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Sincerely

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IN THE PAPER
TODAY

AT HOME

Flower power: Now's the time to plant those springtime flowers. If you plan right, you'll have a constant bloom throughout the summer. / D8

ENTERTAINMENT

Festival: Steven Dark, a graduate of Clarenceville High School in Livonia, is one of the artists participating in the Greektown Arts Festival, May 19-21. / E1

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Blast from the Past



Bubble-icious: Molly Innes of Canton, 13, blows a bubble with her gum while watching the *Hula Hoopers*.



Say cheese: Teacher Sally Yentz snaps a photo of Stephanie Knight (from left), Kim Towne and Alysa Johnson, all 13 from Canton, in front of a backdrop with a "50s" sign.

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English class takes students to the '50s

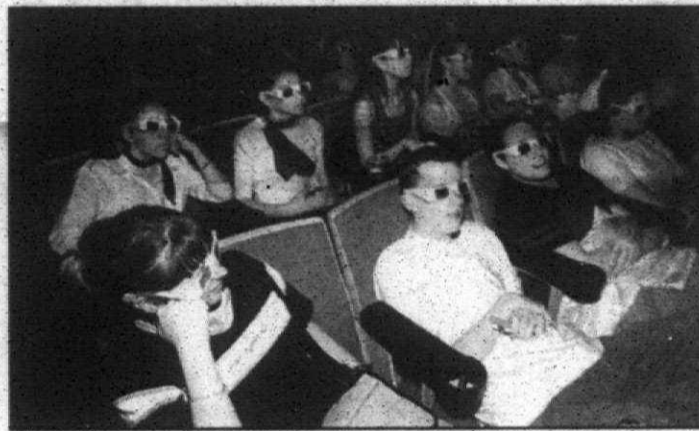
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For roughly 220 students at Pioneer Middle School, the recently completed English unit was a sign of the times.

Just not their times. A sock hop at the school Friday completed a unit on the 1950s, designed to use distinctions between then and now as reasons to write, according to the teacher who led the group back in time.

"For instance, we wrote comparative essays on families back then compared to families now," said English teacher Sally Yentz. "We looked at Dr. Seuss books. We actually assigned roles to students - scholars, disc jockeys, congressmen

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Multi-dimensional: Pioneer Middle School students watch the Alfred Hitchcock classic, "Dial 'M' for Murder," in 3-D Tuesday at the Penn Theater.

Marching mom wanted to send her kids a message

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Mary Halewicz is the mother of three children, and she wanted to send them a message.

That's why Halewicz, a Canton

woman, was among the women participating in Sunday's Million Mom March in Washington, D.C.

"I just felt like I had to let my children know the violence that permeates society has just gotten out of hand," Halewicz said. "Being in Washington,

and hearing those heart-breaking stories from the moms who spoke, makes me realize there's more work to be done. Going to Washington was the easy part. When you have 750,000 people converge, plus the rallies all around the country, the awareness is there

now. It would be awful if something didn't come of this."

Halewicz was one of thousands of Michigan mothers who made the trek. Many left on buses from Livonia, making the 12-hour drive en masse in a

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School board candidate wants more for district

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Carl Battishill said he likes what he sees in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

"I'm not out there tossing bricks," he said. "The teachers we have are excellent. I like what I see the principals doing."

However, there are still a couple of issues Battishill has on his list if he is elected by voters June 12 to fill one of two four-year terms on the board of education.

"I have a lot of concern about student achievement," said Battishill. "I feel so frustrated because our kids have far less money spent on them (by the state) than kids in other districts.

"On top of that, I see our MEAP scores slipping compared to other districts," he added. "That really concerns me. We get wrapped up about things like school names when we really need to address student achievement. It has



Carl Battishill

to be our number one goal in whatever we do."

Battishill is in favor of lobbying state legislators to get more foundation money from the state.

"We certainly need to change the for-

Please see **SCHOOL CANDIDATE**, A5

Hoping for a title



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Rooting interest: Raymond Klimas of Farmington Hills, 3, watches intently as the Plymouth Whalers battle the Barrie Colts in game seven of the Ontario Hockey League final at Compuware Arena Tuesday. The Colts defeated the Whalers and won the league championship. For more on the game, please turn to Page C1 in today's Observer.

Treasurer, trustee to face challenge

Yack unopposed in bid for 4th term



BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Unlike four years ago, Canton's Board of Trustees will face opposition in this fall's general election.

Patterson faces House re-election fight, A2

A pair of Democrats are running for township treasurer and trustee, respectively. The current board is uniformly Republican.

"I'm ready for the challenge," said Canton

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Canton teen guilty of lesser charge

FREEWAY CRASH

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A 20-year-old Canton woman could serve up to two years in jail in connection with the death of a township teenager last year.

Sarah Cappuccitti was found guilty of negligent homicide by Wayne County Circuit Court

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Canton girl is finalist

Kimberly Ford, age 10, daughter of Janice Ford of Canton has been selected as one of 25 finalists in the Sunny Delight Strongest Kid in America Contest. The winner of the contest will be awarded a \$10,000 college scholarship, the national title of "Strongest Kid in America" and a host of other prizes.

Twenty-five kids praised for their mental strength, physical strength and strength of character will get a chance to meet in New York City "mind to muscle" at the Sunny Delight Strongest Kid in America Try-athlon next week. The finalists will be recognized for their unique

UAW retiree looking to oust Patterson from state House

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Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, will have to win back his state House seat in November before he can fulfill any leadership ambitions.

Patterson will run for re-election against Mickey Walsh of Canton, a first-time candidate for elected office who said Tuesday he will run as "a different kind of Democrat."

There is no primary in the 21st District House race. Patterson is unopposed on the Republican side.

A second Democratic challenger, Canton resident Tiffany Sniderman, filed last week but withdrew from the race before Tuesday's filing deadline. Candi-

21ST DISTRICT

dates have until Friday to withdraw from the ballot.

Sniderman failed to return phone calls Tuesday.

Walsh, 61, is retired from the UAW. He previously served as assistant director of community services at UAW headquarters in Detroit.

"My entire adult life I've been dedicated to improving the lot of working families and I see this (campaign) as an extension of that," Walsh said.

The Canton Democrat said he realized he was facing a tough task in opposing a popular incumbent in a district that has favored Republicans in recent elections.

lengthy list of first-term accomplishments in a re-election announcement last week.

"We have achieved a great deal in the 90th Legislature," he said in a prepared statement. "In a little over one year personal income tax rates have been cut several times, the Merit Award Scholarship program has been established, welfare reform has been implemented, road funding has been increased," Patterson said.

He also cited improvements in health care and consumer protection, as well as primary enforcement of seat belts, an issue previous legislatures had "ducked," according to Patterson.

The Canton resident served two terms on the Wayne County Commission before his election to the Legislature in 1998.

The incumbent offered a

Election from page A1

Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter. "I think it will be an interesting race."

Tuesday marked the filing deadline for candidates in state and local races this year. Those running for township board had to file petitions with the clerk's office with anywhere from 45 signatures for Democrats to more than 100 for Republicans.

Each candidate can officially withdraw until 4 p.m. Friday. The state primary will be held on Aug. 8 and the general election on Nov. 7.

All seven members of Canton Board of Trustees are seeking re-election. Kirchgatter is going for



Tom Yack

her third and final term as treasurer.



Terry Bennett

She says she won't campaign differently just because she's facing opposition.

"I stand by my record," Kirchgatter commented. "People can cast their treasurer ballots accordingly."

Democrat Stephen J. Kilianczyk will oppose her. A financial consultant for the medical industry, he sees technology as a key in running an efficient department.

"The ability to do things differently is at the forefront," said Kilianczyk. "We need to pursue those avenues."

He thinks neighborhoods and roads should be major areas for concern in the township.

"The county has a plan," said Kilianczyk. "After that, it will be up to us at the township level."

Democrat Lorna Fraser-Creep filed for township clerk, but withdrew Wednesday. Terry Bennett will now begin a second full term in November.

"This is a great job," said Ben-



Elaine Kirchgatter

nett. "It's an opportunity to make a positive impact in the community."

She has no political aspirations beyond her post as clerk.

"I truly enjoy being in Canton," Bennett said. "I think local government is the closest to people and can have the most affect."

Tom Yack will win his fourth term as Canton Supervisor in November. It might not necessarily be his last, either.

"As long as I'm contributing, having fun and healthy," Yack said, "I'd consider another term."

He still has a zest for the job.

"I'm probably as motivated today as I was (in 1988)," Yack said. "I keep track of everything. I pay attention to detail."

Democrat Tom Hartnett will try to unseat one of Canton's Trustees, Robert Shefferly, Philip Lajoie, John Burdzak and Melissa McLaughlin have served between one and three full terms.

Canton's Library Board will also go through the election process this fall. All six board positions will be open.

There is no primary for library board candidates.

According to the township clerk's office, just six Canton residents filed for the race. They include incumbents James Gillig, Krog Gruber, Kathy Young, George Snow and Jeanne Moody-Novak. If he stays in the non-partisan race, Cecil L. Young will join the board.



What is this? Some kind of dog parade? A little girl on a bike asked that question as hundreds of dogs and their owners set out on a two-mile jog/walk through Plymouth Saturday in the 12th Annual Dog Jog to benefit the Plymouth Kiwanis. Here, a mid-section of the walkers crosses South Main Street at Wing.

Best dressed: "Yogi," a 2-year-old Golden retriever, won "Best Dressed" dog. He's holding onto his owner Ann Karfis of Novi.



Dog Jog

Hundreds of feet, paws take to streets to raise money for Kiwanis Club

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Now that's a lot of pooper scoopers. More than 200 participants came out for Saturday's fourth-annual Plymouth Dog Jog, presented by the Kiwanis Club to benefit the Humane Society. That's a record for the young event, which will present the Humane Society with a check for \$10,000 thanks to the efforts of the 210

joggers. The Kiwanis Club gets another \$4,000, making it the biggest fund raiser in the event's short history.

"This is our biggest turnout," said Denise Chapman, "Vice Boss Dog" for the event. "It seems to keep growing as word gets out there. We've even got people who couldn't be at this one who asked to be put on our mailing list for future events."

Participants who registered early paid a \$20 fee; those registering on the day of the event paid \$25. Joggers were also

allowed to get pledges, and the top three pledge-getters earned prizes.

Renee Kochanek of Plymouth was the day's biggest money-maker, getting \$1,275 worth of pledges. Canton's Jackie Walsch got \$410 in pledges, while Tracy Lee of Plymouth raised \$303.

Contestants also had a little fun with categories like "Best Lookalike," "Best Dressed" and "Longest Tail," which predictably went to an Irish Wolf Hound.

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- A pickle is the world's most humorous vegetable?
- After nearly 14 years of construction, the \$16 million Brooklyn Bridge opened over the East River in New York on May 24, 1883?
- Bank robbers Bonnie and Clyde were captured and killed on May 23, 1934?

Library construction update

Beginning this week, kids entering the library may visit the Community Room to find children's books, paperbacks, videos, CDs, CD-ROMs and puppets. The Community Room will house the Youth Department collections until the new Children's Library is ready to open in early August. Visit the proposed floor plan and our photo album of the expansion at our Web site: www.metronet.lib.mi.us/canton/updates/index.html

Web Watch

Check out these Web sites:

- www.firstladies.org
- www.politicalcartoons.com
- www.themoonlitroad.com
- www.scitechdaily.com

Q&A

Q: What is the Motor Voter Bill?

A: The latest effort to remove barriers to voter registration resulted in the passage of the

Motor Voter Bill, which was signed into law by President Bill Clinton on May 20, 1993. This bill requires states to allow voter registration by mail or when a citizen applies for or renews a driver's license.

The source for this information is "Chase's 2000 Calendar of Events."

At the movies

Here are some new DVDs available at the library:

- The Sixth Sense
- Titanic
- Notting Hill
- Shakespeare In Love
- Out of Sight

Books on tape

Here are some books on audio tape available from the library:

- A Cold Day in Paradise by Steve Hamilton
- Carolina Moon by Nora Roberts
- The Light of Other Days by Arthur C. Clark and Stephen Baxter
- Follow the Stars Home by Luanne Rice
- Hearts In Atlantis by Stephen King

Hot topic of the week

National New Friends, Old Friends Week! May 21-27 is a week to celebrate old friends and new friends. This is the time to remember how vital friends are for our emotional, physical and even professional career and success. "Friendships" is the word coined by author and sociologist Jan Yager to denote the way our ideas about friendships as well as who our friends are change as we go through the different stages of life. For more information, contact Yager at: jyager@aol.com

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Percussion Day is Saturday

The Michigan Percussive Arts Society, in conjunction with the Plymouth-Canton music boosters, is sponsoring a Day of Percussion this Saturday at Plymouth Salem High School.

The music festival will consist of percussion clinics during the day, followed by an evening percussion performance. The presentations are hosted by Gregg Rinehart, Michigan Percussive Arts Society president and percussion instructor at Salem.

The clinics are intended to teach, challenge and inspire current and future percussionists at the high school and middle school levels.

The clinics will cover Latin percussion, keyboards, sounds of the orchestra, drum set, percussion ensemble and drumline. Students can register for \$10 at Salem High School beginning at 8:30 a.m., and is not limited to Plymouth-Canton students.

There will be an evening percussion concert in the Plymouth Salem Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. The cost for the concert is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

Trial from page A1

Judge George W. Crockett III Tuesday. She was behind the wheel in a Sept. 20 accident that claimed the life of 17-year-old Alisha Roberson.

"I thought it was a fair verdict," said Steve Fishman, an attorney for Cappuccitti. "I thought it was consistent with the facts."

Stan Roberson, the teen's father, didn't feel justice was served in the bench trial. He believes Cappuccitti should've been found guilty of manslaughter with a motor vehicle, a 15-year felony.

"In my opinion," he said, "this is sending the wrong message to everyone."

Cappuccitti, Natalie Reynolds,

Sarah Vitto and Roberson, all Canton residents, were headed eastbound on I-96 in Livonia at about 7:45 p.m. on Sept. 20.

Cappuccitti lost control of a 1988 Ford Tempo near Newburgh Road after passing out. According to circuit court testimony, all four of the young women were inhaling "Dust Off," a chemical used in cleaning computers, prior to the accident.

The Tempo crossed four lanes of traffic, went up the southern embankment of I-96, through a fence, across the service drive and hit a tree broadside.

Roberson suffered massive internal injuries and died en route to the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Cappuccitti, Vitto and Reynolds suffered lesser injuries and have since made full recoveries.

At the opening of the trial Monday, Fishman conceded that Cappuccitti's passing out caused the accident. He said it was up to Crockett to determine her degree of negligence.

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For "ordinary" negligence to apply, the prosecutor had to show that Cappuccitti didn't take reasonable care or do what was sensible to avoid danger. It carried with it the two-year negligent homicide charge.

Crockett made his ruling immediately after closing arguments by attorneys. Lehto was disappointed with the decision.

"It was a close call between negligent homicide and manslaughter with a motor vehicle," he said. "We still feel it was gross negligence. But it was difficult to demonstrate that through the witnesses."

Sentencing for Cappuccitti will be July 21 in front of Crockett. She could receive as little as probation or up to two years behind bars, Lehto said. Cappuccitti remains free on bond.

All three survivors of the crash testified in the two-day trial.

Vitto told Crockett she and Roberson went to Office Warehouse in Plymouth Township to purchase the Dust Off. They made plans with Reynolds, a clerk at the store, to go out after her shift ended at 7 p.m.

The duo then headed for Roberson's house. Vitto testified that they parked near the home and inhaled the Dust Off several times.

Later they left Roberson's home and picked up Cappuccitti, then Reynolds. Now with Cappuccitti driving, the four friends made their way to I-275 northbound.

Reynolds testified that Roberson and Cappuccitti inhaled Dust Off near the Ann Arbor Road exit. After reaching I-96, Cappuccitti used the substance

one last time near Levan Road, Reynolds said.

"She said she could handle it," she added.

Seconds later, Reynolds testified, Cappuccitti's head slumped down, her hands locked on the steering wheel and she "fished out" or passed out.

"I closed my eyes and we got into the accident," Reynolds said.

At that point, Roberson, who was sitting in the front passenger seat, attempted to take control of the car, Reynolds testified. But she was unable to knock Cappuccitti's hands off the wheel. The Ford Tempo then spun out of control, she told Crockett.

Cappuccitti was the last to testify. She said she had been friends with Roberson, Reynolds and Vitto for several years prior to the accident.

The 20-year-old said they got together as a group "six out of seven days" each week. Cappuccitti testified that each used various substances, from alcohol and marijuana to nitrous oxide found in "Whip It."

Fishman shielded Cappuccitti from the gross negligence label by showing that she wasn't familiar with Dust Off and its effects. She testified, in fact, that she had never used or seen anyone use Dust Off prior to Sept. 20.

On cross examination, Lehto tried to press Cappuccitti on her knowledge of Dust Off prior to the accident. He insisted that she knew she could pass out from taking the substance.

"I thought I could handle it," said Cappuccitti.

'We haven't been training our teachers to use the new technology and how to use it to teach.'

—Carl Battishill

show of solidarity and support for the mission, which grew out of the ashes of the April 1999 attack at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., when 12 students and a teacher were gunned down by students armed with weapons.

The Livonia bus contingent, which included women from Farmington Hills, Livonia, Plymouth, Troy, Auburn Hills, Dearborn and Royal Oak, was greeted by U.S. Rep. Debbie Stabenow.

D-Lansing, Stabenow, locked in what is by most accounts a bitter, hotly contested battle with Republican Sen. Spence Abraham, talked to the mothers individually, then addressed them as a group just before they left.

"This is one of those times when you're going to feel great about standing up and making a statement," she told them. "One day you'll look back on this and see it as a defining moment."

It was a theme carried on at the march, by speakers ranging from talk show host Rosie O'Donnell to Kerry Kennedy Cuomo, the daughter of Robert F. Kennedy, who told the group there "are more federally licensed gun dealers in this country than there are McDonald's franchises."

Other speakers included Jim Brady, Ronald Reagan's press secretary who was wounded in the attempted assassination of the president, and his wife Sarah; actresses Susan Sarandon and Reese Witherspoon; several mothers of victims of gun violence, including Veronica McQueen, the mother of 6-year-old Kayla Rolland, shot by her 6-year-old Flint classmate; and Dawn Anna, the mother of Lauren Townsend, who died in the Columbine shootings.

All of them expressed gratitude and amazement at the turnout, which was much larger than expected, and urged the mothers to leave Washington and carry on the cause in their own communities.

While the turnout for the march was "incredible," that kind of continuing effort is critical to the mission, according to one of the local state co-ordinators.

"I was floored by the passion of those women, and astounded by the numbers," said Barb Case of Plymouth. "I found (the march) to be one of the most inspiring, awesome things I've ever seen. (But) from here we definitely have to work on educating people and identifying those (politicians) who support us and those who don't. I think we need to continue to recruit members and get our message out."

ogy and how to use it to teach," he said. "At least half our teachers don't have a strong ability to use the new technology. There's a cost factor there, but it's important."

Being a public school employee, Battishill's opinion on charter schools is predictable.

"I think they drain a lot of resources and a lot of kids from public schools," he said. "They don't have the same expectations for reporting that we (public schools) do."

One of the strong points of the district, according to Battishill, is the high school complex. "I love the Park. I think it's a great place for kids, though I know it's not for all kids," he said.

"While some people take potshots at it, saying it's too crowded... it's a great place for kids who know how to be responsible for themselves, who accept some responsibility and who want to be involved."

"I'm getting involved because what I see is good, and I have some experience and knowledge that I bring to the table," he said. "I'm not a revolutionary. I just believe there are good things we could be doing if we work hard together and make good decisions."



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Relay for Life set for this weekend in Heritage Park

The Plymouth/Canton Relay for Life, a 24-hour walk-a-thon to benefit the American Cancer Society, is set for Saturday and Sunday in Canton's Heritage Park.

The event features teams of runners and walkers circling the park walking path beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday.

It opens with a Cancer Survivor Victory Lap and includes a moving luminary ceremony at dusk on Saturday.

Many of the participants will remain in the park overnight and take part in closing ceremonies Sunday morning.

There are plenty of activities planned for non-walkers, including a "Best Beachwear Contest," concert by the pop-rock group Branded and demonstration by the O'Haire School of Irish Dance, featuring world champion Mike Belvich of Plymouth.

Mom from A1

show of solidarity and support for the mission, which grew out of the ashes of the April 1999 attack at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., when 12 students and a teacher were gunned down by students armed with weapons.

The Livonia bus contingent, which included women from Farmington Hills, Livonia, Plymouth, Troy, Auburn Hills, Dearborn and Royal Oak, was greeted by U.S. Rep. Debbie Stabenow.

D-Lansing, Stabenow, locked in what is by most accounts a bitter, hotly contested battle with Republican Sen. Spence Abraham, talked to the mothers individually, then addressed them as a group just before they left.

"This is one of those times when you're going to feel great about standing up and making a statement," she told them. "One day you'll look back on this and see it as a defining moment."

It was a theme carried on at the march, by speakers ranging from talk show host Rosie O'Donnell to Kerry Kennedy Cuomo, the daughter of Robert F. Kennedy, who told the group there "are more federally licensed gun dealers in this country than there are McDonald's franchises."

Other speakers included Jim Brady, Ronald Reagan's press secretary who was wounded in the attempted assassination of the president, and his wife Sarah; actresses Susan Sarandon and Reese Witherspoon; several mothers of victims of gun violence, including Veronica McQueen, the mother of 6-year-old Kayla Rolland, shot by her 6-year-old Flint classmate; and Dawn Anna, the mother of Lauren Townsend, who died in the Columbine shootings.

All of them expressed gratitude and amazement at the turnout, which was much larger than expected, and urged the mothers to leave Washington and carry on the cause in their own communities.

While the turnout for the march was "incredible," that kind of continuing effort is critical to the mission, according to one of the local state co-ordinators.

"I was floored by the passion of those women, and astounded by the numbers," said Barb Case of Plymouth. "I found (the march) to be one of the most inspiring, awesome things I've ever seen. (But) from here we definitely have to work on educating people and identifying those (politicians) who support us and those who don't. I think we need to continue to recruit members and get our message out."

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Candidates file

McPhail joins prosecutor's race

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A late filing as candidate for Wayne County prosecuting attorney grabbed the spotlight from other races as registration for the Aug. 4 primary election closed earlier this week.

Sharon McPhail, a Detroit attorney and former mayoral and county executive candidate, announced on Tuesday — the final day — and heated a simmering race to a near-boil.

Before the race to succeed retiring prosecutor John O'Hair had been largely a three-way contest between Deputy County Executive Michael E. Duggan of Livonia, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney George Ward of Plymouth and state Sen. Virgil A. Smith of Detroit, with Duggan seen as leading.

But the addition of four other Detroit-based candidates — in particular McPhail, who has a reputation for speaking her mind — overshadowed at least a couple of surprise candidacies in western Wayne County races.

One was the entry into the Democratic primary for county treasurer by longtime state Sen. George Hart, D-Dearborn Heights, who will be one of four opposing incumbent George Wojtowicz in the primary. No Republicans are running.

Hart, a former Wayne County commissioner who has less than three years left before being term-limited from office, said only that he has run for treasurer before. "I want to serve" and "improve efficiencies" in the treasurer's department, he said.

Treasurer pays about \$15,000 more per year than the \$55,000 he earns as state senator, Hart said.

Also filing on Tuesday was Philip M. Cavanagh, a son of the late Detroit mayor Jerome Cavanagh. Philip Cavanagh, of Dearborn Heights, is a Democratic candidate for the District 9 county commission seat held by Republican Kathleen Husk of



Sharon McPhail

Redford Township, who is seeking re-election.

Cavanagh, who resigned as a law clerk to federal judge Arthur Tarnow before filing, is the brother of District 1 commissioner Christopher F. Cavanagh, who is seeking re-election.

Cavanagh, who said "there needs to be more control" of county government by the commission, said as a Democrat, he would be more effective on the Democratic-controlled commission. "Husk doesn't have a big say. She can't get a lot done," he said.

At least four deputy sheriffs are among the seven candidates running in the Democratic primary against Sheriff Robert A. Ficano of Livonia, who was first elected in 1983.

A common thread from deputies Richard A. LeGreair, Darron McKinney and Marvin Taylor of Detroit and Brian Keating of Dearborn Heights is the desire to improve morale and gain higher visibility for the department.

"Sheriff Ficano is doing the best that he can," said McKinney. "I respect him as my sheriff."

Ficano, an attorney first

appointed to the office to complete an unexpired term by County Executive Ed McNamara, said, "I'm proud of my record and will campaign on my vision and leadership."

A Youngblood — Bernard J. of Grosse Pointe Farms — was among the 15 Democrats filing for the primary in the Register of Deeds race, opened via the pending retirement of longtime registrar Forest A. Youngblood.

Outgoing state Rep. Thomas H. Kelly and Jim Netter, both of Wayne, were the only two western Wayne County candidates seeking the deeds position.

In the race for prosecutor, McPhail, who once worked under O'Hair as warrants division chief, said she knows the office "and would do very good."

The issue, she said, is "the independence of the prosecutor's office. You've got to have someone in that position who will not exercise a political vendetta against anyone," she said.

The concern is that Duggan is endorsed by his boss, McNamara, whom McPhail noted has two other proteges in high legal positions: Saul Green, U.S. district attorney for Detroit, and Jennifer Granholm, state attorney general. Both previously worked for McNamara.

"We don't need another county executive candidate running the last major legal criminal prosecutor's office in the state," she said.

Although George Ward is "a wonderful guy and a great candidate," McPhail said the results of a poll by Zogby International — which she said showed she had far greater name recognition (80 percent) — motivated her to run.

"Maybe the other races were not for me," she said.

She said she was "not going to allow" the other candidates "to turn this into a personal race."

"I'm tired of the divisiveness and tired of people hating each other." O'Hair issued a statement emphasizing his support of Ward's candidacy.

Tougher recall standards may be revived

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Recall attempts can have a "chilling effect" on local government officials, according to State Rep. Charles LaSata, R-St. Joseph.

City Council members, township officials and school board members have told state lawmakers how recall threats have been used to intimidate them, often causing them to avoid making tough or controversial decisions, or putting off such decisions until they can no longer be subjected to an ouster attempt.

That's why LaSata sponsored legislation to tighten down on recalls. His House Bill 4221 would make it more difficult to recall local officials by raising the number of votes needed to be successful. The legislation would require that a local official must be recalled a number of votes equal to or higher than the number by which he or she was originally elected.

The legislation was set aside recently by the House Committee on Constitutional Law and Ethics, but may come back. According to LaSata, a number of committee members who would have voted in favor of the bill were not present for the meeting and it was voted down in the 4-1 ballot. LaSata said

'I want local voters to know that their vote during elections means something.'

State Rep. Charles LaSata
R-St. Joseph

three members, who would likely have voted yes, were absent.

The chairmen of the committee, Rep. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, has left the door open for reconsideration if LaSata feels he can get the votes.

Several committee members opposed the bill on the grounds it would be seen as protecting themselves from recall. State lawmakers can be recalled, although it is usually local officials who are the targets.

LaSata said he's willing to amend the bill to exclude state officeholders from the new vote standards. He wants the tougher recall law to apply only to local officials.

Recall attempts have long been the bane of local government officials. LaSata tells of recall attempts that have been highly disruptive to communities. One town on the west side of the state, Benton Harbor, saw 24 recall attempts against the mayor and city council members in a 12-month period. Oakland County likewise has seen a large

number of recalls in recent years, 68 in the last five, resulting in four elections and the ouster of one township official.

LaSata said lawmakers have heard from as many as 150 local government officials from across Michigan about how attempts to throw them and their colleagues out of office have disrupted the operations of municipal boards. He said the bill has the support of a long list of state organizations — including the Michigan Township Association, Michigan Municipal League and the Michigan Association of School Boards — as well as the Secretary of State.

LaSata cited one case in which a mayor was recalled after having been voted into office by 70 percent of the municipality's electorate. The recall election, held during the holidays, ousted that mayor with a turnout of less than 4 percent.

"I want local voters to know that their vote during elections means something," the representative said.

LaSata admits his proposal

won't do anything to eliminate the fact that local officials will have to go through the long process of defending themselves when they have become recall targets. His bill only changes the end of the recall process, when the vote is taken. But his original bill would have restricted recalls to those cases in which the reason for recall is "misfeasance, malfeasance and nonfeasance" — essentially doing the job in a wrongful or illegal manner, or not doing the job at all.

Only 33 states allow recalls of local elected officials, LaSata said, and roughly half of those restrict the use of recalls to instances of misfeasance or nonfeasance. According to the representative, that change would return Michigan to the standard used up until the adoption of the current state Constitution in 1963.

"Michigan is in the minority of states that allow recalls for just any reason," he said.

Local officials would still be held accountable by voters, he argued, but they would have to wait for regularly scheduled elections to make their views known. He noted that the longest term of office to which officials who can be recalled is four years, and most recallable offices carry only two year terms.

LaSata admits his proposal

Rouge Fishing Derby set for Saturday

More than a thousand bluegill are expected to be reeled in when the fifth annual Wayne County Parks Fishing Derby takes place Saturday, May 20, in Northville.

