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Roads closed for chamber flower sale

Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail will be closed Saturday while the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce hosts its first annual Flower Market Day. The streets in downtown Plymouth will be filled with nursery vendors selling flowers and hanging plants from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call the chamber at (734) 453-1540.



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Whooping it up



Don't try this at home: Joe Davis (above) shows fellow students how to whoop it up on the dance floor at the senior prom at Laurel Manor. At left, Plymouth Salem High School Principal Gerald Ostoin and his wife Jan also hammed it up for photographer Ted Holay prior to the prom festivities. For more photos of Friday's senior prom, visit www.oe.com.

Delayed fire bill adds up

The city of Plymouth owes Plymouth Township \$300,000 for fire services. However, it has yet to receive a bill since Jan. 1.

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According to government records, the City of Plymouth owes somewhere in the neighborhood of \$300,000 to Plymouth Township for its part of the joint fire services agreement ... but it's not that the city has missed payments.

According to Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, the township hasn't billed the city for its share since Jan. 1. She said the city pays approximately \$600,000 a year to the township for the joint services.

"We haven't sent the invoices because we're in the middle of a reorganization, and we're down a person in accounting," she said. "We discussed it sometime last week and, as we speak, the bill may have already gone out."

Rosemary Harvey, finance director for Plymouth Township, agreed saying, "They haven't been (sent) but they're being sent out now."

According to McCarthy, an employee in the accounting department who handled the invoices retired at the end of 1998 and the township is just now filling that position.

"We haven't completed the reorganization," she said. "Some parts of it have been completed but not all. We will have a reorganization starting on the seventh of June."

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Repairs uproot heart of village

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As you may have noticed, Starkweather Street in the City of Plymouth is a little congested these days ... not with cars but with construction equipment, machinery and dust.

The latest form of stress to hit the streets in the form of summer road con-

struction has blocked traffic on the main drive through Plymouth's Old Village.

"It's affected us, no question," said Jerry Costanza, owner of the Station 885 restaurant at 885 Starkweather. "But, for the most part, I think it's something that we need to appreciate what the city is doing in bringing the

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Detour: Starkweather is under construction for the next 45 days.

Authors of 'hit list' return to classroom

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Two of the three Central Middle School students who were suspended from classes last week for composing a "hit list" of students are back in school.

"A behavioral review board met individually with each student and guardian," said Judy Evola, director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "Appropriate disci-

plinary action was taken after all the information was gathered and discussed."

The review board consisted of the school's principal, assistant principal, the district's director of education, a social worker and psychologist.

Evola would neither confirm nor deny that two of the three students were back in class after Monday's hearings.

However, a parent whose son was on

the so-called "hit list," said his son told him that while the initiator of the document has not been back in class, the other two students returned to school after Monday's hearings.

"I find it totally unacceptable," said the concerned father. "All they did was slap them on the hand and let them back in class."

School officials and police say one boy began the list, and the two others joined in, compiling nearly 50 names.

The list was found on a hallway floor by a student, who turned the note over to assistant principal Marcia Porterfield. Porterfield eventually discovered the authors of the list and called Plymouth police.

Last week Central Principal Barbara Church said she believed the three students were not an organized gang, but instead students who didn't "think about the ramifications of such actions."

Incumbent's focus is on instruction, class size



Carrie Blamer

Name: Carrie Blamer
Age: 42
Residence: Plymouth Township
Occupation: Homemaker
Family: Blamer and husband, Robert, have two children, Kevin and Danielle. Both attend Salem High School.
Offices held: Treasurer and secretary, Plymouth-Canton Board of Education
Civic memberships: Leadership Plymouth, Plymouth Rotary Club

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Plymouth-Canton school board trustee Carrie Blamer says education is "the core of our community."

"I have a passion for education. I can't think of anything that's more important," said Blamer. "It gives every single student a chance to be successful in life, both emotionally and financially."

Blamer, 42, of Plymouth Township, is seeking re-election to the Board of Education in the June 14 election. She has served four years on the board, but feels it takes an eight-year commitment to get fully involved.

"After four years you get to the point where you can understand the issues

more clearly, read a board packet more quickly, and understand it," said Blamer, the mother of two Plymouth Salem High School students. "The second four years are the most valuable for a board member."

If re-elected, one of Blamer's top priorities during the next four years would be to address the competition that comes with charter schools.

"I think we have to get on the ball and be more responsive to parents and the community," she said. "We have to learn to be more competitive."

"I think there are so many things we do for kids in kindergarten through eighth grades, there's no comparison," added Blamer. "However, there is a perception out there. Parents are con-

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Girl, 4, nearly abducted at K-Mart store

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Plymouth Township Police are looking for help in tracking down a suspected child abductor in connection with an incident at the K-Mart store at Ann Arbor Road and Hagerty in Plymouth Township.

The man is described as white, 5-foot 6-inches tall, approximately 65 to 70 years old with gray hair, brown eyes and weighing approximately 140 pounds. He was also possibly wearing a beard, tan suit jacket and glasses.

Barb Tallman, the K-Mart store manager who was on duty that afternoon, helped the mother of a 4-year-old girl chase the man through the store but could not catch up to him.

"I did pursue but our (K-Mart's) policy is that we are not to apprehend anybody," said Barb Tallman, the store manager. "But, in this incident, I had the mother with me and you can believe I would have stopped him."

Police say the man approached a woman, who was working at the store handing out vendor coupons, and her 4-year-old daughter at approximately 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.

The victim's mother told police

that the man approached the child, complimented her and asked her if she wanted to see Santa. After reaching his hand out to the girl, he turned away and "hid around the corner while inside K-Mart."

According to Tallman, the suspect talked with the mother and daughter upon entering the store and then returned a few minutes later.

Tallman said the man approached the girl, who had strolled away from her mother, and offered her a "pre-recorded video tape" offering to show her Santa.

The girl's mother then called for her daughter and that is when the man fled the scene, quickly exiting through the store's Garden Shop exit.

"Nobody got a really good look at him other than the mother and the little girl," said Tallman. "I caught a glimpse of him from behind as he left and he appeared to be an older guy."

Tallman said she did not know of any other incidents of this kind occurring at the store.

"This is the first time, as far as I know, that this has ever happened at this store," she said.

Anyone with any knowledge of the incident is asked to contact Officer John Drake of the Plymouth Township Police Department at (734) 453-3869.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

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The Plymouth Canton Educational Park Percussion Ensemble will perform 8 p.m. Saturday at the Salem Auditorium. Tickets are \$5.

HALL OF FAME
Raymond K. Hoedel was among the five outstanding peo-

ple who were inducted into the Michigan Education Hall of Fame at a dinner that was held on May 3 in the Spherator Hotel, Lansing. He was nominated by the Michigan School Business Officials. Hoedel was the assistant superintendent for business and operations.

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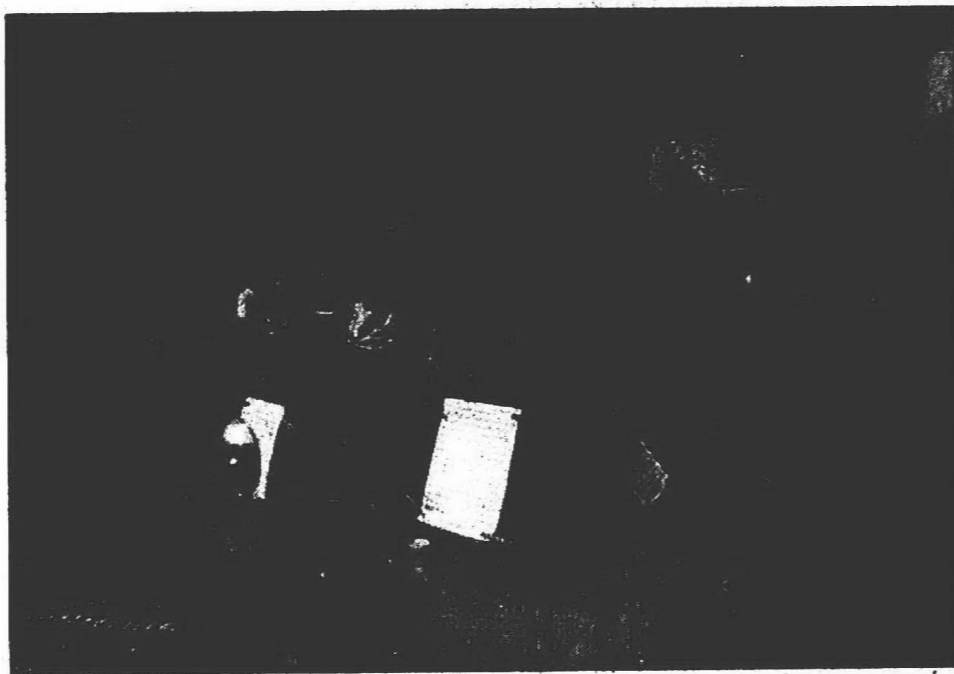


Hands on art: Zachary Eisen, 2, from left, Thomas Vaughan, 2, and Daniel Vaughan, 4, play with a "kinetic sculpture" as demonstrated by Sue Eidson of the Plymouth Community Arts Center on the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Forrest.



Spring Jam: Don Watson, left, on guitar, Ethel Watson of Lincoln Park on acoustic bass, and Louis Vick of Ann Arbor on banjo, a.k.a. Cainebreak Express, perform for passersby on Forrest during the weekend event, Plymouth is ARTrageous. In its fifth year, this is the first time it was held in the spring event. Typically the arts walk is held during the fall.

Brass act: The Liberty Brass Quintet of the Plymouth Symphony performs for passersby and diners at the Penniman Deli on Penniman on Saturday during the fifth Plymouth is ARTrageous.



Spring fling

Plymouth was ARTrageous

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Plymouth was ARTrageous last weekend with featured artists providing demonstrations of their work and street musicians performing along Main, Ann Arbor Trail, Forest and Penniman.

Organizers expect to meet next week to compare notes on the event's success and consider whether to have the event next spring or fall.

Typically held in the fall, Plymouth is ARTrageous returned as a spring event this year after a one-year hiatus. It had been competing with other popular

fall events, including Fall Festival and the Chili Cook Off. Too much going on at the same time hindered sales for ARTrageous, many business owners said.

"We had good foot traffic, but sales were a little off (this weekend)," said Annette Horn of Native West, co-chair of the fifth art walk event.

"It typically takes about three years before an event takes off, but I'd be happy to try it again next spring," she added.

Scott Smith of Penniman Gallery called it "a great success." "It was well attended and of course the weather was on our side."

His business, as well as Horn's Native West, was busy until well after 10 p.m. Friday night. However, Horn said Saturday and Sunday crowds weren't as large as expected.

"I don't know - maybe too much is going on in May. It was the weekend after Mother's Day, people are gardening," she said.

In any case both Horn and Smith said they'd like to see the event become the premiere arts event of the year.

"I'd like to see it continue (in May)," said Smith. "I like it because it's one of the first arts events in the Detroit area."

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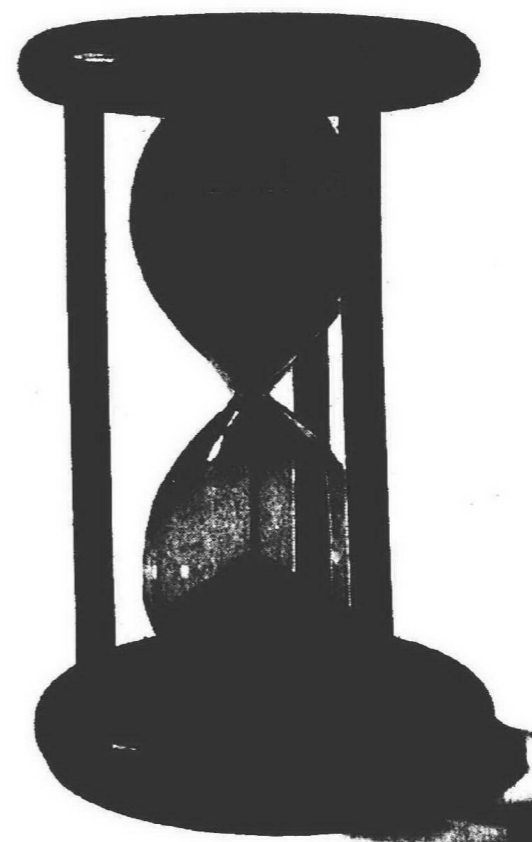
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cerned about their kids. They're looking for something, and we have to work at what that something is."

Blamer wants to see more help for elementary teachers.

"We have to focus big time on instruction, focus on the class-

room with the teacher-student relationship," she said. "It starts with lower class size, materials for the classroom and teacher training."

Blamer said she would like to see the district work more with pre-school children.

"There are a lot of families out there that don't know how to value education," said Blamer. "Through the Headstart program we can give parents tips on how to discipline and encourage children in a different way."

One of the challenges for the

next board will be finances, trying to keep the budget balanced while operating three new schools.

"We're fortunate we have growth in our district," said Blamer. "Once we no longer have that growth, the money will start shrinking."

"Our fund balance in the five-year projection goes down, and our goal is to make it up," she said. "There's alternative revenue seeking that needs to be done. We have to think outside the box. We just can't rely on the state anymore."

Despite the search for a new school superintendent to replace Chuck Little, Blamer feels the district is in good hands until someone can be found to take over.

"I think we have the leadership that will pull us through," she said. "The real problem is coming to a consensus on someone new."

Before being elected to the school board, Blamer was a member of the criteria committee that helped select Little five years ago.

"It's our second time around for a new superintendent, and we'll become more specific and go for certain personality traits," she said. "Dr. (Mike) Hoben was an introvert, and Dr. Little is an extrovert and did wonders with community relationships. We would like to find someone in the middle who has vision and interpersonal skills."


With the school massacre in Littleton, Colo., a gun found at

Lowell Middle School, a "hit list" discovered at Central Middle School, and bathroom fires at the high schools, safety has become a big issue with parents.

"It's always a concern. We have a new generation that's experiencing the same things we did as kids, but they're handling them differently," said Blamer. "We need to adapt. Unfortunately, education doesn't adapt quickly enough."

"We need to impress upon parents, students and the community that if they see anything to call the anonymous tip line," added Blamer. "All we can do is guarantee we will investigate it. "Schools are the safest place to be. We have people who are trained to look out for kids."

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quality up to where it should be.

"It's affecting us now but, down the road, I think it's going to be beneficial. It's something that needs to be done."

Phyllis Tillapaugh, office manager at The Giving Spirit, 748 Starkweather, knows the construction work is a disruption but hasn't felt as much of an effect.

"Actually, we haven't," she said. "We get a lot of calls saying 'It's tough to find you' or can you give me directions?' but it really hasn't affected business much. We have some very determined customers and they'll find us."

Like Costanza, she agreed that the road work needed to be done.

"I think everybody in this area will agree with that," she said. "The downtown is real nice and

others have been done. Now it's our turn."

The road construction is part of the city's 1999 street paving program.

"The contractor has assessed it to last about four to six weeks and, so far, we're on schedule," said Assistant City Manager Paul Sincoc.

"Starkweather is the major street," he said. "Liberty is also being done as well as Spring Street. We'll be moving a little bit later here in the spring to Harvey Street which, obviously, will affect downtown traffic."

Harvey (between Penniman and Wing), Church (between Harvey and Penniman) and William (between Harvey and Arthur) will all be resurfaced during the early summer.

"It's a rehabilitation, whereas, the base material is deemed acceptable," said Sincoc. "They are removing a majority of the curb and gutter and working on some of the base material."

Heavier work is planned for the entire length of Junction Street, just west of Old Village.

"On Junction, it's been determined that the base material is not adequate so that it has to be totally rebuilt," said Sincoc. "We'll be replacing a water main as well as rebuilding the street."

He said that the current list of construction involves the bulk of work to be done in the early part of the summer. A new list of streets and construction zones has yet to be formulated for the second phase of construction, set for later this summer.

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would anticipate that the rest of it (the reorganization) would take place by then."

Mark Christiansen, finance director for the City of Plymouth, said that not receiving the last several bills from the township isn't really a big issue and that the city has actually benefited from not having to pay. He said that the city last received a bill from the township in January for service in December.

"Well it would distort our monthly reports by not having that (paid each month)," he said. "I guess you're able to make the interest on the rate applied to the account but I guess that's the township's problem."

"Our cash flow is not the best right now but we've got that amount available in our budget for when we do get the bill."

"It shouldn't cause any problem," Harvey agreed.

Christiansen said the city has simply paid the bills as they come in since the merger began. He could not give an explanation why the city has not been billed in the last four months.

"When the contract was agreed upon, we were originally getting billed quarterly," he said. "Then it was monthly and it has been like that for the last year-and-a-half. Frankly, it's news to me."

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Health exploration station is ready to blast off in fall

BY RENEE SNOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

While the girls waited patiently in line to check out their blood pressure, the boys huddled in front of the body noises exhibit, repeatedly punching the burp button.

These were the only gender preferences displayed during the East Middle School seventh-graders' pilot tour of the Interactive Health Education Center at Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Center Health Building.

The center, officially named the "Health Exploration Station," will open this fall. One of the few in the country, the center is a giant walk-through of the human body with several interactive displays measuring heart-beat, muscle strength and flexibility.

Pilot groups like the East Mid-

dle School students will help administrators fine-tune classroom presentations and tour programs. The students and teachers filled out evaluation forms after the tour.

"The high school students tend to stop and read and ask questions. The younger ones just want to play," said Sally Bailey, site administrator.

Adventure

The seventh-graders' adventure began when they were handed "voting buttons" as they filed into one of the center's two classrooms for a one-hour class on making wise health choices.

(The buttons would be used later in the class to display in graph form on a video monitor results of the students' answers to a series of questions of drug and alcohol use.)

Cheryl McInerney, the center's health education coordinator, told the class of approximately

60 students that they would be playing "Drug and Alcohol Jeopardy."

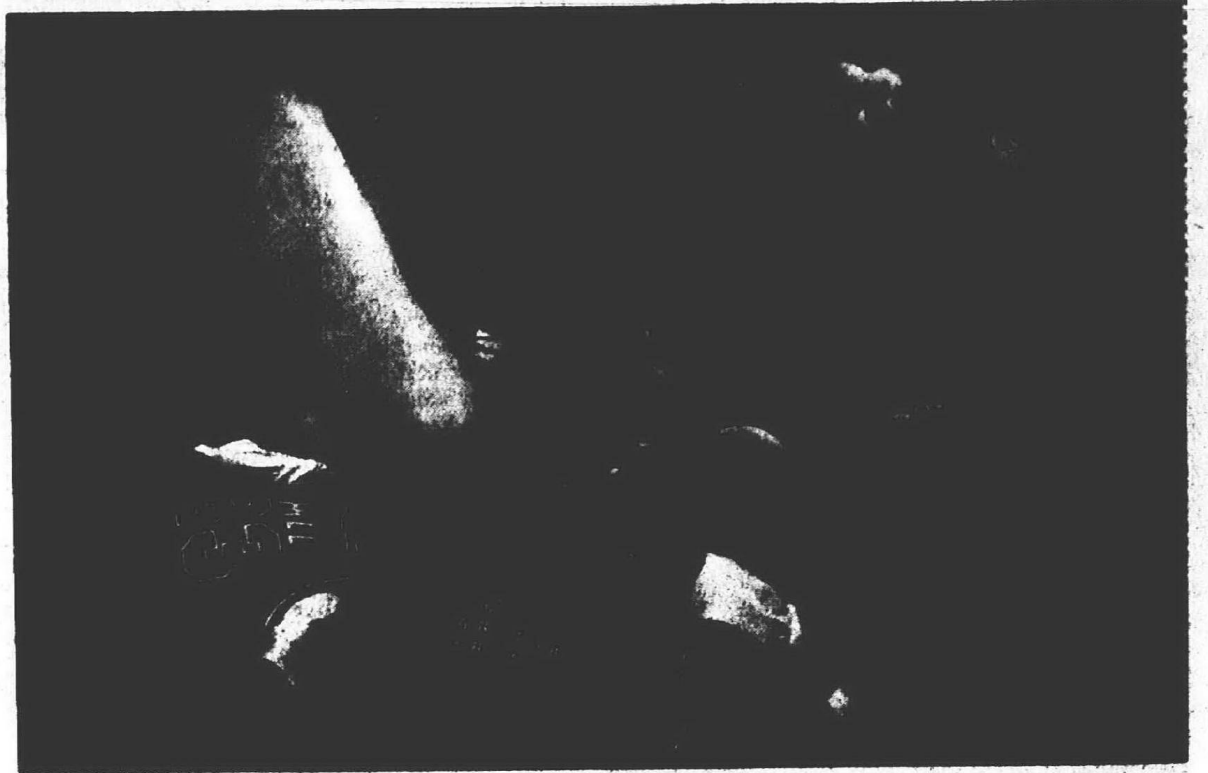
"Drugs and alcohol use is not a funny subject, but we will do it in game form to make learning more fun," she said.

The students were divided into two teams, red and green, with representatives of each team poised to ring their buzzer first. The red team soon pulled ahead, but the green team won with a go-for-broke bet on the final question.

McInerney next put on a pair of rubber gloves and pulled a real pig's lung out of a drawer. She attached the lung to a bellow and asked a volunteer to inflate the lung. The class watched silently as the lung inflated and deflated.

McInerney followed with a lung infused with tar and nicotine. "Ugh," groaned the class as

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL BRONKHORST

A big sneeze: East Middle School students check out the giant replica of a nose at the Interactive Health Education Center in Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Center Health Building. The East class is one of several pilot groups helping center administrators fine-tune programs for fall.

Residents can seek relief for defective tube in water heater

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Residents who have clogged water pipes due to a defective part inside water heaters should get reimbursement for plumbing repairs if that defect causes water supply problems with dishwashers, washing machines or faucets.

That's what Attorney General Jennifer Granholm and Observer & Eccentric columnist and "Appliance Doctor" Joe Gagnon believe.

Granholm wants manufacturers to stop the sale of water heaters containing a defective dip tube and develop a plan for repaying the consumers the cost of necessary repairs. Attorneys from Granholm's office continue to talk with representatives of four water heater manufacturers and a manufacturer of a "dip tube" in water heaters, where "progress is being made," according to a spokesman from Granholm's office.

"No agreement has been reached as of yet," said Chris DeWitt, director of communications for the attorney general's office.

The dip tube supplies cold water to the bottom of a hot water tank. The dip tubes in question were manufactured between 1993 and 1996 and lack a specific chemical compound to stabilize the tube to deteriorate. Pieces of that plastic can clog faucet aerators, showerheads and pipes supplying water to

dishwashers and washing machines.

Homeowners who have this problem may notice a slow water flow out of faucets or discover plastic pieces floating in their water supply. The plastic is not toxic and does not pose a health threat.

In April, Granholm issued a notice of intended action and opportunity to cease and desist to the five manufacturers. The notice alleges the companies violated the Michigan Consumer Protection Act for failing to inform consumers of a potential defect in dip tubes in water heaters. It also alleged that the manufacturers have not fully disclosed the nature and extent of the problems to consumers, despite having knowledge of the deterioration and resulting complications.

At least three or four states have filed lawsuits seeking reimbursements for consumers.

Officials at Perfection Corp. of Madison, Ohio, the manufacturer of the dip tube, could not be reached for comment Monday.

Gagnon found when he used his bathroom sink that water was flowing with little force. He removed the aerator and found it was filled with white chips.

He cleaned it out, but soon discovered it was filled again with white chips, as was a shower head. Gagnon took apart his water heater and discovered the dip tube had deteriorated.

Gagnon informed the public about his problem and has since

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19 students reach first benchmark in innovative college online program

Chris Sprague of Canton is among a handful of graduates from Michigan colleges and universities this month who could be considered pioneers.

Sprague earned an associate of arts degree in the Online Multi-degrees in National and International Business program, the first academic offering of its kind in Michigan.

The technology-driven degree program, initiated by Schoolcraft College and Madonna University in September 1997, allows students to earn an associate's, bachelor's and master's degree in business in just four years.

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"The program allows me to learn at the pace I want to learn. It is different from the regular classroom structure where I would have to go to class and possibly interfere with my job a great deal," said Sprague. Having earned their associ-

ate's degree from Schoolcraft College, these students will continue their course work at Madonna University. They will be awarded a bachelor of science degree in business administration in December 2000, followed by a master of science in business administration in July 2001.

Graduating from OMNIBUS with Sprague are: Canton residents Barbara Buchanan, Susan Hager, and Theresa Sedlar; Garden City residents Dawn Rodgers and Andrew Savage; Livonia residents Oliver Bosnjakovski, William Lehman and Renee Schultz; Plymouth residents Dawn Speckman and Tracey Yurko; Michael Briscoe of Westland; and Kathleen Goncalves of Farmington Hills.

"We are very proud of our OMNIBUS students for having achieved this first milestone. They took the initiative and are now on their way to earning the credentials that are desired by the business community," said Jeanne Bonner, associate dean of liberal arts at Schoolcraft College.

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Space campers

Students send greetings from sunny California

We're eating, sleeping and doing things

BY MATT CARL
STUDENT CORRESPONDENT
SOUTH ELEMENTARY

Since getting to California, Mr. Water's class has done three things: eat, sleep and do things. Eating and sleeping I'm sure you know about. As for doing things, well that needs explaining. We've gone on simulators, built rockets, discussed our mission, practiced our mission, and learned of course many things about space. We've had fun and we can only have more fun.

Editor's Note: Students from Smith, Allen and Gallimore elementary schools reported to the Plymouth Observer this week about their experiences at U.S. Space Camp in Mountain View, Calif. All fifth-graders attending Plymouth-Canton's 13 elementary schools are recipients of a \$2.5 million grant from unknown benefactors.

BY STEVEN VANDUIN
AND BLAKE FOSTER
STUDENT CORRESPONDENTS
SOUTH ELEMENTARY

On Sunday we all woke up very early. We all got ready for Space Camp and our parents drove us all to Salem High School around 4:45 a.m. The buses came at 5:15 and we loaded all our luggage into the last bus, waved goodbye to our families and got into our bus.

The bus ride was about an hour long. Then we drove up to the runway and boarded the plane. On the plane the girls were in the front and the boys were in the back. Every kid had something to do on the plane. Some played cards, some read books, some slept and some kids just talked to their friends.

We also got served breakfast on the plane. It took about five hours to get to the airport in Oakland, Calif. Then we got on a charter bus and drove to Space Camp in Mountain View, Calif.

When we got there we were all very excited. Kevin, the Wing Commander, greeted us and brought us into the cafeteria and told us the rules and everything we needed to know about Space Camp.

Next he introduced almost all of the counselors. Then our team counselors helped us with the registration procedures.

Then we came inside and ate lunch. That night around 5 p.m. we watched part of "Star Wars Return of the Jedi." Then Kevin told us all about parts of a Space Shuttle.

After we left the Eagle room, we went with our team and ate dinner. Then we went back to our habitats (our bunks) and got ready for bed. When we were done getting ready for bed, most of us called our parents. Then the three schools, Allen, Smith, and Gallimore went to their beds to sleep around 8 p.m.

Next morning we woke up at 7 a.m. to get adjusted to the time difference between Michigan and California. Then the people who slept in the bottom bunk got up and took showers. When we were all done and got dressed we went with our teams to breakfast.

After breakfast, some people went to the training center and some people stayed back and

had free time outside. Then we all met up back at the Eagle Room and talked about the activities we would be doing throughout the week.

Then we ate lunch around noon. Then the groups went back to the training center and discussed their missions. Then some people were told their positions for the Mission Endeavour or Mission Atlantis.

Then we ate dinner.

Next we walked from space camp to the pool. In the pool we swam and played basketball. The kids that didn't go in the pool, either watched, or played tether ball. Then we went back to the training center. When we were all done with that, we went to our "habs" and went to sleep.

That's all that we've done in Space Camp at sunny Mountain View, Calif.

An angel made this trip possible

BY SARAH BROWN
STUDENT CORRESPONDENT
ALLEN ELEMENTARY



Sarah Brown

Getting up and going to school is unusual for me, especially on Sunday morning!

