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**TODAY**

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

ENTERTAINMENT

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

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## Hopefuls flock to township race



■ When the filing deadline passed for this year's Plymouth Township election, 17 people — including some rookies and veterans — had filed for the seven positions open on the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

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Familiar names mixed with new ones tossed their hats into the ring as candidates for Plymouth Township offices.

All seven four-year seats are open. All candidates who filed are Republicans and face an Aug. 8 primary. Crossover votes aren't allowed and the primary will basically determine the township board, although there will be a run-off election in November. Trustee K.C. Mueller, a Realtor who

is in her second term, announced recently she will not run for re-election due to family health reasons.

The candidates have until 4 p.m. Friday to withdraw. Some couldn't be reached by press deadline.

### Supervisor

Incumbent Kathleen Keen McCarthy, who is completing her second term, will be challenged by Steve Mann, a Plymouth Township police officer and president of the local Police Officers Association of Michigan unit.

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"I believe that Plymouth Township is a terrific community and I believe we have accomplished many things in my term," McCarthy said. "I would like to move forward to achieve the goals that we have set for this community."

Richard Reaume, owner of Worldwide Express, a Plymouth Township company, and a Schoolcraft College trustee, filed petitions for both the

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

## Dog jog

Pets turn out in droves

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Now that's a lot of pooper scoopers. More than 200 participants came out for Saturday's fourth-annual Plymouth Dog Jog, presented by the Kiwanis Club to benefit the Humane Society. That's a record for the young event, which will present the Humane Society with a check for \$10,000 thanks to the efforts of the 210 joggers. The Kiwanis club gets another \$4,000, making it the biggest fund raiser in the event's short history.

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

Participants who registered early paid a \$20 fee; those registering on the day of the event paid \$25. Joggers were also allowed to get pledges, and the top three pledge-getters earned prizes.

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

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



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

**Good seat:** Averi Montagano of Plymouth, 3, stretches to get a better look at the entertainment on Penniman.

### Whaler watcher



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**Looking on:** Raymond Klimas of Farmington Hills, 3, watches intently as the Plymouth Whalers battle the Barrie Colts in game seven of the Ontario Hockey League final at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township. The Colts defeated the Whalers and won the OHL championship. See Sports, Section C for details.

## Former board member seeks to serve again

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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Carl Battishill said he likes what he sees in the Plymouth Canton school district.

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

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

"I have a lot of concern about student achievement," said Battishill. "I feel so frustrated because our kids have far

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less money spent on them (by the state) than kids in other districts.

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

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

"We certainly need to change the formula," he said. "It's so complex and hard to understand. But it comes down originally to our low millage rate at the time Proposal A was enacted."

And how does that relate today?" Battishill, who has been an educator for 26 years, taught at Canton High

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRAD KADRICH

**At the march:** Plymouth women Carey Gary, Cyndi Burnstein, Laurie Cummings and Gloria Logan talk to Sen. Carl Levin at a reception for Michigan moms before Sunday's Million Mom March. Not pictured, but among those addressing Levin, were Sue Welker and Mary Beth Carroll.

## City getting started on Mill Street paving

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The Mill Street paving project is expected to get under way this week, weather permitting.

Two layers of asphalt will be paved on Mill Street, from Main to Pointe Park.

"If all goes well, contractors will start prep work in anticipation of grinding off the top layers of asphalt in the latter part of the week," said Assistant City Manager Paul Sincock. "A lot will depend on the weather, which has already delayed the project a couple of days."

"Crews will then proceed to conditioning or prepping the road for paving," he added. "There will also be a curb cap crew that will be working."

Sincock said the entire project should take between three and four weeks. Traffic on Mill will be disrupted, so Sincock suggests using Starkweather as an alternate route.

The Wayne County Road Commission is coordinating the Mill Street project, which is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$400,000. Sincock said the City of Plymouth will pay about \$25,000.

### Final fish fry

Friday is the last fish fry before a summer recess at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post 6695, located at 1426 S. Mill in Plymouth.

All-you-can eat fish and French fries will be served from 5-7 p.m., at a cost of \$7.

The money raised from this year's fish fries is being used for upkeep of the post and to pay for service projects.

### Auto show

P-CEP Automotive Technology Program will host their Fourth Annual Car Show from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday, May 21 at Canton High School. Admission as a spectator to this event is \$2. To register a car in the show, the preshow registration fee is \$5 and \$8 at the show. Each entry includes two admission passes to the show. Award presentations will be at 2:30 p.m. Proceeds

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will benefit the Automotive Technology Program. The Car Show will be located in the south Canton parking lot of the Park. Last year's show featured approximately 150-200 registered cars that included custom cars, race vehicles, prototype cars and student and staff cars. For more information, call Mark Bondy at (734) 416-7876.

### Coffee with Rivers

U.S. Representative Lynn Rivers has scheduled coffee hours in Plymouth from 8:30-10 a.m. Monday, May 22 at the Ply-

mouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, Plymouth. All constituents of the 13th Congressional District are encouraged to drop by, have a cup of coffee, and discuss their concerns with her. For direction or further information, call Deborah Johnson in Rivers' district office in Ypsilanti at (734) 485-3741.

### Symphony director

The Plymouth Symphony announced today that William Hulsker will serve as interim executive director while the search continues for a new executive director.

William Hulsker is not only a member of the orchestra, but also is the personnel manager. He is a past Board president and Board member. He has recently taken early retirement from his job of 36 years as the Music Librarian for Wayne State University.

## Cops solve short-term dispatch problem Employee faces disciplinary action after talking to press

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Emergency dispatchers worked overtime to fill the 11 p.m.-7 a.m. shifts May 11-12, providing a short-term solution in the wake of some concern about what could be a long-term problem.

Kathy Johnson, a full-time dispatcher, sounded an alarm last week when she saw that no dispatcher had been scheduled for those time periods. Johnson took the story to the media.

Johnson said Tuesday she was scheduled for a pre-disciplinary hearing Wednesday for her actions. "I felt that it was a matter of public safety," Johnson said.

The media is no place to air employee gripes and gather support, said Plymouth Township Police Chief Larry Carey. "That's what they have a union for," he said. "I didn't know

there was an emergency, but they declared one."

Any further action will be handled internally, Carey said. "She is being looked at for what she did," said Steve Mann, president of the POAM local unit. "They must have just cause to discipline her."

Carey disputes there was a staffing emergency, but admits that the dispatch division is short-handed. However, Carey said there was never a threat to public safety and he will determine when a staffing emergency is imminent.

"We posted overtime and it was filled," Carey said, of the time periods last week. "One person worked overtime and one person worked over and filled the vacancy. Dispatchers worked the overtime. We came up with a new schedule. My job is to get the job done. If the job doesn't get done, then they can come and complain."

Carey and Mann sat down and discussed the schedule. "We worked it out and talked it over," Carey said. "The next month everybody has the shift they want except for one person."

Dispatcher complaints about low pay and working conditions are frequent, Mann said.

Both the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township merged dispatch services Nov. 1, to become the Plymouth Communications Center, housed in the Plymouth Township police station. Though the two groups started work without a merged contract, the township board recently approved a contract with increased pay. Problems festered during the interim. Plymouth dispatchers opposed the merger.

Retaining dispatchers since the merger has been difficult, Mann said.

Barb Scott and Gonzalo (Gonzo) Duque, Plymouth Township dispatchers with 12 and 11 years of seniority, respectively, recently left.

"Those aren't the only two," Mann said. "We have had other people leave. Allison Pennington, who worked eight years with the city, left. Jan Waldrop, who worked more than 20 years in Wayne, came to our department for about a year, and left to go to Westland because she was fed up with the situation."

One former Plymouth dispatcher worked a short time and then went on disability, Carey said. Another dispatcher is expected to put in his two-week notice, according to Johnson.

Even with upcoming new hires, it will take three to four months to train somebody, Mann said.

"They're not supposed to talk to the press on duty," Carey said. "That's the job of the police public information officer. (Johnson) wasn't representing the police department's views, she was representing her own per-

sonal views. She should do that on her own time, not on the department's time and not on the citizens' time."

Both Carey and Mann say public safety staffing levels aren't public information. Though taxpayers pay for these services, Mann said that information could hurt police officers, for example, if certain people know how many public safety people are on duty or on the street.

"Dispatch goes hand-in-hand," Mann said. "When you start spelling out numbers and shifts, you get into a protected area."

Dispatchers can't talk to the press on duty, on company time, when they are talking against the department, Carey said.

He questioned a manpower shortage if Johnson had time to talk to the press. She had the day off but didn't volunteer to handle dispatch during the time she was concerned about, Carey said.

"I'm not so sure that she was doing that on work hours," Mann responded. "My understanding was that she was going into work. I'm not so sure when that (the TV coverage) took place. Dire times call for dire action. We're working with the chief to get the matter resolved."

Johnson said there have been times when she was held over past her shift, creating a babysitting difficulty for her three children, ages 12, 6, and 4.

"We're trying to work six people on a nine-person schedule with eight-hour shifts," Carey said. "Overtime is time and a half."

"We're going to make sure the community is protected," Mann said.

As part of the new merger agreement dispatchers can only work 16 hours in a 24-hour period, he said.

The contract says that they can go outside the lines of contract guidelines for emergencies, Mann said. Three to four months of being shorthanded may not be an emergency per se but it is a dire condition that needs some attention, he said.

Mann talked to Carey Monday about using police officers as dispatchers until the situation improves. "We don't want the dispatchers to get burned out," Mann said. "Our unit is willing to step in and assist. We'll sit at the desk and answer phones."

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Anyone who uses practices repetitive motion is susceptible to injury. The problem is often compounded by the tendency to ignore the warning signs in the belief that one's options are limited to growing discomfort or finding oneself medically barred from performing an activity necessary to one's well being or livelihood. At the **HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY**, we can show you how body mechanics and workplace adjustment can help solve your dilemma. To learn more, call our center, located in Plymouth, at 470 Forest Avenue, Suite 20, at 455-8370.

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# Police honor their own

Annual reception highlights officers' accomplishments

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Command and police officers, an Oakland County Sheriff's deputy, a police chaplain, and residents were honored Monday at the annual police awards program.

The program was held at the VFW hall in Plymouth. The week of May 15 is National Police Week, and May 15 is known as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

"To this date in the Year 2000, three in the state of Michigan have lost their lives as police officers," said Police Chaplain Hugh McMartin. "We want to remember them and the others who have lost their lives."

Here's a smattering of public safety success stories that made up the township's Year 2000 police ceremony.

■ Off-duty Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Chad Justin Allan was returning March 31 from Detroit Metropolitan Airport on I-275 when he prevented a woman from killing herself. After quickly assessing the situation, he positioned his car to protect a woman who had just jumped from the bridge overpass at Joy as vehicles were swerving to miss her. He gave first aid to the woman and directed others to call 911. She survived.

■ Plymouth Township Officers Todd Seipenko and Steven Cheston were lauded in a letter from Plymouth Sgt. Steve Hundersmarck. On Feb. 1, 1998, Seipenko and Cheston caught someone who stole more than \$47,000 from a downtown Plymouth business. The man is now in jail. Cheston assisted in a foot pursuit that lasted more than 1-1/2 hours. All the stolen property was recovered.

■ Sgt. Dennis Wilson isn't a firefighter but received a commendation from Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth.

Prior to the fire department's arrival on Sept. 15, Wilson alerted occupants on Morgan Street to a fire in their home and they escaped. Wilson remained with the residents to support and encourage them.

■ With a large number of larcenies during the summer of 1999, Sgt. Robert Antal came up with a new strategy using night vision binoculars to capture two suspects and eventually learned the identity of two others who broke into cars in the area of Beacon Hill and Amesbury.

■ Officer William Fetner and Edward Gauthier "looked beyond the traffic stop" in two separate incidents. Fetner confiscated a dangerous weapon with large magazines, marijuana and \$4,000.

Gauthier found a pistol under the driver's seat June 8 and a large amount of money on the passenger. K9 Hogan, the department's new police dog, indicated the money was connected with narcotics activity. Two people were arrested, and the proceeds of drug dealing were confiscated.

■ Officer Scott Linton arrested a man on March 28, 1999, after the man left a domestic violence situation armed with a .25 caliber pistol. After hearing the man's description on the radio, he followed the vehicle and called for assistance. Once additional units arrived, Linton made the felony stop.

■ Officer Steve Mann observed a vehicle traveling with only parking lights on in the early morning hours of March 26, 1999. After stopping the driver, Mann saw several marijuana roaches in the ashtray and discovered more in the woman's glove box. After searching her vehicle, he found more than a pound of marijuana under the driver's seat.

■ Sgt. Jeff Felts received a telephone call April 12 that a possible narcotic transaction was taking place behind a business in the Ann Arbor Trail and Haggerty area. While the officers were responding, one of the suspects drove off. Officer William Fetner arrived as that car was leaving. He captured one of the

■ 'We want to remember them and the others who have lost their lives.'

Hugh McMartin  
Police Chaplain

suspects and asked for assistance to locate the other three suspects. Officers Mike Lego, Jon Brothers, Scott Linton, and Eric Anderson-Smith set up a perimeter under Felts' direction. Officers arrested the other suspects in Hines Park. The officers arrested four drug dealers and confiscated a quantity of marijuana.

■ Resident Rachel Jarskey's friend asked her to meet him at a Livonia restaurant in July 1998. There Jarskey learned the friend planned to shoot himself. Jarskey agreed to ride with him and later was able to convince him to give her the pistol's magazine. She left his car and called police. Her friend was taken to a hospital.

■ After a purse snatching March 31 at the Kmart store on Ann Arbor Road, several witnesses assisted the police department in catching the thief. Gregory Jefferson chased the thief from the Kmart parking lot to the Saturn lot along with Michael Silkowski, a Kmart loss prevention officer. Saturn employees John Thomas, Steven Maurer and William Askew, along with Jefferson and Silkowski, surrounded the thief and got him out of the trash bin where he was hiding and held him until police arrived.

■ The Rev. Hugh McMartin has offered much service to the police department and Plymouth community. He assists officers with death notifications and provides comfort to family members, co-workers and others.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRAD KADRETT

Sing-along: Jennifer Scarbrough of Livonia (left) and the other Michigan moms get their voices flowing while singing "I'm Gonna Let It Shine," being performed by Raffi at Sunday's Million Mom March.

## March from page A1

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

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

It was a theme carried on at the march, by speakers ranging from talk show host Rosie O'Donnell to Kerry Kennedy Cuomo, the daughter of Robert

F. Kennedy, who told the group there "are more federally licensed gun dealers in this country than there are McDonald's franchises."

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

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

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

"From here we definitely have to work on educating people and identifying those politicians who support us and those who don't," Case said. "I think we need to continue to recruit members and get our message out."

## Schools from page A1

School and Lowell Middle School before assuming his current position as a music instructor in West Bloomfield. He's been a member of the Plymouth Canton school board, serving from 1990-94.

"When I was on the board before, I was a unique perspective for the other members of the board," Battishill said. "Most of the others had various degrees of business or personal experience."

"Having a person they respected and a teacher at the table gave them a view of the business from the practitioner's point of view. I think they developed an appreciation for my viewpoint."

High on Battishill's list of priorities, should he be elected, is employee satisfaction. "And that goes from the central office to the people farthest away from the central office," he said.

"In my conversations, I sense there are people who are unhappy working here," Battishill said. "There is so much push to improve that sometimes we do things that are counterproductive."

"For example, we are installing a new social studies curriculum in the elementary schools, which is good," he said. "But, instead of doing just that, we are also installing a new math curriculum at the same time."

"You're really asking teachers to do a lot more than they really can do. I'm not against the new curriculum, it should be done, but it's about how you help your

employees," he added. Battishill likes the idea of upgrading technology in the district, but said the key to fully using it is training, which he said the district lacks.

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ 'It's a great place for kids who know how to be responsible for themselves.'

Carl Battishill  
School board candidate

## Pioneer student honored

Pioneer Middle School, eighth grader, Bethany Atwell received word that she was accepted into the National Book Foundation's highly competitive Summer Writing Institute.

The scholarship affords Bethany the opportunity to work along side 24 other student writers from across the nation. Together, they will live the life of writers in Massachusetts for one full week. Like most camps, this one also has staff members. The National Book Foundation secured some of the most respected published young adult authors to serve as mentors and writing workshop leaders, including Norma Fox Mazer and Jacqueline Woodson.

For consideration, Bethany was required to submit a 10 page portfolio of her writing, respond to several short essay prompts on the application, and secure a letter of recommendation.

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township supervisor and treasurer seats. He has until Friday to withdraw from one of the races.

"If he doesn't come in and pull one of these, he will not be on the ballot," said Sandy Groth, deputy city clerk.

Reaume said he double filed to have an option based on how the other races shaped up. "There was such mismanagement at township hall that I wanted to be part of changing our own government," Reaume said. "My one desire is to see things get better in the township and I will make my decision on where I can best serve the community."

Mann could not be reached for comment.

## Clerk

Incumbent Marilyn Massengill will be challenged by Sandra Groth, who currently serves as her deputy, and former township Supervisor Maurice Breen.

Breen could not be reached for comment.

Massengill: "I want to continue to serve the entire community. I want what is best for the community. As clerk, I have nothing to gain or lose."

Massengill said she encouraged Groth to run when her brother was killed in a car accident several months ago. "I just wanted to crawl into a hole," Massengill said. Her mother is also seriously ill. "I expect that either Sandy or I will withdraw by Friday."

Groth: "I decided to run because I feel that I am qualified and I would like the opportunity. I enjoy the work. I enjoy serving the citizens. I'm happy to use my skills to benefit them."

## Treasurer

Ron Edwards, the incumbent, faces Gerald Law, who is completing his final term as a state representative.

Edwards, a certified public accountant, wants to continue cost savings. "I want to continue my efforts in streamlining township operations, lowering taxes, and maximizing the township's investment income," Edwards said. "Over the past 3 1/2 years, my efforts have resulted in lower solid waste fees and township taxes, elimination of \$50 and \$100 building bonds and park bonds, and an increase in yearly township interest of over \$600,000."

Law, who is being term-limited out of his state House seat, said he'd rather serve his local government than pursue business opportunities in Lansing.

"I'm too young to retire, and I wanted to serve my local community instead of staying in Lansing," Law said. "I've heard people talk about (Edwards) there, and I think with my background it's a logical connection."

Morrison, Charlene Helen Berry, Clayton (Pete) Stacey and James Karrell.

The top four vote-getters will be elected from among the trustee field.

Munfakh and Karrell were not available for comment.

Griffith is a dean in the instructional division at Schoolcraft College. "I want to continue what we started and to continue to improve services as economically as possible," Griffith said. "There's something to be said for continuity. I love Plymouth and I want to give back."

Curmi works in product management at Johnson Con-

trols in Plymouth Township. "I want to continue my record of bringing strong leadership and high value to the community," Curmi said. "My unique (government) business perspective and professional style is recognized by the community and township employees."

Arnold is a business manager for Colonial Collision on Ann Arbor Road. She handles the accounts, advertising, human resources and insurance. "I want to continue to enhance services to citizens and keep our property taxes the lowest in western Wayne County," Arnold said.

Trumpka is a personnel manager for Midas Auto Service in Plymouth Township. Though he has been president of the Plymouth Republican Club since

1997, Trumpka said he would step down if elected.

"This is a natural transition," Trumpka said. "I love this community. I think it is the greatest community around. I have always been active. This is a natural evolution."

Morrison is a salesman for Pella Window Company in Livonia. "I believe that the township has not been run properly and township residents have not been represented," Morrison said. "My mother always told me not to complain but to do something. I have been attending township meetings since January. I have been active in Republican politics for the last three years."

Stacey is a retired highway contractor and holds a real

estate license. "I didn't want to run against K. C. Mueller," Stacey said. "I am against the closing of Sheldon Road for two years. It will back up cars on Beck Road. It will be a nightmare."

Stacey worked on the Ford, Lodge, and Southfield freeways.

Charlene Helen Berry, a librarian at Madonna University, plays the dulcimer at concerts, banquets, weddings, socials and gives private and group lessons. Berry has a program on WPON AM 1460 called Charlene Berry's Dulcimer World.

"I've lived in Plymouth Township a lot of years," Berry said. "The township is growing, and I want to serve. I bring a new perspective."

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# Candidates file

## McPhail joins prosecutor's race

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Sharon McPhail

Redford Township, who is seeking re-election.

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

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

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

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

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

Ficano, an attorney first

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"I'm tired of the divisiveness and tired of people hating each other."

O'Hair issued a statement emphasizing his support of Ward's candidacy.

## Madonna honors nurse students

Madonna University's Kappa Iota chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau, an international nursing honor society, recently inducted 47 students into their chapter. Kappa Iota chapter at Madonna University.

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

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

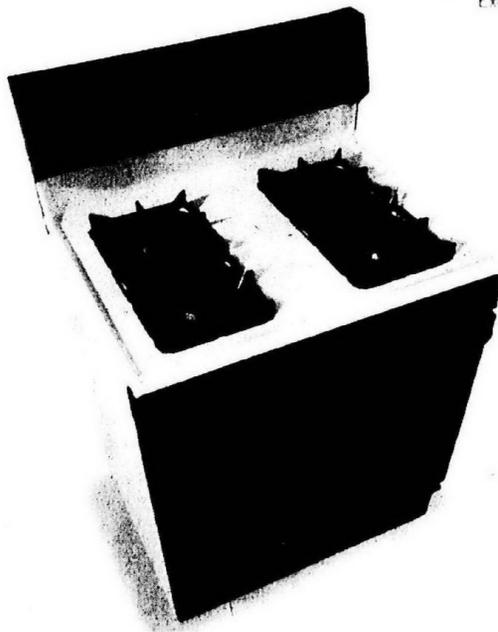
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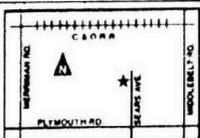
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# Tougher recall standards may be revived

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

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

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

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

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

State Rep. Charles LaSata  
R-St. Joseph

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LaSata admits his proposal

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

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

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

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

# Schoolcraft may create two-tier business tuition

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Rouge Fishing Derby set for Saturday

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

The morning event at the Waterford Bend Picnic Area along the Rouge River is expected to draw fishermen of all ages for both the competition and the open fishing.

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

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

The open fishing, for people of all ages, will run 10 a.m. to noon.

Registration for the derby, which is co-sponsored by the Plymouth/Canton Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 528 and the Northville Parks and Recreation Department, will be 7:30-8 a.m.

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

Sam Minz, county parks recreation manager, said the state

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

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

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

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## Attorney general will appeal ruling in CSX case

■ 'This is simply an issue of public safety.'

Jennifer Granholm  
—Michigan Attorney General

Michigan Attorney General Jennifer M. Granholm has announced that she will appeal the ruling of Federal District Court Judge Nancy Edmunds in the case of CSX Transportation vs. City of Plymouth.

Any appeal will be heard in the United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, in Cincinnati. Edmunds' ruling found that Michigan lawmakers cannot set "any limitation" on the amount of time trains can block vehicular traffic. Granholm intervened in the original case to defend the constitutionality and necessity of a Michigan statute which prevents trains from blocking traffic on public roads for more than seven minutes. Granholm's appeal seeks to reverse the district court's ruling.

"In terms of transportation, the United States government clearly gives individual states the right to regulate issues which aren't already specifically addressed by either the federal government or the U.S. Secretary of Transportation," Granholm said. "The State of Michigan has every legal right to determine how best to strike a balance between railroad traffic and traffic on its local roads."

"This is simply an issue of public safety," she added. "Under this ruling, and with no federal guidelines to pose responsible railroad blockage limits, there is nothing to prevent a train from blocking traffic for 7 minutes or 70 minutes. If your child was waiting for an ambulance on one side of that train, or your house was burning down on the other, those few extra minutes could mean the difference between life and death."

Because no federal law details the length of time a train may block traffic, the Attorney General's office may also join with other interested officials, citizen groups and business organizations to seek federal legislation to address the issue.

## Canton woman faces jail in death of teen

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

Sarah Cappuccitti was found guilty of negligent homicide by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge George W. Crockett III Tuesday. She was behind the wheel in a Sept. 20 accident that claimed the life of 17-year-old Alisha Roberson.

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

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

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

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

Cappuccitti lost control of a 1988 Ford Tempo near Newburgh Road after passing out. According to circuit court testimony, all four of the young women were inhaling "Dust Off," a chemical used in cleaning computers, prior to the accident. The Tempo crossed four lanes of traffic, went up the southern embankment of I-96, through a fence, across the service drive and hit a tree broadside.

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

At the opening of the trial Monday, Fishman conceded that Cappuccitti's passing out caused the accident. He said it was up

to Crockett to determine her degree of negligence.

The judge had two standards to work from, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Michael Lehto said.

"Gross" negligence would've meant Cappuccitti was guilty of manslaughter with a motor vehicle. To prove gross negligence, Lehto had to demonstrate that she showed a willful disregard for the safety of others.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Two vie for GOP nomination to face Sullivan for commission

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

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

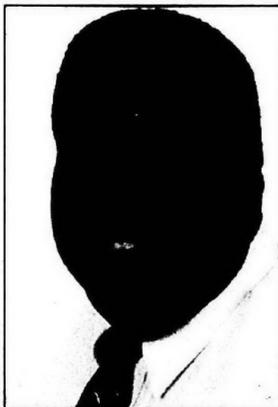
Sullivan, 29 of Wayne, was first elected in 1998 and is seeking re-election to the two-year post. The district includes the townships of Canton, Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren and the cities of Wayne, Belleville and Romulus.

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

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

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

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



Fred A. Bolden

He favors public education and programs for "welfare recipients, displaced workers, the unemployed and under-employed (and) disadvantaged youth."

Bolden and his wife are expecting their third child in July. This is his second run for public office.

Bovitz, a first-time candidate, moved to Canton two years ago after spending his first 37 years in Trenton. He and his wife are building a house near Beck and Cherry Hill roads.

