealing with him, especially since they didn't know what was wrong. Since the diagnosis, Ken, Kenny's mother, Roxanne, and his sister, Jeanette, 13, have dealt with the boy's inevitable death the best they can.

"We were devastated," Ken said, describing the parents' reaction when they were first told of his diagnosis. "We couldn't go back to work for about 10 days. And now we are just helping him along and coping with it."

Toughest times

During the toughest times parents, teachers and students at Central began bringing dinners and visiting Kenny



Happy Birthday: Kenny Lindquist, 11, and his father Ken Lindquist (seated) are surrounded by friends and family at his party. Standing left to right are Alexandra Dilmore, Rahila Qureshi, Megan Tooley, Sarah Brown, Victoria Dilmore, Lisa Clark, Laura Freitag, Whitney Slotke, Naila Qureshi, Janelle Eschler, Jeanette Lindquist Kenny's sister and Tiffany Slotke.

regularly. They brought cards, banners, provided support for Jeanette and made countless other gestures of kindness, like offering to watch Kenny while his parents got away from their home for a short time.

One boy Kenny went to elementary school with rallied other friends and together they bought the Lindquist family a pine tree to plant near their

home. On May 28, a group of parents, students and teachers held a birthday party, organized by family friends Debbie Qureshi and Danie Brown, at the Lindquist home in Plymouth. About 40 people attended.

"I guess we try to put ourselves in their place," Qureshi said. "We all have a child his age."

Kenny gets tired easily and his men-

tal capacity is slipping. He likes to have visitors, but after 10 or 15 minutes he often asks them to leave and sometimes tells them not to come back. "He likes his quietness, too," Ken said. "It's probably part of the illness. If it wasn't so tragic, it would be comical."

The majority of parents who are helping the Lindquists are people they

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Electricity Local producer buzzes after show

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Bringing people together is part of who Carol Marvin is. It comes almost naturally to this Plymouth mother of four who played a big role in the Detroit Electronic Music Festival that took Hart Plaza by storm Memorial Day weekend.

With that success behind her, she's refocused her attention as director of corporate sponsorship for the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival on the Detroit Riverfront Labor Day weekend. On the board of directors for the festival since 1994, Marvin's experience behind the scenes made way for her leadership in developing a new festival.

"It gave me all the experience I needed to produce the Detroit Electronic Music Festival," she said.

The festival started out as a collaborative idea with others involved in Detroit's electronic music scene, and evolved into a history-making three-day event that drew over 1.5 million people.

Marvin and her company, Pop Culture Media, offered their expertise to help make the dream a reality — one which can now be deemed the largest free music festival in the world.

She described the event as "heaven on earth."

"We didn't have any problems, any drug issues or any violence," she said with pride. The festival was just what it was meant to be — a place for people to dance and come together.

"It was a beautiful experience," Marvin reflected. "It was so incredible to see hundreds of thousands of people dancing together."

Marvin has always been a dreamer and a doer. It started in fourth grade when she was an elementary school student in Livonia.

"I planned a student art show," she said. "Even then I saw how art could bring people together."

Her past experience ranges from a large-scale fashion show she produced in 1988, to working as director of Trapper's Alley in Greentown.

But through it all, the suburban-raised woman hasn't strayed too far from the big city. She founded her own Detroit-based company in 1993, and still has an apartment in the city.

"I've always believed in Detroit," she said. "I've always been an urban girl. I just think a major city is important and should be important to everyone."

With clients like The Michigan State Fair and the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival, Marvin and her company have grown. She's once again working to fund the jazz festival through corporate sponsorships. Also a free event, sponsorships are integral to getting such festivals off the ground and



DOUGLAS COOMBS

Accomplished: Carol Marvin, Pop Culture Media president, poses with Carl Craig, DEMF artistic director, at the music festival.

making them accessible for music fans in and around the city.

Marvin was on her way to meet with other DEMF organizers to discuss the outcome and plan for next year's electronic music festival, when I last spoke with her. Always on the go, she talked to me from her cellular telephone on the way to the meeting. Marvin is elated that the city and young people in the area have something to look forward to next spring. Since the city of Detroit agreed to a contract that will allow the festival to continue for at least the next two years, the future of DEMF and Detroit's electronic music scene shines brightly.

Marvin and I first met in the spacious downtown loft that serves as headquarters for Planet

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Suburbs plugged into fest

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Perhaps Stacey Pullen best represented the essence of community which echoed from the first-ever Detroit Electronic Music Festival, held Memorial Day weekend at Detroit's Hart Plaza.

On Saturday, the first day of the festival, Pullen started spinning and the crowds began to multiply. Executive producer of the festival, Carol Marvin of Plymouth, remembers it well. "I was standing on stage looking out at the sea of people, Stacey Pullen mixed in Martin Luther King's words. 'I have a dream,' from that famous speech. I was so blown away by that moment."

The Detroit Electronic Music Festival drew 1.5 million people of every age, race and social status from around the world to do one thing — dance. While journalists across the country and the world helped spread the word, and the event's Web site caught the interest of techno fans from here to Japan, those pulsating beats echoed loudly close to home.

For those who flocked to see 70 of the hottest DJs in techno, house and hip-hop converge on four distinct stages, the weekend was awash with chance meetings, live sets and crowds of dancers that moved like morphing seas of jubilant energy. It was perhaps the only place in the city where an 80-year-old woman could dance hand-in-hand with a teenage girl whose hair was dyed pink.

Catching up

"It's a chance to catch up with people you haven't seen," according to festival goer Aaron Beachman, a Lansing resident who will soon be moving to the area. He was drawn to the festival to see "all these artists in one spot."

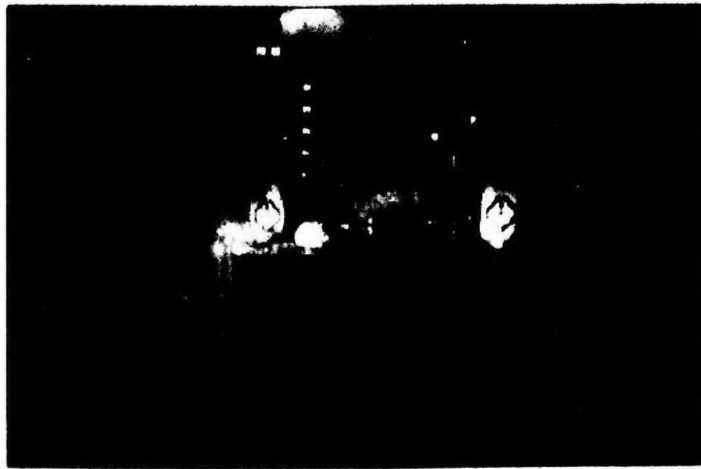
Beachman credits the DEMF for fostering pride in Detroit. "It brings people out of their homes and into the city."

Detroit resident Amy Zichanski stood by his side and was also impressed by the turnout. "It's a big deal for Detroit, something the city has needed for a long time."

The music

Erin Lechner, a West Bloomfield native and Wayne State University student, came to see The Roots and Mos Def — who headlined the main stage Sunday night. "It's very nice to see so many people down here," she

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STAFF PHOTO BY MATTHEW TAPINER

Lighting up: The Detroit Electronic Music Festival proved to be a success, drawing its legions from the city, suburbs and across the globe.

making them accessible for music fans in and around the city.

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said on the last day of the festival. "There are a lot of opportunities to people-watch." Standing near the city's waterfront, Livonia native Dan Shannon agreed the music was what brought them all together. He said the DEMF gives exposure to electronic music in the daylight hours, allowing so many people who don't make it out to clubs to get into the scene. It offers the opportunity to open people's eyes to a scene that's emerged and grown from Detroit's underground over the past decade.

High note

The holiday weekend festival ended with high spirits and very few scrapes and bruises. Not even fluctuating showers could dampen the energy emitted from Hart Plaza.

Though the event is now a memory for all who attended, organized and performed, thoughts have turned to planning next year's festival. Marvin said having more time to plan for the next Detroit Electronic Music Festival will allow organizers to reach out further, and attract an even more diverse audience.

Marvin will remember the 2000 Detroit Electronic Music Festival as a time when "we became the center of the music in more than just one way."



PHOTOS BY MATTHEW TAPLINGER

The crowd: The first-ever Detroit Electronic Music Festival drew a diverse crowd to Hart Plaza. Its executive producer, Plymouth resident Carol Marvin, was pleased with the turnout - one that crossed racial, age, class and gender boundaries.

Words from page B1

gave a glimpse of the personal side of a young physician's life. I'm grateful. Sometimes as I drive home after work, I think about what I saw at St. Joseph's Hos-

pital. I think about Dr. Mattimore's kindness and Dr. Kong's skilled hands. I wonder if the patient who had the bypass surgery is doing well, if he looks at life differently now. I

know I do. Renee Skoglund is a staff writer for the Observer Newspapers and a resident of Canton.

KINDERMUSIK SCHEDULE

Monday, June 12 - 9:30 a.m. Plymouth Coffee Bean - NEW DAY! 884 Penniman - Downtown Plymouth - (734) 454-0178
 Tuesday, June 20 - 1:00 p.m. Baby! Baby! Resale Shop 153 E. Main - Downtown Northville - (248) 347-2229
 Monday, July 10 - 9:30 a.m. Plymouth Coffee Bean 884 Penniman - Downtown Plymouth - (734) 454-0178

Tuesday, July 17 - 1:00 p.m. Baby! Baby! Resale Shop 153 E. Main - Downtown Northville - (248) 347-2229
 Parents and their children are invited to experience FREE interactive 20-30 minute programs of storytelling, music and movement during Story Time with Miss Karen. Registrations are suggested, but not mandatory.

SINGLES MINGLE

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

WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE
 Every Friday WestSide Singles hosts a dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Upcoming dances include June 9, June 16, June 23 and June 30. Must be over 21, and dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A deejay will be playing Top 40 music and current hits. Appetizers will be served (hot/cold). Early admission special \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. For information please call (734) 981-0909.

WEDNESDAY METRO SINGLES
 Wednesday Metro Singles Dance begins at 8 p.m. and concludes at 1 a.m. Free swing dance lessons offered from 8-9 p.m. DJ, budget bar, refreshments, 21 and over, dress attire please. Roma's Banquet Hall, 32550 Cherry Hill Road (east of Venoy) in Garden City. Call (313) 869-1900/(313) 438-6258.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP
 Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center has a Divorce Support Group that meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the McDowell Center (Room 225) from 7-9 p.m. No fee is required. Call (734) 462-4443. A schedule from June to August follows:
 June 13, group discussion. Facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.
 June 27, Legal aspects of divorce. Learn about the legal proceeds of divorce, including information on property settlement, custody, child support, visitation, alimony and more from Attorney at Law, Laura Reyes Kopack.

July 11, group discussion. Facilitated by Cynthia Koppin. July 25, no meeting.
 Aug. 8, group discussion. Facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

Aug. 22, Coping with Divorce. Florine Bond will discuss strategies for coping with the stress of divorce.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS
 Parents without Partners, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the single-parent family. We offer educational, social, and recreational activities for single parents and their children. Dues \$30 per year. For membership information in the Ann Arbor Chapter #38 call (734) 973-1933 or visit the Web page at www.aapwp.org. Visit www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933. Cost \$2/person. Upcoming schedule includes:

■ June 16, Singles Dance at the Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Wear your "crazy hat" for fun. Music by DJ Imperial Sound. Cash bar. Non-smoking dance area. Sponsored by Ann Arbor Parents without Partners, Inc. Dance 9 p.m.-1:00 a.m., \$7 non-member, \$5 members. www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933.

■ June 30, Singles Dance Fund Raiser for S.A.F.E. House at the Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Casual attire. Music by DJ Imperial Sound. Cash bar. Non-smoking dance area. Sponsored by Ann Arbor Parents without Partners, Inc. Dance 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$7 non-member, \$5 members. www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933.

CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB
 A general meeting of the Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit (a non-profit organization of single Catholics, 21 and over, who have earned a bachelor's degree and are free to marry in the Catholic church) will be held Wednesday. Upcoming events include: Wednesday, June 21 a general meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. with a presentation by guest speaker Fr. Dennis Laesch. Meet at St. Blase Parish, 12151 Fifteen Mile Road, Sterling Heights. Call (248) 336-0391, Teresa. Outdoor Volleyball every Tues-

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS MAY 30, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, May 30, 2000 at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL
 Members Present: Bennett, Burdzyak, Kirchgatter, Ladoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
 Members Absent: None
 Staff Present: Director Machnik, Director Durack, Director Minghine, Director Santomauro

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
 Supervisor Yack amended the order of the agenda. Item 2 *Retiree Medical Insurance Funding* will become Item No. 1. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Retiree Health Insurance Funding Options
Introduction
 Canton Township has an opportunity to plan for the funding of healthcare benefits of current employees as they transition into retirement. A pay-as-you-go strategy can have short term benefits, but will have a significant long term impact on the community. This approach places an increasing burden on future budgets that could severely limit the funds available to provide meaningful services to the community. The two different considerations to evaluate are: the pay-as-you-go financing or the pre-funding of retiree healthcare costs. The second issue is to consider how the funds should be invested, either a basic investment strategy, or one which employs equity or stock investing.

Investment Options
 Recent changes in state law now allow the township an option when it comes to investing retiree healthcare dollars. The legislature recently adopted the "Public Employee Health Care Investment Act." This act allows the township to invest the funds that are designated for healthcare in the same manner as pension funds. Pension funds are invested pursuant to PA 314 of 1965, and are allowed to be invested in equities or stocks. Another option is to invest as is currently done under PA 2. This act governs the investment of all other governmental funds, and is significantly more stringent. It provides for a more conservative investment approach which are limited to CD's, treasury notes, money market funds, etc.

Recommendations
 The long term benefits of a combination program which employs both advanced funding with an equity investing strategy will have the best long term value to the community. This will significantly reduce the total contributions, and reduce the present value of the contributions as well. The short term impacts are insignificant in comparison to the long term benefits.

Strategic Plan
 The strategic plan is to serve as the overall framework for guiding Canton's immediate future. It is intended to provide a general direction or path of the organization to follow. Departments developed a series of activities to accomplish each objective, then a summary of the department's plan was developed. Each summary includes the anticipated changes in organizational structure and staffing, technical services and needs, financial planning, training requirements, and future vision.

Plan Overview
 Each department developed a plan that was based on (1) a common set of demographic assumptions, (2) an operating philosophy and (3) common goals for Canton Township. Each department included the following options in their plan: Financial Plan, Personnel, Technology, and Training

Major Undertakings
 There are a number of significant objectives which the departments are planning during the next five years. These range from new services, to construction of new facilities.

Plan Components
 Some of the components that determined this strategic plan include the following: Executive Summary, Plan Overview, Operational Philosophy, Base Assumptions, Capital Improvements, Finance Plan Summary, Significant Assets and Funding Sources and the Individual Department Plans. Some of the Deficiencies found in the Administration Building are: the First Floor, the Elevators, the Staff Lounge, the On Site Parking and the use of the Lower Level.

Selected Capital Improvements
 In an effort to provide the facilities necessary to achieve many of the previously stated goals, the plan has identified eleven (11) major projects. It is believed that these projects are necessary to meet the changing demands of the community. These projects include the following: Canton Center Paving, Maintenance Garage, Pheasant Run Nine Hole Expansion, Summit on the Park Expansion, Administration Building Expansion, Third Fire Station, Human Services Center, Cherry Hill Hamlet, Community Theater, Community park Purchase and Development, and Outdoor Aquatic Center.

ADJOURN
 Motion by Bennett, supported by Ladoy to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on May 30, 2000. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on June 13, 2000.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD

The Wayne County Clerk's Office Elections Division is accepting nominating petitions for candidates for Trustees for the Plymouth District Library Board.

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and residents of the City or Township of Plymouth. Four nonpartisan seats will be up for election on November 7, 2000. Not less than seventy-four signatures of registered voters from the City and Township are required to place a candidate on the ballot. The deadline for filing petitions is 4:00 p.m. Thursday, July 20, 2000 at the Wayne County Clerk's Office, Elections Division. Current Trustees whose terms are ending are Joe Gilmore, Steve Harper, Hugh Harsha, and Deborah Taracuk.

All four seats will be for terms beginning on January 1, 2000. One will be for a two-year term ending December 31, 2002. The remaining three will be for four-year terms ending December 31, 2004. Candidates will be asked to designate which term they are running for.

The seven-member Plymouth District Library Board provides public library services to all residents of the Plymouth Community at the Dunning Hough Library in downtown Plymouth. The library is funded by a 1.665 mill property tax levied district-wide and has annual operating and debt retirement budgets totaling \$3,100,000 in 2000.

For further information on the Library and activities of the Board, contact Pat Thomas at 734-453-0750 X 218. For filing information and forms, contact Wayne County Clerk, Elections Division at 313-224-5325.

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REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WAYNE AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 12, 2000

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
 Please Take Notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 12, 2000.

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

At the regular school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2004.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

Carl Battushill
 James R. Donahue
 Elizabeth M. Givens
 Judy L. Mardighian
 Kathleen Payne

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 9, 2000.

NEW PRECINCTS CREATED BY PLYMOUTH AND CANTON TOWNSHIPS DO NOT EFFECT PRECINCT BOUNDARIES OR VOTING LOCATIONS FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION.

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1
 Voting Place: Central Middle School. The first precinct consists of all of City Precinct No. 2 and all of City Precinct No. 3.

PRECINCT NO. 2
 Voting Place: Gallimore Elementary School. The second precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 10 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 21.

PRECINCT NO. 3
 Voting Place: Isbister Elementary School. The third precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 5, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 9, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 14.

PRECINCT NO. 4
 Voting Place: East Middle School. The fourth precinct consists of all of City Precinct No. 1 and all of City Precinct No. 4.

PRECINCT NO. 5
 Voting Place: Allen Elementary School. The fifth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 3, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 4, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 10.

PRECINCT NO. 6
 Voting Place: West Middle School. The sixth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 12, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 15, and all the territory of the school district located in Salem Township.

PRECINCT NO. 7
 Voting Place: Farrand Elementary School. The seventh precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 1, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 2, all of Plymouth Township Precinct

No. 8 and all the territory of the school district located in Northville Township.

PRECINCT NO. 8
 Voting Place: Fiegel Elementary School. The eighth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 3, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 6, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 30.

PRECINCT NO. 9
 Voting Place: Miller Elementary School. The ninth precinct consists of Canton Township Precinct No. 4 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 13.

PRECINCT NO. 10
 Voting Place: Hulsing Elementary School. The tenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 7, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 12, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 24.

PRECINCT NO. 11
 Voting Place: Erikason Elementary School. The eleventh precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 9, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 14, and a portion of Canton Township Precinct No. 29.

PRECINCT NO. 12
 Voting Place: Field Elementary School. The twelfth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 5, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 18, and a portion of Canton Township Precinct No. 29.

PRECINCT NO. 13
 Voting Place: Canton High School. The thirteenth precinct consists of Canton Township Precinct No. 8, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 25, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 26, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 27, and all the territory of the school district located in Superior Township.

PRECINCT NO. 14
 Voting Place: Bird Elementary School. The fourteenth precinct consists of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 7, Plymouth Township Precinct No. 11, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 17.

PRECINCT NO. 15
 Voting Place: Pioneer Middle School. The fifteenth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 6, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 13, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 16.

PRECINCT NO. 16
 Voting Place: Tonda Elementary School. The sixteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 11 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 19.

PRECINCT NO. 17
 Voting Place: Hoben Elementary School. The seventeenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 1, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 22, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 23.

PRECINCT NO. 18
 Voting Place: Bentley Elementary School. The eighteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 16 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 17.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election. This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

JUDY L. MARDIGHIAN, Secretary, Board of Education

Publish: June 1 and 8, 2000

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the **Third Party Administration for Unemployment Insurance**. Specifications and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E.J. McClelland Educational center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For additional information, please contact George Przgodoski of the Personnel Department at (734) 416-2734. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 16, 2000. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
 Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
 JUDY L. MARDIGHIAN, Secretary

Bid Opening Friday, June 16, 2000 @ 2:00 pm
Board Review Tuesday, June 27, 2000

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WEDDINGS

Gustin-Turner

Robert and Nancy Gustin of Plymouth announce the marriage of their daughter Kristina Michele to Cameron Charles Turner of Vail, Colo.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan. Her husband is the son of Fiona Skinner and Ken Turner of Devon, England.

The couple wed April 8 at St. John Neumann Church before Father George Charnley. The bride was attended by Jennifer Gustin, Jen Dillon, Dawn Wood, Therese Souders and Suzanne Varot.

The groom's attendants included Martin Turner, Graham Carter, Ben Blackburn, Merv Anstey and Brian Gustin.



Guests were received at The Summit in Canton and the pair honeymooned in Hawaii. They will make their home in Vail, Colorado.

Kristina and Cameron would like to acknowledge the loving memory of Philomena Gustin.

Schopper-Peck

Gerald and Lillian Schopper of Whitmore Lake (formerly of Livonia) announce the marriage of their daughter, Melissa May, to Thomas Robert Peck of Arizona, April 8 at St. Timothy's Catholic Church in Mesa, Ariz.

The bride is a 1988 Churchill High School graduate and a 1997 graduate of Arizona State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry. She works as an account executive at Insight in Tempe, Ariz.

Her husband, son of Tom and Lynne Peck of Chandler, Ariz. is a 1990 graduate of Arizona State University's College of Business, where he earned a bachelor's degree in finance. He works as the account executive at ChangePoint in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The couple wed before Father Mark Dippre. The bride was attended by maid of honor Suzy Story of New York. Kaylene Kovach served as a bridesmaid along with four 1988 graduates of Churchill High School including Krista Fernimos, Joan Travers (Cornellier), Kristi Nelson (Shinski) and Stephanie Butski.



The groom was attended by best man Paul Mulhern and groomsmen Dale Schopper, Kevin Fitzgerald, Eric Kovach, Richard May and Tom Klimoski.

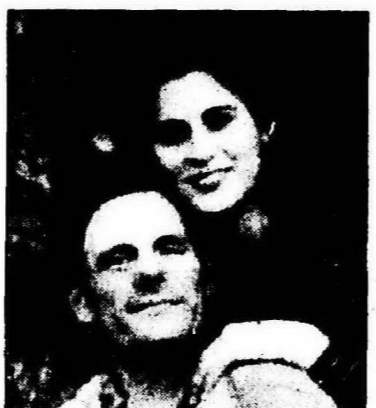
The couple received guests at Gold Canyon Golf Resort in Arizona and took a 10-day trip to Acapulco, Mexico. They will make their home in Mesa, Ariz.

Yakonich-Fink

Tom and Linda Yakonich of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Lana Marie to Michael Fink of Salt Lake City. The couple married in Utah in March.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Stevenson High School. She is a graduate of Brigham Young University and received her masters degree from Wayne State University. She has a private mental health therapy practice.

Her husband, son of Conrad and Monica Fink of New Mexico, is a local broadcaster.



The couple now live and work in Salt Lake City.

NEW ARRIVALS

■ Roger and Tina Brantley of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Casey Marie born May 20 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins siblings Starr, 7, and Becky, 6. Grandparents are Linda Altmann of Tecumseh and Roy Brantley of Westland.

■ Kirk and Julie Albert of Plymouth Township announce the birth of Robin Nicole on May 16 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She joins brother, Adam Michael, 18 months old.

Grandparents are Barbara Gunther of Westland, Leo and Sandra Albert of Canton and Judy and the late Edward Hen-

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ANNIVERSARIES

Pinard

Ronald and Rachel (Meeteau) Pinard celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May.

The couple wed on May 15, 1950 in Quebec, Canada and they have lived in Michigan since 1971.

The Pinards have six children, Diane, Jacques, Johanne, Mario, Marielle, Carol and David, who all live in Michigan. The couple also has 13 grandchildren.

Ronald retired in 1989 as a General and now spends his



time in his wood shop, gardening and fishing. His wife Rachel is a homemaker and also enjoys playing cards and bingo.

After renewing their vows for their anniversary, the Pinards had a family dinner and party at the Moose Club in Farwell.

Overstreet

Dennis E. and Rita M. (Raymond) Overstreet celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May.

The couple wed May 10, 1950 in Plymouth and have lived in Westland for 65 years.

The Overstreets have six children, Kenny (Westland), Gary (Dearborn Heights), Denise (Azalia), Jack (Columbia, Tenn.), Mary Ann (Belleville) and Vickie (Westland). The Overstreets also have 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Dennis retired 10 years ago from Whitman & Barnes. His wife, Rita, retired five years ago from the K-mart Corporation.

The Overstreets now spend their time playing bingo, dining out and enjoying life.



Their children and in-laws threw them a surprise anniversary party in Azalia, Mi to celebrate the occasion. Seventy-five people were in attendance.

Penney

Avery and Madeline (Saner) Penney will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this month.

The couple wed June 30, 1950 in at Lutheran Church in Plymouth and have lived in the area nearly all of their lives.

The Penneys have one child, Terry of Lakewood, CO and three grandchildren who will help them celebrate their anniversary at the Plymouth Elks Lodge.

Avery retired from his position at the Plymouth post office over 30 years ago. His wife, Madeline worked at the Phoenix Ford Plant and also waitressed



at Elk's Lodge. She has been retired for 19 years.

The Penneys are members of the Plymouth Elks Lodge and VFW American Legion.

