

Meet the Candidates

You are invited to attend a Candidates Night for the 2000 Plymouth Canton Board of Education election, sponsored by the Plymouth and Canton Observers and the Livonia League of Women Voters, which includes the Plymouth and Canton community.

FORUM

The forum will be conducted from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main.

Candidates seeking election to two four-year terms include incumbents Lt. Dennis and Judy Skidmore, and newcomers James Brannon, Kathleen Payne and Carl Heston.

The forum will be moderated by Anne Marie Graham-Rodriguez of Canton, a member of the League of Women Voters.

Call the Observer at 488-2700 for more information.

Graham questions investments

Former city Finance Director Bill Graham found some of the financial decisions made by current Finance Director Mark Christiansen questionable, and now has Christiansen scrambling to answer those questions.

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In his normal duties as a Plymouth city commissioner, it was Bill Graham's turn to peruse and approve the bills for the city of Plymouth before they were presented to the rest of the

commission.

However, earlier this month, Graham saw something he didn't like.

And now the commissioner, a former Plymouth city finance director, is questioning why \$800,000 in city money has been invested out of state, without the knowledge of the city commission

and against the provisions of the city charter.

What caught Graham's eye among the bills was the investment in two certificates of deposit with Key Bank in Albany, N.Y. — one for \$500,000 with money from the city's budget stabilization fund, and the other for \$300,000 from the cemetery trust fund.

Graham is also questioning why the city paid a total commission of \$4,188 to a brokerage firm, Multi State Securities of Southfield, for investing the money, which is generally done at no cost.

"At the time the CDs were issued, 6.8 percent would have been a very good market rate for a one-year municipal CD," said Graham in a note to his fellow commissioners. "However, when the commission paid by the city of Plymouth is factored against the rate on the CDs, the prospective yield is reduced to approximately 6.54 percent, which was readily available in the local market."

Graham said at the time the city made its investments last March, rates

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HomeTown forms digital mall concept

HomeTown Communications Network, the parent company of this newspaper, announced today formation of a new subsidiary corporation, hometowndigital.com.

The new company will carry out HomeTown's emerging Internet strategy, which includes creating a local electronic mall on the Internet. The e-mall, to be called "hometown-mall.com," will offer local merchants an easy and inexpensive way to get into the rapidly growing field of electronic commerce.

For readers of this newspaper, the e-mall will offer a quick and convenient way to use the Web to shop their favorite local merchant from the comfort and convenience of home.

"An 'e-mall' works just like an ordinary shopping center," according to Phil Power, chairman of HomeTown Communications Network. "But instead of being made of bricks and mortar like an ordinary mall, it exists in cyberspace, like amazon.com," Power explained.

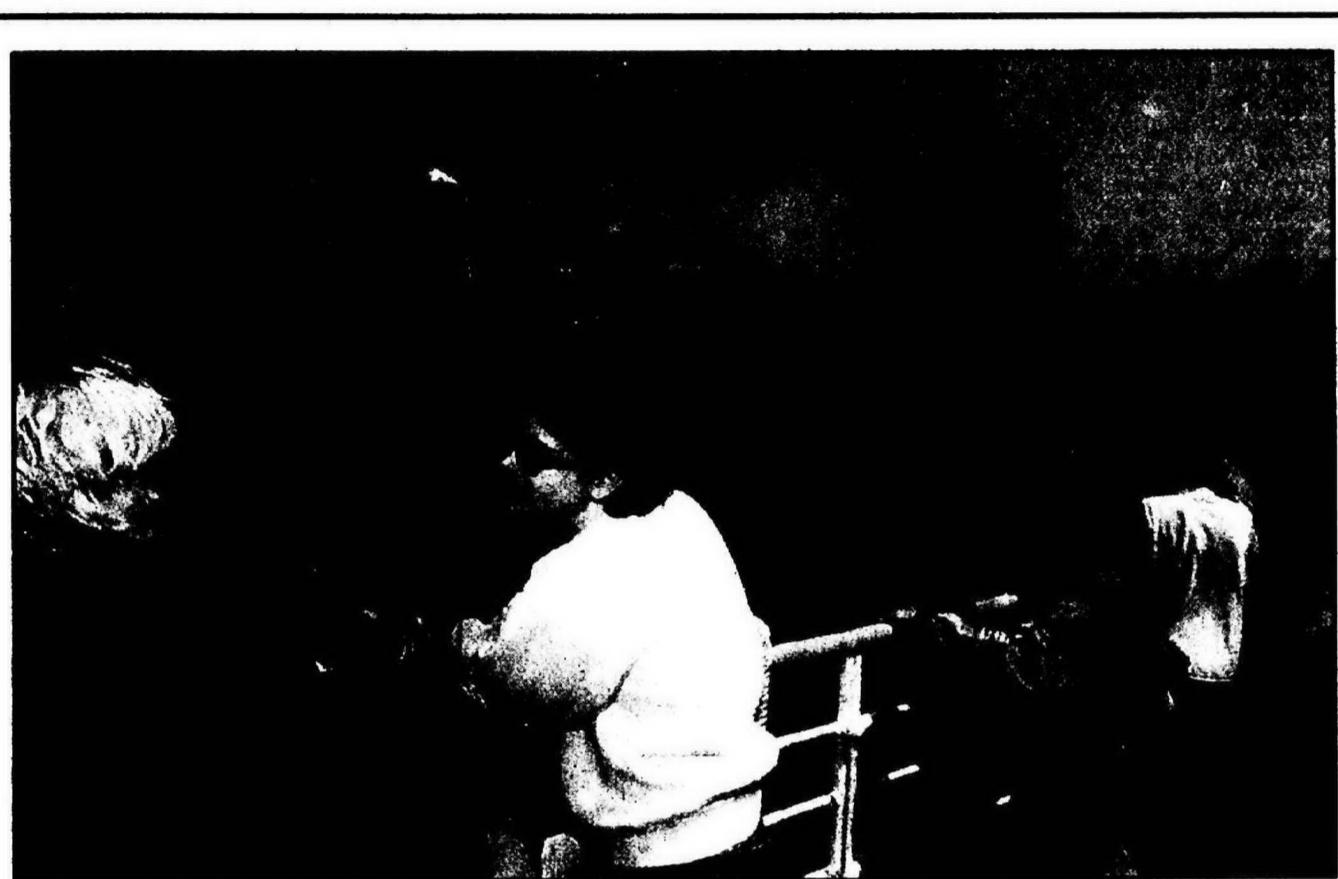
"Tenants in hometown-mall.com will be local businesses, each having their own Web site within the e-mall. These same merchants already have stores right around the corner from our readers. So shoppers at hometown-mall.com can either do their shopping from home — 24 hours a day, seven days a week — or run down to the local store to check out an item they see on the Web.

"What's special about this approach is that it links familiar local businesses with readers of our hometown newspapers through the device of a local electronic mall. It's not something abstract and distant, the way most e-commerce feels today, or even

'What's special about this approach is that it links familiar local businesses with readers of our hometown newspapers.'

Phil Power
—HomeTown
Chairman

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Cruisin': Hoben students, teachers and parents got a perfect view of the downtown Detroit skyline as they sailed down the Detroit River after circling Belle Isle aboard the Diamond Queen.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCKMANN

Sawyer-esque

River cruise teaches students about city

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It was a bright, sunny day as second, third and fourth-graders from Hoben Elementary in Canton boarded the Diamond Queen riverboat for an excursion on the Detroit River.

The outing was part of their community unit in social studies, learning about commerce along the river, the development of the city, economic growth and careers provided by the waterway.

"I hope they learn something about the river and the skyline of the city, different landforms and jobs along the river ... as well as having a good time," said Michelle Foster, third grade teacher. "In our social studies curriculum we use Detroit as a home community, and for many it's foreign to them because they don't live there. It's

important they see such things as the Renaissance Center, Hart Plaza and the People Mover so they know what we're talking about."

"Hopefully they'll learn about what kinds of jobs are associated with the river, such as fishing, and how important the various jobs are to the development around the Detroit area," said Maryann Hammill, third grade teacher. "We're learning about three different cities ... Tokyo, London and Detroit ... and how they all are located on ports and how they've developed."

The 20-mile journey began just south of downtown Detroit and continued upriver past Belle Isle and back on the 97-foot cruise boat as students waved at nearby fishermen and passing freighters, watched as Detroit police divers trained in the water, and

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Breezy: Jennifer and Katie Rokakis, 9, peer over the railing as they cruise the Detroit River on the Diamond Queen.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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Summer concerts: Rock, pop, country and classics await at Meadow Brook Music Festival, Pine Knob and other summer music venues. / E1

Festival: Carol A. Marvin, a Livonia native and Plymouth resident, talks about the Detroit Electronic Music Festival, Saturday-Monday, May 27-29, at Hart Plaza. / E7

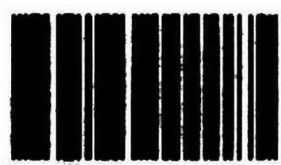
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Prom Night

Alternative: Pam West of Canton, 18, and Harold Crisman of Bloomfield Township bucked the conventional gown and tux fashion at the combined Canton and Salem High School prom Friday. For more on the prom, see today's HomeTown Life, Section B.



Incumbent wants shot at continuing efforts

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Plymouth-Canton school board trustee Elizabeth Givens said she still has goals to accomplish, and that's why she's running for a second four-year term on the board of education in the June 12 election.

"The first two years on the board you get up and running, and the second two years are productive," said Givens. "I felt it would be more productive with the experience I have to move on the next four years."

"During the last four years we've had two bond projects, started three schools and hired a superintendent," added Givens. "I feel it's a fiscal and educa-



Elizabeth Givens

SCHOOL ELECTION

tional commitment to move forward with those situations. The next person, if I'm not re-elected, would have to come up to full speed on all of that."

Givens lists her top three issues for the district as building the new schools, working to increase the district's state foundation grant, and improving the labor management system.

"We have three schools in progress, and it's important the money is spent properly and they are opened on time," she said. "We also have some redistricting issues to address at the elementary level."

Concerning the district's foundation grant, Givens believes the district has finally gotten the ear of local and state legislators.

"The last time we were in Lansing, I

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prone to risk of abuse or fraud," Power said. "We'll start with local merchants whose stores are familiar to our readers. We'll provide them with Web page design and hosting services in our e-mail. And we'll connect them with our readers through regular promotions in our trusted hometown newspapers," Power added.

"A strong Internet presence is vital for any company these days. But there are lots of local businesses that want to get on the Web but don't quite know how to do it or figure it just costs too much," Power explained. "We think we can help these folks out and, at the same time, provide a real service to our local readers."

According to Dave Morin, HomeTown's Vice President for Technology, all the Internet activities now located in the various newspapers of the group will eventually be transferred to hometowndigital.com, the new corporation. "We think it's far better for our digital staff to concentrate solely on Internet applications and e-commerce in a corporate environment quite distinct from our newspapers," he explained.

Morin also said he is looking for able, energetic and entrepreneurial people to join the new company.

"For people who want to be part of the most exciting industry in the world today, this is an



HomeTown Chairman Phil Power

ideal opportunity. Right now, we're looking for a general manager to build and drive the organization. It's a terrific opportunity to get in on the ground floor of the most exciting Internet organization in the region." Morin can be reached by e-mail at dmorin@homecomm.net.

Morin explained that the new company would be incorporated within HomeTown Communications Network on the idea that, if successful, it might be spun out and taken public.

Offices for hometowndigital.com will be located in Southeastern Michigan, currently a hotbed of Internet and information technology organizations. Morin said he is looking for space in Ann Arbor, Royal Oak or Birmingham.

Hopefuls make final decisions, races take shape

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Richard Reaume, who filed as a candidate for both the Plymouth Township supervisor and treasurer races, has decided to run for the treasurer's spot.

He will face both incumbent Ron Edwards and term-limited state Rep. Gerald Law, whose term as state representative will soon end.

"I love my community and knew I wanted to serve the township residents," Reaume said. "I researched the positions and evaluated my experience with finance and computers in the private sector and determined the treasurer position

was the best fit. I will be there to work for the children, parents, and senior citizens of our township. I am going to run on my own merits and have a grassroots campaign dedicated to the residents."

Reaume is the owner of World Wide Express, a Plymouth Township company, and a Schoolcraft College trustee.

Reaume's decision leaves incumbent Kathleen Keen McCarthy to run against Steve Mann, a Plymouth Township police officer.

Only one other race saw any changes as of Friday's deadline to make such decisions. Deputy Township Clerk Sandra Groth pulled out of the clerk's race, leaving incumbent Marilyn Mas-

sengill to face former township Supervisor Maurice Breen.

When Massengill's brother died in a car accident several months ago, Massengill encouraged Groth to run. Besides the shock of his death, Massengill spent several more months tending to her mother, who died last Thursday. Her funeral was Monday.

"Her passing was a message that I should run for another term," Massengill said.

Groth said Monday that she "absolutely" supports Massengill.

Candidates had until 4 p.m. Friday to withdraw their petitions.

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 make-up of 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.

In the trustee race, incumbents Chuck Curmi, Kay Arnold and Ron Griffith are joined by Abe Munfakh, a former trustee, and newcomers Jerry Trumpka, John Morrison, Charlene Helen Berry, Clayton (Pete) Stacey and James Karrell. The top four vote-getters will win seats.

Corrections

The caption beneath a photo on the front page of the May 18 Plymouth Observer should have said Salem High School counselor June Swartz was talking to Sen. Carl Levin, not Carey Gary.

A chart listing the planned reorganization of the Plymouth-Canton school administration listed the wrong salaries for three jobs. According to school officials, the estimated 2000-01 salary for the technology coordinator is \$77,688, while the directors of elementary and secondary education, respectively, are scheduled to make approximately \$87,011.

Plymouth woman joins firm

Plymouth resident Kelly Bee Mangion has joined Kraemer Design Group PLC as a project manager. Formerly director of interiors at Coquillard Dundon, Peterson & Argenta in Southfield, Mangion has experience in space planning, programming, architectural design, interior design, con-

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struction documentation and construction administration. Past clients include Oakland Community College, L'Anse Creuse Schools, the city of Dearborn, and the city of Plymouth.

Mangion received a bachelor of science degree in architecture from Lawrence Technological University in 1997. She earned an associate of arts degree in interior design from the University of Charleston Carlton Varney School of Design in 1992.

Open house

Emerald City Designs hosts an open house celebrating its new showroom located in the heart of Plymouth's Old Village. Emerald City is a special event florist and event coordinating group.

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saw various sites along the riverfront, including Joe Louis Arena, the Renaissance Center and Manogian Mansion.

"We learned some of the workers are boat drivers and some are police on boats to catch people who are going too fast or people who aren't wearing their life jackets," said Caliee Behnke, 8, of Canton, who said she'd never before been on the Detroit River.

"I'd never heard of the Detroit River before," added Katie Wiley, 8, of Canton. "We're learning about the ocean and this kind of reminds me about the ocean."

"I learned about the different land forms, like the United States and Canada," said Ben Walter, 7, from Canton. "And about jobs on the river, like the people who fish on a boat."

And, even if they didn't learn much, just seeing Detroit from the riverboat view will give students a perspective many never even knew existed.

"Many of the students have never seen Detroit before, and this is a great way to see it," said teacher Becky Nawrot. "We'll talk about natural resources, how the river is used in industry and what we saw along the river when we get back to class. This will help make things more real to them, what we don't get by just reading out of a social studies book."



Side-seat drivers: Jared Barry, 9, and Josh Greenhalge, 7, watch as Captain Larry Millen helms the Diamond Queen.

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Chief disciplines dispatcher

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Plymouth Township dispatcher Kathleen Johnson's public statements to the press about staffing levels in her department have escalated to discipline.

Johnson, who told the press that two midnight shifts earlier this month wouldn't be covered, was disciplined May 17 with a written reprimand for her actions. Plymouth Township Police Chief Larry Carey said Johnson's statements that the shifts would be unmanned was false.

"That was a lie," Carey said. "They were going to be manned. We had overtime posted to staff it. We had every intention to staff it."

Johnson is alleging sexual discrimination because she was pulled from the day shift and assigned to the midnight shift after a male dispatcher threatened to quit if he couldn't work days. Johnson's probation was also extended six months as discipline.

Both dispatchers are former part-time Plymouth dispatchers, who became full-time Plymouth Township dispatchers shortly after the Nov. 1 merger of the emergency dispatch operations of both municipalities that is now called the Plymouth Community Communications Center.

Still probationary

Both are still on six month probation because they moved to full-time positions in Plymouth Township. "I have an employee (Kathy) who is violating rules and regulations," Carey said. "She is the one who brought to everyone's attention that we have short shifts and asked, 'how can we allow this to happen?' So I have to change the schedule to make the corrections that she has pointed out to everyone, screaming that the sky is falling."

"Both people are on probation and I have the right to assign probationary employees anywhere I want according to the contract," Carey said. "I'm not going to lose a good employee to keep the bad one. She has seniority, but she is a probationary employee. Probationary employees cannot select shifts and are assigned to shifts at the sole discretion of management. It was for the good of the department so the guy wouldn't quit. I can't afford to have anybody else quit."

Neither Mann nor David Hayes, the POAM vice-president, would acknowledge "sexual discrimination" in this case.

"That's the first time I have heard of it," Hayes said.

Grievance procedure

The union will file a grievance Monday countering Johnson's probationary extension as discipline. The union has won other cases when extended probation was used as discipline, Mann said.

Hayes referenced contract language stating that no employee shall be subject to disciplinary

action without just cause. "Employees have the right to express or communicate any views, grievances, complaints or opinions related to the conditions or compensation of public employment or their betterment, all free from any and all restraint, interferences, coercion, discrimination or reprisal," according to the union contract that runs to Dec. 31, 2002.

During two shifts last Saturday and Sunday dispatchers worked overtime because an employee called in sick. Communications Supervisor Herbert Rockwell also worked. Police officers also worked dispatch, according to Steve Mann, a union president who resigned this week to avoid conflict of interest concerns because he is running for township supervisor.

"Police officers can do the job," Mann said. They aren't trained in all aspects of computer entry, he said, but that information can be written on paper and then input by the dispatcher later.

"We try to have two people sitting on the desk during peak hours," Carey said. "If we have manpower shortages, we fill them."

The union communicated several times to management their concerns about staffing levels in dispatch and Johnson was speaking about those levels, Hayes said.

Carey maintains staffing levels cannot be disclosed to the public. "Are we going to tell the bad guys that we have one officer and one dispatcher working on Friday night and that it is a good time to do a B&E (breaking and entering)," Carey asked rhetorically. "Working here you are privileged to information that shouldn't be shared with the general public."

Made public

Though Johnson doesn't mind having her disciplinary case discussed in public and has expressed the same to Mann and Hayes, Carey said his position requires employee privacy concerns.

"She can talk about discipline because it is what happened to her," Carey said.

Employees are subject to disciplinary action for speech constituting treason, libel, slander, perjury, incitement to riot or knowingly false statements regarding department operations of personnel, according to the Employee Speech Policy of March 15, 1998.

When employees are off duty and out of uniform, they enjoy the same speech rights as other citizens, except for restriction on partisan political speech imposed by law or for specific restriction imposed by department policy.

Policy dictates employees are required not to disclose any "confidential" information obtained by virtue of their employment to people not specifically authorized to receive such information. "Uncertainty over whether particular information is 'confidential' should be resolved by consultation with the Chief,"

according to the regulations. "Employees must receive the prior permission of the Chief before making any public appearance unofficially representing the department or one that gives the impression they are representing the department."

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in the Plymouth market were 6.6-6.75 percent "with no commission for one year, which is a better deal than two years."

And Graham isn't pleased the city went out of state to invest its money when there are plenty of local banking establishments that would have provided a competitive interest rate without a commission fee. He aimed his criticism squarely at Finance Director Mark Christiansen.

"He's taken \$800,000 of the city's money out of the community," said Graham. "Why would he do that when there are banks and other financial institutions around here? These people pay taxes in this community, they provide jobs, and to my knowledge they weren't given an opportunity to get this money. When was the last time Key Bank paid taxes in the city of Plymouth or otherwise contributed to the community?"

"We have a conservative policy on investments, and I had assessments and a budget to prepare so I went with a broker," said Christiansen. "He assured me we would get the best rate possible. In retrospect, it may have been wiser to do it on our own. I probably won't deal with him again."

In his defense, Christiansen said it takes time, which isn't always easy to come by, to find financial institutions and get quotes before deciding who to invest with. And Christiansen insists he received a pretty good rate by investing the money for two years instead of one, which would have meant locking in a lower interest rate.

Graham said when he first brought his concerns to City Manager David Rich, he was told Christiansen was trying to "hedge the market."

"You don't hedge the market where the rates are on the incline," said Graham, a 25-year

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Bill Graham
—City commissioner



banker who spent nine years as the city's finance director. "He mentioned the Federal Reserve interest rate hike... the implication being that when the Fed raises the interest rates the bank rates would come down, when exactly the opposite happens. When the Fed raises rates, the interest rates for deposits and CDs go up. I'm not sure what school of economics he went to."

"I would venture to make the statement that most, if not all, the communities the size of Plymouth would never exceed one year as a maximum investment term. You want to be able to track the market."

Graham said he has several questions concerning the investments and how they conflict with provisions in the charter.

"The charter clearly states that the city commission shall designate the depository or depositories," said Graham. "This begs the underlying question as to whether the commission did, in fact, approve Key Bank in Albany a depository for the city of Plymouth. My sense is this did not happen."

Christiansen believes the depository is the bank the city deals with on a more daily basis, which is National City, and is approved by the commission.

Graham said he also has concerns as to whether Multi Bank Securities meets "specific minimum criteria which securities dealers must meet."

Graham contends the city's rules and regulations provide for the finance director to supply a

quarterly report to commissioners "on the investment portfolio and the nature of investments. He's never done that."