Gail M...

ony's fifth-grade class from Allen Elementary School left Salem High School for Space Camp in Mountain View, Calif., on Sunday, May 16. All of the fifth-graders were very excited and wound up about the most colossal field trip of all time. We all agree that a very special angel made this trip possible!

The plane ride was long but the stewardesses sang and we kept them busy. Many children used up half of their film taking flash shots of the Rocky Mountains from the windows, but not me because I am afraid of heights.


Our most exciting adventure so far has been to work on an actual space orbiter mission. We are learning about teamwork. It's very important that we be patient and listen to each other. We have been arguing less and less. It's really fun to speak into the headphones and follow the script like a play. Also we can see the Orbiter on a monitor as it goes through space. There's so many buttons to push! It's really nerve wracking.

Living in a habitat with 30 other girls or boys gives us an opportunity to learn to be organized. No one is around to pick up our clothes to keep track of our stuff. That's been a big challenge for us all.

Being at Space Camp has been a wonderful opportunity to learn and grow up. We will remember this trip forever.

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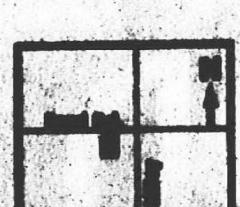
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How high? Matt Deane, 13, of Canton Township, checks the height of his vertical leap on the giant ruler.

the lung unevenly expanded. To demonstrate the effects of alcohol, McInerney had volunteers wear "fatal vision" glasses while attempting to land a ball through a basketball hoop and walk a straight line. "It's like weird. The hoop seemed to be at the ceiling," said student Jimmie Walker. Did he learn something? "Never to get drunk."

Action
"That's my heartbeat? Are you sure?" asked student Steve McGuigan, as he grasped the handles of the heart display, which loudly thumped his heartbeat throughout the center.

"I'm stronger than I thought," said Christine Denstedt, as she tested her arm and shoulder power at one of the muscle strength displays. The machine registered a 160 for her left arm.

Brandon Myers registered a 250 at the same machine, and Bobby Siddique hit a 240. "I do push ups and chin-up," he said.

The entire center is in interactive, visual, audible learning experience, with a giant rib-cage tunnel and a network of blinking red and blue lights emanating across the ceiling from the giant heart. The lights represent the heart's circulatory system.

Students crawl through the small intestine and exit as "energy" or continue through the large intestine and exit, not literally, into a (non-working) toilet.

They learn about the sphincter of oddi, which regulates the flow of digestive juices, and press a number of body noise buttons, from burps and stomach grumbles to intestinal gurgles and - of course - passing gas.

"What a fun way to learn about health prevention and nutrition," said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, who has visited the center a few times. "You can see how you can spend two or three hours there."

Yack said he tried out several of the displays, including the vertical jump. "I did real well. I got up near the top. Just to get this body off the ground..."

Unique concept

Bailey said there are just less than 30 health education centers in the country, with very few attached to health-care systems.

The idea for the Health Exploration Station began four years ago when St. Joseph Mercy Health System and community leaders formed some focus groups on community health prevention, said Bailey.

"We got a kid asking why does milk come out my nose when I drink. That one child's comment was an impetus for ear display."

The climb-through ear display is in the lobby of the Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Center Health Building.

The center was designed by John Kennedy Associates in Boston, and the fabrication was done by David Michaud of Mystic Scenic Studios in Boston.

With the exception of the smoker's head, most props are completed.

Classroom presentations, geared to specific age groups, continue to be enhanced with pilot tour groups' input. Bailey said the game show motif

designed by McInerney - based on Jeopardy, Family Feud, and Wheel of Fortune - appears to be a winner.

"This is really a dream come true. It's what these of us in health-care work for every day," she said.

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Lawmakers OK tougher seat belt enforcement

BY MIKE MALOTT
STAFF WRITER

You'll have to buckle up when you drive. Legislation to make enforcement of Michigan's mandatory seatbelt law subject to "primary enforcement" by police was approved last week by the state House of Representatives.

Since seatbelt use was first mandated in the 1980s, violations have been considered a "secondary offense," meaning police could not stop drivers for

that reason. Tickets could only be written if police pulled a driver over for another reason.

Passage of Senate Bill 335, sponsored by Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland, means officers will be able to pull drivers over if they see the shoulder harness hanging unused inside the car.

The bill was approved Tuesday by the House in a 68-43 vote. The Senate concurred later in the week to amendments added on the House floor. The bill is now headed to the governor for signature.

One amendment tacked on to the bill called for passing the cost savings, realized by insurance companies as a result of the legislation, on to the policy holders. According to the estimates offered by Bullard, primary enforcement of the seatbelt law will save a total of \$170 million statewide annually, much of it as a result of lowered payouts from insurance companies to injured drivers and passengers.

Rep. Lingg Brewer, D-Holt, wanted the savings given back to policy holders. His amendment

was approved by a 100-8 vote.

Rep. Ruth Johnson, R-Holly, offered an amendment which would have altered the bill significantly, applying primary enforcement only if minors are unbuckled. Unbuckled adults would not have been subject to the primary enforcement. She explained that for adults, she believed seatbelt use should be a matter of personal choice. Nonetheless, the House rejected her proposal.

According to Bullard, manda-

tory seatbelt use is the only traffic law considered to be subject to "secondary enforcement." For all other violations, police already use primary enforcement, he said, pulling vehicles over when the violation is spotted.

Bullard estimates the change will save 100 lives per year and eliminate 3,000 injuries received in traffic accidents.

Bullard said he expects the change will raise compliance with Michigan's mandatory seat-

belt law by 10 to 15 percent. At present, about 71 percent of Michigan actually wear their belts.

Here's how area representatives voted:

Voting yes were Reps. Bob Brown, D-Deerborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Bruce Patillo, son, R-Canton, Andrew Raskowski, R-Farmington Hills, and Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

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Ameritech helps parents 'get a grip' on new technology

Ameritech, in partnership with the North Central Regional Educational Laboratory (NCREL), is offering a technology information kit designed to help families and educators understand how technology makes a difference in young people's lives.

The information kit - ParentTech - was developed with a \$2.2 million grant awarded by Ameritech to the North Central Regional Educational Laboratory (NCREL).

ParentTech is designed to help parents of sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders "get a grip" on the rapidly changing technologies that affect the ways we learn, work and live.

The free kit includes three 16-page parent guides, an interactive CD-ROM and a Web site, available at www.parentech.org. In addition, parents should look for a fun page of technology facts and activities to arrive in their mailboxes in May, June and July.

U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley lent his support to ParentTech and the benefits it offers.

"It is critical that we work together to provide adults information about effective uses of technology in a timely and understandable way," said Riley. "This project is one effort to help give parents the tools they need to responsibly guide their children's use of technology and the Internet."

Richard C. Notebaert, Ameritech chairman and chief executive officer, described ParentTech's value. "Parents who have difficulty setting the clocks on their VCRs, while their children talk nonstop about surfing the Net, will love this kit. It takes the mystery out of technology and gives parents the information they need to learn with their kids."

ParentTech kits are available, free of charge, to families in Michigan via a telephone (1-877-298-7273 or 1-877-298-ParentTech), mail (ParentTech, P.O. Box 263, Franklin Park, IL 60131) fax (847) 678-7054 or Internet order

ParentTech is a free technology kit designed to help families and educators understand how technology makes a difference in young people's lives.

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ParentTech resources will also be in middle schools and public libraries in Michigan beginning in summer/fall 1999.

Ameritech Michigan President Bob Cooper hosted the Michigan portion of the videoconference from the Wayne Regional Educational Services Agency. Those in attendance received the free ParentTech kit.

This fall, schools with sixth, seventh and eighth grades in the ParentTech region will receive one of the kits with additional resources including teacher guides, a principal's tip sheet and a colorful poster.

In conjunction with the ParentTech project, Ameritech awarded the American Library Association a \$200,000 grant to create ParentTech learning stations in public libraries across the five-state region. ParentTech also will connect with communities through a "mini-exhibit" this summer and fall.

"What does it mean to parent in a technology-driven world?" said Jeri Nowakowski, NCREL executive director. "NCREL has answered this question by pulling together research-based information and creating common sense guidelines that are incredibly accessible, readable and useful."

ParentTech gives families easy access to an organized set of resources that focus on the impact that technology has on education, careers and society. NCREL is one of 10 research and development laboratories supported in part by the U.S. Department of Education. Its mission is to strengthen and support schools and communities so that all students achieve.

Senate package seeks to strengthen penalties for Internet crimes

BY MIKE MALOTT
STAFF WRITER

Criminals who use the Internet - to solicit a minor, build a bomb or perpetrate other crimes - will be subject to increased penalties under a package of bills finalized by the state Senate last week.

The five bills received strong support from senators last week and are on their way to the governor for a final signature. Among them were:

Senate Bill 7, sponsored by Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Howell, which makes it a felony to use the Internet to solicit, abduct or assault a minor child. A first offense would get a criminal an additional two years in jail. Later offenses would bring an additional five years.

Senate Bill 562, also by Rogers, adds a two-year penalty for a person who uses the Internet to build a bomb.

Senate Bill 117, by Sen. Bev Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, prohibits the distribution of pornography to minors over the Internet.

House Bill 4197, by Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, allows libraries to offer restricted access Internet services to minors. Adults would still be given unrestricted access.

House Bill 4345, by Rep. Jim Howell, R-St. Charles, sets sentencing guidelines for crimes over the Internet involving minors.

Rogers explained that use of the Internet is being targeted because of the access it provides to criminals who want to target children.

"The Internet gives them access to our living rooms. We invite them into our homes. Many are using the Internet to increase their access to kids," he said.

The main bill in the package, Senate Bill 7, was approved in a 32-0 vote Wednesday, May 12.

Here's how area representatives voted:

Voting yes were: Sens. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and George Z. Hart, D-Deerborn.

Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, was absent.

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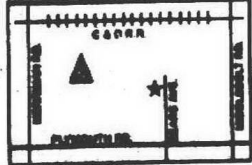
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Lawmakers ready to tackle road funding formulas

BY KEN ABRAMCHYK
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In 1951, "I Love Lucy" premiered on television, "On Top of Old Smokey" topped the music charts and interstate highways had not been built yet in Michigan.

That's the year Public Act 51, Michigan's Transportation Fund, was enacted to distribute 30 percent to the Michigan Department of Transportation for state highways, and 61 percent to counties, cities and villages for local roads.

That year 2.7 million vehicles were registered in the state. Today that number is about 8.3 million.

Funding formulas in Act 51 will expire on Sept. 30, 2000, so Gov. John Engler and state lawmakers are preparing to discuss the law.

Engler has created and appointed members to the Transportation Funding Study committee which will recommend updated funding distribu-

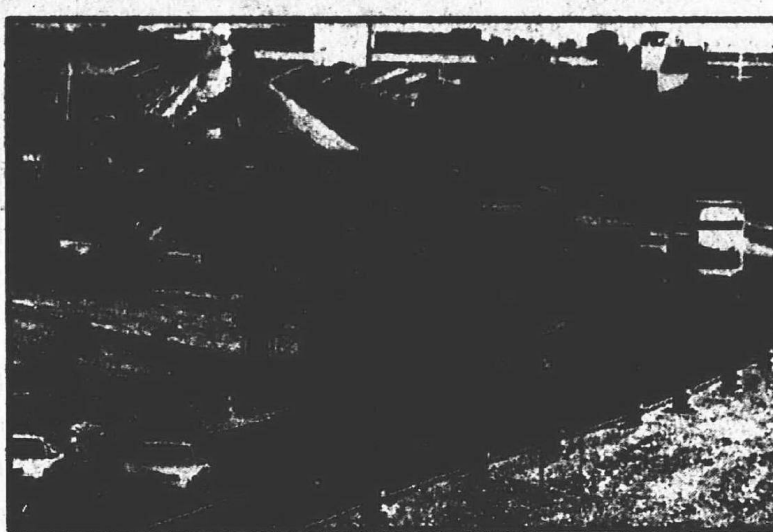
tion formulas for both state and local road agencies in Michigan.

The committee is expected to revise the transportation formula to reflect the state's current transportation network. It includes four representatives from the Legislature, including State Rep. Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne, who represents the House Democratic Caucus, along with representatives from agriculture, commerce, labor, manufacturing and tourism. The labor representative is Sam Hart, business manager for the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 324 in Livonia.

The committee will examine the role of local government, including counties, cities, villages and townships. It also will examine simplifying road jurisdiction, funding sources and competitive bidding and distribution formula.

The committee met for the first time in April. A report is expected this fall.

In a related matter, western Wayne County communities



Staff Photo by Susan Mitchell
Funding: In 1951, the year Public Act 51, Michigan's Transportation Fund, was enacted, 2.7 million vehicles were registered in the state. Today that number is about 8.3 million. Funding formulas in Act 51 will expire on Sept. 30, 2000, so Gov. John Engler and state lawmakers are preparing to discuss the law.

have requested in a resolution that County Executive Edward McNamara and county commissioners budget funds from the county's general fund to supplement Act 51 funds.

"Act 51, the Michigan Transportation Fund, created a formula to distribute transportation funds for road creation, repair and improvements among those with jurisdictions over roads."

the resolution states.

"Townships do not have jurisdictions over roads, they receive no direct funding from Act 51. Cities spend millions from general and special funds, and special assessments, road millages and bond issues to assist in road construction, repair and maintenance."

The Conference of Western Wayne passed the resolution May 7 calling on county officials to supplement transportation money. 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.

Copies of the resolution were sent to state representatives and senators representing CWW communities.

'Home rule' challenged?

State Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, has introduced legislation, Senate Bill 235, that prohibits government imposition of a substantial burden on the exercise of religion.

exercise of religion.

The CWW passed a resolution opposing the bill.

"This could result in religious buildings being exempt from local planning and zoning regulations," said Marsha Blomquist, CWW executive director.

Blomquist also raised issues in health and safety for residents, where religious buildings are being used for child care, schools and other activities that are regulated differently. It would also increase legal costs as government units have to justify their regulations and "home rule" jurisdiction, Blomquist said.

"Passage of SB 235 as written could undermine local government jurisdiction over religious buildings, unless the municipality is able to demonstrate a compelling government interest in imposing that burden." The vagueness of the legislation makes it open to litigation by religious groups claiming that they are being substantially burdened by local regulations, so local governments will have to be able to justify their decisions in court.

The bill is currently in the Senate Committee on Government Operations.

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Internet safety

By SAUNDRA K. BRADY, STAFF WRITER

Ask your children to start a chat room. What do you think?

It's a question that parents and educators are asking more and more often. Do you think it's safe for your child to chat with strangers on the Internet?

These questions are being asked because of the growing number of reports of children being lured into chat rooms and then exploited in a sexual manner. What a teenager believes in that a "stranger" could be a predator of children on the Internet looking for another teenage victim, a crime that certainly has the attention of Wayne County educators looking to protect students.

"Teenagers really think they are in love with a 14-year-old in another state," said Mike Flanagan, superintendent of the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency. "They don't know it's a 45-year-old guy."

RESA and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department gathered educational leaders on April 26 for a summit on teaching parents how to keep children safe from Internet predators and crime. Representatives from most of Wayne County's 34 school districts attended.

A chilling reminder

Sgt. Robert Johnson of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department's Internet Crime Bureau showed the audience just how easy it was to converse on the Web with a predator. Johnson gave simple responses to questions like a child would and soon is conversing in a chat room with a man from Australia, who asked Johnson if he wanted to talk with a "hotty Aussie."

Just moments later, Sgt. Johnson shows the audience what a cyber-predator has e-mailed him: a photo of a nude teenager.

It was a chilling reminder for parents and teachers about the dangers on the Internet.

Flanagan advised the audience to tell parents to watch for children who spend a lot of time in their

Parents who want to protect their children from Internet predators can follow the advice from Sheriff Johnson, deputy chief of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

"Monitor your child's activities," Henry said.

That includes how much time children spend on the Internet, ensuring monitors they use are that group where they converse.

Henry suggests that parents may wish to route all incoming e-mails to their accounts, so that they can see what is coming into their homes, instead of those communications traveling directly to their children.

Of course, parents should block all inappropriate materials.

Here is a list of tips for parents from the Wayne County Sheriff Department and Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency:

- Provide your child with clear, simple instructions about how to avoid danger and what to do if something happens. Set limits appropriate for their age.
- Talk to them frequently about their computer activity. Spend time online with them to learn about their interests and activities.
- Accompany your child into chat rooms until they learn your safety rules. Teach your child to never give out personal information such as his or her name or address, school name or address or anything else that is personally identifying.
- Explain to them that people are not always who, or the age, they say they are.
- Set a rule that your child never arranges an in-person meeting.
- Limit your child to specific chat rooms or consider blocking out chat rooms entirely.
- Teach your child to log off if they are uncomfortable in a chat room.

rooms alone, and how easy it is for children to send a photo of themselves if they have a scanner and the proper equipment.

Ralph Kinney, deputy chief of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, said children should be taught to be careful. "People may

set up Web sites, where they can see who they are, and they can give us all your personal information and we'll send you a CD or other devices on clothing."

Other panelists offered their own personal advice to parents.

"We have computers in a public area, so we have a chance to see what (the children) are doing," said David Frankel, RESA technology specialist.

Matthew Rosenberg, a sex offender specialist, said: "The educational benefits are great, but we should have supervision over kids on the Internet." Rosenberg said many pedophiles "validate" their feelings through the anonymity of the Internet in discussions with innocent children.

Paul Kelly, a U.S. Customs special agent, said the area of danger is communications, such as e-mail and chat rooms. "Beyond that, it is a tremendous tool for all of us, but we have to be cognizant and more aware of what children are involved with in e-mail."

Frankel told the educators parents should be invited to visit the schools to talk about the Internet. "Students need to be aware that things aren't what they are on the Internet."

Sheriff Robert Ficano believes that parents should not panic but be cautious. "It comes down to prevention and education. Kids are naturally trusting. They are naturally curious."

Information available

RESA also distributed booklets that contain a contract for students to sign. Rules for using the computer need to be explained up front, Frankel said.

"The issue is what children are trying to do on the Internet. If a project is to be completed on the Internet, a note should go home so parents know what is going on and the scope of the project."

Kelly suggested parents sit next to the computer while a child is working on it. The parent-child relationship is crucial, he said.

"The isolation that computers

allow can be very, very dangerous. It's a very vulnerable situation. There's nothing wrong with a parent setting limits."

Virginia Rosenthal, director of the office of public information and education at the University of Michigan, said the Internet is a double-edged sword. It can be a great tool for children to learn, but it can also be a place where they can be exploited. "We really need to step up to the plate and we really need to talk about this and monitor," Rosenthal said.

RESA officials said educators could help by using RESA and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department to set up conferences that fall within their own districts.

Recky Lieps, assistant superintendent for business in Livonia, said the problem was an ongoing issue already addressed by the school district.

"We have a board policy and a student code of conduct," Lieps said.

Lieps suggested to review RESA's information with other school officials.

Thomas Gay, superintendent of the Redford Union School District, said that district has developed an "acceptable use" of computers for its staff and students. Gay said the district will look at filters on computers to prevent students from accessing questionable Web sites.

Gay said computer safety is expected to be reviewed by a committee formed to ensure Redford Union maintains a safe learning environment for students. Computers can be an asset to what is taught in the classroom, Gay said.

"Under adult supervision, it enhances teaching and learning," Gay said.

Jim Casteel, director of integrated technology for Plymouth-Canton schools, said he would like to meet with that district's curriculum department to discuss Internet safety.

"We need to decide how to approach it," Casteel said. "It's hard to filter chat rooms."

"Just as kids learn about 'good touch, bad touch,' (parents) need to teach 'good touch, bad touch' on the Internet."

That was advice from Matthew Rosenberg, a sex offender specialist, to parents on educating their children about the Internet. The Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency has released a list for children of the 10 Best Tips for Internet Safety:

- Ask your parents for permission before you log on. Let your parent, guardian or teacher know when you are going on-line. Only use the Internet when your parent or another adult has given you permission, and only for the time they allow you to use it.
- Tell your parent, guardian or teacher to spend time with you while on-line. Show them your favorite places on the Internet. Tell them about the people you meet on-line, and the things you talk about. Let them know who your "keypals" are. Get them involved with your on-line activities.
- Use your family's e-mail address even if you have your own. It's best to have your own e-mail address, but it is always a good idea to use your family's e-mail address. You should only share your own e-mail address only after a parent or guardian believes that the sender is trustworthy.
- Do not give out your home address, telephone number, school information or your parent's work address. If you are entering a contest, or registering to enter a new Web site, talk to your parent or guardian first and get their permission.
- Do not use your real last name while you are on-line, especially if it is unusual. Have fun using a special code name to use on-line. If you decide you would like to use your real last name, talk to your parent, guardian or teacher about it first.
- Never agree to meet anyone, anywhere without talking to your parent or guardian about it and getting their approval. People may not be who they say they are.
- Never give out your password to anyone for any reason. The only people that need to know your password, like your parent, guardian or teacher, already know it.
- Don't send scanned pictures of yourself or your family to anyone unless you have your parent's or guardian's approval. If you have your own home page, your parent or guardian should also help you decide which pictures you put on it.
- Don't reply to any e-mail messages if you feel that they are strange, mean or upsetting to you. Show the message immediately to your parent, teacher or any adult you trust so they may take proper action or advise you on what to do. Your parent or another adult can report this kind of activity to www.missingkids.com/cybertip or by calling (800) 843-5678.
- Stop right away if you see or read something on a Web site that is upsetting or offensive to you. Some sites are not meant for children and you might have accidentally reached that site through a "hyperlink." Talk to your parents or teacher about it.

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As 800 graduates joined the alumni ranks at Madonna University they sang: "Whoever you meet, whatever you speak, set the standard high, upward towards the sky."

The message was the focal point of commencement ceremonies held May 8 in Calihan Hall at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Among the graduates, 597 received bachelor's degrees, 209 master's degrees and the rest received associate's degrees or certificates. This was the first commencement in which master's degrees in hospice education were awarded.

Honorary doctoral degrees were given to Jean A. Corr, Madonna University trustee and benefactor, and music artist Dr.

Noel Goemanne. An honorary doctor of education degree was awarded posthumously to Blessed Mary Angel, the foundress of the Felician Sisters. Sister Mary Cynthia Strzalkowski, a Madonna alumna and min-

ister general of the Felician Sisters, accepted the honor.

Corr, chief executive officer of Educational Bus Transportation Inc., in Copiague, N.Y., received an honorary doctor of business administration degree.

"My children are here today



Happy grads: Friendships developed among (from left) Muna Khoury of Westland, Karen Varnas of Livonia and Marie Aversa of Livonia as they all completed the journalism/public relations program at Madonna University.

with me as I receive this distinguished honor as are those of my Madonna family," said Corr.

Goemanne, an international composer, organist and choral director, received an honorary degree of doctor of sacred music.

Among his published works are more than 200 original compositions including 17 Masses, numerous piano pieces, anthems, organ works and various arrangements of hymns and songs, including the Madonna University School Song, and a choral arrangement of Pachelbel's "Canon in D" which was featured in the film "Ordinary People."

Goemanne encouraged graduates to go out into the world to "set the standard high," now that they have been prepared through intellectual, spiritual and personal growth at Madonna University.

A distinguished alumnus award was given to Arthur R. Lenaghan, a 1975 graduate, for his general support and devotion to Madonna University and

higher education. The fire chief for the city of Novi for the last 21 years, Lenaghan was instrumental in setting up the fire protection and occupational safety degree program at Madonna.



Special honor: Arthur Lenaghan, distinguished alumnus award recipient, receives congratulations from Madonna University President Sister Mary Francilene, while his son, the Rev. Jordan Lenaghan, O.P., and daughter, Susan Gray, look on.

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Rev. Castelot was internationally known scholar

The Rev. John Castelot, 82, an internationally known scripture scholar, died May 14 at Marywood Nursing Home in Livonia following a lengthy illness. He died on the 57th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Father Castelot's body was in state at St. Edith Parish, with a funeral liturgy being celebrated on Tuesday, May 18, by Cardinal Adam-Maida, archbishop of Detroit. Bishop Kenneth Untener, bishop of Saginaw, was the

homilist. "The presbyterate, religious and laity of the Archdiocese of Detroit have been enriched by the presence and ministry of one of the finest pastoral/scripture scholars in our country for over four decades," said Cardinal Maida. "Father Castelot had the unique ability to blend serious scripture study with down-to-earth practical application, often in a humorous and light-

hearted manner. Even more than his talents and skills, however, Father Castelot was a man of prayer, humility and deep faith: his love for God expressed itself in love of neighbor. His study of God's word helped him to make the word come alive in daily living." Ordained on May 14, 1942 for the Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn., Father Castelot was a former member of the Society of St. Sulpice. He was incardinated

into the Archdiocese of Detroit on Oct. 18, 1973. In 1974, Father Castelot began helping out at St. Edith Parish in Livonia. He retired in 1985, but continued helping out at St. Edith Parish and teaching. Father Castelot taught at St. John's Provincial Seminary, Plymouth, for all 40 academic years of its existence (1948-1988). He then taught at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, as an adjunct professor.

The Rev. John West, rector of St. John's Center for Youth and Family, located on the site of the former St. John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth, notes that Father Castelot was the author of numerous books and articles that helped ordinary people appreciate the Bible, especially after the renewed emphasis on scripture after the Second Vatican Council. He was published in the *Jerome Biblical Commentary*, the single most-

used one volume Catholic scriptural commentary in the country. For years, Father Castelot wrote a weekly column in *The Michigan Catholic* newspaper focusing on the scriptures and the liturgy readings for the week. Father Castelot is survived by three sisters: Rita Castelot, Jean Sheen and Katherine Laverell. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth.