Crute

Ray and Barbara (Tschanz) Crute celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this May. The couple wed May 13, 1950 at Highland Park Baptist Church in Highland Park. The Crutes have been Livonia residents for 42 years.

Ray Crute is a 1947 graduate of Henry Ford Trade School and he worked for Ford Motor Company for 45 years. Barbara Crute worked as a private piano teacher and church organist for 30 years.

The Crutes have five children and 17 grandchildren. Four of the Crute children, Jennifer McCormick, Kevin Crute, Melinda Kisher and Bonnie Philson attended a family dinner party along with their spouses and children in honor of the celebration. The party was held May 5 at the Dearborn Inn. The couple's eldest child, Darrell Crute,



resides in California and was unable to attend.

The Crutes enjoy traveling and have just returned from a European cruise.

ENGAGEMENTS

Slmek-Latour

Jim and Janet Simek of Cleveland announce the engagement of their daughter, Theresa, to James Latour of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where she earned her bachelor of fine arts degree and K-12 teaching certification. She is awaiting an art education position with Willow Run Schools beginning next fall. In the meantime she is creating her own artwork and plans to pursue a master's degree in fine arts.

Her fiancé, son of Charles and Linda Latour of Richmond, is attending Lawrence Technological University in Southfield and will complete his bachelor of architecture degree next fall. He is working as an architectural intern with Schonscheck, Inc. in Wixom and plans to pursue a



master's degree in architecture while completing the intern development program.

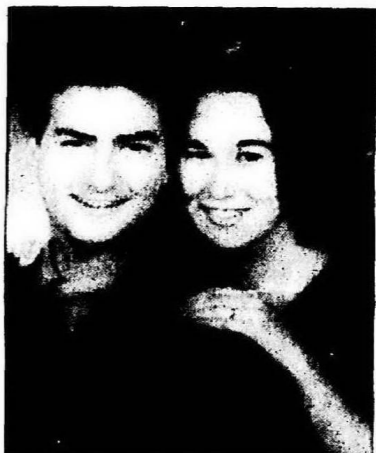
A September wedding is planned in Cleveland to commemorate the day the couple met five years ago.

Munfakh-Carr

Abe and Darlene Munfakh of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Laila Munfakh to Michael Carr of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of the University of Michigan where she earned a bachelor's degree in biology and will obtain a degree from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry this year. She plans to join a private practice in Belleville following graduation.

Her fiancé, son of Alfred and Verna Carr of Louisville, Kentucky, is a 1995 graduate of Purdue University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He works as a project engineer at SKF North



American Technical Center in Plymouth.

A June wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth.

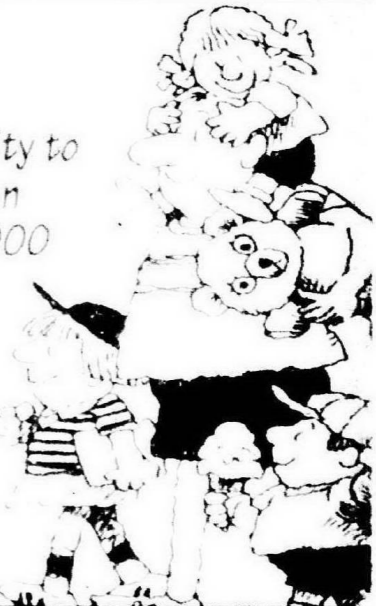
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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE

WEEKEND

DINNER SOCIAL
 ■ The Dearborn-Livonia Chapter of the U.S. Singletons will host its next dinner social beginning at 5:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, at the Pick-a-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile Road between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Adults ages 45 and older 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.

DAIRY DAY
 ■ Maybury Farm's annual Dairy Day will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10. Meet in the farm classroom building to find out how milk is processed from farm to table. Try your hand at making butter and ice cream. Maybury Farm is located within Maybury State Park on Eight Mile Road one mile west of Beck Road in Northville Township.

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.

PRINCETON REVIEW
 ■ The Princeton Review will hold a free MBA workshop from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. Attendees will receive information on the MBA admission process, as well as strategies and techniques to excel on the GMAT. Refreshments will also be provided. Those interested must call the Princeton Review at (800) 2-REVIEW, or (734) 663-2163 in order to register for the workshop. Seating is limited.

■ The Princeton Review will hold a free law school workshop from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Michigan League, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor. Attendees will learn information regarding the admission process to law school, as well as strategies and techniques to enhance their proficiency on the LSAT. Refreshments will be provided. Those who wish to attend must call the Princeton Review at (800) 2-REVIEW, or (734) 663-2163 in order to register for the workshop.

THEATER PRODUCTION
 ■ Trinity House Theatre will present the Parlor Theatre Production of *The Woman in Black*, a British ghost story at 8 p.m. Friday, June 16, and Saturday, June 17. The theater is located at 38840 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Admission is \$10. For more information, call (248) 449-6540.

TUTOR TRAINING
 ■ The Community Literacy Council Inc. will hold its last volunteer tutor training session of the 2000 spring/summer season 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth. The fall/winter schedule will be announced in August. For more information or for reservation (preferred), call (734) 416-4906.

WALK/RUN EVENT
 ■ The Belleville Strawberry Festival will hold its annual five-mile run, two-mile walk and Kids 1/2-Mile Fun Run at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 17. Cost is \$14 (includes T-shirt) before June 10 and \$17 (T-shirt not guaranteed) the day of the race. Kids' event doesn't include T-shirt.

Proceeds go to benefit the Girlstown Foundation. For more information, call Ty Patton at (734) 699-2047.

WEEKEND GOLF OUTINGS
 ■ Michigan State University West Metro Detroit Alumni Club holds its fifth-annual golf outing at 10 a.m. Friday, June 16, at Lakes of Taylor Golf Club, 25505 Northline Road, Taylor. Cost is \$95 for golf, dinner, open bar and prizes; \$90 for those belonging to the Alumni Association, and \$35 for just dinner and cocktails. Proceeds benefit local student scholarships. For more information or to register, call Kim Viculin at (313) 389-1806.

■ The Salem Dugout Club will hold its sixth-annual golf outing to benefit the Salem High School baseball program Saturday, June 24, at The Woodlands of Van Buren Township, 39670 Ecorse Road, Wayne. The outing begins at 2 p.m. with a scramble format and shotgun start. Tickets for the outing are \$92 (\$27 for dinner only) and include gifts, prizes, a skills contest and skins game. Make checks payable to the Salem Dugout Club. Mail to Marty Mayotte, 6556 Raintree Court, Canton 48187. Call (734) 981-0118 for information.

■ The fifth-annual St. Mary Hospital Golf Classic will be held Friday, June 23, at Bay Pointe Golf Club, West Bloomfield, to benefit breast cancer. New this year are two starting times: 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for the 18-hole scramble. Both golfing groups will enjoy breakfast, driving range, buffet or sit-down dinner, locker room facilities and prizes such as a 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 designated for breast cancer treatment, diagnosis and prevention programs at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Corporate sponsorships are available. The outing fills up quickly, so call early. For more information or to register, call the St. Mary Hospital Foundation at (734) 655-2907.

AROUND TOWN

BNI MEETINGS
 ■ Business Network International will hold its regular monthly meeting from 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday, June 8, for the Plymouth Chapter at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. The Canton chapter will meet from 7-8:30 a.m. Friday, June 9 at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Center. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-8800.

BASKETBALL CAMPS
 ■ Madonna University will hold All-Star basketball camps this summer for boys and girls ages 8-15. Camps will take place Monday, June 12, through Friday, July 7. The camps include guest speakers, camp championship tournament, a personal written evaluation, shooting instruction, passing and receiving the ball drills, offensive footwork and movement without the ball. There will be two camps for boys. Both camps will run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The first camp for boys will be Monday-Friday, June 12-16. The second camp will be from Monday-Friday, June 19-23. A third camp for boys will be held at Fairlane Christian in Dearborn Heights Monday-Friday, June 26-30. There

Marketing mania



Financial find: Four Plymouth-Canton Educational Park seniors who will major in marketing in college received \$500 each from Chris Phileikis, marketing director for Gardner White. She noted her company wants to encourage students to pursue marketing as a career option. Recipients of the Marketing Scholarships are (from left): Mohammed Ramlawi, Christina Taylor, Jeff Daigneau (second from right) and Keith Moore. Chris Phileikis of Gardner White stands center.

will be one camp for girls at Fairlane Christian from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday-Friday, July 2-7 - 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 girls camps at Fairlane Christian is \$120. For more information, call coach Bernie Holowicki at (734) 432-5591 or (734) 261-3346. Madonna University is in Livonia at I-96 and Levan.

NACW MONTHLY MEETING
 ■ The West Suburban Chapter of NACW will host its monthly meeting at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, June 13, at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road in Plymouth. Cost is \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. The guest speaker will be Pamela Hall from First Horizon Home Loans. Her topic will be "When Should You Refinance and Preparing for Your Dream Home." For more information or to make a reservation, call Tracey Huff at (248) 347-3355.

CEDAR POINT TRIP
 ■ Northville Parks and Recreation will sponsor a trip to Cedar Point for middle school children on Friday, June 16. Buses will depart Northville Recreation Center at 7 a.m. and return at 11:30 p.m. Cost ranges from \$52-\$59. Adult chaperones are needed. For more information, call Dan at Northville Parks and Recreation, (248) 349-0203.

SUMMER ART CAMPS
 ■ D & M Studios present a Summer Art Camp. This year the theme is "Knights of the Roundtable: Medieval Madness." Kids will be creating family shields, castles and much more. Registration for Summer Art Camp is now open. Camps run from June 19-Aug. 25 and are for students ages 3-16. There are several camps

and different hours to choose from. Classes are held at three locations, 8691 N. Lilley Road in Canton, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth and the Summit at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. For more information or for registration, call D&M Studio at (734) 453-3710.

AUCTION/FUND-RAISER
 ■ The Sarah Ann Cochran Plymouth-Northville Chapter DAR will hold an auction/fund-raiser Monday, June 19, at Sandra Rakoczy's home, 2862 Woodmont, Canton. Please bring school supplies, arts & crafts items to donate and also books and toiletries for the veterans. All DAR members and prospective members are welcome. For more information or directions, call Doris Richard at (734) 453-4425.

SUMMER TENNIS CAMP
 ■ The Plymouth Salem varsity tennis coach Tom Kimball again will offer a summer tennis camp through the Plymouth-Canton Community Education Department. This skills camp will offer tennis instruction to all levels of players ages 10-18. The camp will focus on fundamental tennis skills and will include drills, games, strategy, and match play scenarios. The camp schedule is: June 21, 22, 26-29 and July 5, 6, 10, 11-13. No make-ups are scheduled for rain days unless more than two are canceled. Registration fee is \$60. (1) Beginner, ages 10-14 from 9-10 a.m.; (2) Beginner, ages 14-18 from 10-11 a.m.; and (3) Intermediate/Advanced, ages 12-18 from 11 a.m. to noon. New tennis rackets will be available on-site from the Cayman Sports Co. at a greatly discounted rate. Sign-up is limited. For more information, contact the Plymouth-Canton

Community Education Department.

CLUB CAN-DO
 ■ Nardin Park Church in Farmington Hills is turning into a clubhouse of Can-Do-Kids this summer and all kids are welcome. At "Club Can-Do: Kids Called to Care," kids will see how children (just like themselves) from the Old and New Testaments fulfilled God's plan in Bible times. Can-Do Kids will learn how they can make a difference in the world around them. Club meetings will be held from 9:30 a.m. until noon June 26 through June 30 and at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at Nardin Park Church, 29887 West 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills (just west of Middlebelt). All kids 4 years old by June through fifth-graders are invited. For more information, call (248) 476-8860.

GOLF FUND-RAISER
 ■ The Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation invites you to participate in a golf fund-raiser for the Canton Firefighters No. 2289 Charity Foundation on July 11 at Pheasant Run, Canton. The shotgun start outing begins at 8:30 a.m. and is a four-person scramble. Cost is \$100 per person, which includes: 18 holes of golf with a cart, beverages on the course, lunch at the turn, chances to win great prizes and a banquet with open bar. Banquet only tickets can be purchased for \$50. Banquet starts at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call Capt. Jim Davison or Mike Caruso at (734) 398-5262 Station No. 1. R.S.V.P. by July 1.

BICYCLE RIDES
 ■ Bike tours throughout the Plymouth community, sponsored by the Plymouth Newcomers, will start at 6:30 p.m. every Monday through September (except for three holiday Mondays).

These low-mileage bike rides (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 toward basic bicycling abilities. For those seeking a more challenging ride, the AABTS will lead a bike tour that 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. For more information, call tour leader, Alan VanKerkhove at (734) 455-9144.

MOPS MEETING
 ■ Plymouth Baptist Church holds Mothers of Preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with their children, kindergarten-age and younger, may attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Child care is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

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.

VOLUNTEERS

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

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL
 ■ St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is looking for adults who want to use their skills in a health-care setting. Specific roles include clerical, greeters, staff support and other non-patient care-related duties, as well as patient-comfort roles. For more information, call St. Mary Hospital Volunteer Services Department at (734) 655-2912, or www.stmaryhospital.org

■ Hospices of Henry Ford seeks volunteers to work with patients, to assist in the office or to assist with special projects. We will be offering a 20-hour training program from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday, June 19, Tuesday, June 20 and Thursday, June 22. This training is required for anyone interested in working with patients. For more information, or to register, call Sharon Cain at (734)

354-3372.

SUPPORT GROUPS

DOWN SYNDROME
 ■ The Down Syndrome Support Group of Western Wayne County meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street in downtown Plymouth. This group hosts speakers and provides support, physician referrals, and the latest information for families with children/adults with Down Syndrome. The focus is on the up side of Down Syndrome and members look for ways to help our children and their development in positive environment. For more information, call Michelle Gonzalez at (734) 516-0746.

FAMILIES ANONYMOUS
 ■ Families Anonymous holds monthly meetings at 8 p.m. every Thursday at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton. This group provides support for families and friends concerned about the use of mind-altering substances, such as alcohol, drugs or behavior problems of a loved one. For more information, call (734) 416-0315.

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 at 2300 Washtenaw, Suite 103B in Ann Arbor. For further information, call (734) 913-0831.

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

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

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 information, call (734) 522-4244.

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.

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 ■ 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 more information, call Pam Heestand at (734) 981-3341.

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: _____

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Stars to shine at third Domus Vita auction, fund-raiser

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Guests at the third annual Domus Vita auction can look forward to seeing familiar faces such as hockey legend Wayne Gretzky, actor Clint Eastwood and local celebrity Karen Newman.

Their "mugs," along with those of 50 other Hollywood greats, will be among the items up for auction at "Reach for the Stars" on Friday, June 23.

According to Diane Montes, Domus Vita administrative director, approximately 50 autographed photographs of famous athletes, politicians, supermodels and actors/actresses will go

home with the highest bidders. "We have received wonderful community support in the past," said Montes, whose mother founded Domus Vita 13 years ago.

The non-profit organization maintains eight group homes for the developmentally disabled throughout Wayne County under the direction of Paula Parkin, executive director and sister of Montes.

"Reach for the Stars" begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a live and silent auction preceding entertainment by a DJ. A wide variety of items will be auctioned off, including restaurant gift certificates, numerous Detroit Red Wing hockey collectibles, a bicycle, TV,

VCR, gift baskets and tickets to see the Detroit Tigers, Detroit Lions and University of Michigan Football teams play.

One lucky winner will have the chance to enjoy a week vacation in Cancun, Mexico, at a resort property.

"We're really excited about the donation of the signed celebrity photographs," said Montes. "This is the third year Donald Lawrenchuk has provided pictures from his collection and we look forward to recognizing him at the event for his generous gifts."

Lawrenchuk is the director of the Wayne County Health Department. He has been collecting autographs of well-know

individuals as a hobby since he was a child. "Domus Vita certainly tops my list as the best of the best," said Lawrenchuk of his continued interest in donating to the non-profit organization's fund raisers.

Some of the other pictures he has donated for auction include actress Kathy Bates (*Misery* and *Fried Green Tomatoes*), actor Charlton Heston (*The Ten Commandments* and *Ben Hur*), signed comic strip sketches by "Beetle Bailey" cartoonist Mort Walker, athlete Bruce Jenner, former Detroit Tiger manager Sparky Anderson, former President Gerald Ford and current Vice President Al Gore.

Montes said one framed and

matted color photograph that is sure to attract a lot of attention is that of singer and actress Barbra Streisand.

"I know that's a hard one to get," said Montes who added guests can look forward to also seeing a "beautifully framed" picture and card from comedian Red Skelton.

According to Montes and Parkin, all event proceeds will benefit group home residents to live on "extremely limited budgets."

"We have used funds in the past for orthopedic shoes, hospital beds, clothing, and for funerals and headstones," said Montes. "The money is used to enhance their lives and to help people reach their goals."

Who: Domus Vita
What: "Reach for the Stars" Third Annual Auction (benefit sponsors include Mobility Transportation Services and Michigan Assisted Living Association).
When: Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and tickets are \$25 per person (dinner included).
Where: The event will be at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus hall on Farmington Road north of Seven Mile.
For ticket information call Diane Montes or Domus Vita Executive Director Paula Parkin at (734) 427-0878 by June 16.

Center offers outreach grief support for families, individuals

The founders of New Hope, a center for grief support in Northville, is now offering assistance to help individuals and families find the help they need through qualified professional counseling.

New Hope Center for Grief is a non-profit bereavement outreach center. They provide grief support services through groups or individual counseling, seminars and other resources.

Founded on the philosophy of Christian principles, help is offered to people working through their grief "much like Christ offered help and healing to all who came to him."

According to Cathy Clough, executive director of New Hope, people of all faiths are encouraged and invited to benefit from the grief support services.

Several different types of support is offered including:

■ New Hope grief support workshop

An eight week series which provides bereaved individuals the opportunity to learn about and cope with grief. The series

blends education and opportunity to do the work of grief by sharing with others in a safe setting. Each session is led by experienced grief specialists and small groups are facilitated by trained staff and volunteers.

People are group with others who have experienced similar loss.

■ Especially for widows and widowers

Ongoing grief support and social activities to help widowed men and women learn to deal with their grief, meet others who understand and learn ways to find hope and healing. Social events, weekend getaways, vacations and retreats are offered to help the widowed person begin a new way of life which includes hope for a future.

■ For parents whose child has died

We offer peer-support for parents who are learning to cope after the death of a child. This is done by offering one-on-one support plus support groups offered on an "as needed" basis. We have a list of parents who wish to sup-

port newly bereaved parents.

■ For grieving teens

There is no easy age to suffer a loss from the death of a loved one, but adolescents have a particularly difficult time finding understanding and support. New Hope offers a support group for adolescents. The group is facilitated by an adult leader and is co-led by a peer/adolescent facilitator. The group is offered as a six-week series.

Risen Christ Lutheran Church (46250 W. Ann Arbor Rd.) of Plymouth will begin offering grief support sessions sponsored by New Hope from 10:30 a.m. to noon beginning Tuesday, June 6. There will be no session on July 4. These sessions are open to anyone grieving the death of a loved one and will be led by an experienced grief counselor.

New Hope Center for Grief Support is located at 113 E. Dunlap in Northville. All groups offered by New Hope are free of charge. Donations are accepted and tax deductible. For information call (248) 348-0115 or e-mail nhope@altavista.com

CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

CRAFT FAYRE/ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Crafters are needed for the Saturday, June 24 "Craft Fayre and Ice Cream Social" at the Wayne Tower Senior Citizens Apartment Building. The event will run from noon to 3 p.m. at 35200 Sims, Wayne. For information or to participate as a crafter call Constance or leave a message at (734) 721-9254 — Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All donations from the ice cream social will be donated to the Jacobetti Disabled Veterans Home in Marquette, MI.

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

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

CRAFT SHOW APPLICATIONS
Crafters sought for Expressions Arts and Crafts two fall shows. Baker's of Milford will present a show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12 in Milford. Northville Recreation Center will host the show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 18-19 in Northville. For an application, please contact (248) 348-5448.

FALL CRAFT SHOW
Churchill High School PTSA is accepting applications for its 9th Annual Fall Craft Show which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are located at 8900 Newburg Road, just north of Joy. Admission is \$2. For an application or information call (734) 523-0922.

New arrivals from page B3

rick of Livonia. Great-grandmothers are Doris Lady of Bear Lake, MI, and Reba Phillips of Port Huron.

■ Amy and James Arsenault of Livonia announce the birth of their son Nicholas James born May 22 at Botsford Hospital. Grandparents are Judy and Ron Arsenault of Livonia and Al

Nadratowski of Novi. Great-grandmother is Wanda

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LOCAL FUND-RAISER

Lutheran Adoption Service and the Park Jarrett Agency Aid Association for Lutherans are sponsoring the WAALK and Rollathon 2000 at 9 a.m. June 24 at Hines Park in Westland

Registration starts at 9 a.m. and the walking and rolling at 9:30 a.m.

You have the opportunity to walk/run, wheelchair, bicycle, stroller, or rollerblade one to six miles total. Features will include entertainment, lunch, refreshments and prizes. Event starts at the Nankin Mills Rec Area (Hines Park) in Westland. Call (800) 225-8558.

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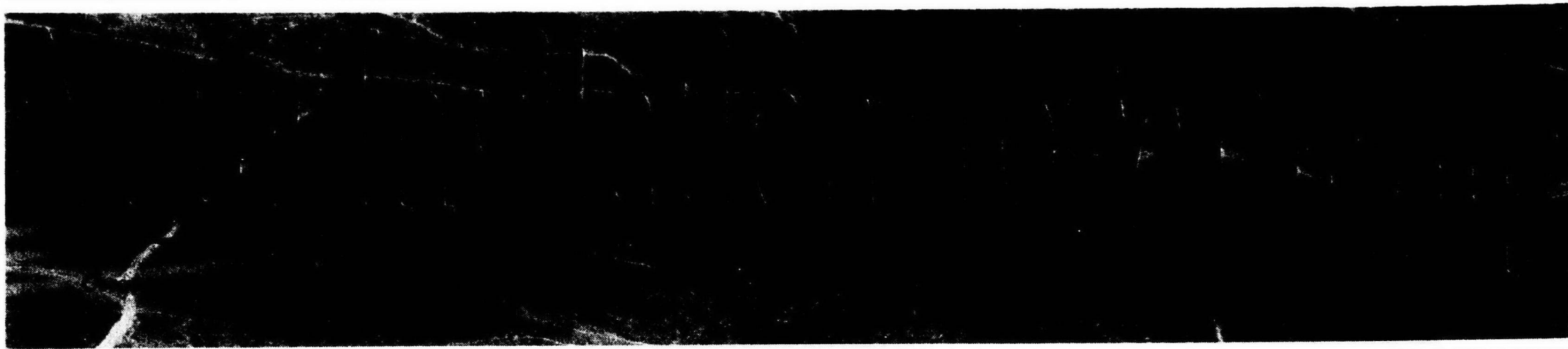




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Why do Christians go to church to worship?



CARLA THOMPSON-POWELL

FAITH JOURNEYS
Can you be a Christian and not attend church? Can you live out faith in God all by yourself?

On the surface, church seems to be about praying, singing, and reading the Bible. Certainly we can do all of

those things by ourselves at home. Services are broadcast on radio and TV, if we want to hear a sermon. Even if we want to have communion, we could certainly find some bread and wine at home. So is it important to

attend a religious service? Is it beneficial to belong to a community of faith?

First, God has always worked through communities. Although Abraham received the promise of a blessing, it was fulfilled through his numerous descendants. Although Moses led the people out of Egypt, the Hebrews who wandered in the wilderness experienced the saving acts of God together. Although King Solomon arranged for the building of the temple, it existed so that the community could have a place to meet God.

Jesus gathered 12 men to be his disciples, and many more came together as his community. The Holy Spirit did not come down upon the 120 who chose Judas' successor, but upon the

thousands who were gathered together in one place on Pentecost.

Second, there is strength in numbers. When the earliest Christians gathered, they joined together to strengthen one another. They found comfort in gathering together, so they could gain strength for their daily work and calling. In 1st Corinthians, Paul writes, "Indeed, the body does not consist of one member, but of many" (12:14). We need each other for support.

When we face hardships, fellow believers encourage us. We help one another to bear burdens, making the load lighter. Together we make up the body of Christ.

Third, we need each other. We learn through the mutual sharing about scripture. We learn when we read scripture and then talk to others about its meaning. We grow when we pray about God's will and then speak about it to others. In community, we share our understandings and commitments, informing our partial knowledge with feedback from others.

No one person has the single answer to everything. Even homebound Christians will benefit from a fellow Christian's visit or a clergyperson dropping by. Losing the fellowship of the community can be very painful for hospitalized or shut-in Christians.

Finally, we are meant to wor-

ship the Lord. Gathering together with fellow believers helps us to set aside time especially for worship. Going to church gives us a discipline of regular worship. There are also parts of worship that lose their meaning if we do them alone. Sharing the sacrament of communion is not a solitary act. We remember and partake of Christ within community. Sharing the peace through a handshake or hug is also a sign of oneness, which doesn't have the same sense at home by oneself. Worshipping with a real live congregation even gives hymns, anthems, and prayers a different dimension.

