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Smooth ride: Canton police Officer Keith Myers is an instructor in the program. He demonstrates weaving a motorcycle through traffic cones at 30 mph.

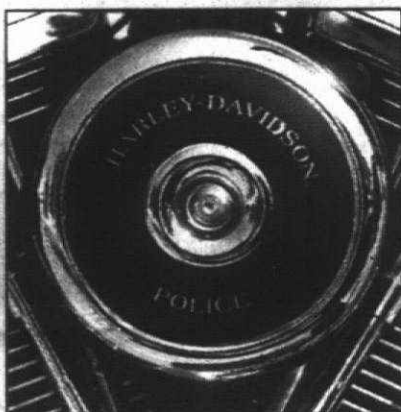
Bike patrol: Cops learn to handle Harleys in course

Five police officers were in hog heaven this week as they went through basic motorcycle school under the instruction of Canton police officer Brian Darow.

The officers from Wyandotte, Flat Rock and South Lyon rumbled through Canton streets and maneuvered around orange pylons on police-issued Harley Davidsons.

The bikes weigh a total of 800 pounds with all the police equipment attached. Not easy to balance, officers lost one second on their final time if their feet touched the ground or if they knocked over pylons on the course.

Much of the six-day, 48-hour school was spent practicing hairpin turns and quick stops while weaving in and out of pylons set up in the



parking lot of Heritage Park. "With all the exercises we have planned for them, they'll learn what

they can do and what the bikes can do," said Darow, who has been a certified instructor since 1990.

Canton officer Keith Myers and Plymouth Township police officer Bob Antal assisted in the instruction.

"There's only so much you can do on a bike - and the bike always wins," Darow said.

On one course, officers were to ride at 30 mph, slow down to weave through a short pylon course and then make a 180-degree turn.

Another course, called the keyhole, required officers to maneuver the bike within an 18-foot circle of orange cones. If done correctly, the bikes can turn about 16-feet in diameter.

Please see **MOTORCYCLE, A12**

Farmer Jack OK moves closer

■ Frustrated neighbors are still pressing Canton officials to reject plans for a grocery store and separate retail center at Canton Center and Cherry Hill.

It was almost Tuesday morning before residents learned just how long their fight against a Farmer Jack shopping center will last.

"I guess we'll be spending our summer here," said one resident as he filed out of Canton's administration building along with 30 other frustrated neighbors.

■ Court paves way for rezoning, A2

The second layer of approvals for the grocery store at Canton Center and Cherry Hill is moving ahead to the township board level. A final decision is expected at its June 23 meeting.

Late Monday night, the planning commission voted 5-1 to recommend approval for a special land use allowing a 55,912 square-foot Farmer Jack and an additional 12,000-square-foot retail building. Commissioner Cathy Johnson voted against the approval.

The special land use designation is needed to build a structure over 40,000 square-feet in size on commercial property.

The decision was reached after two hours of public debate that lasted until shortly before midnight. It also came on the heels of another 90-minute debate over another commercial area about five miles down the road on Canton Center, south of Geddes.

In March, ATMF-V rezoned a portion of eight acres fronting Cherry Hill from

Please see **FARMER JACK, A12**

Appeals judges hear arguments in bond suit

A new high school, elementary building, new school buses and computer technology for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is now in the hands of the Michigan Court of Appeals.

The court heard oral arguments Tuesday in an appeal filed by Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva, who is attempting to stop the sale of \$79.6 million in bonds approved by voters in March 1997.

Vorva claims that with 716 spoiled ballots on a new touch-screen voting machine, voters were "denied their fundamental right to vote."

The appeals court is deciding the case after Vorva lost his battle in Wayne County Circuit Court. Each side was given 30 minutes to present its case to the three-judge panel.

In his remarks, Plymouth attorney Stephen Boak told the panel "Mr. Vorva is disappointed that the officials of the school district in which he lives and votes are more interested in building buildings than they are in the purity of the election process. He is not disappointed because the bond issue

passed but the manner in which the election was handled."

While there is more decorum in the Court of Appeals, there is also more opportunity by any of the three judges to interrupt and ask questions.

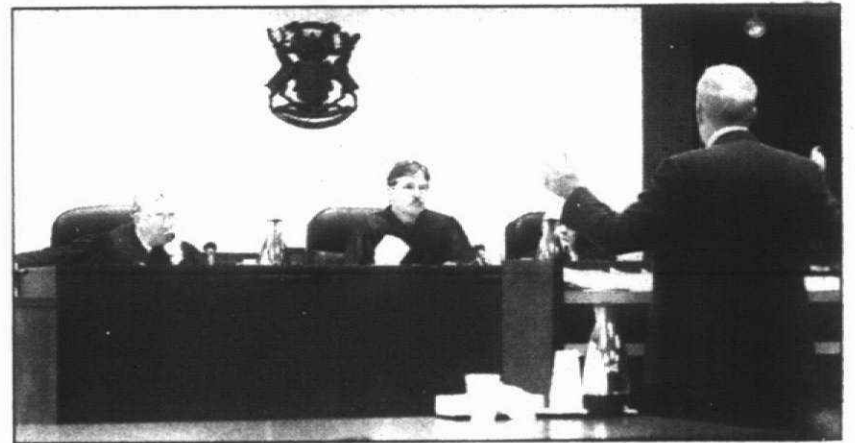
Justice David Sawyer asked Boak if there were any mechanical malfunctions of the voting system, to which Boak replied there were "no mechanical malfunctions."

Justice Martin Doctoroff asked Boak if there was any other reason than voting error by voters for the spoiled ballots.

"All we know is that 716 people were disenfranchised for some reason," replied Boak. "They went to the polls to try to vote, and their votes weren't counted."

Doctoroff asked how Boak could tell there was something wrong with the process, as compared to voters failing to vote at all or even changing their minds in the booth and spoiling their ballots.

"The fact that 7 percent of the voters who went to the polls (lost their vote)," said Boak. "They didn't go there not to



Making a case: Attorney Steve Boak presents his argument before Michigan Court of Appeals judges (from left) Michael Kelley, David Sawyer and Martin Doctoroff.

vote. That tells us there's something wrong with the system.

"The only possible way to rectify the results of this election is to do what many citizens requested in the very

beginning," added Boak. "Hold a special election for those who actually voted, using paper ballots."

Beverly Bonning of the law firm of

Please see **BOND SUIT, A4**

HUD: Debarment doesn't affect Canton Commons

Residents receiving federal assistance for housing at Canton Commons Apartments appear to be safe from eviction for another year, although owners of the complex have been debarred from receiving one type of federal funding.

Some tenants of Highland Management Company's 20 other Detroit-area properties have been given a 90-day notice to move out in order to maintain their Section 8 assistance from the U.S. Department of Urban Development (HUD).

Pickwick and Westminister apartments located in Taylor are among those owned by Southfield-based Highland Management, which will no longer be able to accept federal housing vouchers or "tenant-based" Section 8 assistance.

Canton Commons is a "project-based"

housing development in which Highland Management receives funding directly from HUD for 340 of its 450 tenants. Tenants pay a portion of the rent depending on their financial situation.

A spokesperson for HUD was unable to explain why Highland Management is allowed to receive one type of federal funding, but not the other.

"The debarment does not affect any project-based properties," said Ken Barnard, of the Detroit-public affairs division of HUD.

"As long as it meets what we call HQS, Housing Quality Standards, the contract can be renewed."

HUD's contract with Canton Commons is expected to be renewed July 31. "We'll have to wait until then... they seem to be OK," Barnard added.

The annual renewal typically causes

some nervousness on behalf of the residents living in the subsidized housing in Canton, although last year was the only year the contract was seriously threatened.

Last June, the residents faced eviction when HUD revoked its public housing contract with Jack Friedman and Joseph Dresner of Highland Management due to ill-managed properties they owned in Colorado. After several weeks of what residents described as "sheer panic," HUD extended the contract.

"A couple people have asked me, 'Are we going to have troubles this year?' I don't think so," said a confident Sue Daniels, a resident who spearheaded a community gathering during last year's crisis.

Sue Thomas, director of the Plymouth Housing Commission, said she

also has been told by HUD officials that the debarment won't affect "project-based" housing owned by Highland Management.

"By being a project-based, Friedman has a contract with HUD, but we as an administrator of Section 8 tenant-based vouchers, we can't put anyone in his building because he's debarred. What that means I don't have the foggiest," she said.

"We're only as good as the information HUD gives us," she added.

Friedman was reached for comment and a spokesperson for his office only denied wide-circulated rumors that the company planned to turn the apartments into condominiums.

The complex is not for sale "at the moment," the spokesperson said.

Planners cite court ruling in commercial rezoning

A recent Wayne County Circuit Court consent judgment allowing for a commercial rezoning on the southeast corner of Canton Center and Geddes appears to have paved the way for the neighboring property to be rezoned as well.

Despite the 90 minutes of debate from opposing residents, the Canton planning commission voted 4-2 to allow village shopping, C-1, on two acres to the north, which is currently zoned for office, O-1.

Commissioners Vic Gustafson and Karl Zarbo voted to deny the request.

'If you approve this, there's going to be repercussions ... all the way down Geddes.'

Larry Bell
-Canton resident

In a worse-case scenario, a judge could approve the site plans for the Zahr property, lowering the standards for Witkowski's. "Each property needs to stand on its own merits," he added.

In 1989, the planning commission denied a similar rezoning from Witkowski. Goulet said village shopping is needed in the area today.

"The only thing that has changed in the last 10 years is there is more residential, a school and a church," said Henry Moore, who represents residents in the Woodlands of Canton Homeowners Association.

"This is spot zoning," he added, suggesting commercial areas should only front Michigan Avenue.

According to Goulet, neighborhood shopping is needed at the southern end of the township to meet the needs of new residents. The reconstruction on Michigan Avenue prevents neighborhood shopping because it is a double highway with interval turnarounds meant for regional traffic.

Witkowski said the village shopping would be a convenience for residents "instead of fighting the gridlock on Ford Road."

He also would work with residents allowing them to pick out the color of brick and types of landscaping for the site.

A C-1 zoning would allow for businesses like dry cleaners, small community stores, book and card stores, and carry-out restaurants.

Transportation Day at Eriksson



Big wheels: Students at Eriksson Elementary School in Canton got a close-up look at Wayne County road equipment and learned how it is used during the school's recent Transportation Day. County employees Jim Barko and Henry Haynes accompanied the big rigs to the school parking lot. In the photo above, Barko gives a student a lift so he can check out the road grader. At right, Haynes offers another student a view from the driver's seat of a dump truck used to spread salt during winter storms.



Canton to host Rouge River cleanup

Canton will host a Rouge Rescue '98 site to clean up the banks of the Rouge River from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Canton residents can support the Friends of the Rouge area.

Volunteers will also be stenciling storm drains in the neighborhoods behind the Canton administration building.

Activities are being organized by Canton in partnership with MTV and MediaOne's "You Are Here/Volunteer" program and the city of Plymouth. A party to thank Rouge Rescue '98 volunteers will be held following the clean-up event and will include MTV videos and a picnic supplied by Farmer Jack.

Anyone interested in participating may register at Canton's Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Transportation to the clean-up site will be provided throughout the day. For information, call (313) 434-2265 or visit the MediaOne Web site at: www.mw.mediaone.net

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Election '98

(Terms and when to vote)
District voters will be filling two 4-year seats and one 2-year seat.
Polls are open Monday, June 8, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

QUESTION 1:	QUESTION 2:	QUESTION 3:	QUESTION 4:	QUESTION 5:	
Why are you seeking election to the Board of Education?	What skills or knowledge would you bring to the Board of Education?	What are your top 3 priorities for the school district?	Do we need a new middle school?	Should 11th grade students be required to take the MEAP tests?	
4-YEAR TERM CANDIDATES:					
<p>Susan Davis Director, juvenile justice programs at Growth Works. Chair of Community Council for Substance Abuse Prevention Four-year member of Board of Education</p> <p>Shella Friedrich Motivational speaker for Weight Watchers Founding president Tonquish Economic Club Volunteer at Eriksson Elementary School</p> <p>Richard Ham-Kucharski Systems engineer/product manager for EDS Member of Goals 2000 committee Member of Arbor Village condo board</p> <p>Darwin Watts Manager of operations for Absopure Water Member of Board of Directors, Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Graduate of Leadership Plymouth</p>	<p>To continue my commitment to the community and see some projects to completion over the next four years.</p> <p>I still have the energy and am more confident in my abilities after spending time on the board.</p> <p>I want to bridge the ever-widening gap between Plymouth and Canton.</p> <p>I was encouraged to run by many elected officials and community leaders in Plymouth because of my willingness to have the two communities work together, not pull apart.</p> <p>To ensure the security and quality of our schools well into the future.</p> <p>It's the best way to make a positive impact in the community.</p> <p>To help resolve some future issues that could affect the school system and education, including new schools and district funding.</p>	<p>Four years on the Board of Education holding all board offices except president.</p> <p>Knowledge of the community from living here 22 years.</p> <p>I know the basic needs of children and adults.</p> <p>I have seen first-hand the impressive staff, their dedication and commitment to quality teaching.</p> <p>As a classroom advocate I hope to be the eyes and ears parents throughout the district.</p> <p>I possess critical thinking skills, technical design and program development, local management skills and global management skills.</p> <p>I have knowledge of finance and operations, leadership and teamwork skills, good communication skills.</p> <p>As an involved parent I bring an understanding of the needs of our children.</p>	<p>Building needs. Higher student expectations An alternative high school</p> <p>Lower class size Better district-wide communication Adjusting state funding</p> <p>Higher student achievement Increasing the presence of classroom technology Financing of new facilities</p> <p>Continue and improve on positive labor relations The district's building needs and use of existing buildings Continue the Long Range Plan</p>	<p>Yes Joy and Beck</p> <p>Yes Re-evaluate Joy and Beck location</p> <p>Yes Re-evaluate Joy and Beck location</p> <p>Yes Re-evaluate Joy and Beck location</p> <p>Yes Joy and Beck</p>	<p>We need to have some measurement of our district's academic success. I believe if the state is going to have the tests, then students should take it.</p> <p>I would like to see some sort of requirement for students in 11th grade, whether it be MEAP scores or other kind of testing. It does show how well the district is doing.</p> <p>It should be required because it's the only measurement we have at that level. It should be required, or we should be able to institute our own internal testing and evaluation system.</p> <p>If we are going to use the MEAP test as our measure of success, it should be used on an across-the-board basis. If we give students options to opt out, we put holes in the test.</p> <p>We need to have a way of measuring and benchmarking our district, but the test has been criticized the two years it's been implemented. I do feel we need benchmarks, but I'm not sure MEAP is the benchmark.</p>
2-YEAR TERM CANDIDATE:					
<p>Judy Mardigan Co-owner of Health Decisions, Inc. Member several school committees, including Long Range Planning and Legislative Action Appointed to fill vacated seat in March</p>	<p>I view the Board of Education seat as an opportunity to apply what I have learned from my community involvement.</p> <p>To play a meaningful role in making good decisions.</p>	<p>I have obtained a broad understanding of our complex district through service on key district committees including Citizen Finance Advisory, Long Range Planning and Legislative Action committees.</p> <p>As an involved parent I bring an understanding of the needs of our children.</p>	<p>New high school facilities Implementing the Long Range Plan Lobbying for adjustments in Proposal A funding</p>	<p>Yes Joy and Beck</p>	

7 Plymouth-Canton students awarded CFCU scholarships

For the past 10 years, Community Federal Credit Union has renewed its commitment to area youth and education by offering college scholarships.

The scholarships are the Margaret Dunning Scholarship, the George Lawton Memorial Scholarship and two, one-time-only Joyce Willis-Chumbley Memorial Scholarships.

This year, seven scholarships were awarded to students who have demonstrated high honors academically while contributing to their communities.

The recipients of each scholarship are as follows:

- \$1,000 to Bridget Zalewski of Plymouth Canton High School, who will attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn.
- \$1,000 to Swati Rout of Plymouth Salem High School, who will attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.
- \$500 to Christina Coger of St. Mary's Catholic High School in Gaylord, who will attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.
- \$500 to Kristen Whalen of Plymouth Salem High School, who will attend the University of North Carolina-Wilmington.
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Bond suit from page A1

Thrun, Maatsch and Nordberg in Lansing represented Plymouth-Canton schools. "The school district did everything that was legally required of them," argued Bonning. "Their duty is to post appropriate notices, to use a voting machine system that has received approval from the state board of canvassers, that the election is free from fraud, and to make sure the equipment is available to all."

when it will make a decision. School officials are hoping for an answer before an Oct. 3 middle school bond election. Vorva has already said he will take the case to the Michigan Supreme Court if he loses this appeal. "It's all about having it their way, not about purity of elections," said Vorva after the hearing. "You have a group of people who have historically manipulated elections, and you give them a piece of equipment that is easily manipulated."

unanticipated," he said. "I'm very encouraged by the seeming attitude of the court, but that doesn't always pan out when the opinion comes." Plymouth resident Ted Bohlen, who attended the proceedings, said "You've got senior citizens who have never seen or touched a computer before. Educators should be held to a higher standard of getting these people prepared."



Briefing: Before the hearing Errol Goldman (left) briefs board member Mark Horvath and Superintendent Charles Little (right) on what to expect.

Advertisement for 'The Grand Court' featuring 'Choices, Choices, Choices.' It lists three locations: Novi, Farmington Hills, and Westland, with phone numbers and addresses. It also includes a small photo of a person and a cartoon character.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Make a difference

During the past five years, West Middle School students have written to military personnel as a form of community service. In 1995, West was the top participating middle school in Michigan. This year, as all other students have heard responses from all forms of the military (Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Army) from around the world (South Korea, Iceland, Egypt). Students map the responses on the classroom world map.

For making a difference in the life of U.S. military personnel, West students were awarded with a certificate citing them as the No. 1 middle school in the state of Michigan for writing the men and women of the armed forces. During the last five years, West Middle School teacher Jodi Ring and her classes have twice received commendations for providing a service to military personnel.

Automation contest

Students in the automation/robotics class at Plymouth Salem competed in the Society of Manufacturing Engineers' National Student Robotics Automation Contest at Saginaw Valley State University. The Salem students entered in three categories and placed first in two categories and third in one category. This contest is designed to complement classroom instruction and give students the chance to apply classroom knowledge in competitive and fun situations. Each contest is specifically designed to test the students' skills and knowledge in a particular area of manufacturing, technology, robotics and automation. Winning medals were: Gold: Robot Pick and Place (Computer Assisted), Andy Donohue, Steve Bak, Dan McCarthy and Ed Siegner; Gold: Robot Problem Solving, Meril Maman, Murali Ponnaturi, Craig Sharpe and Mike Long; Bronze: Robot Block

Scramble, Greg Dreslinski and Steve Beck. Salem's class is under the direction of instructor Mark Siedlik.

Adult graduation

Plymouth-Canton Community School's Adult/Alternative Education has announced the graduation date for 1998. The class of 1998 includes 94 members, 75 of whom will be attending the graduation ceremony to be at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 11, in the Plymouth Salem Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. The graduates of the program range from 17 to 45 years old.

Thanks and support

Ninety parents were involved in Teacher Appreciation Week activities at Central Middle School to honor teachers. Janet Early, coordinator of the Parent Council, was a key force at Central and spent many hours over the past three years doing things for students and staff. She organized a show of support and thanks to all the staff of Central Middle School.

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Advertisement for Community Federal Bank branches in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, and Novi. It includes the bank's logo and contact information.

S'craft board rewards McDowell's leadership

Schoolcraft College President Richard McDowell received a 3 percent salary hike Wednesday after trustees agreed during his annual evaluation that he demonstrated "outstanding" leadership at the college.



McDowell

With the pay hike, McDowell's salary increased to \$110,476 and his contract was extended to 2001. The 3 percent pay raise equaled one given to the executive staff for 1998-99 school year by trustees that same evening. The board commended McDowell for what they called an "excellent" working relationship among administration, faculty and staff. Trustees conducted McDowell's evaluation in a closed session at McDowell's request.

McDowell met all his stated objectives from last year, including technological advances, development of a student retention center, student identification center, and renovations of the bookstore and Radcliff Center. During each annual evaluation, McDowell and the board outline a list of objectives for the upcoming year.

"What we were really pleased about was the technology master plan," Watson said. "He really pulled it together." Watson said McDowell notices national trends and problems and applies solutions to fend off those concerns. Nationally, community college officials have problems retaining students at their colleges. "Schoolcraft initiated the Student Retention Center," she said. The center follows up with students when they cannot obtain a desired class and tries to contact them when they miss several classes, Watson said.

"We're just really pleased that more is provided to students," Watson said. "The Business Development Center has certainly been successful. The export resource center is also the first one in the state of Michigan," Watson said. In a prepared statement that incorporates comments from the board members, trustees stated that McDowell "understands the potential for technology in learning and teaching. The development of a technology master plan has been an impressive undertaking." Trustees reported that technology needs will continue to grow and the framework for future growth is essential. "Businesses have a need to train employees in the latest technology and the College's Business Development Center has been a leader in technology training." The physical improvements on the campus this year also were called "outstanding." The board

commended McDowell's interaction with state legislators as "one of his greatest strengths." Trustees Brian Broderick credited McDowell for his innovative and collaborative efforts in promoting the college, building expansion and new math labs. "He also instituted an honors program, which can attract the best and the brightest students there," Broderick said. "It's a selling point for the school." McDowell has an outstanding record and reputation, which make criticism of him "seem petty," Broderick said. Sometimes the board members may not be up to speed on the college's happenings, Broderick said, but that was not considered a problem by Broderick. "We'd like him to maintain the lines of communication," Broderick said. "We want to keep the lines of communication open, and keep the trustees informed. But he's always promoting things at the college, and overall he has an outstanding record."

Training center in the works

Schoolcraft College is looking to make itself bigger and better.

Schoolcraft College administrators expect to have architectural drafts of the Business & Industry Training Center and Waterman Campus renovations ready by June 24 for the college's trustees.

On Wednesday, board members were told the training center will be expected to seat 400 people for meals, 600 for lectures and 300 for presentation space and product demonstration, said Butch Raby, Schoolcraft's vice president of business services, and Conway Jeffress, vice president of academic instruction.

Administrators have requested the drafts contain three computer labs for corporate software training; six classrooms for corporate training, distance learning and breakout sessions during large group meetings; four study carrels, two small conference rooms and lobby and display areas.

For the Waterman Center, the Culinary Arts program would be expanded with a skills laboratory, two demonstration classrooms, expanded restaurant, remodeled kitchen area and added office space. The 30-year-old kitchen would be remodeled.

"The instructors can do lecturing and students then can prepare the recipe," Raby said.

Raby also told trustees a new roof will be installed over the next month on the Grote Administration Building, which will take two or three weeks to complete.

The north parking lot also will receive a new course on its surface, which will be completed by Aug. 1 "at the latest," Raby said.

Contracts OK'd

Trustees also approved a \$38,348 contract with Compu-Aid Inc./ Electron of Warren to complete wiring in the Applied Science, Forum and Waterman Campus Center buildings, and a \$22,793 contract with Elite Communications of Redford for the Physical Education Center and the Radcliff Center.

Also approved: A total of 32 microcomputers from Quality Computer Systems of Livonia for \$53,856 for a new interactive math computer lab in the Liberal Arts Building.