OBITUARIES

FRED E. KRUEGER
Services for Fred E. Krueger, 80, of Northville Township were May 18 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Dr. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. He was born Dec. 26, 1918, in Highland Park. He died May 15 in Farmington Hills. He enjoyed playing baseball and football as a young man. He enjoyed spending time at his summer cottage on Lake Huron in Tawas, Mich. He was employed with Ford Motor Co. and McRae Heating. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Verna, in 1992. Survivors include six children, Gary (Virginia) Krueger of Plymouth, Janet (William) Parent of Sheboygan, Wis., Dennis (Laura) Krueger of

Pinconning, Frederick J. Krueger of Northville, Allen Keith Krueger of Oak Park, Steven (Patricia) Krueger of Traverse City; two brothers, Kenneth (Christine) Krueger of Novi, Walter (Rose Lynn) Godsell of Independence Township; friend, Claudine Anderson of Northville Township; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. **VICTOR M. WISNIEWSKI**
Services for Victor M. Wisniewski, 90, of Canton were May 18 at St. John Neumann Church, Canton. He was born Dec. 2, 1908, in Poland. He died May 14 in Riverview Hospital of Ann Arbor. He was a job setter for the automotive industry.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Stella C. Survivors include his son, Richard V. Wisniewski; one daughter, Ilene R. (Paul) Smith; three sisters, Rose Kuras, Sophie Czarniak, Wanda Galuska; and three grandchildren, Patricia, Michael, and James. **ERMA H. HOVEY**
Services for Erma H. Hovey, 98, of Livonia (formerly of Canton) were May 18 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Dr. Robert L. Selberg officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove East Cemetery of Chelsea. She was born Jan. 31, 1901, in Ann Arbor. She died May 16 in Livonia. She was a resident of

Canton for 10 years, formerly of Detroit. She was a member of the Holiday Park Senior Group. She also loved to garden. She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Alice Mohrlock. Survivors include her two daughters, Nancy J. Mosher of Northville, Beverly (Frank) Kuczynski of Plymouth; one

granddaughter, Lisa (Jim) Prochaska of New Hudson; one grandson, Scott Mosher of California; one great grandson, Nicholas; and one great-granddaughter, Megan. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1722 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 100, Southfield, Mich. 48076.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
Sealed proposals will be received by the Finance & Budget Dept. located on the third floor of the Charter Township of Canton administration building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188 until 4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 3, 1999, for the following:
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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
Publish: May 20, 1999

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Clerk**
Publish: May 20, 1999

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(commercial and industrial driveways eight (8) inches) placed on six (6) inches of Class II granular material compacted in place. Similarly, replacement drive approaches and replacement sidewalk abutting a driveway shall consist of removal and disposal of existing concrete and replacement with six (6) inches of new concrete (eight (8) inch concrete for commercial or industrial driveways). Undercutting may be required at the Inspector's discretion. Any underpavement areas will have to be replaced with Class II granular material compacted in place.
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x. **Curing and Protection.** All sidewalk and approach surfaces shall be treated as per the Standard Specifications of the Michigan Department of Transportation, Section 6.11.07, as amended. The sidewalk shall be properly protected from the elements, travel and vandalism for the first 72 hours, except that pedestrian travel may be permitted after 48 hours. The contractor shall be responsible for the strength and quality of the concrete laid during cold weather and concrete damaged by frost action and/or vandalism shall be removed and replaced at the contractor's expense.
xi. **Final Grading and Cleanup.** After the concrete has set sufficiently, but not more than three (3) days, the forms shall be removed and spaces shall be backfilled with topsoil. The area between the sidewalk and curb shall be graded and leveled as required to provide a slope of three-eighths (3/8) to one-half (1/2) inch per foot toward the curb or roadway. The area between the sidewalk and property line shall be graded and leveled as required to meet the original ground surface. These areas shall also be left free of all rocks, concrete, roots or other debris. Disturbed areas larger than 6-inches in width along the length of the sidewalk shall be seeded or sodded at the Inspector's discretion.
xii. **Inspections.** Upon placement of the forms and preparation of the subgrade the contractor shall notify the Charter Township of Canton's Public Works to perform a form and grade inspection. The contractor will be required to make any corrective actions as outlined under this section of the ordinance. The sidewalk can be poured once the form and grade inspection is approved. The township may, at their discretion, perform slump, cylinder, or other tests as outlined in the MDOT specifications. Upon the completion of the sidewalk, the contractor shall notify the Charter Township of Canton Engineering Services for a final inspection of the poured sidewalk. Should the Charter Township of Canton's Engineering Services determine that the sidewalk does not meet the standards set forth within this ordinance or the Michigan Department of Transportation Standards, the contractor and/or property owner shall remove and replace the sidewalk slabs at its own expense and replace the same to meet the requirements as set forth herein.
xiii. **Permits.** The contractor shall obtain a permit from the Charter Township of Canton for construction and maintenance of sidewalks within its boundaries and any applicable permits from the Wayne County Department of Public Services or the Michigan Department of Transportation to work within the road right-of-way. A copy of the Wayne County or other applicable permit(s) shall be submitted by the contractor to the Department. The contractor shall perform their work in compliance with the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Devices by providing proper traffic control devices for construction work, as amended.
xiv. **Additional Requirements and Review.** At the time of site plan or plat review, the Charter Township of Canton Planning Commission or Board of Trustees may require additional conditions to be met in regards to sidewalk placement, design, or construction.
xv. **Mudjacking.** If a sidewalk is heaved or sunk but is in otherwise good condition, the Public Works inspector may decide that good condition, the Public Works inspector may decide that mudjacking the sidewalk to correct the misalignment is acceptable. This method can be used, when the conditions warrant, rather than replacing the sidewalk. Specific mudjacking specifications will be adopted by Public Works.
Section 9. SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE CRITERIA/GUIDELINES.
It shall be the responsibility of the owner of every lot or parcel of land in the Township, to keep the sidewalk adjacent to his or her property lot or parcel, except for those sidewalks that are to the rear of a lot or parcel, in a condition consistent with the Charter Township of Canton's criteria (guidelines) and to inform Canton Township when the condition is not consistent.
Section 10. MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS-INSPECTIONS.
A. It shall be the responsibility of the Municipal Services Department to supervise all sidewalk construction and maintenance, including inspection,

and the enforcement of provisions of this Ordinance.
B. Inspections(s). The Department shall inspect all sidewalks installed or maintained under the terms of this Ordinance on an annual basis or as identified on an approved Plan of Action as developed by the Director of that Department. Documentation of such inspections shall be kept on permanent file. Any complaints regarding construction or maintenance of the sidewalks shall be inspected by the Department within a reasonable time. If a violation exists, the person deemed responsible for the condition of the sidewalk that is not consistent with the criteria shall be required to make the required improvement to the sidewalk pursuant to the notice and consistent with the terms of this Ordinance.
Section 11. SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION REQUIRED; NOTICE; HEARING; FINDING OF NECESSITY.
A. Pursuant to Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989 the Township Board may, by resolution, require the owners of lot or parcels of land to construct sidewalks where the presence of sidewalks may be declared by the Township Board to be necessary to provide safe and convenient routes for pedestrian traffic. Such a resolution shall note the time period in which the owners must construct the required sidewalks.
B. Prior to the adoption of a resolution requiring construction of sidewalks, notice shall be given to affected property owners and a hearing shall be conducted as provided in Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989.
C. The resolution shall provide:
i. A description of the sidewalk to be built; and
ii. A finding of the necessity of the construction of the sidewalk for public safety reasons; and
iii. A time period within which the property owner shall construct the sidewalk; and
iv. An order directing the Clerk to give notice to the property owner(s) by United States mail; and
v. An order directing the Treasurer to assess the Township's costs for construction of the sidewalk against the property involved, payable over a five-year period; and
vi. An order that the time period within which the property owner have to construct the sidewalk shall be extended for inclement or unseasonable weather.
D. All sidewalks shall be constructed according to the construction standards established in this ordinance.
Section 12. VIOLATIONS
A. Whenever the Department shall determine that a sidewalk(s) is in a condition that fails to meet the sidewalk maintenance criteria provided for herein, a notice shall be sent to the owner of the adjacent lot or parcel to repair the sidewalk. The notice shall specify the time period in which the person shall come in compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance. In no case shall the time period specified in the notice to come into compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance exceed ninety (90) days, except during inclement or unseasonable weather in which case the party responsible for the repair will be required to post a financial guarantee in lieu of the repair and said guarantee must be in the form of cash, a certified check or an irrevocable letter of credit.
B. Any person, firm or corporation who violates this ordinance or fails to comply with its requirements shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned for not more than 90 days, or both and in addition, shall pay all costs and expenses incurred by the Charter Township of Canton in pursuing said Ordinance violation. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.
C. The owner of record or tenant of any building, structure, premises, or path thereof, and any architect, builder, contractor, agent or person who commits, participates in, assists in, or maintains such violations may each be found guilty of a separate offense and suffer the penalties herein provided.
D. The imposition of any fine, or jail sentence, or both, shall not exempt the violator from compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.
Section 13. CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP.
If any owner shall fail or neglect to construct, make improvements or maintain sidewalk adjacent to their lot or parcel of land within such time as herein required, or as may be required by a resolution of the Township Board, the Township Board may cause the same to be done, and the cost of said construction repair may be paid out of the contingent fund of the Township or financial guarantee posted for that purpose, and the Township Board may pursue the means necessary to recover the cost or repair from the owner as applicable.
Section 14. SEVERABILITY.
If any section, paragraph, clause, phrase or part of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, or any agency, department or commission empowered for such purpose, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, and the application of those provisions to any person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby.
Section 15. SAVINGS.
All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they are commenced.
Section 16. REPEALER.
All Ordinances of parts of the Ordinances in conflict herein are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. This Ordinance shall supersede all other Ordinances with respect to the areas covered herein.

Section 17. EFFECTIVE DATE.
This Ordinance shall become effective upon second publication in the Canton Observer.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the purchase of a 1999 Ford FL F-450 truck from Signature Ford in the amount of \$30,638.00. All Ayes.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the purchase of three (3) Vehicular Radio Systems for its Advanced Life Support transporting units from ComSource, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$28,000.00. All Ayes.
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the creation and filling of the PC Technician and the Network Administrator positions in Management Information Services, and to approve the upgrade of Programmer/Analyst from Salary Grade 11A to 13A, and to approve the salary increase pursuant to Rule 4.244 of the Personnel Policy Manual, effective retroactive to January 1, 1999. Further, to amend the General Fund and MIS Budget as follows:
GENERAL FUND:

Increase (Decrease) Revenues:		
Computer Services - Fire	No 101-000-670-2060	\$ (8,846)
Computer Services - Police	101-000-670-2070	(49,103)
Appropriations from Fund Balance	101-000-699-0000	58,979
Revenue Total		\$ 1,030
Increase (Decrease) Appropriations:		
Salaries - Management Info Systems	No 101-258-705-0000	\$ 975
Overtime	101-258-708-0000	5,000
Fringe Benefits - MIS	101-258-720-0000	(4,945)
Appropriation Total		\$ 1,030

This budget amendment increases the Management Information Systems Division budget from \$594,445 to \$595,475, and the General Fund Budget from \$18,103,567 to \$18,104,597.
All Ayes.
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the bid for the contract for the renovation of the Finance/MIS section to JB Contracting for a total PO amount of \$30,690.00. All Ayes.
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the following budget adjustment to amend the General Fund Budget as follows:

Increase:		
101-000-699-0000	Appropriation from Fund Balance	\$31,000.00
101-258-976-0000	Capital Outlay Buildings	\$31,000.00

All Ayes.
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid for the provision of an AVID DIGITAL VIDEO WORKSTATION, to Roscor Corp., 27260 Haggerty, Ste. A8, Farmington Hills, MI 48331 in the amount of \$28,928. All Ayes.
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid for the purchase of 24 sets of bleachers to Jennings of Michigan, Inc., in the amount of \$31,662. All Ayes.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzyk, to award the bid for the purchase of one Sports Utility Reel Mower to Spartan distributors for an amount of \$10,095. All Ayes.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the bid from the Advanced Air Services, Inc. for one Mammoth Replacement Rooftop Double Wall Construction Variable Volume Unit Mark AC-3 complete including installation for \$94,594. All Ayes.
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to appropriate General Fund dollars for replacement of a rooftop unit on the Administration Building.

Increase Revenues:		
Appropriated from Fund Balance	No 101-000-699-0000	\$4,594
Increase Appropriations:		
Facilities Maintenance	No 101-265-975-0000	\$4,594

This budget amendment increases Facilities Maintenance budget from \$1,017,780 to \$1,022,374 and the General Fund Budget from \$18,103,567 to \$18,108,161.
All Ayes.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzyk, that the qualifying bid for provision of the CHAMELEON CHARACTER GENERATOR, submitted by Roscor Corp., be approved in the amount of \$18,594 and that \$6,000 be transferred from Fund Balance Account No. 230-250-999-0000 in Capital Outlay Account No. 230-250-977-0000. All Ayes.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to authorize the extension of the purchase agreement for the 48-acre parcel at the northwest corner of Ridge and Ford Roads, the "Gilmore Property," until September 1, 1999. Sidwell No. 028-99-006, from Account No. 592-000-130-0000. All Ayes.
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the Intergovernmental agreement with Wayne County for the paving of Beck Road, from Michigan Avenue to just south of Geddes Road. All Ayes.
ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT
OTHER
The study session scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 1999 has been canceled, the next regular meeting will be May 25, 1999.
ADJOURN
Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. All Ayes.
The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on May 6, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on May 25, 1999.
THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
Publish: May 20, 1999

CSX underpass

An even split of costs is fair

If Uncle Frank's Chicagos & Cones wanted to make a few extra bucks, it would send a hot dog vendor to an upcoming joint meeting of the Plymouths. For political watchers, this is guaranteed to be a spectator sport.

The city commission and township board will go head-to-head over who will pay for the CSX underpass at Sheldon Road. The \$8.8 million project will relieve traffic backups near the M-14 corridor. A date has yet to be set, but the meeting will take place prior to a July 1 deadline set by Wayne County. A commitment is needed by both municipalities to pay \$1.525 million toward the total project cost.

How that cost will be split between the city and township has been a dilemma since U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, brought home \$5.25 million in federal funding for the project. The excitement quickly wore off when the city and township discovered it would have to contribute to the overall costs of the project. The county will contribute \$1.5 million along with the city/township split of \$1.5 million. CSX will pay the remaining \$500,000.

Originally, the township didn't want to put in a penny since its roads are under the jurisdiction of the county, which receives the township's share of the state's gas tax allocation. Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy recently claimed the township is willing to split the cost 50-50 with the city since the underpass is half in one community and half in the other. But now the city is reluctant to pay its 50 percent due to the population - and tax base - being one-third smaller than the township's.

A \$1 million bond would cost township tax-

Freeing up Sheldon Road from passing trains allows downtown patrons a back door into the city's business area.

payers \$12 per \$100,000 of a home's assessed value. For city taxpayers that same bond would cost \$49 per \$100,000 assessment.

In our view, that's the breaks the city will have to pay.

Here's how we view it: the city aggressively pursued federal funding to offer relief for its downtown due to motorists being stalled at various railroad crossings. Although the township's industrial parks are impacted by the Sheldon and Beck crossings, city businesses and residents are affected the most. The downtown is surrounded by train crossings at Starkweather, Main, Ann Arbor Trail, Haggerty and Sheldon. Freeing up Sheldon Road from passing trains allows downtown patrons a back door into the city's business area. The township is also dependent on the county for road repairs so paying more than 50 percent would be unfair to it.

The city needs to consider alternative funding to help offset the costs for residents. Approaching CSX for a larger contribution is one option. Increasing fines for the long delays at train crossings is another.

We're glad all officials will be coming together to discuss this very important issue, but offer a warning to the yet-to-be hired facilitator: Look out for flying dirt.

State fastens up on seat belts

Seat belts save lives. That's an incontrovertible fact borne out by more than 30 years worth of statistics since automakers began installing them. Better compliance with seat belt laws means even more lives are saved.

So the bottom line on the primary enforcement law passed by the Michigan legislature last week is this: seat belt usage will increase from the current 70 percent to upwards of 80 percent, if Michigan's experience parallels that of more than a dozen states that already have primary enforcement laws. That will translate into another chance for about 100 drivers each year and less serious injuries for countless others.

The Observer believes that alone is enough to congratulate the House and Senate for their wisdom. That there are other benefits - less wear and tear on the state's catastrophic claims insurance pool and an increase in federal highway funds - that will come from being a primary enforcement state is a bonus.

Gov. John Engler is expected to sign the bill, which would make driving unbelted a primary offense carrying a \$25 ticket (with no points) beginning April 1, 2000. Police may currently ticket drivers for not wearing belts as a secondary offense - after they have been pulled over for another reason - under a 1985 law.

Primary enforcement laws have their detractors. They are just another avenue for government intrusion into our personal lives, say some. In fact, the Michigan Libertarian Party was running a radio campaign before the May 12 vote urging residents to lobby their legislators against the bill in order to "keep their promise" against primary enforce-

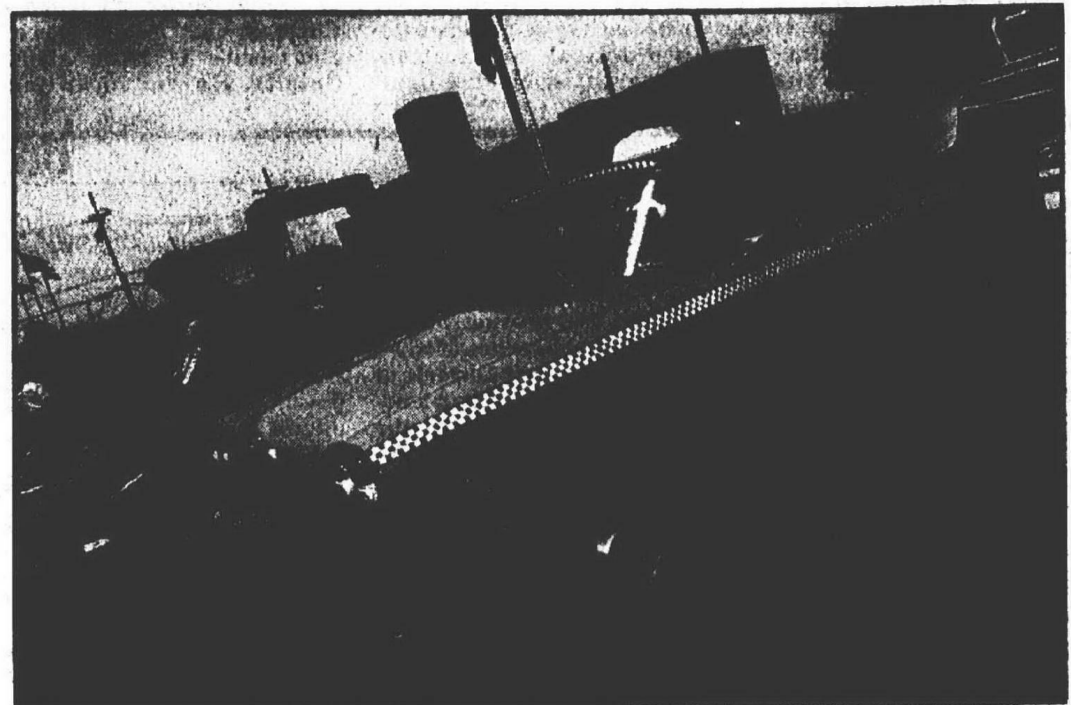
ment. Realistically though, the 1985 law was intended as a first step in toughening seat belt legislation, not a barrier to it.

Others point out that the new law will give police additional power to harass minority motorists. Unfair treatment of African-Americans and other minorities by law enforcement officers is a legitimate concern. But we don't see the seat belt legislation as adding to the problem. And there is evidence from at least three states (California, Louisiana and Georgia) that upgrading to primary enforcement laws has significantly increased seat belt usage among minority communities, according to the National Traffic Highway Safety Association. Both the Louisiana and Georgia studies found that while minority groups in each state thought their chances of getting ticketed were higher than whites, analysis of citation data showed no disproportionate ticketing of minorities after the law went into effect.

In addition to saving lives and reducing serious injuries, Michigan will be eligible for a larger share of a \$53 million grant pool that is part of President Bill Clinton's two-year-old "Buckle Up America" initiative. Michigan received just \$290,000 in 1998 federal highway funds tied to seat belt use. The money is disbursed to 38 states that have some form of seat belt legislation on the books. The lack of a primary enforcement law probably cost the state about \$5 million from that pool last year. Chuck Hurley, head of the Washington-based National Safety Council, said in a newspaper story last fall.

So while Michigan is hardly in the forefront of moving to primary enforcement on seat belt use, the Observer is pleased just the same to see the bill move to the governor's desk.

Classic show



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL BURCHMANN

Car show: The third annual Classic Car Cruise-In took place Saturday at Lou LaRiche Chevrolet at Plymouth and Haggerty. This was one of hundreds of cars that came to show off.

LETTERS

Thanks across the Atlantic

My son Jonathan Parker, who was featured in the Plymouth Observer, just returned from spending nearly three weeks as an exchange student at Miller Elementary School. This was a great adventure for an 11-year-old: in school, at home and out on the field trips. He came back to France just full of the excitement of it all.

I take this opportunity to thank everyone in Plymouth-Canton involved in this exchange most sincerely for giving my son such a warm welcome and such a great time. Jonathan was more than welcomed, he was literally adopted by the LaCasse family as one of their own. My special thanks to Linda LaCasse: We'll do the same or Danielle in just a couple of weeks time.

Of this, we've got a truly stunning program for you guys when you get to France. I can't divulge secrets of the events "out of school," (But I'm organizing an outing to the Normandy Invasion Beaches, notably Omaha Beach, plus a visit to Pegasus Bridge and the Colville Memorial of "Saving Private Ryan" fame). There's so much more, you may never make it home till 2001!

So, to all you folks, a big "MERCI!"

As we say: "A beintot"

Christopher Parker
 France

Help Columbine

The Plymouth Community United Way is accepting contributions to assist those affected by the tragic shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

Mile High United Way has established a Community Healing Fund and has made a contribution of \$20,000 to the fund. The purpose of the fund is to provide support to victims and their families. Contributions may be made to the Community Healing Fund, c/o Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, P.O. Box 6356, Plymouth, MI 48170.

United Way and its member agencies are helping to set up a network of counselors and providers of other services to help with the

healing process.

Marie Morrow, president of Plymouth Community United Way, said, "This is a time to redouble our commitment to healthy child and family development so that fewer and fewer children will fall victim to negative influences."

United Way and a number of partner organizations have developed strategies for early prevention. This effort is called "5 Goals 4 Kids Coalition to Prevent Youth Violence."

For more information, call Jay McDonald at Plymouth United Way at (734) 453-6879.

Jay McDonald
 Plymouth

Thanks for success

The American Legion, Beasley-Zalesny Post 112, Plymouth Township, and all veterans would like to thank the citizens of the Plymouth/Canton and Northville Communities that made our Poppy Day 1999 a success.

We also thank the following businesses for allowing us to offer our poppies at their locations. K-mart Ann Arbor Road, Busch's Marketplace, Sheldon Road. Leo's Coney Island Sheldon Road, Krogers, Ann Arbor Road and Arta's Coney Island, Ann Arbor Road.

Joe Burma, Commander
 American Legion Post 112

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:
 Do you enjoy doing yard work?



"I like doing it. It's good exercise."
 George O'Shea
 Westland



"I enjoy it. My husband does the grass and I do the flowers. I just do the fluff."
 Suzanne Paul
 Canton



"It's something I love, actually, I work as a mortgage surveyor so I spend a lot of time in other people's yards."
 Jim Clarke
 Eastland



"I don't like that."
 Amy Cassel
 Canton

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Parents need to remind teens of dangers

Dear parents, The Canton Township, Plymouth Township and Plymouth City Police Departments have undertaken a special enforcement effort to combat underage consumption and possession of alcohol and the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Alcohol possession and consumption becomes more of a problem for us with the warm weather, the end of the school year and the large parties that accompany high school graduation.

This year, once again, our police

departments are making an extra effort to educate your teenagers to the danger of hosting and/or attending these large parties, however, we desperately need your assistance in supporting our efforts. These are laws, peer programs, prevention efforts and school regulations, but one of the most powerful means of assuring your teens are not drinking and driving this graduation and prom season is to exercise your parental responsibility to say "NO" and refuse to allow alcohol to be served at graduation or prom house



Bob Stiggins, Larry Carey, and John Stiggins are among the first affected, have you advised them of what to expect? Perhaps they may wish to assist, or in some cases, object, to the festivities. Please show this letter to your children and take the time to discuss it with them. As they leave each Friday and Saturday night with their friends, please

remind them of the potential dangers of alcohol and how easily their 12 years of effort can be shattered in an instant by an accident which could result in injury or death. Remind them of the embarrassment and future career consequences of an arrest or jail term.

These reminders may serve to prevent embarrassing and often tragic incidents that are unpleasant to all of us in the community. Only through a combined effort (yours and ours) can we minimize the problem. Thank you for your assistance and please pass along our congratulations to the Class of '99!

parties. We are asking that you, as parents, recognize and accept control over the number of invitees, the type of enter-

tainment, the use of amplifiers and speakers, and the consumption of alcohol. Plan ahead for the supervision of activities, such as the parking of cars. Since your neighbors will be among the first affected, have you advised them of what to expect? Perhaps they may wish to assist, or in some cases, object, to the festivities. Please show this letter to your children and take the time to discuss it with them. As they leave each Friday and Saturday night with their friends, please

Press coverage shrinks as state governments do more

Coverage of state government is in steep decline. In capital press rooms around the country, there are more and more empty desks and silent phones. Bureaus are shrinking... stories get less space and poorer play, and all too frequently editors just don't care.

"At the same time, state governments have more power and more money than ever before. Their tentacles reach into every household and business. Everyone - political parties, academics, trade organizations, labor unions, corporations - has discovered this. Everyone, that is, except the press."

That sad conclusion was reached in a study called the "State of the American Newspaper" conducted by the Project for Excellence in Journalism and funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts. The results were published in a series of articles over the past year in the American Journalism Review.

I've been covering communities in Oakland County for better than two decades now, the last 10 as editor of



MIKE MALOTT

The Novi News, and in that time I've seen countless examples of how state news can have a direct impact on readers' daily lives.

Since I've drawn the assignment to cover the state-house for the

HomeTown Communications Network - the company which owns this newspaper - it'll be my job from here on out to find those stories and write them up.

In Lansing, lawmakers seem to agree with the "State of the American Newspaper" study that state government is getting less attention from the press than it did a decade ago. It's reached the point that lawmakers say they "miss" the coverage.

"A lot is going on here that we think deserves coverage. But they prefer to run entertainment and features. That has been the trend, less

government news," said Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland.

In the 1980s, 25 reporters were assigned full-time to cover Michigan's statehouse, according to the study. Now the number is down to 15.

In his first four years in office, Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, said he was interviewed by the capital press corps "six, perhaps a dozen, times. To me, that hardly seems adequate."

The press' withdrawal from capital coverage has come at a curious time, according to Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield, when the government is going through a process of "devolution" in which the feds keep handing more power and authority off to the state governments. It began in the Reagan era and was known then as "The New Federalism."

State governments are now setting policy on all kinds of issues that people care deeply about - education, health care, roads, insurance, environment, welfare reform, crime control, gun control, and the list goes on.

Why the lack of coverage? In the

'70s and '80s, editors concluded that readers were bored with hard news, government news especially.

Now, the study says, readers want their hard news back.

There may be other reasons for the diminished interest. "In the past, much of the writing about state government was undeniably dull," is the only suggestion in the study that reporters themselves may have had something to do with the decline.

I think the writers should take more of the blame. If readers have had a hard time relating to capital coverage, it's probably because the stories often read as if they were written by insiders for insiders.

One bright spot in this dismal picture has been a guy named Tim Richard and this newspaper company. In his years as state reporter for HomeTown Communications, Richard could always be counted on to find a fresh perspective on the issues. He kept a sign taped to the inside of his laptop that read, "What does it mean

to the reader?" And this company gave him the support and resources necessary to carry on his work.

He retired April 30, but this company has decided that Lansing is a beat important enough to warrant continuing the tradition.

So that's the challenge I face - finding those stories that have a direct impact on readers' lives, and doing it without getting caught up in the maneuverings, and machinations, and political intrigues that go on in a town like Lansing.

If you believe the "State of the American Newspaper" study - that the state's "tentacles" reach into every home and business - it ought not be that difficult.

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Columbine makes us think

The massacre at Columbine High School in Colorado has set off shock waves that are still reverberating through every community in America.

In Michigan, not a day has gone by without news of another threat posted on the Internet, more graffiti talking violence or some troubled students caught/suspected of acting out their anger.

The concern has gone so far that all the schools in the Port Huron school district were closed last week after a killing plot was discovered and a bomb found. In community after community, schools that once were regarded as safe and solid have suddenly become places of anxiety and concern.

For hometown newspapers like this one, such events call forth special responses. Part of our company philosophy says this: "Because we publish community newspapers, we think about community journalism in a fundamentally different way than our bigger competitors. They consider themselves to be independent of the stories they cover, swooping in to write the unusual or sensational and then dash off to cover something else. We regard ourselves as both accurate journalists and as caring citizens of the communities where we live and work."

In the context of this policy, I've tried to think through how this hometown newspaper can best respond to the events now unfolding in our schools. I've tried to set out a few general principles that should help provide a standard by which our readers can judge how we carry out our responsibilities as community journalists:

Tell the truth. No obligation for any journalist is greater than this.

This obligation extends to the ways we report what officials tell us. Consider two examples.

Students at Walled Lake Central High School were evacuated in response to a bomb threat under the pretense of a fire drill. Officials later explained they wanted to avoid creating a panic, which makes sense. But those same officials, for a time, tried to justify covering up the bomb threat, which does not. Later, however, school officials sent a letter home fully explaining the situation.

As our editorial on the subject said, "It is unconscionable for the administration to assume that it has a right to withhold such critical information about the students from their parents."

At Birmingham's Seaholm High School, principal Terry Piper wrote a letter to parents acknowledging graffiti in a boy's bathroom that said, "Death May 5, Someone will die." Security was heightened, with armed police and unarmed volunteer parents patrolling the school. People knew the facts. Piper neither under-reacted nor over-reacted. He deserves



PHILIP POWER

credit for telling the truth in a responsible way.

Do not sensationalize. These situations are serious enough without some TV reporter on the make sticking microphones in front of terrified kids and anxious parents. Because we're not engaged in a battle to puff up our circulation numbers, we have no reason to overplay stories that are serious enough as they are.