So why do Christians go to church? Because personal prayer, Bible study, and hymn singing never take the place of

actual gathering with other Christians for worship. We have a God who became human in Jesus and lived his life in community with others. Gathering in worship with fellow believers helps us to learn and grow in faith, so that we are strengthened for our daily task.

Written by Pastor Carla Thompson Powell, who serves Timothy Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Livonia. Pastor Powell lives in Livonia with her husband and son. You can reach her by e-mail at tlclivonia@netnet.net or visit www.timothy-livonia.com

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. - 2 Cor 4:1

RELIGION CALENDAR

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Registration for 2000-2001 Sunday School is being accepted for Congregation Beit Kodesh (31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia). Affordable tuition. Tuition assistance available to those who qualify. Call (248) 477-8974 for information.

SUMMER CAMP

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

RE SUNDAY/PICNIC

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Sunday Program for June 11. Rev. Bob Renjilian conducts RE Sunday. Please join us as we celebrate a year in the life of our Religious Education program and help us honor our young people and their achievements! Our annual church picnic will follow the 11 a.m. service once again taking place at Maybury State Park. No Sunday School this week. Services at 9 and 11 a.m. UUCF, 25301 Halsted Rd. (north of Grand River). For information call (247) 478-7272 or www.wwnet.com/~uucf/

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN

The Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile Road in Northville, presents Family Outings, a three-act play about relationships, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 and Friday, June 16. Complimentary tickets available.

call (248) 348-9030.

SCRIPTURE SERIES

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. Pre-register by calling (734) 464-4435. Walk-ins are welcome.

SPORTS NIGHT

St. Timothy Presbyterian Church of Livonia (16700 Newburgh Rd) hosts a Call Friendship Club for mentally and physically challenged young adults 18 or older. A sportsnight and cook-out is planned for June 15 at the church. Cost \$3.00. For information call (734) 464-8844.

MT. VERNON VBS

Vacation Bible School for Mt. Vernon Baptist Church will be held June 19-23 (8828 Wormer, Redford). The theme is Good News - Ocean Odyssey for children ages 3-12. The session runs from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Call (313) 537-7480.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Trinity Presbyterian Church (10101 W. Ann Arbor Road) of Plymouth invites children to come to Vacation Bible School June 19-23 from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. daily. VBS is open to children entering kindergarten through six grade in the fall. This year's program is SonZone Discovery Center, a week of adventure in a fantastic inventor's museum designed for kids including lively songs, crafts, games, hands-on experiments, Bible study and snacks. Registration begins May 21. Call 734-

459-9550.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us at the SonZone Discovery Center, the Vacation Bible School at Berean Baptist Church (38303 Eight Mile Road). Son Zone is a very special place - a fantastic inventor's museum designed just for kids. Here children will join Professor Meganoggin in her search for God's awesome plan. They'll explore the wonders of God's universe through lively songs, humorous skits and "science-with-a-twist" based crafts and games. The SonZone Discover Center Vacation Bible School is June 19-23 from 8:45 a.m. to noon. All children who have completed grades 1-6 are welcome.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road in Redford, will hold Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon June 19-23. Children age 3 through grade six are welcome to attend. The cost is \$5 per child. For more informa-

tion, call the church office at (313) 534-7730.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Westland Church of the Nazarene, 38600 Palmer Road in Westland, will hold Vacation Bible School 6:30-8 p.m. June 19-23. For more information, call (734) 721-5545.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Road) of Livonia will take place from 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 19-23. Outback Expedition - Celebrating God's Family will include Bible stories, drama, music, games and crafts. Children age four through grade six are invited to attend. To register call (734) 522-6830.

WORLD HEALING SERVICE

On Mon. June 19 a World Healing Service will take place at 7 p.m. facilitated by Barbara Wade, licensed Unity Teacher at Unity of Livonia (28600 Five Mile, between Inkster and Mid-

dlebelt roads). Come and pray for healing of Mother Earth, your loved ones, mankind, the world and yourself. Call (734) 421-1760.

WW MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are scheduled June 9-11 and July 14-16 at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile Road in Plymouth. There is a \$50 registration fee. Call Bill and Carol to register (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524. Visit www.re.net/detroit/wwne

ST. MATTHEW VBS

St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School (5885 Venoy Road) of Westland will host Vacation Bible School June 26-30 from 7-9 p.m. at Holy Word Studios. A light meal will be served from 6:15-7 p.m. with free will offer-

ing. The lesson and craft will follow from 7-9 p.m. In addition, adult confirmation class and adult bible class will be offered simultaneously. For information call (734) 425-0260.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road in Livonia, will take place 9:30 a.m. to noon June 26-29. Register by June 4 at Fellowship Hall or obtain forms in the church office. Grades 4 to 6 may attend and adult volunteers are needed. The fee is \$6 per child or \$18 per family. Call Debbie Pinnell at (734) 432-0164 or Laura Rouher at (734) 422-1530.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia/Canton will host the fifth annual overnight retreat Sept. 8-9 sponsored by Women's Ministry. Thousands of magazine articles. Call Suann Dibble (734) 522-6830.

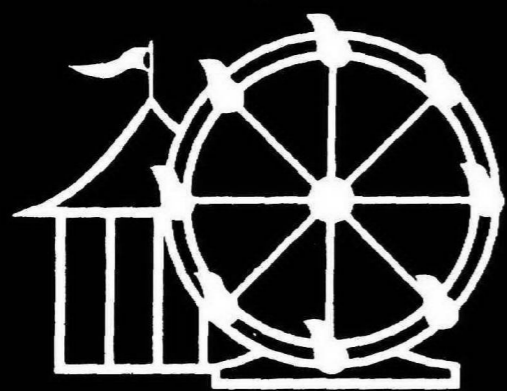
Meyer to serve as host on 'Worship'

Celebrating the festival of Pentecost on "Worship for Shut-ins," June 11, will be guest preacher Dale Meyer of the Lutheran Hour. His message, "In Your Light, We See Light," will affirm how the assurance of God's grace saves us.

Now broadcasting every Sunday at 6:30 a.m. on WKBD-TV50, in Detroit, this television ministry offers a distinctly

Lutheran worship service free of commercials. It ministers to the home-bound, shut-ins, and hospitalized, as well as to those in assisted-living centers.

Meyer, on Jan. 1, 1989, succeeded Oswald Hoffmann as Lutheran Hour speaker. His message on the radio ministry of the International Lutheran Laymen's League are aired over more than 1,200 stations.



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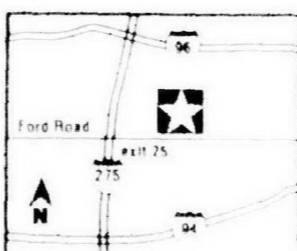
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Support

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never met. They "just want to do something," Ken said.

Family friend Jean Freitag has been a blessing when it comes to helping out and bringing by meals.

Roxanne tries to recall all the things parents, teachers and friends have done, but stops short.

"They held a bake sale to pick up money to buy him some things," she said. "We've been so overwhelmed with their generosity. There's no way I can begin to thank all that they've done. There are no words to describe it. It's one of the worst things that any parent can imagine to have to go through."

Adjustments

Ken and Roxanne have adjusted their work schedules so that one or the other can be with Kenny all the time. Ken works at Detroit Edison as a chemical technician. He works 4 p.m. to midnight. Roxanne works 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in medical records department at Providence Health Care System.

"We tried to have volunteers, but he wanted his parents," Ken said adding that Kenny is enrolled in Angela Hospice and two nurses visit him regularly. "I asked him what was his greatest wish and he said: 'I want to be retired from school,'" Ken said. "And I said: 'Then, you're retired from school.'"

Kenny told his parents he hoped there wouldn't be a cure for his hearing loss, because he liked being retired from school. But, he didn't know who had the authority to make the retirement final. "One of the nurses printed him a certificate that says he's officially retired," Ken explained. "And he says: 'You can't make me go back to school,' and points to the certificate."



Celebration: Jeanette Lindquist helps her brother, Kenny, blow out the candles on his birthday cake.

If you would like more information about adrenoleukodystrophy call the United Leukodystrophy Foundation, (815) 895-3211; (800) 728-5483; (617) 277-4463 or the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) (203) 746-6518 and (800) 999-6673.

To make a donation to the Lindquist family please call Danie Brown of Plymouth, (734) 459-1492.

A couple of weeks ago, Ken asked his son if he wanted to go on vacation or if there was something special he longed to have. "All he said was: I want chicken for dinner," Ken added. Ken and Roxanne haven't told their son he is dying. "We just tell him what he asks," Ken said.

Before the illness began robbing him of his abilities, Kenny played baseball for a number of years. Members of his team are raising money for the family to pay expenses that might not be covered by their insurance or if Roxanne or Ken have to quit work to care for Kenny.

If there is no need to use the funds, Ken stressed that the money would be donated to

Angela Hospice, the Leukodystrophy Foundation or another "suitable charity."

"People just want to do something," he added. Like most kids his age, Kenny was involved in the Pokemon craze and with playing video games, but he can't even concentrate on those simple things now.

According to medical literature, once the neurological effects settle in death can occur anywhere between a few weeks and two years. One in 50,000-100,000 boys get the disease.

"The nurse tries to have him write something every time she comes, but this last time he couldn't write anything," Ken said.

Producer

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E Records. Company CEO Carl Craig is artistic director of the festival. Surrounded by brand-new iMac computers, lamps that snake and curl upward from the floor, and a black-trimmed window that stretches from floor to ceiling on one wall of the airy space, Marvin speaks with an easy-going authority.

In the face of this challenge Marvin didn't blink an eye, for organizing a brand-new festival isn't the hardest battle she's had to fight.

Marvin said she's gained incredible patience fighting a longtime illness that has caused her to have both hips replaced. She spent one year of her life in

a wheelchair but now walks without assistance.

While encountering daily physical challenges Marvin learned to pay careful attention to detail. Her personal triumph attests to her strength and perseverance.

Marvin said it has also contributed to the success of her career - and even the anticipated Memorial Day weekend festival.

Her children - Bob, Ryan, Drew and Madeline - have always been a great inspiration.

Adriel Thornton, who works with Marvin at Pop Culture Media, said she has been an important role model to him.

"She stays very positive and focused," he said. "She rarely lets anything change her attitude."

For Thornton, the Detroit Electronic Music Festival is an astounding accomplishment. "It's a dream Carol had that's come true."

It has been Marvin's vision that the festival continues to have a symbiotic relationship in the city - one guiding and reaping the benefits of the other.

"It did make history," said Marvin. "I hope people continue to just be amazed at how positive this music is and how it really will move things forward for our city."

Singles

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day at 6:30 p.m. St. Rene Parish (35955 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights). Call Rita (248) 336-0391.

Outdoor Tennis every Sunday (except June 18) at 6:30 p.m. Meet at Boulan Park, west side of Crooks road, just 1/2 mile north of 16 Mile Road. Call Tom (248) 547-5884.

TALK IT OVER
TIO meets the second Friday of each month in Knox Hall from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Join us as Pastor Paul Clough, minister to single adults at Ward Church will speak about the occult. Free will offering. Coffee/cookies served. Call (248) 374-5920.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES
Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward Church. Ministries Showcase 7:30 p.m. Single Parenting Ministry meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month

in the parlor, room C317 and C319, at the church. A free meal is served before the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Speakers or open discussion in a friendly, supportive and encouraging atmosphere. Free child care provided; Light-house Cafe, a coffeehouse setting, is offered 7-10 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in Knox Hall. The cost is \$5; all events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

SINGLES WELCOME
Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance to divorced or separated Christians. Call (734) 981-4553 about the divorce recovery workshop. Monthly meetings are held the third Saturday of every month at 8 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Church, Haggerty Road (south of 5 Mile

Road).
■ Tuesday's BSW goes to Thomas's Family Dining on Plymouth Road (east of Stark) at 7 p.m. on the first, third and fourth week of the month. The second Tuesday of the month the group meets at Vic's Family Diner at 7 p.m. for Birthday Night. (Vic's is one-half block north of Ford Road on Middlebelt). For information call (734) 981-4553.

■ Every Sunday, the singles organization offers breakfast at 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn on the northwest corner of 5 Mile and Beech Daly roads in Redford, followed by mass at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Catholic Church on Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 729-1974.

■ Divorce Recovery Workshop (eight consecutive weeks) to begin soon. For information call Diane at (734) 981-4553.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Stampede take title

The Canton Stampede under-11 girls select soccer team won the championship in the Blue Division at the Canton Invitational Soccer Tournament May 27-28. The Stampede posted a 3-0-1 record on their way to the title.

The Stampede won their championship game by a 1-0 score over the Lansing Cougars. In the semifinals they beat the Plymouth Lightning; prior to that they defeated the Portage Lightning and tied the Okemos Shooting Stars.

Team members are Hannah Cavicchio, Andrea Gasparotto, Ashley D'Angelo, Jamie Berlin, Kristine Mattarella, Lauren Delapaz, Sarah Gorzalski, Khali Watkins, Melissa Leach, Chelsey Quinlan, Chelsea D'Agostino, Kelly Buttermore, Missy Frederick, Laura Daniels, Miranda Evers, Chelsea McPhail, and Megan Grady.

The team is coached by Bruce Mattarella, John Cavicchio and Melissa Tomei.

Soccer champs

The Canton Chaos, an under-13 boys premier soccer team, captured top honors in their division at the 18th annual Canton Invitational Soccer Tournament May 27-29. The Chaos posted a 5-0 match record, scoring 16 goals while allowing just one.

Team members are Bryan Baker, Jacob Bennett, Chris Carter, Brian Cox, Joe Crist, Matt Hemmelgarn, Tony Hylko, Gary Klump, Russell Lang, Andrew Mackin, David Mintz, Colin Miranda, Adam Pitt, Eric Simcox, Scott Timmer and Steve Zelman-ski. The team is coached by Craig Cox and Bob Baker.

Top runners

A trio of runners from the Observerland area helped Central Michigan University finish third at the Mid-American Conference May 18-20 at the University of Buffalo.

Jared Biniiecki, a junior from Plymouth Salem, finished first in the MAC in the steeplechase in 9:09.56. As a sophomore in 1999, Biniiecki finished second in the MAC in the steeplechase.

Tom Kessel, a senior from Redford Union, and Ian Searcy, a sophomore from Plymouth Salem, turned in one heckuva race in finishing 1-2 in the 800-meter run. Kessel won the duel in the closest of fashions, placing first in 1:51.42; Searcy was second in 1:51.43.

Crusaders honored

Derrick Wolfe and Todd Miller, both seniors at Madonna University, were named honorable mention NAIA All-Americans in baseball. Both were also chosen to the all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and all-NAIA Region VIII teams.

Wolfe, an outfielder/relief pitcher from Tecumseh, led the Crusaders in batting average (.395), runs scored (52), doubles (16), triples (five), home runs (eight), walks (21), total bases (114), on-base percentage (.487), slugging percentage (.704) and — on the mound — saves (three). He was second in runs batted in with 32.

Miller, a shortstop from Farmington Hills (Birmingham Brother Rice HS), led Madonna in RBI with 36. He was second in batting average (.378), with 12 doubles and a team-best strikeout ratio, fanning just seven times in 164 at-bats.

Meininger picks UM-D

Jason Meininger has been offered a \$5,000 per year four-year scholarship to attend and play tennis at the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio. The scholarship was awarded because of his academic and extra-curricular high school achievements.

Although Wooster has a very good Division III tennis team, Meininger has turned down the offer and decided to attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Chiefs grid boosters

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will have their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 in Room 165 at Plymouth Canton HS.

All parents of Canton football players are encouraged to attend. If you have any further questions, please call Angela Koerner at (734) 416-9120.

Top track stars to compete at Canton



Nothing quite like this has ever happened in this school district — an opportunity to see Olympic-level athletes competing with a lot at stake. Most will be trying to reach the U.S. Olympic Trials qualifying standards.

BY C.J. RISAK
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The first of its kind — at least in this area.

That's what Saturday night offers at the Plymouth Canton football stadium.

Never before has such an illustrious group of athletes been brought to this area for such a noteworthy event.

The Michigan International Track Invitational will bring together some of the fastest men and women, including several Americans who are pursuing a spot in the U.S. Olympic Track and

Field Trials in July. Qualifying standards must be met for athletes to compete in the Trials; that's what they'll attempt to do at this meet.

"This meet has literally exploded," said meet director John Goodridge. "It's a very special event unfolding."

Goodridge should know. He and his wife — the former Francie Kraker, an Ann Arbor native who ran in the 1968 and 1972 Olympics — coached cross country and track at Wake Forest for 15 years until last fall, when they decided to return to Michigan to establish an Olympic Development Distance

Running Center.

"There's always been this great, great need for developing post-collegiate athletes in track," Goodridge said. "Once he (or she) graduates, all his support is gone."

It was that way when his wife attended the University of Michigan. "Things haven't changed in this country much since she graduated," he said.

Saturday's track spectacular, Goodridge hopes, will ignite interest in track clubs and expand the fan support

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Never a doubt

Chiefs take control against Pioneers

BY C.J. RISAK
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From the opening kickoff, one could tell Ann Arbor Pioneer was in trouble.

The Pioneers had tested Plymouth Canton in a non-league soccer match early in the season before losing 4-2. Now, in the first round of the state's Division I regionals, they would have to show they had raised their level of play, that they were the Chiefs' equal.

It was a challenge that was beyond Pioneer's abilities. And Pioneer coach Chris Morgan knew why: "One player. That's all it is. That's their whole team — Anne Morrell.

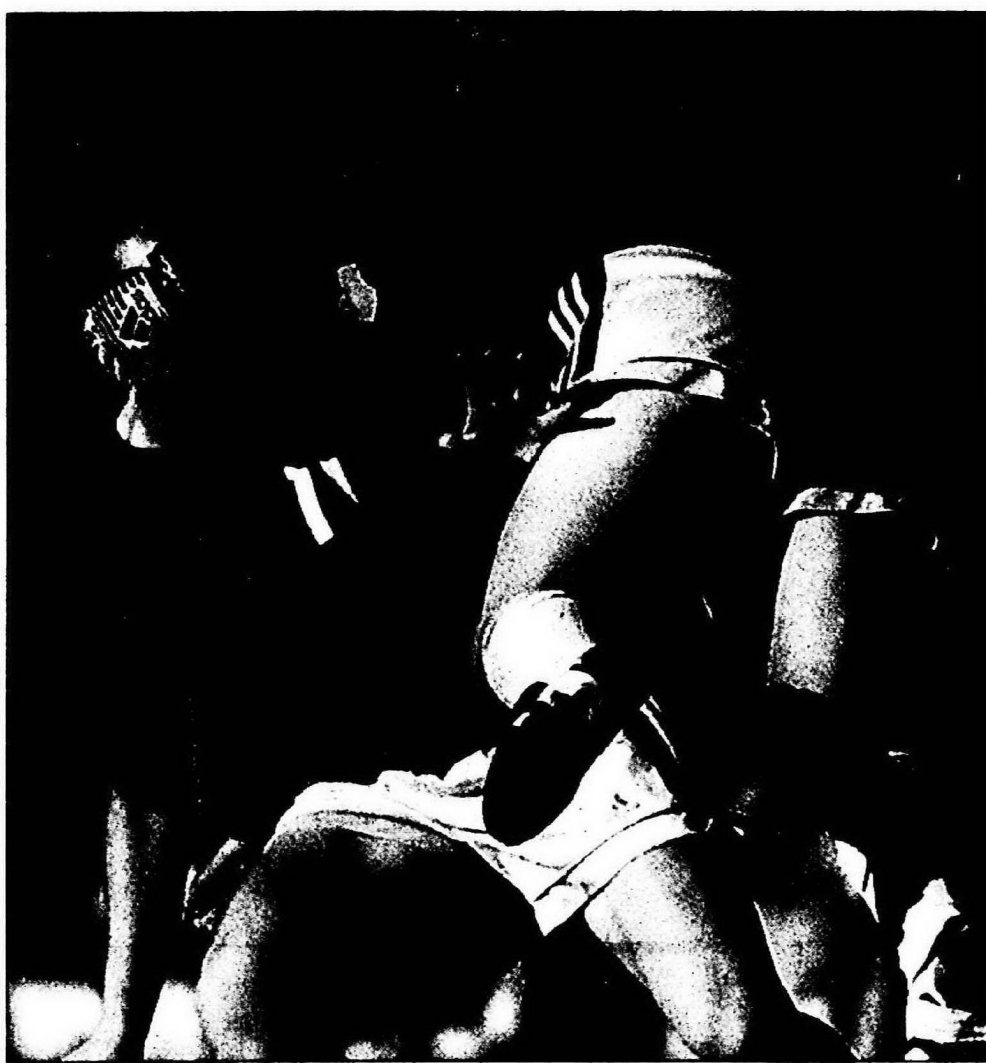
"If someone finds a way to shut her down, they can beat them."

Certainly Morrell again played a significant role in the Chiefs' 4-1 triumph in a game played at Novi HS's field. The win pushed Canton's record to 19-1-2 and gave the Chiefs a rematch against Livonia Stevenson (now 13-3-3) Friday. Pioneer finishes at 13-4-2.

It will be the third time the two teams have met this season. The first two, both played at Stevenson, ended in ties.

What each of those first two meetings failed to have was a match between the Observer's two best teams with all factors being equal. The opening game came closest to accomplishing that; Stevenson had the home-

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Tough going: Canton forward Erica Ahrens (11) collides with Pioneer keeper Kari Wilder-Romans in a match that featured several similar physical contacts. The goal total, however, favored the Chiefs.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Canton claims district title



Celebration time: Canton players surround their pitching ace, Laura Stewart (center, No. 4) after beating Stevenson.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSHMAN

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This was a case of the climax coming at the start of the story.

In last Saturday's state Division I district softball tournament at Plymouth Canton, four Western Lakes Activities Association squads squared off. Two of them — North Farmington and Canton — had met nine days earlier in the WLA championship game.

Fittingly, these two antagonists met again, but this time in a district semifinal. The winner would certainly be favored against the survivor of the other semi between Plymouth Salem and Livonia Stevenson.

North had defeated Canton twice during the season, including a 9-0 romp in the WLA final. But those two didn't count, as Canton coach Jim Arnold was quick to point out.

"This is the one that counted," Arnold said after the Chiefs upended North, 2-1. Buoyed

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Salem a winner

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Salem's quest for its first district baseball title since 1995 went from a walk in the park to a walk on the wild side during the seventh inning Saturday against North Farmington.

The Rocks carried a comfortable, 7-2 lead into the final frame of the championship game before the gutsy Raiders pushed across four runs to make it 7-6.

Salem relief pitcher Chris Hardy finally extinguished the comeback when he got North's Brian Lafer to pop out to second baseman Ryan Cook with the bases loaded and two outs.

Hardy, who relieved starter Jason Lukasik with runners on first and second and no outs earlier in the seventh, was engulfed by his celebrating teammates immediately after Cook squeezed the final out.

DISTRICT BASEBALL

"We've beaten North Farmington five times this year, but they made it closer every game we played," sighed Salem coach Dale Rumberger, as he clenched the district championship trophy moments after the game ended.

"This one got a little too close at the end for my tastes."

Salem will take a 20-13 record into the Division I regional tournament Saturday at Royal Oak Kimball. The Raiders finished with a 6-15 mark.

"If we get pitching, I think we have as good a chance as the other three teams in the regional," Rumberger said.

"We've been hitting the ball real well lately. (Salem has rocked 22 home runs this season.) Hopefully, we can put it all

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The winner: Jason Lukasik started and got the pitching win in the district final.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSHMAN

STATE TRACK

Grubaugh earns a 2nd title at state

BY C.J. RISAK
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Call it a reversal. At least it was unexpected.

Tiffany Grubaugh figured she had a very good chance to repeat as the Division I state champion in the discus. After all, she had recorded the best throw of the season, and indeed she was within sight of the state record.

Her chances in the shot put, an event she finished third in at last year's state final, were less promising. "To win the shot put was definitely a goal," the Plymouth Salem senior said. "But it wasn't expected. Other girls had done better than I did during the season."

When her last effort in the shot came, Grubaugh knew she was at or near the bottom of the list. And that's when she displayed those competitive juices that separated her from other talented athletes.

As her Salem coach, Mark Gregor, said: "She showed what kind of competitor she is."

Grubaugh let loose a line drive — not the best style in this event — that, according to Gregor, "never got more than five feet off the ground." But it went more than far enough: 41-feet, 11 1/2-inches, more than a foot further than the second-best toss.

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Whalers take Wisniewski with 1st pick

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR



A perfect draft? Plymouth Whalers' coach/general

manager Pete DeBoer hopes it is. So does the Whalers' top choice, James Wisniewski.

The Whalers came into last Friday's Ontario Hockey League draft with one very particular need: a defenseman with offensive skills. Wisniewski, who played last season for the Compuware Ambassadors — members of the North American Hockey League — had those talents.

But he also wanted to be a stay-at-home defenseman.

Voila. A perfect match. Choosing last in the first round, the Whalers selected Wisniewski — who happens to be finishing his sophomore year at Plymouth Canton HS.

"It's very exciting," Wisniewski said. "I wanted to be drafted by the Whalers and finish school here."

"They're only losing a couple of guys. (Shaun) Fisher, he's gone, and they needed someone to replace him. I'm looking forward to it — I'm up for the challenge."

DeBoer, who has watched Wisniewski develop in the Compuware system for years, is also looking forward to having him in the lineup.