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The 8-10 a.m. fishing derby and casting contest, limited to children age 12 and under, will be followed at 10:30 a.m. with prizes being awarded in several

age categories for catching largest fish, smallest fish and specially tagged fish.

The open fishing, for people of all ages, will run 10 a.m. to noon. Registration for the derby, which is co-sponsored by the Plymouth/Canton Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 528 and the Northville Parks and Recreation Department, will be 7:30-8 a.m.

No fishing license is required, but participants must bring their own equipment.

Sam Minz, county parks recreation manager, said the state

Department of Natural Resources suspends the license requirement for the derby.

County Executive Edward H. McNamara noted that "Wayne County is making great strides in restoring the Rouge River."

"What better way for our visitors to enjoy it than a fishing derby?" he asked.

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Schoolcraft may create two-tier business tuition

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Schoolcraft College is considering revising its policy on tuition and fees for business, industry and government which send employees to the college for its various corporate training programs.

The revision, if approved by the college's board of trustees, would create a two-tier system of \$54 per credit hour for students from firms or governmental units located within the district and \$80 for those from firms outside the district.

That fee also would apply to employees working for Michigan entities with plants outside the state. The college's regular out-of-state tuition is \$119 per hour.

While the revision will increase school revenue some, it also is expected to reduce

enrollment processing costs, according to Conway Jeffress, director of instruction. He presented the proposal to the board April 26.

"We now do more business with companies in Michigan," he said, many of which are based outside the district. In addition, through globalization, many have plants outside the state from which they also send employees to Schoolcraft.

The revision would affect about 100 of the 1,287 businesses, industries and government bodies now utilizing the college's computer training and other corporate programs, according to Bruce Sweet, Schoolcraft director of business and industry services.

Of those 100, 49 are located in the district, he said. Overall, only 270 of the entities are based within the college district.

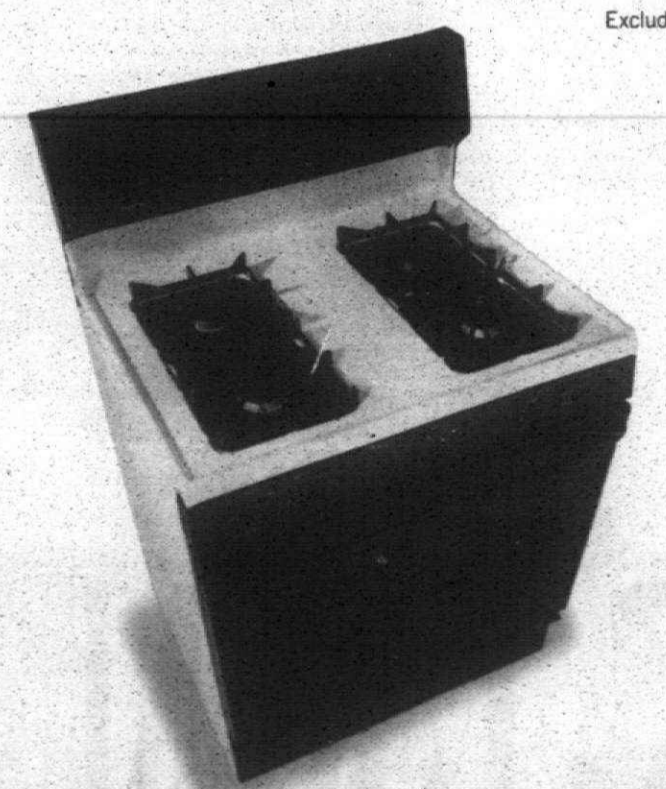
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The following local Madonna University students and faculty are the new members of the prestigious group: Jeannine

Baughman, senior, of Garden City; Connie Mickelson, senior, of Livonia; Jennifer Morrisey, senior, Livonia; Shannon Pongai, senior, Livonia; Maria Puscas, graduate student, Livonia; Sarah Goehmann, graduate, Wayne; Velda Coleman, nursing faculty, Westland; Marsha Potter, senior, Westland; and Kelly Provost, senior, Westland.

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— and they wrote letters back and forth in which they practiced letter writing and taking a point of view.

Things the students did during the unit included Friday's sock hop, learning how to swing dance and the role playing. Kids got to experience the hula hoop and tidly winks.

Earlier this week, they also got to experience another phenomenon of the times: 3-D movies. The Penn Theater hosted the students for a special viewing of *Dial M for Murder*, wearing 3-D glasses donated by the theater.

"People think of the '50s as this glossy, fun time," Yentz said. "It was good for the kids to see it. They've enjoyed it."

After watching the movie, Yentz said, "we'll follow up with a unit on mysteries." The students themselves, many of whom dressed the part for the movie and the sock hop, enjoyed the unit.

"It's interesting to learn what it was like back then," said 13-year-old Kristen Koehler of Plymouth. "We learned about when TV started, and about technology."

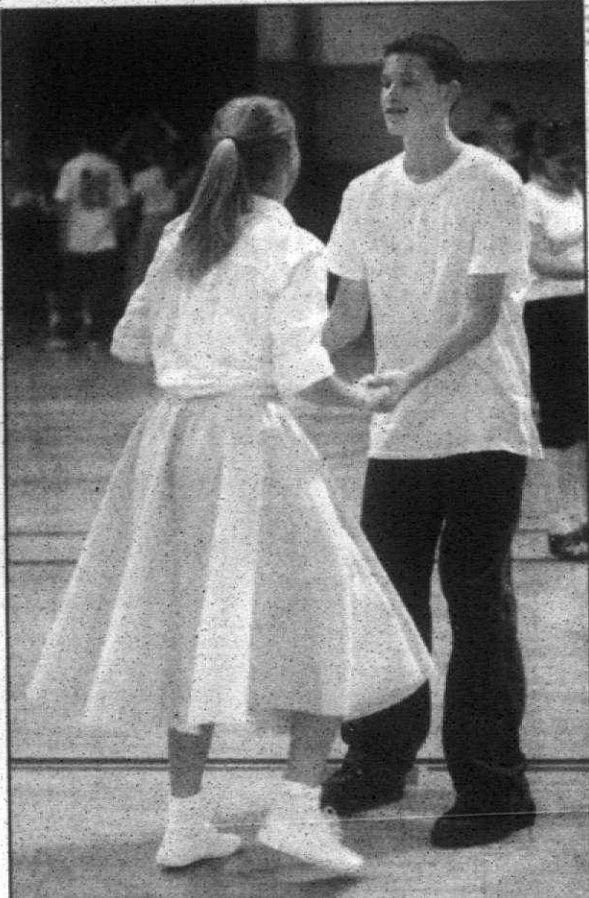
While some kids liked the letter writing and the dancing, others enjoyed the role playing.

"We had so much fun dressing up," said Mozdeh Rajaei, 14 of Canton. "It was a fun time."

"It was really cool to see what life was like in the '50s," said Camille Slem, a 13-year-old eighth grader. "Dressing up for the movie was cool."



High-jumpers: Tja Page of Canton, 13 (from left), Jenna Hilderley of Plymouth, 14, and Chelsea Walsh of Canton, 13, jump rope together in front of the school. In the photo at right, Val Smith and Brad Clark, both 14 and from Canton, bop during the dance contest.



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

"We want people to understand Plymouth is an art community," said Scott Smith of Penniman Gallery, one of the organizers of this year's Plymouth is Artrageous event. "We are lovers of the arts."

And that will be evident as yellow and red balloons hang from 11 venues downtown where 19 artists of all kinds will perform, display their goods and talk to those who want to chat.

Artrageous opens this year with 18 members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra performing on Penniman Avenue, beginning at 6 p.m. Friday. The first 100 people who get there early will receive a free Plymouth poster.

Also on Friday night, through 9 p.m., there will be jazz and blues on the streets, and two NASCAR stock cars on display on Penniman Avenue.

"That's something we've not done before," said Smith. "We want to make it more Artrageous... pointing out art comes in many different ways."

Artrageous continues on Saturday from 11.5 p.m. with jazz, percussion and instrumentals on the streets of downtown. Sunday, the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Whistle Stop Players perform, as well as Joanne's House of Dance and the Plymouth-Canton high school's Jazz and Percussion Band. Sunday's Artrageous hours are noon to 4 p.m.

"We're going to have many different art forms for people to enjoy," added Smith. "There will be drawings, sculpture, photography, glass, oils, pottery... and many more."

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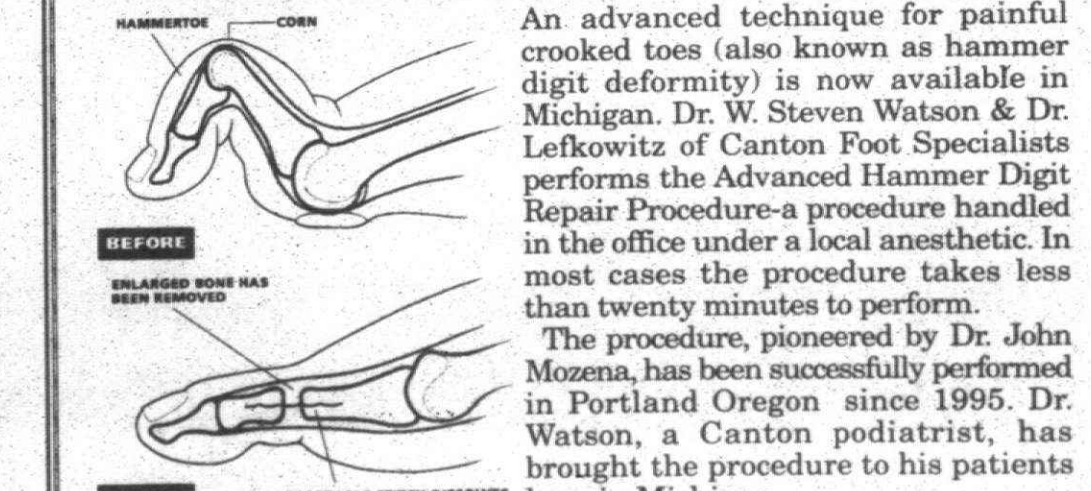
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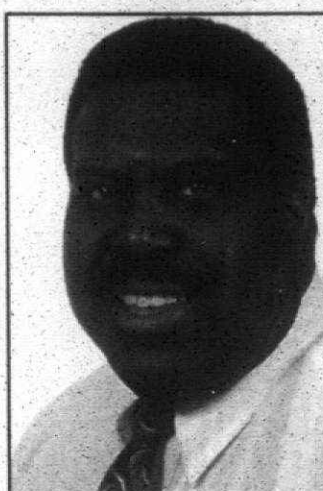
Two vie for GOP nomination to face Sullivan for commission

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecomm.net

Two Canton Township residents are seeking the Republican nomination for the District 11 seat on the Wayne County Commission in the Aug. 8 primary.

The winner of the race between Fred A. Bolden, 45, a computer consultant, and Rob A. Bovitz, 39, a certified public accountant, will get the chance to unseat incumbent Democrat John J. Sullivan in the Nov. 7 general election.

Sullivan, 29 of Wayne, was first elected in 1998 and is seeking re-election to the two-year post. The district includes the townships of Canton, Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren and the cities of Wayne, Belleville and Romulus.



Fred A. Bolden



Rob A. Bovitz

Bolden, an eight-year Canton resident who ran for the commission seat in the '98 primary as a Democrat, switched parties this year because the Republicans "are more in line with my philosophy of lower taxes and tax reform," he said.

He also charged the Democrats had "pre-selected Sullivan" as their candidate and did not support his effort.

A former AT&T employee now under contract to Daimler-Chrysler, Bolden said Wayne County is "one of the highest-taxed counties in the state."

He seeks, among other things, accountability in government spending and improved efforts by Wayne County in securing new business development.

(SEMCOG) chairman Bob Bovitz, Rob Bovitz said he supports "a lot of things" County Executive Ed McNamara, a Democrat, has done for the county.

"We're friends," said Bovitz. "I am not a McNamara patsy, but I will stand up for him."

Regarding Sullivan, Bovitz said the latter's weakness in the 188-square-mile 11th District is low visibility. "Sullivan has his name on the new Sumpter fire hall but they've never seen him," Bovitz stated.

Bovitz is president of the Trenton CPA firm founded by his father.

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Michigan touts good boating safety record

LIVONIA, Mich., May 16 /PRNewswire/ -- Michigan has more registered boaters than any other state in the country (980,378), and National Safe Boating Week, May 20 - 26, 2000, is a time for these boaters to celebrate their impressive safety record.

It is also a time for experienced boaters to review safety skills and for new boaters to learn how to boat safely before the start of the 2000 boating season.

Boating safety has been a priority for the industry for the past 30 years. The joint efforts between marine dealers, the Michigan DNR, Local Sheriff's Departments, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the U.S. Power Squadron, other training groups, as well as responsible boaters has paid off.

"The Michigan DNR reports that through education and responsible operation, boating accidents and fatalities in Michigan have declined steadily as boat registrations in this state have increased dramatically," said Michigan Boating Industries Association President Van Snider.

Boating accidents in Michi-

gan dropped in 1999 to 430 from 514 in 1998. Boating related fatalities in Michigan for 1999 remained at a low of 28 (up only three compared to 25 in 1998).

Twenty-one of the 27 boats involved in fatal accidents in Michigan in 1999 were 16 feet or less in length. Ten of these 27 boats did not have a motor, and 14 of the 27 were kayaks, canoes, rowboats, paddleboats, and/or personal watercraft.

Nationally, seven out of ten people who die in boating related accidents drown. In Michigan, 23 of the 28 who died on the water in 1999 were not wearing a life jacket.

"If life jackets had been worn, it's possible that 23 of these Michigan boaters may still be alive today," said Snider. The theme of this year's National Safe Boating Week campaign focuses on the use of personal flotation devices (PFDs). "Wear Your Life Jacket - Boat Smart From the Start" is the slogan.

Michigan law mandates that all children under 6 must wear a life jacket while on the water.

For more information visit www.safeboatingcampaign.com

Cost of airport audit gets expensive

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Expenses of the Legislature's Detroit Metropolitan Airport Joint Select Committee may have reached the \$200,000, according to Rep. Raymond Basham, D-Taylor, well over the amount originally allocated for a review and audit of airport operations.

That price tag would include \$50,000 in direct costs and the rest in salary and other expenses incurred, for instance, when state staffers attend meetings about the issue, Basham estimated.

But according to Rep. James Koetje, R-Grandville, the costs aren't anywhere near that high. Yes, he admitted, the committee has exceeded the \$10,000 mentioned in the resolution creating the committee, but it had been expected to. The resolution allowed for additional costs with the approval of the Speaker of the House and the Senate Majority Leaders. So the Select Committee has not exceeded its original authorization, he said.

It's the latest round to be fired in the partisan battle over Metro Airport.

Last year, after a federal review of the snow-related delays that left passengers stranded on planes for hours in Detroit, state lawmakers



Dave Katz: Former airport director.

launched into an audit of airport operations of their own. Specifically of concern are 33 contracts for services to the airport including food concessions, construction, maintenance, parking and snow removal. Preliminary results indicate there are no records to show that 21 of those contracts were subjected to a competitive bid process.

Republicans defend the review as appropriate, considering the amount of state and federal money that flows to Metro.

Democrats say it is all politics, little more than a continuation of a feud between Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara and House Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo.

In any case, the six members of the committee agreed to order up a report from the state Auditor General's office about the cost of the review itself, to be presented at every future meeting of the panel.

Democrats also allege that Republicans are dragging the audit out. State auditors would have already completed their work if the airport would turn over the documents they need, Koetje said. "If fact, they'd have been done months ago."

Delays criticized

Former airport director David Katz said he wanted information requests from the auditors to flow through his office so he could log them, to determine what records had been turned over and which had not. The practice initially continued under new director Lester Robinson.

But auditors complained that caused long delays in getting the necessary documents. Some requests for records remain unfilled three to four months after having first been made, Koetje said. It took more than 120 days to fill a request for a

copy of a county ordinance, he said.

"They say they are cooperating with us, but that kind of falls on deaf ears with me," Koetje said.

Rep. Mickey Mortimer, R-Hanover, said the purpose of the state review is to bring the airports operations into alignment with "generally accepted accounting practices." And he said he hopes the committee can make recommendations, when it's done with its work later this year, to assure taxpayers that public money is being spent wisely at the airport.

Mortimer said he believed the state has the authority to conduct the audit, because the airport receives some \$65 million from the state and federal governments each year. Basham questions the state's legal authority to conduct the audit. Normally, airport officials would report to the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, which would be the appropriate body to order up such a review, Basham argues.

Mortimer contends that Basham's criticisms of the committee are simply intended to diminish the impact of its work when the audit report is finally issued.

"I suspect he's just carrying the water for his party caucus," Mortimer said.

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Storm drains are focus on River Day

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One message organizers of Canton's River Day event Saturday, June 3, want to get across is: watch what you're dumping into that drain.

Many residents don't realize storm drains on their streets lead directly into the Rouge River, said Kelly Kelly, Canton project engineer with the Public Works department.

"We've done some surveys and (found) a lot of people just don't know where (drains) go," Kelly said.

One of the planned activities at this year's River Day cleanup event will be stenciling the phrase, "Dump no waste, drains into Rouge River" on the pavement in front of drains. The stenciling serves as a reminder to people that pollutants - including grease, motor oil and antifreeze - shouldn't be poured into or allowed to leak into drains, Kelly said.

Volunteers will be leaving door hangers on area homes reminding them about the drains.

"All of Canton is in the Rouge River watershed - all the creeks ultimately lead into the Rouge," Kelly said. Fellows Creek cuts through northeast Canton is one of those creeks.

Other River Day activities planned include planting vegetation along Fellows Creek and other creeks, creating wood chip paths, cleaning up banks and creeks, building and painting bird houses and a pig roast, which will round out the day's events in Heritage Park's playscape area.

Marjane Baker, a fourth-grade teacher at Tonda, said this year marks the school's third year of

involvement with environmental activities. In 1997, students and teachers planted trees and shrubs along Fellows Creek.

"Its slanted banks with mowed grass allowed fertilizer to run off into the water," Baker said. "We worked with the Sunflower subdivision and the (Department of Environmental Quality) to get a permit to plant trees and shrubs along the creek."

Tonda classes have also built bat and butterfly houses and planted wildflowers to attract butterflies.

The Tonda group also built an observation deck in the area.

The shrubs and trees that were planted are about 2 feet tall now and have begun to put down roots. At River Day, Baker said they plan to put down mulch to help stabilize the tiny plants and yank out "exotic" plants that might be trying to crowd them out.

They also will put down wood chip paths along the creek, she added.

One valuable lesson students learn is that plants and animals depend on each other for survival, Baker said.

"(Students) really learn about interdependence," she said. "They learn that there is a symbiotic relationship between plants and animals."

Last year, Tonda students won a "Habitat Protection and Enhancement Honor Roll" award from the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council.

Baker credited Tonda Principal George Belvitch with the success of her environmental projects.

"He was so supportive all the way," she said.

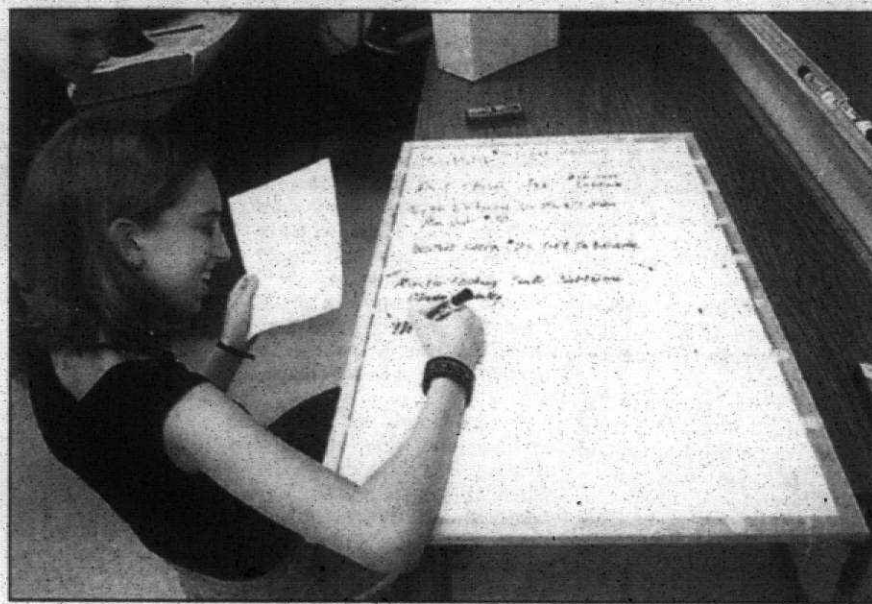
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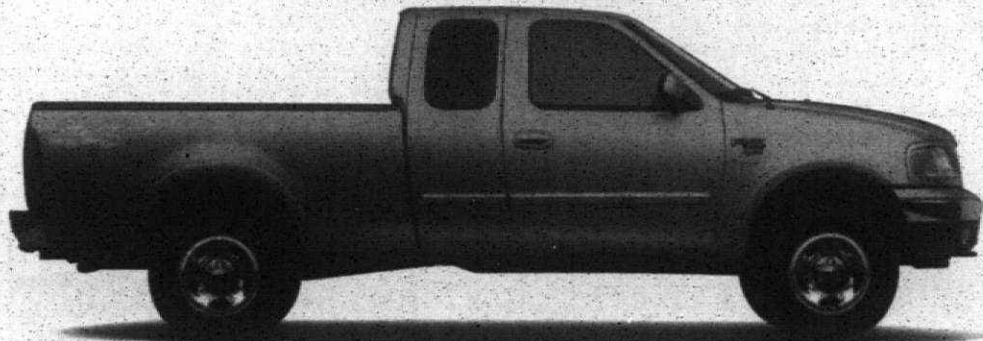
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On the line: Krysta Tinsley, 18, (photo above) cracks up during a pledge call from a friend, as Nick Ogle, 15, (far left) and Brian Miedlar, 18, all from Plymouth, staff the phones during the annual WSDP-FM fund-raising auction Saturday at Salem High School. In the photo at right, Gena Koski of Canton, 16, updates the items-for-bid board. For more on the auction, turn to Page A17 in today's Observer.



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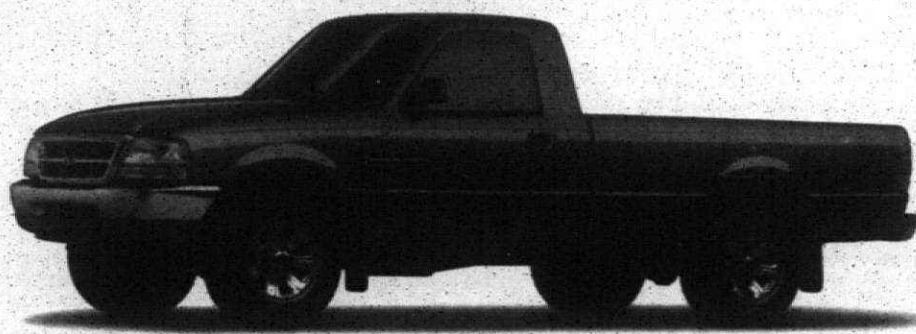
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Unicycle Club gears up for summer season



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

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

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

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

"It is a lot different now," said Carol Brichford, a descendant of one of the original riders.

"Some of the families have as many as five members riding (two parents and three children), some only have one."

A family affair

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

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

The group spends quite a bit of time together in once-a-week practices January through October in addition to their 30

minute shows. While performances are held many times during the year, they are just now riding into their busy season.

A typical summer will include a number of parade performances as well as demonstrations for various community organizations. They will have at least one show every week.

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

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

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

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

Westland Lowe's seeking to fill jobs for opening

BY DOUG JOHNSON
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Deregulation is working in Michigan, according to Ameritech Vice President Bob Cooper. "A little bit. It needs to be accelerated here."

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Repeated complaints

That won't happen, according to Rep. Mary Shulman, R-West Bloomfield, if Ameritech engages in anti-competitive practices. When a competitor moves into an "incumbent" phone company's territory it must connect to the wider phone network, to Ameritech.

But Shulman said lawmakers have heard repeated complaints that the connection can take up

PSC wants return of authority over phone company

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Competition 'anemic'

Cooper gave Ameritech's position on the bills in a hearing before the committee last week. Public Service Commission member David Svanda would agree with Cooper on at least one issue, there is little competition in Michigan. He calls it "anemic."

Svanda, along with Public Service Commission chairman John Strand, were on hand to testify before the committee. Strand too agreed in part with Cooper and Ameritech.

Along with HB 5721, by Rep.

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Still, the complaint of slow access to the network for competitors is the basis of a bill Shulman is sponsoring, HB 4804, now pending before the House Energy and Technology Committee. His proposal would give the PSC the ability to hear complaints from competitors when incumbents act in anti-competitive ways.

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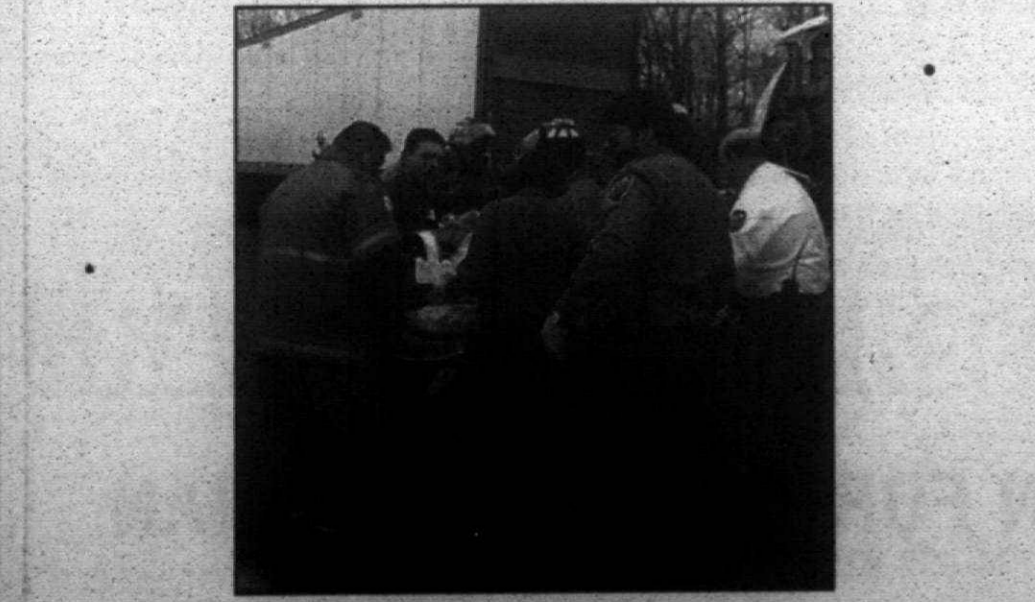
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HON. JOHN M. THOMAS
Surrogate, Broome County, N.Y.

MARILYN A. VERVO
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OBITUARIES

ROBERT LINCOLN SMITH JR. Services for Robert Lincoln Smith Jr., 78, of Plymouth will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at the Plymouth Township Park at McClumpha and Ann Arbor Trail at the Pavilion.

Mr. Smith was born Aug. 9, 1921, in Detroit and died May 14, 1992. He served in the Army from 1942-1946. He was employed by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for 36 years, the last 19 as principal of West Middle School. Besides his family, Mr. Smith lived times spent at his

cottage up north rooting for Detroit and area college teams, and traveling around the world. He was preceded in death by one brother, Roger. Survivors include his wife, Dolores; two daughters, Kathleen (Dennis) Rocho of Hawaii, Colleen (Rob) Pulipher of Ann Arbor; three sons, Robert Lincoln (Lynda) Smith of Clarkston, Glenn (Catherine) Smith of Eaton Rapids, Michael (Lynn) Smith of Boyne City; two sisters, Marge (Norris) White, Marvella (Warren) Schaffer; one brother, Mar-

vin (Mianne) Smith; 12 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to Southeast Michigan Hospice, 9333 Telegraph, Taylor MI 48108. All are invited to bring or send a favorite written memory of Mr. Smith. Those memories will be used to create a book for the family.

JOHN WOZNIK Services for John Woznik, 83, of Canton were May 15 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Dearborn Heights, with the Rev. John Lazar officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

Mr. Woznik was born Feb. 5, 1917, in Detroit and died May 10 in Superior Township at St. Joseph Hospital. He was a supervisor at Dearborn Engine Plant in the tungsten carbide department. He retired after 41 years at Ford Motor Co. He was a member of the K of C No. 8344, Magr. Bochnewich Council; the

Ford Old Timers Club, and the Dearborn Engine Plant Retirees group. He was preceded in death by his sister, Ann Kinaschik-Stasiuk; and one brother, Michael Woznik. Survivors include his wife, Vilma S. Korolishin; two daughters, Virginia L. (Charles A.) Hicks, Mary Catherine (Marvin L.) Schulz; and two grandchildren, John and Laura.

Survivors include his parents, Donald and Antoinette Lesmeister of Plymouth; two brothers, James Lesmeister of Moreno Valley, Calif., Donald (Jeanette) Lesmeister of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two sisters, Lynne Lesmeister of Battle Creek, Carol (William) Potrykus of Milford; six nieces and nephews, Stephanie Potrykus, Nicholas Potrykus, Joseph Potrykus, Jennifer Lesmeister, Donnie Lesmeister, Jessica Lesmeister; and one great-niece, Calista.