Protect our sources. Be a responsible citizen. These two principles are often in conflict. It isn't possible to be a good journalist - in seeking out and telling the truth about school officials, for example - without protecting your sources. But as community journalists, we have the obligations of citizenship in the community we serve.

Our newspaper in East Lansing experienced this conflict when threatened by the prosecutor with a subpoena demanding we turn over all the unpublished photographs taken of the riot. Our policy is to oppose such subpoenas, not because we condone riots or rioters nor because we are immune to the obligations of citizenship. Rather, our concern is that by setting the precedent of complying with one subpoena, no matter how compelling, we open the door to countless other less justified fishing expeditions by police or prosecutors.

Nevertheless, our policy is that should we get even one morsel of information about an act of terrorism - a plot to bomb a school or stage a riot - we will instantly contact the appropriate authorities.

Be respectful and responsible. Hometown newspapers respect their readers and the institutions (such as schools) that define the community. At the end of the day, it is only by being a responsible institution within the community that we can be respectful to the community itself and to its citizens.

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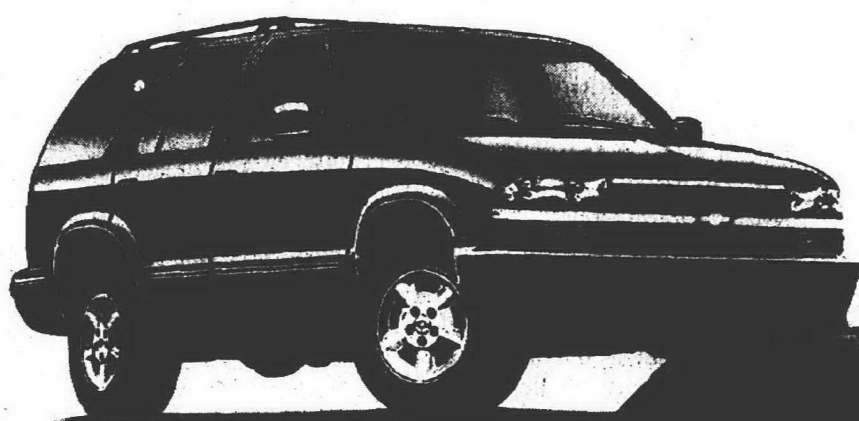
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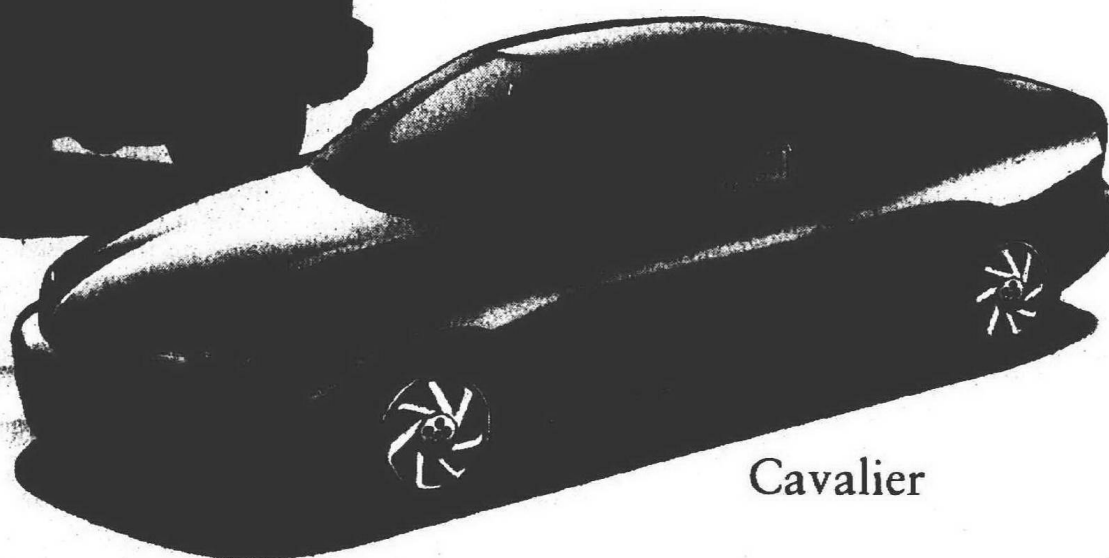
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Caring and sharing

Residents respond to call to help refugees

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When her 7-year-old daughter told her about students who teased a young Albanian boy for wearing the same clothes and girls' shoes to school, Lisa Briggs got involved.

When International Aid Inc. sent a letter to St. Damian Elementary School, asking the children to help the children of Kosovo, secretaries Nancy Ruby and Kim Novak accepted the challenge.

At Faith Lutheran Church, the congregation has responded well to an appeal for household goods to help shelter Kosovar refugees who will be coming to the metropolitan Detroit area in the coming weeks.

The metropolitan area is known for its generosity in times of need and it is that generosity that four resettlement agencies are counting on to help an unknown number of Kosovar refugees who will be arriving in Detroit in the coming weeks.

"There's quite a bit of uncertainty," said Sandi Rosso, director of Refugee Services for the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit. "It's hard to say how long the families will be at Fort Dix (N.J.). Even the government isn't sure, and the information changes every day."

Ruby and Novak coordinated a campaign at the Westland school to collect hygiene packages for IA, a Spring Lake, Mich., relief agency that is shipping the items to refugee camps in Albania and Macedonia.

The school's 232 students — preschoolers through eighth-graders — collected some 250 plastic zipper bags, filled with soap, a towel, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste and a comb, in two weeks' time for "Kids Helping Kids."

"We didn't collect money, just Ziploc bags," said Ruby. "And we're thrilled to have such a great response. We sent home letters and encouraged the children to earn the money to buy the items. We had more than a 100 percent participation."

The duo also is thrilled with the Westland Post Office. With the approval of the postmaster, supervisor Valerie Shafer put up signs and posters made by the students to collect donations from patrons to pay for the cost of shipping the boxes to Spring Lake.

Shafer, who won't know how much the postage will be until the 10 boxes of supplies are brought in, said the response was "pretty good."

"I was touched by the children wanting to help children," said Shafer. "I have young children and know how infectious their enthusiasm can be."

Making a difference

A few blocks away, Briggs is looking for more ways to help the Albanian boy and his family, brought to her



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Helping out: Valerie Shafer (left), a supervisor at the Westland Post Office, worked with the students at St. Damian School for their "Kids Helping Kids" program by getting postal patrons to donate money to cover the shipping charges, while students like kindergartners Breanna Moore, Kabih Warra and Bobby Turner collected more than 200 hygiene kits for the children of Kosovo.

attention by her daughter, Chelsea Bonello.

In broken English, the boy's father has called Briggs the family's "little God" for her assistance, but she credits Chelsea and the community for their response.

Value Village in Westland provided a 50 percent discount on clothes Briggs bought for the boy's mother and younger sister. Target donated a television to replace a set that barely worked and McDonald's donated four meals for the family.

"It takes one little person to make a difference," said Briggs. "I can't believe how it warms the heart to get the responses I have from the community."

Suzanne McBride, acting principal at Edison Elementary School, where the young boy is a student, has visited the family and gathered up information about English classes for the parents.

"We saw some immediate needs and addressed those, but they need someone to talk to," McBride said. "We

know very little about them because of the language difficulty, but they are nice people and are very appreciative of the help."

"I think they're very lonely because they have no one over here," added Briggs. "The father is very discouraged. He's working as a dishwasher and from what I can understand, he had an awesome job over there."

Across town, at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia, the congregation has "really stepped up" to the request for household goods put out by Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. The appeal came just two weeks after a request for used and new silverware.

"The appeal went out in the bulletin on April 24, and right away on Monday (April 26) we started getting phone calls," said Beth Hare, church secretary. "We have a very generous congregation, and it was nice that Lutheran Social Services was able to pick up the larger pieces of furniture at their homes."

Shawn Booker also is impressed with the Lutheran churches' response to the appeal, calling it "overwhelming."

"We do this all of the time, but with something like this ... it's an outpouring," said Bocker, resources coordinator for Immigration and Refugee Service. "We have more pickups (of household goods) than we can handle."

The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, the Archdiocese of Detroit, Jewish Family Services and LSS are coordinating the resettlement of an unknown number of refugee families in the Detroit area.

Coordinating efforts

According to Rosso, the Interfaith Disaster Relief Agency, formed last summer to help victims of a July tornado, will coordinate the collection of household goods as an areawide effort and then distribute the items to the resettlement agencies. The entire collection drive, including a telephone number to call and the location of dropoff sites, will be activated on Sunday, May 23.

"This is taking a tremendous amount of community involvement," said Rosso. "We only found out about the refugees coming here three weeks ago and we've accomplished an incredible amount."

The resettlement agencies are gathering paperwork for sponsor families who eventually will help the refugees once they arrive. Rosso also has received 40-50 offers from people who want to be host families and get the refugees "started on the road to self-sufficiency."

Many of the applications are for refugee families in camps in Albania. However, the 20,000 refugees the

Please see HELPING, B2

Mission helps clients 'fish' for themselves

Her first memories began at 3 years old. From her alcoholic father, she endured mental, physical and sexual abuse. She admits that she learned from her dad's unscrupulous business practices and con games how to con others to get whatever she wanted.

After her parents divorced when she was 12, she recalls longing for male attention and then getting it from a 19-year-old guy who ended up raping her. By 16, she hated her life and hated everyone around her, especially men.

Now hardened from a life of abandonment and abuse, she vowed to never let a man have control of her again. But unfortunately, she saw her only way to escape her personal demons was to marry at 17. She promptly became bored with that and decided that the way to happiness was going to be by gaining power, fame and fortune.

Then she met a professional wrestler who was famous, wealthy and adored by his fans. This was everything she thought she wanted. But once again, she tolerated his abuse in every way bearable. Incredibly, through her perseverance, she

ended her way up through the ranks of the wrestling world and became successful on her own.

Her fame as a wrestler made her partner more furious with her and on Feb. 14, 1989, her life nearly came to a close when he smashed her face in because of a jealous argument. It took six plastic surgeries to repair it, which then began her internal battle with prescription pain medications.

Meanwhile, her popularity carried her around the world and brought her a six-figure income. By now, she had a son in tow. Sadly, the power, fame and fortune did not make her happy and she began to contemplate suicide. She says it was like she was going to get even with all the people who had hurt her.

And then the suicide attempt came ... but that didn't work. With a drug habit of more than \$250 a day, heroin and cocaine were now her new best friends. Spiraling downhill, she knew she was not a good mother to her son, her addiction was eating her alive and her need to manipulate people for drug money was out of control.

One night she said that God intervened by showing her the sadness in her son's eyes when he asked her why she was leaving him again.

"But I left to go buy more dope ... I couldn't forget my son's eyes. I realized I had done to my son what my father and mother had done to me. I had broken his heart. I screamed out to God at the top of my voice to save me and HE did."

From that moment on, her life changed. She wound up at the Pontiac Rescue Mission because they accepted women and children. She freed herself from her addiction, stayed on at the mission to be a supervisor, finished her GED and went to William Tyndale College. Currently, she is the day hospital administrator for New Life Ministries in Battle Creek.

I endorse the goals of the Pontiac Rescue Mission because its purpose is not only to provide people with "fish," but to teach them how to "fish for themselves." If you agree with this goal, you can be part of a fund-raising

Please see SUESSON, B2

Teens' attraction to heroin may be its cost

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At one time, the phrase "heroin user" conjured up images of dark alleys, smoke-filled rooms and tattered clothing.

Not anymore. "Heroin has a real negative connotation. (You imagine) some bum sitting on a street corner with a syringe sticking out of his arm. We're not seeing it now. It's the en vogue drug in Hollywood and a lot of that filters back," said Sgt. Paul Wood, a D.A.R.E. officer in Livonia.

Heroin use is on the rise among teenagers, most of whom live in middle- to upper-class households, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse in Rockville, Md. Locally, some police officers and therapists are beginning to see the trend.

"Starting about a little bit more than a year ago, we started encountering more kids that were using heroin. We had never really seen it before, then we had a space of about six or seven kids that were entering our drug treatment program who were using heroin," said Dale Yagiela, executive director of GrowthWorks, which has offices in Plymouth and Canton.

According to the NIDA, heroin is the most abused and the most rapidly acting of the opiates.

It is processed from morphine, a naturally occurring substance extracted from the seed pod of certain varieties of poppy plants. It is typically sold as a white or brownish powder or as the black sticky substance known on the streets as "black tar heroin."

Although purer heroin is becoming more common,

most street heroin is "cut" with other drugs or with substances such as sugar, starch, powdered milk or quinine.

Because heroin abusers do not know the actual strength of the drug or its true contents, they are at risk of overdose or death. Heroin also poses special problems because of the transmission of HIV and other diseases that can occur from sharing needles or other injection equipment.

Heroin is usually injected, sniffed/snorted, or smoked. Typically, a heroin abuser may inject up to four times a day. A recent NIDA report said that sniffing/snorting heroin is less expensive and a popular means of taking the drug among users admitted for drug treatment in Newark, N.J., Chicago, New York and Detroit.

The NIDA says it's the low price that lures young users to the drug. Wood explained that of the few cases that Livonia has seen, most of the kids are attracted to the less expensive heroin because they don't have to inject it.

"When you think of people using heroin, you think of them using needles and so forth," said Wood, who will speak at a town hall meeting devoted to drugs on next week. "Due to the higher levels of heroin, the heroin isn't cut as much as it used to be. It's more potent and as a result kids will inhale it instead of shooting it up."

The problem with heroin is that it gets to a point where you have to increase the amount that you take in order to get the desired high. They come to a point

Please see HEROIN, B2

Get savvy about drugs

Parents wishing to learn more about drug and alcohol abuse can attend the Town Hall Meeting on drug and alcohol awareness 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

The event is hosted by the Livonia Mayor's Task Force on Families and Youth Subcommittee for Drug and Alcohol Awareness Month.

It will feature a display of drug paraphernalia, D.A.R.E. presentations, and a question-and-answer session with local police officers, judges and school officials, an emergency room physician and a student.

A number of agencies offer help for heroin abusers.

- GrowthWorks Inc., 271 S. Main St., Plymouth, offers chemical dependency services. (734) 455-4902.
- Narcotics Abuse 24-hour helpline and treatment 1-800-234-0420.
- Narcotics Anonymous, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-9839.
- Brighton Hospital is at 12851 E. Grand River Ave., Brighton. The phone number is (810) 227-1211.
- Henry Ford Hospital's Maple Grove Treatment Centers for Chemical Dependency have several locations including - 29106 Buckingham, Livonia, (734) 523-1745; 363 Big Beaver, Troy, (248) 689-7476; and 6773 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 661-6100.

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When someone is just starting to use drugs, it's hard to tell. It's not until they've used a few times that they start to show signs of addiction.

"One is the tolerance to the marijuana that was available," he said. "The marijuana today was much stronger than what was available 10 or 15 years ago. A lot of these kids have been using drugs since they were probably 11 or 12 years of age. By the time they were 15 or 16, they weren't having much of an effect from marijuana anymore."

Yagiela added that heroin is now more readily available.

Sgt. Timothy Abramski of Westland's special investigations unit said he hasn't seen a problem with heroin.

"We don't come across that much teenage use of heroin in this given area, in the suburban area. The drug of choice seems to be marijuana," Abramski explained. "The vast majority of teens, as they get older, seem to (move on to) powder cocaine or crack cocaine. Some of it is coming back into the hallucinogens."

"We come across a multitude of people who come through the city. We see heroin but it's mostly the older individuals and we're seeing a few in their late

20s. But heroin isn't among the vast majority of drugs that we come across."

Warning signs

Yagiela stressed that parents should look for signs that their children are using any kind of mood-altering substance whatsoever, not just heroin. But parents who suspect their children are using heroin will find more paraphernalia as the addiction worsens.

"Typically, when kids are using heroin, they're going to be pretty sloppy about where they're leaving things. I have parents bringing in needles; parents who are finding other kinds of paraphernalia," he said. "Kids are pretty much out of control in that stage of the game. They're in places they're not supposed to be."

NIDA offers several signs and symptoms - euphoria, drowsiness, respiratory depression,

constricted pupils and nausea. Withdrawal symptoms include watery eyes, runny nose, yawning, loss of appetite, tremors, panic, chills, sweating, nausea, muscle cramps and insomnia. Elevations in blood pressure, pulse, respiratory rate and temperature occur as withdrawal progresses.

Symptoms of a heroin overdose include shallow breathing, pinpoint pupils, clammy skin, convulsion and coma.

D.A.R.E. Officer Wood said that first, parents should realize that drugs are in the community.

"We have a tremendous amount of denial in the community; we're trying to make parents more aware and to remove the blinders of denial, so to speak," he said. "Parents should not necessarily accuse their kids of using drugs, but they should be aware it could happen."

"No home or family is immune

from drugs. It goes into the heart of homes for parents that people do what parents do."

Parents can provide the best upbringing and environment for their children, but all it takes is one child "making one wrong decision and it can cause a lot of problems for the family and the household," he added.

Yagiela said the bottom line is kids - and adults - shouldn't be using drugs at all. Parents who learn of their children's drug habit should immediately seek help.

At GrowthWorks, the usual drug treatment involves a primary intensive treatment component and a follow-up program.

"The biggest issue is heroin requires medical stabilization. In most cases, the young person using heroin needs a brief hospitalization (for detoxification)."

Many hospitals, including Henry Ford Hospital's Maple-grove Treatment Centers for Chemical Dependency, offer this service on an out-patient basis, but Brighton Hospital is one of the few institutions that has in-patient treatment programs. Yagiela said kids who relapse into heroin addiction are sent to Minneapolis for extended treatment.

"It's sad when kids use drugs at all but drug use in any form is not a safe thing for anyone to do," Yagiela said.

event at The Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn on June 12.

The fashion show, which included former Miss Michigan USA Shannon Grace Clark and a fashion show, will raise money for the women's and children's center at the Pontiac Rescue Mission.

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Jacque Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36351 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or at her e-mail address downs@mail.com.

Helping *from page B1*

U.S. is accepting are coming from Macedonia because of concerns about a shift in the country's ethnic makeup with the influx of 234,000 Kosovar refugees.

There are 40,000 Albanians in the metropolitan area, but not all have ties to Kosovo," said Rosso who estimates that the biggest group of refugees will be free cases - those without sponsors. "However, the entire community has pulled together to help the newcomers. It's a great community effort."

Having refugee status entitles

the families to apply for an immigration card after one year and become U.S. citizens after five years. If they want to return to Kosovo, the U.S. government has said it will assist them.

In the meantime, Booker and Rosso and their counterparts at the other resettlement agencies are waiting for the first refugees to arrive.

"With the outpouring of donations, we're prepared," said Booker. "If we get a refugee family of 10 next week, we know we can give them what they need."

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McDonald's get ready for return of teenie Beanies

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Did somebody say ... teenie Beanie Babies?

McDonald's did. The fast food giant is serving its third installment of teenie Beanies for two weeks, beginning with the 7 a.m. breakfast crowd Friday, May 21, and store operators are preparing for the onslaught of Beanie Baby enthusiasts.

Based on the past two years, Eric Alcodray knows his McDonald's on West Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township will be "extremely busy" Friday morning. He plans to have extra employees there, but isn't certain how many.

"This place was an absolute

madhouse," Alcodray said about the previous teenie Beanie promotions. "We had people lining up at 4-5 a.m. It was more than a crunch, it was 50-100 people."

Exclusively created for McDonald's, the TY teenie Beanie Babies promotion, introduced in April 1997 is the most successful Happy Meal program in the company's history.

This year, 12 teenie Beanies will be available at no additional charge with a Happy Meal or sold separately for \$1.89 with the purchase of any regularly priced menu item between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. through June 3, or while supplies last. Purchases will be limited to 10 teenie Beanies per visit.

The collection includes Freckles the Leopard, Antsy the Anteater, Smoochy the Frog,

Spunky the Cocker Spaniel, Rocket the Blue Jay, Iggy the Iguana, Strut the Rooster, Nuts the Squirrel, Claude the Crab, Stretchy the Ostrich, Nook the Husky and Chip the Cat.

All but Rocket the Blue Jay are teenie versions of retired full-size Beanie Babies.

Special edition

And for the first time, a special edition of four TY teenie Beanie Babies International Bears will be offered June 4-17, or while supplies last, with a portion of the proceeds going to Ronald McDonald House Charities.

The bears, hard to find as full-sized Beanie Babies, will sell for \$2.49 each with the purchase of any regularly priced menu item. There also will be a purchase limit of 10 bears per visit.

McDonald's and TY Co. are committed to contributing \$4 million to Ronald McDonald House Charities from the bear purchases.

At the McDonald's on Ford Road in Garden City, inquiries about the Teenie Beanies is met with a "We can't tell you anything," an indication that Beanie enthusiasts have already been calling, according to Laura Cain who handles regional marketing for 240 McDonald's stores in seven southeastern Michigan counties.

"I've been told the Detroit area is the highest interest area for Beanies in the country and that Oakland County is the Beanie Babies capital," she said.

The stores' owners have made preparations to handle the onslaught, plans that include bringing in extra help, selling the teenie Beanies in the play areas or tents outside and creating special Beanies only lines. Increased quantities of the teenie Beanies also have been ordered, according to Cain.

"We know our customers are very excited about this, and our operators are prepared for that," said Cain. "The first year we were caught by storm over the demand, so we did different things to manage it better last



They're Baaaack! McDonald's most popular Happy Meal program of all time - TY Teenie Beanie Babies - will feature 12 new collectibles - Freckles the Leopard, Antsy the Anteater, Smoochy the Frog, Spunky the Cocker Spaniel, Rocket the Blue Jay, Iggy the Iguana, Strut the Rooster, Nuts the Squirrel, Claude the Crab, Stretchy the Ostrich, Nook the Husky and Chip the Cat.

year. We had people call to compliment us that it was as different as night and day on how we handle the promotion.

"Hopefully, with the increased quantity of Beanies and the different procedures, we'll do even better this year."

Anticipating lines

At the McDonald's on Warren Road in Westland, employees expect to have Beanie enthusiasts waiting at 7 a.m., but wonder if the Furby craze and the opening of "Star Wars" this week will cut into the crowds.

"They were there last year and I'm sure they'll be there this year," said an employee who declined to be identified. "We had them line up like they did for 'Star Wars' (tickets)."

To handle the crowd, employees have lined up family members and friends to come in as volunteers to help.

"We're as excited as our customers," the employee said. "We want to make this a fun time."

Teenie Beanie enthusiasts can get help tracking down those teenie Beanies. The McDonald's Web site - www.mcdonalds.com

- offers a restaurant locator/ trip planner.

Type in the city, state and zip code (if you want), and the locator will provide a complete list of McDonald's restaurants in the community and handy map.

The trip planner will provide a route to your destination, using major interstate and state highways, plus it will map out all the McDonald's along the way. Just type in the address, city, state and/or zip code of your starting point and your destination - let the trip planner do the rest.

'Locks of Love' haircuts benefit cancer patients

Want to get a free haircut and help young cancer victims at the same time?

It can be done, thanks to Westland John Glenn High senior Mandy Long and Maria Cisar's Hair Salon, also in Westland.

It's all part of a national program, "Locks of Love."

Long said she organized the local project because she wanted to help young cancer victims who wear wigs during chemotherapy treatments.

Free haircuts will be offered from 3-6 p.m. Monday, June 7, at Cisar's salon, 35857 Ford Road. For more information, call Long at (734) 729-0642.

There are a couple of rules, however.

Like Long, who plans to get her hair cut, participants must have long hair and be willing to have at least 10 inches cut off.

"It's pulled into a ponytail and cut off. Ten or 12 ponytails make one wig," Long said. "It's collected in baggies and sent bulk mail to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla."

The hair can be any color, but it has to be clean and not chemically damaged, Cisar said.

"We'll cut it and style it," she said. "But we do need people with really long hair."

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CALENDAR

WEEKEND

CELEBRATION ON ICE
 The Plymouth Cultural Center will be presenting the 19th annual ice show, "Celebration on Ice 1999." The show will be held at the Plymouth Cultural Center with showtimes as follows: 7 p.m. Thursday May 20; 7 p.m. Friday May 21; 7 p.m. Saturday May 22; and 3 p.m. Sunday May 23. Tickets are \$3 for seniors and children under 12; \$5 for adults or children over 13. This presentation includes area skaters involved in the Basic Skills Learn to Skate program, as well as competitive skaters, a junior dance team from the Detroit Skating Club, Tamith Belbin and Benjamin Agosto. For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

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 Sherrie Pryor at (734) 455-1279.

FLOWER MARKET DAY
 The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is hosting its first annual Flower Market Day 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 22, in Downtown Plymouth. Streets will be filled with nursery vendors selling beautiful flowers and hanging plants for your garden. For more information, call (734) 453-1540.

GARAGE SALE
 The American Legion Post 112 will be having a garage sale 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at Odd Fellows Hall on Elizabeth and Ann Arbor Trail. For more information, call (734) 459-7324 or (734) 454-9430.

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.

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. to 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.

AROUND TOWN

BLOOD DRIVE
 Henry Ford Medical Center in Canton will host a blood drive for the American Red Cross 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 21. The center is at 6100 Haggerty, between Ford and Commerce Drive. For more information, call (734) 981-3200 to make an appointment.

ANALYZING ALLY MCBEAL
 The Plymouth Community Arts Council is sponsoring "Analyzing Ally McBeal" from 8:30-10 p.m., Monday May 24, at Boulder's Restaurant, 1020 Ann Arbor Road. If you're a fan, this evening will be right up your "Ally!" Approach the TV show "Ally McBeal" from an analytical perspective. Topics will include character development, plot, and impact the characters have upon the viewer. The directors of the Plymouth Psychology Center, Dr. Manuel Manrique and his associate Marcia Palmer, MSW, will examine such issues as gender concerns and the effects of women in the workplace. Come view the season finale on a wide screen TV at a local restaurant. For more information, call (734) 416-4ART.

TOWN HALL MEETING
 In order to put Y2K event into perspective, the First Presbyterian and First United Methodist Churches of Plymouth are sponsoring an open Town Hall Meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 25. The event will be held at the First United Methodist Church located at 45201 N. Territorial Road just west of Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Representatives from the City of Plymouth, Township of Plymouth, Plymouth Fire/EMS, Consumers Energy, Detroit Edison, Comerica Bank, Peoples State Bank, the

Dressed for 19th century



History, Jackie Wehling of Taylor demonstrated the chore of getting dressed in 19th century America to the Women's Club of Plymouth. Wearing only her hand-made bloomers and a corset, she explained the history behind each garment as she put it on. At left, is an 1830s wedding dress that she restored. Waking and her mother make and restore reproduction fashions of the 19th century.

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City of Detroit Water and Sewer Department, and Wayne County will discuss the work they have done or are doing to be ready for the Year 2000. A question and answer period will follow.

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.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE
 Local Rotary Clubs are currently accepting applications from students in the community and surrounding areas who are interested in spending a year overseas with Rotary International's Youth Exchange Program during the 2000-2001 school year. Participants must be

between the ages of 16 and 18 when they depart and at that time may be current students or immediate graduates of high school. Rotary District 6400 of southeast Michigan and southwest Ontario will be hosting an informational session for interested students and their families at 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 26 at the Auto Nation, 39600 Ford Rd., Canton. If you would like to attend the meeting or would like more information on Rotary Youth Exchange, call Dawn Rossi at (734) 420-4171.

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 Kindermusik 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 Kindermusik, voice and piano, has started registration for the Kindermusik Summer Adventure Program for children 18 months to 7 years, and Kindermusik Village for newborns to 17 months, starting the week of June 7. For information, call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

GOLF RUN
 St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor will host a Pro Am Golf Classic, with proceeds benefiting the Interactive Health Education Center in Canton's St. Joseph Mercy Health Building. Each team will be accompanied by a Michigan Golf professional. Cost is \$350 per person. Dinner tickets are \$75 per person. Novice Golf Clinic is \$150 per person. Sponsorship and underwriting opportunities are available. Continental breakfast, a golf clinic and lunch is provided. Tee off is 9:30 a.m. A cocktail reception will take place at 4:30 p.m., followed by a dinner and awards ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Senior PGA Touring Professional, Larry Laoretti, will be conducting a golf clinic at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call (734) 712-3192.