"He's a great athlete," the reigning OHL coach of the year said. "He's played in the Compuware system his whole life, so we were able to do a lot of,

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Eliminated

Canton surprised by North in semifinal

DISTRICT BASEBALL

errors that cost us four runs. "It was a disappointing way to end what was a good season." North coach Irv Horwitz heaped high praise on junior pitcher Jeff Granat, who threw a complete game and a seven-hitter against the Chiefs. "Jeff pitched one of his better games this season, and he picked a good time to do it," Horwitz said. "Canton made a nice comeback in the bottom of the seventh, and I was one batter away from replacing Jeff, but he finished

the job." The game was tied 2-2 when North exploded for four runs in the top of the fifth inning. Junior Mike Livernotti stroked a two-run double, and senior Zach Lessway added a two-run single in the big inning. Trailing 6-2 entering the final frame, Canton scored twice and loaded the bases with two outs, but it couldn't get the key two-out hit when it needed it the most. Junior third baseman Jeff Vieder wielded a hot piece of lumber for the Raiders, drilling two doubles. Bryan Kay and Oliver Wolcott had two hits apiece for the Chiefs.

Check one up for the underdog North Farmington, which entered the Division I district baseball tournament with a modest 5-15 record, surprised host Plymouth Canton, 6-4, to advance to the championship game later that afternoon against Plymouth Salem. The Chiefs, who finished the season 22-10, played without two key members of their team who were suspended by coach Scott Dickey for unspecified reasons. "We didn't have our top pitcher and one of our top hitters, so that definitely hurt us a little," Dickey said. "But we had three

No real problem: CC rules district

BASEBALL

Host Redford Catholic Central had a pretty easy time in winning its Division I district on Saturday, cruising to a 21-0 win over Detroit Cody in the semifinal, then using Kevin Entsminger's no-hitter in the final for a 19-0 win over Detroit Cooley. "Cody was pretty young and inexperienced," said CC coach John Salter. "Cooley's pitcher had gone two innings in their semifinal and he got tired. It was 9-0 in the fifth inning and we hit their relief pitching pretty hard and scored 10 runs in the top of the sixth." Entsminger gave up a walk and hit a batter, while striking out seven in earning the win and also went 4-for-5 at the plate with a walk and four runs

scored. Phil Marrone also helped the Shamrocks (20-11) by going 2-for-4 with a walk, a HBP and had two RBI, and Anthony Coratti was 2-for-3 with three runs scored and two RBI. Marrone led the way at the plate in the opener by going 3-for-3 with four runs scored, an RBI while walking once and being hit by a pitch. Brian Williams added two hits, including a double, and had three RBI, while Coratti was 2-for-2 with two runs scored. Adam Kline (4-2) got the win on a two-hitter in four innings, while striking out 10.

Winter's homer boosts Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

DISTRICT SEMI

A pair of 40-foot bunts ignited Plymouth Salem Saturday morning in its Class A District semifinal game against Livonia Stevenson.

But it was a 300-plus-foot bomb off the bat of Salem's Ian Winter that blew up any chance the Spartans had of advancing to the District final showdown later in the day.

Using the little ball as efficiently as the long ball, the Rocks (19-13) ousted Stevenson, 5-1, to advance to the district final against North Farmington.

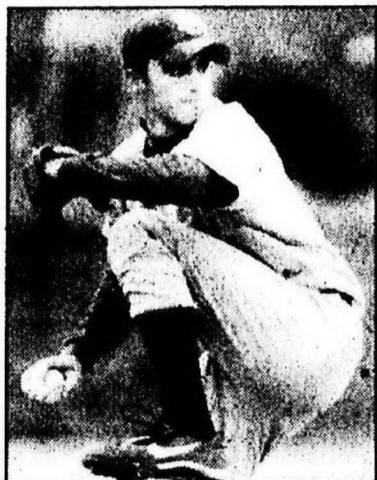
The Rocks beat North in the final, 7-6. The Raiders ousted Plymouth Canton in the other

semifinal, 6-4.

The game was the last high school contest played at the Salem baseball field, which will be displaced later this summer to make room for the new high school.

"It breaks my heart to have to leave this field for the last time," lamented Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "But I'm glad we were able to walk off with a victory. I've coached here since 1986 and I played on this field before that, so I have a lot of nice memories here."

Rumberger was gesturing, of course, with his hand towards



Sold: Steve Gordon tossed five hitless innings.

He escaped his biggest jam in the bottom of the second when, with the game scoreless, Stevenson loaded the bases with just one out.

However, Gordon struck out Ronnie Williams before Bill Marsack's ground-ball struck base runner Brad Buckler, who was trying to advance from first to second.

The Rocks got on the board first with two runs in the top of the third.

Senior center fielder Jason Furr started the inning by beating out a perfect bunt down the first-base line. Lead-off batter Steve Stiles followed with an identical bunt single, and Salem had runners on first and second with no one out.

After Salem designated hitter Chad Goethe walked to load the bases, Jason Lukasik popped out to second. Winter then hit a ground ball to Spartan third baseman Brandon Ray, whose throw to the plate sailed wide, allowing Furr and Stiles to score.

The Rocks doubled their 2-0 lead in the fifth inning when Lukasik walked with one out and scored on Winter's mammoth two-run blast that easily cleared the right-field fence.

Salem added an insurance run in the sixth when Chris Eicher scored on a fielder's choice play.

Winter reached base all four times he stepped to the plate, finishing 2-for-3 with two RBI. Furr was the only other Rock to pick up two hits.

Buckler, Stevenson's starting pitcher, allowed four runs (two earned) and five hits before being replaced by southpaw Tim Oliver in the sixth.

Stevenson, which finished 15-13, scored its lone run in the sixth when Lawson led off with a double and eventually crossed the plate on a double-play ground-out. "I thought we had a good season," said Stevenson coach Harv Weingarden. "I'm going to miss the five seniors (Ray, Lawson, Buckler, Mike Byberg and Joe McCrohan) who won't be coming back next year. "The keys today were Ian Winter's home run and a couple of defensive miscues we had. Otherwise, we played them pretty evenly."

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together Saturday."

The game began in spectacular fashion when the first batter, Salem's Steve Stiles, drilled a long drive toward the gap in left-center field.

What appeared to be a sure double turned into a long out when Lafer, the center fielder, made a spectacular, diving catch.

That didn't deter the next two Salem hitters, Chad Goethe and Lukasik, who followed with a single and double, respectively.

With runners on second and third, Rock catcher Ian Winter grounded out to second base; however, Goethe scored the game's first run on the play.

The Raiders tied it at 1-1 in the bottom of the second when catcher Ethan Goodman led off with a walk, advanced to second on an error and scored on a sacrifice fly by Mike Sack.

Salem bounced back with three runs in the third to grab a 4-1 lead. Winter and Adam Kolb keyed the inning with clutch, two-out RBI singles.

After North sliced the deficit to 4-2 in its half of the third, Salem chalked up its second straight three-run inning in the fourth to make it 7-2.

Stiles knocked in the first run with a sacrifice fly. Two batters later, Lukasik ripped an RBI single. The third run scored on an infield error.

Lukasik coasted with the five-run lead, allowing just one walk and one hit from the fourth through the sixth innings. But the wheels started to fall off in the bottom of the seventh when Lukasik walked the first two batters.

With two on and nobody out, Rumberger brought in Hardy,

who yielded an RBI single to the first batter he faced, Ross Patterson.

After getting Zach Lessway to pop out to Cook, Hardy hit Goodman before giving up a single to Paul Kammer to load the bases and bring the tying run to the plate.

After a strikeout, the suspense intensified when Sack laced a run-scoring single and leadoff batter Jeff Vieder drew a walk to make it 7-6.

But Lafer couldn't match his game-opening heroics, as Hardy induced him to pop the ball into Cook's waiting glove.

North coach Irv Horwitz said his team's gritty comeback didn't surprise him.

"We've never quit all season," he said. "We lost to Salem four times this year before this game, so I didn't know if our guys thought they could play with them. But we came out and played a great game, falling just a little short at the end."

Lukasik paced the Salem hitters with three hits, a run scored and a stolen base. Goethe also had a solid game, ripping two singles and scoring twice.

Salem played aggressively on the basepaths, swiping four bases.

"When you run a lot like we did today, it forces the pitcher to throw the ball right down the middle of the plate," Rumberger said.

Sack provided the most punch for North, going 2 for 2 with two RBI and a walk.

Goodman also proved to be a tough out for the Raiders, reaching base three of the four times he stepped to the plate.

BASEBALL CAMPS

Canton camp

The Plymouth Canton baseball coaching staff and players will sponsor the Canton Chiefs baseball camp from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. June 19-23 at the Canton varsity field. The camp is for kids 7-14 years old.

Individual instruction in all phases of the game will be emphasized. Cost is \$85 before June 10, \$90 after. A T-shirt and lunch is included.

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in his sport. Certainly it is a premier line-up. The men's mile, for instance, features Canada's Kevin Sullivan, the 15th fastest miler in the world in 1999, 1996 Olympian Paul McMullen, and Kenyan Amos Kipyegon. They will pursue the fastest sub-four-minute mile ever run in this state.

There's more. The women's 1,500 meters highlights Collette Liss, the U.S.A. indoor national mile runner-up, while the men's 800 includes Trinity Townsend, the seventh-ranked American at that distance in 1999.

The women's 800 will feature three women who have been very close to the U.S. qualifying time in the 800 of 2:05.0: Jill McMullen of Ypsilanti, Melissa Smith of Grand Valley State and Hope Sanders of the Indiana Invaders club.

In the 400, Nigerian Clement Chukwu — 15th fastest in the world last year — will compete.

On a closer-to-home note, high school sensation Dathan Ritzenhein of Rockford will try to reach the U.S. Olympic Trials qualifying standard of 13:47 in the 5,000-meter run. Ritzenhein, the Footlocker national high school cross country champion, won both the 1,600 and 3,200 races at last weekend's state meet, setting a new state record of 4:08.08 in the 1,600.

He'll be up against some tough company, including four Ameri-

cans — Jeff Simonich in the 5,000 and Jim Jurcevich, Kyle Baker and Chad Baker in the 10,000 — who have already qualified for the U.S. Trials, scheduled to start July 13. Also competing will be Kenyan Sammy Nyamongo.

The meet will begin at 7 p.m. and last for approximately two hours. Admission is \$5.

Events include the men's 110-meter high hurdles, high jump and long jump, boys and girls high school one-mile runs, men's national 100 meters, men's international 100 meters, men's international 400 meters, women's international 800 meters, men's national 800, men's international 800, women's international 1,500, men's national 1,500, men's international 200, men's international 5,000, and men's international one mile.

"We have a real fine group of athletes who are very close to qualifying," said Goodridge. "This is big stuff. World-class runners will be in Canton Saturday night."

"We've assembled these athletes, and now we're trying to make sure the running public is aware. That can be vital for top performances. There is a connection between the athlete and the crowd."

And hopefully there will something special and lasting between big-time track and the Plymouth/Canton communities.



State champ: Salem's Tiffany Grubaugh gained her second state championship with a winning toss on her last try in the shot put.

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The effort earned Grubaugh her second state championship in as many years at last Saturday's Division Meet at Rockford HS. Alas, she could not repeat as state champ in the discus, finishing fourth with a toss of 130-0.

"In the discus, I went into it thinking I had a good chance," she said. "It's a lot about technique. You have to be relaxed and loose and just let it go. If you're really tight and tense you won't do too good."

Although she wasn't able to regain her discus championship, Grubaugh certainly did well enough. She accounted for all of Salem's points except for that scored by the 4x100-meter relay team of Michelle Bonior, Susan Woodard, Jessica Shamberger and Rachel Jones, which placed eighth in 50.4.

"They all competed real hard," said Gregor. "They gave it their best shot."

The Rocks' 4x200 relay team of Bonior, Woodard, Shamberger and Jones, which came in seeded fourth, finished ninth in 1:45.7. Another top performance came from Aisha Chappell, who reached the semifinals in the 100 hurdles before being ousted, posting a 15.7, and cleared 5-feet in the high jump, falling just short of a scoring spot (5-1 was eighth).

In the 300 hurdles, Valerie Brown missed a scoring slot,

going 49.9, and in the long jump Brynne DeNeen leapt 15.2, also falling short.

The Rocks finished tied for ninth with 16 points. "We enjoyed the experience," said Gregor. "And it was a fitting way for this group of seniors to go out."

Included in that bunch are DeNeen, Chappell, Brown, Jones — and Grubaugh, who will attend Wayne State on a basketball scholarship in the fall.

"It's kind of sad," she said of her final athletic experience as a Rock. "But when I look back, I had a lot of fun and a lot of accomplishments."

"I've grown so much. I really don't have any regrets."

No need to.

Canton back in pack
Plymouth Canton scored points in two events at Saturday's Division I state final, hosted by Rockford HS, totalling six points to tie for 30th.

Jerry Gaines turned in an outstanding run for the Chiefs, placing fourth in the 400 meters in 49.52 — a mere .22 out of second.

Canton's other points came from Jordan Chapman in the pole vault. He cleared 12-feet, 6-inches to place eighth.

Perhaps the best news for the Chiefs is that they will return next season. Both are juniors.

STATE REGIONAL BASEBALL, SOFTBALL PAIRINGS

PREP BASEBALL REGIONAL PAIRINGS (all Saturday, June 10)

DIVISION I

at MONROE

Semifinals: Redford Catholic Central vs. Southgate; Garden City vs. Taylor Kennedy.

Championship final: Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 13 at Carleton Airport vs. Brighton regional champion.

at ROYAL OAK KIMBALL

Semifinals: Birmingham Groves vs. University of Detroit Jesuit, 9 a.m.; Plymouth Salem vs. Royal Oak Kimball, 11:30 a.m.

Championship final: 2 p.m. Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday.

June 13 at Clinton Township (Clintondale vs. Grosse Pointe North regional champion).

DIVISION III

at Lake Fenton

Semifinals: Livonia Clarenceville vs. Madison Heights Madison; Harper Woods vs. Lake Fenton.

Championship final: Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 13 at Davison vs. Lake Fenton regional champion.

GIRLS SOFTBALL REGIONAL PAIRINGS

DIVISION I

at MONROE

Semifinals: Livonia Churchill vs. Taylor Truman; Monroe vs. Detroit Redford.

Championship final: Winner advances to

the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 13 at Carleton Airport vs. Brighton regional champion.

at ROYAL OAK KIMBALL

Semifinals: Warren Mott vs. Plymouth Carleton; 2 a.m. Detroit Montford vs. Farmington Hills Mercy, 11:30 a.m.

Championship final: 2 p.m. Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 13 at Clinton Township (Clintondale vs. Grosse Pointe North regional champion).

DIVISION II

at BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM

Semifinals: Orionville Brandon vs. Hamtramck, 10 a.m.; Farmington Hills Harbord vs. Livonia Ladwood, noon.

Championship final: 2 p.m. Winner

advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 13 at Brighton vs. Clinton Township (Clintondale regional champion).

DIVISION III

at LAKE FENTON

Semifinals: Byron vs. Harper Woods; Livonia Clarenceville vs. Macomb Lutheran North.

Championship final: Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 13 at Davison vs. Dearborn regional champion.

GIRLS SOCCER REGIONAL PAIRINGS

DIVISION I

at NOVI

Friday, June 9: Livonia Stevenson vs. Plymouth Canton, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 13 at Jackson vs. Jackson regional champion).

GOLF NEWS

Golf tournament

The sixth annual St. Louis Celebrity Golf Tournament is slated for 1 p.m. June 26 at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. Golfers will play on the Golden Fox Championship Course.

Several former pro athletes will take part, including Steve Gromek, Fred Holdsworth, Gary Ignasiak, Mike Kilkenny, Bill Zapp, Milt Wilcox and Tom Timmerman of the Tigers; Lem Barney, Les Marentette, Tom Watkins and Doug Gallagher of the Lions; Olympic speedskater Terry McDermott; current Red

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research on him. "We've just had exceptional reports on him. He was too good an athlete to pass up."

In his first season with the Ambassadors, Wisniewski netted five goals and assisted on 11 others in 50 games. Two of his goals were on the power play; there were two game-winners as well.

The power play is where DeBoer wants to utilize Wisniewski. "We graduated Fisher and we're looking for someone with skills to combine with (Ligor) Ustrnul and (Jared) Newman and (Nate) Kiser."

"All of them are big players, defensive-type defensemen. James is 6-foot, he's strong, and he's got a good combination of physical play and finesse."

In his earlier days in hockey, Wisniewski was a high-scoring forward. Now 16, he made the switch to defense four years ago.

Although it took some time for them to flourish with Compuware, Wisniewski's offensive

skills did emerge by season's end. "It took him until Christmas to adjust to that league," said DeBoer. "He ran the power play for them in the playoffs."

Replacing Fisher at the point will be a daunting task. An overage player, Fisher was among the OHL's leaders in defenseman scoring with 14 goals and 40 assists.

Still, Wisniewski is heading into a great situation. Last year was supposed to be a rebuilding season for Plymouth; instead, the Whalers posted the best regular-season record in the OHL, and came within one game of winning the league championship.

Five players will be lost from that team: forwards Randy Fitzgerald, Jamie Lalonde and Eric Goody, and defensemen Fisher and Chris Cava. Cava was traded to the Kitchener Rangers for a pair of draft picks.

Cava and a player to be named were obtained in the trade that

sent defenseman Kevin Boldridge to the Ottawa 67s last January. The player to be named has been named: defenseman Mike Gresdal, a 17-year-old who was originally a second-round selection. He had one goal and two assists in 26 games for Ottawa last season.

Of the 19 players selected in the OHL draft by the Whalers, only Wisniewski and second-round pick Karl Stewart, a winger who played for the Thornhill Junior A team last season, are expected to have an impact this season with the team.

"Most of them will come in a year from September," predicted DeBoer.

As for Wisniewski, this is another big step up his career ladder.

"The year after this is my draft year," he noted. "Hopefully, I'll be picked by the NHL. I want to play professionally. That's my goal."

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by that success, Canton went on to capture the district crown, beating Livonia Stevenson 5-1 in the final.

The Chiefs, 22-11 overall, advanced to the Division I regional at Royal Oak Kimball against Warren Mott Saturday. Farmington Mercy goes against Detroit Mumford in the other regional semifinal.

"I thought both teams played extremely well," Arnold said of Canton's district battle against North. "I thought it would be a different game than the last time we played them."

It was The Raiders, who finished their season at 24-12, were first to draw blood — but it took four innings and a singular effort by Staci Russell to do it.

In the top of the fifth, Russell led off the inning with a single, the first hit of the game off Canton pitching ace Laura Stewart. Russell stole second and then, with one out, she stole a run when Christie Hendrickson grounded out to second.

Russell broke for third on the play and Chiefs' first baseman Brienne McNicholas tried to toss her out, but the throw to third was wide and Russell scored, giving the Raiders a 1-0 lead.

Canton, however, answered immediately. For four innings the Chiefs' offense had been stymied, failing to get a hit off North pitcher Beth Danielewicz. Stewart reached base to start the inning with a bad-hop bouncer off Samantha McComb, with Katie Conlon in to run. Angie Neu executed a sacrifice bunt to move her to second.

Canton's first hit was a big one, a grounder down the third-base line by Kaitlin Anderson that went for a double but kept Conlon at third. A walk to

Christina Kiessel loaded the bases with one out.

Jenna Perino popped out to second, pulling the Raiders to within an out of escaping the inning unscathed. But Megan Coultas, a sophomore second baseman who bats ninth in the order, wasn't about to allow that to happen.

Coultas laced a single to center that scored two runs and gave the Chiefs a lead they never relinquished.

A pair of hits in the sixth put two runners aboard for North with two out, but Stewart — who tossed a three-hitter, striking out seven and walking one — got Kristy Reinhardt to fly out to center to end the threat.

And end North's chances, as it turned out. Danielewicz nearly equaled Stewart's performance; the freshman gave up three hits and one walk, striking out four.

"We had chances," said North coach Dave Brubaker. "We didn't get the clutch hits. And if you don't get the timely hits, you're not going to win."

"They got the clutch hits. My hat's off to Coultas, their No. 9 hitter."

For Coultas, it was indeed a big day. Although the Chiefs were favored to beat Stevenson — which defeated Salem 7-6 in the other district semifinal — it was the Spartans who struck first.

Amanda Jankowski opened the third with a single and, after a Stewart balk moved her to second, Mary King doubled to score her. Stewart then buckled down and struck out the next three batters.

Again, the Chiefs answered immediately. First baseman Debbie Gaisfky dropped a pop up by Kiessel to start the inning; then, after a single by Perino, Coultas came through

again, doubling off Stevenson starter Kelley Hutchins to left-center field to drive in two runs.

A dropped fly ball by right-fielder Sarah Pinto led to more trouble for Stevenson. Michelle DeVos laid down a bunt and Coultas escaped the rundown to score, making it 3-1. After Jonelle Brown grounded into a fielder's choice at third, Stewart and Neu followed with RBI singles, giving Canton a 5-1 advantage.

It was all the Chiefs would need. Indeed, in the next 3 1/2 innings the two teams managed just one base hit between them. Stewart again tossed a three-hitter; she gave up one earned run and did not walk a batter, hitting one and striking out 13.

"It's been the story of our year," said Stevenson coach Jen Knoph, her team finishing at 9-16. "One bad inning. It's been frustrating. But I'm very proud of them. They had lost to Salem twice, so it was great just getting here."

"We don't have enough power hitters to score five runs. But they were never down on themselves."

As for Canton and the upcoming regional tournament, Arnold isn't ruling anything out. "Whatever happens now is a bonus," he said.

"They're playing with confidence. I think they finally believe in themselves. I've said from the start that this is a good team with a lot of athletic ability."

It also has a season that isn't over yet.

Salem falls in semi

Going into the state district tournament, Plymouth Salem coach Bonnie Southerland knew it would be tough to win

without their pitching ace, Liz Dekarske, who went down with a broken foot late in the season.

It was Livonia Stevenson, a team the Rocks had beaten twice during the season, pushed across seven runs — aided by some errant Salem defense — to post a 7-6 victory Saturday at Salem's field.

It was the final Salem game to be played on the current field, which will be torn down after the season for the new high school. It was also Southerland's birthday.

Neither of those emotional factors aided the Rocks.

"We didn't hit as well as we should have," said Southerland. "And we had a couple of bad throws."

"It was our last game on this field, which is kind of sad. But it was a good year. We beat Canton and had over 20 wins."

Salem finished at 25-11. The Rocks got a run in the opening inning on a single by Katie Kelly and a double by Dawn Allen. They got two more in the fourth when Marnie Jones was safe on an error and scored on Kelly Jaskot's triple; Jaskot scored on Kelly's bunt single.

Still, trailing 7-3 entering the seventh, they clawed back to within a run before succumbing. Shae Potocki walked, Jaskot singled, Kelly singled to score one run. Allen grounded out to score another and Amy Szawara singled to bring in a third, making it 7-6. But Jacqui Slobodnick popped out to end the threat.

Slobodnick took the pitching loss. Kelly had three hits and two RBI, while Jones and Jaskot had two hits apiece (Jaskot driving in a run) and Allen had a double and two RBI.

PCA tumbles in final

BASEBALL

Plymouth Christian reached the district finals in baseball but could get no farther.

Southfield Christian, the king of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, proved to be king of its Division IV district Saturday at Concordia College with a 13-1 thrashing of Plymouth Christian in the championship game.

The game was scoreless until the bottom of the third. Southfield, which defeated PCA twice during the season, broke through against freshman Clay Welton for four runs.

The district host Eagles retaliated with one in the top of the fourth but the Warriors responded with three in their half of the fourth and salted the game away with five in the sixth.

Winning pitcher Neil Sternberg went 3-for-5 including a triple. Justin Mather counted a double in a 3-for-5 game and Cory Krug struck a single, double and triple.

Junior Travis Yonkman went 2-for-4 for Plymouth Christian and sophomore catcher Brian Carnevale

was 1-for-2. Plymouth Christian ended its season 11-7 while Southfield Christian advanced to the regionals with a 17-10 record, where it will play Wyandotte Mt. Carmel.

Southfield Christian, which won the MIAC with a 9-1 mark, reached the district championship game with a 17-0 mercy of Canton Agape, which ended its season 5-7.

Plymouth Christian decided Detroit Holy Redeemer (13-13), 5-4.

Deric Isensee started and went the first 4 1/3 innings with Welton finishing up and gaining the victory when Plymouth Christian broke a 2-2 tie with a run in the fourth and two more in the fifth. Holy Redeemer rallied for single runs in the fifth and sixth but Welton closed it out.

Center fielder Yonkman went 2-for-2 with two walks while Isensee went 2-for-3, drove in two runs and scored what proved to be the winning run.

Ladywood captures district

SOFTBALL

Livonia Ladywood softball coach Bob Lulek rolled the dice Saturday and it resulted in the Blazers' third straight district championship.

The Blazers, just 13-21 on the year, posted victories over Dearborn Divine Child (7-0) and Redford Thurston (21-0 in five innings) to gain the title at Monroe-Jefferson.

Ladywood now meets Farmington Hills Harrison (17-11-1) in the Division II regional semifinals north this Saturday at Birmingham Seaholm.