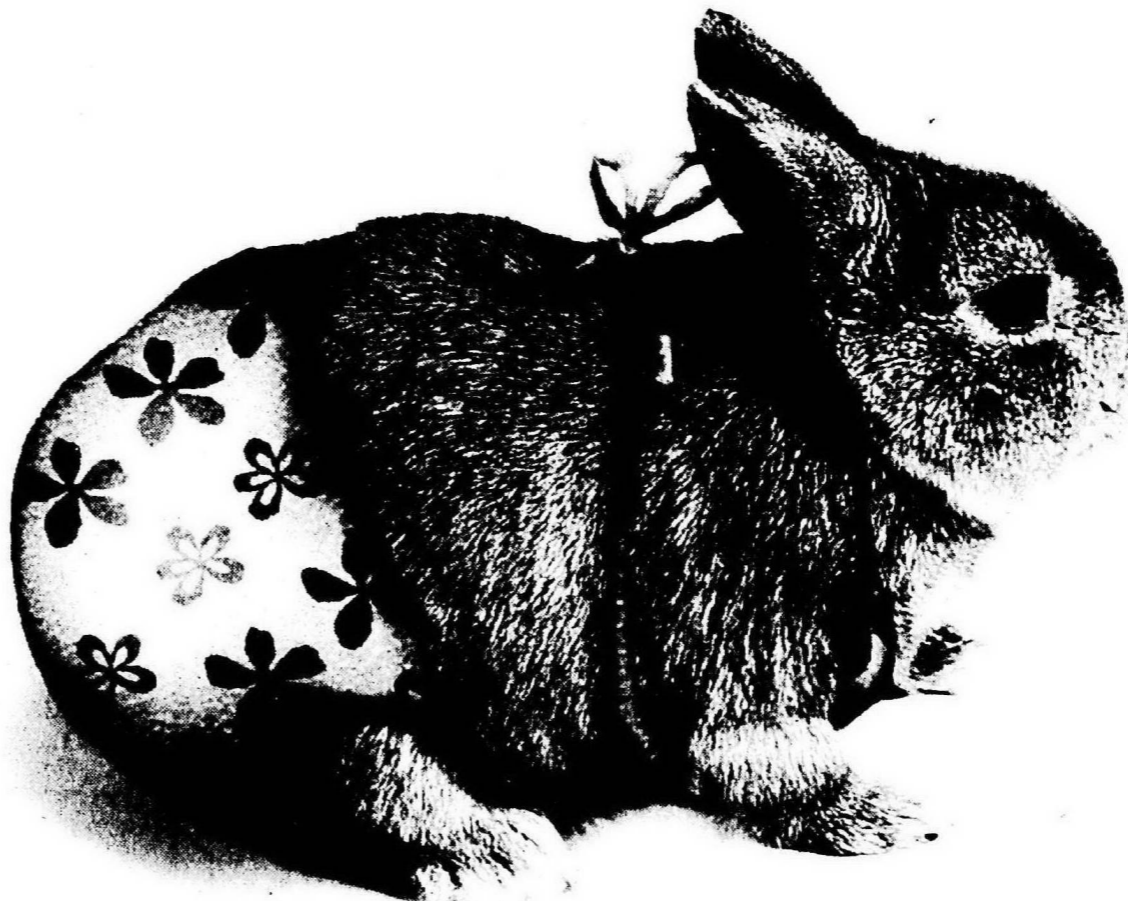
Graham is suggesting the establishment of a three-member Investment Oversight Committee made up of commissioners to assure compliance with the charter as it pertains to investments. That is something Christiansen also suggests so the city can reap the most from its investments.

"The city administration has proven its lack of comprehension of the charter, or its blatant desire not to comply," added Graham. "Well, to me it's a very big issue because it deals with the charter and the policies that the city commission approved. If that's not serious, then I don't know what is."

In fact, Graham believes this is just another in a series of issues the city administration has failed to address properly.

"This is the same mindset that recently brought before the city commission a recommendation calling for a future water rate increase in excess of 20 percent in order to generate \$750 million per year in revenues for some undisclosed water and sewer infrastructure repairs," said Graham. "The same mindset that came up with an 81 percent rate increase to redeem the water and sewer fund from prior mismanagement, the same mindset that provided a prior city commission with a lot of double talk related to the nature of the Plymouth Arts Council financing problem."

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Woman's Club ready to hand out scholarships

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When the club gathers at Plymouth Manor June 6 for the 2000 Woman's Club Scholarship Awards dinner, 43 scholarships will be handed out. The scholarships range from \$250 to \$1,000 and go to qualifying Plymouth-Canton seniors. Eligible students must live in the district, or have a parent who owns a business in the district.

To qualify, students must have a minimum grade-point average of 3.3 if attending a four-year school, or 2.8 GPA if

attending a two-year school. Students are ranked according to their scholastic achievement, community service, the quality recommendations written for them, written essays and the neatness of their completed applications.

School superintendent Kathleen Booher will be the keynote speaker for the banquet. Among those scheduled to be present are Plymouth Mayor Dave McDonald, township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy and the club president, Jean Curtiss. Co-chairs K.C. Mueller and Linda Courtney will introduce the sponsors and the applicants.

Sponsors of the program include the Plymouth Observer and Plymouth Manor.

Sisters all set for 5th-annual golf fund-raiser

The IHM Sisters host their fifth annual "Royal Blue Classic" Women's Golf Outing Wednesday, June 28, at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club, Plymouth.

All levels of play are welcome in this scramble, which begins with a shotgun start.

Golf-outing packages are nine holes for \$100 and 18 holes for \$175. This includes the cart, beverage, lunch, dinner, raffle and silent auction.

A non-golfer package, which includes cocktail reception, hors d'oeuvres and dinner, is offered again this year at \$50 per person and is a great opportunity to socialize and bid on existing auction items.

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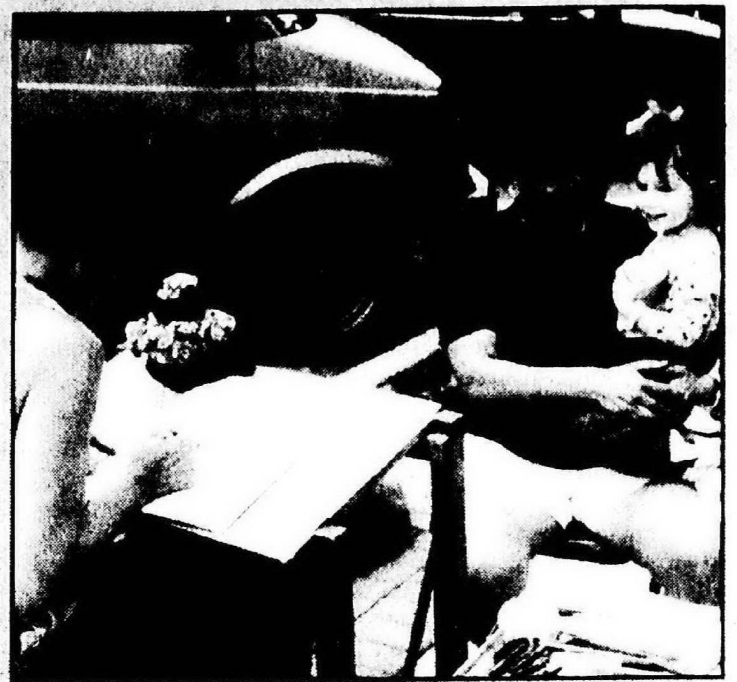
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Fine arts



Artist's rendering: Portrait artist Elaine Attridge of Plymouth sketches the image of young Estefany Santos of Waterford during a sitting at Artrageous on the streets of downtown Plymouth Sunday. Estefany is sitting on the lap of her godmother, Juanita Rodriguez of Waterford. The annual art walk drew 19 artists to 11 downtown businesses Friday through Sunday. The streets were also alive with the music of the Plymouth Symphony, other jazz and blues artists and percussion and instrumental musicians.

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think we got through to them," said Givens. "We have to pay more to hire the same teacher or bus driver in southeast Michigan than they do out-state.

"And, while Bloomfield Hills gets \$12,000 per student we receive \$6,200," she added. "We hire from the same pool, but we're at a great disadvantage because we can't pay as much."

Givens believes her work on the labor-management team has been a strong part of her first term.

"I've served on the labor-man-

agement team for three years and I've seen progress in communications," she said. "We're seeing issues being solved internally without any specific channels. But, we still have a lot of work to do."

Plymouth-Canton is still a growing school district, and is expected to continue in that mode as the townships of Canton, Plymouth and Salem increase in population. However, despite the growth in public school numbers, Givens is keep-

ing a careful eye on the development of charter schools.

"If we lose 300-400 kids, we lose the foundation grant that goes with them," Givens said. "We're looking at ways to better market the district."

"The district is aware and awake when it comes to charter schools," she added. "Parents don't automatically send their kids to public schools. We have people specifically looking for choice."

Givens admits last year the

school board was embroiled in conflict with trying to come up with a final location for the third high school and being accused of micro-managing the district.

However, she's hoping to change the way the school board functions to have a better relationship with the administration and staff.

"Over the last 20 years the board has worked individually with central administration," she said. "However, we're supposed to be a body of seven that works through the superintendent. We have to increasingly move in that direction so the board can have more time to spend on creative thinking, research and policy ... that's what we're supposed to be doing."

"The job of the board is to represent the community and ask questions, find the answers and establish policy," she added. "Board members should not be championing individual agendas."

Ann Arbor Road project finally gets green light

New project timelines for Ann Arbor Road reconstruction now show the project getting started by the third week in June.

"On May 22, we spoke with John Sanford at the Michigan Department of Transportation's Taylor office," said Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township Department of Public Services director. "Mr. Sanford explained that the delay in the start of construction to the Ann Arbor Road project, just west of Shel-

don Road to General Drive, is due to a difference in interpretation of contract language between MDOT and the low bidder."

The low bidder asked to get out of the contract but retain the bid bond, Anulewicz said.

"There will be a meeting this week to decide whether or not to allow the low bidder to retain the bid bond," Anulewicz said. He expects the project will not need to be re-bid based on conversations with Sanford.

—Sue Buck

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Golf outing rescheduled due to flooding

It was none other than Mother Nature that put a halt to the plans New Morning School had for its 5th Annual Golf Outing last week. Flooding conditions on the course caused organizers to postpone and reschedule the benefit for Thursday, June 22, at Warren Valley Golf Course.

According to George Davinich, NMS development director, the shotgun start is set for 8 a.m. and banquet arrangements remain the same at 2 p.m.

"So mark your calendars, there is plenty of room for 'new' golfers to get on board and we hope to see you all there," said Davinich. Friends of the school, parents, community

members and celebrity chairman Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara will tee off at the Warren Valley Golf Course in Dearborn Heights.

A nonprofit, parent cooperative school located in Plymouth for children in pre-K through grade eight, New Morning School is hoping to attract dozens of foursomes and individuals interested in hitting the greens for a worthy cause.

The banquet features a catered meal, trophies and prizes for those who participated. Central Distributors of Beer Inc. of Romulus is the corporate sponsor.

Proceeds from the event will support oper-

ating expenses and future expansions at the 8,500-square-foot facility on Haggerty Road. Elaine Yagiela, executive director of New Morning School, said the school serves approximately 110 students (85 families) within a 20-mile radius of their location encompassing 15 communities.

Reservations for the outing will be accepted up until the event. The cost of the event is \$500 per foursome or \$125 per individual. To participate call New Morning School, (734) 420-3331 or e-mail newmorning@mediaone.net

POLICE BLOTTER

Plymouth Township police officers arrested two men after learning from dispatch that the Livonia Police Department had experienced an attempted car theft about 7:11 a.m. May 20.

Plymouth Township police found a "small, credit card-like tool" and a cell phone they later determined was stolen on one man. Livonia police said there were a number of larcenies reported in the Livonia area where the attempted theft occurred.

The attempt was reported on Pere Street, three blocks east of Eckles in Livonia.

Before capture, the pair headed east on Ann Arbor Road near Knolson when they were spotted behind a party store, the police report said. They climbed the fence on the east side of the property that led into the rear school yard of Washington Elementary.

The township officer asked dispatch to notify Livonia police and confronted the two men in the middle of the school playground. Another Plymouth Township police officer and Livonia police officers arrived moments later to assist, the report said.

Domestic assault and battery

A Hines Court teen was arrested and sent to a juvenile home earlier this month after he attacked his mother during an argument, police said.

His mother found him watching a small portable TV in his room after he was grounded from watching TV for a year.

Road rage

A motorist complained to police that he was forced into a ditch when someone cut him off on Beck Road near Clipper May 16.

Crying 'wolf'

The township police department received a 911 call after two sisters on Linden Court fought over the use of the telephone, police said. One sister dialed 911 to scare the other sister. She said she didn't intend for the call to go through to the police department, police said.

Dealer duped

A woman came into Don Massey Cadillac on Ann Arbor Road May 20 and asked to lease a Cadillac STS because she said her car was in for service at Hines Park Lincoln Mercury on Ann Arbor Road. The salesman gave her the \$53,000 car to test drive and she never returned, police said.

The salesman later called Hines Park Lincoln Mercury to inquire about the car that was in for service and discovered there was no such vehicle.

Tires stolen

A Northampton Street resident reported May 16 that someone removed the front tires and several lug nuts from the rear tires of his Ford Taurus.

—Sue Buck

Symphony ponders name change

The Plymouth Symphony Society board of directors is considering a name change for the orchestra that would more accurately reflect the geographical region the symphony serves.

While respecting the rich, 55-year tradition of the PSO, the board recognizes the changes in the surrounding community and the need to appeal to a broad constituency.

The board wishes to solicit input from Plymouth-Canton and the surrounding community regarding a potential name change. All interested parties are invited to provide input to the symphony board as it considers this important issue. Comments or suggestions can be made to the Plymouth Symphony Society, 819 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170 or send e-mail to: plymouthsymphony@aol.com.

A public forum will be scheduled in the near future to provide an opportunity for additional discussion.

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Time to tee up for annual county parks golf classic

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Get your sticks out - it's time for the annual Friends of Wayne County Parks Pro-Am Golf Classic.

The shotgun-start, best-ball scramble, proceeds from which benefit the county parks system, is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m.

Friday morning, June 9, at Warren Valley Golf Club in Dearborn Heights.

Registration and a continental breakfast begin at 6:30 a.m., with lunch following the competition at noon.

Foursomes will consist of one celebrity/golf professional and three amateurs, according to Larry Fitch, the classic's execu-

tive director.

Tickets are \$100 each. Hole sponsorships are available for \$750 and includes the pro-am foursome.

Warren Valley is located at Warren and Beech Daly Roads.

This year's event organizers, working under the direction of Friends chairwoman Debbie Dingell, hope to raise funds to pur-

chase a couple of new displays for the popular Wayne County LightFest.

The Lightfest is the annual Christmas holiday display in Hines Park.

In past years the Classic, which annually draws about 200 golfers and raises almost \$10,000, has helped the Friends purchase playground equipment for the park, according to Fitch.

The event also "gives us a chance to talk about the parks system and what we're doing and to get support from the community," added Fitch, who's also assistant parks director.

Tourney operations are directed by Ray Glenn, golf professional and manager of Warren Valley. Last year, 16 golf pros from 13 area courses competed in the event.

Also expected to be on hand will be Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara.

The Friends Pro-Am Classic was begun around 1991, before the current parks millage came into existence, Fitch said. That millage is up for renewal Aug. 8.

The Friends have helped the parks system immensely, said Fitch, because there's usually "very little money" in the parks

system budget for purchasing playground equipment or supporting the holiday light show.

Among those on the Friends board of directors are Jerry Snider, government relations director for Ford Motor Co.; Jerry Neyer of NTH Consultants; Hurley Coleman, Wayne County parks director; Ernest Burkeen, Detroit parks director; George Gillies, deputy mayor of Westland; Mike Gouin, outgoing Canton Township parks and recreation director; and former county airports director Dave Katz.

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There will be no lengthy formal presentations, but trade-fair type sessions with ample opportunity to interact with buyers from various state and local offices.

The seminar begins at 8:30 a.m. in the McDowell Center. Reservations are necessary, and can be made by calling Claudia Allen in the Michigan Office of Purchasing at 517-373-8139.

Seminar explores bioethics

A forum "Scientific Breakthroughs and Bioethics" will be 7-9 p.m. Thursday, June 1, at Washtenaw Community College Morris Lawrence Bldg. Room 103. The college is at 4800 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor.

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, is hosting the seminar. After the initial presentation by a panel of experts, panelists will be available to take questions from the audience.

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Bankes unopposed for commission; Hunter quits clerk race

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Wayne County Clerk Teola P. Hunter canceled her run for re-election and threw her support behind her protégé, Chief Deputy Clerk Veronica Massey, in the upcoming Democratic primary election.

Hunter, who has held the office since 1991, withdrew Friday, citing continuing health problems resulting from a June 5, 1999, automobile accident in which she was injured.

Because no Republican filed for the primary, that election will determine the next county clerk.

The lone Democrat's withdrawal assured Republican incumbent Lyn Bankes of re-election as 10th District primary for Wayne County commissioner.

Bankes, a Livonian serving her first term as commissioner, had no primary opponent and was to face Democrat Patrick Timothy Sullivan of Livonia in the November general election.

But Sullivan withdrew when he realized he had registered in the wrong district: He lives in the 9th District, the eastern Livonia area represented by Commissioner Kathleen Husk of Redford Township. Husk also is up for re-election.

Sullivan, a first-time candidate, said Tuesday, "I was in



County Clerk Teola Hunter

Bankes' district" when she was a state representative from Livonia and that had created some confusion.

Bankes understood: "You've got a congressional district number, a senate district number, a county commission district number - you can't blame somebody for being confused." Bankes had represented him for six years in Lansing.

Besides, Bankes said, there's always a drop-off in votes: A lot of people vote for president of the United States, but by the time they get down to county commissioner, many don't vote because

they don't know who represents them.

Bankes said he had expected both a primary and a general election race, but she welcomed the reprieve from personal campaigning. She will, however, host a Republican fund-raiser and "will be very busy electing Republicans."

"It gives me the opportunity to concentrate more on the budget process. Since we're running a deficit this year, it's more important than ever for me to concentrate" on that issue."

A Democratic county commissioner, the 13th District's Susan L. Hubbard of Dearborn, also was assured of re-election by the withdrawal of her lone primary opponent, Abed Hammoud, also Dearborn. No Republican filed.

Sharon Flowers of Detroit withdrew from the six-candidate field in the Democratic primary for 6th District commissioner, a seat held by George Cushingberry Jr., who is seeking re-election.

Opposing him are fellow Detroiters Clifford Woodards II, Alan Bond, Raymond H. Cheeks and Edith Lee-Payne.

Two Democratic primary candidates for prosecuting attorney, Detroiters Daryl Marie Carson and John Patrick Anderson, withdrew from that race.

That reduced the field to five candidates: Michael E. Duggan of Livonia, deputy county execu-

tive; state Sen. Virgil C. Smith of Detroit, who is being term-limited from office; George E. Ward of Plymouth, chief assistant prosecutor to retiring Prosecutor John D. O'Hair; attorney Sharon McPhail of Detroit, who has previously run for Detroit mayor and Wayne County executive; and attorney Jennifer L.M. Colthirst of Detroit, a political unknown.

Ron Cleveland of Detroit was the only Democrat to withdraw from the register of deeds primary, reducing the field to 14 candidates who are seeking to succeed retiring registrar Forest E. Youngblood.

Among them are Edna Bell, former 8th District County Commissioner; state Rep. Thomas H. Kelly of Wayne, who is term-limited; Jim Netter of Wayne, Western Wayne NAACP chairman; Myron H. Wahls Jr. of Detroit, son of the late state court of appeals judge; and Bernard J. Youngblood of Grosse Pointe Farms, a third cousin to the incumbent.

County Clerk Hunter said Tuesday her physical problems have made it "very difficult to work and I am continuously going from one doctor to another

to correct it." The withdrawal ends a 20-year career in politics, during which she served 12 years as a state representative.

"I love being a public servant, and the decision (not to run) was something I had to agonize on," said Hunter, whom observers credit with giving her office a classy touch. "My decision was not a welcome decision, but a necessary decision."

In endorsing Massey, she said "Nobody else could do the job. The deputy clerk is responsible for the day-to-day activities of the office."

Man files complaint against clerk

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A complaint by a Redford Township man against County Clerk Teola Hunter is scheduled for a hearing June 13 before Chief Circuit Court Judge Michael F. Sapala.

Sapala said he issued the summons to Hunter to respond to the complaint and "show cause why she should not appear" before him for disciplinary action.

The summons is in response to a writ of mandamus filed by Joseph Ditzhazy of Redford and

is "an order based on a complaint (the writ) which anybody in the world can file," the judge said - a reference to the writ's being part of the U.S. Constitution. "It requires a pleading from the opposite side" in a complaint.

He said Hunter or her office could provide a response "which would indicate there is no reason why they should appear and ask for dismissal."

Sapala said he could not comment further "on a pending case out of fairness to both sides."

Ditzhazy charged that Hunter "has been mis-using state laws

and administratively abusing Michigan citizens" in the issuing of marriage licenses, birth certificates and in "the treatment of indigents regarding Circuit Court filings."

Clerks in her office "have created requirements due to laziness and not" due to "any requirement backed by law," he claimed.

Ditzhazy is chairman of the Reform Party of Wayne County.

Hunter did not respond to a request for comment by the Observer.

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Ready to tumble: Tania and Peter Gueorguiev in the Euro Stars Gymnastics training center on General Drive in Plymouth.



Balancing act

Gymnasts tumble onto local scene

BY TRACEY BIRKENHAUER
STAFF WRITER

For years, Tania and Peter Gueorguiev taught Michigan children gymnastics in a variety of locations, from Saline to Adrian.

"The kids just followed us wherever we went," said Tania, 33. "Some of them have basically grown up with us."

They always wanted their own place in which to teach young pupils, but they couldn't find just the right location. After years of searching, they found a home in a Plymouth industrial park.

In February, the couple from Westland opened their new business, Euro Stars Gymnastics, at 9229 General Drive. With about 8,000 square feet, it's located in a former piano factory.

"There was no gym in this area," said Peter, 34. "And the people around here seemed really friendly." The Gueorguievs moved to the



Helping hand: Peter Gueorguiev spots a young gymnast on the uneven bars, as other team members await their turn.

here by the United States Gymnastics Federation to train athletes.

Both trainers have significant credentials. They both have more than 15 years of coaching experience and have been practicing gymnastics since early childhood. They've been married 13 years and have two children, Elena, 13, and Anthony, 3.

They were both members of the Bulgarian National Team and received gymnastics and physical education degrees from the University of Bulgaria.

"This is our life," Tania said. "We grew up doing this."

Peter's team took fifth place in the 1998 Seoul Olympics. He took fourth place in the 1987 world championships in Rotterdam.

An Achilles tendon injury kept Tania from Olympic competition.

With so much experience, students - and their parents - trust the Gueorguievs.

"You've got to have coaches your kids like and you're comfortable with," said Mike Young of Canton. His 10-year-old daughter, Brittany,

United States from their European home of Bulgaria, a country roughly the size of Tennessee, home to about 8.7 million people. They were invited

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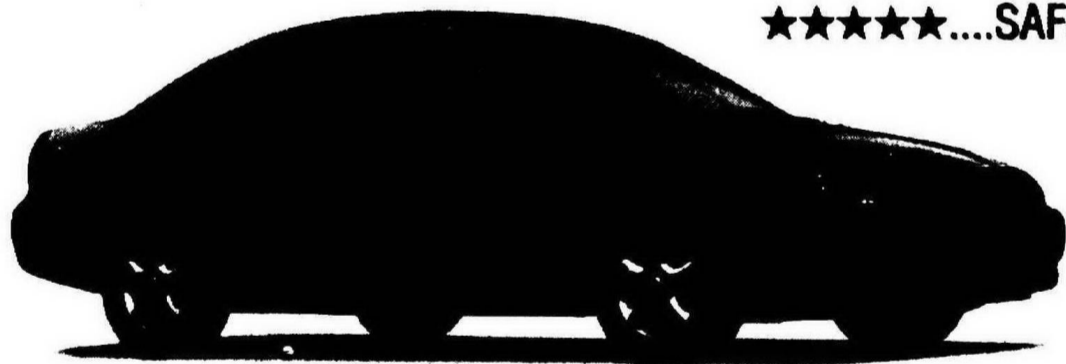
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Watchful eye: Tania Gueorguiev watches Lindsay Reed of Westland, 12, as she practices a floor routine. Lindsay was the 1995 National Champion in her age class.