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CAMPUS NOTES To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material, printed or typewritten to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, Mich. 48170. AWARDS Julie H. Twietmeyer, a Hope College senior from Canton, received the Marguerite Prins French Award during the college's annual Honors Convocation. The Marguerite Prins French award is a cash award to the senior whose interest and achievement in the study of the French language and literature has been most significant.

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Glass ceiling

Women making gains – slowly

In the space of a few days last week, women were named to two of the more visible leadership roles in Canton – head of the township's newly named Leisure Services Department and executive director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

It would be nice to think that in the year 2000 it just isn't necessary to point to the so-called glass ceiling every time a woman achieves a career move of note. Nice, but not entirely accurate. The barriers that once unfairly blocked minorities and women from high rank in the work force are coming down slowly.

Two of the areas where women have made major strides are in government and as entrepreneurs. So it's not entirely surprising that Ann Conklin was named Leisure Services director or that Dianne Cojei will steer the day-to-day operations of the chamber.

Conklin comes from Independence Township, where she was highly regarded as a parks and recreation director for 11 years that still developing community. In Canton, her responsibilities will be expanded to include the overall operations of Summit on the Park and two municipal golf courses, along with more arts and cultural programming.

She is believed to be the first female department head since the township adopted its current management flow chart about a dozen years ago. Previously various managers

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reported directly to the supervisor. Since two of the four municipal departments (Public Safety and Municipal Services) have been historically dominated by men, finding opportunities for women to advance hasn't always been easy. We like Conklin's attitude though. "Parks and recreation gives people an opportunity to create a sense of place, to build self-confidence," she said last week.

The chamber is a different story. Cojei's hiring means that three out of the last four chamber directors have been women. There are 256 local chambers of commerce in Michigan but the state doesn't keep a record on how many are led by women.

Cojei comes from the Dearborn Chamber of Commerce, where she was assistant to the executive director for five years. She is a Canton resident. We like her attitude and commitment as well. Cojei said she was anxious for the chance to step out of an assistant's shoes and lead by example.

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Charities: Look before giving

Donating money to charities used to be easy. You drop some cash in a red kettle at Christmas; put a few bucks in a plastic jug in exchange for a Tootsie Roll, bag of peanuts or a plastic poppy at a stop light; or write out a check to one of the major charities. You figured the money was going to do some good for the cause it was intended.

It's not so easy anymore. The number of new charities is growing yearly, and more and more they're dialing you up on the phone or sending you fliers asking for your money. One group, the National Charities Information Bureau, points out that "cause-related marketing" in our nation has increased 504 percent in the past decade, with spending hitting \$630 million in 1999.

Giving your hard-earned dollars to a charity is a lot like spending money to purchase a stock, buy a major appliance or visit a pricey restaurant; it helps to conduct a bit of research to make sure you get your money's worth.

A recent story in the Livonia Observer outlined the surprising findings of a woman who wanted to give money to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, but felt like she was nearly duped by a sound-alike non-profit group. She decided to investigate and found out the charity that solicited her was something different than the better-known Make-A-Wish; it was called Children's Wish Foundation.

The woman checked with the Michigan Attorney General's Office Charitable Trust Section which says the two groups are among more than 50 "wish-type" charities set up nationally to grant the wishes of terminally ill children. She also discovered that both charitable groups were among the many organizations that don't spend even most of their income on their announced goals.

In fact, many charities – including the

Michigan branches of those two wish groups – spend more of their income soliciting donations than actually helping the less fortunate, according to the Attorney General's Office.

In defense of the Children's Wish Foundation, a representative points out that the industry standard is that "you have to spend a dollar to earn a dollar."

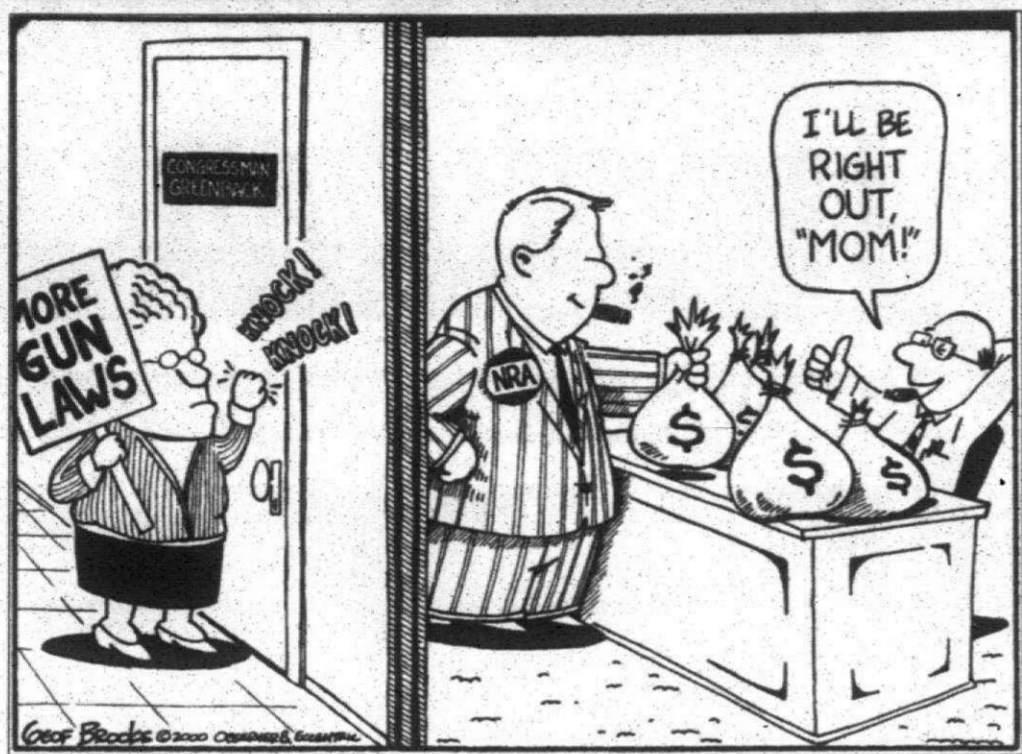
However, that isn't the standard the non-profit National Charities Information Bureau (NCIB) sets. The group supports "informed giving" and suggests spending at least 60 percent of income on programs. (The NCIB rates the national Make-A-Wish Foundation as "meets all standards," and the Children's Wish Foundation as "NCIB requests for information unanswered.")

At the Attorney General's Office, Charitable Trust Section Director Marion Gorton points out that the U.S. Supreme Court says they can't tell charities how much to spend on a cause – only that the group must file financial statements with the IRS.

Donors interested in finding out more about a charity are invited to call the Better Business Bureau, the Attorney General's Office or visit two Web sites that provide research on charities. The sites are www.ncib.org, which rates charities as meeting their standards or not (with some shades in between), and www.guidestar.org, which is called "the donor's guide to the charitable universe" and provides detailed financial reports on non-profit groups.

If you don't want to do the research, you can take your chances on your donation. Or, you could take the advice of Gorton of the Attorney General's Office: Just donate your money to local charity groups, since most of them are volunteer-oriented and spend no money on fund-raising, administration or employees. Hey, it's your money.

Geof Brooks



LETTERS

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Smoking law is needed

I read with great interest the Canton Observer editorial (May 11, 2000): "Voluntary smoking ban is best."

It would be best, as you suggest, if restaurants would voluntarily provide a smoke-free dining atmosphere. However, I seriously doubt this will happen, at least not in significant numbers. Your editorial noted there are now more than 2,500 smoke-free restaurants in Michigan and plenty in Southeast Michigan. What it failed to mention is the percentage of all restaurants that smoke-free number represents or the type. And, specifically, as those numbers and types apply to Southeast Michigan. I suspect the majority of smoke-free restaurants are of the fast-food variety.

The editorial talks about nonsmoking sections in restaurants. Nonsmoking sections are only the answer to the problem if they are smoke-free areas, separate from the smoking sections. Smoke drifts. Too many, if not most, restaurants have nonsmoking and smoking sections in the same room or adjacent rooms with a common ventilation system. This leaves the air quality in these restaurants very poor.

This issue will not be resolved by restaurant owners voluntarily. They will continue to do what they think is best for themselves monetarily. Fear drives this thought process: Fear of losing customers.

My guess is most Michiganans prefer a smoke-free restaurant. If not, the wait at restaurants would be for smoking sections instead of nonsmoking sections.

Perhaps most importantly, many people have health issues. Many are allergic to smoke or have asthma, making it impossible to be in many of these restaurants. Additionally, many people simply do not wish to dine in a smoky environment.

I challenge your paper to do some in-depth study on the issue. How many restaurants are there in Michigan? What is that number compared to smoke-free restaurants and of what type? What percentage of the population is nonsmokers? Of all Michiganans, smokers and nonsmokers alike, how many prefer the nonsmoking sections now and would accept smoke-free environments?

Ask restaurants which of their sections are the busiest, smoking or nonsmoking? What would be the cost of creating smoke-free envi-

ronments in restaurants? Are there any alternatives, such as larger make-up air systems?

If all restaurants were smoke-free would people stop eating out?

You may find your position is the correct one. Personally, I doubt it. But wouldn't it be nice to do some straightforward unbiased honest research and reporting to learn the truth? Avoiding the pressures of either side of the issue, wouldn't it be nice to know, factually, what the majority of people in Michigan think?

Courtland Brabbs
Canton

Marchers were duped

I am very concerned about the almost complete absence of facts available to all those people who march on Washington, or Lansing, or wherever, intending to reduce crime by banning guns. The persistent stream of grossly inaccurate data (better known as lies) provided by the media is the primary channel by which people with an anti-civil rights, anti-gun agenda stir up the public into a hysterical frenzy. These relatively innocent recipients of these lies are being used for the political and selfish purposes of the people feeding them these distortions.

Will banning handguns or registering their owners reduce crime? For starters, not a shred of evidence has ever been presented by the anti-self defense group that any gun control law ever reduced crime.

However, in Macomb County, during the two-year period following the county's issuing concealed weapons permits to every honest and qualified resident, assaultive crime dropped 45 percent, by far the greatest drop in the state.

Look at Washington, D.C., New York, and Los Angeles, all major crime centers and all with stringent firearms laws. How much more information does anyone need to conclude that gun control increases crime?

These innocent hysterical people marching to increase gun control will achieve exactly the opposite of what they intend; they are being duped, and we shall all suffer for it.

David K. Felbeck
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POINTS OF VIEW

Radio daze

WSDP-FM auction stint doesn't encourage a career change

Dead air. It's the cardinal sin of broadcasting, the deafening silence that separates radio rookies like myself from seasoned disc jockeys – even the high school students sharing the mike with me during Saturday's WSDP-FM 88.1 auction.

So here I was, not two minutes into my first-ever stint as a broadcast "personality," and facing the likelihood that stations were being changed or, worse yet, radios being kicked off throughout the Plymouth-Canton listening area. Hey, how was I to know those papers casually tossed in front of my microphone were supposed to be read out loud? And over the air no less? I'm a newspaper guy, remember. We read quietly, to ourselves.

After about 15 seconds (which I'm sure sounded like 15 days to everyone in radioland), Plymouth Salem sophomore Jeff Murray came to the rescue, tossing the auction action to my other partner for the half-hour session.

Sachin Kumor, a junior at Plymouth-Canton High School. So I went, lurching ahead for that time slot and a second 30-minute shift with WSDP disc jockeys Jake Bugeja and Gena Koski. That's when I deftly managed the other sin of commission – mispronunciation. As in: "Back to you, Geeena." "What items do you have, Geeena." "Thanks, Geeena." Of course, as we were leaving our chairs, the Salem junior kindly pointed out that her name is pronounced "Jenna."

An hour in the hotseat left me with the impression that there is an eloquence in the written word that can't be matched with the spoken one. There's no audio "spellchecker" and not much you can do when you run out of things to say and there's still four minutes left in the segment. Which is one reason I admire these young broadcasters. Their willingness to drop all pretense of humility on the air and their dedication to the high school station are others.

Bill Keith thinks so too. "The after-school hours these kids put in is incredible," the nine-year station manager said. Some 43 students are involved this semester in running WSDP, which was recently named the best high school station in Michigan.

"Some of our staff will be here today from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.," Keith added. Putting in a full SATURDAY at my high school was about the furthest thing from my mind when I was their age.

Saturday was the 12th on-air auction held at the WSDP-FM studios on the second floor of Salem. Guest hosts included local elected officials and a couple of station alumni who have since gone on to bigger and better things in radio – Lisa Cioffi of WWW-FM "Alice 106.7" and Kelly Brown of CIMX-FM "89X."

Merchants in Plymouth and Canton, as well as some from other nearby towns, donate merchandise that is auctioned off on two "boards" over the air. Parents and fellow students bid on many of the items, which are fun and affordable. "Big-ticket" items Saturday ranged from a teeth whitening package worth about \$350 from an area dentist to a pizza party for 10 people at a local restaurant worth \$100.

The auction began in the late 1970s (missing a year here and there) as a way to raise money for updating station equipment. This is no small task. Technology drives change in broadcasting much the same way it does in computer-related fields.

Keith expected this year's fundraiser to net about \$5,000, part of which will be used to help fund four scholarships for seniors on the staff. Of course, there's no telling how much I cost the station by not opening my mouth for those 15 seconds. Good thing I have a whole year to practice before the next auction.

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On the air: Students Rob T. Miller (from left) Nicole Mellian and John Seidelman – former WSDP-FM staff advisor and now a counselor at Canton High School – chat up listeners during the annual fund-raising auction Saturday at Salem High School.

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LETTER

Educate, don't legislate

I am writing this as an observation of our times. The "Million Mom's March" did not have my wife, my mother or my daughters in attendance. They are familiar with guns and they learned a long time ago the most effective trigger lock is the person holding the gun. They learned you can not substitute technology for training. By definition a "safety" is a mechanical device subject to failure.

That is why all NRA trained shooters are trained over and over again "Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction" and "Treat every gun as if it's loaded." The human operator is the most important safety device available. That is why the NRA developed some of the nation's first gun safety classes. That is why the NRA continues to be the most effective organization promoting gun safety. Not for political gain but for the sake of human life

and safety. After all who wants to participate in an activity that is likely to leave you dead or injured? Who would want to go into the woods or to the range with a person who is untrained in how to handle a gun safely?

No one I know supports unsafe gun activities. What is disagreed upon is how to make things safer. People who shoot oppose government decrees because they know that laws are not effective at stopping accidents and

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System of electing justices is a fraud

Justices of the Michigan Supreme Court are elected statewide. Candidates are nominated respectively at the state Republican and Democratic conventions, but they appear on the November ballot as "non-partisan" judicial candidates.

Most voters have no idea who they're voting for, much less the qualifications and judicial philosophy of the candidates. Moreover, in recent years enormous amounts of money – as much as \$1 million for one campaign! – have been raised to finance these campaigns, giving the distinct impression that justice in Michigan's highest court is up for sale to the highest bidder/contributor. And, given the increasingly partisan cast the court and its decisions have demonstrated in recent years, it's not surprising the political rhetoric has become increasingly shrill and unseemly.

This is a terrible system. Consider but two current examples:

Last week, I received a visit from Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Edward Thomas, who almost certainly will be a Democratic Party nominee for Supreme Court justice. Judge Thomas, who worked his way through college and law school on the assembly line, has an excellent reputation as a thoughtful, balanced and thorough judge. In fact, he was ranked among the top 10 judges in the Detroit metro area in a 1991 article in *Detroit Monthly* magazine.

I asked Judge Thomas what the judicial canons of ethics allowed him to talk about while campaigning. Not much, it turns out. He can talk about decisions he has made, but only if the case is all over and not before an appellate court. He can discuss his judicial philosophy, but he can't talk about any matter of substance that might ever come before the Supreme Court.

After our conversation, I made a note to myself: "Ed Thomas is real nice guy. Too bad he's running for Supreme Court." What I meant is that Judge Thomas is about to be caught in the maw of big-time judicial politics in Michigan. He'll have to raise tons of money, campaign day in and day out throughout the state, take lots of abuse from his opponents and suffer a gag rule that insures he talks in irrelevancies.

And when Election Day rolls around this November, it's a sure thing he will be nearly as unknown across the state as he is today.

So whether he wins or loses is little more than a crap shoot. That's a lousy way to pick a Supreme Court justice.

Example two has to do with the flap that arose last week surrounding Robert Young Jr., who was originally appointed to the Michigan Supreme Court by Gov. John Engler and who almost certainly will be a Republican Party nominee for election this fall.



PHIL POWER

Young, who is African American, was the target of a fier put out by the Michigan Democratic Party and distributed at the recent National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) dinner in Detroit. The fier asserted that Judge Young is a "staunch believer that Brown vs. Board of Education was wrong." ("Brown" is the landmark case outlawing racial segregation in schools.)

Young promptly wrote Mark Brewer, Democratic State chairman, saying that "this statement is a lie ... an attempt to create an ugly, racist campaign to impugn me as Michigan's only sitting African American justice. Such virulent race-baiting has no place in our political discourse." Young pointed out that he is on the record (in an Aug. 22, 1999, editorial in the *Detroit News*) as being "a beneficiary of Brown" – and I think society is a beneficiary – of ending segregation. He also demanded a retraction and a public apology, as well as threatened a lawsuit.

Brewer says Young told a group of lawyers last year that "Brown was wrongly decided." And, indeed, it's been a long line of argument among conservative jurists that lots of U. S. Supreme Court decisions are based on "sociology" rather than hard law. So it's entirely possible Young may agree with the substance of the Brown vs. Board of Education opinion while at the same time disagreeing with the judicial logic the Supreme Court used to reach its decision.

So what are we to make of the whole brouhaha? Just this. It's the most current example of how politicizing the selection of Michigan Supreme Court justices has resulted in partisan rhetoric that is shrill and unseemly.

Don't hold your breath, but wouldn't it be great if all the candidates, Democratic and Republican alike, actually said what they no doubt think and condemned our system of electing justices for the fraud it really is.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION: Should the Michigan Legislature pass a law banning smoking in restaurants and bars?



"Yes, I live in California (where there is a ban) half the year. Since I'm a non-smoker, I like the idea."

Audrey Holden
Plymouth



"Personally, yes. I'm a non-smoker and I think every person has a right not to be exposed to smoke if they choose not to be."

Matt Morse
Plymouth



"Yes, I think it's a good idea. I'm a non-smoker."

Ed Vianak
Plymouth



"Living in a country where we have the right to do what we want gives us the right to smoke. But because of second-hand smoke, banning it would be OK."

Ailana Milligan
Plymouth

Volunteers needed for Rouge Rescue/River Day 2000

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Sites have been announced and volunteers are being sought for Rouge Rescue/River Day 2000 draws near.

The popular, annual community effort by the Friends of the Rouge to clean up the Rouge River and its tributaries, which flow through six Observer communities, is part of an effort to educate the public as to their importance. It is scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 3.

Participants are advised to wear old clothing, including long pants and shirts with long sleeves. Bring gloves and head-covering and wear shoes to prevent puncture wounds.

Coordinators say there'll be plenty to do.

"We've got logjams and an array of man-made debris" in Botsford Park, said Sharon Sabat of the Livonia Community

Resources Department.

Among the latter are shopping carts thrown into the water - likely by teenagers - and a wooden shed. "That was by an adult and he should know better," said Sabat.

She said over 100 people participated in last year's clean-up.

While some communities tie in River Day 2000 programs to help residents better understand what the river and its tributaries mean to the ecology, Livonia has

several programs offered at times other than the cleanup, said Sabat.

Among them are "Take Pride in Livonia," held May 6, when neighborhoods were cleaned and flowers planted; AWESOME Day on May 20; and Hazardous Waste Day on June 10.

Sabat explained that AWE-SOME stands for Aware of the World Ecology, Soil, Ozone, Mammals and Environment - which helps explain a lot of what

the Rouge recovery effort is all about.

The following list of sponsoring communities shows the type of activity, site for the activity and/or registration and person to contact when volunteering:

■ Canton Township - Storm-drain stenciling, "aesthetic" stream survey and stream cleanup; various sites; meet at township administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center

Road; contact Kelly Kelly, (734) 397-5405.

■ Farmington Hills - Stream cleanup; call Jean Barrett, (248) 473-9521 for site information.

■ Livonia - Stream cleanup, storm-drain stenciling; Botsford Park on Lathers north of Seven Mile Road; contact Sharon Sabat, (734) 466-2540.

■ Plymouth - Stream cleanup; corner of Harvey and Byron Streets; contact Linda Langmesser, (734) 453-1234.

■ Redford Township - Stream cleanup; register at northwest corner of Puritan and Pomona near Beech Daly; contact Walter or Joyce Bates, (313) 532-0250, or Ray Parsons, (313) 387-2690.

■ Westland - Cleanup of Tonquish Creek, woody debris management, storm-drain stenciling, nesting boxes; Holliday Nature Preserve; register at Hix Park, Hix and Warren Roads; contact Bob Patterson, (734) 595-0288, x-223.

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The Kids on Campus summer session features summer day camps in history, medicine and space travel. Children ages 5 to 17 can choose from more than 100 other classes in computers, creative and performing arts, science, math and languages to keep challenged and learn new things.

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Students age 60 or older may enroll in classes at reduced rates, with proof of age. For registration information or gift certificates, call 734-462-4448. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

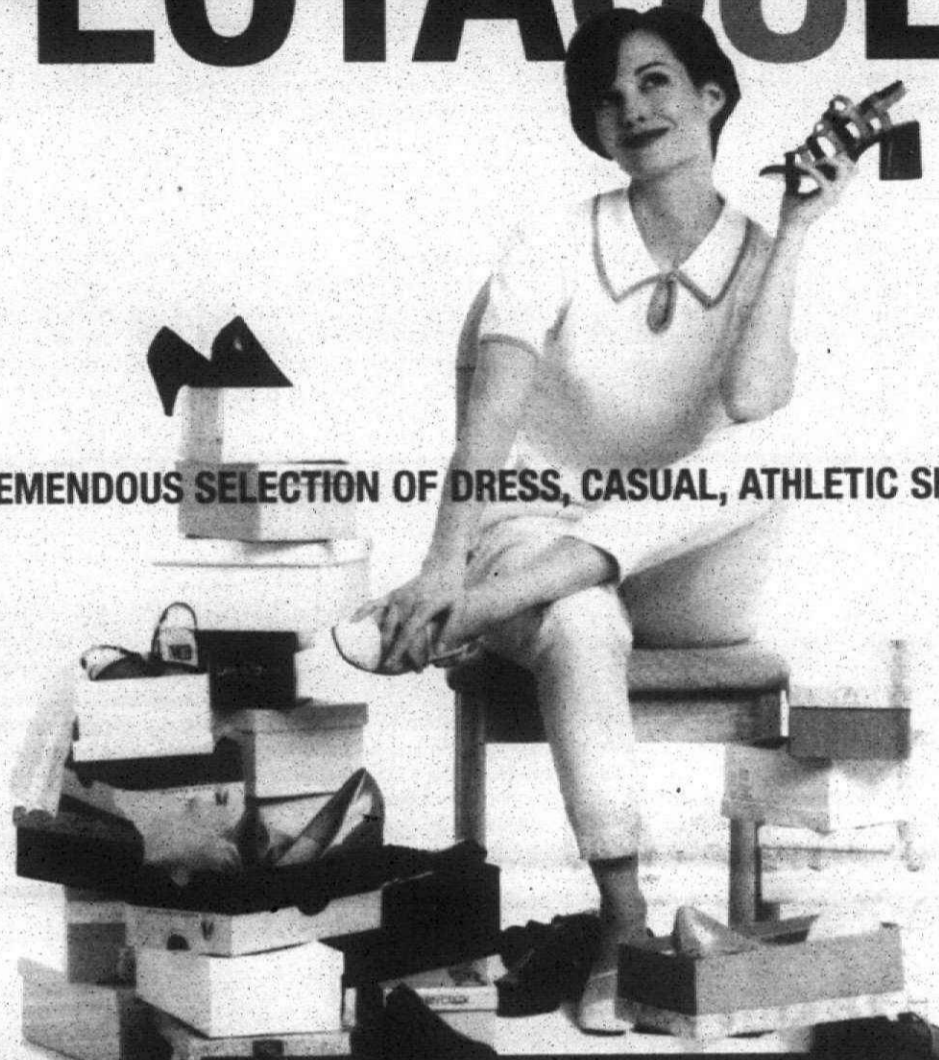
Honors given in education

On Thursday, April 27, Madonna University held its spring initiation ceremony for Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education. To be a member of this honor society, a student must have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better; at least 12 semester hours of course work in education; and worthy education ideals, leadership potential, commitment to education and desirable personal qualities.

The following local students were inducted into Sigma Xi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi: Lindsay Barra, senior, of Canton; Kerry Conway, senior, of Plymouth; Karen Dillon, Livonia; Victoria Gazouleas of Farmington Hills; Mary Ann Heathfield of Farmington; Michele Kanclerz of Westland; Melanie Ledesma of Westland; Teresa Lewandowski of Westland; Erin Moorhouse of Plymouth; Tracy Newhard of Farmington Hills; Kristina Phillips of Livonia; and Carrie Sinelli of Livonia.

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BRAD KADRICH

Moms have chance to make change

The idea didn't necessarily appeal to me when it was broached: a 12-hour bus ride on an estrogen-saturated Greyhound full of mothers headed to the Million Mom March Sunday.

(Gun rights activists alert: You might want to stop reading here.)

Boy, was I wrong. And I knew it as soon as they started going seat-by-seat, introducing themselves and explaining why they were there. My first inclination was that this was a "chick" thing, pouring their hearts out to a bunch of strangers. You'd never catch 50 guys doing that.

When they began this bonding experiment, I expected to hear sad stories about the manner in which each of them had been personally affected by gun violence, about their children or spouses killed by guns.

But nobody — not a single one of the 47 women on that bus — spoke about a tragedy affecting her personal life. Sure, a couple mentioned the Kayla Rolland shooting. And the Columbine massacre came up frequently. But none of them mentioned losing anyone to violence. None made the trip to avenge the loss of a child.

Mostly, they're frightened. Mostly, they don't think the mothers of murdered children should have to bear the brunt of the load. To a woman, they were there for one reason: They're committed to a cause. They're dedicated to a mission.

And they care. In the end, that could be the greatest strength of the Million Mom March. Like MADD 20 years before, the MMM could end up being the kind of grass-roots, difference-making movement that finally makes people sit up and take notice.

"It gave me so many emotions my head is bursting," said Janice Harris of Livonia. "I found it wonderful to be with people who agree with me. I'm very encouraged, because I don't think this is going to die. I think we're going to change the world."

Any politician who doubted the determination of this group simply wasn't paying attention — or didn't want to see — what was going on on The Mall Sunday. Hundreds of thousands of women cheered and clapped and whistled for Kerry Kennedy Cuomo, the daughter of Robert F. Kennedy, who pointed out there are more licensed gun dealers in the U.S. than there are McDonald's franchises.

Hundreds of thousands cried at the story of Karen Scott, a Scottish mother who lost her daughter when a gunman opened fire at a Dunblane, Scotland school, snuffing the lives of 16 kindergartners in March 1996.

Want more evidence this movement holds the potential for great power? Try this: There were more than five million hits on the MMM Web site in the week leading up to the march. And where else could you get 750,000 mothers to drop deathly silent, as this group did while listening to Dawn Anna, the mother of Columbine victim Lauren Townsend?

Hundreds of thousands of mothers spoke in a single voice Sunday, proclaiming loudly, to paraphrase Peter Finch in the movie, Network, "We're mad as hell and we're not going to take it any more."

Supporters of the National Rifle Association have already begun claiming the moms are a misinformed, rag-tag group being led around by the nose by the media, a patently absurd notion. The NRA believes mothers will disappear now that the march is over.

If they do, the NRA is right: The march will have accomplished nothing. If these women come home from the march and do the things they're talking about doing, if they stay involved in the process and don't let discouragement or apathy set in, these mothers could be a viable force, whether their opponents want to believe it or not.

After riding to Washington and back with 47 of them, I would have this advice for any politician: Ignore them at your own peril.

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Moms with a Message

Marchers converge with one view: 'Enough is enough'

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They came. They saw. They marched.

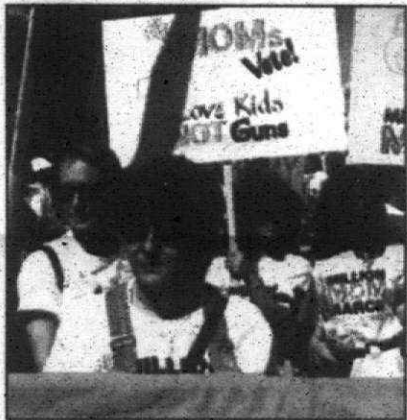
Well, congregated is probably a better word, but whatever term you want to apply, dozens of Western Wayne County mothers joined thousands of Michigan moms who were part of an estimated 750,000 women who converged on Washington, D.C., Sunday for the Million Mom March for reasonable gun control.