"We went with our third pitcher Pam (Smart) simply because they (Divine Child) had not seen her and she had been throwing well the last three weeks," Lulek said. "It was just a hunch on my part. We were trying to give them a different look"

Smart went the first 3 1/3 innings before giving way to Shawn Fallon. The two combined on a six-hitter, fanning three and walking three.

Fallon came on with two base runners on and one-out in the fourth inning and also got out of a bases-loaded game in the fifth.

Kristen Barnes and Kathy Day each had two hits to pace Ladywood's offense. Cathie Rospieski contributed an RBI double.

The championship final was anticlimactic as Ladywood scored three in the first inning and broke it open with 10 in the second off Thurston hurler Julie Garbacz.

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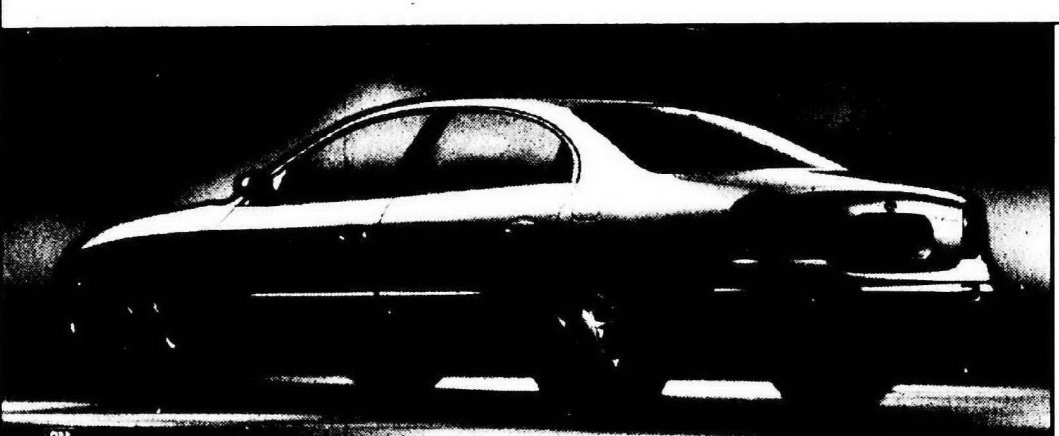
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400-METER DASH
Anthony Bear (N. Farmington) 48.7
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 49.3
Kevin Schneider (Franklin) 50.2
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Nick Soper (Stevenson) 51.4
Gabe Coble (Salem) 51.5

Jack Tucci (Canton) 51.7
Darryl Robinson (Borgess) 51.9
Paul Karoliak (Churchill) 52.7
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800-METER RUN
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 1:57.8
Gabe Coble (Salem) 1:58.0
Ryan Gail (Churchill) 1:59.1
Brad Carroll (Stevenson) 2:00.5
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Jeff Haller (Redford CC) 2:01.3
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1,600-METER RUN
Charlie Stambouljan (N. Farmington) 4:23.1
Matt Daly (Redford CC) 4:26.0
Brian Klotz (Franklin) 4:29.4
Jason Richmond (Churchill) 4:29.7
Donnie Warner (Salem) 4:29.9
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3,200-METER RUN
Matt Daly (Redford CC) 9:23.6
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Plymouth-Canton 44.2
800-METER RELAY
Farmington-Harrison 1:29.2
Farmington 1:29.7
Redford-Bishop-Borgess 1:30.0
North-Farmington 1:30.5
Livonia-Stevenson 1:30.5
1,600-METER RELAY
Farmington-Harrison 3:26.8
Livonia-Franklin 3:27.0
North-Farmington 3:27.1
Plymouth-Canton 3:27.9
Livonia-Stevenson 3:28.5
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OBSERVERLAND'S BEST GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD PERFORMANCES

SHOT PUT

Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 41.11 1/2
 Judy Telford (Mercy) 38.3 1/2
 Tasha O'Neal (N. Farmington) 36.10 3/4
 Lisa Balco (Franklin) 36.2
 Marin Jacoby (Churchill) 34.8 1/2
 Michelle Bonior (Salem) 33.3
 Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 32.10
 Jenny Hefner (Churchill) 32.0
 Gabriel Newton (Harrison) 31.10 3/4
 Christen Jory (Ladwood) 31.9

DISCUS

Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 14.56
 Judy Telford (Mercy) 12.6
 Jenny Hefner (Churchill) 12.2
 Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 10.9
 Susan Hand (N. Farmington) 10.64
 Detby Chen (N. Farmington) 10.5
 Meghan Kelley (Redford Union) 10.49
 Julie Yanibasky (Stevenson) 10.38
 Jen Dash (Lutheran Westland) 10.34
 Sarah Dudas (Ladwood) 10.33

HIGH JUMP

Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 5.5
 Alexis Noel (Ladwood) 5.3
 Amy Driscoll (Canton) 5.2
 Andrea Polasky (Stevenson) 5.2
 Aisha Chappell (Salem) 5.1
 Autumn Hicks (Salem) 5.1
 Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 5.1
 Erin Szura (Garden City) 5.1
 Krystal Dennis (St. Agatha) 5.0
 Felicia Barnett (John Glenn) 5.0
 Karen Abramczyk (Luth. Westland) 5.0

LONG JUMP

Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 17.1 1/2
 Amy Driscoll (Canton) 16.7 1/2
 Alexis Noel (Ladwood) 16.6
 Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 16.5 1/2
 Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 16.2 3/4
 Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 16.2 1/2
 Tara Tarole (Stevenson) 15.11
 LaTasha Chandler (John Glenn) 15.10 1/2
 Heather Vargo (Plv. Christian) 15.8
 Karen Kusznyski (Ladwood) 15.7

POLE VAULT

Kim Wise (Garden City) 10.4
 Amy Driscoll (Canton) 10.0
 Jane Peterman (Churchill) 10.0
 Kari Cezat (Churchill) 9.7 1/2
 Andrea McMillan (Franklin) 9.3
 Lauren Turner (N. Farmington) 8.9
 Nicole Simonian (John Glenn) 8.6
 Julietta Ianna (Harrison) 8.6
 Jenny Jedick (Salem) 8.6
 Abby Schrader (Stevenson) 8.0
 Kristen Schick (Canton) 8.0
 Kelly Clark (Luth. Westland) 8.0

100-METER HURDLES

LaTasha Chandler (John Glenn) 14.8
 Aisha Chappell (Salem) 15.5
 Kristel Stricker (Farmington) 15.5
 Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 16.0
 Cassie Ehlendt (Stevenson) 16.0
 Lisa Rosemary (Harrison) 16.1
 Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 16.4
 Valerie Brown (Salem) 16.4
 Anna Roif (Lutheran Westland) 16.8
 Erin Lizara (Redford Union) 16.9

300-METER HURDLES

Cassie Ehlendt (Stevenson) 47.0
 Kristel Stricker (Farmington) 47.8
 Aisha Chappell (Salem) 48.1
 Valerie Brown (Salem) 48.7
 Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 48
 Erin Lizara (Redford Union) 49.0
 Anna Roif (Lutheran Westland) 49.4
 Colleen Bosman (Stevenson) 49.8
 Danielle Miller (Farmington) 51.1
 Mandi West (Churchill) 51.6

100-METER DASH

Rachel Jones (Salem) 12.4
 Brianna Watson (Ladwood) 12.6
 Michelle Bonior (Salem) 12.6
 Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 12.7
 Angela Mikkelsen (Stevenson) 12.7
 Meredith Fox (Canton) 12.9
 Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 12.9
 Sharla Felton (Redford Union) 12.9
 Theresa Chermakoff (Stevenson) 13.0
 Celina Davis (Salem) 13.0

200-METER DASH

Rachel Jones (Salem) 25.8
 Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 26.3
 Autumn Hicks (Salem) 26.5
 Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 26.5
 Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 26.9
 Sharla Felton (Redford Union) 27.1

Kelly Carey (Ladwood) 27.3
 Brianna Watson (Ladwood) 27.3
 Theresa Chermakoff (Stevenson) 27.4
 Dominique Whittier (Bogess) 27.4

400-METER DASH

Autumn Hicks (Salem) 54.1
 Rita Miles (Franklin) 1:00.1
 Rachel Jones (Salem) 1:00.2
 Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 1:00.2
 Dominique Whittier (Bogess) 1:00.4
 Meredith Fox (Canton) 1:00.7
 Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 1:01.9
 Kim Mazzoni (Stevenson) 1:02.2
 Laura Gysin (Harrison) 1:02.7
 Tavia Bude (Canton) 1:03.1

800-METER RUN

Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 2:29.8
 Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 2:29.8

Andrea Doud (Ladwood) 2:29.0
 Tess Kuebler (Luth. Westland) 2:29.6
 Michelle Phillips (Churchill) 2:30.6
 Rachel Wodjka (Churchill) 2:31.9
 Erica Johnson (Franklin) 2:31.2
 Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 2:31.7
 Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 2:31.8
 Tessa Tablin (Stevenson) 2:31.9

1,600-METER RUN

Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 5:19.6
 Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 5:23.4
 Tess Kuebler (Luth. Westland) 5:25.6
 Tessa Tablin (Stevenson) 5:26.2
 Susan Dumas (Churchill) 5:27.6
 Holly Storkston (N. Farmington) 5:34.6
 Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 5:36.4
 Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 5:36.4
 Sarah McKinnick (Canton) 5:38.6

3,200-METER RUN

Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 11:47.8
 Tess Kuebler (Luth. Westland) 11:51.0
 Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 11:51.2
 Susan Dumas (Churchill) 12:05.5
 Tavia Bude (Canton) 12:10.4
 Mary Maloney (Canton) 12:10.7
 Kim Woods (Salem) 12:22.2
 Anna Paganis (Ladwood) 12:29.9
 Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 12:32.1
 Tessa Tablin (Stevenson) 12:33.1

400-METER RELAY

Plymouth Salem 49.4
 Ladwood 51.6
 Westland John Glenn 52.7
 Farmington Hills Mercy 52.9
 Farmington Farmington 53.5

800-METER RELAY

Plymouth Salem 1:49.5
 Westland John Glenn 1:49.1
 Ladwood 1:49.3
 Ladwood 1:50.7
 North Farmington 1:50.8

1,600-METER RELAY

Plymouth Salem 4:06.4
 Plymouth Canton 4:12.8
 Ladwood Stevenson 4:19.3
 Farmington Farmington 4:22.1
 Lathrop Westland 4:23.0

3,200-METER RELAY

Ladwood Stevenson 9:49.9
 Churchill Churchill 10:04.8
 North Farmington 10:14.5
 Plymouth Salem 10:14.7
 Lathrop Westland 10:19.4

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ROUNDUP

PCHA signup, sale

The Plymouth Hockey Association will accept applications for open membership for the fall 2000-2001 hockey season and hold a used equipment sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, June 11 in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

To apply for membership for the 2000-2001 hockey season in the mini-mite instructional program a child must be at least 4 years old by June 30, 2000 but not older than 8 by Dec. 31, 2000.

To apply for a team a child must be age 6 by June 30, 2000. City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township residents must bring a picture identification and proof of residency (current utility bill).

The PCHA retains 15 percent of sold items in the used hockey equipment sale. Pricing of items will be done between 9-10 a.m. Unsold items must be picked up no later than 1 p.m. on June 11. Unclaimed items will become property of the PCHA.

Trick-shot golfer

Golf entertainer Chuck "The Hit Man" Hiter will headline this year's Las Vegas Golf & Tennis St. Joe's Pro-Am Golf Classic Wednesday at Canton's Pleasant Run Golf Club.

Tickets for a golf package (\$350) or novice clinic (\$150) are available by calling the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Development Department at 712-3192.

The golf classic follows a traditional scramble format and a Michigan PGA golf professional will accompany each foursome.

Both the full golf and novice clinic tickets include participation in the Hiter show.

Full golf ticket includes 18 holes of golf with cart, breakfast, lunch, dinner, beverage service and snacks and gifts.

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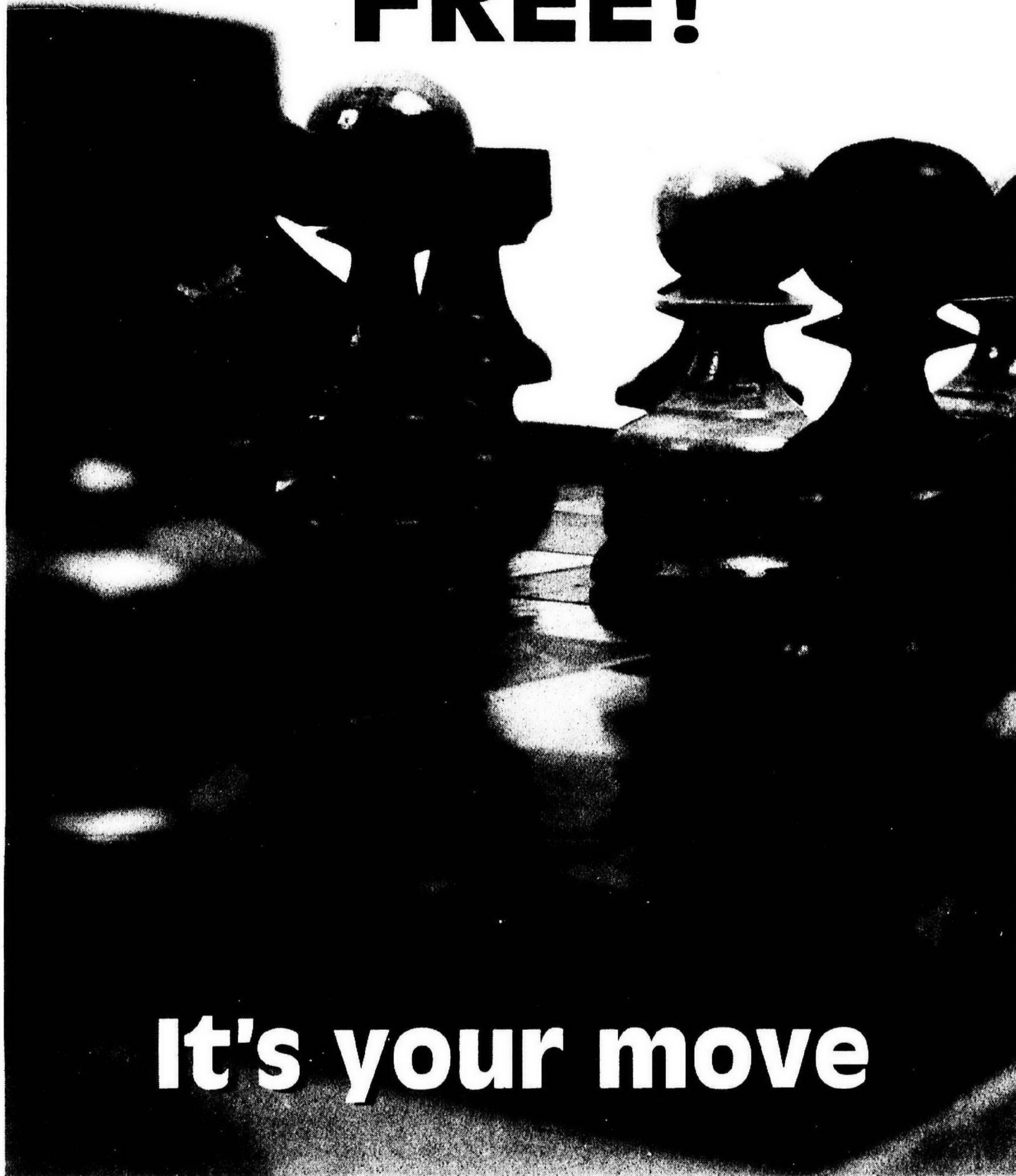
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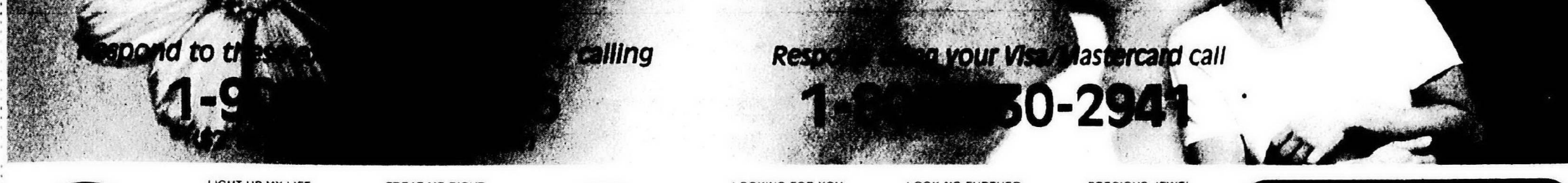
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TREAT ME RIGHT
Single white mother, intelligent, good looking in good shape. Looking for a traveled, fun and adventurous male, 30 to 55, for friendship and maybe more. BOX 16770

SHOOTING STAR
Divorced white professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, looks minus 40 and stable. Seeking a divorced white male, 55 to 60, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

DANCE WITH ME
Single, white female, 24, likes sports, dancing and the outdoors. Seeking a single male for friendship first and more later on. BOX 16667

GOLFGERS WHERE ARE U
Single white female, 56, young looking, active, down river area, loves to golf but not ready for the tour. 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

SEEKING COMMITMENT
35 yr divorced white female, mother of one, 5'3", blonde hair, blue eyes, about size 18. Been told I am pretty and have a good personality. Smoker, non-drinker, no drugs. Enjoys movies, camping. Seeking a marriage minded man that doesn't drink or do drugs. Down River area. BOX 31940

COLLEGE EDUCATED...
32 yr old, 5'7", single mother of one with light brown hair and hazel eyes. Seeking a college educated, single, white male who is honest and has a sense of humor. BOX 13164

MAKE ME SMILE
Divorced white Christian mother of two, 37, 5'4", 145 lbs, self-employed. Enjoys theater, walks, museums and keeping up with my children. Seeking intelligent, emotionally fit, non-smoking, non-drinking male with a healthy attitude and a sense of humor. Must value honesty and be goal oriented. BOX 31941

THE IDEAL MATE
Single white mother of one, 5'4", 130 lbs, red/brown hair, brown eyes. Enjoys children and just about all that life has to offer. Seeking a single male with similar interests for possible relationship. BOX 13156

MATERNAL EXPRESSION
Pensive, spiritual, very pretty lady, 37, smart, charismatic. Polite, positive, passionate and humorous. Loves dancing, dining, theater, nature and quiet times. Seeking a single, compatible, fun, open minded, established, sensual, tender gentleman to make my heart go pitter patter. BOX 35960

LADY OF CLASS
50 yr old, single white female, 5'4", 125 lbs, with brown hair, blue eyes, who enjoys movies, dining, traveling, sports, music, the outdoors, travel, and weekend get aways. Seeking a single male with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 13364

THE GOOD LIFE
56 yr old, independent woman, enjoys car shows and racing, camping, bowling and fishing. Seeking a single male, social or non-drinker, 35 to 45. BOX 32047

ARE YOU LONESOME?
Single, professional, white mother of one, 46, 5'3", 130 lbs, blonde hair and green eyes. Seeking a single male, 40 to 50, with a sense of humor, for dating and friendship. BOX 35962

ROMANTIC AT HEART
Single white female, professional in early 40s, 130 lbs, attractive, slender, enjoys children, movies, garage sales, games, the outdoors and being romantic. Looking for a single male with similar interests for friendship and possibly more. BOX 13385

YOU SHOULD CALL
Single white female, enjoys dancing, laughing, the outdoors and quiet romantic evenings. Seeking a single male, 45 plus, with similar interests for possible relationship that would be beneficial to the both of us. BOX 16551

LET'S TALK
Single white female, 40, 5'4", brown hair, green eyes, smoker, social drinker. Enjoys movies, reading, going to the dining out and the summer time. Would love to share it all with that one single white male, 30 to 40, who picks up the phone and calls. Let us share our similar interests in a possible long term relationship. BOX 16582

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Single white female, 43, 5'11", full figured, enjoys country music, movies and more. Seeking a single male, 45 to 55, with similar interests for friendship first. BOX 16751

LADY OF CLASS
Divorced white mother of two, 29, 6' tall, blonde hair, blue eyes, smoker and social drinker. Enjoys movies, reading, the outdoors, long walks and more. Seeking a single white male, 28 to 35, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 16832

ARE YOU THE ONE?
Single white mother of two, 49, blonde with blue eyes, medium built, employed. Enjoys dining, dancing, concerts and more. Looking for a loving, honest male who likes to have a nice relationship. BOX 17002

LOOKING FOR TRUE LUV
Single female, fun loving, caring, sense of humor, interested in adding to the reach with my blanket and someone special. Seeking a single white male, 33 to 38, employed, stable, loving, caring, sense of humor, romantic and knows how to treat lady. BOX 33116

BLESSED BE YOU
I am a tall with red hair and green eyes. Edictes tastes in most things. Love to dance and sing. Love to cuddle and kiss. Seeking a male, taller than I, with similar interests and willing to listen to most types of music. Could this possibly be you? I sincerely hope so. BOX 16204

KANSAS GAL
I am a brunette with hazel eyes. I am open and honest and looking for the same in a man. I love all animals but especially horses. I like to read, travel, movies and meet new people. Would you be interested in sharing a life with me? If so give me a call. BOX 36208

IF IT'S YOU CALL?
45 yr old, single white female, seeking single male to share life with for good conversation, going out, spending quality time together. BOX 13354

WANTED A GOOD MAN
Single white female, 46, full figured, casual smoker, casual drinker. Seeks very honest, warm male, 46 to 55, to share lives, enjoys concerts and good times. Please respond. Thank you. BOX 13412

DEEPER IN LOVE
Severe, fun loving divorced white female, 37, 5'4", with blonde hair, green eyes, who enjoys sports, dining out, traveling, movies, camping, walks and much more. Seeking single white male, with similar interests, for serious relationship. BOX 13412

LOOKING FOR YOU
Single white male, 42, 5'11", 215 lbs, non-smoker, dinker, enjoys horse races, quiet times, jazz movies and more. Looking for a single female with similar interests. BOX 13261

GIVE ME A CALL
Single white mother of one, 24, 5'11", slim, attractive, employed, enjoys gardening, the outdoors and just having a good time. Looking for a Christian male, 22 to 32, who has strong values and likes children for friendship and possibly more. BOX 13283

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Single white female, 41, who enjoys many different activities. Seeks single male, 45 to 60, for possible relationship. BOX 13317

LET'S MEET
Single white female, 25, 5'9", full figured, brown hair and eyes, enjoys clubs, shopping, good movies, and more. Seeking a single male, 25 to 34, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 13353

BASIC INFORMATION
Divorced father of two, 39, enjoys camping, fishing and bowling. Looking for a single female, 35 to 39, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 13383

DIAL MY NUMBER
Single white father of one, 5'11", 170 lbs, 37, brown hair and eyes, non-smoker or drinker, enjoys camping, fishing, the zoo, movies and more. Looking for a single female, 40 to 50, who enjoys children for friendship and possibly more. BOX 13418

FRIENDS FIRST
Single father of two, enjoys sports, music and more. Looking for a single female to be friends, hang out and just kick it with. BOX 17006

WANTED ONE GOOD LADY
Divorced white, 42, 5'11", slim and very good looking. Enjoys flea markets, swimming, concerts in the park and barbecues. Seeking a single white female, 28 to 43, slim to medium build, for a long term relationship. BOX 31905

MONOGAMOUS
48 yr old, single white male, 6', 180 lbs, who enjoys life, romance, the outdoors, quiet times and lots more. Seeking a single female with similar interests for monogamous relationship. BOX 13447

HEART OF GOLD
49 yr old, divorced white male, 5'6", 160 lbs, no dependent affectionate and full of love. Enjoys fishing, boating, golf, tennis, romantic evenings, travel, movies and making you happy. Looking for a white female, 30 to 45, for a serious relationship. BOX 31950

COMPANION
White widowed, 125 lbs, with brown hair and brown eyes, very active. Enjoys traveling and dining out. Seeking a white male, 65 to 75, for companionship. BOX 32056

SINCERE
Pretty, petite, fun, classy, 5'4", 122 lbs, divorced white female with a passion for life and love, seeks a tall, clean cut, successful, financially secure, 40 to 50, romantic gentleman, 55 to 65, to share life's pleasures. Enjoys outdoor activities, dancing, dining, theater and much more. BOX 35910

SPONTANEOUS
White widowed female, 51, 5'3", average and proportionate, enjoys taking walking, hiking, driving, golf, books, also an animal lover. Looking for a white male, 48 to 55, for friendship, maybe long term. BOX 36123

SUNSHINE
Fun loving, friendly, retired professional, white, widowed female, 52, 120 lbs, with brown hair, looking for friendship with a single male to enjoy dining, fun, romance together. BOX 31911

NEW BEGINNINGS
Divorced white female, red hair, blue eyes, night paper female to 52, seeking a single male, 40 to 50, with a loving and caring heart for a possible long term relationship. BOX 13650

CLASSIC ROMANCE
40 yr old, single female, 5'8", blonde hair, brown eyes, enjoys music, dancing, classical, country, and simple pleasures. Seeking a kind, single, single white male, 38 to 45, who is non-smoker, with similar interests, for a long term, monogamous relationship. Down River area. BOX 14471

LOTS OF ENERGY
A single white young looking physically fit, package with 48% of energy, seeking an energetic, fit, 25 to 35, who is attractive, active and interested in a possible relationship. I am a walking and talking beauty. Seeking a single white male, 28 to 35, who is non-smoker, with similar interests, for a possible relationship. BOX 16790

BASIC INFORMATION
Single white mother of two, 30, 4'10", blonde hair, brown eyes, and a smile. Seeking a single male, 28 to 35, who is non-smoker, with similar interests, for a possible relationship. BOX 16790

JAZZ ANYONE
Single white, 21, blonde hair, blue eyes, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys jazz, blues, rock, and contemporary music. Seeking a single white male, 20 to 25, who is non-smoker, with similar interests, for a possible relationship. BOX 16790

HARD TO FIND
60 yr old, white, widowed female, 120 lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, who enjoys sports, dining out, traveling, movies, camping, walks and much more. Seeking single white male, with similar interests, for serious relationship. BOX 13412

ROMANCE DESIRED
A pretty, blue eyed, blonde, 50's, single white female, who enjoys movies, dining out, traveling, and more. Seeking a single white male, 45 to 55, who is non-smoker, with similar interests, for a possible relationship. BOX 13412

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Single white male, 42, 5'11", 215 lbs, non-smoker, dinker, enjoys horse races, quiet times, jazz movies and more. Looking for a single female with similar interests. BOX 13261

GIVE ME A CALL
Single white male, 68, 5'5", 180 lbs, brown hair and eyes, enjoys boating and more. Seeking a single female, petite with similar interests for a possible relationship. BOX 13261

GIVE ME A CALL
Single white male, 37, 5'9", 185 lbs, blonde hair, hazel eyes. Together with the right person we could enjoy sports, the summertime, the sun and boating. Seeking a single female, 24 to 38, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 16852

GIVE ME A CALL
Single white male, 54, non-smoker, enjoys good conversations, movies, music, sports, travel, walking, dancing and more. Seeking a single female, 46 to 63, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 13305

JUST YOU AND I
Single white male, 34, attractive, 6', 160 lbs, muscular, employed, confident, easy going, good personality and sense of humor. Enjoys a variety of things. Seeking a single attractive, white female, 25 to 30, height and weight proportionate, independent, honest with good sense of humor. BOX 13373

ONE OF A KIND
Single white father of one, 45, 5'10", brown hair, green eyes, employed, open, honest, enjoys football, good conversation, family and friends. Looking for a single or divorced female, 30 to 46, with long hair and similar interests. BOX 16952

FRIENDS FIRST
Single father of two, enjoys sports, music and more. Looking for a single female to be friends, hang out and just kick it with. BOX 17006

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DESIRES OF THE HEART
Single white male, 34, 5'7", 155 lbs, brown hair and eyes. Seeking a single female with similar interests for a possible relationship. BOX 16791

WAITING 4 YOU
Divorced white male, 31, 5'7", 200 lbs, height and weight proportionate, enjoys sports, the outdoors, quiet times, and more. Seeking a single female with similar interests for a possible relationship. BOX 16791

MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY
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LOOKING FOR YOU
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field advantage, but both sides at least started the game with all of their top players.