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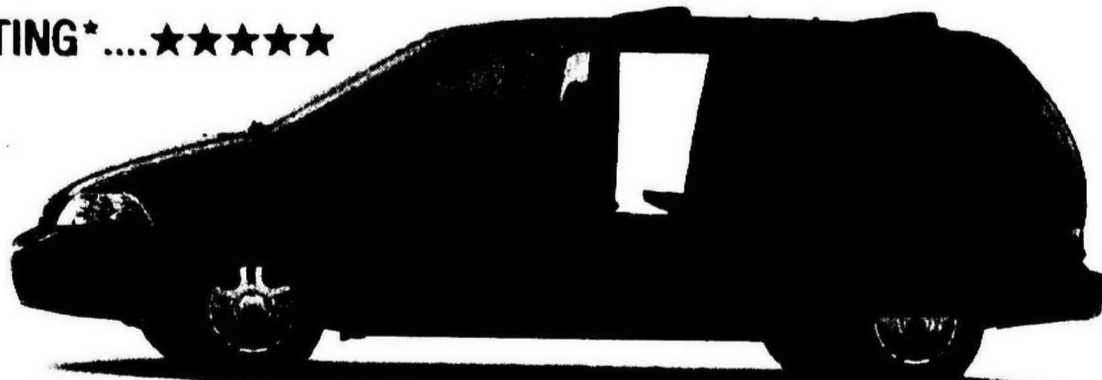
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Metro Airport plans lots to relieve parking shortage

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER
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Plans under consideration at Metro Airport eventually could provide even more parking spaces than will the new 1,000-space lot announced Tuesday, a spokesman said.

The airport, facing a 1,300-space shortage when the Green Lot is closed for road construction late this summer, said it will build the new long-term parking lot during the summer on Northwest Airlines property, through an arrangement worked out by new Wayne County Airports Director Lester Robinson.

But the airport also may gain additional spaces at the existing Yellow Lot outside the International Terminal and later could expand Red Lot No. 1 by 400-500 spaces, according to spokesman Michael Conway.

"If all came to fruition, the airport could come out ahead by over 200 spaces, Conway indicated.

"We may be able to reconfigure the aisle-ways in the Yellow Lot and capture some more parking spaces," Conway explained. However, it isn't known yet how many spaces would be gained.

The airport also plans, he said, to expand Red Lot No. 1, located on the East Service Drive, by removing a "fuel farm" of underground storage tanks. However, no date has been set.

Under Metro's arrangement with Northwest, the airport will — possibly by mid-June — begin work on a new parking lot located on a grassy area just north of the airline's existing freight terminal on East Service Drive. The terminal has a 747 jet painted on the side facing the drive.

Robinson said he approached Northwest Vice President Jim Greenwald about the 300,000-square-foot parcel and asked him if the airline would be willing to temporarily turn over the property to the county "to help solve a (congestion) problem for our mutual customers."

"He immediately agreed," said Robinson.

The location is "ideal — between the current Green Lot and the Red (overflow) lots," Robinson stated.

"We will only need the property for about 18 months," he said. "When the new (Northwest) mid-field terminal opens (in December 2001), it will include approximately 11,500 spaces of struc-

tured parking on 10 floors."

The Green Lot will be closed to make way for the road from the new terminal which will connect with Rogell Drive at that point.

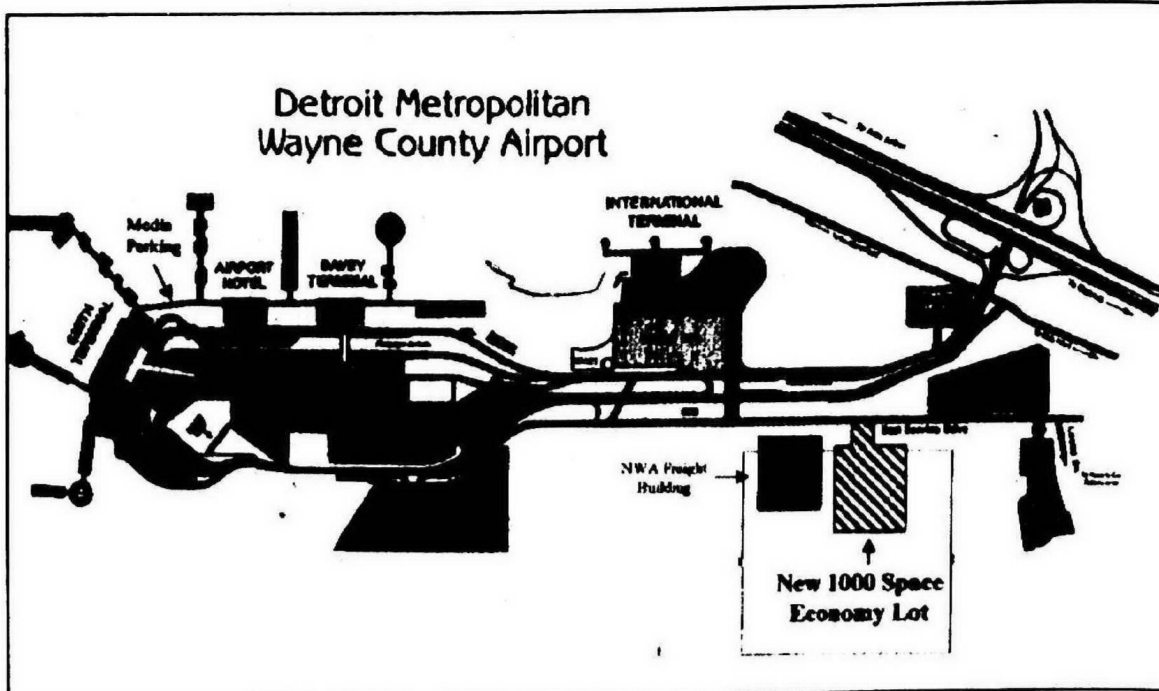
Valerie Hirshman, Northwest's regional director for airport affairs, said that "Additional parking will be a great benefit to our passengers" and added that "we are very happy to work with Lester Robinson to make this project possible."

Construction on the temporary lot is expected to begin in June, with completion by Labor Day at a cost of approximately \$1.5 million. Parking revenue will pay for construction costs, Metro officials said.

Robinson, who succeeded David Katz as airports director on May 1, had to deal with the fact the airport already has converted all of its own suitable parking space property in the process of having added over 1,300 spaces. Only scattered, smaller parcels remain.

"Lester Robinson is one of the best problem-solvers I have ever worked with," stated Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara.

"He will take charge of a situation and build whatever consen-



A 'whole lot' more: Metro Airport's new 1,000-space parking lot will be located on the East Service Drive, between the Northwest Airlines freight terminal and Red Lot No. 2. Green Lot No. 2 will be an economy lot with shuttle service to the terminals and a daily flat rate of \$7.

sus is necessary to come up with creative solutions," added McNamara, who appointed Robinson to the post in April.

Metro officials cited these parking and roadway improvements from the past two years:

- expansion and reconfiguration of Green, Yellow and Red Lots, adding approximately 400 spaces;
- construction of Red Lot No. 1, adding 457 spaces;
- installation of an electronic variable message sign at Metro's entrance;
- posting of parking hotline on

Michigan Department of Transportation freeway message boards;

■ addition of a commercial lot across from Northwest's bag claim facility;

■ credit-card express exit lanes at the parking deck;

■ tripling of the curb-front area for private vehicles for arriving Northwest passengers; and

■ new overhead roadway signs.

Richard Marsh, community development director for the city

of Romulus, said there are no new commercial parking lots under consideration in the airport area and no existing lots have announced expansion plans.

He said a city regulation permitting only the construction of parking structures was expanded early this year to include the airport area.

"We have a lot of land in town, valuable land" which city leaders feel would be better utilized by businesses building structures which would boost employment and the tax base, he said.

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Michigan summer travel expected to grow by 4 percent

Nearly 2 million Michiganders will travel during the upcoming Memorial Day weekend, fueling an estimated 4-percent increase in summer tourism volumes and spending, according to a recent AAA study.

Nearly two-thirds (65 percent) of those surveyed will spend their travel dollars in Michigan, a 15-percentage point increase over last year. Nearly one-third said higher gas prices influenced their travel plans. As of May 8, the statewide average for self-serve, regular unleaded was

\$1.482 - 34.6 cents higher than a year ago.

A strong economy, combined with low unemployment, volatile gas prices and a large number of "baby boomers," is expected to serve as the catalyst for strong summer spending. According to the AAA survey, the under 35 age group represents the largest sub-segment intending to travel (25 percent). And, rather than hinder Michigan vacation plans, high gas prices may actually help, with many state residents traveling closer to home this

year. For Midwest travelers planning a summer vacation in Michigan, the five most popular driving destinations are: 1) Metro Detroit; 2) Mackinac Island; 3) Mackinaw City; 4) Traverse City; and 5) Sault Ste. Marie, (based on 1999 AAA Trip-Tik requests from 21 clubs in 16 states).

Michiganders leaving the state by vehicle prefer 1) Niagara Falls; 2) Sea World; 3) Toronto; 4) Cedar Point; and 5) Chicago.

AAA Michigan's survey contacted 500 Michigan residents. Respondents provided these insights into Memorial Day travel:

■ Heavy traffic is a concern to the majority of those who plan to travel (55 percent), most of whom will leave earlier than they usually do and others plan-

ning to take an alternate route.

■ Nearly nine in 10 (88 percent) of those planning to travel will travel by car, truck, van or RV. Five percent will fly (down 16 percentage points from 1999).

■ The average traveling party will be four people. Thirty-two percent will stay in a hotel, motel or resort; 14 percent will stay with relatives; 18 percent will rent a cottage or house; 12 percent will camp out.

■ Weather is not a major consideration for most travelers. Only 3 percent indicated they would definitely cancel trip plans if rain or cool temperatures are predicted, while 59 percent said a negative forecast would not affect their plans.

■ Forty-one percent said they

have summer travel plans between the Memorial Day and Labor Day holiday weekends.

Nationally, a record number of Americans plan to travel this Memorial Day holiday, marking the 10th consecutive year of increased travel. More than 34 million Americans are expected to travel 100 miles or more from home, up 3 percent from last Memorial Day and 31 percent from the 1991 holiday.

The 78-hour Memorial Day weekend officially begins at 6 p.m. Friday, May 26, and runs to midnight Monday, May 29. During Memorial Day weekend in 1999, 17 people were killed in 15 fatal crashes in Michigan, a decrease from the 20 killed in 18 fatal crashes in 1998. Eleven, or 68.7 percent of the 1999 victims were not wearing seat belts. Alcohol was a factor in eight of the fatal crashes (53.3 percent).

During the Memorial Day weekend AAA Michigan's "Bring 'Em Back Alive!" Holiday News Service will provide updated reports to alert motorists to traffic problems. "Bring 'Em Back Alive!" signs will be posted at dozens of Operation Care rest areas statewide, where complimentary coffee and refreshments will be available.

The Auto Club advises motorists to plan ahead and allow extra time to navigate construction areas on the state's highways. For detour information, motorists should call 1-800-AAA-MICH (222-6424) to receive traffic reports that will be updated hourly throughout the weekend. Or, before leaving, check the AAA Traffic Network, for updated traffic information.

For travel information, call the state tourism office at 1-888-78-GREAT.

Seminar helps nonprofits compete for employees

DETROIT, May 22 /PRNewswire/ -- In an especially tight southeast Michigan labor market, area nonprofit organizations have to work harder than ever to attract and retain high quality professional and support staff. Tips and techniques that can help nonprofits attract the work force they need will be highlighted during the annual "Critical Tax Issues" seminar presented by Accounting Aid Society and Deloitte & Touche.

"Critical Tax Issues and Becoming a Nonprofit Employer of Choice" takes place 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, from at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

The half-day program includes presentations by Deloitte's professional staff on topics including "2000 Tax Law: IRS and Current State of Michigan Developments," "Competing for Employees: Becoming an Employer of Choice," "Creative Tax Planning for Employment" and "Reporting and Controlling Compensation."

Lester Thompson, senior manager, Tax, Deloitte & Touche, will lead Deloitte's professional team in reviewing key issues on

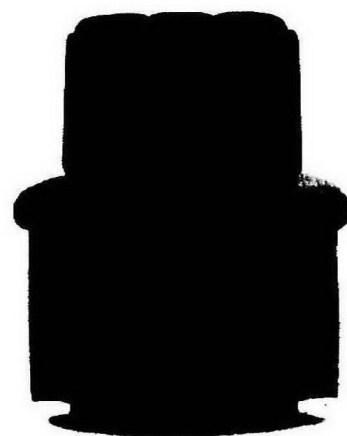
nonprofit tax matters and employment. "We will look at issues that employers must consider in hiring as well as ways to enhance the value of compensation paid to employees in the nonprofit sector. We'll pay special attention to fringe benefit programs, payroll compliance considerations, deferred compensation and other tactics to strengthen the nonprofit work force."

Cost for the program, which includes continental breakfast, is \$35 for Accounting Aid Society members and \$45 for others. Pre-registration is required at (313)647-9620, ext. 205.

Accounting Aid Society serves Metro Detroit with 28 years' experience in providing educational and training services to nonprofit organizations. Nonprofit Services sponsors include United Way Community Services, Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, Detroit Edison foundation, Old Kent Bank, DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund, Shiffman Foundation and "Crain's Non-profit News."

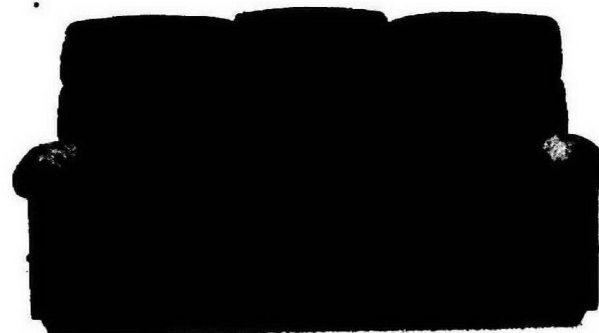
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Plymouth resident helps with 'Hot Sound' invention

A western Wayne County resident was on a team of scientists from the university's Institute for Manufacturing Research whose work helped Wayne State University license a new high-technology invention they call

"Hot Sound." Xiaoyan Han of Plymouth, an electrical engineering faculty member worked with physicist Robert Thomas, the institute's director, graduate students and post-doctoral associates on the

research, funded since 1997 by grants from the federal government, Siemens-Westinghouse, Ford Motor Co. and others.

The team invented a process to detect hidden defects in materials by combining infrared imaging with ultrasound that detects cracks and other defects invisible to the human eye. It has broad implications for airline safety inspections, quality control of manufactured parts and in the detection of cracks in pipes.

The team already has some nine other patents on earlier work in the same area of industrial quality control and has a patent pending for this process.

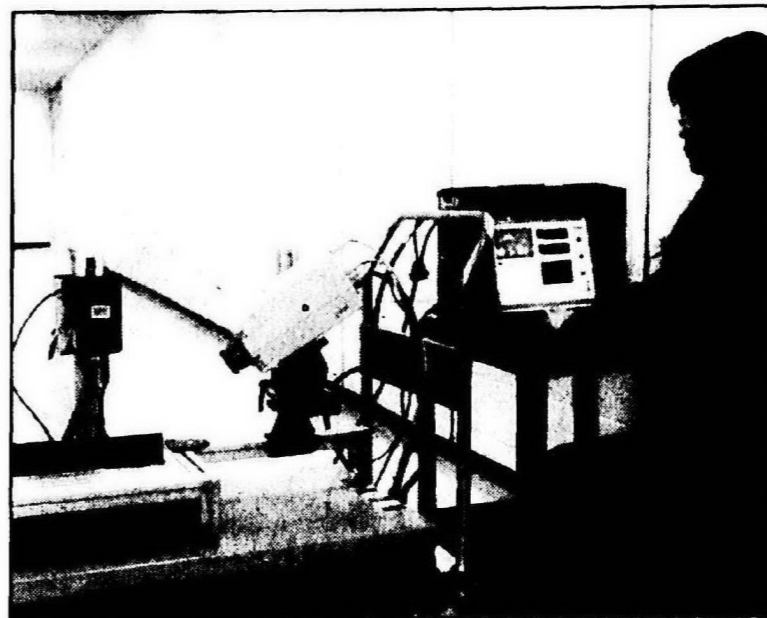
The invention is the latest development in the non-destructive evaluation of materials and is an extension of techniques pioneered as thermal wave imaging at the university that have evolved during 22 years of research.

The invention uses sound to

create heat at the defect and a special infrared (IR) camera, similar to those used by the police to locate criminals when they are hiding in the dark. Since the cameras "see" heat, they can make pictures of the heated defects which otherwise would be hidden beneath the surface.

This latest development uses sound waves to stimulate vibration in a solid. The vibration causes friction - and thus heat - where there are defects in solids. The defects may be cracks, corrosion or a break in a glue bond between two solid materials.

The heat generated appears as a bright light in the screen of the IR camera, indicating the position and size of the defect when the sound pulse is turned on. The image also can be captured on computer and stored in its memory to pinpoint the defect for later analysis.



Testing, testing: WSU Assistant Professor Xiaoyan Han of Plymouth operates the ThermoSonix computer terminal. ThermoSonix is the first commercial product, produced by Indigo Systems of Santa Barbara, Calif., arising out of research combining ultrasonic energy and infrared imaging.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 5, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

LOGAN'S ROADHOUSE SPECIAL LAND USE/SITE PLAN - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A STANDARD RESTAURANT IN THE CORPORATE PARK OVERLAY DISTRICT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 6.08D.17 FOR PART OF PARCEL NOS. 049 99 0001 709. Property is located on the south side of Ford Road between Lotz Road and the eastern Township boundary.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, June 1, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Contract documents may be obtained at Cityscape Architects Inc, 33730 Freedom Rd., Farmington MI 48335, phone number 248-471-7877, on or after 3:00 p.m. on May 25, 2000. Documents will be available between the hours of 9:00 am-4:00 pm, with the office closed between 12:00 and 1:00 pm. A non-refundable plan deposit of \$50.00 shall be required. Checks shall be payable to Cityscape Architects Inc. All Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Canton Softball Center Site Improvement Bid Enclosed" with bidder name, address and phone number, date and time of bid opening.

Canton Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Canton Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT
Clerk

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has been training with the Gueorguievs since she was 4.

They are more than coaches to her, he said, they're friends.

"She just loves it so much, it's become a part of her life," he said. "And if she likes it that much, it's probably important."

For Brittany, training may have been more important than for other children. She had two heart surgeries as a baby and her doctor insisted she strengthen her heart.

Gymnastics training has helped significantly.

"Today, she's in excellent shape," Young said. "She's so healthy and strong. I think her gymnastics training has a lot to do with that. If she takes a week off, you can really see a difference."

Like Brittany, most of the Gueorguievs' 100 students love what they do at Euro Stars Gymnastics. The greatest compliment is when they don't want to go home at the end of their training sessions.

The Gueorguievs think they offer something different.

"We stress small groups and personalization," Tania said.

"We're not baby-sitting, but we pay lots of attention to every person," Peter added. "Everyone learns at their own ability."

For parents who are concerned about safety, Peter admits that gymnastics can be dangerous if you are improperly trained.

"You get hurt if you're using a poor technique," he said. "I teach students the best I can to avoid any problems or accidents and we've never had any problems."

Starting June 19, Euro Stars Gymnastics will offer a gymnastics summer day camp from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 737-9500 for more information.

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

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Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained at the office of the Department of Parks & Recreation, 525 Farmer, Plymouth, Michigan 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.

CAROLA STONE
Admin Services Director

Publish: May 25, 2000

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

Z-00-08	1064 William	Non-Use Variance Requested Lot Coverage Zoned R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Paula & Bryce Korowin
Z-00-09	338 Maple	Non-Use Variance Requested Side Yard Setback Zoned R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Michael Kelly
Z-00-10	41255 Plymouth Rd	Non-Use Variance Requested Front Yard Setback Zoned I-1, Light Industrial Applicant: Skyway Precision

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

CAROL STONE, ADA Coordinator
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All interested persons are invited to attend.

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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COBBLESTONE RIDGE SOUTH SITE CONDOMINIUM SPECIAL LAND USE/PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B.13 AND PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR PARCEL NOS. 063 99 0013 000, 063 99 0014 000, 063 99 0015 000, AND PART OF PARCEL NOS. 063 99 0017 000 AND 063 99 0018 000. Property is located on the south side of Saltz Road between Beck and Canton Center Roads.

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 19, 2000, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

HERON RIDGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - AMENDMENT #1 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AGREEMENT AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 021 99 0016 700, 022 99 0001 701, 024 99 0002 000. Property is located between Joy and Warren Roads east of Napier Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, June 15, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Road funding formula under review

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Rep. Thomas Kelly

When lawmakers rewrite Michigan's road funding distribution formula later this year, they will likely replace it with a system state officials describe as "cutting edge," a process known as "asset management."

Rather than just divvying up Michigan's \$1.7 billion in transportation funding in a three-way split among the road agencies at the various levels of government — state, county and local — as is the case now, asset management will allow the state to rank roads and prioritize repair projects based on a number of "performance factors." Such factors might include the number of vehicles that use that road, lane miles, congestion and commercial weights carried by it.

Asset management is the "key recommendation" of a report completed earlier this month by the Act 51 Transportation Study Committee. Now being printed, the document is expected to be presented to the legislature and Gov. John Engler in June.

State lawmakers have until the end of the year to replace the current law, which expires Dec. 31. Already, at least three proposals implementing aspects of the report have been introduced to the state House and Senate.

And many of the details have yet to be settled, such as what performance factors will be used and how they will be evaluated. If the report is being heralded now as a great compromise, it is in those details that controversy could be reignited.

Controversial formula

Road upkeep and traffic congestion rank consistently as top concerns of Michigan residents. And if that's a number one issue, the road funding distribution formula — set in Public Act 51 — lies at the heart of it. First passed in 1951, the act divides road money — from gas taxes, license fees, federal grants, etc. — to road agencies like the Michigan Department of Transportation, county road commissions and municipalities. The division — 39.1 percent to the state, 39.1 percent to counties and 21.8 percent to cities and villages — has long been a source of contention.

The MDOT has often been crit-

would require compilation of a great deal of information, he pointed out.

Pannecouk agrees. Much of that information, for instance traffic counts, may already be in the files of various road agencies, but she said she is uncertain if the state and county agencies gather the same information or gather it in the same way. So additional research may be needed.

All those details are to be worked out by a new Technical Advisory Panel. That's where differences between the levels of government may re-emerge, according to Bryson. Pannecouk, however, said that the fact the panel is to have representation from the Michigan Municipal League, the County Road Association of Michigan and metropolitan planning councils, as well as the MDOT, should alleviate that concern.

"And what if those performance factors show that the pie overall just isn't big enough?" Bryson said. "What if they show more money is needed? What then?" Oakland's Road Commission has advocated an increase in road funding through higher gas taxes for years.

"We have all the resources we need," Pannecouk countered. "It's a matter of prioritizing them properly, and that is exactly what asset management is intended to do."

Panel agreement

The study committee members included Reps. Rick Johnson, R-LeRoy, and Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne, as well as Sens. Phil Hoffman, R-Jackson, and Joseph Young, D-Detroit. Also on the committee were Sam Hart of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 324, in Livonia; Robert Hetzler, president of the Monitor Sugar Co. in Bay City; Jordan Tatter, commissioner for the Michigan Department of Agriculture; and former MDOT director Bob Welke.

The panel wrapped up its work in a meeting May 5 when all but one, Young, agreed to sign the report.

Kelly agrees the report is a significant compromise. He has said he is impressed with how well the committee was able to address all the concerns of all

the various road agencies. Committee staffer Polly Kent said the committee went to great lengths to address all the concerns raised by all the levels of government.

Other recommendations

There are also a great many other recommendations in the report for which legislation has not been drafted. Some may produce other disagreements.

For example, one issue involves increasing the role of local governments on county road commissions. Although included in the report, the proposal was not recommended. It's the one disputed proposal left unresolved in the document.

