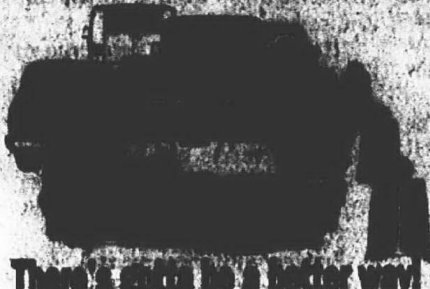


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12 vie for city seats

For the first time since 1993, the city of Plymouth will have an August primary since so many candidates filed petitions.

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The 12 people who turned in nominating petitions seeking one of four, four-year terms on the city commission is the most ever for a primary, said Plymouth City Clerk Linda Langmesser.

"We had nine people file petitions in 1993, so this will make it the largest group we've had for a primary in the city's history," said Langmesser.

A primary will be held if there are more than double the number of petitions filed as there are seats available in the election, according to the city charter.

Three current commissioners will be gone because of term limits. They are Stella Greene, Ron Loiselle and Dennis Shrewsbury.

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School probes 'hit list'

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Three Central Middle School students have been suspended from school for allegedly being the authors of a "hit list" that was found in the hallway Tuesday.

Principal Barbara Church said the note was found on the floor in a hallway by a student, who turned the list over to assistant principal Marcia Porterfield. Porterfield spent much of the day investigating who wrote the note, and then called Plymouth police, who say they are also investigating.

"At no time did I feel that anyone's safety was in danger," said Church. "Of course, you can never be 100-per-

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U of M moves out Urgent care ceases

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The University of Michigan is moving its Plymouth satellite health center to Canton Township early next year.

The center, based the past eight years at Lilley and Ann Arbor Roads in the City of Plymouth, with a smaller office on Lilley near Ford Road in Canton, is to relocate to a new, much larger facility at Saltz and Canton Center Roads.

"We just had outgrown the site in Plymouth," said Denege Ward, M.D., facility medical director, noting the two offices are now averaging about 30,000 patient visits per year.

Site-plan approval for the new 50,000-square-foot office building — of which U-M Health Systems will lease about 45,000 square feet — was granted May 3 by Canton's planning commission. Auragen Development Co. of

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Urgent care services will cease Monday, June 14, in the Saint Joseph Mercy Arbor Health Building at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey in Plymouth.

The health provider blames "significant cutbacks in federal reimbursements and other revenue reductions."

Residents in Plymouth who want urgent care can go to the Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building at 1600

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S. Canton Center in Canton. That urgent care facility will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

Physician offices, the pharmacy, laboratory, radiology and support services will continue at the Plymouth facility, with general office hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Some physicians and

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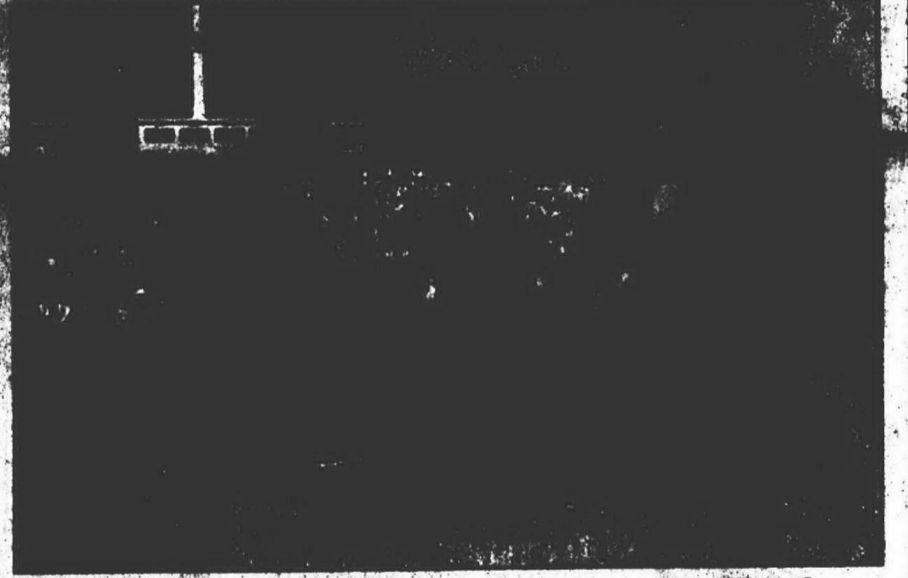
Emergency workers at the scene of a fatal car accident at night at Canton High School. The scene was described as two cars, which couples driving on their way to work.

PCEP hears sobering truth about drinking and driving

Even night accident in Plymouth...

While the story line is real, the scene is the football field at Canton High School. The stands were filled by thousands of juniors and seniors who watched a mock accident to demonstrate the dangers of drinking and driving, sponsored by Students

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Fatal consequences: Funeral Home workers place Whetley Coleman into a bodybag during the mock accident acted out before juniors and seniors on the football field at Canton High School. A hearse awaits to the right.

It's totally Artrageous

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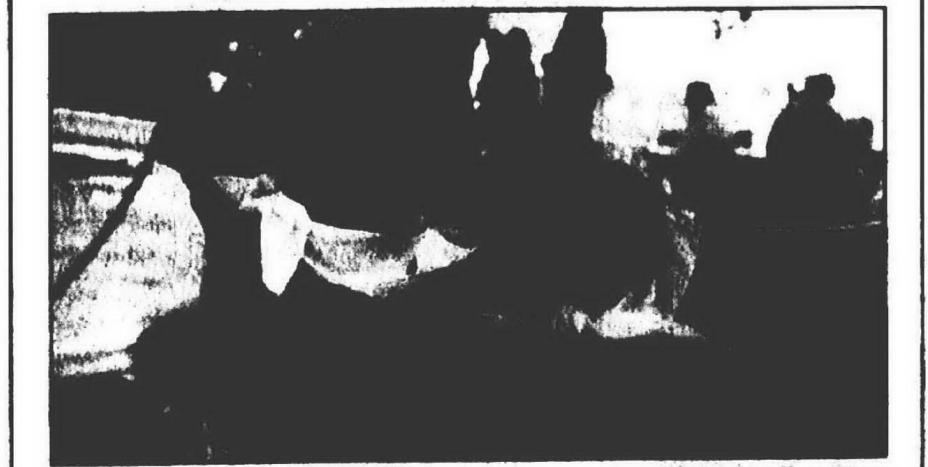
After a one-year absence, ARTrageous makes its return to Plymouth.

"We decided this year to make this the first event of the arts season in this area, instead of the finale," said co-chairman Scott Smith, owner of Penniman Gallery. "We expect it to be every much as successful in the spring as it was in the fall."

Last year's ARTrageous didn't get off

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Just a walk in the park...



Hot diggity dog: Participants yelped it up Saturday for the third annual Kiwanis Dog Jog, a fund-raiser for the Michigan Humane Society. "Rudy," left, 3-years-old and "Chloe," 1-year-old, Dachshunds owned by Ron Schneck and his daughter Jaime of Canton, take in the activities at Kellogg Park. See Page A3 for more photos.

Meet the Candidates

You are invited to attend a Candidates Night for the 1999 Plymouth-Canton Board of Education election, sponsored by the Plymouth and Canton Observers and the Livonia League of Women Voters, which includes the Plymouth and Canton community.

The forum will be held Thursday, May 20 in the District Library, 225 S. ...

Candidates seeking election for four-year terms include ...

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Call the Observer at 459-2700 for more information.



Media One offers phone service to community

Media One will provide local telephone service in the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees on May 4, the MediaOne company, which already provides cable service in the township, was approved for a license to provide local telephone service as well. It is the latest step in the company in joining with the telephone business as a result of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 which allows cable, telephone and Internet providers to venture into each other's markets.

"We're very pleased that the township board took the action last week and we're looking forward to servicing the residents

of Plymouth Township," said Michael Grover, director of local telephone service. "The township has already been approved to provide the upgraded service, which includes cable, Internet and local telephone service in one, to the city of Plymouth, city of Northville and Northville Township.

The process of venturing into the local telephone service is one that MediaOne welcomes, according to Grover, but it is also one that will require a lot of time and effort on his company's part.

"I have fought this battle 52 times," he said. "In order to get to all half-a-million homes that we service, I have to go through this 52 times. That is going to slow down the offering of competitive service."

Grover said that he is hoping that the state government will

take the latest step for the company in joining with the telephone business as a result of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 which allows cable, telephone and Internet providers to venture into each other's markets.

intervene and formulate an easier way of going through the process of obtaining individual licenses for each municipality that MediaOne services.

"What MediaOne is hoping is that the state Legislature will make some sort of uniform rules so that I know what I need to give each city or township when applying for the licenses," he said. "That's the only reasonable solution that I can see. If they don't do that, it'll be years before the majority of Michigan residents are able to receive truly competitive service."

Grover explained at the May

4 meeting that what his company is trying to do, doesn't involve the construction of a new system but simply uses the one that is currently in place.

"The first thing you should know is that nothing is going to happen to the current system," he began. "The system is up. If you picture the system as two cans and a string... all we have to do is put a can on our property at our network operations center and a can on the back of your house. The cable goes in, it gets split three ways and it can go to your TV, your computer and your telephone. The string

already exists."

According to trustee Ben Griffith, the goal is to foster the relationship between the separate MediaOne companies that provide the different aspects of service under the new arrangement.

"I wanted to send a message that some of us on the board felt that some of the people in business couldn't get hooked up to the Internet," he said. "Some of these businesses in the township are like converted homes and I can't see why, if the line is already there, they can't just turn it on the service. I voted against it on principle."

Griffith made a motion to postpone the vote one week but was the lone board member who supported it. He was also the only board member who voted against the approval of the license.

Grover responded by saying that having to deal with each company separately is the main thing that will slow down his company's ability to provide the service.

"It's bureaucratic red tape at it's worse," he said. "In general, and I don't mean to offend the Plymouth Township Board, local board are not well-versed enough to understand the ramifications of the telecommunications Act."

Grover added that this new idea of providing all three services in one (cable, Internet and local telephone) has been popular and that people want it.

"We have done very little as far as marketing at this point," he said. "There has been quite a response throughout the metropolitan area for these services."

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Sally R. McCracken of Plymouth received the Service to the University Award for her commitment to Faculty Council at Eastern Michigan University, the EMU chapter of AAUP (American Association of University Professors) and her work with ARRIVAL, a student organization for students with disabilities. McCracken holds a doctorate in communication research from Wayne State University, a master's degree in theater arts from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and a bachelor's degree in communication and theater arts from Muskingum College in Ohio. She joined EMU in 1968.

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Principals go nearly 2 years without contract

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'The main stumbling block is the insistence on merit pay for administrators.'

Jim Burt
Allen principal

Allen Elementary School Principal Jim Burt, head of the Plymouth-Canton Administrator's Union, has become frustrated that his bargaining group has been without a contract since July 1997.

"The main stumbling block is the insistence on merit pay for administrators," said Burt. "As far as we know, merit pay for administrators has not worked successfully in an educational setting."

Burt said district negotiators have asked the administrators to agree in principle to merit pay, with the details to be worked out later.

"They don't even have a plan on how it would be implemented," added Burt. "The issue is how would we implement merit pay fairly? How would you evaluate people thoroughly every

year? It can become very subjective when you're tying pay to it. The stakes become higher."

District negotiator Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel, agrees the main stumbling block to a new contract is merit pay.

"Members of the school board believe the leaders of the district should be judged by a merit system," said Goldman. "It's a reward for people for the work they do. That way they're not locked into a certain level. We view it as a positive, not a negative."

Burt said his group of 45 prin-

cipals, assistant principals, curriculum coordinators, athletic department and community education personnel support an evaluation plan. However, they don't want it tied to the pay issue.

"There are already provisions for penalties for those who get an unsatisfactory evaluation," added Burt. "We've met with a state mediator, but it hasn't helped bring this to an end."

Since it's illegal for school personnel to strike, fact finding or arbitration would be the next steps.

"You can imagine how people work without a contract for two years," said Burt of the mood of his fellow administrators.

The two sides did settle on a pay increase of 2 percent for the first year of the contract, covering the 1997-98 school year.

"We just want what the other bargaining units got for the second year, so pay shouldn't be an issue," said Burt.



A 9-year-old Jack Russell Terrier tries to break free from her rider when her owner Barbara Walls of Plymouth proposes to let her loose following their bike ride to Kellogg Park to watch the other dogs in the Dog Jog, the event is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club to raise funds for the Humane Society.

Where's my glass? 7-year-old Barbara Walls is asked by Kathleen McLennan of Canton, takes a closer at a Michigan Humane Society brochure on one of the tables in the park. (Actually, she was waiting for a treat.)

Home Depot axes plans for Beck/Five Mile store

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Plans for a new Home Depot store at Beck and Five Mile in Plymouth Township are off, according to a company representative.

Tim Platt, a representative from Home Depot's real estate department, recently confirmed that the company's plans for expansion into the Plymouth market have fallen through, citing the inability to come to an agreement with current land owner, Clinton Township developer Tom Guastello of Center Management.

"We had worked on a site there for a while but, unfortunately, we weren't able to come to an agreement," said Platt from his office in Grand Haven. "We consequently ended up walking away from it altogether."

According to Platt, his company spent plenty of time and money investigating the Plymouth Township site and was ready to move forward with the project when it fell through.

"We had worked on that (site) for probably a year and a half and we were far enough into it that we were preparing for site plan approval," he said. "I lost probably \$50-60,000 just in market studies and plans ... things like that. And that's gone, because everything else that we do from here on out, we'd have to start over."

"But I look it as four sites for one ... you work on four sites in order to get one. That's the nature of the business, and it's always disappointing (when a deal falls through). Any deal

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that you start working on and you like the site, it's always a big disappointment."

Platt also said that a deal could still be struck with Guastello for the original site but a few issues remain to be resolved.

"I would hope so," he said. "Maybe somewhere down the road we'll end up working something out. You never know."

"I told somebody that I was looking for something out that way a few years ago and they new of Mr. Guastello and that he had some land available. There were just some topics that we couldn't get resolved and it didn't work out."

With his deal falling through, the site is now open to be developed by anyone, possibly by one of Platt's competitors, but he remains confident that that won't happen.

"No, that doesn't worry me," he said. "I figured I'm a pretty good deal maker and if I can't

make a deal nobody else can do it either."

Platt said the Plymouth area is an important one for his business and that market studies have shown that it is an area in which his company is lacking coverage.

"We do extensive, extensive market studies before we decide to build somewhere and what we found out was that, in that area, we have a big hole," he said. "This (additional store) would take some pressure off of the Northville store (at the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty) that already does a high amount of volume. And our Plymouth customers, our studies are showing us, aren't going down to Canton."

"In order to really provide the market coverage that we want to, (Plymouth) is a very strategic position to us. (The industrial park near Beck and M-14) is the next part of things that are going on out there."

Guastello's company had been buying pieces of property in the area and having them rezoned. Platt said the plan was that Home Depot would buy a single piece from Guastello after it was all rezoned for industrial development. The current rezoning was approved specifically with Home Depot in mind and any other project would now require its own special use approval before the planning commission and the board of trustees.

According to the Plymouth Township Community Development Office, Guastello owns seven parcels near the corner, totaling nearly 12 acres. A new Shell gas station now sits directly on the corner.

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Vermeulen named Westland's 'Business Person of Year'

James Vermeulen has long had a love of community service. That was recognized last Thursday when he was named the Business Person of the Year by the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

Vermeulen received numerous resolutions from public officials at various levels. Vermeulen, president of Vermeulen Funeral

Home, with locations in Westland and Plymouth Township, was cited for his work with the chamber. "He has worked diligently to improve the business climate in Westland," said presenter Nancy Barrons, chamber president, at Joy Manor in Westland.

Vermeulen's work with the Westland Rotary, professional groups and other organizations was also noted. His business has donated funeral services to

needy families, Barrons added, all of which "make him a natural choice for the 1999 Business Person of the Year."

Vermeulen Thursday mentioned his business supporting the Westland Friendship Center, churches and other groups.

Vermeulen Wednesday thanked his father, also a James, for his work in starting the funeral business and sharing his knowledge.

"I was very surprised," Ver-

meulen said of his honor. He'd been nominated the past two years and is impressed with the caliber of winners.

"I'm honored to be included in that group," said Vermeulen, often called Jim Jr. He and wife Nancy have three children, Derek, 16, Kyle, 13, and Allissa, 11, and live in Plymouth Township.

Jim Vermeulen earned a bachelor's degree in business from Calvin College in Grand Rapids,

followed by a certificate in mortuary science from Wayne State University in 1982. He's worked in the family business since then.

Vermeulen's aware his industry takes some media criticism and criticism from uninformed people. He's found that most people, however, are complimentary in describing their one-on-one experiences. "But their funeral director, he was a nice guy."

Funeral home representatives

don't want people to die: "The Good Lord takes care of that," he said.

He hopes his award will cast a good reflection on his business and industry. The funeral home industry generally supports the community with donations, he said, adding that his business belongs to the International Order of the Golden Rule, a professional organization.

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Royal Oak, the property owner, agreed to revise its outside light levels to comply with zoning.

The new office space will be more than five times that of the Plymouth facility, said Ward, an internist who has been its medical director the last seven years.

The center, one of about 30 in the U-M system, will offer primary and/or special care services in internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology and medical pediatrics, which is a combination of pediatrics and internal medicine, Ward said.

Also available will be expanded diagnostic radiology (X-ray) and laboratory services and possibly subspecialty services such as dermatology and/or rheumatology, she said.

The building will provide approximately 50 examining rooms, but will not have any emergency facilities.

The center will be staffed by about 20 physicians and 40 to 50 ancillary staff - nurses, medical assistants and office staff, Ward said. It also will house the U-M system's regional administration

office.

The centers are staffed by U-M Medical School faculty who spend about 80 percent of their time providing patient care and resident teaching and the rest of their time academically at the Ann Arbor campus, she explained.

"We feel the new center will help us with our increasing volume of patients," she said. "The facility that we now have wasn't built to accommodate the number of patients now being seen."

The Plymouth center draws patients from the Plymouths and Canton as well as from South Lyon, Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Dearborn, Romulus and Belleville.

U-M recently moved its Northville health center to Novi.

The one-story brick building on the 5.6-acre parcel, which will have the McCabe Funeral Home and Tutor Time Child Care to its south, will complete the corner's development. All three businesses will share a common access to Canton Center, while the U-M lot will provide access to Salts.

Salts will be paved to the property's western edge by the developer, who also will build a sidewalk south along Canton Center running a few hundred feet past its property line toward Cherry Hill Road as a goodwill gesture to the township and residents, according to project architect Bill Madden.

The building will have a "Jeffersonian Colonial look" which will blend with the other buildings and with the township's new look, according to Vince Spangell, president of Auragen and its sister-firm, Strategic Property Services.

The existing screen wall behind the other two properties, which separates the office-zoned property from Meadowbrook Subdivision, will be extended behind the U-M facility.

The medical building will be the second Canton project for Auragen and Strategic, which is also building the OfficeMax store on the southeast corner of Ford Road and Morton Taylor.

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the pharmacy will include Saturday hours, Saint Joseph officials say.

The Plymouth facility has been operating for 14 years, while the Canton facility, built less than two years ago, is much bigger.

"With the limited ability to expand in Plymouth, plus the lack of federal reimbursements, we had to make a choice," said Bud Lauderbach, vice president of Patient Care, Ambulatory Care Services and Programs for

the health care provider. "We just can't afford to have the urgent care at both facilities. That's the type of (economic) pressure we're feeling."

On the average, urgent care facilities lose \$35 for every patient that is seen by doctors, Lauderbach said. While Lauderbach said he expects the Canton facility to continue that trend, they are hoping other services will cover the losses.

"We don't want to pull out of western Wayne County," added Lauderbach. "We'll try to provide services on a reduced cost structure."

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System has already received a number of calls from physicians who want to lease some of the 3,000 square feet of space that will be available when the urgent care unit ends operations, Lauderbach said.

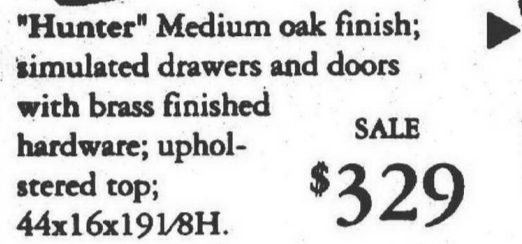
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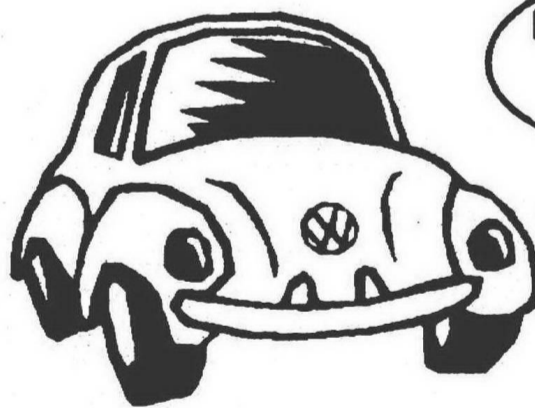
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'Give 'Em a Brake'

Road workers ask motorists to slow down

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Dennis O'Donnel deals with the hazards of the job every day. The lead foreman for Summit Transport of Brighton, an excavation company subcontracted for work on M-5 ramps near 10 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, realizes that workers must trust motorists to drive with caution through construction zones.

"These may be only plastic barrels, but for us, it's our only protection out here," O'Donnel said.

O'Donnel and the other approximate 300 construction workers hope motorists can show courtesy to them by traveling the posted speed limit — 50 mph — throughout the I-275 construction zone, from the M-5/I-696 interchange area in Farmington Hills south to the M-14/I-96 interchange in Livonia.

As Michigan's biggest road construction season gets under way, a work safety coalition has sponsored a statewide safety campaign, "Give 'Em A Brake," designed to remind motorists to drive safely.

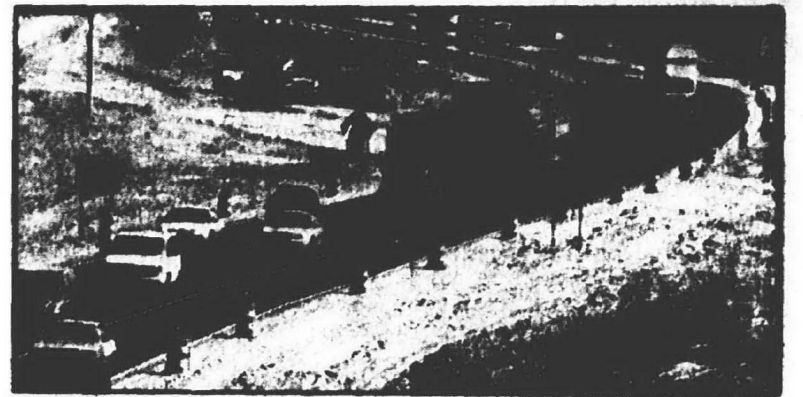
Representing union road workers, law enforcement, road builders and transportation interests, the coalition is urging motorists to slow down in work zones and look out for construc-

tion workers. More than 2,500 injuries were reported to motorists and road workers in 7,000 crashes in state work zone areas in 1998.

On April 30, a 20-year-old road construction worker from Taylor was hit by a car on M-5 near I-275. He remained in critical condition early this week.

That accident underscores the need for motorists to slow down and watch out for construction

Please see **BRAKE**, A8



Jammin': Southbound I-275 traffic crosses back to its normal southbound side just north of Five Mile Road. That crossover of southbound traffic on the northbound side is expected to continue through late July, then northbound and southbound lanes will switch to the newly constructed southbound side.

Pay attention in work zones

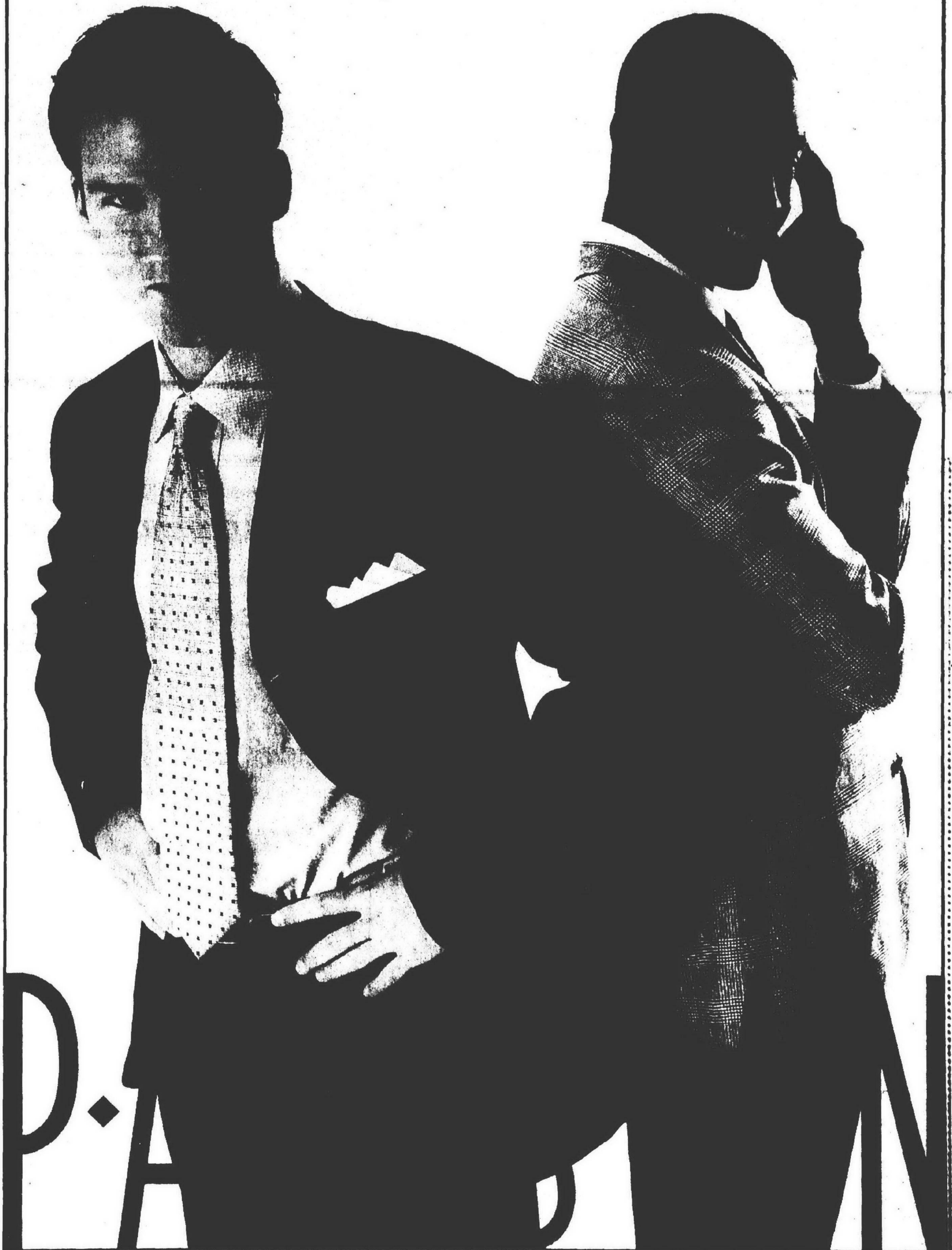
Here is a list of reminders for motorists during the "Give 'Em a Brake" campaign:

- Slow down. Pay attention.
 - Calm down. Work zones aren't there to personally inconvenience you. They're there to improve the roads.
 - Heed the warning signs and symbols.
 - Merge as soon as possible. Motorists can help maintain traffic flow and posted speed by moving to the appropriate lane at first notice of an approaching work zone. Keep a safe distance between your vehicle and traffic barriers, trucks, construction equipment and workers.
 - Some work zones — like line painting, road patching and mowing — are mobile. Just because you don't see the workers immediately after you see the warning signs, doesn't mean they're not out there.
 - Pay attention to your surroundings. Now is not the time to use the cellular phone, change the radio station or drink your coffee.
 - Try an alternate route. Expect delays; plan for them and leave early to reach your destination on time.
 - Michigan law requires motorists to slow down in a work zone. Fines for moving violations within a work zone are doubled.
- Source: Michigan Department of Transportation

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...ent certain. However, these students have almost a clean slate when it comes to problems.

"This is not an organized gang," added Church. "I don't think they thought about the ramifications of such actions."

School officials and police say one boy began a list, and two others reportedly joined in, compiling a list of approximately 50 names. Church said all three are suspended until conflicting stories are verified.

Church did send a letter home to parents stating, "At the end of the day, we met with the students who were named in the note, gave them information related to their safety and gave them a letter to take home to their parents. We told them that we believed that they were safe here at Central."

An unidentified parent who contacted the Observer said her son was called into the office and told he was on the so-called "hit list."

"My son is very upset and scared," said the parent of her eighth-grader. "As a parent you get that heart-sinking feeling. I think they have to

take it seriously."

Church said she met with teachers Tuesday after school and planned on making an announcement to students Wednesday morning to address concerns and assure them of their safety.

Central held an ice cream social Tuesday night, where notes like the one sent home were available to parents. Some parents hadn't heard about the incident.

"It concerns me to a certain extent, but I think a lot of it is copycats to get attention," said Lynne Hendsell of Plymouth Township, who has a sixth-grader at Central. "I think the kids are safe here."

And those who knew didn't seem overly worried either. "I'm not too concerned. I think it's a crank," added Samir Haddad of Plymouth Township, father of a daughter who attends Central. "Nothing has happened in the past, and I don't expect anything in the future."

Plymouth police say they're investigating criminal intent to determine if there will be charges.

All three students face possible expulsion from school.

Art from page A1

the ground because of a lack of organization to finalize the event. However, Smith said this year's event has been put together by the businesses in the downtown area to resemble a "walk in spring."

There will be 15 businesses participating in the art walk, with each sponsoring a guest artist who will expose visitors to different forms of art.

"There will be everything from pottery to wood carving, paintings, jewelry and glass blowing," added Smith. "And it's all free. It's a way to say thank you to the community."

Along with the arts, there will be music along the streets from the Whistle Stop Players of the Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Central Middle School jazz band. There will also be poetry readings around town and eighth-grade students creating chalk murals on the sidewalk.

ARTrageous runs Friday 7-10 p.m., Saturday 10-6 p.m. and Sunday 12-5 p.m. in downtown Plymouth.

City from page A1

Mayor Joe Koch seeks re-election to a second four-year term. He'll be joined in the primary by 11 hopefuls. They include William Case, Kevin Decker, Daniel Dwyer, Sean Fitzgerald, William Graham, Michele Potter, Sally Repeck, Penny Rowland, Paul Schulz, Albert Thomas and Jerry Vorva.

The Aug. 3 primary will whittle the number of candidates to eight for the Nov. 2 general election.

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Residents have until July 6 to register to vote in the primary election.

Due the same day are nominating petitions for the special election to fill the remaining two years of the unexpired term of former Mayor Don Dismuke,

who resigned May 3. The special election will be held in conjunction with the August primary and November general election.

Commissioners last Friday filled the void left by Dismuke by appointing John Vos to fill the seat until November. Vos has said he'll likely file petitions to run for the remaining two years.