Math software for \$41,500 from Academic Systems Corporation, Mountain View, Calif. The software and computers will be used by four sections of Math 51 in the fall; six sections are planned for the winter semester.

A \$57,791 contract for 634,000 copies for three editions of class schedules for credited and continuing education students will be completed by Grand Blanc Printing in Grand Blanc.

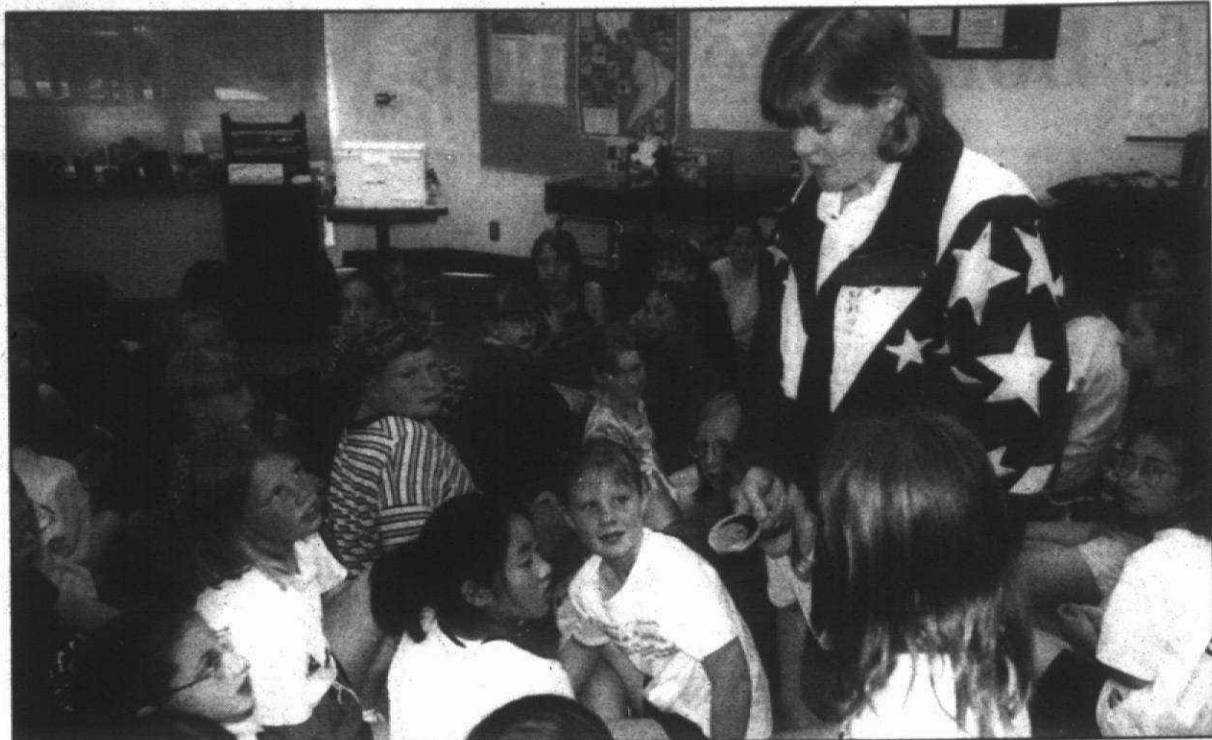
Large advertisement for 'power shopping weekend' at Parisian. It features various clothing items like dresses, shoes, and accessories with sale prices. Text includes 'going on now power shopping weekend' and 'get a good look at parisian'. It also includes a small photo of a woman in a dress.

WSDP scholarships presented to 3 staffers

WSDP awarded three scholarships at its annual banquet May 19. The John Seidelman Scholarship is named after the Canton High School counselor and former station adviser. The award is given to a student who shows dedication to WSDP and excellence in educational pursuits. This year's scholarship went to Scott Griffin, Salem senior. Griffin is co-sports director at WSDP. The four-year staff member has a 3.6 career GPA and will attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

The Bonnie Dore/WSDP Founder's Scholarship is named after the station's founding manager. Dore currently owns a television production company in Beverly Hills, Calif. The scholarship is given to the student who shows dedication to WSDP and a desire to pursue a career in broadcasting or a related field. The award was given to Scott Herrold, Salem senior, and Denny Kapp, Catholic Central senior.

Herrold is the program director for WSDP and a four-year staff member. He will attend Eastern Michigan University. Kapp will attend Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts. He is co-sports director and also a four-year staff member. Each scholarship is for \$300. WSDP has given scholarships since 1985.



Check it out: Lisa Brown-Miller shows off her Olympic Gold Medal to students at Hulsing Elementary School in Canton. Brown-Miller visited the school with Canton police Officer Debra Newsome (below) as part of the D.A.R.E. program.

Hulsing students greet Olympian

She helped bring home the Gold and now Lisa Brown-Miller is embarking on another dare.



Resistance Education) program.

Brown-Miller is a Downriver resident and friend of Canton Police officer Debra Newsome, who has played in hockey leagues against the Olympian.

During her visit, Brown-Miller showed her Gold Medal and the Wheaties cereal box with the team picture. She talked about her experience at the Winter Games in Nagano, Japan last February.



Brown-Miller also stressed the importance of studying and avoiding drugs, alcohol and violence.

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Advertisement for Good's Nursery, Inc. featuring a 'POTTED ROSE BUSH SALE' with prices like '\$20 ROSES' and '\$47 BUSHES'. Includes contact info: (734) 453-2126.

Table of CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS. Lists various funds and amounts: General Fund (\$107,435.00), Fire Fund (16,607.61), Police Fund (23,550.24), etc.

Eliminate the deficit present at year end. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution recognizing The Preserve on Fellows Creek as an Urban Wildlife Sanctuary. Motion carried.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS June 11, 1998. Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1998 AT 7:30 P.M.

Road funding crisis Cutbacks loom if state lawmakers fail to meet Sept. 30 deadline

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER. It worked in 1993 when the Legislature deliberately created a crisis by abolishing local school taxes. The result was voter approval of 1994 Proposal A to cut property taxes and schools.

Will it work by Sept. 30, 1998? That's when Michigan's 47-year-old road-funding formula is due to expire. The Legislature last year set that crisis date to force itself to write a new road law.

PA 51 of 1997 assigns 39.1 percent of road money to the state Department of Transportation, 39.1 percent to the 55-counties and 21.8 percent to municipalities (the 500 cities and villages).

If it fails, 20 percent of state money for roads will be sealed up. The ability of local and state road agencies to do maintenance and repairs will be severely hindered, said Brent O. Bair, managing director of the Oakland County Road Commission.

That would "force municipal officials to postpone or cancel badly needed road work in cities and villages," added a Michigan Municipal League committee that includes Rochester Hills Mayor Ken Stoll.

"House Democrats, blistering Gov. John Engler, set up a Democratic task force on transportation and infrastructure issues.

Brown has bill Rep. Bob Brown, D-Deerborn Heights and a member of the task force, is pushing his own "scientific" idea for road plan-

ning. "It's kinda like Proposal G of 1996, scientific management of game," said Brown, whose district includes part of Redford Township. "I'm saying let's have scientific management of roads. We have one of the premier institutions in the state—the University of Michigan Institute of Transportation.

"What we've been saying is 'get more money and spread it around.' We should commission U-M's institute to work with MDOT on roads, cement quality, asphalt standards, bridge construction and truck weights," Brown said, declaring Michigan roads wear out too fast.

Brown's bill to hire U-M for a scientific study of roads is co-sponsored by a key House member — Clark Harder, D-Owosso, chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee on transportation.

Failure costly The state transportation fund for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 is about \$1.325 billion. If PA 51 expires, it will be cut by \$265 million. That would reduce:

- MDOT from \$311.9 million to \$232.6 million.
Counties from \$546.4 million to \$410.5 million.
Cities and villages from \$304.6 million to \$228.8 million.

Local bus agencies from \$162.1 million to \$136 million. CRAM (the County Road Association of Michigan) and the Michigan Municipal League are pushing their ideas for revising PA 51. Some details are hazy, such as writing a "distribution formula that simplifies the funding process and provides a more equitable dis-

tribution of funds." Local units have been saying that for 40 years. All agree the current formula is Byzantine in its complexity.

CRAM and MML call for "a comprehensive needs study" to "determine the priorities for a new road funding formula." That sounds much like Brown's bill.

Their plan calls for raising the diesel fuel tax to 19 cents a gallon. That would tax diesel fuel at the same rate as gasoline, which the Legislature raised by 4 cent last year.

The new ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act) will bring Michigan an increase of nearly \$310 million to a new total of \$825 million a year.

"A tremendous win for Michigan and our roads," said Gov. John Engler, who last year set a goal of \$200 million more for the state. His goal was topped by half.

Michigan among the 50 states was the seventh biggest winner, he said. House Speaker Curtis Hertel,

Detroit, said the new ISTEA dollars "restore fairness for our state and put us on the road to recovery." He awarded bipartisan praise to U.S. Sens. Carl Levin (D) and Spencer Abraham (R) as well as the House delegation.

The new ISTEA awards 75 percent of the money to the state and 25 percent to local units. CRAM and MML want to keep it that way. Engler would like to see more of the federal money go to the state.

Finance costs cut Meanwhile, Engler announced the state sold nearly \$40 million in Comprehensive Transportation Fund refunding bonds at a 4.62 percent rate, "the lowest bond interest rate by MDOT in 40 years," said the governor.

The issue refinances bonds sold originally in 1988. The savings in interest payments will be \$7.2 million in debt service over the next eight years.

Deer crashes drop For the first time since 1990, car-deer crashes have fallen in Michigan, according to auto insurers and state agencies. In 1997 there were 65,451 car-deer crashes, 4.2 percent fewer than the 68,233 in 1996. The number of humans killed dropped from six to three in that year, though injuries rose slightly.

Officials credited more careful driving for the decrease. The southern Michigan counties of Kent, Jackson and Calhoun crashed 1,900 to 2,000 crunched each. Here is what other area counties reported:

- Wayne 361, unchanged.
Oakland, 1,553, up 53.
Livingston, 1,240, down 94.

Schoolcraft College to host daddy-daughter dance Friday

Schoolcraft College host a Daddy and Daughter Dance on Friday, June 5. The dance is a requirement for this special night as daddies and daughters will twist, stroll and line dance to rock tunes, oldies and popular favorites. There are games and prizes, and, as part of the Cinderella dance, dads will have to find their daughters' shoes from a big pile on the floor.

Daughters from kindergarten through late elementary school will enjoy having their dads' undivided attention, and uncles and grandfathers can bring their special gifts. The dance begins at 7 p.m. in the Waterman Center on the Schoolcraft campus and ends at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$22 for father-and-daughter and \$4 for each additional child. Pictures are available for an additional charge. Proceeds from the dance will be used for the Kids on Campus Scholarship Fund.

Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

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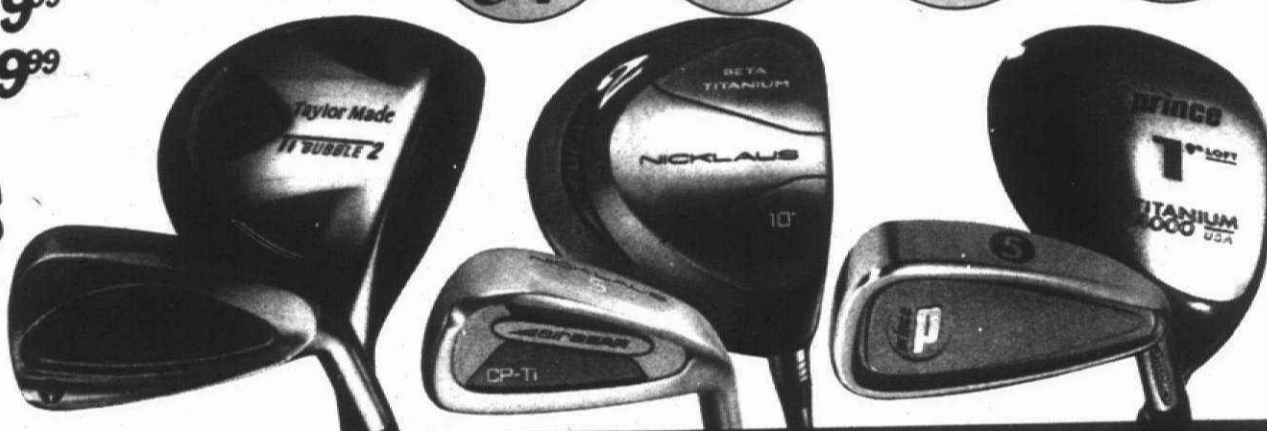
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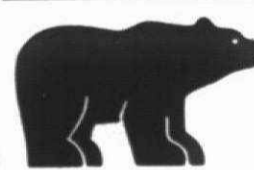


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Saint Joseph Mercy Health System's Interactive Health Education Center — the first in Michigan and one of only three hospital-affiliated centers in the country — plans to deliver its disease and injury-prevention message through a curriculum developed in partnership with school districts and other community groups.

The 3,500-square foot center opens in the lower level of the Canton Health Building on Canton Center Road near The Summit in the Park in early 1999.

Initially, the center's larger-than-life schematic of the human body, with its giant props and user-friendly health tests, will bring in visitors. However, the special programs and classes will turn visitors into patrons.

Steve Ragan, director of capital campaigns for St. Joe's, said the center will not be self-limiting because of location; instead, it will be a regional interactive health education center for all of western Wayne County as well as southeastern Michigan.

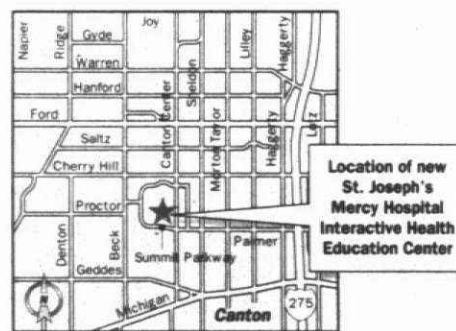
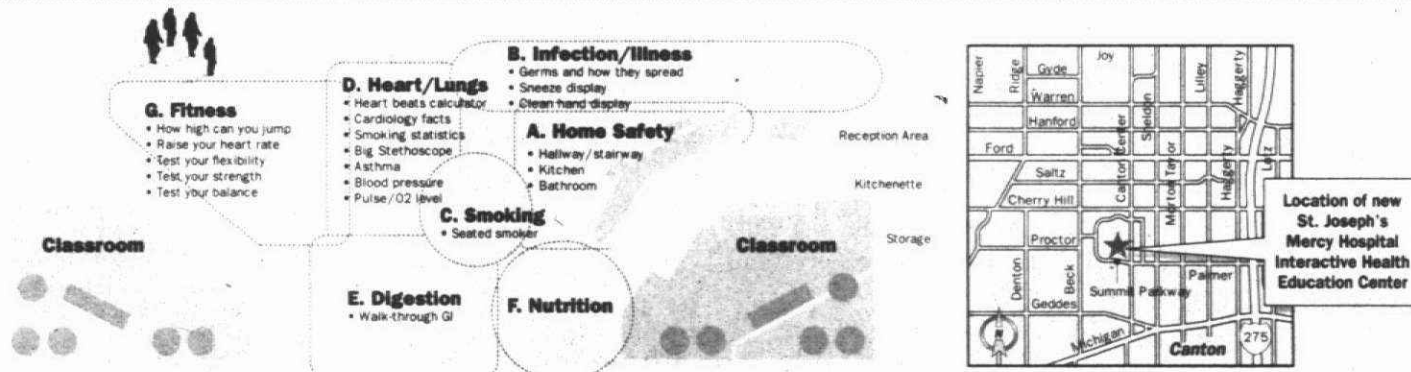
He said similar centers "draw students from 50-150 miles" and attract 27,000 visitors a year, including heavy use by adults and seniors.

Ragan emphasized the center is not a hands-on science museum; it's a public education center offering tours for school-age children and on-site classes for people of all ages. "The bells and whistles of the exhibits are important, but they are to be utilized in a curriculum."

The Plymouth-Canton school district is the center's first partner.



Larger than life: Jessica and Caitlin Rinaldi examine a giant ear at the new St. Joe's Interactive Health Education Center in Canton Township. Below is the exhibit design for the new center.



New center looks for community support

The Interactive Health Education Center's philanthropy campaign has raised \$500,000 of its \$1.5 million goal. That represents 2,000 gifts from community members willing to invest in preventative health education.

Care Choices HMO made a \$250,000 corporate gift last fall.

"The case is compelling. People have been very supportive. So many good people have stepped forward from western Wayne County," said Steve Ragan, director of capital campaigns for Saint Joseph Mercy Health System.

"When we look at a project like this, we look at a partnership with the community."

The \$1.5 million campaign goal represents three-fourths of the center's cost. Saint Joseph Mercy Health System has allocated more than \$2 million for capital and program needs, as well as for an endowment fund.

The campaign's first major fund-raiser this year is the St. Joe's Health Education Center Pro Am Golf Classic Wednesday, June 17, at the Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton. The tournament is sold out, but corporate sponsors are still needed.

"They'll get great recognition," said campaign co-chair Bryan Amann. He

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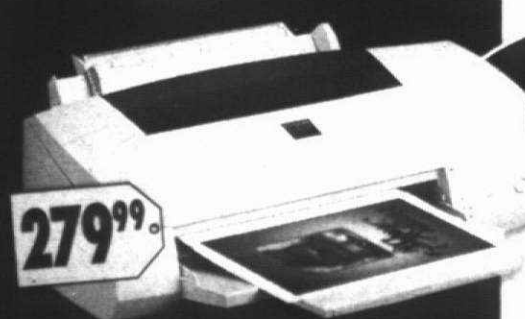
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Superintendent defends new truancy program

Wayne-Westland school Superintendent Greg Barcy said last week he has allayed concerns of most parents who question a new anti-truancy program. "I think this is a good, positive program," he said during a school board meeting. "Most parents who have contacted administration offices appear to support the new poli-

cy, which involves Westland police officers in picking up truant students and returning them to school. "We've gotten positive feedback," he said. Under questioning from district resident Marshall Wright, however, Barcy conceded that some parents have raised concerns about the program.

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Wright, addressing school officials, didn't criticize the program. Rather, he just asked whether some parents view it as a strong-arm tactic. Barcy said he has been able to allay concerns of most would-be critics by explaining the desirable effects of the program. Once he explains it, "it has gone over well," he said. Wright told officials "Truancy is a real concern and should be addressed." Wright said he views the new policy "as an outreach program"

and offered his services as a social worker if the district needs him.

Westland police and Wayne-Westland officials launched the program last week, with hopes of cracking down on truant students.

Every morning, each senior

and middle school teacher serves Westland students new names, addresses and telephone numbers of five absent students to police Lt. Marc Stobbe.

He then assigns officers to try to find the students and to take them to school if they're absent without good reason.

OBITUARIES

NEAL M. VEIL

Services for Neal M. Veil, 82, of Margate, Fla., were May 30 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Doc Ortmann officiating. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery in Detroit. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. He was born July 21, 1915, in Cleveland, Ohio. He died May 27 in Tamarack, Fla. He was a salesman for life insurance at John Hancock Life Insurance Agency for 38 years. He was preceded in death by

his son, Gerald F. Survivors include his wife, Grace of Margate, Fla.; two sons, Kenneth J. (Deborah) of Carmel, Ind., James P. (Gwen) of Alpharetta, Ga.; daughter-in-law, Joan Veil of Powell, Ohio; and eight grandchildren, Jennifer, Staci, Lindsay, Timothy, Melissa, Jessica, Amanda and Kendra. Memorials may be made to Catholic Central High School.

BERNITA LEE

Services for Bernita Lee, 91, of Northport, Ala., formerly of Plymouth, were June 2 at Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Burial was also at Cadillac

Memorial Gardens. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

She was born June 27, 1906, in Haviland, Ohio. She died May 29 in Demopolis, Ala. She was the co-owner and clerk at Newburgh Lumber Company in Wayne. The Lees sold the lumber yard in 1956. She came to the Northport, Ala., community nine years ago from Pompano Beach, Fla., where they lived for 13 years. Before that they lived in Plymouth. She loved to crochet and do crossword puzzles.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George. Survivors include her two daughters, Phyllis Jarsky of Ocala, Fla., Juanita Bryan of Demopolis, Ala.; two sons, George (Mary) Lee Jr. of Villa Rica, Ga., Jerry (Evelyn) Lee of Prescott, Mich.; one sister, Alice (Meral) McKim of Ypsilanti; 14 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

MYRTLE E. WILLIAMS

Services for Myrtle E. Williams, 97, of Dearborn were June 2 at the Vermulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. She was born Dec. 17, 1900, in

Perry Sound, Ontario. She died May 29 in Dearborn. She was a homemaker. She lived in the Plymouth area for 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Reginald Williams; her parents, Thomas and Christina McPherson; and son, Bruce Reginald Williams. Survivors include her two grandsons, Gray A. Williams McCante of Waco, Texas, Charles A. Williams of Lebanon, Ky.; and one nephew, Donald F. Douglas.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association West Metro Region, P.O. Box 712129, Berkeley, Mich. 48072-0129 or the Karmanos Cancer Institute Plymouth Region, 744 Wing St., Plymouth, Mich. 48170-3446.

RONALD EUGENE BURNS

Services for Ronald Eugene Burns, 56, of Canton were June 3 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charney officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home in Canton.

He was born Oct. 13, 1941, in Kansas. He died May 31 in Canton. He worked at Ford Motor Co. as a quality control manager. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Tana Burns; three sons, John, Gary (Claudia), Mark (Jennifer); one daughter, Denise; one brother, Robert (Jacque); and five grandchildren.

WALTER GUMBIS

Services for Walter Gumbis, 72, of Wyandotte were May 26 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Burial was at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by Czopek Funeral Home in Wyandotte.

He was born Sept. 18, 1925. He died May 22. He was an employee at Great Lakes Steel.

Survivors include his wife, Anna; two sons, Henry (Irene) of Wyandotte, Joseph (Cheryl) of Canton; one daughter, Irene (Tom) Perry of Allen Park; and five grandchildren, Joe, Michael, David, Melissa and Katie.

No to 'Hash Bash'

Ann Arbor may continue to host its annual "Hash Bash" on the University of Michigan campus, but it will cost the city 10 percent of its state aid under a bill approved May 27 by the Senate.

Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, won an amendment to the general government budget cutting 10 percent of the shared revenue of any local unit that penalizes illegal drugs less than the state Public Health Code. It's aimed at Ann Arbor, whose pot fine is \$25.

"I spoke to a group of high school students whose attitude was, 'Obviously it can't be bad for you, Ann Arbor does it every year.' They don't know the danger of THC," said Rogers, a former FBI agent.

"By their (Ann Arbor) doing this, it has an effect on our tax dollars. The University of Michigan spent \$20,000 on this in 1997 for one day. The city says, 'Why punish us? They encourage people to vend.' It (the Hash Bash) is not there because of the U-M; it's there because of the Ann Arbor ordinance."

Ann Arbor's ordinance was "grandfathered" in place when a state law was adopted, Rogers said, so the state's best hope of correction is to withhold shared

revenue.