They rode in Greyhound buses, interrupting the 12-hour odyssey by eating meals in terminal cafeterias.

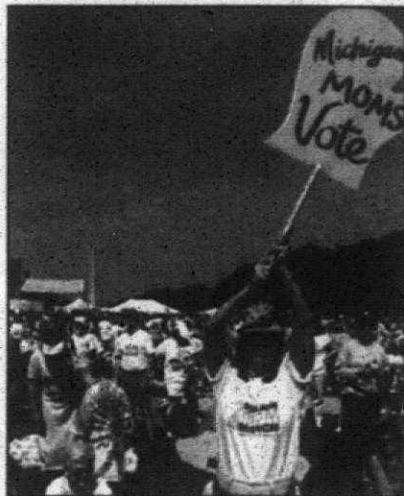
And they came all with the same mission: Join others like them in asking politicians and Congressional leaders for what they call "reasonable gun control."

Some of them were surprised to find so many of a like mind.

"I'm a retired teacher and I love kids, and I don't want to see them go to school in fear," said Janice Harris of Livonia, who taught in the Dearborn Heights school district. "It felt good to be with so many people on the same side of the issue."



For the cause: Jennifer Scarbrough of Livonia (front) and Barb Case of Plymouth (back left) were among the Michigan moms marching Sunday.



Monumental march: With the Washington Monument in the background, Michigan participants in the Million Mom March tried to spread one message: "Moms vote."

The Michigan contingent was one of the largest, drawing compliments from moms from other states.

Michigan moms met Saturday night in a pre-march reception that drew many guest speakers, including Sen. Carl Levin, D-Michigan.

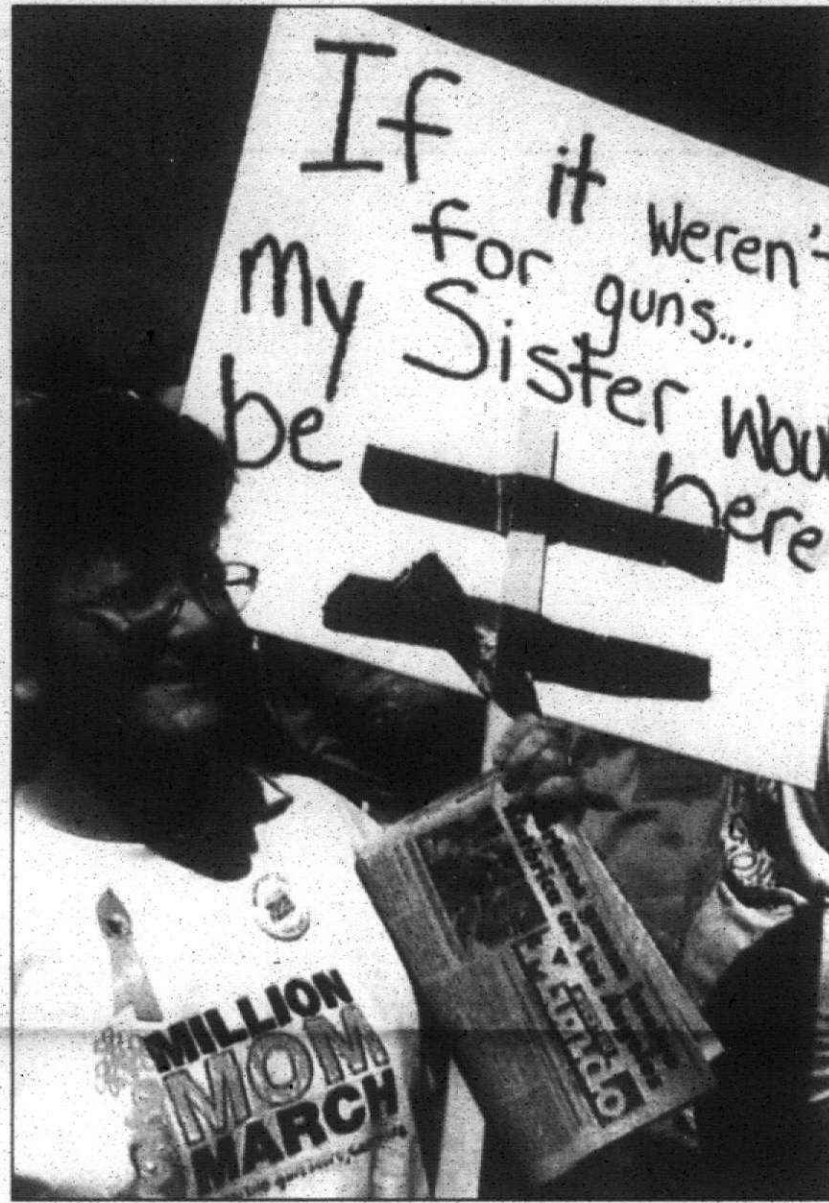
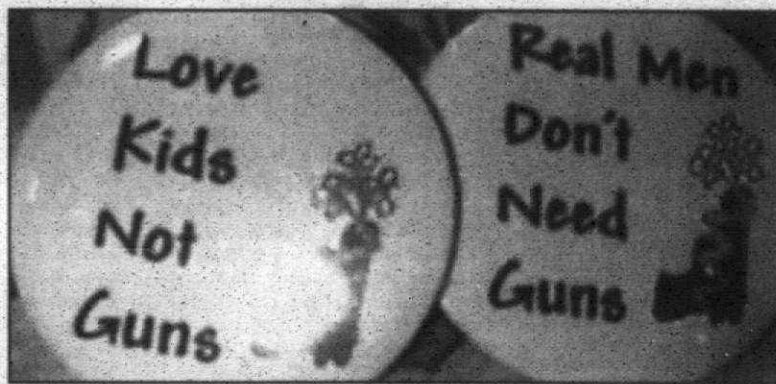
"I don't know of a greater cause than the one to which you are committed," Levin told the cheering throng. "I promise you, you will make a difference."

"They say the NRA is a powerful lobby, and it is. But they're not nearly as powerful as you."

Sally Rowley of Redford is a grandma four times over. She hopes Levin turns out to be prophetic.

"I want the world to be safe for my grandchildren," Rowley said. "It was good to know there were so many more women interested in gun safety. I hope it does some good, but even if it doesn't, we had to come."

"We had to make it clear we are for different measures."



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRAD KADRICH

Missing her sister: Maureen Prest of Farmington Hills shows a sign dedicated to her sister, who lost her life to gun violence. Prest was one of thousands of Michigan women on hand for Sunday's Million Mom March in Washington, D.C.

Zak Morgan to perform at Trinity House Theatre

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Zak Morgan believes he became a musician by default. But his career seems to make perfect sense for someone who began writing and playing music at the tender age of 13.

Now all grown up, Morgan keeps in touch with his inner child and reaches out to children across the country through his music. Following the 1999 release of his first album geared toward children, Morgan is touring with long-time friend and guitarist Steve Davis. They'll visit Livonia's Trinity House Theatre May 20.

Parents and children can enjoy the shows together. And it's interactive. Children will dress up and be invited to play percussion. Morgan is even bringing along props to enhance the fantasy world he's created on Bloom.

books. That's about the time he dove back into children's literature and into music.

"My sense of humor has always been kind of goofy," he added. "I didn't really say, 'I'm writing songs kids will like.' I came up with the plots and thought they were funny. I figured I'd see what happens."

Finished product

The result is Bloom, a collection of 10 songs and stories reflective of childhood experience and evolving from the fantasy realm to personal experience. Morgan tells honest stories of the circle of life, coming-of-age songs like *Hide My Muscles Well* and tall



CD: The "Bloom" cover and illustrations of a 32-page book complete with lyrics were drawn by C.F. Payne.

tales like the one that stars Bill Fisher, a boy who picks his nose so much it runs away.

"My music is not written down to kids," said Morgan. For that reason, he uses sophisticated language which is defined in easy-to-understand, humorous definitions on the CD's booklet.

Bill Keith of WSDP 88.1 FM at Plymouth Salem High School appreciates the humor in Morgan's writing. "The first thing I noticed about Zak's music is that it doesn't speak down to kids," he said. "So much children's music has a condescending tone to it. I really enjoy the Shel Silverstein/Dr. Seuss feel to the lyrics. I hear something new each time that makes me laugh. His songwriting, both lyrically and musically, can be enjoyed by adults as well as kids."

To accompany his infectiously funny words and melodies, Morgan got a few friends involved. Ric Hordinski, well-known guitarist; songwriter and

record producer in Cincinnati, produced Bloom. C.F. Payne illustrated the 32-page booklet and Michael Wilson contributed photography. The project took a year and a half to complete.

"The music has a very sophisticated pop sound," said Keith. "I can hear Beatlesque influences in some of the songs. Ric Hordinski from Over the Rhine and Monk produced the disc and his musical influence can be heard throughout it."

All his work shows in a live performance. Parents and children can enjoy the shows together. "The parents seem to have as much fun as the kids." And it's interactive. Children will dress up and be invited to play percussion. Morgan is even bringing along props to enhance the fantasy world he's created on Bloom.

He prompts the children to look for subtle messages in his songs. Crowd involvement is a major part of his performance.

Keith is looking forward to Morgan's first appearance at Trinity House Theatre. "I hope a wide variety of people come out for the show. I'm sure there will be kids and parents. But I have no kids and this would be the kind of show I would love to attend."

Performing for youngsters, Morgan has learned he has some of the most honest audiences around. "There's a purity to kids," he said. "They respond to being treated with respect. They're not afraid to laugh."

CONCERT

What: Zak Morgan and Steve Davis perform for children of all ages

When: 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20

Where: Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, between I-275 and Haggerty Road, Livonia.

Tickets: \$8 theater members, \$10 general, call (734) 464-6302. To hear the music, learn more about the CD or play a few fun games, log on to www.zakmorgan.com

FUND-RAISING & BENEFITS

Listings for the Funds & Benefits should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue.

LONGEST DAY OF GOLF The National Multiple Sclerosis Society (Michigan Chapter, Inc.) will host the MS Longest Day of Golf event May 1-31 to raise awareness and funds to benefit the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

CELIAC SPRUCE 10K The Tri-County Celiac Spruce support group will host a 10K walk for research Saturday, May 20 at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House (1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores).

STROLL FOR EPILEPSY The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan will host the "Summer Stroll for Epilepsy" June 3 at Kensington Metropark in Milford.

TOUR DE CURE The American Diabetes Association will sponsor "Cure De Tour", an annual cycling fund-raiser to benefit both diabetes research and local programs Sunday, June 11 at Island Lake Recreation Area in Brighton.

GOLF CLASSIC The fifth annual St. Mary Hospital Golf Classic will be held Friday, June 23 at Bay Pointe Golf Club, West Bloomfield to benefit breast cancer.

PRO AM GOLF CLASSIC Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will present this year's Las Vegas Golf & Tennis - St. Joe's Pro Am Golf Classic Wednesday, June 14 at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton.

JULY FLEA MARKET Vendors are needed for Good Shepherd Reformed Church flea market to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 8 at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANT MOTOROLA IN ROCHESTER HILLS An August wedding is planned at Solid Rock Church in West Unity, Ohio.

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

MITCHELL-PADGETT Barbara Wenner of Livonia and Steve Mitchell of Oxford announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynne Mitchell, to Daniel Eric Padgett, son of Mary Dean of Cape Coral, Fla. and Dennis Padgett of Traverse City.

BURMAN-THOMPSON Karen and Bill Lange of Nashville and Ken and Barbara Burman of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Kristen Ann, to Keith Thompson of Nashville.

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Civil War unfolds through soldier's correspondence

drummed out of camp and prayed, in turn, to die rather than disgrace themselves with cowardice. They saw soldiers plunder - for survival, greed or because war had hardened their sensibilities. Interestingly, the letters that transcribed addressed another, little-discussed aspect of the Civil War.

50TH ANNIVERSARY Ellis Duane and Joan Yvonne (Armstrong) Ehrstine celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this month. The couple wed May 20, 1950 in Detroit and have lived in Plymouth nearly all of their lives.

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH AND CANTON

WEEKEND

ARTRAGEOUS
Plymouth kicks off the season with their annual ARTrageous art walk 6-9 p.m., Friday, May 19; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, May 20; and noon-4 p.m., Sunday, May 21. The retailers of downtown Plymouth invite people from around the area to stop in town and see the art that is available in downtown Plymouth. Participating stores will have a guest artist and merchandise that will excite visitors to many different forms of art. Some of the guests artists will be demonstrating their craft and will be on hand to discuss their techniques and inspirations. For more information, call Scott Smith at (734) 455-5531 or Annette Horn at (734) 455-8838.

CAR WASH
The Plymouth-Salem High School Cheerleading Team is having a fund-raising car wash 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21 at Lighthouse Car Wash, 41869 Ford Road, Canton. Proceeds go to help support the Plymouth-Salem High School Cheerleading program.

FISHING DERBY
Northville Parks and Recreation, and Wayne County Parks and Vietnam Veterans of America-Plymouth Chapter 528 will hold their annual fishing derby at Hines Park-Waterford Bend Area, Saturday, May 20. The Rouge River will be stocked with rainbow trout and a casting contest will take place. All anglers need to bring their own equipment and bait. Register on site at 7:30 a.m. Fishing begins at 8 a.m. No fishing license required for this event. For more information, call Northville Parks and Recreation, (248) 349-0203, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday.

TABLES AND TEA
The Ann Arbor Women's City Club presents its annual "Tables and Tea" 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Wednesday, June 7, at the club located at 1830 Washtenaw Avenue. Featured will be dozens of table settings created by City Club members, their friends, and area design and retail firms. Admission charge of \$10 includes tea and light refreshments. In addition, luncheon at a charge of \$12 will be available 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Reservations are not required for the luncheon. Children under age 8 will not be admitted. For more information, call the Women's City Club at (734) 662-3279.

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

GOLF OUTING
The fifth annual New

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

AROUND TOWN

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

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

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

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

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

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

Registration for spring Kindermusik classes is now in session. Spring classes



Getting ready: The committee meets to plan the June 12 golf outing benefiting the Community Hospice Foundation.

June 12 golf event benefits Community Hospice fund

The 7th annual "Living Every Day" golf outing, sponsored by the Community Hospice Foundation, will be held Monday, June 12 at the historic Washtenaw Country Club in Ypsilanti. All proceeds from the event are designated for the "Hospice Home" project of Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. (CHHS) of Westland and Plymouth.

For \$200 an individual golfer can enjoy 18 holes of golf and a cart, use of putting green and driving range, lunch and refreshments, use of locker room and facilities, steak dinner and open bar, contest holes (best pro, hole-in-one, closest to the pin and longest

drive), a raffle, silent auction and door prizes. Among the raffle prizes this year is a weekend for two (two nights/three days) at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island and a stay at Garland Resort—the Midwest's only four-diamond golf resort complex.

This year Ford Motor Company is a major sponsor. "Ford Motor Company has supported the outing since its debut seven years ago and we are very grateful," said Virginia Overland, one of the organizers of the event.

There are various levels of general and corporate sponsorship opportunities still available starting with a hole sponsor

ship through to platinum sponsorship. This occasion offers sponsors many opportunities including advertising and marketing throughout the metro-Detroit area, and corporate signage during the event. The 100-year old Washtenaw Country Club is an ideal place to spread the word about your organization while helping the worth cause of hospice.

The Community Hospice Foundation was established in 1992 to raise funds for and increase awareness of Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. For information regarding the golf outing call (734) 522-4244 or (734) 459-0548.

installation and placement, recall status, age and history. For more information, call Oakwood at (313) 791-1494 or (313) 791-1488. Preregistration is not necessary.

GALA EVENT

Oakwood Healthcare System Foundation and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is sponsoring a gala event to raise proceeds to support community outreach initiatives for children and families in the Oakwood Healthcare System. The gala is set for 6-10 p.m., Tuesday, May 23 at the Star Theatre-Fairlane, 18900 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Cost is \$50. It includes: reception with food stations donated by area restaurants; wine, beer and beverages; and ticket to the screening of a new premier movie, pop and popcorn. Sponsorship opportunities and tickets are available by calling the Oakwood Foundation at (313) 791-1234.

SUMMER TENNIS CAMP

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

ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

The Junior Group of Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit will hold its 17th Annual Goodwill Golf Classic on Monday, June 5, at the Wyndham Country Club in Rochester Hills. Proceeds from the event help benefit Goodwill's employment and training services for people with disabilities and other special needs in the metropolitan Detroit area. The ladies' event kicks off with a morning shotgun start followed by a luncheon; reservations are available at a cost of \$195 per person. Luncheon-only reservations are \$40 per person. For more information or for reservations, call event chairperson, Linda Handyside at (248) 349-8407.

BICYCLE RIDES

Bike tours throughout the Plymouth community will start at 6:30 p.m. every Monday through September (except for three holidays).

Monday). These low-mileage bike rides (8-11 mph, 8-20 miles) will meet at the Comerica Bank parking lot on Ann Arbor Road just west of Sheldon. Initial rides, which always return before dark, will start off at the low-mileage end and be geared towards basic bicycling abilities. For those seeking a more challenging ride, the AABTS is leading a bike tour which meets, starts and ends at the same place and time as the ride. Wearing helmets is strongly advised but not required. A multi-gear non-racer type bike is preferred but not necessary.

SERVICE CENTER

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

KATIE'S RIDERS

"Katie's Riders," a club for teenagers who enjoy horseback riding, has been organized for residents of this and surrounding communities. Membership is open to youths 13 to 19. Younger riders will be considered. The group will meet once or twice a month for an hour of trail riding, followed by a gourmet picnic or potluck meal served in a park pavilion. There will be door prizes, handouts on the subject of caring for and riding horses, and table games. Other social events will be planned this summer, including a banquet featuring a speaker who is a well-known equestrian. The director of the club is a former member of the Northwestern University Riding Team. The purpose of the club is to offer a social and educational equestrian group with fees within the reach of all avid young riders. Members will be expected to conduct themselves according to the rules laid down by the board. This is a non-profit organization. Members may take their own horses to the gatherings or pay a moderate fee to ride one of the horses available to the group. For more information, call the director at (734) 483-5583.

MOPS MEETING

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

JURIED ART SHOW

The Women of Bloomfield—18th Annual Juried Arts and Crafts Show is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday June 14th, First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple (south side of Maple between Pleasant and Southfield Rd.) Birmingham. Eighty juried arts/crafters (wearable arts, jewelry, photography, baskets, dried and silk flowers, paintings and prints, watercolors, acrylics and oils, ceramics, glass, beads, crystal jewelry, wood furniture, garden statuary, metal sculpture, and handmade doll furniture, doll clothes, dolls, puppets and teddy bears, watercolor decorated stationery). Other features include white elephant booth, bake sale, food booth, raffle (over 70 prizes donated by artists). Donation only \$1.00. All proceeds to Scamp and Care House. Free parking.

CHELSEA SUMMER FEST

Applications are currently being

Marathoner to hold skating benefit

As a member of the "Team In Training" program, Rebecca Graff of Farmington Hills has agreed to train for and run a marathon to raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America. All the money raised is used for patient aid and research in Michigan.

Graff will be running with a team from Michigan in the San Diego Rock 'n' Roll Marathon, June 4. The team will be participating in honor of a 4-year-old

boy from southeastern Michigan who is suffering from leukemia.

"The people who run in the San Diego Marathon are responsible for raising \$3,600," said Graff who will be hosting a skating party Saturday, May 20, and Sunday, May 21, at the Bonaventure Skating Center in Farmington Hills.

Skate sessions and ticket prices are as follows:
Saturday matinee skate from 1-4 p.m., \$6
Sunday matinee skate from 1-4 p.m., \$5
Two dollars from each ticket sold is donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America. Bonaventure Skating Center is located near the corner of Grand River Avenue and Halsted Road in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-2201 for more information.

NEW ARRIVALS

Grandparents are Michael and Norma Shuttleworth of East Tawas, Clarence Clement of Westland, and Mildred Pariseau of California. Grandfather is Thomas Steer of East Tawas.

Grandparents are Kathy Lawriski-Sorrell of Livonia, Lewis M. Lawriski of Livonia and Mr. and Mrs. Flournoy of Detroit. Grandgrandparents are Eleanor Lawriski of Ft. Myers, Fla. and Josephine Pepper of Livonia.

Terri and Thomas Shuttleworth of Westland announce the birth of their son Thomas Joseph (TJ) born March 20 at Beaumont Hospital.

Grandparents are Bob and Carrie Luckey of Milford, Joe and Carol Brown of Northville and Bob Kowalski and Nancy Blyk of Canton. Grand-grandparents are LaVerne and Dwight Paddock of Livonia and Alberta Anthony of Plymouth.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

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

GARDEN GALA CRAFT SHOW
The Memorial Elementary School "Garden Gala" craft show, with an emphasis on yard and garden related crafts, will be May 20.

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CHELSEA SUMMER FEST
Applications are currently being

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

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

FALL CRAFT SHOW
Crafters sought to apply for a spot in the 2000 Fall Craft Show at Schoolcraft College Nov. 11 and 12. To obtain an application, contact (734) 462-4417.

Fishing derby County hosts contest for kids

Young fisherman will have the opportunity to reel in over 1,000 bluegills from the Waterford Bend Picnic Area at the 5th Annual Wayne County Parks Fishing Derby May 20. The fun begins with a fishing derby and casting contest for children ages 12 and under. A variety of prizes will be awarded in several age categories for largest fish, small-est fish and specially tagged fish. Following the derby, angles of all ages are welcome to join in.

A fishing license is not required for this event but

A variety of prizes will be awarded.

The schedule of activities include:
7:30-9 a.m. registration
8-10 a.m. fishing derby/casting contest (12 and under)
10 a.m. to noon fishing for all ages
10:30 a.m. presentation of prizes for children

The Waterford Bend Picnic Area is located on Northville Road, just north of Six Mile Road in Northville. Take I-275 to the Six Mile Road exit and take Six Mile west to Northville Road. Call (734) 261-1990 for information.

participants must bring their own equipment. The co-sponsors of the derby are the Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528 and the Northville Parks & Recreation Department.

"Wayne County is making great strides in restoring the Rouge River," said Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara. "What better way for our visitors to enjoy it, than a fishing derby."



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CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material, printed or typewritten to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

GRADUATED

Amy Patricia Donaldson, daughter of Mike and Virginia Donaldson of Canton, graduated May 6 from Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in finance. Amy is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

Michelle Lee Clingenpeel will graduate from the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State

University with the degree of doctor of medicine. In July, she will begin a three-year residency program in family practice at Bon Secours Hospital in St. Clair Shores. She attended Gallimore Elementary School and West Middle School. In 1991, she graduated from Plymouth Canton High School. She earned her undergraduate degree in nutritional science from MSU. She is the daughter of Lowell and Marcy Clingenpeel; of Smithfield, Va. They were formerly from Canton.

Karen Springsteen of Plymouth graduated from the Lee Honors College of Western Michigan University this spring, with a bachelor of arts degree in comparative religion and German. She was elected into Phi Beta Kappa National Academic

Honor Society in March. Springsteen is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is the daughter of Julian and the late Roger Springsteen.

Loan Nguyen of Plymouth will be Madonna University's first student to graduate with a master of business administration (MBA). The MBA program began at Madonna in the fall of 1999 and Nguyen, who was already enrolled in the master of science in business administration (MSBA) program was able to transfer into the new program. She is an engineer with Ford Motor Co.

SCHOLARSHIP

Nathan Roller of Canton has been awarded an All-College Scholarship from the Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL). The scholarship is for \$2,000 (\$500 for each year). Roller, a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, is one of 1,700 graduating high school seniors to receive an AAL All-College Scholarship.

Akua A. Ofori-Mensa of Plymouth was one of Hope College's 39 seniors or recent graduates honored with Senior Sigma Xi Awards during the college's annual Honors Convocation. Sigma Xi is the Scientific Research Society. The Sigma Xi Club at Hope is one of 800 clubs and chapters in North America dedicated to the encouragement, support and recognition of scientists.

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Rev. Carla Thompson Powell, Pastor
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9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

"Why Doesn't God Do Something?"
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"Just west of I-275"
Northville, MI
248-374-7400

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

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Contemporary Service
8:30-9:45 A.M.
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REUNIONS

25 at Shrine High School. Contact Michelle Surace Martin (248) 645-0746 or Barbara Joseph Jones (248) 656-4820. Class of 1975. 25 year reunion Saturday, Sept. 2 at Omni Hotel in Detroit. Call Jeff Walker at (313) 231-5322. Class of 1980. 20 year reunion. Date and location to be announced. Contact Tim Scollin at (248) 814-0832.

ROSEVILLE BRABLEC
Class of 1975
There will be a dinner dance Saturday, Aug. 26 at Ernie's Kings Mill Inn in Clinton Township and a picnic Sunday, Aug. 27 at Stony Creek Metropark (North Dale Picnic Pavilion) in Shelby Township. Call Mark Garagiola (248) 681-2345.

ROYAL OAK HIGH
Class of 1950
A 50th reunion is planned for Sept. 16 at the MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road in Troy. Call Dick Beer, (248) 391-1549; Chuck Kirkpatrick, (248) 549-5726; Rev. (Sharp) Gibbs, (248) 391-2532; or Helen (Vandall) Dusenburg, (248) 549-5205.

ROYAL OAK KIMBALL
Class of 1970
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 11 at the Vintage House in Fraser. The cost is \$39 per person and includes buffet dinner, dancing and open bar. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For ticket information call Wendy Snow Mitchell at (248) 618-8384, e-mail beardiedogmom@aol.com or Cheryl Pruden Wagner at b2andcherylwagner@juno.com. The reunion committee also has a Web site at www.kimball170.yearbookhigh.com.

SACRED HEART
Class of 1960
Sept. 9 at Dearborn Hills Golf Course in Dearborn. (248) 414-3220 or (248) 879-8024

SHRINE HIGH
Class of 1950
50 year reunion Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Birmingham Community Center. Contact Janet Seery Harper (248) 548-6591 or Dick Gadoua (248) 546-5088.

ROMED HIGH
Class of 1980
20 year reunion, Nov. 25 at Ely's Banquet Hall in Washington, Mich. Call Reunions Made Easy at (248) 360-7004.

ROMULUS HIGH
Class of 1970
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 26. For further information contact Gail (Howie) Curaba (734) 697-1763; Roy and Cathy (Mank) Szyndlar (734) 699-3139 or Jim Wagner at (734) 699-9050.

ROMULUS HIGH
Class of 1990
10 year reunion Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Marriott Hotel, Romulus. Call Reunions Made Easy at (248) 360-7004 or e-mail reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

PLYMOUTH SALEM
Class of 1980
20 year reunion on Saturday.

Knights of Columbus Hall in Farmington. Call JoAnne Clements, (248) 437-7193.

ST. MARY'S
Class of 1955
A reunion is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 16. (734) 675-8244 or (313) 295-2373

ST. JUDE ELEMENTARY
Class of 1965
Is planning a reunion. (810) 254-3498

ST. MARY OF REDFORD
Class of 1950
50 year class reunion is scheduled for Oct. 14 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Contact Gene Start at (734) 261-6496 or e-mail genstart@aol.com

SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP
Class of 1980
20 year reunion Friday, Nov. 24 at the Marriott Hotel, Troy. Call Reunions Made Easy at (248) 360-7004 or e-mail reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

SOUTHFIELD HIGH
Classes of 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1966
Reunion August 18. For more information call (734) 692-9970.

SOUTHFIELD
Class of 1974
A reunion is planned for July 8 from noon to 10 p.m. at Kensington Metro Park. Contact Bruce Johnson (248) 363-9774 or Suzi Thompson (248) 540-4607.

SOUTHFIELD
Class of 1990
The class of 1990 will host a reunion Aug. 4-6 at the Westin (Southfield) on Aug. 4; banquet at the Westin on Aug. 5; and picnic on Aug. 6 (TBA). Call Crystal Towns at (810) 662-5557 or e-mail Car250@aol.com

SOUTHWESTERN (DETROIT)
Class of 1950
The class of 1950 (January and June) is planning a millennium reunion in October. Call Virginia, (313) 383-2734 or Margaret, (734) 946-5591.

ST. AGATHA HIGH
Class of 1975
25th year reunion is scheduled for June 24 at Monaghan's

THURSTON
Class of 1995 - five year reunion
Contact Jessica (Merritt) Corbery with names and addresses of classmates. Call (313) 541-7745 or e-mail cjcorbery@aol.com

WATERFORD
Class of 1975
July 8 at the Holiday Inn Select in Auburn Hills. (248) 634-0773, (248) 391-3703 or (248) 969-2755

WALLED LAKE
Class of 1960
Reunion of class of 1960 will be held Oct. 7 at Multi Lakes Conservation Club. Classmates and interested parties contact: Karen Allen (248) 366-2085; Beverly Hughes, (248) 363-4952; Juliet Hoult, (248) 363-4514. Visit <http://www.reunion.org/wl1960>

WALLED LAKE WESTERN
Class of 1975
A 25-year reunion is planned from 6:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 24 at Penna's of Sterling (38400 Van Dyke Ave.) Event includes family style dinner, late night pizza, open bar, dancing to DJ music and book of classmate information. Cost is \$60 per person through June 30; \$65 per person through Aug. 15 and \$75 per person through Oct. 15. Call Terie Spencer at (248) 624-1692 or e-mail terie1975@yahoo.com. Register free at www.classmates.com

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alone, the beleaguered groom replied, "... yes, and always, if she wanted him to."