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Work crews crush I-275 pavement

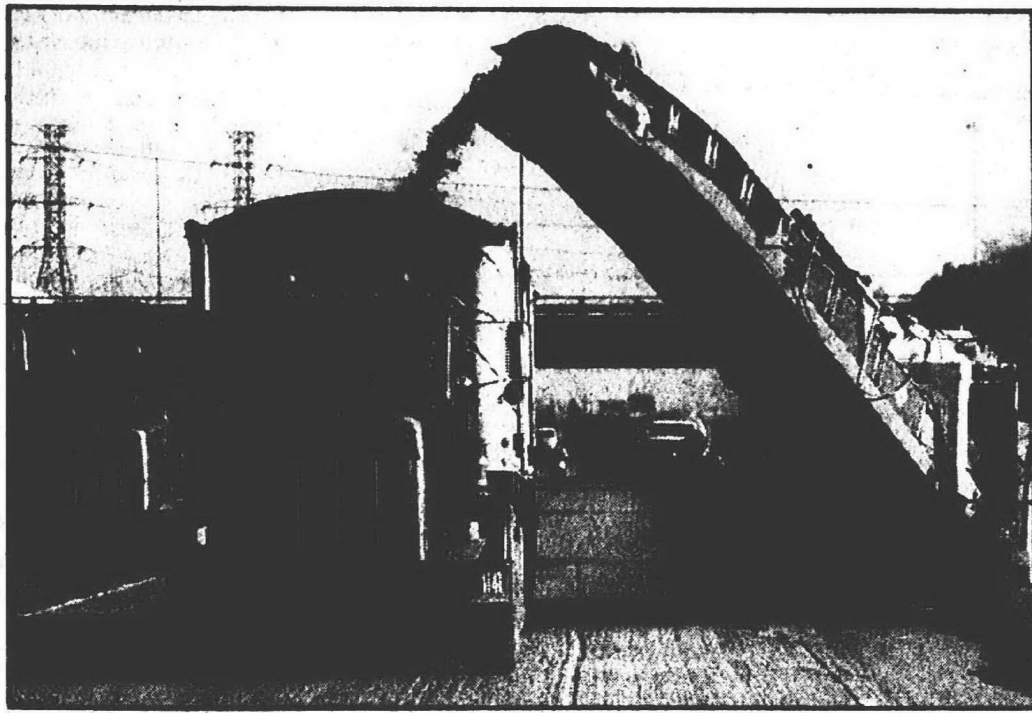
BY KEVIN ABRAMS
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Once every six seconds, a steel bar on a truck smashes the 12-inch concrete with a loud thud that shakes the road within several yards.

The bar on the truck resembles a guillotine, falling up and down, then moving a few inches down the road, leaving what resembles a giant jigsaw puzzle of broken pavement in its wake.

Later Monday morning and throughout the rest of the week, a scoop shovel will pick up what's left of I-275's southbound lanes near Grand River in Farmington Hills and dump it into a truck.

Beyond orange cones that lie within a few feet of the truck operators, nearly 200,000 motorists race by each day. As of Sunday, southbound I-275 traffic crossed over to the northbound side, each direction now reduced to



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Cracking up: A milling machine collects broken asphalt and drops it into a truck's trailer on southbound I-275. Workers began work this week demolishing old concrete and asphalt for the \$49 million project.

three lanes.

The concrete breakers from Antigo Construction Co. of Wisconsin will tackle about 1.5 miles, heading south from the Grand River overpass.

Robin Pannecouk, spokesman with the Michigan Department of Transportation, hopes motorists and nearby residents will be patient as contractors work during this year's construc-

tion season on the state's second busiest freeway.

"Everybody understands what it takes to build a house," Pannecouk said. "They need to understand that we are building five miles of eight lanes, shoulders, bridges and ramps in eight months. It takes us from April to October or November to build all of that."

"It only takes a year to build a house." Only 24 hours earlier, traffic had flowed south on the old southbound lanes. On a closer inspection of the old road, reinforcement rods are visible in several chuckholes from the years of pounding of semi-trailer trucks and the wear of millions of

vehicles.

Once that concrete is broken and removed, the dirt underneath will be graded and leveled.

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New cement will be poured from trucks after it is created from two temporary concrete factories in Livonia built by John Carlo, the main contractor, at Eight Mile and Six Mile, just east of I-275.

In late July the traffic in both directions will be moved to the southbound lanes. Loop ramps will remain closed throughout the project.

The M-5 exit to southbound I-275 has been closed. One lane from westbound I-696 to southbound I-275 has been closed, while one lane closed from eastbound I-96 to southbound I-275.

Northbound traffic faces lane reductions from I-275 south of M-14 and from westbound I-96. Near Grand River one lane is dedicated to those traveling west on I-96, while another goes to the Haggerty connector and a single lane, which is normally

tive, allowed for eastbound I-696.

Smashing pavement

While most of the construction began in Farmington Hills near the I-696 interchange, crews also work in the Livonia area. On Monday, an excavator operates a scupper to help excavate the asphalt on a loop ramp near Eight Mile. A milling machine breaks and removes asphalt nearby and shoots it into a truck.

The concrete on the southbound I-275 bridge over Eight Mile has been smashed by a bridge deck breaker, which is armed with a claw to help demolish and remove concrete on the overpass without damaging the steel beams underneath.

Workers clearing debris at that site are strapped to a steel cable so they don't fall between

the beams.

Crossover exits have been constructed at Eight, Seven and Six Mile roads.

Motorists must orient themselves to the crossover of the three southbound lanes. Several signs rattle off where motorists should go: trucks, left lane; I-96, left lane; southbound I-275, center lane; again, trucks, left lane; M-14, to Ann Arbor, right lane; then another reminder that I-96 travelers should get in the left lane.

If the weather cooperates, traffic will be switched back over in late July. John Carlo has an incentive of \$50,000 per day to complete the project. If Carlo finishes early, that firm will receive the money. If it is late, Carlo will be penalized the same amount.

Carlo has 180 days from April 28 to complete the project.

Brake from page A5

"Safety in work zones is one of our top priorities," said Jim DeSena, state transportation director. "We're working hard to make work zones more motorist-friendly, but drivers must do their part to ensure safety for everyone."

"Alarming, there has been a 30 percent increase in construction zone crashes in 1997 and 1998 over the early '90s. There was also a 24 percent jump in injuries resulting from construction zone crashes in this time period."

"We are very concerned about this upward trend."

Michigan State Police and the Michigan Department of Transportation have formed an alliance to increase law enforcement in work zones. MDOT has dedicated a \$175,000 grant for special overtime state police patrols in construction zones across the state.

Fines in construction zones are doubled. For construction workers, dangers are already present in using construction equipment that often weighs several tons, but motorists add another problem for them.

Terri Johnson of Belleville is a flagger at the M-5 site. Johnson watches areas in front of her and behind her while flagging cars through the coned

area of a site.

Sometimes she sees motorists traveling as fast as 65 mph. "They should slow down and observe the construction workers," Johnson said. "They should watch what they are doing and read the signs."

Mike O'Connor, a foreman, has three simple words for workers: "Watch your ass."

"Pay attention to what you are doing. Out here, you watch for what's happening."

While driving on northbound I-275, Robin Pannecouk, a spokeswoman for MDOT, drives 50 mph. Motorists traveling behind the vehicle pass within seconds.

"You can see there isn't a lot of room if I have a blown tire," Pannecouk said. "For your own safety, do the speed limit."

Tom Lewis, president of the Michigan Road Builders Associa-



Concerned: Terri Johnson, a flagger in a construction zone, discusses traffic hazards.

tion, said that group also is concerned about the safety of workers and motorists.

"Summer road construction is a necessary fact of life in Michigan and we all need to slow down and live with it. Saving a few minutes of time speeding through a work zone is not worth risking someone's life."

"By increasing the use of night work and expedited schedules, we hope to minimize motorist inconvenience. But we need (motorists) help. Slow down and drive safely through work zones."

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Area police back tougher seat belt legislation

By JAMES ARABACIYK
Observer Staff Writer
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The Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police received support Friday from the Conference of Western Wayne in its positions on several state bills. The bills range from seat belt enforcement to limiting governmental liability when emergency vehicles are involved in a traffic accident.

The CWW backed the chiefs in support of Senate Bill 335, sponsored

by Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland, which allows police to pull over drivers for not wearing a safety belt. The bill would make failure to wear seat belts a primary offense. Currently, it is considered a secondary offense, so drivers can only be ticketed if they are pulled over for another violation.

"This is a safety issue," said Pete Kunst, Livonia police chief. Kunst represented the Western Wayne County police chiefs for the CWW.

The CWW is a consortium of elected officials from the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

Other state bills call for an advisory panel to study emergency vehicle pursuit and response and develop a model policy, and limit governmental

liability when an emergency vehicle is involved in a traffic accident, if it is operated in accordance with an emergency vehicle operation policy. Limits are \$250,000 for injury and \$500,000 for death.

Both bills passed the Senate in March and are under study in a House committee.

The chiefs organization asked for and received support from the western Wayne leaders in its opposition to concealed weapons permits and a Police Officers Bill

of Rights.

Senate Bills 168 and 407, sponsored respectively by Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trompsen, and David Jaye, R-Washington Township, establish a set of rights for police officers who have been charged with a crime while on duty. But the bills raise questions for police chiefs.

"This bill would impair a chief's right to manage his department," Kunst said.

A Carrying of Concealed Weapons legislative package,

HB 4530-4545, is in the House Committee on Conservation and Outdoor Recreation.

These bills require a gun-licensed to have a permit to carry one over 21, including police and people with mental illness.

The chiefs organization also opposes that package and the western Wayne leaders agreed.

"It would be easier to get a CCW (permit to carry a concealed weapon) than it would be to get a driver's license," Kunst said.

Center offers interactive program for youngsters

Children ages three to five can learn more about the colors of nature through an interactive program Colors of the Rainbow at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 15 at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center.

The two-hour program will highlight the beautiful colors of nature through a hike, and interactive games. In addition, children will be able to create their own colorful crafts to take home.

The cost is \$2 per child, and advance registration is required. This program has been made possible through parks millage funds.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off of Hines Drive, and can be reached even if the road is barricaded for flooding.

For information, call (734) 261-1990.

Rivers hosts forum on privacy

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will host a forum on "Privacy in Contemporary America" from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 22, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, in Westland.

This event is designed to address concerns about the growing amount of personal information readily available to private companies and government. That information often is distributed or sold without prior consent.

All constituents in the 13th District are invited. That district includes Canton, Garden City, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Westland and part of Livonia, and other Wayne County communities.

For information call April Lewis at (734) 485-3741.

Nature group needs helpers for annual River cleanup

The Holliday Nature Preserve Association is looking for volunteers to get ready for the annual Rouge River cleanup.

Pre-Rouge Rescue Tour - Come join association members at noon Sunday, May 23, as they explain the River Day expansion of the annual Rouge Rescue. Learn where the Holliday Nature Preserve Association will be cleaning up, and where it will be progressing beyond cleanup to improving the environment. Meet at the Service Merchandise Parking lot at Cowan Road behind Westland Mall. Event is free. For information call (734) 522-8547.

Rouge Rescue - Come join us for River Day beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 5. This includes the annual Rouge Rescue cleanup, hikes, and activities designed to improve the health of the complete Rouge River Watershed ecosystem. Meet at the Service Merchandise Parking lot at Cowan Road behind Westland Mall. For information call (734) 522-8547.

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Senate wants end to residency rules

The personal freedom card trumped the local control card every time, was the comment attributed to Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, that senators found convincing enough to vote to end residency rules.

Senators voted 23-14 Wednesday, May 5, to approve Senate Bill 100, to end mandated residency requirements for public

workers. Opponents of the bill argued that their employees were responsible to the needs of the citizens when they live in town and pay taxes to the local municipality.

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield, said he could see "compelling arguments on both sides." Sen. Bill Buffard, R-Highland, suggested that instead of residency rules, cities could provide incentives, such as tax credits or bonuses, to employees who live in the communities where they work.

The bill prohibits "public employers" from requiring, by union contracts or through law, that workers live in the community or within a specific distance from the city.

However, the ban on residency requirements would not apply to "paid, on-call" employees, such as some firefighters, because they are paid to be on standby for the city, Peters said.

Voting yes were Sens. Bennett, R-Canton, and McCotter, R-Livonia. Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn did not vote. Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem Township, voted no.

Labor Day extension bill studied

Extend the Labor Day weekend to four days by state mandate?

It was supposed to be a compromise between school districts, which have taken to starting the school year early recently, and the tourism industry, which wants the return to classes to wait until after Labor Day so it can keep the season going

through that last weekend of summer.

But representatives weren't biting last week on a proposal by Rep. Scott Shackleton, R-Sault Ste. Marie. When House Bill 4089 came up for vote Thursday, May 6, and only about 30 to 34 representatives posted yes votes, House Majority Floor Leader Andrew Raskowski, R-Farmington Hills, moved to have the

board cleared and sent the legislation back to committee.

"It's not a business issue to me," Rep. Mike Kowalk, R-White Lake, said. "It's a family issue. I see it as another family weekend, one last weekend for the family to be together before the summer ends."

As the length of the school year has been increasing, a number of districts have moved

up the start of the school year to before Labor Day. School districts argue that they should not have their calendars set by the Legislature. They believe a mandated start to the school year would represent a loss of local control.

The bill would have mandated the Friday before Labor Day off and created a school calendar task force.

State House OKs ban on gifts for speeches

Should state lawmakers and their staffs be allowed to accept gifts from lobbyists and other interested parties?

Members of the Legislature last week passed a bill to "honorably" ban gifts for

an amendment to the campaign finance act, sponsored chiefly by Rep. Sam Rocca, R-Sterling Heights. House Bill 4381 was passed in a 89-11 vote Thursday, May 6.

Staff members of some state lawmakers have used honoraria

as a fund-raising technique for election campaigns.


The bill has been sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Here's how Observer area representatives voted:

Reps. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights; Kileen DeHart, D-

Westland; Tom Kelle, Wayne; Gerald L. R. Pyle, Jr., Bruce Patterson, Canton; Andrew Raskowski, Farmington Hills; Laura, Genoa, voted yes.

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S'craft commencement honors grads, special guests

Some 1,100 Schoolcraft College students received degrees and were honored last Saturday at the 84th annual commencement ceremonies.

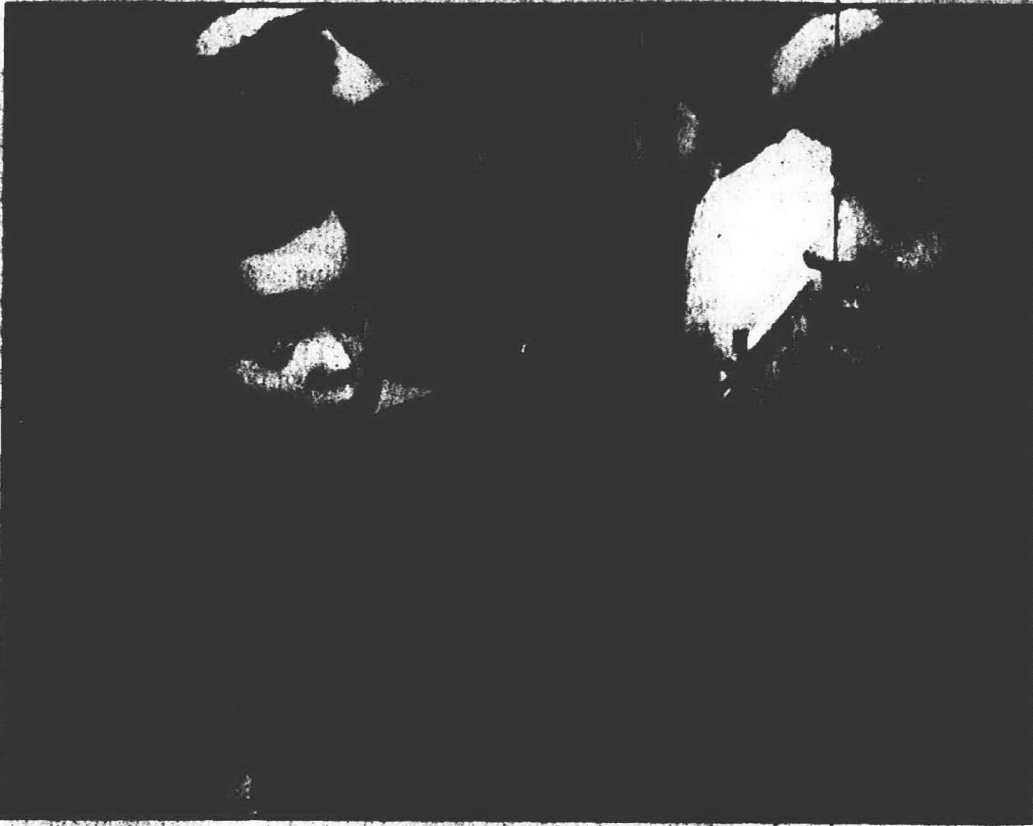
Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm delivered an keynote address. Granholm, the state's first female attorney general and a Northville Township resident, received an honorary

degree along with Robert and Beth Beson. The Besons are active supporters of community college education and Schoolcraft College. Robert Beson is founder and former owner of the Phoenix Group, Inc.

Receiving this year's Distinguished Alumni Award was attorney Mary Jane Bevelheimer of Plymouth. Robert Beson founded the

Phoenix Group, Inc., an international customer communication company in Farmington Hills. The firm was ranked as one of the top 100 fastest growing companies in Michigan for three years, and has offices in Europe, Canada, South America and the Caribbean. With more than 700 employ-

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Looking ahead: Zachary Spadacini, 21/2, gets ready for his own graduation in about 15 years by trying on his mom's cap. Melissa Spadacini graduated with an associate's degree. Zachary and his mom live in Westland.



PHOTO BY CHRIS RACRO

Commencement: Schoolcraft Trustee Greg Stempien, left, and college President Richard McDowell, right, present an honorary degree to college supporter Robert Beson. Also honored at Saturday's graduation ceremony were (at left) Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm and Mary Jane Bevelheimer, recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award.

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Member of the Progressive Educator Association and the National Restaurant Association, died May 10, 1999, at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor. He was born Dec. 2, 1914, in Cassopolis, Mich. He was a member of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and the American Legion Auxiliary. He is survived by his wife, John Carl Sells, and two sons, John and Robert Sells. Burial was in the Hill Cemetery, Taylorville, Mich.

Survivor for Theodore Andrew Shedy, 76, of Plymouth, Mich., died May 10, 1999, at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor. He was born Oct. 1, 1921, in Palmer, Ill. He worked at the GM Hydra-Matic plant in Ypsilanti. He then worked for Ross Perry Pontiac for 26 years. He retired in 1986. He was married for 57 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1959 from Redford Township. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth. He enjoyed gardening, working with wood and whittling. Survivors include his wife, Theresa; one son, Ted (Margaret) Shedy; two daughters, Janet (Gerald) Johnston, Julie (Christopher) Higgins; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one sister, Gertrude Shedy of Palmer, Ill. Memorials may be made in Mass offerings. Emma M. Williams Private services were held for Emma M. Williams, 82, of Westland. Local arrangements were made by the Vergonia Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born Dec. 2, 1914, in Cassopolis, Mich. She was a tool setter. She was a member of Women of the Moose and the American Legion Auxiliary Livonia Post 32. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lorense and Edna Birtles. Survivor include her daughter, Sharon L. Chain of Canton; two sisters, Clara Fraser of Coldwater, Doris Kinley of Wilmington, N.C.; and one grandson, Bradley D. Chain of Plymouth.

SADD

Against Drunk Driving
More kids die in the United States every year from alcohol and automobile-related accidents, said Salween High School Principal Gerald Ostein. "We need to get the message across to students because they sometimes think it can't happen to them."
"In Michigan, statistics show 50 percent of all traffic accidents are alcohol-related," Judy Kettenstock of Midwest Medflight told the crowd of students. "The dangers of drinking and driving are greater for teenagers, who are already inexperienced drivers. The results can be deadly."
Students watched as a car with four victims inside was

unveiled on the football field. Canton Township and Plymouth Township police cars were the first to arrive at the scene, with sirens blaring. Rescue units weren't far behind, followed by a Midwest Medflight helicopter that landed near the accident. Firefighters used the jaws of life to free one of the victims, who was taken away by helicopter for emergency treatment. The remaining two victims were taken by ambulance to local hospitals.
"We wanted to show the realistic consequences of drinking and driving in a way that students understand," said Paul Terinies of Canton, a member of SADD. "While we're showing this demonstration for prom and

graduation, we hope that it will apply to their whole lives," added Carrie Hayes of Plymouth Township, also a member of SADD. "If we can save one life this year, impact at least one person, then our job will have been done."
The entire stadium became silent when Wheatley Coleman, who played the fatality victim, was wrapped in a body bag and put into a hearse. While that was happening, Wheatley could be heard in a pre-recorded message, describing as relatives and friends mourned her death on prom night, and how she begged for just one more chance to live.
Afterwards, there was mixed reaction by students to the mock accident.
"The demonstration was OK, but it's overshadowed by the same message we hear all the time," said Jeff Desmarais, a junior from Canton. "It gets annoying all the time hearing the same damn thing, especially when you don't even do it."
"I've been in an accident and a neck brace, and I know it's not

fun," said Rachel Marek, 18, of Canton. "I think drinking and driving is a big problem, and I preach the message. Don't listen and some don't."
"It was good and really sad," added Jennifer Weber of Canton. "I know not to drink and drive on prom night, that's for sure. But, a lot of kids will still do it because they think it can't happen to them."
Those who work in the schools know it's tough to combat drinking and driving.
"I think this puts out a powerful message," said Detective Dave Hayes of the Plymouth Township police department, who is also a school liaison officer. "During this time of year we have to revisit this issue to show them the consequences. I truly believe the message is getting through."
"It's a tough message to get across to teens," admitted Canton High School Principal Patricia Patton. "Teenagers have a tendency to think they're invincible."

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of a voice mail system upgrade. Specifications and Bid Forms are available at the front desk of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI, or by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Technical questions should be directed to Jim Castrol of the PCCS Technology Department at (734) 416-2708. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 27th, 1999. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
ELIZABETH M. GIVENS, Secretary

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept bids until 10:00 a.m., June 7, 1999, in the Office of the Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, 48188 for the following:

Housing Rehabilitation: 1 single-family detached home

Specifications are available in the Finance & Budget Dept. Bid must be enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words (HOUSING REHAB), time and date of bid opening. Questions may be directed to Resource Development Division, (313) 397-5392. This program is funded by CDBG, Department of HUD. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CDBG PROGRAM AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING

On June 2, 1999, at 3:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Township will hold a public hearing for the following amendments to the Canton Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program: 1. Cancel the FY 1993-96 Harrison Drain Improvements project, and cancel the FY 1994 First Step building acquisition project. 2. Create Human Services Center expansion project. 3. Reprogram all remaining Harrison Drain Improvements funds (\$380,593 approx.) and First Step building acquisition funds (\$30,000) to Human Services Center expansion project. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Development Specialist, Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 397-5392.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the Renovations of Tennis Courts at Central Middle School. Specifications and Bid Forms are available at the front desk of the E. J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI, or by contacting Bruce Lemons of ForeSite Design at (948) 547-7787. Technical questions should be directed to Brian Wolcott of the PCCS Athletics Department at (734) 416-7775. Sealed bids are due on or before 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 2nd, 1999. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

ELIZABETH M. GIVENS, Secretary
Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

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

Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 14, 1999.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1999, IS MONDAY, MAY 17, 1999. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 17, 1999, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

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

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

ELIZABETH M. GIVENS
Secretary, Board of Education

ADDENDUM

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Canton Township is soliciting proposals for engineering design, inspection, construction follow-up, and management services for the 1999 Canton Township Sidewalk Repair Program.

The "Request for Proposals" describes the project and the format for the Scope of Services. A "Request for Proposal" can be obtained from Canton Township Public Works at the address below. If you have any questions call Public Works at (734) 397-5405.

If your firm is interested in providing these services, please submit your proposal to Canton Township Public Works, by 5 p.m., Friday, May 28, 1999. 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 of all proposals.

Address all proposals to:

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Golf outing raises money for Wayne County parks

Golfers can hook up their three-some with a local golf pro or celebrity for a day of birdies, eagles and fun at the Friends of Wayne County Parks Pro-Am Golf Classic at 6:30 a.m. Friday, June 11, at the Warren Valley Golf Club in Dearborn Heights.

The cost for this year's golf classic is \$100, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. To sponsor a hole for this event, the cost is \$750, which includes a four-some of one guest/pro and three amateurs. All proceeds from this event benefits the

Wayne County parks system and Warren Valley Golf Club Junior Caddy Program.

Registration and the continental breakfast starts at 6:30 a.m. The shotgun start and a best ball scramble begins at 8 a.m. Lunch is served at 1 p.m.

Warren Valley Golf Club is located on Warren Road between Beech Daly and Inkster Road in Dearborn Heights. For information, contact Ray Glenn at (313) 561-9879 or Margie Rose at (734) 261-1630.

Nankin Mills begins summer day camp

Fun and nature go hand in hand this summer at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center Day Camp. Open to children of various ages, the six week-long sessions start the week of June 28 and end the week of July 26.

Each session will focus on various topics during the day such as mammals, insects, birds, reptiles and amphibians and pond life. Pioneer history

and Native American history will be highlighted.

These topics will be presented through games, stories, hands-on activities, arts and crafts, hikes and even live animals.

Each day camp session is designed for a different age level. Participants should have completed the grades listed for each session, unless

otherwise specified.

Parents can call (734) 261-1990 for detailed session information and registration fees. Registration fees range from \$40 to \$100 depending on the grade level and length of the session.

Here is the day camp schedule: Fifth and sixth grades, June 28-July 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; preschool, ages 3 and 4, July

6-8, 9:30 a.m.-noon; kindergarten, July 12-16, 9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m.; first and second grades, July 19-23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; and third and fourth grades, July 26-30, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Nankin Mills is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

Edison users to get rebates

The Michigan Public Service Commission Tuesday ordered the Detroit Edison Co. to refund nearly \$20 million to its retail electric customers and more than \$1 million to some industrial customers through a credit on customers' June 1999 electric bills.

Detroit Edison's residential customers using 500 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity per month will see a one-time credit of about \$2.96 on their June 1999 electric bills. Individual customer credits will vary, based on actual customer electric use. Commercial and industrial customers will see a credit on their June 1999 electric bills.

The commission ordered the refunds to reconcile Detroit Edison's 1997 power supply costs and to implement the Fermi 2 performance standard. Fermi 2 is subject to a performance standard that provides for a disallowance in Detroit Edison's annual power supply cost recovery reconciliation proceeding if output fails to match the output of a group of peer facilities.

Tuesday's order balances allowable power supply costs and revenues collected from its electric customers between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 1997 and includes Fermi 2 performance standard disallowances.

Participating in the proceeding were MPSC staff, Detroit Edison, Michigan's Attorney General, the Association of Businesses Advocating Tariff Equity, and the Residential Ratepayers Consortium.

Detroit Edison provides electric service to more than 2 million customers in Michigan. The MPSC is an agency within the Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

Source: Michigan Public Service Commission

Nature Fest offers exhibits, entertainment at Crosswinds

Enjoy canoeing, a fishing contest, carnival games and a live reptile exhibit at Wayne County Parks Nature Fest from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 22 at Crosswinds Marsh in Sumpter Township.

Visitors can enjoy live entertainment, carnival games, nature crafts, hikes, a birds of prey show, a live bat show and learn about parks and recreation departments from communities in Monroe and southern Wayne counties. A scavenger hunt and art contest with prizes given for best nature photo and nature drawing/painting.

Sponsored by the Wayne County Detroit Metropolitan Airport, Wayne County, Belleville, Monroe, Romulus, Sumpter Township and Van Buren parks and recreation departments, the event is free and families can participate in various activities promoting animals and nature. It is also made possible through parks millage funding.

Here is the schedule of activities: guided nature hike, 1-1:45 p.m.; fishing contest registration, 1-1:30 p.m.; free canoeing, 1-3:30 p.m.; fishing contest, 1:30-3 p.m.; Michigan Bat Show, 2-3 p.m. and Tom Hodgson-Music for Mother Earth, 3-4 p.m.

Crosswinds Marsh is located at the corner of Haggerty Road and Will Carleton/Oakville Waltz Road in Sumpter Township.

For information, call (734) 261-1990.

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ees and sales approaching \$50 million, Beson sold the company in 1997.

He served on the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board of Governors for four years and has been a generous contributor to student success. Under his aus-

pices, the Phoenix Group donated professional time and talent to the success of a Foundation campaign. He is an alumnus of Delta College and the University of Michigan.

Beth Beson is active in the Northville Public Schools and

Catholic Central High School Parent Associations. The Besons are advocates of community college education and consistently have supported Foundation events.

They recently established the Robert and Beth Beson Scholar-

ship, specifically to help students who have interrupted their education and are returning to college.

Distinguished alum

Bevelheimer, who began her professional career as a nurse and mother of six children, earned an associate's degree in 1977 from Schoolcraft College and went on to the University of Michigan and the Detroit College of Law.

During her years as a law student, Bevelheimer became a single parent, renewed her license to practice nursing, worked part-time and cared for three teen-aged boys. After completing her law degree in 1984, she continued to work as a nurse while she looked for employment as a lawyer.

Attorney Nevin Rose hired her to do public defender work and in 1988 she became a partner in the firm of Rose and Bevelheimer, PC. Currently, she practices general law and public defender work from her office in Westland.



Celebration: Angie Stevens of Farmington Hills, (left) Laura Meyer of Redford and Linda Lupo of Westland celebrate graduation from nursing school. Sherry Bowerman is congratulated by Sherry Springer. Looking on is Jennie Howard.

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Achievers: Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, who graduated with honors from Harvard Law School, is shown with Sherry Bowerman of Plymouth president of Phi Theta Kappa, an academic honorary at Schoolcraft. Bowerman received her nursing degree at Schoolcraft. Bowerman will go on to Wayne State University to her her bachelor's degree in nursing.

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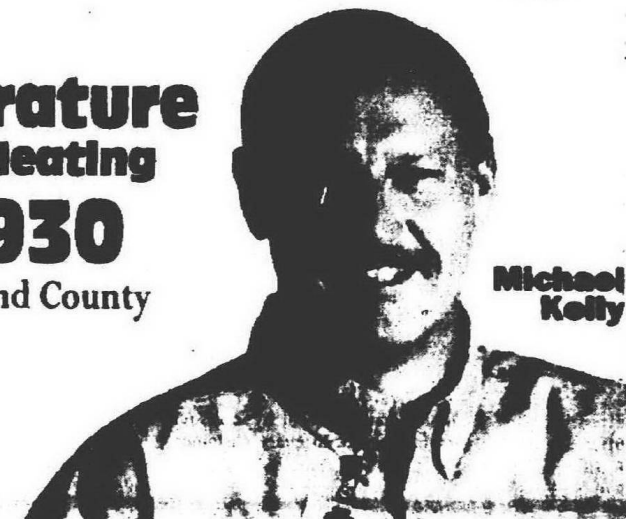
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Phone soliciting Where's the public debate?

Spring is in the air, and it smells like the firing of City Manager Steve Walters in and around Plymouth's City Hall.

If anyone remembers correctly, the decision to can Walters was made outside of public forum via the telephone. One segment of the commission rallied to attain four votes and the next thing we knew, Walters was gone.