Rogers' amendment passed 35-4, opposed by Alma Smith, D-Salem, and three Detroit Democrats.

Smith offered her own amendment requiring executive departments to provide lawmakers monthly reports on "personal service" contracts for \$100,000 or more. It failed in an unrecorded vote.

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, lost an amendment to boost community policing aid by \$10 million to \$34.7 million. It lost 16-20, on an almost-party-line vote.

On final passage, the Senate approved the general government budget bill 36-1. It goes back to the House, which probably won't concur in amendments. That will force the bill into a conference committee, which is likely to remove many amendments.

2nd try works

On his second try, Sen. David Jaye, R-Macomb, won approval of his amendment to the welfare budget prohibiting the use of benefits for the purchase, installation, repair or maintenance of air conditioners.

He lost May 26 when the Family Independence Agency bill was on second reading and the roll call wasn't recorded. But on third reading, the roll call was a matter of permanent record, and Jaye won 20-17.

Exceptions would be allowed for welfare clients 55 or older and those with a physician's certificate saying air conditioning is medically required.

"It's too comfortable for people to be on welfare when they can stay in their taxpayer-paid air-conditioned homes instead of going out looking for a job," said Jaye, who is famed for offering many similar amendments that are less successful.

Democratic leader John Chery of Clio denounced the Jaye amendment as "so restrictive it borders, if not achieves, the ridiculous."

Chery argued "it means clients must shop in grocery stores that don't have air conditioning. They must go to doctors who don't have air conditioning ..."

Voting yes were 16 Republicans, including Loren Bennett of Canton, Mike Bouchard of Birmingham, Bill Bullard of Milford, Mat Dunaskis of Lake Orion and Bob Geake of Northville; and four Democrats, including Macomb's Ken DeBeussart

and Art Miller.

Voting yes were 11 Democrats, including Gary Peters of Bloomfield, George Hart of Dearborn and Alma Smith of Salem; and six Republicans, including Mike Rogers of Brighton and John Schwarz of Battle Creek.

Among those denouncing the amendment was veteran Appropriations chairman Harry Gast, R-St. Joseph. "All of a sudden, bingo! I'm 55. I can have air conditioning. What's the difference between one day and the next when one day you can have it, and one you can't?" Gast also suggested women clients would balk at admitting their ages.

"We have, I think, sunken (sic) to a new low," said Sen. Jim Berryman, D-Adrian.

House bills

Rep. Bob Brown, D-Deerborn Heights, won House passage overwhelmingly of two pet bills:

Restrictions on "cold-call

ads" — that is, mailed ads where an unsuspecting consumer is offered a "great deal" with incomplete information about the item's cost. The consumer is supposed to call for more information and is given a high-pressure sales pitch.

Brown's bill, which has passed the Senate and is on its way to the governor's desk, would give the buyer three days to back out of the deal. "Cold-call ads prey on vulnerable citizens by making promises that can't possibly be delivered," the sponsor said.

A requirement that mortgage lenders notify home purchasers when they may cancel their private mortgage insurance (PMI) — usually when the buyer has reached 20 percent equity.

Mortgage insurance benefits the lender. "It protects the lender from defaults and helps lenders make loans to more families," Brown said, but its annual cost averages \$1,200. He said his bill, now on its way to the Senate, answers three questions for home buyers: "Why is PMI necessary? For how long? And how is it canceled?"

Cloning banned

Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, said four bills banning human cloning are through both chambers and on the way to the governor's desk for signing.

The bills would allow permanent lifting of the medical licenses of guilty doctors, provide for \$10 million in civil fines, set up 10-year prison sentences, and ban the use of state money for human cloning research.

Rep. Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti, also a sponsor of part of the package.

The Senate is due this week to take up Bennett's bill to ban tobacco advertising on roadside billboards. If Senate Bill 341, reported out of the Transportation Committee, becomes law, Michigan would be the second state to pass a tobacco ad ban.

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PREVIOUSLY SELECTED MERCHANDISE NOT INCLUDED

Farmer Jack from page A1

residential to commercial for the Farmer Jack development. The property is located next to the Amoco gas station and borders two subdivisions, Kingston Estates and Fairway Pines. Pheasant Glen Condominiums is across the street.

At the rezoning hearings, which began in January, neighbors complained about the size of the Farmer Jack. They were told that issue would be discussed at the special land use hearing.

A revised plan from developers, ATMF-V, reduced the over-100,000 square foot site plan approval.

"I'm not an engineer, but how does stormwater flow uphill," said Mary Anne Sabo of Pheasant Glen.

The township's Engineering Services also had concerns with the design since it doesn't follow natural drainage patterns.

The Pheasant Glen pond flooded in 1995 because the new Kingston Estate pond wasn't able to hold its own.

The Farmer Jack retention pond is designed with a gravity pump that would drain the basin after it reaches eight feet in height, said Attorney Bryan Amann, who represents ATMF-V.

"This pond issue will not stop this project, not on a legal basis and not on a technical basis," Amann said.

The special land use approval includes five conditions:

- Developers will not be allowed to use the Amoco property for drive aisles or parking due to a previous agreement that was made when the gas station was built.
- The design of the stormwater retention basin must meet the satisfaction of permitting agencies (The Wayne County Drain Commission) and township.
- Road improvements must be made on Canton Center and Cherry Hill prior to Farmer Jack occupancy.
- Deliveries are not permitted between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- ATMF-V must submit operating agreements with Farmer Jack and other tenants as part of its site plan review.

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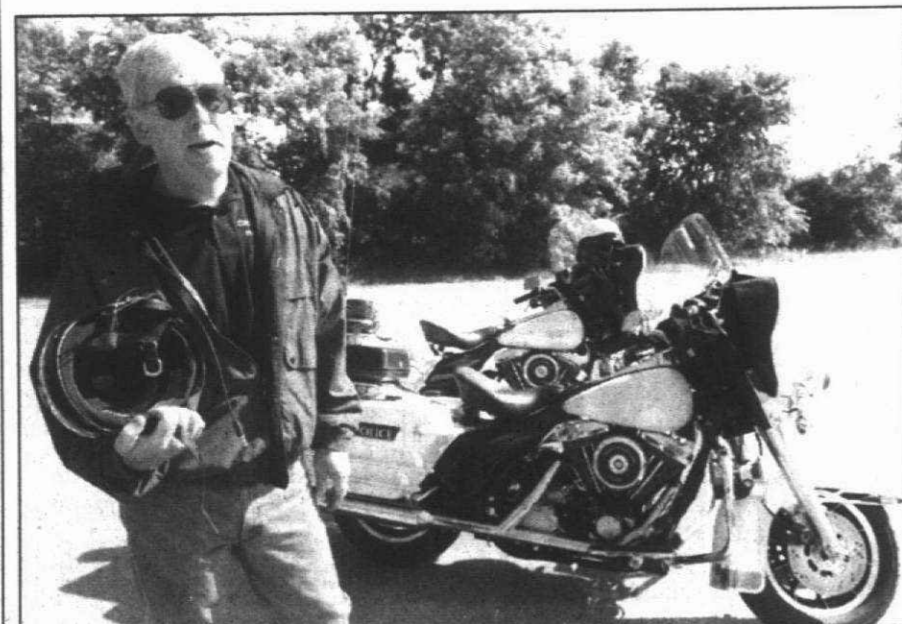
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Getting it right: Students line up before their turn to practice on a low speed maneuvering course.



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Motorcycle from page A1

"The public likes to see them out there," said Darow. "An officer on a bike is more accessible to people. Officers aren't as approachable in a car."

However, in addition to being a good community relations tool, motorcycles allow officers to patrol areas that can't be patrolled by officers in cars. "We do traffic enforcement.

Basically, we do the same thing as every one else," said Myers, who's entering his fourth year as one of Canton's four motorcycle cops.

Canton will be offering the training again later this summer. Other training programs are held by Northwestern Traffic Institute and Wayne County Sheriff Department.

MILITARY NEWS

SCHOOL COMPLETION
Navy Seaman Recruit Adam R. Wolski, son of John and Robin Wolski of Canton, recently completed the Basic Cryptologic Technician Administrative School. During the course at Naval Technical Training Center, Corry Station, Pensacola, Fla., students are taught the basics of communications security. The 1997 Plymouth Salem graduate joined the Navy in September 1997.

PROMOTED
Marine Staff Sgt. Charles E. Riley, a 1983 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 16, Marine Air Group 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Tustin, Santa Ana, Calif.

Riley was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty. He joined the Marine Corps in May 1987.

Church slates Kite Day June 6

Main Street Baptist Church is sponsoring Kite Day from 9:45 a.m. - noon, Saturday, June 6 at 8500 N. Morton-Taylor, Canton. There will be free family fun for everyone. Make a kite or bring your own. Giant Bubble contest, door prizes, and more. For more information, please call 453-4785.

Prevention from page A9

"We'll be able to enhance what's already being done in the classroom," said Cheryl McInerney, the center's coordinator.

The exhibits will not be duplicated in a classroom. We'll have models built into a wall.

Teaching models include a switch-controlled heart with blood-flow patterns and a transparent mannequin showing the digestive and circulatory systems.

Most classes will be conducted in the center's two large classrooms. St. Joe's Office of Health Promotion will provide experts for a wide variety of health topics. The center also has two educators on staff.

The center's 23-member curriculum advisory committee currently includes 14 teachers from the Plymouth-Canton school district. Numerous classes are planned under these broad topics:

- Nutrition
 - General Health
 - Family Life
 - Safety
 - Substance Abuse
 - Personal Decision-Making and Management
 - Careers in the Health Field
- "Wherever the need is we'll develop programs to meet those needs," said McInerney.

ST. JOE'S INTERACTIVE HEALTH CENTER



Hands on: Jessica Rinaldi answers questions about the human ear at the interactive health center.

Support from page A9

anticipates the golf tournament will raise \$100,000.

Tickets are available to the golf tournament dinner and awards ceremony at \$75 each. Raffle tickets also are available for a two-year lease on a 1999 Mercury Cougar for \$50, ownership of a Honda Recon ATV for \$25, or both vehicles for \$70.

Amann said changing technology will keep the exhibits at the Interactive Health Education Center dynamic but costly. Corporate help is needed to keep the center a major regional attraction, especially for school field trips.

"We need the funds to constantly grow, to reflect changing health concerns and keep the center relevant," said Amann.

The campaign's first major fund-raiser this year is the St. Joe's Health Education Center Pro Am Golf Classic Wednesday, June 17, at the Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton.

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TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
Please Take Notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 8, 1998.

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

At the regular school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2002, and one (1) member for an unexpired term of two (2) years ending in 2000.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

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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: Labster 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 of 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 of 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.

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

PRECINCT NO. 10
Voting Place: Haining 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: Erikson Elementary School. The eleventh precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 9 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 14.

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

PRECINCT NO. 13
Voting Place: Canton High School. The thirteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 8, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 25, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 26, and all of 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 and Plymouth Township Precinct No. 11.

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: Tomda 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.

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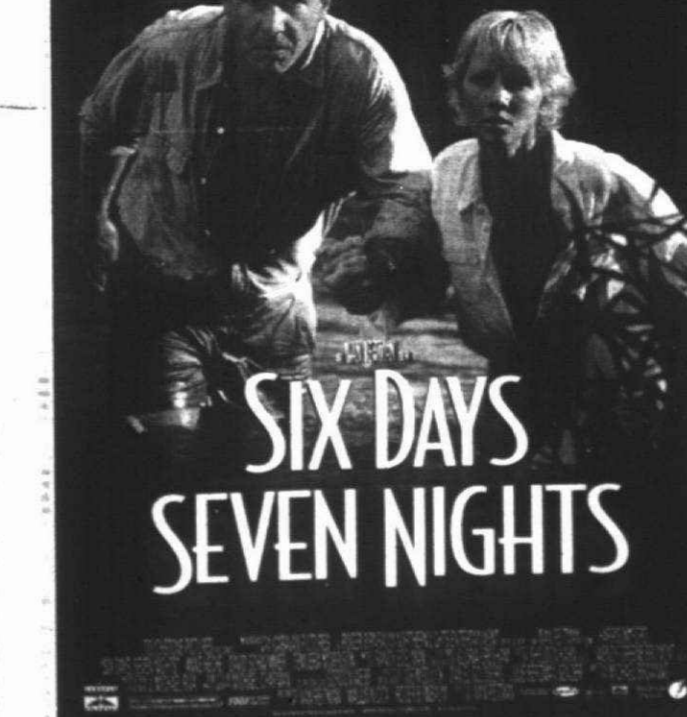
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School board

Davis, Friedrich lead solid field

The quality of the five candidates, including three new faces, and the sincere interest they all have in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools has set this school board race apart from recent ones.

The candidates have made this race an enjoyable one because of the dedication they have exhibited in supporting the district and education, as well as the time they have spent investigating issues and developing their opinions. Of course, it has also been refreshing that the candidates have not made this a race of personal attacks, nor attacks on the school board and school district.

Open are two four-year terms, and the remaining two of a term left vacant by former board member Jack Farrow.

We recommend that voters cast their ballots for appointee **Judy Mardigan** to fill the two-year term, as well as incumbent **Susan Davis** for one of the four-year terms, and newcomer **Sheila Friedrich** for the other four-year term.

The three candidates endorsed bring a good mix to the existing school board. Mardigan, a small business owner, brings years of activism, particularly as co-founder and chairwoman of the Class-size Action Partnership, a member of the Citizens Finance Advisory Committee, PCCS Goals Committee and Long Range Planning Committee to name a few.

Davis is seeking another four-year term to see through issues and concerns that she has delved into in her first term. She is thoughtful, practical and believes in the old-fashioned values of education — the basics — without neglecting the need for technology. A social worker at Growth Works, Davis also brings to the board a first-hand knowledge of kids and the problems they face in today's world.

We believe that newcomer Sheila Friedrich,

who has a son in the school system and is a motivational speaker for Weight Watchers, will bring a fresh approach to the business of running the district. There is no doubt she has studied the issues confronting the district and has taken the time to get out and meet school officials, as well as the public.

Friedrich has not been a fly-by-night candidate — something we have seen in the past. She has taken this race seriously, done her homework, asked questions, and we believe will do the same when she sits on the board of education.

The school board is confronted with a number of hot issues, including a bond issue in the Michigan Court of Appeals, an effort to ask voters for another bond to build a middle school, frustration over the effects of Proposal A, as well as the continuing effort to reduce class size.

A number of voters have mentioned to the Observer that with all of these issues facing the school board, student achievement and improved learning have taken a back seat.

We don't necessarily agree, however, a school board election, which will herald a reorganization of the board for a new year, is a good time to remind school officials again that indeed, student achievement must remain a paramount issue.

We encourage the school board, with its new members, to put their hearts and minds to their tasks, to try new ideas and to make students and their educations the number one priority.

We ask Plymouth-Canton School District voters to go to the polls June 8 and elect **Judy Mardigan** for a two-year term, re-elect **Susan Davis** to a four-year term, and elect newcomer **Sheila Friedrich** to a four-year term.

Incumbent Fowlkes is choice

Wayne-Westland school district voters will have a decision to make on Monday, June 8.

One seat is up for grabs on the school board. Three candidates are on the ballot: incumbent school board President Debra Fowlkes and challengers Patricia Brown and Teresa Robbins.

While all three candidates seem to have a genuine interest in serving the school district, we think **Debra Fowlkes** will continue to serve the district well.

As school board president, Fowlkes has served the district during a time of change and has done a professional job. We would like to see her continue.

She conducts meetings in a fair and professional manner and has often taken a leadership role on the board.

Changes should boost turnout

Any day now, state representatives will take up a package of bills designed — so some say — to encourage higher turnouts in school elections. Western Wayne County's Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, is sponsor of part of the package.

We see flaws in the package and warn the House to make key amendments.

The idea of higher turnouts is laudable. We have seen some turnouts in June elections as low as 3 percent; it's so bad that anything over 10 percent is considered great; and a turnout of 25 percent is volcanic.

A low turnout allows special interest groups to tilt the results. It's not necessary to name particular ideologies or unions.

The Senate bills would schedule school elections in November of even-numbered years. That would be bad. That ballot already is too long, with congressional, state, legislative, counties, townships, trial judges, appellate judges, State Board of Education, state university boards and state ballot proposals.

School board elections would wind up at the bottom of the nonpartisan ballot, utterly lost. The Senate bills, if adopted, would assure us of higher turnouts but at the terrible cost of loss of voter interest due to "ballot fatigue."

Here's what we see as an ideal school election law:

■ Lump all education elections into one ballot — State Board, three universities, community colleges and local school boards — perhaps in May. Education would be the sole focus. School people dislike the idea of mixing parti-

cular leadership shines through. For example, after voters approved a \$108 million bond issue for the schools, Fowlkes helped set up a bond-oversight committee to review the progress of the bond project.

During a time of change in the Wayne-Westland schools, the district needs someone with a working knowledge of the district, who works well with others in the district and on the board, and who can take a leadership role. Fowlkes is strong in all three of these areas.

The bond project needs continued oversight as voters want to see how their money is spent.

On June 8 voters again have a responsibility — to select a representative to the school board. We urge voters to become educated about those seeking office, and we urge them to exercise their right to vote.

san state with nonpartisan local elections. That concern is without merit. Much more would be gained through making education the sole focus.

■ Confine elections to four dates per year — say, a Tuesday in February, May, August and November. School boards seeking bond issue approval could pick and choose from those four dates. No more odd dates to wear down the public.

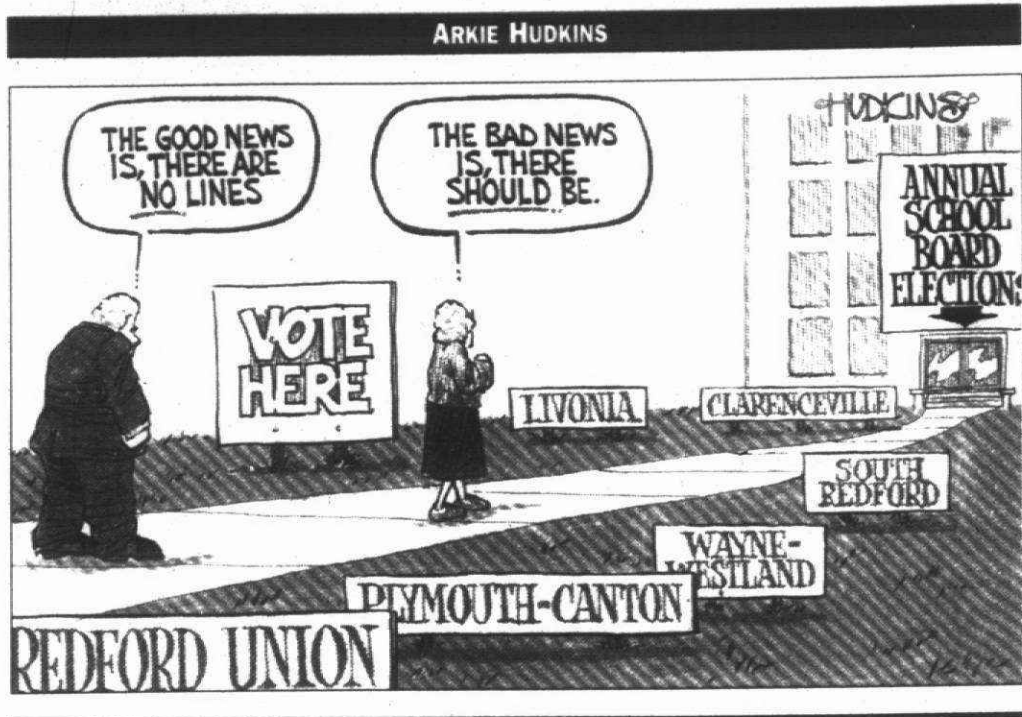
■ Put cities and townships in charge of all elections, including schools. At present, Michigan has a hodge-podge system. The result is that some folks vote on school issues in their city or township precincts, while others vote in different school precincts. There is no excuse for requiring voters to remember two different voting precincts.

The last proposal already is in the Senate package.

As a general rule, Michiganians are peppered with special elections on special dates. Some school administrators and unions like it that way, because they can get "their people" out to vote. Where such an attitude exists, we deplore it.

Education is too important an issue to warrant a 3 percent turnout or to place at the bottom of a bedsheet ballot.

Say you oppose November elections for schools and prefer a single date for all state and local educational posts when you write to your state representative, State Capitol, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing 48909.



LETTERS

Family fare?

I am responding to John Monaghan's review of the movie, "The Horse Whisperer," in the May 21 edition.

It's his last sentence that really got to me: "With 'The Horse Whisperer' he has delivered a literate, intelligent drama that is the first movie since 'Titanic' that a whole family can equally enjoy."

I would like to set the record straight; "Titanic," a true tragedy, was turned into a romantic romp complete with a steamy sex scene, and partial nudity in more than one scene, disguised as "art."

I wonder how many parents were squirming in their seats as their children watched this "family" movie? No, this is adult fare and should have been given an "R" rating.

Barb Schmid
Canton

Kathie Gladden
Canton

assume) all the candidates, covering their objectives and positions on issues of concern to the people of the 21st District. Voters will want to know who their choices are in this election. Please make sure that your readers are informed that they do indeed have a choice to make in the Republican primary.

No one wants to go to an ice cream stand, only to be informed that the only flavor they can have is strawberry. Let the voters know that they can have vanilla or chocolate, too.

Credit deserved

Thank you, Observer Newspapers, for covering the local story on Allen School's participation on the "Jump Rope for Heart." In your coverage, the person responsible for its success was not reported.

The person who should receive the credit for its organization at Allen School is Mark Copp, who is the physical education teacher. He, with the support of his administrator, motivated the third-, fourth- and fifth-graders at Allen Elementary School to jump for their health in addition to benefit the American Heart Association.

Mark Copp incorporated the physical education curriculum with community service very professionally. He, along with all the students at Allen School, should be proud of their efforts and contributions.

Jodi Ring
American Heart Association
board member

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Libraries play essential role in our communities

Libraries can certainly make news. That was evident on April 26 when the Plymouth District Library's new facility opened. Library supporters gathered with great pride on that cloudy day to celebrate.

As a Plymouth Township resident, I make frequent trips to the library and sometimes participate in the Contemporary Books discussion group, run by librarian Darlene Ursel. This month, we're reading Margaret Atwood's "Alias Grace," which was recently read by a similar group at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

Library supporters in that community gathered with pride in November of 1996 when the brand new library

on Central City Parkway opened. Since then, many residents and business people have visited the library in Westland, seeking information and reading for pleasure.

Another library in the news is Garden City's, undergoing renovations and tentatively scheduled to reopen in early July. Redford library supporters are grappling with the feasibility of a new library and seeking a suitable site, also making headlines in the process.

As always, of course, questions of how to pay for library materials and services dominate. That's understandable, but the quality of life that a quality library brings to a community needs to be considered as well.



JULIE BROWN

That was brought home to me recently when the Plymouth District Library, which had been housed temporarily in the former Farmer Jack's building on Main in Plymouth, closed temporarily. It was just a short time

for the move to the beautiful new facility, and certainly worth the wait.

Even so, I couldn't help but think of how it would be to be without a public library. My husband and I visited Westland's library to help us get over the short-term loss. We've visited the libraries in Redford, Livonia (Civic Center Library) and Canton, learning a great deal about the communities in the process. I can remember when Canton's facility was housed in a cramped third floor of the township administration building, and know how proud residents there were, and are, of their library.