"We're not going to be carpetbaggers like Hillary," he said, referring to the New York U.S. Senate candidate and wife of President Clinton.

The son of former Trenton mayor and ex-Southeast Michigan Council of Governments



Rob A. Bovitz

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

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

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

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

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## Michigan touts good boating safety record

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

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

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

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

Boating accidents in Michi-

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

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

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

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

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

For more information visit [www.safeboatingcampaign.com](http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com)

## Cost of airport audit gets expensive

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

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

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

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

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



Dave Katz: Former airports director.

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

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

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

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

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

### Delays criticized

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

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

copy of a county ordinance, he said.

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

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

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

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

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

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**On the job:** Plymouth Township police Officer Steve Mann calls in a license plate after pulling over a truck with an apparently expired tag. The plate was valid, even though the it had somehow become removed.

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## Local worker charged in Garden City death

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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A Detroit man is facing a manslaughter charge in the stabbing death of a Redford man during an argument over a mutual girlfriend at a Garden City home Saturday.

Ivan Warren Smith, 40, was arraigned on the potential 15-year felony Tuesday in 21st District Court before Judge Richard Hammer Jr. Bond was set at \$500,000 cash and a preliminary examination was scheduled for Monday.

Killed was Michael David Rajala, 41, of Redford who was stabbed 10 times with a kitchen knife. Police said he had been involved romantically on and off for about 10 years with Deborah Dahl, 41, who was also seeing Smith.

Described as 6 feet tall and weighing about 130 pounds, Smith told police he acted in self-defense against the 5-foot, 11-inch 230 pound Rajala, said Detective Sgt. Kevin Nowak.

"They had altercations previously, but just verbal. The neighbors told us about an incident last week," said Nowak. "Rajala knew Smith was at the house; he had called."

Smith and Dahl were inside her home in the 31000 block of Birchlawn when Rajala arrived at about 9:15 p.m. and began to shout from outside.

"Rajala was egging Smith to come out. Smith said he checked the door to make sure it was locked and armed himself with a kitchen knife," said Nowak. "Dahl came to the door to calm him (Rajala) down."

Dahl was talking to Rajala through the locked door. Nowak said, when she opened it.

"He (Smith) was surprised when she opened the door; Rajala had been out there 15 minutes," said Nowak. "Rajala rushed in, and the suspect was pinned to the wall."

Smith told police he stabbed Rajala twice - in the back and

buttocks - while he was pressed against the wall by the victim. The two separated, Nowak said, then Rajala was stabbed eight more times to the front of his body. The altercation occurred inside an enclosed porch and in the house.

It appeared that the victim, suspect and Dahl had all been drinking, Nowak said.

Smith called 911 and was walking outside when police arrived, according to Nowak. Fire Rescue treated Rajala at the scene and transported him to Garden City Hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

"I'm concerned that it's a homicide, and it's charged as manslaughter," said Hammer during the arraignment. "This is something to be taken seriously."

Before setting bond, Hammer questioned Smith, a parts inspector at Product Actions in Plymouth, about his background. Telling the judge he had lived in Detroit for about 16 years, Smith started crying when he said he lives with his 9-year-old son.

Noting that Smith had called 911 after the stabbing, Nowak said he had been cooperative with police and indicated he stabbed Rajala after being attacked.

"But it was not self-defense to the point that the prosecutor feels it was justifiable," said Hammer.

"The charge was manslaughter after some discussion," Nowak said.

Smith seemed startled by the \$500,000 cash bond, questioning the amount Hammer had mentioned.

"This was a significant homicide. I have little before me except that Mr. Rajala is dead and Mr. Smith is before me," said Hammer. "It's a relatively short time until the examination on Monday."

## 10-4, good buddy

### Township cop busy keeping truckers honest

BY SUE BUCK  
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Plymouth Township police Officer Steve Mann has initiated motor carrier enforcement in between his normal patrol runs in Plymouth Township.

The township board turned down a request last year to create a separate position of a motor carrier enforcement officer because of questions surrounding pending motor carrier legislation at the time of the last budget session, according to Police Township Police Chief Larry Carey. Police expect to make another request.

On Monday, Gov. John Engler signed into law Acts 93-98, a six-bill package. It imposes civil fines and allows for 70 percent of the fines to be paid to the county treasurer and

then allocated to the local unit of government in which the citation is issued. The remaining 30 percent will go to the public library that serves the local unit of government where the citation is issued.

The owner of the commercial vehicle can only be issued one citation in a 24-hour period for each code or ordinance violation. If the truck is not placed out of service, the court can dismiss the citation if the owner or operator furnishes proof within 14 days that the defective equipment has been repaired.

The law removes an exception from weight limitations for garbage or refuse haulers. It also provides that in order for a local unit of government to classify an officer as a motor carrier enforcement officer, the police officer must undergo training equal to the training used by the Department of State Police for

an officer of its Motor Carrier Division.

"It started out with a 50-50 split," said Jon Wozniak, an aide to Sen. Bill Bullard (R-Hartland), who chairs the transportation committee. Both sides weren't lukewarm about their feelings and a compromise was reached after an "all-nighter" session, Wozniak said.

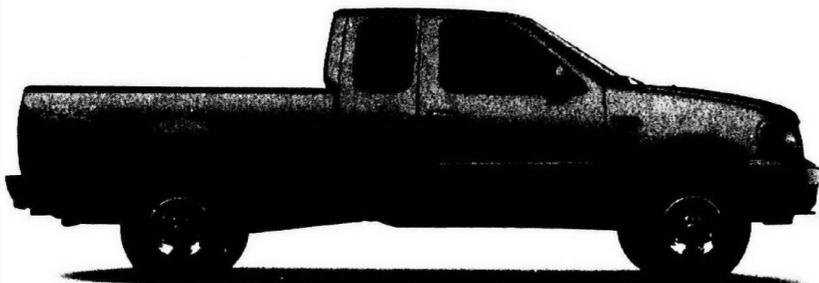
"The law still allows any police officer to enforce these laws," Mann said. He started compiling a list of fines generated on a part-time basis in March that came to more than \$8,000.

"Most people recognize that there is a need for it," said Mann of his motor carrier enforcement activities. "I have always had an interest in enforcing these laws. These are not things that are taught in the police

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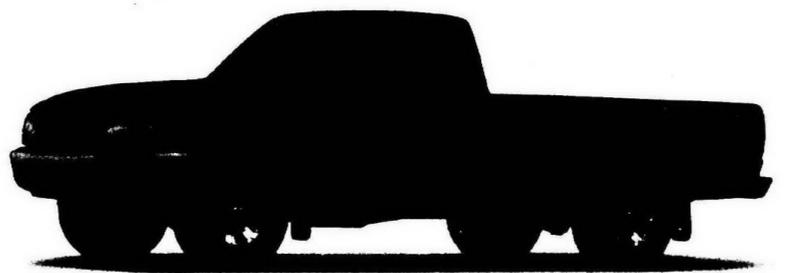
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## Teen getting ready to compete for Miss Michigan

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY  
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For the past 10 months, Che'Vonne Burton has donned a different name - Miss Redford.

The 18-year-old, high school senior won the crown last August as the top score-getter in the swimsuit, talent, evening gown and interview categories of the competition. She has reflected on her success and training a lot lately as she prepares to compete at the state level next month.

"I leave for Muskegon June 10," she said about the Miss Michigan competition. "The competition will run June 15-17."

As Miss Redford, Burton has participated in a number of local activities including the Senior Citizen Prom, the Suburban League Fashion Show, the hockey game between the Redford Unified Team and Red Wing alumni, and a myriad of parades.

She has also been working to raise awareness and prevention measures for mistreatment of the elderly. Her efforts have mainly encompassed volunteer work at Presbyterian Village off Six Mile, where she serves meals.

However, she is also very conscientious of her connection with children. As a potential inspira-

tion to young girls, she works to maintain poise and graciousness at all times.

"My platform is Building a Society for All Ages," said the woman, who actually lives in Detroit. "But I've also been working to be a positive role model for people of all ages."

### Her life

Burton, a student at Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills, entered her first beauty pageant at the age of 12. It was the Miss Sunburst competition in Port Huron.

"I was old enough at that time to make the decision" of whether or not to continue in pageants. "I loved it," she said.

She "highly recommends" pageant competition to young girls who have ever been interested.

"You learn so much about yourself because you're not really competing against other people. You're competing to be your personal best."

Miss Redford has competed in a number of pageants over the past six years including: Miss North America Scholastic, at which she won \$5,000 toward college; Miss Michigan Teen USA, at which she won \$500; and Miss Junior America - East Coast, at which she won \$2,000 for college.

"Every penny I've won will go toward college," she said. Aside

from her prize money, she received a 4-year, \$24,000 leadership scholarship to Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. She plans to study acting and mass communications at the West Coast school next fall.

"Unless I win Miss Michigan," she said. "If I win, I will take one year off from college to take my platform statewide."

Burton cannot identify her most memorable moment as Miss Redford, saying "the time I get to spend with various senior citizen groups has been wonderful." She also identified her opportunity to dance with Redford Township Supervisor Kevin Kelly and those who attended the Senior Citizen Prom. "It was all wonderful."

### Her goals

Burton's goals center on two themes: competition and education.

"I want to win Miss Michigan and I want to graduate from high school," she said.

Long-term, she would like to be crowned Miss America and graduate from Loyola. "I would also like to have a successful career in television and film," she said.

She is in no hurry, however. Right now she is happy to be winning local competitions and modeling for Nordstrom and Kmart.

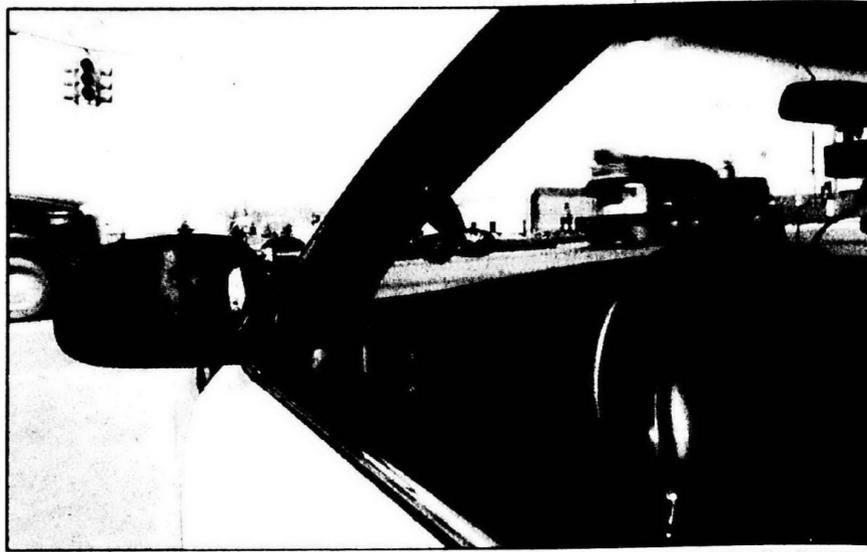
## Canton girl chosen as contest finalist

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

Twenty-five kids praised for their mental strength, physical strength and strength of character will get a chance to meet in New York City "mind to muscle" at the Sunny Delight Strongest Kid in America Try-athlon on Monday, May 22 and Tuesday, May 23. The finalists will be recog-

nized for their unique accomplishments by four-time Olympic medal winner Summer Sanders, as well as earn money for their individual schools by cashing in points scored during the event for dollars.

Eord, was nominated by her mother among hundreds of kids age nine to eleven in the nationwide search for Sunny Delight's Strongest Kid in America. Nominators submitted a 150-word essay describing how their nominee shines by trying harder in school, on the playing field and in their community.



Eagle eye: Plymouth Township police Officer Steve Mann watches trucks go by as he sits in the driveway of Compuware Arena along Beck Road Tuesday morning.

## Truckers from page A11

academy, so officers have to take it upon themselves to bill them. It's good that the bills didn't pass the way they were introduced."

One location where Mann sits and waits is in the northwest section of the township, where most of the trucks are headed to the dump in Salem Township.

"I run a lot of the plates as they go by," Mann said. "I look to make sure they have the fuel tax sticker that they are supposed to. I look to see that the air hoses are not chafing. They need to be secured in a manner that they are not chafing against the trailer. I look for unsecured loads, where the truck is not tarped properly or where the tarp doesn't fit properly to cover the load and debris is falling out. I look for missing mudflaps and any tires that look bad."

A lot of drivers say they didn't know about the violation, Mann said. However, there is a requirement that they need to check their equipment before their shift and they keep records of those inspections. A lot of times drivers claim they told their employer and they haven't corrected the problem.

"In that case I'm more likely to

issue a citation," Mann said. "People are cooperative and often point out violations they have told employers about. I have stopped different trucks from the same company on the same day with one problem or another."

Mann said he still needs to take classes in weights and mechanics. He isn't certified to weigh vehicles but hopes he will be in the future. "It's a time-consuming process because you have to weigh each axle and have the truck move forward up to the next axle on the scale," he said.

Other communities like Canton and Northville have dedicated motor carrier enforcement officers, he said.

"Hopefully, a lot of the communities won't back away from it losing that 30 percent," Mann said.

Mann stopped one trucker because he had a 1999 sticker on the license plate but the plate was valid. "The other sticker either wasn't put on or came off," he said. He continued to check the driver's qualifications and the medical card he has to have with him during the stop.

Other stops have been more

serious. One company received three violations. Mann gave a ticket for an expired plate. Once he stopped the driver for that violation, he also learned the truck wasn't equipped with a fire extinguisher or emergency triangles. The owner of the smaller trucking firm came in and pled. After the plea was accepted, he ended up paying 80 percent of the fines.

"The fine on the expired plate was \$785 because it was expired for six or seven months. The fire extinguisher and triangles are \$110 each," Mann said.

Kerry Erdman, court administrator for 35th District Court said that Canton and Northville townships have designated motor carrier enforcement officers. He was unable to cite how many motor carrier enforcement fines were received last year. Right now the entire amount of money goes back to the community.

From the second half of 1997 to the end of 1998, revenues from fines were channeled into a building fund to rebuild the court after the July 2, 1997, fire. Erdman said.

## Sunshine Honda sponsors safety day

Just a short trip could have a profound effect on your child's well being. On Saturday, May 20, Sunshine Honda in cooperation with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Project Kid Care, and other Child Safety advocates, present Child Safety Awareness Day. There will be free Kid Care Photo ID's with room for vital infor-

mation. There will also be specialists on hand demonstrating proper use of seat belts and child safety seats. Plus, there will be free pamphlets on how to choose day care centers, a baby-sitter, and more. Sunshine Honda is located at 1205 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

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**OBITUARIES**

**ROBERT LINCOLN SMITH JR.**  
 Services for Robert Lincoln Smith Jr., 78, of Plymouth will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at the Plymouth Township Park at McClumpha and Ann Arbor Trail at the Pavilion.  
 Mr. Smith was born Aug. 9, 1921, in Detroit and died May 14. He served in the Army from 1942-1946. He was employed by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for 36 years, the last 19 as principal of West Middle School. Besides his family, Mr. Smith loved times spent at his cottage up north rooting for

Detroit and area college teams, and traveling around the world.  
 He was preceded in death by one brother, Rodger. Survivors include his wife, Dolores; two daughters, Kathleen (Dennis) Rocho of Hawaii, Colleen (Rob) Pulcifer of Ann Arbor; three sons, Robert Lincoln (Lynda) Smith of Clarkston, Glenn (Catherine) Smith of Eaton Rapids, Michael (Lynn) Smith of Boyne City; two sisters, Marge (Norris) White, Marvella (Warren) Schaffter; one brother, Marvin (Mianne) Smith; 12 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren,

and many nieces and nephews.  
 Memorials may be made to Southeast Michigan Hospice, 9333 Telegraph, Taylor MI 48108.  
 All are invited to bring or send a favorite written memory of Mr. Smith. Those memories will be used to create a book for the family.  
**JOHN WOZNIK**  
 Services for John Woznik, 83, of Canton were May 15 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Dearborn Heights, with the Rev.

John Lazar officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.  
 Mr. Woznik was born Feb. 5, 1917, in Detroit and died May 10 in Superior Township at St. Joseph Hospital. He was a supervisor at Dearborn Engine Plant in the tungsten carbide department. He retired after 41 years at Ford Motor Co. He was a member of the K of C No. 8344, Msgr. Bochnewich Council, the Ford Old Timers Club, and the Dearborn Engine Plant Retirees group.  
 He was preceded in death by

his sister, Ann Kinaschik-Stasiuk, and one brother, Michael Woznik. Survivors include his wife, Vilma S. Korolishin; two daughters, Virginia L. (Charles A.) Hicks, Mary Catherine (Marvin L.) Schulz; and two grandchildren, John and Laura.  
 Memorials may be made to Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.  
 Local arrangements were made by John N. Santeiu & Son Inc., Garden City.  
**BROOK ANN FISHER**  
 Services for Brook Ann Fisher, of Plymouth were May 15 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home with the Rev. James B. Wright of St. Alexander in Farmington Hills officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.  
 She was born April 24, 2000, in Pontiac and died May 11.  
 Survivors include her parents, Charles and Melissa Fisher Sr.; one brother, Charles Fisher Jr.; grandparents, Ray and Leanna Dutton of Farmington, Tom and Laura Fisher; great-grandparents, Roland and Bonnie Wright, Beulah (Charles) Fisher, Pelmarie Hernerholz, Beatrice Dutton; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.  
 Memorials may be made to the choice of the donor.  
**TIMOTHY JOSEPH LESMEISTER**  
 Services for Timothy Joseph Lesmeister, 44, of Canton Township will be at 10 a.m. today at Divine Savior Catholic Church with the Rev. Alexander Kuras officiating.  
 Mr. Lesmeister was born Nov. 9, 1955, in Detroit and died May 13 in Ann Arbor. He came to the

Plymouth community in 1968 from Merritt Island, Fla. He was a member of Divine Savior Catholic Church in Westland. He graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1974. He was an artist and loved to paint, and his hobbies included hunting and taxidermy.  
 Survivors include his parents, Donald and Antoinette Lesmeister of Plymouth; two brothers, James Lesmeister of Moreno Valley, Calif., Donald (Jeanette) Lesmeister of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two sisters, Lynne Lesmeister of Battle Creek, Carol (William) Potrykus of Milford; six nieces and nephews, Stephanie Potrykus, Nicholas Potrykus, Joseph Potrykus, Jennifer Lesmeister, Donnie Lesmeister, Jessica Lesmeister; and one great-niece, Calista.  
 Memorials may be made to the Lesmeister family.  
 Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.  
**JUDITH J. MILLER**  
 Services for Judith J. Miller, 61, of Canton were May 18 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton, with the Rev. Jerry A. Yarnell of St. Michael Lutheran Church officiating.  
 Mrs. Miller was born on April 15, 1939, in Toledo, Ohio, and died May 14. She worked as a nurse.  
 Survivors include her husband, Samuel Doyle; one daughter, Joanna B.; two sons, Stephen D. (Kimberly), Gregory W. (Jennifer); one brother, Donald Jackson; and three grandchildren, Kristen, Amy, and Benjamin.

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**AWARDS**

**Julie H. Twietmeyer**, a Hope College senior from Canton, received the Marguerite Prins French Award during the college annual Honors Convocation. The Marguerite Prins French award is a cash award to the senior whose interest and achievement in the study of the French language and literature has been most significant.  
 The University of Michigan-Dearborn Alumni Society presented its annual distinguished alumnus of the year award to 1982 graduate **Peter Weber** of Canton. He is a graduate of the U of M Dearborn College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters. Weber is associate-research fellow and head of the herpesvirology laboratory of the infectious diseases section at Parke-Davis. He recently began research aimed at developing novel therapies for HIV. He and his wife, Janice, live in Canton with their daughter and son.  
 The University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Education named **Nancy A. Lemkie** its distinguished alumna of the year. Lemkie earned a bachelor's degree from the U of M-Dearborn College of Arts, Sciences, and Letter in 1991 and a master's from the School of Education in 1994. She has been an administrative assistant in the College of Arts, Sciences and Letters since 1972 and has taught as an adjunct lecturer in the School of Education since 1996. She received the campus's Distinguished Service Award in March. Lemkie lives in Canton with her husband, Jim.

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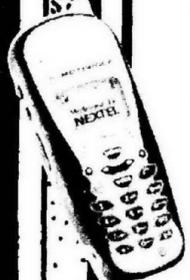
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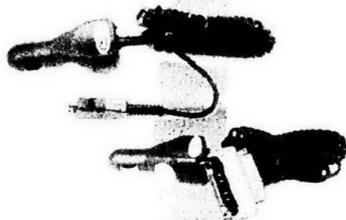
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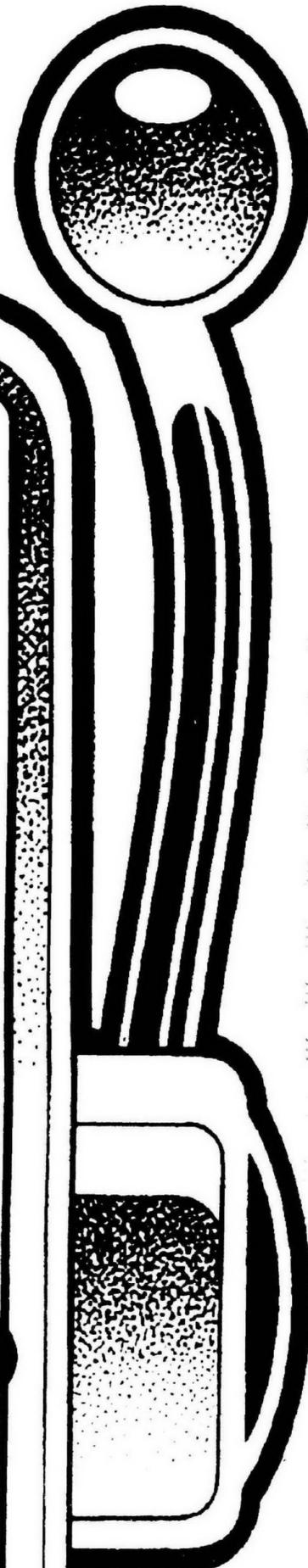
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THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2000

### Play nice

#### Let's keep local races clean

The game, as they say, is afoot. The filing deadline for this year's Leap Year blood fest, otherwise known as the Plymouth Township election, came and went with seventeen — count them, 17 — people vying for the seven seats.

There were a couple of surprises — K.C. Mueller decided not to run for re-election and Schoolcraft College trustee Richard Reaume apparently can't decide whether he wants to be supervisor or treasurer — and mostly no-brainers among the filings. Six of the seven members of the board will ask the public in November to allow them to hang on to their positions.

There are challenges at every position, many by former board members and veteran area politicians. Gerry Law, who is term-limited from keeping his state house seat, did a 180-degree turn and filed to run against incumbent Treasurer Ron Edwards. This is the same Gerry Law who told this newspaper a couple of months ago he wasn't interested in seeking local elective office.

Of course, he used the tried and true political evasive tactic of saying "never say never." This kind of change of heart comes as no surprise from a career politician.

Other political challengers who have seen action around here before include Abe Munkfakh and Jerry Trumpka, both of whom filed for the trustee race. Former Township Supervisor Maurice Breen has targeted Marilyn Massengill's clerk spot. Also in that race:

deputy clerk Sandy Groth. Look for either Groth or Massengill, who has done a good job under tough circumstances this year, to drop out of the race by Friday.

Reaume filed petitions for both the supervisor and treasurer's race. Something tell us Reaume's sudden indecision — he was the first to announce against Edwards several months ago — has more to do with Law's "sudden" decision than any doubts about which job he wants.

We're heartened by the number of people who are stepping up to the plate in this year's election. Nowhere is that more noticeable than in the race for the four trustee spots. One new face is assured because Mueller, an asset to the board during her tenure, rightly decided the health of her mother came first.

The other incumbents — Chuck Curmi, Kay Arnold and Ron Griffith — all filed, as did newcomers John Morrison, James Karrell, Charlene Helen Berry and Clayton Stacey. This is also the race that included Munkfakh and Trumpka, so it should be interesting.

The one thing we would urge is for candidates to keep it clean. Some of these races, particularly the Law-Edwards campaign and the race for the trustee spots, where veterans are politicking against rookies, could get dicey.

Our hope is that you all play nice.

### Charities: Look before giving

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

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

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

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

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

In fact, many charities — including the

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

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

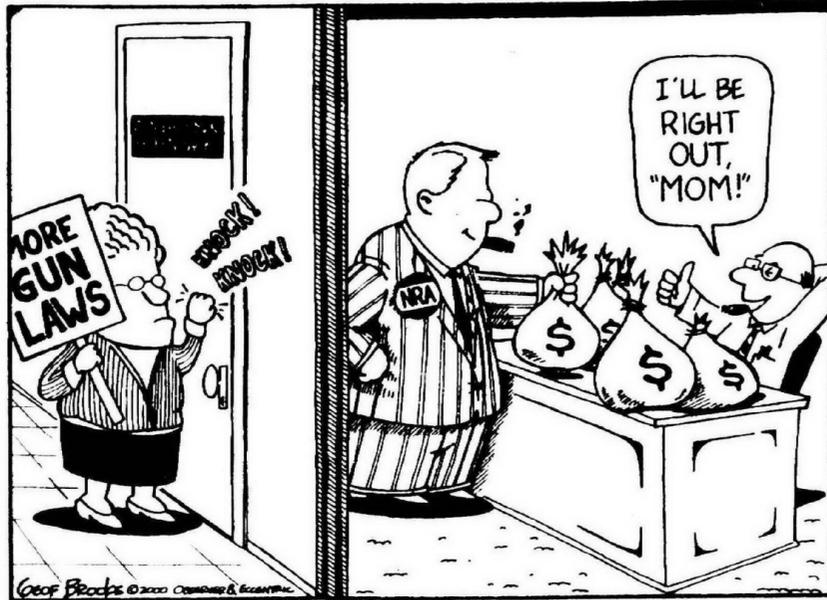
However, that isn't the standard the non-profit National Charities Information Bureau (NCIB) sets. The group supports "informed giving" and suggests spending at least 60 percent of income on programs. (The NCIB rates the national Make-A-Wish Foundation as "meets all standards," and the Children's Wish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

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

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

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

Geof Brooks



### LETTERS

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#### Smoking law is needed

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Courtland Brabbs  
Canton

#### Marchers were duped

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

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

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

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

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

David K. Felbeck  
Ann Arbor

### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### QUESTION:

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

We asked this question in downtown Plymouth.