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.

HANDBELL RINGERS
 Last year a group of handbell ringers from different communities and different churches came together and formed "The Liberty Bells." We rang "Stars and Stripes Forever" from a flat bed trailer and had a terrific time ringing. We want to do it again this year. Are you interested? Do you love handbells? Have you ever been in a parade before? We would love to have you be a part of our handbell choir. For more information, call Fran Louise at (734) 459-4263.

ART CLASSES
 D&M Studios, in cooperation with Canton Parks and Recreation and Plymouth Parks and Recreation, offers fine art classes for the preschool 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
 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. n Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings now in all classes for 18 months through five years of age. Located in Livonia bordering canton, Plymouth and westland. Quality education offered with parent involvement. Low tuition rates. For more information, call April at (734) 522-8469.

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.

CAMPUS NOTES

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

AWARDS
 The United States Achievement Academy announced that Nicole Lynn Zlonkevics of Plymouth has been named a United States National Award winner. Zlonkevics, who attends Divine Child, Dearborn, was nominated for this national award by a math teacher at the school. She will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook,

which is published nationally. Zlonkevics is the daughter of Jeffrey and Denise Zlonkevics of Plymouth.

SCHOLARSHIPS
 Kevin John Jarvis of Plymouth is the 1998-99 recipient of the University of Michigan annual Golden Key National Honor Society Undergraduate Scholarship as the outstanding Senior Golden Key student. Jarvis is a senior majoring in business and carries a 4.4 grade point average. He is the son of Linda E. and Thomas J. Jarvis of Plymouth. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi National Scholastic Honor Society, a James E. Farrell Honorary Schol-

ar, a recipient of the William J. Branstrom Honorary Freshman Scholastic Award and active in the Finance Club and Habitat for Humanity.

AWARDED
 Plymouth Canton High School graduate Pat Van Hull won a divisional athlete of the year award from the University of Michigan's intramural sports program.

ENGINEERING HONOR SOCIETY
 William Yates of Canton received an Outstanding Service award through Lawrence Technological University's College of Engineering. A banquet was held at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in War-

ren to honor the outstanding members of each organization. Students were named to awards based on their grade point average or in combination of their grade point average and service to professional engineering societies.

DEAN'S LIST
 Richard Lewis Crist, son of Douglas and Deborah Crist of Canton, was named to the fall 1998 dean's list at Evangel University. Full time students who have earned a grade point average of 3.6 or higher are eligible to be included on the dean's list. Crist is a senior and majoring in history.

ENGAGEMENTS

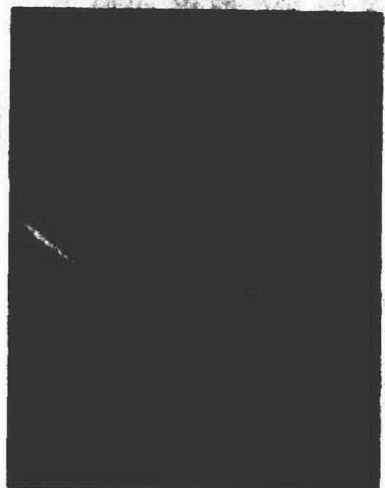
Ronayne-Shute

Charles and Barbara Ronayne of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Ruth, to Scott Blaine Shute, the son of Ron and Lynn Shute of Ypsilanti and Robert and Sylvia Peterson of Greenville.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Clarenceville High School and a 1998 graduate of Madonna University. She is employed as an administrative assistant at AutoComm Inc. in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of Ann Arbor Huron High School. He is employed as a machinist at Hart Precision in Redford.

A June wedding is planned at



St. Priscilla Catholic Church in Livonia.

Honecker-Felsburg

Elaine and Richard Honecker of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Leigh, to Michael Frederick Felsburg, the son of Sue and Bill Turner of Honor, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in journalism. She is employed at MSX International in Auburn Hills.

Her fiancé is a 1996 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in communications. He is employed at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn.



A June wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church.

Tynan-Mitchell

Lyn and Penny Beasley of Livonia and Jack and Shelly Tynan of Shelby Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Colleen, to Brian Todd Mitchell, the son of James and Susan Mitchell of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1996 magna cum laude graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in elementary education. She is employed as a first-grade teacher at Nankin Mills Elementary School.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1996 graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in criminal justice. He is employed as a police officer



by the Detroit Police Department. A June wedding is planned at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.

Plumer-Haun

Richard and Marie Plumer of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather, to Peter Haun, the son of Ed and Carol Haun of Detroit.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Ladywood High School, a 1993 graduate of the University of Michigan and a recent graduate of the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Michigan State University. She will begin her residency in family practice at Bi-County Hospital this summer.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of De LaSalle High School, a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan and a recent graduate of Wayne State University with a master's degree in education.



He teaches at Roosevelt Middle School in Oak Park. A June wedding is planned at Marygrove Chapel in Detroit.

Wengle-Wegrzyn

Lawrence and Kathryn Wengle of Westland announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Christine Marie, to Robert Lawrence Wegrzyn, the son of Lawrence and Nancy Wegrzyn of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a senior at Eastern Michigan University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed by TRW in Farmington Hills.

A June wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic



Church in Canton.

Kaiplo-Platt

Norman and Diane Kaipio of Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Monica Lee, to Jeffrey Allen Platt, the son of James and Ann Platt of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Clarenceville High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree. Formerly producer of the "5 O'Clock News" for NBC in Lansing, she works at GTN in Oak Park.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Redford Union High School and a 1995 graduate of ITT Tech with an associate of applied science degree. Self-employed, he is the owner of a landscaping business.



A May wedding is planned at St. Priscilla Catholic Church in Livonia.

Kriska-Strzyzewski

Dorothy Brey of Northville and John Kriska of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Therese, to Tom Strzyzewski, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Strzyzewski of Milwaukee, Wis.

The bride-to-be is a 1984 graduate of Ladywood High School. She is a flight attendant with United Airlines and is based in Los Angeles, Calif.

Her fiancé is a 1984 graduate of Milwaukee Technical and Trade School and a 1990 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse with a bachelor of science degree. He is a certified systems engineer with Novell and has a certification in Microsoft (MCP). He is employed



as a network manager by Sunstate Construction in Phoenix, Ariz. An October wedding is planned.

Sochacki-Buist

Frank and Lynne Sochacki of Livonia and Joyce Schaffer of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Leigh Sochacki, to Michael Donald Buist, the son of David and Nancy Buist of Linden and Sandra Wilcox and Jack Russell 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.

Troutman-Shaw

Victor and Marilyn Troutman of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Mary Ann, to Kirk Shaw of Commerce Township, son of John and Susan Shaw of Commerce Township.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School. She works as a food service manager for Sodexo Marriott Services in Troy.

Her fiancé is a 1986 graduate of Novi High School and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He works as a proposal engineer at Comau North America in Auburn Hills.

A June wedding is planned at



Fox Hills Country Club.

Kheder-Camp

Noble and Carole Kheder of Okemos, formerly of Plymouth, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Anne, to Emory David Camp, the son of Emory and Connie Camp of Rockdale, Texas.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Okemos High School and Southern Methodist University in Texas. She is employed as a

marketing coordinator at Clarke American in San Antonio, Texas.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Rockdale High School and a graduate of Texas Christian University in Texas. He is employed as director of staffing at Raymond James Consulting in San Antonio.

A September wedding is planned at Christ the King Catholic Church in Dallas.

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Dr. James H. McBride, Pastor

Worship Services,
Sunday School
8:30, 10:30, 11:30 A.M.
Contemporary Service
8:30-9:45 A.M.
Evening Service
6:30 P.M. in the Chapel
Nursery Provided

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
5403 S. Wayne Rd. • Wayne, MI
(Between Michigan Ave. & Van Buren Rd.)
(734) 728-2180

Virgil Humes, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Praise Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Children, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
20885 Middlebelt, corner of 8 Mile & Middlebelt
Farmington Hills, Mich.

WORSHIP SERVICES
Saturday Evening 6 p.m.
Sunday Morning 9:15 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30

Pastor John W. Meyer • 474-0675

Risen Christ Lutheran
46250 Ann Arbor Road
(1 Mile West of Sheldon)
Plymouth • 463-5252

Worship Service 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Family Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Pastor David Martin
Hugh McMartin, Lay Minister

Grand River Baptist Church
54500 Six Mile • Livonia, MI
Between Farmington Road and Levan
754-361-8959

Sunday School all Ages 9:30am
Sunday Worship Service 10:45am
Pastor Herb Wilson

Victory Baptist Church
A new church preaching the old-fashioned gospel. Now meeting in the former Ward Chapel at 6 Mile & Farmington Pkds. in Livonia

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES
Worship 11:00 & 8:00 PM
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 7PM

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HOSANNA-TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
9000 Levens • So. Redford • 313-937-2424
Rev. Lawrence Wilco

WORSHIP WITH US
Sunday Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Thursday Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
Christian School: Kindergarten-6th Grade
313-937-2233

St. Michael Lutheran Church & School
2002 Hanson Rd., Wayne (corner of Greenwood & Hanson)
(734) 728-1800

Sunday Morning Worship Services
Traditional Services 8 & 11 am
Contemporary Service 9:30 am
Sunday School (Children & Adults) 8:30 & 11 am
Wednesday Night Service 7 pm

Rev. Dr. Robert J. Schalks Rev. Merle Weltonson

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
8115 Marston • Livonia
Sunday Morning Services
8:30 and 11:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m.
School Grades - Pre-School - 8
Church & School Office:
422-8888

ST. TIMOTHY CHURCH, USA
16700 Newburgh Road
Livonia • 734-484-8844

Sunday School for All Ages: 9:30 a.m.
Family Worship 11:00 a.m.
"In Proportion to Faith"

Rev. Janet Noble-Richardson, Pastor
<http://www.urdial.com/~sttimothy>



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Sunday Memorial Service 10:00 A.M.
Sunday School 11:30 A.M.
Bible Class - Wednesdays 7:30 P.M.
36516 Parkdale, Livonia
425-7610

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN Church & School
1 81/2 N. of Ford Rd., Westland 425-0260

Divine Worship 8 & 11:00 A.M.
Bible Class & SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.
Monday Evening Services 7:00 P.M.
Gary D. Headgorn, Administrative Pastor
Kurt E. Lambert, Assistant Pastor
Jeff Burke, Principal/D.C.E.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
17810 Farmington Road • Livonia • (734) 281-1380
May thru October • Monday Night Service • 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School & Bible Classes For All Ages 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Services
8:30 am & 11:30 am
Pastor James Hill
Pastor Dale Steinhilber

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Main & Church • (734) 489-9464
PLYMOUTH

Worship Services 8:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
Church School & Nursery 8:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
Dr. James Shimine, Pastor
Senior Minister: Tamara J. Seider
Associate Minister:

Accessible to All

Brightmoor Tabernacle

Assemblies of God • Calvin C. Ratz, pastor
26555 Franklin Rd., Southfield, MI (I-96 & Telegraph • West of Holiday Inn) • 352-6200
9:15 Family Sunday School Hour • Wednesday 7:00 pm "Family Night"

Pentecost Sunday
10:00 AM - Pastor Calvin C. Ratz
No Evening Service this Week
24-Hour Prayer Line 248-352-6205

Timothy Lutheran Church
5620 Wayne Rd.
(Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road)
Livonia • 427-2290
Rev. Carla Thompson Powell, Pastor
9:00 a.m. Adult & Children's Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Family Worship

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD
2880 GRAND RIVER & BIRCH DAILY 525-2288 REDFORD TWP.

Worship Service
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
Nursery Provided

Rev. Victor R. Halbach, Pastor
Rev. Timothy Halbach, Assoc. Pastor

Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Church
14750 Krieh • Redford Twp.
532-8655
Pastor Gregory Gibbons

Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
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10:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

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421-8481

Mon-Fri. 8:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Dinner & Classes
Saturday 8:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
Sunday 7:45 & 10 A.M. Holy Eucharist
10:00 A.M. Christian Education for all ages
Sunday Morning - Nursery Care Available
The Rev. Robert Clapp, Rector

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Traditional Latin Mass

23310 Joy Road • Redford, Michigan
5 Blocks E. of Telegraph • (313) 534-2121
Priest's Phone (810) 784-9511

Mass Schedules

First	Fri.	7:00 p.m.
First	Sat.	9:30 a.m.
Sun. Masses	7:30 & 9:30 a.m.	

Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass

Reformed - Adhering to the Westminster Confession of Faith
Presbyterian Free Church
30025 Curtis Ave., Livonia 48154
off Middlebelt between Six and Seven Mile
Sunday Services - 11 am and 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study - 7pm
Pastor - Kenneth MacLeod - tel 313-421-8780

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May thru October • Monday Night Service • 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School & Bible Classes For All Ages 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Services
8:30 am & 11:30 am
Pastor James Hill
Pastor Dale Steinhilber

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (USA)
9001 Hubbard @ W. Chicago, Livonia, MI
(Between Hartman & Farmington Pkds.)
(734) 422-0484

Worship Service & Sunday School
10:30 a.m.

Nursery Care Provided
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Rev. Beth Billings, Associate Pastor
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Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.
Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening - 8:00 P.M.
Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M.
NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN: 489-3188

FAITH COVENANT CHURCH
14 Mile Road and Drexler, Farmington Hills
(248) 661-9191

Sunday Worship
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Child Care provided for all services
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at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Activities for all ages • Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
Youth Groups • Adult Small Groups

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1160 Penniman Ave.
Plymouth • 453-0326
Rev. John J. Sullivan

Masses: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 A.M., Sat. 5:00 P.M.
Sunday 8:00, 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.
5:00 P.M. Life Teen Mass

NATIVITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Livonia 48150 • 421-8408

Rev. Donald Livestrom, Pastor
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and Youth Classes
Nursery Care Available
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30600 Six Mile Rd. (Bet. Hartman & Middlebelt)
Chuck Songquist, Pastor

10:00 A.M. Worship & Church School
11:15 A.M. Adult Study Classes
Nursery Provided • 422-8038

Clarencville United Methodist
20300 Middlebelt Rd. • Livonia
474-3444
Rev. Jean Love

Worship Services 10:15 A.M. 6:00 P.M.
Nursery Provided
Sunday School 9 AM
Office Hrs. 9-5

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(734) 394-8357

New Service Times
Sunday Worship Services - 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday - Family Night - 7:00 p.m.

Agapé Christian Academy - K through 12

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
48755 Warren Rd., Canton, Michigan 48187
481-8444
REV. RICHARD A. PERFETTO

Worship Masses
Tuesday & Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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(Between Middlebelt & Merriman)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
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29887 West Eleven Mile Road
Just West of Middlebelt
Farmington Hills

"Saturday at the Park"
Contemporary Worship
Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship at 9:15 and 11 a.m.
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Rev. Benjamin Behrebeck
Rev. Kathleen Groff
Rev. Jane Bergquist
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425-2288

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22016 Power Rd. @ St. Vincennes
(South of 24 Mile
between Farmington & Tree & Lido Pkds.)
Farmington, MI 48336

WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE
Saturday 4:30 & 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:15 a.m.
1:00 & 3:30 p.m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth
1180 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Evening Testimony Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Reading Room - 445 S. Harvey, Plymouth
Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. • Thursday 7-9 p.m.
453-1676

NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
38500 Ann Arbor Trail
between Wayne & Newburgh Pkds.
422-0140

Worship Services & Sunday School
9:15 & 11:00 a.m.

"A Sound From Heaven!"
Rev. Edward C. Coley, preaching
Contemporary Worship Service
Tuesday 8:30 p.m.

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United Methodist Church
10000 Beach Daly, Redford
Between Plymouth and W. Chicago
Bob & Diane Gaudin, Co-Pastors
313-837-3170

Worship Service
at 10:00 a.m.

Scripture: Pentecost Play
Focus:
"The Church is Burning"
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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.

POWER TEAM

The Power Team is bringing the message of Jesus Christ in a highly visual and energetic way, using feats of strength and endurance, at 7 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, May 20-23, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Ford Road, Garden City. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

STAGE PLAY

Bill Will Productions will present "When God Comes Down from Heaven" at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22, at the Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahaer Road, Detroit. There also will be a special performance by the Rev. Huriah Boynton.

YARD SALE

Tri-City Christian Center will have a giant yard sale and children's fun festival with a moon walk, face painting and food 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the center, Michigan Avenue and Hannan Road, east of I-275.

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.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will host "A Christian Response to Littleton" 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 23, at the church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The Rev. Jennifer L. Rike will be the guest speaker.

HEALTH SCREENING

Virginia Ramses, health coordinator at St. Mary Hospital, will direct 15-minute blood pres-

Mt. Vernon gets new pastor

Members of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church are preparing for the installation of their new pastor, the Rev. David A. Steen, who preached at the Redford Church for the first time on Sunday, May 16. Steen replaces the Rev. Kenneth Mawrey who is moving to Colorado. Steen, "discerned" God was calling him to vocational service while a member of the University of Texas at Austin. He received a bachelor of arts degree in 1981 and his master of divinity degree from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, in December.

While at UT, he worked as a volunteer at the Baptist Student Union, scheduling and conducting weekly worship services for students, and served on the Baptist Student Union State Council. He also served a college internship at Congress Avenue Baptist Church in Austin, coordinating and teaching in the college Sunday school department, planning and leading mid-week Bible study for



The Rev. David Steen, his wife Judy and son Cory Allen.

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.

DAY CAMP

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will sponsor five weeks of day camp 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (extended care will be available) June 28-July 30 for children entering the first grade through sixth-graders at the church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Activities include Friday "fun" lunches, recreation, stories, crafts and two weekly field trips to places like Greenfield Village, Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, Maybury State Park, Four Bears Waterpark, putt-putt golfing and a trout pond.

The cost is \$90 per week and children can register for one or more weeks. To register or for more information, call the Christian Education Office at (248) 374-5977.

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.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT Northville Christian School is Please see RELIGION, B8

sure and stroke screenings, starting at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 23, at Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff at West Chicago, Livonia. Sponsored by the American Red Cross as part of Heart Month, the screenings are open to the public.

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 \$5 per adult per session. For more information, call Sue Stettner at (800) 397-4876.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday, May 30, is the last day to register for Faith Lutheran Church's vacation Bible school, slated for 9 a.m. to noon June 21-25. The registration fee is \$7 for one child, \$12 for two,

\$18 for three and \$24 for four or more children (residing at the same address). The fee includes a T-shirt that children will decorate, materials, daily snacks and special gifts on the last day. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-7349.

NEW BEGINNINGS

The Rev. Chuck Sonquist will speak about "The Grief Process" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 3, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn

Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

FLEA MARKET

Rice Memorial United Methodist Church will have its annual spring flea market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the church, 20601 Beech Daly and Eight Mile Road, Redford. There will be more than 40 booths, some antiques and bake sale. Lunch also will be available. For more information, call Kathi Burger at (810) 977-1674 or the church office at (313) 534-4907.

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.

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 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/wwwme.

MUSICAL CELEBRATION

The Men's Chorus from throughout the area will present

'On Main Street' show looks at Y2K problem

It's 11:59 p.m. Dec. 31, 1999. Do you know how your computer will respond? That's the question that is plaguing millions of computer users as programmers scramble in the race against time to correct the simple programming glitch that many fear could create a technical disaster - getting computers to recognize the year 2000.

The award-winning weekly television talk show, "On Main Street," will focus the microscope on the Y2K (year 2000) bug that is creating fear among computer users. In its episode, "The Millennium Bug," special guest Shaunti Feldhahn, author of "Y2K: The Millennium Bug," will explain predictions that range from total social catastrophe to a mere "hiccup" in daily activity.

Scheduled to air at 4 p.m. Monday, May 24, on Livonia cable TV's Channel 12 and at noon Thursday, May 27, and 2:30 a.m. Friday, May 28, on the Odyssey Network, the episode will examine the issues surrounding the Y2K problem, what many businesses have done to correct it, how people can prepare for it and what might result from it.

"On Main Street" shares practical suggestions on today's issues from a spiritual perspective. Founded in 1994, the 30-Christian talk show has been awarded the 1998 Aegis Award for "Human Cloning: Miracle or Mistake" episode and the 1998 Bronze Telly Award for the "Overcoming an Abusive Childhood" episode.

Self-Cleaning Lovin' advertisement for Michigan Humane Society featuring a silhouette of a dog and text: Adopt a pet today. For more information, call (248) 852-7420. MICHIGAN HUMANE SOCIETY Detroit • Rochester Hills • Westland

Huntington Home Improvements advertisement with images of home projects and text: HOME IMPROVEMENTS. Now available in small, medium and large. There are many ways to spruce up your home. And whether you want the subtle or the spectacular, Huntington can help. For bigger projects, we have equity loans and lines of credit with affordable rates and payments. For smaller improvements, we also have personal loan and credit card options. So to bring your home to life, visit any Huntington banking office today. Call toll-free 1-877-480-2345 • www.huntington.com. 6.99% APR (Introductory rate for one year*) 7.75% APR (Non-introductory rate as of 4/1/99) Huntington Banking. Investments. Insurance.

NEW VOICES

Dwayne and Kenia Kumbungu of Plymouth announce the birth of Alyx Marie Jan. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins siblings, James, 10, Ty, 9, Bailey, 3, and...

Tim and Jill Gorman Jr. of Bedford announce the birth of James Jan. 25. He joins a brother, Joshua Allen. Grandparents are Joyce Trombly of New Richmond and Tim and Judy Gorman of Westland. Great-grandparents are Bill LaBelle of Westland and Bernice Gootes of Plymouth.

Bernie and Beth Olsen of Plymouth announce the birth of Mitchell Phillip Jan. 14 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ypsilanti. He joins a sister, Kleigh, 20 months. Grandparents are Ann

(Coker) and Larry White of Plymouth, Dr. Marlin P. Coker of Naples, Fla., and Bernard and Martha Olsen of Ocala, Fla.

Tim and Sharon Phillips of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of Nicole Marie Jan. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Diane Kurgan and Jimmy and Geraldine Phillips, all of Garden City.

Ronald and Jackie Jones of Westland announce the birth of Taylor Rae Feb. 18 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are Dave and Priscilla Jones, James Ferguson and James and Alexis Neubacher. Great-grandparents are Jewell Youngblood and James and Florence Ferguson.

Craig and April Meagher of

South Lyon announce the birth of Casimir Octavius Jan. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Joshua, 11, and a sister, Kaitlyn, 8. Grandparents are John and Lorea Meagher and Dan and Laurie Gay, all of Livonia, and John and Teresa Rider of Dayton, Ohio.

Chad and Tonya Perkey of Westland announce the birth of Jewell Rayne Feb. 3 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins two siblings, Kayla and Steven. Grandparents are Dan and Debbie Bush of Westland and Greg and Vickie Perkey of Novi.

Ken Jones of Kentucky and Jenna Jones of Canton announce the birth of Jon-nathan Lee Jan. 13 at the

Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Justin, 8. Grandparents are Joseph and Carol Wegrzyn of Canton and Ken Jones Sr. and Christine Jones, both of Pine Knot, Ky.

Gary and Krista Gallo of Garden City announce the birth of Erin Nicole Feb. 14 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She has a sister, Samantha Jane, 20 months. Grandparents are Ernie and Liz Andree of Harrieville and Karen Raskin of Cape Coral, Fla.

Bryan Michael Yarber and Leah Nicole Morrison of Garden City announce the birth of Bryan Michael Yarber II Jan. 13 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Bob and Carol Yarber, Mar-

cio Hicks and John Morrison, all of Garden City.

Scott and Carla Murray of Garden City announce the birth of Maxwell David and Vincent Scott Feb. 12 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Paul and Carol Garner of Garden City and David and Barbara Murray of Dearborn. Great-grandparents are William and Fern Break of Danellon, Fla., and Alex and Agnes Toth of Dearborn.

Michael and Kristy Ferrell of Westland announce the birth of Shelby Lynn Jan. 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Glenn and Debi Stephens, Johnny and Sally Ferrell and Dan and Debi Pagia.

Richard and Kim Engel-

hardt of Plymouth announce the birth of Leagan Nicole Dec. 16 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. Grandparents are Lynn and Stodie Young of Garden City, Sharon Engelhardt of Westland and Al and Marsha Engelhardt of Plymouth. Great-grandparents are Mary Darcey of Dearborn Heights and Stanley Blaszewski of Detroit.

John and Sherron Gossett of Westland announce the birth of Nathan A. Jan. 23 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins siblings, Paris, 7, and Alyssa, 2. Grandparents are Jerry and Susan Chaffin and Mary and Chuck Gossett, all of Westland.

CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

ALL SAINTS
Class of 1950
Is planning a "Millennium Reunion" for November 2000. (248) 437-9735

ANN ARBOR HUNION
Class of 1989
Sept. 18 at the Clarion Hotel in Ann Arbor. (248) 360-7004, press #9

ANN ARBOR PIONEER
Class of 1989
Oct. 23 at the Crowne Plaza in Ann Arbor. (800) 677-7800 or reunions@taylorpub.com

BENEFIT
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Aug. 28. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

Classes of 1963-1964
A reunion is planned for July 17. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Oct. 16. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

BIRMINGHAM GROVES
Class of 1969
July 17 at the Community House in Birmingham. (800) 677-7800 or e-mail at reunions@taylorpub.com

BISHOP BORGESS
Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for August. (313) 271-3050, Ext. 189 (days), (248) 552-8020 (days), or (248) 723-1907

Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Sept. 18. (734) 464-2746 or (734) 459-2281

CHERRY HILL
Class of 1983
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CLAWSON
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Class of 1954
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Class of 1979
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A reunion is planned for Aug. 27. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

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DETROIT MACKENZIE
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Classes of 1978-1979
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DETROIT NORTHWESTERN
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Classes of 1949-53
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FARMINGTON
Class of 1949
 A 12:30 p.m. reunion luncheon will be held Oct. 3 at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn.
 (313) 374-3214

FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON
Class of 1969
 Nov. 26 at the Best Western Hotel in Farmington.
 (248) 360-7004, press #4

FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON
Class of 1978
 Nov. 27 at the Best Western Hotel in Farmington Hills.
 (734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

FERRIS LINDOLN
Class of 1949
 A reunion is planned for June 5.
 (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

GARDEN CITY WEST
Class of 1968
 A reunion is planned for September.
 (517) 522-4893, (734) 213-4350 or (248) 486-5170

Class of 1979
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 (734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

GROSSE POINTE
 January-June classes of 1949 Welcoming party Sept. 17 at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club in

Grosse Pointe Woods, sit-down dinner Sept. 18 at the Detroit Country Club in Grosse Pointe Farms and brunch Sept. 19 at the Bayview Yacht Club.
 (313) 266-1177

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH
Class of 1979
 Aug. 21 at the Lashmore Club in Grosse Pointe Woods.
 (800) 677-7800 or by e-mail at reunions@taylorpub.com.

HAZEL PARK
Class of 1974
 Nov. 27 at Warren Chateau in Hazel Park.
 (800) 677-7800 or by e-mail at reunions@taylorpub.com.

Class of 1969
 A reunion is planned for Sept. 17.
 (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

HENRY FORD TRADE
Class of 1949
 A reunion is planned for June.
 (313) 565-2392 or (734) 261-8546

Classes of 1937-40
 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 12 at the Bonnie Brook Country Club, Detroit. Cost is \$36 per couple, \$18 per person. Golf optional after 3:30 p.m.
 Send checks to H.F.T.A.A., 20700 Shioawassee, Detroit 48219, attention Pat Costello.