The circumstances are similar to the recent appointment of Jon Vos as city commissioner to fill a vacancy left behind by Don Dismuke. There were flutters that Vos would be appointed before Dismuke officially resigned as mayor at last week's commission meeting. Dismuke is transferring to a job in Paris with his employer Ernst & Young.

We are not criticizing the decision to appoint Vos to the open seat. Nor do we have any complaints as to his character. Vos held the position of commissioner from 1989-1997. We're sure his experience will be an asset to the commission once again.

However, we must ask, what was the hurry and why was this decision made outside of public forum via telephone and e-mail? Technological advances have made our jobs easier and quicker but also undermined open government, as officials attempt to eliminate public debate from the process.

As expected, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Koch became mayor, however, where was the dis-

ussion regarding Commissioner Stella Greene being named mayor pro tem and Vos being named commissioner? A special meeting was called four days after Dismuke's resignation and the vote tallied. Ten minutes later it was a done deal.

What has shocked us even more is the vagueness of the city charter, which simply states that an appointment "is made by the Mayor or Commission... within 30 days after such vacancy occurs, appoint a person who possesses the qualifications of office holders of said office to fill such a vacancy." The appointee holds the position until the next city election, the charter further states.

It's not even clear-cut as to whether the mayor makes a recommendation to the entire commission, which then votes on it, or if commissioners can individually bring nominees to the table.

In Garden City, a vacancy is filled by appointing the next top vote-getter in the last election. In the city of Farmington, a recent resignation resulted in the council interviewing candidates to fill the post.

We urge our new mayor, Joe Koch, to look at the city's charter and address this issue as his first course of action. As written, the provision of the charter opens the door for larger problems down the road. Even a country club has better guidelines.

Plan for safe prom season

Remember that old TV spot that went something like "It's 11 o'clock. Do you know where your children are?"

Those words apply these days, with teens taking time to go to proms, parties and graduations. Although it's a happy time, the general festivity surrounding the season can lead to less-than-festive activities such as teen alcohol abuse, drunken driving and drug use.

Too often, peer pressure can lead otherwise responsible kids to do things they shouldn't. Suggestions from those who work with young people include parents having a copy of the night's itinerary and discouraging hotel parties. If a party is thrown at another student's

home, parents should call to be sure proper adult supervision is included.

Other tips include: extending curfew only when children provide a detailed itinerary of their plans; if a limo use or hotel party is planned, calling the company and saying you will hold them responsible if alcohol or drugs are used; and giving students an out by letting them know they can call you if they end up in a dangerous situation.

We love our children and want a bright future for them. Let's get through this prom and graduation season safely so we'll all have fond memories to share.

Hail Michigan for all its glory

Michigan is the automobile capital of the world. That isn't exactly news to Michiganders. But did you know that:

- Michigan has the longest freshwater shoreline in the world?
- The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor is the oldest state university in the United States?
- Detroit telephone customers were the first in the United States to be assigned phone numbers in 1879?
- Michigan was the first state to provide in its constitution for the establishment of public libraries?
- No, we haven't been taking a refresher course in state history. Those are just some of the tidbits included on a new Web site put up by the Secretary of State's office to promote the celebration of Michigan Week, May 15-22. The theme of this year's celebration is "Michigan: Behold the Splendor."
- Gov. John Engler, honorary chair of Michigan Week, said in a proclamation that the week is a "time to encourage greater knowledge and awareness of Michigan and its history; to afford an inspired view of our State's advantages to the world; and to foster a spirit

of cooperation among all communities that will make the Great Lake State even more livable and attractive."

Michigan Week was started in 1954 by the late Don C. Weeks, then director of the Michigan Department of Economic Development, and a group of residents who formed the non-profit Greater Michigan Foundation. Their purpose was to mobilize grass-roots boosters to promote Michigan as a wonderful place to work and live.

This year Secretary of State Candice Miller is chair of Michigan Week. Calling Michigan the "undisputed fresh water recreational Mecca of the world," Miller said, "Add to that all the other recreational opportunities and the unique combination of our rural roots and Motown sophistication - you have an unbeatable combination."

We couldn't have said it better ourselves. Michigan has something for everyone and this week is a good time to look around your own community and explore some of the special places you might overlook during the day-to-day routine.

For more information about Michigan's attractions, you can visit that Web site at www.sos.state.mi.us/miweek.



LETTERS

Officials are self serving

My husband and I decided to attend the city meeting on Monday, May 3, to find out what is being done by the city in regards to the cruising and loitering that goes on here every weekend. We made this decision after being verbally assaulted and threatened by juveniles who were urinating on our front lawn Friday evening. Many other residents also expressed their dismay regarding this problem. The commission indicated that the problem of "cruising" is not as bad as it had been back in the 1980s and that a "quick fix" may not be the most prudent action to take. Rather, they would research the issue and formulate a plan with which to deal with this problem. Commissioner McDonald also stated that if the residents wanted more police, it could mean an increase in taxes.

Another issue that was discussed at this meeting was an increase in compensation for the seven commissioners (which I might add are volunteer positions), who meet every other Monday for a total of 26 meetings per year. Apparently back in the 1950s, it was determined that these individuals should receive \$10 per meeting, at a cost of \$1,820 annually. In 1995, an increase in this payment was put before the residents of the city of Plymouth, who voted it down. The commission subsequently initiated a committee to come up with a proposal to increase the pay per meeting, which was voted on Monday by the commission. In order to maintain the \$10 payment a vote of five against the increase needed to occur. Unfortunately, it passed with only three voting for, and four voting against, the increase. Our city commissioners will now be receiving \$40 every meeting, which is an increase of \$5,460 per year, or a total cost of \$7,280 for these volunteer positions.

What I find most egregious is the fact that these individuals had the audacity to indicate that to be safe in our streets on the weekends it could cost us more in taxes yet were able to increase the amount they are paid for these volunteer positions by 300 percent. This increase of \$5,460 could easily have gone toward part-time police coverage from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights during the summer months. My question to the commissioners, as well as the residents of Plymouth is, are our city officials truly here for the benefit of the city of Plymouth and its citizenry, or are they self-indulgent bureaucrats who care nothing about those they are supposed to serve?

Michele R. Potter
 Plymouth

Rape drugs

The Michigan Women's Commission commends the efforts by the media to educate the public about the dangers of Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate (GHB) and other rape drugs. However, these drugs are often mentioned as "date" rape drugs, which is very misleading. Victims of these unsuspecting drug-induced sexual assaults are frequently drugged by strangers or slight acquaintances - not in a dating scenario. Using the term "date" rape drug leads people to mistakenly assume there has been a dating relationship between the victim and the perpetrator. The correct message needs to be sent to the public - these are "rape drugs."

- Important points to remember are:
- Never leave a drink unattended.
 - Don't accept any beverage (including soft drinks) from someone you do not know.
 - Order bottled or canned beverages when possible; open them yourself.
 - Be cautious of anyone inquiring about drinks that you have not tried before, even health drinks. Predators often disguise GHB as a new health fad, or slip it into drinks that you are unfamiliar with, which makes it even more difficult to detect the taste of GHB.

When Gov. John Engler signed the legislation, in July of 1998, to add GHB to the list of Schedule 1 Drugs, Michigan Women's Commission members were present. The commission has been actively distributing GHB brochures to: law enforcement agencies; middle and high schools; colleges and universities; women's centers, shelters and help groups; counseling and rape centers; hospitals and emergency rooms; prosecuting attorneys; churches; etc.

A Schedule 1 Drug makes it a crime to deliver, possess the drug with intent of delivery, or manufacture the drug. Even simple possession of the drug will be considered a felony and using the drug will be a misdemeanor. When convicted, fines and prison terms are applied.

The public can contact the Michigan Women's Commission office at (517) 334-8622 for GHB brochures.

Patti Garrett
 chair
 Michigan Women's Commission

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Letters should be mailed to: Editor, The Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, 48170.

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 What are your summer vacation plans?

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Veronice Ellison
 Detroit

"We're going to Texas for two weeks in June."

Gemte Mackley
 Canton

"We just bought a cottage in the upper peninsula."

George Dunn
 Canton

"I don't have any plans as of yet. But I'm going to make plans."

Axel Patel
 Canton

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Is there a Ford (school) in our future?

Tiger Stadium or Comerica Park? If you're a sports fan the choice is an easy one. If you are the owner of the team the choice may not be as simple. In an age where competition is king, the choice between tradition and business viability is not as simple as we would all like.

GUEST COLUMNIST



MARK HORVATH

The stakes are much higher than just the name of a building. The use of corporate names for buildings represents a significant opportunity for new revenue through the use of the building as an advertising medium. While the debate over the use of corporate names for sports stadiums is

an interesting one, the issue extends far beyond the realm of sports stadiums. There are many businesses that fall into the category of increased competition and the need for new revenue streams, not the least of which are public schools.

Before you think that this is another request for more of your tax dollars by an advocate of public schools, please take the time to read on. Nothing could be further from the truth! We have seen the push for increased competition in schools and the recent call for voucher-style systems to increase opportunities for all of our students. These comments are an answer to this call to arms. No call for increased public funding (read no call for increased taxes), no call for a reduction in the push for competition for public schools and no call for reduction in opportunities for all students.

This is an opportunity to answer

the issue of increased revenue with no tax increases in the fashion of a market oriented, competitive business. Namely to utilize the "brand image" of our school district to generate revenue for the district.

What does this mean? Perhaps it means that the new Plymouth-Canton Community Schools middle school, named Discovery Middle School, forms an alliance with the Discovery Channel. This could provide the Discovery Channel with an advertising opportunity on the building exterior or perhaps the connection of the name of our school with the Discovery Channel in newsletters, etc. This could be in return for revenue from the Discovery Channel for this promotional opportunity. Maybe it means we move from Miller Elementary School to the Crayola - Miller Elementary School. Perhaps the Northwest Airlines Centennial Educational Park? Ford Motor Co. Pioneer Middle

School? Making Coca Cola the exclusive soft drink supplier for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools?

Before you dismiss this idea, keep in mind that the model of using advertising to increase opportunity is one that has been used in our country for many years.

In fact, the paper that you are reading this in probably solicits advertising as a form of revenue.

While there are many reasons for this, one important outcome is that the price of the paper is in a range that most people can afford, thereby increasing the opportunity for people to remain informed.

Television, radio and information on the Internet have similar models. While some people will point to these as negative influences and downplay their importance, without advertising on television we all would have missed seeing a man on the moon, debates on the House and Senate

floor, the inauguration of our presidents and numerous local and regional events.

Unique opportunity or a sell out to corporate America? Some will say that this is a sell out, that it is wrong to use our public buildings and educational institutions as advertising media. What alternatives are these "nay sayers" providing.

Change is a difficult thing to many people, please don't let them scare you away from evaluating options that can take our educational system into the 21st century without taxing us into submission. Please remember that as a taxpayer you are also the owner of the team and the choices are not always easy ones.

Canton resident Mark Horvath is a former member of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education.

Environmental ties bind one and all of us together for keeps

Cleaning out 32 years of files upon retiring from this newspaper company, I came across a 1970 column that gives me the right to claim the title of prophet.

I predicted the environmental movement would survive and flourish. It wouldn't fade as did spats, bobby sox, the Princeton haircut, hula hoops, Nehru jackets, CB radio, "Poco-hostas" garb and "The Lion King."

The underlying idea of environmentalism is that everything is connected to everything else. You can't just fill in a swamp and think it won't affect bugs, crawfish, minnows, panfish, sport fish, herons and eagles. In fact, you don't even call it a swamp or a fen or a bog or a wasteland any more. It's a fragile wetland.

Nor can you pave over farmland without affecting traffic, air pollution, rural drainage, urban drainage, Great Lakes water quality, and the supply

of fresh fruits and vegetables. It's strange but true that the new megamall means you will find yourself eating more canned peaches and fewer fresh ones; more processed meat with bacteria and less locally-produced stuff.

The environmental movement has come indoors, too. I give Gov. John Engler and company chairman Phil Power great credit for banning smoking in state buildings and our newspaper offices, respectively. We get so wrapped up in our work that we sometimes don't notice the safety features, first-aid instruction and general improvements to make the work environment more pleasant.

So successful has the environmental movement been that there is a counter-movement. It takes various forms.

One form is to challenge any governmental regulation of land and



TIM RICHARD

water use as a "taking" of private property. The notion is that somehow government is robbing you when it says you can't fill in a wetland or dam a flowing stream.

Another challenge is the "good corporate citizen" tactic. You stop state inspections of factories and have faith the good corporate citizen will report any environmental problems and correct them.

Well, maybe some corporate citizens are good, and maybe some aren't. But we have had fewer mine cave-ins, fewer forest fires, fewer Great Lakes shipwrecks, fewer railroad accidents, fewer tank car spills and fewer bridge collapses when we have bureaucrats inspecting things.

In the 1970 column, I had a reason for predicting the extended life of the environmental movement. It was a major advance in thinking, like Copernicus' opining that the sun is the center of our solar system, not the earth; like Dalton's atomic theory of chemistry, debunking the old thinking about earth, air, fire and water as the four elements; like Freud's teachings about the subconscious mind.

It's popular to beat up on the state Department of Environmental Quality, but I give Russ Harding's troops credit for publishing regularly a list of public hearings, deadlines for com-

ment on permit applications and other information the public needs. There are lots of permits affecting Wayne, northern Oakland, Livingston, Eaton and other counties. DEQ's Internet access site is www.deq.state.mi.us

I see that my own new burg in Manistee County is generating many requests for renewable operating permits for natural gas by Shell Western E&P Co. There's a lot of controversy about companies' drilling slantwise under Lake Michigan for gas.

Manistee is on the Lake Michigan shoreline, but it has the same underlying layers of rocks as Wayne-Oakland and Alpena counties. Do you see? Everybody is downstream or upstream, downwind or upwind, from everybody else.

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State Dems seek old glory days

Remember the famous exchange between Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson, when Holmes asked Watson about the dog barking at night? "But there was no dog barking at night," objected Watson. "Precisely the point," responded Holmes.

Sounds a lot like the current state of play of the long overdue and much-needed effort to reform the Michigan Democratic Party.

After their party got whopped again last November, lots of Dems started calling for a less top-down, less labor-dominated, more attractive, more inclusive party. After all, they pointed out, party membership had plummeted from 25,000 in Soapy Williams' days to 6,500. A business and professional section, thriving while Neil Staebler was chairman in the '50s and '60s, had entirely disappeared. Excepting Wayne County Chief Executive Ed McNamara, moderates had been largely squeezed out of party leadership positions.

The results were predictable. In 1994, Big Labor picked the candidate for governor - Howard Wolpe - who lost in a landslide. Last year, Big Labor tried to ram Larry Owen down Democratic throats. Owen was defeated in the primary by Geoffrey Fieger, who promptly experienced his own landslide loss while ridiculing the institutional Democratic Party as nonexistent.

Shortly after the election, top Democrats held a few semi-secret meetings featuring party chairman, Macomb County labor lawyer Mark Brewer, members of Congress, county executives, labor leaders and other activists. No barking dogs emerged, at least not for public hearing.

About the same time, an outfit called Democratic Process for the Millennium started showing up at party gatherings, calling for root and branch reforms. DPM has been holding hearings around the state, calling for a rebirth of the party's vision, talking about new issues, recruiting "little-d democrats" for a volunteer-based organization and arguing for less top-down decision-making.

They've managed to develop some real momentum, especially in Genesee and Oakland counties. If they don't get any response from the Democratic hierarchy, DPM intends to ask for a full-blown special convention to discuss reform.

DPM is led by an unlikely pair of reformers. John J. "Joe" Collins was party chair during the days of "Boy Governor" John Swainson. Collins went on to a career in insurance before emerging in the Fieger campaign as one of the few people around with any practical political experience. Raymond F. Clevenger, now an Ann Arbor attorney, served a term in Congress in



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the mid-'60s, representing northern Michigan and the UP.

Collins says his reform efforts are entirely aimed at reviving the Democratic Party. "This is not an attempt to create a third party or to take over the party," he says.

Things are hardly lovey-dovey between Collins and party chair Brewer. Collins claims he's been trying for three months to meet with Brewer to discuss common goals, to no avail. Brewer says, "I'm ready to meet with him. I have no idea what his agenda is. If he wants to work within the party, that's great. If he wants to start a third party, I'm opposed." Collins says, "Any attempt to portray what we're doing as creating a third party is just paranoia." Woof, woof.

Brewer has responded to DPM pressure by launching his own series of regional forums designed to listen to party activists, talk about issues, see how the party can work better and so forth. The claim that organized labor controls the party is over-played, says Brewer. He cites as evidence Debbie Stabenow (opposed by organized labor in the gubernatorial primary in 1994 and now the odds-on favorite to run against Sen. Spencer Abraham), Geoffrey Fieger (cordially detested by labor topsiders) and Jennifer Granholm (the Ed McNamara-backed successful candidate for attorney general).

All the same, nobody seriously disagrees with the idea that there is something very wrong with the Michigan Democratic Party.

The old coalition of organized labor and urban minorities plus assorted liberals and trial lawyers doesn't make up a compelling base for a modern political party in an economy increasingly driven by suburbanites, knowledge workers and entrepreneurs. I, for one, would love to hear more dogs barking in the night.

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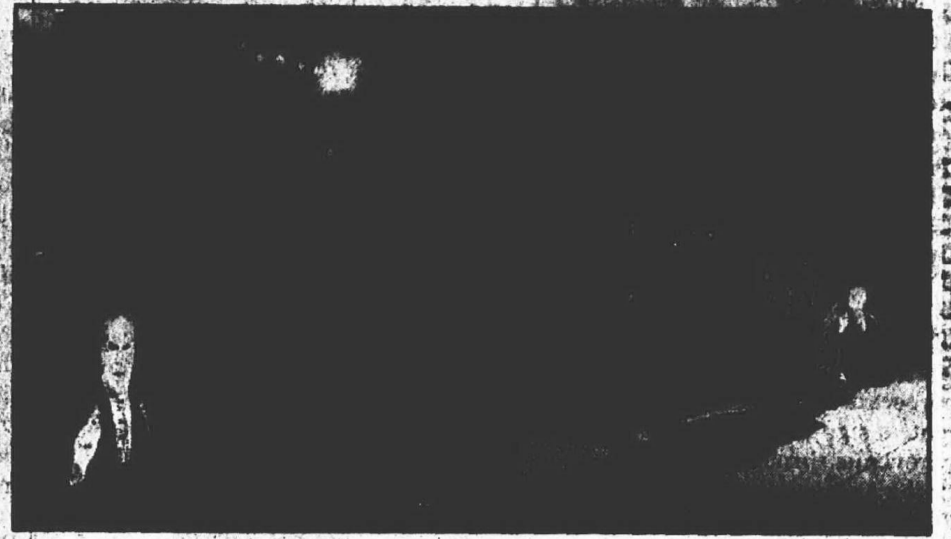
Ceremony highlights Schoolcraft's public safety grads

Former television reporter Vince Wade was the featured speaker last week at the Schoolcraft College public safety graduation.

Friday's ceremonies marked the first time that graduation for students in the Police Academy, Police Reserve Officer Training, the Fire

Academy and the Fire Academy programs are combined. Approximately 120 graduates received certificates and associate's degrees at the event.

"We have a full-service department that takes into account all aspects of public safety," said Robert Pearce, associate dean of the Schoolcraft College.



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Focus on public safety: Former television reporter Vince Wade is seen on two television monitors as he addresses the graduating classes of the Public Safety Programs at Schoolcraft College Friday. (At right) Garden City Police In-Service graduate Kirk Oswald receives his diploma from Schoolcraft College President Richard W. McDowell. Looking on is Robert Pearce, associate dean of college centers.

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Focus on History

VIRGINIA BAILEY PARKER

Family move followed trail of pioneers

Year's Eye in 1990 that we moved from Chicago to Dearborn Heights. My parents sat with a birdcage propped in the middle of our station wagon's front seat. A second, taller birdcage occupied the floor between my mother's feet. My sisters and I sat in the back seat with our two Boston terriers. The cargo area was filled with plants.

As luck would have it, a terrible snowstorm hit, so the drive took our cramped, less-than-cheerful family 12 hours! As we limped along Michigan Avenue, the historic road that connects Detroit and Chicago, we followed in the footsteps of countless earlier travelers — both the two- and four-legged kind.

Back in 1825, when the Erie Canal opened, pioneers flocked to land for sale in territorial Michigan. They often took canal boats to Detroit and then headed farther west on the Old Sauk Trail — one of Michigan Avenue's many names over time.

It was a road only in the loosest sense. Major and Mrs. Abraham Edwards traveled it in 1828 with 10 children, three wagons and their teamsters in tow. They stayed in taverns where available. Most of the time, they slept in a canvas tent and cooked over campfires.

"We traveled on a path that was called the Chicago trail (Indian path) after we left Ypsilanti," he later wrote. It was, "a tedious journey over an almost trackless wilderness." That's no surprise; the Native American trail they followed was originally an ancient animal path.

'Oh! how charming.'

Edwards was no different than parents today who enjoy opening their children's eyes to the wonders of the world around them. He wrote, "The next morning (after staying in an abandoned cabin) a wagon was got up to ride out and show the children the prairie. It was then one vast flower garden, and the astonished children were constantly exclaiming as we passed along, 'Oh! how charming, what beautiful flowers!'"

Tiny settlements dotted the rustic path as it wound its way across southern Michigan. He described them as nothing more than "a few scattered squatters on public lands and Indian trading establishments few and far between."

One tavern (yesteryear's parlance for an inn) he mentioned stopping at was Sheldon's, on their second night out from Detroit. Legend has it that three years earlier, upon awaking from a night's rest on their own westward trek, Timothy and Rachel Sheldon took a liking to the place where they'd camped and decided to stay.

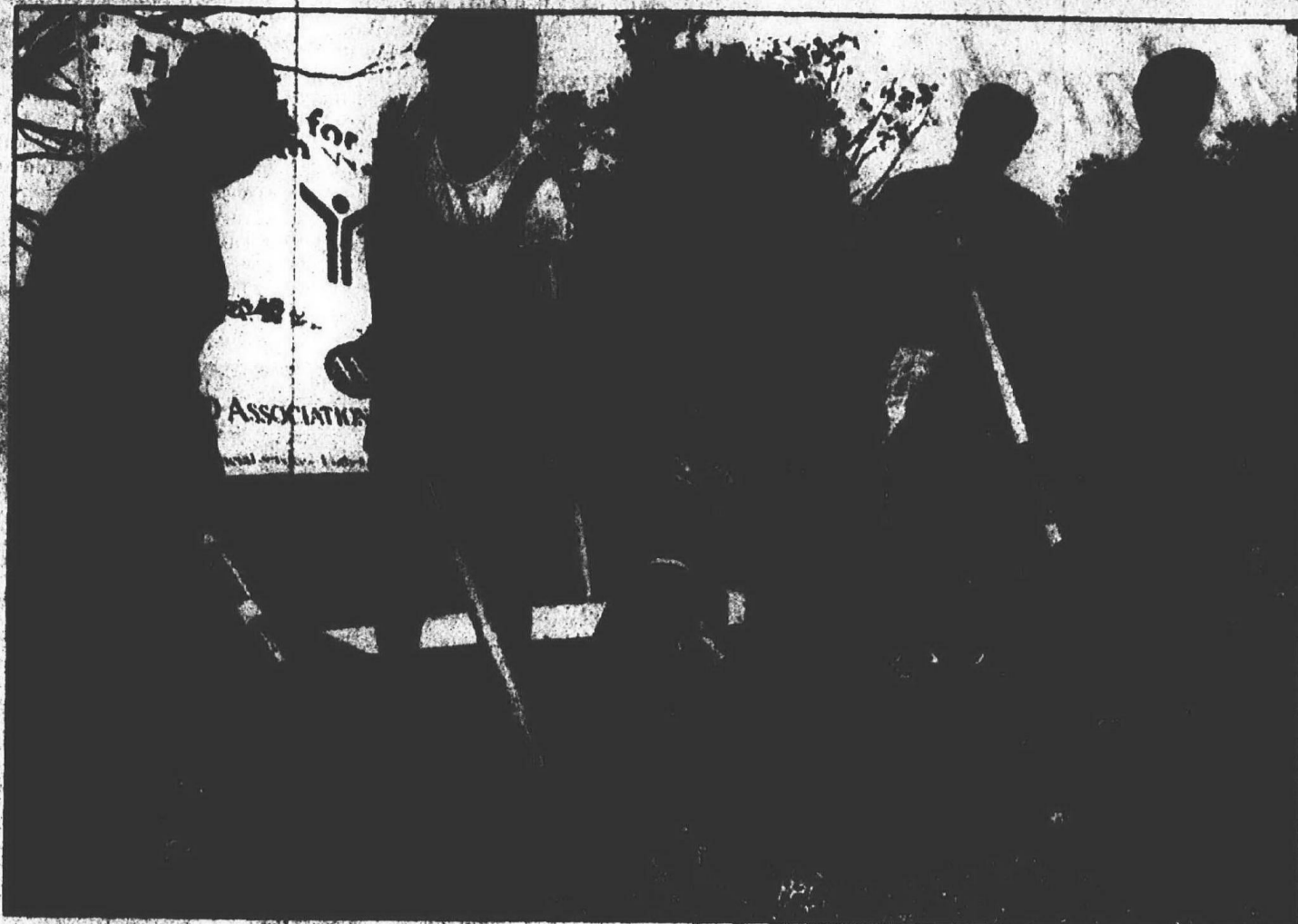
They built the inn, one of eight eventual stagecoach stops between Detroit and Chicago. The crossroads village of Sheldon Corners developed around them.

Sheldon Corners was small, but it played a significant role along Michigan Avenue. With the tavern, a one-room school, two churches, two general stores, post office, blacksmith's shop, cobbler's shop, creamery and grange hall, the hamlet became a gathering place for 19th Century farm families. In the early 20th century when Michigan Avenue was still a dirt road, the junction became a good place for the interurban to stop.

Fast route to Detroit

The rails, running alongside Michigan Avenue, gave farmers a fast route to Detroit's two, outdoor, produce markets. Bob Simmons remembers that, as a boy, he went with his mother on the interurban to Western Market. She sold chickens, homemade butter, eggs, and in the summertime, flowers and lima beans.

"We'd catch the interurban at 4 o'clock in the morning. If it was foggy, we'd be stuck in the bumper and threw the driver out of the motorcar."



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Digging in: Turning over the first shovelfuls of dirt on May 6 for the first of three Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County homes were Naomi James (from left) of the Inkster City Council, Ikella O'Neal, 13, her mother, Angelina, and siblings, Alexis, 2, and Tevin, 4, and Park Jarrett III and Jeff Long of Aid Association for Lutherans.

Habitat digs in to build 3 homes

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Shovels in hand, 2-year-old Alexis O'Neal and her 4-year-old brother, Tevin, keep scooping dirt out of two holes in the ground of a vacant lot at Glenwood and Division streets in Inkster.

"At that rate, they'll have the foundation dug soon," someone commented to their mother, Angelina.

Each shovel of dirt removed from the site brings her one step closer to fulfilling her dream of raising her five children in a house.

"It feels so good, I can't believe it," said O'Neal, who will receive the first of three homes Habitat for Humanity — Western Wayne County will build this year. "I dreamed and prayed for this. My kids have never lived in a house. They don't know the feeling of having a basement."

If all goes according to plans, Habitat volunteers will begin raising the walls

of the four-bedroom home on June 12 with its completion scheduled for August.

O'Neal's investment is her own labor, sweat equity. She will spend up 250 hours working on the home and at the site. She can have friends and relatives help, with their labor accounting for 20 percent of the required sweat equity hours.

This is the fifth year Habitat volunteers have built houses in the western Wayne area. O'Neal's home will be the fifth and first of three houses the group plans to construct this year.

Through volunteer labor and tax-deductible donations of money and materials, Habitat for Humanity has built more than 70,000 houses, providing some 300,000 people in 2,000 communities with safe, affordable shelter since its founding by Millard and Linda Fuller in 1976.

"I want to do some of everything," O'Neal said, pointing proudly to a table she helped build during the cleanup of the lot. "If they show me, I can do it. I

love to beat nails into wood, and I'd like to learn so I don't have to call repairmen."

Not an easy process

O'Neal was among 100 applicants for this year's homes. She was selected because of the family's living conditions — unsafe housing and crowded conditions — said Mary Reeber, chairwoman of the family selection committee.

"Her living situation was the primary reason," said Reeber, a 1993 Habitat volunteer. "The selection is not an easy process, but the criteria was there for her to get one of the three houses."

"She got this lot because we're building a four-bedroom home here and she needs four bedrooms."

O'Neal heard about the Habitat homes from a friend and applied last year, but ended up on a waiting list because only one home was built. She reapplied this year.

"It's a once in a lifetime chance, I had to try," she said. "When Mary called and said I got it, I didn't know what to

say. "I feel like Cinderella just knowing that they're going to build this house for me."

O'Neal's oldest daughter, Ikella, 13, was also at the groundbreaking. Like her mother, she is happy at the prospect of living in a house and having her own bedroom.

"I think I'd like to have it painted blue," said the teenager, who will watch siblings Alexis, Tevin, Iree, 12, and Franklin, 10, while her mother works at the home site.

"The application process is very thorough," said Reeber. "We just don't give them the house, it's a partnership. We don't want the house back. We want them to succeed, so we work with them continuously."

Surprised that the home could be finished by August, O'Neal had an even bigger one at the groundbreaking. Park

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Volunteers fuel Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, non-sectarian Christian housing ministry. With the help of volunteers and donations, it builds and repairs homes for people in need. The organization was founded in 1976 and has since built over 70,000 homes for people in need. Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, non-sectarian Christian housing ministry. With the help of volunteers and donations, it builds and repairs homes for people in need. The organization was founded in 1976 and has since built over 70,000 homes for people in need.

tion and our volunteers must perform all the functions that for-profit companies perform to remain successful," he said in a message posted on the affiliate's Web site.

Volunteers also are needed, especially those with building skills, including foundation work or plumbing or retired contractors. People interested in volunteering can call (734) 432-7700 or visit the Habitat Web site at www.oeonline.com/habitat.

The Western Wayne affiliate is holding two volunteer orientations — at 7 p.m. today (May 13) at St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township, and 10 a.m. Sat-

urday, May 15, at Inkster Towers, 2000 Inkster Road, Inkster.

The meetings are for anyone interested in helping with construction this year. Dates and times, locations and the activities planned to support homes will be discussed.

There also will be a Volunteer Committee meeting for people interested in helping with developing the volunteers, maintaining the volunteer data base, scheduling people or helping with the phone line or newsletter, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, at St. Kenneth Church.

People also can help with financial donations. The Builders Club is a group of Habitat partners who have committed to send \$35 per

house completed. Organizers are hoping for a 1,000-member roster, so donations would cover the approximate cost of a new home.

Supporters can also honor people with an Extraordinary Gift, a donation made in their names for a birthday, retirement, graduation, wedding, anniversary or birth of a baby.

The gift can buy such things as a floor joist (\$10), 50-pound box of nails (\$20), roof truss (\$25), five gallons of paint (\$40), interior door (\$50), three boxes of flooring materials (\$100) or 50 bundles of shingles (\$250).