In this era of rapid technological change, libraries help us all to be

informed, from the youngest on up. While a student, I worked at the libraries at the University of Michigan and University of Missouri. That was in the early 1980s, but it's amazing how much has changed in the field since then. Having qualified professionals to help sort through the information glut remains vital.

So, too, does reading for pleasure. Bookstores have their place, and I like them, too, but sometimes it's best to seek out the library stacks.

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Graduation is a time to take stock — for mom and her son

Do you remember the graduation parties of years gone by? When you first arrive, you see the young graduate greeting people with a blank look on his face, the poor kid is thinking to himself "who are these people?"

He politely says hello and takes the gift you present to him. You start looking around to find someone you know and end up sitting next to Aunt Betsy who proceeds to tell you all about her rheumatism and gout.

You excuse yourself from Auntie and head over to the food table. The potato salad looks like a little droopy and you think to yourself: "I wonder how long it's been sitting here and if it is OK to eat?" You start feeling a little

wilted yourself so you put an ice cube down your shirt to stay cool. Then there is Uncle Harry's way to cool off, after he gets a little bit tipsy he falls into the pool. Aunt Ethel would just as soon leave him there than see him rescued. However, the chivalrous drinking men disagree with Aunt Ethel and jump in the water to save him. Poor Uncle Harry would have been better off in the pool than to listen to Aunt Ethel's wrath. The loud music, family, laughter, are all part of the gala event.

This year we will be having a graduate, too. The whole senior year is a whirlwind of activity. It starts in the fall and never lets up until after they graduate. Yes, Uncle Harry and Aunt



GUEST COLUMNIST

DORIS BOWLES

Ethel will be coming to his party too! I have spent months planning this affair, but what does it really come down to? What is graduation? Graduation is when they finish one chapter

of their lives and go on to the next one. Some of our children may enter the work force right away while others will continue their education on a higher level.

Realistically, we are sending our sons and daughters into the world to make a contribution to society. They will be crossing the threshold into maturity and some will look to them as adults. As adults with minds of their own and probable ideas that may change the future. It is a big step for us parents watching them grow and letting them go out into the world.

In retrospect, I still see the image of my son as a little boy with skinned

up knees wearing an old baseball cap riding his bicycle. Now, I will begin to see him as an adult who still wears an old baseball cap backwards racing into the future, his future. They do grow up fast and we must learn to let them go. So, what does it all mean? It means that as we watch with tear-filled eyes on graduation days, all the years of molding, scolding and nagging will pay off and the world will welcome this year's graduates with open arms. You and I can sit back and pat ourselves on the back for a job well done.

Doris Bowles is a Plymouth resident and mother.

LETTERS

Sincere gratitude

On behalf of the Plymouth Oratorio Society, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to members of the PCEP Chamber Singers and Madrigal

Singers for their participation in our recent concert. It was indeed a thrill to see these young choral artists so focused, enthusiastic, and well-prepared for both rehearsal and performance.

The Testament of Freedom of composer Randall Thompson is a challenging piece of music and these students were a real asset to the concert and to their community. Special praise goes to Mr. Don Daniels, choral

music director at the high school. His love of music and of his students certainly is evident.

We look forward to a continued collaboration between the Plymouth

Oratorio Society and these outstanding young people.

Leonard L. Riccinto, DMA
music director

Vocational training deserves equal footing with college prep

The Michigan Senate last week lost an opportunity to make a good idea even better.

Sen. Mike Rogers, a solid conservative Republican from Brighton, introduced legislation to let 12th-graders who have completed vocational education courses in high school enroll for further training in a community college or a vocational charter school. The advanced school would also get a cut of the state aid money, currently averaging \$5,462 per pupil.

Rogers' reasoning was perfectly sensible. "We shouldn't look down at people who work with their hands," he said.

He's right. For many years, American public schools have operated in a peculiar two-track mode, utterly inappropriate for a country that prides itself on not having a class system.

For kids who want to go on to college, schools offer all kinds of academic courses designed to prepare students to get good scores on the ACT or SAT tests that have a lot to do with college admissions. Teachers and counselors make it perfectly clear to kids that pupils have to show real achievement, both in grade point average and in extracurricular activities, to buff up their resumes to get into a good college.

But schools more often than not give the brush-off to kids who are not particularly interested in going to college — kids who want to work with their hands, in Rogers' words. Vocational education programs are scorned, not particularly well-taught and placed in classrooms equipped with stuff out of the 19th century.

Modern manufacturing, for example, requires knowledge of statistical process control, administered through computers, and computer-controlled milling machines. But Michigan's high schools offer antique drill presses and hand-made socket wrenches in their shops.

And, excepting the building construction trades, Michigan has almost no apprenticeship programs that provide kids with an opportunity to learn a solid trade and ease the transition from school to work.

Rogers' bill, helping kids who want to go on to advanced vocational training and making it easier to pay for it, is a good start at remedying this long-standing problem.

But when Sen. Ken DeBeaussart, a moderate Democrat from Macomb County, offered a helpful amendment to require students to pass their 11th-grade proficiency test before taking advanced vocational training, the fur started flying.



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Particularly disingenuous during the subsequent debate was Sen. Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, who used the circular argument that because neither employers nor colleges now require MEAP results, the entire test should be abandoned.

"Students would have to achieve the basic MEAP standard," said DeBeaussart. "That's what the business community was asking for. We don't do it (prepare young people for jobs) by dumbing down the process." Rogers objected, arguing that the amendment would "add a barrier where there should be an opportunity."

"We need the MEAP to tell us if the high school is working," urged Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga. "They (students enrolling in advanced vocational classes) need the skills of math, reading, science and social studies. These are basic building blocks."

Particularly disingenuous during the subsequent debate was Sen. Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, who used the circular argument that because neither employers nor colleges now require MEAP results, the entire test should be abandoned. (Attentive readers will remember that Bouchard's district includes Birmingham and Troy school districts, where some 80 percent of juniors skipped the MEAP test this year.)

Eventually, DeBeaussart's amendment was defeated, on a straight party-line vote. So it goes in Lansing. One step forward, one step back.

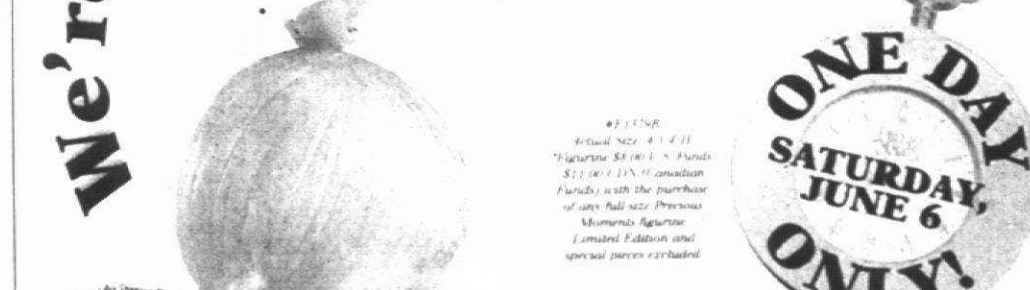
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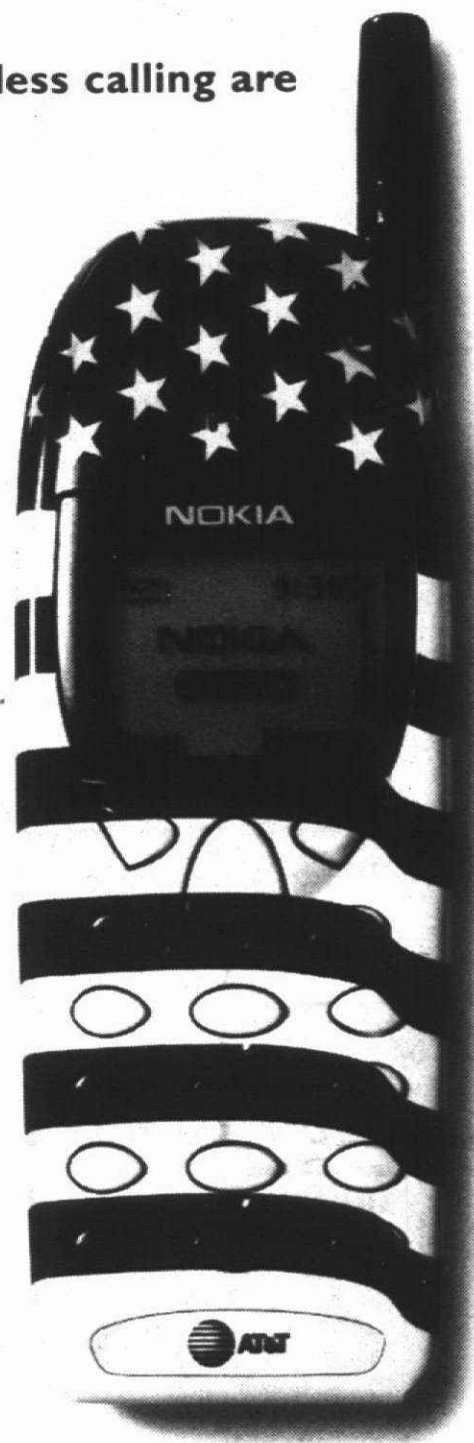


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Battlefield visit connects family with history

Time flies too fast. I realize it has already been five years since my more recent visit to Gettysburg. Next month marks the 135th anniversary of the momentous battle, which was the pivotal point in the Civil War. The three-day battle of July 1-3, 1863, is probably the best known engagement of that cataclysmic event in our nation's history.

The first time my family visited Gettysburg, we were dragging small children in tow. At that point in life, Don and I established a policy of diminished expectations: We could take in only a fraction of what we wanted to see, but something was better than nothing. In the process, our kids - between demands to know how much more of each attraction they had to endure - would be exposed to the world around them.

It is a vast expanse of land. Don and I were particularly struck by the dichotomy around us. We were tourists following winding paths through this park where soldiers had once fought bloody battles. Many had lain dying in agony for days.

We didn't brave another trip to Gettysburg with Natalie and Philip until they were in high school. By then, we heard we could hire a guide in the national park office. Having asked if we had any relatives who fought at Gettysburg, he took us directly to where my great-great-grandfather's unit had been engaged.

The DeKalb Regiment

Louis Balko - "Louie," as his family called him - belonged to New York's 41st, the DeKalb Regiment. Our family has his enlistment, discharge and naturalization papers, his commemorative medal from the 1895 dedication of the monument honoring the 41st and the heavy muzzleloader he carried into battle at Gettysburg.

Louie came from rural East Prussia (Germany had not yet come into existence) and immigrated to Manhattan Island. He gained his citizenship because he served in the German unit.

Stories are more exciting when they are tales of victories gloriously won. The performance of the DeKalb men was perhaps more poignant. The battle-weary soldiers, exhausted from a long march north, arrived in Gettysburg in the dead of night, after the first day's fighting was done.

The next day, the battleground passed back and forth between Union and Confederate lines. The men of the DeKalb fought hard to defend Culp's Hill below Seminary Ridge but were driven back by the overwhelming Confederate troops massed against them. Joining his comrades of the 41st, the 5-foot-4 Louie carried his muzzleloader in a forced retreat over the stone wall that marked their line of defense.

The very stone wall

One hundred thirty years later, we stood beside the very stone wall. The field is peacefully silent, but the New York monument has etched the 41st's place in history there. The past became accessible. I sensed the fear that must have invaded the very marrow of their bones as soldiers grizzled and fired their arms. Louie's muzzleloader, an instrument of death, not glory, has taken on new meaning.

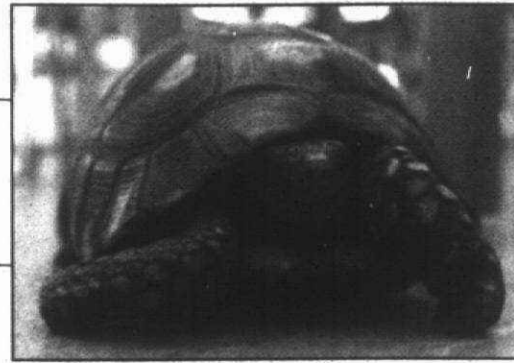
This time, our visit to Gettysburg meant something to our kids.

"The stones in this wall are actually the ones that were here during the battle?" Phil asked. His discovery, which brought a remote event in history to life, truly impressed him.

If mere proximity with my family's past was so moving, how much more profound is the experience of re-enactors? Some had the opportunity to find out in the movie "Gettysburg." A large number of expert, costumed men arrived as extras. In return, they got the chance to participate in a re-enactment on the original site and on a far larger, more realistic scale than usually possible.

Please see PARKER, B2

Romancing



the reptile

Americans love their dogs and cats, but another type of pet - reptiles - has caught their eye in ever-growing numbers. But caring for bearded lizards, iguanas and such isn't as easy as people may think.

For better or worse, Americans have fallen in love with reptiles. Bearded dragons, geckos, large chameleons, iguanas, even boa constrictors have replaced Fido and Kitty Kat in many homes.

Imports of the green iguana to the United States rose from 92,000 in 1985 to more than 840,000 in 1995. Reptile expositions, where the public can buy the exotic pets, increased from one show in 1990 to more than 60 in 1997, according to U.S. News & World Report.

When Mike Clark and Gerry Szeliga opened Savanna Exotic Pets in Livonia five years ago, their friends thought they were crazy.

"Everyone laughed and said we have to do something besides reptiles. We now have customers coming in from Traverse City, Cleveland and Canada," Clark said.

Most of Savanna's reptiles are captive-bred in the United States. However, its most expensive scaly creature is an Australian Spiny Rided Tail monitor, which sells for \$800. It was acquired from a zoo because Australia no longer exports reptiles.

Bearded dragons and leopard geckos are Savanna's biggest sellers.

"They're very interactive. They don't mind being held, and they eat from your hand," said Clark, adding that all lizards are fond of live insects, wax worms, cockroaches and crickets.

Savanna Exotic Pets is a licensed wild animal broker and can import non-reptilian animals, such as the sleekly beautiful, 30-pound serval cat from Africa.

However, most of their trade is in reptiles. They sell to the serious herpetologist (a collector of reptiles and amphibians), exhibitors, teachers and first-time buyers.

But not all new reptile owners follow instructions for their pet's care.

"We'll tell them everything they need for a green iguana and then they insist on carrying it out on their shoulder. Then they come back and say their iguana has a cold or isn't moving," Clark said.

Handle with care

Richard Humphrey of Plymouth Township, who teaches physical science, life science and horticulture at Belleville High School, stressed that it's important to take care of the reptiles.

Reptiles need warmth from the top and bottom, usually at a temperature of 80 degrees. Humphrey suggests using a "hot rock" or a special heating pad made of hard plastic. However, he cautions against using a bare bulb. Unless covered, bare bulbs can cause burns.

He also recommends transporting a reptile in an insulated container in cold weather. Humphrey puts his lizards in



'Classmates': Among the exotic animals that populate Richard Humphrey's classroom at Belleville High School are Marilyn Monroe, a tortoise an estimated 38 years old and slightly larger than a football helmet in size, and Iggy, a 20-year-old iguana that savors the banana fed to it by the Plymouth resident.

a cooler lined with towel-covered pop bottles filled with hot water.

When handling lizards, bearded dragons or geckos, it's important for owners to wash their hands. Iguanas and turtles have higher incidences of salmonella, although Clark said more people get sick from eating chicken.

"Just don't kiss it on the head," Humphrey said.

Like humans, reptiles need doses of real sunshine to manufacture vitamins, he explained. Ultraviolet lights will simulate the sun. Lizards also need plenty of humidity and fresh water to drink.

A varied diet is also important. Humphrey's two iguanas - Iggy and Icky - have different cravings. Icky gorges on bananas, and Iggy has a passion for kiwis.

"People feed iguanas iceberg lettuce all the time. I'm sure there are better lettuces, but never feed them only one thing," he said.

In addition to the staple reptile foods from the pet store, Humphrey suggests frozen peas, broccoli and fruits.

According to Andrew Snyder, curator of herpetology at The Detroit Zoo, many people try to get rid of their pets.

The zoo gets hundreds of calls each year from people who can no longer care for the cute green iguanas they bought on impulse.

"People don't think these things through before, and then they expect someone to take care of them," he said.

And forget about dumping your reptile in the nearest patch of woods. Snyder said it is illegal to release an exotic animal in a non-native habitat.

The Detroit Zoo doesn't accept unwanted reptiles, and Snyder said he knows of no other zoo or nature center that will routinely take them.

"What are you going to do with an extra 100 baby iguanas?"

Serious decision

When it comes to reptiles, prospective owners need to think with their head and not their heart. Snyder said there's a difference between a good captive and a good pet. A foot-long green iguana can live 20 or 30 years and grow to 6 1/2 feet long.

Although an aquarium is fine when the animal is small, the iguana will eventually need an enclosure the size of a small room, Snyder said.

In the summer, Humphrey opens his

garage to the reptiles he keeps in his classroom during the school year. Humphrey doesn't believe that lizards should live their entire life in aquariums.

"I haven't found too many reptiles, other than tortoises, that like aquariums," he said. "They do better when they have air circulation. Also, if you limit their activity they do not grow as quickly or as big."

Iggy, Humphrey's 20-year-old green iguana, is 3 feet long, much smaller than if he had been raised in the wild.

Green iguanas are known for their bad tempers, which flare up during breeding time. Humphrey has seen it firsthand. One summer, Icky, a 3-year-old green iguana, leapt 10 feet into the air, landed on his belly and took off running. Humphrey found him a week later, hiding among grapevines in his back yard.

And don't expect your reptile to reward you with the same affection as Fido. Snyder said lizards respond to body language rather than recognition when they see their owner. And if your iguana is fond of your lap, it probably likes the warmth.

Elderhostel blends education with travel

Shirley Caine went to England and fell in love. Don't jump to conclusions. It wasn't the way set her heart aflutter. It was her travel arrangements.

Caine is among a growing number of older Americans who are exploring new places and meeting new and interesting people through Elderhostel, an independent nonprofit organization offering short-term academic experiences for people over age 55.

"I went once and fell in love with it," said Caine. "I saw Hadrian's Wall, studied architecture in London and went to Plymouth, too, so I could visit Cornwall where my family is from."

"I've made friends in 39 states, and after three invitations, visited friends in Kansas."

It's a testimonial Minnie Adams loves to hear.

"History, arts and culture ... Elderhostel is not sightseeing, it's insight seeking," said Adams, an Elderhosteler herself and a coordinator for the organization. "If you're seeking some adventure, enjoy an intellectual challenge or making new friends, join Elderhostel. You go on Sunday and by dinner time, you have made new friends; it's just that informal."

Adams closed out the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center's luncheon series with a look at Elderhostels through videos and personal observations.

'Shoestring start'

Elderhostel got its start on a "shoestring" in 1975 at the University of New Hampshire with 200 people. Marty Knowlton, a social activist and educator, linked the European hosting concept with the residential emphasis of the Scandinavian Folk Schools and created a new kind of learning for older adults that he called Elderhostel.

Today, the membership numbers 500,000 people who study at more than 2,000 colleges, universities, museums, national parks, environmental education centers, conference centers and other educational and cultural institutions throughout the United States and Canada and 49 other countries.

Elderhostel is open to people age 55 years and older. Spouses of any age and traveling companions age 50-plus also are welcome.

The program publishes four seasonal catalogs, featuring programs in the U.S. and Canada, and four catalogs featuring the international programs that are mailed to members and to public libraries throughout the country.

You can journey to China or Japan, bike across the Netherlands, study a coral reef ecosystem in Bermuda and Jamaica, and live on a river barge while studying the agriculture of the Loire River Valley in

France.

International programs last two-three weeks and the cost includes lodging, meals, classes, any course-related field trips or activities and in most instances, the round-trip airfare. The costs range from \$2,600 for a three-week program at three different universities in Scotland, Wales and England, to \$5,640 for a three-week program at three different universities in Australia and New Zealand.

Closer to home, you can explore marine biology at a biological field station in California, look into the economics of logging in the Northwest at Western Washington University, visit the past at Colonial Williamsburg and study international relations at La Moynie College in New York.

The average tuition for the one-week programs in the U.S. is \$340 for lodging, meals, classes and any course-related field trips or activities. Programs in Hawaii and Alaska can cost up to \$520. A limited number of scholarships - hostelships - are available for participants needing financial assistance.

Comfortable stay

The lodging is simple, but comfortable. It ranges

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Living Word Center adds service for ethnic cultures

Cynthia Kahn, her husband Khurram Medhi Khan and brother-in-law Farrukh Medhi Khan describe themselves as bridge builders, but the bridges they build don't span bodies of water or freeways.

As missionaries for People of the Book (POBLO), they are building bridges for ethnic cultures at the Living Word Worship Center in Wayne.

"We build bridges," said Khurram Medhi Khan. "We tell them about this culture and mediate between cultures so that second and third generations will be a part of this society rather than a society created within this society."

POBLO is a Lutheran outreach program of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. In addition to two centers in the Detroit metropolitan area, POBLO has branches in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Los Angeles, Calif., and recently opened one in Queens, N.Y.

Its Living Word Center in Wayne at 35004 Michigan Ave., east of Wayne Road, offers an English speaking worship service at 10:30 a.m. Sundays and has added a 1 p.m. service in Urdu (the language of Pakistan) and Hindi (the language of India).

The service is in the Lutheran style and follows the Lutheran doctrine, but features Eastern

music and instruments like the sitar. There's a fellowship time with ethnic food following the service, and once a month, the sermon is given in English and translated into Urdu and Hindi to accommodate local people or English speaking spouses who attend.

The service is being conducted by Farrukh. Some 40 individuals were expected to attend the first service on May 31.

"As a missionary society, we are trying hard to bring people in," said Cynthia. "We found out through our English classes that for people from India and Pakistan and neighboring countries like Bangladesh, there's a lot of churches around, but nothing in their own language."

Getting started

The center was opened in June 1996 and the missionary team is led by the Rev. Randy Duncan who conducts the morning service for close to 80 people. It services people living in Wayne, Westland, Canton, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Livonia and Plymouth.

There is a second Living Word center on Dequindre north of Big Beaver Road in Troy, which ministers to people in Troy, Madison Heights, Sterling Heights, Warren, Rochester, Hamtramck, Detroit and even Clinton Township. It also offers the Urdu-

Hindi service, conducted by Khurram, a deacon.

"People are willing to travel for a service in their own language and with own music," Khurram said.

"We met a man who had been a member of a church for 10 years and never missed a service," Cynthia said. "He came here and said that for the first time he understood the sermon."

"For these kind of people, this church is a big blessing."

Word-of-mouth, one-on-one and person-to-person contact has helped reach some of the 20-30,000 ethnic people in the western suburbs who could benefit from the services available at the center, but the Khans would like to reach more.

"We help someone who tells someone else about us," said Cynthia. "We've been meeting people, going to homes, making friends for quite some time. Now we're ready to meet them here."



Reaching out: Based at the Living Word Worship Center in Wayne, Farrukh Medhi Khan (left), Cynthia Khan and her husband, Khurram Medhi Khan, are ministering to ethnic cultures in the western Wayne County area.

us and we realized the meaning of life through him," Khurram said.