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

Audrey Holden  
Plymouth



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

Matt Morse  
Plymouth



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

Ed Vlsnyak  
Plymouth



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

Alaina Milligan  
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# Radio days

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

**D**ead air. It's the cardinal sin of broadcasting, the deafening silence that separates radio rookies like myself from seasoned disc jockeys — even the high school students sharing the mike with me during Saturday's WSDP-FM \$8.1 auction.



**TEDD SCHNEIDER**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Keith expected this year's fund-raiser to net about \$5,000, part of which will be used to help fund four scholarships for seniors on the staff.

Of course, there's no telling how much I cost the station by not opening my mouth for those 15 seconds. Good thing I have a whole year to practice before the next auction.

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# Firm's bad behavior has GOP sounding like Ralph Nader

**R**emember Bob Gosselin? He's the state representative from Troy, a Republican who is so pro-business that he walked into a firestorm last year with his proposed House Bill 4777. A favorite issue of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Gosselin argued then that when business people go into a new community, they shouldn't have to deal with a lot of different and unusual local rules.



**MIKE MALOTT**

Municipal officials obviously saw it differently. And regardless of where you stand on that issue, let's just consider it evidence that Gosselin is pro-business.

So what has him talking like Ralph Nader these days? What business could behave so badly that Gosselin has begun referring to its business practices as "sleazy"? What business could incur his wrath to the degree he concludes it has become "belligerent" and "abusive" of its own customers.

Could it be the same company that caused another good Republican, Rep. Patricia Birkholz, R-Saugatuck, to tell Ameritech Vice President Bob Cooper that when she is in her district, attending town hall meetings and church gatherings, she hears complaints from constituents about one thing and one thing only — the phone company?

Could it be the same company that caused a free-market governor like John Engler to propose more regulation and price controls? The same John Engler who has privatized and deregulated everything he could get his hands on over the last 10 years?

"I'm tired of waiting," he said when proposing a 5 percent immediate reduction in phone rates. "I want Michigan customers to get a rate cut now."

When Engler urged the Legislature to temporarily put Ameritech back under the control of the Public Service Commission, because five years of deregulation in this state have failed to produce any meaningful competition, it should be seen as rather shocking.

But if Ameritech has ticked off customers in Michigan, it is because of stories like the one coming out of Gosselin's office this week. His legislative aide, Kristina Pavelich, is an Ameritech customer and she has voice mail on her home phone. The charge for the service is \$4.95 per month, but without her consent, she

says, Ameritech in April decided to improve the service to voice mail plus, costing \$9.95 per month. When she called to protest, she received another sales pitch. When she insisted her service be returned to basic, Ameritech said it would have to charge \$7.50 to "downgrade" the service.

That's right, Ameritech said it would charge \$7.50 to take off a service enhancement she didn't ask for.

Ameritech officials say they are looking into the complaint, but could neither confirm nor deny that the company is using the practice, either upgrading services without permission or charging to downgrade them again. Incidentally, such aggressive sales pitches recently earned SBC, the company that just bought up Ameritech, a \$44 million fine in California for what were called "marketing abuses."

It is happening here because, five years after deregulation, no real competition for local phone service exists in Michigan. Ameritech continues to control the vast majority of phone lines. Ameritech has become, according to Rep. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, is an "unregulated monopoly."

Back in 1995, when the state last addressed telecommunications law, it deregulated. The Public Service Commission lost authority over local phone companies. Even the creator of that bill, Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, according to his aides, admits deregulation here has been a failure.

Now Ameritech is pushing to have the state buy into Dunaskiss' latest incarnation, SB 1193, which would remove the last vestiges of state control over the phone company.

Engler and House Republicans prefer HB 5721, sponsored by Rep. Mary Anne Middaugh, R-Paw Paw, and HB 4804 by Rep. Marc Shulman, R-West Bloomfield. They would simply return local telephone service to the control of the PSC until it determines that true competition has been established here, or until the year 2003.

We've tried it Ameritech's way. More of the same won't likely work any better. Clearly it is time for another approach.

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# System of electing justices is a fraud

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

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

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

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

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

After our conversation, I made a note to myself: "Ed Thomas is real nice guy. He's smart, decent, thoughtful, down to earth. Too bad he's running for Supreme Court."

What I meant is that Judge Thomas is about to be caught in the maw of big time judicial politics in Michigan. He'll have to raise tons of money, campaign day in and day out throughout the state, take lots of abuse from his opponents and suffer a gag rule that insures he talks in irrelevancies.

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

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

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



**PHIL POWER**

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

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

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

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

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

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# Volunteers needed for Rouge Rescue/River Day 2000

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Sites have been announced and volunteers are being sought as Rouge Rescue/River Day 2000 draws near.

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

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

Coordinators say there'll be plenty to do.

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

Resources Department.

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

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

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

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

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

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

the Rouge recovery effort is all about.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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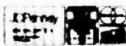
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BRAD KADRICH

## Moms have chance to make change

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Moms with a Message

## Marchers converge with one view: 'Enough is enough'

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They came. They saw. They marched.

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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

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

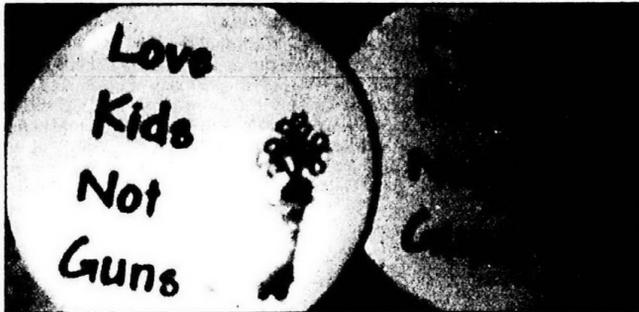
"I don't know of a greater cause than the one to which you are committed," Levin told the cheering throng. "I promise you, you will make a difference."

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

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

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

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



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

## Zak Morgan to perform at Trinity House Theatre

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

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

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

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

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

### Finished product

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### CONCERT

**What:** Zak Morgan and Steve Davis perform for children of all ages.  
**When:** 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20.  
**Where:** Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, between I-275 and Haggerty Road, Livonia.  
**Tickets:** \$8 theater members, \$10 general, call (734) 464-6302. To hear the music, learn more about the CD or play a few fun games, log on to [www.zakmorgan.com](http://www.zakmorgan.com).

## FUND-RAISING &amp; BENEFITS

**Letters** printed in writing on the front page of the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

**ONGOING**

Friends of Garden City resident Joe Ziurinkas, who recently died in a construction accident, are collecting donations for his children ages six and four. A former employee of Complete Health and Fitness, the business will be collecting monetary donations if individuals want to drop them off or send them to: Complete Health & Fitness, 35000 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185. Checks should be made payable to: Anthony and Emily Ziurinkas. A 1989 graduate of Garden City High School, the administration office is also accepting donations. Money will

be placed into a trust fund for the children's education. In the future Standard Federal Bank will be handling the fund.

**LONGEST DAY OF GOLF**

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society (Michigan Chapter, Inc.) will host the MS Longest Day of Golf event May 1-31 to raise awareness and funds to benefit the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Golf courses waive green fees for participating golfers on the day of their choice in May. Play as many holes as you can while collecting pledges to support MS. Call (800) 243-5767 to register.

**GARAGE SALE**

The Plymouth Church of the Nazarene Oasis Youth Ministries is hosting a garage sale, car wash and bake sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 20 at The Plymouth Nazarene Church (45801 Ann Arbor Road). All profits will fund two missionary trips planned for this summer.

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**CELIAC SPRUE 10K**

The Tri-County Celiac Sprue support group will host a 10K walk for research Saturday, May 20 at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House (1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores). TCCSSG is sponsoring the walk to raise funds for research to determine the prevalence of celiac disease. All proceeds will be sent to the University of Maryland celiac research programs co-directed by Drs. Alessio Fasano and Karoly Horvath. To register write: TCCSSG, 915 Ridgeview Circle, Lake Orion, MI 48362. All registrants will receive a t-shirt.

**OAKWOOD/LOEKS' GALA**

Oakwood Healthcare System Foundation and the Loeks' Star Theatre-Fairlane will present a Gala Event from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, May 23 at Star Theatre-Fairlane (18900 Michigan Avenue) in Dearborn. The event features a reception with food

stations donated by area restaurants; wine/beer/beverages; and ticket to the screening of a new premier movie, pop and popcorn. Admission is \$50 per person. For information call (313) 791-1234.

**STROLL FOR EPILEPSY**

The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan will host the "Summer Stroll for Epilepsy" June 3 at Kensington Metropark in Milford. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. with continental breakfast; 9:30 a.m. awards presentation; 9:45 a.m. warm up and stretch routine; and 10 a.m. stroll around the lake. One lap is approximately four miles. Team up with family members friends and co-workers or walk as an individual with hundreds of other participants. Collect donations towards your own individual fund-raising goal. For a brochure to start collecting pledges call (800) 377-6226. The more money you raise, the better the prizes; and the more you help.

**IN THE MOOD IV**

The Gabriel Richard Historical Society hosts In the Mood IV - Latin Night, an evening of dining, entertainment and dancing on Thursday, June 8 at the Roostertail Club in Detroit. The annual fund-raising event furthers restoration and preservation of St. Anne de Detroit, the oldest Catholic parish in Detroit, founded in 1701. Cocktail hour and silent auction begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m., dancing and live auction. \$125 per person (\$65 tax deductible). Black tie optional. Call (313) 963-1888 for tickets.

**TOUR DE CURE**

The American Diabetes Association will sponsor "Cure De Tour", an annual cycling fund-raiser to benefit both diabetes research and local programs Sunday, June 11 at Island Lake Recreation Area in Brighton. Early registration, \$15 (before April 19); \$20 (after April 19); \$25 (day of registration); and \$100 minimum pledge required. To register call (888) 342-2383.

**GOLF OUTING FOR HOSPICE**

The 7th annual "Living Every Day" golf outing, sponsored by the Community Hospice Foundation will be held Monday, June 12 at Washtenaw Country Club in Ypsilanti. All proceeds from the event are designated for the "Hospice Home" project of Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. of Westland and Plymouth. Cost is \$200 per individual golfer. Call for event details, (734) 522-4244.

**PRO AM GOLF CLASSIC**

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will present this year's Las Vegas Golf & Tennis - St. Joe's Pro Am Golf Classic Wednesday, June 14 at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton. Proceeds will benefit women's health education programs at the Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center and the Saint Joseph Mercy Plymouth Health Center. Features include breakfast, 9 a.m. shotgun start, Novice Golf Clinic, trick shot artist Chuck "The Hit Man" Hiter, silent auction and guest appearance by

Ted Lindsay, former Detroit Red Wing. For information call (734) 712-3192.

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

Garden City Presbyterian Church (1841 Middlebelt Road) will host a Strawberry Festival from 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 16 on the church grounds. Strawberries, cakes and ice cream will be sold as well as baked goods and crafts. Square dancing will be hosted from 6-8 p.m.

**HEALTHCARE CLASSIC**

Golf pro Hollis Stacy will join more than 350 women in their support of women's healthcare through the Kelly Sorini Women's Healthcare Classic. The 8th annual all women's golf event will be presented by Oakwood Healthcare System June 19 at the Grosse Ile Golf & Country Club. Entry fee is \$175 per person. To register call (313) 791-1234.

**GOLF CLASSIC**

The fifth annual St. Mary Hospital Golf Class will be held Friday, June 23 at Bay Pointe Golf Club, West Bloomfield to benefit breast cancer. New this year are two starting times of 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for the 18-hole scramble. Both golfing groups will enjoy breakfast, driving range, buffer or sit-down dinner, locker room facilities and great prizes (week at a Florida golf resort). PGA teaching professionals will be on hand for putting and driving clinics. Proceeds for the \$200 per person event are designated for breast cancer treatment, diagnosis and prevention programs at St. Mary Hospital. Corporate sponsors are available. Call (734) 655-2907 to register.

**JULY FLEA MARKET**

Vendors are needed for Good Shepherd Reformed Church flea market to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 8 at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. (Next to Big Boy Restaurant on Wayne Road). Space available. Cost is \$20 per spot. Applications are available by calling Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-7225.

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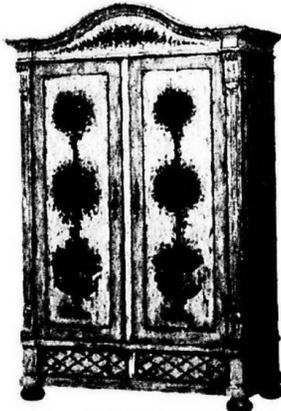
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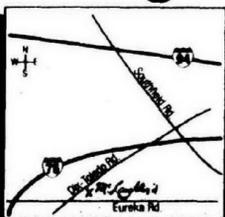
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## Civil War unfolds through soldier's correspondence

"Dear Mom and Dad, don't worry about me. I'm fine." Chances are, we've either sent or received letters with this sentiment: After all, the modern world has more than enough problems to give parents anxiety.

The fact is, though, that reassurances like this are nothing new. In war after war, countless soldiers have written their careworn parents this comforting message, concealing the real mayhem and fear.

Civil War expert Pam Newhouse observed this firsthand when she had the chance to compare one soldier's letters with his diary, where he confided the truth.

Upon seeing his brother near Fredericksburg in 1863, their first meeting in two years, the soldier wrote home, "Johnny is well . . . [He] looks poor but he says he is very healthy."

In his private journal, however, he wrote of the reunion, "He looks near broken down. It pains me to look at him and think where he is."

**Softening the truth**

Even after being mortally wounded at Gettysburg (having taken a ball in the side), the soldier tried to spare his parents. While lying in a brick schoolhouse that had become a temporary hospital, he sent word that he had not lost hope. Given his injury, he undoubtedly realized the odds were against him. Nevertheless, he closed with these solicitations, "I hope you are all well and happy."

Taken as a whole, Civil War letters, diaries and journals give us a vivid depiction of war's hardships. The soldiers trudged through mud, survived on low rations and slept on the cold, hard ground. They were often wet from constant rain and depleted from unremitting dysentery.

They fought boredom in camp and faced their own mortality as they anxiously awaited meeting the enemy. They witnessed the bloody mayhem of battle, watched deserters being

drummed out of camp and prayed, in turn, to die rather than disgrace themselves with cowardice. They saw soldiers plunder - for survival, greed or because war had hardened their sensibilities.

Interestingly, the letters that Newhouse transcribed addressed another, little-discussed aspect of the Civil War. Because many families wanted their sons' bodies returned home for burial, the practice of embalming took hold. Clearly, one farmer-turned-undertaker saw financial possibilities in exhuming remains for transport.

First, he kept raising the cost before he would ship the bodies to their grieving relatives. Strangely, one bill included a request for the deceased soldier's photographs to put in a collection. Moreover, he devised an additional way to make a fast buck.

He wrote, "I will present you with a map of the Battlefield at Gettysburg. I am selling the map here. I will also send them to order if any of your friends should want any. I will send them to any one address for 25 cents or five for one dollar."

Not all the wartime correspondence bespoke anguish. The saving grace of humor sometimes found its way into correspondence to and from the front.

Surely letters like this one brightened the recipient's day as he rested in camp between engagements. His brother had recounted the antics of neighbors back home - a distraught groom and his reluctant bride - "the great lovers ever known."

The bride cried for two hours, so her prospective husband announced, "She had better not have him if she felt so bad. She said it might as well come off then as any time, it had got to be done."

And so they married, but as fate would have it, the couple had to spend their wedding night in different beds. All the while, she continued her copious crying. Asked if he would sleep

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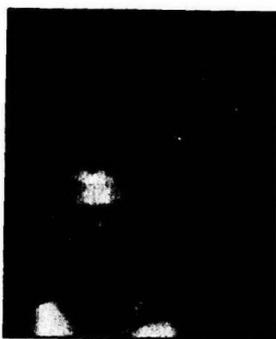
**ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS**

**Hausch-Poshadlo**

Mark and Julie Hausch of West Unity, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jama Lynn, to Michael Lawrence Poshadlo of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Mill Creek West Unity Schools and is currently employed at Dearborn Heights Montessori Center in Dearborn Heights.

Her fiancé, son of Lawrence and Judith Poshadlo, is a 1995 graduate of Garden City High School and earned a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan - Dearborn in April. He works as a software design engineer at



Motorola in Rochester Hills. An August wedding is planned at Solid Rock Church in West Unity, Ohio.

**David-Kummer**

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

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Texas A&M University and is employed by the university's athletic department where she serves as assistant athletic director for Olympic sports.

Her fiancé, son of Frank and Christine Kummer of Livonia, is a 1992 graduate of Redford Catholic Central and a 1996 graduate of the University of North Carolina - Charlotte. He is employed by Texas A & M University's athletic department



as assistant basketball coach. A May wedding is planned at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Temple, Texas and the groom's parents will host a reception in Michigan in August.

**DiGasbarro-Rhein**

David and Cindy DiGasbarro of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly, to Kevin Rhein of Memphis.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and a 1999 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She works as a case worker for Lutheran Adoption Services.

Her fiancé, son of Art and Ellie Rhein of Memphis, is a 1994 graduate of Memphis High School and a 1998 graduate of Grand Valley State University.

He works as a history teacher at Lamphere High School in Madison Heights.

An August wedding is planned



in Canton.

**Flagg-Gitlin**

Harry and Elaine Flagg of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Carol Lynn, to Blake Michael Gitlin of West Bloomfield Feb. 5 at Hyatt Regency, in Dearborn.

The bride is a Livonia Stevenson graduate and earned her bachelor's degree in merchandising management from Madonna University.

Her husband, son of Janice and (the late) Arlen Gitlin of Delray Beach, Fla., is a graduate of West Bloomfield High School and graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in marketing management.

The couple wed before Rabbi Joshua Bennett. The bride was attended by sisters and matrons of honor Karen Rysztan and Cathy Mueller, and bridesmaids Terri Novell, Jamie Oldfield, Sherry Jordan, Lisa Markwardt and Marie Kielb. The flower girls were Kelsey and Taylor Gitlin, the groom's nieces.



The groom was attended by his brothers, best men Jeff and Scott Gitlin and groomsmen Andy Grodman, Jeff Barker, Mike Bayoff, Lou Ferris III and Craig Lin. His nephew, Andrew Gitlin was the ring-bearer. And Elaine Lifton, the groom's grandmother played a special part in the ceremony. The couple took a wedding trip to Hawaii and plan to make their home in West Bloomfield.

**Probst-Broccardo**

Nick and Barbara Weber of Royal Oak and Steve and Glenda Probst of Florida announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela E. Probst, to Erik Michael Broccardo of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a freelance court reporter. Her fiancé, son of Cherie and (the late) Harry Broccardo of Livonia, works as a builder.

A June 2001 wedding is planned at Our Lady of La Salette in Berkley. A reception at Glen Oaks Country Club in



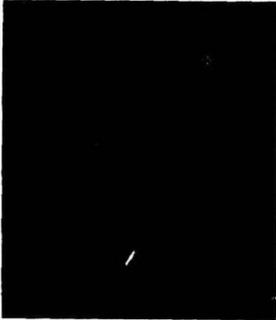
Farmington Hills will follow.

**Mitchell-Padgett**

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

The bride-to-be and her fiancé are restaurant managers in the downriver area.

A May wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. The couple plan to honeymoon in St. Petersburg, Fla.



**Burman-Thompson**

Karen and Bill Lange of Nashville and Ken and Barbara Burman of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Kristen Ann, to Keith Thompson of Nashville. The couple wed May 8, 1999, at Otter Creek Church of Christ in Nashville, Tenn.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy and Grosse Ile High School. She attended David Lipscomb University and now works as a marketing manager in Nashville.

Her husband, son of James and Peggy Thompson of Manchester, Tenn., is a graduate of David Lipscomb University and the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis. He is a pediatrician at Rivergate Pediatric in Tennessee.

The couple were married by Tim Woodruff. The bride was attended by maid of honor Jana Ross and bridesmaid Kelly Ingram. Abby and Chrl Thompson were flower girl and ring bearer at the ceremony.

The groom was attended by his twin brother and best man



Brian Thompson and groomsmen Tim Mangrum, Ushers were Brian Randolph, Russ Palmer and Matthew West all of Nashville.

In attendance were grandparents Grace Wheeler of Westland and Russ and Hazel Burman of Morris Plains, New Jersey.

The couple received guests at Vanderbilt University Club and took a wedding trip to the British Virgin Islands. They have made their home in Nashville.

**50TH ANNIVERSARY**

**Ehrstine**

Ellis Duane and Joan Yvonne (Armstrong) Ehrstine celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this month.

The couple wed May 20, 1950 in Detroit and have lived in Plymouth nearly all of their lives. The Ehrstines have two children, Linda and Glenn and will celebrate the occasion at a party at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland.

Ellis Ehrstine retired from his position as special projects manager at General Motors in 1984. His wife, Joan, retired from her work as a church organist in 1992.

Both are members of the Livonia Historical Society, and currently hold positions as president and program chair of the society. The Ehrstines are mem-



bers of Newburg Methodist Church, The Yankee Air Force Blackhawk Division Association, The Plymouth Museum, Plymouth Historical Association and Livonia Artists Club.

**Perry-Hughey**

Homer Perry and Shirley Perry of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Gail, to Michael Thomas Hughey of Warren.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and Central Michigan University and is employed as a manager at McLaren Health Care Corporation in Flint.

Her fiancé, son of Allan and Kathy Ladson of Chesterfield and Jack and Eileen Hughey of Trenton, is a graduate of Lutheran High School East and Oakland University.

He is an engineer at Behr America in Walled Lake.



A July wedding is planned at Addison Oaks.

**Smith-Ibbotson**

Donald and Dorothy Smith of Warren announce the engagement of their daughter, Khathee Sue, to Scott Ronald Ibbotson of Sterling Heights.

The bride-to-be is a Madonna University graduate and is employed as a registered nurse for the Macomb County Health Department.

Her fiancé, son of Gary and Sarah Bowers of Warren and Ronald Ibbotson of Shelby Township, works for Tucker Induction Systems in Shelby Township.

An October wedding is



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# CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

## WEEKEND

### ARTRAQUEOUS

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

### CAR WASH

The Plymouth-Salem High School Cheerleading Team is having a fund-raising car wash 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21 at Lighthouse Car Wash, 41869 Ford Road, Canton. Proceeds go to help support the Plymouth Salem High School Cheerleading program.

### FISHING DERBY

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

### TABLES AND TEA

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

### SENIOR PARTY

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

### GOLF OUTING

The fifth annual New

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

## AROUND TOWN

### CROCHET ANGELS

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

### HELPSOURCE

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

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

### WRITING SEMINARS

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

### SCHOOL OPENINGS

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

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

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



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

## June 12 golf event benefits Community Hospice fund

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

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

drive), a raffle, silent auction and door prizes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### GALA EVENT

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

### SUMMER TENNIS CAMP

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

### ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

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

### BICYCLE RIDES

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

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

### SERVICE CENTER

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

### KATIE'S RIDERS

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

### MOPS MEETING

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

are held through June 5 at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial (just west of Sheldon). Sign up early and receive a free Kindermusik beach ball. For more information, call (734) 354-9109.

### VILLAGE MUSIC

Village Music has open registration for summer and fall Kindermusik classes. Summer classes will begin in mid-June, and fall

classes will begin the week of Sept. 11. Early registration is recommended. Call now for registration materials. Village Music is located at 130 E. Liberty St. in the Old Village section of Plymouth. For more information or for registration, call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

### CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK

Oakwood's Keep Kids Safe Team and Oakwood Annapolis Hospital are

teaming up to sponsor a free Car Seat Safety Check. The event is 3-6 p.m. Thursday, May 18, at the West/Outpatient Lobby Driveway at Oakwood Annapolis. This is an important event because motor vehicle crashes are still the nation's leading cause of death and serious injury to children under the age of 14. Oakwood's trained child passenger specialists check each car seat for appropriate use.

## CALENDAR FORM

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

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary.

## CAMPUS NOTES

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

### GRADUATED

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

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

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

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

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

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

### SCHOLARSHIP

Nathan Roller of Canton has been awarded an All-College Scholarship from the Aid Association

for Lutherans (AAL). The scholarship is for \$2,000 (\$500 for each four years). Roller, a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, is one of 1,700 graduating high school seniors to receive an AAL All-College Scholarship.

### AWARDS

Akua A. Ofori-Mensa of Plymouth was one of Hope College's 39 seniors or recent graduates honored with Senior Sigma Xi Awards during the college's annual Honors Convocation. Sigma Xi is the Scientific Research Society. The Sigma Xi Club at Hope is one of 500 clubs and chapters in North America dedicated to the encouragement, support and recognition of scientists.

## Marathoner to hold skating benefit

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

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

boy from southeastern Michigan who is suffering from leukemia.

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

Skate sessions and ticket prices are as follows:

■ Saturday matinee skate from 1-4 p.m., \$6

■ Saturday family skate from 5-7:30 p.m. \$5 (ticket price includes standard skate rental).

■ Sunday matinee skate from 1-4 p.m., \$6

Two dollars from each ticket sold is donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America. Bonaventure Skating Center is located near the corner of Grand River Avenue and Halsted Road in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-2201 for more information.