HIGHLAND PARK
Class of 1969
 Is planning a reunion.
 (313) 864-5943, (313) 583-5418 or (313) 867-3201

January-June classes of 1950-51

Are planning a reunion.
 Fred Kachouty, 21638 Raymond, St. Clair Shores 48063 or call (810) 394-7513 or (313) 881-3023

Class of 1949
 A reunion is planned for Sept. 18.
 (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

JOHN GLENN
Class of 1979
 Oct. 2 at the Wayne Ford Civic League in Westland.
 (734) 595-7892 or (734) 723-7314

Class of 1989
 Oct. 9 at Roma's of Garden City.
 (248) 366-9493, press #2

LIVONIA BENTLEY
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 July 24 at the Holiday Inn-Laural Park in Livonia.
 (734) 416-5993 or Tink@mediagone.net

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 (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

Class of 1989
 A reunion is planned for Oct. 15.
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LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Class of 1979
 Nov. 27 at Vladimir's in Farmington.
 (734) 459-6496, (734) 459-0254 or at NOWANDTHEN.COM/REUNION or ALUMNI.NET

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Class of 1979
 Aug. 7 at the DoubleTree Suites in Southfield.
 (248) 366-9493, press #3

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Class of 1979
 Nov. 27 at the Novi Hilton Hotel.
 (248) 344-4467, (734) 416-5013 or JHoyNow@aol.com

MERSEY
Class of 1949
 noon-4:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Marriott Inn in Livonia
 (248) 349-9599.

Class of 1950
 Is planning a reunion for June 2000.
 (248) 851-7620

Class of 1989
 Nov. 27 at Baker's of Milford.
 (313) 621-9350

Class of 1979
 Nov. 27 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi.
 (248) 344-8767

Class of 1994
 A reunion is being planned.
 (248) 476-3270

NORTH FARMINGTON
Class of 1969
 Oct. 2 at the Double Tree Suites in Southfield.
 (248) 360-7004, press #2

Class of 1979
 Nov. 26 at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn.
 (248) 737-4419

Class of 1978
 Nov. 27 at Big Daddy's in West Bloomfield.
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NORTHVILLE
Class of 1979
 July 10 at the Italian America Club in Livonia.
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Class of 1979
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PLYMOUTH
Class of 1969
 Aug. 6-8 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi.
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 A reunion is planned for June 25-27.
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PLYMOUTH CANTON
Class of 1979
 Aug. 7 at the Holiday Inn West in Livonia.
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Class of 1979
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Class of 1973-74
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ST. ALPHONSUS
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Classes of 1938-40
 A reunion is planned for June (313) 871-1473

ST. MARY'S
Class of 1964
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ST. LAWRENCE
Classes of 1976-78
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SPORTS SCENE

Hockey silver

Leading scorer Alison Proodian, 11, and Molly Leon, 12, Canton Township's representatives on the Michigan Capitals 12 & Under girls hockey team, recently completed a successful hockey season by helping their team take the silver medal in the U.S. National Championships in Washington, D.C.

Earlier, the two helped the Capitals win both the Michigan state championship and the Team Illinois Tournament.

Canton Impact champs

The Little Caesars Premier Canton Impact under-14 boys soccer team rolled to the championship of the Midland Soccer Tournament by going undefeated May 5-7.

The Canton Impact reached the finals by defeating the Traverse City Rovers, Portage Lightning and the Midland Rampage, then beat first-division foe and Little Caesars Premier League team Dearborn Heights Mustangs for the title.

Team members are Evan Baker, Iain Bryant, Steve Cox, James DeLos-Reyes, John de Vries, Matt Ealy, Brian Finnerty, Kyle Grenfell, Justin Hajduk, Steve Kacala, Ankit Kachhal, Brian Klump, Mike Masters, Tim Oswalt and Alex Popescu, all of Canton; Paul Giordano, Westland; Rory Rays, Northville and Kevin Sakata, Livonia.

Coaches are Tom Masters and Bob Klump. Team trainer is Lucian Popescu.

Sonnastine in Meet

Amy Sonnastine, a sophomore at Wittenberg University of Springfield, Ohio, and a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton HS, recently competed in the hurdles and pole vault in the North Coast Athletic Conference outdoor track championships.

Sonnastine, daughter of Alan and Kathy Sonnastine of Plymouth, placed fifth in the 400-meter hurdles and 10th in the vault.

Madonna Places 2

Madonna University baseball star Aaron Shrewsbury and softball pitcher Janell Leschinger have been named to GTE Academic All-District IV second teams.

Shrewsbury, a senior from Dearborn Divine Child who has a 3.50 cumulative grade-point average in criminal justice, is Madonna's all-time leader in batting average, hits, doubles, home runs and RBI. He also was named to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference all-conference and academic all-conference teams this year.

Leschinger, a senior from Alpena High School, has earned a cumulative 3.76 GPA in biology. She was also named to the WHAC all-academic team this year.

A minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA and sophomore academic standing are required for nomination to the GTE teams. District IV includes players from colleges in Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama.

Celebrity golf

Former Detroit Lion team captain, Hall of Famer and former head coach Joe Schmidt will be among the sports celebrities that will play in the fifth annual St. Louis Celebrity Golf Tournament Monday, June 28 at the Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. Golfers will play on the Golden Fox Championship Course.

Other former Lion stars to play include Jim David, Dorne Dibble, Jim Thrower, Dan LaRosa, Gil Mains, Leo Marantette, Tom Watkins and Mike Weger. Paul Seymour, a former National Football League player and star with the University of Michigan, will also be on hand.

Proceeds from the event will help maintain services provided to the boys and men with developmental disabilities who call the St. Louis Center home. A non profit organization, the St. Louis Center is located in Chelsea.

The cost is \$850 per golfer or \$9,500 for hole sponsorship, which includes 16 holes of golf for four people, lunch, drinks and prizes.

For more information, call the St. Louis Center at (784) 476-8480.

Rocks rip Rockets



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Evened up: An 11-run opening inning relieved a lot of the pressure from Salem pitcher Jason Lukasik, who evened his record at 4-4 with Monday's lopsided win.

Those 11-run first innings will do it just about every time.

That's the formula Plymouth Salem used Monday to crumple visiting Westland John Glenn, 17-7, in a Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division baseball game shortened to five innings by the mercy rule.

The Rocks batted around, collecting nine hits in the opening inning. They added two runs on three hits in the second and four runs on four hits in the fifth.

Salem totaled 18 hits and made one error.

Losing pitcher Dale Hayes took the beating for John Glenn, giving up all 17 runs and 18 hits.

Jason Lukasik squared his record at 4-4 for Salem, giving up all the runs, walking six and striking out six.

The Rockets scored six of their runs on six hits in the third and got the other in the second. They collected seven hits off Lukasik.

Right fielder Jeff Bennett went 3-for-4 and drove in two runs, shortstop Steve Stiles went 3-for-4 and Chris Longpre drove in three runs in a 3-for-3 game, including at triple.

Nick Eicher went 2-for-4 and drove in a run, Joe Rizzi went 2-for-4 and got both hits in the first inning. He singled his first time up, then smacked a three-run home run his second turn around.

Second Corey Whacker went 2-for-3, Mike Hoben doubled and drove in two runs while Lukasik had a double and two RBI.

The victory improved Salem to 11-13 overall and 6-3 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

John Glenn, 4-5 in the division, dropped to 10-13 overall.

"We've won 4-of-5," Coach Dale Rumberger said. "We're starting to play better. We're starting to hit more consistently."

Canton 5, Franklin 0: Plymouth Canton snapped a three-game losing streak

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Fisher, Hudson no-hit Pats

Jenny Fisher and Gretchen Hudson combined on a no-hitter as Plymouth Canton subdued Livonia Franklin 5-0 Monday at Canton.

Fisher was the starter and winning pitcher, working the first four innings and walking just one, with six strikeouts. Hudson took over and pitched the final three innings, striking out five.

Fisher was also the hitting hero, collecting a pair of triples and driving in two runs.

The victory elevated Canton's record to 24-3 overall, 7-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

"Hopefully," said Canton coach Jim Arnold, "we can continue this."

Salem 13, John Glenn 1: It was Amanda Sutton Day for Plymouth Salem.

The Rocks' pitcher hurled and batted

Salem to a mercy-shortened victory Monday over host Westland John Glenn.

Sutton pitched all six innings of the game and gave up only a solo home run to Samantha Crews in the fifth inning. It was a clout, too, because there's no fence at John Glenn.

Sutton struck out three, didn't walk a batter and contributed a two-run double to her team's cause.

"Amanda pitched a great game," Coach Bonnie Southerland said. "She only gave up two hits."

"That's one of the best games we've played this season. Things are shaping up."

Salem is now 11-14 overall and 6-3 in the WLAA's Lakes Division.

Maureen Buchanan and three RBI with two doubles for Salem, Dawn Allen drove in two runs with a triple and a single and Katie Kelly contributed two singles to the attack.

Liz Dekarske smacked a two-run single, Jessica Chapman stroked a single and Jacqui Slobodnick chipped in with a two-run single.

"Defensively," Southerland said, "Salem played probably one of its best games of the year — no errors."

"We got great contributions from everybody. They came out ready to play and hit the ball well."

"I'd like to see us have a strong finish to the season. I think the Canton game really pumped us up."

The Rocks got 10 hits off losing pitcher Sarah King, who walked six and struck out three. The Rockets made

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Spartans rule; Chiefs trail



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The final analysis is easy enough to formulate: Livonia Churchill was much improved over last season, when it finished second at the Western Lakes Activities Association Golf Tournament behind Livonia Stevenson. Playing again at Hudson Mills in Dexter, the Chargers dropped their team score by 13 strokes.

Problem was, Stevenson dropped its team total of '98 by 16 — which means the Spartans repeated, this time finishing seven strokes ahead of the runner-up Chargers.

Stevenson's stroke total was 371; Churchill's was 378. Farmington, led by tournament medalist Cassie Jemison, placed third with 381, followed by Northville (394), Walled Lake Central (410), Plymouth Canton (412), Plymouth Salem (442), Livonia Franklin (455), Walled Lake Western (460) and Westland John Glenn (594).

Perhaps as amazing as the Spartans' winning total was that it was accomplished when their defending WLAA Tournament medalist, Mara Mazzoni, had an "off day" — at least by her standards. Mazzoni shot a respectable 93, a score that was good enough to earn her all-conference honors.

But four others had better scores.

Indeed, Jemison — who earned or shared medalist honors in every dual meet she competed in this season — fired a 79 in replacing Mazzoni as WLAA Tournament medalist.

With Churchill coming on, a slip by the Spartans' ace might have proved costly. It didn't, however.

"We are really putting forth a team effort," said Stevenson coach John Wagner, his team now ranked third in the state. "When someone slips a little, someone is there to pick them up. There is no one star on this team."

Which is just what happened. Three Spartans achieved all-conference status: Mazzoni; Carl Heppner, who was the team's low scorer with a 91 (third overall); and Katie Carlson, who matched Mazzoni's 93.

Two others were all-division: Laura Haddock, at 94, and Jessica Makowski, at 100.

All of which means the Spartans could make a major impact at the state tournament June 4-5 at Forest Akers West in East Lansing. First, however, there's the state regional Friday at Oakpointe, in Brighton, to deal with.

"If you take a look at our scores over

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BASEBALL

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BOYS TRACK

the field events, mostly in the throws (discus and shot put) with Nick Brzezinski.

But their mid-distance and distance groups are among the

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GIRLS TRACK

Canton rolls; Rocks ready

Amy Driscoll won both jumping events and Plymouth Canton swept all four relays in its Class A regional tune-up against Farmington Harrison, the Chiefs posting a 94-43 triumph Tuesday at Harrison.

It was the final dual meet of the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Conference season. Canton finishes 3-2 in the division, 3-3 overall; Harrison ends at 0-6 overall, 0-5 in the division.

Driscoll won both the high jump (5-feet) and long jump (14-11 1/4) to help stake Canton to a lead. Other field-event winners for Canton were Kristen Schilk in the pole vault (7-6) and Jenny Seiber in the shot put (32-6).

Crystal Alderman won the 300-meter hurdles (51.0); Terra Kubert was first in the 200 (29.3); Meredith Fox captured the 400 (1:03.7); Lark Haurert was best in the 1,600 (8:02.0); and Amy Dupuis finished on top in the 3,200 (13:31.0).

The Chiefs also won the 4x100 relay (55.3); the 4x200 (1:54.5); the 4x400 (4:27.3); and the 4x800 (10:57.0).

Next up is the state regional meet, Friday at Redford Union.

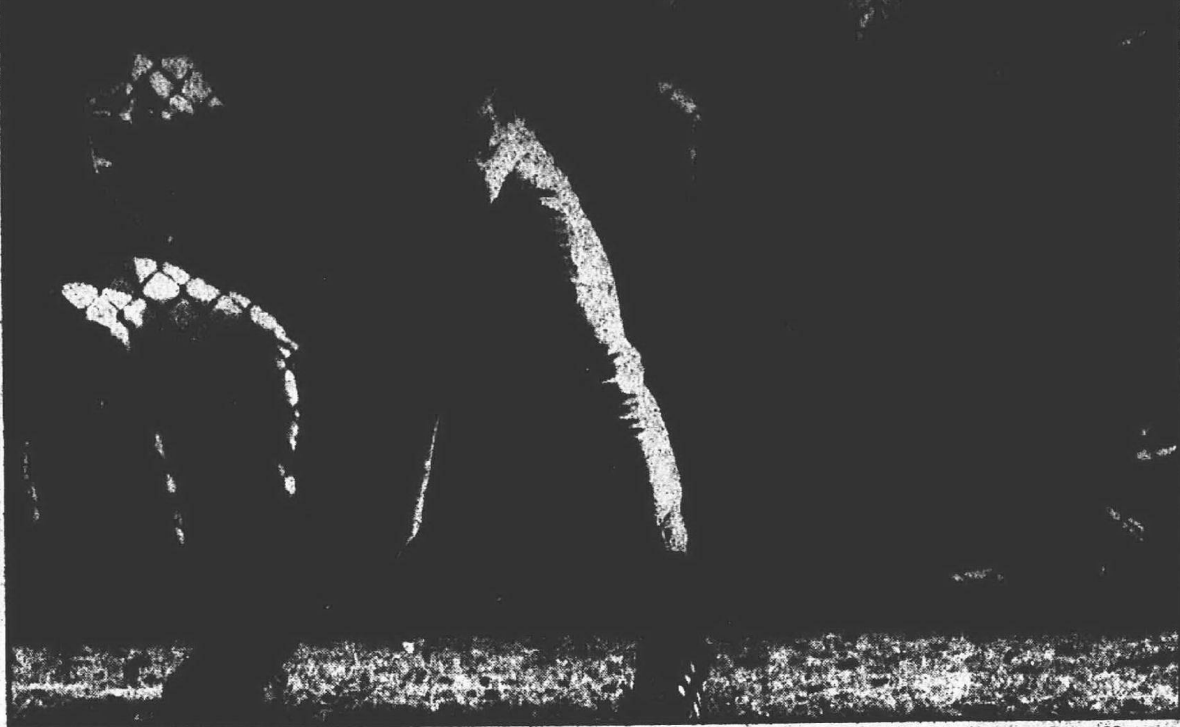
Salem sinks North

The competition Plymouth Salem faced Tuesday was nothing compared to what it will tackle Friday at the state regional at Redford Union.

The Rocks buried WLAA Lakes Division foe North Farmington, 120-17, in their final dual meet of the season. Salem finishes first in the Lakes at 8-0, 6-0 overall.

"We removed a lot of kids from their normal stuff," said Salem coach Mark Gregor in trying to explain the lopsided score, "but it didn't do much good."

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Scoring fly: Nick DiBella's sacrifice fly ball delivered one of the two runs CC scored in the fourth, stretching the Shamrocks' lead to 3-1.

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the season, they're very steady," said Wagner in examining the reason for his team's success. As far as taking that extra step at the state tournament, he said, "I think their maturity is showing."

If Stevenson's time to make a statewide impact is now, Churchill certainly represents the future. Not that the fifth-ranked Chargers, led by freshman phenom Heidi Aittama, won't be heard from this year.

Aittama shot an 85 at Hudson Mills, second in the league. The Chargers had one other all-conference selection in Jennie Lusa, who shot a 93, and two who made all-division in Ashley Johnson (99) and Kelly Parzchowski (101).

"She is just unbelievable," said

Churchill coach Sharon Laskowski of Aittama. "I've never had a girl with such talent come in like her. I've never seen a girl her age hit the ball like that."

What makes the Chargers' future so rosy: They lose one key player to graduation in Stacy Loucks, who shot a 104 at the conference tournament.

The WLAA's top four teams all have the capability of making an impact at state. Each of them had at least their four WLAA scorers named to the all-conference or all-division teams. Stevenson's highest counting score was a 94, Churchill's was a 101, Farmington's and Northville's was a 102.



Low scorer: Angie Jones and Kim Tamme were low scorers for Salem at the WLAA, each shooting a 105.

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Tuesday at Hudson Mills

1. Livonia Stevenson, 371 — Carl Heppner, 91 (all-conference); Mara Mazzoni, 93 (all-conference); Katie Carlson, 93 (all-division); Laura Haddock, 94 (all-division); Jessica Makowski, 100 (all-division); Teresa Layman, 105.

2. Livonia Churchill, 378 — Heidi Aittama, 85 (all-conference); Jennie Lusa, 93 (all-division); Ashley Johnson, 99 (all-division); Kelly Parzchowski, 101 (all-division); Stacy Loucks, 104; Julia McLaughlin, 110.

3. Farmington Unified, 381 — Cassie Jamison, 79 (medalist; all-conference); Karen Berger, 99 (all-division); Carrie May, 101 (all-division); Katie Perry, 102 (all-division); Nikki Bourgeois, 112; Courtney Blachford, 119.

4. Northville, 394 — Pam Mouradian, 95 (all-division); Jessale Mills, 98 (all-division); Jenny Church, 99 (all-division); Kate Sekerka, 102 (all-division); Katie MacDonald, 103; Becky Rankin, 105.

5. Walled Lake Central, 410 — Amy Emerine, 92 (all-conference); Erin Rishell, 104; Jessica Traller, 106; Deanna Selinski, 108; Sarah Schreiber, 110; Kelly Henzli, 123.

6. Plymouth Canton, 412 — Julie Dziekan, 98 (all-division); Christina Slupek, 101 (all-division); Stephanie Koppe, 103; Jessica Pondell, 110; Katie Herbeck, 123; Lauren Campbell, 166.

7. Plymouth Salem, 442 — Angie Jones, 105; Kim Tamme, 105; Grace Yelonek, 110; Kristin Pollice, 122; Molly Hedges, 127; Danielle March, 127.

8. Livonia Franklin, 455 — Katie Beasley, 106; Colleen Yorick, 114; Kristin Kmet, 115; Megan O'Connor, 120; Amanda Szabelski, 128; Nikie

Niles, 133.
 9. Walled Lake Western, 460 — Lindsey Bornhoffer, 108; Emily Charette, 114; Kim Shay, 118; Kelly Segal, 120; Becky Finley, 126; Lisa Rosett, 141.

10. Westland John Glenn, 594 — Nicole Zieger, 134; Katie Provot, 142; Jennifer McDermot, 145; Anne Sanford, 173; Michelle Merandi, 174.

All-Conference team: Cassie Jamison, Farmington Unified; Heidi Aittama, Churchill; Carl Heppner, Stevenson; Amy Emerine, W.L. Central; Mara Mazzoni, Stevenson; Katie Carlson, Stevenson; Jennie Lusa, Churchill.

All-Division team: Laura Haddock, Stevenson; Pam Mouradian, Northville; Jessie Mills, Northville; Julie Dziekan, Canton; Jenny Church, Northville; Karen Berger, Farmington Unified; Ashley Johnson, Churchill; Jessica Makowski, Stevenson; Christina Slupek, Canton; Carrie May, Farmington Unified; Kelly Parzchowski, Churchill; Katie Perry, Farmington Unified; Kate Sekerka, Northville.

Final league standings: 1. Stevenson, 19 points (9-0 in duals for nine points, 10 points for tournament); 2. Churchill, 16 (7-2 in duals for seven points, 9 for tournament); 3. Farmington, 15 (7-2 in duals for seven points, 8 for tournament); 4. Northville, 14 (7-2 in duals for seven points, 7 for tournament); 5. W.L. Central, 11 (6-3 in duals for 6 points, 5 for tournament); 6. Canton, 9 (5-4 in duals for 5 points, 4 for tournament); 7. (tie) W.L. Western (3-6 in duals for 3 points, 2 for tournament), Livonia Franklin (2-7 in duals for 2 points, 3 for tournament), Plymouth Salem (1-9 in duals for 1 point, 4 for tournament); 8; 10. John Glenn, 1 (0-9 in duals for 0 points, 1 for tournament).

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five errors. Salem held a 5-1 lead going into the sixth and wrapped the game up with eight runs.

W.L. Central 7, Stevenson 0: WLAA Lakes Division leader Walled Lake Central (18-4, 9-0) rode the pitching of Kami Scott to turn back Livonia Stevenson (6-13, 3-6) on Monday.

Scott tossed a five-hitter for the visiting Vikings. She struck out 11 and did not walk a batter. LeAnne Schraufnagle, the losing pitcher, gave up 10 hits and fanned eight over seven innings.

Katie King had two hits in a losing cause.

Harrison 7, Churchill 3: The Chargers rallied for two runs in

the bottom of the seventh Monday to force extra innings, but things fell apart in the ninth.

With two outs in the seventh, Adrienne Doyle doubled in two runs to erase a 3-1 Farmington Hills Harrison lead.

The two teams played a scoreless eighth but Kelly Taylor led off the ninth with a single. Errors and a two-run double by Leslie Shrock finished off the inning and the Chargers.

Ali Ault was the winning pitcher. Meghan Misiak took the loss.

Churchill is now 13-10, including 3-6 in the WLAA's Western Division. Harrison (14-4, 7-2) is tied with Canton for first in the division.

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Pat Hayes (Franklin) 40.3
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Nick Hall (Harrison) 40.6
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 40.9
Brent Hauck (Churchill) 41.0
Ryan Thomas (Salem) 41.7
Chris Kalle (Canton) 41.7
Rusa Chrasacz (Thurston) 42.1
Tim Styles (Churchill) 42.1

100-METER DASH
Angka Morris (Mercy) 12.1
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Rachel Jones (Salem) 12.6
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Shamrocks can't match Brother Rice

Redford Catholic Central was focusing this week on the weekend's regional tennis tournament at Ann Arbor Pioneer after finishing a distant second to favored Birmingham Brother Rice in the Catholic High School League tennis championships last weekend.

The Warriors, a tennis powerhouse which swept the Shamrocks 8-0 in a dual meet May 10, swept the tournament's singles and doubles, totaling 64 points to Catholic Central's 44.

Catholic Central coach Paul Bozyk, noting that three of the 11 teams in the regional - the Shamrocks, host Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron - are among the state's top seven teams, expressed confidence in his team's chances.

"We've played Huron and Pioneer and lost to both, but we had some very close matches, so I really think the guys have been growing on the court. I'm pretty confident we'll have a good day Friday and am hoping for the best," he said.

The winner and runnerup at the regional advance to the state finals in Midland June 4-5, but a third team can also go if they get 16 points for third place in the regional, Bozyk noted.

"A team would need to get everyone into the regional finals and two players to the semifinals to get 16 points for third," he said.

Other teams in the regional

include Livonia's Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson; Westland's John Glenn; Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem and Belleville.

As for the Catholic League tourney, Bozyk said he was "a little bit surprised that we didn't have" league champs "in at least one of the flights, since we were very competitive with them (Rice) at the dual meet." One doubles match in the dual meet was 7-6, 7-6 while another went three sets, he said.

"But it does not surprise me

terribly, given their dominance and their depth," he added.

Bozyk said Catholic Central, now 12-2, loses only two seniors this year and will have four on the team next year, plus strong underclassmen.

Team standings: 1-Birmingham Brother Rice, 64 points; 2-Redford Catholic Central 44; 3-tie, Warren DeLaSalle and University of Detroit High School, 24 each; 5-Allen Park Cabrini 22; 6-Notre Dame of Royal Oak 19; 7-Riverview Gabriel Richard 18; 8-tie, Dearborn Divine Child and Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak, 14 each; 10-Notre Dame Prep 12; 11-Bishop Foley 0.

Boys track from page C1

state's best, with Nick Allen, Jon Little, Craig Little, Bobby Cushman, Matt Anderson and Manvir Gill. They're solid in the hurdles, too, with Dave Clemons, Ryan Thomas and Rob Showalter.

"Last year (at regionals), what made us so dominating was we had scorers in the 100 and 200," said Baker. "Now we won't even have anyone running in either event."

"Our hurdlers are there. Our distance is set. Our 4x400 and 4x800 relays should do well. And we should score some in the field events."

Will it be enough is the question.

CC, Livonia Churchill and Plymouth Canton could all cause some problems for Salem in its quest to repeat. Detroit Cass Tech has some formidable speed relays, but lacks overall depth, according to Baker.

If history means anything, one factor that should benefit the Rocks is past performances. "At regionals, we always seem to come to run," said Baker. "These guys know what it means. These have been big meets for us, and we've been ready and prepared."

They'll have to be come Friday. Against North, the Rocks got two individual wins from Mark Snyder in the discus (125-feet, 11-inches) and shot put (45-8) and single wins from Matt Carpenter in the high jump (5-6); Gabe Coble in the long jump (19-10 1/2); Thomas in the 110-meter hurdles (15.2); Showalter in the 300 hurdles (44.0); Pat Johnson in the 100 (11.7); Mark Sheehan in the 200 (23.6); Allen in the 1,600 (4:23.4); and Pat O'Connor in the 3,200 (11:12.0).

Bob Miller, Johnson, Sheehan and Clemons combined for a first in the 4x100 relay (46.5); Clemons, Johnson, Sheehan and Thomas were winners in the

4x200 (1:35.2); and Andy Gabriel, Anderson, Sheehan and Coble teamed for a victory in the 4x400 (3:34.6).

Canton buries Harrison

With 11 first-place finishes - eight in individual events by eight different athletes - Plymouth Canton rolled past Farmington Harrison in its final WLAA Western Division dual meet of the season, 92-45 Tuesday at Canton.

The Chiefs finish with a 4-2 overall dual-meet record, 4-1 in the division. Harrison is 2-4 overall, 2-3 in the division.

Canton won four of the five field events, with Asa Hensley taking the shot put (42-feet, 1 1/2-inches); Jared Chapman winning the discus (127-11); Chris Kalis capturing the high jump (6-4); and Ugo Okwumabua finishing first in the long jump (20-1 3/4).

On the track, winners for the Chiefs were Jerry Gaines in the 400 (51.3); Jason Rutter in the 800 (2:03.1); Jim Korona in the 1,600 (4:59.6); and Jon Mikosz in the 3,200 (11:13.1).

Canton also had firsts in three relays: K.J. Singh, Jamie Bonner, Nate Howe and Gaines in the 4x200 (1:34.9); Andy Tessema, Steve Blossom, Brian Page and Marty Kane in the 4x400 (3:41.1); and Ross O'Hara, Kane, Aaron Schmidt and Blossom in the 4x800 (9:39.2).

Next up is Friday's state regional at Redford Union. The Chiefs should do well in the jumping events, with Kalis, Jordan Chapman and Okwumabua; Gaines, in the 400, is also going strong, as are their 4x200 and 4x400 relays.

All things considered, this could be one of Canton's best regional performances in the last decade.

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The Rocks won all but one event: the pole vault, taken by North's Lauren Turner (8-6).

Aisha Chappell had a big day for Salem, winning three individual events: the high jump (4-11), the 100-meter hurdles (16.0) and the 300 hurdles (50.0). Tiffany Grubaugh was first in both the shot put (36-3 1/2) and discus (108-9).

Other individual winners for Salem were April Aquinto in the long jump (15-5); Michelle Bonior in the 100 (13.1); Kim Wood in the 1,600 (5:54.4); Elikem Amable in the 400 (1:05.0); Becky Phelan in the 800 (2:31.9); Rachel Jones in the 200 (26.7); and Lisa Jaanowski in the 3,200 (12:31.3).

Miranda White, Phelan, Annemarie Verduyze and Shannon Will were first in the 4x800 relay (10:27.5); Autumn Hicks, Aquinto, Melissa Drake and Jones won the 4x200 relay (1:52.7); Bonior, Celena Davis,

Drake and Jones captured the 4x100 (52.2); and Will, Sarah Jensen, Marylou Liebau and Verduyze took the 4x400 (4:35.7).