Pannecouk explained that of the three local units that can levy taxes for roads — counties, municipalities and townships — only townships don't have a voice on road commissions. The proposal is to add that voice.

Bryson disagrees. In many counties, road commissions are elected. Others, like Oakland's, are appointed by the county board. Bryson estimated that 60 percent of road commission members across the state either live or have served office in townships, so townships do have a voice there.

Other recommendations of the report include:

- Providing incentives for regional coordination of road planning.
- Setting a base level of funding for the routine maintenance of all roads.
- That all road agencies seek warranties from contractors for all road and bridge projects.
- Increasing the information flow between road planners and land use planners.
- That all road agencies put all maintenance work up for competitive bidding.
- That mass transit programs, including the Detroit Department of Transportation and the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation be coordinated, and that mass transit be coordinated with other modes of transportation.
- And that state operating subsidies of AMTRAK, in the budget for the coming year, be eliminated in the future so that the money can be returned to local agencies.

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OBITUARIES

LEWIS D. MILHAN

Services for Lewis D. Milhan, 89, of Northville were held May 24 at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, Plymouth, with the Rev. Hugh McMartin officiating. Burial was

in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Mr. Milhan was born Oct. 17, 1910, in Raisinville Township, Mich., and died May 21 in Livonia. He retired from Ford Motor Co. in 1975. While with Ford he designed

the mechanical convertible and also worked on the retractable hardtop in the late 1950s and early '60s. He also helped with the design of the Lincoln Continental Mark II, which came out in 1956. After his retirement he was president and owner of his own design engineering company.

He was a member of The Society of Automotive Engineers and an alumnus of the Edgar Desmidt Society. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Plymouth, since 1988. He loved to golf, ski, and to attend antique car shows.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edythe. Survivors include his daughter, Jean Rooney of Northville; and two brothers, Fred Milhan of Dearborn and Marvin Milhan of Monroe.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice or to Risen Christ Lutheran Church.

GEORGIA ANN ROWLAND

Services for Georgia Ann Rowland, 86, of Plymouth were held May 22 at MacDonald's Funeral Home with the Rev. Ruth Strang of St. John Episcopal Church in Lowell officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery, Marion Township.

Mrs. Rowland was born Oct. 19, 1913, in Plymouth and died May 18 in Alterra Wynwood of Northville. She worked in assembly at an adding machine manufacturer.

She was preceded in death by her son Doyle Rowland, and her husband, Doyle V. Rowland. Survivors include her daughter, Marilyn Massengill of Plymouth; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society or Community Hospice & Home Care Services.

VIOLA F. DUTHOO

Services for Viola F. Duthoo, 92, of Westland took place May 23 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, Mich.

She was born Dec. 18, 1907, in Wapakoneta, Ohio, and died May 20 in Westland. She came to Canton Township when she was 4 years old and remained a Canton resident until 1990. She attended Kin Yon and Hanford one-room schools and graduated from Plymouth High School in 1927. She was a homemaker who enjoyed quilting, latch-hook rug making, card playing and crossword puzzles. She was a member of the Canton Pioneer Senior Citizens, and a past member of the Wayne County Farm Bureau and Extension Clubs.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and six brothers. Survivors include her daughter, Marie Gentz of Canton; one brother, Clifford Wilkin of Westland; and two grandsons, Raymond Gentz of Ann Arbor and Steven Gentz of Ypsilanti.

Memorials may be made to the Westland Convalescent Center, Eden Project, 36137 West Warren, Westland, MI 48185.

PETER BELLANGER

Services for Peter Bellanger, 59, of Livonia were held May 22 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Doc Orman officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

Mr. Bellanger was born Oct. 18, 1940, in White Earth Township, Minn., and died May 18 in Farmington Hills. He was a truck driver for Plymouth Iron and Metal, retiring after 30 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1954 from White Earth, Minn. His favorite hobby was working on

cars and his special interests were his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Bellanger was preceded in death by three brothers, Joseph, Earl and Leonard, and two sisters, Ruth Ann Imel and Gloria Terrien.

Survivors include his friend, Pamela Howard of Livonia; four daughters, Deborah (Ralph) Dohring of Redford, Denise Bellanger of Livonia, Penny Howard of Livonia and Shawne Allison of Redford; one son, Peter Bellanger of Livonia; three sisters, Gladys (Dennis) Sroufe of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Doris (Marvin) Campbell of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Florence (Gene) Parks of Kentucky; one brother, Kenneth (Robbie) Bellanger of Westland; and four grandchildren, Cory Bellanger, Anthony Bellanger, Katherine Bellanger and Devon Bellanger.

MARGARET PERKINS

Services for Margaret Perkins, 73, of Barton City were held May 25 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Dick Roititers officiating.

Mrs. Perkins was born Jan. 28, 1927 in Manchester, England, and died May 21 in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker who came to the Plymouth community from Highland Park in 1961. Mrs. Perkins loved to read and write poetry and was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

Survivors include her husband, Dewey of Barton City; one brother, George Wilson of Manchester, England; six children, Earl of Eugene, Ore., Margaret Anne of Lilburn, Ga., Jeff of Portland, Ore., Judy of Heartland, Mich., David of Westland and Ronald of Plymouth; 15 great-grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

BARBARA M. MUNIR

Services for Barbara M. Munir, 61, of Canton were held May 20 at the chapel of the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton, with Lois J. Zilka officiating.

Mrs. Munir was born Aug. 14, 1934, in Detroit and died May 16 in Nashville, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl C. Survivors include her children, Lisa (Bill) Salyer, Mister Lax, Carl (Beverly), Mark (Pamela) and Denise (Skip) Moran; two brothers, two sisters; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

JUNE R. WILLIAMS

Services for June R. Williams, 82, of Redford were held May 24 at St. Scholastica Catholic Church. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Mrs. Williams was born Mar. 1, 1918, and died May 20 at Providence Hospital, Southfield. After graduating from St. Cecilia's, Mrs. Williams worked at GM as secretary to Lou Seaton.

Mrs. Williams was the choir director and church organist at St. Scholastica for over 30 years, from 1953 to 1984, and was employed by the Detroit Board of Education as a piano accompanist for 11 years from 1963 until 1974. Mrs. Williams was a member of the music department faculty at Mercy High School for 20 years from 1978-98. She played the piano for the Mercyaires and the Mercy High School musical for 20 years.

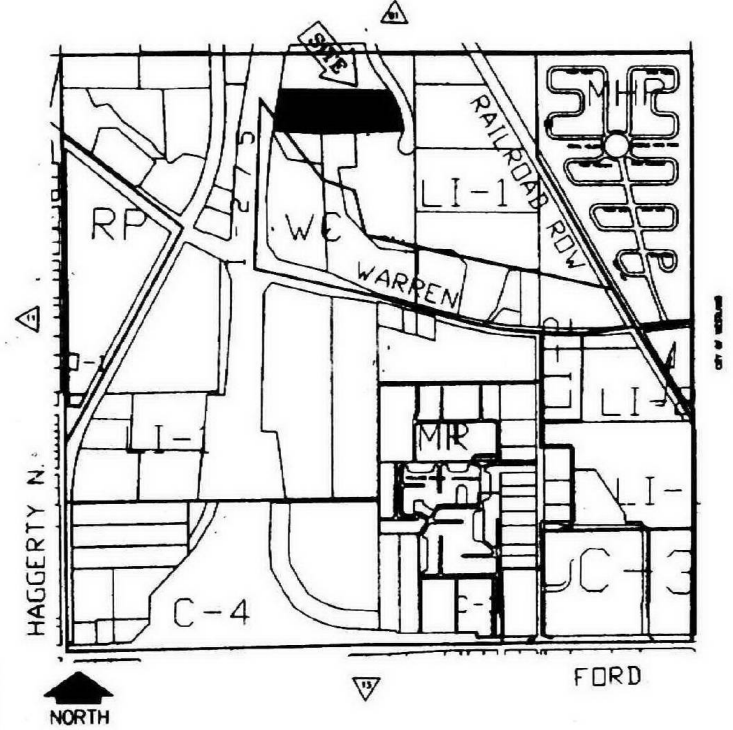
Survivors include her nine children, Jack (Mary Sue) of Plymouth, Dan (Joanna) of Hinsdale, Ill., Bib (Barbara) of Birmingham, Jim (Pam) of Bloomfield Hills, Tom (Mary Kay) of Traverse City, Nancy (Bruce) Lehnert of Los Alamos, N.M., Ed (Susan) of Boulder, Colo., Mike (Sharon) of Novi and Mary (Dennis Atchinson) of Northville; one sister, Margaret M. Williams; one brother, James E. Shappee; and 24 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Scholastica Church, 17320 Rosemont, Detroit, MI 48129 or Hear My Voice, 1100 N. Main St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

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BURTON/KATZMAN DEVELOPMENT (FLEX INDUSTRIAL) SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR FLEX INDUSTRIAL SPACE IN THE CORPORATE PARK OVERLAY DISTRICT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 6.08D.9 FOR PART OF PARCEL NO. 046 99 0008 718. Property is located on the west side of Commerce Boulevard between Koppernick and Warren Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, June 1, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION, HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES PROCEEDINGS May 15, 2000

A Joint meeting of the Planning Commission, Board of Trustees, and Historic District Commission of the Charter Township of Canton was held at 1150 South Canton Center Road on Monday, May 15, 2000. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

- Planning Commission: Members Present: Dodson, Gustafson, Johnson, Lieberman, and McLaughlin; Members Absent: Wade, and Zarbo; Board of Trustees: Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, (McLaughlin), Shefferly, and Yack; Members Absent: LaJoy; Historic District Commission: Members Present: (Bennett), King, (McLaughlin), Parker, and Welton; Members Absent: Foley and Roughley; STAFF PRESENT: Goulet and Wolosiewicz

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The Agenda was accepted as presented. Jeff Goulet introduced Dick Carlisle, Carlisle/Wortman Associates, the consultant working with the Township on developing the Cherry Hill Village Overlay District regulations. Mr. Goulet distributed the Overlay District text which is proposed to be incorporated into the Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Carlisle gave an overview of the proposed general design principles:

- I. Density will be determined by the specific parameters in the Section 27.04D.5, and the overall density will not exceed 4 units/acre as stated in the Cherry Hill Area Development Plan; II. New development shall exhibit the characteristics and design features of traditional neighborhoods compatible with the scale and architecture of the existing buildings in the Cherry Hill Area, using a diversity of housing types, mixture of styles and lot sizes and shapes; III. There will be a strong central focus at Cherry Hill and Ridge Road, creating a Village Core; IV. Overall street design and layout will be an integral component of site design, using a modified grid design adapted to the topography, natural features, and constraints of the tract; taking into consideration open space areas, significant vistas, and the village core; V. A pedestrian circulation system connecting neighborhoods with open space, recreation and community facilities, and commercial areas, using pedestrian pathways and bicycle paths; VI. Open space areas will serve a functional purpose for visual enhancement as well as active and passive recreational uses.

Village Core

The village core is centered at the Cherry Hill/Ridge intersection and contains most of the historic district designated buildings and is expected to contain some commercial/service development and higher-intensity residential development. Some of the area is included in the Biltmore development.

The streetscape guidelines address existing arterial road improvements, new road construction, sidewalks, rear lanes, landscaping within the right-of-way, and pedestrian amenities.

Village Edge Area

Mr. Carlisle said that the village edge references the area around the village core, and is expected to contain a variety of housing opportunities. The guidelines are more specifically detailed because the area is almost all residential.

Architectural Guidelines

Mr. Carlisle suggested that an appendix could be created to summarize and include the section on historical and existing conditions in the historic core area. Existing buildings will follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The emphasis in the guidelines is on new development. This section includes guidelines for building use, building height, footprint, roof types, massing, building materials, porches, doors, windows, and chimneys.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

Chairman Gustafson asked those present if there were any other issues that the Commission should be looking at. Supervisor Yack asked when the master plan would be re-evaluated. Mr. Goulet said that review would begin in the 3rd or 4th quarter of this year, and workshops would be held early in 2001. Mr. Goulet said emphasis would be on roads and utilities and how they impact land use.

The Joint Meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Joint Board, Planning Commission, Historic District Commission meeting held on May 15, 2000. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on May 23, 2000.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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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

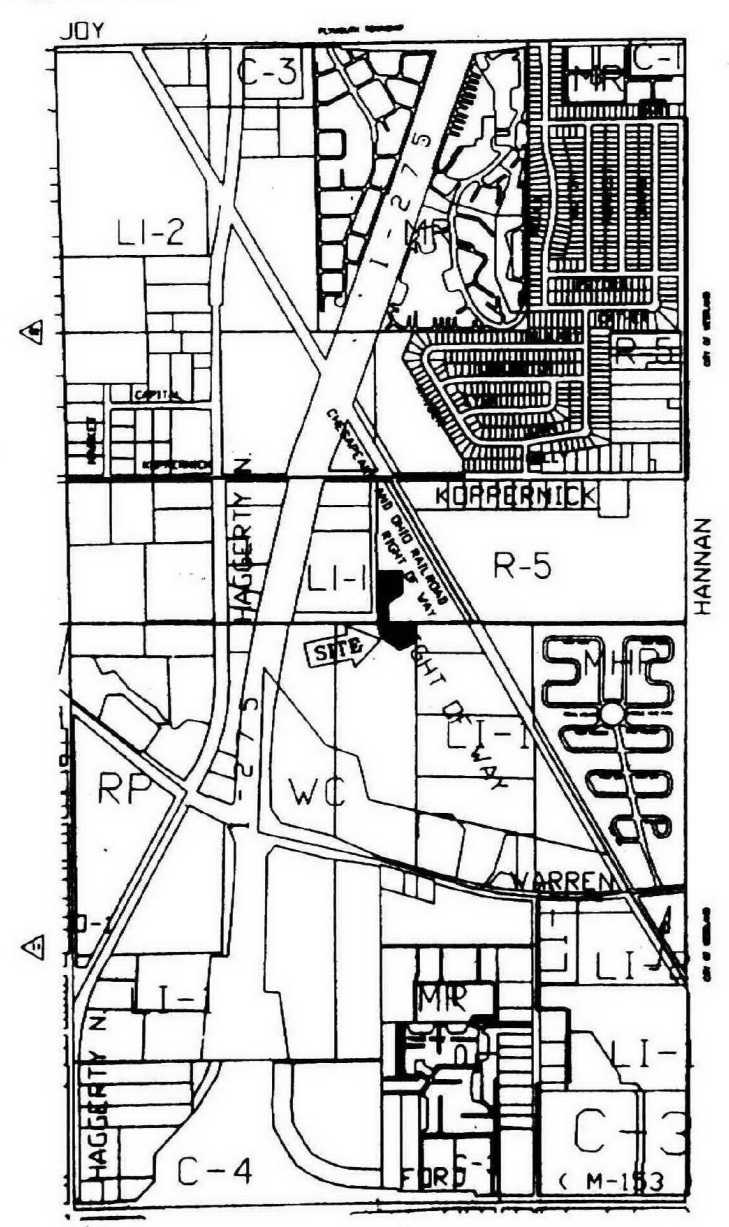
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PILZ NORTH AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, TESTING, AND TRAINING FACILITY IN THE CORPORATE PARK OVERLAY DISTRICT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 6.08D.6 AND 6.08D.7 FOR PART OF PARCEL NOS. 046 99 0008 721 AND 046 99 0008 722. Property is located on the east side of Commerce Drive between Warren and Koppernick Roads



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS May 18, 2000

A joint meeting of the Historic District Commission and the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2000 at the Rochester Hills Museum, Van Hoesen Farm at 1005 Van Hoesen Rd., Rochester Hills, Michigan 48306. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M.

ROLL CALL

- Board of Trustee Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Supervisor Yack; Kirchgatter, Shefferly, LaJoy; Board of Trustees Members Absent: Mike Ager, Director Durack; Staff present: Bennett, Gregg G. King, McLaughlin, Virginia Parker, John Roughley, Ralph Welton; Historic District Commission Present: Carol Bodenmiller, Bob Boyer, David Curtis, Ronnie Curtis, Kay Hartman-Kuck, Ruth Wiles; Historic Society Members Present:

In an effort to help Canton Township with the Bartlett/Travis House, the Board of Trustees, the Historic District Commission and the Historic Society toured the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoesen Farm.

Mr. Patrick J. McKay, Supervisor of Interpretive Services, Rochester Hills Museum gave a presentation for the Van Hoesen Farm. He explained that the original farmhouse was built in 1840 and housed five generations of the Taylor-Van Hoesen families. The 60 member family moved to Michigan from New York in 1823. They purchased 160 acres of land at \$1.25 an acre and founded a log cabin community which they named Stoney Creek Village. By the mid 1800's, Stoney Creek Village was one of the largest communities in Oakland County, boasting three mills, a tavern, distillery, Baptist church, post office and blacksmith. The routing of the railroad through Rochester in 1876 resulted in the preservation of the 19th century village.

Grant Funding

The Museum received a \$65,000 grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and an unrestricted \$10,000 grant from Pulte Homes of Michigan to implement the identified projects. The City of Rochester Hills matched this grant with \$100,000 in local funds. The Museum still has a \$500,000 grant pending to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources CMI-Recreation Bond program that would continue the identified projects in the master site and use plan.

Archaeology

In 1999, 26 volunteers spent 570 hours at the site to excavate the 1840 Van Hoesen Farmhouse and the 1823 Taylor Log Cabin. More than 400 volunteers have been trained in archaeology and have spent over 17,000 hours on this project since April 1988.

Base Ball

The Rochester Grangers Vintage Base Ball Team was created as a new marketing interpretive tool in 1999. It is based on an actual team from the community in the 1860's.

Community Projects

The Museum is involved in various community events, coordinating the Rochester Heritage Festival, the Festival of the Hills (part of the Fourth of July celebration), creating a book with over 200 photographs with the Rochester Historical Society and creating a web site that features scenes from the community with the Rochester Hills Library.

Gift Shop

The Museum Gift Shop offers items for sale that are designed to enhance the total experience.

Weddings

The Museum has a wedding program with forty-four weddings held at the Museum which is up from previous years.

Endowment Fund

The funds from the Endowment Fund are used to operate, maintain and improve the Van Hoesen Farmhouse and the barns that are currently undergoing renovation.

Conclusion

With the revenue generated from these activities, the dedicated volunteers, and the contributions from community residents, the Museum has been able to renovate and improve programs and services. The proposed budget grand total of \$349,461.00. This is an important part of the community's history and the achievements of its early residents.

ADJOURN

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adjourn at 9 15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on May 16, 2000. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on May 23, 2000.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Soccer players from around country converge for Canton tourney

**BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER
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Youth soccer players from across Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Ontario will be among those competing for trophies at the 18th annual Canton Soccer Club tournament this weekend at Independence Park.

The park, at Denton and Proctor roads, will be dedicated 10 a.m. Saturday, May 27. Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, trustee Phil LaJoy and a member of the Canton Soccer Club will be among those speaking at the ceremony.

The tournament begins at 6 p.m. Friday, May 26, and runs through 6 p.m. Sunday, May 28. It is expected to draw 271 teams. Players range in age from 8 to 18 — those 11 and older will compete for trophies. Admission is free.

■ 'The thing that makes it fun is it's just a major family outing. It's just a good place to be.'

**Gregory Demopoulos
—Tournament chairman**

Tournament Chairman Gregory Demopoulos said he expects 20,000 players and spectators to attend throughout the weekend.

"What we find is our numbers are remaining constant, which is good because there are more tournaments going on," Demopoulos said. There is a youth tournament happening in Ann Arbor the same weekend, he added.

"So we're happy our numbers are remaining constant."

Some area communities sending teams include Canton, Farm-

ington, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland. Other southeast Michigan communities sending teams include Northville, South Lyon, St. Clair Shores, Ann Arbor, Waterford, Novi, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Berkley, Saline, Rochester, Troy, Tecumseh, Fraser, Dexter and Birmingham.

Other Michigan cities sending teams include Traverse City, Harbor Springs, Okemos, Battle Creek, Flint and Petoskey.

"I think the thing that makes it fun is it's just a major family outing," Demopoulos said. "The kids play soccer. There's good competition — it's just a good place to be."

The tournament will mark the first time Independence Park's soccer fields are used, said Canton Recreation Supervisor Bob Dates. The park has 17 game fields. Another seven practice

fields are in the works. "The addition of Independence Park has allowed us in the (Canton) Soccer Club to have close to the right number of fields required to run a good soccer tournament," Dates said. Those fields will be used during

warm weather months as well, he added.

"(Before) kids were playing just about anywhere we could find grass to grow," Dates said. There are 2,200 children, teens and adults involved in the Canton Soccer Club.

"Over the years the Canton Soccer Club tournament has been one of the biggest events of the year as far as bringing people into Canton," Dates said. "It helps businesses and helps us showcase our parks and our community."

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Say it with Flowers

**by Steve Mansfield
SOMETHING BOLD**

These days, brides are every bit as likely to select bold bouquets for their trips down the aisle as they are to choose traditional arrangements. As a result, there is more experimentation with color and elements such as berries, pods, and fruit. For a bridal bouquet with a spiky edge, brides may want to think about white-and-green lady's slipper orchids, surrounded by geranium leaves. Filling in the arrangement are seeded eucalyptus and hanging amaranthus. Or, a bold free-form arrangement may consist of crawling blue delphinium, magenta gloriosa lilies, pink peppermint garden roses, lavender and pink dahlias, and wheat stems. Wedding days are special, and bridal bouquets should reflect both the importance of the day and the bride's personality.

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Free speech

It's sacred right, even among cops

Plymouth Township police should undertake a new investigation in the wake of the controversy over shift coverage in the Plymouth Communications Center:

A search for the First Amendment.

Kathy Johnson, a dispatcher in the merged Plymouth Communications Center, saw things she thought were wrong regarding the scheduling of employees and coverage of shifts. She did everything she could do to solve the problem internally, and when that didn't work she turned to one of our country's most sacred, Constitutionally protected rights: freedom of speech.

Johnson was upset because some of the shifts on the dispatch schedule were initially left unmanned, then filled by either forcing workers from the previous shift to stay on or spending overtime on filling them. When her efforts with the Powers That Be failed, she took her story to the press. She let the Observer know. She took her story to a local television station.

And now she's paying the price.

Johnson has had her probationary period extended the six months allowed by contract "for cause," and she's been moved to the midnight shift in favor of another dispatcher. That dispatcher said he'd have to leave the department if he didn't get the day shift. Lo and behold, along comes Johnson speaking her mind, and suddenly the other employee has what he wants.

Carey says he has the right to schedule probationary employees for any shift he deems necessary. He's probably right; but the timing

seems odd to us, that Johnson would be moved to the midnight shift at this precise moment. Of course, Carey admits openly the action is in retribution for Johnson's speaking out to the press.

At least he's honest.

Whether Johnson violated departmental policy is a matter for debate, a fact certainly determined by how the rules are interpreted. For instance, speaking to the press doesn't necessarily constitute a violation, unless the statements are "knowingly" false and inaccurate.

Johnson's statements said shifts weren't covered. Technically, she was correct. When the schedule came out, there were open shifts. Carey contends the statements were knowingly false because Johnson knows all shifts were going to be covered, somehow by someone. The fact Carey had to use police officers as dispatchers this past weekend, for the first time, instead of actual dispatchers, apparently doesn't figure into the accuracy of Johnson's statements.