Many of the letters she transcribed were between two brothers who died while fighting with separate Michigan regiments at Gettysburg. The older one, who kept the diary, would surely be glad that his family saved the book and letters, for he said as much in that journal.

There he wrote that he would record all "the varied circumstances in which I may be placed... thoughts and facts may arise,

beneficial through their novelty in after days, if kept for the gratification of a natural curiosity which exists in all men. Though I may be killed, I hope this book may be kept."

Although he died in battle, as he knew he might, his words do survive - as did his wish that he might benefit from them.

Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation. She lives in Canton Township.

Karmanos Institute raises money for research

BY STEPHANIE ANGELIN CASOLA
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While Huey Lewis and the News made *The Power of Love* a hit song in 1985 for the film *Back To The Future*, the idea holds true and takes on more profound meaning in the eyes of those who attended the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute's annual dinner on May 8.

The power of love was the notion that drew together this year's Phantom Of The Opera-inspired theme and the quest for a cure for cancer. That power is the driving force behind raising awareness and funds for the institute on its mission to stop this devastating disease.

The institute raised more than \$700,000 toward cancer research and a cure at the annual benefit, which is one of the area's largest charitable events. Held at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth, more than 1,200 supporters attended for the cause.

"The Phantom of the Opera" incorporated the moody, festive atmosphere of a French opera house complete with candelabras at every table, plush velvet curtains and, of course, the famous chandelier from *Phantom of the Opera*.

To make the evening a smashing success, Broadway stars of the long-running musical *Sandra Joseph* (Christine) and *Ron Bohmer* (Phantom) and *Lawrence Anderson* (Raoul) performed songs like *Masquerade*, *Angel of Music* and *The Phantom of The Opera* on stage.

Between songs, video footage from the history of the institute to personal battles with cancer and even recent footage of the *Race For The Cure* at the Detroit Zoo told another story of love and loss. The lyrics "Wishing you were somehow here again" took on new meaning.

Dick and JoAnn Puritan hosted the evening as masters of ceremony, and awarded the institute's prestigious Leonard



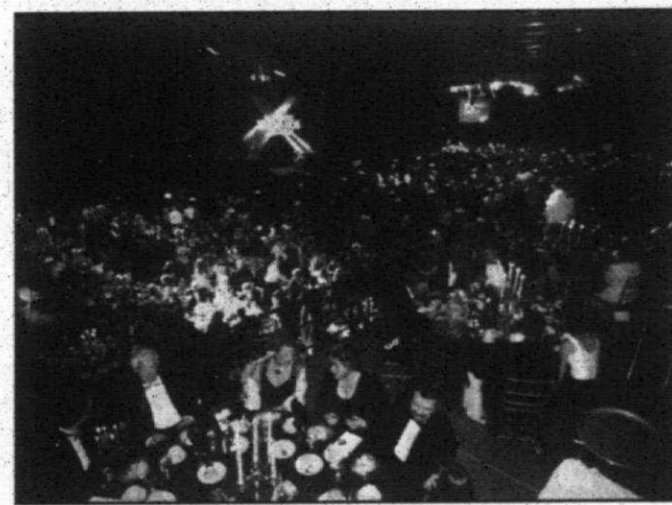
Unmasking: From left, Meritor CEO Larry D. Yost and his wife Joann, of Rochester Hills, co-chaired the annual benefit. The couple are shown here with Compuware chairman and institute benefactor Peter Karmanos Jr. and his wife Debra of Orchard Lake. "Phantom of The Institute" drew a packed house (below).

Simons Award to Bernice Gershenson and her sister Sylvia Gershenson-Sloman.

The feast fit for a hungry phantom began with hors d'oeuvres like shrimp cocktail and spinach pies and was followed by an elegant dinner including a fresh salad, twice-baked potato, asparagus, prime rib and a choice of red or white wine.

Attendees came dressed in classic black tuxedos and evening dresses accented in bright spring colors like lavender and green. The little black dress was just as appropriate and timeless as ever when coupled with delicate beading, but it sparkled when adorned with vintage jewelry.

Men carried Phantom masks and women were given sparkling and feathered masks to shade their eyes Mardi Gras-style. The evening offered glamour fit for a real opera



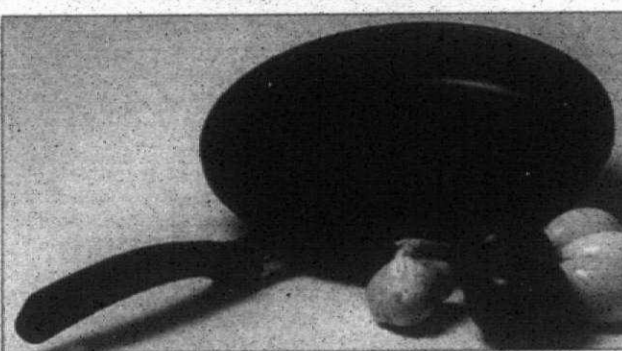
house, thanks to Events and Entertainment of Michigan Inc., the Southfield-based production company that transformed the arena into a fantasy land.

"I think it's a great fund-raiser," said Susan Reesman, who was surprised of the sports arena location. She was accompanied by her husband, Jon. The Rochester Hills couple

Please see **KARMANOS, B9**

The Berndes Skillet Trade-In Promotion

Saturday, May 20th
ONE DAY ONLY



Trade in any old piece of cookware and receive a Berndes 8" skillet that regularly sells for \$50.00 for only \$14.99, a savings of 70%

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

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

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP
Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center has a Divorce Support Group that meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the McDowell Center (Room 225) from 7-9 p.m. No fee is required. Call (734) 462-4443. A schedule from May to August follows:

- May 23, Dealing with Anger, Guilt and Depression. Ms. Koppin will help you to recognize and understand these emotions and explore ways to work through them.
- June 13, group discussion. Facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.
- June 27, Legal aspects of divorce. Learn about the legal proceeds of divorce, including information on property settle-

ment, custody, child support, visitation, alimony and more from Attorney at Law, Laura Reyes Kopack.

- July 11, group discussion. Facilitated by Cynthia Koppin. July 25, no meeting.
- Aug. 8, group discussion. Facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.
- Aug. 22, Coping with Divorce. Florine Bond will discuss strategies for coping with the stress of divorce.

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

- June 4, "Steps in Recovering from Divorce." Jay J. Radin, PhD, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, returns to talk about this "hot" topic. Dr. Radin has practiced in Ann Arbor for over 20 years. Sponsored by Ann Arbor Parents without Partners, Inc. Location: Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. 6-8 p.m. www.aapwp.org or 734-973-1933. Cost \$2/person.
- June 2, Singles Dance Fund Raiser for KidsSource at the Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Music by DJ Imper-

al Sound. Cash bar. Non-smoking dance area. Sponsored by Parents without Partners, Inc. Dance 9:00PM-1:00 a.m., \$7 non-member, \$5 member. www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933.

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

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

member, \$5 members. www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933.

TALK IT OVER
TALK IT OVER meets the second Friday of each month in Knox Hall from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Join us as Pastor Paul Clovis, minister to single adults at Ward Church will speak about the occult. Free will offering. Coffee/cookies served. Call (248) 874-5920.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS
Singles Dance at the Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. 70's-90's. Music by DJ Imperial Sound. "Come to Camelot" renaissance attire encouraged.

Cash bar. Non-smoking dance area. Sponsored by Parents without Partners, Inc. Dance 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., \$7.00 non-member, \$5.00 members. www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES

Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward Church, Ministries Showcase Country Club in Farmington Hills (13 Mile Road, east of Orchard Lake Road) for \$10 admission. For more information, call (248) 851-9909.

SINGLES WELCOME
Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance to divorced or separated Christians. Call (734) 981-4553 about the divorce recovery workshop. Monthly meetings are held the third Saturday of every month at 8 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Church, Hagerly Road (south of 5 Mile Road).

Tuesday's BSW goes to Thomas's Family Dining on Plymouth Road (east of Stark) at 7 p.m. on the first, third and fourth week of the month.

Southfield (Northwestern Highway and 12 Mile Road), and Monday, July 3 at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills (13 Mile Road, east of Orchard Lake Road) for \$10 admission. For more information, call (248) 851-9909.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

May 9, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2000 at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Supervisor Yack added Consent Calendar Item No. 8. Supervisor Yack also added a closed session for pending litigation discussion after the regular meeting. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried by all members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Canton of April 25, 2000. Motion carried by all members present.

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

Expenditure Recap for Board Meeting of January 26, 2000

General Fund	101	\$ 159,504.18
Fire Fund	206	\$ 48,527.62
Police Fund	207	\$ 92,374.34
Summit Operating	208	\$ 62,104.81
Golf Fund	211	\$ 19,136.95
Lighting	212	\$ 16,616.58
Cable TV Fund	230	\$ 6,685.58
Public Improvement	245	\$ 200.00
Two (Community) Improvement	246	\$ 8,740.34
E-911 Utility	261	\$ 184.60
Federal Grants Fund	274	\$ 1,594.60
Post Employment Benefits	296	\$ 9,578.65
Cap Proj - Road Paving	403	\$ 24,179.00
Water Sewer Construction	489	\$ 382,165.35
Water Sewer Paving	592	\$ 214,721.92
Trust & Agency Fund	701	\$ 6,615.00
Koppernick Corporate	802	\$ 77.00
S. Haggerty Rd Paving	854	\$ 96.00
Tonguish Creek Storm	865	\$ 175.00
Total - All Funds		\$ 1,034,679.52

CONSENT CALENDAR
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendments to account for the FY2000 bond debt service activity for the 1999 Building Authority-Library bonds and for the transfer of capitalized interest from the construction fund to the debt service fund. Motion carried by all members present.

Building Authority Debt Fund #369
Increase Revenues:
Cont-Bldg Auth Const Fund \$369-000-676-4690 \$ 607,462
Increase Appropriations:
Bond Interest \$369-000-996-0000 \$ 286,337
Contribution to Fund Balance \$369-000-999-0000 \$ 321,125
Total \$ 607,462

This budget amendment increases the Building Authority Debt Fund budget from \$1,660,958 to \$2,268,420.

Building Authority Construction Fund #469
Increase (Decrease) Appropriations:
Buildings-Library \$469-900-975-1000 \$ (450,000)
Equipment-Library \$469-900-977-100 \$ (157,462)
Transfer to Bldg Auth Debt Fund \$469-900-965-3690 \$ -
Total \$ -

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the FY2000 budget for the Western Wayne Consortium Fund #266 as follows: Motion carried by all members present.

Revenues \$ 237,866
Appropriations \$ 237,866

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendments in Special Investigative Fund #267 and Motion carried by all members present.

State Projects Fund #229:
Special Investigative Fund:
Increase Revenues \$ 29,330
Increase Appropriations \$ 29,330

This budget amendment increases the Special Investigative Fund budget from \$48,200 to \$77,530.

State Projects Fund:
Increase Revenue \$ 16,055
Increase Appropriations \$ 16,055

This budget amendment increases the Special Investigative Fund budget from \$426,490 to \$442,545.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment in the Supervisor's Budget. Motion carried by all members present.

Increase Revenues:
Grant Monies & payments rec'd \$101-000-675-1100 \$ 4275.00
Increase Appropriations:
Youth Leadership Canton \$101-171-882-1100 \$ 4275.00

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve that Edith Vann be appointed to the Senior Advisory Council as the Royals Club representative through December 31, 2000. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to remove from the table for second publication the second reading of the amendments to the Uniform Traffic Code No. 66J. Motion carried by all members present.

SEVERABILITY OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVISION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ALL PENDING PROSECUTIONS; PROVISIONS FOR PUBLICATION, AND EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

SECTION 1: AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE CODE.
This Ordinance provides that Ordinance 66, adoption of the uniform traffic code, as amended to include Sections 5.82 and 5.83 as summarized herein.

Section 5.82: Child restraint system required; exceptions: Violation as civil infraction; points, abstracts, exemption by rules alternate means of protection. This section adds Section 5.82 to Ordinance 66. It requires that the driver of a vehicle must properly secure passenger children under 4 years of age in a child restraint system that meets federal regulations; provides for exceptions to the requirement; and makes a violation of this section a civil infraction.

Section 5.83: Safety belt required; driver or passenger to which section inapplicable; transporting child; amount of age; but less than 18 years of age; enforcement of section; violation as evidence of negligence; reduction of recovery for damages; violation as civil infraction; reports of police harassment; effect of primary enforcement; study; media to promote compliance; report of findings; intent; assessment of points prohibited. This section requires that each driver and front seat passenger of a motor vehicle being operated on a street or highway wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt; provides for exceptions; makes violation of this section a primary offense until at least December 5, 2005; and makes a violation of this section a civil infraction.

SECTION 2: REPEAL.
This section repeals that prior Sections 11 and 12 of Chapter 10 (adopted July 6, 1989 as part of Ordinance 66, as amended October 1, 1999) be and are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED.
This section provides that this Ordinance shall be published in accordance with the law.

SECTION 4: CONFLICTING ORDINANCES REPEALED.
This section repeals conflicting ordinances.

SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY.
This section severs any portion of this Ordinance that is found to be illegal or invalid from the remainder of the Ordinance.

SECTION 6: SAVINGS CLAUSE.
This section preserves prosecution or litigation of any case pending prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7: EFFECTIVE DATE.
This section provides for the date the Ordinance becomes effective. Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt a resolution recognizing May 20, 2000 as Kids Day America/International. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt a resolution recognizing May as Better Hearing and Speech month. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt a resolution for the hearing Date to May 23, 2000 to consider the request of Sneaky's, Inc. for a new Class C License. Motion carried by all members present.

GENERAL CALENDAR
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution for approval of preliminary site plan for Quadrants Research Park Site Condominiums. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution for special use for B.A.P.S. Mandir Temple. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt a resolution for special use for limousine rental in the Golden Gate Shopping Center. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution for approval of the final plan for Wood of Central Park Site Condominium. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution for final approval of the preliminary plan for Central Park Subdivision No. 2. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the request to contract with Code Enforcement Services, Inc. to provide landscape and subdivision inspection services as outlined above utilizing available contracted service and professional consultant funds in an amount not to exceed \$34,000.00. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to award the Spring 2000 Resident Sponsored Cost Share Tree Planting Program to Wayne Oakland Contracting for \$46,990.00. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve an expenditure and budget adjustment as follows: Motion carried by all members present.

Increase:
101-853-824-2000 Tree Planting-Residential Tree Program \$ 4,000.00
Decrease:
101-853-824-1000 Tree Planting-Public Property \$ 4,000.00

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to withdraw the award of the Spring 2000 Resident Sponsored Cost Share Tree Planting Program to County Line Nurseries for \$42,422.00. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to increase purchase order 14822, made out to Snell Environmental Group, by \$16,442.00 for additional fee, for the Denton Road Paving Project. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the expenditure of \$7,500.00 to install a left turn signal at the intersection of Canton Center and Ford Roads. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Traffic Signal Agreement with Wayne County. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to adopt a resolution authorizing the Canton Police Department to dispose of recovered stolen and abandoned bicycles and the Canton Administration to dispose of surplus office equipment at a public sale on June 1, 2000. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to award the bid for 875 dozen adult softball to the lowest qualified bidder, Dudley Sports in the amount of \$24,438.75. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award three contracts for housing rehabilitation to George H. Pastor & Sons, the individual contract amounts, including 10% contingency, to be as follows:
Fleetwood \$14,155
Queenway \$16,480
Fieldstone \$12,382

Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to accept the recommendations of the Canton Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council for the FY2000 block grant program; and further approve the forwarding of said recommendations to the Department of HUD as the Canton FY2000 CDBG Final Statement. The particulars of the FY2000 Final Statement are as follows: First Step, Growth Works, Elder Law Care, Adult Day Care, RideSource, Administration, Construction Contingency, Volunteer Coordinator, Mediation Services, Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, Housing Rehabilitation, Human Services Center Expansion. Motion carried by all members present.

ADJOURN
Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to adjourn to a closed session at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on May 9, 2000. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on May 23, 2000.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, 2000 for the following:

Compensation Study
Specifications and proposal forms are available at the office of the Administrative Services Director, 201 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170 during regular office hours.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part and to waive any irregularities.

CAROL STONE
Admin. Services Director

Published: May 18, 2000

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 397-5435

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR SURPLUS SALE BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

The Charter Township of Canton will be holding a Surplus Sale on Thursday, June 1, 2000 at the old Department of Public Works building located at 44508 Geddes Road, (on the Northwest corner of Geddes and Sheldon) Canton, MI 48188, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. A list of items to be sold will be available at the Township Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, MI 48188.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "Gorman Street Water Main Project", along with the name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening, will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 141 Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until Thursday, June 1, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

Gorman Street Water Main Project:
Project consists of constructing approximately 1,200 linear feet of new 8-inch ductile iron water main along the west side of Gorman Street and includes connection to the existing 16-inch water main on Ford Road, installation of fire hydrants and gate valves in wells, testing, and restoration.

Bid documents are available to pick up at Financial Services, 3rd Floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. A nonrefundable fee of \$10.00 will be charged for the bid packet.

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

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

Published: May 18, 2000

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 66

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT ADDING CHILD RESTRAINT AND SEATBELT SECTIONS TO THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE ADOPTION ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, ORDINANCE NO. 66 PURSUANT TO ACT 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1956 AS AMENDED (MCL 257.951 ET SEQ.; MSA 9.2651 ET SEQ.). PROVISIONS REGULATING CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS, EXCEPTIONS; VIOLATION AS CIVIL INFRACTION; POINTS; ABSTRACT; ENFORCEMENT BY RULES; AND ALTERNATE MEANS OF PROTECTION; PROVISIONS REGULATING SAFETY BELT REQUIREMENTS; DRIVER OR PASSENGER TO WHICH SECTION INAPPLICABLE; TRANSPORTING CHILD 4 YEARS OF AGE BUT LESS THAN 16 YEARS OF AGE; ENFORCEMENT OF SECTION; VIOLATION AS EVIDENCE OF NEGLIGENCE; REDUCTION OF RECOVERY FOR DAMAGES; VIOLATION AS CIVIL INFRACTION; REPORTS OF POLICE HARASSMENT; EFFECT OF PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT; STUDY; MEDIA TO PROMOTE COMPLIANCE; SUPPORT OF FINDINGS; INTENT; COMPLIANCE; POINTS PROHIBITED; PROVISION FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL OTHER ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE INCLUDING SECTIONS 11 AND 12 OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, AS AMENDED; PROVISION FOR THE

Don't take a chance, put your faith in God

More and more people are gambling, either for the thrill of it or to escape their problems, or to get money. Sometimes it seems like an innocent method of raising funds. Yet increasingly, news reports talk about how harmful it is. Aren't there safer, more reliable ways to have adventure and fulfill our desires?

Even those few people who win big through gambling often find that it can bring more problems. The satisfaction they had hoped for evades them. What can we turn to that would satisfy our needs and not result in greater losses and frustration? Many people have found that the Bible is a great source for guidance during a time of need and in just plain, every day living.

In Matthew (21:22) we read, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Some may question, then, why don't we always receive what we ask for in prayer? A passage from James in the Bible (4:3) gives us a hint: "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss." This suggests that we need to think deeply about the right thing to pray for.

For instance, if we are having financial problems we might be tempted to pray for money, or a good job, or even to win the lottery. If so, we might be asking amiss. But if we pray for wisdom, understanding, and direction, and do not doubt, we would certainly receive an answer to our prayer.

There was a time when our family was about to lose our source of income and we had nearly depleted our savings just to make ends meet. We had a house with a mortgage and two young children to support. So we turned to God for guidance knowing we would receive an answer and that He would guide us to take the steps that would meet our needs. As a result, my husband soon got an idea to contact someone he hadn't talked to in almost two years. That call resulted in a new job which solved our financial problems and provided new and exciting opportunities.

We have found that turning to God regularly like this is very reliable, effective, safe, and often leads to exciting and fulfilling activities.

Mary Baker Eddy, who spent a lifetime studying and living by the Bible wrote, "God gives you His spiritual ideas, and in turn, they give you daily supplies. Never ask for tomorrow; it is enough that divine love is an ever-present help; and if you wait, never doubting, you will have all you need every moment" (*Miscellaneous Writings*).

We can each begin, step by step, to trust in God, and see our needs met. So let's stop taking chances and experience the excitement of trusting in God!

Nancy Sebring is a fifth generation Christian Scientist, mother of two children in elementary school, and an active member of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth.

RELIGION CALENDAR

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Registration for 2000-2001 Sunday School is being accepted for Congregation Beit Kodesh (31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia). Affordable tuition. Tuition assistance available to those who qualify. Call (248) 477-8974 for information.

SUMMER CAMP

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

SCRIPTURE SERIES

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

KITCHEN KAPERS

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

ADOPTION SEMINAR

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

HOME RUN DERBY

Ward Church will host a home-run derby at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 20 for t-ball through adult at the Ward Church South diamond. Cost is \$1 per child; \$2 per adult. RSVP by May 19. For information call (248) 374-5937.

YOUNG ADULTS OF UNITY

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

STORY OF GOD/HIS PEOPLE

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

SPIRITUALITY AND HEALTH

First Church of Christ, Scientist in Wayne, will be the setting for a talk on spirituality and healing by Mary F. Walters of Missouri. Come explore the spiritual dimension of health at 7 p.m. Monday, May 22 (36671 Michigan Ave. West) in Wayne. Walters will discuss the best-seller "Science and health with key to the scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy. This was recently named as one of 75 books by women

"whose words have changed the world." The event is free of charge.

WORLD HEALING SERVICE

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

LIVONIA PRAYER BREAKFAST

The 26th Annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast will be held from 7:15-9 a.m. Tuesday, May 23 at St. Mary's Cultural Center (18100 Merriman Road) in Livonia between Six and Seven Miles roads. The theme of this year's event is "Think Globally, Act Locally." Richard E. Stearns, president of World Vision United States, will be the guest speaker. World Vision was founded in 1950 and is the largest privately funded Christian relief and development organization in the world. Part of the proceeds from this year's Prayer Breakfast will be used for local and global charities through World Vision U.S. For tickets call Sally Butler, (248) 476-9427.

BARBARA KEEFE CONCERT

Barbara Keefe, spiritual teacher and new thought vocalist, will be performing and hosting a workshop at 2 p.m. May 28 called "Playing with God," at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads). The program will be offered on a love offering basis. Keefe tours extensively in the U.S. performing concerts for spiritual and private groups. For information call (734) 421-1760.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Come and experience a weekend of praise and worship through the Women of Greater Grace

Temple - Taylor will gather at the Marriott Hotel (1275 W. Huron St.) of Ypsilanti for the May 19-20 14th annual Women's Retreat. Reservations can be made by calling (800) 228-9290. This year's theme is "Women of Praise Worshipping the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness: The Power of Prayer and Fasting." Keynote speaker is Evangelist Connie Hightower of Mt. Calvary Apostolic Church, Ohio.

UUCF SUNDAY PROGRAM

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Sunday Program for May 21: Rev. Bob Renjilian presents "A Doctrinal God is Dead, Long Live the Metaphor." The old descriptions of God, in an academic sense, died long ago. There are new, more meaningful and empowering ways to approach "the mystery, the divine." Services and Sunday School at 9 and 11 a.m. 25301 Halsted Road (north of Grand River). For information call (248) 478-7272 or www.wwnet.com/~uucf

FINANCIAL SEMINAR

A financial seminar will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 3 at United Assembly of God, 46500 North Territorial Road in Plymouth. Free of charge. Continental breakfast offered. Must register to attend. Call (734) 453-4530.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Trinity Presbyterian Church (10101 W. Ann Arbor Road) of Plymouth invites children to come to Vacation Bible School June 19-23 from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. daily. VBS is open to children entering kindergarten through six grade in the fall. This year's program is SonZone Discovery Center, a week of adventure is a fantastic inventor's museum designed for kids including lively songs, crafts, games, hands-on experiments, Bible study and snacks. Registration begins May 21. Call (734) 459-9550.

HIGH SCHOOL FUND-RAISER

The Plymouth-Salem High School Cheerleading Team is having a fund-raising car wash from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21, 2000 at Lighthouse Car Wash, 41869

Ford Rd, Canton.

Proceeds of the car wash will help support the Plymouth-Salem High School cheerleading program.

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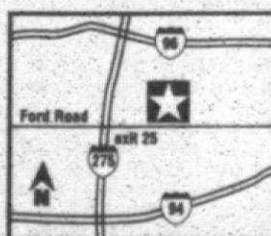
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Celebration on Ice

The Plymouth Cultural Center will present "Celebration on Ice 2000: True Colors" starting today through Sunday at the Cultural Center, located at 525 Farmer near downtown Plymouth.

Approximately 180 skaters, ranging in age from three to adult, will perform in the ice show. Solo performers include Plymouth's Michelle Manery in "The Last Blues Song", Anja Cilla in "Tutti Fruitti" and Jenny Fucile in "Red Rubber Ball"; Northville's Calynn Berry in "Black Velvet" and Erin Banner in "Cowboy, Take Me Away"; and Livonia's Lindsey Wojtyniak in "Bye Bye Blackbird".

Guest skaters are "The Crystals" of the Dearborn Figure Skating Club's synchronized skating team.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and seniors. Tickets are available at the Cultural Center's main office or pro shop. For further information, call (734) 455-6620.

Hornets win title

The Canton Hornets under-17 boys soccer team won the Louisville (Ky.) Invitational, held April 15-16, beating Flamengo (Ill.) 3-0 in the final.

Team members are P.J. Calandro, Dustin Drabek, Derek Gismondi, Jeff Haar, Mike Harkins, Andrew Holmes, Sean Lanigan, Sean Loewe, Matt Magers, Tommy Mainella, Evan Malone, John McGlone, Keith Schenkel, Jimmy Steinert, Eric Sullivan, Sean Thompson, Nick Tochman and Mike Zemanski.

Mark Zemanski, John Calandro and Roscoe Nash are team coaches.

Girls hoop camp

In Sunday's May 14 Observer, the item regarding the 2000 Canton-Salem Summer Girls Basketball Camp needs clarification.

There will be two sessions, one for girls entering fourth through seventh grades this fall from 1-3 p.m. on June 19-22 and June 26-29.

A second session for girls entering eighth and ninth grades this fall will be from 1-3 p.m. July 5-7 and July 10-13.

Cost is \$65 per session. Checks should be made payable to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and mailed to the Plymouth-Canton Community Education Department, Starkweather Center, 550 N. Holbrook, Plymouth, MI, 48170. With the payment, include the grade your child is entering, her age, height and shirt size.

For more information, call Bob Blohm at (734) 414-8156 or Fred Thomann at (734) 459-7315.

Baseball camps

The Plymouth Canton baseball coaching staff and players is sponsoring the Canton Chiefs Baseball Camp for kids 7-14 years old. The camp is scheduled for 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. June 19-23 at Canton's varsity baseball diamond.

The camp will focus on both group and individual instruction in all phases of the game: throwing, hitting, pitching, fielding, base-running.

Cost is \$85 if received before June 10. At-the-gate registration is \$90. Included is a T-shirt and lunch. The camp is limited to the first 125 players, so early registration is encouraged.

In addition: A one-day camp for eighth-graders will be at 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 24 at Canton's field. Cost is \$15, including lunch.

For further information, call Sharon Hanson at (734) 459-8477; Linda Wall at (734) 455-6285; or Carole Reddy at (734) 451-2084.

Total baseball will offer two summer baseball camps for ages seven-17, from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. June 21-23 at Novi's Powers Park and from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. June 27-29 at Northville's Community Fields. Instructors will be from University of Detroit, Henry Ford CC and Plymouth Salem HS.

Cost is \$110 for residents and \$115 for non-residents for each camp, or for both camps cost is \$200 for residents and \$210 for non-residents.

To register, send checks payable to Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom, Wixom, MI, 48393, or call (248) 668-0166.

Correction

Three names under the PC Jaws photo which appeared on B3 in Sunday's Plymouth and Canton sports section were misspelled. They were: Tony Hylko, Rob Reilly and Kyle Blakey.

It's all over

Barrie gets the best of Whalers in OHL finale

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Skeptics predicted before the season that an over-abundance of young players and a noticeable lack of depth would lead to the demise of the Plymouth Whalers during the 1999-2000 campaign.

Undaunted, the over-achieving Whalers proved their critics wrong the entire year — that is, until Tuesday night in Game Seven of the Ontario Hockey League Championship Series when the more-seasoned Barrie Colts jolted the Whalers 4-2 in front of 4,426 fans at Compuware Arena.

The standing-room-only crowd watched Barrie forward Tim Verbeek do an uncanny impression of his older brother — Detroit Red Wing Pat Verbeek — by scoring two clutch third-period goals to comple-

ment the solid play of Colt goaltender Brian Finley, who stopped 25 Whaler shots.

Finley's sterling play throughout the series earned him the Wayne Gretzky trophy, which is presented annually to the MVP of the OHL playoffs.