### NEW ARRIVALS

■ **Rebecka Lawriski and Christopher Flournoy** of Canton announce the birth of their son **Erik Christopher Lawriski** born May 5 at Botsford Hospital.

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

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

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

■ **Andrew and Kristin Gagnon** of Canton announce the birth of **Morgan Edith**, born March 14 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Grandparents are Bob and Carrie Luckey of Milford, Joe and Val Gagnon of Northville and Judy Gagnon of Westland.

■ **Steven and Joann Pietryka** of Novi announce the birth of their son, **Ryan Deogracias**, born April 16 at St. Mary Hospi-

tal in Livonia.

Grandparents are Vic and Narcisa Deogracias of Westland and Raymond and Linda Pietryka of Livonia. Mildred Johnson of Wayne is his great-grandmother.

■ **David and Laurie Kowalski** of Canton announce the birth of **Jena Elisa** May 3 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. She joins sister Haley Noelle, 3.

Grandparents are Bill and Carol Brown of Plymouth and Bob Kowalski and Nancy Bilyk of Canton. Great-grandparents are LaVerne and Dwight Paddock of Livonia and Alberta Anthony of Plymouth.

### CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

#### CRAFTERS SOUGHT

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

#### GARDEN GALA CRAFT SHOW

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

#### JURIED ART SHOW

The Women of Bloomfield — 16th Annual Juried Arts and Crafts Show is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday June 14th, First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple (south side of Maple between Pleasant and Southfield Rd.) Birmingham. Eighty juried arts/crafters (wearable arts, jewelry, photography, baskets, dried and silk flowers, paintings and prints, watercolors, acrylics and oils; ceramics, glass, beads, crystal jewelry, wood furniture, garden statuary, metal sculpture, and handmade doll furniture, doll clothes, dolls, puppets and teddy bears, watercolor decorated stationery). Other features include white elephant booth, bake sale, food booth, raffle (over 70 prizes donated by artists). Donation only \$1.00. All proceeds to Scamp and Care House. Free parking.

■ **CHELSEA SUMMER FEST**  
Applications are currently being

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

#### FALL ARTS/CRAFTS

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

#### FALL CRAFT SHOW

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

## Fishing derby

### County hosts contest for kids

Young fisherman will have the opportunity to reel in over 1,000 bluegills from the Waterford Bend Picnic Area at the 5th Annual Wayne County Parks Fishing Derby May 20.

The fun begins with a fishing derby and casting contest for children ages 12 and under. A variety of prizes will be awarded in several age categories for largest fish, smallest fish and specially tagged fish. Following the derby, anglers of all ages are welcome to join in.

A fishing license is not required for this event but

#### A variety of prizes will be awarded.

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

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

The schedule of activities include:

■ 7:30-9 a.m. registration  
■ 8-10 a.m. fishing derby/casting contest (12 and under)

■ 10 a.m. to noon fishing for all ages

■ 10:30 a.m. presentation of prizes for children

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

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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.

**MERCY HIGH**  
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June 10 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi.  
(248) 851-7620  
Class of 1968  
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(313) 972-3707  
Class of 1980  
Oct. 7 at Mercy High School.  
(248) 476-3270  
Class of 1990  
Nov. 24 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi.  
(248) 888-8690  
Class of 1990  
Nov. 25 at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills.  
(248) 668-1535

**MELVINDALE**  
Class of 1970  
Nov. 4 at Park Place in Dearborn.  
(313) 295-2311 or by e-mail at [jerryb@gateway.net](mailto:jerryb@gateway.net)

**MUMFORD HIGH**  
Class of 1960  
Saturday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. Detroit Golf Club.  
Call (248) 851-4938 or e-mail [mumfordreunion@mail.com](mailto:mumfordreunion@mail.com)

**NOVI**  
Class of 1980  
June 24 at the Holiday Inn West-Livonia.  
(248) 366-9493, press #1

**OAK PARK**  
Class of 1970  
Thirty year reunion Aug. 5 at the Northfield Hilton in Troy  
Call (248) 851-4938 or e-mail [oph70@speedchoice.com](mailto:oph70@speedchoice.com)

**OSCAR A. CARLSON**  
Class of 1990  
Class of 1990 is planning their 10 year reunion. It will be held Saturday, Aug. 19 at the Holiday Inn - Southgate Heritage Center  
Contact Kristen Williams Robins, (734) 676-2624, Tracy Watson Thompson, (734) 955-2868 or Danette Wilson Terzano (906) 935-7405.

**PLYMOUTH CANTON**  
Class of 1980  
Aug. 12 at the Double Tree Guest Suites in Southfield.  
(248) 366-9493, press #6 or by e-mail [reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net](mailto:reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net)

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20 year reunion on Saturday,

Sept. 2 at the Holiday Inn, Livonia.  
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**PONTIAC**  
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Sept. 8-9 at the Holiday Inn in Auburn Hills.  
(248) 682-3719

**PONTIAC HIGH**  
Class of 1950  
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Call (248) 625-8830 or (248) 682-4797.

**PONTIAC HIGH**  
Class of 1945  
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If you would like information write: Pontiac High Reunion Committee, P.O. Box 431815, Pontiac, MI 48345-1815.

**PONTIAC CENTRAL**  
Class of 1960  
Reunion is scheduled for Aug. 19 at the Northfield Hilton in Troy.  
Call (248) 391-4347 for information.

**REDFORD HIGH**  
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Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

**ROCHESTER ADAMS**  
Class of 1980  
A reunion is planned for Nov. 25.  
Contact (313) 768-0656 or e-mail [leannaroberts@es.com](mailto:leannaroberts@es.com)

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

**ROMULUS HIGH**  
Class of 1970  
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 26.  
For further information contact Gail (Houder) Caraba (734) 697-1763, Roy and Cathy Manki Seyndhar (734) 699-4139 or Jim Wagner at (734) 699-9050.

**ROMULUS HIGH**  
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10 year reunion Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Marriott Hotel, Romulus.  
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[reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net](mailto:reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net)

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

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

**ROYAL OAK KIMBALL**  
Class of 1970  
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 11 at the Vintage House in Fraser. The cost is \$39 per person and includes buffet dinner, dancing and open bar. Tickets must be purchased in advance.  
For ticket information call Wendy Snow Mitchell at (248) 618-8384, e-mail [beardedogman@aol.com](mailto:beardedogman@aol.com) or Cheryl Pruden Wagner at [b2andcherylwagner@juno.com](mailto:b2andcherylwagner@juno.com). The reunion committee also has a Web site at [www.kimball70.searbookhigh.com](http://www.kimball70.searbookhigh.com)

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

**SHRINE HIGH**  
Class of 1950  
50 year reunion Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Birmingham Community Center  
Contact Janet Seery Harper (248) 548-6591 or Dick Gudonia (248) 546-5088.  
Class of 1955  
45 year reunion Saturday, Sept. 23. Location TBA.  
Contact Bill Devine (248) 628-1845.  
Class of 1960  
Planning a millennium reunion on Aug. 12.  
Contact Richard Widgren at (313) 886-5072 or Phil & Carole Schrammer (248) 828-8516.  
Class of 1965  
35 year reunion Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Mirage Banquet Hall in Clinton Township.  
Contact James M. Laughlin Peardon (810) 731-6347 or Linda D. Yonder Cunningham (248) 528-0192.  
Class of 1970  
30 year reunion Saturday, Nov.

25 at Shrine High School.  
Contact Michelle Sarace Martin (248) 645-0746 or Barbara Joseph Jones (248) 656-4820.

Class of 1975  
25 year reunion Saturday, Sept. 2 at Omni Hotel in Detroit.  
Call Jeff Walker at (313) 231-5322

Class of 1980  
20 year reunion. Date and location to be announced.  
Contact Tim Scollin at (248) 814-0832

**SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP**  
Class of 1980  
20 year reunion Friday, Nov. 24 at the Marriott Hotel, Troy.  
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**SOUTHFIELD HIGH**  
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**SOUTHFIELD**  
Class of 1974  
A reunion is planned for July 8 from noon to 10 p.m. at Kensington Metro Park.  
Contact Bruce Johnson (248) 363-9774 or Suzi Thompson (248) 540-4607.

**SOUTHFIELD**  
Class of 1990  
The class of 1990 will host a reunion Aug. 4-6 at the Westin (Southfield) on Aug. 4, banquet at the Westin on Aug. 5, and picnic on Aug. 6 (TBA).  
Call Crystal Towns at (810) 662-5557 or e-mail [Cat2504@aol.com](mailto:Cat2504@aol.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

**STEVENSON**  
Class of 1980  
A 20-year reunion is planned for Livonia Steven High School alumni Friday, Nov. 24 at Barns Stormers (9411 East M-36) in Whitmore Lake.  
Call Rob Curtis (734) 449-0048 or Rene Wingwood (810) 231-6881.

**TAYLOR CENTER**  
Class of 1990  
Sept. 20 at the Grecian Center in Southgate.  
(248) 360-7004, press #2 or by e-mail at [reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net](mailto:reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net)  
Classes of 1960-61  
Oct. 6 at the Grosse Ile Country Club in Grosse Ile.  
(313) 386-6587 (1960) or (734) 671-5278 (1961)

**TAYLOR TRUMAN**  
Class of 1980  
Oct. 7 at the Holiday Inn in Livonia.  
(248) 360-7004

**THURSTON**  
Class of 1995 - five year reunion  
Contact Jessica Merritt Carbery with names and addresses of classmates. Call (313) 541-7745 or e-mail [jcarbery@aol.com](mailto:jcarbery@aol.com)

**THURSTON**

Class of 1980  
Looking for classmates from the Class of 1980. 20 year reunion scheduled for Friday, Nov. 24.  
Contact Thurston High School or Patti, (313) 534-7971 or [pmsablacan@dqbiz.net](mailto:pmsablacan@dqbiz.net) or Chris, (248) 288-2214  
[herest4fun@aol.com](mailto:herest4fun@aol.com)

**TRENTON**  
Class of 1990  
Sept. 9 at the Grecian Center in Southgate.  
(248) 366-9493, press #3

**TROY HIGH**  
Class of 1975  
A 25th year reunion has been planned for Friday, June 16, at the San Marino Club in Troy.  
For information contact Richard (248) 627-4829 or Linda (248) 585-4392.

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

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

**WALLED LAKE WESTERN**  
Class of 1975  
A 25-year reunion is planned from 6:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 24 at Penna's of Sterling (38400 Van Dyke Ave.)  
Event includes family style dinner, late night pizza, open bar, dancing to DJ music and book of classmate information. Cost is \$60 per person through June 30, \$65 per person through Aug. 15 and \$75 per person through Oct. 15.  
Call Terry Spencer at (248) 624-1692 or e-mail [wlu1975@yahoo.com](mailto:wlu1975@yahoo.com). Register, <http://www.classmates.com>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Karmanos Institute raises money for research

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER  
scasola@oe.homecomm.net

While Huey Lewis and The News made *The Power of Love* a hit song in 1985 for the film *Back To The Future*, the idea holds true and takes on more profound meaning in the eyes of those who attended the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute's annual dinner on May 6.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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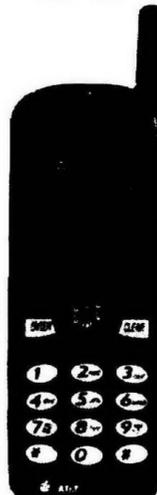
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SINGLES MINGLE

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

WEDNESDAY METRO SINGLES

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

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center has a Divorce Support Group that meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the McDowell Center (Room 225) from 7-9 p.m. No fee is required. Call (734) 462-4443. A schedule from May to August follows: May 23, Dealing with Anger, Guilt and Depression. Ms. Koppin will help you to recognize and understand these emotions and explore ways to work through them. June 13, group discussion. Facilitated by Cynthia Koppin. June 27, Legal aspects of divorce. Learn about the legal proceeds of divorce, including information on property settle-

ment, custody, child support, visitation, alimony and more from Attorney at Law, Laura Reyes Kopack. July 11, group discussion. Facilitated by Cynthia Koppin. July 25, no meeting. Aug. 8, group discussion. Facilitated by Cynthia Koppin. Aug. 22, Coping with Divorce. Florine Bond will discuss strategies for coping with the stress of divorce.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

Parents without Partners, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the single-parent family. We offer educational, social, and recreational activities for single parents and their children. Dues \$30 per year. For membership information in the Ann Arbor Chapter #38 call (734) 973-1933 or visit the webpage at www.aapwp.org. Visit www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933. Cost \$2/person. Upcoming schedule includes: June 4, "Steps in Recovering from Divorce." Jay J. Radin, PhD, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, returns to talk about this "hot" topic. Dr. Radin has practiced in Ann Arbor for over 20 years. Sponsored by Ann Arbor Parents without Partners, Inc. Location: Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. 6-8 p.m. www.aapwp.org or 734-973-1933. Cost \$2/person. June 2, Singles Dance Fund Raiser for S.A.F.E. House at the Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Music by DJ Imperi-

al Sound. Cash bar. Non-smoking dance area. Sponsored by Parents without Partners, Inc. Dance 9:00PM-1:00 a.m., \$7 non-member, \$5 members. www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933. June 16, Singles Dance at the Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Wear your "crazy hat" for fun. Music by DJ Imperial Sound. Cash bar. Non-smoking dance area. Sponsored by Ann Arbor Parents without Partners, Inc. Dance 9 p.m.-1:00 a.m., \$7 non-member, \$5 members. www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933. June 30, Singles Dance Fund Raiser for S.A.F.E. House at the Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Casual attire. Music by DJ Imperial Sound. Cash bar. Non-smoking dance area. Sponsored by Ann Arbor Parents without Partners, Inc. Dance 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$7 non-

member, \$5 members. www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933. TALK IT OVER TIO meets the second Friday of each month in Knox Hall from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Join us as Pastor Paul Clough, minister to single adults at Ward Church will speak about the occult. Free will offering. Coffee/cookies served. Call (248) 374-5920. PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS Singles Dance at the Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor 70's-90's. Music by DJ Imperial Sound. "Come to Camelot" renaissance attire encouraged. Cash bar. Non-smoking dance area. Sponsored by Parents without Partners, Inc. Dance 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., \$7.00 non-member, \$5.00 members. www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933. SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES

Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward Church. Ministries Showcase 7:30 p.m. Single Parenting Ministry meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the parlor, room C317 and C319, at the church. A free meal is served before the meeting at 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$5; all events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920. METROPOLITAN SINGLES PROF. The MSP invite you to meet new friends, dance and socialize from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a Top 40 D.J., cash bar and hors d'oeuvres (8-9 p.m.) The ballrooms are non-smoking. Dance will be held Friday, May 26, June 2 and June 23 at Doubletree Guest Suites in Novi (Novi Road at I-96); Friday June 16 at Excaliber Convention Center in

Southfield (Northwestern Highway and 12 Mile Road); and Monday, July 3 at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills (13 Mile Road, east of Orchard Lake Road) for \$10 admission. For more information, call (248) 851-9909. SINGLES WELCOME Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance to divorced or separated Christians. Call (734) 981-4553 about the divorce recovery workshop. Monthly meetings are held the third Saturday of every month at 8 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Church, Haggerty Road (south of 5 Mile Road). Tuesday's BSW goes to Thomas's Family Dining on Plymouth Road (east of Stark) at 7 p.m. on the first, third and fourth week of the month.

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attended the event in past years. Irene and Martin Bader of Orchard Lake noted the importance of the annual benefit. "They've gotta find a cure," said Irene Bader. "It's just insane what's happening to our friends and family. People are dying needlessly." Lisa Gilpin of Berkley attended the event with fellow General Motors employees, but had personal reasons as well. She lost a 33-year-old friend to cancer, after a 7-month battle. "Seeing her life is done, I know a lot more needs to be done," she said. Gilpin's friend Anne Marie

Schultz of West Bloomfield was a first-time attendee to the benefit. But Gilpin recalled the 1998 benefit with a Beach Boys theme. "It was the best event I'd ever gone to." That confidence may have been what led Rochester Hills couple Larry and Joann Yost to co-chair the annual event. Larry D. Yost, CEO and chairman of Troy-based automotive supplier Meritor Automotive Inc., echoed what much of the crowd before him reflected on: "I do not know of a family that has not been touched by cancer."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS May 9, 2000

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bennett, Burdzyk, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack Members Absent: Kirchgatter Director Sachnick, Director Durack, Director Minghine, Director Santomauro Staff present:

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Canton of May 2, 2000. Motion carried by all members present.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

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

Expenditure Recap for Board Meeting of January 25, 2000

Table with 3 columns: Fund Name, Amount, Total. Includes General Fund, Fire Fund, Police Fund, etc.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Building Authority Debt Fund #369

Table with 3 columns: Item, Amount, Total. Includes Increase Revenues, Contr-Bldg Auth Const Fund, etc.

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

Building Authority Construction Fund #469

Table with 3 columns: Item, Amount, Total. Includes Buildings-Library, Equipment-Library, etc.

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

Revenues \$ 237,866

Appropriations \$ 237,866

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

State Projects Fund #259

Table with 3 columns: Item, Amount, Total. Includes Special Investigative Fund, Increase Revenues, etc.

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

State Projects Fund

Table with 3 columns: Item, Amount, Total. Includes Increase Revenues, Increase Appropriations, etc.

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

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

Increase Revenues

Table with 3 columns: Item, Amount, Total. Includes Grant Monies & payments rec'd, Youth Leadership Canton, etc.

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

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

STATE OF MICHIGAN

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 66

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

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

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

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

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

Section 5.82. Child restraint system required; exceptions; violation as civil infraction; points; abstract; exemption by rules; alternate means of protection.

This section adds Section 5.82 to Ordinance 66. It requires that the driver of a vehicle must properly secure passenger children under 4 years of age in a child restraint system that meets federal regulations; provides for exceptions to the requirement; and makes a violation of this section a civil infraction.

Section 5.83. Safety belt required; driver or passenger to which section inapplicable; transporting child 4 years of age but less than 16 years of age; enforcement of section; violation as evidence of negligence; reduction of recovery for damages; violation as civil infraction; reports of police harassment; effect of primary enforcement; study; media to promote compliance; report of findings; intent; assessment of points prohibited.

This section requires that each driver and front seat passenger of a motor vehicle being operated on a street or highway wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt; provides for exceptions; makes violation of this section a primary offense until at least December 5, 2005; and makes a violation of this section a civil infraction.

SECTION 2: REPEAL

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

SECTION 3: NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED

This section provides that this Ordinance shall be published in accordance with the law.

SECTION 4: CONFLICTING ORDINANCES REPEALED

This section repeals conflicting ordinances.

SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY

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

SECTION 6: SAVINGS CLAUSE

This section preserves prosecution or litigation of any case pending prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7: EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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

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

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to re-schedule the Public Hearing Date to May 23, 2000 to consider the request of Sneaky's, Inc for a new Class C License. Motion carried by all members present.

GENERAL CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Increase 101-853-824-2000 Tree Planting Residential Tree Program \$ 4,000.00

Decrease 101-853-824-1000 Tree Planting Public Property \$ 4,000.00

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award three contracts for housing rehabilitation to George H. Pastor & Sons the individual contract amounts including 10% contingency to be as follows:

Fleetwood \$14,155 Queensway \$16,480 Fieldstone \$12,382

Motion carried by all members present.

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

ADJOURN

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to adjourn to a closed session at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

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

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk Publish May 18, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS. The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following: David Medley, ADA Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 397-5435. Publish May 18, 2000.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR SURPLUS SALE BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON. The Charter Township of Canton will be holding a Surplus Sale on Thursday, June 1, 2000 at the old Department of Public Works building located at 44508 Geddes Road, on the Northwest corner of Geddes and Sheldon) Canton, MI 48188, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. A list of items to be sold will be available at the Township Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, MI 48188. FERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk. Publish May 18, 21 and 25, 2000.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS. Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, 2000 for the following: Compensation Study. Specifications and proposal forms are available at the office of the Administrative Services Director, 201 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170 during regular office hours. The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part and to waive any irregularities. CAROL STONE, Admin. Services Director. Publish May 18, 2000.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON. Sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "Gorman Street Water Main Project", along with the bid name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening, will be received by the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until Thursday, June 1, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project: Gorman Street Water Main Project: Project consists of constructing approximately 1,200 linear feet of new 8-inch ductile iron water main along the west side of Gorman Street and includes connection to the existing 16-inch water main on Ford Road, installation of fire hydrants and gate valves in wells, testing, and restoration. Bid documents are available to pick up at Financial Services, 3rd Floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. A non-refundable fee of \$10.00 will be charged for the bid packet. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township. Publish May 18, 2000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## RELIGION CALENDAR

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

### SUMMER CAMP

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

### SCRIPTURE SERIES

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

### KITCHEN KAPERS

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

### ADOPTION SEMINAR

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

### HOME RUN DERBY

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

### YOUNG ADULTS OF UNITY

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

### STORY OF GOD/HIS PEOPLE

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

### SPIRITUALITY AND HEALTH

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

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

### WORLD HEALING SERVICE

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

### LIVONIA PRAYER BREAKFAST

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

### BARBARA KEEFE CONCERT

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

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

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

Temple Taylor will gather at the Marriott Hotel (1275 W. Huron St.) of Ypsilanti for the May 19-20 14th annual Women's Retreat. Reservations can be made by calling (800) 228-9290. This year's theme is "Women of Praise Worshipping the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness: The Power of Prayer and Fasting." Keynote speaker is Evangelist Connie Hightower of Mt. Calvary Apostolic Church, Ohio. 2

### LUCCF SUNDAY PROGRAM

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

### FINANCIAL SEMINAR

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

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

## HIGH SCHOOL FUND-RAISER

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

Ford Rd, Canton.

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

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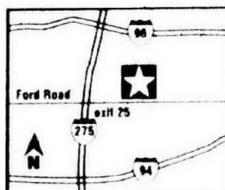
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## Celebration on Ice

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

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

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

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

## Hornets win title

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

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

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

## Girls hoop camp

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

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

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

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

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

## Baseball camps

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Correction

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

## It's all over

## Barrie gets the best of Whalers in OHL finale

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please see WHALERS, C4



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

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PAUL HURSBMANN

## Barrie's Reitz feeling right at home

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## OHL FINALS

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

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

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

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

"This," the former Plymouth

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please see REITZ, C4



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

## Morrell's goals lift Canton past Salem



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

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## SOCCER

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

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

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

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

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

Division.

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

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

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

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

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

Please see SOCCER, C5

# Rocks stay solid in duals

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Chiefs clip Franklin

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

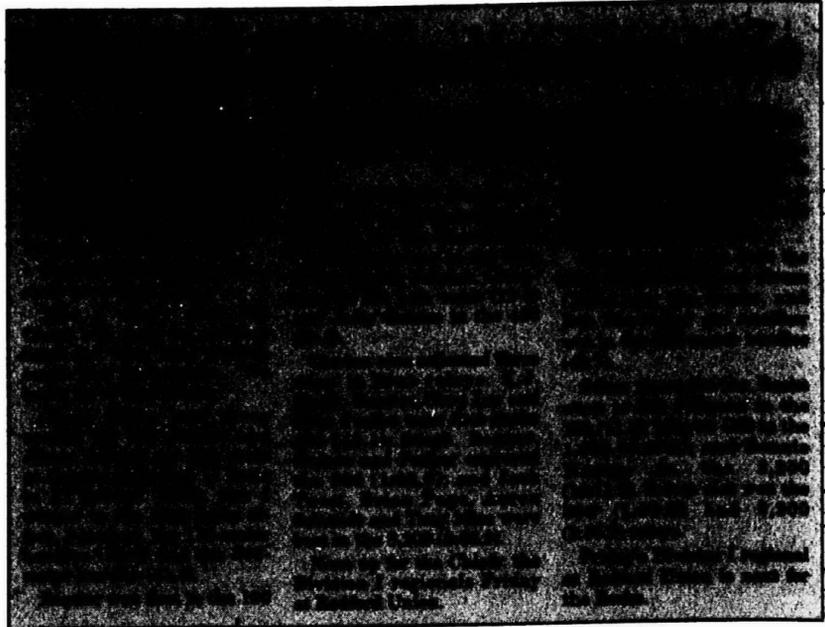
helped Plymouth Canton roll past Livonia Franklin 86-52 in a WLAA dual meet Tuesday at Canton.

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

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

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

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



Following are the best Observerland track and field results. Coaches can fax updates to (734) 591-7279 or call (734) 953-2141.