Suns' concert to benefit Kosovar refugees

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Djeto Juncaj has fond memories of living in Montenegro as a child. Residing with his family on a self-sustaining farm, Juncaj remembers vast gardens among the arid and rocky terrain.

"We had lots of gardens. We were not a community farm. We were more growing food for our own sustenance. We had a lot of different kinds of animals. My mother used to milk the cow, and we used to boil the milk and drink it right from the cow," he said with a chuckle.

"From there we should make cheese. We definitely lived off the land. It's a whole different world. Coming here was like traveling. It wasn't just traveling in distance, it was like traveling in time. There was no plumbing and no electricity at the time I lived there. They have it now."

Now Juncaj, a former Livonia resident, sees the country as one that is rocked by the Kosovo conflict. "I don't have relatives in Kosovo, but I have rela-

tives in Montenegro and Albania," he said. "I have cousins who are of draftable age by the Serbian Army which is affecting us a lot right now. They could potentially be inducted into the Serbian Army to fight NATO or the KLA (Kosovo Liberation Army)."

"It's a bit strange. That's one of the problems of living in someone else's country. Who then do you fight if those two countries go to war? There are Albanians in Montenegro who are technically obligated to fight for Serbia for Yugoslavia but potentially they could be drafted into the army to kill other Albanians. That becomes a moral dilemma. Besides, there's a point where you don't have a choice because you're sworn to uphold that citizenship. Your choice would be to flee."

To help the Kosovar refugees, Juncaj and his Eastern-European influenced band, the Immigrant Suns, are holding a "Kosovo Relief Benefit" at 9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit.

The cover charge is \$7 for the benefit, which also

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Offering aid: The Eastern European-influenced band Immigrant Suns is holding a benefit for Kosovar refugees on Saturday at Alvin's in Detroit. Djeto Juncaj (far right) moved to Livonia from Montenegro two days before his 10th birthday.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Fisher-Bullock

Dick and Leah Fisher of West Bloomfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Christopher Bullock, the son of Dennis and Jerilya Bullock of Scottsdale, Ariz., formerly of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of West Bloomfield High School and Arizona State University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and Michigan State University.

A May wedding is planned.



Agius-Dallide

Dennis and Fran Agius of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Rosemary, to Adam Adolfo Dallide, the son of Vyto and Nancy Dallide of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Thurston High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed as an information specialist by Ford Media in Dearborn.

Her fiancé is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is student at the University of Michigan, where he is majoring in architecture. He is employed by Jakabson and Associates Land Surveyors in Plymouth.

A February wedding is



planned at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

Zakrajsek-Patterson

Peter and Christine Zakrajsek of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Greg Patterson, the son of Rodger and Vi Patterson of Kalkaska, formerly of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She has a bachelor's degree in education from Madonna University and is working on a master's degree in education at Marygrove College. She is a fifth-grade teacher at Botsford Elementary School in the Clarenceville School District.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Edsel Ford High School. He has a criminal science degree from Henry Ford College. He is employed as a sales representative for Caster Connection Inc., based in Chardon, Ohio.



A fall wedding is planned at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Dearborn.

Zabawa-Holliday

Paul and Margaret Zabawa Sr. of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally Ann, to John Holliday of

Dearborn Heights, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Victor Holliday.

An August wedding is planned.

Kittleson-Tousain

Bryan Russel Kittleson and Kari Lynn Tousain were married Oct. 3 at First Congregational Church in Traverse City by Dr. Gary Hogue.

The bride is the daughter of Ron and Liz Tousain of Traverse City. The groom is the son of Russel and Kathy Kittleson of Plymouth.

The bride is graduate of Alma College. She is working on a master's degree at Madonna and Marygrove universities. She is a fifth-grade teacher for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

The groom is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and Alma College. He works in management for the Kroger Co.

The bride asked Kori Crandall to be her maid of honor with Donyel Renaud, Jen Fosmore, Kerri Kraft and Kristi Stewart as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Jeff Nafe to be his best man with Kyle Tou-



sain, Tony Benjamin, Mike Winiger and Jack DeGroot as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at The Waterfront Inn in Traverse City. They are making their home in Canton and are planning a spring honeymoon to Siesta Key, Fla.

Kozlo-Kugelman

Conrad and Delphine Kozlo of Allen Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra A., to Jeffrey M. Kugelman of Plymouth, the son of Richard and Fern Kugelman of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cabrini High School in Allen Park and holds a nursing degree from Madonna University. She works as a clinician in the Stereotactic Neurosurgery Department at Harper Hospital in Detroit.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from Madonna University. He works as a district sales manager for Coca-Cola Enterprises.

A June wedding is planned at



St. Frances Cabrini Church.

Feldman-Small

David Feldman, formerly of Westland, and Sarepta Small of Houghton Lake were married April 16 at the Roscommon County Courthouse by Magistrate Dawn Murphy.

The bride is the daughter of John T. Small of Curran and the late Beverly Dick. The groom is the son of Judy and Alex Nagy and Keith Feldman, all of Westland.

The bride is a graduate of Macon Technological College in Macon, Ga., with a micro-computer specialist degree. She is pursuing a degree in medical transcription at Kirkland Community College in St. Helen. She is employed as a medical transcriptionist at Northern Michi-

gan Health Services in Houghton Lake.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He also attended Schoolcraft College. The groom is employed by the Wilson Group in Farmington Hills as a field engineer in northern Michigan.

Serving as attendants were John T. Small and Debra Podjaske. The newlyweds are making their home in Houghton Lake.

Hennelle-Scheuher

Ran and Judy Hennells of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Elaine, to Joel Mathieu Scheuher, the son of Paul and Joan Scheuher of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Purdue University with a bachelor of arts degree. She is employed as general manager of accounting at Jac Products Inc.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of business administration degree and a 1997 UM graduate with a master's degree in information and library studies. He is employed as an information specialist at the General Motors International Product Center Library.



A June wedding is planned at the Shrine of the Little Flower.

Sochacki-Buist

Frank Sochack and Joyce Schaffer of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Leigh Sochacki, to Michael Donald Buist, the son of David Buist and Sandra Wilcox of Howell.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University. A resident of Mesa, Ariz., she is working in production for NBC Studios in Arizona.

Her fiancé also is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is a sixth-grade teacher in Chandler, Ariz.

A June wedding is planned at Laurel Chapel in Livonia.



Hughes-Cruse

Sherry Chambers and Ron Hughes of Knoxville, Tenn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Diane, to Jeffrey Michael Cruse, the son of Larry and Jackie Cruse of Redford.

The bride-to-be is graduate of Carson Newman College. She is currently employed by the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and is serving in Manila, the Philippines, as a International Service Corps missionary.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Thurston High School and the Florida Institute of Technology with a degree in civil engineering. He is employed by the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and is serving in Manila, the Philippines, as a journeyman



missionary. A July wedding is planned at Calvary Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tenn.

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CALENDAR

WEEKEND

ART TRAGEDY
Plymouth ARTragedous will be 7-10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and noon-6 p.m. Sunday in downtown Plymouth. The artwalk event is held on the streets and in the stores of downtown Plymouth. Chalk murals will be created by Central Middle School art students. For more information, call Annette Horn at (734) 455-8888 or Scott Smith at (734) 455-5531.

HOME TOUR
The Plymouth Symphony League's spring home tour fund-raiser, "Home is Where the Heart Is," occurs 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 15, and noon-6 p.m. Sunday, May 16. The tour includes seven area homes, including a cozy bungalow and a 4,000-square-foot house with a dance floor. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. For tickets, call Mary at (734) 453-3016.

CAR WASH
The Vietnam Veterans of America will hold a car wash 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at the Mainstreet Car wash in downtown Plymouth, on Main between Ann Arbor Trail and Ann Arbor Road. Proceeds will go to the VVA. For more information, call Don Diggins at (734) 525-0157 or (313) 845-3752.

AROUND TOWN

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
The Canton Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at the home of Ralph and Sharlene Welton, 1224 S. Haggerty. The Weltons have restored and live in the home of Ephraim True-dell, a Civil War veteran. Anyone may tour the home. Refreshments will be served. Welton is a member of the Canton Historic District Commission. For more information, call (734) 397-0088.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building, Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile. The topic is "The Census: All the Details You Want to Know and Vignettes of the Famous and Infamous in the Census," presented by Steven Keller, past president of the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research. The beginning genealogy and computer classes start at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome, and admission is free.

BLOOD DRIVE
Henry Ford Medical Center in Canton will host a blood drive for the American Red Cross 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, May 21. The center is at 6100 Haggerty, between Ford and Commerce Drive. For more information, call (734) 961-9900 to make an appointment.

FLOWER PLANTING DAY

The Old Village of Plymouth is having a Flower Planting Day from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 22, at the Fire Station No. 2 at the corner of Spring and Holbrook. No experience necessary. Coffee, juice, bagels and muffins will be served. For more information, call Sherris Pryor at (734) 455-1279.

SPRING CONCERT
The Ann Arbor Youth Chorale and its guest choir, the Northwestern Michigan Children's Choir, will have a spring concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the chapel of the Holy Trinity at Concordia College, 4080 Geddes, Ann Arbor. Admission is \$10 per family, or \$7 for adults, and \$4 for students and seniors. Tickets for sale at the door. For more information, call Jody Carlson, administrator/AAYC office (734) 996-4404 or Nancy Ferrario, president, at (734) 973-2979.

YARD SALE
The Plymouth Historical Museum's annual yard sale is 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 29, at the museum, 155 S. Main. Call (734) 455-8940.

PRACTICE TESTS
The Princeton Review will be holding a free practice full-length SAT and ACT tests at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 5, at the Michigan League, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor. The test will finish at 12:30 p.m. Each student should bring pencils and a calculator. Students must call the Princeton Review at (800) 2-REVIEW, or (734) 663-2163 to register.

AROUND TOWN

DAR MEETINGS
The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution will hold a sandwich luncheon at noon Monday, May 17, in the home of Ruth Rakoczy. Guest speaker will be Jeff Jones of the Plymouth Nursery on annuals and perennials. For more information, call (734) 453-4425.

ART SHOW
The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents "Recent Works of Michelle A. Hegyi and Mary J. Reusch" in an exhibition through May 26. Regular viewing hours will be 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday. Hegyi will speak about her work at a luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19. Tickets are \$20. Call (734) 416-4278.

FARMER'S MARKET
The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will sponsor Plymouth's Farmer's Market. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 23, with the exception of Sept. 11 (Fall Festival weekend). The Farmer's Market features fresh produce, dairy and cheese products, baked goods, flowers and plants, fresh herbs, dried flowers, some crafts and other seasonal



items. Coffee and lemonade will be available. The outdoor market is held under the Gathering, across from Kellogg Park next to the Penn Theater in downtown Plymouth. For further information, call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540.

OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING
Bone density screening is offered 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton, 7300 Canton Center. This screening identifies individuals at risk for developing osteoporosis. The test requires the participant (ages 35-plus, unless on arthritis/steroids medication) to place ankle in water bath and an extremely low-power X-ray is transmitted. Within minutes, bone density results are reported and interpreted. Cost: \$10; OHA \$5; open to public. Free to authorized Head Start and Oakwood Healthcare Plan members. To register, call (800) 543-WELL.

YOGA CLASSES
Blend breathing exercises, physical postures and relaxation using guided imagery and meditation. This is a seven-week series through May 26 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Canton Health Building, Canton Center at Palmer.

Classes are offered Monday mornings or Wednesday evenings. Cost is \$60 for seven classes or \$10 for drop-ins. Classes are given by Dr. Jacqui Magon. Call (734) 398-7557.

ANNUAL ARTIST SHOW
The 28th annual Artists and Craftsmen show sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council is seeking artists and craftsmen to participate in its Sept. 11-12 juried show at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. For an application, call Betsy (734) 416-4278, by May 28.

SUMMER CAMP
The Creative Music Center of Plymouth and Canton is offering fun summer adventures with creatures in my back yard, creatures in the ocean, adventures near and far and Kinder-musik Village. Village classes begin the week of June 1, and end July 27. Creatures and Adventures classes begin the week of June 1 and end July 1. All classes are held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial (west of Sheldon). For more information, call Lori Nelson at (734) 354-9109.

TABLES AND TEA
The Ann Arbor Women's City Club presents its annual "Tables and Tea," 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, at the club, 1830

Washtenaw Avenue. Featured will be table settings created by City Club members, their friends, and area design and retail firms. Admission is \$10 includes tea and light refreshments. Luncheon at a charge of \$10 will be available from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Reservations are not required for the luncheon. Children younger than 12 will not be admitted. For more information, call the Women's City Club at (734) 662-3279.

YOGA WORKSHOP
There will be a yoga workshop: Sun and Moon Salutations: Experiencing the Solar and Lunar Principles of the Body at St. Joseph Mercy Health Center in Canton on Canton Center at Palmer. There will be four classes on Wednesdays, evening only, June 2-23. Those who have had beginner's yoga only. Presented by Jacqui Magon. Cost is \$40 for the entire workshop. No walk-ins. For more information, call (734) 398-7557.

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM
Village Music in Plymouth, offering professional instruction of Kinder-musik, voice and piano, has started registration for the Kinder-musik Summer Adventure Program for children 18 months to 7 years, and Kinder-musik

Village for newborns to 17 months, starting the week of June 7. For information, call Norma Atwood at (734) 554-9935.

SOCCER LEAGUE
The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will run the following Adult 6-on-6 Soccer Leagues: Men's Open (18 and older), Men's Masters (30 and older), Women's Open (18 and older), Women's Master (30 and older). Registration deadline is June 16. Minimum of seven games. Maximum of 10 games. Fees are \$270 for a team, plus referee and non-resident fees. Season starts week of June 28. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620.

TAI CHI
The Taoist Tai Chi Society is offering tai chi classes 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Newburg United Methodist Church. Tai chi is a complete and integrated exercise that works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for people of all ages and conditions of health. Observers are welcome. The Taoist Tai Chi Society is a nonprofit, charitable organization. Call (248) 332-1281.

ART CLASSES
D&M Studios, in cooperation with Canton Parks and Recreation and Plymouth Parks and Recreation, offers fine art classes for the preschooler through adult. Call (734) 453-3710.

CREATIVE DAY
Registration for fall preschool is open at Creative Day Nursery School for both morning and afternoon classes in Canton. Creative Day is at 44815 Cherry Hill.

REGISTRATION
n Garfield Co-op has openings for children 18 months to five years. Garfield co-op is in Livonia, at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road. For more information, call (734) 462-0135.

SUPPORT GROUPS

ADULT DAY CARE
Adult Day Care is a weekday program, open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., serving senior citizens who need some assistance but don't need to be in a nursing home. The program is designed to give relief to the caregiver while providing an enjoyable, activity-filled day in a relaxed, supervised, friendly environment. Professionals assist with the restroom, medications and offer a hot lunch. Transportation and financial assistance are available. Call the Plymouth site at (734) 451-1455 or the Livonia site at (734) 591-2216.

STARTING OVER
Starting Over is a group for widowed men and women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church

of Christ. Call (734) 662-5600.

THYROID SUPPORT GROUP
The Thyroid Support Group will meet to educate and support those with thyroid disorders. Call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945 or e-mail mitag@medisons.net

ARBOR HOSPICE
Arbor Hospice sponsors grief support programs open to the public. If you would like more information or would like to sign up, call (734) 662-5999.

WIDOW AND WIDOWER'S GROUP
Community Hospice & Home Care Services offers those recovering from the death of a partner a chance to share their grief. A trained facilitator guides members through topics ranging from loneliness, sadness, guilt and anger, and helps them learn to rebuild a new life. The free meeting takes place 1-3 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of the month. Call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS
Community Hospice and Home Care Services has a drop-in grief-support group that meets 6:30-8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. Call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

DIVORCECARE
DivorceCare recovery seminar and support group meets 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon in Canton. Child care is provided through fifth grade. DivorceCare features experts on divorce and recovery. Seminar sessions include facing anger, facing loneliness, depression, new relationships, KidCare and forgiveness. There is a one-time registration fee of \$10. Call Bernice at (734) 459-3333.

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

VOLUNTEER WORK

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Plymouth-Canton Head Start, in Central Middle School, is looking for volunteers to help in the classroom with large-group activities, assist children during recess, participate in the Learning Centers and assist during meal times. If you have a morning or afternoon free, Monday through Thursday, call 416-6196.

Hospices of Henry Ford Health System needs volunteers in Canton and Plymouth. Volunteers can help by visiting patients, either at their home or a nursing home, to offer emotional support, companionship and comfort. Call (313) 582-2382.

William Beaumont Hospital Hospice is looking for volunteers to support the care of people with terminal illness and their families. Call (248) 853-8931.

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

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CAMPUS NOTES

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

2000 GRADUATES
Twenty-nine Plymouth-Canton students were among the 1999-2000 Graduation Honorees. The honorees are students who have achieved excellence in the areas of academic, artistic and community service. The honorees are: Sarah N. Anderson, Deborah Blasaitis, Dorothy Smith, Christine M. Broda, Elizabeth M. Elmer, Bryan A. ...

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In the 2000-2001 year were: Sarah N. Anderson, Deborah Blasaitis, Dorothy Smith, Christine M. Broda, Elizabeth M. Elmer, Bryan A. ...

ACADEMIC HONORS
Deborah Blasaitis, daughter of Harold and Dorothy Smith of Canton, was awarded a nursing scholarship from Michigan State University. She is a registered nurse with the neonatal intensive care unit at the Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. She is pursuing her master of science degree in nursing and is a member of Sigma Theta Tau and the American Association of Critical Care Nurses. She resides in Grawn.

competition included 2,850 delegates from approximately 240 schools, with delegations coming from 16 countries on five continents. Alma's 17 delegates represented Zimbabwe.

Ellen M. Stemmer, a 1998 graduate from Plymouth Salem High School, has been nominated for membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Michigan State University chapter, an honor society for high achieving freshmen and sophomores.

While at Salem, Stemmer was on the dean's honor roll, National Honor Society, Athletic Student Council and is the holder of eight varsity letters in volleyball, cross-country and track.

ANNIVERSARIES

Wilhelmi

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilhelmi of Westland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their wedding vows at 4 p.m. May 16 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville and at a small reception in the church hall.

The Wilhelmis exchanged vows on May 14, 1949.

He retired in 1993 as the Westland planning director. She also retired in 1993 after 24 years with the City of Wayne Public Works Department.



Underwood

Carl and Camilla Underwood of Bradyville, Tenn., renewed their wedding vows Feb. 20 in a ceremony at Simmons Chapel in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Wendell Van Valin. Their original attendants, Clyde and Jean Underwood, were present.

The Underwoods exchanged vows Feb. 18, 1949 in United Brethren Church in Westland, formerly Nankin Township. She is the former Camilla Grannan.

The couple has three children: David of Coral Springs, Fla., Debra Sarno of Coldwater, and Daryl of Grand Rapids - and eight grandchildren.

Highlights of their 50 years together was presented in a



movie produced by their daughter, and the couple received guests in the church's fellowship hall.

The children gave their parents a cruise to the Bahamas as a gift and will be joining them on the trip.

Families needed to host foreign exchange students

ASSE International, a non-profit cultural exchange program, is looking for families in western Wayne County to host high school students from Japan and Thailand.

The students will be here for the unique American language and culture program from late July to late August.

Volunteer host families are needed to provide rooms and meals for the students, who will

bring their own spending money and will be fully insured.

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For more information about hosting a student, call (734) 525-9175 or (734) 421-8015.

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Jarrett III of Aid Association for Lutherans presented a check for \$20,000 to sponsor almost half the cash cost of her home, according to Rick Sheffield, president of the western Wayne affiliate.

"Anytime a group comes to us and offers a major sponsorship, we're surprised and grateful because it's money that wasn't planned for," Sheffield said. "The key is to have a base of churches, businesses and community groups that will sponsor all or part of the cost of a home."

"Our first house was half sponsored by St. Edith's (Catholic Church). They also provided the volunteers to start the project. And many others have sponsored our houses at \$2-3,000 at a time."

Offering assistance to build the three Habitat homes this summer are the Ford Motor Company, The Home Depot, Oakland University, Plymouth

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Rick Sheffield
Habitat for Humanity

Kiwanis Club, Ghafari and Associates and Lutheran High School-Westland.

Six churches - Good Hope Lutheran in Garden City, Our Lady of Good Counsel and St. Kenneth in Plymouth, Prince of Peace Lutheran in Westland, St. John Neumann in Canton and St. Edith in Livonia - will provide meals for the volunteers during weekend build sessions.

A Habitat for Humanity volunteer while living in Charlotte, N.C., in the early 1990s,

Sheffield decided to start an affiliate in western Wayne County, where he had grown up, when he returned to the area in 1992.

The affiliate has 1,500 volunteers and is shooting for 3,000 - "enough to build the homes we want." Never at a loss for construction volunteers, the affiliate's real need is volunteers to serve on its various boards and committees and to volunteer to provide sponsorships.

The group is looking for volun-

teers to answer or make telephone calls and help set up essential committees, such as public relations and corporate fund-raising.

"We have the workers and we have the land," said Sheffield. "We'd have more work to do, if we had the money and the internal structure. We're in the middle of rapid expansion that allows us to build 5 to 10 to 20 homes a year. All we lack is the internal volunteers and financial support for the homes."

Standing in front of the table she helped build, O'Neal is glad there will be volunteers and money to build her home. After waiting for about a year to be selected, she is ready, willing and able to start building her dream house.

"It's amazing, it's truly a blessing," she said. "This is the best personal day I've taken in my life."

Benefit from page B1

features performances by the jazz duo Blackman and Arnold, the Albanian rock band Albanet and the Celtic group The Lash. It is open to those ages 18 and older. For more information, call (313) 832-2355 or visit the Immigrant Suns' Web page at <http://www.goodfelloweb.com/immigrantsuns>.

The Immigrant Suns are hoping to bring in at least 200 people. All of the money will go to the Albanian Relief Fund, established by a group called International Aid, a relief agency working through St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Warren.

"It's an Albanian congregation in the church and the father there is actually over in Kosovo and the neighboring countries right now doing relief work," said Joel Peterson, who plays double bass and clarinet in the Immigrant Suns.

Peterson said the Detroit-based band has made it a point to stay apolitical and doesn't consider the benefit a political statement.

"The refugee situation is almost apolitical," he said. "You don't have to have a particular stance on the bombing to realize there's a lot of people who need aid because of it. Because we play so much music that comes from nations that don't necessarily get along together, we've always tried to be apolitical. To us, doing something that's activist in an apolitical way is the appeal."

Juncaj and his family moved from Montenegro to Livonia two days before his 10th birthday. During their journey, they stopped in Italy, the site of an immigration screening station.

"We lived there for about seven or eight months before we were approved. They do a complete psychological, physical and mental health scan of you before you're shipped out," said Juncaj, who now lives in Detroit.

The Juncaj family chose Livonia because relatives lived there. Juncaj attended Clarenceville High School for two years before graduating from Stevenson High

School in 1981.

Juncaj and Peterson formed the band along with percussionist Mark Sawasky, violinist/accordionist Ben Temkow and Doug Shimmin, former vocalist who also played accordion and mandolin, in the early 1990s.

The band has released three albums - "Montenegro," "Back from Durbecca" and "More Than

Food" - and won several Detroit Music Awards. Shimmin left in January, the same time he suggested the idea for the benefit.

"He kind of thought Immigrant Suns would be a good vehicle for drawing some attention to the refugee situation because Djeto's kind of a figurehead Albanian for many Detroiters," Peterson said.

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Self-nurturing manages demands of work, family

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SPECIAL WRITER

As women, we take care of other people each day. In the effort to be a good wife, mother, worker, friend or daughter, most women at some point feel overwhelmed and weary.

While we are busy nurturing everyone else, it is important to pay attention to your own needs. When is the last time you asked yourself, "What do I need to do for myself today?"

If you find yourself feeling angry, exhausted and irritable over all the expectations placed on you, then it is time to slow down, regroup and learn how to balance your life. Here's how to start:

■ **Balance basics.** Get rid of unrealistic expectations. Give up the notion of the perfect house, children, husband, body, etc. Don't buy into the superwoman role. Try to simplify your life by eliminating the unimportant.

Janet, a 39-year-old nurse from Northville with three children was doing everything, but enjoying nothing. She felt she had to be perfect at home and at work and felt like a failure when she could not manage it all.

"I felt sad, depressed and disconnected from myself. I resented the people I loved. After a particularly exhausting and stressful day, I realized that my life was out of control. I decided that the price was too high for trying to 'have it all.' Now, I evaluate what is really necessary and what is unrealistic."

■ **Take 20 minutes each day for solitude and reflection.** This time can be for meditation, visualization or to just simply sit quietly. We all have excuses and are pressed for time, but incorporate these moments just as you

would brush your teeth and take a shower every morning.

You are worthy and deserving of 20 minutes a day for yourself. During this time of solitude, ask yourself, "What can I do to create balance today?"

■ **Keep a journal.** Writing down feelings and thoughts is a wonderful way for women to get in touch with the "authentic" or true self. Begin to look inward to determine why you push yourself so hard.

After several months of journaling, 37-year-old Judy from Canton Township felt a shift in her thinking: "Through the writing, I began to understand why I did not give to myself. I realized deep down that I did not feel worthy of taking care of myself and I always put myself at the bottom of the list. Writing down these thoughts has made me more aware and I am beginning to make changes."

■ **Learn to say "no."** Susan, a 29-year-old from Livonia was the type of woman everyone could count on. She was a stay-at-home mom, raising two small children and watched other neighborhood children for extra money. As a young girl, she was taught to be cooperative and friendly, so she was constantly agreeing to things that she had no desire or time to do.

"It was important for me to be appreciated and liked, so I would say 'yes' to everyone's request, but later regretted it. I felt responsible for everybody. After years of feeling this way and not very good about myself, I finally learned to say 'no' calmly and without apology. My life has improved tremendously."

Many women are so caught up in wanting to please others that they find themselves overwhelmed with responsibility.

Feelings, such as resentment and anger, arise when we feel we must say "yes" to every request at the expense of our own wishes. Practice saying "no" without guilt.

■ **Create personal rituals.** Put together a "comfort" list. These activities are ones that bring you joy and that you do on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. For some women, a bath in beautifully scented oil is extremely nurturing and comforting. For others, a walk in nature is calming.

Have your own ideas handy so that the next time you feel overwhelmed and out of balance you can remind yourself of rituals that will bring you happiness and inner peace.

■ **Find private space.** It can be a room, a special chair or a swing in your backyard. Create a sanctuary for yourself by creating your own area. Fill a basket with self-nurturing books, poetry, herbal teas and candles. When you find yourself feeling depleted, grab the basket and go to your private space to reflect and renew.

Women owe it to themselves to learn the importance of self-nurturing. If these concepts feel foreign to you, don't fret, you are not alone. Try to incorporate just one tool per month until you are comfortable with the idea of self-care and inner peace. Your family, work and others will thank you for it.

Bari D. Berkowitz is a wife, mother of three and a psychotherapist specializing in women's issues and adult life transitions in Livonia, Southfield and West Bloomfield. If you have comments or suggestions about creating balance, e-mail her at nbajt@aol.com.

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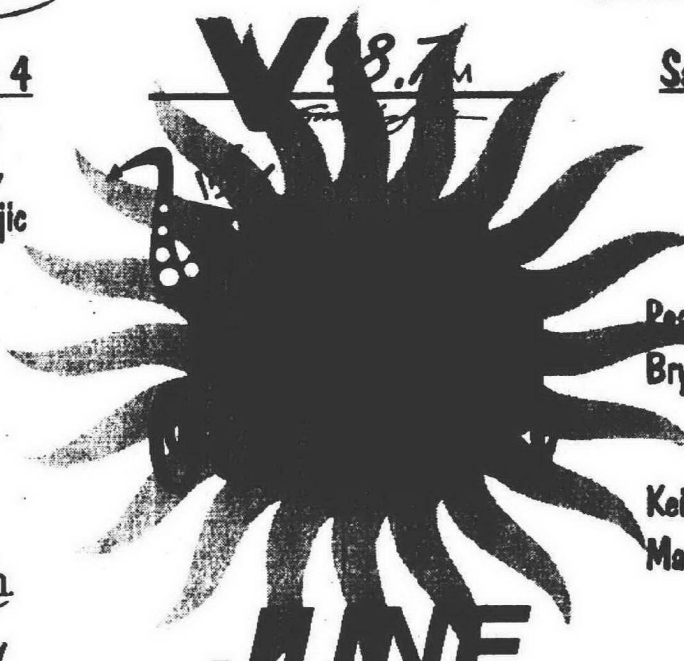
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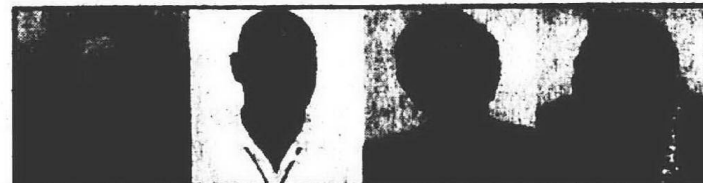
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5 sons follow in mothers' footsteps at St. Mary Hospital

It's not uncommon for children to follow in their father's footsteps, but at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, five sons have followed their mother's lead by becoming nurses.

Their reasons are varied but all have a common thread - respect for their mother's career led them to pursue it.

A graduate of Providence Hospital School of Nursing, Jean Cosgrove is an operating room nurse. Her son Michael is a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

"We do get kidded that we're both nurses, like, 'Here comes the mom and son,'" said Jean who began her nursing career in 1970 and has worked in obstetrics and emergency at St. Mary. "It's very nice to hear that. I enjoy helping people feel better and get better."

"My mother was a nurse, but I decided on my own to enter the field. I did offer Michael some career advice, and I think it's great that he's a CRNA."

Michael has worked at Beaumont Hospital for 11 years since graduating from nurse anesthesia training at Henry Ford Hospital. For the past six years, he has worked on a contingent basis at St. Mary.

"My mother recommended that I spend some time in the operating room," he said. "I followed one of the CRNAs around for a day and enjoyed it. I like the fact that every day is different."

He likes the pharmacological aspect of being a CRNA and teaches pharmacology at the University of Detroit. Occasionally, he'll work with a physician at St. Mary who mentions having worked with his mother.

"I kid her about being there almost as long as the hospital," he added.

Lee Adamson began her nursing career as a licensed practical nurse at St. Mary in 1972. Her son Tim has worked at St. Mary since 1985, including the last two years in the emergency room.

Lee decided to become a nurse because her mother was always sick and died when Lee was in her 30s.