That changed when yellow cards started flying. Anne Morrell and Abi Morrell both went to the sidelines for mandatory 10-minute stretches with yellows, then key defender Janine Guastella was abruptly red-carded, forcing Canton to play the final 12:20 with just 10 players. Stevenson scored the game-tying goal with 1:48 left.

In the Western Lakes Activities Association final May 25, the MHSAA intervened, suspending Anne Morrell for three games (including the WLAA final) for playing unsanctioned games during the season at an Olympic Development camp. The match ended in a scoreless tie.

Now the MHSAA is intervening again. Stevenson's leading scorer, Lindsay Gusick, played in an unsanctioned national tournament over Memorial Day. She returned last weekend, missing the districts, and now must sit out a three-game suspension.

Which means the earliest she could return is the state final.

That should give the Chiefs an advantage, but the way this series has gone through the years, anything is possible.

Certainly they're a better team with Morrell in the lineup. The all-state junior forward forced the Pioneers to account for her, and often they just couldn't manage it. In the opening minutes she took possession near midfield with Pioneer's Toni Koram marking her and simply pulled away, taking a shot that went wide.

As it turned out, just knowing where Morrell was wasn't good enough. With the match a little more than three minutes old, she closed in on goal and took a shot that keeper

Kari Wilder Romans stopped. But Wilder-Romans couldn't track down the rebound. Morrell did and knocked it in to make it 1-0 with 3:47 elapsed.

While the Chiefs tested their opponent's defense constantly, the Pioneers could not even locate Canton's goal. Yes, they got close, but they couldn't seem to pull the trigger, and when they did they couldn't find the net. Indeed, their first official shot on the Chiefs' net came with 25 minutes left in the game.

Prior to that, K.C. Raymond — who scored twice on restarts in Pioneer's 2-1 win over Plymouth Salem in last year's regionals — hit two direct kicks that went off the crossbar.

The Pioneers just couldn't connect. "We've got to finish our shots," said Morgan. "We didn't play with a sense of purpose inside the six (yard line)."

The Chiefs had someone who could finish, and did. Morrell made it 2-0 with 16:20 left in the half after taking a pass from Jenny Curran in front of the Pioneer goal. Wilder-Romans came out to cut down the angle but collided with one of her defenders, leaving an open net for Morrell.

Canton's third goal came from Amanda Lenz, who headed in a corner kick taken by Melanie Dunn 3:25 into the second half. It was the second time in three games that twosome had combined on corner kick-header for a goal.

Stephanie Johnson's pass at midfield to Morrell just 90 seconds later finished the Pioneers. Morrell just ran away from the defenders chasing her, deked Wilder-Romans and tapped in her third goal of the game, making it 4-0 with 34:55 remaining.

Pioneer finally got on the board when Koram sliced a drive from 20 yards out into the far corner, making it 4-1 with 10:41 remaining. Briana Wolcott, who had replaced Canton starter Amy Dorogi in goal a few minutes earlier, had no chance on that shot; 90 seconds later, Raymond put a restart right on net and Wolcott made a diving save.

"We played well enough to win," said Canton coach Don Smith, not entirely satisfied with his team's play. "We put a lot of pressure on them offensively. It was a good one to have right now."

The Stevenson match will be much different. "We're going to have to mark a lot better, and we're going to have to use more people on offense," Smith said.

The thinking is the more people that get involved offensively, the harder it will be to concentrate solely on Morrell — without paying severe consequences.

Canton wins district

Last Saturday at Livonia Churchill HS, the Chiefs got goals from four different players in subduing Novi 5-0 in the state district championship match.

Anne Morrell accounted for two of the Canton goals and Amanda Lenz had a goal and two assists. Stephanie Johnson added a goal and an assist, and Jenny Curran also scored a goal.

Beth Sandusky and Melanie Dunn each had assists.

It was just a 1-0 match at halftime, but the Chiefs altered that with two goals in the first seven minutes of the second half. Keeper Amy Dorogi stopped seven shots on goal to earn the shutout for the Chiefs.

Brother Rice takes 1st at state; CC 2nd

Birmingham Brother Rice was ranked No. 1 for the whole tennis season.

Saturday's Division I finals in Midland did nothing to change that.

The Warriors won two finals and had finalists in five of seven flights to win the state title, easily outdistancing Redford Catholic Central, 27-21.

"We had some close matches and the ball didn't always go our way," said CC coach Philip Eagleson. "We had a bunch of close matches — some three setters, some 7-6 sets. But we placed six of the seven flights in the semifinals, so that was wonderful."

Top-seeded Billy Walsh provided the Shamrocks with their only state crown as the freshman won a three-set thriller over Rice's Jeff Carrico, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (3). Walsh advanced to the finals with a 6-2, 6-0 win over West Bloomfield's Adam Wright.

"It's hard to describe what Billy did," said Eagleson. "Billy had an incredible performance. To come in as freshman and fight through states and win is

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phenomenal."

CC had semifinalists in five other flights, but couldn't break through to the finals — mostly because of Brother Rice.

In No. 1 singles, CC's Mike Findling lost to Rice's David Lynn, 6-2, 7-6 (6), while Rice's Matt Christian stopped CC's David Aitallah at No. 3, 6-0, 7-6 (1) and the Warriors' Matt Ora and Charlie Duerr stopped Ian McHenry and Lodewijk Von Holsbeek, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3, in No. 3 doubles. Lynn and Christian went on to win their flight.

At No. 2 singles, J.D. Shade lost to eventual winner Matt Garner of East Kentwood, 6-3, 6-3, while the No. 1 doubles champion, Richard Marsh and Brian Gorski of Groese Pointe South, beat CC's Jeff Fiazar and Rob Sparks in the semis — 6-3, 6-3.

"It's hard to describe," said Eagleson. "The whole team had a wonderful performance. All of them played well. Everyone had a good weekend."

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



After abandoning his life as a car thief, Randall "Memphis" Raines (Nicholas Cage, right) returns to his life of crime and former mentor Otto Halliwell (Robert Duvall) for one last major boost to save the life of his brother in "Gone with the Wind," opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



Courtney Riddle and Adrienne Woodworth star in "Das Barbecu," a campy retelling of Wagner's "Ring" cycle 8 p.m. at the Sponberg Theatre on Eastern Michigan University's Ypsilanti campus. Tickets \$13, call (734) 487-1221.

SUNDAY



The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents Respighi's "Pines of Rome" and the world premiere of "Rosa Parks Boulevard 2000" by composer-in-residence Michael Daugherty, 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets \$14-\$50, call (313) 576-5111.

HOT TICKET



Deb Eliassen of Farmington Hills is one of the 150 artists who will exhibit works at the Royal Oak Clay & Glass Art Show 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 10, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 11, on Washington Avenue, between Fourth and Lincoln, Royal Oak. The festival also features children's activities, a food court, silent auction, and live music. For more information, call (248) 547-4000 or (800)-ART-5000.

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Helping hands: Ellis Ehrstine (left to right), Vi McElwee and Marian Renaud in front of the Kingsley House, just one of the restored buildings you'll see at Greenmead Historical Park.

Greenmead hosts concerts and festivals this summer

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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It's an overcast day and threatening to rain, but students from the Livonia Career Technical Center's building trades classes are too busy to notice a few raindrops. They're working on finishing a new farm exhibit shed at Greenmead Historical Park that will house an antique thresher and other farm implements. The shed is open on one side so visitors can view the equipment.

Most of the emphasis at Greenmead has been on restoring buildings not farm implements. When the new shed is completed, the thresher will have a home. The thresher was donated by Bill Lute, whose family has lived and farmed in Livonia for many generations.

"It feels good," said junior Frank Baker about the work he and his classmates have done. "We built something people will see."

Eric Dierickx, also a junior, adds, "I've learned a lot about putting up siding, right now we're doing shingles. It was built with pride."

Their instructor, Harry Jachym of Plymouth, and Tom Berry of Livonia, a vocational tech and skilled tradesman, agree the students have put a lot of effort into Greenmead's newest addition.

Work began in mid-March, and the students are nearly done. "I like being outside, it's a more real-life situation for the students," said Jachym. "The project is a cooperative effort between the Livonia Career Technical Center, building trades classes and the city of Livonia. This building has been planned for several years. Last year, the building trades students restored the privy near Newburgh

School at Greenmead."

Marian Renaud, program supervisor at Greenmead, wants people to come to Greenmead to see the shed and enjoy the many events scheduled throughout the summer. "The park is being utilized in a variety of ways," said Renaud. "We want people to come out and enjoy the site and tour the buildings."

More than 200 artists will exhibit paintings, ceramics, jewelry, glass, photography, metal, wood, and fiber Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11, during the 24th annual Livonia Arts Festival. The festival is held in conjunction with the Fine Arts in the Village exhibit inside Greenmead's historic buildings.

Concerts

Marc Thomas & Max the Moose will entertain youngsters and the young at heart 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at Greenmead. The Sheila Landis Trio performs jazz 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 20, and the Spirit of

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Students at work: Students enrolled in building trades classes at the Livonia Career Technical Center work on the roof of a new farm exhibit shed at Greenmead Historical Park.

MUSIC

Chamber music fest features 20 concerts, 35 musicians

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After six years, Maury Okun is ready to concede that the annual Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival could probably run on automatic pilot.

Of course, in the days leading up to opening night, Okun, executive director of the festival, won't leave anything to chance. No detail is too small. No question goes unanswered.

Actually, "automatic pilot" looks a lot like a "man on a mission."

What started off as a modest schedule of five concerts and expanded to a week of performances, has blossomed into two weeks of music from a repertoire known for its intimate, ethereal sound and as a showcase of individual musician's virtuosity.

The festival begins Satur-

day with a program that features the music of Bach, Chopin and Brahms at the Kirk in the Hills Sanctuary in Bloomfield Hills.

Overall, the festival features 20 concerts, nine venues, and 35 international musicians performing six works by J.S. Bach, three of Brahms piano trios and nine works by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer-in-residence William Bolcom.

This is one of the festivals that lets musicians play what they want to play, said Okun. But it's also a juggling act with achieving "the artistic vision."

Compared to other chamber music festivals around the country, Okun contends that the Great Lakes gathering offers more challenging, less familiar and, ultimately, less accessible music.

While that might worry

some programmers, it hasn't hurt the festival. Last year, the festival increased ticket sales by 15 percent from 1998. Okun expects a similar increase this year.

With the festival crisscrossing into its seventh year, there's nothing automatic about how Okun handles the contingency planning and logistics.

On most days, that's nothing short of arranging details of a military operation. It helps, of course, to have enlisted volunteers from the three religious communities that offer their respective places of worship as venues for performances—Kirk in the Hills, St. Hugo's and Temple Beth El.

Other locations for the festival include the new Seligman Performing Art Center on the Detroit Country Day campus, Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor, Detroit Institute of Arts and the Detroit Zoo.

While internationally acclaimed

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Learn about 'Railroading in America'

BY KRISTA HOPSON
STAFF WRITER

Before automobiles, railroads were the way Americans (and freight) got around this country, railroads supported America's industrial revolution.

This summer, Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village will be bringing back a part of 19th century railroads with the Detroit, Toledo and Milwaukee Roundhouse. The 13,500-square-foot roundhouse will be the featured summer attraction at Greenfield Village's "Railroading in America" summer festival. The roundhouse will become a permanent exhibit at the village on Saturday, June 10. The "Railroading in America" festival will run Friday, June 17, to Sunday, Aug. 20.

The DT&M Roundhouse from Marshall, Mich., once served the steam locomotives that ran from Allegan to Dundee. Originally constructed in 1871, the six-stall steam locomotive repair facility is now the only working roundhouse in the Midwest and is one of seven such roundhouses in the country.

The original idea to bring the DT&M Roundhouse to Greenfield Village began about 15 years ago, said Blake Hayes, the roundhouse project manager. The construction of the roundhouse, however, began in June 1999.

Pieces from the original roundhouse were salvaged from the Marshall site and were used in the reconstruction of the DT&M Roundhouse including 18



HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Model: This scale model, created by the South Oakland County (Michigan) Model Railroad Club, depicts the recreated DT&M Roundhouse at Greenfield Village.

cast iron windows, support columns and components from roof trusses. Other pieces, such as machinery, were brought in from railroad museums or private collections and restored to working condition.

"The building itself has been recreated to be exactly like it was in Marshall," Hayes said. "We used only original pieces of the buildings that were structurally sound."

The roundhouse has six sets of tracks and was built to be accessible to Greenfield Village's locomotive turntable.

Inside the roundhouse, visitors can stand beneath the locomotives of Greenfield Village to view vintage repair machinery in action, in addition to having an up-close look at historic locomotives such as the 1902 Atlantic.

Ten feet above the floor, visitors will also get a first-hand look at the active repair area from an overhead mezzanine. They will be able to see wheel repair, the machining of broken or worn parts and the reassembly of the

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STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

Major key: Maury Okun, executive director of the festival. The festival offers a diverse and challenging range of chamber music, said Okun.

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piano virtuoso James Tocco, formerly of Detroit, serves as artistic director and big-name attraction, it falls on Okun to put together the pieces of the festival.

"Setting the repertoire is a huge piece of the puzzle," said Okun.

Yet other pieces remain, including making travel accommodations, contract negotiations and seeking publicity.

Okun doesn't only wear many administrative hats, he's become a quick-change artist, moving from meeting to music rehearsal, suit coat to trombonist.

Along with his duties as executive director of the festival, Okun also holds similar capacity for the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble and Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings, a group he cofounded in the early 1980s, several years after he earned his master's degree studying wind instruments at Northwestern University.

A recent "typical" day for Okun went like this: Wake at six, practice trombone for an hour, work at the office until seven, then hurry to make an evening rehearsal for Peter Grimes, the current opera at the Detroit Opera House.

That type of hectic day isn't unusual for musicians. But for a few weeks, the chance to play chamber music with international musicians is worth the added stress.

"In an orchestra, there's a division of responsibilities. It sort of dilutes the role any individual artist," said Debra Fayroian of Troy, a cellist with the DSO who will perform throughout the festival.

"With chamber music, you're more of a soloist and have a chance to express yourself."

Laurence Liberson, assistant principal clarinet of the DSO, will also perform throughout the festival. "I don't look at it as whether this festival is as prestigious as another festival," he said.

Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival

■ 8 p.m. Saturday, June 10 - Dohnanyi's Serenade in C Major for string trio, Chopin's Sonata in G minor for cello and piano, Brahms' String quartet. *Kirk in the Hills Sanctuary, Long Lake Road, one mile west of Telegraph.*

■ 8 p.m. Monday, June 12 - Mozart's Trio in E flat Major for clarinet, viola and piano, Bach's Partia No. 2 in D minor for solo violin, Brahms' Trio in B Major for violin, cello and piano. *Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Boulevard near Fisher Road.*

■ 8 p.m. Tuesday/Wednesday, June 13/14 - Mozart's Sonata in B-flat Major for violin and piano, Ligeti's String Quartet, Brahms' Trio in C Major for violin, cello and piano. *St. Hugo's Chapel.*

■ 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 - Bolcom's Second Sonata for violin and piano, Webern's 5 Movements for String Quartet, Brahms' Trio in C minor for violin, cello and piano. *St. Thomas Aquinas Church, East Lansing.*

■ 8 p.m. Thursday/Friday, June 15/16 - Bolcom's Sonata No. 2 for violin and piano, Bach's Sonata No. 2 for solo violin in A minor, Bolcom's Donald Hall Songs, Brahms' Trio in C minor for violin, cello and piano. *St. Hugo's Chapel, Opdyke Road and Hickory Grove.*

■ 8 p.m. Friday, June 16 - Mozart's Sonata in B-flat Major for violin and piano, Webern's 5 Movements for String Quartet, Stravinsky's 3 Pieces for String Quartet, Brahms' Trio in C Major for violin, cello and piano. *Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor.*

■ 8 p.m. Saturday, June 17 - Conversation with William Bolcom, performance by the Gotham String Quartet, Schumann's Variations for 2 pianos, 2 cellos and horn, Webern's 5 Movements for String Quartet, Stravinsky's 3 pieces for String Quartet. *Detroit Country Day School, 13 Mile and Lahser Road.*

■ 11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 18 - Brunch with Bach. *Detroit Institute of Arts.*

■ 3 & 4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 18 - Plog's Aesop's Fables, Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf. *Detroit Zoo.*

■ 8 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday, June 20 & 21 - Persichetti's Serenade No. 6 for viola, cello and trombone, Schubert's song cycle for voice and piano from "Winterreise," Dvorak's Trio in F minor for violin, cello and piano. *Temple Beth El at Telegraph and 14 Mile Road.*

■ 8 p.m. Thursday, June 22 - Barber's Dover Beach for baritone and string quartet, Copland's Sextet for clarinet, piano and strings, Schubert's Trio in B-flat Major for violin, cello and piano. *Kirk in the Hills Rectory.*

■ 8 p.m. Friday, June 23 - Mozart's Piano Trio in B-flat Major for violin, piano and cello, Saint-Saens' Sonata No. 1 in D minor for violin and piano, Schumann's Quintet in E-flat Major for piano and strings. *Kirk in the Hills Rectory.*

■ 7 p.m. Sunday, June 24 - Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 in F Major, Poulenc's Le bal masque for baritone and chamber ensemble, Gershwin's An American in Paris, Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf for narrator and orchestra. *Temple Beth El Sanctuary.*

Tickets: Seven concerts - \$130; five concerts - \$110. Family concert at Detroit Zoo - \$7. Bolcom concert - \$22, \$17. Single concerts - \$23-\$30. For information, call (248) 362-6171.

"It's about the music. I want to play good music, and people who

will come expect to hear quality music."

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Detroit Chapter of the Sweet Adelines will perform 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 27.

Spend a relaxing short afternoon at the park on Sunday, July 9. America's Freedom Celebration 1-4 p.m. will feature the First Michigan Colonial Fife & Drum Corps.

"The homes will be decked out for the Fourth, and food and beverages will be offered for sale," said Renaud.

Greenmead's colorful gardens are one of the stops on Livonia's annual Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 24.

The Michigan Brewer's Festival 3-8 p.m. Saturday, July 22, features Michigan-made beers exclusively. Thirty brewers are expected to participate, offering about 100 different brews. Advance tickets will be available in mid-June. Stay tuned for details.

A highlight of summer at Greenmead is the 151st annual Highland Games on Saturday, Aug. 5. Sponsored by the St. Andrews Society of Detroit, the event is the longest running, consecutive Scottish Festival/Highland Games in North America. The games will feature heavy athletics, Highland dancing, piping and drumming, Scottish and

Railroading from page E1

locomotives.

A wall inside the roundhouse includes a full-scale mural of a locomotive and has three-dimensional interactive components.

"Other exhibits help people understand why the roundhouse existed and the complexity of maintaining locomotives," Hayes said.

In addition to being a visitor's attraction, the roundhouse will enable repair work on some of the steam locomotives that run yearly in the village, including the 1914 Baldwin and the 1873 Torch Lake.

Visitors will have the chance to operate an 1890-1910 railroad handcar, and kids will be able to take home a piece of the railroad

Schedule of special events:

- Livonia Arts Festival - an outdoor arts and crafts show, and Fine Arts in the Village exhibit inside Greenmead's historic buildings 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 10, until 5 p.m. Sunday, June 11. For information, call (734) 466-2540.
- Livonia's Annual Garden Walk - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 24. Tickets available at Greenmead, Livonia City Hall community resources and Livonia libraries. Donation \$7 in advance. \$8 at the door.
- America's Freedom Celebration - 1-4 p.m. Sunday, July 9
- Michigan Brewer's Festival - 3-8 p.m. Saturday, July 22
- St. Andrews Society of Detroit - 151st annual Highland Games, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5. Advance tickets \$7 adults. At the gate \$10 adults, children younger than 12 enter free with an adult. Patron tickets also available. For more information, call (248) 593-5064 or visit the Web site: www.highlandgames.com
- AMC Car Show - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20
- Flea Market - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10
- Fall Harvest Festival - noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16

Celtic fiddle demonstrations, a parade of clans, Scottish entertainment, food, arts and crafts.

Event proceeds go toward the charities and projects sponsored by the St. Andrews Society of Detroit.

Greenmead Historical Park includes the Hill House Museum farm complex and gardens. The farmhouse was built in 1841. Livonia Historical Village, also part of the park, represents two time periods. The west end shows the mid-19th century life style of Livonia Township. The

east end of the village is a re-creation of the Newburgh intersection at Newburgh and Ann Arbor Trail from 1915-1925.

During the week, school children tour the historic buildings at Greenmead and volunteers such as Vi McElwee and Ellis Ehrstine of Plymouth are there to help.

"We're out here whenever we're needed," said McElwee. "This is Livonia's history. I want to help support it," added Ehrstine.

Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village Summer 2000

- June 17 - Aug. 20: "Railroading in America" Summer Festival. DT&M Roundhouse opens June 10 at Greenfield Village.
- June 17 - 18: "Motor Muster" parade showcasing about 500 vintage vehicles from the 1930s through the 1960s.
- July 1-4: "Salute to America Concerts" featuring the Detroit Symphony Orchestra with the U.S. Army Field Band and Soldier Chorus.
- Aug. 5-6: "Celebration of Emancipation" focuses on African-American struggle for freedom through re-enactments, storytelling and music.

at a stenciling activity at the Richart Carriage shop next to the roundhouse.

Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village are on Oakwood Boulevard in Dearborn and are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

daily. Day passes for Greenfield Village are \$13.50 for adults, \$12.50 for people 62 and older and \$8.50 for children ages 5 to 12. Children 4 and younger get in free. For more information, call (313) 271-1620.

DSO composer premieres latest work inspired by Rosa Parks

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Unlike many classical music composers, Michael Daugherty can be easily found.

He doesn't put up barriers - creative, psychological or geographical. Nor does he make any attempt to disconnect himself

from a culture where a popular musical composition is typically three chords, a droning bass line and hiccup-sounding euphemisms for coitus.

This weekend, Daugherty's most recent work, *Rosa Parks Boulevard*, will premiere as maestro Neme Jarvi conducts the

Detroit Symphony Orchestra in the first of three orchestral compositions for a symphonic suite entitled *Motor City Triptych*.

Daugherty, the composer-in-residence with the DSO, is writing the two other pieces of the triptych, one inspired by Motown and the other, tentatively entitled, *Pedal to the Metal*, an homage to the automobile industry.

The suite will be completed for the city of Detroit's tricentennial celebration next year.

While high-falutin' classical music critics frown on any "serious" composer who attempts to appeal to the masses, Daugherty's body of work inspired by American cultural icons is a frontal assault on arguably one of the most stodgy art forms.