Finley's biggest save came with 2:40 left in the game and his team up 3-2. Whaler defenseman Shaun Fisher found an open area about 20 feet in front of the net and unleashed a scorching slapshot that Finley managed to deflect high off the glass behind the net.

It turned out to be the Whalers' last gasp as just over a minute later Verbeek stole a clearing pass at the blue-line and rocketed a shot past defenseless Plymouth goalie Rob Zepp to make it 4-2.

Please see WHALERS, C4



Joy, sorrow: The reality of the situation sinks in with the Whalers (left) and the victorious Barrie Colts (above), who celebrate with championship hats and the brandishing of the trophy, which Ed Hill proudly hoists over his head.



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Barrie's Reitz feeling right at home

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR
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OHL FINALS

There were plenty of happy people in the Compuware Arena stands Tuesday when the Barrie Colts held off the Plymouth Whalers to win the J. Ross Robertson Cup and the Ontario Hockey League championship that goes with it.

All of them were from Barrie — or at least most of them were.

There were a bunch of Plymouth natives cheering for those enemies from abroad, and with good reason: a native son was playing for the Colts.

And that made this homecoming a particularly sweet one for Erik Reitz, a 17-year-old defenseman in his first year with Barrie.

"This," the former Plymouth

Salem student (graduating class of 2001) said happily, "is the biggest game of my life, by far."

It should have been. The best-of-seven series figured to be a struggle all the way, and it was, but when Plymouth took a 3-2 advantage in games Barrie's back was up against the proverbial wall.

Enter the defense. After giving up 19 goals in the first five games, the Colts allowed just two in the last two.

"This is all about character, emotion, intensity," said Reitz. He tried to downplay his coming home for the deciding seventh game. "It was never really (a factor)," he said. "But it does make you play a bit harder."

"Yeah," he added, after a bit more reflection. "To win it at home was great. I would have liked to win it in Barrie because of all the fans, but this was special."

With one of the largest crowds in Whaler history in attendance — a standing-room only assemblage of 4,426 — it was nice to know a few of them were family.

And it was also nice to know the defense was the difference down the stretch.

"They did a good job clearing us out in front of the net," said Whaler coach Pete DeBoer. "They took away all the rebounds, and they have a world-class goalie."

That would be Brian Finley, who appreciated all the work his defensemen did in front of him.

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Home-ice winner: Erik Reitz of Plymouth plays for Barrie.

Morrell's goals lift Canton past Salem

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The difference between winning and losing: opportunities capitalized, opportunities lost.

Plymouth Canton got the better of Plymouth Salem Monday in a cross-campus girls soccer match that had major implications in deciding who would play in the Western Lakes Activities Association title match next Thursday.

The Chiefs had more scoring chances than Salem and, thanks in large part to Anne Morrell, cashed in more of them — two more, to be precise, making the final 2-0 Monday at CEP.

The win boosted Canton's overall record to 13-1-1; Salem, which lost 3-0 last Friday to second-ranked Troy Athens, slipped to 12-2-1.

The loss ruined the Rocks' hopes for playing in the WLAA title match. Going into the game, Salem and Livonia Stevenson were tied at 3-0-1 in the WLAA's Lakes Division. Since they tied against each other and beat everyone else in the division, the tiebreaker formula came down to who did what against the best teams in the Western

Division.

Enter Canton, the top team in the Western. Stevenson and the Chiefs played to a 1-1 tie; since Canton beat Salem, Stevenson will get the nod as the Lakes representative in the WLAA title match, and will host it as well.

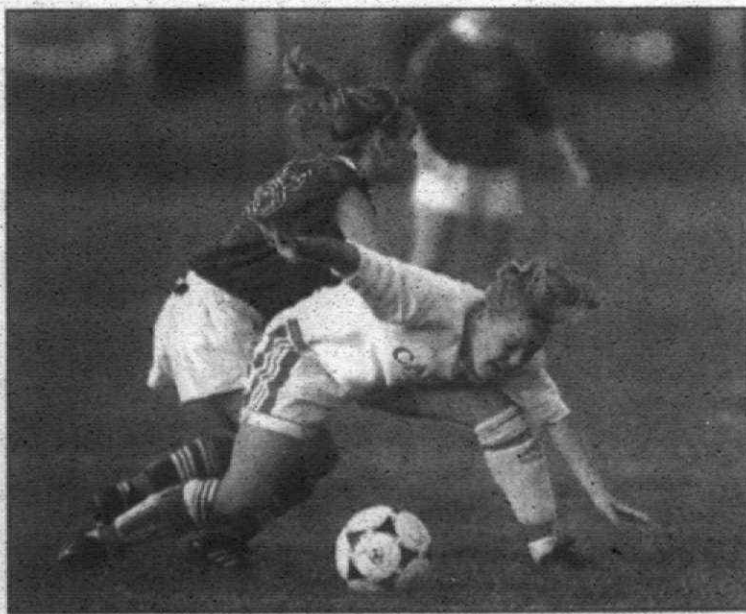
Monday's match did not lack in offense. Both teams got plenty of chances, but only Canton's Morrell put something in the net.

Her first goal of the game came just four minutes in, when she took a pass from Melanie Dunn and dribbled past a Salem defender to a spot just a few yards inside the end line, between the goal's near post and sideline.

Such an extreme angle would not be considered a likely scoring position, but Morrell left-footed a shot over Salem keeper Jenny Fitchett that hit the far post and banked into the net to make it 1-0.

The Rocks fired some hard shots on goal in the opening half, but Canton keeper Amy Dorogi snagged them all — although one gave her problems and presented Salem

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Takedown: Canton's Anne Morrell (white) and Salem's Kellee Mullin tangle in an attempt to gain control of the ball Monday. Morrell scored the game's only two goals.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Rocks stay solid in duals

There was a weakness. Plymouth Salem's girls track team, untouchable in the Western Lakes Activities Association this far this season, showed it could be beaten.

At least by a team that was real good in the distance events.

In everything else, well, forget about it. The Rocks put on display their superiority at every turn in Tuesday's WLAA dual meet at Farmington HS, winning all but the two distance runs in a 104-24 triumph that lifted their overall dual record to 6-0, 5-0 in the WLAAs Lakes Division.

Aisha Chappell paced the Rocks by winning three individual events. Chappell was first in the high jump (4-feet, 8-inches), the 100-meter hurdles (1:16.8) and the 300 hurdles (49.2).

Tiffany Grubaugh also won two individual events, taking first in the discus (120-2 1/2) and shot put (35-10). Salem's other individual...

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event winners were Michelle Bonior in the 100 (13.3), Autumn Hicks in the 200 (27.4), Rachel Jones in the 400 (1:01.7), Brynne DeNeen in the 800 (2:33.8) and Jessica Shamberger in the long jump (15-5).

Bonner, Celena Davis, Shamberger and Melissa Drake won the 400 relay (51.9); Hicks, Ellohem Amable, Kara Dendrinos and Jones finished first in the 800 relay (1:54.1); Val Brown, Jill Gray, Kelly Solano and Kara Dendrinos took top honors in the 1,600 (4:37.8); and Heather Whittington, Gray, Solano and Lisa Jasnowski captured the 3,200 relay.

Chiefs clip Franklin
Ten wins, four of them by Mary Maloney and Sarah McCormack,

helped Plymouth Canton roll past Livonia Franklin 86-52 in a WLAAs dual meet Tuesday at Canton.

Maloney finished first in the long jump (14-4) and the 3,200-meter run (12:36.0), while McCormack won the 1,600 (5:53.0) and the 800 (2:41.4).

The Chiefs also swept the four relays, with Jessica Levey, Erica Stoney, Shari Leventhal and McCormack joining to win the 3,200 (11:04.0); Terra Kubert, Elizabeth Lanning, Tekla Bude and Meredith Fox in the 800 (1:55.6); Julie Rotramel, Cindy Rotramel, Lanning and Kristin Schilk winning the 400 (56.1); and Levey, Kubert, Schilk and Fox combining in the 1,600 (4:36.0).

Other Canton winners were Milyne Matheny in the 100 hurdles (18.9) and Lanning in the 200 (29.9).

Up next are the Division I Regionals Friday at Redford Union.

Canton claims division title

Plymouth Canton wrapped up the top spot in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division by racing past Livonia Franklin 98-39 in its final dual meet Tuesday at Franklin.

Canton is 4-0 in the division, 4-1 overall.

"For a nasty day, the Chiefs still came out running hard and fast," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "We had a lot of first places."

Chris Kalis won three events for the Chiefs and Jamie Bonner got two more as Canton picked up 11 firsts in 17 events. Kalis was a winner in the high jump (6-feet, 3-inches), the 110-meter hurdles (16.3) and the 300-meter hurdles (41.4).

Bonner was first in the 100

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(11.3) and 200 (33.5) dashes.

Other individual event winners for the Chiefs were Ugo Okwumabua in the long jump (21-0), Jordan Chapman in the pole vault (12-6) and Jerry Gaines in the 400 (50.3).

Canton also collected three wins in four relays. K.J. Singh, Bonner, Gary Lee and Mike Parker were first in the 400 (45.1); Singh, Bonner, Gaines and Parker captured the 800 (1:33.9); and Jack Tucci, Brian Page, Aaron Schmidt and Tony Mize were best in the 3,200 (8:58.9).

Next up for the Chiefs: the Division I regionals Friday at Redford Union.

Salem edges Farmington

Wins in six running events enabled Plymouth Salem to edge Farmington 74-63 in a WLAAs Lakes Division dual meet Tuesday at Salem.

Mark Snyder won both the shot put (47-6 1/2) and discus (131-3) for the Rocks, and Rob Showalter got another win in the 300-meter hurdles (43.7).

Other firsts for the Rocks went to Pat Johnson in the 100 (11.5); Manvir Gill in the 1,600 (4:49.6); and Donnie Warner in the 3,200 (10:11.5). Salem also won the 800 (1:38.5) and 3,200 (8:35.0) relays.

Friday's Division I regional at Redford Union is next for the Rocks.

Just too much to do: Miller leaving UDM

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Having to raise money for his program for the last 38 years grew old for University of Detroit Mercy baseball coach Bob Miller.

So after this season is done, so is Miller.

The Redford Township resident — who has been part of Titan athletics as a player, booster, assistant coach or head coach in one way, shape or form since the 1940s — announced he's stepping down as coach effective the end of the season.

"I had a great career there," said Miller. "It was a wonderful career. From my mother and father going to every game when they were alive, God rest their souls, to my grandkids... But this is not the way I wanted to go out."

Miller decided to quit when assistant coach Lee Bjerkie said that he would resign if he wasn't paid by the school. Miller told Bjerkie that "if you leave, I'm leaving."

"I've been a part-time coach for 38 years at U-D," Miller said. "I've got no pension from them, no nothing. I tried to get money for (Lee). He's done a helluva good job for this program."

"I got no money from U-D," said Bjerkie, who went to Miller's staff after a short stint at Henry Ford Community College and several years at Willow Run High School.

"My salary was fund-raised for four years and it got to the point where I was no longer going to be an assistant for no salary. Bob gave the ultimatum that the school was going to pay his assistants or he was not going to be back."

UDM athletic director Brad Kinsman said he took the issue up with school president Sr. Maureen Fay, but the answer was no.

"All teams have to fund-raise to a certain extent," said Kinsman, who added that Miller's replacement will also have to raise funds to pay for coaching salaries. "I think Bob got tired of it and felt the school should do ABC and D and decided to step down. The issue of the school paying for assistants was taken forward and declined."

"He's a legend. He's worked tirelessly on behalf of our student-athletes and we're indebted to him. Everything Titan baseball has become over the years is a credit to Bob and his staff. He is remarkable."

Miller was outstanding at raising money for his program — guessing he raised about \$1 million over the years.

He held banquets and parties with such sports stars as Sparky



Bob Miller UDM coach quits

Chiefs eye division crown

One obstacle — a major one at that — has been cleared for Plymouth Canton's baseball team. Another awaits.

On Monday, the Chiefs finally got what they needed: a win over Northville, a team that had eluded that possibility since 1998. Scoring seven runs in the first three innings, Canton withstood a Mustang comeback attempt to post a 9-5 triumph Monday at Canton.

The win, combined with Farmington Harrison's extra-inning loss to Walled Lake Western Monday, left the Chiefs in command of their own destiny in the Western Lakes Activities Association. They are 6-1 in the WLAAs Western Division, ahead of Northville and Harrison; today Canton plays a double-header at Harrison (one game is a make-up of an earlier cancellation).

Should the Chiefs sweep, they will be in a great position to play for the WLAAs championship.

Against Northville Monday, there were several heroes — something that has become the accepted norm for Canton. Bryan Kay had two hits, including a two-run double in the second inning, and three runs batted in, while James Wisniewski went 3-for-3 with two triples and three RBI.

One of Wisniewski's triples drove in a run in the sixth; Jon Johnson's sacrifice fly delivered Wisniewski with another, solidifying Canton's lead by stretching it from two runs to four.

Jason Evans added two doubles and two runs scored, Oliver Wolcott had two hits and two runs scored, and Brad Smigielki had a double, an RBI and two runs scored.

Mark Hanson, a sophomore, was the winning pitcher, improving his record to 3-0. He

And the memories acquired in that time have been plentiful.

"I've been able to coach my sons (Tom, Bob and Pat) and that was a thrill," Miller said. "My team in 1965 came within a game of going to Omaha (for the College World Series) and the teams in the 1970s were as good as any around. But the one thing I always told my players and recruits is that they were going to get their education and play for a helluva baseball program. That was my philosophy. They were going to play ball, but they were also going to get a degree."

Miller knows he'll miss coaching and UDM. In addition to coaching, he also takes care of the Campbell Athletic Complex as if it were his own house — and in a sense, it is. He cuts the grass and edges it, builds and rebuilds the mound.

For most of his years as a baseball coach, he also sold insurance for lifelong friend Chuck Davie, who was paralyzed in a freak accident in Puerto Rico.

"I started to work for him, and I told him that I had the chance to become baseball coach at U-D," Miller said. "He told me to do it. Just don't spend all your time coaching, sell some insurance too."

He's still dealing with grass in retirement, but most of it will be on a golf course. He's had several old friends begging him to play for years — now he'll have the chance to do it.

And baseball won't be out of his system entirely.

"I'll still go to high school games, Connie Mack games, Ford Field in Livonia," mused Miller. "I'm still going to go out and do it even though I'm not recruiting. I enjoy the game."

"It's in my soul now."

The Vikings countered with

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allowed five runs (three earned) on three hits and four walks, with four strikeouts, in six innings. Johnson pitched a scoreless seventh, striking out two.

Canton is 17-5 overall, 6-1 in the WLAAs Western Division.

Salem 10, W.L. Central 1: Plymouth Salem insured its position in the WLAAs Lakes Division with a strong pitching performance from Steve Gordon and some key hits down the stretch Monday at Walled Lake Central.

The victory improved the Rocks' record to 12-11 overall, 6-1 in the Lakes Division.

Steve Gordon allowed four hits, one walk and hit three batters; he struck out four in getting the pitching win. Mike Higgins started and took the loss for Central.

Salem clung to a 1-0 lead until the fifth, when it opened things up a bit with a three-run rally. "Right now, all games are tough for us," said Rocks' coach Dale Rumberger. "We were fortunate to beat (Livonia) Stevenson (last week). This was a big game because Walled Lake only had two losses. To keep going in the division, we had to have it."

"It was nice to have a complete-pitched game. If we keep pitching like that, we'll be OK."

Although Gordon's pitching was strong, Salem's hitting was actually better. Adam Kolb helped break the game open with a bases-loaded single in the fifth, scoring two runs; he had two hits and two RBI in the game.

Jan Winter slugged a two-run homer in the seventh, improving his record to 3-0. He

seventh, Gordon had two doubles and an RBI, and Jason Furr finished with two hits and an RBI.

Canton 11-15, Crestwood 0-5: A non-league double-header ended in a pair of 10-run mercy wins for Plymouth Canton Saturday at Canton.

In the opener, Matt Staley handcuffed Dearborn Heights Crestwood with a one-hit, three-walk performance over five innings. Staley struck out two.

Bryan Kay slugged a two-run homer. Oliver Wolcott had two hits, and Jason Waidmann, Jason Evans and Brad Smigielki each had a hit and an RBI. The Chiefs led 8-0 after three innings, then scored three more in the fourth.

In the second game, James Wisniewski was unstoppable, blasting a grand-slam homer in a six-run fifth while going 4-for-4 at the plate and driving in five runs.

Kay had three hits, including a double and a triple, driving in two runs and scoring three more, while Oliver Wolcott had three hits and three runs scored and Russ Caid had two hits and an RBI.

John Loos also had two hits, both doubles, and his two-run double in the sixth gave the Chiefs the margin needed for a mercy win. Brian Rosow had a hit and scored twice.

Three pitchers went to the mound for Canton, with Wisniewski allowing two unearned runs in the first inning and Wolcott giving up three runs on four hits and four walks, with three strikeouts, in 2 2/3 innings.

Brent Vasher finished and earned the pitching win with 2 1/3 innings of scoreless relief; he surrendered two hits and struck out three.

Canton's Stewart 1-hits N'ville

Laura Stewart tossed a one-hit shutout and collected two hits herself in leading Plymouth Canton's softball squad to a 3-0 victory over Northville Monday at Northville.

The win boosted Canton's overall record to 16-9; the Chiefs are 5-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

The only hit allowed by Stewart came with two out in the seventh. She did not walk a batter and struck out 10.

The Rocks managed just five hits. Jenna Ferrino had a run-scoring double in the seventh, and Michelle DeVos had a single and an RBI.

Last weekend at the Temperance Bedford Invitational, Canton lost twice, 1-0 to Saline and 11-5 to Westland John Glenn, then withdrew from the tournament and was forced to forfeit to Plymouth Salem. The Chiefs' top two pitchers, Stewart and Katie Conlon, were both hurt.

W.L. Central 2, Salem 1: Plymouth Salem was limited to three hits on Monday in dropping a WLAAs Lakes Division game to Walled Lake Central in a game played at Salem.

The loss dropped the Rocks to 3-4 in the division, 15-9 overall.

Salem had the early lead, getting a run in the bottom of the third started by a single by Shae Potocki. She moved to second on a passed ball and to third on a groundout by Marnie Jones. A sacrifice fly by Katie Kelly delivered the run.

Churchill 4, Franklin 0: A no-no was not a no-no for sophomore Meghan Misiak.

"No-no" is baseball parlance for a no-hitter and Livonia Churchill's pitcher was not to be denied Monday in the Chargers' 4-0 victory over host Livonia Franklin.

Misiak fired her second no-hit

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single runs in the fourth and seventh to get the win.

Liz Dekarske took the loss for Salem, allowing two runs on four hits and a walk, striking out three.

"We hit the ball, just right at people," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "Hopefully, we'll get our bats turned around by this weekend."

The Rocks play a double-header at Farmington today, then host the eight-team Salem Invitational Saturday. Salem, Northville, Detroit Country Day and Flat Rock Summit Academy are in one pool; Sterling Heights Stevenson, Taylor Truman, Wyandotte Roosevelt and Walled Lake Western are in the other. Game times are 10 a.m., noon and 2:15 p.m., with the title game at 4:15 p.m.

Last weekend, Salem finished third in the seven-team Temperance Bedford Invitational, beating Ann Arbor Huron 3-2 in the first game before losing 2-0 to Monroe and 9-3 to Bedford. Canton's withdrawal gave the Rocks third place.

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Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 40-7
Jeff Telford (Mercy) 38-3 1/2
Tasha O'Neal (N. Farmington) 36-10 3/4
Lisa Balke (Franklin) 36-2
Marian Jacoby (Churchill) 34-8 1/2
Michelle Bonior (Salem) 33-3
Kirsty Ramsey (Mercy) 32-10
Susan Hand (N. Farmington) 105-4
Dobly Chen (N. Farmington) 105-0
Jan Dash (Lutheran Westland) 103-4
Tara O'Neal (N. Farmington) 100-5
Julie Yanbaksky (Stevenson) 100-0
- HIGH JUMP**
Kirsty Ramsey (Mercy) 5-5
Amy Driscoll (Canton) 5-2
Alexia Noel (Ladwood) 5-2
Alisa Chappell (Lutheran Westland) 5-1
Autumn Hicks (Salem) 5-1

- 100-METER HURDLES**
Latasha Chandler (John Glenn) 14.9
Alisa Chappell (Salem) 16.1
Dayna Clemens (N. Farmington) 16.2
Kirstel Stricker (Farmington) 16.3
Cassie Ehardt (Stevenson) 16.3
Lisa Rosemary (Harrison) 16.7
Valerie Brown (Salem) 17.0
Angela Fodor (Lutheran Westland) 17.0
Anna Rolf (Lutheran Westland) 17.0
Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 17.1
Alexia Noel (Ladwood) 16.1 1/4
Tara Tarole (Stevenson) 15-11
Latasha Chandler (John Glenn) 15-10 1/2
Heather Vargo (Ply. Christian) 15-8
Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 15-7 1/2
Stephanie Dean (Churchill) 15-5 1/2
Allison Dugan (Churchill) 15-5
Leyna Kaspanek (Stevenson) 15-5
- POLE VAULT**
Kim Wiley (Garden City) 10-4
Kari Cezz (Churchill) 9-8
Jane Peterson (Churchill) 9-4
Andrea McMillan (Franklin) 9-2
Laurin Turner (N. Farmington) 8-6
Amy Driscoll (Canton) 8-6
Nicole Larion (John Glenn) 8-6
Julia Simina (Harrison) 8-0
Amy Jeddick (Salem) 8-0
Abby Schirder (Stevenson) 8-0

- 200-METER HURDLES**
Alexandra Marshall (Mercy) 26.5
Rachel Jones (Salem) 26.8
Dayna Clemens (N. Farmington) 27.2
Kelly Carzy (Ladwood) 27.3
Brianna Watson (Ladwood) 27.3
Autumn Hicks (Salem) 27.4
Sharla Felton (Redford Union) 27.5
Celina Davis (Salem) 27.6
Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 27.8
Michelle Bonior (Salem) 27.8
Meredith Fox (Canton) 27.8
Melissa Loken (Churchill) 27.8
Dominique Whitner (Borgess) 27.8
Tara Tarole (Stevenson) 5:36.2
Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 5:36.4
Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 5:36.6
Lisa Jasnowski (Salem) 5:39.5
Michelle Phillips (Churchill) 5:42.4
- 3,200-METER RUN**
Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 12:13.0
Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 12:20.6
Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 12:32.1
Tessa Tarole (Stevenson) 12:33.1

- 400-METER DASH**
Alexandra Marshall (Mercy) 1:00.2
Autumn Hicks (Salem) 1:00.7
Meredith Fox (Canton) 1:00.8
Rachel Jones (Salem) 1:01.7
Erin Mazzoni (Stevenson) 1:02.2
Laura Glynn (Harrison) 1:02.7
Rita Malec (Franklin) 1:02.8
Taktia Bode (Canton) 1:03.1
Jessica Levey (Canton) 1:03.7
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Alexandra Marshall (Mercy) 1:00.2
Autumn Hicks (Salem) 1:00.7
Meredith Fox (Canton) 1:00.8
Rachel Jones (Salem) 1:01.7
Erin Mazzoni (Stevenson) 1:02.2
Laura Glynn (Harrison) 1:02.7
Rita Malec (Franklin) 1:02.8
Taktia Bode (Canton) 1:03.1
Jessica Levey (Canton) 1:03.7

- 300-METER HURDLES**
Katie Bouschet (Farmington) 13.1
Dayna Clemens (N. Farmington) 13.1
Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 13.2
Meredith Fox (Canton) 13.2
Sierra Miller (Ladwood) 13.2
Charla Felton (Redford Union) 13.2
Rita Malec (Franklin) 13.2
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Mike Morris (Redford CC) 53-11
Mike Gaura (Churchill) 52-5 1/2
Mark Snyder (Salem) 50-5 1/4
Nate Mackles (Lutheran Westland) 48-5
Nate Heneman (Franklin) 48-1/2
Ade Hensley (Canton) 45-10
Jeff Swinger (N. Farmington) 45-1
Dave Boucher (Salem) 45-0
Brad Person (Harrison) 43-10
Cjerie Rouse (Redford CC) 43-10
- DISCUS**
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 155-8
Cjerie Rouse (Redford CC) 148-7
Nate Mackles (Lutheran Westland) 145-1
Brad Person (Harrison) 144-7
Mark Snyder (Salem) 142-5
Jeff Duenkel (Redford CC) 141-5
Andrew Ribet (Churchill) 140-0
Nate Heneman (Franklin) 139-10
Ben Lukas (Farmington) 134-11
Ade Hensley (Canton) 131-9
- HIGH JUMP**
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 6-6
Jeremy Mazze (Farmington) 6-5

- 100-METER HURDLES**
Kevin Palmer (Canton) 13-0
Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 13-0
Chris Duncan (N. Farmington) 13-0
K.J. Singh (Canton) 11.2
Mike Clark (Lutheran Westland) 11.2
Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 11.2
Pat Johnson (Salem) 11.2
Rob Gerry (John Glenn) 11.2
- 200-METER DASH**
Agin Shabaz (Harrison) 22.1
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 22.5
Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 22.7
Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 22.9
Mark O'Leary (Farmington) 23.1
Jeremy Mazze (Farmington) 23.1
Mike Spakis (Garden City) 23.2
Jamie Bonner (Canton) 23.2
Eric Scott (Churchill) 42.6
Chris Kalis (Canton) 41.2
James Cook (Harrison) 41.7
Rob Showalter (Salem) 42.3
Brian Jones (Churchill) 42.3
Dave Brown (Redford Union) 42.4
Brent Hauck (Churchill) 42.4
Ricky Singh (Canton) 42.5
Kyle Meteyer (N. Farmington) 42.5
- 300-METER HURDLES**
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 40.4
Chris Kalis (Canton) 41.2
James Cook (Harrison) 41.7
Rob Showalter (Salem) 42.3
Brian Jones (Churchill) 42.3
Dave Brown (Redford Union) 42.4
Brent Hauck (Churchill) 42.4
Ricky Singh (Canton) 42.5
Kyle Meteyer (N. Farmington) 42.5
- 1,600-METER DASH**
Marcus Woods (Harrison) 10.9
Darryl Argin (Borgess) 10.9

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Agin Shabaz (Harrison) 22.1
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 22.5
Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 22.7
Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 22.9
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Dave Brown (Redford Union) 42.4
Brent Hauck (Churchill) 42.4
Ricky Singh (Canton) 42.5
Kyle Meteyer (N. Farmington) 42.5
- 3,200-METER RUN**
Matt Day (Redford CC) 9:25.0
Jason Richmond (Churchill) 9:51.0
Eric Travis (Stevenson) 10:05.6

- 1,600-METER DASH**
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"Brian Finley was outstanding tonight," Whales coach Pete DeBoer said. "He showed tonight why he was the fifth overall selection in the NHL draft (by Nashville) last year. There's a kid you're going to see playing in the NHL for 15 years. He's that good."

DeBoer's praise shifted quickly from Finley to his own players. "Everything we had you saw tonight," DeBoer said. "Those kids left everything out on the ice, but it just wasn't quite enough."

"I think the biggest difference between us and Barrie was depth. They have 19- and 20-year-old kids on their fourth line while we have 17-year-old rookies. That's what it came



One in, one away: Plymouth's Damian Surma (left) unleashed this shot from the point in the first period and scored to pull the Whalers even with Barrie. But finding offense proved to be a problem throughout the final two games of the series for Plymouth, as the puck just seemed to keep bouncing away, something Justin Williams (21, above) found out as he battled the Colts' Ryan Barnes for the puck.

Barrie avoids elimination

GAME SIX

There were some elements the Plymouth Whalers could neutralize when they visited Barrie Sunday for Game Six in their best-of-seven series for the Ontario Hockey League championship.

Sheldon Keefe and Denis Shvidki, the Colts' top two scorers during the regular season, were kept scoreless, giving them a total of just three goals (one an empty-netter) in six games.

However, the Whalers couldn't combat the raucous sellout crowd of 4,250. Nor could they do anything to disrupt the play of Barrie goalie Brian Finley, who stopped all 26 Whaler shots in posting a 3-0 shutout win that forced a Game Seven Tuesday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The game was fairly even through the first two periods, with Barrie scoring at 6:13 of the first on a goal by Mike Jefferson, his seventh of the playoffs. Ryan Barnes and Erik Reitz — a Plymouth native — earned assists.

The Colts had a 23-22 advantage in shots on goal through two periods. But in the third, they scored twice more while outshooting Plymouth 9-4. Both goals were scored by Mike Henrich, with Mike Christensen assisting on both.

Rob Zepp made 29 saves in goal for the Whalers.

Plymouth tied the game at 1-1 four minutes later when — just six seconds into its first power-play of the night — Damian Surma fired a slapshot from just inside the blue-line that eluded Finley. The Colts' netminder was screened from the shot by a pair of Whalers in front of the net. Surma's goal was assisted by Justin Williams and Stephen Weiss.

Barrie regained the lead four minutes into the second period when Mike Henderson shot the puck under Zepp's pads from short range to make it 2-1.

Six minutes later, Zepp redeemed himself by stoning a shot from Verbeek, who had skated behind the Whalers' defense.