"A lot of people accept the Lord over there in Saudi Arabia," said Farrukh. "The Christians are getting stronger even though they are persecuted. People are not allowed to openly practice religion there."

After 14-15 years in the middle eastern country, the Khans

immigrated to Canada and with the help of the Missouri Synod were able to immigrate to the United States three years ago. Their work here is supported by the Michigan District of the Missouri Synod, church organizations and individuals.

The center shares its storefront location with the Tried and True Thrift Shop and the Khans find the setup makes it easier for

people to drop in.

"When people see a church, they wonder if they should go in, but being a storefront, they don't hesitate to come in," Cynthia said. "We have missionaries here throughout the day so people can come in for help ... and no appointments are necessary."

For more information about the Living Word Worship Center, call (734) 467-6256.

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from college dormitories and guest colleges to modest hotels and inns.

"We're at that tender age where we don't want to be camping or sleeping in sleeping bags," she said, adding that the first thing she does when she gets the quarterly Elderhostel catalog "is look for places that are warm."

For the food, it may not be gourmet, but it's plentiful and good. Many meals are eaten in the campus cafeterias and dining halls.

"They give you plenty of food; I think they think we like to eat a lot or I guess we look malnourished," she said.

Participants need to be in rea-

sonably good health and moderately active. And those traveling alone need not worry; they will be assigned roommates.

"If you have a Ph.D. from Harvard or a Ph.D. from kindergarten, it doesn't matter; there's no tests," Adams said. "It's just wonderful. The instructors are assigned to you and eager to teach you. This is the way we wish education would have been when we were younger."

For more information about Elderhostel, call Adams at (313) 934-8373. To receive a free catalog, write to Elderhostel, P.O. Box 1959, Wakefield, Mass. 01880-5959 or visit its Web site at www.elderhostel.org.

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They commonly spoke of unerving experiences during the filming, like facing ranks of soldiers who charged them in shoulder-to-shoulder formation, the sun glinting off bayonets raised so close together they looked like horrific porcupine quills.

Sometimes, they advanced in drizzling rain, slipping on muddy ground. In the smoky confusion of one staged skirmish, John Gibney, a re-enactor with the 24th Michigan (the famed Iron Brigade), worried when he lost his partner. There was, after all, genuine danger with real bayonets. How much

worse the chaos and panic in actual war?

Gibney had gained his fascination with the Civil War from his father. After his father died, Gibney scattered the ashes at Gettysburg.

He paused under a shady oak tree where a somber, gray-clad Confederate re-enactor was resting.

"My grandfather died on this field," the man explained. "I understand," Gibney responded.

"No, you don't. My other grandfather fought in the Union Lines in the battle. What do you think the odds are my one

grandfather killed the other?" Understanding may not come easily, but is the quest to do so that makes studying history relevant.

I knew from family memorabilia that my ancestor, Louie, had fought at Gettysburg; still, he was as much an abstraction as the Civil War itself. That is, until the day we stood by the stone wall at Culp's Hill and looked up at Seminary Ridge, as Louie had once done.

Virginia Bailey Parker of Canton has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

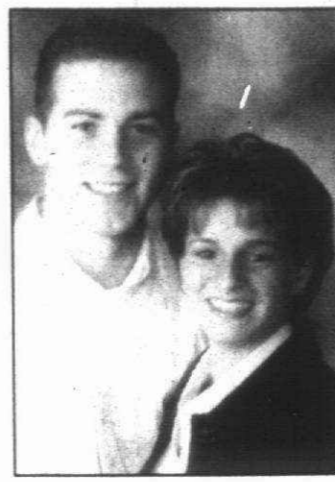
Bell-McEwen

Thomas and Christine Bell of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea, to Ryan McEwen, the son of Sandra and Bill Boase of Novi and Mike McEwen.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1997 graduate of Madonna University with a bachelor's degree in marketing. She is employed in sales at J&L Industrial Supplies.

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of Clarensville High School and a junior at Arizona State University. He is employed as a scheduler by Boeing.

An August wedding is planned at St. Edith's Catholic Church in Livonia.



Livonia.

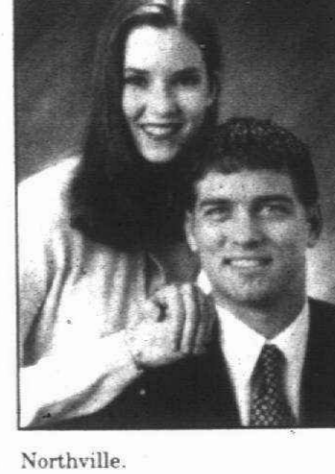
Wold-Erne

Benjamin and Carol Wold of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Teresa Erin, to Brian Joseph Erne, the son of Gary and Christine Erne of Novi.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Western Michigan University. She is employed as an senior assistant manager at Ann Taylor Corp.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Wayne State University. He is employed as support representative by Lease Marketing Ltd.

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



Northville.

Tanana-Hejka

Sandra Elaine Hejka and Jacob Tanana were recently married at St. Theodore's Catholic Church in Livonia. The Rev. Daniel Zaleski officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Connie Hejka of Westland. The groom is the son of Geoffrey and Helena Tanana, also of Westland.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of John Glenn High School and a 1997 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as an elementary school teacher in Romulus and is a professional figure skating instructor in Plymouth.

The groom is also a 1991 graduate of John Glenn High School and a 1996 graduate of the University of Michigan. He is employed as a software engineer by Denso International - America Inc. in Southfield.

The bride asked Jennifer Branton to serve as maid of honor, with Janet Hejka, Maryann Pipesh, Dawn Swafford and Beverly Tanana as bridesmaids and Michelle Tanana as junior bridesmaid.

The groom asked David Tanana to serve as his best man, with Jim Hejka, Dan Hejka, Mike Swafford and Jeffrey Kane as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at the Italian American Banquet Hall in Livonia before leaving on a 10-day trip to the island of Maui in Hawaii. They are making their home in Canton.



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Saylor-Vetor

Jimmy D. and Pam Saylor of West Chester, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Kay, to Darly Andrew Vetor, the son of Donna and Dennis Vetor of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the World of Life Bible Institute of Pottersville, N.Y., with a certificate degree in the Bible. She is pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the Bible at the Tennessee Temple. She is employed as an associate of Wal-Mart.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering and is enrolled in the master of business degree program at a university. He is employed as a



manufacturing engineer with Ford Motor Co. An August wedding is planned at the Tri-County Baptist Church of West Chester.

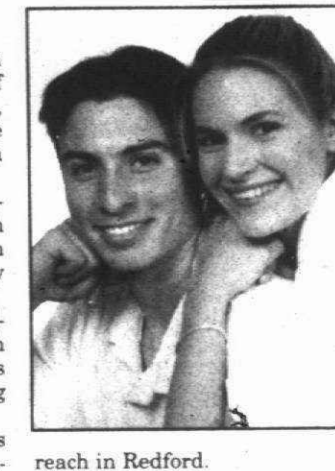
Bowers-Morche

Jim and Lorraine of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany Yvonne, to Andrew Michael Morche, the son of Michael and Marsha Morche of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is employed as an administrative assistant by International Business Centers.

Her fiancé is also a 1997 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He owns and operates ADM Contracting, a landscaping business.

A September wedding is planned at Detroit World Out-



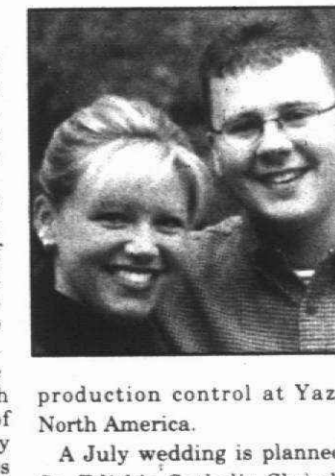
reach in Redford.

Russelot-Pucher

Kenneth and Nancy Russelot of Farmington announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan, to Patrick Pucher, the son of Mike and Elaine Pucher of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Northville High School and a 1993 graduate of Bronson Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. She is employed as a registered nurse at Providence Home Healthcare.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1994 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting. He is employed in



production control at Yazaki North America. A July wedding is planned at St. Edith's Catholic Church in Livonia.

Rogowski-Anderson

Richard and Jacquelyn Hammond of St. Clair Shores announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy L. Rogowski, to William G. Anderson, the son of William and Linda Anderson of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Shrine High School and a 1994 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree. She is employed at Malandro Communications.

Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree. He is pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering at Arizona State University. He is employed at Allied Signal.



An August wedding is planned at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

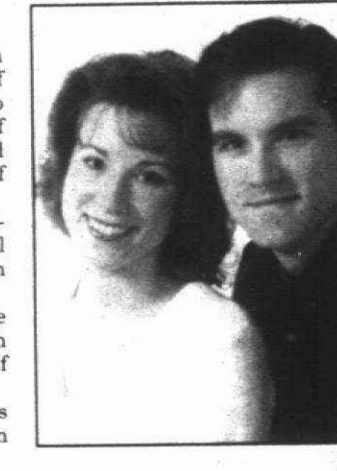
Tallieu-Kirkwood

Bob and Marlene of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Christine, to Daniel M. Kirkwood, the son of Malcolm and Delores Kirkwood of Livonia and Rennie Oblak of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 1996 graduate of Michigan State University.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and a 1991 graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

An October wedding is planned at St. Gerald Church in Farmington.



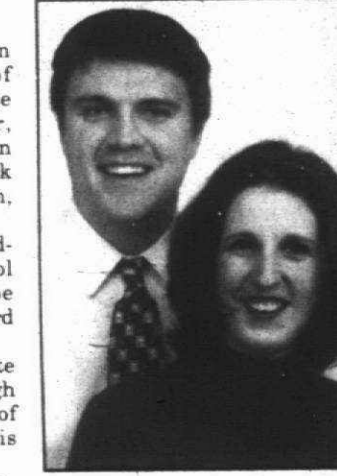
Kosmyna-Keller

Katherine Kosmyna of Garden City and Robert Kosmyna of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Jojeanne Marie, to Kristian Patrick Keller, the son of Patrick and Dorothy Keller of Brighton, formerly of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 1991 graduate of Hope College. She is employed by Ford Motor Co.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and a 1991 graduate of Wayne State University. He is employed by Ford Motor Co.

An October wedding is planned at St. Edith's Catholic Church in Livonia.



Church in Livonia.

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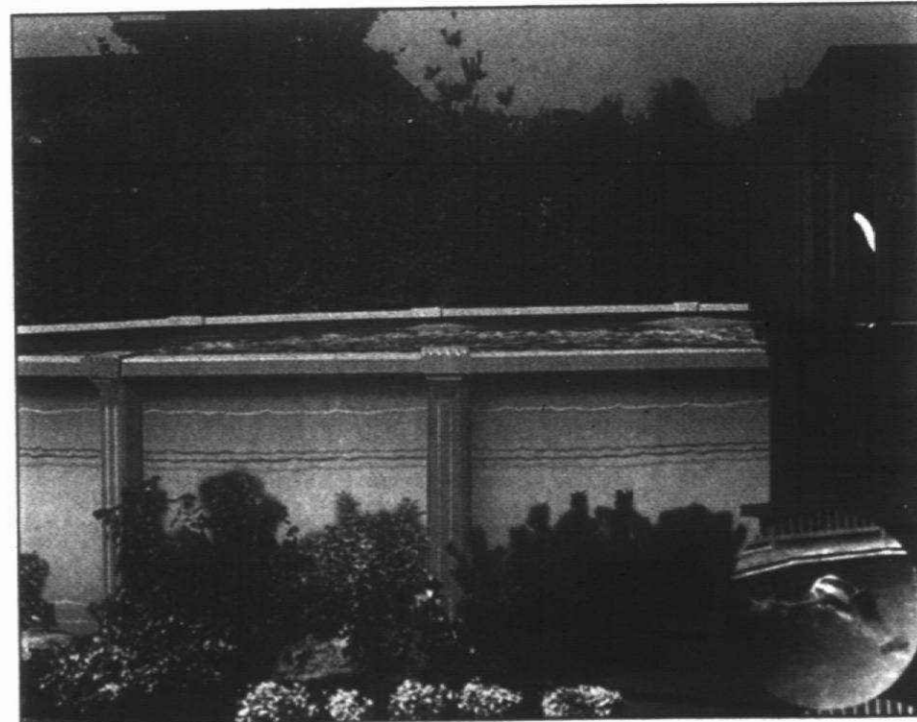
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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The VFW No. 6695 Ladies Auxiliary will be holding an "All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast" from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, June 7, at the VFW No. 6695 Hall, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. Tickets are \$3.50. For reservations or for more information, please call Ann Smith at 453-1529.

GARAGE SALE

The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples group is having its annual summer garage sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 6, (rain date-next day) in River Meadow Sub-division (in conjunction with sub-sale, north side of Central, 1/4 mile west of Canton Center Road. The sales will feature clothes, baby equipment, such as cribs, car seats, bottles, maternity clothes and lots of toys.

STORIES FOR THE FAMILY

Local Michigan storytellers will perform "Stories for the Whole Family" at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 7, at the Plymouth Orchard and Cider Mill just outside of Plymouth, 10685 Warren Road between Napier and Grotfredson. Spend a relaxing afternoon with your family listening to magical stories of fantasy worlds, enchanted tales of far off places, and historic accounts of long ago. Performances by award-winning storyteller Debra Christian of Plymouth, Marc LeJarrret, Mountain Marc of Three Rivers, and Judy Sima of Southfield. Reserve your tickets in advance by contacting Oral Magic Storytellers at (734) 451-1133 or via e-mail: P4Cookie@aol.com. Leave your name and number of tickets to be held at the door. Cost is \$3 per person (children must be accompanied by an adult).

BEANIE BABY SHOW

There will be a "Beanie Baby" show from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. The Plymouth Beanie Baby show and sale will feature dealers and collectors selling current and retired Beanie Babies and accessories. There will be Beanie Babies given as door prizes every hour. For further information or vendor inquiries, call (734) 465-2110.

AROUND TOWN

TRAVEL CAMP
Joel's Group is sponsoring a travel camp for children ages 6 to 17. Each day, campers have different activities. The age groups are: 6-12 in July, ages 13-17 in August. Parents who drive and help out will receive a stipend. For more information, contact Joel Marwil, (248) 476-8741.

WIDE WORLD SPORTS

Wide World Sports Center of Ann Arbor, has a special drop-in roller hockey games 8:30-10:30 p.m., on Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays. Cost is \$5 per player. Goals play free. For details, call (734) 913-4625.
Wide World Sports Center is offering indoor lacrosse leagues for high school age players. Registration deadline for this Sunday league is June 15. Call (734) 913-4625 for further details.
Wide World Sports Center is hosting 10 weekly multi-sport camps for children this summer, beginning June 15 through Aug. 21. Half-day a.m. or p.m. sessions for children 5-7 years old and full day sessions for children 8-12 years old. For more details on WWSC's programs, call (734) 913-4625.

FATHER'S DAY
Share the love and give your dad a gift he'll treasure on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, make a donation in his name to Forgotten Harvest. Forgotten Harvest will send him a special Father's Day card with an original design created especially for dads, along with your personal message. The group will mail the card to the men in your life who have helped you just as you're helping others through Forgotten Harvest. To send your Father's Day card call the Forgotten Harvest office at (248) 350-FOOD (3663), from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

CHARITY DINNER, RAFFLE
The Canton Firefighters' Charity Foundation will hold a raffle and Italian dinner during the upcoming Liberty Fest to raise money for burn victims and their families.

The Liberty Fest Spaghetti Dinner, catered by Rose's Italian Restaurant, is set for 4-9 p.m. Friday, June 19, at Summit on the Park. The menu includes entree, salad, roll, beverage and dessert. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. They are available at both fire stations, Rose's and the Summit.

Dinner-goers and the public may also purchase raffle tickets for a Princess Di Beanie Baby donated by Richardson's Super Drug Store. The drawing will be held on the last day of Liberty Fest, Sunday, June 21. Raffle tickets are \$1 each and are also currently at the fire stations, Rose's and the Summit.

Proceeds from the two events will be used to assist financially with the emergency needs of local residents and patients of Mott Children's Hospital and the University of Michigan Hospital Trauma Burn Unit.

The foundation has to date donated more than \$50,000, including \$22,000 to Greg Unger for a double-lung transplant; \$12,000 to Mott; \$4,000 to the Special Olympics; \$1,200 to local fire victims in need of clothing and shelter; \$1,000 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association; \$700 to Character Counts; and \$400 each to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Excellence Foundation, Canton Goodfellows, Canton Project Sharing and the Children's Leukemia Foundation.

For information on either event or the foundation, call Lt. James Davidson at 981-1113.

MYSTERY TOUR
The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with Bianco Tours will be sponsoring a mystery tour on Tuesday, June 16. The trip cost is \$149 (based on double occupancy). The tour includes: round-trip transportation via deluxe motorcoach, one night hotel accommodation, baggage handling, a professional Bianco Tours Escort, one dinner, one lunch, one continental breakfast, and many unique and interesting stops. For further information, and mystery clues, contact the department at (734) 455-6620.

CANTON SOFTBALL
The Canton Softball Center, voted the 1997 USSSA

Wolves score big at tournament



Champions: The '86" Michigan Wolves, an Under-12 boys premier soccer team, won the 16th annual Midland Soccer Tournament May 8-10. The Wolves had a record of 5-0. They allowed only one goal while scoring 22 goals. The team also received the "Most Valuable Team Award." This award is given to the team that demonstrates the best overall skills and technical ability of all players. Team members include: (back row left to right) Derek Williford, coach, Pat Kolodziejczak of Livonia, Casey Lopata of Farmington Hills, John Shaw of Plymouth, Ryan Belanger of Royal Oak, Mike Budd of Livonia, Matt Nickels of Novi, (middle row left to right) Kenzo Webster of Monroe, Randy Ward of Southfield, Jeff Kusch of Livonia, Joe Hess of Canton, Jason Gingell of Novi, Christian Kistic of Garden City, (bottom row left to right) Corey Arrington of Novi, Scott Schwarlose of Novi, and Andrew Davis of Livonia. The team is coached by head coach Derek Williford and assistant coach Kevin Calloway.

Sports Complex of the Year, is accepting registrations for men's, women's and coed leagues for the summer season beginning June 29. Team registration fee is \$595 (umpires) for 16 games featuring single and doubleheaders. Game balls and USSSA Registration are included in the registration. Register in person from 3-7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday with a \$100 deposit, or over the phone with a credit card at (734) 483-5600, Ext. 2 or 3. For more information, call (734) 483-2913. To be added to the mailing list for a 1998 registration form and 1998 tournament schedule, call (734) 483-5600, Ext. 2 or 3.

YOUTH SOCCER
The city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will be taking fall youth soccer registration the entire month of June at the recreation office, during business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township. Contact Dorthia Ashley at (248) 348-6965 to schedule an appointment to donate. Donating is safe and simple with the entire process taking about one hour. The process includes: registration, a brief medical history, having your pulse, temperature, blood pressure and hemoglobin levels checked followed by the blood donation itself. Anyone age 17 or older who weighs at least 110 pounds and is in general good health is a potential donor.

OAKWOOD CENTER
There will be an osteoporosis screening 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 13, at Oakwood Healthcare Center, 7300 Canton Center Road, Canton. Cost is \$10 (\$5 for OHA members; free for Head Start and Oakwood Healthcare Plan members). For more information, call 1-800-543-WELL.

PNACD
The Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers of Plymouth are now accepting registrations for their fall classes. No experience is necessary and the minimum age for registering is 3 years. Classes will begin in September. If you are interested or have questions, call Barb Martin

BLOOD DRIVE
Ward Presbyterian Church will be sponsoring a blood drive 2-8 p.m., Thursday, June 11, at 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township. Contact Dorthia Ashley at (248) 348-6965 to schedule

ART RENTAL
The Art Rental Gallery at the Plymouth Community Arts Council is conducting sales of some inventory 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every Wednesday in May, offering an opportunity to purchase original and reproduction framed art. Rental fees are just \$6 per month for most pictures and \$2 for very small ones. Picture rentals are open to the public. Funds from the sale will help purchase new art items. The PCAC is at 774 N. Sheldon at Junction in Plymouth.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM
The Plymouth Historical Museum will host a Victorian tea at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 13, with speaker Barbara Kincaid of Oak Hills Calif., an author, lecturer and fashion historian. Reservations are \$12. Tables of four or six may be reserved. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

YOGA CLASSES
The Plymouth Community Arts Council is holding yoga classes from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays through June 18. Also now accepting applications for ongoing summer yoga classes from 7-8:30 p.m., starting Wednesday, June 17. Pre-registered price is \$10 a session; walk-in price is \$12.

certified and licensed non-profit school. For more information, call (734) 420-3331.

TAI CHI
The Plymouth Community Arts Council is having Tai Chi classes 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting June 16. Tai Chi will improve your balance, flexibility, and body awareness. The experienced instructor is comfortable working with all age ranges and abilities. Cost is \$57. For more information, call (734) 416-4ART.

LOOKING FOR ARTISTS
Canton Township has a limited number of booths left for artists and crafters interested in the seventh annual Fine Art and Fine Craft Show at Liberty Fest '98, June 20-21. The hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. The art show is juried; participants are required to submit slides or pictures of work from the approved categories: painting, prints, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, drawing, pastel and selected fine crafts. No commercially produced merchandise will be allowed. For more information, contact Sharon Dilbeck of D & M Studios, (734) 453-3710.

GOLF OUTINGS
The Ann Arbor Ad Club is hosting its fourth annual scholarship Golf Outing on Friday, June 12, at the Pine View Golf Course, 5820 Stoney Creek Road, Ypsilanti. The proceeds from the outing will fund the club's scholarship program. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be available on the course. The golfers will be served a steak or chicken dinner at 3 p.m. with prizes and awards at 4 p.m. Sponsorships are available for \$350 which include a hole sponsorship and a foursome. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100. Dinner only tickets are available for \$30 each. For additional information or to make credit card reservations, call the Ann Arbor Ad Club events Line at (734) 332-9033 or visit the Web site at www.aadac.org. Reservation deadline is June 8.

ANGELA HOSPICE
For people throughout southeastern lower Michigan who may have experienced the loss of a loved one, Angela Hospice offers monthly grief support groups at no cost. All groups are held at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. For meeting dates and times, call Ruth Favor, (734) 464-7810.

ADULT SOCCER
The Canton Soccer Club is accepting registrations for its Men's Over 30 Soccer League. For more information, call Craig Cox at (734) 454-9072.

VOLUNTEER WORK
American Cancer Society needs volunteers. Call (248) 557-5353, Ext. 336.

ALZHEIMER'S
The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to people experiencing memory loss. Volunteers receive an orientation. To learn more or to volunteer, call Adam Sterling, (248) 557-8277.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS
Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Meetings are 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others are welcome to attend meetings, which serve Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Livonia, Redford and Garden City. Volunteers may call 459-0216 or 421-4208.

CLUBS
MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES
The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets every other Tuesday call Sue at (313) 459-9324.

VIETNAM VETERANS
The Vietnam Veterans of America will hold their general meeting 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 8, at 9318 Newburgh, between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. All veterans on active duty Jan. 1, 1959-May 7, 1975, regardless of duty station are eligible. For additional information, call Don Dignan at (313) 446-3492 or at (734) 625-0157.