### SHOT PUT

- Tiffany Grubaugh (Mercy) 40-7
- Judy Telford (Mercy) 38-3 1/2
- Tasha O'Neal (Farmington) 36-10 3/4
- Lisa Belko (Franklin) 36-2
- Marin Jacoby (Churchill) 34-8 1/2
- Michelle Bonior (Salem) 32-3
- Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 33-10
- Jenny Heffner (Churchill) 32-0
- Gabriel Newton (Harrison) 31-10 3/4
- Melissa Ivy (Mercy) 30-8

### DISCUS

- Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 143-6
- Judy Telford (Mercy) 126-3
- Kristy Ramsey (Churchill) 122-1
- Jenny Heffner (Mercy) 109-0
- Meghan Kelley (Redford Union) 109-0
- Susan Hand (N. Farmington) 106-4
- Debbie Chen (N. Farmington) 105-0
- Ten Dash (Lutheran Westland) 103-4
- Jana O'Neal (N. Farmington) 100-5
- Julie Yambasky (Stevenson) 100-0

### HIGH JUMP

- Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 5-5
- Amy Driscoll (Canton) 5-2
- Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 5-0
- Aisha Chappell (Salem) 5-1
- Autumn Hicks (Salem) 5-1

- Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 5-1
- Andrea Polasky (Stevenson) 5-1
- Erin Szura (Garden City) 5-1
- Kristal Dennis (St. Agatha) 5-0
- Felicita Barnett (John Glenn) 5-0
- Karen Abramczyk (Luth. Westland) 5-0

### LONG JUMP

- Amy Driscoll (Canton) 16-7 1/2
- Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 16-5 1/2
- Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 16-2 3/4
- Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 16-2
- Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 16-1 1/4
- Tara Tarole (Stevenson) 15-11
- LaTasha Chandler (John Glenn) 15-10 1/2
- Heather Vargo (Ply. Christian) 15-10
- Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 15-7 1/2
- Stephanie Dean (Churchill) 15-5 1/2
- Allison Diakow (Churchill) 15-5
- Leyna Kasparek (Stevenson) 15-5

### POLE VAULT

- Kim Wise (Garden City) 10-4
- Kari Cazat (Churchill) 9-6
- Jane Peterman (Churchill) 9-4
- Andrea McMillan (Franklin) 9-2
- Lauren Turner (N. Farmington) 8-6
- Amy Driscoll (Canton) 8-6
- Nicole Simonian (John Glenn) 8-6
- Julietta Iarina (Harrison) 8-0
- Jenny Jedlick (Salem) 8-0
- Abby Schrader (Stevenson) 8-0

### 100-METER HURDLES

- LaTasha Chandler (John Glenn) 14.9
- Aisha Chappell (Salem) 16.1
- Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 16.2
- Kristel Stricker (Farmington) 16.3
- Cassie Ehlerdt (Stevenson) 16.3
- Lisa Rosemary (Harrison) 16.7
- Valerie Brown (Salem) 17.0
- Angela Fodor (Harrison) 17.0
- Anna Rolf (Lutheran Westland) 17.0
- Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 17.1

### 300-METER HURDLES

- Cassie Ehlerdt (Stevenson) 47.5
- Kristel Stricker (Farmington) 48.3
- Aisha Chappell (Salem) 49.2
- Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 49.3
- Valerie Brown (Salem) 49.8
- Cotieen Bosman (Stevenson) 49.8
- Danielle Miller (Farmington) 51.1
- Mandy Hein (Churchill) 51.5
- Kristen Kukhahn (Salem) 52.3
- Amy Rogerson (Canton) 52.4

### 100-METER DASH

- Brianna Watson (Ladywood) 12.6
- Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 12.7
- Rachel Jones (Salem) 12.8
- Michelle Bonior (Salem) 13.0
- Jenny Jedlick (John Glenn) 13.1
- Celina Davis (Salem) 13.1

- Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 13.1
- Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 13.1
- Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 13.2
- Meredith Fox (Canton) 13.2
- Sierra Miller (Ladywood) 13.2
- Charla Felton (Redford Union) 13.2
- Rita Malec (Franklin) 13.2

### 200-METER DASH

- Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 26.5
- Rachel Jones (Salem) 26.8
- Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 27.2
- Kelly Carey (Stevenson) 27.3
- Brianna Watson (Ladywood) 27.3
- Autumn Hicks (Salem) 27.4
- Sharla Felton (Redford Union) 27.5
- Celina Davis (Salem) 27.6
- Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 27.8
- Michelle Bonior (Salem) 27.8
- Meredith Fox (Canton) 27.8
- Melissa Lokken (Churchill) 27.8
- Dominique Whitner (Borgess) 27.8

### 400-METER DASH

- Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 1:00.2
- Autumn Hicks (Salem) 1:00.7
- Meredith Fox (Canton) 1:00.8
- Rachel Jones (Salem) 1:01.7
- Erin Mazzoni (Stevenson) 1:02.2
- Laura Glynn (Harrison) 1:02.7
- Rita Malec (Franklin) 1:02.8
- Tekla Bode (Canton) 1:03.1
- Jessica Levely (Canton) 1:03.7

- Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 1:04.1
- Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 1:04.1
- Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 1:04.1

### 800-METER RUN

- Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 2:29.0
- Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 2:31.7
- Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 2:31.8
- Tessa Tarole (Stevenson) 2:32.4
- Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 2:32.5
- Holly Stockton (N. Farmington) 2:32.9
- Anne Lieberman (N. Farmington) 2:32.9
- Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 2:33.8
- Tessy Kuehne (Lutheran Westland) 2:34.6
- Susan Duncan (Churchill) 2:34.6
- Rachel Wodyka (Churchill) 2:34.6

### 1,600-METER RUN

- Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 5:22.3
- Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 5:23.4
- Tessa Tarole (Stevenson) 5:23.2
- Susan Duncan (Churchill) 5:26.5
- Holly Stockton (N. Farmington) 5:34.5
- Tara Tarole (Stevenson) 5:36.2
- Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 5:36.4
- Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 5:36.6
- Lisa Jasnowski (Salem) 5:39.5
- Michelle Phillips (Churchill) 5:42.4

### 3,200-METER RUN

- Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 12:13.0
- Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 12:20.6
- Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 12:32.1
- Tessa Tarole (Stevenson) 12:33.1

- Lisa Jasnowski (Salem) 12:36.7
- Tee Kuehne (Luth. Westland) 12:38.0
- Kim Woods (Salem) 12:42.5
- Megan Annarino (Farmington) 12:45.0
- Sara Pilon (Stevenson) 12:47.0
- Diana Leparskas (Churchill) 12:47.5

### 400-METER RELAY

- Plymouth Salem 51.2
- Westland John Glenn 52.0
- Farmington Hills Mercy 52.5
- Livonia Ladywood 52.7
- Livonia Stevenson 53.0

### 800-METER RELAY

- Plymouth Salem 1:48.3
- Westland John Glenn 1:49.4
- Livonia Stevenson 1:51.4
- North Farmington 1:51.7
- Plymouth Canton 1:52.6

### 1,600-METER RELAY

- Plymouth Salem 4:12.8
- Livonia Stevenson 4:19.3
- Plymouth Canton 4:20.5
- Farmington Harrison 4:22.1
- North Farmington 4:24.1

### 3,200-METER RELAY

- Livonia Stevenson 10:20.1
- North Farmington 10:20.1
- Livonia Ladywood 10:20.2
- Plymouth Salem 10:29.6
- Livonia Churchill 10:30.3

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- Mike Morris (Redford CC) 53.1
- Mike Gaura (Churchill) 52.5 1/2
- Mark Snyder (Salem) 50.5 1/4
- Nate Meckes (Lutheran Westland) 48.5
- Nate Hensman (Franklin) 48.1 1/2
- Asa Hensley (Canton) 45-10
- Jeff Swinger (N. Farmington) 45-1
- Dave Boucher (Salem) 45-0
- Brad Person (Harrison) 43-10
- Charlie Rozum (Redford CC) 43-10

### DISCUS

- Mike Morris (Redford CC) 151-8
- Charlie Rozum (Redford CC) 148-7
- Nate Meckes (Lutheran Westland) 145-1
- Brad Person (Harrison) 144-7
- Mark Snyder (Salem) 142-5
- Jeff Duesweke (Redford CC) 141-5
- Andrew Ribar (Churchill) 140-6
- Nate Hensman (Franklin) 139-10
- Ben Lukas (Farmington) 134-11
- Asa Hensley (Canton) 131-9

### HIGH JUMP

- Jordan Chapman (Canton) 6-6
- Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 6-5

- Layne Bodily (Farmington) 6-4
- Chris Kalis (Canton) 6-3
- Jerry Gaines (Canton) 6-2
- Brad Tucker (Harrison) 6-2
- Paul Karolak (Churchill) 6-2
- P.J. Woodman (Plymouth Christian) 6-0
- Ryan Silva (Salem) 6-0
- Brad Person (Harrison) 6-0
- Brant Hauck (Churchill) 6-0

### LONG JUMP

- Eric Scott (Churchill) 21.0
- Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 21.0
- Gabe Coble (Salem) 20-11
- Kwame Hampton (Wayne) 20-6
- Tom Grant (Redford CC) 20-3
- Jordan Chapman (Canton) 20-2 3/4
- Michael Rashad (Wayne) 20-2
- Ken Page (Canton) 20-1
- Aaron Velthoven (Redford CC) 19-11
- Jawoin Spinks (Farmington) 19-11

### POLE VAULT

- Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 14-2
- Jordan Chapman (Canton) 13-6
- Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 13-0
- Brian Frederick (Farmington) 12-6
- Jeff Page (Canton) 11-6
- Justin Frederick (Farmington) 11-0
- Trevor Moore (Farmington) 11-0
- Erik Oswald (Harrison) 11-0

- Kevin Palmer (Canton) 11-0
- Kevin Woods (Harrison) 11-0
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### 110-METER HURDLES

- Nick Hall (Harrison) 14.5
- Brian Jones (Stevenson) 15.0
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- Chris Kalis (Canton) 15.2
- Dennis Kuskiak (Franklin) 15.4
- Brant Hauck (Churchill) 15.5
- Tom Grant (Redford CC) 15.6
- James Cook (Harrison) 15.6
- Ryan Silva (Salem) 15.7
- Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 15.7

### 300-METER HURDLES

- Nick Hall (Harrison) 39.8
- Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 40.4
- Chris Kalis (Canton) 41.2
- James Cook (Harrison) 41.2
- Rob Showalter (Salem) 42.7
- Brian Jones (Stevenson) 42.3
- Dave Brown (Redford Union) 42.4
- Brent Hauck (Churchill) 42.4
- Ricky Meyer (N. Farmington) 42.5

### 100-METER DASH

- Marcus Woods (Harrison) 10.9
- Darryl Anglin (Borgess) 10.9

- Kevin Woods (Harrison) 11.0
- Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 11.1
- Jamie Bonner (Canton) 11.1
- Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 11.1
- K.J. Singh (Canton) 11.2
- Mike Clark (Lutheran Westland) 11.2
- Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 11.2
- Pat Johnson (Salem) 11.2
- Rob Gentry (John Glenn) 11.2

### 200-METER DASH

- Agim Shabay (Farmington) 22.1
- Kevin Woods (Harrison) 22.5
- Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 22.7
- Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 22.9
- Mark Ostach (Farmington) 23.1
- Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 23.1
- Mike Sparks (Garden City) 23.2
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- Eric Scott (Churchill) 23.2
- Jerry Gaines (Canton) 23.3
- K.J. Singh (Canton) 23.3
- Chris Roberson (Harrison) 23.3
- Mike Parker (Canton) 23.3

### 400-METER DASH

- Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 48.7
- Jerry Gaines (Canton) 50.3
- Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 51.3
- Gabe Coble (Salem) 51.5
- Kevin Schneider (Franklin) 51.5

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- Gabe Coble (Salem) 2:02.5
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### 1,600-METER RUN

- Matt Daly (Redford CC) 4:26.0
- Jason Stambouljan (N. Farmington) 4:27.6
- Charlie Stambouljan (Churchill) 4:33.9
- Donnie Warner (Salem) 4:35.3
- Brian Klotz (Franklin) 4:39.6
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- Matt Isner (Stevenson) 10:21.0
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- Steve Stewart (Franklin) 10:25.0
- Chris Tobe (Farmington) 10:31.0

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- Plymouth Canton 44.2
- Livonia Stevenson 44.6
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### 800-METER RELAY

- Farmington Harrison 1:29.3
- Redford Bishop Borgess 1:30.2
- North Farmington 1:30.5
- Farmington 1:30.8
- Plymouth Canton 1:30.8

### 1,600-METER RELAY

- Livonia Franklin 3:27.0
- North Farmington 3:27.1
- Plymouth Canton 3:27.9
- Farmington Harrison 3:27.9
- Livonia Stevenson 3:29.6

### 3,200-METER RELAY

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- North Farmington 8:32.4
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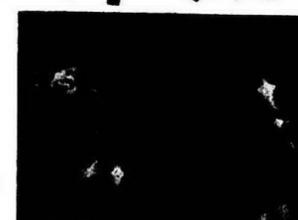
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# Just too much to do: Miller leaving UDM

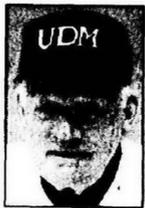
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Having to raise money for his program for the last 38 years grew old for University of Detroit Mercy baseball coach Bob Miller.

So after this season is done, so is Miller.

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

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



Bob Miller  
UDM coach quits

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

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

"I got no money from U-D," said Bjerke, who went to Miller's staff after a short stint at Henry Ford Community College and several years at Willow Run High School. "My salary was fund-raised for four years and it got to the point where I was no longer going to be an assistant for no salary. Bob gave the ultimatum that the school was going to pay his assistants or he was not going to be back."

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

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

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

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

He held banquets and parties with such sports stars as Sparky

Anderson, Tommy Lasorda, Brooks Robinson and Bill Freehan. He accepted gifts from people like Jim Campbell, Remo Vielmo and Ken Elliott, along with average donors from people who wanted to help the program.

The money funded things like dugouts, spring trips, salaries.

"They've been fantastic over the years," Miller said. "Remo gave money to pay for the assistant coaches and the southern trip. Mr. Campbell gave fantastic donations for the scoreboard and fence. He was my man."

Miller was unquestionably an area baseball legend. He played two years for the Titans, then signed a contract with the Philadelphia Phillies, helping the club to a National League pennant in 1950 as a rookie pitcher. He made 261 appearances before retiring in 1958.

In 1963, he returned to U-D as an assistant coach under Lloyd Brazil, before becoming head coach in 1965. As a head coach, he's compiled an 896-751-2 record and had 28 20-win seasons. This year, the Titans are 15-26 and 4-14 in the league heading into this weekend's Midwestern Collegiate Conference tournament in Dayton.

And the memories acquired in that time have been plentiful.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"It's in my soul now."

# Chiefs eye division crown

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

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

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

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

Against Northville Monday, there were several heroes — something that has become the accepted norm for Canton. Bryan Kay had two hits, including a two-run double in the second inning, and three runs batted in, while James Wisniewski went 2-for-3 with two triples and three RBI.

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

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

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

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

Canton is 17-5 overall, 6-1 in the WAAA's Western Division.

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

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

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

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

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

Although Gordon's pitching was strong, Salem's hitting was actually better. Adam Kolb helped break the game open with a bases-loaded single in the fifth, scoring two runs; he had two hits and two RBI in the game.

Ian Winter slugged a two-run homer in the

seventh. Gordon had two doubles and an RBI, and Jason Furr finished with two hits and an RBI.

**Canton 11-15, Crestwood 0-5:** A non-league double-header ended in a pair of 10-run mercy wins for Plymouth Canton Saturday at Canton.

In the opener, Matt Staley handcuffed Dearborn Heights Crestwood with a one-hit, three-walk performance over five innings. Staley struck out two.

Bryan Kay slugged a two-run homer, Oliver Wolcott had two hits, and Jason Waidmann, Jason Evans and Brad Smigielski each had a hit and an RBI. The Chiefs led 8-0 after three innings, then scored three more in the fourth.

In the second game, James Wisniewski was unstoppable, blasting a grand-slam homer in a six-run fifth while going 4-for-4 at the plate and driving in five runs.

Kay had three hits, including a double and a triple, driving in two runs and scoring three more, while Oliver Wolcott had three hits and three runs scored and Russ Caid had two hits and an RBI.

John Loos also had two hits, both doubles, and his two-run double in the sixth gave the Chiefs the margin needed for a mercy win. Brian Rossow had a hit and scored twice.

Three pitchers went to the mound for Canton, with Wisniewski allowing two unearned runs in the first inning and Wolcott giving up three runs on four hits and four walks, with three strikeouts, in 2 2/3 innings.

Brent Vasher finished and earned the pitching win with 2 1/3 innings of scoreless relief; he surrendered two hits and struck out three.

# Canton's Stewart 1-hits N'ville

Laura Stewart tossed a one-hit shutout and collected two hits herself in leading Plymouth Canton's softball squad to a 3-0 victory over Northville Monday at Northville.

The win boosted Canton's overall record to 16-9; the Chiefs are 5-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

The only hit allowed by Stewart came with two out in the seventh. She did not walk a batter and struck out 10.

The Chiefs managed just five hits. Jenna Perino had a run-scoring double in the seventh, and Michelle DeVos had a single and an RBI.

Last weekend at the Temperance Bedford Invitational, Canton lost twice, 1-0 to Saline and 11-5 to Westland John Glenn, then withdrew from the tournament and was forced to forfeit to Plymouth Salem. The Chiefs' top two pitchers, Stewart and Katie Conlon, were both hurt.

**W.L. Central 2, Salem 1:** Plymouth Salem was limited to three hits on Monday in dropping a WAAA Lakes Division game to Walled Lake Central in a game played at Salem.

The loss dropped the Rocks to 3-4 in the division, 15-9 overall.

Salem had the early lead, getting a run in the bottom of the third started by a single by Shae Potocki. She moved to second on a passed ball and to third on a groundout by Marnie Jones. A sacrifice fly by Katie Kelly delivered the run.

The Vikings countered with

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single runs in the fourth and seventh to get the win.

Liz Dekarske took the loss for Salem, allowing two runs on four hits and a walk, striking out three.

"We hit the ball, just right at people," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "Hopefully, we'll get our bats turned around by this weekend."

The Rocks play a double-header at Farmington today, then host the eight-team Salem Invitational Saturday. Salem, Northville, Detroit Country Day and Flat Rock Summit Academy are in one pool; Sterling Heights Stevenson, Taylor Truman, Wyandotte Roosevelt and Walled Lake Western are in the other. Game times are 10 a.m., noon and 2:15 p.m., with the title game at 4:15 p.m.

Last weekend, Salem finished third in the seven-team Temperance Bedford Invitational, beating Ann Arbor Huron 3-2 in the first game before losing 2-0 to Monroe and 9-3 to Bedford. Canton's withdrawal gave the Rocks third place.

**Churchill 4, Franklin 0:** A no-no was not a no-no for sophomore Meghan Misiak.

"No-no" is baseball parlance for a no-hitter, and Livonia Churchill's pitcher was not to be denied Monday in the Chargers' 4-0 victory over host Livonia Franklin.

Misiak fired her second no-hit

ter of the season, walking four and striking out six as Churchill (12-3) raised its Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division record to 5-1. Franklin (7-9) is 1-6 in the division.

Tara Muchow took the loss despite striking out a dozen batters. She walked three and gave up five hits.

The Chargers produced three

of their four runs in the top of the third.

Singles by Misiak, Kelly Stahley and Carly George mixed in with two errors were enough to give Churchill a 3-0 lead.

With one out in the fifth, Christine Fones walked and scored on a triple by Sheila Gillies.

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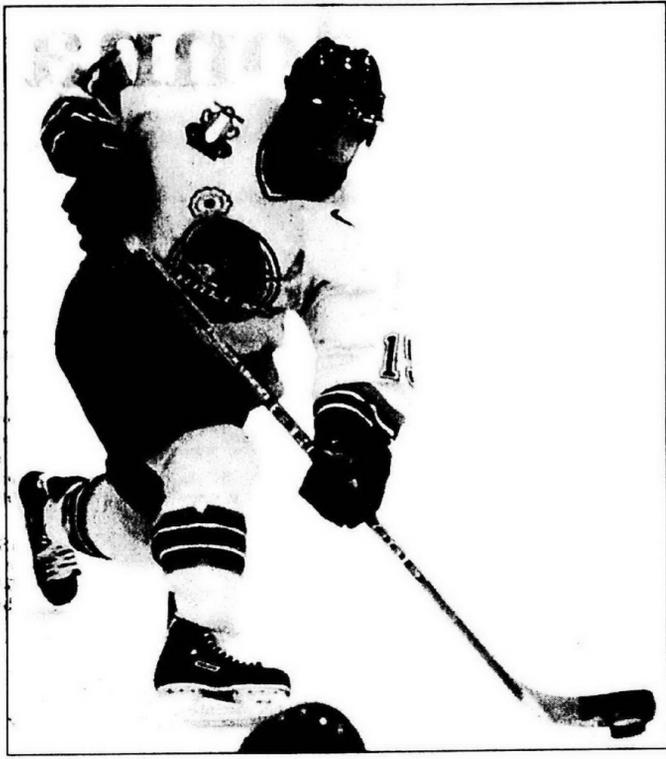
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One in, one away: Plymouth's Damian Surma (left) unleashed this shot from the point in the first period and scored to pull the Whalers even with Barrie. But finding offense proved to be a problem throughout the final two games of the series for Plymouth, as the puck just seemed to keep bouncing away, something Justin Williams (21, above) found out as he battled the Colts' Ryan Barnes for the puck.

# Barrie avoids elimination

There were some elements the Plymouth Whalers could neutralize when they visited Barrie Sunday for Game Six in their best-of-seven series for the Ontario Hockey League championship. Sheldon Keefe and Denis Shvidki, the Colts' top two scorers during the regular season, were kept scoreless, giving them a total of just three goals (one an empty-netter) in six games. However, the Whalers couldn't combat the raucous sellout crowd of 4,250. Nor could they do anything to disrupt the play of Barrie goalie Brian Finley, who stopped all 26 Whaler shots in posting a 3-0 shutout win that forced a Game Seven Tuesday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

## GAME SIX

The game was fairly even through the first two periods, with Barrie scoring at 6:13 of the first on a goal by Mike Jefferson, his seventh of the playoffs. Ryan Barnes and Erik Reitz — a Plymouth native — earned assists. The Colts had a 23-22 advantage in shots on goal through two periods. But in the third, they scored twice more while outshooting Plymouth 9-4. Both goals were scored by Mike Henrich, with Mike Christian assisting on both. Rob Zepp made 29 saves in goal for the Whalers.

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"Brian Finley was outstanding tonight," Whaler coach Pete DeBoer said. "He showed tonight why he was the fifth overall selection in the NHL draft (by Nashville) last year. There's a kid you're going to see playing in the NHL for 15 years. He's that good." DeBoer's praise shifted quickly from Finley to his own players. "Everything we had you saw tonight," DeBoer said. "Those kids left everything out on the ice, but it just wasn't quite enough. "I think the biggest difference between us and Barrie was depth. They have 19- and 20-year-old kids on their fourth line while we have 17-year-old rookies. That's what it came

down to." "They have so many young guys," said Finley, echoing DeBoer's sentiments. "We have a lot of experience and I think that was the difference." Plymouth played all but the first shift of the game without dependable defenseman Libor Ustrnul, who suffered a game-ending injury just seconds after the opening face-off. Barrie took advantage of their second power-play opportunity of the game at the 6:36 mark of the first period when winger Sheldon Keefe — the OHL's leading scorer during the regular season — broke free and backhanded a shot past a sprawling Zepp to put the Colts up 1-0. Keefe's goal was assisted by Michael Christian and Nick Robinson.

Plymouth tied the game at 1-1 four minutes later when — just six seconds into its first power-play of the night — Damian Surma fired a slapshot from just inside the blue-line that eluded Finley. The Colts' net-minder was screened from the shot by a pair of Whalers in front of the net. Surma's goal was assisted by Justin Williams and Stephen Weiss. Barrie regained the lead four minutes into the second period when Mike Henderson slid the puck under Zepp's pads from short range to make it 2-1. Six minutes later, Zepp redeemed himself by stoning a shot from Verbeek, who had skated behind the Whalers' defenders.

Verbeek tallied the first of his two goals seven minutes into the third period when he took a pass from Henderson on a two-on-one break and beat Zepp with a high screamer to make it 3-1. The Whalers were re-energized at the 10:32 mark of the third period when winger George Nistas stuffed a shot through Finley's five hole. Nistas' unassisted goal came on the Whalers' first shot of the third period. It was the last mistake Finley would make. Plymouth outshot Barrie 26-24. "We had an outstanding year," DeBoer reflected. "This is a great group of hard-working, over-achieving kids who surprised a lot of people this year."

## Reitz from page C1

Including Reitz. His 6-foot-1, 195-pound bulk helped keep the goal area void of Whalers. Coming into the game, he totaled five assists in 22 playoff games and was tied for the team lead in plus/minus with a plus-10 rating. Barrie's first-round pick (19th overall) in the 1999 OHL priority selection draft, Reitz was never really an offensive force as a defenseman, collecting two goals and 10 assists in 63 games. He also had a plus-20 rating. Good numbers for a first-year player in the OHL. But Reitz now has something even more special: a league championship and a chance to play for the Memorial Cup, a quest that begins Saturday.

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Westbank Anglers, located in the Bloomfield Plaza at Telegraph and Maple roads, offers fly casting clinics on Sundays through mid-July. The clinics, designed to run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., will be held at Cranbrook Academy. Students are instructed in basic casting techniques, overview of fly fishing tackle and knots, basic entomology, fish fighting skills, stream etiquette, and how to release a fish. Call (248) 538-3474 with questions regarding dates, times, fees and availability. Class size is limited.

**JUNIOR OLYMPICS**  
The Oakland County Sportsman

Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

## ACTIVITIES

**DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS**  
Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

**DETROIT ARCHERS OF WEST BLOOMFIELD**  
Open shoot hours are from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 6-10 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call (313) 825-2110.

**LIVONIA RANGE**  
The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

**BASS TOURNAMENT**  
The 2000 Top Bass Tournament will be held at various sites throughout the summer months. The schedule is as follows: Saginaw Bay, May 27; Lake St. Helen, June 3; Wixom Lake, June 24; Sanford Lake, July 8; Wixom Lake, July 22; Lobdell Lake, Aug. 5; Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payoffs will be awarded with amounts deter-

mined by the number of entries. For more information, call (734) 729-1762 or (734) 422-5813.

**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. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

**MICHIGAN FLY FISHING**  
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. 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. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for 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) 656-0556 for more information.

**HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS**  
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

**BASS ASSOCIATION**

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

**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) 988-6658 for more information.

## SHOOTING RANGES

**BALD MOUNTAIN**  
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

**PONTIAC LAKE**  
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

**ORTONVILLE RECREATION**

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

## METROPARKS

**METROPARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

**2000 PERMITS**  
The 2000 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

**SPRING BOAT SHOW**  
More than 1,000 of the finest new and used boats will be displayed at the Spring Boat Show, May 18-21 at Metro Beach Metropark near Mount Clemens. Large boats, ski oats, cruisers, sailboats, jet skis, dinghies, marine equipment and more will be exhibited on the shore and in the water. Boat show hours are 12 p.m.-8 p.m. each day. Admission is \$5 for adults; children under the age of 12 are admitted free. Metro Beach is located at the end of Metropolitan Parkway, three miles east of I-94.