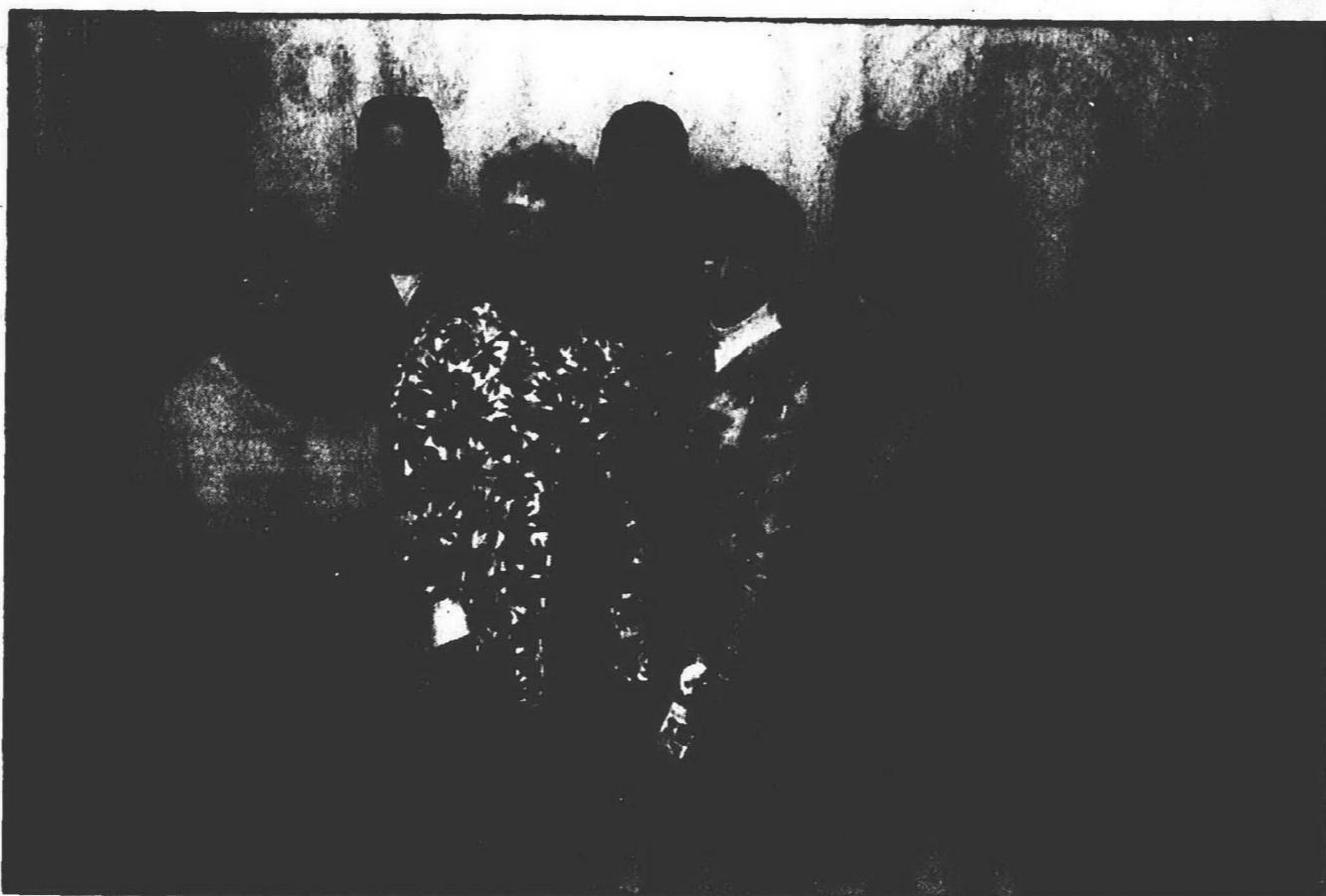
"I had the feeling that I could help people," she said "I was one of the first nurses when the hospital opened 5-East."

She went to Schoolcraft College to become a registered nurse, then earned her bachelor's of science degree in allied health from Madonna University.

'Positive thing'

"I've worked every floor except obstetrics, mental health and emergency," said Lee who thinks it's wonderful that her son is a nurse. "We need more male nurses. I think that the patients really look up to these guys, and they have a good grasp of the skills needed to be a good nurse."

"Men stepping into nursing is a positive thing for the field."



Family affair: On the nursing staff at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia are five mothers and their sons. The moms are (front row, from left) Mary Parson, Lee Anderson, Marge Becker, Bernie Cummins and Jean Cosgrove, while the sons are (back row, from left) Bill Parson, Tim Anderson, Paul Rogers, Curt Cummins and Michael Cosgrove.

Tim worked as an orderly in radiology for seven years and then worked as a technician in the Emergency Center. He graduated from Wayne County Community College in Detroit.

"I worked in ER for a long time and decided that nursing would be good career," he said. "I like caring for people. It gets stressful at times, but I still enjoy it."

The EC staff rotates through different areas, so there's a lot of variety, according to Tim.

"Plus, we get to work with all different ages of people," he said, adding that he plans to return to school to earn his bachelor of science degree in nursing from Madonna University.

Marge Becker works in pre/post operative and has been a nurse almost 37 years. She has been at St. Mary Hospital for 30 years - 18 years in emergency and 12 in perioperative services. A graduate of the Providence Hospital School of Nursing in Detroit, she's been interested in nursing since high school.

"I enjoy caring for patients, especially the personal contact, and I think it's great that Paul's now a nurse; we're very proud of him," said Marge whose daughter, JoAnn McCray, works in food and nutrition services. "We have 60 years of service between the three of us!"

Her son Paul started working at St. Mary Hospital in food and nutrition services in 1981, but left in 1983 to serve three years as a radio operator in the U. S. Army. After the service, he returned, working in dietary and as an orderly on the mental health unit before a nine-year stint as a security guard.

In 1997, he became a nurse aide/clerk in the Emergency Center and a nurse tech in the

special care unit two days a week. In 1995, he enrolled at Madonna University and graduated with his bachelor of science degree in 1998. After passing his boards in July and receiving his registered nurse license, he will be working in the special care unit.

"Occasionally, you get someone that really appreciates what you do," he said. "There's really no other feeling like that. It's when you click with the patient that makes the job really worthwhile."

Bernie Cummins has been a nurse since 1959 and has worked as an operating room nurse at St. Mary since 1975. She is a cer-

tified nurse-operating room and certified registered nurse first assistant, which qualifies her to assist physicians in surgery.

Thinks it's 'great'

A graduate of the Riverside Hospital School of Nursing in Toledo, Ohio, she has wanted to be a nurse since elementary school. She thinks it's great that her son, Curt, also is a nurse.

"Curt is a very caring and compassionate person," she said. "I encouraged my children to get into the medical field. My daughter is an ultrasound tech at Harper Hospital and worked at St. Mary for many years, and I

have several relatives in nursing."

Curt works as a staff nurse in the progressive care unit. A St. Mary Hospital employee for eight years, he started as a transporter in radiology while attending nursing school at Oakland Community College.

"I just kept chipping away at that nursing degree," said Curt who graduated from OCC in 1997. "My mother being a nurse definitely influenced my decision to become one. I like the fact that there are so many different areas that you can become involved in, plus there's always something new to learn."

Curt believes compassion for the patient is the number one quality of being a good nurse.

"My philosophy is I'm there by choice and the patients are there by necessity, so, I try to do everything I can to make their stay as pleasant as possible," he said.

Mary Parson retired from St. Mary on July 1, 1997, after working at the hospital for 28 years. She received her nursing degree in North Carolina and moved to Plymouth in 1962. A graduate from Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist School at Mount Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit, she and her twin sister, Jennie, went to nursing school together.

"We wanted to work in nursing and help people," she said. "I like the OR, ER and anesthesia because there's a lot of activity in these areas."

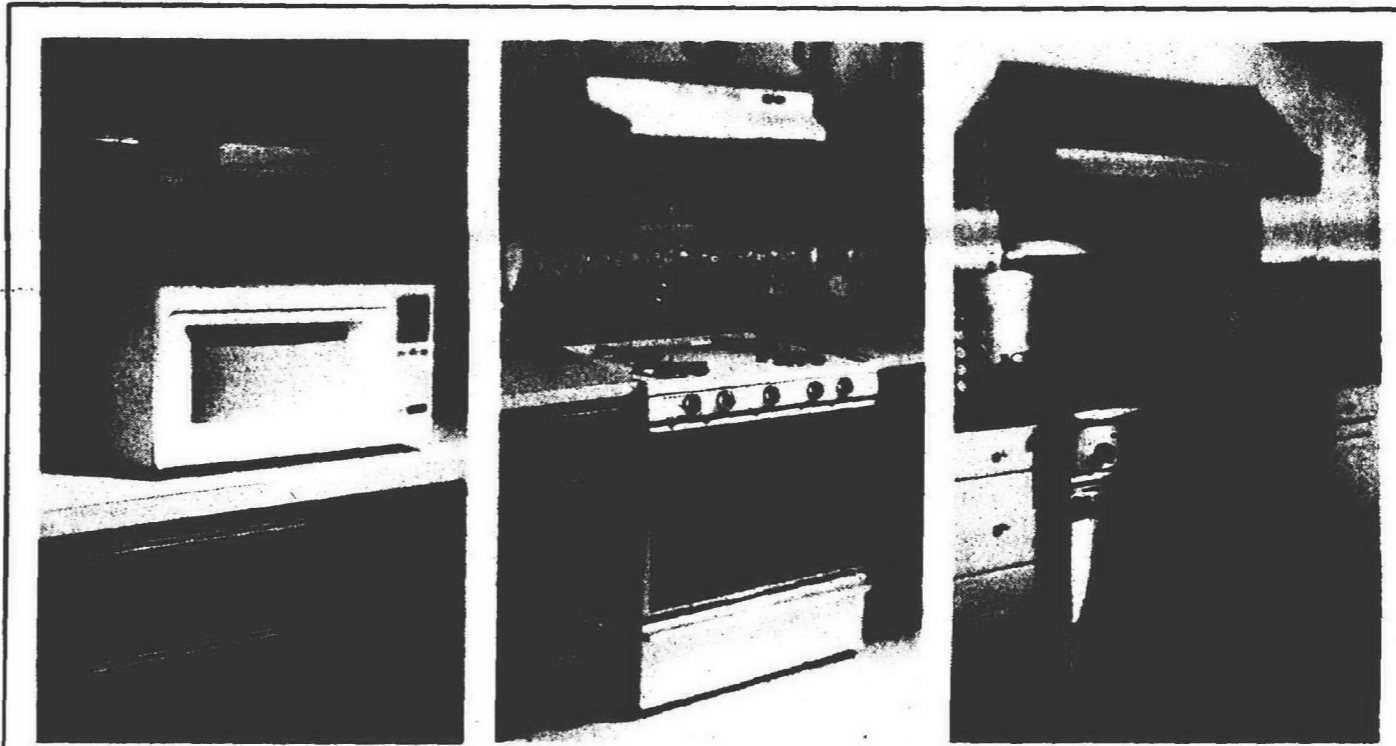
She is very proud of her son, Bill who has worked in the progressive care unit for five years.

"I wanted him to go into nursing after high school, but he wanted to play professional baseball," she said. "But, later, he did finally decide to go into nursing."

Bill is a graduate of Schoolcraft College's School of Nursing and also has a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from Troy State University in Troy, Ala.

"My mom and her twin sister are both CRNAs, and my uncle was a hospital administrator in Florida, so I was influenced by several relatives," said Bill who met his wife Sherri in nursing school. She is a nurse at Garden City Hospital.

"I like working with the variety of patients we have in PCU, and I have a great group of co-workers," he added. "I liked the income and flexibility that nursing offers."



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Three of Sheldon Corner's buildings are still around. The inn is now a private home. Farther west along Michigan Avenue are more shadows of the past - several historic taverns, saw mills, grist mills and other notable sites - some on the National Register of Historic Places. The road's development marks our own march through time.

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If you look closely, you can read their stories in the landmarks they left behind. If you are interested in learning more about, or preserving, the historic corridor of Michigan Avenue, contact Gladys Saborio at (734) 429-4825.

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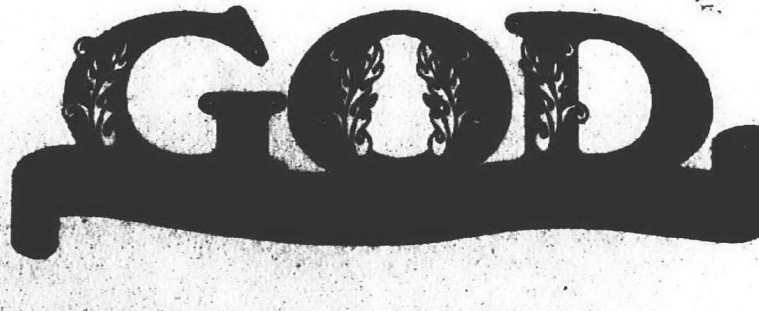
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God's assignment: rebuilding a community church

By **ANITA PUOCO**
 Staff Writer
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Working as an associate pastor at a Long Island, N.Y., church, Jon Beyer was struck by a feeling in his chest. He wasn't quite sure what it meant, but he knew it was going to change his life.

"I just got this sense in my heart that something was happening; I didn't know what, I just knew there was an unsettlingness inside of me," Beyer said. "I went home after a couple of really great meetings about the direction of that church, and told my wife, 'I have to get a sign.'"

"I jumped in my car at about 11 at night and I drove to the Long Island Sound and I just sat up late into the night and the next morning, and said, 'God, what's going on here.' It was there, during my time of prayer, that I laid my life before God and said, 'I'll do whatever. What are you saying?'"

Late that night his mission was clarified.

"I got a sense that God was saying, 'It's time for you to step out and to begin a new work,'" he said. "I had no idea what that

was. I just knew that that's what I needed to do. I told the church that I would be leaving. I didn't know if they were going to let me go. Things fell into place from there."

Beyer was sure about five things. He wanted to find a church that was committed to prayer, that followed "a vision that God has given us and hold ourselves to that, the church where the people would be the ministers, a church that would build itself around meaningful relationships, and a church that would truly exist for the community."

After phone and in-person interviews, Beyer was hired in the spring of 1998 as the pastor to rebuild Christ Community Church in Canton, a church that he described as "in decline."

Restarting the church

"They had to decide whether to restart it and provide some funding to give it a restart or close it down," he said. "They decided to restart it. I thought I was going to start something from scratch. When I came here, I saw a wonderful core of people including many young families.

"I saw this small church on this beautiful piece of land that could one day become a full-blown ministry center. I got really excited about what I could do here."

What he did was evolve the services from traditional to contemporary. To mark the change, he renamed the church Cross-Winds Community Church.

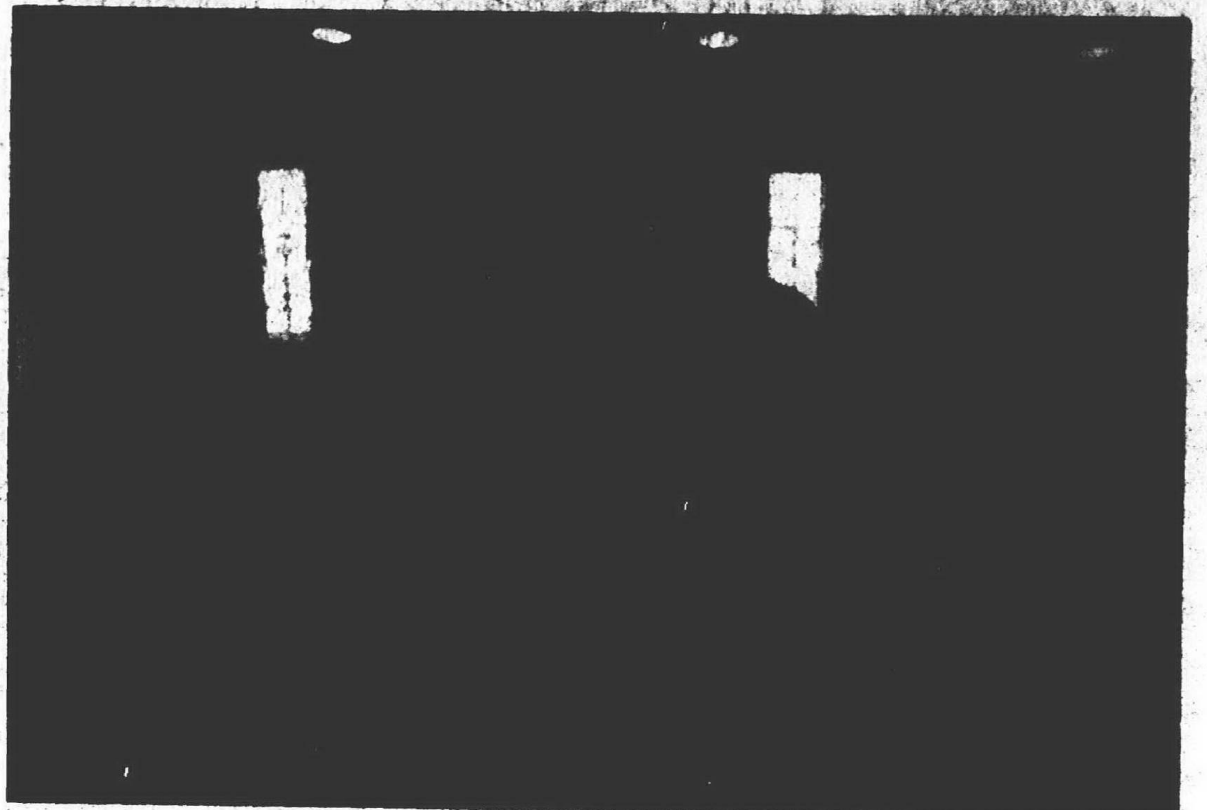
"They were a little more formal, traditional style of worship," he said of Christ Community Church. "I would say now we're contemporary, more relaxed. We're really focusing on relationships through small groups and just being real and having fun and celebrating."

"We focus on celebrating what God has done and who God is. We're really intent on having relevant Bible teachings. The Bible is so relevant to our lives today, yet in so many places the connection isn't made."

Services are held at 10 a.m. Sundays at the church, 45701 Ford Road, Canton. The church also provides classes for young children on Sundays.

The church is hosting its first spring cookout 1-3 p.m.

Please see **CROSSWINDS, B10**



New beginning: Jon Beyer knew God wanted him to step out and do new work when he decided to become minister at what was then Christ Community Church in Canton.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Listings for the Religious News 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.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit charitable organization is offering Tai Chi classes at 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, and St. Paul United Methodist Church, 165 E. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Tai Chi is a complete and integrated exercise which works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for people of all ages and conditions of health. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281.

HEARTSONG

Northville Christian Assembly will present HeartSong, a musical ensemble from the Central Bible College in Springfield, Mo., at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, at the church, 41355 Six Mile Road, Northville. The group combines traditional and contemporary gospel music into a worship experience in churches and at youth meetings and conventions

across the nation.

The group is under the direction of Bonnie Jenkins, who with her husband Doug, has been involved in music ministry in the United States and Canada, traveling to churches and appearing on Christian television. For more information, call the church at (248)348-9030.

SPRING CARD PARTY

St. Hilary Rosary Altar Society will have its annual spring card party 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, at the church, 23901 Elmira, Redford. There will be a dessert buffet table, table prizes, door prizes and raffle prizes. The cost will be \$6 and reservations can be made by calling Betty at (313) 533-8239 or Dorothy at (313) 533-5698.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other May 14-16, June 11-13 and July 16-18 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or at www.rc.net/detroit/www.

MARIAN CONFERENCE

An all-faith Marian conference, "Heaven's Last Call to Humanity," will be held 9 a.m. to

5 p.m. Saturday, May 15, in Lobby B of the Domino Farms Warehouse, east of U.S. 23 and the Plymouth Road exit, Ann Arbor.

The conference is sponsored by Missionary Servants of Holy Love, an ecumenical lay apostolate committed to living and propagating the Holy Love messages, which support two commandments - love God above all else and love your neighbor as you love yourself.

Visionary Maureen Sweeney-Kyle who has received apparitions and messages from Jesus and Mary since 1985, will speak about the "Message of Holy Love."

Joeyp Terelya, who was tortured for 20 years in Soviet pris-

ons because of his faith, will speak. His biography, "Witness," details his experiences which include the Blessed Virgin appearing to him numerous times while he was in prison. His famous icon, "Mary, Mediatrice of All Graces," will be at the conference.

The other speakers include John Hine, who was miraculously cured in 1988 on the Feast of the Holy Rosary and is charged with the mission to spread devotion to the rosary, and Brother Sebastian Barresi who has made 31 trips to Medugorje and is a team member that has supplied Bosnia with \$50 million worth of medical supplies.

Please see **MILITARY, B10**

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The elaborate hierarchies, complex church by-laws, formal worship, pomp and ceremony so characteristic of today's church don't exist.

The West Metro Church of Christ in Plymouth has put together a special "I Want to Be

Like Jesus" service for Sunday, May 16.

The two-hour service will start at 10 a.m. and will feature English hymns, contemporary music, poignant testimonials from people who have recently decided to follow Jesus and a practical, encouraging lesson on "How to Be Like Jesus."

A pot luck picnic will be held in Heritage Park, Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill, in Canton, immediately after the service.

"It's time for 21st century

Christians to peel off the veneer of 'church' and return to the original first century product," said West Metro minister Frank Sullivan. "Following Jesus - being like him in every way - is that product. I really expect this Sunday to be a day that can help many of us get back to that."

West Metro Church of Christ meets at West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. For more information, call (800) 732-9110.

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A healing service will be held for the conference which costs \$5. Seating is limited and participants must register in advance by calling June at (313) 831-1298 or Barbara at (313) 478-0428.

WORSHIP MUSICAL

The Adult Choir of Memorial Church of Christ will present the worship musical, "My Utmost for His Highest," at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at the church, 85475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The "Jesus Jammers" Choir also will be featured in the musical, based on the classic devotionals by Oswald Chambers which have promoted spiritual growth among Christians for generations. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-6722.

WIND AND FIRE

Life in the Holy Spirit Seminars will be presented at 7 p.m. Mondays through May 17, at St. Bernadine of Sienna Church, 31463 Ann Arbor Trail, West-

land. For more information, call the church at (734) 522-0138.

SALAD LUNCHEON

The women of Lola Valley United Methodist Church will have their spring salad luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, at the church, Puritan and Delaware in Redford. Tickets are \$6 and are available by calling the church at (313) 255-6330.

RUMMAGE SALE

Congregation Beit Kodesh Sunday School will have a rummage sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

LET'S TALK

The Interfaith Connection will present Let's Talk, a four-part discussion series for interfaith couples, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, May 24, June 7, 21 and 28, at the Agency for Jewish Education, 21550 W. 12 Mile Road,

Southfield. The program will focus on identity, traditions, communications and holidays and families. The cost is \$6 per adult per session. For more information, call Sue Stettner at (800) 397-4876.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Women of Faith is presenting a two-day seminar "Outrageous Joy," at 7 p.m. Friday, June 11, and 9 a.m. Saturday, June 12, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Tickets are available only by calling Women of Faith at (888) 493-2484.

MUSICAL CELEBRATION

The Men's Chorus from throughout the area will present a musical celebration at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 1961 E. Lafayette, Detroit. For more information, call the church at (313) 567-0213.

CrossWinds from page B9

Sunday, May 23. A special guest will demonstrate karate for kids and cardio kickboxing for adults. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Those who attend are asked to bring a dish to pass. For information, call (734) 981-0499.

Improving appearances

Besides philosophical changes, Beyer improved the church aesthetically by painting, building a playscape for children and adding lights to the outdoor sign.

Beyer grew up in Holland and stuck close to home to earn a bachelor of arts degree in communications in 1987 from Hope College. He earned a master's degree from Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., in 1991.

Beyer, 34, lives in Canton with his wife, Carissa, daughters Briana, 7, Emilee, 4, and Olivia, 2, and a son, Brennen, 6.

"I love Canton; it's a great community," said Beyer, adding that the church reflects the township's demographics.

"We have a church that's full of young kids," he said. "We just have a real commitment to them. We're considering hiring on a part-time children's person, even though we're just a small core of people at this point. We want to be creative in asking how we can bring all the family together in meaningful ways."

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NAHL expanding

The league's Compuware Ambassadors dominated this past season en route to capturing the Junior A National Championship won't be the same next fall.

The North American Hockey League will expand, adding the Texas Tornado and Rochester (N.Y.) Junior Americans. That will bring the number of teams operating in the league to 11.

"The NAHL is adding two quality members that will enhance our reputation as the premier Junior A league in the country," said league commissioner Fred Pletsch.

The Texas Tornado will play at the Blue Line Ice Complex in North Richland Hills, a Dallas suburb. Quentin Bourjeaud, the president and chief executive officer of TriStar Aerospace Inc., is the principal owner.

The Rochester Junior Americans will compete at the ESL Sports Centre in Rochester. Steven Donner, president of the Rochester Americans in the American Hockey League, co-owner of the Rochester Rhinos pro soccer team and director of operations of the Rochester Knighthawks of the National Lacrosse League, will be team president.

The NAHL, a league for 17-20 year-olds, has had more than 275 of its alumni drafted by the National Hockey League in its 23 years, including Eric Lindros of Philadelphia and Doug Weight of Edmonton, and has placed nearly 1,000 of its players into collegiate hockey. The league will open its 24th season this fall.

Canton edges Franklin

Plymouth Canton evened its Western Lakes Activities Association record at 4-4 with a 210-214 win over Livonia Franklin Monday at Idyl Wyld, but it didn't stay even for long. On Tuesday, the Chiefs fell to Farmington, 188-211 at Glen Oaks.

Against Franklin, Stephanie Koppe captured medalist honors with a 48. Julie Dziekan added a 50, with Katie Herbeck shooting a 54 and Meghan Stewart a 58.

For Franklin, Katie Beasley led the way with a 49. Colleen Yorick had a 53, Kristen Kmet a 64 and Nikki Niles a 58.

Against Farmington, Koppe was again on target with a team-best 45. Dziekan shot a 50, and Christina Slupsek and Herbeck each carded a 58.

Farmington is 8-2 overall, 5-2 in the WLAA. Canton is 4-5 in the league, 6-5 overall.

Baseball camp

The Plymouth-Canton baseball coaching staff and players will host the Canton Chiefs Baseball Camp, for kids 7-14 years old, from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. June 21-25. The camp will be at Canton's varsity baseball field and will include five days of group and individual instruction in all phases of the game: throwing, fielding, pitching, base-running, etc.

Cost is \$85 if received by June 10; at-the-gate registration is \$90. A free T-shirt and lunch is included. Optional caps can be purchased for \$10.

The camp is limited to 125 kids, so early registration is encouraged. For more information, call Teri Stonerook at (734) 454-7891 or Carole Reddy at (734) 461-2064.

Girls hoop camp

The Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem basketball coaches will join together to host the Canton-Salem Skills Camp, a girls summer day basketball camp for girls who will enter grades fourth through ninth this fall; co-hosted by Salem's Fred Thomann and Canton's Bob Blohm.

There will be two sessions. Session I, which will run June 21-24 and June 28-July 1, will be 1-3 p.m. each day for girls in grades fourth through seventh. Session II, for girls in grades eighth and ninth, will be 1-3 p.m. each day July 6-8 and July 12-16.

Cost is \$65 for each session. All sessions will be at the Canton and Salem gymnasiums. Included are a T-shirt and a basketball.

Checks should be made payable to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and sent to Plymouth-Canton HS, c/o Bob Blohm, 8415 Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI, 48187.

For more information, call Thomann at 459-7315 or Blohm at 424-8156.

Late rally sends Canton past Salem

All Salem has to do is put together a few seven-inning performances in a row. At Canton, that step's been taken. All the Chiefs need to do now is stay focused on the big prizes that are looming ever closer.

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It was anyone's game for four innings. It was all Plymouth Canton's for the final three.

The Chiefs overcame an early Plymouth Salem lead with a five-run rally in the fifth, then added two more in the sixth to run away from the Rocks, 7-1 Wednesday at Canton.

Canton's 12-hit attack, combined with the steady pitching of Gretchen Hudson, was more than Salem could handle. Hudson surrendered just two hits and did not walk a batter, with one strikeout, in six innings as she ran her season record to 11-0.

Amanda Sutton absorbed the loss for Salem, giving up seven runs on 12 hits and one walk.

Canton improved to 23-2 overall.

"They are a good team" said Rocks' coach Bonnie Southerland of her squad. "They had (Canton) on the ropes. They just have to believe it."

Salem's only run was scored in the second inning on a single by Maureen Buchanan and an overthrow at first that allowed her to go to third. She scored on Bea Ferguson's groundout.

The Chiefs' five-run rally in the fifth began with Carrie Kovachevich's double. Marie Pochron singled, sending Kovachevich to third, and she scored on a wild pitch. Paula McKernan then walked and Melissa Brown unloaded a two-run double. After a fielder's choice, Liz Elsner brought home a run with a

triple and Becky Mize singled in Elmer.

In the sixth, Pochron and McKernan singled with two out and Brown doubled again, scoring both. Brown finished with three hits and four RBIs; Pochron and McKernan each had two hits.

Canton 4-10, Northville 3-0: It did not come easily, nor was it pretty, this important WLAA sweep. A rainout of their game scheduled for April 23 at Northville forced this to be a twinbill, making an already mentally-fatiguing week even more overburdening. The Chiefs hosted — and won — their eight-team Canton Classic last Saturday. **W**

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Doubled Rocks edge Chiefs

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Okay, so Wednesday was Canton vs. Salem day. The two schools were going at it in soccer, softball and tennis. That alone can be emotionally overwhelming.

Now add this into the mix: The two tennis teams were both playing their first home matches of the season. The CEP tennis courts, in disrepair for years, were fixed and put into use just in time for the final dual meet of the spring for both schools — and it was against each other.

"It was huge," said Plymouth Canton coach Barb Hanosh of the emotional factor. "And it was intensified because everyone was playing each other today."

This rivalry has been owned by the Chiefs for the past few years, but not this time. Salem won three of the four doubles matches, and that was enough to pull off a mild 5-3 upset.

"This is the first time it's happened in a few years," said Salem coach Bill Nelson of the win. "I really didn't think we could beat them. I knew to at least have a chance to tie, we had to get a win out of our No. 2 or No. 3 doubles teams. We ended up winning both."

Canton triumphed at No. 1 doubles, with Jason Darow and Chris Houdek beating Todd Schmalhurst and Brian Ott, 6-4, 6-2. Salem won all the other doubles matches: Yibo Ling and Jon Machnacki, 6-2, 6-2 over Mike Bruder and Steve Claw-

son at No. 2; Andy Fenton and Jason Schamburger, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 over Niraj Patel and Matt Schmidt at No. 3; and Scott Piruski and Evan Roller, 6-1, 6-4 over Phil Shedd and Brad Kregar at No. 4.

Perhaps the key match, however — certainly the most dramatic — was at second singles. Salem's Jason Meininger and Canton's Scott Mincher battled for more than two hours, the second set going to the tiebreaker (won by Mincher, 8-6) before Meininger pulled out the victory, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3.

There were other matches with dramatic consequences. At third singles, Salem's Ben Bartlett — who is unbeaten this season — took on Canton's Ritchie Ikeh, who had just one match loss. Until Wednesday: Bartlett prevailed, 6-2, 8-3.

The Chiefs got wins at No. 1 and No. 4 singles. Matt Nagy topped Salem's Faraaz Siddiqui at No. 1, 7-5, 6-3, and Canton's Chris Foss bested Jim Lewis at No. 4, 6-2, 5-7, 6-3.

But those doubles teams. "We got better play out of our doubles," said Nelson. "Our two and three teams have been struggling, but they played better today."

Hanosh is now facing a similar problem at Canton. On Monday and Tuesday, the Chiefs tied first Livonia Churchill and then Farmington at 4-4; in both meets, they won three of the singles matches and lost three of the doubles.

"I'm going to make some

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The winner: Salem's Jason Meininger (above) outlasted Canton's Scott Mincher in a three-set battle.