SCHOOL OPENINGS
TUTOR TIME
Tutor Time, 951 N. Canton Center, Canton, is enrolling children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. School hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Summer camp program enrollments for ages 6-10 years also are being accepted. Contact Donna Patterson at (734) 981-8463.

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SUPPORT GROUPS
GRIEF RECOVERY
Grief Recovery, a five-week program helping grieving people find hope and healing through group interaction, is open to the community without charge. A professional facilitator leads the program, 7-9 p.m. through Thursday, June 18, at the Vermulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township. Enrollment is limited to 20 participants. Registration is required. To register or for more information, call (734) 459-2250.

COUNTERPOINT
Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for youth ages 10-17 and their families. For more information, call Counterpoint Shelter at (734) 563-5005.

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Annual outing to benefit Community Hospice home

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The Community Hospice Foundation Inc. is inviting golfers to tee off at its fifth annual "Living Every Day" Golf Outing Monday, June 29, at the Dearborn Country Club in Dearborn.

For \$200, each golfer receives 18 holes of golf and cart usage, use of the practice greens and driving range, buffet lunch and refreshments, full-course steak dinner and open bar and use of the locker room and facilities.

There will be contest holes, such as closest to the hole and longest drive, and door prizes. For the hole-in-one contest the prize is a two-year lease on a car provided by Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne, said Virginia Vreeland, event chairwoman.

There also will be men's and women's plaques as well as recognition of sponsors and golfers who have been a part of the event since the beginning.

The buffet lunch will start at 11 a.m., with the outing's shotgun start slated for 1 p.m. The dinner and awards program will get under way at 6:45 p.m. Non-golfers can enjoy the dinner and open bar for \$70 each.

"Our goal is to raise \$200,000 this year," said Vreeland. "We hope to have 100 or more golfers.

With the number we have now, that looks reasonable."

Helping with the event this year is the Ford Motor Co., which has signed on as a general sponsor, while Peoples Home Medical of Westland and Southgate and General Motors Corp. have committed to being corporate sponsors for 1998.

Corporate sponsorships as well as hole sponsors and similar opportunities are still available for businesses interested in participating in the event.

"We try to build on what we've done each year," Vreeland said. "We want to grow it each year and make it a nice event. It takes a lot of people to make it work and that's why we're excited to have Ford Motor Co. as a general sponsor."

Businesses can still sponsor lunch and dinner or other pieces of the event. It's going very well and I'm encouraged by the number of contacts we have in, but we still have a ways to go."

The foundation decided to conduct the golfing benefit because of foundation board members who golfed and were involved in golfing. They believed that there would be enough support among golfers as well as support for the event, Vreeland said.

Planning for the outing begins almost as soon as the event ends with organizers meeting to see "what they did right and not so right," she said.

The Community Hospice

Foundation was established in 1992 to raise funds for and to increase awareness of CHHCS, which has offices in Westland and Plymouth.

The outing is one of two events the foundation sponsored. The other was a cabaret benefit held in the fall, but after last year, the board decided to focus on the golf outing.

"Our major focus is to help establish a hospice home, a 10-12-bed family-type inpatient facility," said Vreeland. "Community Hospice is still looking for the property. They're going at it carefully; they want to be sure they get the best price they can find."

Since 1981, CHHCS has been offering incurably ill patients and their families a holistic health care alternative. The comprehensive program addresses the physical, emotional and spiritual aspects of care to patients and their families in western Wayne, southern Oakland and eastern Washtenaw counties.

Golfers can sign up for the outing through June 22 by calling (734) 522-4244.

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NEW PRIESTS
Cardinal Adam Maida ordained eight men to the Catholic priesthood in services at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit on May 30. The new priests are:

■ Gerard Battersby, the son of Helen Battersby of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish in Beverly Hills and the late Christopher Battersby, who will serve as associate pastor of St. Thecla Parish in Clinton Township.

■ Timothy Birney, the son of James and Grace Birney of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish in Beverly Hills, who will serve as associate pastor at St. Lawrence Parish in Utica.

■ John Currin, the son of Michael and Ruth Currin of St. Elizabeth Parish in Wyandotte, who will serve as associate pastor at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Grosse Pointe Woods.

■ Andrew Czarnecki, the son of Franciszek and Karolina Czarnecki of Immaculate Conception of Mary Parish in Nowy Sacz, Poland, who will serve as an associate pastor at Holy Family Parish in Novi.

■ Robert LaCroix, the son of Irma LaCroix of St. Gerard Parish in Detroit and the late Robert LaCroix, who will serve as an associate pastor at Christ the Good Shepherd Parish in Lincoln Park.

■ Michael Prince, the son of Shirley Ernst of St. Kenneth Parish in Plymouth Township and Turkum Prince, who will serve as an associate pastor at St. Regis Parish in Bloomfield Hills.

■ Scott Thibodeau, the son of Thomas and Julie Thibodeau of St. Peter and Paul Parish in Detroit, who will serve as associate pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Farmington Hills.

■ Rene Ngou, the son of Elizabeth Ngou of St. Martin Parish in Mandoumba, Cameroon, who will serve in the Archdiocese of Douala, Cameroon.

The ordination will be broadcast in the Catholic Television Network of Detroit at 8 p.m. June 21, 10 p.m. June 23, 3 p.m. June 25, 10 a.m. June 29, 3 p.m. July 1 and 8 p.m. July 4. For more information about the broadcasts, call CTND at (313) 237-5938.

NEW BEGINNING
New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia, continues with its monthly speaker series at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 4, with "Managing Memories," presented by Warren Gilbert. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038. Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

MEDITATION CONCERT
The Center of Light Church of Metaphysics will have a candle-light meditation concert of chant by Hildegard von Bingen, sung by Norma Gentile, at 8 p.m. Friday, June 5, at the church, 8850 Newburgh, Livonia.
Tickets cost \$20, \$15 for students and senior citizens. Call (734) 438-2129 for more information.

Hildegard von Bingen was a 12th century mystic, seer and abbess. Gifted from childhood with visions, she experienced both images and sounds which she attributed to heavenly sources. She described her music as translations of the sounds of the "Celestial Symphony" that she heard during these visions.

DEBUT CONCERT
You can hear the comedy and original music of Ron Moore at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at Trinity House Theatre, Six Mile and I-275, Livonia. Tickets cost \$10 and include a free compact disc or cassette tape. For reservations or more information, call (734) 464-6302.

Moore is a concert and recording artist who has performed internationally. He has recorded eight albums and is producer of Billboard Magazine's No. 1 Critics' Choice Album of the Year.

He has performed at theaters and festivals with Michael W. Smith. The Imperials and others, but prefers a genuine relationship with his audience, like at Trinity House Theatre.

Flea Market
Rice Memorial United Methodist Church will have its annual spring flea market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at the church, 20601 Beech Daly at Eight Mile, Redford. There will be more than 40 booths and bake sale and lunch will be available. For more information, call John Frith at (313) 537-7865.

Rummage Sale
St. Damian Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at the church, 29891 Joy, Westland. Table rentals are available by calling (734) 421-6130.

■ St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will have a rummage sale 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, June 19, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 20, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Proceeds will support a youth missionary team participating in "Mountain T.O.P. (Tennessee Outreach Program)." People with items to donate can call (248) 476-5326 and leave a message so drop-off or pickup can be arranged.

Bethany Suburban West
Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance to divorced and separated Christians, will have a dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. The cost will be \$8 and includes refreshments.

Outdoor Celebration
Canton Friendship Church will have its first ever outdoor celebration at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 7, in the amphitheater of Canton's Heritage Park. The church is a contemporary format, evangelical Christian congregation affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

The celebration will include upbeat music, performed by the Friendship Band, and a practical message given by Pastor Mike Norton. Following the celebration there will be a picnic and fun activities - a puppet show, Moonwalk, parachute and super-balls games. Cost for the picnic is \$5 for adults and teenagers and \$3 for children.

Parking is available near the picnic pavilion on Proctor off Canton Center. Participants should bring a blanket or lawn chair for the celebration. In case of rain, the celebration will move to the Walnut Room of the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway.

For more information, call Andrew Schleicher or Howard Matthews at (734) 451-2100.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
St. Michael Lutheran Church will have an ice cream social after its 11 a.m. service Sunday, June 7, at the church 30033 Hannan, Wayne. Participants will be able to make their own ice cream sundae with a variety of toppings. For more information, call the church at (734) 728-1950.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
Garden City Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Strawberry festival 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 12, on the lawn of the church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford, Garden City. Ice cream, arts and crafts, baked goods, beverages, children's games, plenty of strawberries and fellowship. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-7620.

BIBLE STUDY
The Livonia Family YMCA is starting a Bible study group designed to focus on daily successful living. The group will meet 7-9 p.m. Monday, June 8, at the Y, 14255 Stark, Livonia. The program will offer music, fellowship, prayers, devotional readings, Bible readings and fun with Bible trivia. The program is free of charge.

WOMEN AGLOW
Pat Habibi will be the speaker when Women Aglow International of Canton/Westland Chapter meets 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 13, in the Community Room of AutoNations U.S.A., 39600 Ford, Canton.

Habibi went to Egypt in 1982 to help build an orphanage only to meet her husband and become house parent for 62 junior high school boys. The family moved to Dearborn in 1988 where "God said He would open doors that no man could shut."

Habibi will share how God has made it apparent that in the community of 250,000 Arabic people, 20 percent being Muslim, a great spiritual earthquake is about to take place.

Refreshments and coffee will be served, and there may be a surprise guest as well.

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CHRIST COMMUNITY
Christ Community Church will have its vacation Bible school, "Sonlight Island," 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 14-18 at the church, 45701

Ford Road, Canton. Children in preschool through sixth grade will enjoy Bible stories, play games, do crafts and meet new friends. For more information, call (734) 981-0499.

MT. VERNON BAPTIST
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "StarQuest Good News Adventure," 5:30-7:30 p.m. June 14 and 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 15-19 at the church, 8828 Wormer, Redford. The program is for children

ages 3-18. For more information, call (313) 537-7480.

KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
Kenwood Church of Christ will have its vacation Bible school, "Chosen," 9:30 a.m. to noon June 15-19 at the church, 20200 Merriman Road, Livonia. There will be Bible dramas and classes, crafts, recreation and refreshment times and singing with Marvin Whitman who will serve as missionary. On June 19, there will be a picnic 11 a.m. to noon and a closing program at 7 p.m., followed by ice cream sundaes in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, call the church at (248) 476-8222.

ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN
St. Michael Lutheran Church will have its vacation Bible school, "The Lighthouse Adventure: Jesus Lights the Way," 9-11:30 a.m. June 15-19 at the church, 3003 Hannan Road, at Glenwood, Wayne. The program will teach children that God sent Jesus - The Light of the world - to guide, rescue, protect and comfort them. For more information, call the church at (734) 728-1950.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN
Emmanuel Lutheran Church will have its vacation Bible school, "Awesome God, Awesome Love," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 15-19 at the church, 34567 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. The school, co-sponsored by St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills, is for children who have completed kindergarten through the sixth grade. Cost is \$35 per child and children must bring a bag lunch. For more information, call the church at (248) 442-8822.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN
Trinity Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school 9-11:45 a.m. June 15-19 at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, at Gotfredson Road, west of Plymouth Township. The Space Mission Bible Camp is for children ages 3-11 and includes a special family program, featuring astronaut Jack Lousma and a short children's program, at 7 p.m. June 17. After the program, families will enjoy a variety of activities until 9:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at (734) 459-9550.

MEMORIAL CHURCH
Memorial Church of Christ will have its vacation Bible school,

"Hooked on Jesus," 9 a.m. to noon June 22-26 at the church, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Youngsters will be on a fishing mission to "catch" Christ's "be" attitude. There will be classes for ages 4 through motherhood. There will be a junior high class focusing on a service project, a senior high class taught by Les Hardin and a woman's class taught by Diane Costlow. Children will be asked to bring a food staple each day for the benevolence pantry. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-6722.

FIRST BAPTIST
The First Baptist Church of Canton will have its vacation Bible school 1-3:30 p.m. June 22-26 at the church, 44500 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. For more information, call the church at (734) 981-6460.

GARDEN CITY FIRST UNITED
Garden City First United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "God's Kids Pray - H.O.P.E. World Tour," 9 a.m. to noon June 22-26 at the church, 6443 Merriman Road at Maplewood, Garden City. The school is for children 4 years old through sixth-graders. On June 26, there will be a picnic for the children and the staff noon to 1 p.m. and a closing program for families and friends at 7 p.m., followed by an ice cream social. For more information or a registration form, call the church office at (734) 421-8628.

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED
St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "God's Children Play," 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. The school is for children ages 4-12 and costs \$3 per child. For more information, call (734) 422-6038.

ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN
St. James Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school 9 a.m. to noon June 29-July 3 at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. The program is for children in kindergarten through the sixth grade. For more information, call the church office at (313) 534-7730.

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school, "God's Children Pray: H.O.P.E. World Tour," 9:30 a.m. to noon July 13-17 at the church,

27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The school is for children ages 4-10. A donation of \$7.50 per child, \$15 for families, is requested. Registration will be accepted through July 10. For more information or to register, call the church at (734) 422-1470.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
St. Paul's Lutheran Church will have its vacation Bible school,

"Animals on Assignment," 9-11:30 a.m. July 13-17 at the church, 17810 Farmington Road, Livonia. Classes for 3-year-olds through sixth-graders will feature devotion lessons, crafts, singing, recreation and refreshments. All students also will sing at a 10 a.m. worship service on July 19. For information, call the church at (734) 261-1360.

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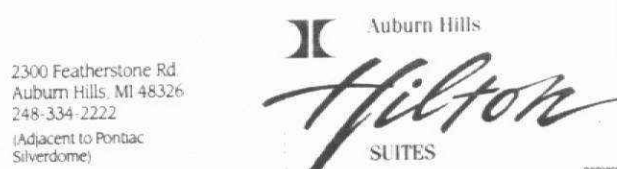


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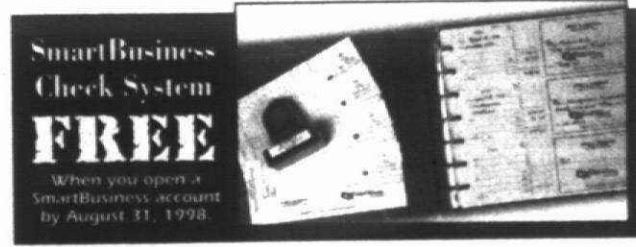
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Lightning flash

The Canton Lightning under-14 boys premier soccer team made its trip to the Libertyville Cup Memorial Day Tournament worthwhile by capturing the championship, beating all five opponents.

Held in Libertyville, Ill., the tournament drew teams from Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois. The Lightning outscored its first four opponents, from Madison, Wis.; Morton, Ill.; Brookfield, Wis.; and Libertyville by a 9-1 margin. In the final, the Lightning beat Yahara United from Madison, Wis., 2-0.

The Lightning also won the Midland Invitational earlier in May, bettering teams from Bloomfield Hills, Traverse City and Midland 19-0 in the prelims, then topping the Livonia Meteors 1-0 in the championship match.

Lightning team members include Jeffrey Bennett, Jai Bilimoria, Nick Houdek, John Kaczmarek, Brent Kwiatkowski, Daniel Longpre, Pat Meyn, Tavo Palazzolo, Randy Palis, Jason Priebe, Aaron Schmidt, Kevin Schopieray, Carl Space, Kevin Strucel, Ben Wielechowski and Jamie Zdrodowski. The team is coached by Watson Zdrodowski, Leroy Schopieray and Michael Longpre, with Ed McCarthy serving as trainer.

Narrow miss

Brandon DiPaola, from Plymouth, had a narrow miss.

DiPaola qualified as the first alternate at the Sectional Qualifying Tournament held Monday at Gull Lake View Golf Club-Stonehedge North, shooting a round of 74. Kalamazoo's John Barry was medalist with a 66.

A total of 12 golfers qualified for the 87th Michigan Amateur Championship Michigan at the sectional, in a field of 56. Mark McCormick of Kalamazoo got the final qualifying spot, winning the tiebreaker after also shooting a 74.

Freshman scorer

Amy Sonnanstine, of Plymouth, completed a successful freshman year at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, by finishing seventh in the 400-meter hurdles and eighth in the 100-meter hurdles at the North Coast Athletic Conference Track Championships.

Sonnanstine's team finished third in a nine-team field; Ohio Wesleyan was first. Sonnanstine is a '97 graduate of Plymouth Canton HS.

Chiefs grid boosters

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will have something new to introduce to all those who show up at the next meeting — a coach.

Bob Khoenle resigned after 11 years as head coach last month. The new coach is Tim Baecler, who had just been hired as an assistant under Khoenle earlier this season. Baecler will be present to address all the boosters.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday (June 10) in Room 165 of Canton HS.

All parents of Canton football players, and parents who will have freshmen interested in playing football at Canton this fall, are encouraged to attend. If you have further questions, call club president Anne Sicilia at (734) 397-3046.

Junior golf

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is offering a junior golf program at Fellows Creek Golf Course, for boys and girls 8-17 years old, from June 22-July 31. For \$45, participants receive six nine-hole rounds of golf, clinics and a season-ending nine-hole tournament. Those interested may golf unaccompanied by an adult on Mondays or with an adult on weekdays and weekends for a discounted fee.

There are no residency requirements. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

Canton boys soccer

There will be an informational meeting for Plymouth Canton boys soccer at 2:30 p.m. June 5 in the Phase III gymnasium. All boys who will be in grades 9-12 in the fall and are interested in playing boys soccer are invited to attend.

For more information, call Canton coach Don Smith at (734) 7696.



New record: Freshman Alyson Flohr broke Salem's team record in the 3,200-meters.

Rocks tie for 8th at state

STATE TRACK

Throughout the season, Plymouth's boys track team had overcome any obstacles blocking its path toward the Class A state meet. But once the Rocks reached that objective, they didn't have quite enough fuel to sustain their momentum.

Not that they came up flat — not at all. Winners of their state regional meet, the Western Lakes Activities Association title and the reigning Observerland champions, the Rocks were for the most part impressive at Saturday's state final, hosted by Bay City Western.

Problem was, everyone else was even more so.

Salem finished tied for eighth at state, scoring 22 points. East Lansing was the champion with 39.5, narrowly edging Rockford, which scored 39. Detroit Mumford was third with 30.

"Everything we scored in, we had PRs (personal records)," said Salem coach Geoff Baker. "It was one of the fastest state meets distance-wise I've ever seen."

"I thought Jonny (Little) could score in the 3,200 and I thought we could score in the 4x200 (relay), but all in all

we had a great season. And this was a good meet to cap a great season. It doesn't diminish what we accomplished at all."

Two of the Rocks' four relays scored at state, both placing third. The 4x800 team of Andy Briggs, Nick Allen, Bobby Cushman and Ian Searcy busted their own team record (set at league meet) with their third-place finish, clocking 7:50.20, and the 4x400 team of Briggs, Scott Kingslien, Gabe Coble and Searcy narrowly missed beating a 22-year-old Salem record in placing third in 3:23.8 (the record is 3:23.0).

"I didn't think there was any way we

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Chiefs claim district title

It wasn't exactly the ending anticipated for the Canton-Salem softball district — or was it?

When the final pitch had been swung at and missed by Livonia Stevenson's Kim White, ending any Spartan hopes for victory and giving Plymouth Canton the championship of this Division I district, the players did not chase their coach, Jim Arnold, down with a cooler full of icewater for the traditional victory soaking.

No. It was Arnold who pursued the players with a cooler, trying to drench them.

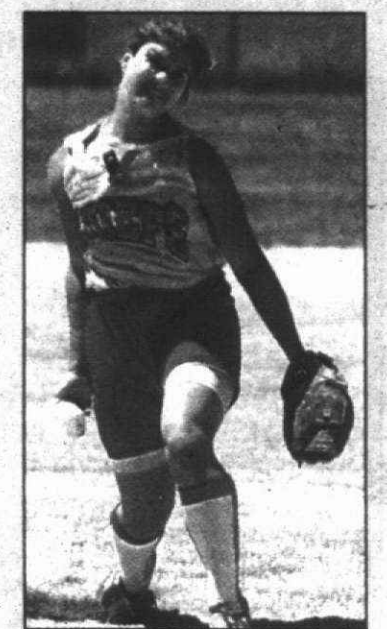
"They're not going to do that to me again," a laughing Arnold said.

Ten minutes later, he indeed "suffered" through his dunking — gladly. Why not? It was hot, and so were his Chiefs after their 5-3 district-clinching victory over Stevenson.

And that was the way it was supposed to end, even if some of the steps up the district ladder proved treacherous for some of the competitors. If anybody had seeded the teams prior to the tourney, Canton — the defending Western Lakes Activities Association champion — would have been No. 1. North Farmington most likely would have been No. 2, just ahead of Farmington (despite losing to the Falcons twice during the regular season) and Plymouth Salem, with Stevenson fifth.

So the championship game wasn't the match-up most expected. But the end result was. It sends Canton, now 26-8, to the Division I regional at Brighton against Walled Lake Western, a team the Chiefs defeated twice during the WLAA season, 6-3 and 2-0. That game is at 10 a.m.; the victor plays the winner of the Brighton-West Bloomfield game for the regional title at approximately 2 p.m. Brighton is ranked No. 1 in the state

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Movin' on: Canton's softball team advanced to the Division I regional thanks to a couple of tough wins in Saturday's district tournament, both coming courtesy of the pitching of junior ace Gretchen Hudson (above). Hudson, who surrendered one run on three hits without walking a batter over 13 innings in the two games, was deserving of the congratulatory hug she got (at left) from her battermate, catcher Erica Hancz (on right).

No-hitter can't save Salem from loss

DISTRICT SEMIS

Imagine that. All season long you work with your team, telling them time and again it takes good pitching, with precious few walks, and solid defense to win the big games.

So what happens? Just what you want — you get great pitching and superb defense just when you want it, in the state tournament.

But you still lose.

Plymouth Salem bowed out in the opening round of the Division I softball tournament Saturday, despite getting a no-hitter from sophomore pitcher Amanda Sutton, losing 1-0 to Western Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Stevenson.

"She pitched the game of her life, a no-hitter, and we leave nine on base and lose," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland, her team's season over with a 15-15-1 record. "We couldn't string two hits together, and every time we got a runner to third base there were two out."

The win put the Spartans into the district final opposite WLAA champ Plymouth Canton, a game they lost 5-3 — ending their season at 10-16.

"They had a couple of golden opportunities," Stevenson coach Art Anselm said, agreeing with the Salem coach. "But we made some good defensive plays and got some key putouts."

LeAnne Schraafnagle allowed six hits and a walk, with one strikeout, and the Spartans committed four errors; but she managed to pitch out

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1st-inning errors wreck Rocks' chances

North Farmington won its third straight district championship Saturday with a little help from the baseball opposition.

The Raiders capitalized on three Plymouth Salem errors to score three first-inning runs and win the Division I tournament at Plymouth Canton, 4-2.

North senior pitcher Kirk Taylor was tough on the mound, doing his part to make the early lead stand up.