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Including Reitz. His 6-foot-1, 195-pound bulk helped keep the goal area void of Whalers. Coming into the game, he totaled five assists in 22 playoff games and was tied for the team lead in plus/minus with a plus-10 rating.

Barrie's first-round pick (19th overall) in the 1999 OHL priority selection draft, Reitz was never really an offensive force as a defenseman, collecting two goals and 10 assists in 63 games. He also had a plus-20 rating.

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Tech ousts Madonna

COLLEGE BASEBALL

At least Madonna University's baseball team reached the second day of the NAIA Region VIII Tournament. Two days and one inning, to be precise.

The Crusaders surrendered eight runs in the opening inning of their game against Indiana Tech Saturday, eventually falling 17-3. They finish with a season-record of 29-25-1.

Tech, the regular-season champ in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, ended up claiming the Region VIII title by beating Marian College twice, 11-4 Saturday and 8-4 Monday to improve to 41-19.

Tech advances to the NAIA National that starts today in Joliet, Ill., playing a best-of-three games series against St. Francis (Ill.), with a trip to the NAIA World Series at stake.

Dale Hayes (Westland John Glenn HS) started for Madonna against Tech, but he lasted just 1/3 of an inning, giving up seven runs. The score reached 10-0 by the end of two innings, as five Crusaders went to the mound and were tagged for 12 earned runs on 22 hits. Hayes took the loss.

Madonna did manage 10 hits in the game, with Eric Lightle (Livonia Churchill) getting three of them, one a double. Chris Woodruff had a pinch-hit double and an RBI and Mark Cole had a single and an RBI.

Adam Ward and Jeremiah Deakins each had three hits and four RBIs and Ryan Campbell contributed two hits, including a homer, and four RBIs.

Brad Sparks went the distance to earn the pitching win for Tech.

All-Region players

Two Madonna baseball players and two more softball players were selected to the NAIA All-Region VIII team, which was released Monday.

Seniors Derick Wolfe and Todd Miller were named to the all-region baseball squad. Wolfe, an outfielder, led the Crusaders in virtually every offensive category, batting .395 with a team-best .704 slugging percentage, eight home runs, 16 doubles and five triples. He and Miller were both named to the all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference team.

Softball all-region choices were senior catcher Vicki Malkowski and junior shortstop Kristy McDonald. Malkowski paced Madonna with a .339 batting average, 19 doubles and 34 RBIs; she also committed just three errors in 55 games, posting a .984 fielding percentage.

McDonald, from Redford (Thurston HS), was second on the team in batting with a .335 average and in RBI with 32. Her .532 slugging percentage and five homers led Madonna, which finished 31-24 overall.

Both players were all-WHAC picks.

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With its best chance.

With 13:15 left, Jami Coyle's corner kick went into the box and Dorog couldn't field it. For several seconds, the ball bounced free a few yards in front of the Canton goal. But the Rocks couldn't finish, and the ball was finally cleared by a Chiefs' defender.

"I think there were a lot of opportunities we had," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "In past games we put those away. Tonight, we didn't."

Although the Rocks had several chances, they could never gain the initiative. "They wanted it," was Nora's assessment of Canton's play. "I think we wanted it, too, for stretches at a time, but not as much."

Chiefs' coach Don Smith thought the abundance of "nervous energy" displayed by both teams tended to tire them out. Canton rebounded in the second half and, with Jill Dombrowski in the Salem goal, started pressing.

With just over 10 minutes of the second half played, Stephanie Johnson centered a pretty pass that got through the Salem defense to Morrell, stationed 15 yards directly in front of the goal. She took her time, settling the ball before driving it past a lunging Dombrowski to make it 2-0 with 29:03 to play.

The Chiefs continued to pressure for the remainder of the game, Dombrowski diving to deflect one shot wide and leaping to knock another just over the crossbar.

"They couldn't just concentrate on Anne," said Smith. "A lot of other people had scoring chances. I thought everybody contributed."

Efforts like that could carry the Chiefs well into the upcoming state tournament. But first they'll have to get past a Salem team that will no doubt be seeking vengeance.

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Encouraging words: Canton coach Don Smith tries to keep his players focused during Monday's match against Archival Plymouth Salem.

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Shamrocks come up short in bid for playoffs

Winning two of three games against Birmingham Brother Rice on Saturday would have clinched a spot in the Catholic League playoffs for Redford Catholic Central.

Instead, the Shamrocks lost the completion of a previously suspended game against the Warriors, then split the regularly scheduled doubleheader to force a one-game playoff Wednesday to determine the final berth in the DCL postseason.

"We have a chance to redeem ourselves," said CC coach John Salter. "If he had won outright, we would have been there."

The Shamrocks dropped the suspended game 10-5 after resuming it, trailing 9-4 in the bottom of the fourth. CC won the opener of the doubleheader, 3-1, but lost the second game, 10-6, to tie the Warriors with a 9-7 record and share second place in the Central Division at 9-7.

In the suspended game, Matt Loras wound up, 2-for-4 with two runs scored and Ryan Rogowski was 1-for-1 with a walk and a run scored.

BASEBALL

CC (16-8) shut down Rice in the opener, on a combined three-hitter by Adam Kline and eventual winner Adam Smith (2-1).

Brian Williams and Charlie Haeger led the way at the plate as they both went 2-for-3.

Rice earned revenge in the second game, paced by a five-run fifth and a three-run seventh. Kevin Entsminger (2-4) suffered the loss. Williams and John Hill both had a pair of hits and an RBI.

John Glenn 13, N. Farmington 12: If you can't outpitch them, outslug them.

That formula worked Monday for Coach Todd Duffield's Westland John Glenn baseball team as it gave up five runs in the top of the seventh then scored six in the bottom half of the inning to take a 13-12 victory from North Farmington.

After one was out, winning relief pitcher Tom Howard walked to start the rally. Mike Grant singled, then Jeff

Koslowski reached on an error that let in the first run.

Another run scored on an error permitting Dave Mijal to reach first. Chad Sansom then singled in the third run of the inning and Josh Day doubled home the fourth.

Mark Wacker was walked intentionally to load the bases with two out but Dave Holloway spoiled the strategy with a game-winning two-run single.

Howard pitched to two batters to gain the win, walking one and seeing the second line into a 6-4 double play. He is now 1-0.

North Farmington pounded out 10 hits but made four errors while John Glenn got its 13 runs on 13 hits. The Rockets made three errors.

Westland overcame a 3-1 deficit with three runs in the fourth and took tacked on three more in the fifth before North Farmington made its bid.

Sansom went 4-for-5 for the day while Day had a single, double and triple good for three RBI. Holloway collected a pair of singles plus a double for five RBI and Mike Grant had two hits

and an RBI.

Pat O'Connell, who came on in relief in the fifth, took the loss for North Farmington.

John Glenn (6-14) is now 2-9 in the WLAA and 1-6 in its division.

Churchill 8, Franklin 0: Brad Bescoe tossed a three-hitter Monday and the Chargers scored three runs in the second and fifth innings.

Bescoe (3-2) struck out eight and walked only two batters.

Joe Ruggiero took the loss for the visiting Patriots, allowing seven hits and seven runs in five innings. Jim Priebe had two hits for Franklin (5-12).

Marshall Tucker had an RBI

double for Churchill (10-11). Jason Dominas had two hits plus an RBI and scored twice while Rory Cesarz had two hits. The Chargers are 3-4 in WLAA divisional play.

On Saturday, Churchill took a doubleheader from visiting Redford Thurston, 13-8 and 16-6.

Tucker had five RBI, lacing two doubles, in the first game while Rob Wilson had three hits including a double and drove in three runs.

Ricky Strain hit a two-run single and added a sacrifice fly. Bescoe won the game, pitching two innings of relief.

Churchill outhit Thurston, 13-10. Each team made two errors.

Jared Kazmierczak collected

two doubles for the Eagles while Eric Carlson and Greg McClain each had two hits. Travis Farkas took the loss.

Churchill pounded out 15 hits in the second game mercy win. Wilson went six innings to get the win, striking out six and walking three.

Cesarz went 4-for-4 and had two RBI. Wilson had three hits and drove in two runs. Josh Odom drove in a run with two hits and Dominas had three hits good for two RBI.

Kazmierczak had two hits for Thurston while Jim Melvin had two of the Eagles' eight hits, including a solo home run. Isaac Sudet took the loss, working the first three innings.

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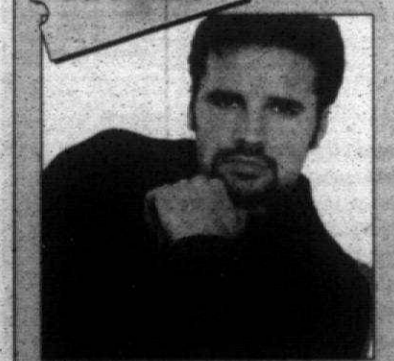
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Whimsical work: Steven Dark created this "Chicken as Waiter" pot in clay.

GREEKTOWN ART FEST

SIGHTS, SOUNDS, FOOD WILL DAZZLE CROWDS FOR 10TH YEAR

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Blues, baklava and art works — the Greektown Arts Festival brings out the best in all three, so it's no wonder crowds continue to flock to the historic area year after year in search of a good time.

The long and steady parade of visitors appeals to top artists from across the country and makes for a strong show of talent.

Greektown Arts Festival
When: 5-10 p.m. Friday, May 19; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 20; and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 21
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"It's the intimate setting of Greektown. It's a special place with all the great restaurants, bakeries and fine shops," said Dave Roberts, festival coordinator. "It is the only art festival held on the streets of downtown Detroit with historic buildings from the 19th century."

It's no coincidence that visitors will find artists demonstrating their craft just as they do at the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair because the Michigan Guild's been putting on

that show for 30 years. Now in its 10th year, the Greektown Arts Festival showcases many popular elements of the Ann Arbor fair. The Guild's Imagination Station 'is always a hit with children who enjoy making art and then taking it home.

The Festival Stage brings talented musicians to the streets and tours give a glimpse inside the historic Greektown buildings. The Laikon Cafe, Fishbone's, the Old Shillelagh and the Music Menu Showcase Bar & Grill offer a variety of ways for fair goers to rest and refresh.

"There's new artists, a lot of exciting new media and a lot of really great entertainment with Larry McCray and the phenomenal gospel group The Mighty Royal Lights of the Tru Light Temple," said Roberts. "Over the years, we've improved on the stage area and entertainment. In the early years there were no headliners or big name draws."

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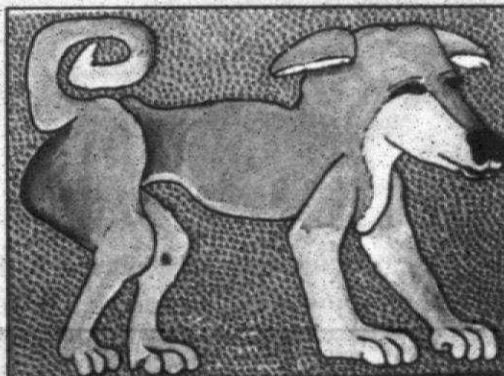
Celia Block looks forward to returning to the Greektown Arts Festival because of the atmosphere. The West Bloomfield artist began bringing her painted silk jackets, scarves and shawls to the show in 1995. Block designs, paints and sews every garment she sells.

"I grew up in Detroit and have been going to Greektown since I was a child," said Block. "I love the area: I like the restaurants, the street ambiance. My whole family wants to visit me during the festival because it's in Greektown."

Whimsical wonders

The Greektown Arts Festival is giving Steven Dark a chance to visit his family in Livonia. The Alabama potter hasn't been back for a few years so he's hoping to see some old friends and make new ones at the festival. A graduate of Clarenceville High School in Livonia, Dark primarily sells his stoneware vessels and table top fountains at shows in the south where he's won several

Please see GREEKTOWN, C7



On the prowl: Edward Andrzejewski of Calumet painted this work titled "Chavez."

Bluesman's new material 'rocks harder'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELIN CASOLA
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Nearly a decade since the release of *Ambition*, an album that launched Larry McCray's musical career, the Arkansas-born and Saginaw-bred guitarist confirms his status as one of the most powerful bluesman around as he prepares to kick out new tunes at the 2000 Greektown Arts Festival.

With a new album in the works, the man who last declared he was *Born To Play The Blues* (1998) returns to Detroit to celebrate the 10th year of the festival. McCray is more than ready to showcase new songs like *Blues Is My Business*, *Love Gone Bad* and the tentative title track *Believe it*. While he said the music he's been playing for years hasn't changed much, it has shifted focus "in terms of what people are into at the time." Today, blues has to appeal to rock, reggae, soul and R&B audiences.

"People are into very rhythmic music," said McCray, in a telephone interview on May 9. "You have to do these things to continue to survive."

McCray's new material "rocks harder," contains a wide array of rhythms and strong vocals, but never strays from its bluesy origins. "I came from a history of it," said McCray. "My family were blues listeners and musicians before me. I always needed music with more of an inner soul."



Larry McCray

Influences

Influenced by greats Jimi Hendrix, George Benson and Wes Montgomery, McCray will be featured as the opening night headliner for the Greektown festival. "We're just gonna try to have an intense show," he said. "I'm really anxious and happy to have new music available for the people. I think the time is right for the band."

The time is right in Detroit to celebrate spring and the beginning of outdoor festivals as well. As the Greektown Arts Festival begins to heat up, the musical line up is sure to emit sounds of cool blues and steamy funk. To kick off the festival Friday night, The Brothers Groove start their engines at 6 p.m. blending funk, jazz, rock and blues into something undefinably delicious. While singer/keyboardist Chris Codish has played the festival with the likes of Johnnie Bassett and Thornetta Davis — who also return this year — it's a first for The Brothers

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SPECIAL EVENT

Comic book convention more than kids' stuff

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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The silver age of comic books may have passed long ago — thanks to video games and computers — but the genre is far from dead.

In reality, it's branched out, creating new categories and targeting different audiences, particularly older readers.

Otherwise, attracting more than 300 comic artists from across the country to participate in an event like Motor City Comic Con, Friday-Sunday, May 19-21 at the Novi Expo Center, would be impossible.

"There are quite a few comic books written for the mature reader today," said Michael Goldman of Farmington Hills, president of Motor City Conventions and the founder of Comic Con. "One of the biggest stereotypes about comic books is that they're for little kids. There are comic books for 6-year-olds and 60-year-olds."

In its 11th year, Comic Con focuses on two aspects of popular culture: comic books and television and film with a science-fiction angle. The event began as a comic art convention and gradually grew to encompass other areas of pop culture.

Cult favorites

So, in addition to the hundreds of comic illustrators and writers who come to talk about their craft or sell and promote their work, Goldman tries to bring in stars from cult favorites like *Star Wars* and *Star Trek*.

What: Motor City Comic Con featuring hundreds of comic creators and collectors, an appearance by actor Jonathan Frakes, who plays Commander William Riker on *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, pop culture collectibles and more
When: Friday-Sunday, May 19-21
Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive
Tickets: \$15 per day with three-day and children's passes available at a discount; call (248) 645-6666

Jonathan Frakes, who plays Commander William Riker on *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, is this year's featured celebrity guest.

Surely, avid readers and collectors of comic books, budding strip illustrators and sci-fi fanatics have been anticipating Comic Con for months.

However, the general public may find the event of interest, too.

To begin with, there's a hodge-podge of pop culture merchandise and activities at Comic Con.

Film scripts, both signed originals and reproductions, are available for purchase. Other finds include Pokemon

games, toys, action figures and other collectibles.

The Anime Club of Michigan (Anime refers to Japanese animation) will run features of the form in a private screening room.

Once more, the show may even convert a few non-believers into comic book lovers. The Friends of Lulu, a group of comic book fans who promote the form to women, plan to attend.

Others may simply discover how the form has evolved, according to Goldman.

"The stories are really written for adults," he said. "There's been a big place in the market for comics that are intelligently written. They're not just about the guy in spandex flying off to save someone. They're comics for thinking."

Entertainment experience

Besides, comic books offer a unique entertainment experience, said Goldman.

"When you take great art and great storytelling and put it together, there's nothing like it. Not even television. For me, comics have always allowed me to use my imagination. It's not like television, which is kind of mindless. Comics still require you to think."

Greektown from page E1

awards. "I'm excited and a little nervous, but I'm looking forward to coming home and bringing my new work," said Dark, owner of Pottery Central in Gulf Shores. "I call them my chicken pots. They're quite whimsical and storytelling. I'm a frustrated writer that uses his three-dimensional

work to put down what he can't say." Dark, who earned his bachelor of fine arts degree in ceramics from the University of South Alabama and a master of fine arts from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, does about 10 shows a year.

Fine jewelry
Michael MacManus returns to the Greektown Arts Festival for a third year. A Bloomfield Hills jeweler, MacManus creates silver jewelry with and without semi-precious stones. He describes the work as "contemporary with simplicity in design and style."

"It's fun and people getting together," said MacManus. "I used to do sculpture but I switched to jewelry because I wanted to work in a smaller scale making adornments for people." "Jewelry shows self-expression."

Bluesman from page E1

original set that's bound to include the crowd favorite "Pressure Cooker." Bassist Jim Simonson, a Clarkston native, said the festival is neither too big or too small, but offers a great reason for people to visit the city. Drummer Michael Caskey looked forward to the outdoor festival as well: "Playing bars all the time

can be pretty one-dimensional." "It's always a cool festival," said Codish, who performed with McCray in 1995-1997. Here's the line-up:
■ **Friday, May 19**
6 p.m. The Brothers Groove
7:15 p.m. Big Al and the Heavyweights

8:30 p.m. Larry McCray
■ **Saturday, May 20**
2 p.m. Chef Chris Blues Band
3:15 p.m. A Hill and the Blues Insurgents with friend George Friend
4:30 p.m. The Sun Messengers
6 p.m. Catfish Hodge with Mystery Train featuring Jim McCarty

8 p.m. Sir Mack Rice
■ **Sunday, May 21**
1 p.m. Mighty Royal Lights of the Tru Light Temple
2:30 p.m. Thornetta Davis
5 p.m. Johnny Bassett's Detroit Blues Review, featuring Joe Weaver and Alberta Adams

Techno artists master building a loyal audience

As someone who has been on the receiving end of voluminous recording industry hype, I've always been intrigued by artists who reach their audience in a direct, non-mainstream way. There may be no greater example of media-resistant artists than those who create the Detroit area's biggest musical export - techno music. You may not be familiar with names like Carl Craig, Richie Hawtin, and Derrick May, but they have an incredible following in places like London, Belgium, and Amsterdam.

"Detroit's techno artists are big in Europe because radio stations in the United Kingdom and other European cities are given the freedom to play what their listeners want to hear. In London in particular, musical trends are created by the feedback from the clubs where techno music rules," said Ron Pangborn, music producer for Detroit Public TV's Backstage Pass.

founder of Transmat Records, he has total control in the creation and distribution of his music. While that may seem like a unique arrangement in the mainstream recording industry, it is not unusual in techno. Carl Craig is CEO of Planet E Records, and has created music under various guises including Paperclip People, Innerzone Orchestra and his own name. Hawtin helped to establish Plus 8 Records and now records under his Minus label.

These are signs that techno artists are making themselves more accessible to those that aren't necessarily "plugged in." Craig will serve as artistic director for the Detroit Electronic Music Festival from noon to midnight, Saturday-Monday, May 27-29 at Detroit's Hart Plaza. "Techno music really needs



ANN DELISI

Female comics stand up to be counted

opinions and mean sentiments, the female comics don't usually try to get the last laugh. That is, shoot back a witty, embarrassing comeback with shut-them-up impact.

Neither local comic is "there yet," they say of their development in stage comedy. "I'm a 120-pound demeanor and female. I don't feel I can cut down some drunk guy and make it my car that night," jokes Witkowski, whose "day job" is studying English at the University of Detroit-Mercy.

minute feature performer and headliner, a model created by Mark Ridley. There's no hierarchy of performance in *Sorry About the Apple*. Once more, it's all women, so the audience gets "a concentrated dose of women comics," says Ettinger, who came up with the format and pitched it to Ridley. "And, I think they'll be delightfully surprised at the caliber of humor that they're going to see," says the Franklin resident, a "recovering" attorney.

Under the standard format, audiences rarely see more than one comedienne, if even one female comic, leaving many comedy-goers with the impression women aren't as funny as men. There's a stereotype about female comics, says Witkowski. "It's believed that men are fun-

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Memorable 'Kiss Me, Kate' sparked with fun

Farmington Players presents "Kiss Me, Kate," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 18-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 21 and May 27, at the barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$15, call (248) 553-2955.

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Cole Porter's *Kiss Me, Kate* has been selected by the Farmington Players as their final production at the aging barn theater on Twelve Mile Road, which they have occupied for 48 years. The musical comedy, directed by Emily McSweeney with musical direction by James Morisi, couldn't be more fitting. Much of the time, it's sparked with fun. Some of the time, it's downright memorable.

ence), but surely most of its musical numbers are no less tuneful or engaging than they were when the house lights dimmed and the curtain went up for the first time on the production 48 years ago. Due to some frail voices and a rather shaky start to this version of *Kate*, playgoers may initially wonder if the music is going to be given short shrift. Not to worry, though. Eventually, everything seems to get better, and some of it morphs into sheer delight. *Kiss Me, Kate* is a show within a show. That is, it is the story of a group of 20th-century troupers putting together a musical version of William Shakespeare's early comedy, *The Taming of the Shrew*.

■ **Almost from the moment Nate Kaufman appears on stage as Fred/Petruchio, we just know we are in for some theatrical fun.**

Center of action

At the center of all the action are Lilli Vanessi and Fred Graham, two actors who play the willful Kate and the mercenary Petruchio in the adaptation of Shakespeare's *Shrew*. Both are "celebrating" the first anniversary of their divorce from each other, but it's soon apparent that these two still have eyes for each other. Almost from the moment Nate Kaufman appears on stage as Fred/Petruchio, we just know we are in for some theatrical fun. He seems to be having so much of it himself in this role, and he has a way of milking every moment for all it's worth without

ever going quite over the top. While you may not catch him at the Met, he really does know a lot about putting across a song, and playgoers may especially enjoy his *Where Is the Life That Late I Led?* Besides all that, he cuts a dashing figure in tights. Leading lady Angie Tyburski in the role of Lillie/Kate starts out a little shakily, but gradually seems to really warm to her part. She's especially effective as the forever-frustrated, object-hurling Kate. Her body language and facial expressions lend a touch of the cartoonish to her "shrew," and sometimes you may imagine you can see little puffs of steam emerging from her pretty ears.

As Lois/Bianca, Lisa Muscio has her moments, especially when she croons *Always True To You In My Fashion*, clad in a black lace confection, to her guy, Bill, played by Eric Henriksson. Jack Gruike makes his mark as the rich Republican in Lillie's future.

Special mention

Special mention should be made of Craig Forhan and Chuck Fisher who play a couple of gangster-goons who think they are looking for Fred, when who they are really looking for is Bill. Somehow, these two wind up in the cast of the Shakespearean musical, also playing (rightfully) a couple of coxcombed fools. Their frolicsome *Brush Up Your Shakespeare* ("If she says your behavior is heinous - kick her right in the Coriolanus") is definitely one of the high spots of the evening. A large supporting cast is a bit

uneven, but ultimately most contribute toward making this *Shrew* a happy occasion. Costumes are as bright, be-ribboned, and be-feathered as a Venetian carnival, and really add to the eye appeal of the musical. In fact, they're an essential part of the fun, cleverly complementing all the dazzling hullabaloo. Next season The Farmington Players will perform at a theater facility in the Barnes and Noble building at 6800 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield Township during their 2000-01 season. They plan to open the 2001-02 season at their completely refurbished theater on the same site where the old barn is now located. Victoria Diaz is a Livonia resident and writes about theater, books and movies for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

'The Marriage of Figaro' at the Hilberry invites laughter

The Hilberry, Wayne State University's graduate theater company, presents *The Marriage of Figaro* which runs through Sunday, May 21. The Hilberry is at Forest and Cass on the Wayne State campus in Detroit. For tickets and show times, call (313) 577-2972.

BY SUE SUCHTYA
SPECIAL WRITER

The Hilberry Theatre closes its 1999-2000 season with the non-musical version of the comedy, *The Marriage of Figaro*. Ironically, the popular opera is better known than the play upon which it was based. French playwright Pierre Augustin de Beaumarchais also wrote *The Barber of Seville*.

class. At one point Louis XVI was so incensed by the potency of the satire that he banned *The Marriage of Figaro* from the French stage. However, the sheer comedy and verbal audacity of the play ensured its survival to the present day. Beaumarchais, who was also a songwriter and musician, left a legacy even more profound than his plays - a glance at your wrist will likely reveal another of his clever machinations, for he developed a precise clock system that we now refer to as the wristwatch. *The Marriage of Figaro* is a "bawdy farce of marital mishap and romantic intrigue." Two wise servants, Figaro and Suzanne, want to wed, but they have to prevent a randy Count from stealing the maiden's virtue. The Count, who seeks

the pleasure of his wife's maid, Suzanne, before her wedding to Figaro, must do so without inciting his wife's vengeful wrath. The Countess, not one to sit idly by in the face of her husband's dalliances, is encouraging a besotted pursuit by her husband's page. Amidst much convincing, lying, hiding and diving from windows, Fred Shadwin and Suzanne find a way to keep the romantic wolves at bay and return the royals to their rightful bedchambers. Professor Anthony Schmitt, the show's director, delivered a fast paced, tightly woven performance. Dallas Henry, as Figaro, and Emily Miller, as Suzanne, were well-matched. Fred Shadwin is a standout as the self-centered Count Almaviva. His movements were those of both a pampered prince and a devious

neak. Heidi Olson, as the Countess, was a strong foil to the Count, and kept the humor in the character well. Orestes Arcuni, the fall guy, is delightfully funny as the Cherubin, the page courting the Countess. His long suffering looks and puppy dog affections were funny. However, his attempt to disguise

himself as a bridesmaid was what caused the house to roar with unrestrained mirth. Quite simply, Arcuni's face is handsome on a man, but he was one ugly maiden! Charles Moser's set design is elegant and versatile, with modular pieces easily rearranged for each of the three acts. He effectively used the ostentatious gilt

of the French aristocracy. Mary Leyendecker's costumes were richly appointed and appealing. The gowns were striking, and the colors accented the boldness and audacious of the show and its characters. Sue Suchtya is a Dearborn resident who writes about theater for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

JET presents six one-act plays

The Day We Met, an evening of six one-act plays by award-winning playwright Kitty Dubin, will open for previews Wednesday, May 24, and continues through Sunday, June 25 at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday; and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday. Opening night is Sunday, May 28. Tickets \$15-\$25, call (248) 788-2900.

currently confront them. *Strictly Personal* focuses on two people who meet through a personal ad. *Blockbuster* centers on a man and woman with radically different tastes in films who meet at a video store. *Tough as Nails* depicts a single woman who gets a manicure in an effort to pamper herself. She ends up pouring her heart out to the manicurist about the dead-end relationship she's been in for seven years, but is too afraid to leave. *The Joy of Sex* and *Let Him In* are about people looking for ways to solve family problems. A troubled young couple, married less than a year, seek help from a marriage counselor in *The Joy of Sex*. Like many couples, they have difficulties expressing their needs to each other. A first meeting with a marriage counselor,

clearly in over his head, dramatically changes all that. In *Let Him In*, a divorcee who is in the midst of a family crisis receives an unexpected visit from a mysterious stranger offering spiritual enlightenment. The last play, *Mimi and Me* is about a perky young volunteer at a nursing home who meets her match when she tries to cheer up a 90 year old woman. This play, like the others, involves a first-time meeting which results in unexpected consequences when two people interact with each other in a meaningful way. Hudson's Project Imagine is sponsoring *The Day We Met*. JET was selected as one of six metro Detroit arts and cultural organizations to receive a 2000 Hudson's Project Imagine grant.