Should Johnson have gone to the press to make an internal matter public? Maybe not. It's not generally in your best interests to do something you know is going to alienate the boss. Even some union officials say privately she probably shouldn't have, although the union was headed in the same direction, just not as quickly.

But should Johnson have the right to speak out, without fear of reprisal for the minimal embarrassment that results?

Absolutely.

Arts funding worthy of debate

There are those who look at the \$28 million in gifts given recently to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and claim that with such private support there should be less need for public funding. (The donations were part of a \$125-million fund-raising campaign to finance a new administrative office building, renovate Orchestra Hall, erect a high school for the performing arts, and build the DSO's endowment.)

Overlooked in the celebration of generous philanthropy, however, is that the state of Michigan also supplied \$10.75 million or nearly 40 percent of the recent financial contributions.

The answer to perpetuating cultural institutions and enhancing the cultural life of the region isn't simply to rely solely on the good will of wealthy individuals and foundations. On the contrary, the future funding support for cultural institutions must be based on a deeper partnership between the public and private sectors.

Ten years ago, the state unwisely cut back on public funding to the Detroit Institute of Arts. As a consequence, the museum reduced staff and hours of operation. Sure, the DIA has succeeded in finding alternative means for funding, but what about the long-term impact of the negative perception about the area's support for culture?

It would be imprudent to associate Gov. Engler's imposed cutbacks in the early 1990s as the direct cause for the unprecedented successful fund-raising campaigns at the DSO, DIA, Detroit Zoo and other cultural institutions. The reason these campaigns have succeeded has more to do with the historic growth in wealth during the 1990s, than from any

■ Perhaps we all must realize that the quality of culture is a mirror of a society's collective soul.

policy to reduce public funding to the arts.

To simply claim that those with the financial means to donate money should be obligated to support the arts and culture misses the most significant feature of a pluralistic society. Art and culture in a democracy should represent a diversity of perspectives and sensibilities. The privileges of wealth shouldn't be a prerequisite for determining which cultural institutions are supported.

A broader public debate about the nature of the private-public partnership is needed. Those with great financial resources should continue to demonstrate their support, but there's a role for others.

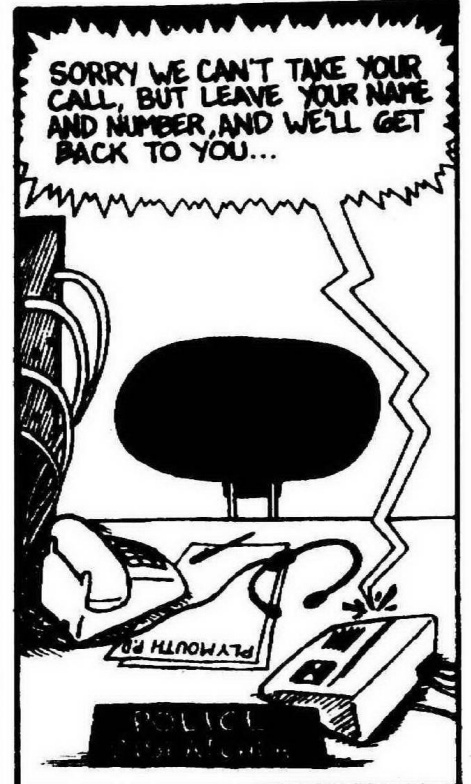
Arguably, the much talked-about cultural tax could be a catalyst for such a debate. A cultural tax would levy a quarter of a mil on property. The tax revenue would support the region's cultural institutions and local arts/cultural groups. (Currently, the issue is mired in political wrangling among the Oakland and Wayne county commissions.)

Perhaps we all must realize that the quality of culture is a mirror of a society's collective soul.

Ask your county commissioner where he/she stands on the cultural tax issue.

While we have not taken a position on the tax itself we support an open and frank discussion about our responsibility for the quality of culture in our region.

Geof Brooks



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Auction thanks

The staff at WSDP would like to extend our thanks to everyone that helped make our annual auction a success. We raised just over \$4,500 due to hard work of our staff and parents, as well as the generosity of the Plymouth-Canton community.

First, thanks to all the businesses that donated items. Our local businesses donated over 150 items for us to auction. Their willingness to give each year is an encouragement to me and our staff. We would also like to thank the businesses, and families that sponsored the auction. Colonial Collision, The Dry Clean Company, Boulders Restaurant, The Sturk Family of Plymouth, Robert and Sandy Miedler and Paul Phelps each donated money to help with our auction efforts.

We also appreciate the support of Media One. They generously donated a \$1,000 advertising package that allowed us to get the word out. I especially appreciate Maria Holmes and Tom Scallen for their support and input.

We also benefitted from many guest auctioneers that donated up to an hour of their time the day of the auction. They were paired with our students and worked hard to promote the items up for bid.

The station also had a team of dedicated parents who gave some of their time to contact local businesses. Soliciting is never a glamorous job but we couldn't do the auction without their involvement.

We appreciate being part of the Plymouth-Canton community. Your support makes providing unique radio programming a pleasure.

Bill Keith
Station Manager

No more gun laws

Nice cartoon. I guess that there are no other lobbyists in Washington, D.C., or Lansing that support gun control measures. And don't tell me that size matters.

I would like to see Mr. Brooks prepare a cartoon that shows the most recent Harris poll that asked roughly, "Now that the Million Mom March has taken place, do you believe that there should be more gun laws?" It's interesting that 38 percent responded yes, but

that 58 percent responded no. But I suppose the poll was skewed by the fact that the masses are afraid of NRA repercussions should they vote yes. Or they realize that the gun laws proposed would have done nothing to stop the recent highly publicized tragedies. President Clinton has admitted as much.

It's obvious the majority of people still believe that their right to self protection far outweighs the misguided belief of a few to feel safe. How any rational person can conclude that they are safer if they don't have the means to protect themselves is beyond me. I guess that when the thugs break into their home or run up to their car, they will simply rely on the police to be there in an instant to protect them. Sorry, but a rational person, if they truly value their life and the lives of their families and friends, will want a rational means of self protection.

Forgetting constitutions and bills of rights for a moment, do you believe that people have an absolute right to live for their own sakes? Do you believe that, as long as each of us respects the rights of other people to live for their own sakes, that we should be free to pursue our own lives? If so, then you must also believe that people have an absolute right to protect that sacred life by whatever means is available. Anything less and you must logically believe that people should not be so free, or in other words, that people must be somewhat, if not totally, enslaved.

Well, placing any restrictions on the ability to obtain and use guns as a means of self protection is exactly a position that supports partial, if not total, enslavement. How the heck is a person going to protect themselves from a thug, or worse yet, from a government turned tyrannical? Or do you suggest that we just take it?

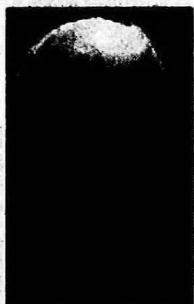
People have the right to their life, not because governments grant those rights. Rights exist because people live, breathe and think.

I hope the day does not come when you have to try to defend your right to free speech and free press without the use of the guns your government has confiscated.

Jeffrey A. Hartzel
Livonia

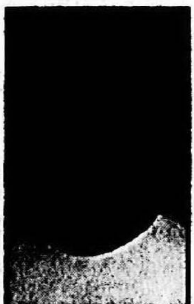
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John Seard
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"It's a family day. We get together and plant flowers."

Joanna Latsvick
Canton



"It means a whole bunch of poor people in our country fought and died. They're the least ones appreciated."

Bob Damm
Garden City



"It means everything to me. I'm a veteran of 24 years in the Navy. I wish everyone would understand the sacrifice that people have made for this country."

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POINTS OF VIEW

Believe

Students discover a warm-hearted community on a cold day

BY AMBER STEVERS
GUEST COLUMNIST

I never knew you could learn so much by simply walking up to a stranger's door.

The day my two friends and I had planned to collect money for the American Cancer Society had finally come. I had seen a brief and obviously overlooked notice on the morning televised announcements. It was about a dance that the senior class was holding to raise money for the American Cancer Society. It interested me. I want to do so much for my community, but I don't find much time to do it. I thought that this was my opportunity, and I was going to jump right on it.



Knock, knock...Amber Stevers wasn't deterred by initial rejection of her fund-raising efforts.

I knew my friends would also be as interested, as they try and do as much community service as they can. So I told them about it and we researched some more on how exactly this was organized. We planned one day to go out around my neighborhood and try to raise money by going door-to-door.

I was told beforehand that nobody was going to give us money, no one would believe us and it was a waste of time. But I had to witness this for myself; I wanted to see the generosity of my neighbors firsthand.

We armed ourselves with boots, warm mittens and my lucky blue scarf. We locked the back door behind us and headed out on our mission. We planned to stay out for a half-hour, but as soon as we got outside, we got caught up in the rush.

The sun occupied the other side of the world, offering us no warmth. We walked through the snow, ice and slush to the closest home from mine. Knock, knock. We began to slowly freeze to the unkind pavement we stood upon. The doorknob stayed untouched. We moved to the next house, hoping the results would be

better than the first.

Knock, knock. We stood, looking at each other with anticipation. The door slowly opened to a nice young man with a tan puppy in his arms. As chipper as I could be - being half-frozen - I punched out my prepared lines: "Hi! We're going to a dance-a-thon at the high school for the cure for cancer. We were hoping you could donate a dollar or two."

To our surprise, the kind man smiled and politely told us to wait a few moments while he retrieved his wallet. We were jumping up and down like little school children getting suckers for being good in class. In a few short moments, he returned with a portion of money, which we were very grateful for. We thanked him, and moved on to his neighbor.

After ending the street with \$15 more than we started with, we continued on to the main drag. Our goal was \$150; our mothers doubted very much that we could even get \$50 going door-

to-door.

By the last few streets, we began to separate, covering more houses in a shorter amount of time. We began to jog to shake off the cold. Anything to keep us going. By the end of the day, we hit six complete streets. It became a rush, a competition to get as much money as we could to help this cause.

Although we did encounter a few rude people who wouldn't bother to open the door - or said a few nasty words to us before slamming the door - we looked beyond that. We couldn't believe how many people were so giving and interested in the cause we were out for. I'm not sure if it was because we looked so frozen, or if it was because of our politeness - or simply because it was such a great cause. We were very grateful for any cent that we were given.

There were four memorable stops that we made along the way that made the largest impact on both my friends and I. A lovely older lady had just returned from the supermarket and was in the process of putting away her perishables. She left us to find her purse and returned with a few dollars and three packets of hot chocolate. She was kind, as many didn't notice how cold we actually were. I suppose we hid it with our gratitude.

There was another man. As we stood at his door, he said he didn't have any singles on him and that he was terribly sorry. About 20 minutes later, this man pulled up to us, as we were leaving one house to go to the next one, in his dark Continental and wrote us a check for \$15. You have to start wondering - was he at home pondering if he made all the effort in helping that he could have? He got up from his daily routine, drove around



A little help: Friends Cassandra and Alexandra Suchy-Mabrouk made the rounds with Stevers, collecting for the American Cancer Society.

to find us and donated a large portion of money. What encouraged this man 15 minutes later to wonder if he made the right decision and what he could do to fix what he decided the first time? We were speechless.

Another lady noticed our hidden coldness and offered us to stand in her foyer as she went to get a few bills. We took in her offer and were very grateful. That three minutes in the lady's foyer gave us enough energy to continue for another hour.

And finally our last stop for the day, for the adventure. We came across a man who answered the door with the cutest black Labrador

retriever. As he handed us the check he wrote, we said goodbye and yelled a big "thank you" to the man and his lovely dog. Finally, at the end of his driveway, I looked at the check that we were handed. I blurted out "Oh my gosh!" My two friends turned around quickly to see me making my attempts at jumping. They huddled around me to find exactly what I had found - a check for \$25. We started singing and dancing all the way back to my home, as we decided that could be our last stop.

My friends and I proved so much in only two hours - to ourselves, to our parents, and to our community. First thing, although some people may tell you what they "think" might happen, you'll never know what you can do unless you experience it yourself. If we just listened to what everyone thought, look at what we would have missed out on. Look at what the Cancer Society would have missed. Only confidence and bravery will get you anywhere. If you don't have those two elements, well, there's no point in trying to accomplish anything.

Two, three teenage Plymouth Canton girls can raise \$200 in two hours. Yes, we thought it was impossible too. But we believed, and look what it got us.

Always believe. Anything and everything can happen. Just have faith.

Amber Stevers, Cassandra Suchy-Mabrouk and Alexandra Suchy-Mabrouk are students at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. This essay was originally submitted by Canton resident Stevers for her advanced composition class at Salem High School.

Is GOP stalling federal bench?

"The presidential appointments process now verges on complete collapse." So concludes Paul C. Light of the Brookings Institution (usually a liberal Washington think tank) and Virginia L. Thomas of the Heritage Foundation (usually conservative) in a study of the experiences of 435 cabinet and sub-cabinet officials who served in the Reagan, Bush and Clinton administrations.

Some found treatment by the White House appointments people "an ordeal."

Others - 35 percent of Reagan administration appointees and 57 percent of Clinton's nominees - were held hostage to the politics of the U. S. Senate in waiting for confirmation hearings.

That's one reason a lot of talented people are not about to consider appointment to top government positions.

A perfect instance of this general problem concerns the nominations of two Michigan lawyers to fill vacancies on the U. S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals that have been twisting slowly in the wind of the U. S. Senate for far too long.

Helene White is presently a member of the Michigan Court of Appeals, nominated by President Clinton in January 1997. Judge White has yet to receive a hearing from the Senate Judiciary Committee. Kathleen McCree Lewis, the daughter of former U. S. Solicitor General Wade McCree, is a partner in the Dykema Gossett law firm in Detroit; her nomination has been pending before the Judiciary Committee since September 1999.

Circuit Courts of Appeals are enormously important federal appellate courts, just one step down from the U. S. Supreme Court. Appointments to these courts are made by presidential nomination, followed by hearings conducted by the Judiciary Committee and by a confirmation vote of the entire Senate.

The Sixth Circuit is authorized to have 16 judges. Currently, the court has four vacancies, one of which goes back five years. For the court to operate at 75 percent efficiency means long delays to the litigants and enormous workloads for the remaining judges (each of whom now has a caseload of 550 cases each year). Authorities now consider the number of vacancies in the federal court system to constitute a "judicial emergency."

What's going on here? Michigan's Sen. Carl Levin, a Democrat and a minority member of the Judiciary Committee, says it's because Republicans in the Senate, hoping to win the presidency this fall, have decided to hold up judicial nominations from the Clinton White House.

As evidence, he produces a table showing that while the Democrats controlled the Senate during the Bush Administration, a total of 66 federal judges were confirmed. However, when the GOP ran the Senate during the first term of the Clinton Administration, 17 judges were con-



PHILIP POWER

firmed. So far in Clinton's second term, the Senate has confirmed just seven judges, with a total of 33 judicial nominees hanging fire before the Judiciary Committee without any hearings scheduled on their nominations. There are at present 81 vacancies in the federal judiciary.

Michigan's other senator, Spencer Abraham, is also a member of the Judiciary Committee, but, as a Republican, his party controls the committee.

I asked Joe Davis, a spokesman for Sen. Abraham, how come it's taken 3-1/2 years (in the case of Judge White) and eight months (in the case of lawyer Lewis) just to get the committee to hold hearings on their nominations.

According to Davis, "Sen. Abraham does not know whether or when hearings will take place. He wants them to take place, though."

That's nice. Frankly, I suspect if Sen. Abraham really wanted the Judiciary Committee to hold hearings on these nominations, he'd find a way to do it PDQ.

A member of the Sixth Circuit, Judge Gilbert S. Merit, wrote in March to Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch: "The Founding Fathers certainly intended that the Senate 'advise' as to judicial nominations, i.e., consider, debate and vote up or down. They surely did not intend that the Senate, for partisan or factional reasons, would remain silent and simply refuse to give any advice or consider and vote at all, thereby leaving the courts in limbo, understaffed and unable properly to carry out their responsibilities for years."

Sen. Abraham is running for re-election this fall. He is stressing his performance as an effective senator in his campaign. Somebody should ask him why he can't get his committee to give two able, thoughtful and well-respected Michigan lawyers the courtesy of timely hearings on their nominations to the federal judiciary that is currently hamstrung in carrying out its work.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower6@homecomm.net

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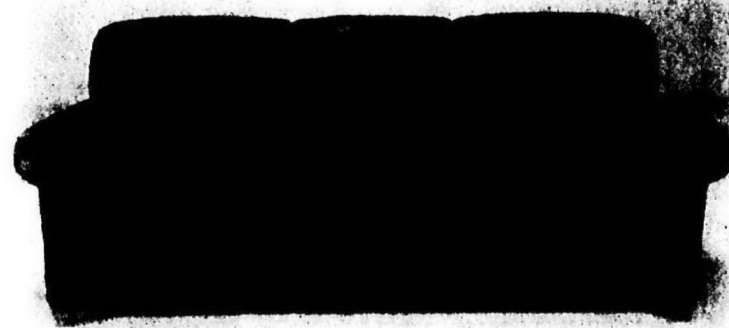
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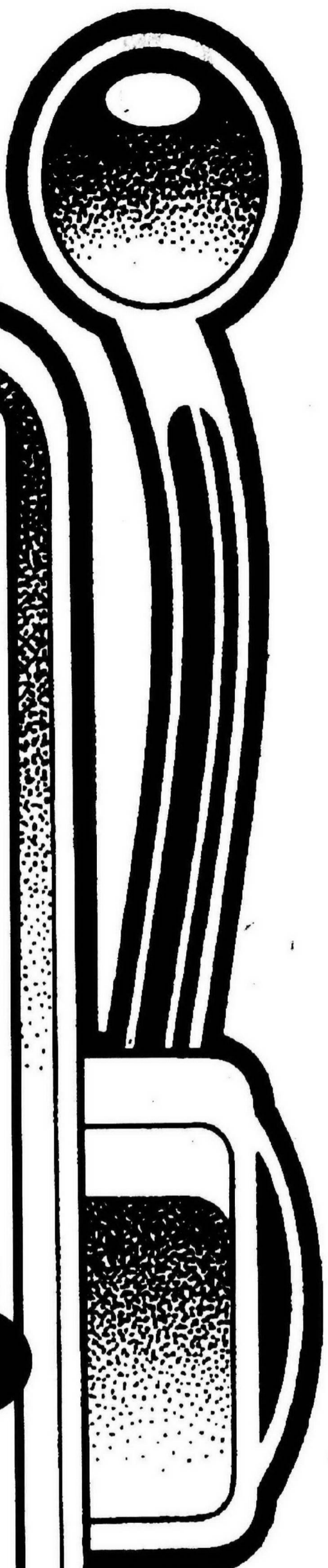
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JUST A THOUGHT



MARGO DEWEY

Check references when choosing child's day care

Having a baby is definitely a joyous occasion, but when you have to decide on going back to work and finding a day care situation, it can be stressful.

There are several options for taking care of your baby or toddler. You can enroll your child at a licensed day care, you can hire a nanny who comes to your home or you can bring your child to a caregiver's home.

Whatever you choose, you definitely need to make a checklist of safety precautions which will ease your concerns as well as comfort your child. There are many professional, first-rate child care centers around the state.

Resources

■ Contact the Better Business Bureau (www.bbb.org) to find out about qualifications and licensing of day cares.

■ The Michigan 4C Community Coordinated Child Care Network promotes and advocates for the optimal care statewide.

Call (313) 259-4411; (800) 722-6345; or visit www.mi4c.org

Ask your neighbors or friends if they have visited the day care with their children, and if they were completely satisfied with all the programs offered. Make a visit to the day care yourself, and check for the following:

How clean is the day care? Is the staff friendly? Does the day care offer a variety of educational as well as fun programs for your child? Does the day care provide you with a daily activity list of your child's visit including nap time, when he/she ate, and the progress of the child? Are there safety precautions set up so the staff doesn't let just anyone pick up your child at the end of the day? How many children are at the day care at one time versus how many staff members? and Is your child happy at this day care?

Online resources

There are several Web sites run by Michigan agencies relating to child care including the state of Michigan Child Day Care Licensing home page www.commerce.state.mi.us/brs/cdc. You can read the Michigan rules for child care facilities and licensing rules or visit the Michigan Child Development & Care site at http://nrc.uchsc.edu/michigan/michigan.htm

When choosing an in-home situation, make sure you check the references of the nanny or child care person. The best way to decide on an in-home situation is to get a referral from a friend or family member.

Usually someone in your neighborhood knows of a person who really loves kids and would take excellent care of your child. Yes, there are those nanny cameras out there if you are very concerned about your child's safety. If your gut feeling is that you need to find out for sure how that person is taking care of your child, then no precaution is too great.

Special businesses operate the nanny cameras, and they can be found in the Yellow Pages. These experts will give you all the information you will need concerning to how to set up a surveillance system in your home or at the child care home.

It's going to be hard no matter what option you choose for your child, but always remember that if your child is happy in that situation, then you will be too. Make sure you have a pager for emergencies. Give the day care or child care person all your phone numbers including: business; cellular phone; husband/partners work phone; home phone; and a close neighbor's phone.

If you are fortunate, however, to have a family member watch over your child, then that's the best care you can offer the little one. Grandmothers are perfect for this role, especially if they are retired. That's just a thought.

Margo Dewey is a Livonia resident. Write her at the Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail her at mahalo@wnet.net.

Last minute preparations ...

Childhood friends Kim Yount and Nicole Gillman had very specific plans on how to spend the afternoon of their prom night getting ready.

"We have all these things to do to keep from getting antsy," said Yount from the salon chair of Salon MJ in Plymouth.

Yount and Gillman are both students at Canton High School. The 18-year-old senior says that this prom will be "very special" despite her having attended other friends' senior proms in the past. "This is my night," said Yount. "I've tried to make it more special by putting more effort into it."

Yount's mother, Margie Selan, encouraged her daughter to miss her high school regional track meet last Friday so she could relax and enjoy everything about the day.

A friend since the fifth grade, Gillman is just a few feet away having her hair styled like that of a picture she saw in a magazine. The pair have been together since leaving school early that afternoon and have plans to spend the day hanging out until the big moment, then they'll split off into different groups for post-prom activities.

Having started the afternoon with a ritual sandwich from Subway on Ann Arbor Road they dart next door to the salon to have their hair done.

Already reminiscing about the day, Yount laughs with Gillman about "the incident" they had at the Clinique counter at Lord & Taylor around noon. "I thought I'd save some money by having my make up done there and it turned out awful. It was very '80s looking," Yount said.

She said she headed straight for the sink at her house and proceeded to wash it all off. "I'll just do it myself ... it's not like it cost me anything."

A job to do

Scott Durham, 18 of Canton, jogs up to the door of a Canton florist with three other prom hopefuls trailing close behind. Durham had to pick up a corsage for his date, Amy Dupuis, before heading back home to "throw on" his tuxedo and pick up his date at 4:30 p.m.

Having only dated Dupuis for the last month, Durham says he asked her to the prom by writing the question on the inside of his calculus book. "I took it over to her house to make her think she forgot her book at school then I said, 'Look inside and check on the name to see if it's yours.'"

Donning a black tux, shirt, tie and silver patterned vest - Durham stands in front of the mirror adjusting his sleeves and vest straps. His mom, Diane, has to stand on her tiptoes to reach her youngest child's collar.

"It's kind of a sad day because I realize he's going to be graduating soon. It's his last big fling," said Diane, "before he leaves for the Air Force Academy."