**CANOEING**  
"Voyageur Canoe Day" is sched-

uled for Saturday, May 27 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Stony Creek Metropark near the Rochester/Utica area. Learn about the French fur trade and its impact on the Great Lakes. Participants must be at least six years of age. Pre-registration is required. Meet at the Mount Vernon Picnic Area. For additional information or to register, contact the Nature Center at (810) 781-4621.

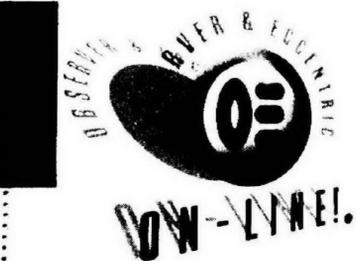
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**STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS**  
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## WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

**COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Advanced registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990 to register and for more information.

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# Safety 1st

## 28 boaters died in '99, 23 without life jackets

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While near record low water levels are the biggest concern for most of Michigan's nearly 1 million registered boaters let's not forget about boating safety as we head into National Safe Boating Week, May 20-26.

Last year, 28 people died in boating-related accidents and 23 of them were not wearing a life jacket.

"If life jackets had been worn, it's possible that 23 of these Michigan boaters may still be alive today," said Van Snider, president of the Livonia-based Michigan Boating Industries Association.

The fatal accidents weren't limited to large pleasure boats either.

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

The theme for this year's National Safe Boating Week is "Wear Your Life Jacket - Boat Smart from the Start," which pretty much sums it up.

Michigan law mandates that every boat must have at least one Coast Guard approved life jacket, in the appropriate size, on board for every passenger.

If your boat is 16 feet in length or greater you must also have a throwable flotation device. In addition, life jackets must be worn by water skiers, people riding personal watercrafts, and children under age six.

Boating has a \$3 million impact annually

on Michigan's economy according to the MBIA. The state features 1,406 public access sites, 800 marinas, 860 marine dealers, 115 boat manufacturers, 131 trailer and accessory manufacturers and 86 Great Lakes Recreational Harbors.

If you're in the market for a new or used boat, or are simply interested in seeing what's on the market plan a trip to Metro Beach Metropark in Mount Clemens for the annual Spring Boat Show, the unofficial kickoff to the boating season.

### Boat show on tap

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### Salmon Stakes results

The 22nd annual River Crab Salmon Stakes charity fishing tournament, held

April 29 in St. Clair, netted \$97,000 for family service clinics throughout Michigan and set a record for participation as 1,562 anglers entered the event.

Ron Maschke had the biggest King salmon at 18.75 pounds, John Richardson caught the largest steelhead at 7.2 pounds, Danny Owen landed the biggest brown trout at 10.18 pounds and Steve Jackson took the top prize in the coho salmon division with a fish that weighed 3.4 pounds.

### NAWA Tourney results

Kelley Howard of Garden City and Ryan Lescoe of Westland teamed up to place sixth in the recent North American Walleye Anglers Team Tournament on Lake Erie.

The two local anglers were fishless on the first day of the two-day tournament, but dominated the second day with a four-fish catch that went 20.52 pounds, including the big fish of the tournament that weighed 8.76 pounds. The next closest competitor on the second day weighed in just 9.22 pounds. They pocketed \$438 dollars for their effort.

Steven Butler of Westland and Jim DeVries of Canton placed 11th with three fish that weighed 7.03 pounds. Waterford's Byron Niekamp and Moe Niekamp, of New Bremon, Ohio, placed 13th with two fish that weighed 5.34 pounds.

*(Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)*

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# Shamrocks come up short in bid for playoffs

Winning two of three games against Birmingham Brother Rice on Saturday would have clinched a spot in the Catholic League playoffs for Redford Catholic Central.

Instead, the Shamrocks lost the completion of a previously suspended game against the Warriors, then split the regularly scheduled doubleheader to force a one-game playoff Wednesday to determine the final berth in the DCL postseason.

"We have a chance to redeem ourselves," said CC coach John Salter. "If he had won outright, we would have been there."

The Shamrocks dropped the suspended game 10-5 after leading it, trailing 9-4 in the bottom of the fourth. CC won the opener of the doubleheader, 3-1, but lost the second game, 10-6, to tie the Warriors with a 9-7 record and share second place in the Central Division at 9-7.

In the suspended game, Matt Loidas wound up, 2-for-4 with two runs scored and Ryan Rogowski was 1-for-1 with a walk and a run scored.

CC (16-8) shut down Rice in the opener, on a combined three-hitter by Adam Kline and eventual winner Adam Smith (2-1).

Brian Williams and Charlie Haeger led the way at the plate as they both went 2-for-3.

Rice earned revenge in the second game, paced by a five-run fifth and a three-run seventh. Kevin Entsminger (2-4) suffered the loss. Williams and John Hill both had a pair of hits and an RBI.

**John Glenn 13, N. Farmington 12:** If you can't outpitch them, outslug them.

That formula worked Monday for Coach Todd Duffield's Westland John Glenn baseball team as it gave up five runs in the top of the seventh then scored six in the bottom half of the inning to take a 13-12 victory from North Farmington.

After one was out, winning relief pitcher Tom Howard walked to start the rally. Mike Grant singled, then Jeff

Koslowski reached on an error that let in the first run.

Another run scored on an error permitting Dave Mijal to reach first. Chad Sansom then singled in the third run of the inning and Josh Day doubled home the fourth.

Mark Wacker was walked intentionally to load the bases with two out but Dave Holloway spoiled the strategy with a game-winning two-run single.

Howard pitched to two batters to gain the win, walking one and seeing the second line into a 6-4 double play. He is now 1-0.

North Farmington pounded out 10 hits but made four errors while John Glenn got its 13 runs on 13 hits. The Rockets made three errors.

Westland overcame a 3-1 deficit with three runs in the fourth and took tacked on three more in the fifth before North Farmington made its bid.

Sansom went 4-for-5 for the day while Day had a single, double and triple good for three RBI. Holloway collected a pair of singles plus a double for five RBI and Mike Grant had two hits

and an RBI.

Pat O'Connell, who came on in relief in the fifth, took the loss for North Farmington.

John Glenn (6-14) is now 2-9 in the WLAA and 1-6 in its division.

**Churchill 8, Franklin 0:** Brad Bescoe tossed a three-hitter Monday and the Chargers scored three runs in the second and fifth innings.

Bescoe (3-2) struck out eight and walked only two batters.

Joe Ruggiero took the loss for the visiting Patriots, allowing seven hits and seven runs in five innings. Jim Priebe had two hits for Franklin (5-12).

Marshall Tucker had an RBI

double for Churchill (10-11). Jason Dominas had two hits plus an RBI and scored twice while Rory Cesarz had two hits. The Chargers are 3-4 in WLAA divisional play.

On Saturday, Churchill took a doubleheader from visiting Redford Thurston, 13-8 and 16-6.

Tucker had five RBI, lacing two doubles, in the first game while Rob Wilson had three hits including a double and drove in three runs.

Ricky Strain hit a two-run single and added a sacrifice fly. Bescoe won the game, pitching two innings of relief.

Churchill outhit Thurston, 13-10. Each team made two errors. Jared Kazmierczak collected

two doubles for the Eagles while Eric Carlson and Greg McClain each had two hits. Travis Farkas took the loss.

Churchill pounded out 15 hits in the second game mercy win. Wilson went six innings to get the win, striking out six and walking three.

Cesarz went 4-for-4 and had two RBI, Wilson had three hits and drove in two runs. Josh Odom drove in a run with two hits and Dominas had three hits good for two RBI.

Kazmierczak had two hits for Thurston while Jim Melvin had two of the Eagles' eight hits, including a solo home run. Isaac Sudet took the loss, working the first three innings.

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**HOT**



Country music fans will be flocking to Hart Plaza in Detroit Friday-Sunday, May 19-21, for the Budweiser Downtown Hoedown. Featured performers include Mark Wills (pictured), Montgomery Gentry, Tracy Lawrence, Joseph James and Chely Wright. Call (948) 788-1111 for information, or visit the Web site, www.watterspine.com



Whimsical work: Steven Dark created this "Chicken as Waiter" pot in clay.

## GREEKTOWN ART FEST

### SIGHTS, SOUNDS, FOOD WILL DAZZLE CROWDS FOR 10TH YEAR

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Blues, baklava and art works – the Greektown Arts Festival brings out the best in all three, so it's no wonder crowds continue to flock to the historic area year after year in search of a good time.

The long and steady parade of visitors appeals to top artists from across the country and makes for a strong show of talent.

**Greektown Arts Festival**  
When: 5-10 p.m. Friday, May 19; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 20; and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 21  
Where: Monroe, Beaubien and St. Antoine streets in Detroit. Call (877) GREEKTOWN for more information.

Presented by the Greektown Merchants Association and the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, this year's festival features 128 exhibitors working in media ranging from painting to photography, sculpture, glass, clay, fiber and jewelry

Friday-Sunday, May 19-21. "It's the intimate setting of Greektown. It's a special place with all the great restaurants, bakeries and fine shops," said Dave Roberts, festival coordinator. "It is the only art festival held on the streets of downtown Detroit with historic buildings from the 19th century."

It's no coincidence that visitors will find artists demonstrating their craft just as they do at the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair because the Michigan Guild's been putting on

that show for 30 years. Now in its 10th year, the Greektown Arts Festival showcases many popular elements of the Ann Arbor fair. The Guild's Imagination Station is always a hit with children who enjoy making art and then taking it home.

The Festival Stage brings talented musicians to the streets and tours give a glimpse inside the historic Greektown buildings. The Laikon Cafe, Fishbone's, the Old Shillelagh and the Music Menu Showcase Bar & Grill offer a variety of ways for fair goers to rest and refresh.

"There's new artists, a lot of exciting new media and a lot of really great entertainment with Larry McCray and the phenomenal gospel group The Mighty Royal Lights of the Tru Light Temple," said Roberts. "Over the years, we've improved on the stage area and entertainment. In the early years there were no headliners or big name draws."

**Wearable art**

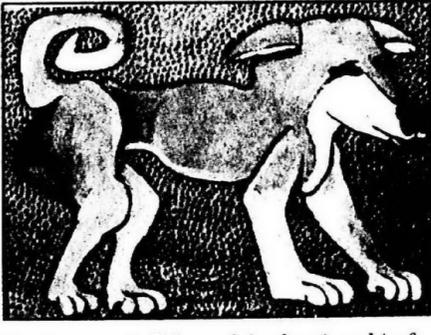
Celia Block looks forward to returning to the Greektown Arts Festival because of the atmosphere. The West Bloomfield artist began bringing her painted silk jackets, scarves and shawls to the show in 1995. Block designs, paints and sews every garment she sells.

"I grew up in Detroit and have been going to Greektown since I was a child," said Block. "I love the area. I like the restaurants, the street ambiance. My whole family wants to visit me during the festival because it's in Greektown."

**Whimsical wonders**

The Greektown Arts Festival is giving Steven Dark a chance to visit his family in Livonia. The Alabama potter hasn't been back for a few years so he's hoping to see some old friends and make new ones at the festival. A graduate of Clarenceville High School in Livonia, Dark primarily sells his stoneware vessels and table top fountains at shows in the south where he's won several

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On the prowl: Edward Andrzejewski of Calumet painted this work titled "Chavez."

## Bluesman's new material 'rocks harder'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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Nearly a decade since the release of *Ambition*, an album that launched Larry McCray's musical career, the Arkansas-born and Saginaw-bred guitarist confirms his status as one of the most powerful bluesman around as he prepares to kick out new tunes at the 2000 Greektown Arts Festival.

With a new album in the works, the man who last declared he was *Born To Play The Blues* (1998) returns to Detroit to celebrate the 10th year of the festival. McCray is more than ready to showcase new songs like *Blues Is My Business*, *Love Gone Bad* and the tentative title track *Believe It*. While he said the music he's been playing for years hasn't changed much, it has shifted focus "in terms of what people are into at the time." Today, blues has to appeal to rock, reggae, soul and R&B audiences.

"People are into very rhythmic music," said McCray, in a telephone interview on May 9. "You have to do these things to continue to survive."

McCray's new material "rocks harder," contains a wide array of rhythms and strong vocals, but never strays from its bluesy origins. "I came from a history of it," said McCray. "My family were blues listeners and musicians before me. I always needed music with more of an inner soul."



Larry McCray

**Influences**

Influenced by greats Jimi Hendrix, George Benson and Wes Montgomery, McCray will be featured as the opening night headliner for the Greektown festival. "We're just gonna try to have an intense show," he said. "I'm really anxious and happy to have new music available for the people. I think the time is right for the band."

The time is right in Detroit to celebrate spring and the beginning of outdoor festivals as well. As the Greektown Arts Festival begins to heat up, the musical line up is sure to emit sounds of cool blues and steamy funk. To kick off the festival Friday night, The Brothers Groove start their engines at 7 p.m. blending funk, jazz, rock and blues into something undeniably delicious. While singer/keyboardist Chris Codish has played the festival with the likes of Johnnie Bassett and Thornetta Davis—who also return this year—it's a first for The Brothers

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**SPECIAL EVENT**

## Comic book convention more than kids' stuff

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
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The silver age of comic books may have passed long ago – thanks to video games and computers – but the genre is far from dead.

In reality, it's branched out, creating new categories and targeting different audiences, particularly older readers.

Otherwise, attracting more than 300 comic artists from across the country to participate in an event like Motor City Comic Con, Friday-Sunday, May 19-21 at the Novi Expo Center, would be impossible.

"There are quite a few comic books written for the mature reader today," said Michael Goldman of Farmington Hills, president of Motor City Conventions and the founder of Comic Con. "One of the biggest stereotypes about comic books is that they're for little kids. There are comic books for 6-year-olds and 60-year-olds."

In its 11th year, Comic Con focuses on two aspects of popular culture: comic books and television and film with a science-fiction angle. The event began as a comic art convention and gradually grew to encompass other areas of pop culture.

**Cult favorites**

So, in addition to the hundreds of comic illustrators and writers who come to talk about their craft or sell and promote their work, Goldman tries to bring in stars from cult favorites like *Star Wars* and *Star Trek*.

**What:** Motor City Comic Con featuring hundreds of comic creators and collectors, an appearance by actor Jonathan Frakes, who plays Commander William Riker on *Star Trek: New Generation*, pop culture collectibles and more  
**When:** Friday, Sunday, May 19-21  
**Where:** Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive  
**Tickets:** \$15 per day with three-day and children's passes available at a discount, call (248) 645-6666

Jonathan Frakes, who plays Commander William Riker on *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, is this year's featured celebrity guest.

Surely, avid readers and collectors of comic books, budding strip illustrators and sci-fi fanatics have been anticipating Comic Con for months.

However, the general public may find the event of interest, too.

To begin with, there's a hodgepodge of pop culture merchandise and activities at Comic Con.

Film scripts, both signed originals and reproductions, are available for purchase. Other finds include Pokemon

games, toys, action figures and other collectibles. The Anime Club of Michigan (Anime refers to Japanese animation) will run features of the form in a private screening room.

Once more, the show may even convert a few non-believers into comic book lovers. The Friends of Lulu, a group of comic book fans who promote the form to women, plan to attend.

Others may simply discover how the form has evolved, according to Goldman.

"The stories are really written for adults," he said. "There's been a big place in the market for comics that are intelligently written. They're not just about the guy in spandex flying off to save someone. They're comics for thinking."

**Entertainment experience**

Besides, comic books offer a unique entertainment experience, said Goldman.

"When you take great art and great storytelling and put it together, there's nothing like it. Not even television. For me, comics have always allowed me to use my imagination. It's not like television, which is kind of mindless. Comics still require you to think."

## Greektown from page E1

awards.

"I'm excited and a little nervous, but I'm looking forward to coming home and bringing my new work," said Dark, owner of Pottery Central in Gulf Shores. "I call them my chicken pots. They're quite whimsical and storytelling. I'm a frustrated writer that uses his three-dimensional

work to put down what he can't say."

Dark, who earned his bachelor of fine arts degree in ceramics from the University of South Alabama and a master of fine arts from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, does about 10 shows a year.

### Fine jewelry

Michael MacManus returns to the Greektown Arts Festival for a third year. A Bloomfield Hills jeweler, MacManus creates silver jewelry with and without semi-precious stones. He describes the work as "contemporary with simplicity in design and style."

"It's fun and people getting together," said MacManus. "I used to do sculpture but I switched to jewelry because I wanted to work in a smaller scale making adornments for people."

"Jewelry shows self-expression."

## Bluesman from page E1

original set that's bound to include the crowd favorite "Pressure Cooker." Bassist Jim Simonson, a Clarkston native, said the festival is neither too big or too small, but offers a great reason for people to visit the city. Drummer Michael Caskey looked forward to the outdoor festival as well: "Playing bars all the time

can be pretty one-dimensional." "It's always a cool festival," said Codish, who performed with McCray in 1995-1997.

Here's the line-up:

### Friday, May 19

6 p.m. The Brothers Groove  
7:15 p.m. Big Al and the Heavyweights

8:30 p.m. Larry McCray

### Saturday, May 20

2 p.m. Chef Chris Blues Band  
3:15 p.m. Al Hill and The Blues Insurgents with friend George Friend  
4:30 p.m. The Sun Messengers  
6 p.m. Catfish Hodge with Mystery Train featuring Jim McCarty

8 p.m. Sir Mack Rice

### Sunday, May 21

1 p.m. Mighty Royal Lights of the Tru Light Temple  
2:30 p.m. Thornetta Davis  
5 p.m. Johnny Bassett's Detroit Blues Review, featuring Joe Weaver and Alberta Adams

## Techno artists master building a loyal audience

### BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

As someone who has been on the receiving end of voluminous recording industry hype, I've always been intrigued by artists who reach their audience in a direct, non-mainstream way.

There may be no greater example of media-resistant artists than those who create the Detroit area's biggest musical export — techno music. You may not be familiar with names like Carl Craig, Richie Hawtin, and Derrick May, but they have an incredible following in places like London, Belgium, and Amsterdam.

"Detroit's techno artists are big in Europe because radio stations in the United Kingdom and other European cities are given the freedom to play what their listeners want to hear. In London in particular, musical trends are created by the feedback from the clubs where techno music rules," said Ron Pangborn, music producer for Detroit Public TV's Backstage Pass.

Although it may seem on the surface that techno producers revel in their anonymity, they are masters at building a loyal audience. Derrick May, along with former Belleville High classmates Juan Atkins and Kevin Saunderson, is credited with originating the "techno" form. As an international DJ, electronic music producer and

founder of Transmat Records, he has total control in the creation and distribution of his music. While that may seem like a unique arrangement in the mainstream recording industry, it is not unusual in techno. Car Craig is CEO of Planet E Records, and has created music under various guises including Paperclip People, Innerzone Orchestra and his own name. Hawtin helped to establish Plus 8 Records and now records under his Minus label.

There are signs that techno artists are making themselves more accessible to those that aren't necessarily "plugged in." Craig will serve as artistic director for the Detroit Electronic Music Festival from noon to midnight, Saturday-Monday, May 27-29 at Detroit's Hart Plaza.

"Techno music really needs

these type of events if the artists want to broaden their visibility. They've been very successful in using the club scene to mobilize their audiences, and it seems like it is just a matter of time before major record companies realize their potential," said Pangborn.

A rare, if not unprecedented, television gathering of Detroit's techno artists will take place on the next edition of Detroit Public TV's Backstage Pass airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21. Carl Craig, Richie Hawtin and Derrick May will make appearances to reveal the ins and outs of their underpublicized segment of the music industry.

Hart Plaza festivals? TV appearances? It appears the reclusive days of techno music are over.

## Female comics stand up to be counted

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
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When Connie Ettinger and D'Anne Witkowski do stand-up, and a male heckler blurts out

opinions and mean sentiments, the female comics don't usually try to get the last laugh.

That is, shoot back a witty, embarrassing comeback with shut-them-up impact.

Neither local comic is "there yet," they say of their development in stage comedy.

"I'm a 120-pound demeanor and female. I don't feel I can cut down some drunk guy and make it to my car that night," jokes Witkowski, whose "day job" is studying English at the University of Detroit-Mercy.

Anyway, embarrassing the heck out of a heckler may not be their comedic style.

Though, Witkowski, a Clarkston native who now lives in Royal Oak, may be well on her way. When a heckler recently yelled out "take off your shirt," the 22-year-old comic came back with, "Settle down, Dad," and got a few laughs.

Witkowski and Ettinger are two of six women comics in *Sorry About the Apple*, an all-female showcase of stand-up acts on Sunday, May 21 at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak.

The program deviates from stand-up's standard format — an MC warm-up followed by a 25-

**What:** *Sorry About the Apple* featuring stand-up by six local female comedians

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21

**Where:** Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth Street in downtown Royal Oak

**Tickets:** \$10, call (248) 542-9000

minute feature performer and headliner, a model created by Mark Ridley.

There's no hierarchy of performance in *Sorry About the Apple*. Once more, it's all women, so the audience gets "a concentrated dose of women comics," says Ettinger, who came up with the format and pitched it to Ridley.

"And, I think they'll be delightfully surprised at the caliber of humor that they're going to see," says the Franklin resident, a "recovering" attorney.

Under the standard format, audiences rarely see more than one comedienne, if even one female comic, leaving many comedy-goers with the impression women aren't as funny as men.

There's a stereotype about female comics, says Witkowski. "It's believed that men are fun-

nier, are more capable of handling a crowd and so forth. ... Male comics have to prove that they're not funny. Females have to prove that they are."

Audiences are also quick to conclude female comics only joke about menstrual cycles, pregnancy, relationships and housewifery. "I suspect that when people see a lineup of six women performing, they expect a night of man-bashing, and nothing could be further from the truth," says Ettinger. "While we all work, I don't think there have been many forums for women comics to showcase their talents. It is a male-dominated industry, not to say that we've been held back because of that. I've been treated very well. But it is a little bit harder. The networking is more difficult."

While Ettinger and company aren't really "Sorry About the Apple" their acts are far from Judy Tenuta-style stand-up.

And, as a group of performers, their subject matter runs the gambit.

"It's well-balanced," says Ettinger. "There's a mix of humor directed at both women and men."

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# Memorable 'Kiss Me, Kate' sparked with fun

Farmington Players presents "Kiss Me, Kate," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 18-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 21 and May 27, at the barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$15, call (248) 553-2955.

BY VICTORIA DIAZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

Cole Porter's *Kiss Me, Kate* has been selected by the Farmington Players as their final production at the aging barn theater on Twelve Mile Road, which they have occupied for 48 years. The musical comedy, directed by Emily McSweeney with musical direction by James Morisi, couldn't be more fitting. Much of the time, it's sparked with fun. Some of the time, it's downright memorable.

First staged in 1952, *Kiss Me, Kate* may not be exactly politically correct these days (especially in the matter of wifely obedi-

ence), but surely most of its musical numbers are no less tuneful or engaging than they were when the house lights dimmed and the curtain went up for the first time on the production 48 years ago.

Due to some frail voices and a rather shaky start to this version of *Kate*, playgoers may initially wonder if the music is going to be given short shrift. Not to worry, though. Eventually, everything seems to get better, and some of it morphs into sheer delight.

*Kiss Me, Kate* is a show within a show within a show. That is, it is the story of a group of 20th-century troupers putting together a musical version of William Shakespeare's early comedy, *The Taming of the Shrew*.

If you're confused, you're probably not alone. Just remember that the point here is fun, not logic.

**■ Almost from the moment Nate Kaufman appears on stage as Fred/Petruchio, we just know we are in for some theatrical fun.**

## Center of action

At the center of all the action are Lilli Vanessi and Fred Graham, two actors who play the willful Kate and the mercenary Petruchio in the adaptation of Shakespeare's *Shrew*. Both are "celebrating" the first anniversary of their divorce from each other, but it's soon apparent that these two still have eyes for each other.

Almost from the moment Nate Kaufman appears on stage as Fred/Petruchio, we just know we are in for some theatrical fun. He seems to be having so much of it himself in this role, and he has a way of milking every moment for all it's worth without

ever going quite over the top. While you may not catch him at the Met, he really does know a lot about putting across a song, and playgoers may especially enjoy his *Where Is the Life That Late I Led?* Besides all that, he cuts a dashing figure in tights.

Leading lady Angie Tyburski in the role of Lillie/Kate starts out a little shakily, but gradually seems to really warm to her part. She's especially effective as the forever-frustrated, object-hurling Kate. Her body language and facial expressions lend a touch of the cartoonish to her "shrew," and sometimes you may imagine you can see little puffs of steam emerging from her pretty ears.

As Lois/Bianca, Lisa Muscio has her moments, especially when she croons *Always True To You In My Fashion*, clad in a black lace concoction, to her guy, Bill, played by Eric Henrickson.

Jack Grulke makes his mark as the rich Republican in Lillie's future.

## Special mention

Special mention should be made of Craig Forhan and Chuck Fisher who play a couple of gangster-goons who think they are looking for Fred, when who they are really looking for is Bill. Somehow, these two wind up in the cast of the Shakespearean musical, also, playing (rightfully) a couple of coxcombed fools. Their frolicsome *Brush Up Your Shakespeare* ("If she says your behavior is heinous - kick her right in the Coriolanus") is definitely one of the high spots of the evening.

A large supporting cast is a bit

uneven, but ultimately most contribute toward making this *Shrew* a happy occasion.

Costumes are as bright, be-ribboned, and be-feathered as a Venetian carnivale, and really add to the eye appeal of the musical. In fact, they're an essential part of the fun, cleverly complementing all the dazzling hullabaloo.

## Next season

The Farmington Players will perform at a theater facility in the Barnes and Noble building at 6800 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield Township during their 2000-01 season. They plan to open the 2001-02 season at their completely refurbished theater on the same site where the old barn is now located.