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THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE: "Always...Patsy Cline" continues to Aug. 27 at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

FOX THEATRE: Michael Bolton stars in *The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber Thursday-Sunday, May 18-21*, at the theater, Detroit. \$22.50-\$50. (248) 433-1515

GEM THEATRE: "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through June 25, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE: "The Day We Met" opens Wednesday, May 24 and runs to Sunday, June 25, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, and 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at the Aaron Drey Theatre, West Bloomfield. (248) 789-2900

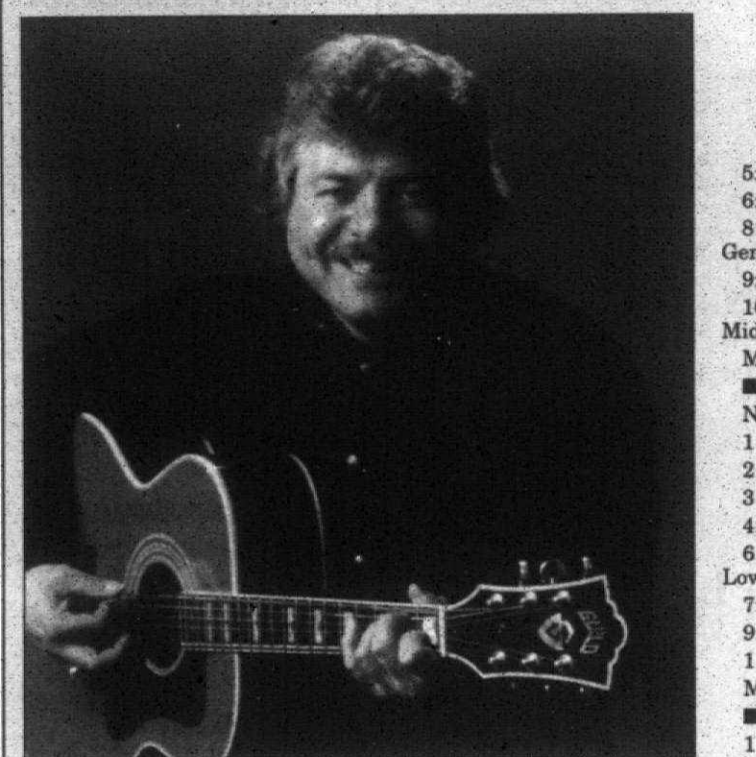
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MUSIC HALL: "Male Intellect... an oxymoron?," through Sunday, May 21, 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 5 & 9 p.m. Saturday; 7 p.m. Sunday, at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. \$27.50-\$37.50. 963-2366/(248) 645-6666

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MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE: "The Sound of Music," starring Richard Chamberlain, continues through Sunday, May 21. Performances 2 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$25-\$55. (248) 645-6666

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"Moon Over the Brewery," May 19-21, at the theater, Troy, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, \$11. (410) seniors/students on Sunday. (248) 988-7049

SRO PRODUCTIONS: "You Should Be So Lucky," 19 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 19-20 and 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 21, 28, at The Burgh, Southfield. \$10. \$8 senior/child. (248) 827-0711

STAGECRAFTERS: "The King and I," continues to June 4, American Sign Language performance Thursday, May 25, at the Baldwin Theater, Royal Oak. \$14-\$16. (248) 541-6430

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YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE: "The Princess and the Magic Pea," continues 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 20 and June 3 and 10, and Sunday, May 21, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50. (248) 349-8110

NOVI THEATRES CHILDREN'S ANNEX: "Charlotte's Web," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, \$10. \$8 advance. (248) 347-0400

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL: The teen drama club presents Moliere's timeless farce, Tartuffe 8 p.m. Friday, May 19, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. Admission is by donation. All proceeds benefit the teen drama club. (734) 416-1487

PUPPETART: "Crane Maiden, a Japanese tale with marionettes and puppets in traditional Japanese costumes and masks, 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20 and 27, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River. \$7. \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

THE RISING STARS: "The Hobbit," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, May 24-25, at Anderson High School, Bloomfield Hills. \$3. (248) 433-0885

YOUTH THEATRE: Sundata, The Lion King of Mal' presented by New York's Theatreworks/USA, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at Music Hall, Detroit. \$9, \$8 advance. (313) 963-2366

COLLEGE

WSU HILBERRY: "The Marriage of Figaro" runs in rotating repertory to Saturday, May 20. (313) 577-2972

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AVON PLAYERS: "Sweeney Todd," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 18-20, at the theater, Rochester Hills. \$15; student/senior/grocery rates available. (248) 608-9077

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COMMUNITY THEATRE OF HOWELL: "Brigadoon," Friday-Sunday, May 19-21, at McPherson Middle School, \$12, \$10 seniors/children. (517) 545-1290

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: "Kiss Me, Kate," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 18-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 21 and 27, at the barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$15. (248) 553-2955

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE: "West Side Story," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 18-20, Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Fries Auditorium. \$16. (313) 881-4004

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: "Squabbles," a comedy by Marshall Karp, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 19-20, Water Tower Theater on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, west of Haggerty. Tickets \$10, \$7 children ages 18 and under. (248) 349-7110

SPECIAL EVENTS

FLOWER DAY: Flower Day and Blooming Affair 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 20-21. Eastern Market, Detroit. More than 100,000 flats of plants, and a variety of shrubs offered for sale. Entertainment 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., mini art fair. Shuttle bus from Eastern Market to Detroit Institute of Arts available on Sunday. (313) 833-1560

GREAT LAKES CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL PREVIEW PARTY: 6 p.m. Saturday, May 20, dinner, auction and performance by cellist Nathaniel Rosen, at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, Birmingham. \$30. \$75 benefactor. (248) 352-6171

PERCUSSIVE ARTS DAY: Plymouth-Canton High School is hosting the Michigan Percussive Arts Society's Day of Percussion beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 20. Registration for the clinics is at 8:30 a.m. in the Plymouth-Salem High School Cafeteria. No percussion skill is necessary; only an interest in the percussive arts. All skill levels from elementary to college are encouraged. A 7:30 p.m. concert features the Plymouth Percussion Ensemble directed by Gregg Rinehart, the Mott Middle College Steel Band, and the Trinity (Pennsylvania) High School Percussion Ensemble directed by Shawn Galvin. The cost is \$10 for the entire day or \$7 (\$5 students) for the concert only. **PLYMOUTH IS ARTRAGEOUS:** Eleven participating artists will exhibit works by arts, ongoing work in the streets, demonstrations by artists, 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 19, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 20 and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 21, in downtown Plymouth.

TEDDY BEAR JAMBOREE: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Teddy Bear tea, storytellers, exhibits, contests, food and fun, at Greenmead Historical Park, Livonia. (248) 477-7375

VINTAGE BOOK SEMINAR: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 20, focus on turn-of-the-century book-binding and women bookbinders, at the main branch of the Detroit Public Library, \$30, \$15 students, includes lunch. (313) 577-0507

WAYNE RESA ART FAIR: Aspiring students in Wayne County exhibit their talent at the 3rd Annual Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency (Wayne RESA) Art Fair 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 20, artwork, performances and demonstrations by students representing more than 60 schools in 21 school districts in Wayne County. More than 30 professional artists will also exhibit and sell their work which includes caricatures by William Tyus Jr. and his son Hasan who have had their work published in a book about great African Americans. A free concert by Alexander Zonjic & Friends begins at 3 p.m. Live entertainment provided by 17 local schools throughout the day, at 5454 Venoy Road, Wayne. For directions, visit the Website at www.resa.net.

WARREN CIVIC THEATRE:

Auditions for adults and children for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Wednesday-Saturday, May 24-27, at the Ridgewood Recreation Center, Warren. (810) 751-8080. For performances Aug. 4-6 and 10-13.

CHORAL

MEASURE FOR MEASURE: The men's choral group based in Ann Arbor, gives a Mother's Day concert with guest artists the Ann Arbor Huron High School A Cappella Choir 4 p.m. Sunday, May 14 in Hill Auditorium at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. "Measure for Measure" \$12. \$8 students. (734) 483-9336

RENAISSANCE VOICES: 4 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at Christ Episcopal Church, Dearborn. \$9. \$6 seniors/students. (313) 317-6566

POPS/SWING

MICHAEL JAMES/DEBORAH JIMMERSON: Piano bar 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, and 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, at La Bistecosa Italian Grille, Livonia. (734) 254-0400

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday through May, at Andiamo Italia West, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

FAMILY EVENTS

KIDS CONCERT: Gratitude Steel Band. 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at the Southfield Center for the Arts. \$3.25. (248) 424-9022

TINY TOTTS CONCERT: Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents "Destination: Spain," 11 a.m. Saturday, May 20, at the Seligman Family Performing Arts Center, Detroit Country Day School, Beverly Hills. \$10. (313) 576-5111

CLASSICAL

VLADIMIR BABIN: the cellist performs 4 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. (734) 769-2999

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT: Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at the Seligman Family Performing Arts Center, Detroit Country Day School, Beverly Hills. \$10. (313) 576-5111

ORGAN

NEW MUSIC FESTIVAL: Presented by the American Guild of Organists begins with masterclass with Marilyn Mason 3 p.m. Saturday, May 20 and ends with 8 p.m. organ recital featuring the works of William Bolcom played by students and members of the Ann Arbor American Guild of Organists. Free. (810) 235-4651/(734) 930-9940

SCOTT SMITH: Saturday, May 20, at the Senate Theater, Detroit. \$12. (313) 894-4100

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

JACK IN THE BOX PRODUCTIONS: Auditions for "Tommy," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday May 23-24. Registration begins at 6:45 p.m., at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium. (734) 797-JACK

MICHAEL JAMES/DEBORAH JIMMERSON: Piano bar 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, and 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, at La Bistecosa Italian Grille, Livonia. (734) 254-0400

BENEFITS

BLACKTOWN: Presents an evening of music 8 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$100, proceeds benefit Plovershares Theatre Company and Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village. (313) 872-0279

DANCE

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: WalkWorks, a self-directed exploration of the exhibit galleries that invites families and young visitors to become Super Sleuths; the museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6/\$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER: IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," "Whales," "Mysteries of Egypt" and "Everest," at the Center, Detroit. Admission to exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM: Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2. \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: In Dearborn, open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50. \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, at 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure," continues through August. 7:30 p.m. at the museum, Plymouth. \$3. \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940

ADVANCED CONTACT DANCE: 8 p.m. Friday, May 26, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 623-0624

CORLESTONE FARM DANCERS: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, (also, free open jam for string and all other musicians of all levels from 4-6 p.m.) at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 623-0624/(734) 426-0241

P.R.C.U.A. SYRENA DANCE ENSEMBLE: "A Polish Journey" dance recital, 7 p.m. Friday, May 19, at Adray Auditorium, Dearborn. \$5, \$4 students, seniors. (313) 963-1761

SWING DANCE: 4-8 p.m. Sunday, May 21, lesson at 3 p.m., at the Amber House, Warren. \$8, \$6 members of Michigan Swing Dance Association. (248) 926-5484

JAMES COTTON: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 18, at the Ark Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 763-TKTS (blues)

DAVE FRISHBERG & BOB DOROUGH: Perform 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$15-40. (734) 769-2999

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With Chris Collins, saxophone, 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, with trumpeter Bob Mochka 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. (734) 762-7756

JEANNIE MILLER WITH VINCENT SHANDOR TRIO: 9:30 p.m. 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, May 19-20, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 662-8310

SWING INTO SUMMER: The Jeff Haas Trio with trumpeter Marcus Belgrave and jazz violinist Miri Ben Ari, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at the Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-8587

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON: With Dan Kotton, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

LARRY ARBOUR: 7 p.m. Friday, at the Flying Fish Tavern, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

BOB FOST: A musical tribute to Bob Dylan, 8 p.m. Friday, May 19, at the Green Wood Coffee House, north campus of First United Methodist Church, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8558

MARK ERELLI/MARY GAUTHIER: 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, at the Ark, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 763-TKTS (blues) 645-6666

RFD (BOYS): A benefit for the Interfaith Hospitality Network, 8 p.m. Friday, May 19, at the Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666

RIVERS IN THE SKY: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Ark, Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666 (Cowboy songs and comedy)

UNCLE BONSAI: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at the Ark, Ann Arbor. \$20. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

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DETROIT ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVAL: The first-ever, three-day, non-stop music festival will be held Memorial Weekend, May 26-28, Hart Plaza, Detroit. It features more than 60 electronic artists including: The Roots, Mos Def, Derrick May, Kevin Saunderson, Juan Atkins, Isotope 217, Kenny Larkin, Stacy Pullen, Richie Hawtin, Space Time Continuum, Ectomorph, Craig Taborn, DJ Bone, Househoses, Recluse, Mike Clark, Mike Huckaby, Clark Warner, Derek Pilsbaki, Bill VanLoon and Oscar McMillan. Details to come.

DURAN DURAN: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666

BOB DYLAN: With Phil Lesh and Friends, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25-\$45. (248) 645-6666

EARTH CRISIS: With Candera and Wallis, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 18, The Shelter, Detroit. \$10. (248) 645-6666

GLEN EDDY BAND: Friday, May 19, Red Doggie, Milford. (248) 685-2171; Saturday, May 20, Library, Novi. (248) 349-9100

RICK EMMETT: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 18-19, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$25-\$40. (248) 645-6666

JASON FISHER: With Michelle Nil and Rudderhead Lounge, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Noodles Cafe, Ferndale. (248) 399-3946

FRIDAYZ: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 19-20, Crowley's, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

KENNY G: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$20. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

DAVID GRAY: 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$12. (248) 645-6666

GROOVE JUNKIES: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 19-20, The Village Bar, Wayne. (734) 729-2360

MICKY HART BAND: Featuring Vince Weirlich, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$15-\$25. (734) 668-8397.

BLINK-182: With Bad Religion, Fenix TX. 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, (248) 645-6666

BLAG OCTOBER: With Knee Deep Shag, 9 p.m. Thursday, May 18, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (248) 645-6666

ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (810) 984-6336

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: John Joseph, also Johnny B, Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, May 18-20, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIELEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Carlos Mendez, also Marlon Randolph, Thursday-Saturday, May 18-20, special show 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21, with some of metro-Detroit's finest comedienne; Mike Green, also Chisley Burns, Thursday-Saturday, May 25-27, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" continues to May 28, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. \$10. Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday: \$17.50 Friday, \$19.50 on Saturday. (313) 956-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins18.com

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com

THE ARK: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587

ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST: 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900

BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 433-4477

CARBON: Joseph Campuzi just north of Canfield in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278

CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900

CLUTCH CARDS/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturday-Sun and older Wednesday. (248) 335-2362 or www.961net.com

COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 963-6616

CONOR O'NEILL: 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2960 or www.conoroneills.com

COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9520

DETROIT SCIENCE 9 p.m. 5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover \$10 for 21 and over. Cover \$15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitscience.com

EDISON'S: 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

ELIE'S: 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS: 605 S. W. Liberty, Plymouth. (248) 542-9922

FLYING FISH TAVERN: 37500 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609

FOX THEATRE: 2215 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611

FOX AND HOLLARS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 484-4800

GOLD DOLLAR: 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www.golddollar.com

GROOVE ROOM: 1835 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly, 21 and older. (248) 589-3444 or www.thegrooveroom.com

HILL AUDITORIUM: 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538

JOE LOUIS ARENA: 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 963-6066

THE KEY CLUB: 1 North Saginaw, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213

KARL'S CAFE: 9970 N. Teritorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB: Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9960

LONELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506

LOVEBOWL GRILL: 495 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213

MAGIC BAG: 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 444-3030

MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441

MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK: (313) 833-9700

MEMPHIS SMOKE: 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

MICHAEL THEATRE: 605 S. W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 688-8397

MOTOR LOUNGE: 3515 Co-Hi, Hamtramck. (313) 996-0080 or www.motorlounge.com

MR. B'S FARM: 24855 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038

MUSIC MENS: 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU

THE PALACE: 7 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palace.net

PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATRE: 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

PURE BAR ROOM: 1500 Woodbridge Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE

ROCHESTER MILLS CAFE: 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

THE ROOKIE SPORTS CAFE: 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337

ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE: 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610

THE SCARAB CLUB: 217 Farmworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250

ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER: 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961net.com

TIN HOUSE: 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540

STATE THEATRE AND STATE BAR: 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheatre.com

24 KARAT CLUB: 2949 Ivy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

313 JAC: upstairs from Jacoys's, 624 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 962-7067

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302

U.S. 12 BAR AND GRILL/WAYNE BREWERY: 34824 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 722-7639

VELVET LOUNGE: 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

VILLAGE BAR AND GRILL/BEEN'S C&BREW: 35234 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 729-2360

WOODROW WHEEL TAVERN: 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-8780

WOODROW'S SUPPER CLUB: 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1513

XENOS: 313 JAC: upstairs from Jacoys's, 624 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 962-7067

XENOS CAFE: Sixa Arts performs 8 p.m. Sundays at the club. 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 399-3946

ZIM'S IRISH TAVERN: 1330 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467

MOVIES

'Time Code' a challenge for the eyes

BY JON KATZ STAFF WRITER

Time Code isn't one of the worst movies of the year so far. It's four of the worst movies of the year so far.

You'll hear that it's a breakthrough and is greatly innovative (and it is), but you'll also be intimidated by the warning that if you don't like it, you don't get it.

Time Code is an ambitious gimmick, far worthier of discussion than its plot. Shown as a continuous four-way split screen, Time Code goes against the traditional filmmaking grain in

numerous ways. Director Mike Figgis (Leaving Las Vegas), bringing his musical background to bear, literally arranged the basic screenplay on music paper as a string quartet, with bar lines indicating minutes. There was no script as such.

His 93-minute concertina was then shot in real time with four hand-held digital video cameras rolling simultaneously in different (and sometimes identical) locations. Movies have played out in real time before (Alfred Hitchcock's Rope), but could never be shot in one unbroken and unedited take because of the limitations of 10-minute film magazines.

Over two-dozen actors were

rehearsed hitting exact marks at exact times. Much of the rest, according to press releases, was improvised. Figgis, as one of the four camerapersons, could control only his own setup once they were shooting.

They shot the film 15 times - a total of 60 individual versions - and used the final day's work, complete with four fortuitous earthquake aftershocks that occurred while the cameras rolled.

Only the sound levels were manipulated to nudge your attention to a specific quadrant. The viewer, in effect, becomes the film's editor, selecting which corner of the screen to concen-



One-quarter time: Saffron Burrows stars in 'Time Code.'

trate on at the moment. So why be down on such an apparently important work? For one thing, the story stinks. Something about a small Hollywood movie company auditioning for a new project. Salma Hayek (Dogma) is a bisexual actress who does a Monica Lewinsky on Alex the producer to get hired. Meanwhile, her jealous lesbian lover, Jeanne Tripplehorn (Mickey Blue Eyes), who is also Alex's mistress, is outside in a limo listening to the wireless microphone she planted on Salma.

Saffron Burrows (Deep Blue Sea), Alex's wife, is somewhere across town crying to her therapist. And while this is going on, a performance artist is pitching an idea to the rest of the company's staff: a film shot in real time with digital cameras. They laugh her out of the office.

Now Showing! OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Grid of movie listings for various theaters including National Amusements, Showcase Cinemas, Star Theatres, and others, listing titles like 'The Road to Eldorado' and 'The Heart is the Heart'.

MUSIC

Travis lands headlining U.S. tour

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

For a band that's got two Brit Awards under its belt but had been relatively unknown in the States, Travis couldn't have asked for better luck than snagging the opening slot for Oasis' recent trek through the country.

One listen to the band deemed Britain's favorite makes it easy to see what all the buzz is about. From humble beginnings in 1996, singer-songwriter Fran Healy, guitarist Andy Dunlop, bassist Dougie Payne and drummer Neil Primrose have risen from the ashes of art school and various bartending and shoe store clerk jobs.

Wife for a Hat. Dunlop considers it to be quite an ambiguous title, allowing listeners to come to their own conclusions about its meaning. But the title also offers an answer to all the journalists who considered the band's first album, Good Feeling, too much of a mix of emotions. "The press kept saying we were a schizophrenic band," explained Dunlop.

While he maintains that the album was meant to be true-to-life rather than a reflection of psychosis, The Man Who offers a much more even flow, both musically and stylistically. But Dunlop said that it was "purely by accident."

Please See TRAVIS, E7

Grand Opening Star Theatre Fairlane Opening May 19! Fairlane is the center of it all for great shopping, dining, and now... entertainment! Includes a list of theaters and a 'Larger than Life' logo.

Local bands compete for dream gig



It's a dream most musicians in the metro area share: walking out under the smoky lights, beyond the velvet curtains and onto the stage battered from a long history of rock legends and...

What musician doesn't strive for the level of success that could only be contained by the largest entertainment venues in the area?

Hills. The finalists in this year's competition are Blue Dahlia, Domestic Problems, Scott Fab, Kingsnakes, Knee Deep Shag, Molly, Rooster and Southfield.

Ten judges (including myself) have been chosen based on their knowledge of and interest in the local scene, to narrow down the group to three lucky winners. Finalists will be judged on their overall performance and stage presence. Each band is allowed 10 minutes of stage time to perform about two original songs.

The Kingsnakes entered the contest last year, but didn't make it to the finals. The blues-rock quintet based in Westland will rely on sheer musical ability to be a worthy competitor.

With half as many members, G.R.'s punk-pop trio, Molly, relies on three-part harmonies and songs chock-full of hooks. Citing influences from the Sex Pistols to Poison, band members have said they try their hardest to make the songs come alive.

Based quartet called Southfield - a band that got it's start after singer-songwriter J.T. Harding won prize money on VH1's Rock and Roll Jeopardy and used it to record a CD. Ferndale's Scott Fab will draw on his soulful sound and past performances with the likes of Sheryl Crow to compete in the competition.

From the Kalamazoo scene, Blue Dahlia and Knee Deep Shag are ready to battle it out. Blue Dahlia gained national playing with a three-studio album from the band's self-titled 1997 debut, and has recently released a 4-song EP, Estival. Guitarist Becky Pingston is a Clarkston native and vocalist Leslie Boughton is a Plymouth native.

Knee Deep Shag will prove to be a worthy contender, holding such accolades as the 1999 Detroit Music Award for Best Urban/Funk Artist. On the heels of the band's latest and most profound album to date, Good Disguise, Knee Deep Shag can pack a house.

Then, of course, you've got the Grand Rapids set, Domestic Problems and Molly. Together since 1993, Domestic Problems is a virtual party on wheels, six members strong. Capturing the comical mayhem of a DP show, the band released Live last October and has shared the stage with heavyweights like the Dave Matthews Band, Morphine and Ben Folds Five.

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STREET SCENE. A collage of photos showing various local bands performing on stage, including Rooster, The Kingsnakes, JT Harding of Southfield, and Knee Deep Shag.

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as simple as possible. "The vocals are most important," said Dunlop. "You can smother a song." One song on the album, Slide Show, went through many incarnations before reaching its final form. "We wanted the sound of a car behind it," recalled Dunlop.

The band even went so far as to start the engines of several cars in a parking lot. "I think it's incredible," said Dunlop. "It was the first time we sounded like we sounded in our heads."

Touring steadily since last spring, the band will head back to London after the next round of shows. But they still insist Glasgow is home. "We moved to London to get a deal in the first place as a band," said Dunlop. "There was more of a chance in London."

Dunlop's musical roots trace back to his early teens. "I used to play piano when I was younger," he said. "I got into guitar. It was easier to carry about with you."

While The Man Who spins its web around new American fans, Travis has already written enough material for a third album and plans to go back into the studio by the end of summer.

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DINING

Sweet Lorraine's brings comfort, joy to Marriott

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Laurel Park Place shopper wanders into the newly opened Sweet Lorraine's at the Livonia Marriott and asks, "Are you open yet?"

Shhh ... don't tell anyone. They've been open nearly a month, and it's the best kept secret in Livonia.

Guests at the hotel have been "Sweet" on "Lorraine" since the restaurant opened in April. It's become their home away from home and a surprise discovery for shoppers, office workers, and people in the neighborhood who didn't know it moved in.

Lorraine Platman is meeting in a corner booth with her kitchen staff. Suddenly, she jumps up and goes to the kitchen. She emerges minutes later apologizing and explaining that she had to talk to one of the staff about the way a sandwich was served.

"It's a grilled sandwich. It's supposed to be golden brown and the cheese melted," she said.

Platman cares about food. That's one of the ingredients of her success. She's very hands-on, and she pushes her staff to excel.

"The people knew how to cook, but they're working triple harder. They're working with fresh ingredients, and they're enthused," she said.

Executive Chef Clark DeKett, who grew up in Redford Township and studied culinary arts at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills, agrees.

"We're working harder, but we're considerably more satisfied," he said. "We enjoy the food. It's challenging and satisfying. It has a global perspective. It's a very large menu. There are new recipes to learn. They're all complicated, but all are wonderful."

DeKett, who has worked for the Marriott for 10 years, com-

Sweet Lorraine's Café
Where: Marriott Hotel, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, off Six Mile Road next to Laurel Park Place, Livonia, (734) 953-7480.
Open: 6:30-11 a.m. breakfast menu and buffet; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. lunch; 4-11 p.m. dinner, lounge open to midnight, Monday-Thursday; 4 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, dinner; lounge open to 1 a.m. Weekend breakfast buffet 8 a.m. to noon Saturday; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.
Menu: World-beat cuisine with emphasis on fresh, seasonal ingredients from local purveyors Children's menu available.
Cost: Breakfast \$5-\$15, Lunch \$6-\$12; Dinner \$7-\$19.
Reservations: Recommended for parties of 6 or more; call ahead seating available.
Carryout: Available.
Credit Cards: All majors accepted.
Seats: 146; smoking allowed in the lounge area.

pares the orchestration of a meal to playing the piano. "You can play notes and read music, but you've got to get the melody down. It's the nuances, the taste, that make a product wonderful."

Consistency is also important. Repeat performances have to be as good as the first. Platman's recipes include notes on presentation, and she's a stickler for detail. "I want to be able to reproduce the same dish next year," she said.

Everything, even the bread and desserts, is made fresh daily. The menu reflects what's in season and changes accordingly. Duck was added as a regular item, along with "French Onion" Steak Tenderloin - Angus beef tenderloins served over garlic toasted croutons, caramelized onions and a French onion sauce, topped with melted mozzarella cheese.

You can get a sandwich, burger, main-dish salad, pasta, seafood or chicken. There are a number of vegetarian items, including the new Brie Portabello Melt. Specials and soups change daily. Cream of tomato soup is offered daily because customers requested it.

The lunch menu is lighter with fewer side dishes. "It's for people who are on a time, dollar and calorie budget," said Gary Sussman, Platman's husband and business partner.

Desserts are comforting and reassuring, ones Platman remembers from her childhood in England - Apple Brown Betty, Blueberry Bread Pudding and Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp. They're warm desserts served with a dollop of Ray's ice cream.

There's a premium bar, 25 wines by the glass and 40 international and domestic beers,



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Be our guest: Lorraine Platman and Gary Sussman welcome guests to the new Sweet Lorraine's in the Livonia Marriott Hotel. For lunch or dinner, they recommend Hot Yellowfin Tuna "Nicoise" (pictured), sautéed with Yukon gold potatoes, plum tomatoes, green beans, capers and fresh herbs over organic greens with Dijon vinaigrette, a colorful and satisfying main dish salad.

including one produced by Local Color Brewery in Novi. The lemonade is always freshly squeezed, and you can get an espresso, a cappuccino or smoothie.

Diners eat in an open, colorful and comfortable setting. "We wanted something curvy to bring the ceiling down to make it more intimate," explained Sussman, pointing to shapes that resemble clouds. "We wanted it to be fun but comfortable."

Dennis Larsson of Northville painted the murals and designed the ceramic tile mosaic bar. Light fixtures are made from Italian glass. Stephen Sussman and Howard Ellman of Birmingham were the restaurant's architects.

Bringing Sweet Lorraine's to the Livonia Marriott took nearly two years. Both the hotel and the restaurant had reservations. Haydn Kramer, general manager of the Livonia Marriott, has been a fan of Sweet Lorraine's for about 10 years.

"Whenever I had special friends in town that's where I took them," said Kramer, who lives in Plymouth. "They have great food, cool music, and I

thought, 'Why can't I have this at my hotel?'"

One day when he was dining at Sweet Lorraine's in Southfield, Kramer wrote his idea to bring Sweet Lorraine's to the Livonia Marriott on a business card and gave it to Platman. However, she and Sussman weren't the only people to whom Kramer had to sell the idea.

"It was a long, steady battle of convincing a lot of people on both sides," he said. "I had to propose it to people at all different levels of the company. It's a great product. It's that special place where you feel special. It even sounded special."

With Kramer as the catalyst, the Marriott and Sweet Lorraine's began collaborating on a

restaurant. "Their strength is that they're innkeepers. We're restaurateurs. It's a win-win deal," said Sussman.

All of the staff is employed by the Marriott, but the recipes and concepts are Sweet Lorraine's.

Bill Marriott, chief executive officer of the hotels that bear his family's name, recently had dinner at Sweet Lorraine's. "He was enchanted with it," said Kramer. "He loved it and thought the food was wonderful."

Platman is working on the breakfast menu and introducing some of Sweet Lorraine's popular brunch items. Making her guests feel special is a priority. "We get lots of special requests," she said. "And we bend over backwards to fill them."

Home away from home: Colorful and comfortable Sweet Lorraine's at the Livonia Marriott has become a popular dining spot for hotel guests, Laurel Park Place shoppers, and people who work or live nearby.



EATING OUT

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DINNER DATES

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theme dinner 7 p.m. Monday or Tuesday, May 22 or 23. Cost \$90 per person, not including tax or gratuity. The restaurant is at 6430 Farmington Road, north of Maple, West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-4466 for reservations/information.

■ **Too Chez** - Executive Chef Greg Upshur will prepare his prix fixe Organic Vegetarian Feast 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 23. The cost is \$28 per person at Too Chez Restaurant, 27155 Sheraton Drive, Novi. A selection of organic wines will also be available for purchase with the meal. For reservations/information call (248) 348-5555. Too Chez is open

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday for lunch, and 5:30-10 p.m. for dinner. Closed Sunday.

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cially for the restaurant chain. The subs are prepared and then run open-faced through an oven to melt the cheese and toast the bread before being served. The Farmington Hills Quizno's is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Customers can order to take out or to eat in the dining room. Call (248) 626-QUIZ to place your carryout order.

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