Gillman is anticipating the night to be both sad and happy. Melancholy because it will be the last time she'll party with some of her friends before graduation and happy because it's an anniversary of sorts for her and boyfriend, Dave Bennett, 19, a 1999 Plymouth Salem graduate.

"We went to his senior prom last year as friends and ended up getting

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Primping: Kim Yount (top) hikes up her dress as she tiptoes through the wet grass and her boyfriend Brad Byrd adjusts his tuxedo vest. Scott Durham (left) gets some help from mom, Diane, while dad, Don, looks on. Puja Amin (above) checks out her "do" at Salon M-J of Plymouth.

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Picture time: Kim Yount, 18, of Canton and Nicole Gillman, 18, of Plymouth look for a hairstyle at Salon M-J. Parents capture the moment as their sons and daughters, dressed to the nines, and their dates gather for pictures at Kim Theeke's house in Plymouth Township. Puja Amin (left) laughs with her date Derick Kassab, 19, of Farmington Hills.

Prom from page B1

together as a couple there," said Gillman. "Tonight is like our anniversary."

After the salon, Gillman, a Plymouth resident, leaves for her house to put on her make up and her dress - red with sequins that fades to black at the bottom. "I love my dress. I found it in December at Gantos. I started looking early because I didn't want to wear the same dress as anyone else. It's so sparkly. I can't wait to wear it."

Themed "Tropical Paradise" the five-hour dinner and dance was held at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Gillman said they had their most impressive dinner attendance yet selling 700 tickets for couples who wanted to dine at the banquet center out of 1,200 total attendees.

"Everything looked great. There were paper mache palm trees and everyone got flower leis at the end of the night," said Gillman.

Many of the couples, including



Together: Scott Durham and Amy Dupuis (foreground) dance the night away as Kim Yount and her date Brad Byrd sing.

Yount, Gillman and Durham went to a mutual friend's house after the dance.

"I came to the realization that I'm actually graduating," said Gillman. "My favorite part

of the night was when they played "The Graduation Song" by Vitamin C. All my friends gathered around in a circle and we just swayed and sang the song. It was fantastic!"

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 June to August follows:

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 settlement, 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 Web page at www.aapwp.org. Visit www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933. Cost \$2/person. Upcoming schedule includes:

June 2, Singles Dance Fund Raiser for KidsSource at the Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Music by DJ Imperial Sound. Cash bar. Non-smoking dance area. Sponsored by Parents without Partners, Inc. Dance 9 p.m. - 1 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.

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

ALL SAINTS

Class of 1950 Is planning a "Millennium Reunion" for November 2000. Unable to locate Margaret Kluk and Mary Frances Perdue. Any information, please call Veronica (248) 437-9735

BERKLEY

Class of 1950 Is looking for alumni. (248) 932-1722, (248) 548-5359 or (248) 393-1233

BERKLEY HIGH

Class of 1965 A 35-reunion is planning a millennium reunion for Sept. 30 at Farina's Banquet Center in Berkley. We need your reservation and alumni addresses. Contact Sharon Reich at (248) 557-3182.

BERKLEY HIGH

Class of 1960 The June Class of 1960 is planning a 40-year reunion Aug. 19 and 20 with weekend activities including a dinner/dance (Saturday) at the Best Western Executive Hotel in Farmington Hills. Call Fred Hannert (248) 652-9750 or visit www.berkeleyhighreunion1960.homestead.com

BENTLEY HIGH

Class of 1970 30 year reunion, Saturday, Nov. 4. Please contact Colleen Siembar (734) 455-1395.

BENTLEY HIGH

Class of 1975 A reunion is planned for Aug. 4 at the Novi Hilton. Call Lori Myers Tabaka (734) 427-5182 or Carol Toy-Day (734) 524-9790.

BENEDICTINE HIGH

Class of 1970 A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 21. For information call Diane Refner (734) 424-4783 or e-mail direff@prodigy.net

BIRMINGHAM HIGH

Class of 1955 A reunion is planned for Oct. 27 at The Northfield Hilton in Troy. Call Pete Kass (248) 335-5472 or e-mail MESLK@aol.com

BIRMINGHAM GROVES

Class of 1965 Aug. 12 at The Community House in Birmingham. (248) 433-2362 or by e-mail at JCRich47@aol.com

MARIAN & BROTHER RICE

Class of 1970 A reunion is planned for July 29. (248) 540-2917 or (248) 358-4490

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM

Class of 1970 A reunion is planned for July 1. (510) 523-0906 or by e-mail at HubSpauld@aol.com

REUNIONS

BISHOP BORGESS

Class of 1970 We're celebrating our 30th class reunion with a dinner dance to be held at the Italian American Banquet Center on Friday, Aug. 4.

If you are a Bishop Borgess 1970 alumni who has not been contacted call Mary Parston at (810) 629-5257 or Mary Sherry at (248) 348-7104. Space is very limited. Respond now to make this reunion a reality. To find out more information visit the reunion Web site at www.bbhs70.com

BISHOP BORGESS

Class of 1975 A 25th year reunion is planned from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, June 17. Cost is \$5. Contact Steve Anderson by e-mail at sparky39@prodigy.net visit their Web site at http://pages.prodigy.net/sparky39/borgess or write Steve Anderson, 11418 Arnold, Redford, MI 48239.

BRIGHTON

Class of 1980 Aug. 26 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi. (248) 360-7004, press #5 or by e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Class of 1960 Bloomfield Hills High School (now Andover High) class of 1960 will host a reunion Aug. 25, 26, and 17. Contact Jim Wolfe, (248) 339-3225.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Class of 1964-65 A reunion is planned for Sept. 15-16 with the main event being dinner and music at Forest Lake Country Club in Bloomfield Hills. Other activities include a tailgate party and football game against Avondale. For information call Edie (248) 935-7555 or e-mail laradangoldman@aol.com

CAPAC HIGH

1975 or Before The Capac High School Alumni Reunion will be held Sunday, June 25 in the cafeteria of Capac High School. Anyone who graduated from Capac High School in 1975 or before is welcome to attend. The classes of 1950 and 1975 will be honored for their 50th and 25th anniversaries. A social hour will begin at noon followed by a potluck dinner at 12:30 p.m. Bring your own table service and serving spoons. Call Doris Stuever at (810) 395-7369.

CASS TECHNICAL

Class of 1964, 1965, 1966 35 year reunion Saturday, Nov. 18. To get on a mailing list call Rita (248) 746-3340.

CASS TECH

Class of 1975 A 25th year reunion themed "A Sterling Affair," is planned for Aug. 5 at 6 p.m. at Cobo's Riverview Ballroom. A 3-day Bahamas cruise is also being planned for Nov. 9-12. Deposits

are (\$100) per cabin and should be sent to E. Morton For information contact Lawrence Washington (313) 837-1901, Estelita Morgan (248) 559-7832 or write CT 75 - 25 Year Reunion, P.O. Box 8242, Bloomfield, MI 48302-8242.

CASS TECH HIGH

Class of 1960/61 Classes are looking for classmates for a Sept. 16 reunion. Contact M. Deters Singley at (248) 740-3266 to be put on a mailing list.

CHERRY HILL HIGH

Class of 1979 Class is looking for alumni to plan a reunion. Call (734) 397-4765, Jackie; or (734) 981-1636, Janine.

CLARKSTON

Class of 1960 A reunion is tentatively planned for August. (248) 627-4549, (248) 933-1670 or dlmliller@flash.net

CLINTONDALE

Class of 1960 A reunion is planned for July. (810) 465-2388

CLARENCEVILLE

Class of 1975 A 25-reunion is planned for Sept. 16 at the Holiday Inn, Farmington. We need help locating many classmates. Call Bob Scheets (248) 363-5345 or (248) 437-9131 or e-mail bks1957@aol.com

COOLEY

Class of 1958 A reunion is planned for the weekend of Aug. 18, 19 and 20 over the weekend of the Woodward Dream Cruise at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. Call Eva Randlett at (248) 851-6929. (313) 277-1316 or (248) 426-6888

CRESTWOOD

Class of 1970 A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 19 at Joy Manor (Joy Road between Inkster & Middlebelt). Event includes cocktail hour, hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, open bar, music and dancing. Cost is \$60 per person. Call Susan (Comstock) Johns (313) 277-1316 or e-mail Barbara (Sowa) Scully at bjscully@mediaone.net

DEARBORN FORDSON

Classes of 1960 January and June classes will gather for a reunion Sept. 9 at Park Place. Call (313) 565-4322 or (248) 960-3671.

DEARBORN FORDSON

Class of 1960 50-year reunion is planned Aug. 5 at the Warren Valley Golf Club and Banquet Center. Call Ruben (313) 277-5624 or Gene (248) 645-5994.

DEARBORN LOWREY

Class of 1960 A 40-year reunion is planned for Aug. 4 at the Embassy Suite in Livonia (7 Mile Road and I-275). Cost is \$50 per person. Call Larry Krupa (734) 565-7893; Terry Lajovic (734) 728-7695 or e-mail Claudine Bacher at cbacher@lear.com

DEARBORN HIGH

Class of 1960 A reunion is planned for Aug. 12 at Henry Ford Museum/Lovett Hall. Call David Gordon at (313) 278-7061 or e-mail dgordon@mich.com

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ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Burman-Thompson

Karen and Bill Lange of Grosse Ile 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 Cliff Thompson were flower girl and ring-bearer at the ceremony.

The groom was attended by his twin brother and best man Brian Thompson and grooms-



man 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, N. J.

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.

Suominen-Lezak

Jack and Roberta Bode and (the late) Paul Suominen of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacy Paulette, to Steve Louis Lezak of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Madonna University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in social studies. She works as an elementary school teacher in the Wayne-Westland School District.

Her fiancé, son of Steve and Penny Lezak of Livonia, is a 1996 graduate of Madonna University with a bachelor's degree in history. He works as a high school teacher in the Wayne-



Westland School District. An October 2001 wedding is planned at Church of the Divine Child.

Cavanaugh-Brogaon

Michael and Theresa Cavanaugh of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Marie, to Ryan Gregory Brogaon of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a student at Eastern Michigan University. She works for McKesson Pharmacy Systems in Livonia.

Her fiancé, son of Douglass and Martee Hickman of Farmington Hills, is a 1989 graduate of Boca Ciega High School in Gulfport Fla., and a student at Lawrence Technological University. He works at Williams International in Commerce



Township. A wedding is planned for early spring.

Branching out

Family tree research starts with your branch

BY NANCY DEUTSCH
SPECIAL WRITER

There are a lot of informative books on genealogy out there, but surprisingly none of them come with a Surgeon General's warning, says Patricia Dickerson. With a sly smile, she adds, "They should say, 'Warning: this can be addictive.'"

Dickerson, guest speaker on genealogy at a recent meeting of the Canton Historical Society, should know. While not a certified genealogist - "I'm not a certified anything except a schoolteacher" - Dickerson has devoted a large portion of her spare time to tracing her roots and those of other members or want-to-be members of Daughters of the American Revolution, for whom she is registrar.

Dickerson has even loosely traced her own heritage to King David of Israel, although she readily admits the connection is too tenuous to stand up to legal scrutiny.

She quickly points out that this is one of the most important points about undertaking an endeavor of this kind - if there is anything a budding genealogist needs to know, it is to have proper certification of anything and everything.

"If genealogy is accurate, it should stand up in a court of law," Dickerson says.

Most people are interested in their own family history due to simple curiosity, but for some, the search has a legal aspect - they stand to inherit money from a relative if they can prove their heritage, she says.

Her own search was prompted by "a mid-life identify crisis." And every day her husband reminds her that there are less expensive ways she could have handled her restlessness, she adds with a laugh.

Where to begin

All you need to start tracing your own roots is a good lead pencil or dark ink pen and a pad of paper, she told members of the Canton Historical Society. However, if your thirst for knowledge goes unsatisfied, there could be considerable time, not to mention travel, involved.

But to start, all you need is some accurate

information so "you start with you," Dickerson says simply. "Always work from the known to the unknown." Write your name and date at the top of the page. Include the entire name you were born with, and be sure to write your surname in uppercase.

"Sooner or later, everyone comes across a name like Wesley James" and if all surnames are uniformly kept upper case, there won't be any confusion as to which is the last name, she explains. The reason for the date is also simple, it tells whoever seeks this information and comes across your date after you how likely it is that the information is accurate.

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accumulated information about his past, he was surprised to learn the event he remembered had been a final season basketball game, not homecoming football game. There were no cheerleaders to kiss him, although he had been lusted by a girl he liked.

After you have written basic information about yourself, set about proving it, Dickerson says. You can include a birth certificate, although, on its own, this is not the most authoritative piece of paper. Anyone can request the birth certificate of someone around his or her own age and use it, she

says. This is why documentation for passports requires the additional verification of people who have known you for at least five years.

So use as many sources as you can, she urges. After you have included information about yourself, decide how you are going to go about tracing your roots, either through your mother or father.

Then "you need to start talking to the older generation that's still alive. Do it before you are the older generation. People die."

Plan of action

It's important not to overwhelm relatives with too many questions at a time, she stresses. In addition, it is important to be specific. Start off with something like "who were you named for?" instead of "what was your father like?" It might be useful to ask questions around a memorable holiday or bring out old photos to use to help jog the memory, Dickerson suggests.

A number of Web sites or books may help you as you progress in your search, she notes such as www.ancestry.com or www.rootsweb.com. Use these to download or copy some useful forms to use for documenting your search.

There are courses offered by correspondence. Some are free, others charge tuition. Both the Canton and Plymouth libraries have a number of books and videotapes on genealogy.

"You should be able to get the information you need" to at least get started. And once you are on your way, totally engrossed in your family history, don't blame her if you get hooked. She warned you.

To obtain membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution, a woman must be no less than eighteen years of age and can prove lineal, blood line, descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American independence. She must provide documentation for each statement of birth, marriage and death.

Useful Web sites www.rootsweb.com or www.ancestry.com

NEW ARRIVALS

■ **Brad Knight and Jennifer Haines** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter **Kaleigh Marie Knight** born May 2, at Garden City Hospital in Garden City.

Grandparents are Linda J. Knight of Westland and Sandra and Lawrence R. Haines, Jr. of Orange Park, Florida. Great-grandparents are Barbara D. Holzinger of Westland, Barbara and Martin J. Nemcosky, Jr. of Virginia Beach, Virginia; Nancy Haines of Naples, Florida; and Lawrence R. Haines, Sr. of Naples, Florida.

■ **Steven and Kimberly Palmisano** of Yardley, Penn., announce the birth of twins

Elizabeth Grace and Steven Mark Palmisano, Jr. born March 3 at Abington Hospital in Abington, Penn. Grandparents are Ignatius and Wanda Palmisano of Livonia.

■ **Dennis and Barbara Slaby** of Westland announce the birth of their son **Aaron Mitchell** born May 13 at Oakwood Hospital - Annapolis Center in Wayne. Aaron joins brother Alexander.

Grandparents are Rosella Millman of Burr Oak, Mo.

■ **Steve and Susan Michalak** of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter **Amber Rose** born May 6 at Oakwood Hospital - Annapolis Center in Wayne. Amber joins

sister **Lindsey Anna**. Grandparents are Stanley and Kathryn Michalak of Garden City and Dennis and Rosemary Namyslowski of Garden City.

■ **Scott and Lisa Cooper** of Westland announce the birth of their son **Wyatt Scott** born May 10 at Oakwood Hospital - Annapolis Center in Wayne. Wyatt joins brother Nash Dalton. Grandparents are Bill and Dona Dillingham of Canton and Oliver and Mary Cooper of Pensacola, Florida.

■ **Christine and Michael Mass** of Livonia announce the birth of their son **Jacob Christopher** born May 17 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn

Jacob joins brother Nicholas Michael, 2 1/2. Grandparents are James and Virginia McCarty of Garden City, Cheryl Barr and Ed Mass of Rochester Hills; and **Dariene Sellers of St. Petersburg, Florida**. Great-grandmother is Mildred Schrieb of Columbia, Tenn.

■ **Dawne and Peter Falk** of Garden City announce the birth of their son **Mitchell Peter** born April 23 at Botsford Hospital. Mitchell joins brother James Thomas, 2. Grandparents are Jim and Becky Falk of Garden City and Jacqueline Peski of Warren. Great-grandmother is Eleanor Marlinga of Las Vegas, Nev.

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CALENDAR

WEEKEND

CANCER SURVIVORS DAY

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is planning a variety of activities for area cancer survivors on National Cancer Survivors Day 2-4 p.m. Sunday, June 4, in the West Addition Conference Room A, near the hospital's south entrance. The session will explore the "links of survivorship" with a panel of speakers including: a cancer survivor, a support person and a member of the health care community. There will be refreshments, a prize drawing and mementos for cancer survivors. The event is free and open to the public. Preregistration is requested by May 26. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

TABLES AND TEA

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club presents its annual "Tables and Tea" 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, at the club, 1830 Washtenaw Ave. 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. to 1:30 p.m. Reservations are not required for the luncheon. Children younger than 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.

PRINCETON REVIEW

The Princeton Review will hold a free MBA workshop from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. Attendees will receive information on the MBA admission process, as well as strategies and techniques to excel on the GMAT. Refreshments will also be provided. Those interested must call the Princeton Review at (800) 2-REVIEW, or (734) 663-2163 in order to register for the workshop. Seating is limited.

The Princeton Review will hold a free law school workshop from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Michigan League, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor. Attendees will learn information regarding the admission process to law school, as well as strategies and techniques to enhance their proficiency on the LSAT. Refreshments will be provided. Those who wish to attend must call the Princeton Review at (800) 2-REVIEW, or (734) 663-2163 in order to register for the workshop.

WALK/RUN EVENT

The Belleville Strawberry Festival will hold its annual five-mile run, two-mile walk and Kids 1/2-Mile fun run at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 17. Cost is \$14 (includes T-shirt) before June 10 and \$17 (T-shirt not guaranteed) the day of the race. Kids' event does not include T-shirt. Proceeds go to benefit the Girltown Foundation. For more information, call Ty Patton at (734) 699-2047.

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.

WRITING SEMINARS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will host a creative writing seminar with author and journalist Lowell Cauflief 7-9 p.m. 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.

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 benefit Goodwill's employment and training services for people with disabilities and other special needs in the Detroit area. The ladies' event begins with a morning shotgun start followed by a luncheon. Reservations are \$195 per person. Luncheon-only reservations are \$40 per person. For more information or for reservations, call event chairwoman Linda Handyside at (248) 349-8407.

SALEM GOLF OUTING

The Salem Dugout Club will hold its sixth annual golf outing to benefit the Salem High School baseball program Saturday, June 24, at The Woodlands of Van Buren Township, 39670 Ecorse Road, Wayne. The outing begins at 2 p.m. with a scrambles format and shotgun start. Tickets for the outing are \$92 (\$27 for dinner only) and include gifts, prizes, a skills contest and skins game. Make checks payable to the Salem Dugout Club. Mail by June 1 to Marty Mayotte, 6556 Raintree Court, Canton 48187. Call (734) 981-0118 for information.

OPEN HOUSE

Residents may the Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office open house 4-7 p.m. Monday, June 5. The new office is at 300 Parkland Plaza Drive, Ann Arbor. (Parkland Plaza is off Jackson Road, between Zeeb and Wagner roads). The new extension facilities, as well as several programs, will be showcased during the open house. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call the extension office at (734) 997-1MSU or e-mail: washtena@msue.msue.edu

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Plymouth District Library will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, in the Meeting Room. Guest is Kathleen Ripley Leo, poet and teacher. Leo gives readings for writing workshops, luncheons, bookstores, schools or conferences. Her books include: *Town One South*, *The Circle is Assembled* and *The Old Ways*. Check out her Web site at: <http://northville.lib.mi.us?NAC?krlco.htm>. This event will begin at 7:30 p.m. with refreshments, and a brief business meeting at 8 p.m. Prospective members are welcome.

BASKETBALL CAMPS

Madonna University will hold All-Star basketball camps this summer for boys and girls ages 8-15. Camps will be Monday,

Gymnastic greatness

May 2000

Winning combination: Erica Schick, 11, of Livonia took top honors at the Level 6 State Gymnastics Championship meet May 13-14 in Flint. Representing the Sports Club of Novi, Erica took first on bars with a score of 9.1, first on floor with a score of 9.4, and the all-around title with a score of 36.725. Teammate Nicole Roach, 10, of Canton took first in her division on bars with a score of 9.425. All members of the Sports Club Level 6 team took medals in at least two events, helping their team place third in the state with a score of 109.725. Rounding out the winning team are Jacquelyn Williams and Chelsea Selden of Plymouth, Sarah Ilkhani-Four of Northville, Emma Platt of Novi, and Amanda Green of South Lyon. The team is coached by Jen Quinlan and Shane Uson. The meet capped a successful season that saw the team take first place at the Salute to Michigan meet in Beverly Hills, Cereal City Classic in Battle Creek and the Champions Derby Classic in Louisville, Ky.

June 12, through Friday, July 7. The camps include guest speakers, camp championship tourney, a personal written evaluation, shooting instruction, passing and receiving the ball drills, offensive footwork and movement without the ball. There will be two camps for boys. Both camps will run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The first camp for boys will be Monday-Friday, June 12-16. The second camp will be from Monday-Friday, June 19-23. A third camp for boys will be held at Fairlane Christian in Dearborn Heights on Monday-Friday, June 26-30. There will be one camp for girls at Fairlane Christian from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday-Friday, July 2-7 - with the exception of Tuesday, July 4. The cost for the boys camps held at Madonna University is \$130, and the cost for both the boys and girls camps at Fairlane Christian is \$120. For more information, call coach Bernie Holowicki at (734) 432-5591 or (734) 261-3346. Madonna University is in Livonia at I-96 and Levan.

NACW MONTHLY MEETING

The West Suburban Chapter of NACW will host its monthly meeting at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, June 13, at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road in Plymouth. Cost is \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. The guest speaker will be Pamela Hall from First Horizon Home Loans. Her topic will be "When Should

you Refinance and Preparing for your Dream Home." For more information or to make a reservation, call Tracey Huff at (248)347-3355.

CEDAR POINT TRIP

Northville Parks and Recreation will sponsor a trip to Cedar Point for middle school children on Friday, June 16. Buses will depart Northville Recreation Center at 7 a.m. and return at 11:30 p.m. Cost ranges from \$52-\$59. Adult chaperones are needed. For more information, call Dan at Northville Parks and Recreation, (248) 349-0203.

SUMMER TENNIS CAMP

The Plymouth Salem varsity tennis coach Tom Kimball again will offer 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 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 a.m. to noon. New tennis rackets will be available on-site from the Cayman Sports Co. at a greatly discounted

rate. Sign-up is limited. For more information, contact the Plymouth-Canton Community Education Department.

BICYCLE RIDES

Bike tours throughout the Plymouth community will start at 6:30 p.m. every Monday through September (except for three holiday 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 will lead a bike tour that 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.

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 13-19. Younger riders will be considered. The group will meet once or twice a month for an hour of trail riding, followed by a 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 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 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 at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

M.O.M. MEETING

Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents guest speakers and discussions 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Baby-sitting is provided. Call Kim at (734) 459-7035 or Shannon at (734) 354-0191.

M.I.T.I.