Canton, Salem ends in a draw

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Plymouth Canton vs. Plymouth Salem: Emotions running rampant, mistakes magnified, profound intensity.

The thing is, Wednesday's game — which ended in a 1-1 draw — was just the first round, the least important of the three soccer matches these two will undoubtedly play in the next two weeks. As Salem coach Doug Landefeld described it:

"This game is an important one only

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in that it's Canton vs. Salem, with all of the attached emotional impact."

The importance will continue to escalate in the ensuing rounds. Next Thursday, the two will meet on the same field and play for the Western Lakes Activities Association championship. And sometime in the week following that match will be the state district tournament, hosted by South Lyon (the district draw is today) — and

very possibly another game between the two.

"This time they were all fired up," said Canton coach Don Smith, talking about both squads. "They'll be fired up next time, too, but it'll be different."

Meaning there will be much more at stake.

If Wednesday's meeting was any indication of what to expect, well — don't count on anything. The game was evenly played throughout, neither side dominating the action for long.

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Chiefs lead division

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No one wins with a tie? Not so.

Plymouth Canton struck for a goal with 27:47 remaining in its match Monday at Livonia Churchill, with Abi Morrell heading a looping pass from Allison Mills over Churchill keeper Kerrie LaPorte and sending it rolling toward the net where her sister, Anne, finished it.

The goal knotted the score at 2-2, which is where it stayed for the remainder of the match. And that result was a winner for the

Chiefs, keeping them unbeaten in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division at 3-0-1; they are 11-2-1 overall.

All that separates them from a berth in the WLAA championship match opposite Plymouth Salem (one week from today) is a win + or tie — against last-place Walled Lake Western Monday.

For Churchill, the tie was as bad as a loss, as far as the standings are concerned. A win would have made it a three-way tie for first in the division with Canton, Churchill and

Northville; the Chargers would have stayed in the hunt. The tie left them with a 7-3-2 overall record, 2-1-1 in the division.

"It's a good tie," said Canton coach Don Smith. "This is a character-builder for us, the way we came back in the second half."

It was a match filled with frustration, for both teams. The Chiefs dominated play in the first half, keeping the ball bottled up in Churchill's defensive end of the field most of time. And yet, the Chargers made the most of their few forays into Canton territory.

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Controlling: Amanda Lentz (left) outmaneuvers Churchill's Sarah Phillips. Lentz scored Canton's first goal.

Canton ties for top spot

Plymouth Canton's boys track team has something to boast about now, something that has eluded the Chiefs for the last six years.

A championship Canton did try for first at Saturday's Troy Athens Relays, each team scoring 49 points. Dearborn was a distant third with 32. It was the first invitational meet title for the Chiefs since their Western Lakes Activities Association championship year of 1993.

The Chiefs won three events and placed second in five others. Three of those top-two finishes came in field events.

Chris Kalls, Jordan Chapman and Juan Cortes combined to

win the 100-meter dash. Juan Cortes won the 200-meter dash. Jordan Chapman won the 400-meter dash. Chris Kalls won the 800-meter dash. The boys' 4x100-meter relay team, consisting of Kalls, Cortes, Chapman and Juan Cortes, won the relay.

Chapman's other best came in the 1,600-meter relay (legs of 600, 400, and 500 meters), with Kalls, Kalls, Juan Cortes, Jerry Kalls and Steve Blossom getting the relay (5:57.8).

Chapman's team of Ana Hennessy, Jordan Chapman and Brian Sawickowski teamed for a second in the discus relay (3:41.1). Also, Hennessy's 134-6 tops. Also, the winners of Okemos, Jim Cortes, Justin Bonner and Kalls were second in the shuttle hurdle relay (1:45.7).

Other events were claimed by Juan Cortes, Bryan Kalls, Juan Cortes and Juan Cortes in the 100-meter dash (1:45.7); Blossom, Kalls, Kalls, Juan Cortes and Kalls in the 400-meter dash (1:12.0); and in the 800-meter dash (2:12.0). In the 1,600-meter relay, Ammanuel Ekin, Jared Chapman, Sawickowski and Kalls (5:57.8).

Top-4, Doug Kurth, Bonner and Salem placed third in the 1,600 relay (5:55.3), and Kulesycki, Anton Schmidt, Korona and Toman won fourth in the 3,200 relay (12:45.3).

Canton hosts Livonia Franklin at 6:30 p.m. today.

Salem had at Mott

Plymouth Salem didn't get

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Disappointing: Chiefs lose 2

It was a pivotal baseball double-header for both Plymouth Canton and Northville Monday and Tuesday, but both teams that were expected to win.

The Chiefs followed the path that had enabled them to win 16 of their first 19 games: good pitching and defense. But they had little offense, and it cost them in 2-0, 4-1 losses.

"We just didn't hit," said coach Scott Dickcy, his team now 16-4 overall. "We played great defense, we just couldn't get anybody on base to bunt over or do anything with. It was tough."

The losses left Canton with a 4-3 record in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division, three games behind Farmington Harrison and two back of Northville, which improved to 11-4 overall, 5-2 in the division.

Ben Tucker was solid in the first game for Canton, tossing a six-hitter. He allowed two earned runs and one walk, and he struck out 10. But his record fell to 5-2 — because as good as he was, Northville's Andy Borda was even better. Borda fired a three-hitter, striking out 11.

Andrew Copehaver had two of those Canton hits; the other belonged to Joe Cortellini. All were singles.

The Mustangs got two hits from Tim Edick, a junior catcher who hurt the Chiefs in both games. He doubled in the fourth and scored the game's first run on a single. Ben Keetle slugged a solo home run in the fifth.

In the second game, Canton's Jon Johnson allowed two runs in the fourth and two more in the fifth, and that was enough to cost him his first loss of the season. He's 5-1.

The Chiefs got their only run in the top of the fourth, a rally that started with Oliver Wolcott's single. He eventually scored on Jason Evans' sacrifice fly.

Evans had two of Canton's five hits. Johnson allowed four earned runs on 10 hits and one walk, with three strikeouts. Rob Reel was Northville's winning pitcher, surrendering just one walk and striking out five. Reel also doubled in one run and scored another in the fourth inning. Edick did the rest of the damage; he highlighted a 3-for-3 game with a two-run homer in the fifth.

Canton did not commit an error in the double-header; the Mustangs had one.

It won't get easier for the Chiefs. They host league-leader Harrison (7-0) at 5 p.m. today.

Salem 13, W.L. Central 2: Four players combined for eight hits and eight runs batted in as Plymouth Salem disposed of Walled Lake Central in a five-inning mercy played Monday at Walled Lake Western.

The win got the Rocks back to .500 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division, at 4-4. They are 8-12 overall.

The two teams were supposed to play a double-header, with the second game a make-up from an April 23 rainout. But a snafu with the umpiring crew — they were contracted for only one game — resulted in the second game being played Tuesday at Salem.

Steve Gordon was the winning pitcher for the Rocks. He worked all five innings, giving up two runs (one earned) on two hits and four walks, with seven strikeouts. The win evened Gordon's record at 3-3.

Corey Wacker, Jason Lukasik, Joe Rizzi and Geoff Bennett each had two hits in the game, with Wacker driving in three runs, Lukasik and Rizzi two apiece, and Bennett one. Lukasik had a double.

PCA 13, Zoe Christian 11: In a slugfest played at Plymouth's Griffin Park, Plymouth Christian Academy battled back from a 10-6 deficit through five innings to score seven runs in the sixth and beat visiting Warren Zoe Christian Monday.

Travis Yonkman, the fifth of six Eagle pitchers, was the winner in relief. Andy Powers got the save.

Jim Morrison and Jason Marra each had three hits, Marra driving in two runs and scoring three more and Morrison contributing one RBI and some great defense at third base. Scott Maddocks added two hits and two RBI.

The win gave PCA a 4-8 record. Zoe Christian is 3-3.

Redford CC 7-11, UP-Jesuit 1-0: An unearned run in all that separated Redford Catholic Central from a pair of shutouts in a double-header sweep Saturday against University of Detroit-Jesuit.

The sweep followed the Shamrocks, No. 1 ranked in Division I, to 18-0 overall and 14-0 in the Catholic League's Central Division.

Senior Bob Malek earned the pitching victory in the first game, a 7-1 win, scattering three hits and walking one while striking out eight.

The Cubs' lone run was unearned in the third.

U-D's Tom Larson singled and was awarded second base when the player covering the base had the ball kicked out of his glove on a stolen base attempt. Larson came home on a two-out single by Ryan Anderson.

CC scored one in the third and four in the fourth to take command.

After talks to Malek and Mark Cole, Anthony Tomey singled to bring home Malek.

Malek highlighted the fourth with a double to bring home Dave Lusky, who walked, and Nick DiBella, who was hit by a pitch. Malek came home on a bases-loaded walk to Chris Woodruff and Tomey hit a sacrifice fly to drive in another run.

The Shamrocks added two in the sixth on an RBI double by Lusky and an RBI single by DiBella. Rogowski and Matt Lorida, who reached on singles, scored the CC runs.

The Shamrocks had six hits and were issued nine walks. Rogowski now has been walked 25 times in 18 games, Malek 23.

In the second game, which ended after five innings due to the 10-sophomore right-hander Charlie Haeger earned the pitching victory. Haeger had a no-hitter through four innings, allowing the only U-D hit in the fifth. He struck out five and walked two.

The Shamrocks scored in each of the first four innings and were led by Rogowski, who hit his fourth homer of the year and finished 2-for-3 with two RBI.

Woodruff was 2-for-2, including a double, and Brent Zak also was 2-for-2, with a double, scoring twice. Tomey was 1-for-1, driving in two runs.

- PLYMOUTH CANTON 4**
FARMINGTON 4
 Tuesday at Farmington
 No. 1 singles: Matt Nagy (PC) def. Jon Gopp 6-1, 6-1.
 No. 2: Randy Hassan (F) def. Scott Mincher 7-6, 1-6, 6-4.
 No. 3: Ritchie Ikeh (PC) def. Max Moore 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.
 No. 4: Chris Foss (PC) def. Brandon Nagy 6-2, 6-2.
 No. 1 doubles: Ben Bruder-Eric Bruce (F) def. Mike Bruder-Steve Clawson 6-0, 6-0.
 No. 2: Niraj Patel-Matt Schmidt (PC) def. Dan Turkovich-Gulmiz Odendad 6-0, 6-4.
 No. 3: Shamik Trivedi-Hernanthe Srinivas (F) def. Chris Houdek-Brian Balfour 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.
 No. 4: Loren Klein-Chris Hall (F) def. Phil Shedd-Brad Kreger 6-4, 6-3.
 Canton's dual-meet record: 6-2-2 overall and in the WLAA. Next competition: 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the Tranton Invitational.
- PLYMOUTH CANTON 4**
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 4
 Monday at Churchill
 No. 1 singles: Matt Nagy (PC) def. Rob Simkow 6-1, 6-4.
 No. 2: Scott Mincher (PC) def. Tom Wallace 6-4, 7-6 (7-3).
 No. 3: Ben Luong (LC) def. Ritchie Ikeh 5-7, 6-4, 6-1.
 No. 4: Chris Foss (PC) def. Tom Fitzstephens 6-2, 6-3.
 No. 1 doubles: Jason Darow-Chris Houdek (PC) def. Ian Quay-Bobby Kolvunen 6-1, 6-1.
 No. 2: Mike Morke-Scott Rianer (LC) def. Mike Bruder-Steve Clawson 6-3, 6-0.
 No. 3: Zac Tibbles-Adam Rourke (LC) def. Niraj Patel-Matt Schmidt 6-1, 6-4.
- PLYMOUTH CANTON 7**
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1
 Friday at Franklin
 No. 1 singles: Matt Nagy (PC) def. Matt Clearman 7-6 (7-2), 6-0.
 No. 2: Jeff Beydoun (LF) def. Scott Mincher 7-6 (7-3).
 No. 3: Ritchie Ikeh (PC) def. Adam Koppin 6-4, 6-2.
 No. 4: Chris Foss (PC) def. Chris Don 6-3, 6-1.
 No. 1 doubles: Jason Darow-Chris Houdek (PC) def. Jason Berry-Dave Moldovan 6-2, 6-0.
 No. 2: Mike Bruder-Steve Clawson (PC) def. Mike Dumouchelle-Chris Harris 7-6, (7-4), 6-2.
 No. 3: Niraj Patel-Matt Schmidt (PC) def. Scott Gomez-Grant Marquardt 6-4, 6-2.
 No. 4: Brad Kreger-Erik Asuma (PC) def. Ashish Thomas-Tom Steckel 6-0, 6-0.
- WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 5**
LIVONIA STEVENSON 3
 May 10 at John Glenn
 No. 1 singles: Danny Kovacs (WJG) def. Matt Demgen, 6-3, 6-2.
 No. 2: Dave Kovacs (WJG) def. Pat Peterson, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.
 No. 3: Maher Salah (LS) def. Rajiv Deshaiya, 6-4, 6-1.
 No. 4: Anthony Lambert (WJG) def. Brian Adams, 6-1, 6-4.
 No. 1 doubles: Brendan Cornelissen-Brian Budd (WJG) def. Dave Stephens-Evan Weddell, 6-3, 6-0.
 No. 2: Brian Curd-Eric Lamvers (LS) def. Jeff Drotar-Robert Dzuban, 6-1, 6-1.
 No. 3: Pat Sonak-Churck Farley (WJG) def. Jon Scheel-Derek Kogut, 6-4, 6-4.
 No. 4: Osman Afzal-Glen Oliver (WJG) def. Andy Million-Edward Little, 6-4, 6-0.

- PREP BASEBALL**
 Thursday, May 13
 Salem at Farmington, 4 p.m.
 Red St. Agatha at Ply. Christ., 4:30 p.m.
 Farm. Harrison at Canton, 5 p.m.
 Churchill at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at Northville, 4 p.m.
 Friday, May 14
 A.P. Inter-City at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.

- N. Farm. at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 W.L. Central at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
 Thursday, May 13
 Farmington at Salem, 4 p.m.
 S'held. Christ. at Ply. Christian (2), 4 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 Northville at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Friday, May 14
 Canton at Farm. Harrison, 4 p.m.
 Ply. Christian at Baptist Park, 4:30 p.m.
 Stevenson at N. Farm., 4 p.m.

- John Glenn at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
 Ladywood at Marian (2), 4 p.m.
 Saturday, May 15
 (all double-headers unless noted)
 Madonna Univ. Cieselo, 9 a.m.
 Livonia City Tournament at Ford Field, 10 a.m., noon.
BOYS TRACK
 Thursday, May 13
 Salem at Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
 Churchill at W.L. Western, 3:30 p.m.
 Stevenson at W.L. Central, 3:30 p.m.

- N. Farm. at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
 Franklin at Canton, 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday, May 15
 Annapolis Invitational, 10 a.m.
 A.A. Pioneer Last Chance, 10 a.m.
GIRLS TRACK
 Thursday, May 13
 Farmington at Salem, 3:30 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
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 W.L. Central at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
 John Glenn at N. Farm., 3:30 p.m.
 Saturday, May 15
 A.A. Pioneer Last Chance, 10 a.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
 Thursday, May 13
 Ladywood at Mercy, 4:30 p.m.
 Friday, May 14
 Brighton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at St. Charles (III.), 7 p.m.
 Saturday, May 15
 Stevenson at Lincoln Way (III.), noon.

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Rivals tie from page C1

The Rocks (now 9-4-2 overall) had perhaps the bigger challenge: finding a way to stop Canton (10-2-3) scoring demon Anne Morrell.

But Morrell proved she doesn't need much of an opening to make a team pay. With the final seconds of the first half ticking away, the Canton sophomore took a cross from Stephanie Johnson at the top of the box, settled it, went to her left foot and drilled a shot past Salem keeper Jill Dombrowski, making it 1-0 with :27 left in the half.

If the late goal had a demoralizing effect on the Rocks, it never showed. Indeed, Salem — which

played a strong first half — was even tougher in the second, going to the net more aggressively.

The Chiefs' defenders withstood the attacks, but their midfielders could not move the ball forward consistently to Morrell and Amanda Lentz. With 10:38 left in the game, a turnover at midfield allowed Salem's Kristina Seniuch to punch a pass past several Chief defenders to Jami Coyle, positioned outside the box at the far post. She banged her shot past Canton keeper Sarah Debien, seeing her first action in goal, and the game was tied at 1-1 with 10:38 left.

"They played tough defense," said Smith of the Rocks. As far as Morrell's chances being limited, Smith could only reluctantly agree, adding that "she was throwing in some nice crosses. We had some opportunities. But we can't just rely on her."

Not if they're going to build on this tie.

Softball from page C1

Wednesday was the annual emotion-packed game against Plymouth Salem.

All good reasons why Canton wasn't up to par against Northville, which, of course, makes the sweep all the more impressive.

"That was probably one of our worst games, defensive-wise," said Chiefs' coach Jim Arnold of the second game, in which Canton committed seven errors. "But that's the good thing — they showed a lot of character (in not giving up)."

The first game turned on a single swing of Liz Elsner's bat. With Canton trailing 2-1 in the top of the fifth (Northville was home team in this game) and the bases loaded, Elsner connected to send a shot to the fence in left. Her blast, which turned out to be just a single after she missed first and had to go back to tag it, drove in three runs and gave the Chiefs a lead they would not relinquish.

Laura Stewart turned in an impressive mound performance. Arnold went with Stewart and, in the second game, Jenny Fisher after ace Gretchen Hudson experienced back problems following Saturday's tournament. Stewart improved to 5-2 on the season, allowing two earned runs on

three hits and three walks, striking out 10. Meaurio Emsau took the loss for the Mustangs.

Elsner finished with two hits, including a double. Canton scored its first run in the fourth on a walk to Melissa Brown, two stolen bases and a passed ball.

The second game was a wide-open affair, one in which the Chiefs trailed until the fifth. They scored five runs in that inning to turn a 6-3 deficit into an 8-6 lead — and they couldn't maintain that, even with Hudson pitching (in relief). Northville scored three runs in the top of the sixth to go up 9-8, but Canton answered with a two-run sixth to retake the lead.

The fifth inning was the key. Paula McKernan started the rally with a single; Brianna McNichols walked and Angela Neu singled, loading the bases for Elsner. She singled, scoring one run and narrowing the gap to two. After Anna Keil struck out, Becky Mize grounded into a fielder's choice to make it 6-5.

Hudson followed with a run-producing single to tie it, and Jenna Perino knocked in the go-ahead run with a base hit. Carrie Kovachevich's RBI double made it a two-

run lead for Canton. Kovachevich finished with two hits and four RBI. Elsner, Neu and Hudson each had two hits (Neu had a triple) and an RBI, and McKernan had two hits, including a double.

Although four Northville runs scored during her two innings on the mound (only two were earned), Hudson was the winning pitcher. Fisher, who returned to pitch the seventh, allowed one earned run in five innings and got the save.

The Mustangs were in a position to tie or go ahead of Canton in the Western Division standings, but the double loss dropped them to 4-3. The Chiefs are 6-1 in the division.

Canton claims Classic

In a dramatic final game, the Chiefs combined their own clutch hitting with some sloppy fielding by Lincoln Park to win their own Canton Classic, beating the Raispieters 4-3 in the title game Saturday at Canton.

Gretchen Hudson was the winning pitcher, allowing three earned runs on six hits and six walks. She struck out two.

Lincoln Park broke a 2-2 tie with a run in the top of the seventh, setting the stage for a game-winning rally. Carrie Kovachevich started it with a double in the

bottom half of the inning; Paula McKernan also doubled to knot it at 3-3. Melissa Brown reached base on an error and the game-winning run scored on Christina Kessel's groundout.

Mohrman led the Chiefs with two hits. Becky Mize added a double, and Liz Elsner had a run-scoring single.

In the semifinals, Canton beat Ann Arbor Huron 8-3. Jenny Fisher was the winning pitcher, allowing two earned runs on four hits and two walks with six strikeouts over six innings. Kessel topped the Chiefs with two hits and two RBI. Brianna McNichols added two hits.

In its first two games of the tournament, Canton beat Saline 2-0 and Belleville 6-0. Laura Stewart was the winning pitcher in the shutout win over Saline; she fired a three-hitter with no walks and 13 strikeouts. Anna Mall and Stacie Griffin each had two hits and an RBI.

In the victory over Belleville, Hudson worked the first six innings and was the winning pitcher, giving up two hits and no walks, with four strikeouts. Brown led the offense with an RBI single in the first and a run-scoring double in the second.

Soccer from page C1

In the opening minutes of the game, Churchill quickly put the Chiefs in a hole, with Kersten Conklin slicing through to score a goal and make it 1-0. It took Canton more than 20 minutes to even it, with Anne Morrell popping it up to the middle of the box, where Amanda Lentz was poised to head it in with 16:56 left in the half.

But Churchill quickly answered, and it was Conklin who did the answering. Again the senior forward utilized her superior speed, penetrating the Chiefs' defense and scoring to make it 2-1 with 13:02 remaining in the half.

"When you've got speedsters like Morrell and Conklin, it's like being up and down," said

Churchill coach Chad Campau. "I thought we did a good job getting the ball to Kersten's feet, where she could handle it, in the first half."

Although the second half seemed a bit more even, Canton got the only goal, and it was Mills who was responsible for initiating the play. She got a takeaway in the corner in Churchill's end before centering the ball to Abi Morrell.

"We had a couple of chances in the second half," said Campau. "On the other hand, Canton had numerous chances. But we played well."

The best scoring opportunity for Churchill came just over eight minutes into the second half, with Conklin again at the

center of the action. She split a pair of defenders in pursuit of a ball crossed into the box and managed to chip it past Canton keeper Amy Dorogi. Conklin was alone in front of an empty net, but her shot sailed high and hit the football goalpost.

"We talked at halftime about trying to take advantage of their defense," said Campau. "We thought that might be their biggest weakness."

Canton's defense was tougher over the last half, though. So was Churchill's.

"They played a lot better defense than I thought," said Smith. "Although we did get a lot of opportunities down there."

Converting those chances is the key now. Because as Cam-

pau noted, "There are more important games still to be played."

Salem 9, Franklin 0: Jami Coyle poured in three goals and Plymouth Salem overcame a slow start to bury hapless Livonia Franklin Monday at Salem.

The game was scoreless for the first 20 minutes — then the dam burst. The Rocks scored four times before the half, Jenny Fisher getting the first.

Other goal-scorers included Suzi Towne, Jeannine Edwards, Danielle Filipis, Kristina Seniuch and Jill Dombrowski. Dombrowski played the first half in goal.

Franklin remains winless at 0-9-2.

Tennis from page C1

changes there," she said. "I knew we would peak at one point in the season. I think we might have peaked a bit early."

Canton, with a loss and two ties in its last three meets, needs to get it turned around in a hurry. The Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament

starts Tuesday at all three Livonia high schools. The Chiefs are 6-3-2 overall.

As for Salem, well, the Rocks (6-3 overall) have won four-straight and will enter next week's WLAA Tournament on a high. Now it's just a matter of staying up there.

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FISHING TOURNAMENTS

TOP BASS
Top Bass Tournament Trail, a series of open singles draw bass tournaments, kicks off the 1999 season on Saturday, May 29, on Saginaw Bay. Registration is \$90 and the pay back is one place cash for every seven contestants. Boaters and non-boaters are welcome and there is no pre-registration. Call Elmer Daniels at (734) 729-1762 or Steve Randles (734) 422-5613 for more information.

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS
Oakland Bass Masters will hold a two-man team open tournament beginning at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, May 30, on Kent Lake. Entry fee is \$90 per boat and there will be a \$5 late charge for entries received after May 26. To register and for more information call Roy Randolph at (248) 642-5254.

ST. CLAIR OPEN
The Backlashers Bass Club will hold its 12th annual Lake St. Clair Open two-person bass tournament beginning at 6 a.m. Saturday, June 19. Team entry fee is \$90 if paid by May 20, \$90 at the boat launch. To register and for more information call Roger Haylip at (734) 753-5341, Steve Taraszkewics at (313) 538-1202 or Jeff Mangrum at (313) 937-2190.

CLASSES/ SEMINARS

GEAR UP FOR MEMORIAL DAY
Learn how to pack for a family camping trip (11 a.m.), how to filter water (1 p.m.) and the proper way to use a camp stove (2 p.m.) during this day-long program, which will be held Saturday, May 22, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

WOMEN'S FLY FISHING
River Bend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring a Women's Fly Fishing School on Sunday, May 23. Participants will spend a fun-filled day learning the basics of fly fishing including lessons in casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Cost is \$125 per person and class size is limited. Call Pat Rofe at (248) 350-8484 for more information and to register.

FLY FISHING SCHOOL
The Riverbend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring several fly fishing schools in the upcoming months. Held at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden and Hunters Creek Hunt Club in Metamora, the schools include lessons in basic fly fishing techniques including casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Classes are scheduled for May 16, June 6 and 19, July 11 and 25, August 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 to register and for more information.

FLY TYING
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING
River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times in May, June and July. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

CLIMBING CLASS
An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

ACTIVITIES

TIMBERLAND SANCTUARY
Tour the Timberland Sanctuary to see spring wildflowers in bloom during this program, which begins at 2:30 p.m. Satur-

day, May 15. The Timberland Sanctuary is located 13 miles northeast of Pontiac. Call Fred Dye at (248) 375-2955 for more information and directions to the Timberland Sanctuary.

ISLAND LAKE HIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a five-mile hike through Island Lake State Park on Sunday, May 16. Participants are asked to meet at noon behind the Marathon Station at Telegraph and 12 Mile roads, or at 12:45 p.m. at the Riverbend parking lot at Island Lake State Park. Call Inge Bricio at (248) 557-5955 for more information.

WILCOX-WARNES
Take a hike through a wooded area of Wilcox-Warnes park with members of the Michigan Nature Association during this program, which begins at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 23. For more information and directions call Fred Dye at (248) 375-2955.

POINTE PELEE HIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a hike through the Pointe Pelee during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 23. Participants are asked to meet at the Ontario Information Center in Windsor, Route 3. Call Mike Scanlon at (313) 884-214 for more information.

COMMUNITY CLEANUP
REI is recruiting volunteers for the ninth annual National Trails Day community service project. Volunteers will maintain the hiking trails at Maybury State Park beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 5. Call (248) 347-2100 for details and to volunteer.

SEASON/DATES

BASS SEASON
Bass season opens Saturday, May 29, on inland lakes and Great Lakes waters excluding Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair and Detroit rivers. The season opens Saturday, June 19, on Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair and Detroit rivers.

FREE FISHING
Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend will be held June 12-13.

CLUBS

FLY TYING
The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. There will be a salmon fishing seminar, covering trolling, dodgers, spoons, down-riggers, Loran and GPS units at the June 1 meeting. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

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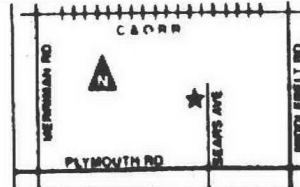
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ARCHERY

ROYAL OAK ARCHERS will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 16, on its walk-through range in Lake Orion. Call (248) 693-9799 or (248) 693-8954 for more information.

ARCHERY RANGES

The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 348-2410 for more information.

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The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

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A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

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PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

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METROPARK REQUIREMENTS Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

HARRY, STARRY NIGHT

Learn to recognize a few constellations during this family program, which begins at 8 p.m. Friday, May 14, at Stony Creek.

STAR GAZERS

Children ages eight and older can paint spring constellations on t-shirts, roast marshmallows over a campfire and learn about the night sky during this program, which begins at 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, at Indian Springs.

DAY BIRD COUNT

Bring a binocular and help conduct a census of the park's bird population during this program, which begins at 7 a.m. Saturday, May 15, at Kensington.

SPRING BIRDWALK

Hike in search of spring birds begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 15, at Stony Creek.

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Identify some of the songs made by their song during this program, which begins at 10

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Crusaders feted

Madonna University received multiple post-season awards in both baseball and softball in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

In baseball, Delano Voletti, a senior catcher from Westland; Daryl Rocho, a senior third baseman from Fraser; Aaron Shrewsbury, a senior outfielder from Dearborn; and Jason Brooks, a junior designated hitter from Taylor, were selected to the 16-member first team.

Rocho batted .392 with 14 doubles, 15 home runs and a team-best 70 runs batted in. Shrewsbury set a school record with 19 home runs; he batted .425 and collected 63 RBI, and established a new career hit mark of 240.

Shrewsbury already has Madonna's career highs in homers, RBI, doubles and batting average.

Voletti hit .327 with 12 homers, 47 RBI and a team-best 17 doubles. Brooks' .453 batting average topped the Crusaders; he added 10 doubles and six homers.

Shrewsbury, Voletti and Todd Miller, from Farmington Hills, were also named to the WHAC's all-academic team. Shrewsbury

has a 3.5 grade-point average with a major in criminal justice; Voletti has a 3.44 grade point with a sports medicine major; and Miller carries a 3.84 with a major in education.

Seven other Crusaders were honorable mention all-WHAC: Bob Hamp, a junior outfielder from Alpena (.358, six homers, 25 stolen bases); Bob Mason, a senior pitcher from Brighton (3-6, 5.40 earned run average, 43 strikeouts); Miller, a junior second baseman (.333, seven doubles, .974 fielding percentage); E.J. Roman, senior pitcher/first baseman from White Lake (3-3 record, .323 batting average); Jeff Warholik, senior pitcher/first baseman from Alpena (5-4, 5.43 ERA, .331 average, 31 RBI); Neil Wildfong, a sophomore shortstop from Canton (.355, 19 stolen bases); and Derrick Wolfe, a junior outfielder from Tecumseh (.383, 15 doubles, 11 homers, 34 RBI, 19 steals).

Madonna reached the WHAC Tournament finals last Friday, losing to Indiana Tech 19-17 in the title game. The Crusaders completed the season with a 25-24-1 overall record, 12-10 in the

WHAC.

In softball, Vicki Malkowski, a junior catcher from Royal Oak; Courtney Senger, a senior first baseman from Marine City; and Jen Walker, a senior outfielder from Sterling Heights, were chosen to the all-WHAC first team.

Malkowski led Madonna with a .463 average; she had 16 doubles, three home runs and 88 RBI. Senger hit .350 with 26 RBI, and Walker batted .360 with 23 RBI and a team-high 27 steals.

Also, Jamie Cook, a senior outfielder from Westland, and Janell Leschinger, a senior pitcher from Plymouth and Ossineke, were both honorable mention all-WHAC and all-academic all-WHAC. Cook batted .315 with 28 RBI and a .990 fielding percentage; she has a 3.37 grade point with a major in sociology. Leschinger was 20-9 on the mound with a 1.74 earned run average; she has a 3.775 GPA with a major in biology.

Under first-year head coach Al White, Madonna exceeded expectations by posting a 34-26 overall record, 15-13 in the WHAC. The Crusaders were 2-2 in the WHAC Tournament.



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SATURDAY



Plymouth is Artrageous 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in downtown Plymouth features artistic demonstrations, live music and poetry readings. Admission is free. For more information, call (734) 455-8838 or (734) 455-5531. The event continues to Sunday.

SUNDAY



R. Kelly performs with Busta Rhymes, NAS, Foxy Brown, Deborah Cox and Kelly Price, 7 p.m. at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets \$45, \$55 and \$75 call (248) 645-6666.