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia resident and writes about theater, books and movies for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

# 'The Marriage of Figaro' at the Hilberry invites laughter

The Hilberry, Wayne State University's graduate theater company, presents *The Marriage of Figaro* which runs through Sunday, May 21. The Hilberry is at Forest and Cass on the Wayne State campus in Detroit. For tickets and show times, call (313) 577-2972.

BY SUE SUCHYTA  
SPECIAL WRITER

The Hilberry Theatre closes its 1999-2000 season with the non-musical version of the comedy, *The Marriage of Figaro*. Ironically, the popular opera is better known than the play upon which it was based. French playwright Pierre Augustin de Beaumarchais also wrote, *The Barber of Seville*.

Both plays are full of clever dialogue that satirize the privileges and foibles of the upper

class. At one point Louis XVI was so incensed by the potency of the satire that he banned *The Marriage of Figaro* from the French stage. However, the sheer comedy and verbal audacity of the play ensured its survival to the present day.

Beaumarchais, who was also a songwriter and musician, left a legacy even more profound than his plays - a glance at your wrist will likely reveal another of his clever machinations, for he developed a precise clock system that we now refer to as the wristwatch.

*The Marriage of Figaro* is a "bawdy farce of marital mishap and romantic intrigue." Two wise servants, Figaro and Suzanne, want to wed, but they have to prevent a randy Count from stealing the maiden's virtue. The Count, who seeks

the pleasure of his wife's maid, Suzanne, before her wedding to Figaro, must do so without inciting his wife's vociferous wrath. The Countess, not one to sit idly by in the face of her husband's dalliances, is encouraging a besotted pursuit by her husband's page. Amidst much contriving, lying, hiding and diving from windows, the clever Figaro and Suzanne find a way to keep the romantic wolves at bay and return the royals to their rightful bedchambers.

Professor Anthony Schmitt, the show's director, delivered a fast paced, tightly woven performance. Dallas Henry, as Figaro, and Emily Miller, as Suzanne, were well-matched. Fred Shahadi is a standout as the self-centered Count Almaviva. His movements were those of both a pampered prince and a devious

sneak. Heidi Olson, as the Countess, was a strong foil to the Count, and kept the humor in the character well.

Orestes Arcuni, the fall guy, is delightfully funny as the Cherubin, the page courting the Countess. His long suffering looks and puppy dog affections were funny. However, his attempt to disguise

himself as a bridesmaid was what caused the house to roar with unrestrained mirth. Quite simply, Arcuni's face is handsome on a man, but he was one ugly maiden!

Charles Moser's set design is elegant and versatile, with modular pieces easily rearranged for each of the three acts. He effectively used the ostentatious gilt

of the French aristocracy. Mary Leyendecker's costumes were richly appointed and appealing. The gowns were striking, and the colors accented the boldness and audacious of the show and its characters.

Sue Suchyta is a Dearborn resident who writes about theater for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

## JET presents six one-act plays

*The Day We Met*, an evening of six one-act plays by award-winning playwright Kitty Dubin, will open for previews Wednesday, May 24, and continues through Sunday, June 25 at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday; and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday. Opening night is Sunday, May 28. Tickets \$15-\$25, call (248) 788-2900.

Presented by the Jewish Ensemble Theatre, *The Day We Met* will be directed by Geoffrey Sherman and features Henneseta Hermelin, Scott Crownover, Chris Howe, Chris Ann Voudoukis, Harold Hogan and Robert Lewis.

Three of the plays are about single people and the issues that

currently confront them.

*Strictly Personal* focuses on two people who meet through a personal ad. *Blockbuster* centers on a man and woman with radically different tastes in films who meet at a video store. *Tough as Nails* depicts a single woman who gets a manicure in an effort to pamper herself. She ends up pouring her heart out to the manicurist about the dead-end relationship she's been in for seven years, but is too afraid to leave.

*The Joy of Sex* and *Let Him In* are about people looking for ways to solve family problems. A troubled young couple, married less than a year, seek help from a marriage counselor in *The Joy of Sex*. Like many couples, they have difficulties expressing their needs to each other. A first meeting with a marriage counselor,

clearly in over his head, dramatically changes all that.

In *Let Him In*, a divorcee who is in the midst of a family crisis receives an unexpected visit from a mysterious stranger offering spiritual enlightenment.

The last play, *Mimi and Me* is about a perky young volunteer at a nursing home who meets her match when she tries to cheer up a 90 year old woman.

This play, like the others, involves a first-time meeting which results in unexpected consequences when two people interact with each other in a meaningful way.

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**FOX THEATRE:** Michael Bolton stars in *The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber* Thursday-Sunday, May 18-21, at the theater, Detroit. \$22.50-\$50. (248) 433-1515

**GEM THEATRE:** "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through June 25, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

**JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE:** "The Day We Met" opens Wednesday, May 24 and runs to Sunday, June 25, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, and 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at the Aaron Dero Theatre, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900

**MEADOW BROOK THEATRE:** "Thursday's Child," and "Echoes of the Earth," two original productions created by young area thespians, for the 2000 Page to State program, part of the theater's educational outreach will be presented Thursday-Sunday, May 18-21 at the theater on the campus of Oakland University. "Thursday's Child" explores what life is like when one person is perceived as different from others. Show times 7 p.m. Thursday, May 18 performance benefits the programs of On my Own of Michigan. Patron tickets \$75 and \$125; Performances also staged 7 p.m. Friday, May 19 and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20. "Echoes of the Earth," explores Native American themes, performances 8:15 p.m. Friday, May 19 and 3:15 p.m. Saturday, May 20. No charge for Friday-Saturday performances. Call (248) 649-3739 for patron tickets.

**MUSIC HALL:** "Male Intellect... an oxymoron?" through Sunday, May 21, 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 5 & 9 p.m. Saturday; 7 p.m. Sunday, at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. \$27.50-\$37.50. 963-2366/(248) 645-6666

**PLANET ANT THEATRE:** "Mere Mortals" continues Sunday, June 4, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-4948 or www.planetant.com

**MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE:** "The Sound of Music," starring Richard Chamberlain, continues through Sunday, May 21. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday; and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$25-\$55. (248) 645-6666.

**COLLEGE**

**WSU HILBERRY:** "The Marriage of Figaro" runs in rotating repertory to Saturday, May 20. (313) 577-2972

**COMMUNITY THEATER**

**AVON PLAYERS:** "Sweeney Todd," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 18-20, at the theater, Rochester Hills. \$15; student/senior/group rates available. (248) 608-9077

**BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS:** Friday-Sunday, May 19-21 and Friday-Saturday, May 26-27, at the theater, Birmingham. \$14. (248) 644-9667

**CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS:** "A Bad Year for Tomatoes," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 19-20 and 26-27, and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at the Depot Theater, Clarkston. \$12. (248) 625-8811

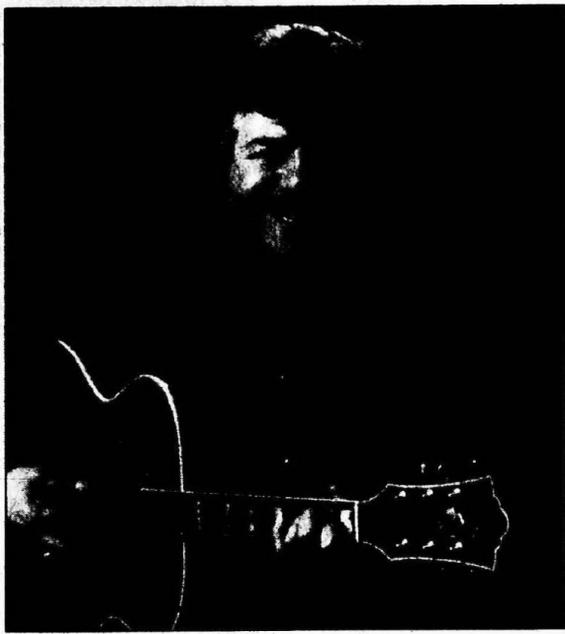
**COMMUNITY THEATRE OF HOWELL:** "Brigadoon," Friday-Sunday, May 19-21, at McPherson Middle School. \$12, \$10 seniors/children. (517) 545-1290

**FARMINGTON PLAYERS:** "Kiss Me Kate," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 18-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 21 and 27, at the barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$15. (248) 553-2955

**GROSSE POINTE THEATRE:** "West Side Story," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 18-20, Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Fries Auditorium. \$16. (313) 881-4004

**PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD:** "Squabbles," a comedy by Marshall Karp, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 19-20, Water Tower Theater on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, west of Haggerty. Tickets \$10, \$7 children ages 18 and under. (248) 349-7110

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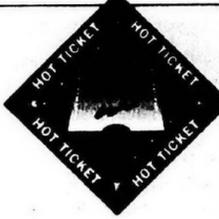
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 6:45 p.m. - Yankee Gray  
 8:15 p.m. - Montgomery Gentry  
 9:30 p.m. - Trace Adkins  
 10:45 p.m. - Mike Owens & Midnite Holler  
**Midnight - Show ends**  
**Saturday, May 20**  
 Noon - Razorback  
 1 p.m. - Janis Leigh  
 2 p.m. - Doug Stone  
 3 p.m. - Red Ryder Band  
 4:30 p.m. - Forbes Brothers  
 6:15 p.m. - Jennifer Day  
**Lower Stage**  
 7:45 p.m. - Wade Hayes  
 9:30 p.m. - Tracy Lawrence  
 11 p.m. - Mark Wills  
**Midnight - Show Ends**  
**Sunday, May 21**  
 1 p.m. - Judy Harrison  
 2 p.m. - Jessica Welch Patsy Cline Tribute  
 2:45 p.m. - Eric Heatherly  
 4:15 p.m. - Rascal Flatts  
**Lower Stage**  
 5:45 p.m. - Steve Holy  
 7:15 p.m. - Chad Brock  
 8:45 p.m. - Chely Wright  
 10 p.m. - Show ends



**RIDGEDALE PLAYERS:** "Moon Over the Brewery," May 19-21, at the theater, Troy. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday. \$11, \$10 seniors/students on Sunday. (248) 988-7049

**SRO PRODUCTIONS:** "You Should Be So Lucky," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 19-20 and 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 21 and 28, at The Burgh, Southfield. \$10, \$8 senior/child. (248) 827-0701

**STAGECRAFTERS:** "The King and I," continues to June 4, American Sign Language performance Thursday, May 25, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. \$14-\$16. (248) 541-6430

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**NOVI THEATRES CHILDREN'S ANNEX:** "Charlotte's Web," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Novi Civic Center Stage. \$10, \$8 advance. (248) 347-0400

**PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL:** The teen drama club presents Moliere's timeless farce, *Tartuffe* 8 p.m. Friday, May 19, at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. Admission is by donation. All proceeds benefit the teen drama club. (734) 416-4ART

**PUPPETART:** "Crane Maiden, a Japanese tale with marionettes and puppeteers in traditional Japanese costumes and masks, 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20 and 27, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

**THE RISING STARS:** "The Hobbit," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, May 24-25, at Andover High School, Bloomfield Hills. \$3. (248) 433-0885

**YOUTH THEATRE:** Sundiata, The Lion King of Mali" presented by New York's Theatreworks/USA, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at Music Hall, Detroit. \$9, \$8 advance. (313) 963-2366

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**FLOWER DAY:** Flower Day and Blooming Affair 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 20-21, Eastern Market, Detroit. More than 100,000 flats of plants, and a variety of shrubs offered for sale. Entertainment 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., mini art fair. Shuttle bus from Eastern Market to Detroit Institute of Arts available on Sunday. (313) 833-1560

**GREAT LAKES CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL PREVIEW PARTY:** 6 p.m. Saturday, May 20, dinner, auction and performance by cellist Nathaniel Roseh, at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, Birmingham. \$30, \$75 benefactor. (248) 362-6171

**PERCUSSIVE ARTS DAY:** Plymouth-Canton High School is hosting the Michigan Percussive Arts Society's Day of Percussion beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 20. Registration for the clinics is at 8:30 a.m. in the Plymouth-Salem High School Cafeteria. No percussion skill is necessary, only an interest in the percussive arts. All skill levels from elementary to college are encouraged. A 7:30 p.m. concert features the Plymouth Percussion Ensemble directed by Gregg Rinehart, the Mott Middle College Steel Band under the direction of James Coviak, and the Trinity (Pennsylvania) High School Percussion Ensemble directed by Shawn Galvin. The cost is \$10 for the entire day or \$7 (\$5 students) for the concert only.

**PLYMOUTH IS ARTRAGEOUS:** Eleven participating artists will exhibit works by arts, ongoing music in the streets, demonstrations by artists, 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 19, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 20 and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 21, in downtown Plymouth.

**TEDDY BEAR JAMBOREE:** 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Teddy Bear tea, storytellers, exhibits, contests, food and fun, at Greenmead Historical Park, Livonia. (248) 477-7375

**VINTAGE BOOK SEMINAR:** 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 20, focus on turn-of-the-century book binding and women bookbinders, at the main branch of the Detroit Public Library. \$30, \$15 students, includes lunch. (313) 577-0507

**WAYNE RESA ART FAIR:** Aspiring students in Wayne County exhibit their talent at the 3rd Annual Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency (Wayne RESA) Art Fair 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 20, artwork, performances and demonstrations by students representing more than 60 schools in 21 school districts in

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**FARMINGTON PLAYERS:** Present the musical comedy during a special gala to celebrate 48 years of community theater and the last show at the barn, begins at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 3 with hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction followed by *Kiss Me, Kate* at 8 p.m., at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington Hills. \$100, proceeds go to the construction of a new barn theater. (248) 553-2955

**SANKOFA GALA:** An evening of music, theater and excitement including the world premiere of "Full Circle," a gripping family drama, 6 p.m. Saturday, May 27, at the Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$100, proceeds benefit Plowshares Theatre Company and Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village. (313) 872-0279

### FAMILY EVENTS

**KIDS KONCERT:** Gratitude Steel Band, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$3.25. (248) 424-9022

**TINY TOTS CONCERT:** Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents "Destination: Spain," 11 a.m. Saturday, May 20, at the Seligman Family Performing Arts Center, Detroit Country Day School, Beverly Hills. \$10. (313) 576-5111

### CLASSICAL

**VLADIMIR BABIN:** the cellist performs 4 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. (734) 769-2999

**CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT:** Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at the Seligman Performing Arts Center, Detroit Country Day School. \$18-\$65, \$15 students. (248) 645-6666

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** Composer John Adams conduct the orchestra in his "Harmonium," featuring the University Musical Society Choral Union, 8 p.m. Friday, May 19, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 20 and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$19-50. Overtures series for Detroit-area singles concludes with pre-concert buffet dinner with live jazz 6 p.m. Friday, May 19. (313) 576-5111

**MERLING TRIO:** 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at The Birmingham Temple, Farmington Hills. \$18, \$15 seniors/students. (248) 788-9338/(248) 288-3953

**SPRINGFEST:** Presented by Chamber Music Ann Arbor and Kerrytown Concert House, program theme is J.S. Bach's 250 years of influence, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 18, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. (734) 769-2999

**MUSIC OF J.S. BACH:** Program by James Kibbie, University of Michigan, authority on the performance of 17th and 18th century German organ music, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 19, Christ-Church Detroit. Reception follows concert. (313) 259-6688. Freewill offering at the door.

### ORGAN

**NEW MUSIC FESTIVAL:** Presented by the American Guild of Organists begins with masterclass with Marilyn Mason 3 p.m. Saturday, May 20 and ends with 8 p.m. organ recital featuring the works of William Bolcom played by students and members of the Ann Arbor American Guild of Organists. Free. (810) 235-4651/(734) 930-9940

**SCOTT SMITH:** Saturday, May 20, at the Senate Theater, Detroit. \$12. (313) 894-4100

### AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

**JACK IN THE BOX PRODUCTIONS:** Auditions for "Tommy," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday May 23-24, registration begins at 6:45 p.m., at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium. (734) 797-JACK

**MICHIGAN THEATER AND DANCE TROUPE:** Open auditions for dancers age 16 and older. (248) 552-5001

**RIDGEDALE PLAYERS:** Auditions for "Taming of the Shrew" 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 22, at the theater, Troy. (248) 682-2175

**WARREN CIVIC THEATRE:** Auditions for adults and children for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Wednesday-Saturday, May 24-27, at the Ridgewood Recreation Center, Warren. (810) 751-8080. For performances Aug. 4-6 and 10-13.

### CHORAL

**MEASURE FOR MEASURE:** The men's choral group based in Ann Arbor, gives a Mother's Day concert with guest artists the Ann Arbor Huron High School A Cappella Choir 4 p.m. Sunday, May 14 in Hill Auditorium at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. "Measure for Measure" \$12, \$8 students. (734) 483-9336

**RENAISSANCE VOICES:** 4 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at Christ Episcopal Church, Dearborn. \$9, \$6 seniors/students. (313) 317-6566

### POPS/ SWING

**MICHAEL JAMES/DEBORAH JIMMERSON:** Piano bar 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, and 8 p.m. to midnight Friday Saturday, at La Bistecca Italian Grille, Livonia. (734) 254-0400

**JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY:** 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday through May, at Andiamo Italia West, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

### JAZZ

**SPENCER BAREFIELD/DAVID MCMURRAY/MARION HAYDEN:** 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at the Harlequin Cafe, Detroit. \$10. (313) 331-0922

**COUNT BASIE ORCHESTRA:** 8:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$25. (734) 662-8310

**MARCUS BELGRAVE/SPENCER BAREFIELD/MARION HAYDEN:** 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 26-27, at the Harlequin Cafe, Detroit. \$10. (313) 331-0922

**B'JAZZ VESPER:** Dee Dee McNeil and the Bill Dowdy Trio, 6:8 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at First Baptist Church, Birmingham. Free-will offering. (248) 644-0550

**JAMES COTTON:** 8 p.m. Thursday,

May 18, at The Ark Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 763-TKTS (blues)

**DAVE FRISHBERG & BOB DOROUGH:** Perform 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$15-40. (734) 769-2999

**GEM JAZZ TRIO:** Performs 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

**MATT MICHAELS TRIO:** With Chris Collins, saxophone, 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 24; with trumpeter Bob Mohica 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. (734) 762-7756

**JEANNINE MILLER WITH VINCENT SHANDOR TRIO:** 9:30 p.m. 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, May 19-20, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 662-8310

**SWING INTO SUMMER:** The Jeff Haas Trio with trumpeter Marcus Belgrave and jazz violinist Miri Ben Ari, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-8587

**URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON:** With Dan Koltun, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's. Pontiac. (248) 334-5241

### FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

**LARRY ABOUR:** 7 p.m. Friday, at the Flying Fish Tavern, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

**BOB FEST:** A musical tribute to Bob Dylan, 8 p.m. Friday, May 19, at the Green Wood Coffee House, north campus of First United Methodist Church, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8558

**MARK ERELLI/MARY GAUTHIER:** 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666

**RFD BOYS:** A benefit for the Interfaith Hospitality Network, 8 p.m. Friday, May 19, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666

**UNCLE BONSAI:** 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$20. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666

### WORLD MUSIC

**COMPANY OF STRANGERS:** Friday-Saturday, May 19-20, at Cowley's, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

**MOGUE DOYLE:** 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 24 and 31, at Conor O'Neill's Traditional Irish Pub & Restaurant, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

**FINNIGAN'S WAY:** 9 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at Conor O'Neill's Traditional Irish Pub & Restaurant, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

**INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF WORLD MUSIC AND DANCE:** "Flamenco Sin Fronteras (Flamenco without Frontiers)" features Cuban guitarist Jorge Luis Perez, dancer Lea LaGreca, flutist Ginka Ortega, a jazz trumpet, and Peter Soave on bandononeo 8 p.m. Friday, May 19 in Smith Theater at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. \$16, \$20 reserved. Call (248) 522-3667

**MASON & MCMURRAY:** 9 p.m. Thursday, May 18, at Conor O'Neill's Traditional Irish Pub & Restaurant, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

### DANCE

**A CENTURY OF DANCE:** The 35th annual Music Review of the Mazurka Dancing Society, 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 20-21, at Riverside Middle School, Dearborn Heights. \$5, \$2 children under age 11. (313) 562-9461

**ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE:** 8 p.m. Friday, May 26, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 623-0624

**COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS:** 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, (also, free open jam for string and all other musicians of all levels from 4-6 p.m.) at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 623-0624/(734) 426-0241

**P.R.C.U.A. SYRENA DANCE ENSEMBLE:** "A Polish Journey" dance recital, 7 p.m. Friday, May 19, at Adray Auditorium, Dearborn. \$5, \$4 students, seniors. (313) 563-1761

**SWING DANCE:** 4-8 p.m. Sunday, May 21, lesson at 3 p.m., at the Amber House, Warren. \$8, \$6 members of Michigan Swing Dance Association. (248) 926-5484

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## COMEDY

**CUBICLE DOGS:** Michigan's only comedy troupe dedicated to lampooning corporate life present "Mission Statement: Impossible," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, through June 3, at Masonic Temple, Detroit. \$15. (810) 984-6336

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB:** John Joseph, also Johnny B, Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, May 18-20, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S:** at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE:** Carlos Mencia, also Marlon Randolph, Thursday-Saturday, May 18-20; special show 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21 with some of metro-Detroit's finest comedians: Mike Green, also Chrissy Burns, Thursday-Saturday, May 25-27, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

**SECOND CITY:** "Paradigm Lost" continues to May 28, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. \$10. Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; \$17.50 Friday, \$19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222. (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

## MUSEUMS AND TOURS

**ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM:** WalkWorks, a self-directed exploration of the exhibit galleries that invites families and young visitors to become Super Sleuths; the museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6. \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

**DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER:** IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," "Whales," "Mysteries of Egypt" and "Everest," at the center, Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

**DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM:** Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2. \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

**HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE:** In Dearborn, open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50. \$11.50 seniors. \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

**MEADOW BROOK HALL:** Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson. 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday. Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$8. \$6 seniors. \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

**PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure," continues through August, 7:30 p.m. at the museum, Plymouth. \$3. \$1 students. \$7 family. (734) 455-8940

## LIVE MUSIC

**JOSEPH ARTHUR:** With Scott Fab, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20. Coffee Beanery, Royal Oak. All ages. Free. **JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS:** 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368

**GORDON BENNETT:** 10 p.m. Friday, May 19. Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

**CLINT BLACK:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13. Pine Knob Music Theatre. Independence Township. \$15.50. \$29.50. (248) 645-6666

**BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD:** 10 p.m. Sundays in May. Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

**BLINK-182:** With Bad Religion, Fenix TX. 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9. Pine Knob Music Theatre.

Independence Township. \$25. (248) 645-6666.

**BLUE OCTOBER:** With Knee Deep Shag, 9 p.m. Thursday, May 18. Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (248) 645-6666.

**ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE:** 8 p.m. Saturday, May



20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030.

**BROTHERS GROOVE:** 10 p.m. Mondays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU; Saturday, May 19, Intermezzo, Detroit. (313) 961-0707; 6:50 p.m. Friday, May 19, Greentown Art Fair, Monroe and Beaubien in Detroit. Free; Saturday, May 20, Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150.

**JIMMY BUFFETT & THE CORAL REEFER BAND:** 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 13. Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$46 pavilion/\$23.50 lawn.

**SCOTT CAMPBELL GROUP:** With Mind Circus, Seismic 3, Bob Racecar Bob, hosted by WRIF's Doug Podell, 10 p.m. Friday, June 2, Token Lounge, Westland. (734) 513-5030

**THE CHIEFTAINS AND LOS LOBOS:** 8 p.m. Sunday, June 25, at Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$35 pavilion/\$20 lawn. (248) 645-6666.

**COUNTING CROWS AND LIVE:** With Galactic, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$23.50-\$46. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

**CHARLIE DANIELS BAND:** With Hank Williams Jr. and Little Feat, 7 p.m. Sunday, June 4, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

**DARK STAR ORCHESTRA:** 9 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12 advance. (313) 833-9700. (Recreating an entire Grateful Dead show)

**DEEP CUT:** Open jam, 9 p.m. Sunday, May 21, U.S. 12/Wayne Brewery, Wayne. (734) 722-7639

**DETROIT ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVAL:** The first ever, three day, non-stop music festival will be held Memorial Weekend, May 26-28, Hart Plaza, Detroit. It features more than 60 electronic artists including: The Roots, Mos Def, Derrick May, Kevin Saunderson, Juan Atkins, Isotope 217, Kenny Larkin, Stacy Pullen, Richie Hawtin, Space Time Continuum, Ectomorph, Craig Taborn, DJ Bone, Houseshoes, Reeloose, Mike Clark, Mike Huckaby, Clark Warner, Derek Piarislaiko, Bill VanLoon and Oscar McMillan. Details to come.

**DURAN DURAN:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666

**BOB DYLAN:** With Phil Lesh and Friends, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25. \$13.50. (248) 645-6666

**EARTH CRISIS:** With Candera and Walls of Jericho, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 25, The Shelter, Detroit. \$10. (248) 645-6666

**GLEN EDDY BAND:** Friday, May 19, Red Doggie, Milford. (248) 685-2171. Saturday, May 20, Library Noy. (248) 349-9100

**RICK EMMETT:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 18-19, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$25-\$40. (248) 645-6666

**JASON FISHER:** With Michelle Nill and Rudderhead Lounge, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Xhedos Cafe, Ferndale. (248) 399-3946

**FUNTOWN:** 9:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, May 19-20, Cowley's, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

**KENNY G:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50. \$32.50. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

**DAVID GRAY:** 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$12. (248) 645-6666



**JULIANA HATFIELD:** 9 p.m. Friday, June 2, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10 advance. (313) 833-9700.