Moms In Touch International is for mothers to meet weekly, for one hour, to pray for their children and schools. The goal is to form a group for each school in Plymouth-Canton. If you are interested or have any questions, call Karen at (734) 397-2771 or Elaine at (734) 459-3896.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

VOLUNTEERS

FIRST STEP

Become a volunteer and help other people while putting an end to domestic violence and sexual assault in your community. First Step has been active in the effort to end violence in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years. Volunteers must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area, and complete a 55-hour training program starting this month. For information, call (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is looking for adults who want to use their skills in a health-care setting. Specific roles include clerical, greeters, staff support and other non-patient care-related duties, as well as patient-comfort roles. For more information, call St. Mary Hospital Volunteer Services Department at (734) 655-2912, or www.stmary-hospital.org

SUPPORT GROUPS

HANDS ACROSS THE WATER
Hands Across The Water holds its Adopting Older Kids (A-Okay!) meetings the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. There is a \$6 fee; they also sponsor an adoption book discussion group the fourth Tuesday of each month

from 7-9 p.m. The group is free. Meetings are at 2300 Washtenaw, Ste. 103B in Ann Arbor. For further information, call (734) 913-0831.

STARTING OVER

Starting Over is a group for widowed men and women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church of Christ. Call (734) 662-5999.

GRIEF AFTERCARE SUPPORT

Vermeulen Funeral Homes offers a monthly grief aftercare support group meeting for those who have recently experienced the death of a family member or close friend. For more information, call (734) 459-2250.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

Community Hospice and Home Care Services hosts ongoing grief support services for adults experiencing a loss through death. The meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. at the Plymouth office of CHCS (127 S. Main St.). For information, call (734) 522-4244.

COUNTERPOINT

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

ANGELA HOSPICE

Angela Hospice offers free monthly grief support groups for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. All groups meet at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. For meeting dates and times, call Ruth Favor, (734) 464-7810.

CLUBS

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third week of each month on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays. Play group meets twice a month on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For more information, call Pam Heestand at (734) 981-3341.

HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP

The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

COUNTY CONNECTION

County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a women's chorus singing four-part harmony barbershop style, is looking for members. Rehearsals begin at 7 p.m. every Tuesday in Ypsilanti. Call (734) 480-8843.

STAMP CLUB

Meetings of the West Suburban Stamp Club begin at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of the month at The Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The Web site address is www.oconline.com/~pnj/wssc.html

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

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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 (313) 513-8413.

REDEEMED TREASURES

Redeemed Treasures thrift shop (sponsored by Detroit Teen Challenge) is open most Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. year round. The shop is at 20740 Grand River (1.5 miles east of Telegraph). While browsing, you can have your car washed and detailed for a donation.

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 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.

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.

UUCF SUNDAY PROGRAM

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Sunday Program

for May 28: Rev. Bob Renjilian presents "Keeping the Memories." In observance of Memorial Day we will share in the important work of remembering through our grief and our joy those who have gone before. Weather permitting, we will end services outside near the Memorial Garden. Services and Sunday School at 9 and 11 a.m. 25301 Halsted Rd. (North of Grand River) Call (248) 478-7272 or www.wwnet.com/~uucf/

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.

RAISE THE ROOF

Christ Our Savior (46001 Warren Road) - Canton Campus will host a contemporary praise concert "Raise the Roof" beginning at 7 p.m. June 3. The event is presented by "Circle of Friends" Canton Music Group. Special treat for kids. Ice cream social following the concert.

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.

SPORTS NIGHT

St. Timothy Presbyterian Church of Livonia (16700 Newburgh Rd) hosts a Call Friendship Club for mentally and physically challenged young adults 18 or older. A sportsnight and cook-out is planned for June 15 at the church. Cost \$3.00. For information call (734) 464-8844.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School at Christ Our Savior Lutheran church, 14175 Farmington Road in Livonia, will take place from 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 19-23. Outback Expedition - Celebrating God's Family will include Bible stories, drama, music, games and crafts. Children age four through grade six are invited to attend. To register call (734) 522-6830.

WORLD HEALING SERVICE

On 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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are scheduled June 9-11 and July 14-16 at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile Road in Plymouth. There is a \$50 registration fee. Call Bill and Carol to register (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524. Visit www.rc.net/detroit/wmwc

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia/Canton will host the fifth annual overnight retreat Sept. 8-9 sponsored by Women's Ministry. The program titled "Enjoying the Presence of God" will be held starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8 and run through 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Holiday Inn Fair-

lane in Dearborn. Guest speaker will be Jan Johnson an award-winning author of eight books and thousands of magazine articles. Jan will speak Friday on "intimacy with God," and a service of prayer and praise will be led by the Canton Praise Team. After breakfast Saturday, Jan will speak on "Finding God in Hard Places/Empty Space." Following lunch she will give her last talk "Drawing Energy from the Heart of Christ." Cost before July 15, \$95 for double occupancy; \$85 triple; \$75 quadruple and \$40 for one day only. If you register between July 15 and Aug. 7 add \$10 to fee. Call Suann Dibble (734) 522-6830.

HEALING SERVICES

The Rev. Gary Seymour offers healing services for the series titled "Rise and Come Forward" the third Wednesday evening of each month at the Church of the Risen Lord, 821 N. Newburgh in Westland. Call (734) 397-7132.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Bible studies at Timothy Lutheran Church are available from 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The morning study is led by members of the congregation, and the evening study is led by the pastor. Timothy Lutheran Church is at 8820 Wayne Road in Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www.timothyLivonia.com

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN

New Life Lutheran Church worships at 10:15 a.m. Sunday at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon. Sunday school is also offered. Please call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail the church at newlife@yahoo.com

NEW BIBLE STUDY

Adults interested in a complete overview of the scriptures may attend a Bible study at 9:15 a.m. Sundays at New Life Lutheran Church at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon. Call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail newlife@yahoo.com

TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit organization, is forming new, beginner tai chi classes at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia. St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bloomfield; Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Observers welcome. (248) 332-1281

Outing to benefit hospice services

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.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBERMAN

Foursome: Karen Berrie tees up while Sandy Sommer, Daniel Herriman and Maureen Butrico look on in Kellogg Park. The four were promoting the annual CHHCS golf outing.

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 sponsorship 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.

"Our supporters are thrilled to return to this wonderful course. Supporting hospice is so important to us and playing at Washtenaw Country Club makes the day extra special," said Beth Lurtz, Hospice Foundation Board Member.

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.

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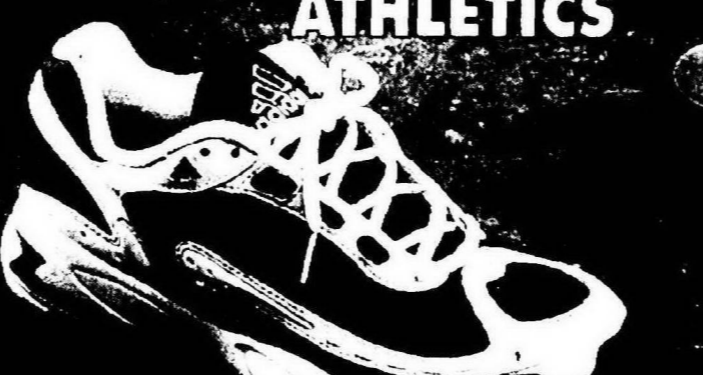
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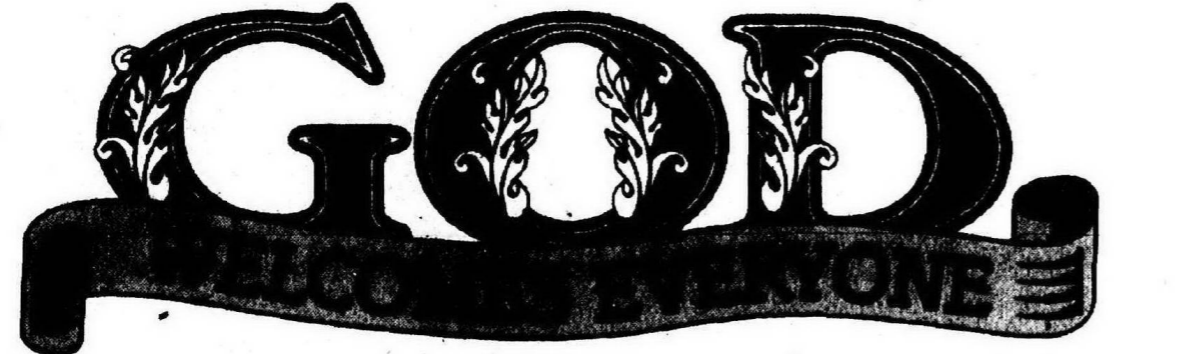
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Right to life stance a visual display in Canton

ABORTION

Passing by Canton's St. John Neumann Church this week, it's hard not to stare.

But that's the desired effect that about 100 volunteers hoped for as they gathered Thursday, May 18, to place 2,200 white crosses into the ground in front of the church.

Sandy Rzepecki, a Canton resident for 22 years, was among the group. "I just wanted to help out and do something for the community."

Each cross represents two abortions — the average performed daily. "I pray everyday for the unborn babies," added Rzepecki.

She's not alone. Rosemary Smith had hammer in hand, despite lightning and the onset of rain late in the afternoon. "I just really believe in the right to life," said the 20-year Canton resident. This is a good way to show people what's happening. It's an inspiring sight. It makes you think.

This is the first year the church has been part of the very visible program against abortion. The crosses travel from church to church. Before being

set up at the Canton church, the white crosses were displayed at St. Irenaeus Church in Rochester Hills.

Crosses could also be seen on the grounds of Ladywood High School in Livonia earlier this month.

Father Jack Quinlann of St. John Neumann Church was happy to see so many people working for an important cause. He was among the group setting up the crosses Thursday.

"We hope it makes an impact on the community," said Barbara Weir of Canton. She said the crosses signify respect for all life, not just anti-abortion sentiments.

It certainly impacted the parish in Wayne County. Jodi Ring, who belongs to the Respect Life Committee, a division of the church's Christian Service Committee, said the project was split into different activities. Some volunteers marked a pattern, others pounded in bases and others put the crosses in the ground. She was pleased to see volunteers of all ages come out to help.

The crosses will remain at St. John Neumann Church, located on Warren Road, for a two-week period.



Committed: Maria Brish (center) and her son David, 7, help Jackie O'Dell, Jody Larsen and Teresa Haller place crosses at St. John Neumann Church in Canton.

Christian concert planned

Come one, come all to the Canton Friendship Church Christian concert at the Summit on the Park, Saturday, June 10.

According to organizers the free outdoor event will feature contemporary Christian music by three bands at the Summit's amphitheater beginning at 6:30

p.m. "It's really an all-day, family affair," said Dale Bennett a member of Canton Friendship Church. "Everyone is welcome to attend."

A family cookout will lead off the event at 4:30 p.m. and

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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

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

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Donation only \$1.00. All proceeds to Scamp and Care House. Free parking.

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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

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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 in Westland. Call (734) 421-6130.

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Children and grief to be addressed on local cable show

Children And Grief: One Wound That Bandages And Salve Can't Heal

The loss of a loved one is something with which everyone must come to terms at some point in life, yet many families find it difficult to express the associated sorrow openly, particularly when children are concerned.

"On Main Street" host Dr. Dale Meyer confronts grief with Gregory Floyd, author of "A Grief Unveiled" and father who faced the unexpected loss of a child in 1995. Floyd's family was struck with tragedy as his 6-year-old son — one of six children under the age of 7 — was fatally injured in an auto accident. The grieving process through which his family dealt with the loss served as an inspi-

ration for his book and is an example to others in helping children express grief.

"Something that people can miss a lot is that children do grieve — they grieve differently than adults do because their life is different than an adult's life," says Floyd. "We (adults) do not give them the credit for the depth and the insight and the intuition that they have."

Floyd adds that a child's grief is episodic. Children are capable of participating in a favorite pas-

time, mourning the loss of a loved one and going out for ice cream all in the space of a half an hour — something inconceivable to adults.

In the interview with Meyer, Floyd stresses the importance of allowing a child to actively demonstrate grief by giving them a realistic picture of the situation. Euphemisms and colorful, "pie-in-the-sky" language are a negative distraction from the reality of death and may only serve to confuse the child

and set them up for added heartache down the road.

"Trying to shield a child from grief is one of the most destructive things a parent can do," says Floyd. "If they (children) repress grief — any psychologist will tell you and any good spiritual director will tell you — they will deal with that (grief) every few years for the rest of their lives ... It is important for parents to explain to children in an age-appropriate language what's going on."

Floyd's touching story and

these important messages for parents and guardians will be shared in the "On Main Street" program, "Children and Grief" scheduled to air on Livonia cable, on Monday, May 29 on WLIV, Channel 12 at 4 p.m.

Winner of a 1999 Emmy Award, "On Main Street" is a 30-minute program broadcast weekly on the Odyssey Channel (Wednesday at 2:30 a.m. and Thursday, 10:30 a.m.), Vision Video and local affiliate and independent television stations.

To determine if the Odyssey Channel is carried by a local cable service, visit the Odyssey Network online (www.odyssey-channel.com).

For additional program information, visit the "On Main Street" section of Lutheran Hour Ministries' "Wired with the Word" Web site (www.lhm.org) or call (800) 944-3450 to request a complimentary copy of the quarterly publication, "Broadcast Guide."

Concert

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include children's games and prizes. Two dollar food tickets entitle the holder to a hot dog, chips and a drink. Six food tickets can be purchased for \$10. "That's a pretty good deal," said Bennett.

Each ticket purchased will be entered into a drawing for prizes that will be awarded during the second intermission.

Among the three featured Christian contemporary bands are local performers "Footprints," who will simultaneously be making their debut. The band members, including performers from Livonia, Plymouth, Canton and Brooklyn, are looking forward to releasing a self-titled CD this fall.

Other performances will be made by singer/songwriter Lannea Russell of "Renoir" and featuring singer/songwriters Aaron Swanger and Ryan Ballard of "Brother Jack."

"Renoir" appears regularly with nationally known bands booked at The Grain Coffee House in Marshall and "Brother Jack" is currently in the studio cutting a CD to be released this summer.

For additional information about the Christian music concert call (248) 374-4345 or Canton Friendship Church (734) 451-2100. Summit on the Park is located off Canton Center Road between Michigan Avenue and Cherry Hill roads in Canton.

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Scholar athlete

Angela Litwin, a junior at Madonna University and a Plymouth Canton HS graduate, was named an NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete in softball for the just-completed season.

Litwin, a first baseman, started 51 games for Madonna and batted .274. She posted a 3.83 grade-point average with a criminal justice major.

Madonna was 31-24 in softball.

Volleyball champs

The Madonna University Crusaders No. 3 12-and-under volleyball team posted a perfect record Saturday to win the Gold Division championship in an AAU Tournament at University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Hosted by Motor City and The Victors volleyball teams, Crusaders No. 3 won in straight sets against all three of its pool-play opponents, then swept both its the semifinal and final matches in four-straight games.

A combination of consistent serving by Chelsey Mellon, (nine serves in a row) and accurate passing by Laura Schroeter and Megan Hodges assured that a third game was never needed in any match. Other team members include Sarah Alexander, Lauren Kurtz and Amy Doenitz.

The Crusaders, coached by Scott Kurtz, look forward to the State AAU Volleyball meet June 3 in Adrian.

Madonna University's Junior Crusaders 12-and-under team completed its regular season tournament play with a first-place finish at a tournament in Grand Rapids last Saturday. It was their fourth title this season. They, too, will move on to the state championships June 3 in Adrian.

Coached by Kim Price, Crusaders team members are Marissa Bober, Teresa Coppellie, Jansen Falcusen, Ashton Judis, Amanda Lenart, Madison McCoy, Trisha Morrill, Rachel Pasquali, Lauren Price and Terry Rhodes.

Best freshman

Ben Tucker, a freshman at Kalamazoo College and a Plymouth Canton HS graduate, was selected the Most Valuable Freshman for the Hornets' baseball team.

An honorable mention all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association pick, Tucker was Kalamazoo's top winner, posting a 4-3 record with a 4.40 earned run average. He had five complete games.

Free tennis clinics

Canton's Parks and Recreation Services is offering free tennis clinics on Saturday at Freedom Park. The clinics are open to anyone from seven years old to adult, and are designed to get people of all ages to try the sport.

The first clinic, for those 7-15 years old, will be from noon-1 p.m. The second clinic, for those 15 and over, will be from 1-2 p.m.

Call (734) 397-5110 to reserve a spot.

Boosters seek help

Plymouth Canton's and Plymouth Salem's hockey teams are already preparing for their second season of competition. A pay-to-play sport, the teams need to raise approximately \$35,000 each to fund their seasons.

The Ice Hockey Boosters Club is seeking donations, which are tax deductible, and/or volunteer help. Checks should be made payable to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and sent to: Plymouth-Canton Hockey Boosters, P.O. Box 700891, Plymouth, Mich., 48170.

Summer leagues

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring an eight-game men's summer basketball league, with play on Tuesdays or Thursdays from June 20-Aug. 17. Entry fee is \$320 per team plus \$15 per non-resident; referee fees are extra. Call (248) 349-0203 for more information.

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring open volleyball from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday evenings starting June 7. Cost is \$3 per person. Call (248) 349-0203 for more information.

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Rocks romp to lopsided win over Chiefs

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It was simply not going to be the same type of game the first one was. Even before Plymouth Canton's Paula McKernan, the game's first batter, smacked a double to left it was a given that this would not be a 19-inning, one-run game.

Plymouth Salem made certain of it. The Rocks bombarded two Canton pitchers for 14 runs on 10 hits, scoring nine times in the second inning, in rampaging to a 14-1 five-inning mercy victory Wednesday at Salem.

Salem improved to 23-10 overall, 10-6 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Canton slipped to 17-10 overall.

It was officially Salem's second win of the season in three meetings over Canton, but it was the first time the Rocks beat the Chiefs on the field since . . .

"We hadn't beaten Canton in about six years," was Salem coach Bonnie Southerland's recollection. "Do you have to ask (if I'm happy)?"

In the two teams first meeting in the finals of the Canton Classic May 6, Canton's Laura Stewart and Salem's Liz Dekarske battled for 18 scoreless



Out at third: Canton's Angie Neu is thrown out at third by Kelly Jaskot; Jessica Chapman tags her.

innings. The Chiefs finally broke through in the 19th to win, 1-0.

They were supposed to meet again in a consolation final of the Temperance Bedford Invitational a week later, but Canton was forced to forfeit after Stewart and back-up Katie Conlon were both injured.

That earlier 19-inning loss stung the Rocks, making Wednesday's meeting even more pressing. But in

the days prior to the game other events intervened.

Most notably, the two pitchers who had dueled so determinedly in that 19-inning marathon would not appear in this game. Stewart was felled by a flu virus. The news on Dekarske was worse — sometime last weekend, she suffered a stress fracture in her foot. She'll be lost for the season.

Bad news for both teams. But as Southerland noted, "It's unfortunate both of our aces were out. But you still have to play the game. You still have to come out and back up your pitcher."

Which the Rocks did, far better than Canton. "We've had a lot better days," said Canton coach Jim Arnold of his team's performance. "I don't know what it is."

"It's something that's been plaguing us all year. When we're hot, we're good; when we're not, we're bad."

The Chiefs got their only run following McKernan's lead-off double in the first. With one out, Jonelle Brown hit a grounder to third baseman Jessica Chapman. Chapman tried to get McKernan in a rundown, but she overthrew second base and McKernan scored.

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1 more time

Salem earns 4th-straight title

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Plymouth Salem rode the reliable arm of Tiffany Grubaugh and the speedy legs of Rachel Jones to capture its fourth-straight Western Lakes Activities Association girls track title Wednesday night at Farmington High.

The Rocks, who came up just 3 1/2 points short of winning last Friday's Division I regional at Redford Union, held off challengers from Livonia Stevenson and Walled Lake Central to win the coveted WLAA title.

Salem led the 12-school field with 120.5 points, while Stevenson and Central finished with 106.5 and 104, respectively. See final results on C7.

Grubaugh racked up her usual 20 points by successfully defending her WLAA titles in the shot put (40 feet, 9 1/2 inches) (131-9).

Meanwhile, Jones took a first in the 400-meter dash (1:00.2) and teamed up with Autumn Hicks, Michelle Bonior and Brynne DeNeen to capture the 800 relay (1:46.4).

Jones also placed second in the 100 (12.4) and 200 (25.8) dashes.

Both Grubaugh and Jones are seniors. "This is the first senior class that has won it four times in a row," said Salem coach Mark Gregor. "They liked the idea of doing that all season. We talked about it at last year's banquet and the seniors really worked long and

hard during the off-season to give themselves a chance."

Salem's fourth-straight WLAA conquest, however, did not come without some anxious moments.

The Rocks led by almost 30 points through the 1,600 run, but the contenders, Stevenson and Central, moved to within 20 points after Salem was disqualified in the 400 relay.

"We did lot of juggling in that race because we had a couple kids banged up and we took Jones out of it," Gregor explained. "We had three subs in there and they did a pretty good job until the last exchange."

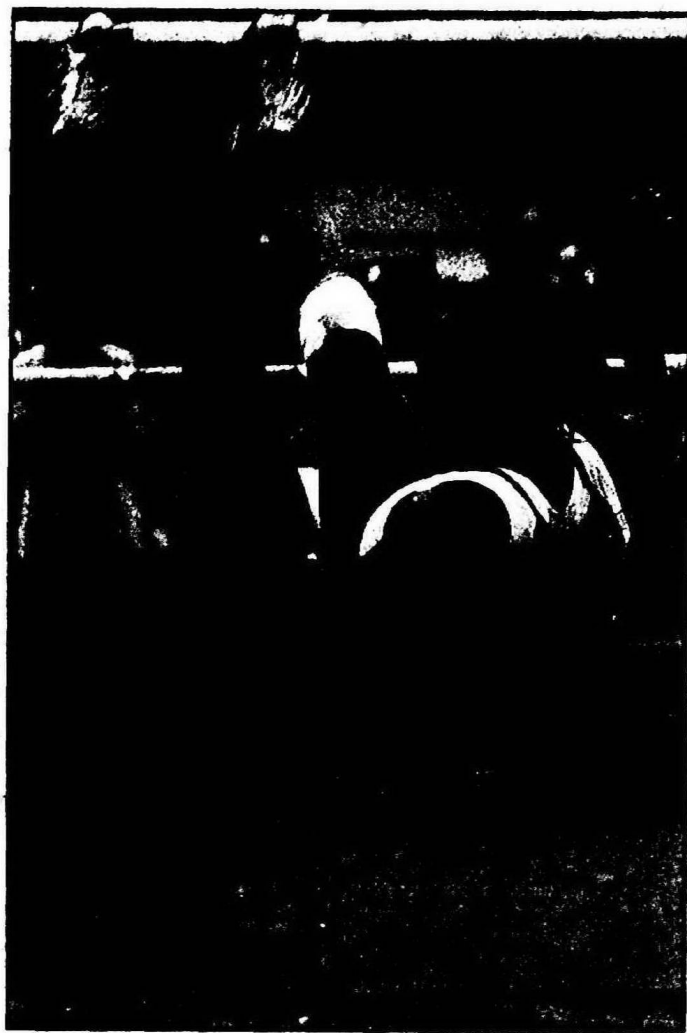
But Salem padded its lead back up to 36 points when Jones captured the 400. Teammates Hicks and DeNeen finished third and seventh, respectively.

Stevenson and Central closed the gap later in the meet, but Salem's place on the top podium had already been safely secured.

Grubaugh, the defending state discus champ, tried to take aim at two long-standing WLAA records set by Farmington Hills Harrison's Alice Shortt, who established marks of 43-3 1/2 in the shot put and 138-1 in the discus in 1988.