A passion for music



Hoedown veterans: The Forbes Brothers, pictured here with background singer Jill Jack, are playing the Budweiser Downtown Hoedown for the sixth time on Saturday.

Forbes Brothers play for the love of it

...country music stars like Diamond Rio, The Tractors and Blackhat. This year marks the sixth time that The Forbes Brothers have played the Hoedown.

The band is planning on releasing its second CD before Christmas. Late last year the brothers teamed up with guitarist Earl Klugh to record the song "Learning to Live" for the CD

still goes out to bars and listens to musicians play. He's still a Detroit musician through and through even though he's an international star.

The Detroit country music scene is an intimate and cozy one, Scott Forbes explained. Warner Bros. recording artist Anita Cochran, who scored a No. 1 record with Steve Wariner with "What If I Said," along with the Clinton River Band and Shotgun Willy are among the top of the small group of country artists in the area.

"There's not a huge country market here. Country is in kind of a depression nationally. It always comes back, but I think part of the reason country is weak right now is because of the people producing the records. They're

What: The 1999 W4 Country-Budweiser Downtown Hoedown
When: Friday-Sunday, May 14-16, at Hart Plaza in Detroit. The performances are free and open to those of all ages. Call (313) 299-W4W4 for more information. The Hoedown will also be featured as a two-hour local special from 9-11 p.m. Sunday, June 6, on WDIV-TV (NBC).

Friday, May 14
11:30 a.m. The
1:30 p.m. Sara Evans
3:30 p.m. West King
5:15 p.m. Lee Roy Parrell
9:45 p.m. Terri Clark

Saturday, May 15
noon Starlight Drifters
1 p.m. Forbes Brothers with Devin Scillian
2:30 p.m. Trini Triggs (lower stage)
3:45 p.m. Shane MacAnally (lower stage)
4:45 p.m. Chad Brock
6:30 p.m. Mark Chesnut
8:15 p.m. Lonestar
10 p.m. Tracy Lawrence

Sunday, May 16
1 p.m. Steele Canyon
1:45 p.m. Diamondback
3:15 p.m. Sheldaisy (lower stage)
4:15 p.m. Susan Ashton
5:45 p.m. Montgomery Gentry
7:15 p.m. The Kinleys
9:45 p.m. The Beltany Brothers

The band includes the Forbes brothers, guitarist J.C. Whitlaw, bassist Jon Ross, keyboardist George Canterbury, drummer Dave Jack, and background vocalist Jill Jack. At the Hoedown, however, they will have a special guest.

"We're playing this year with our band and we're backing Devin Scillian," he said of WDIV-TV's NewsCenter anchorman. "He's a very good songwriter and just a like guy. At the end of our set, we'll bring him out. He's a really good lyricist, a good melodic songwriter."

Royal Oak natives, Scott and Dennis Forbes have been playing together since they were in grade school. In early 1997, the two decided to take it a step further.

"We've been songwriters for a long time and just decided to put a band together," said Scott Forbes, who lives in Farmington Hills. Dennis Forbes resides in Royal Oak.

In 1998, Scott and Dennis Forbes, co-owners of the Mt. D's restaurant chain, released their self-titled debut album. "The Forbes Brothers" has reached sales of 4,000.

The Forbes Brothers maintain a high profile by appearing on local radio and television, and by opening for

"Two Guitars, Bass and Drums ... Songs for Survival," a benefit for the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation. The Forbes Brothers met Klugh when he sat in with the band at Mr. B's restaurant in Troy.

"Earl Klugh, it was a thrill working with him. I was speechless the way he plays guitar. There's nobody in the world like this guy. He's just an incredibly nice person. Earl, more than any of the other Detroit stars,

Onstage: Bob Thiel as "Iceman" and Patrick Moug (kneeling) as "Bones" in a scene from "Captain Beefalo." Moug's play premieres at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall in Northville on Friday.

Cop takes a shot at writing and acting in plays

Show times for "Captain Beefalo," at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall in Northville, are 7 p.m. Friday, May 14, and Saturday, May 15, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 16. Tickets are \$10 and include hot and cold hors d'oeuvres before the show. The doors open one hour before the show. Cash bar.

Reservations are required, and can be made by calling Genitti's at (248) 349-0522. The theater is at 108 East Main St.

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Patrick Moug, a sergeant with the Livonia Police Department, has drawn his new play, "Captain Beefalo," from his own life.

Don't expect a gritty crime drama. The play, which premieres Friday at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall in Northville, is about a suburban police officer from a family with a law-enforcement tradition. Nicknamed Hoss, the cop wants to become an actor.

"He's midway through a career and he doesn't know if he wants to give it up to take this risk in life," Moug said. Adding to that pressure is an older brother, an officer nicknamed Bones, who wants Hoss to stay in police work.

The play's title is the nickname of a third brother, who has just died in the line of duty as the play opens and whose life is invoked both as a reason for Hoss to stay a cop and a reason for him to follow his dream.

"The two brothers take from Beefalo what they think he was all about," said Phil Powers, who is directing the show at Genitti's.

Hoss' conflict, Moug said, is an expression of what he feared would happen to him as he pursued his real-life goals of writing and acting.

Instead, he said, his family has been supportive — even though Moug studied acting in his spare time for a year before he told anyone but his wife.

Moug, who plays Bones to Aaron Toronto's Hoss, said he has long loved writing, acting and going to shows. But

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Fireballs all set to torch the charts

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BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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To say that The Atomic Fireballs are a priority of Lava/Atlantic Records, would be an understatement.

Atlantic Records' CEO Ahmet Ertegun has been calling lead singer John Bunkley regularly since the two met. Lava Records president Jason Flom calls Bunkley a "superstar in the making."

The band will make its big-screen debut this fall in an as-of-yet-untitled film starring Neve Campbell and Matthew Perry. In September, the octet jumps on a Playboy-sponsored tour.

But it's just all in a day's work for the always-smiling Bunkley and the rest of the Detroit-based swing/jump blues band.

"I would see him all the time even before we signed," Bunkley said of Ertegun. "He would be calling me up from the World Cup in Turkey. I was on the Warped Tour so I'd get back to the hotel and I'd have a message that Ahmet called from Turkey. It was kind of weird."

"Ahmet, he's a good guy. He did some songs with Ray

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Firing it up:

The Detroit-based swing/jump blues band The Atomic Fireballs, featuring singer John Bunkley, will release their major-label debut "Torch This Place" on Tuesday, May 18 — the same day they appear on "Late Night With Conan O'Brien."



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CAMPBELL

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Charles and he told me he had some songs filed away that he wanted me to hear," Bunkley added matter of factly.

The Atomic Fireballs are celebrating the release of their Lava/Atlantic debut "Torch This Place," due in stores Tuesday, May 18 - the same day the group appears on "Late Night With Conan O'Brien." The Atomic Fireballs have also set a CD release party and performance for Sunday, May 23, at the Magic Stick in Detroit.

"Torch This Place" kicks off mercilessly with Bunkley's scat-like shouts accompanied by hand-claps before bursting into the full-throttle jump blues of "Man with the Hex," the album's first single. "Caviar and Chitlins" swings, while "Hit By a Brick" is straight from the soundtrack to a mystery.

"Torch This Place" was recorded in Vancouver with Bruce Fairbairn, whose credits include Aerosmith, AC/DC, Chicago and Van Halen. It may seem like an odd pairing, but Bunkley explained, it was everything but odd.

"He's a trumpet player. He's a jazz aficionado. He really likes old music like Miles and Charlie Parker and all that stuff. He won our hearts because that's what he does. He likes old soul music, rhythm and blues, and jump blues," Bunkley explained.

"That's where his heart really is. He knew about horns and trumpets, and big drum sounds from his experience with rock. Plus, he was so easy to get along with. He's a fun guy and he's got that Canadian hospitality going."

Longtime fan

Blues and soul are Bunkley's first loves. Growing up on Detroit's west side, Bunkley indulged in his mother's album collection, listening to performers like Wynonnie Harris and Louis Jordan.

He first found success locally with the ska band Gangster Fun, which he formed during his years at Oakland University in Rochester. When Gangster Fun ran dry, Bunkley took a break from music to pursue a master's degree in sociology and work as a glassblower at Greenfield Village.

In 1996, he and trumpeter James Bostek came up with the idea to start a jump blues/swing band - long before swing bands like the Cherry Poppin' Daddies, Mighty Blue Kings and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy hit the charts.

The Atomic Fireballs inked their multi-album deal with Lava/Atlantic in the summer of 1998 after artist and repertoire rep Rick Goetz heard tracks from the band's debut "Birth of the



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

High-profile gigs: The Atomic Fireballs, featuring singer John Bunkley, performed at The Magic Stick in the Majestic complex. Staying true to their dedication to longtime friends, The Atomic Fireballs return there Sunday, May 23, for a CD release party and performance.

Swerve."

"It did pretty well in markets like Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis and Des Moines, Iowa. They (A&R folks) sit around and watch what makes a little blip on the screen," Bunkley said.

Goetz then flew out to Chicago to see The Atomic Fireballs perform in front of 250,000 people, and alongside bands like Fastball and Marcy Playground. He, along with Flom, was impressed.

"The Fireballs' live show is one of the most exciting and fun live shows I've ever seen," Flom said last summer. "It's highlighted by John Bunkley who, in my opinion, is a superstar in the making."

"He's got style for days and his moves ... he's on a different planet than the rest of us. You can't help smiling."

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a football scholarship took him to the University of Connecticut (he majored in communications) and a brother and, yes, a family tradition, led to a police career.

But he loves the thrill of acting in a live format, which he compared to playing football on national television or the adrenaline rush a cop might get during a high-speed chase or a high-stakes arrest.

"I love acting like I don't love anything else in the world," he said.

Moug brings an authenticity honed on his regular job to his play, Powers and Toronto said.

'He understands what makes good drama, what makes good theater, what makes good comedy.'

Phil Powers
director

"I think it's been terrific to have him know that world so well," Toronto said.

"He understands what makes

good drama, what makes good theater, what makes good comedy," Powers said.

He's also flexible, receptive to ideas and criticism and willing to rewrite and rewrite, both said.

"You hear horror stories about people who write their stuff and want to be in it as well," Toronto said.

"Captain Beefalo" has been optioned by the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea for the 2000-2001 season. Another script by Moug, "Michigan Autumn," is scheduled to be filmed, in a local production, later this year.

On stage: Jennifer Allis (left to right), Kerry Plague, Alan Madeleine, Margaret Gilhea, Hank Bennett, Anja Chopra and Thomas Adams in a scene from the SRO Productions presentation of "The Wisdom of Eve."

Theaters have lively schedule

They've been rehearsing for months, now it's show time for community theater groups throughout metro Detroit.

Here's what's opening this weekend at a community theater near you.

SRO Productions presents Mary Orr's drama "The Wisdom of Eve," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, May 14-30 at the City of Southfield's historic center, "The Burgh, in the rehovated 1854 church on the northeast corner of Civic Center Dr. and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph. Tickets are \$8 general admission, \$7 senior adults and children. Call (248) 827-0701 for tickets or information.

"The Wisdom of Eve" was adapted from the book by Mary Orr, and was the basis for the film "All About Eve," and "The Musical Applause."

The play takes an "inside" look at Broadway stardom. This is a

biting comedy with mesmerizing drama.

Village Players

This Friday, the Village Players will begin a three-week run of Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night," directed by Linda Hammell.

Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 14-15; May 21-22; and May 28-29; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 16 and May 23 at the Village Players of Birmingham, 752 Chestnut, (one block south of Maple, and one block east of Woodward Ave.) Tickets \$12, call (248) 644-2075

The play, set in August of 1912, was first performed three years after O'Neill's death in 1953. In a catalogue of plays distinguished by emotional and intellectual depth, and experimentation, "Long Day's Journey Into Night" is perhaps the playwright's most autobiographical

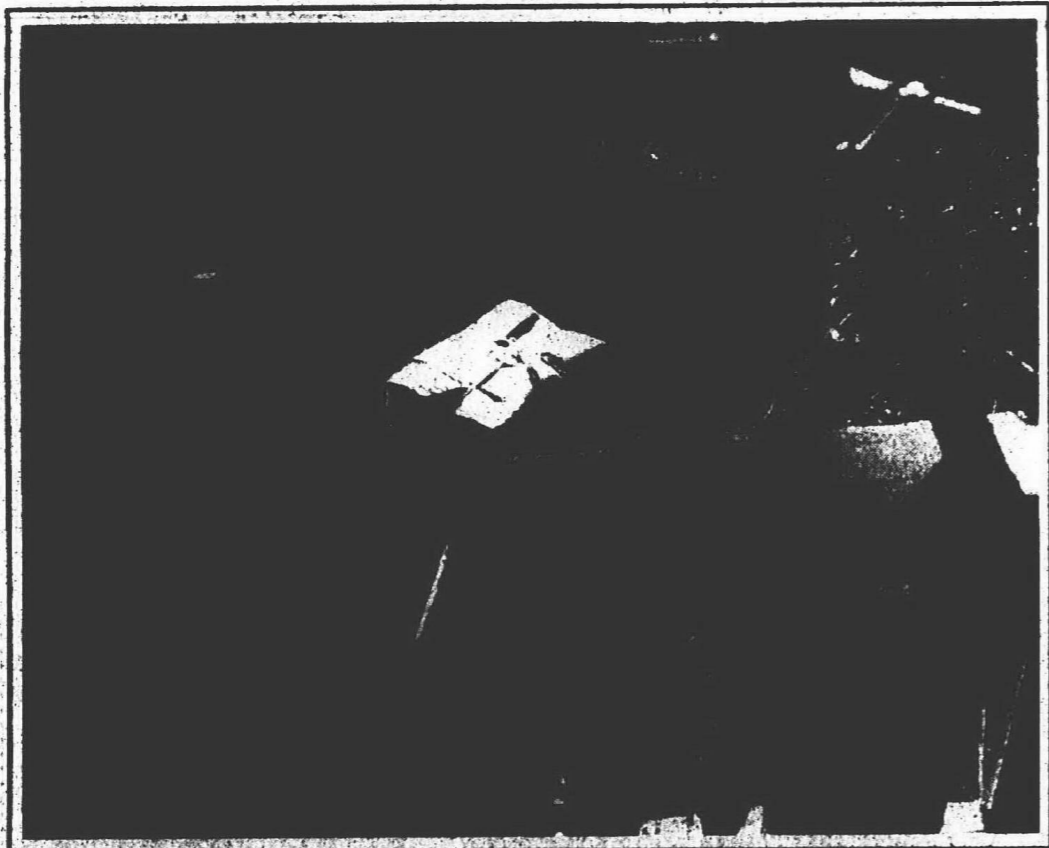
work.

Stagecrafters

Stagecrafters presents the final Main Stage show of the 1998-99 season, "Crazy for You," featuring music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin, book by Ken Ludwig, May 14 through June 6 at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Performances 8 p.m. with the exception of 2 p.m. Sunday. There will be one evening Sunday performance, 7 p.m. on May 23.

Tickets are \$12-\$14, call (248) 541-6430. A special dinner theater package is available from Illusions Bar & Grill in downtown Royal Oak, call (248) 586-1313.

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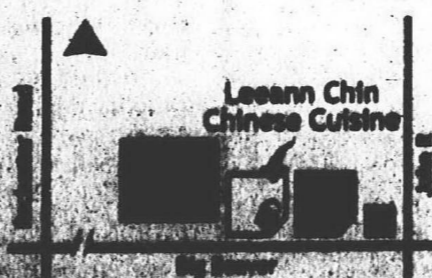
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'Blood Brothers,' intense drama

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents Willy Russell's musical drama "Blood Brothers" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday May 14-15, and 21-22; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16 and 23. The Guild is on Madison near the south corner of Monroe and Outer Drive in Dearborn. For ticket information, call (313) 561-TKTS. This production contains adult language and situations; not recommended for preteens.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

The Players Guild of Dearborn's presentation of the musical drama "Blood Brothers" is a captivatingly intense tragedy, full of foreshadowing and foreboding. And while the soundtrack will never be a hit, the songs convey the sadness and filiality that unfolds.

Mrs. Johnstone, a struggling cleaning woman with a house full of children, discovers shortly after her husband deserts her that she is pregnant with twins.

Her employer, Mrs. Lyons, a wealthy, childless woman, begs her for one of the twins. Since Mrs. Lyons's husband has refused to adopt a baby, but is away on business for extended periods, Mrs. Lyons schemes to pass the baby off as her own. Mrs. Johnstone, who risks losing her other children to the welfare authorities, very reluctantly agrees. Thus the twins are separated at birth.

However, the two boys seem inexorably drawn to each other, and become best friends, despite their diverse backgrounds and



Farewell: Eddie (Jeff Ostrowski, right) tells his best friend Mickey (Ron Williams) goodbye as Mrs. Johnstone (Valerie Mould) watches in "Blood Brothers."

their parents' attempts to keep them apart. As they reach adulthood, class differences begin to tear them apart, and the superstition of the fate of twins separated at birth seems to be on a collision course toward fulfillment.

Under the skillful direction of Kim Donovan of Farmington Hills, the strong cast kept the show's pace rapid and suspenseful. The chorus, whose members played multiple roles — from children to adults — added a colorful infusion of characters to the show.

Brian Townsend and Richard Moore's cleverly constructed and versatile set, which facilitated the rapid scene changes, was augmented with drops and easily moved furniture to segue rapidly

from exterior to interior scenes.

Valerie Mould of Royal Oak is wonderfully sympathetic as Mrs. Johnstone, whose guilt over the surrender of one of her twins shadows her life. Mould captures both the plucky optimism of a woman determined to care for her children despite heavy odds, and the wrenching grief when she surrenders a twin to Mrs. Lyons. She embodies much of the sadness in her frequent reprises of the character's signature ballad, "Marilyn Monroe."

Emily Tyrybon effectively portrayed Mrs. Lyons's desperation and descent into mental illness. Haunted by her conscience in the form of the narrator, her fear is chronicled in song. Doug Clark of Royal Oak, who plays the narrator, has a powerful stage presence and a voice that sends chills

up one's spine. His searing glances, deliberate movements, and menacing voice drove Mrs. Lyons further into her downward spiral.

The twins, Mickey and Eddie, were played respectively by Ron Williams Jr. of Redford and Jeff Ostrowski. Both are talented actors and strong singers. They were wonderfully convincing as 7-year-olds and angst-ridden adolescents. Their wonderful voices were a credit to the less than memorable songs. "That Guy," their duet, tellingly captured the insecurities of awkward 14-year-old boys.

However, Williams lost credibility when a prop mishap caused him to break out of character and shake uncontrollably with laughter in a crowd scene freeze meant to accentuate a grim song by the narrator.

Linda, Mickey and Eddie's sidekick, who loved them both in turn, was played with warmth, longing, and passion by Ruthann Hande of Canton. Hande metamorphosed from a convincing tomboy in pigtails to a beautiful, sensuous woman. Her fluid movements and expressive face accentuated her strong stage presence.

The period costuming, from the 1950s to 1970s, was effective and realistic, and added believability to the scenes where adults portrayed children. The properties — especially the symbolic guns — worked well. Make-up crew deserves special recognition for their hairstyles, which effectively portrayed both the age of characters and their states of mind.

Paula Poundstone performs benefit for Gilda's Club

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Paula Poundstone

Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit is "identified with humor," said Geri Lester of Franklin who is treasurer of the board of directors.

That's one of the reasons they chose comedienne Paula Poundstone as the featured performer at Gilda's Big Night Out, Wednesday, May 19 at St. John's Armenian Banquet Center, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. The event benefits Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit. It begins at 6 p.m. with a silent auction. Dinner, catered by the Golden Mushroom restaurant follows at 7:15 p.m. The program begins at 8 p.m. Gene Taylor of WOMC is the host and emcee. Tickets are \$125 (donor) and \$200 (patron). Corporate tables are available for \$3,000 and benefactor tables for \$5,000. Call (248) 577-0800 for tickets.

"I was a very big fan of hers," said Poundstone about Radner, a Birmingham native and well-known comedienne who died of cancer. "When I was in high school other kids had black-light posters of music groups on their walls — I had pictures of Gilda on my wall along with other comedy greats."

Laughter, they say is the best medicine, and while it isn't a cure, it certainly helps people suffering from cancer and their families.

"I'm a cancer survivor and I know the importance of being with people who experienced the same thing you're going through," said Lester who is one of the honorary chairpersons for Gilda's Big Night Out. "It's important to have something like this outside the hospital facility. It wasn't available when I was going through treatment."

Over 700 people have passed through the doors since Gilda's Club Metro Detroit opened in

Royal Oak last January. Gilda's Club Metro Detroit is a dream come true for Radner who envisioned a warm and welcoming place where people cancer, their friends and family could join with others to build social and emotional support.

Proceeds raised from Gilda's Big Night Out will help Gilda's Club continue its work.

Lester is excited about the silent auction. Two rooms are filled with 100 items.

"We have beautiful art pieces, a trip, some diamond earrings, dinners and symphony tickets. People have been very generous and kind," she said. "Gilda's Club is open to everyone at no charge. We're here to help people live with cancer and make every day worthwhile."

Poundstone is a frequent guest on the Rosie O'Donnell Show, winner of several CableACE Awards for her HBO comedy specials and is currently the voice of Judge Stone on the ABC Saturday morning program "Squigglevision." She will be starring in a new animated series for UPN "Home Movies" in which she voices the character of Paula Small, a divorced single mom with two children.

'Wait Until Dark' has 2nd act thrills

The Plymouth Theatre Guild presents Frederick Knott's suspenseful drama, "Wait Until Dark" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 13-15 at the Water Tower Theatre, on the grounds of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 West Seven Mile Road, west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville Roads. Not recommended for children under age 12. Tickets \$9, \$8 advance, call (248) 349-7110. Plymouth Theatre Guild will also be presenting "Wait Until Dark" 5 p.m. Sunday, May 16 at the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory, 5710 N. Canton Center Road. Tickets \$8 in advance, \$9 at the door. For more information about this performance, call (734) 397-5417.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

The Plymouth Theatre Guild's presentation of "Wait Until Dark" suffered through a slow moving first act script of redundant exposition before presenting a frightening, fast-paced second act. If the first act were selectively cut, the Guild would have an exciting thriller on their hands.

"Wait Until Dark" is the story

of Susy Hendrix, a blind woman whose photographer husband Sam unwittingly becomes the courier for a doll containing heroin. Sam was given the doll by a fellow plane passenger, who told him the doll was for a hospitalized girl in Sam's home city of Montreal. However, the doll disappears from the Hendrix apartment, and the criminal elements after the heroin become desperate to get it back.

Gloria, Susy's temperamental 10-year-old neighbor, knows where the doll is and becomes Susy's eyes when they must outwit the encroaching criminals.

The play begins with two criminals "casing" the Hendrix's apartment. Knott's script spends way too much time setting up the background, which other characters reiterate again and again. Dennis Hubbell of West Bloomfield as Mike Talman and Barry Levine as Sgt. Carlino are the two criminals recently released on parole who are blackmailed into helping mastermind bad guy Harry Roat.

Levine is a Columbo type, with a rumpled raincoat but without the smarts.

Hubbell is suave and charming as Talman, gaining Susy's trust

by claiming to be a friend of her husband, who is away on business.

Arianna Prusak of Novi is wonderful as Susy, mastering the deliberate and searching movements of a blind person, and conveying her character's terror and frustration. Her final battle with the evil Roat is wonderfully choreographed and well timed, especially since much of it takes place in dim light or the dark. The scene is very frightening and believable whether played in total darkness or lit only by the refrigerator bulb.

Sara Wiercioch of Plymouth plays 10-year-old Gloria, the bratty neighbor who fortunately has a redeeming side to her personality. Sara is wonderful in her tantrum scene when, after being accused by Susy of stealing the doll, she impulsively flings kitchen implements around the room with unbridled enthusiasm.

Keith Prusak, who plays the evil mastermind Roat, and who is Arianna's husband in real life, is cast against type as he would be murderer. He conveyed well the bright but twisted criminal mind and times his trump cards well. He has a powerful stage

presence and is like a panther in his dimly lit final battle with Susy.

The set, a living room/kitchen combination, is ugly, bland, and cluttered, with only one poorly stained kitchen cupboard. The props mirror what one would expect to see in a college dorm room, not the home of a successful photographer who would have an eye for color and detail. The house is also unusually cluttered for a blind person who would need strict organization. Why would a photographer with a studio a few blocks away have an open darkroom in his apartment? Especially one lit with a white — not red — bulb. And if the show is set in the present day, why do they have an old dial phone?

Susy's calf-length jeans and loose-fitting shirt are unflattering, and both her outfit and Gloria's are nondescript, missing an opportunity to add some color to the stage.

Testimonial honor musician Kazarian

A testimonial dinner for clarinetist Hachig Kazarian will be held beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at the Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

Kazarian will be honored for promoting Armenian music.

The program will include hors d'oeuvres, dinner and Armenian music and dance. Tickets are \$50 a person. All proceeds will go to

the Hachig Kazarian Music Scholarship Fund at the Juilliard School of Music in New York City.

There will be several featured speakers and presentations by the Juilliard School of Music, Eastern Michigan University and government officials.

For more information, call George Sarkisian at (248) 626-9137.

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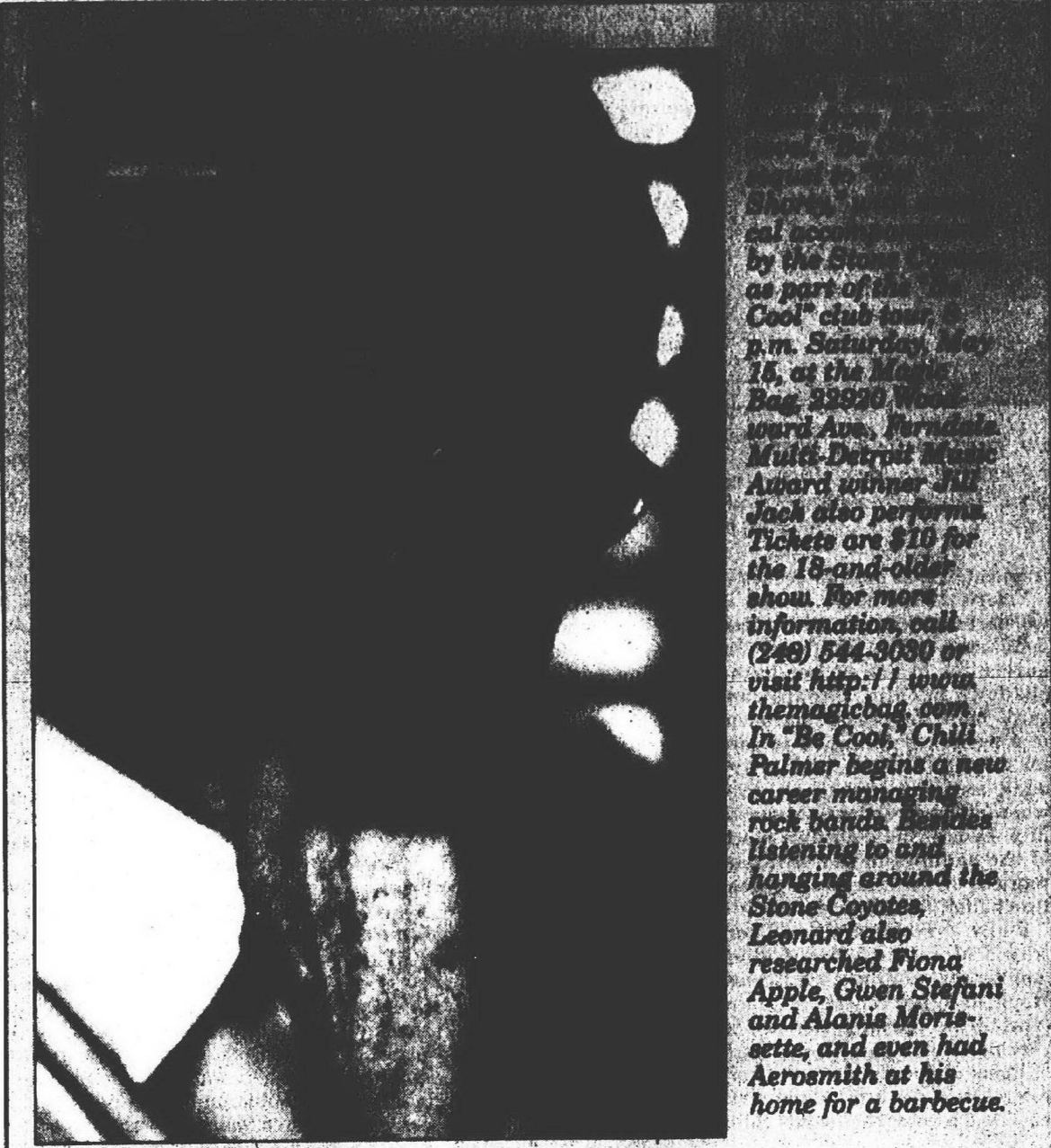
THE CENTURY THEATRE "Forbidden Hollywood," runs through Sunday, June 27, at the newly restored 200-seat theater in the Gen/Century building, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-2913

COLLEGE

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE "American Enterprise," a story about idealist George Pullman, inventor of the Pullman railway, runs in rotating repertory to May 15, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATRE

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE "The Trip to Bountiful," May 13-16 and 20-23, Civic Playhouse, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. evening performances, and 2 p.m. Sunday matinees. \$16, \$14 for seniors and students. (734) 971-0605



LINDA SOLOMON

And June 3-13, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. \$18, \$15 students/seniors/museum members. (313) 494-5800

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

DETROIT PUPPET THEATRE PuppetArt presents "Kolobok," a Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man," noon and 2 p.m. Saturdays, May 15 and 22, and Sundays, May 16 and 23, at the theater, 25 E. Grand River, between Woodward Ave. and Farmer Street, Detroit. \$8 adults, \$6 children. (313) 961-7777

SPECIAL EVENTS

GRANDPRAE GARDENS SPINNING WHEEL SALE 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at 380 Lake Pine Road, Grand Prairie, \$5. Free parking and shuttle service from Olive Branch St. across from Pine. (248) 948-8147

"GREEKTOWN ARTS FESTIVAL"

Featuring music by the Robert Lowe Group, Jazzhead, Thornetta Davis, and Black Beauty and the Sugarfoot Horns, Friday, May 21; Drum Devils, Jimmy McCarty and Jeff Grand, Soul Clique, "Hammond B-3 Organ Summit" with Chris Codish, Gerard Gibbs and Bill Heid, and Ron Levy's Wild Kingdom, Saturday, May 22; and Mighty Royal Lites, The Motor City Street Band, Johnny Bassett and the Blues Insurgents, Thornetta Davis, Odessa Harris, Alberta Adams, Sunday, May 23, Detroit's Greektown.