"We thought we had a great opportunity to beat them," Salem coach Dale Rumberger said, "but they have great pitching. You can't afford to give them runs."

"They made some mistakes, but we hit the ball well, too," North coach Irv Horwitz said. "We got some key hits and some real good pitching."

The Raiders (21-5) will play Walled Lake Western in a regional semifinal game Saturday at Brighton. The winner faces either Birmingham Brother Rice or the host Bulldogs.

"It's going to be fantastic to play against teams of that caliber," Horwitz said. "I honestly think we have as good a chance as the other three."

"All four teams have as much talent as the

others. It will be a matter of who gets the key hit and pitch break."

Lucky ace Drew Henson of Brighton and Tom Marx of Brother Rice are expected to pitch the first game, and Horwitz would like to see both have to go

the distance.

"(Western coach) Ken (Conner) and I hope, with two great pitchers, they have to go all seven innings, so they only have three left in the second game and we'd have to face somebody other than Marx or Henson," Horwitz said.

"If one team gets way ahead, they'll take their good pitcher out and try to hold it with somebody else."

In the district final, Salem's defense came unraveled in the bottom of the first inning after the Rocks threatened to score in their first at-bat.

North's Mike Gleeson led off with a single to left field, and Evan Feldman reached base on Salem's first miscue — a throwing error by pitcher Kurt Breslin.

Taylor helped his own cause by doubling both runners home to make it 2-0. He doubled after back-to-back errors by Salem second baseman Mark Runley.

Breslin escaped further damage with a groundout and a strikeout.

The Rocks (18-15) got a run back in the second inning. With one out, Ben Szczepanski singled and advanced to second on a passed ball.

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Back in time: Salem's Ben Szczepanski dives back to first, beating the tag from Stevenson's Brandon Gajda in the semis.

No problem

CC strolls into regional with lopsided wins in district tourney

As expected, Redford Catholic Central's baseball team cruised through its Division I district on Saturday, outscoring two opponents 44-0.

The Shamrocks beat Detroit Redford, 27-0, in a five-inning mercy victory in the district semifinal. They went on to beat Detroit Mackenzie, 17-0, in the final, which ended after six innings when the Stags decided they had enough.

The wins improve the Shamrocks to 25-8 overall and sends them to the regional at Birmingham Groves where they will meet Catholic League rival U-D Jesuit in a semifinal game.

Redford Union and Detroit Western met in the other semifinal, setting up a possible game between the two Redford schools in the regional final.

CC coach John Salter said there was nothing the Shamrocks could do, short

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of striking out on purpose, about the lopsided scores. The district finals are supposed to go the full seven innings regardless of the score.

RU had a similar time against Southfield, winning a district final at Groves 30-3.

"They need an earlier mercy rule when games get out of hand," Salter said. "I had my pinch hitters in in the third inning and we were already up."

"Obviously we'd like to play somebody more competitive but when you have a tournament where you have to enter, you're going to have some mismatches. Between our line score and RU's (against Southfield) you need an extra page for the sports section."

The winning pitcher in the first game was senior Bob Malek, who allowed one hit and a walk and struck out eight in three innings. Dan Duffey pitched two innings, striking out five of the six batters faced, allowing no hits and no walks.

Malek was 3-for-3, including a double, with two RBI. John Hill was 2-5 with seven RBI, stroking a bases-loaded triple in the first inning. Hill also had a two-run single.

Mark Cole had two hits, was walked once, and drove in three runs.

Mackenzie beat Cooley 12-8 in the district semifinal but managed only one hit off two CC pitchers in the final. Cole started and got the win, allowing one hit and one walk with four strikeouts in three innings.

Mike Haller pitched the final two innings, striking out all six of the bat-

ters he faced.

Anthony Toney pitched the sixth inning, striking out all three of the batters he faced.

Malek was 2-2, including a home run, with two RBI. Mark Chapman was 2-4, including a homer, and drove in five runs. Hill had a single and sacrifice fly for two RBI.

One of the highlights was the batting of Tony Nozewski, the Shamrocks' ace pitcher, who had two hits — his first as a member of the varsity.

The Shamrocks will likely pitch Nozewski against U-D in Saturday's opener, Salter said. The Shamrocks have beaten U-D four times by a combined score of 61-8.

U-D's ace pitcher, Jon Rospieski, has been hitting a sore shoulder all year and Salter isn't expecting to see him. Rospieski has made U-D tough to beat

at times — he beat Warren DeLaSalle, 4-3, earlier this year when healthy.

The Shamrocks filed out their schedule this week with a game against Redford Thurston on Tuesday and a non-league game on Wednesday against Farmington Hills Harrison.

Malek, Cole, Haller, Duffey and Toney are all candidates to pitch if the Shamrocks reach the regional final.

"We're going to look at other pitchers, see who's the most effective and decide for sure on Saturday," Salter said. "Haller, Duffey and Toney all throw well at times."

Malek, who was 5-5 in the two district games, is hitting .612 with 33 RBI — which is outstanding for a leadoff batter. Dave Lusky leads the Shamrocks with 35 RBI and is batting .406. Casey Rogowski is batting .386 with 34 RBI.

Nozewski is 8-1 on the mound with a 1.67 ERA.

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JUNIOR TENNIS CAMPS

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services will offer four sessions of junior tennis camps, beginning June 22 at Griffin Park.

The camps will be divided into two age divisions, little swingers (4-6 years) and juniors (7-15), with each age group divided by skill level. Little swingers will meet from 9:10-10:30 a.m.; juniors will meet from 9 a.m.-noon.

The first session will be June 22-25; the second, from July 6-9; the third, from July 20-23; and the fourth, from Aug. 3-6. Costs are: for little swingers \$30 (residents) and \$35 (non-residents); for juniors, \$70 (residents) and \$75 (non-residents). All campers receive a T-shirt.

Registration begins from 6-8 p.m. today (June 4) for residents. Registration for residents and non-residents continues during regular business hours starting Monday. Those interested may sign-up at the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

For further information, call (734) 397-5110.

CHEERLEADER STUNT

The Plymouth Salem cheerleaders will sponsor a Universal Cheerleaders Association-staffed stunt camp from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 20 at Salem HS's gymnasium. Cost is \$25 per participant.

The camp is open to all middle school and high school students (no residency requirements); those interested must pre-register. Partner stunts, pyramids, transitions and safety techniques will be taught.

For further information, call UCA at (800) 969-4876, or JoeDee Dillon at (734) 459-3393.

SOCCER REGISTRATION

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking registrations for its fall youth soccer season from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout June at the Recreation office, located at 525 Farmer in the Plymouth Cultural Center. All registrations require a birth certificate.

Cost is \$40 for city of Plymouth residents and \$60 for non-residents. For more information, call (734) 455-8620.

SOCCER TRYOUTS

Following is a schedule for tryouts for the various Northville Soccer Association's select and premier teams, which begin June 15 at two locations: Northville Community Park, located on Beck between Five Mile and Six Mile; and at the Northville Christian Assembly Church, located on Six Mile 3/4 of a mile west of I-275. For more information, call Jeff Weichsel at (248) 380-7848.

Boys tryouts — Under-10 select (Sting), 6-8 p.m. June 28 and 6-8 p.m. June 29, both at the park; under-11 select (Sting), 6-8:30 p.m. June 16 and 6-8:30 p.m. June 17, both at the church; under-12 select (Sting), 6-8:30 p.m. June 15 and 6-8:30 p.m. June 16, both at the church; under-12 select (Thunder), 6-8:30 p.m. June 17 and 6-8:30 p.m. June 19, both at the park; under-13 boys premier (Sting), 6-

FATHER'S DAY SCRAMBLE

The 17th annual Father's Day three-person golf scramble tournament, sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, will start at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 21 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

Cost is \$100 per team, which includes greens fees, awards and a snack lunch. Electric golf carts are extra.

There are no residency requirements. Teams will compete for prizes, which include awards to the top three teams, longest drive and closest to the pin.

Registration deadline is June 18. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

CANTON-SALEM HOOP CAMP

Two of the state's premier prep girls basketball coaches — Canton's Bob Blohm and Salem's Fred Thomann — will conduct two different sessions of the Canton-Salem Girls Basketball Summer Day Camp at the Canton and Salem gymnasiums.

The first session is open to all girls entering the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades this fall. The two first-session camp dates are June 15-18 and June 22-25. Camp times for both are 1-3 p.m.

The second session is open to all girls entering the eighth and ninth grades this fall. The two second-session camp dates are July 6-8 and July 13-15. Camp times are 1-3 p.m.

RUN FOR YOUR LIFE

The Botsford Center for Health Improvement's Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Center will sponsor the Run for Your Life at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, June 14, starting at the Botsford Center (located at 39750 Grand River in Novi).

There will be three races: 8K (entry fee is \$15, or \$10 for race only — no T-shirt), 5K wheelchair (entry fee is \$15), and 5K walk (entry fee is \$13). Highlights include a post race party with music and refreshments, awards ceremony, participant giveaways and a raffle drawing.

For registration information, call (248) 473-5600.

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could do that (in the 3,200 relay)," Baker said. "But we did."

The Rocks' 4x100 relay tied its best performance of the season, but did not score, and their 4x200 relay — which would have placed fourth had it matched its season's best — suffered a bad exchange between its first two runners and was disqualified.

The race most Salem fans had eagerly anticipated was the 800, featuring both Seary and Briggs against Lakeland's Nick Gow. "That's what we waited for all season," said Baker. "It went as expected, just not favorable for us. But someone's got to win and someone's got to lose."

Unfortunately Seary lost, getting nipped at the wire by Gow, who won in 1:53.79; Seary was second in 1:53.92. Briggs placed eighth in 1:57.3.

Plymouth Canton's boys team

got a scoring performance from Kevin Keil in the discus; he placed sixth with a toss of 154-feet, 4-inches.

Salem also got points from Allen in the 3,200; he was eighth in a school-record 9:32.3 (old record: 9:35, set in 1975 by Walt White).

Little started strong in the 3,200, but fell off the pace and finished in 9:50.2, well off his previous best (9:44.8). Other Salem competitors were Mike Shull in the 200 (23.0; didn't survive preliminary heats); Ryan Thomas in the 110 hurdles (15.0; eliminated in semifinals); and Dave Clemens in the 110 hurdles (15.1; ousted in prelims).

"They're all juniors, so hopefully they picked up some experience for next year," said Baker.

Salem, Canton score

Both Salem's and Canton's girls track teams managed to put points on the board at a very competitive Class A track meet Saturday at Bay City Western.

"It was a very, very competitive meet," said Salem coach Mark Gregor. "It was one of the most competitive meets I've seen. I was very impressed with all the teams."

Salem was seeded in the middle in everything, which meant the Rocks faced a struggle to put anything on the board. They did, with Autumn Hicks tying for eighth in the 400-meters with a personal-best clocking of 58.98, and the 4x400 relay team of Hicks, Brynna DeNeen, Rachel Jones and Katie Bonner placing eighth in a season-best 4:04.1 — four seconds off its previous best.

Canton got points from Nkechi Okwumabua, with a sixth in the long jump (16-11 1/2).

Several other Rocks turned in strong performances, including freshman Alyson Flohr, who broke the school record in the 3,200, placing 13th in 11:28.1 (former record: 11:30.6 by Nicole Bolton, set last year) — 20 seconds better than her previous best.

Tiffany Grubaguh was ninth in the discus (116-10); Hicks, Wendi Leannhardt, DeNeen and Jones took 10th in the 4x200 relay (1:46.2); and the foursome of Evelyn Rahhal, Annemarie Vercurryse, Becky Phelan and Ellen Stemmer placed 14th in the 4x800 relay (10:01.48).

Salem finished with 1 1/2 points. As expected, Ann Arbor Pioneer won the state title with

74 points, with Detroit Cass Tech a distant second with 48.

PCA earns points

Plymouth Christian Academy capped its best-ever season in boys and girls track by getting scoring performances in both at Saturday's Class D state meet at Frankenthum.

For the girls, sophomore Taryn Moran placed sixth in the 400-meters in 1:02.0, breaking her own school record set earlier this season. Moran's time was 2.5 seconds faster than her previous best, prompting PCA coach Steve Bauslaugh to say, "I just wish she'd been in a faster heat."

For the boys, sophomore Jordan Roose trimmed nearly six seconds off his previous best time in finishing eighth in the 1,600 in 4:41.2, breaking his own

school record set earlier this season. Roose finished out of the points in the 3,200 (10:49.0).

Other strong showings for the Eagles: Heather Vargo, ninth in the long jump (14-feet, 1-inch); the 1,600 girls relay team of Sara Harris, Rachel Sumner, Colleen Kimberlin and Moran (4:37.4; new school record, bettering their own mark set earlier this year); and the 400 girls relay team of Vargo, Harris, Heidi Yonkman and Moran (56.0).

The PCA girls team scored three points, while the boys totaled one. Centreville was the boys team champion; Fowler won the girls Class D title.

"It was a good experience for them," said Bauslaugh. "We had a lot of school records fall. And the best news is, most of them are coming back."

OBSERVER'S BEST BOYS TRACK TIMES

Following is a list of Observerland best track times and field-event heights and distances. Coaches should report updates to Dan O'Meara by calling (734) 953-2141 or faxing information to (734) 591-7279.	Dan Colio (Franklin) 6:5 Tim Moore (John Glenn) 6:5 David Popiel (Redford CC) 6:4 Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 6:4 Ian Seary (Salem) 6:2 Eric Larsen (Canton) 6:0 Joe Fodor (Harrison) 6:0 Devin White (John Glenn) 6:0 Ryan Jeffries (Plymouth Christian) 5:11	Don Gabriel (N. Farmington) 11:6 Jerrard Johnson (Franklin) 11:0 Dan Clouser (Redford Union) 11:0 Kevin Woods (Harrison) 11:0 Scott Kingstien (Salem) 11:2 Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 14:1 Eric Larson (Canton) 14:4 Dave Clemens (Harrison) 14:6 Ryan Thomas (Salem) 14:9 Pat Hayes (Franklin) 15:1 Pat Hayes (Franklin) 15:1 Ryan Olinger (Lutheran Westland) 15:1 Josh Callahan (N. Farmington) 22:3 Jason Woehke (Redford CC) 15:3 Don Turse (Harrison) 15:5	Mike Shull (Salem) 11:0 Jerrard Johnson (Franklin) 11:2 Reggie Spearman (John Glenn) 11:2 Shawn Moore (Canton) 1:58.6 Andy Ebernick (Luth. Westland) 2:00.9 Marty Kane (Canton) 2:01.4 John McCasium (Churchill) 2:01.9 Nick Allen (Salem) 2:02.8 Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:02.9 Brian Kusznik (Redford CC) 2:02.9 Joe Mackie (Thurston) 2:03.0	200-METER DASH Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 22.2 Keith Battle (Harrison) 22.2 Mike Shull (Salem) 22.8 Tom Glennon (Stevenson) 22.9 Scott Kingstien (Salem) 22.9 Terrance Thomas (Wayne) 23.0 Eric Larson (Canton) 23.0 Andre Davis (Harrison) 23.2 Masahy Rashid (Redford Union) 23.4 Robert Fart (John Glenn) 23.4 John Dear (Redford CC) 23.4 David Moore (Redford CC) 23.4 400-METER DASH Ian Seary (Salem) 50.9 Matt Freeman (Stevenson) 50.9 Andy Briggs (Salem) 50.9 Scott Kingstien (Salem) 51.7 Larry Anderson (Canton) 51.7 Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 51.7 Harden James (John Glenn) 10.9 Keith Battle (Harrison) 10.9 Rob Fart (John Glenn) 11.0 Tom Glennon (Stevenson) 11.1	800-METER RUN Ian Seary (Salem) 1:53.6 Andy Briggs (Salem) 1:57.2 Shawn Moore (Canton) 1:58.6 Scott Kingstien (Salem) 1:58.6 Terrance Thomas (Wayne) 1:58.6 Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 2:01.9 Keith Battle (Harrison) 2:02.2 Tom Glennon (Stevenson) 2:02.9 Scott Kingstien (Salem) 2:02.9 Terrance Thomas (Wayne) 2:03.0 Eric Larson (Canton) 2:03.4 Andre Davis (Harrison) 2:03.4 Masahy Rashid (Redford Union) 2:03.4 Robert Fart (John Glenn) 2:03.4 John Dear (Redford CC) 2:03.4 David Moore (Redford CC) 2:03.4 400-METER DASH Ian Seary (Salem) 50.9 Matt Freeman (Stevenson) 50.9 Andy Briggs (Salem) 50.9 Scott Kingstien (Salem) 51.7 Larry Anderson (Canton) 51.7 Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 51.7 Harden James (John Glenn) 10.9 Keith Battle (Harrison) 10.9 Rob Fart (John Glenn) 11.0 Tom Glennon (Stevenson) 11.1
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in Division I. "I don't mind those soakings," said Arnold after the district clincher. "I was worried about (Stevenson). They can sink 'em, they can hurt us."

He had good reason to be concerned. In their last meeting during the regular season, Canton had outslung the Spartans, winning by a 10-9 margin. Arnold didn't start his ace, Gretchen Hudson, in that game, but he summoned her later to secure the win.

The Canton coach didn't make that mistake this time. He started Hudson, and she responded by tossing five scoreless innings of one-hit softball as the Chiefs built a 5-0 lead.

In the sixth, however, Arnold went to senior Patty Snook. After all, Hudson had pitched seven grueling innings in winning the first game Saturday against Farmington. She'd earned a rest.

But the Spartans quickly adjusted to Snook, tagging her for two doubles and two singles, scoring three times to narrow Canton's lead to 5-3.

So Arnold immediately switched back to Hudson for the seventh inning, and the junior responded by striking out the side to earn the win. In getting two wins for the day, Hudson surrendered three hits without walking a batter in 13 innings; she struck out a total of 13.

"Hudson's a good pitcher," said Stevenson coach Art Anselm, his team finishing at 10-16. "We

Defense, pitching lift Chiefs

A step away. That's how close Farmington came to winning its Division I softball district semifinal against Plymouth Canton Saturday at Canton HS — one step.

The situation: Chiefs' pitcher Gretchen Hudson cruises into the bottom half of the seventh inning (Farmington was the home team) working on a perfect game, with a 2-0 lead. Falcon lead-off hitter Kristen Brown ends that with a solid double to left-center field. Then, after a ground-out and a batter hit by a pitch, Hudson's mound opponent — Melissa Mytty — ends her shutout hopes with a single, scoring Brown.

With runners at first and second and one out, the roof was cracking for the reigning Western Lakes Activities Association champions. When Meghan O'Rear followed with a line shot down the right field line, it seemed the roof would fall in.

But Canton right-fielder Becky Mize pounced on the ball and fired it to first baseman Liz Elsner, retiring O'Rear and holding the base-runner at third. Hudson ended the threat by striking out Angie Luttman with her second strike.

And those are the kind of plays that have made the Chiefs winners all year. Indeed, it wasn't hitting that won this match-up; in fact, the Falcons had two hits to Canton's one in the game. Defense made the difference.

The Chiefs scored a run in the second inning without benefit of a hit. Erica Hanson and Mize both drew one-out walks; stolen bases moved them up, and a passed ball delivered the game's first run.

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The tying run at third and the winning run at second, preserving the Chiefs' 2-1 victory and sending them to the district championship game.

Farmington, meanwhile, finishes its season with a final record of 15-14.

"That play there is the play of the game," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "The ball gets by (Mize) and we're going home — game's over."

"But Becky's been making those plays for us all year."

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Chiefs' offense stumbles

Missed chances. That's how Plymouth Canton will look back at Saturday's 5-1 district semi-final loss to North Farmington.

The Chiefs managed just two hits off of North Farmington ace Jeff Trzos, but drew five walks. Canton coach Scott Dickey said his team had opportunities to knock the lefty out and win the game.

"We had guys in scoring position," Dickey commented. "We just couldn't get the big hits to score some runs."

The Raiders went on to win the district. For Canton, Saturday's loss meant the end of the line and a 15-16 overall record.

"We're pretty confident about next year," said Dickey. "We've got just about everybody coming back."

The Chiefs played their final game of the year at home. Despite that fact, Canton was the visiting team in the semifinal.

Ben Tucker started on the

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mound for Canton. The right hander kept North Farmington off the scoreboard for the first three innings.

The Chiefs' offense gave him a 1-0 lead in the second inning. Phil Ross reached base on a walk then moved to third on a pair of Trzos wild pitches. A Joe Cortellini ground ball brought Ross home.

Tucker dodged several bullets in the first three innings. He allowed three straight singles in the first inning, but escaped unscathed by recording a fly ball out.

A Canton double play got the junior out of trouble in the third. The Raiders, however, broke through in the fourth.

A pair of singles brought home a run to tie the game. Garry Penta then followed with a two-run homer to left center to make it 3-1.

The Raiders added a pair of insurance runs in the sixth as Penta doubled and scored on a wild pitch. Matt Kelmigian added and RBI single.

Canton's best chance to score came in the seventh. Jason Evans walked to lead off the inning, but was erased on a North Farmington double play.

Cortellini followed with a

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Tony Bernhardt singled him home.

Salem's defense settled down after the first inning; however, North was sharp in the field all day.

Taylor, who struck out nine and walked two, needed the help. He allowed 10 Salem hits but was aided by a pair of double plays.

The Rocks put a man on first with one out in the fourth, but North turned a slick double play to quickly kill the uprising. The same happened again in the sixth after Salem's leadoff man reached base.

"They're a good hitting team," Taylor said of the Rocks. "I had to hit my spots. I think our defense is a big reason why we won."

North added an insurance run in the seventh on a walk, a single and another Salem error.

"That's why we have 15 losses," Rumberger said, "because we have defensive lapses."

The Rocks scored a second run in the seventh. Jamie LaGrow doubled to lead off and was knocked in on a single from Chris Longpre.

The Raiders had just five hits with Gleeson getting two. LaGrow and Longpre had two each for the Rocks.

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of every jam, the biggest coming in Salem's last at-bat. With two runners on base and two out, the Rocks' Stefanie Volpe — recruited and signed by the University of Michigan — sent a hard shot to shortstop, but Teri Fox nabbed it and tossed out the diving Volpe at first, ending the game.

The only run was scored in the second inning. Katie King started the rally with a walk; she moved to second on Jill Shpakoff's sacrifice bunt, and went to third on a wild pitch.

Schraafnagle followed with a bunt and Sutton fielded it; she looked King back to third, then threw to first to retire Schraafnagle. King broke for home and beat the play at the plate for the game's single run.

Sutton finished with two walks and four strikeouts; the Rocks had no errors.

"You like to see your team play like that at the end of the year," Southerland said. "You just like to see some more offense."

Stevenson had almost none, but it was more than Salem.

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HOOKEO ON FISHING
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FOUR SEASONS
 The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

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MEETINGS
 The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, June 10-11 at the Tawas City Holiday Inn. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 a week in advance.

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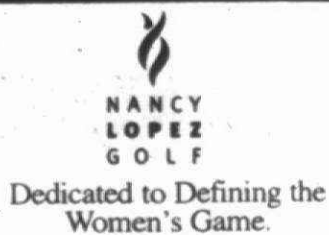
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Rockabilly star Ronnie Dawson, whose song "Yum, Yum, Yum" appeared in the film "Primary Colors," performs at 9 p.m. at the Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets \$10 in advance for the 18 and older show. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

SATURDAY



"Classic Soul" concert featuring the Stylistics, Dramatics, Chi-Lites, Cuba Gooding and the Main Ingredient, Delfonics and Major Harris, 8 p.m. at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$35 and \$27.50, call (248) 433-1515 or (313) 983-6611.