Salem, which finished second to Livonia Stevenson at last year's regional, is one of the favorites to win this year. "It's going to be a real competitive meet," predicted Gregor. "I think there are three teams with a solid chance at winning it: Detroit Cass Tech, Stevenson and Salem."

The difference that could elevate one of those three to the top may rest with one of the other squads. "Other teams have individuals who will score well, and that will affect the outcome (of the team race)," said Gregor.

The Rocks competed at the Last Chance Invitational Saturday, hosted by Ann Arbor Pioneer, with two goals in mind: qualifying more people for the regional, and getting an idea of

what other teams statewide have to offer - in particular, defending state champ Pioneer, which won the meet easily with 234 points. Salem was second with 104.

"I was happy we went," said Gregor. "It was good for our kids to go there and see there's always another team out there that's better."

More than a few Rocks rose to the challenge in the seven-team meet. Grubaugh was one.

The junior tossed the shot put a season-best 39-11 to finish first, then she won the discus with a throw of 138-4. Those were Salem's only first-place finishes.

Hicks, Melissa Drake, Brynne DeNeen and Jones were second in the 4x200 (1:48.4); Bonior, Celena Davis, Drake and Jones were second in the 4x100 (51.3); and Hicks, Will, Drake and DeNeen were second in the 4x400 (4:15.5).

Hicks placed third in the 400 (1:00.1) and fourth in the high jump (4-11); Chappell was third in the 100 hurdles (16.1); DeNeen was fourth in the long jump (15-9 1/2); Phelan, Will, Verduyze and Shannon Miller were fourth in the 4x800 (10:29.9); and Valerie Brown was fourth in the 100 hurdles (16.6).

Taking fifth were Chappell in the high jump (4-9); Kelly Van Putten in the pole vault (8-0); Paula Tomlin in the shot put (33-9); Jones in the 100 (12.9); Wood in the 1,600 (5:46.9); and Lisa Jaanowski in the 3,200 (12:56.7).

In sixth, there was Aquinto in the long jump (15-1 1/2); Bonior in the 100 (12.9); and DeNeen in the 400 (1:04.5).

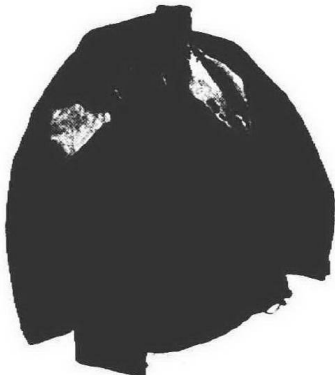
Several Rocks recorded personal bests at the meet. If they are to make a run at the regional title Friday, they will need a similar performance.



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OAKLAND BASS MASTERS
Oakland Bass Masters will hold a two-man team open tournament beginning at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, May 30, on Kent Lake. Entry fee is \$50 per boat and there will be a \$5 late charge for entries received after May 28. To register and for more information call Roy Randolph at (248) 542-5254.

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 \$80 if paid by May 20, \$90 at the boat launch. To register and for more information call Roger

Hayalip at (734) 753-5341, Steve Taraszkiewicz at (313) 598-1903 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 Bask at (248) 350-8484 for more information and to register.

TEAM NUTRITION
Learn how to stay energized on the trail including the benefits of organic food, how to get protein from a vegetarian diet, how to stay hydrated and much more during this class, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 22, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

BACKPACKING ESSENTIALS I
The first of a two-part course introducing beginner backpackers to the joys and essentials of backpacking, begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, at REI in Northville. Participants will learn how to plan a trip and how to choose the right gear. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

BACKPACKING ESSENTIALS II
The second of a two-part course introducing beginner backpak-

ers to the joys and essentials of backpacking, begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

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 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

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 area 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 Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 858-0556 for more information.

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SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-8655 for more information.

ARCHERY

YOUTH LEAGUE
A 10-week youth league begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 27, at Royal Oak Archers in Lake Orion. Call (248) 628-8354 or (248) 588-2480 for more information.

ANIMAL ROUND
Royal Oak Archers will hold an animal round beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 29, on its walk-through course in Lake Orion. Call (248) 628-8354 or (248) 588-2480 for more information.

3D SHOOT
Oakland County Sportsmen's Club will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 6, on its walk-through range in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

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For programs at Pounce Lake and Highland call (510) 683-6787. For programs at Island Lake call (510) 349-7087.

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A naturalist-led hike in search of resident birds begins at 9 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, at Maybury. **STATE PARKS**
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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 at 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI, or by contacting Bruce Lemons of Purchasing at (248) 647-7767. Technical questions should be directed to Brian Wozniak of the PCCS Athletics Department at (734) 416-7776. 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.

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Entertainment

FRIDAY

Virtuoso violinist Gil Shaham performs with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$13 to \$48, call (313) 576-5111, or www.detroitssymphony.com

SATURDAY



Brilliant (above) opens for *Caelum Bliss* at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Cover charge is \$5 for the all-ages show. Doors open at 8 p.m. Call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com> for more information.

SUNDAY



Susan Wright created this mixed media work for the Greektown Arts Festival, noon to 6 p.m. on Monroe Street between St. Antoine and Brush. She's one of more than 125 artists exhibiting their works in this juried show presented by the Greektown Merchants Association in cooperation with the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, producers of the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair. Admission is free. For more information, call (877) Greektown.



THEater
Theater companies are presenting various productions throughout the week. Notable mentions include...
Music
Several musical performances are scheduled, including...
Dance
Dance troupes are performing at various venues...
Visual Arts
Art exhibitions and installations are on display at several locations...
Community Events
Local community events and fundraisers are being held...

Greek Park

Greek Park... information regarding the park's location, hours, and events.

The Ark
The Ark is located at 622 E. Main St. Ann Arbor. Shows are 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Information: (734) 761-1111.

Tickets are on sale now for the following shows: *Boyz n the City*, May 20, \$18.50; *Yakima*, May 20, \$18.50; *McBride's Family Affair*, June 8, 7:30 p.m. \$10; *Bill Morrison*, June 23; and *Kelly Willis*, June 30.

Birmingham Jazzfest
The Birmingham Jazzfest will be held Thursday-Saturday, July 23-24, with performances by Marcus Belgrave and the Detroit Jazz All Stars, Tim Weisberg, Kimmie Horne, Randy Scott, Pamela Wise and the Afro Cuban All Stars, Ken Navarro, Warren Hill and others, at Shain Park and various Birmingham restaurants. Information: (248) 433-FEST after July 1.

Fox Theater
The Fox is located at 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Information: (248) 433-1515. The schedule includes Neil Young, 8 p.m. May 20. \$37.50, \$50 and \$75; and *Blondie and Dangerman*, 8 p.m. May 23. \$30 and \$37.50; "Sounds

Hart Plaza
Farmers' Jack Praisefest featuring the 18th annual McDonald's Concert. *Chick Corea*, *John Taylor*, *Bottle People* and *Vickie Winans*, and other national and local gospel artists, June 11-13. Information: (734) 453-9157 or <http://www.wattsupinc.com>

Hugh Masekela, July 11, as part of the United Colors Concert. Free.

"Spirit of Unity" concerts with *Aswad*, *Culture*, *Diana King*, *Ras Shiloh*, *Shaggy*, *Steel Pulse*, *Maxi Priest*, and *Third World*, Aug. 20-21. Free.

International Blues Festival
Held at Novi Expo Center and in Windsor, it is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of July 15. Among those scheduled to perform: *Big Rude Jake*,

Joe Louis Arena
The arena is located at 2000 River Rd., Detroit. Information: (313) 961-1111.

"TNT Row" 8 p.m. June 11. \$18, \$25 and \$30.

Monday, Tuesday, Silk and O'Neal, 8 p.m. July 2. \$25, \$35 and \$45.

Red Company featuring *Paul Rodgers*, *Mick Ralphs*, *Stevie Nicks* and *Don Durrill*, with *David Lee Roth*, 8 p.m. July 9. \$25, \$35, \$45.

10th Anniversary Budweiser Superfest with *Frankie Beverly*, *The O'Jays*, *Gerald Levert*, *Next* and *James Brown*, 7 p.m. July 10. \$25, \$35, \$45 and \$65. On sale 11 a.m. Saturday, May 25.

B.B. King Blues Festival 1999 with *King*, *Indigenous*, *Kenny Wayne Shepherd* and *Tower of Power*, 7 p.m. Aug. 21. \$15, \$25, \$35. On sale 10 a.m. Saturday, May 22.

Magic Bag
The Magic Bag is located at 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Shows are 18 and older, and doors open at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Information: (248) 644-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

Tickets are on sale now for: *Knee Deep*, *Shag*, *Give* and *Heavy Weather*,

Royal Oak Music Theatre
The Royal Oak Music Theatre is located at 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Shows are 21 and older unless otherwise noted. Information: (248) 438-1515.

Vonda Shepard, 8 p.m. June 24. \$25.

Joey McIntyre, 8:30 p.m. Aug. 13. \$25. All ages.

Michigan State Fair
The Michigan State Fair is located at 1000 S. State St., East Lansing. Information: (517) 941-MELT or <http://www.michiganstatefair.com>

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"Social Chase Tour", 2 p.m. Aug. 2. \$20.

St. Andrew's Hall/Shelter
St. Andrew's Hall and The Shelter is located at 431 E. Congress in Detroit. All shows are in the St. Andrew's ballroom, and are all ages unless otherwise noted. Info: (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

May: *The Skatalites*, *The Articles*, and *Superdot*, 6 p.m. May 21. \$10; *Caelum Bliss* and *Brilliant*, 8 p.m. May 22, *The Shelter*. \$5 cover; *St. Etienne* and *DJ Clark Warner*, 8 p.m. May 25. \$12; *Dogstar* featuring *Keanu Reeves*, 8 p.m. May 27. \$15; *Avail*, *By All Means* and *Boy Sets Fire*, 6 p.m. May 28. \$8; *Jello Biafra*, spoken word performance, 7:30 p.m. May 30. \$10.

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Morris Day and The Time, May 21. \$10. 21 and older.

Eminem and *Beatnuts*, 7:30 p.m. May 23. \$20.

Hole and *Imperial Teen*, 8:30 p.m. May 26. \$25.50.

Jeffrey Osborne, 7 p.m. May 27. \$10 and \$15. 21 and older.

Gerald Albright, 7 p.m. May 28. \$10 and \$15. 21 and older.

Pound, 8:30 p.m. May 28. Free. 18 and older.

Cake, 7:30 p.m. June 6. \$19.50.

Rammstein, *Soilwork* and *Skunk Anansie*, 7:30 p.m. June 8. \$29.50.

UB40, 7:30 p.m. June 20. \$24.50.

De La Soul, 7 p.m. June 25. \$23.50.

Insane Clown Posse, *Koolhaith*, *Coal Chamber* and *Twisted*, July 2. Ticket price TBA.

Limp Bizkit, 7:30 p.m. July 16. Tickets on sale 10 a.m. May 25.

Britney Spears, 7:30 p.m. July 24. Sold out.

Tiger Stadium
"The Three Tenors" with *Luciano Pavarotti*, *Placido Domingo* and *Jose Carreras*, 7 p.m. July 17. \$50-\$550.

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Director's changes enhance MOT's 'Eugene Onegin'

Michigan Opera Theatre presents Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 23 at Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway (at the corner of Madison Avenue), Detroit. Tickets \$18-\$95, call (313) 237-SING or (248) 645-6666.
BY MARY JANE DOERR
SPECIAL WRITER

How daring! Shocking! Roman Terlecky, stage director for Michigan Opera Theatre's Eugene Onegin, has Lenski commit suicide instead of being killed in a duel, definitely altering the great Russian poet Pushkin's story.

He also has Tatyana faint at the end of the party scene instead of Olga, and Tatyana was

costumed black and red instead of in a traditional red gown in the ball scene. This innovative staging was veiled with an oval scrim in front of an absolutely sumptuous set.

Traditions are like habits. They grow tiresome and only change refocuses our attention. Attention getting is what Terlecky got. The lead character

Eugene Onegin (sung by the handsome Russian baritone Evgenij Dmitriev) is supposed to have killed the crazy and "off the deep end" Lenski. Instead, Lenski (sung by tenor David Miller) turns the gun on himself.

This unusual twist of the story gives the cold-hearted Onegin some much needed sympathy by keeping him from becoming a

murderer. A blasé and rather nasty character, bored with the world, Onegin has managed to illicit the affections of the country girl Tatyana, exquisitely sung and acted by the Bulgarian soprano Zvetelina Vassileva. In a scene which Vassileva turns into a show stopper, the famous Letter Scene, Vassileva pours out her passion in a letter to Onegin. In the following garden scene, he carelessly makes light of her admissions and humiliates this 17-year-old admirer.

Onegin's malice turns meaner in the party scene when he deliberately aggravates his friend Lenski by dancing the cotillion with Lenski's fiancé, Tatyana's sister Olga (sung by a capricious Julie DeVaere). Tenor Miller's big moment then comes when as Lenski he deliberates on his future before the duel in Lenski's Aria, a moment when Miller exudes more Puccini emotionalism than Tchaikovsky lyricism. The audience loves it. Everyone loves the rich romantic

Tchaikovsky melodies in this opera - such as the wonderful Waltz - especially in the byronic style Steve Mercurio (who is becoming an MOT regular) conducts the orchestra, with lots of shading (though a little loud in parts).

As so often in the past, MOT features Michigan talent. In this show, the always competent Kathleen Segar is Larina and powerful mezzo-soprano Candace DeLatre is Filipyevna. Not from Michigan, but in particularly fine bass voice is James Patterson as Prince Gremin.

It isn't just the quality of the singing and the lush music that makes this production succeed despite the opera's inherent dramatic sluggishness. It is the exceedingly beautiful sets enclosed by an oval scrim that softens the scenes and highlights the creative lighting effects. The final scene is especially wonderful with Vassileva's sensational emerald green dress featured by the side lighting.

Players' 'Journey' is wondrously fine

Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$12. (248) 644-2075.
BY HELEN ZUCKER
SPECIAL WRITER

One of the world's greatest playwrights, Eugene O'Neill is having a revival. "The Iceman Cometh" has been playing to rave reviews in New York. The O'Neill Society and critics are once again arguing over whether O'Neill wrote poetry or bathos. O'Neill, a literary descendent of Henrik Ibsen, the playwright who brought realism into the theater, mingled his heritage with a bit of John Masefield, the poet who wrote sweet blarney about the sea; then mixed Freud into the alchemy that produced his best play, "Long Day's Journey Into Night."

The Village Players production of "Long Day's Journey Into Night," directed by Linda Hammell and Carol Aaron, captures the spirit of "the four haunted Tyrones," the spirit of O'Neill's family. And that's not an easy

theatrical feat. Produced by Andrea Kaptur and Vicki Kaptur, with dark technical direction by Mark Hammel, and a brilliant set by Ross Grossman, "Long Day's Journey Into Night" is wondrously fine. The cast captures the texture of O'Neill's lines, as well as the haunting sense that childhood scars last forever.

Ray Gardner is stupendous as 65-year-old James Tyrone, the great Shakespearean actor and skinflint. Tyrone is charming, holds his liquor well, keeps the house dark rather than support the electric company, buys odd land deals, is ambitious for his sons who disappoint him, and has loved his wife faithfully for 35 years. Gardner rises to Dickensian heights when recounting how his mother was left with six children, and he went to work in a warehouse at age 10. He describes his rise to the heights of his profession with relish. We learn why Tyrone sends his consumptive son to the state farm, then tells him he can go anywhere while defending dubious doctors.

Donna J. Kinsey is brilliant as

Mary Cavan Tyrone. Mary weaves in and out of her lovely memories of girlhood in the convent, denies her drug addiction and grows mean while she recounts her days. Kinsey gives us the incredible loneliness of Mary's life, the nights in cheap hotels, her inability to make any friends in the theatrical world, her father's death, her self-absorbed, fogbound life.

Michael Voris is fine as James Tyrone Jr., who didn't want to be an actor, so is a drunkard at 34. Tyrone rackets about in his red suspenders calling his mother "the hophead," and playing pal to his younger brother, who wants to believe his mother is fine. Voris is at his best in torn trousers, not too drunk to warn his brother to be on his guard against his jealousy of him.

York R. Griffith, as pale Edmund Tyrone, is marvelous as he describes what it's like to feel at one with the sails, the sea, the sky. Griffith is particularly strong in Act II, when no one seems too concerned that he might die of consumption in six months, and asks his father,

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DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
"Magda's Story," runs through May 23, 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 969-1347
GEM THEATRE
"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," runs through June 27 at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 or (248) 645-6666
JET
"The Caregiver" follows a famous, yet fading conductor, watching as his son tries to follow in his footsteps, through Sunday, May 30, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900 or http://comnet.org/jet
MACOMB CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
"The Sunshine Boys," with The Gaylords starring in the Neil Simon comedy, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 20-22 and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the center, Hall Road and Garfield, Clinton Twp. \$24, \$22 seniors/students. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737



The boys: Jedi Master Qui-Gon Jinn (Liam Neeson, left), his apprentice Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor), and young Anakin Skywalker (Jake Lloyd) listen intently along with Naboo security force members to the words of Gungan leader Boss Nass in "Star Wars: Episode I The Phantom Menace" now playing at metro Detroit movie theaters.

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ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE
"The Trip to Bountiful," May 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

AVON PLAYERS
"Children of Eden," a new musical based on the Biblical stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel and Noah's Ark, 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, May 20-22, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. \$15. (248) 608-9077

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Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, May 21-22 and 28-29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$12. (248) 644-2075

B.W. PRODUCTIONS
"When God Comes Down from Heaven," a semi-musical/comedy, gospel, drama featuring Rev. Uriah Boyntown and the B.W. Action Dancers, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22, at the Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser at Grand River. \$18, \$15 advance. (313) 865-2375

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS
"Little Shop of Horrors," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22, in the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Independence Township. \$15. (248) 625-8811

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE
"City of Angels," the Tony award-winning musical that spoofs the hard-boiled private eye novels of the '40s, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 20-22, in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms. \$16. (313) 881-4004

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN
"Blood Brothers," a dramatic tale of fate and class for fraternal twins separated at birth, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday May 23, at the theater, 21730 Madison, Dearborn. \$13, all seats reserved. (313) 561-TKTS

PONTIAC THEATRE IV
"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, May 21-22 and 28-29, at Pontiac Northern High School, 1051 Arlene. \$8, \$7 seniors/children. (248) 681-6215

SRO PRODUCTIONS
"The Wisdom of Eve," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 23 and 30, at the Burgh, corner of Civic Center Dr. and Berg Road. \$8, \$7 seniors and children. (248) 827-0701.

STAGECRAFTERS
"Crasy for You," through June 4, Baldwin Theatre, 418 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$12-\$14. (248) 541-6430.

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE
"Around the House," a cabaret-style show celebrating the rich blend of music, visual arts, dance, drama, and film, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile, west of I-275, Livonia. \$10, \$8 members. Some of the language and themes explored might be uncomfortable for younger viewers. (734) 464-6502

THEATRE THROUGH THE MONTH
"Yuletide Nocturns," a joint production by Theatrical Community Players and The Players, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 20-22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 23, Theatre Theater, West Jefferson. \$17, \$8 students and seniors. (734) 673-1749

WALK & SINGERS PERFORMANCE
"White & Black," a musical journey in search of America's identity, written and performed by the cast of the Broadway musical, May 20-22, at the theater, 17360 Lahser at Grand River. \$18, \$15 advance. (313) 865-2375

of jazz, gospel, reggae, scat, remixed Debussy, Yiddish, Afro-Cuban and rap music, 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
ZEITGEIST THEATRE
Eugene Ionesco's "Victims of Duty: A Pseudo-drama," opens Friday, May 21, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through June 12, at Zeitgeist, 2661 Michigan Ave., west of Tiger Stadium, between 19th and 20th streets, Detroit. (313) 965-9192

DINNER THEATER
BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE
"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, has an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sundays, \$55 Thursdays and Sundays, \$50 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

YOUTH
DETROIT PUPPET THEATRE
PuppetArt presents "Kolobok," a Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man," noon and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 22-23, at the theater, 25 E. Grand River, between Woodward Avenue and Farmer Street, Detroit. \$8 adults, \$6 children, (313) 961-7777
MARGUIS THEATRE
The musical "Rapunzel," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, May 22, 29 and June 5, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6. (248) 349-8110
TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS
Beverly Cleary's "Ramona Quimby," 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, in the Cathedral Theatre at Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. \$5, \$3 seniors/children under age 18. (313) 535-8962

RISING STARS
"A Tale of Two Cities," 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, Andover High Schools, Andover Road. \$3. (248) 433-0885.

SPECIAL EVENTS
E'S RECORD AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPS
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 23, Royal Oak Elks Hall, 179 and 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Fri. (248) 548-4827
"FOR THE HOUSE AND GARDEN"
A Pottery Pottery show and sale of ceramic art by 70 artists from 20 states, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, May 22-23, (both shows) 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (both shows) May 21. \$75 reservations, \$150 at the door. The Community House, 333 S. Larned, Birmingham. \$15. (248) 548-4827
"SPRING FLOWER SHOW"
A floral show with plants and gifts for the season, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the theater, 25 E. Grand River, between Woodward Avenue and Farmer Street, Detroit. \$8 adults, \$6 children, (313) 961-7777

Clique, "Hammond B-3 Organ Summit" with Chris Codish, Gerard Gibbs and Bill Heid, and Ron Levy's Wild Kingdom, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 22, and Mighty Royal Lites, The Motor City Street Band, Johnny Bassett and the Blues Insurgents, Thornetta Davis, Odessa Harris, Alberta Adams, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 23, along Monroe, Beaubien and St. Antoine streets in Detroit's Greektown. The festival also features juried works of 136 artists and contemporary craftspeople, and food. Free. 1-877-GREEKTOWN (473-3586)

REDFORD THEATRE
Film "Road to Rio," with guest organist Steven Ball, 7:30 p.m. organ overture followed by 8 p.m. film Friday, May 28, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. overtures with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. films, Saturday, May 29, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 537-2560 or http://theatreorgans.com/ml/redford

"SCREWED, BLUED AND TATTOOED"
A festival of tattoo artists, erotic vendors and performances by Amazing Crowns, Queen Bee, 60 Second Crush, Three Lucky Stiffs, Feisty Cadavers, Our Flesh Party, Broadzilla, Bumplin' Ugles, Elephant Ear, Harms Vay, Buddha Fulla Rhyzm, 12 Angry Steps, Hillside Stranglers, Gramercy Riffs and the Unfriendly, noon to 2 a.m. Saturday, May 22, The Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10, partial proceeds to benefit the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL
CANTOR PENNY STEYER
Temple Shir Shalom cantor, 1 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Jaffe Hall, Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, A. Alfred Taubman JCC Campus, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Free. Lunch at noon and costs \$2.25, reservations required by May 14. (248) 967-4030

TIN CAN TOURISTS RALLY
A gathering of vintage travel trailers and motor coaches from across the nation on display, May 20-23, Concours d'Elegance competition for trailers 25 years or older, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at Camp Dearborn, Milford. (248) 684-0393/(888) 757-7701, ext. 49945

BENEFITS
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, 8200 Cherry Creek Dr., Shelby Township. \$100 per person, to benefit Meadow Brook Theatre and its educational outreach programs. (810) 716-8503

FAMILY EVENTS
HIGHLAND AND PROUD LAKE RECREATION AREAS
"Swimming at Haven Hill," a two-hour swim to observe spring migrants, 9 a.m. Saturday, May 22. "Spring Wildflower Walk," 3 p.m. Saturday, May 22, both at the park, 5200 E. N. Ave., White Lake Township. State motor vehicles permit required for entry. (248) 682-8888
"Spring Concert and Music" with the White Lake Township High School and music work together

er," a musical program for ages 4-10, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. \$3.25. (248) 424-9022
WAYNE RESA ART FAIR
The second annual fair features visual art and entertainment by students from more than 65 schools in 24 school districts in Wayne County, also works and demonstrations by 25 professional artists, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 22, on the grounds near the Wayne RESA annex, 5454 Venoy Road, Wayne. (734) 334-1824

CLASSICAL
ARS POETICA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
Presents a gala benefit concert for the Ecumenical Institute performed in honor of Frank D. Stella, 8 p.m. Monday, May 24, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit. \$125, dinner, concert and reception; \$65, concert and reception; \$35, \$10 students and seniors for concert only. (248) 645-6666/(313) 886-6765
CHAMBER MUSIC ANN ARBOR
"Spring Fest 99: Folk Themes in Chamber Music," celebrates the work of great composers who have drawn upon folk traditions for their inspiration, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23, in the Ape at the University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 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
Featuring violinist Gil Shaham performing Beata Bartok's Violin Concerto No. 2, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 20-21, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22. \$13-\$48 (\$60-\$63 box seats); With pianist Olli Mustonen, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, May 28, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 27 (\$13-\$48, and \$40-\$60 box seats), both events at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 576-5111 or YUKI AND TOMOKO MACK
The pianists perform 8 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the Birmingham Temple, 28611 Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills. \$18. (248) 788-9338

POPS/SWING
THE ATOMIC FIREBALLS
Celebrate release of CD with party and performance, 8 p.m. Sunday, May 23, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (swing/jump blues)
HENRY FORD BIG BAND
9 p.m. Saturday, May 22, 24 Karat Club, 28049 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 813-5030
STARLIGHT DANCERS
10:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, Rochester Hills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-8060 (western swing)

ADDITIONS/Organizations
SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY BAND
Looking to expand membership (audition, bandstand, and instrument needed) 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, at the Southfield Community Center, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Free. All ages. (248) 643-1664 (jazz piano)

KNOWES KAJALIKERS
Canada's premier competing drum and bugle corps is looking for young performers (ages 14-21) for the upcoming summer tour July-August. (416) 241-2266 or http://www.kajalikers.com
LYNDIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC
Auditions for new members for the 1999-2000 season on May 22. (734) 592-7849

SECOND CITY KID'S CAMP
Applications are now being accepted for the Second City's "Kid's Improv Camp" to be held 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. June 14-24, for students ages 10-13 and 13-18, respectively; 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. July 19-29 for students ages 13-16 and 10-13, respectively; and 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Aug. 16-26 for kids ages 10-13 and 13-16, respectively, at The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$180. (313) 964-5821
SPIRIT OF DETROIT CHORUS
Looking for new members of all ages to rehearse and become new members of the ladies group that sings four part harmony in the barbershop tradition, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile west of Inkster Road, Livonia. (313) 937-2429
TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS
Placement auditions for the Performing Arts Summer Day Camp, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 19-30, open to students who've graduated from high school, all levels of experience, at Masonic Temple Detroit. (313) 535-8962

CHORAL
CANTATA ACADEMY
"An Opera Gala: Great Opera Choruses and Arias," 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. \$12 seniors and students, \$15. (248) 358-9868

JAZZ
GERALD ALBRIGHT
7 p.m. Friday, May 28, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 and \$15, reserved cabaret seating. 21 and older. (313) 961-5451 or http://www.statetheatre.com
SANDRA BOMAR TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, May 22, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

MARK BYERLY DUO
7-10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursdays in May, Northern Lakes Seafood Company, 1475 N. Woodward Ave., inside Kingsley Suites and Hotel, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 646-7900 (jazz/pop)
COLEMAN-RHODES DUO
8 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays in May, No. VI Chop House and Lobster Bar, 27790 Novi Road, inside the Hotel Baronette, Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-5210 (jazz/pop)
GROUND.EFX
9 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 (live dub/jungle)

BILL HEID TRIO
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310
HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD CURTIS
8-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursdays, at the No.VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar in the Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 305-5210; 8-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Northern Lakes Seafood Company in the Kingsley Inn, 1475 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 646-7900; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-7333

JAZZHEAD
9 p.m. Sundays in May, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011; 9 p.m. Mondays, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922
KATHY ROBINS QUARTET
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
8:11:30 p.m. Thursday, May 20, and with special guest Larry Nozaro, sax and flute, 8:11:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Botoford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner, and \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

JEANNINE MILLER
With Vincent Shandor Trio, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310
MARK MOULTON TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, May 27, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)
MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY
7-11 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. to midnight Thursdays, and 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Duet, At Orchestra Place, 3663 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3636 (jazz)

WILBERT PABLER
9-10 p.m. Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays in May, Mondays. A Michigan Mafia, 80200 Telegraph Road, north of I-275, Beverly Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 643-1664 (jazz piano)

JIM PARAMANTES
With Meridian, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturdays in May, Andiamo Italian West, 6676 Telegraph Road, at Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 665-8300

OWEN AND CHARLES SCALES
7-11 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, Duet at Orchestra Place, 3663 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3636 (contemporary jazz)
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)
JANET TINAJ TRIO
Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbones Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield. (248) 351-2925
PAUL VORNHAGEN QUARTET
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, May 28, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax/piano/bass/drums)
URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDDSON
With Dan Kotton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300
KIM WATERS
With Alexander Zonjic, 9 p.m. Friday, May 21, at the Hilton Novi, 21111 Haggerty Road, Eight Mile and I-275. (248) 349-4000/(248) 645-6666

WORLD MUSIC
BEAUBOLEIL
7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 20, The Ark, 316 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) 305-5856 (reggae)

IMMUNITY
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)
JO NAB
9 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011; 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (reggae)
RAVENSONG
9 p.m. Friday, May 21, at Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Celtic)
SONS OF SEPHARAD
7 p.m. Thursday, May 27, joined by choir made up of third and fourth graders from Adat Shalom's Beth Achim Religious School and Hillel Day School, at Adat Shalom, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. \$5 (248) 851-5000 (Sephardic)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS
LARRY ARBOUR
5-9 p.m. Thursday-Saturdays, Fusion, 34555 W. 12 Mile Road, in the Arborum Office Park, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 489-8852 (folk/rock)

EDDIE FROM OHIO
8 p.m. Saturday, May 22, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org
KATE GEDDES AND ENZO GARCIA
8 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org
JAN KRIST
9 p.m. Friday, May 28, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101

PAMELA MEANS AND PETER MURPHY
8 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org
CHARLIE MONTERREY
With Steve Shariff and Sean Fitzgerald, 8 p.m. Friday, May 21, at Angel Caravan Coffeehouse in the Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor. \$7, \$5 students age 13 and up. \$3 ages 6-12. (734) 327-2041

PHIL OCHS TRIBUTE
Featuring Greg Greenway, Kim and Reggie Harris, Pat Humphre, Magpie, Camille West, Tom Prasada-Rao, Matt Watrobe, Neil Woodward, 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. Friday, May 28, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (bluegrass)
DANCE
ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE
8 p.m. Friday, May 28, minimal walk through, Peter Baker calls to music by the Contrapunters, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8833
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Dancers from Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School take to the stage in a tribute to famed choreographer Bob Fosse, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 20-22, in Cranbrook's Lerchen Hall, 550 Lane Pine Road, between Lahser and Cranbrook roads, Bloomfield Hills. Free. (248) 645-3000

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Rgn. 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

POPULAR MUSIC

AEROSMITH
With Afghan Whigs, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 20, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$29.50. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (rock)

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
"Discover Greatness: An Illustrated History of Negro Leagues Baseball," a touring Negro League exhibit comprised of 90 black and white photos, 10 oversized prints, and memorabilia such as pennants, uniforms, and game-day posters, through Sunday, June 13, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. \$5, \$3 for children ages 17 and younger. (313) 494-5800

CHROME LOUSET
With 4 Percent and Stru, 9 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.com (noise rock)

CLUB NIGHTS
ALVIN'S
The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and Cort, 10 p.m. Mondays; and Club Color, featuring funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5786 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.tcom.com

BLIND PIG
"Swing-a-bitly" night with dance lessons and dancing, 8 p.m. Sundays, with DJ Del Villarreal, at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door; "Solar" night featuring Jay Denham and Fannon Flowers, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 26. \$8. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
National Astronomy Day, discover the wonders of the sky in the planetarium, 1-5 p.m. Saturday, May 22, night sky observing continues to 10 p.m., at the institute, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Free with museum admission of \$7, \$4 children, ages 3-17.