"Whenever you do something new and innovative you're either esoteric or you're communicating to too many people," said Daugh-

What: Premiere of *Rosa Parks Boulevard* by Michael Daugherty
When: 10:45 a.m. & 8 p.m. Friday, June 9; 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10; 3 p.m. Sunday, June 11. Also on the program: Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D major, Reiter's Suite from *Barabau* and Respighi's *Pines of Rome*
Where: Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave. Tickets \$14-\$66. Call (313) 576-5111

erty from his studio in Ann Arbor, where he also teaches composition at the University of Michigan.

Compositions in classical music catalogues are typically redundant references to musical keys and a particular repertoire. Daugherty's compositions are more likely to sound like movie titles.

Among his works are an opera, *Jackie O. Elvis Everywhere* written for three Elvis impersonators and a string quartet, a symphony dedicated to characters from the Superman comics, and *Desti*, a Latin big

band tribute to Ricky Ricardo. (Yes, the Ricky from "I Love Lucy.")

"I think music is fashionable, tied to a certain time," he said. "To be a contemporary music composer is to do something different."

Relatively speaking, Daugherty's composition are nothing less than gutsy. The sensibility is contemporary, but the layered sound is intricately patterned within a complex structure.

Recently, Daugherty's concerto, *U.F.O.*, written for Scottish percussionist Evelyn Glennie was performed by the New York Phil-

harmonic. Critics have called some of Daugherty's work "gimmicky," but the recent performances of *U.F.O.* received acclaim for "capturing Ms. Glennie's ebullient personality."

Before he composed *Rosa Parks Boulevard*, Daugherty spent a Sunday afternoon with the civil rights legend as she attended Mass. She told him that a favorite piece of music was the old Negro spiritual, "Oh, Freedom."

Around that time, Daugherty also became enamored with the poem, "God's Trombone," a reference to the resounding inflection of a Baptist minister's exhortations.

The coincidence was turned into a 12-minute musical composition that features trombones and a turbulent auditory landscape to simulate Parks' famous refusal to take a seat in the back of the bus.

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THEATER

Theatre Guild presents extravaganza of one-acts

BY KRISTIA HOPSON
STAFF WRITER

Mark Ripper's one act play, "By the Horns" about love lost and regained between a husband and a wife, might just be what brings the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford the recognition it has been striving to achieve in the community.

Ripper's "By the Horns" will be one of four featured original plays by local playwrights performed at the Guild's "One Acts-Travaganza." The event will be at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 16-17, June 23-24 and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 25 at the Guild's theater in Redford.

The inspiration for Ripper's play came from a real-life situation that he experienced. It was written as a short-story while

Ripper, a Westland resident, was in college. He then adapted the work as a play.

"It deals with real life events, and people can really relate to it," Ripper said.

Other original plays will include "The Masquerade" by Pat Feldt, "Moral Congress" by Lance Abke and "Merely Neighborly" by Tim Jeffries.

For the last 45 years, the Redford Guild has struggled to maintain membership and increase visibility in the community, said Sean Kelley, the president of the Guild's board of directors.

"People (in the area) are always amazed when they find out a theater is there and has been there for so long," Kelley said. "We want to get more people out to support not only us

■ The one-act plays have been a part of the Guild's season for five years. The main goal of the one-act plays is to spotlight local playwrights, said Heidi Kelley, a new member of the Guild's board.

but also local theaters as well."

Kelley, a member for four years, hopes the new and younger group of actors and playwrights currently involved will finally give the Guild the boost it has been looking for.

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new member of the Guild's board and Sean's wife.

"(The plays) are originals and showcase people's talents, and that's why we do it," Heidi Kelley said.

The Guild consists of local residents who Sean Kelley of Hazel Park describes as "just a group who love the theater."

Sean Kelley has loved the theater since he got a role as a 10

year old playing Tiny Tim in his school's "A Christmas Carol."

He continued to act and eventually received his bachelor's degree in theater from Western Michigan University.

But it wasn't until a friend asked him to audition for a one-act play he had written for the Guild that Sean became involved with the Guild.

"I just love performing, and theater is a live audience and that's just a fantastic thrill," Sean Kelley said.

His wife, Heidi, also has an early background in theater but now prefers to stay behind the scenes as stage management. She just recently got involved with the Guild.

"I have stage fright, believe it or not," Heidi Kelley said. "I tried

to act, but it just scared me too much."

Now, as newly appointed members to the board of directors, Sean and Heidi will be acting less but providing more leadership for the Guild.

The Guild's 11 new members to board of directors were elected on May 18. The board is planning to expand the number of plays the Guild puts on every year and possibly tour around the area to put on shows for children.

The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford is at 15138 Beech Daly in Redford across from the police station. Tickets for the One Acts-Travaganza are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors.

For more information, call 313-531-0554.

Fisher's 2000-01 season features popular musicals

From September through April, the Detroit Fisher Theatre Playgoer Series will be loaded with musicals with a variety of Broadway stars.

The 2000-2001 season will begin in September with *Annie Get Your Gun* starring screen and television star Merilu Hener. The 1946 musical follows the original female sharpshooter, Annie Oakley, on a trip through the West and during her days as a part of "Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show." With a score written

by Irving Berlin, *Annie Get Your Gun*, features song such as "There's No Business Like Show Business" and "You Can't Get a Man with a Gun."

This musical will be followed by *Blast!* in October. *Blast!* includes a cast of 68 world-class musicians performing classical, Broadway and popular pieces. The show is based on the synchronized drills and marches of the military marching bands as well as special effects.

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During November and December, *Nun-crackers* will be on stage. *Nun-crackers* stars Dodie

Goodman and Georgia Engel as sisters of Mount Saint Helen's convent. It is the fourth episode in the *Nunsense* series and is a holiday musical that pokes fun at holiday traditions from gift giving to secret Santas.

Kathleen Turner will star in the pre-Broadway tour of *Tallulah* in February and March. The play focuses on the life of screen legend Tallulah Bankhead as she prepares to host a fund-raiser for incumbent president Harry S. Truman.

The Playgoer Series concludes with *Ragtime*, the winner of four 1998 Tony Awards. *Ragtime* will be performed in March and April. It is a musical epic that follows the lives of three different families living in New York and they intertwine with one another as well as several historical figures.

Tickets for the Fisher Theatre Playgoer series went on sale on June 5. For more information, call 313-572-1000.

EMU wraps up with comedy

Eastern Michigan University ends its 1999-2000 season with "Das Barbecu," a country & western musical comedy by Jim Luigs with music by Scott Warrender. "Das Barbecu" is directed by Ken Stevens and will be performed in the Sponberg Theatre on EMU's Ypsilanti campus, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 8-10.

Tickets are \$13, call (734) 487-1221.

"Das Barbecu" is the campy retelling of Wagner's "Ring Cycle" that moves five actors through more than 30 characters at a delirious pace.

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are young maiden Brunhilde, her love Siegfried the singing cowboy, Alberich the evil dwarf, and Wotan the one-eyed man.

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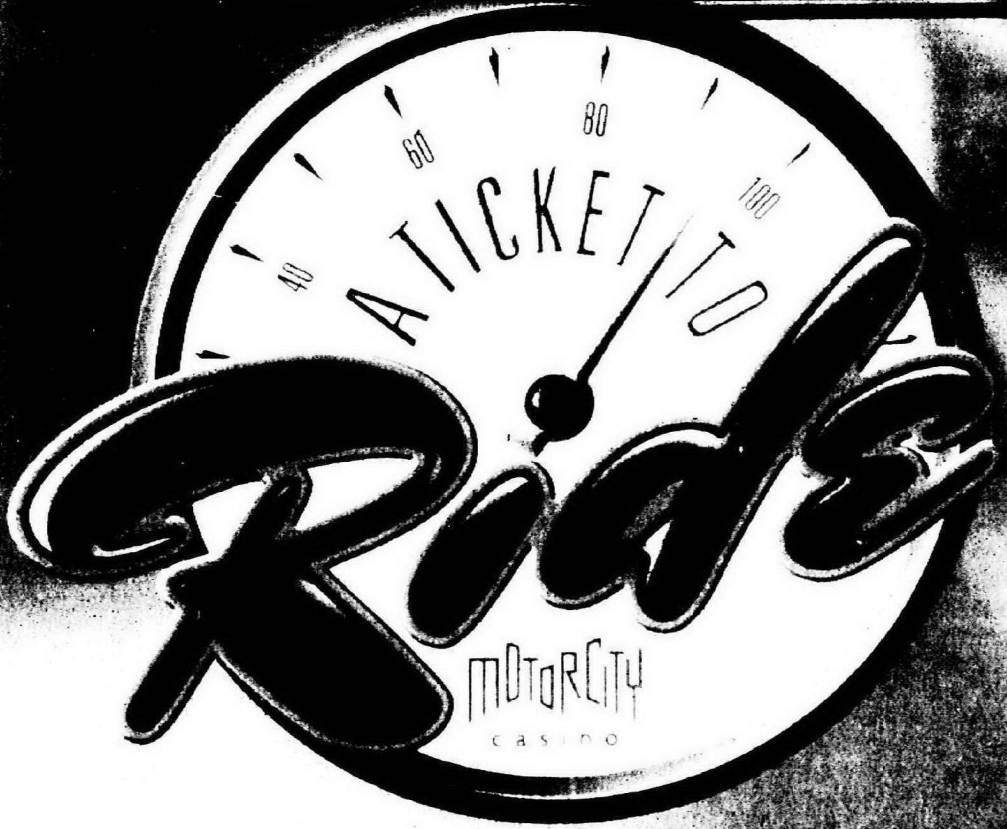




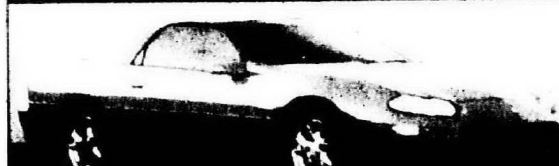
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DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: "Nocturne for a Southern Lady," continues through Sunday, June 25, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater. \$15. (313) 868-1347

GEM THEATRE: "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through July 30, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE: "The Day We Met" continues to Sunday, June 25, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, and 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at the Aaron DeRoy Theater at the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

PLANET ANT THEATRE: "Shame on Me," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 16-17 and 23-24, at the theater, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-4948

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY: "Full Circle," Jeff Chastang's story about a family unraveling at the seams, continues to Sunday, June 25, in the Anderson Center Theatre at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$15-\$18. (313) 872-0279

COLLEGE

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY: "Das Barbecu," a country & western musical comedy, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 8-10, at the Sponberg Theatre on campus, Ypsilanti. \$8 Thursday, \$13 Friday-Saturday, \$11 Sunday. (734) 487-1221

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE: One-act plays, "Cats and Dogs" and excerpts from "Commedia Americana," contains adult material, you must be 18 to enter, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 15-17 and 22-24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 18 and 15, at the Aday Auditorium in the Mackenzie Fine Arts Building, Dearborn. \$4. (313) 845-9817

COMMUNITY THEATER

FORD CHORUS: Presents an evening of music and laughter with the musical comedy "Anything Goes," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 9-10; 3 p.m. Sunday, June 10 at the Henry Ford II World Center, (formerly known as Ford's World Headquarters) on the northeast corner of Michigan Avenue and the Southfield Freeway interchange, Dearborn. (313) 323-8173

MICHIGAN JEWISH AIDS COALITION ECHO PROGRAM: Presents "From the Beginning I Did Not Speak in Secret," a new play by David Harris, Sima Rabinowitz and Michael Robins with original music by Roberta Carlson, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, June 11; 7:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, June 12-14, Groves High School, 20500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills. \$15 adults, \$10 students, groups of 15 or more. (248) 594-6522

ST. DUNSTAN'S GUILD OF CRANBROOK: "Damn Yankees," 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 8-10, in the outdoor Greek Theater. \$15, \$12. (248) 644-0527

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: Presents the ParLOUR Theatre Production, "The Woman in Black," a British ghost story, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 16-17, at the theater, Livonia. \$10. (734) 464-6302/(248) 449-6540

WEST END PRODUCTIONS: "Canker Sores & Go-Go Juice," a collection of skits, comedy, song and dance, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, through June 24, Wunderground Theatre, Royal Oak. June 9 show sold out. \$12.50. Call (248) 541-1763 for details.

DINNER THEATER

MICHIGAN STAR CLIPPER DINNER TRAIN: "Angelina's and Bo's Comedy Wedding," presented by Theatre Arts Productions, 5 p.m. Sundays. Tickets \$69.50 per person, includes 3 hour train ride, five course dinner, and entertainment. Call (248) 960-9440 for information.



Featured artist: Plymouth potter Kathy Sandberg is one of the 150 artists exhibiting works at The Royal Oak Clay & Glass Art Show 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 10, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 11, on Washington Avenue between Fourth and Lincoln in Royal Oak. The festival also features children's activities, a food court, silent auction, and live music by the Stewart Francke Band 7 p.m. Saturday, and Mark Randisi (Sounds of Sinatra) 1:30 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (248) 547-4000 or (800)-ART-5666.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE: "The Princess and the Magic Pea," continues 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50. (248) 349-8110

SPECIAL EVENTS

DEPOT TOWN CRUISE NIGHTS: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, June 15-Sept. 14, in Depot Town, Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4444

HOT ROD & ANTIQUE CAR SHOW: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 11, also auto swap meet, car corral, arts and crafts sale, music by Ste Livonia Arts Festival: An outdoor arts and crafts show, and Fine Arts in the Village Exhibit inside Greenmead's historic buildings 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 10, until 5 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at Greenmead Historical Village, Livonia. (734) 466-2540

MOTOR CITY EXTRA CON: Comic books, Pokemon, non-sport card, action figure, toy show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at Knights of Columbus, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

REDFORD THEATRE: "Broadway Melody of 1936" starring Jack Benny, Eleanor Powell, Robert Taylor, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 9-10, and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10, organ overtures begins 30 minutes earlier, at the theater, Detroit. \$3. (313) 531-4407

SCARAB CLUB SILENT AUCTION: Auction and disco party, 6 p.m. Saturday, June 10, 1970's attire with disco theme encouraged but not required, at the club, Detroit. \$40, includes full course dinner. (313) 831-1250

SWEDISH CLUB'S MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL: 9:30 a.m. pancake breakfast, noon Maypole raising followed by chorus singing, folk dancing and children's games, 1:30 p.m. dinner, at the club, Farmington Hills. (248) 646-4073/(248) 478-2563

WALKABOUT EXCURSIONS: 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, June 11, Central Campus Outdoor Art Walk with artist Anne Rubin, meet on the steps of Rackham Hall at the University of Michigan \$15; 1-3 p.m. Sunday, June 11. Step into the past while viewing architectural styles in stately homes and grand churches in Ann Arbor, meet at the City Hall parking lot on Fifth Avenue \$15. Call (734) 623-4440 for detail.

WONDERSTORIES: Summer reading program 11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 8; the magic of Stuart and Lori 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at Wonderland Mall, Livonia. (734) 522-4100

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

MUSIC IN THE AIR: Pete "Mad Dog" Fetters plays the blues, 7 p.m. Friday, June 9, Kellogg Park, on Main Street, north of Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. (734) 455-1453

STARS IN THE PARK: Farmington Community Concert Band, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8; Matinee String Quartet 8 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Heritage Park, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 473-1816

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: The 3 of Us, good old rock n' roll, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Heritage Park, on Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. (734) 397-5110

BENEFITS

CATCH A RISING STAR: An auction to benefit the students of Wayne State University's College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at the Detroit Athletic Club. \$75-\$500. (313) 577-1458

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH: The committee of the Michigan Jazz Festival holds its annual fund-raiser, a Father's Day Brunch, with the Larry Nozero Quartet and guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 18 in the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College. 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. \$25, proceeds benefit the admission free Michigan Jazz Festival scheduled for Sunday, July 16 at Schoolcraft College. (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454

ULSTER PROJECT OF METRO DETROIT: "Always Patsy Cline" 5:30 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at the Century Theater, Detroit. \$40, to benefit the "Building Peace by Peace" program. (248) 641-8374

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: World premiere of Michael Daugherty's "Rosa Parks Boulevard 2000," 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, June 9, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$14-\$50. (313) 576-5111

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS: Brunch with bach series features the winners of the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, 11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 18, guest seating begins 20 minutes prior to concert. \$22, \$11 under age 12, \$5 stairwell seating. (313) 833-4005

GREAT LAKES CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL: Saturday-Sunday, June 10-24, at various locations. (248) 362-6171

OPERA

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE: "Peter Grimes," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 8-10, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at the Detroit Opera House. \$18-98. (313) 237-7464/(248) 645-6666

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: Auditions for "Bus Stop," 2 p.m. Sunday, June 18 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20 at the theater, Clarkston. \$5 audition fee for non-members. For performances Sept. 8, 9, 16-19 and 21-23. (248) 352-0176/(248) 625-1826

FRANKLIN VILLAGE CONCERT BAND: Auditions for woodwinds, flutes, saxophones, French horns and percussionists, rehearsals Monday evenings, 8 concerts a year. (248) 474-8869

GREAT LAKES LYRIC OPERA: Auditions for baritone and mezzo-soprano roles in the September production of "The Old Man and the Thief" and future productions Monday, June 26. For more information and to schedule an audition, call (248) 547-2027 or e-mail GLLC@mediaone.net

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: Performing arts classes, four two-week sessions June 26-Aug. 18, at Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM: Auditions for "Cole," a musical revue of Cole Porter, 2 p.m. Sunday, June 18 and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, at the theater, Birmingham. (248) 647-0052

CHORAL

BEL CANTO CHORAL GROUP: Spring concert 8 p.m. Monday, June 12, main sanctuary of Temple Emanu-El, 14450 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Program of light classical, folk songs, selections from "Fiddler on the Roof." No charge.

FESTIVAL OF HYMNS: Featuring the choir, orchestra and handbell choir of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, Detroit Handbell Ensemble, and Galliard Brass, at First United Methodist Church, Plymouth. (734) 453-5280

POPS/ SWING

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$ (313) 576-5111

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

JAZZ

MARK ARSHAK: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

JOHNNIE BASSETT & THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 9 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

HERB ELLIS/DUKE ROBILLARD: A benefit for the Ann Arbor Blues & Jazz Fest 8 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$50. (734) 763-TKTS

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7:11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

PAUL GERMIA/ROBERT JONES: 8 p.m. Friday, June 9, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12.50. (734) 763-TKTS

AL HILL: 9 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

JAZZHEAD: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With vibist Rob Pippo. 8:11-30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14; with trumpeter Johnny Trudell June 21, with trumpeter Louis Smith June 28, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. (734) 762-7756

STEVE NARDELLA TRIO: 9 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

STRAIGHT AHEAD: 9 p.m. Friday, June 9, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

TITO PUENTE LATIN JAZZ ENSEMBLE: Led by saxophonist/clarinetist Paquito D'Rivera. 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$16-62. (313) 576-5111

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON: With Dan Kolton. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241

ED WELLS: 5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

LARRY ARBOUR: 7 p.m. Friday, at the Flying Fish Tavern, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

DANCING LIGHTS FOLK EXTRAVAGANZA: The fourth annual Dancing Lights Folk Extravaganza features John Finan, Golden Griffon Stringtet, Nylon Country, Natural Vibe, Brian Eyberg, Jim Presley, Don Smock, and Blake Chen. Thursday-Sunday, June 8-11 at Amer's, 312 South State Street near Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 327-2041

RFD BOYS: 8 p.m. Friday, June 16, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 763-TKTS

TODD SNIDER: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12.50. (734) 763-TKTS

DAVE WOLFENBERGER/JASON DENNIE: In concert 8 p.m. Friday, June 9 at Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10. (734) 464-6302

WORLD MUSIC

AN EVENING IN A SPANISH GARDEN: Featuring mezzo-soprano Monica Swartout Bellow. 8 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-25, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999

DERVISH: 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-TKTS (Irish)

DANCE

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS: Country Western dance, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Italian American Cultural Club, Warren. \$7. (810) 573-4993

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Kenny Smith Thursday-Saturday, June 8-10; Billy Ray Bauer Wednesday-Saturday, June 14-17, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Mark Knoppe Friday-Saturday, June 9-10, Bill Thomas Friday-Saturday, June 16-17, at the club, Dearborn. Call (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Chris Zito, also Rob Larkin Thursday-Saturday, June 8-10; Mark Boyd, also Seth Buckwald Thursday-Saturday, June 15-17, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: Improv Jammers, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays (\$5). (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

CRANBROOK HOUSE: Open for walk-in Sunday tours 1:30-3 p.m. June 4 to Oct. 29, at the house, Bloomfield Hills. \$10. Thursdays June 15 to Oct. 26 lunch at noon may be purchased for an additional \$12. Stroll through the Cranbrook Gardens at no additional charge or enjoy only the gardens for \$5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday (open 11 a.m. Sunday). Free parking at Christ Church Cranbrook directly across Lone Pine Road from Cranbrook House. (248) 645-3149

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: 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

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY: "Wrapped in Pride: Ghanaian Kente and African American Identity," an exhibit exploring the historic, cultural and political significance of kente, continues through July 16, at the museum, Detroit. \$5, \$3 ages 17 and under. (313) 494-5800

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

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM: Vintage base ball game, the Grangers meet the Ohio Village Muffins, 1 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Spring Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 15 (\$8 advance, \$10); "Tally My Ace!" Sports Memorabilia from the Past" exhibit continues to July 8, 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum. \$3, \$2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663

SPIRIT OF FORD: "Summer of Racing" continues to Aug. 30, design your own car or build works of art from recycled car parts, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, at the hands-on automotive adventure center, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 senior, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 31 SPIRIT

LIVE MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 9-10, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All Ages. (248) 644-4800



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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.

ALLMAN BROTHERS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18-35. (248) 645-6666.

LORI AMEY: 8 p.m. Saturday, June 24, Espresso Royale, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-2770; 10 p.m. Saturday, July 8, Roadrunners Raft, Hamtramck. 21 and over. (313) 873-7238; 8 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Gayle's Chocolates, Royal Oak Free. (248) 398-0001; 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, The Ark, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 761-1451.

ANGRY STEPS: Friday-Monday, June 9-12, Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5 cover, 18 and over. (313) 886-7860 or (800) 700-2437.

BANTAM ROOSTER: With The Wild Bunch, Gaffle, 9 p.m. Friday, June 9, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over. \$7. (313) 833-9700.

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368.

BUGS BEDDOW BAND: 2-10 p.m. Sunday, June 11, Al's Copper Mug's Tent Party and Fund-raiser for the Oakland County Food Bank, Walled Lake. 21 and over. (248) 624-9659. Bring canned food donations.

THE BELL RAYS: With The Lovemasters, Clone Defects, 9 p.m. Monday, June 12, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over. \$7. (313) 833-9700.

TONY BENNETT: With Diana Krall, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$35. (248) 645-6666.

CLINT BLACK: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666.

BLINK-182: With Bad Religion, Fenix TX, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25. (248) 645-6666.

BRANDED: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8, Bullfrog Bar & Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477; 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, Wired Frog, Eastpointe. All ages. \$6. (810) 761-3174; 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Bean Machine, Dearborn. All ages. \$5. (313) 943-2940, 10 p.m. Friday, June 30, Innisfree Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2434.

JIMMY BUFFETT & THE CORAL REEFER BAND: 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$46 pavilion/ \$23.50 lawn.

SCOTT CAMPBELL GROUP: With Mind Circus, Seismic 3, Bob Racecar Bob, hosted by WRIF's Doug Podelil, 10 p.m. Friday, June 2, Token Lounge, Westland. (734) 513-5030.

RAY CHARLES: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$25. (248) 645-6666.

CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

THE CHIEFTAINS AND LOS LOBOS: 8 p.m. Sunday, June 25, at Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$35 pavilion/ \$20 lawn. (248) 645-6666.

HARRY CONNICK JR. AND HIS BIG BAND: Come By Me Tour. 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25.50-\$45.50. (248) 645-6666.

COUNTING CROWS AND LIVE: With Galactic, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$23.50-\$46. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

THE CURE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20-\$45. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

THORNETTA DAVIS: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: Fresh from their win at The Palace's Opening Act contest, see the band with The Rev. Right Time and Lord Jones, 8 p.m. Friday, June 9, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030.

DR. DRE, SNOOP DOGG, ICE CUBE, EMINEM AND WARREN G: Up In Smoke Tour, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 7, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$35-\$50.

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.

EELS: Monday, June 19, 7th House, Pontiac.

ENCORE: Thursday, June 15, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit.

FEDORA: Saturday, June 10, Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5 cover, 18 & over. (313) 886-7860 or (800) 700-2437.

FOREIGNER: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$14.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

FORGE: With Arizing, Broadzilla, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$7. (313) 961-MELT.

GLENN FREY: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 8, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$42.50. (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.

GIPSY KINGS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$42.50. (248) 645-6666.

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.

SCOTT HENDERSON: 8 p.m. Thursday, July 13, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$16. (248) 544-3030.

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.

IMMUNITY: 5 p.m. Friday, June 9, The Deck, Detroit. (313) 965-9500; noon to 4:40 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Motor City Casino, Detroit. (313) 237-7711; 10 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Club Bart, Ferndale. (248) 548-8746.