SUNDAY



"Rent" continues at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. Tickets \$26-\$60. Curtain 7:30 p.m., call (248) 645-6666.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: The fifth annual Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, through Saturday, June 20, features pianist James Tocco, and other internationally known musicians, performing at seven different venues. Call (248) 362-6171 for more information, and to order tickets. Tickets also available at Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666. See concert schedule inside.



Rehearsing: Jamie Richards (left to right), Nicki Stacey and Peggy Lee perform in "Into the Woods."

ST. DUNSTAN'S TAKES AUDIENCES

'INTO THE WOODS'

Go "Into the Woods" with the St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild as they present Stephen Sondheim's award-winning musical in Cranbrook's outdoor Greek Theatre.

With a book by James Lapine, "Into the Woods" is Sondheim's "sophisticated take on fairy-tales," said director Amy Lynn Smith of Birmingham. "What are the ramifications, good and bad of having a dream come true."

Join the Baker, his wife, Cinderella, the Witch, Jack and Little Red Riding Hood as they venture "Into the Woods."

"They're not caricatures, they're realistic people facing choices," explained Smith. "There are a lot of lessons, fun and energy."

Jamie Richards stars as the Baker. "I'm a huge, huge Sondheim fan," said Richards. "I love the complexity, the beauty of his music. It touches me in a way that no one else does."

Richards believes "Into the Woods" is the perfect production for the outdoor Greek theater. "The show takes place in the woods, and the

"Into the Woods"
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WHEN: 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 5-6; Thursday-Saturday, June 11-13; and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 7.
WHERE: Outdoor Greek Theatre, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.
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characters are very familiar. Even if you're not familiar with the show, you'll know the characters."

He's seen the show four times and is enjoying his character. "He's dependent and grows to be independent," explained Richards. "There's a lot of humor and good drama, there are so many levels at play, which is fun, and the music is amazing. It's like a dream to be singing some of these songs."

Nicki Stacey is the Baker's Wife. She and Richards performed together in another Sondheim show "Merrily We Roll Along," presented by St. Dunstan's in 1995.

"We're having a good time playing together," said Stacey. "This is a fun part. I like the humor of the show and the ties to real life. Everyone should be able to relate to it."

Stacey also enjoys performing outdoors. "It's beautiful," she said. "I love it. As an actor you have to remember the audience is all around you. Before it gets dark, and the lights come on, you can make eye contact with the people in the audience. You can connect immediately with the audience, and see how they're responding."

This show utilizes the entire theater — the stage, aisles, grass. "Amy makes the audience feel like they're in the woods with the characters. It makes it more real," said Richards.

To help tell the story, Ann DeMay of Clark-

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'Porgy & Bess' well staged, hard to hear

'Porgy & Bess'

WHAT: The Michigan Opera Theatre production of the Gershwin's "Porgy & Bess"

WHERE: The Detroit Opera House, (at the corner of Madison Avenue and Broadway, one block east of Woodward Avenue), Detroit.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 4-6, Wednesday-Saturday, June 10-13; 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 7 and 14 and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 7 and 14.

TICKETS: \$18-\$95. (248) 645-6666, or (313) 874-SING (7464).

Peabo Bryson

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Opera Theatre production of "Porgy & Bess" conveys the strong, languorous sensuality and the deep-rooted core of community that are the essential tension in what is often hailed as America's only great opera.

But the MOT production also raises some of the questions that have always swirled around this great work, both musical and sociological.

Director Tazewell Thompson's production emphasizes the community of Catfish Row, the black dock-

side quarter of Charleston, S.C., in the 1920s. It is a community rooted in fundamentalist Christianity, with a touch of old-style superstition. It is also a poor community plagued with the usual, and still surviving, scourges of escape — gambling, alcohol, easy sex and drugs.

Kenneth Foy's sets, though a bit shaky at times, convey the ramshackle community perfectly.

This is a story of the unconditional love of the crippled beggar Porgy for the sensual, irresponsible and drug-addicted Bess. It is also the story of how a community comes together in hard times and against all odds.

The "Porgy & Bess" problems are two-fold. The sociological problem is easy to dismiss. Many in the black community have actually called the opera demeaning to blacks, a work by white people about things they don't understand. Compared to current rap music and film and television portrayals of the black community, "Porgy & Bess" is enlightened, compassionate and true. Its characters are flawed, but its portrayal of unconditional love and abiding community are a positive view of poor people struggling with and overcoming

Please see **PORGY & BESS, E2**

MOVIES

Weir spreads the faith about 'The Truman Show'

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

By now, most movie-goers know what "The Truman Show" is about. And that's just the way Peter Weir likes it. The director's recent visit to Detroit was part of a major studio campaign to spread the faith about "Truman," a modern fable which has been hailed by many critics as a "near masterpiece."

Jim Carrey stars as Truman Burbank, a regular guy who, unbeknownst to him, has had his life broadcast on television almost since his inception.

Friends and family are actually actors fed lines and stage directions through tiny ear pieces. The island community he resides in, Seahaven, is just a giant domed soundstage with painted clouds and fake facades.

Aside from presenting such a complex story, Weir has accomplished another miracle: settling rubber-faced comedian Carrey down long enough to deliver the performance of his career. (Weir has experience, guiding Robin



Filmmaking: Peter Weir (right) and Jim Carrey (left) on the set of "The Truman Show."

Please see **TRUMAN, E2**

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ing adversity. Most of the people in Catfish Row are good, hard-working, fun-loving people, especially as portrayed in Thompson's production.

The second problem is musical. Is it "opera" or is it "musical theater"? The answer since the Houston Opera Company first staged it in this full-operatic style back in the 1980s is that it will be opera. Certainly that was George Gershwin's intention and preserves the full musical text.

But, in the end, it's the songs that everyone remembers, Gershwin's exquisite ear for song and the clever, precise lyrics of his brother, Ira, with some help

from "Porgy" novelist DuBose Heyward and his wife, Dorothy. "Summertime," "It Ain't Necessarily So," "I Got Plenty o' Nuttin'," "Bess, You Is My Woman," and "There's a Train a Leavin'" are masterpieces of the American "popular" music repertoire.

And whether it was poor acoustics or the demands of operatic range, the singers in the opening night production often could not be understood without referring to the surtitles, except for the one pop singer in the opera — Peabo Bryson.

Except for a couple memory lapses, Bryson made a stylish Sporting Life, the drug pusher

with attitude. And Bryson's narrower range and pop phrasing made it easier to understand him.

This is not to diminish some wonderful performances. Gordon Hawkins is a heartbreaking Porgy, a man with great courage, religious belief and inner strength that his twisted body and sensitivity to his reading of Porgy, especially in the first song (aria) about how a cripple is con- sidered to loneliness. Marquita Liston is a fiery, beautiful, sensu- al Bess. She brilliantly conveys Bess' tension between her desires for excitement and her need for love. Musically their famous duet is haunting. Unfortunately, Liston's soaring, musically beautiful voice fails to deliver the lyrics.

Male singers in the bass range also could not be fully understood.

The musical showstopper on opening night was Angela Simpson's Serena, who just wails with all the power of spiritual singing on "My Man's Gone Now" to a roaring approval. She is also a fine actress in her portrayal of the upright church lady.

Other fine performances were Karla Burns sassy Maria, the matriarch and moral scold of the

Southern black church experi- ence, Gershwin captures the rich emotional and musical quality of the music.

Thompson's staging is generally good, but "It Ain't Necessarily So" needs fewer people milling around and more life in response to Bryson's lively taunts. There was more fun to be had in this number. The staging here had the stiffness often associated with opera group scenes.

In performances June 4, 6, 9, 10, 12 and matinee 14, Angela Brown sings Serena, Alvy Powell sings Porgy, Timothy Robert Blevins sings Crown and Marilyn Moore-Brown sings Bess.

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ston has created a colorful set inspired by pop-up books.

The books are eight feet tall, and some revolve and open up in three dimensions.

"They had to be designed to move for set changes, and to fit under the arches, which are nine-and-a-half feet tall," said DeMay. "We painted leaves to enclose the whole scene, and there's a panorama of trees painted in very colorful, vivid colors to bring out the scariness of the woods."

DeMay earned her master of arts degree from Western Michigan University, and studied oil painting at the Volkshochschule

Wiesbaden and exhibited her work with other international artists in Frankfurt and other cities as well as in a solo show at the American Women's Club in Oberursel.

She is a designer/producer of multi-image shows for business meetings and presentations. "This is a pretty elaborate set," she set. "It's very colorful. It's a fantasy, and one of my best pieces so far."

Smith said the show has a "constantly moving, whirling quality. You don't know where people will come out next. The costumes and sets are very bright, and we have some very

cool special effects. We're doing some neat things with different sounds coming out of different places."

MUSIC plays an important role, and it's a challenge music direc- tor Margie Brooks of Bloomfield Hills accepted.

"It's a difficult score," she said. "The music advances the plot. There are more than 400 pages to the score. The musicians are playing almost all the time.

"The singers are really up to the challenge," she said. "They have learned the music very well. It's just been a marvel to me."

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Williams through his first major "straight" role in "Dead Poets Society" in 1989.)

"The first time I saw him," Weir remembers of Carrey, "I thought he was like a silent movie star. If he had been around in the '20s, he would have been one of the biggies."

Carrey has been notorious for not getting along with directors. When he didn't like the way the "Ace Ventura" sequel was progressing, he removed the director and brought in a friend. His arguments with Ben Stiller on "The Cable Guy" may have con- tributed to the movie turning into such a turkey.

"Remember that when he came to work on 'Truman,'" Weir points out, "I had been with it for a year-and-a-half, so it was him coming into my project. I had all

the sets pretty much on the way up, the research done..."

When Carrey made his trademark demands, Weir generally stood firm. "Sometimes he'd say, 'Give me another take,' far more takes than I thought necessary, and I'd say, 'Jim, we've got it.' I knew in the beginning he was a man used to working on his own. He wasn't used to trusting a director so completely."

And veteran Weir deserves respect. For a decade in the mid-'70s through the mid-'80s, he and a talented group of Australian filmmakers were sending amaz- ing movies stateside on an almost monthly basis. Weir's con- tributions included such art house classics as "Picnic at Hanging Rock," "Gallipoli," and "The Last Wave."

The "Australian New Wave," as

it came to be called, was com- prised of Fred Schepisi, Gillian Armstrong, Bruce Beresford, and George Miller, among others. Though some still reside in Aus- tralia, all now work almost exclusively in Hollywood.

Of all of his contemporaries, however, Weir is the one who has most retained his soul. He only picks the projects he really believes in. And if "The Mosquito Coast" isn't quite a good as "Wit- ness," you watch both movies knowing he has instilled them with the same intensity.

His last film, "Fearless," about the psychological aftermath of an airline disaster, was just one in a series of critically acclaimed movies that have sometimes found receptive audiences.

The ante gets upped a bit with

"The Truman Show." With a \$60- \$65 million budget and the most high-profile comedian in movies today, Weir is forced to worry about things like opening week- end grosses. "Almost any figure we got on that first weekend will probably be bigger than I've ever had before," he says.

At one point in the production, Weir was ready to cast himself as Christ, the godlike creator of "The Truman Show" and a father figure for the naive Truman (Ed Harris eventually got the part). When his creation wants to leave the nest, Christ becomes like any protective parent. "It's a frightening world out there," he seems to say, "so the minute you leave, you're on your own."

And what about the notion that the whole world is turned into vicariously experiencing the life of someone, at the core, isn't all that interesting to begin with? According to Weir, "It says something about our lives that there's not a whole lot of living going on."

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People thought Bob McCabe was crazy 19 years ago when he organized the first Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival on the riverfront in mid-June. He's still laughing about it, and looking forward to this year's.

The summer music festival season heats up locally in July with the fourth annual Michigan Jazz Festival Sunday, July 19, at Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills and Birmingham Jazzfest '98, July 23-25 in downtown Birmingham.

More than 150 musicians performed at last year's festival, which drew 5,000 people. It is offered by the Music Performance Trust Fund, Detroit Federation of Musicians, Local 5.

Birmingham's Jazzfest kicks off this year in Shain Park, July 23, with flutist Alexander Zojnic. The Ursula Walker/Buddy Eason Band with Marcus Belgrave will also perform. Free concerts will take place throughout the weekend in Shain Park, and at most of the area's restaurants. Stay tuned for details.

Arts, Beats & Eats
Oakland County kicks off its first "Arts, Beats, & Eats" festival in downtown Pontiac Labor Day weekend with title sponsorship from Chrysler Corp.

The festival is Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's dream come true. "We are excited about the project," said Patterson. "We think it will be a super event. What I did want, and do want, is to accentuate the quality of life in Oakland County. We're highlighting the fun side of living in Oakland County."

What better place to host the festival than Pontiac, which has become the entertainment capitol of Oakland County. Over 125 artists and 20 galleries are

expected to exhibit art works in the juried art show. There will be arts and crafts and entertainment for kids.

National and local entertainers will provide the "Beats" everything from rhythm and blues to jazz, swing, rock and pop on three stages. The entertainment schedule will be announced in mid-June.

You're sure to work up an appetite, but don't worry when you're stomach grumbles. I'm hungry, feed me" — 50 restaurants will be serving up "Eats" for sale.

Pontiac's ready for the crowds, don't forget, this is a town that hosted Elvis Presley, and even Pope John Paul II.

Event proceeds will benefit seven local charities — The Rain-bow Connection, The American Heart Association, The Haven, The Dittich Foundation, The Pontiac Rescue Mission, The Boys and Girls Club, and The Chrysler Oakland Arts Fund.

In Wayne County for the past 19 years, the riverfront has been the place to be Labor Day week- end.



Poster: Tania Macioce of Farmington Hills, an art director at J. Walter Thompson Detroit, designed the poster for this year's Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival.

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STREET SCENE

Gravity Kills likes second effort

Jeff Scheel, singer/guitarist for the St. Louis rock band Gravity Kills, is awfully happy that fans never heard the first version of its sophomore effort "Perversion" (TVT).

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

General Cinemas, One Urban, Starline, etc. Listings for various theaters and movies like 'The Truman Show', 'Deep Impact', 'The Horse Whisperer'.

STREET SCENE

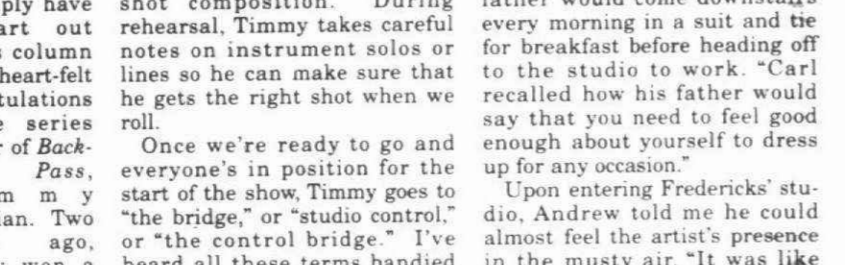
Marcy Playground singer swears off acting with snakes



One thing Marcy Playground fans will never see is lead singer John Wozniak co-starting with snakes in a music video.

"I'm a storyteller and a writer and one of the things I pride myself on is being able to tell a story within 20 lines of the song."

Director wins Emmy Award



I simply have to start out today's column with a heart-felt congratulations to the series director of Backstage Pass, Timmy Dexter.

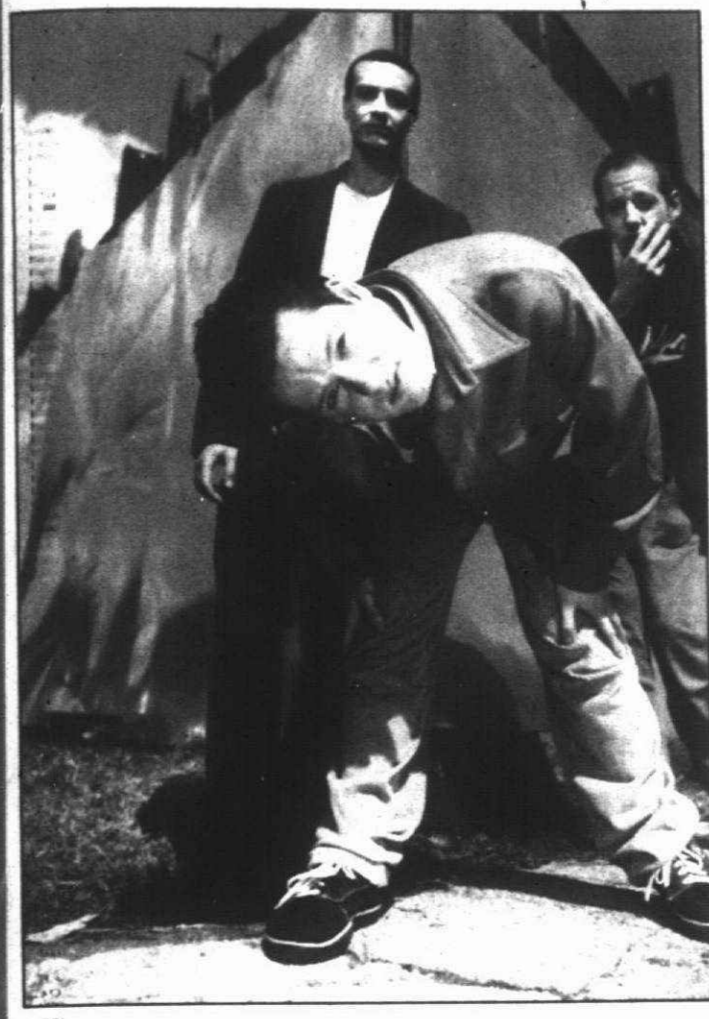
shot composition. During rehearsal, Timmy takes careful notes on instrument solos or lines so he can make sure he gets the right shot when we roll.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- Scheduled to open Friday, June 5: 'THE TRUMAN SHOW', 'SIX DAYS, SEVEN NIGHTS', 'DOCTOR DOLITTLE', 'COUSIN BETTE', 'THE X-FILES', 'LETHAL WEAPON 4', 'MADRID', 'HAVE PLENSITY', 'DIED TO WORK', 'THE LAST DAYS OF DISCO', 'THE SPANISH PRISONER'.

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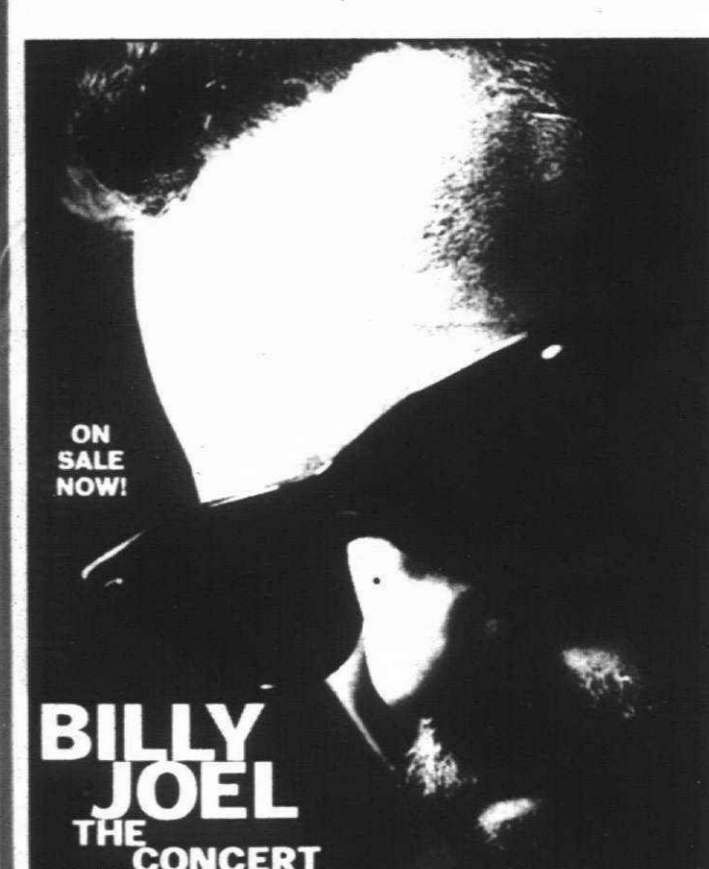
Hit record: Marcy Playground - from left, drummer Dan Rieser, singer/guitarist John Wozniak and bassist Dylan Keefe - performs Tuesday, June 9, at the State Theatre in Detroit in support of its self-titled debut, which spawned the hit "Sex and Candy."

"Sex and Candy" topped Billboard's Modern Rock Tracks chart and receives constant airplay on stations like CIMX, WPLT, WXDG and WKRR.

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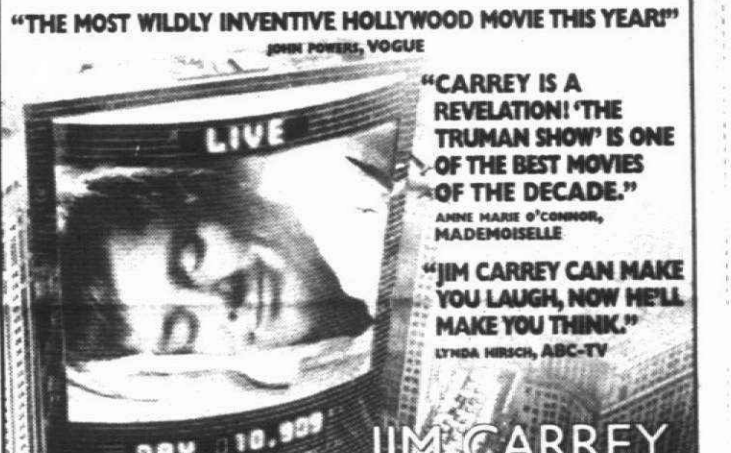
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Couple invites customers to their 'American Table'

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Ask about the daily specials. Al makes something special such as corned beef, beef stew, or stuffed cabbage everyday. Friday is fish day - clam chowder, fish and chips, baked cod, and salmon

patties are on the menu.

For dessert save room for the rice pudding, there's also cheesecake with strawberries, and pies.

Kids are sure to find something on the menu designed just for them - pancakes or French toast, grilled cheese, hamburger, chicken nuggets or spaghetti.

Breakfast is available anytime, and American Table offers a

variety of omelets - ham and cheese, mushroom, Spanish, Farmer's, spinach and vegetarian. Omelets are served with hash browns toast and jelly. Ask about the breakfast specials Monday-Friday.

There's a private dining room for parties of up to 40 people. Whether you're stopping in for breakfast after church, for a

quick lunch, or have time to linger over dinner, you're sure to feel at home at American Table.

It's nice to go to a restaurant where you can sit a real dining table, and enjoy a meal in a place that feels just like home.

In case you missed it. Here are some of the restaurants we've recently featured on our Dining page. Call (734) 953-2105 to recommend your favorite restaurant. If you're a restaurant owner, call us with information about restaurant anniversaries, renovations, and menu changes. You can fax information to Entertainment editor: (734) 591-7279, or mail to The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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