BLONDIE
With Dangerman, 8 p.m. Sunday, May 23, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$30 and \$37.50. All ages. (248) 433-1515 (pop rock)

BLUES 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)

BLUES SHAKERS
9 p.m. Friday, May 28, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

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'Phantom Menace' provides entertaining visual feast

Encounter: Jedi Master Qui-Gon Jinn (Liam Neeson, left) tells young Anakin Skywalker (Jake Lloyd) and Jedi Apprentice Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor) about a near deadly encounter as droid R2-D2 looks on.



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The second coming is at hand. The long wait is over. "Star Wars" is back.

George Lucas' epic saga is the most anticipated movie event of the year. Fans have been standing in lines, waiting overnight in parking lots, offering money to others to stand in line so they can be among the first to see "Episode I: The Phantom Menace."

What they'll see is a state-of-the-art visual and aural feast of the mind-boggling possibilities of digital film making.

Those seeking revelations here or rich spiritual insights are best advised to look elsewhere. Lucas makes use of world myths and religious symbols in the way that poets and writers have done for centuries, but he adds little to our understanding of what those myths mean to our spiritual growth.

It's also not great drama, but it is a great time.

From the start Lucas' goal was to recreate the movie serials he enjoyed as a child. He thought, what if the makers of those serials had the money to match their imaginations? Lucas had the money.

The first three films, numbers IV-VI in the the serial, were an international sensation. In the 20 years since the last film, generations of children have been introduced to the "Star Wars" phenomenon. It is a part of our identity.

Those movies were rollicking good entertainment full of dazzling special effects, appealing characters, derring-do, silly jokes and, yes, underneath, a mythic story suggesting some biblical importance in Luke Skywalker's growth into manhood and his showdown with Darth Vader, nemesis of the universe and his father.

Now, as Lucas always planned, we go back to discover how Anakin Skywalker, Jedi knight,

went over to the "dark side" to become the epitome of evil Darth Vader.

"Phantom Menace" tells a complicated political tale but in a way that would appeal to children, with a bright, adventurous child at the center of the action and a lot of silly, schoolyard humor mixed with the numerous high-tech battle scenes.

The story, for all its complexity, is thin. The humor often falls flat or becomes tiresome. And, most serious of all, there isn't a character to match the reckless Han Solo. It all seems a bit heavy.

But, admit it, you want to see this movie. And you will be grandly entertained.

In a galaxy far, far away, an evil senator in the giant Republic is working with the Trade Federation to threaten his own small planet, Naboo, ruled by young elected Queen Amidala (Natalie Portman). The Federation has set up a blockade and threatens an invasion of its droid warriors if the queen doesn't sign a trade agreement that would ruin her planet.

Two Jedi knights, Qui-Gon Jinn (Liam Neeson) and his apprentice, the young Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor), have come to negotiate a peace, as the Jedi are the guardians of peace and justice in the galaxy.

Of course, their efforts fail and they must rush the queen to the Republic's headquarters on the city planet of Coruscant to argue her case. On the way their ship takes fuel on the remote planet where they encounter a remarkable and gifted 9-year-old boy slave, Anakin Skywalker (Jake Lloyd), whom Qui-Gon is convinced is the One, the person destined to "balance the Force."

Two familiar friends are introduced, the brave little droid R2-D2 and Anakin's droid in progress, C-3PO, without his golden skin. But comic relief is provided by an odd creature, part rabbit, antelope and lizard, Jar Jar Binks, who speaks in a

weird almost Jamaican patois. The computer generated character is given voice and action by Ahmed Best. He's initially funny but then gets to be irritating.

A race scene that sets up Anakin's freedom, several massed battle scenes and the lightsaber duels are all well staged. But even more impressive are the imaginative recreations of several distinct cultures. Each is convincing, from the Mediterranean-like Naboo to the steel and glass Coruscant to the Saharan Tatooine. And the many bizarre animals and humanoids and space ships are also interesting. Credit Westland John Glenn graduate Doug Chiang, the film's concept designer, for many of these excellent special effects.

Another friend makes his first appearance, the wise little Jedi Master Yoda (voiced by Frank Oz). It is Yoda who gives first warning that something isn't quite right with the amiable, energetic young Anakin.

Neeson is impressive and seems to enjoy playing a Jedi. He is strong, soft voiced but determined. But he doesn't have the youth or snarl of Harrison Ford's Han Solo. Ewan McGregor is flat and stiff as Obi-Wan, as if anticipating Alec Guinness' performance too closely without allowing for some youthful energy. As he will be a key figure in the next two episodes, either he or Lucas will have to reconsider how this part is played.

The young leads are especially good. As all "Star Wars" fans know, the young queen and Anakin will become the parents of Luke and Princess Leia. Natalie Portman projects the right amount of forthright courage that her daughter will carry on. Jake Lloyd is not only a cute Anakin but a spirited and intelligent one as well.

"Star Wars" has never been great science fiction. But for popcorn munching, eye-popping, let's-go-to-a-movie entertainment, Lucas delivers again.



Drama: Elsa (Cher, left) and Georgie (Lily Tomlin) join the English ladies known as "Scorpioni" who live in Florence on the eve of Italy's entry into World War II in "Tea With Mussolini."

'Tea With Mussolini' tells heartwarming, well-played tale

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"Tea With Mussolini" is a very nice movie and not what you'd expect from the title.

Yes, there is a scene where Lady Hester (Maggie Smith) and her nephew Wilfred (Paul Chercher) really do have tea with Mussolini (Claudio Spadaro), but that's not what this movie is about.

"Tea with Mussolini" is a heartwarming tale of friendship and coming-of-age that takes place in Florence just before and during World War II.

Mussolini is the premier who makes the trains run on time. He hasn't gone to war with England yet, or joined Hitler.

Lady Hester is part of a group of British expatriates, which film director Franco Zeffirelli calls the "Scorpioni." They dress as if they're in England and even have tea at 4 p.m.

The film is based on Zeffirelli's childhood in England. His intent was to tell a story that "would be a mixture of real and imagined events."

English novelist and playwright John Mortimer researched the ladies of Florence, and the "tea" with Mussolini was partly inspired by an event that actually did take place. Violet Trefusis, an English

intellectual who lived in villa outside Florence, met Mussolini.

The film revolves around 7-year-old Luca Innocenti, born out of wedlock and orphaned by his mother. Unable to bear the thought of him growing up in an orphanage, Mary Wallace (Joan Plowright) who works for Luca's father, becomes his surrogate mother and tutor.

She introduces Luca to her "family" of friends who share responsibility for helping him become the British gentleman his reluctant father wants him to be.

Arabella (Judi Dench) who has little talent but fashions herself to be an artist, teaches Luca about art. Wallace teaches him about theater.

The group also includes Georgie (Lily Tomlin), an American archeologist who prefers women to men, and Elsa (Cher), a former Ziegfeld dancer, an American of Jewish descent who deals in modern art.

Generous to a fault, Elsa adores Lady Hester, who can't stand her, and the other women who become Luca's family.

Eccentric and independent, the women have adopted Florence as their own. They refuse to leave, even as the cloud of war hangs tentatively over Italy.

When tensions begin to heat up in Florence, Lady Hester decides to go to Rome, because

"Mussolini has no idea of what's going on. He assures Lady Hester that "you have nothing to fear. Whatever happens you will always be under my protection. You have my word."

Of course it's a lie, and the women are sent to San Gimignano in Tuscany. Luca is sent to Austria by his father to become the perfect German gentleman.

As the war unfolds, the women are held captive but not harmed. Luca, now 17, returns to help them.

There's suspense, romance, and jealousy rears its ugly head. Elsa's life is in danger, and Luca's forced to make some very difficult decisions.

"Tea with Mussolini" has its share of war scenes, none of them gory.

They say you never know how strong a woman is until she gets into hot water. The women in this movie — Cher, Dench, Plowright, Smith and Tomlin — certainly prove they're capable of making lemonade when life gives them lemons.

The only disappointment was the ending credits. Underneath each character is a National Lampoonish cartoon of what happened to them. It kind of takes away from the drama and spectacle that is "Tea with Mussolini."

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'Cheating at Solitaire' offers Ness a dose of sanity

Social Distortion fans are kind of like mailmen. Rain, snow, sleet or hail won't keep them away. Take for instance, a show at the Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre in Pontiac years ago. Through the driving rain, lead singer Mike Ness punched away at his guitar, cranking out the greaser anthems "Let It Be Me," "Story of My Life" and "Ball and Chain." Mohawk-laden teens crowd surfer, while others slam danced, pushing away fans trying to get a glimpse of the seminal Orange County punk band.

Last month, Ness left that raucous environment to release his debut solo album, "Cheating at Solitaire" on Time Bomb Records.

"I don't have to worry about stage diving and shoes flying up or fights or Nazis," he said with a laugh. "Just the true people who are into it for the music are the

ones who follow. The rest come in with junk shows and get a lot of people there for the wrong reasons. They think they know what punk is and what it's all about. They have no idea what it's about. It's a sad thing, but it's true."

"Cheating at Solitaire" is a country-based album that shows cases Ness' varied tastes. The album includes a cover of Bob Dylan's "Don't Think Twice, It's Alright" and Hank Williams' "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry." The raw, roots-rocking "Misery Loves Company" is among Ness' favorite songs to play.

"It's always fun to play, just the raw, raw emotion and energy. It's raw and it's really fun. The whole record is fun to play. I'm gonna tell you this whole thing is just very liberating. It was a little scary at first. To have it so well received, it's nice," Ness said adding that there will be another Social D album.

"Cheating at Solitaire" was conceived in five years but was actually recorded in 1998 at Ocean Studios. For the recording process, he brought along a few

special guests - namely Brian Setzer, who plays Gretsch Silverjet on "Dope Fiend Blues," and Bruce Springsteen who plays vocals and guitars on "Misery Loves Company."

"A couple of songs are five years old. But I'd say I started writing about a year ago. I did about a month of pre-production and then two months in the studio," he explained.

"Don't Feel the Blues" and "I'm in Love With My Car" are among the oldest songs on the CD, but he included them on "Cheating at Solitaire" because he said they were still timely.

"The songs are almost more valid. No one was into cars back then. Now there's a bunch of greaser kids are driving old cars now. It's like a greaser anthem."

Cars are Ness' hobby. The low-rider on the back of the CD jewel case belongs to Ness. He also has a 1953 Harley-Davidson in his collection.

"Yeah, that's what I do when I'm not touring. When I was younger, I could never afford it. Just the last 15 years I've really

gotten into doing it. My other obsession is I go junking - thrift stores, junk stores, antique stores."

That, he said, along with "Cheating at Solitaire" is offering him a dose of sanity.

"I just think I really just did it for sanity purposes," he said with a laugh. "I needed to do something different. If I didn't, I'd go crazy. After doing something for 20 years, naturally you want a promotion. You want recognition for what you've done. I just feel that it was time to venture off and try other things if I ever want to grow."

him in December in Europe. We had an incredible time and he asked me to open for him on this tour. It's just beautiful," Summer said.

Summer is the former star of the television series "A Different World." Although she has acted for most of her life, Summer is now concentrating on music.

"I haven't acted on television in about 4-12 years and I'm not doing it anymore. I'm not interested in acting anymore. I'm just interested in music. I feel that you should be an actor in this world, I don't think I'll be missed really," she said.

Music is her first love, having moved to Los Angeles to pursue singing. Immediately, however, she fell into acting. Summer made one record with her band, Subject to Change, before Capitol Records dropped the act. The album was never released. "Street Faerie" is her debut solo album, and it's safe to say she's excited about it.

"I'm very geeky that way," she said with a slight giggle. "I make me want to jump up and down."

Summer's bluesy, mainstream pop effort "Street Faerie" was a "completely spontaneous experiment." Produced and arranged by Kravitz, "Street Faerie" was recorded at a studio in Nassau.

"We literally picked the songs that we were going to record on the record the same day. The reason 'Soul Sister' got on the record was because I showed up in the studio that morning wearing a soul sister T-shirt. There's no real rhyme or reason to any of it, which is why I think it's so pure," she said.

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Rock festival: Lenny Kravitz, along with the Black Crowes, Everlast and Cree Summer, performs Saturday, May 22, at Pine Knob.

Kravitz waves flag on 'American Woman'

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Lenny Kravitz picks up the phone, and clears his throat with a deep chesty cough. "Hello!" he said sounding groggy at 1:45 p.m.

He explained that he's calling from his bed on the tour bus, having just woken up minutes before. Contrary to his charismatic, commanding stage presence, Kravitz isn't speaking with energy.

Kravitz, the son of the late Roxie Baker of "The Jeffersons," isn't a man of words. This tour is "fine." He recently covered "American Woman" because someone asked him to, and in his free time he likes to read and watch movies.

Chatting about movies and

reading seems to be appealing to Kravitz.

"Hey, what did we watch last night?" he said to a woman nearby. "Oh yeah, 'Last Tango in Paris.' That was last night's feature. This morning is Woody Allen and right now we're doing 'Brazil,' I think, or something."

Kravitz has a long-term relationship with acting. He explained that he's been acting since he was a child. This fall, he

has the option to film a movie or to make another record. He said he was unable to reveal anything about the movie.

"I used to act when I was younger. My mom was an actress. I used to act in theater. I stopped doing it so I could pursue my music," he said. "It's not something that I miss. It's another outlet, another medium which takes off the pressure."

This summer, Kravitz is bringing one medium to several towns in the United States, thanks to the package tour he created featuring him, the Black Crowes, Everlast and Cree Summer. The show hits Pine Knob on Saturday, May 22.

"The tour's fine. It's going good. I just had a choice of who was available and who I thought would put on a great show. I liked Everlast's record, but I didn't know him before the tour," Kravitz said about forming the tour.

Kravitz's set will include songs from each of his albums and his new song "American Woman," a cover of the 1970 The Guess Who hit. The song will appear on the

soundtrack to "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me" (Maverick), and beginning June 1, Virgin will make "American Woman" a part of Kravitz's latest album "5."

The concert video for "American Woman" features Kravitz and his band performing in front of a massive, flashing neon American flag. Recently shot in the desert of Southern California, the video features more than 500 extras, a special appearance by Heather Graham, who plays "Felicity Shagwell" in the film, and a grand finale of fireworks illuminating the sky.

"American Woman" is Kravitz's follow-up to his hit "Fly Away." Kravitz, who won the Grammy for Best Rock Performance Male last February, scored a major hit with "Fly Away." It was the first single to hit No. 1 on the Modern, Active and Album Rock Charts in the same week.

The story behind Kravitz's cover of "American Woman" is simple.

"Somebody asked me if I would do it. That was a song they were looking for. I thought it was a song I could do."

Lenny Kravitz and The Black Crowes perform with Everlast and Cree Summer, at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets are \$45 pavilion, \$20 lawn. Call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com> for more information.

Artists celebrate life and express outrage

After a month of disturbing headlines and images from Littleton, Colo., Kosovo and tornado-torn areas of Oklahoma and Kansas, the hope that many feel with the blossoming of spring may need a bit of nurturing. Fortunately, the arts are in full bloom.

"When it seems that the world has gone horribly awry, nature provides a spiritual experience to all human beings. It is amazing what can be accomplished by simply looking closely at a flower," says Kay Young, an Oakland County-based photographer whose twenty-year career has celebrated her Native American heritage and the natural world. "My work is intended as a celebration of life through the beauty of nature." If you caught her "Wildflower Paintings: A Photographic Exhibition" at the Detroit Institute of Arts or The

Somerset Collection, you already know about the sense of peace her photos can provide.

In describing her exhibit "Feed Me" at the American Indian Community House in New York, Young writes, "My family was humble, not poor, and the teachings were to honor the earth, harvest the food, and give thanks for life - all life around us." There's also a powerful message to guide us through the turmoil of a difficult time, as her work challenges us to, in her words, "to have the perseverance and strength to try and understand all, while living in a place out of balance."

On the next edition of Detroit Public Television's "Backstage Pass," the timeless beauty of Young's work is featured, and traditional songs from Native American cultures are performed by the inter-tribal group the Blue Lake Singers.

The horror at Columbine High has us all asking what can be done to protect young people from violence. For Ann Arbor artist-blacksmiths Scott Lankton

and Jim Roth, the tragedy was a terrifying example of the nature of gun violence and the reason for a two-year old project to transform powerful weapons into powerful art. Lankton and Roth use their skills as blacksmiths and their creative abilities to melt handguns into anti-violent artistic symbols.

"We've got thirty pieces created so far, and the one that gets the strongest reaction is a gun nestled in a stop sign with photos of gunshot victims," says Jim Roth.

"We're not going to change the world, but we're disgusted that anti-gun groups and members of organizations like the National Rifle Association can't get together to work on the major social problem of gun violence," he adds.

Lankton and Roth have received no backlash from hunting groups concerning the project. "I enjoy hunting and I like guns. The only message we send through our work is our outrage over gun violence," says Roth. Consistent with that theme are creations such as a gun molded into a book, while others are wrapped in chains or locked in a cage.

The two hope to have several public showings later this year and a permanent exhibit later this year. "Backstage Pass" viewers get a look in an edition airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at on Detroit Public TV.

What's my favorite piece of the blacksmith's art? It's a gun with a gold-colored rose coming out of the barrel. Once again, there's peace through flower power.



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Among area restaurant trends predicted on this page in January this year, one was that more upscale national chains would open in metro-Detroit. It happened. And came true again on April 20 when Leeann Chin opened its first Michigan location next to the Troy Sports Center.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Leeann Chin and she was there to greet her first Troy customer, a loyal patron of her Minneapolis, Minnesota-based eatery. What one finds at Leeann Chin is so tied to her personality, that her story begs to be told.

In 1956, she found her way from her native Canton, China, to her current home in Minneapolis via Hong Kong. She spoke no English, but learned quickly from her friendly neighbors who hired her for expert sewing skills.

By 1980, she had also demonstrated her culinary talents, teaching Chinese cooking to some 4,000 students over a 10-year period. She has written cookbooks; most recent is Betty Crocker's New Chinese Cookbook. All this while raising five children!

One of her culinary students was a banker and friend of Sean Connery, her first primary investor. With an SBA loan and Connery's backing, she was able to open the first Leeann Chin's Chinese Cuisine in Minnetonka, Minnesota. She paid off original

Leeann Chin Chinese Cuisine
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Leeann Chin

investors in two years and now, as sole owner, is supported by venture capital investors. Her single restaurant has grown into a network of 38 locations. Her company also encompasses the Asia Grille restaurant concept with Seattle and Twin Cities locations.

While Chin said that her "buf-

fet" locations, such as Troy, have similar decor, what the diner finds is East meets West in the new millennium.

The 3,200 square foot layout seats 64 in a colorful, ultra-modern atmosphere done in eggplant, hot pink, orange, yellow and navy. On the walls, Chinese symbols spell out "Chinese Cooking," while the logo character says "Chin."

At a start-up cost of \$385,000, the Troy location will need a steady flow of Sichuan and Cantonese food lovers.

And this is what's offered: a well-styled eat-in or take-out menu with all items under \$7. Among appetizers, try either the Oyster Wings (chicken wings in a savory oyster sauce) or if you like lots of flavor, Sichuan Wings, the kicked-up version in a hot and spicy chili sauce.

Chicken, vegetables and just the right touch of fresh ginger fill the potstickers. Order them pan-fried.

The Chinese Chicken Salad with crispy noodles and house sesame dressing is delicious. In addition to two daily entree spe-

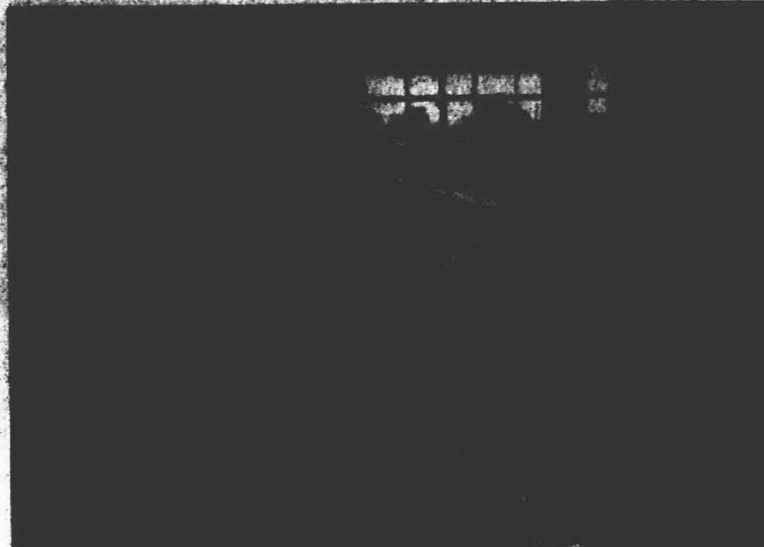
dials, tied for most popular regular entrees are Peking Chicken and Lemon Chicken. Beef Lo Mein is a close second. Vegetarian Stir Fry will appeal to those preferring meatless. Selection of ingredients varies, so inquire if you have unfavorable veggies.

Not a fan of sweet and sour, I liked the Sesame Chicken with its tangy, balanced sesame sauce. But if you can't decide what to order, consider the Combinations. The half-appetizer and half entree combo at \$4.95 is a generous lunch.

At 66 years old, but looking 20 years younger, Leeann Chin is an amazing woman epitomizing the American dream. Her spirit is alive in long-time employees whom she calls "my children." Sue Calton and Jason Erickson combine 27 years with Chin as the driving forces behind the cooking and training of local, young chefs seen preparing food selections in the open kitchen. As training director, David Hill has given all waitstaff their skills.

So enamored with the Leeann Chin concept, former Smitty's Grill (downtown Rochester) general manager Jim Burr has taken his 13 years of restaurant experience with him to carry out general manager duties in Troy. Chin, as inspired founder and corporate chairperson, has also attracted the likes of former Bruger's CEO Steve Finn to carry out CEO responsibilities for her.

Corporations in the heart of



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN GREENLAND

Getting ready for customers: General manager Jim Burr checks out the buffet at Leeann Chin Chinese Cuisine in Troy.

Troy take note! There's a delivery menu with recommended 24-hour notice. Orders under \$75 need pick-up, but those over \$75 can be delivered.

If you like the salad dressing or sauces, you can buy them. The Imperial Sauce is a fast appetizer with bagel chips or the special Leeann Chin chips. Try the Peking sauce with barbecue items, in a quick stir-fry, on hamburgers, as a glaze for pork chops, grilled or pan-fried fish.

Leeann Chin has made her eatery appealing to people on the go who want healthy, flavorful, savory Chinese dishes and who

want them fast. She is planning to open more restaurant locations in metro Detroit — including Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties — within the next 15 months.

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

LE GALA DE CUISINE

Event 3-6 p.m. Sunday, May 23 at Cranbrook Schools showcases 40 chefs from metro Detroit restaurants. The event will feature a silent auction, appearance by jazz saxophonist George Benson, and continuous entertainment by Cranbrook Kingswood music ensembles. In addition to having the opportunity to sample appetizers, entrees, desserts, coffees and fine wines, guests will receive a one-of-a-kind cookbook with recipes from participating chefs. Tickets \$125 (friend), \$150 (patron) and \$200 (benefactor), call (248) 683-6099. Cranbrook Schools are at 550 Lone Pine Road.

MOREL FEAST

Unique Restaurant Corporation's 13th annual feast celebrates morels. The cost is \$44.95 per person, not including tax or gratuity. It will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday, May 26-

27 at Morel's a Michigan Bistro, (248) 642-1094; 7 p.m. Friday, May 28 at Northern Lakes Seafood Company, (248) 646-7900 and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 29 at No. VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar, (248) 305-5210.

BUCA DI BEPPO

New restaurant opening June 15, 38888 Six Mile Road (across from Laurel Park Place) features Southern Italian dishes. A team of muralists, artists and painters is busy getting ready for the opening. The "decorating" team is recreating the Sistine Chapel, Italian country scenes and other scenes to bring the "passion of Little Italy to your neighborhood." The restaurant will be open 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 5-11 p.m. Friday, 4-11 p.m. Saturday and 4-10 p.m. Sunday. Keep reading the dining page for more information.

OUTDOOR DINING

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(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 Ches 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.



Bringing the funk: Howling Diablos perform at 9 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road in Plymouth. The show is free and open to those 21 and older. For more information, call (734) 455-8450.

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