**DON HENLEY:** 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$66 pavilion only. \$1 per ticket donated to Walden Woods preservation. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

**HIP HOP HAVOK 2:** With Thick and Rotation, 5 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (248) 645-6666

**MIKE IRELAND AND HOLLER:** With Jim Roll and the Gigantics, Friday, May 19, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$8. (248) 645-6666

**JELLY'S PIERCED TATTOO:** 8 p.m. Friday, May 19, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. (248) 335-5013

**MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VREELAND:** 7 p.m. Thursdays, Le Metro, Southfield. (248) 353-2757 (jazz duo).



**KISS FAREWELL TOUR:** With Ted

**ALVIN'S:** 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.com

**ARBOR BREWING COMPANY:** 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com

**THE ARK:** 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587

**ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST:** 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

**BEALE STREET BLUES:** 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900

**BIRD OF PARADISE:** 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

**BLIND PIG:** 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

**BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL:** 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477

**CARBON:** Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278

**CAVERN CLUB:** 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900

**CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET:** 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Wednesdays. (248) 335-2362 or www.961melt.com

**COBO ARENA:** 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616

**CONOR O'NEILLS:** 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2968 or www.conoroneills.com

**COWLEY'S:** 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

**THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE:** 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

**DETROIT SCIENCE:** 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover \$10 for 21 and over. Cover \$15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitscience.com

**EDISON'S:** 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

**ELIE'S:** 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

**FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS:** 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

**FLYING FISH TAVERN:** 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

**FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL:** 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609

**FOX THEATRE:** 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611

**FOX AND HOUNDS:** 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800

**GOLD DOLLAR:** 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www.golddollar.com

**GROOVE ROOM:** 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com

**HILL AUDITORIUM:** 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538

**JOE LOUIS ARENA:** 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606

**JO'S KEY CLUB:** 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337

**KARL'S CABIN:** 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 445-8450

**LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB:** Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 1172 N. Pine Knob Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9960

**LONELY HEARTS CLUB:** 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (313) 913-5506

**LOWERTOWN GRILL:** 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213

**MAGIC BAG:** 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030

**MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY:** Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441

**MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK:** (313) 833-9700

**MEMPHIS SMOKE:** 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

**MICHIGAN THEATRE:** 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397

**MOTOR LOUNGE:** 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com

**MR. B'S FARM:** 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038

**MUSIC MENU:** 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU

**THE PALACE:** 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com

**PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATRE:** 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac

**PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE:** 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

**PURE BAR ROOM:** 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE

**ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY:** 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

**THE ROOKIE SPORTS CAFE:** 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337

**ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE:** 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610

**THE SCARAB CLUB:** 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250

**ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER:** 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

**7TH HOUSE:** 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540

**STATE THEATRE AND STATE BAR:** 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheatre.com

**24 KARAT CLUB:** 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

**313.JAC:** Upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067

**TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE:** 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302

**U.S. 12 BAR AND GRILL/WAYNE BREWERY:** 34824 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 722-7639

**VELVET LOUNGE:** 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

**VILLAGE BAR AND GRILL/BEENY'S CUE & BREW:** 35234 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 729-2360

**WAGON WHEEL TAVERN:** 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-6789

**WOODRUFF'S SUPPER CLUB:** 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519

**XHEDOS CAFE:** Sista Otis performs 8-10 p.m. Sundays at the club, 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 399-3946

**ZIM'S IRISH TAVERN:** 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467

**DJ MARK E.P. OF PARADISE:** 10 p.m. Wednesdays, Innisfree Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2434

**DJ MARQUIS:** 9 p.m. Thursdays, Detroit Science. "The Lab." 18 and older. \$10-\$15 cover. Ladies free. (313) 438-4146.

**DAVE MATTHEWS BAND:** With Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals, 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, Comerica Park, Detroit. \$46.50. (248) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6611.

**MARTINA MCBRIDE:** 8 p.m. Saturday, July 1, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$22.50-\$33.50. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

**MATCHBOX TWENTY:** With Angie Aparo, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 27, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$25. (248) 645-6666

**STEVE MILLER BAND:** With Gov't Mule, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$21.50-\$37.50. (248) 645-6666.

**JONI MITCHELL:** With Vince Mendoza conducting a 70-piece symphony, 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$55-\$75, pavilion tickets only. (248) 645-6666.

**ZAK MORGAN:** 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$8 theater members, \$10. (734) 464-6302 (for children of all ages).

**MOTLEY CRUE:** With Megadeth and Anthrax, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$35. (248) 645-6666.

**MOODS FOR MODERNS:CD Release Party with The Mood Elevator, Friday, May 19, Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT**

**NOBODY'S BUSINESS:** Hosts Rockabilly Jam Sessions, Thursdays at The New Way Bar, Ferndale. (248) 541-9870

**OPENING ACT CONTEST FINALS:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. Finalists competing are Blue Dahlia, Domestic Problems, Scott Fab, King Snakes, Knee Deep Shag, Molly, Rooster and Southfield. Free admission and parking.

**OZZFEST 2000:** Featuring Ozzy Osbourne, Pantera, Godsmack, Static X, Incubus, Methods of Mayhem, POD, Queens of the Stoneage and Crazytown, 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$50.25, with donation to Lifebeat Charity. (248) 645-6666.

**JIMMY PAGE AND THE BLACK CROWES:** With Kenny Wayne Shepard, 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 26, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$39.50-\$55. (248) 645-6666

**PEARL JAM:** With Supergrass, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 7, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$28. (248) 645-6666

**PUNK-O-RAMA:** Featuring Dropkick Murphy's, Bouncing Souls, The Dwarves, The Distillers, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$12.50. (248) 645-6666

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# 'Time Code' a challenge for the eyes

BY JON KATZ  
STAFF WRITER

*Time Code* isn't one of the worst movies of the year so far. It's four of the worst movies of the year so far.

You'll hear that it's a breakthrough and is greatly innovative (and it is), but you'll also be intimidated by the warning that if you don't like it, you don't "get it." But most people stop calling each other chicken around the fourth grade.

*Time Code* is an ambitious gimmick, far worthier of discussion than its plot. Shown as a continuous four-way split screen, *Time Code* goes against the traditional filmmaking grain in

numerous ways. Director Peter Figgis (*Leaving Las Vegas*), bringing his musical background to bear, literally arranged the basic screenplay on music paper as a string quartet, with bar lines indicating minutes. There was no script as such.

His 93-minute concertina was then shot in real time with four hand-held digital video cameras rolling simultaneously in different (and sometimes identical) locations. Movies have played out in real time before (Alfred Hitchcock's *Rope*), but could never be shot in one unbroken and unedited take because of the limitations of 10-minute film magazines.

Over two-dozen actors were

given story outlines and rehearsed hitting exact marks at exact times. Much of the rest, according to press releases, was improvised. Figgis, as one of the four camerapersons, could control only his own setup once they were shooting.

They shot the film 15 times — a total of 60 individual versions — and used the final day's work, complete with four fortuitous earthquake aftershocks that occurred while the cameras rolled.

Only the sound levels were manipulated to nudge your attention to a specific quadrant. The viewer, in effect, becomes the film's editor, selecting which corner of the screen to concen-

trate on at the moment.

So why be down on such an apparently important work? For one thing, the story stinks. Something about a small Hollywood movie company auditioning for a new project. Salma Hayek (*Dogma*) is a bisexual actress who does a Monica Lewinsky on Alex the Producer and used the final day's work, complete with four fortuitous earthquake aftershocks that occurred while the cameras rolled.

Saffron Burrows (*Deep Blue Sea*), Alex's wife, is somewhere across town crying to her therapist. And while this is going on, a performance artist is pitching an idea to the rest of the company's staff: a film shot in real time with digital cameras. They laugh her out of the office.



ELLIOT MARKS

One-quarter timer: Saffron Burrows stars in "Time Code."

As a result of this boorish plot, the four-way split is pretty much one part story and three parts tedious filler. Look in the lower left, there's a close-up of a clock. And up there on the right, there's Jeanne Tripplehorn chewing gum, snorting coke or playing with a cigarette lighter for minutes on end. And down there in the lower right, a security guard stands around, maybe

waiting for the next aftershock, which is the most action in the film anyway.

*Time Code* has its place as a film school project or a demo tape for Sony's digital video cameras. It is a technical achievement in that the idea proved functional.

When they find a story that's even one-fourth watchable, they may have something.

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### MUSIC

## Travis lands headlining U.S. tour

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For a band that's got two Brit Awards under its belt but had been relatively unknown in the States, Travis couldn't have asked for better luck than snagging the opening slot for Oasis' recent trek through the country. One listen to the band deemed Britain's favorite makes it easy to see what all the buzz is about.

From humble beginnings in 1996, singer-songwriter Fran Healy, guitarist Andy Dunlop, bassist Dougie Payne and drummer Neil Primrose have risen from the ashes of art school and various bartending and shoe store clerk jobs. With the long-awaited American release of their sophomore album on Epic Records, *The Man Who*, Travis is finally getting the attention they have so long deserved.

"It's been brilliant," said guitarist Andy Dunlop, in a tele-

phone interview from Atlanta May 5. Nabbing the opening slot of Oasis' tour was surely an important career move for Travis, whose British success has only begun to trickle into U.S. territory. "We knew it was important," he said of the exposure.

But Detroit got a taste of Travis two years before the recent, sold-out Oasis show. On tour with Chapel Hill's prized trio Ben Folds Five, Travis performed at The Shelter, below St. Andrews Hall. "I remember the loud metal show (upstairs)," said Dunlop in an accent as thick as fog on a dreary Glasgow day. But Travis is moving up, literally: up the charts and up the stairs to St. Andrews main stage.

*The Man Who* has garnered enough attention to cause quite a stir on either side of the Atlantic. The title of the album was taken from Oliver Sack's book *The Man Who Mistook His*

*Wife for a Hat*. Dunlop considers it to be quite an ambiguous title, allowing listeners to come to their own conclusions about its meaning.

But the title also offers an answer to all the journalists who considered the band's first album, *Good Feeling*, too much a mix of emotions. "The press kept saying we were a schizophrenic band," explained Dunlop.

While he maintains that the album was meant to be true-to-life rather than a reflection of psychosis, *The Man Who* offers a much more even flow, both musically and stylistically. But Dunlop said that it was "purely by accident."

Fran Healy writes the band's songs on his guitar in his room, then brings them to the attention of his bandmates. "At any stage you can sort of ruin it as a band," said Dunlop. "So many bands over-play." Travis' motto would be something like, "Keep

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STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

What musician doesn't strive for the level of success that could only be contained by the largest entertainment venues in the area? In an effort to make those dreams reality for local bands, The Palace Sports and Entertainment Inc. organized its Opening Act Contest.

In its second year, the contest offers some of the best local bands an opportunity for exposure unlike any other. "Because Meadow Brook, Pine Knob and The Palace are such large venues in comparison with most other venues and clubs in the area, we have the opportunity to showcase local artists on a larger scale," said Amy Bryson, publicity manager for PS&E. "This contest allows us to give talented local musicians the experience and exposure of performing in front of thousands of people they may otherwise not get to do."

Out of 251 submissions from area bands, eight finalists were chosen by a panel of judges who book and promote the events for the three venues. The judges considered all genres of music and asked for feedback from local media to narrow down their choices. Only three will win opening spots for artists performing at Pine Knob Music Theatre in Independence Township this summer and Meadowbrook Music Festival in Rochester

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Hills. The finalists in this year's competition are Blue Dahlia, Domestic Problems, Scott Fab, Kingsnakes, Knee Deep Shag, Molly, Rooster and Southfield.

Ten judges (including myself) have been chosen based on their knowledge of and interest in the local scene, to narrow down the group to three lucky winners. Finalists will be judged on their overall performance and stage presence. Each band is allowed 10 minutes of stage time to perform about two original songs.

Ken Karasek, drummer of Rooster and a former Rochester resident, said he's "extremely thrilled." "We all are. It's always been a dream of ours to play the Palace, Pine Knob or Meadowbrook."

Together since 1997 and based in Lake Orion, Rooster's twangy Americana rock sound has catapulted the band from the local scene to performing regular gigs across the Midwest and recording in Nashville. The band's debut, *Solid State*, has been followed up by recent recordings with producer Clark Hagen (Chet Atkins, Ray Stevens). "We're gonna do the best we can," said Karasek. "We're completely prepared."

The Kingsnakes entered the contest last year, but didn't make it to the finals. The blues-rock quintet based in Westland will rely on sheer musical ability to be a worthy competitor. Bassist Tom Diaz said he doesn't think of the show as a competition. "It's just gonna be fun to go," he said of Meadowbrook, the biggest venue the 3-year-old band has ever played.

They'll be up against the power-pop of Grosse Pointe-

based quartet called Southfield — a band that got its start after singer-songwriter J.T. Harding won prize money on VH-1's *Rock and Roll Jeopardy* and used it to record a CD. Ferndale's Scott Fab will draw on his soulful sound and past performances with the likes of Sheryl Crow to compete in the competition.

From the Kalamazoo scene, Blue Dahlia and Knee Deep Shag are ready to battle it out. Blue Dahlia gained national radio airplay with three singles from the band's self-titled 1997 debut, and has recently released a 4-song EP, *Estival*. Guitarist Becky Pingston is a Clarkston native and vocalist Leslie Boughton is a Plymouth native.

Knee Deep Shag will prove to be a worthy contender, holding such accolades as the 1999 Detroit Music Award for Best Urban/Funk Artist. On the heels of the band's latest and most profound album to date, *Good Disguise*, Knee Deep Shag can pack a house.

Then, of course, you've got the Grand Rapids set, Domestic Problems and Molly. Together since 1993, Domestic Problems is a virtual party onstage, six members strong. Capturing the comical mayhem of a DP show, the band released *Live* last October and has shared the stage with heavyweights like the Dave Matthews Band, Morphine and Ben Folds Five.

With half as many members, G.R.'s punk-pop trio, Molly, relies on three-part harmonies and songs chock-full of hooks. Citing influences from the Sex Pistols to Poison, band members have said they try their hardest to make the songs come alive.



Rooster



J.T. Harding of Southfield



The Kingsnakes



Knee Deep Shag

Armed with guitars and some good old rock 'n' roll know-how, these finalists will follow in the footsteps of last year's winners, including The Atomic Numbers and Sister Seed.

Bryson noted that the Opening Act Contest is a beneficial opportunity for all musicians involved, win or lose. "Performing in front of thousands of unfamiliar faces can also serve as a huge confidence builder for the artists," she said. "The contest itself is a perfect forum for artists to get direct feedback from music writ-

ers, promoters and other people in the entertainment industry. And being able to say 'performed at Pine Knob or Meadow Brook' certainly can't hurt!"

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it as simple as possible. "The vocals are most important," said Dunlop. "You can smother a song."

One song on the album, *Slide Show*, went through many incarnations before reaching its final form. "We wanted the sound of a car behind it," recalled Dunlop. "We tried recording it in a car. After 'too much noise and bumping about,' producer Nigel Godrich (Radiohead, Beck, Pavement) opted for a backdrop of recorded street sounds. "Nigel is very much a perfectionist," said Dunlop. But it worked.

The band even went so far as to start the engines of several cars in a parking lot. "I think it's incredible," said Dunlop of the album critics call a masterpiece. "It was the first time we sounded like we sounded in our heads."

Four years after the band began, four friends solidified a space in the current wave of pop music trends. They're not so schizophrenic after all. "We got to know each other after playing so many live shows," he reasoned.

Touring steadily since last spring, the band will head back to London after the next round of shows. But they still insist Glasgow is home. "We moved to London to get a deal in the first place as a band," said Dunlop. "There was more of a chance in London."

Dunlop's musical roots trace back to his early teens. "I used to play piano when I was younger," he said. "I got into guitar. It was easier to carry about with you."

Having parents who listened to Scottish country music and developing an early obsession with metal — of the AC/DC and Kiss variety — Dunlop's early influences were scattered somewhere between the two. He picked up a guitar at age 13 and hasn't turned back.

Dunlop, now 28, said he doesn't notice much difference between touring in the States and touring in Britain. "I think people are people no matter where you go." It's that sweet sincerity that's gained Travis a sterling reputation in pop music.

While *The Man Who* spins its web around new American fans, Travis has already written enough material for a third album and plans to go back into the studio by the end of summer. Travis hopes to team up with Godrich again and record in

sunny Los Angeles. Expect the new material to reflect the sounds of a more optimistic British quartet, without abandoning the drifting melancholy beauty of *The Man Who*.

Perhaps the band's been too long away from the rainy Scotland days they remember. To borrow from another British foursome, where Travis is concerned, "Here Comes The Sun."

See Travis with guest Leona Naess, 6 p.m. Friday, May 19, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$13. (248) 645-6666.



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# Sweet Lorraine's brings comfort, joy to Marriott

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**A** Laurel Park Place shopper wanders into the newly opened Sweet Lorraine's at the Livonia Marriott and asks, "Are you open yet?"

Shhh ... don't tell anyone. They've been open nearly a month, and it's the best kept secret in Livonia.

Guests at the hotel have been "Sweet" on "Lorraine" since the restaurant opened in April. It's become their home away from home and a surprise discovery for shoppers, office workers, and people in the neighborhood who didn't know it moved in.

Lorraine Platman is meeting in a corner booth with her kitchen staff. Suddenly, she jumps up and goes to the kitchen. She emerges minutes later apologizing and explaining that she had to talk to one of the staff about the way a sandwich was served.

"It's a grilled sandwich. It's supposed to be golden brown and the cheese melted," she said.

Platman cares about food. That's one of the ingredients of her success. She's very hands-on, and she pushes her staff to excel.

"The people knew how to cook, but they're working triple harder. They're working with fresh ingredients, and they're enthused," she said.

Executive Chef Clark DeKett, who grew up in Redford Township and studied culinary arts at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills, agrees.

"We're working harder, but we're considerably more satisfied," he said. "We enjoy the food. It's challenging and satisfying. It has a global perspective. It's a very large menu. There are new recipes to learn. They're all complicated, but all are wonderful."

DeKett, who has worked for the Marriott for 10 years, com-

## Sweet Lorraine's Café

**Where:** Marriott Hotel, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, off Six Mile Road next to Laurel Park Place, Livonia, (734) 953-7480.

**Open:** 6:30-11 a.m. breakfast menu and buffet; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. lunch; 4-11 p.m. dinner, lounge open to midnight, Monday-Thursday; 4 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, dinner; lounge open to 1 a.m. Weekend breakfast buffet 8 a.m. to noon Saturday; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.

**Menu:** World-beat cuisine with emphasis on fresh, seasonal ingredients from local purveyors Children's menu available.

**Cost:** Breakfast \$5-\$15, Lunch \$6-\$12; Dinner \$7-\$19.

**Reservations:** Recommended for parties of 6 or more; call ahead seating available.

**Carryout:** Available.

**Credit Cards:** All majors accepted.

**Seats:** 146; smoking allowed in the lounge area.

pares the orchestration of a meal to playing the piano. "You can play notes and read music, but you've got to get the melody down. It's the nuances, the taste, that make a product wonderful."

Consistency is also important. Repeat performances have to be as good as the first. Platman's recipes include notes on presentation, and she's a stickler for detail. "I want to be able to reproduce the same dish next year," she said.

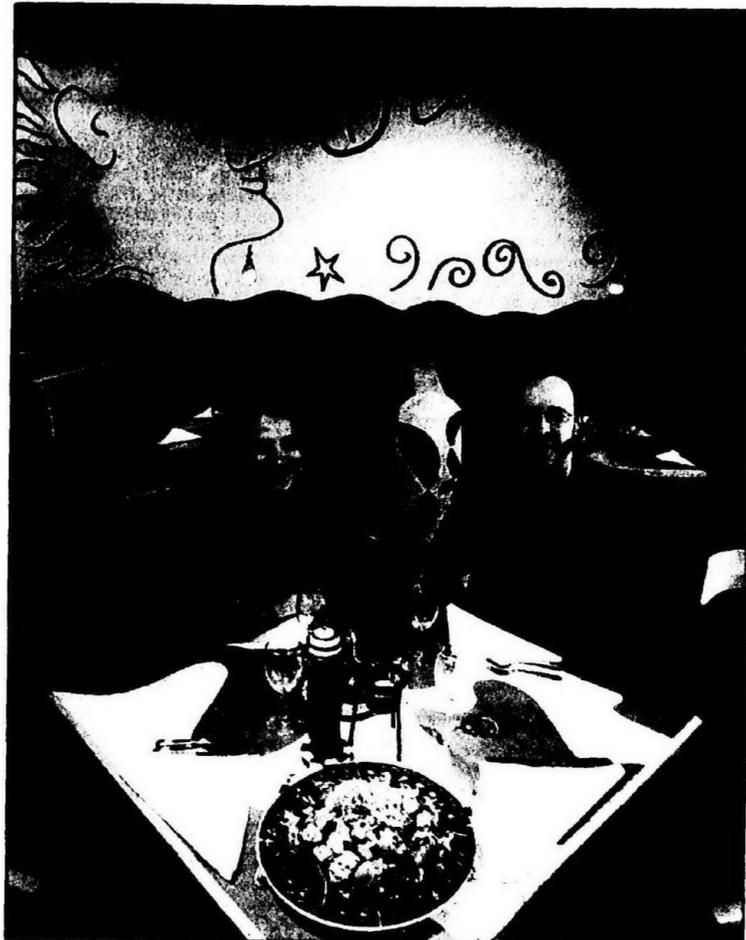
Everything, even the bread and desserts, is made fresh daily. The menu reflects what's in season and changes accordingly. Duck was added as a regular item, along with "French Onion" Steak Tenderloin - Angus beef tenderloins served over garlic toasted croutons, caramelized onions and a French onion sauce, topped with melted mozzarella cheese.

You can get a sandwich, burger, main-dish salad, pasta, seafood or chicken. There are a number of vegetarian items, including the new Brie Portabello Melt. Specials and soups change daily. Cream of tomato soup is offered daily because customers requested it.

The lunch menu is lighter with fewer side dishes. "It's for people who are on a time, dollar and calorie budget," said Gary Sussman, Platman's husband and business partner.

Desserts are comforting and reassuring, ones Platman remembers from her childhood in England - Apple Brown Betty, Blueberry Bread Pudding and Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp. They're warm desserts served with a dollop of Ray's ice cream.

There's a premium bar, 25 wines by the glass and 40 international and domestic beers,



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Be our guest: Lorraine Platman and Gary Sussman welcome guests to the new Sweet Lorraine's in the Livonia Marriott Hotel. For lunch or dinner, they recommend Hot Yellowfin Tuna "Nicoise" (pictured), sautéed with Yukon gold potatoes, plum tomatoes, green beans, capers and fresh herbs over organic greens with Dijon vinaigrette, a colorful and satisfying main dish salad.

including one produced by Local Color Brewery in Novi. The lemonade is always freshly squeezed, and you can get an espresso, a cappuccino or smoothie.

Diners eat in an open, colorful and comfortable setting. "We wanted something curvy to bring the ceiling down to make it more intimate," explained Sussman, pointing to shapes that resemble clouds. "We wanted it to be fun but comfortable."

Dennis Larsson of Northville painted the murals and designed the ceramic tile mosaic bar. Light fixtures are made from Italian glass. Stephen Sussman and Howard Ellman of Birmingham were the restaurant's architects.

Bringing Sweet Lorraine's to the Livonia Marriott took nearly two years. Both the hotel and the restaurant had reservations. Haydn Kramer, general manager of the Livonia Marriott, has been a fan of Sweet Lorraine's for about 10 years.

"Whenever I had special friends in town that's where I took them," said Kramer, who lives in Plymouth. "They have great food, cool music, and I

thought, 'Why can't I have this at my hotel?'"

One day when he was dining at Sweet Lorraine's in Southfield, Kramer wrote his idea to bring Sweet Lorraine's to the Livonia Marriott on a business card and gave it to Platman. However, she and Sussman weren't the only people to whom Kramer had to sell the idea.

"It was a long, steady battle of convincing a lot of people on both sides," he said. "I had to propose it to people at all different levels of the company. It's a great product. It's that special place where you feel special. It even sounded special."

With Kramer as the catalyst, the Marriott and Sweet Lorraine's began collaborating on a

restaurant. "Their strength is that they're innkeepers. We're restaurateurs. It's a win-win deal," said Sussman.

All of the staff is employed by the Marriott, but the recipes and concepts are Sweet Lorraine's.

Bill Marriott, chief executive officer of the hotels that bear his family's name, recently had dinner at Sweet Lorraine's. "He was enchanted with it," said Kramer. "He loved it and thought the food was wonderful."

Platman is working on the breakfast menu and introducing some of Sweet Lorraine's popular brunch items. Making her guests feel special is a priority. "We get lots of special requests," she said. "And we bend over backwards to fill them."

Home away from home: Colorful and comfortable Sweet Lorraine's at the Livonia Marriott has become a popular dining spot for hotel guests, Laurel Park Place shoppers, and people who work or live nearby.



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We're putting together a list of steakhouses for Father's Day and outdoor dining destinations. If you want to be included, send, fax or e-mail restaurant locations, hours and menus to Wygonik as soon as possible.

### DINNER DATES

■ The Lark - Annual Italian

theme dinner 7 p.m. Monday or Tuesday, May 22 or 23. Cost \$90 per person, not including tax or gratuity. The restaurant is at 6430 Farmington Road, north of Maple, West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-4466 for reservations/information.

■ **Too Chez** - Executive Chef Greg Upshur will prepare his prix fixe Organic Vegetarian Feast 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 23. The cost is \$28 per person at Too Chez Restaurant, 27155 Sheraton Drive, Novi. A selection of organic wines will also be available for purchase with the meal. For reservations/information call (248) 348-5555. Too Chez is open,

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday for lunch, and 5:30-10 p.m. for dinner. Closed Sunday.

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cially for the restaurant chain. The subs are prepared and then run open-faced through an oven to melt the cheese and toast the bread before being served. The Farmington Hills Quizno's is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Customers can order to take out or to eat in the dining room. Call (248) 626-QUIZ to place your carryout order.

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