INDIGO GIRLS: With Kelly Hogan and the Pine Valley Cosmonauts, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS: 9 p.m. Friday, June 9, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609.

MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VREELAND: 7 p.m. Thursdays, Le Metro, Southfield. (248) 353-2757 (jazz duo).

KID ROCK: With Twisted Brown Trucker, featuring Joe C. and Uncle Kracker, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$29.50-\$36. (248) 645-6666.

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

LIQUID SOUL: 9 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-3030.

LONESTAR: With Rascal Flatts, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$15.50-\$32.50. (248) 645-6666.

LOST HIGHWAY: 9 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Nankin Mill Tavern, Westland. Free. (734) 427-0622.

RUSSELL MALONE QUARTET: 8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 23-24, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310.

DJ MARK E.P. OF PARADISE: 10 p.m. Wednesdays, Innisfree Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2434.

DJ MARQUIS: 9 p.m. Thursdays, Detroit Science, "The Lab," 18 and older. \$10-\$15 cover. Ladies free. (313) 438-4146.

RICKY MARTIN: 8 p.m. Friday, June 30, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$45-\$85. (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.

MARTINA MCBRIDE: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 1, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$22.50-\$43.50. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

DAVE MASON: 8 p.m. Friday, June 23, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$20. (248) 544-3030.

MAZE: With Gerald Levert, K Ci and Jo Jo and Kevin Edmonds, Time TBA, Sunday, July 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25-\$47.50. (248) 645-6666.

MICHAEL MCDONALD: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

MDFMK: 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$22.50 advance. (313) 961-MELT.

NATALIE MERCHANT: 8 p.m. Thursday, July 13, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$20-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

MOTLEY CRUE: With Megadeth and Anthrax, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$35. (248) 645-6666.

MOXY FRUVOUS: 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030.

THE MOODY BLUES: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$29.50.

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.

NO DOUBT: With Lit, Black Eyed Peas, 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 3, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater, Pontiac. \$26.50. (248) 335-9497.

N'SYNC: No Strings Attached Tour, Tuesday, July 18, Pontiac Silverdome. \$49.75. (248) 645-6666.

OSZFEFEST 2000: Featuring Ozzy Osbourne, Pantera, Godsmack, Static X, Incubus, Methods of Mayhem, POD, Soulfly, 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.

MISSING PERSONS: With Flock of Seagulls, Wang Chung, Gene Loves Jezebel, 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$10-\$15. (248) 645-6666.

MONTREUX FESTIVAL: Featuring Al Jarreau, Roberta Flack, David Sanborn, Joe Sample, George Duke, Monday, Aug. 21, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18.50-\$34.50. Call (248) 645-6666.

CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvinsxt.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

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays; 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www.961melt.com

COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616

CONOR O'NEILLS: 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2968 or www.conoroneills.com

COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

DETROIT SCIENCE: 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover \$10 for 21 and over. Cover \$15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitsscience.com

EDISON'S: 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

ELIE'S: 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS: 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

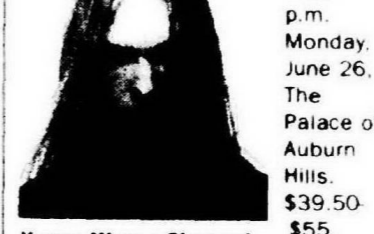
FLYING FISH TAVERN: 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609

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More Moore: Demi Moore stars as both Marty and Marie in Alain Berliner's "Passion of Mind."



ISABELLE WEINGARTEN

Demi Moore's latest has her in intriguing dual role

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Demi Moore plays a woman living two lives in "Passion of Mind."

That's not even the most unusual part of the movie. What's immediately striking is how much clothing Moore wears in both lives. After showing off her perfectly toned body in "Striptease" and "G.I. Jane" and on magazine covers in the '90s, here Moore's character wears baggy overalls in the garden and pajamas and socks to bed.

Her wardrobe is only the most obvious indication of how different a film this is for her. Look closer and you'll see Moore has immersed herself in a complex role that depends on subtlety to convey two separate lives. She plays Marie, a widowed mother of two young daughters who lives in the French countryside. She spends sunny, lazy days working in the garden and writing free-lance book reviews for The New York Times.

But when she goes to sleep at night, she wakes up as Marty, a high-powered Manhattan literary agent who lives alone in a spacious, eclectic loft.

Then the next morning, she wakes up again as Marie. Which life is real and which is

imaginary? It's impossible to tell. Both are so rich in detail, they feel completely real to Marie/Marty and to the audience.

She confides her confusion to therapists in France and New York, and friends in both places try to convince her they're the ones who are real. She also falls in love with a man in each life.

In France, it's the aggressive and seductive William (Stellan Skarsgard), a writer whose most recent novel she has just trashed. In New York, it's Aaron (William Fichtner), a shy, thoughtful accountant who becomes her friend first and then her lover.

Is she cheating on one with the other? She can't discern which man is an illusion, and fears choosing the wrong one. Writer Ron Bass, known for big box office movies like "Entrapment," "My Best Friend's Wedding" and "Rain Man," keeps the audience guessing until the very end in this slower, subtler film.

Much of Bass' dialogue does feel stilted, however, and his romantic interests for Marie/Marty are completely annoying and create little chemistry.

Both men lay their cards on the table way too early. William tells Marie during one of their early meetings, "I've decided I

want you to like me," and after their first date, "I'd like to come home with you." On Marty's first informal date with Aaron in Central Park, he tells her wistfully, "There's something about two people sharing their souls on a Sunday morning."

Who would date either of them? And why do either of them stay with her after she admits she has a secret, second life? They should write her off as a nut and run for the hills, but for some reason they stick around. This latest film from Belgian director Alain Berliner couldn't be more different from his earlier "Ma Vie en Rose" ("My Life in Pink"), about a 7-year-old boy who believes he's a girl, wears makeup and dresses, and plays with dolls.

Both feature main characters who struggle with identity crises, but that's where the similarities end. "Ma Vie en Rose," which earned Berliner a Golden Globe for best foreign language film in 1998, was bright, colorful, even campy at times.

"Passion of Mind" is more subdued and introspective. It's flawed and a bit convoluted, but worth seeing simply because the idea behind it is so intriguing.

"Passion of Mind" is a Paramount Classics release; it runs 105 minutes.

'Momma' showcases Martin Lawrence's comedic skills

BY NEKESA MUMBI MOODY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Whether it's "Bad Boys," "Blue Streak" or the new "Big Momma's House," Martin Lawrence always ends up playing the same character in his movies — which is Martin Lawrence.

And playing Martin Lawrence basically consists of making exaggerated facial expressions, exhibiting a comically defiant attitude and using off-color words in as many different combinations as possible.

Even though Lawrence's act is getting repetitive, it's still good enough to make for an amusing time in "Big Momma's House," in which he not only plays an FBI agent, but dons a fat suit and rubber face to go undercover as a 70-year-old woman whose granddaughter is being investigated by federal authorities.

Malcolm Turner (Lawrence) is a federal agent and master of disguises who loves the dangerous elements of his job and shuns the ho-hum family life. His partner, John (Paul Giamatti), is of course the complete opposite — preferring to stay in the station rather than go out and chase the bad guys.

When Lester, a deadly bank robber (Terrence Howard), busts out of jail, Malcolm and John are assigned to monitor the house of Big Momma (Ella Mitchell), the feisty Southern grandmother of Lester's gorgeous ex-girlfriend Sherry (Nia Long). Authorities suspect that Sherry has hidden the loot from Lester's earlier bank robbery and is planning to run away with Lester and the \$2 million booty.

The surveillance is running smoothly until Big Momma is suddenly summoned out of town on an emergency. With Sherry heading to visit her, Malcolm figures the only way to keep Sherry from leaving is to become Big



TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

At the movies: Martin Lawrence stars in "Big Momma's House" at theaters today.

Momma himself.

Just the sight of Lawrence dressed as a hefty old woman with a blond wig and huge breasts is enough to garner a few laughs. But watching him try to stay in character as Big Momma while admiring Sherry's sexy body, fighting off the advances of a randy old coot and bouncing his large frame off some young punks on the basketball court is hysterical. While Lawrence is not always confined to the fat suit — Malcolm does emerge to woo the beguiling Sherry — it's as Big Momma that he is most entertaining.

Lawrence has long been adept at donning women's clothes for laughs. His Sheneneh character on his defunct sitcom, "Martin," still has people in stitches in reruns.

Lawrence's turn as Big Momma is certain to draw comparisons to Eddie Murphy's "The Nutty Professor," in which Murphy played at least five different

characters, some requiring fat suits and prosthetics and making him completely unrecognizable. (A sequel is scheduled to hit theaters this summer.)

But the makeup job here is less convincing. First, to make Lawrence and Mitchell look alike, Mitchell's face was altered with prosthetics, making her look distractingly unnatural. Lawrence's face has similar problems, although since it is supposed to have been made on the quick by Malcolm and John, it's more forgivable — and kind of humorous.

Darryl Quarles and Don Rhymer wrote the mostly formulaic screenplay. But it has enough funny moments and Lawrence antics to keep the audience from concentrating on the predictability of it all. "Big Momma's House," directed by Raja Gosnell, is distributed by Twentieth Century Fox; it's rated PG-13 and runs 105 minutes.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, June 9

GONE IN SIXTY SECONDS
Remake of a 1974 film by H.B. Halicki in which Nicholas Cage plays a former car thief who is commissioned to steal 50 cars in one night. The hitch is another gang is planning to do the same.

GROOVE
Told from the perspective of an insider, Groove details one event-filled night in the underground rave scene in San Francisco.

Scheduled to open Friday, June 16

BOYS AND GIRLS
Romantic comedy explores the games that men and women play. Stars Freddie Prinze, Jr., Claire Forlani, Jason Biggs,

TITAN A.E.
In a journey that begins after Earth ends, a rebellious teenager named Cale embarks on an adventure through space to find the legendary spacecraft, the Titan, which holds the secret to salvation for the human race.

SHAFT
Samuel L. Jackson is Shaft, a private detective on the trail of a murderer who wants to eliminate the key witness to a crime. Stars Vanessa Williams, Christian Bale.

JESUS' SON
Based on Denis Johnson's cult novel, this saga stars Billy Crudup, Denis Leary and Jack Black.

Scheduled to open Friday, June 23

SUNSHINE
Directed by Istvan Szabo, the film conjures up three themes: the inhumanity of human species, the symbolic meaning of a family name and the aching tolerance and acceptance in modern society.

BUTTERFLY'S TONGUE
Set against the backdrop of civil war in Spain 1936, the story of a shy young boy and his compassionate teacher who teaches him to find his way in an increasingly frightening world.

ME, MYSELF AND IRENE
Comedy about a mild-mannered Rhode Island cop with a split personality disorder who escorts a woman back to her home town. Stars Jim Carrey.

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STREET SCENE

For a healthy dose of happy-go-lucky punk just 'blink'



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Tom DeLonge wouldn't exactly be surprised if the Central Intelligence Agency stopped by his house, in an attempt to keep him quiet.

Singer, guitarist and one-third of the Bay Area's pop-punk outfit blink-182, DeLonge admits he's somewhat consumed by thoughts of government conspiracy and alien existence - and he's proud of it.

"All I ever do is read books about aliens and the end of the world," he said in a recent telephone interview with The Observer & Eccentric. "I'm trying to open up the eyes of the public. I know we have got technology and contact." Though he insists it's just the government and Tom DeLonge himself that know for sure.

"If my band is suddenly really unpopular..." his voice trails with laughter as if he expects to get into some trouble. Somehow it seems unlikely. But this virtual obsession with the unknown did lead to his favorite track on the band's latest album *Enema of the State*.

A possible new single and video might be made for *Aliens Exist*, the mere thought of which gets DeLonge into an adorable, child-like tizzy squealing "I might have my video!"

This is a far cry from his earlier days of delivering concrete. DeLonge insists if he weren't busy being a full time rock star, he'd probably be "stuck at some god-awful 40-hour a week job."

lucked out," he said. "We worked hard to get it."

The work has paid off and to prove it DeLonge and his blink-182 cohorts, singer-bassist Mark Hoppus and new drummer Travis Barker will grace the stage June 9 at Pine Knob Music Theatre in Independence Township before a sold out crowd. The upcoming tour, he promised, will be chock full of funny video footage and some funny new jokes - along with some of the same old jokes the band can't seem to lose.

What does blink-182 do before heading out on such a big-time tour with all sorts of sold-out dates? "I light a fire, say a chant. I put water on my face," he said, laughing. "I don't really do anything. I try to relax as much as possible. Every time I come home, I'm more busy than anyone you've ever seen."

While sitting on his sofa strumming his guitar from a San Diego home, DeLonge spoke with an easy-going tone - seeming almost stunned about the band's success. "We all met through mutual friends and put a band together. All of a sudden we're playing big shows."

Referred to as Hot Pants - for no particular reason - on the CD liner notes, he describes the average blink fan as a "happy-go-lucky skater kid who doesn't hate the world." Though he admits now rock, pop and metal fans of all ages entered the mix. "There's such a wide array of kids." But the punk-rock-skater boys and girls remain loyal.

"We sing about things these kids can relate to," he reasoned. "We're sincere about what we write about." That encompasses anything from the heartbreak of *Don't Leave Me* to the lessons

about women taught ever-so-tongue-in-cheek in *The Party Song*, and it's all done in furiously-paced blink-182 style.

The band is also featured on the latest compilation for *Benefit for The Bay*. "We live at the beach," said DeLonge. "We knew the people putting it together. We've done one or two before."

His reasoning is simple, and it rhymes: "If it helps out the bay, then hay!"

But radio stations, MTV and music media everywhere can't get enough of *Enema of The State* over-playing undeniable hits like *All The Small Things* and *What's My Age Again*. "I'm really proud of our record," he said. "I like what we've done."

Though the album took only two and a half months to record, it's proved to have a much longer shelf life. After 50 weeks on the Billboard 200 chart, it's steady at 48. Their recent single *Adam's Song* is currently at number two on the Modern Rock Charts. But that's not all DeLonge has been listening to these days. After a recent trip to the record store, he bought albums by Dr. Dre, The Descendants and The Ataris.

As for his own band, DeLonge noted that they've come a long way. "We've gotten to be a much better band, better songwriters. We learned from what we've done wrong - what jokes are bad, what music's bad. But we all know we look really good naked!"

Does anyone else predict an alien abduction here?

Lucky ticketholders will see all of blink-182, along with *Bad Religion*, *Fenix TX*, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100.

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On the way: blink-182's Mark Hoppus, Tom DeLonge and Travis Barker make their way to Pine Knob Music Theatre in Independence Township Friday.

Lou Reed tour brings 'Ecstasy' to State Theatre

BY ALICE RHEIN STAFF WRITER

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For music enthusiasts, the one true test of a perennial artist's or band's musical relevance is whether or not their early vinyls were upgraded to CDs.

David Bowie. Yes. *Ziggy Stardust* is as fresh today as it was more than a quarter century ago.

The Who. No. *Live at Leeds* remains tucked away in its cardboard case, pressed together with every other Who album purchased in the prime of adolescence.

King Crimson. Some. Though played far less often than they ought to be.

Then there's Lou Reed - who performs at the State Theatre on Thursday, June 15.

From his very first album, *The Velvet Underground and Nico* to *Transformer*, his brilliant second solo album, to *Rock & Roll Animal*, often reputed to be one of rock's best live albums, to *New York*, the poignant poet's perspective on politics, drugs and sex in the city, just about every

What: Lou Reed with special guest Victoria Williams
When: Thursday, June 15, 7:30 p.m.
Where: State Theatre, 2115 Woodward, Detroit (313) 961-5450
Tickets: \$29.50-35 available at TicketMaster locations or charge by phone at (248) 645-6666.

Reed vinyl in my collection has its jewel cased sister.

And after a few less-than-memorable projects to date (specifically 1996's *Set the Tiger Loose* and 1998's live *Perfect Night*), the master of avant-rock is back with *Ecstasy*, a textured torrent of biting lyrics and funk-up rhythms.

Girlfriend Laurie Anderson - the performance artist best known for *O Superman* - lends her electric violin to *Rock Minuet* and *Rouge*, the former a maudlin tale of perversion; the latter a plush minuet which is prelude to the heavy anthem *Big Sky*.

The 77-minute album opens with *Paranoia Key of E*, an aerobic writ set loose into a den of droning guitars courtesy of Reed and guitarist Mike Rathke.

There's also *Like a Passant*, a gritty urban tale which, at 18 minutes, is certainly not destined for radio play, but holds its weight against *Sister Ray*, the last lengthy saga Reed offered when he fronted the Velvet Underground.

At 58, the sinewy Brooklyn native, once the darling of Andy Warhol's Factory, is less decadent

these days and more the quintessential New Yorker - a muddling cynic who can't help but find pleasure in pain.

But even with more than 35 years in the music biz, Reed hasn't lost a beat.

Perhaps he's not walking on the wild side quite so much - he was, after all, the subject of a profile on the PBS *American Masters* series. And he's played art festivals, the White House and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Still, while the musical roots for a generation of new artists can be traced back to Reed, his most recent works remain relevant.

Songs for Drella, his 1990 dedication to Warhol which reunited him with former Undergrounders John Cale, and 1992's *Magic & Loss*, a deathly serious work of art, are witness to why he is rock's poet laureate.

Ecstasy reaches its climax on its title track not with a wailing wall of sound, but with lush orchestration and a grave declaration of discontent.

Add in *Future Farmers of America*, with its upbeat rock tempo, and Reed, along with David Kahne and Hal Willner, have produced an impressive array of songs that explore the dark side but still know how to rock.



Lou Reed

CD REVIEW

The Eels' new release proves to be a slithering success

Daisies of the Galaxy

The Eels

DreamWorks Recordings

In the genre of "artists formally known as," *Daisies of the Galaxy*, the Eels third album is written and produced by a man called E. Just E.

And though E is often the subject of his music, he isn't the main attraction. Instead, he channels family tragedies (his beloved sister and father died within months of each other), confusion and clinical depression into deceptively simple but extraordinarily plush pop tunes.

It takes a very peculiar mind to attach a mambo beat to songs about death, cancer and hospital food (not necessarily in that order), as E did in his previous releases *Electro-Blue* and *Beautiful Freak*. But it works.

With the tonal sensibility of melodic sage Brian Eno and the delightfully funky courage of Beck, the California artist formerly known as Mark Everett seems - if not happy - at least a bit happier in his third release.

Daisies opens with a wash of off-beat horns and shifts into *Grace Kelly Blues*, an ebb and flow of plucky guitars and drifting orchestration.

For one of the most intelligent lyricists of our time, his subjects are rather warm and fuzzy - furry field mice, bras, clouds and daisies, of course.

But he takes poetic twists and turns into the dark side with *Tiger in my Tank* ("I think I'm on the brink of disaster"), and ruminates in the bittersweet *Selective Memory*. "The days go on forever when you only know that much!"

Rather than needing *Noir* - *come for the Soul*, as in his first release, E seems to be numbing his pain with the forces of nature. And when that doesn't work, he always has a perennially upbeat rhythm running through his veins.

By Alice Rhein
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DINING

Diners give seafood restaurant good reviews



RALPH ECHTINAW

I'm writing about the Plymouth Fish Seafood Market & Restaurant today because owners Lori and Vincent Toia mailed me a letter, take-out menu and gift certificates for four fish-and-chips dinners in early March. That's not to say I accept bribes, but it got my attention.

I shipped the gift certificates and a menu off to the Observer's Plymouth office because I didn't want to get extra special service. Ergo, reporters Scott Daniel and Sue Buck (and Sue's daughter Anni) did the initial taste test for me. I followed up in late March with a takeout order for myself and three others in the Livonia Observer office (using the name Stan so they wouldn't know I'm "the take-out guy").

Scott Daniel described his dinner as "uncommonly delicious. Unlike some restaurants, where grease is the lone flavoring, Plymouth Fish seasons its fillets and grills its selections. The result is a tasty, not-too-heavy dinner."

Sue and Anni Buck had their free dinner at 2 p.m. on a Saturday and practically had the place to themselves.

"We both were served heaping platters filled with three-and-a-half pieces of Alaskan cod and French fries," wrote Sue. "We

Plymouth Fish Seafood Market & Restaurant

Where: 578 Starkweather in Plymouth's Old Village, (734) 455-2630, Fax (734) 455-5923.

Open: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Menu: Fish & chips, ocean perch, lake perch, catfish, shrimp, pick-erel, scallops, frog legs, oysters, calamari, smelt, whitefish, swordfish, salmon, chicken sandwich, hamburgers, clam chowder, seafood gumbo.

Average lunch price: \$6.50.

Credit cards accepted: Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover.

Personal checks: OK.

Packaging: Styrofoam boxes and paper grocery bags.
Seating: Room for 25 inside, 25 outside.

chose the deep-fried selection that wasn't the least bit greasy. The fish was light and flaky. The pieces were filleted lengthwise, and we were served the full length of fish."

While the Bucks ate, a regular customer came in for some clam chowder. "Standing at the door, he gave unsolicited praise to the preparation of the clam chowder, calling it creamy with lots of tomatoes. He called it the best that he has ever eaten," wrote Sue.

As the Bucks left, the young Buck commented, "Plymouth people sure are friendly."

Personally, I think the Plymouth Fish prices are a little high — but maybe not for Plymouth — and the food was great.

Internet Editor Emory Daniels had the ocean perch lunch with redskin potatoes. *Redford Observer* Editor Jeff Counts had the fish and chips. Westland

reporter Darrell Clem had the shrimp lunch. I had the catfish lunch.

Emory, Jeff and Darrell were rather understated in their praise. Darrell characterized his lunch as "average portions, average quality, average in all respects."

Jeff said, "For carry-out fish and chips for lunch it's fine."

Of the four of us, I was the most impressed. The rice was tasty, nicely seasoned and contained chunks of carrots. The catfish had no bones, was lightly breaded and not greasy.

The cabbage in the cole slaw was cut into much bigger chunks than one usually finds in cole slaw. Jeff liked it that way. Emory didn't. Darrell said it was average.

I've got to give the owners credit for packaging. The takeout boxes were made of plastic foam, and each was marked so we knew what it was. They were



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Flavorful fish: Lori and Vincent Toia of Plymouth Fish Seafood Market & Restaurant present two of their delicious fish platters.

stapled inside grocery bags along with covered plastic foam containers of cole slaw, plastic forks and napkins.

"I know how it is when you're passing food out for people," Lori Toia said.

Each plastic foam container

contained, in addition to the entree, packets of ketchup, tartar sauce and a slice of lemon.

I likely won't return to Plymouth Fish for takeout again but only because it's too far from my office at Schoolcraft and Levan.

If I worked in the Plymouth Observer office I'd go again.

Ralph Echtenaw welcomes your comments and suggestions on take-out eating. Call him at (734) 953-0492. E-mail him at rechtenaw@ec.homecomm.net

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Send dinner specials, menu changes, restaurant renovations, and other items to Keely Wygonik, Assistant Managing Editor Features Group, *Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@ec.homecomm.net.

We're putting together a list of steakhouses for Father's Day and outdoor dining destinations. If you want to be included, send, fax or e-mail restaurant locations, hours and menus to wygonik@ec.homecomm.net as soon as possible.

WINE TASTING

Meet Italy's most prestigious wine makers at "Vini D'Italia 2000," 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 9 at Laurel Manor & Conference

Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, 1/4 mile west of Newburgh, in Livonia. Presented by Laurel Manor and Conference Center and Ristorante Fonte D'Amore, the event will feature a tasting of over 100 of Italy's finest wines, and a strolling buffet of hors d'oeuvres. Tickets \$60 per person (\$30 tax deductible), call (734) 462-0770 for more information. The event benefits the "Make-A-Difference Foundation." Proceeds will be used to help children who are physically challenged in the Detroit area.

PATIO DINING

The Century Club Restaurant - The Century Club in Detroit is offering outdoor dining on the patio Wednesday-Sat-

urday during restaurant hours. Parties will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The menu includes steaks, chops, seafood and poultry as well as daily specials such as roasted prime rib, homemade soups, salads, appetizers and desserts.

Live music Thursday-Saturday beginning Thursday, June 1. Pianist Ed Wells plays 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday; the Gem Jazz Trio 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

The Century Club, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit is open for dinner 5-8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 5-9 p.m. Friday, 4-10 p.m. Saturday, and 3-6 p.m. Sunday. Dessert served 10-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and brunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Call the

Gem and Century box office (313) 963-9800 for reservations/information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ **Al's Copper Mug** — A tent party and fund-raiser will be held 2 to 10 p.m. Sunday, June 11 at Al's Copper Mug, on 1704 W. Maple in Walled Lake. Music is held outside from 4 to 9 p.m. and inside between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. Blues by the Bugs Beddow Band is featured. A 50/50 raffle drawing will be held around 8:30 p.m. There is a \$1 donation. Any donation of canned food will also be appreciated. Call (248) 624-9659 for more information.

■ **Eat to the Beat 2000** — The City Centre Advisory Board, in conjunction with the city of

Southfield, presents *Eat to the Beat 2000*, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each Thursday in the summer.

Among the June entertainment is Back to Back, featuring soulful R&B sounds, June 15; Judy Harrison, June 22; and Reverend Blues, June 29.

Eat to the Beat 2000 is at City Centre Plaza, Central Park Blvd., one block west of Evergreen between Civic Center Dr. and I-696 Service Drive.

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