ICE COMPANY

Southfield's 28th annual ice skating spectacular, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 13-15, 1:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 15-16, and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at the Southfield Sports Arena, 26000 Evergreen Road. \$9.50, \$9, \$8.50, (248) 354-9357/(248) 354-9603

"LUCAS LECTURE"

Professor Omri Ben-Shahar, professor of law and economics at Tel Aviv University, speaks about the implications of the election and the peace process on the Israeli economy, as part of the annual Lucas Lecture, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13, Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, Jewish Community Center, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE GUILD

"A Blast From the Past: A Celebration of the '50s, '60s and '70s," 7 p.m. (dinner at 8:30 p.m.) Saturday, May 21, dinner, dancing, silent auction, and live music by the Teen Angels, at Cherry Creek Golf Club, 5200 Cherry Creek Drive, Shelby Township. \$100 per person, to benefit Meadow Brook Theatre and its educational outreach programs. (810) 716-8603

BOB WILSON CONCERT

The ragtime pianist performs 2 p.m. Sunday, May 16, in Verner Hall at Oakland University, Rochester. \$10, \$5 students, \$8 groups each in groups of 10 or more. (810) 793-6515/(800) 701-5024

MOTOR CITY COMIC CON

Featuring guest appearances by Jeri Ryan, Billy Dee Williams, Warwick Davis (Yoda in "Star Wars Episode 1"), Kenny Baker (R2D2), Frank Gorshin, and others. 1-8 p.m. Friday, May 14, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 15, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 16, Novi Expo Center, Novi. \$12 per day, \$28 three-day pass. (248) 426-9059 or http://www.motorcityconventions.com

PLYMOUTH IS ANTIRACIST

Artists demonstrations, music and poetry readings in and around 15 downtown Plymouth galleries and businesses, 7-10 p.m. Friday, May 14, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 15, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 16. Free. (734) 455-6658/(734) 455-5531

620, \$15 students. (248) 645-2276

COMMUNITY MUSIC ANN ARBOR

"Living Past 98: Folk Themes in Chamber Music," celebrates the work of great composers who have drawn upon folk traditions for their inspiration, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, May 16 and 23, in the Apses at the University of Michigan Museum of Art, 825 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$20, \$10 students, \$30 family (one adult and children), \$50 (two adults and children). (734) 930-1960

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With conductor Charles Burke performing music by Mendelssohn, Glinka, Rachmaninoff and Respighi, 8 p.m. Sunday, May 16, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 general admission main floor seating, \$25 reserved box seats. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroit-symphony.com

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Featuring violinist Gil Shaham performing Bela Bartok's Violin Concerto No. 2, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 20-21, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48 (\$60-\$83 box seats). (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroit-symphony.com

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"String Gents," a concert with the emphasis on strings, with guest violinists Yuri and Dana Mazurkevich (both studied at the Moscow Conservatory), also works by American composers George Chadwick and Christopher Tew. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$15, \$8 children ages 12 and younger. (248) 645-6666/(734) 464-2741/(734) 421-1111

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

Spring Concert, 1 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Churchill High School auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$6, \$3 seniors/students. (734) 591-7649

ROYAL OAK COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

8 p.m. Friday, May 14, features flutist Alice Lenaghan and guitarist Terry Herald in premier performance of concerto by Detroit's Terry Herald, at Kimball High School, 1500 Lexington, Royal Oak. \$7, \$5. (248) 988-6991

ROYAL OAK COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Waltzes, overtures, marches, show tunes, and a "Surprise" symphony, soloists are clarinetist Emily Pettl in Von Weber's Concertino and French horn player James Schuster in Mozart's third Horn Concerto, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at Redford Union High School, Free.

FAMILY EVENTS

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "Let's Play Opposites," a "Tiny Tots" event that demonstrates the concept of opposites, featuring assistant conductor Ye-Hui Wang, narrator Rheda Becker, and Wesley Jacobs (principal tuba of the DSO), and the Pointe Repertory Dancers in a feature performance of Kleinsinger's Tubby the Tuba, 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Saturday, May 15, Mercy High School, Farmington Hills. \$10. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroit-symphony.com

BENEFITS

"COME TO THE CABARET" Temple Emanu-El presents Nancy Gurwin & Company in song, 7 p.m. Sunday, May 16, 2:25, includes hors d'oeuvres and desserts. To raise funds for Temple improvements, educational programs for the religious school students and fine art students. (248) 967-4020

EARTH ANGELS SOCK HOP

Special performance of '50s music by Earth Angels, pizza dinner with dessert, hula hoop contest, prizes for best '50s contest, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the William Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$8, \$5 children ages 5 and younger, to benefit the Earth Angels, an advanced performance group of young people ages 9-17. (248) 330-6410

GILDA'S BIG NIGHT OUT

6 p.m. (silent auction), 7:15 p.m. (dinner) and 8 p.m. (program with comedian Paula Poundstone), Wednesday, May 19, at St. John's Armenian Banquet Center, 22001 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. \$125, benefits Gilda's Club Metro Detroit. (428) 577-0800

"HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS"

The Plymouth Symphony League's spring home tour featuring a bed and breakfast built in 1903 and seven other homes including a bungalow, saltbox, a 4,000-square-foot home with lower-level dance floor, and recent renovations, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 15, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 16, in Plymouth. \$15 advance, \$18 day of tour, benefits Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. (734) 453-3016

"MOVIE RELIEF BENEFIT"

With the Immigrant Sons, Blackman and Arnold, and The Lash, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$7. 18 and older. (313) 833-2355

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NAJBE

7 p.m. Thursday, May 13, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 and \$15, reserved cabaret seating. 21 and older. (313) 961-5451 or http://www.statetheatre.com

JIM PARAMOUNTS

With Meridian, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays-Saturdays in May, Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road, at Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 985-9300

GARY SCHUNK TRIO

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TIN HAT TRIO

9 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 (avant jazz)

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY HUDSON

With Dan Kerton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forts, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 694-7500

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8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, May 21, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass/drums)

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With special guest Marcus Belgrave, trumpet and flugelhorn, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13, and just the trio, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner, and \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

NAJBE

7 p.m. Thursday, May 13, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 and \$15, reserved cabaret seating. 21 and older. (313) 961-5451 or http://www.statetheatre.com

JIM PARAMOUNTS

With Meridian, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays-Saturdays in May, Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road, at Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 985-9300

GARY SCHUNK TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, May 20, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

TIN HAT TRIO

9 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 (avant jazz)

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY HUDSON

With Dan Kerton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forts, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 694-7500

REBEA WOODMAN AND SPENCER

9 p.m. Tuesday, at St. Paul's

Guays a week

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BARFIELD
The bassist and guitarist perform original compositions and works by John Coltrane, Thelonius Monk and Duke Ellington, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Detroit Institute of Arts Recital Hall, 5250 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15, \$12 seniors, students and Creative Arts Collective members. (313) 833-4995

WORLD MUSIC
BEAUSOLEIL
7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 20, The Ark, 330 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$18.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (Cajun)

BLACK MARKET
8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5858 (reggae)

MINORITY
9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, May 13, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, May 21, Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

BEILA FLECK AND TONY TRISCHKA
8 p.m. Friday, May 14, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$20. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

JAN KRIST
9 p.m. Friday, May 14, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101

PHIL OCHS TRIBUTE
Featuring Greg Greenway, Kim and Reggie Harris, Pat Humphrie, Magpie, Camille West, Tom Prasada-Rao, Matt Watroba, Neil Woodard, Josh White Jr., Robert Jones and Small Potatoes, 8 p.m. Friday, May 21, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

RFD BOYS
8 p.m. Saturday, May 15, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

PLYMOUTH POETS
"Generation X Poetry Night," with Will Tupper, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 844 Penniman. (734) 459-7319

DANCE

COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS
8 p.m. Saturday, May 15, to live Irish music by Nutshell, all dances taught, no partner needed, open jam for string band musicians of all levels from 4-6 p.m. (free), at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-8863/(734) 426-0241

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING
7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, all dances taught, partner not required, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

PICNIC SOCIAL DANCE
2 p.m. Sunday, May 16, music by The Varitones begins at 3 p.m., food and refreshments available for purchase, at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy. (248) 689-3636

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Randy "Lubisonic" Lubas, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 13 (\$5), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 14-15 (\$12); Ron Morey, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 20 (\$5), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Bill Hildebrandt, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13 (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 14-15 (\$10), \$22.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 16 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package); Billy Ray Bauer, 9 p.m. Friday, May 21 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. Saturday, May 22 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), 7 p.m. Sunday, May 23 (\$8), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Christopher Titus through May 16, also appearing Chris Speyer, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

SECOND CITY
"Impeachment and Cream," through May, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

JOHN WALBY "DR. DIRTY"
7 p.m. Friday, April 30, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 gen-

eral admission seating. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451

SUZANNE WESTENHOFER
8 p.m. Thursday, April 30, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451

MUSEUMS

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901;" "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Special Effects" at 1:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R (at Warren), 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

GREENFIELD VILLAGE
"Greenfield Village Antiques Show and Sale," 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 15, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 16, Greenfield Village's Lovett Hall. Free lecture, "Remembrance of Things Past: The Golden Age of American Antiques, 1700-1850," 3 p.m. Saturday, May 15, \$7, \$6 for seniors ages 62 and older. Proceeds benefit the SmartFun Field Trip program of Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. A preview of the collection will be from 6-10 p.m. Friday, May 14. (313) 982-6044

HENRY FORD ESTATE- FAIR LANE
Visit the estate of the automotive pioneer, includes the restored riverside powerhouse and Henry Ford's personal garage and cars, see giant generators placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that still operate today, travel the underground tunnel to the 56-room mansion with elaborate carved woodwork and personal artifacts, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
"Discover Greatness: An Illustrated History of Negro Leagues Baseball," through Sunday, June 13, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. \$5, \$3 for children ages 17 and younger. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS
9 p.m. Thursday, May 13, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450; 9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, The Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (blues)

JOCELYN B
10 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, May 14-15 and 21-22, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. \$5, 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues)

"BE COOL CLUB TOUR"
With Elmore Leonard and Stone Coyotes, and Jill Jack, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (variety)

BIG BARN COMBO
10:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rockabilly)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE NIGHT"
Featuring Burning Sensations, Sin Embargo, Throwaway Kids and N2 Submission, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

BLUE HAWAIIANS
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 14-15, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-8000 (blues)

BLUE MOON BOYS
9 p.m. Thursday, May 13, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922; 9 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)

BLUE ROSE
9 p.m. Friday, May 14, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-0210; 9 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 or <http://www.bluerose.iuma.com> (blues)

BLUE SUIT
With Alberta Adams, 9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

THE BONESHAKERS
Featuring former members of Was (Not Was), 8 p.m. Monday, May 17, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Canceled. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (blues)

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE
9 p.m. Friday, May 14, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 10:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (R&B)

BRIDGE
With Gods Made Love and Treblehead,

10 p.m. Saturday, May 15, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

SMOKIN' TOYS
With Buddha Fulla Rhythz, and Frog Pond, 8 p.m. Friday, May 14, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

JOUANNA BROOKE
8 p.m. Friday, May 21, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. \$18.50 in advance, \$21 day of show. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (pop)

JUROR BROWN
8 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$22.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (blues)

BUSTER WYLLIE
10 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Detroit Block Brewery, 237 Jos. Campau, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 393-2337 (acoustic pop)

CALAMITY JANE
With Trise, 9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

CHURKA-FUNK
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, May 21, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 223-1700 (funk/rock)

EDDY "THE CHIEF" CLEARWATER
9 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

DANNY COX
8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (acoustic pop)

MORRIS DAY AND THE TIME
8 p.m. Friday, May 21, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 general admission seating. 21 and older. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheatre.com> (R&B)

DYESTRIPE
9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

EDEN'S JOURNAL
With Troll for Trout, 9 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

OLEN EDDY
9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213; 9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-8000 (blues)

ELECTRIC SOULBANDS
Celebrates release of CD, "Blues for the Dog," with guests Baked Potato and Clovis Minor, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

ELIJA
8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600; 7 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (acoustic pop/rock)

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With Liquid No. 9, 9 p.m. Thursday, May 13, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

GORDON BENNETT
7 p.m. Thursday, May 12, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675; 10 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (rock)

GRAVITY WELL
With The Triggers, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

AL GREEN
8 p.m. Sunday, May 16, Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. \$35 and \$45. All ages. (313) 832-5900 (soul)

GREYHOUNDS
8 p.m. Friday, May 14, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558 (blues)

G.R.R.
8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856; 10 p.m. Friday, May 21, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 656-7700 (rock)

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22, and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 23, Sinbad's, 100 St. Clair St., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 822-7817 (blues/honky-tonk)

LISA HUNTER
8 p.m. Friday, May 21, Coffee Beanery, 307 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 650-3344 or <http://www.lib.com/onemanclapping/li.sah.htm> (acoustic rock)

HYPNOSIS
9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays in May, Flying Fish Tavern, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, north of 14 Mile Road, West Bloomfield. Free. All ages. (248) 865-8888 (adult contemporary)

THE INCURABLES
9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, TC Gators, 42559 Ford Road, Canton. Free. 21 and older. (734) 981-0906/(734) 721-1622

or <http://www.incurables.com> (rock)

STRASH
10 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Mount Chislet, 4715 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 548-2929 (R&B)

PHIL KELLY
6-10 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday in May, Morets, A Michigan Bistro, 30100 Telegraph Road, north of 12 Mile Road, Bingham Farms. Free. All ages. (248) 642-1094 (contemporary piano)

R. KELLY
With Busta Rhymes, NAS, Foxy Brown, Deborah Cox and Kelly Price, 7 p.m. Sunday, May 16, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$45, \$55 and \$75. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (R&B/rap)

KOBE DEEP SHAW
With Give and Heavy Weather, 8 p.m. Friday, May 21, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (funk)

MICHAEL KREIBER
6-10 p.m. Tuesdays in May, Morets, A Michigan Bistro, 30100 Telegraph Road, north of 12 Mile Road, Bingham Farms. Free. All ages. (248) 642-1094 (contemporary piano)

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND
With Corey Harris, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 13, and Saturday, May 15, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. The show originally scheduled for Friday, May 14, has been moved to Thursday, May 13, due to the Pistons' play-off game. Tickets purchased for May 14 will be honored on May 13. \$33. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacetent.com> (rock)

STONEY NAZAAR AND THE WESTSIDERS
9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213; 9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

NATALIE MERCHANT
7:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$32.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacetent.com> (pop)

MONSTER MAGNET
With Staind and Hemigod, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 13, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$15 in advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

MOODYMAN AND ALTON MILLER
9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (deep house techno)

MULLENS
9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (rock)

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY
9 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

MIKE NESS
With Deke Dickerson, 8 p.m. Friday, May 21, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (rock)

NOBODY'S BUSINESS
9 p.m. Friday, May 14, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (rockabilly)

"OTHER SPACES"
Featuring Tars Tarkas, visionEar and 4FR, 9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Xhedos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. \$5. All ages. (248) 399-3946 (electronic)

PANQEA
With Dr. Joe, 10 p.m. Friday, May 14, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

PIRANHAS
With Clone Defects and Geniatrics, 9 p.m. Friday, May 14, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (punk)

PHUT
With Panicsville, Michael Dec and W. Vibe, 9 p.m. Thursday, May 13, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (rock)

ROD PIAZZA AND THE NIGHTLY FLYERS
8 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (blues)

THE PLANTS
9 p.m. Thursday, May 20, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030 (rock)

QUEEN BEE
With Forge and Cobra Youth, 9 p.m. Friday, May 14, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

GARY RASMUSSEN
6:30 p.m. Thursdays May 13 and 20, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (acoustic rock)

REFORMERS
9 p.m. Tuesdays in May, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922; 9:30 p.m. Thursdays May 13 and 20, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (blues)

RHYTHM HOUSE
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22,

Lucky 13, 21260 Van Born Road, Dearborn Heights. Free. 21 and older. (313) 274-6068 (R&B)

ROBT BOSTON
9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

KEVIN SMITH
9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (acoustic R&B)

AS BERRAPERE
9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101; With John Devine, 8 p.m. Friday, May 21, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558 (acoustic blues)

SERIALS
8 p.m. Thursday, May 13, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

SIMON SAYS
8 p.m. Monday, May 17, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Cover charge. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

SIMPLE NEPTUNE
With Nailing Betty, 9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. Free before 9:30 p.m. 18 and older. (313) 567-6020 or <http://www.simpleneptune.com> (rock)

SISTER MACHINE GUN
With esion, 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.99music.com> (industrial)

SISTER SEED
8-10 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Espresso, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (acoustic pop)

SLAUGHTERS
With The Articles and Superdot, 6 p.m. Friday, May 21, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (ska)

SOLID FROG
With All Hall Me, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

SPOCK'S BEARD
With Tiles, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (prog rock)

SUN MESSANGERS
9 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (R&B)

SUN 209
6:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (acoustic rock)

JOHNNIE TAYLOR
With Shirley Brown, Latimore and Bobby Rush, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 and \$35. All ages. (248) 433-1515 (blues)

THE TOASTERS
With Mad Caddies and The Smooths, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance, \$13 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (ska)

TRIPWIRE
9 p.m. Thursday, May 13, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030 (rock)

TUESDAYS FATHER
With Abruzzi Drive and Masters of None, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15, I-Rock, 16350 Harper Road, Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 881-ROCK (rock)

TWISTIN' TARANTULAS
9 p.m. Sunday, May 16, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (rockabilly)

THE VERVE PIPE
With Papa Vegas, 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Sold out. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (pop)

RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES
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9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (rock)

LUCINDA WILLIAMS
With Patty Griffin, 8 p.m. Friday, May 14, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$17.50 in advance, \$21 day of show. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com> (roots rock)

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Formerly of Take That, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 15, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Canceled. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (Brit pop)

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9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover

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GOLD DOLLAR
Hip-hop and dancehall reggae dance night with DJ Chino, 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the club, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com>

THE GROOVE ROOM
Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D, Thursdays. Women admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative dance night Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays; Alternative dance Tuesdays; gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (

The force is with Troy couple's 'Star Wars' Web site

BY KURT ANTHONY ERUG
SPECIAL WRITER

With the exception of a few pieces of signed artwork framed in the living room, the Troy residence of "Star Wars" fans Dave and Loren Phillips isn't cluttered with merchandise from the 22-year old space opera.

They won't be camping out in front of theaters to buy tickets to the May 19 premiere of "Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace."

However, they are the caretakers of one of many high-profile "Star Wars" Web sites — Echo Station-on-the World Wide Web. Echo Station (www.echostation.com) has been recognized on Yahoo Internet Life, Wired!, and

will even be mentioned on a "Phantom Menace" special to be aired on the Sci-Fi Channel May 17 (just two days before the eagerly anticipated "Phantom Menace" bursts onto the scene).

"We're just not insane about 'Star Wars.' We have a good time but don't go overboard. We don't have to have everything with a 'Star Wars' moniker. The only thing 'Star Wars' we have in our home is the signed artwork in our living room. We're just regular folks who really like 'Star Wars' and run a really successful Web site," said Phillips, 28, a Boston University alum.

On average, Echo Station receives 16 million hits per week, which translates to more

than 36,000 users each day. The Web site, which has been referred to as "the thinking person's 'Star Wars' site" and a "Star Wars" hub, is not a news site. It doesn't have any spoilers about upcoming "Star Wars" events, nor partake in any gossip about the sci-fi phenomenon.

Anything that does delve into the realm of the new movie is marked with large warning graphics telling people to stay away if they want to remain blissfully unaware of what lies ahead.

Instead, its contents are very high brow. It includes interviews with "Star Wars" writers, including prolific New York Times best-selling novelist Kevin J. Anderson, who penned

"Star Wars: The Jedi Academy Trilogy," "Dark Saber," and the "Young Jedi Knights" series. It also includes reviews of current novels and comics, and in-depth information about video and computer games. There are even essays by anthropology professors analyzing Japanese influences on the space opera. People with Ph.D.s in aeronautics discuss the dynamics of "Star Wars" vehicles in chat rooms.

Phillips describes Echo Station as having a "community philosophy" for serious "Star Wars" fans who wish to avoid all the hype surrounding the upcoming movie. Although the Web site has a Web-based storefront with affiliations to Amazon.com and Dark Horse Comics, it is not a moneymaker; the costs of maintaining and running the site far outweigh any commissions that come in from referral sales at affiliated sites. For Phillips and his staff, it is a labor of love.

"I wanted to build a place where folks can go and feel at home with other folks. There's no news or gossip on this site," said Phillips. "Europeans don't want to read any spoiler warnings since 'The Phantom Menace' will not be released in Europe for another few months, but they still want to visit 'Star Wars' sites and chat with fans from around the world.

"Star Wars" isn't the only subject people talk about on our site; they talk about other things like politics, current events and relationships."

Echo Station originated from a CompuServe "Star Wars" Forum circa 1994-95 (nobody is sure of its date of origination, according to Phillips). The first issue of the Electronic Magazine (more affectionately known as the



Dave Phillips



Loren Phillips

Emag) held a contest to give the group's project a name. The overwhelming suggestion was Echo Base, the name of the Rebellion's headquarters on the icy planet Hoth at the beginning of "The Empire Strikes Back." However, not wanting to infringe on "Star Wars" creator George Lucas' trademark, the staff decided on Echo Station instead.

"We are the only big 'Star Wars' site that has never received a cease and desist order from Lucas. Many others crossed the line and Lucas had to step in. We have worked with people from LucasFilms (Lucas' company) when doing interviews to make sure that what we are doing is OK with them," said Phillips.

Although not one of the original staff members, Phillips has certainly made the project his own and the results have changed his life dramatically. He discovered it in December 1995 when he was living in Washington, D.C., and quickly became a staunch contributor to the Emag. It was his positioning that led it to become the only fan-based "Star Wars" effort on

all three major online services: CompuServe, America Online, and MSN. His knowledge of the Internet led him to register the domain and bring the staff's contributions to the World Wide Web in 1997.

It was through Echo Station that he met Loren. He moved to Michigan six months later and the two were married in September 1996.

They have since started their own Web-site-hosting company, NovaTech Web Services (www.novatech.net). Primarily created to help offset the costs of running such a heavily trafficked "Star Wars" Web site, it has enabled the staff of Echo Station to have the freedom to run features such as the integrated message boards and chat rooms, both very popular with Web-site visitors.

They are currently developing an official Web site for Sergei Fedorov of the Detroit Red Wings.

"There's a lot of cool stuff on Echo Station," said Phillips. "We're having just as much fun creating it as people do visiting it."

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Dreamy: Kevin Kline stars as Bottom and Michelle Pfeiffer is Titania in "William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Love transforms Bard's Midsummer Night's Dream

BY ANNIE LEHMANN
SPECIAL WRITER

Shakespeare is enjoying revived interest thanks to recent Oscar-winning movies like "Shakespeare in Love." Now comes William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," with a baby boomer pleasing cast including Kevin Kline, Calista Flockhart and Michelle Pfeiffer.

Unlike the Bard's version which is set in ancient Greece, this "A Midsummer Night's Dream," takes place in a small village in Tuscany, Italy at end of the 19th century. The impending marriage of Duke Theseus (David Strathairn) to Hippolyta (Sophie Marceau) sets the backdrop to this tale of love, magic and self discovery.

While wedding preparations are under way, other couples are having troubles.

betrotted to Demetrius (Christian Bale) but loves and is loved by Lysander (Dominic West).

Helena (Calista Flockhart) pines for Demetrius whose heart, like Lysander's, belongs to her best friend, Hermia.

Because Hermia's father insists that she honor her betrothal, she and her beloved flee on bicycles to the enchanted forest. Pedaling in pursuit are the abandoned Demetrius and spurned Helena.

In the meantime, a group of players prepare "The Most Lamentable Comedy, and Cruel Death of Pyramus and Thisbe" in honor of Theseus' upcoming marriage.

They, like the four star-struck lovers, go to the magical forest to rehearse, unaware that fairies and sylphs mix magical love potions to sway the forest visitors in unexpected ways. The Shakespearian antics begin.

The four lovers work wonderfully in ensemble and Kevin Kline's Nick Bottom strikes a winning balance between buffoonery and likable charm.

Stanley Tucci as the horned, gray-haired Puck, shines in his mischievous and misguided machinations. But the movie has its weaknesses.

While the sets are eye-candy lush, and the score beautiful spiked with works by Mendelssohn, Puccini and Verdi, the staging feels too staged and some of the performances, most notably that of Titania (Michelle Pfeiffer) are surprisingly leaden.

Still love transforms is "A Midsummer Night's Dream's" enduring message. When the Duke comments about the play within a play he says, "most notably discharged." Overall, this too would apply to this puppified version of Shakespeare's comedy of love.

Hermia (Anna Friel) is

Joe Muer's keeps seafood concept while reinventing itself

By BRADEN BEALS
Special Writer

Detroit restaurateur Joe Muer lent his name to a Southfield eatery in 1984.

The art deco bar and grill never really caught on.

That's history.

In late summer 1987, veteran former employee of Joe Muer's seafood house in Detroit, Geoffrey Browning and Chick Taylor, purchased the restaurant. Today, with general manager Greg Nowowski, also a long-time downtown Joe Muer's employee, and talented executive chef Joe Shafer, on board since last November, Joe Muer's Grill has reinvented itself.

After purchasing it, Browning and Taylor closed Joe Muer's Grill for remodeling. Their personal design is club-like with lots of medium-dark stained oak and a variety of seating options in booths, tables of four, and larger circular seating with comfortable banquettes. Walls accented in red create a warm comfortable feeling. In the booths, lighting accents the tables and food, while diners remain soothed in the shadows.

You'll feel comfortable here in pressed blue jeans and shirt or a business suit.

The most significant change in remodeling was the incorporation of a large bar area which has become a meeting place. Also on display is a large model of the Bob-lo boat Columbia. Browning's family operated the boats from 1949 to 1979. The lower level, housing rest rooms, also has photographs from this period in Detroit's history.

If you've anguished at the cramped-up noise level in other restaurants, Joe Muer's Grill has sound breaks in the floor design to make table conversation possible.

Last January, a model of the logo's fish was crafted by long-time patron John Kreiger of Detroit. It hangs at the entrance signaling that Joe Muer's is principally about seafood.

"We're the natural heirs to what people remember about Joe Muer's downtown, but we've improved the concept," Browning responded to my question about decision to retain the name. And this has been done well.

Joe Muer's Grill
30855 Southfield Road, Southfield (248) 644-5390.
Monday-Thursday lunch 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., dinner 4-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday until 11 p.m. Saturday dinner only 5-11 p.m.
Menu: Seafood emphasis, but also a savvy selection of chop-house specialties including chicken. All served with vegetable and choice of rice or potatoes.
Cafe: Lunch seafood dishes \$9-\$14. Dinner with double the number of choices \$17-\$25. For kid's under 12, six-item menu \$6-13.
Reservations: Recommended.
Cafe: All majors.

Browning and Taylor have retained the essence of Joe Muer's signature halibut and taken them to new heights with more attractive, upbeat plating.

Are cottage cheese and marinated beans your "amuse bouche" at dinner? Yes. Side accompaniments of creamed spinach and stewed tomatoes are also available for those who remember these downtown staples.

"Some diners expect that this 140-seat location can do everything the 440-seat downtown restaurant did," Browning remarked. "That's impossible."

It's probably good that it is. It allowed reinvention and fueled a vision for the future. In the kitchen department, this is being done by 34-year-old executive chef Joe Shafer, a Schoolcraft College culinary grad.

Shafer trained under the best: Master Chef Milos Cihalka and Steve Allen at the Golden Mushroom. He worked with Allen to open Steve and Rocky's in Novi.

Now, as solo top toque, Shafer has added signature dishes to both the lunch and dinner menus, such as the House Salad, composed of toasted pecans, red onions, apples, spring mix, crumbled blue cheese with apple cider and balsamic vinaigrette. Rock Shrimp Risotto with asparagus, scallions, tomatoes, roasted red peppers, parmesan cheese and shrimp sauce is another Shafer signature and an example of the new-age seafood touch.

But in the "if it's not broken, don't fix it" category are Joe Muer classics such as Shrimp Ilene and Deviled Crab Balls as appetizers. Among fresh seafood items, Canadian Lake Perch is number one, followed by Atlantic

Halibut and Seared Atlantic Salmon with caramelized capers and fried parsley butter.

There aren't many fish houses serving Steamed Finnan Haddie or five soft-shelled crabs at dinner for \$22.75, or one-of-a-kind Whole Dover Sole.

No other restaurant has R.C. Potatoes either.

Here's their story. Joe Muer's downtown used to serve boiled potatoes as a side. There were daily leftovers. Not to be wasteful, they were cubed, deep-fried and served the next day as Re-Cooked. That's one version of R.C. The other is that a speech-challenged employee, fond of the potatoes yet unable to say he liked them really crispy, just called them R.C.

They are re-cooked and one of the best leftovers ever. They're also really crispy!

A well-constructed wine list includes such star newcomers as La Joya and Justin as well as top-ranked imports. A proprietor's fun Bordeaux select list is available on request. You can't buy a bottle of some of the listings at auction for the price on this list.

Whether or not you know the legend of Joe Muer's in Detroit, you'll enjoy what the "downtown refugee" owners are doing in Southfield. Joe Muer's Grill is about the freshest seafood, served in a comfortable atmosphere, wood-top tables at lunch and dressed up with white table cloth at dinner.

Read between the lines of the modest Joe Muer's Grill sign on Southfield, just south of 13 Mile Road. It says "Come on in and get to know us. We've reinvented ourselves."



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Thank to tradition: Geoffrey Browning is one of the owners of Joe Muer's Grill. A veteran former employee of Joe Muer's seafood house in Detroit, Browning, along with partner Chick Taylor, offer some of what people remember about Joe Muer's downtown with some pleasant surprises.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

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Big Rock Chop & Brew House, 245 S. Eton, (south of Maple) Birmingham (248) 647-7774; Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant, 4480 Orion Road, Rochester (248) 851-8361 and the three East Side Mario locations 2273 Crooks Road (north-east corner of M-59) Rochester Hills (248) 853-9622; 31630 Plymouth Road (west of Merriman)

Livonia (734) 513-8803 and 29267 Southfield Road (between 12 and 13 Mile Roads) in the Southfield Commons Shopping Center (248) 569-9454 have officially opened their patios.

TOO CHEZ

In honor of the National Hockey League and the Stanley Cup Champion Red Wings, Too Chez restaurant, 27155 Sheraton Dr. (northwest corner of Novi Road and I-96) will offer free hors d'oeuvres of "Red Hot Wings" and a Special Octopus Appetizer each time the Red Wings play in the NHL Playoffs. This special promotion will be offered from the start to the finish of each game every time the Red Wings

play, concluding with when the Wings again bring home the Stanley Cup. For more information and reservations, call (248) 348-5555.

PIKE STREET

Is celebrating its 15th anniversary. Local saxophonist/flutist/composer and producer Larry Nozoro performs with pianist Cliff Moner 7-11 p.m. Friday, May 14, 21 and 28. Pike Street is at 18 W. Pike St. in

Pontiac, call (248) 334-7878 for information.

PINOT NOIR EXTRAVAGANZA

All Pinot Feast, 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 14 at Morels, A Michigan Bistro, 30100 Telegraph, Bingham Farms. The cost is \$98 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Call (248) 642-1094 (Ext. 3) for reservations.

VI CHOPHOUSE & LOBSTER BAR

An evening with Ed Sbragia of

Beringer Vineyards, 7 p.m. Monday, May 17, 27790 Novi Road, (in the Hotel Baronette), Novi. The Cost is \$75 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Reception 6:30 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Call (248) 305-5210.

THE LARK

Italian dinner, 7 p.m. Monday or Tuesday, May 24 or 23, 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield. The cost is \$95 per person, not including beverages, tax and gratuity. Call (248) 661-4466.

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