But Grubaugh was more focused on winning a team title, especially for her senior class.

"We've talked about it from the beginning of the season," she said. "It's been one of our main goals along with the regional. We came up just short in the regional, so we came in and fought as hard as we could."



Three-time scorer: Salem's Aisha Chappell was third in the high jump and placed in the top four in both hurdle events.

Chiefs fast, but Hawks faster

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Plymouth Canton had a good start and the lead following the first day of the Western Lakes Activities Association boys track-and-field championship meet Tuesday.

But the Chiefs were unable to hold off a second-day charge by Farmington Harrison and Walled Lake Central and finished third in the final standings.

Harrison won going away with 139 1/2 points. Central, the defending champion, was second with 110; Canton had 91 1/2. See results on C7.

Jordan Chapman won the pole vault and high jump to help the Chiefs score 40 1/2 points in the field events and gain the early advantage over Plymouth Salem (39), Harrison (33 1/2) and Central (30). Canton went one-two in the high jump with

Chris Kalis finishing second.

"We missed (Ugo) Okwumabua not being able to jump," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "He would have given us an even bigger lead."

Okwumabua twisted a knee on his final jump in the regional Friday and was out of action. The Chiefs hope to have him back for the state meet.

Harrison made its comeback on the strength of Nick Hall's double victories in the hurdles, taking three places in the 100-meter dash, finishing third in the 800 relay, winning the 400 relay and going one-two in the 200 dash, which clinched the win.

"I think the difference was attitude," said Harrison coach John Reed, whose team was runner-up to Canton in the Observerland Relays. "Our team motto is 'Attitude is everything.' It's on all our team shirts and stuff."

"We think it's the hardest meet of all the ones we run to win. It's

tougher than the regional (which Harrison won Friday in Division 2), so we're very happy."

Harrison finished the meet by winning the 1,600 relay, and the Hawks also had first place in the discus from Brad Person.

Canton's Jerry Gaines was runner-up in the 400 dash behind North Farmington's Anthony Beal, who set a league record with a 48.7 time. The Chiefs were fourth in the highly-competitive sprint relays.

"We had great times; we had a lot of PRs and our relays ran practically their best all year, even though it was windy," Richardson said. "We had our lineup loaded."

The other winners were Lorenzo Parker in the long jump and 100 dash; Salem's Mark Snyder, shot put; Central's Todd Moble, 1,600 and 3,200 runs; Salem's Gabe Coble, 800 run; and Harrison's Agim Shabaj, 200 dash.



Relay fifth: Ross O'Hara and Canton's 3,200 relay took fifth.

Canton loses heartbreaker to Hawks

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Maybe it was just meant to be.

Farmington Harrison fans can embrace that thought. For those from Plymouth Canton, however, it's revulsive.

A first-game 10-0 rout — which took five days to finish — catapulted the Hawks into a tie for first in the Western Division with Canton. The second game, which was actually started and finished at Canton Tuesday, was of true championship caliber, and it was Harrison that emerged with a 4-3 title-winning triumph.

The Hawks advance to Friday's Western Lakes Activities Association title game against Plymouth Salem. The Rocks will serve as the host team; game time is 4 p.m.

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"It was really an outstanding game," said Harrison coach John Herrington of the second victory. "Jim Kay won both games, and he really only made one mistake, on that pitch to (James) Wisniewski."

"Kay just did a great job for us today."

Harrison will be gunning for its fourth WLAA championship in six years when it faces Salem Friday, a position that seemed somewhat unlikely a week ago. All Canton needed was a split in its twin-bill with the Hawks, necessitated by a rainout of their scheduled May 1 meeting, to clinch first in the division.

But things worked out well for Harrison. A four-run first inning in the first game last Thursday at

Harrison gave the Hawks a cushion, one that was carried over when the game was postponed due to lightning.

League rules apparently aren't clear on this situation, so the game was resumed Tuesday at the start of the second inning with a change in location (back to Canton). The decision to pick up at the top of the second with Harrison ahead 4-0 resulted in a protest filed by Canton coach Scott Dickey.

It certainly allowed Herrington to better utilize his pitching tandem of Kay and Scott Doug. Kay started the first game, after pitching one inning and taking a five-day respite, he tossed two more scoreless frames before giving way to Doug.

By that time the game was out of reach for Canton. In last Thursday's first inning, the Hawks scored a run on an error, then added three more on a two-run

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aim for WLAA crown

The top-ranked Plymouth Christian Academy softball team is looking to win the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) Division 1 title on Monday at Canton.

The team finished the Wednesday season by sweeping the Farmington team in two games. The team is looking to win the WLAA Division 1 title on Monday at Canton.

Jason Evans slugged a pair of home runs and Bryan Kay added a solo blast to guide the Chiefs. Evans finished with a 9-for-9 performance, driving in six runs.

Jon Johnson was also 3-for-3, collecting a pair of doubles, knocking in four runs and scoring three more. Kay added three hits and an RBI. Jimmy Roddy had two hits including a double, and Jon Johnson had a run-producing double.

Hanson allowed four hits and did not walk a batter, striking out five. One of the hits he gave up was a first-inning solo home run by Ryan Tracy. Hanson is 4-0 for the season.

Shawn Middleton took the loss for the Chiefs, who are now 7-16 overall, 3-7 in the WLAA Western Division.

PCA 14, Oakland Christian 9-6: Plymouth Christian won its record to 9-5 overall by defeating Auburn Hills Oakland Christian Monday.

Mark Johnson earned the pitching win for PCA in the second game and he went 3-for-3 in the game in the first.

Ray Welton contributed a home run in the Chiefs' second-game triumph. Oakland Christian slipped to 7-4.

McLaughery restricted the Eagles to six hits, striking out seven and walking two in the opener. Welton pitched the first four innings, taking the loss, with Jason Marra pitching the last two.

McLaughery scattered nine hits in the second game, striking out three and walking two. Pete Iencsoe nailed down the win in the last out. Iencsoe had a single in the first.

Salem 15, Franklin Wood 8: Josh Anthony, who pitched the first three innings, stopped Southfield Franklin Wood Christian on one hit, then contributed two doubles at the plate in sparking Canton Agape Christian Tuesday in Southfield.

Canton crushes Franklin; Salem sweeps Farmington but loses its pitching ace

This probably looked like a rather meaningless softball game to most, this Monday match-up between Plymouth Canton and Livonia Franklin. On the contrary, it really was more important to Canton at this stage of the season than Wednesday's game against arch-rival Plymouth Salem.

Why? Easy: A Chiefs' loss to a good Franklin squad could cost them a shot at the Western Lakes Activities Association championship, which — thanks to their late-inning 4-2 triumph over the Patriots — will now come down to a double-header to be played today at Farmington Harrison.

Canton improved to 17-9 overall, 6-2 in the WLAA's Western Division with its victory over Franklin in a game played at Canton.

It was not an easy win, by any means. Franklin scored a run in each of the first two innings to take a 2-0 lead into the third. The Chiefs struck back with two runs in the third, Lisa Baker starting the rally with a double.

Baker scored when Megan Coultas reached base on an error, then Coultas scored the tying run on a passed ball.

That's the way it stayed until the sixth inning, and Canton pitching ace Laura Stewart — who surrendered just three hits and four walks while striking out 11 — was a key component in the game-winning rally. Jonelle Brown opened the inning with a walk and Stewart slugged a double, scoring the game-winning run. A sacrifice and a ground out by Kaitlin Anderson delivered an insurance run for Canton, which was also limited to three hits.

Should Canton sweep Harrison today, it will travel to play the Lakes Division champion for the WLAA title Friday.

Salem wins Classic

Great pitching and timely hitting enabled Plymouth Salem to win its own Classic for the first time, beating Walled Lake Western 3-1 in the championship game Saturday at Salem.

"The kids played great all weekend," said Bonnie Southerland, Salem's coach. "This is the first time we've won this, and it's the third year we've had it."

Liz Dekarske tossed a four-hitter in the final, walking one and striking out five. The win was the Rocks' 20th of the season, giving Southerland her first-ever 20-win season.

Salem, which led all the way, building a 3-0 advantage after three innings, got two hits and an RBI from Dekarske.

The Rocks opened the tournament with a 3-0 triumph over Detroit Country Day, with Jacqui Sledobnick tossing a one-hit shutout, then beat Northville 5-2 on another one-hitter, this one by Dekarske. Their third game was a three-inning, 15-run mercy of Flat Rock Summit Academy, the final score 16-1.

In the win over Country Day, which beat Salem in last year's Classic, Sledobnick allowed one hit and one walk, striking out two. Salem scored three runs in the fifth to get the win, two of them crossing the plate on Dawn Allen's two-run double. Allen went 3-for-3, while Jen Allen was 2-for-2.

Against Northville, Dekarske surrendered two unearned runs and just a seventh-inning single, but walked five while striking out one. Still, it took a four-run seventh inning for Salem to earn the win.

The Rocks opened the seventh with three consecutive singles by Kelly Jaskot, Katie Kelly and Dawn Allen, loading the bases. After a force out at the plate, Dekarske hit into a force out that scored a run and Jen Allen singled in another. A Jessica Chapman single made it 4-2, a passed ball increased the Rocks' lead to 5-2.

Jaskot, Dawn Allen and Chapman each had two hits in the game.

Kristen Miller was the winning pitcher against Summit Academy, giving up one hit and one walk in three innings. Jaskot had three hits in the game, including a three-run homer.

Huron Valley 5, PCA 4: On Saturday, Rachel Zahn fanned 12 to pitch Westland Huron Valley Christian past visiting Plymouth Christian.

Jessica Whitaker had a double and an RBI in a 2-for-4 game while Gretchen Grosinske went 2-for-3, also with a double and an RBI.

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Salem 9-3, Farmington 7-0: It's been a rollercoaster year for Plymouth Salem, and Tuesday's sweep of Farmington was further proof.

The Rocks ran their overall record to 22-10 with the two wins, but they managed just a 5-5 mark in the WLAA's Lakes Division.

Also, their two victories were tempered by the loss of pitching ace Liz Dekarske, who suffered a stress fracture in her foot sometime last weekend. Dekarske is out for the season.

"It is (a shame)," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "She was having an outstanding season."

The Rocks rampaged past the Falcons, who were also without their pitching ace, Melissa Mytty, out with a sore back. Salem scored seven times in the second inning, with Dawn Allen starting the rally with a single and Amy Szawara and Jen Allen following with walks. A Jacqui Sledobnick single scored one run; Jessica Chapman's double brought in two more.

Marnie Jones singled two more runs home and Kelly Jaskot doubled in another. After Katie Kelly singled, Dawn Allen returned to the plate and delivered a run-scoring single.

Dawn Allen and Jaskot each had three hits and an RBI to pace Salem, while Jones contributed two hits and two RBI. Kelly also had two hits.

Kristen Miller got the pitching win, working five innings and allowing seven runs (three earned) on two hits, two hit batters and four walks, striking out three. Salem's six errors led to four unearned runs.

The second game was more of a pitcher's duel, and Salem's Sledobnick won it, tossing a two-hit shutout. She did not walk a batter and struck out four.

Jones again had a strong game, slugging two doubles. Jaskot contributed an RBI single in the fifth which Kelly followed with a run-scoring double. Jaskot and Jen Allen each had two hits.

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W.L. Central 7, Stevenson 5; Livonia Stevenson 12-11, 7-3: dropped out of contention in the Lakes Division race with a loss Monday against host Walled Lake Central (10-14, 3-4) in a game played at Walled Lake Western.

Stevenson starter Joe McCrohan was roughed up for seven earned runs and two homers in three innings, including a grand slam by Justin Dethow.

Shawn Casey came on to pitch three scoreless innings of relief.

Pete Pinto went 3-for-4 in a losing cause. Brian Lindstrom also homered for Central.

Cory Johnson was the winning pitcher.

Northville 14, Stevenson 5: In a WLAA crossover Tuesday, the host Mustangs (11-10) smacked three homers to beat Livonia Stevenson (12-19).

Andy Datan went 3-for-3, including a grand slam. Winning pitcher Tim Edick and Brian Boyes also hit solo homers. Edick worked the first three innings.



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Salem 5th, Canton 8th at WLAA



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Worth studying: Salem's co-captains, Kim Tamme (left) and Angie Jones, were instrumental in the Rocks' fifth-place tie at the WLAA Tournament Tuesday. Both Tamme and Jones finished in the top-15 and were all-division selections.

It was a good finish to a decent season for both Plymouth Salem's and Plymouth Canton's golf teams.

Salem finished in a tie for fifth with Walled Lake Western at Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament, played at Hudson Mills, each carding a 393. Canton was eighth with a 412.

Farmington Unified won the tournament with a 365, but Northville — which tied Livonia Churchill for second at 367 — secured the WLAA championship, which is decided by a combination of dual meet results and the tournament.

"It was a very good tournament today for us," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "We had three medal-winners, which is better than I thought we would do."

"I was really pleased for Angie (Jones) and Kim (Tamme). They're both four-year players and are team captains."

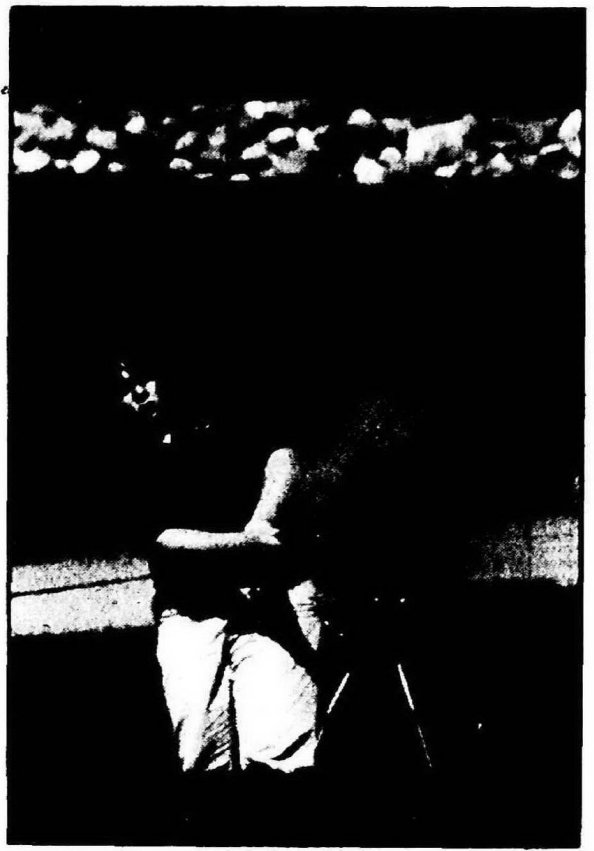
Jones earned all-division status by tying for ninth at the tournament with a 91. Tamme also earned all-division, shooting a 97, together with sophomore teammate Jenny Schwan, another all-division selection with a 97.

The Rocks other scorers were Molly Hedges, 108; Kelly Tamme, 109; and Lindsay Young, 119.

Canton's Julie Dziekan also earned all-division status, tying for 12th at the tournament with a 93. Next best for Canton was Christina Slupek with a 98, followed by Jessica Pondell, 108; Meghan Depp, 113; Katie Herbeck, 123; and Meghan Stewart, 124.

On Monday, both Canton and Salem traveled to the Division I state regional tournament at Monroe's Carrington Golf Club. Canton was ninth in the 17-team field with a 430; Salem was 10th with a 439.

Ann Arbor Huron and Ann Arbor Pioneer, each with a 367, were state tournament qualifiers.



A scorer: Meghan Stewart was good enough to register as one of Canton's top scorers at both the regional and WLAA.

Slupek was low scorer for the Chiefs, firing a 101. She was followed by Depp with a 102, Stewart with a 113 and Pondell with a 114.

Best for Salem was Jones with a 94. Schwan was next best with a 106, with Danielle March at 119 and Kim Tamme at 120.

Ladywood makes state with a 2nd at region

The honeymoon just won't end for Livonia Ladywood golf coach Randy Ferguson.

Scheduled to be married June 3 to Stephanie Turbin of Belleville, Ferguson received an early wedding gift when his Blazers qualified for the state tournament after finishing second in the Division II regional Monday at Fieldstone in Auburn Hills.

Western Lakes Activities Association dual-match champion Northville, bolstered by medalist Kate MacDonald's 83, led the 13-team field with 366.

Ladywood, just 3-4 in dual meets this season and fourth in the Catholic League, was run-

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ner-up with 385. It will be the second straight trip for the Blazers, who finished 10th a year ago.

Meanwhile, Birmingham Marian, scoring 392, will also be making the trip Friday. June 2 to Michigan State University's Forest Akers (West Course) in East Lansing.

Senior Amy Eischen and freshman Leah Andersen, filling in for returnee Betsy Raes, led Ladywood with 95 each, tying for sixth place.

Two sophomores, Ashley Loyer

and Amanda Graves, carded 97 and 98, respectively. Senior Mary Griffin added a 101.

"Probably our top eight girls are all within a stroke of each other," Ferguson said. "Raes had been sick the past two days so we bring in Andersen and she ties for our medalist honors. She was supposed to be an alternate today."

"Marian beat us two weeks ago in a dual meet and also beat us in the Catholic League, so it was probably our best effort."

Other Northville scorers include Pam Mouradian (86), Jessie Mills (98), Heather Rudy (99) and Jessica Magnatta (106).

WLAA GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT May 23 at Hudson Mills	TEAM BY TEAM SCORING	W.L. Western: Charette 48:46:94, Katy Jones 49:50:99, Lindsey Boenhoffer 54:50:104, Enca Gorton 56:48:104, Becky Finley 53:52:105
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Farmington Unified, 365 strokes; 2. Livonia Churchill and Northville, 367 each; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 368; 5. (tie) Plymouth Salem and Walled Lake Western, 393 each; 7. Walled Lake Central, 411; 8. Plymouth Canton, 412; 9. Livonia Franklin, 465; 10. Westland John Glenn, 500.	Churchill: Johnson 46:42:88, Parzuchowski 44:44:88, Attama 46:43:89, Katy Reck 51:51:102, Kelly Polce 53:53:106, Jennie Lusa 56:53:109.	W.L. Central: Henzie 45:49:94, Deanna Sowinski 50:52:102, Katie Decker 53:51:104, Jacque Moulder 58:53:111, Sarah McDonald 62:59:121, Christina Wilson 68:139.
ALL-DIVISION TEAM Medalist: Cassie Jensen (F), 79; Katie Carlson (LS), 81; Pam Mouradian (N), 86; Kristen Polanski (LS), 87; Ashley Johnson (LC), 88; Kelley Parzuchowski (LC), 88.	Northville: Mouradian 44:42:86, MacDonaid 43:47:90, Mills 46:45:91, Lauren Faris 49:51:100, Heather Rudy 50:51:101, Kate Seherka 60:52:112.	Canton: Dziekan 47:46:93, Christina Slupek 51:47:98, Jessica Pondell 54:54:106, Meghan Depp 56:57:113, Katie Herbeck 62:61:123, Meghan Stewart 63:61:124.
ALL-DIVISION Heidi Attama (LC), 89; Kate MacDonald (N), 90; Jessie Mills (N), 91; Angie Jones (PS), 91; Katie Perry (F), 92; Julie Dziekan (PS), 93; Sarah Laird (F), 93; Laura Haddock (LS), 94; Kelly Henzie (WLC), 94; Emily Charette (WLW), 94; Kim Tamme (PS), 97; Jenny Schwan (PS), 97.	Stevenson: Carlson 40:41:81, Polanski 45:42:87, Haddock 46:48:94, Teresa Layman 55:51:106, Leah Winesdorffer 51:55:106, Courtney Gieky 54:57:111.	Franklin: Kristi Kmet 59:49:108, Colleen York 57:61:118, Megan Houghton 66:53:119, Amanda Szabelski 58:62:120, Erin Gave 70:54:124, Nikie Niles 65:61:126.
	Salem: Jones 47:44:91, Kim Tamme 46:56:97, Schwan 49:48:97, Molly Hedges 52:56:108, Kelly Tamme 60:49:109, Lindsay Young 62:57:119.	John Glenn: Cheryl Mackay 62:53:111, Katie Provot 58:58:116, Nicole Ziegler 67:122, Dawn Dishong 70:67:137, John Laguire 74:70:144, Angie Kimling 75:75:152.

Churchill to make 1st trip to state tourney

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

For the first time in school history the Livonia Churchill girls golf team qualified for the state tournament.

By virtue of their third-place finish Monday at the Division I regional at the Carrington Golf Club in Monroe, the Chargers advance to the state finals Friday, June 2 at Michigan State University's Forest Akers (East Course) in East Lansing.

Ann Arbor Huron and Ann Arbor Pioneer each shot 367, but Huron captured the regional crown on a tiebreaker (which extended to the fifth player).

Churchill, led by sophomore Heidi Attama's 82, finished with a team total of 377.

"The fact that we are going to state finals is very rewarding. This has been our goal since last June," Churchill coach Sharon Laskowski said. "I thought the

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girls were peaking over the last few weeks, and they played the way I expected they would."

Rounding out the field was Saline (381), Livonia Stevenson (393), Farmington Unified (397), South Lyon (408), Monroe (418), Plymouth Canton (430), Plymouth Salem (439), Novi (455), Dearborn (487), Westland John

Glenn (502) and Temperance Bedford (545).

Attama, who was ninth individually at the state finals last year as a freshman, tied for medalist honors with Shalane McClain of Huron, but lost on the first playoff hole.

Other Churchill scorers included Ashley Johnson (88), Kelly Parzuchowski (98) and Katy Reck (109). Jennie Lusa added a 110.

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Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 40.7
Judy Telford (Mercy) 38.3
Tasha O'Neal (N. Farmington) 36.10

DISCUS
Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 143.6
Judy Telford (Mercy) 126.7
Jenny Hefner (Churchill) 122.1
Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 109.0

HIGH JUMP
Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 5.5
Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 5.3
Amy Driscoll (Canton) 5.2

Autumn Hicks (Salem) 5.1
Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 5.1
Erin Szura (Garden City) 5.1

LONG JUMP
Amy Driscoll (Canton) 16.7
Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 16.6
Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 16.5

POLE VAULT
Kim Wise (Garden City) 10.4
Kari Ceatz (Churchill) 9.6
Amy Driscoll (Canton) 9.6

100-METER HURDLES
LaTasha Chandler (John Glenn) 14.9
Krisel Stricker (Farmington) 15.7
Aisha Chappell (Salem) 15.8

300-METER HURDLES
Cassie Ehlerndt (Stevenson) 47.5
Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 46.5
Anna Rose (Lutheran Westland) 46.5

100-METER DASH
Brianna Watson (Ladywood) 12.6
Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 12.7
Rachel Jones (Salem) 12.8

Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 13.1
Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 13.1
Theresa Chernenko (Stevenson) 13.1

200-METER DASH
Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 26.5
Rachel Jones (Salem) 26.5
Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 27.2

400-METER DASH
Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 1:00.2
Meredit Hicks (Salem) 1:00.8
Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 1:00.8

Erin Mazzoni (Stevenson) 1:02.2
Laura Lynn (Harrison) 1:02.7
Tekla Bode (Canton) 1:03.1

800-METER RUN
Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 2:25.8
Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 2:26.8
Tessa Tarole (Ladywood) 2:29.0

1,600-METER RUN
Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 5:22.3
Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 5:23.4
Tessa Tarole (Stevenson) 5:27.0

3,200-METER RUN
Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 11:45.8
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Mary Maloney (Canton) 12:19.5

Tess Kuehne (Luth. Westland) 12:27.3
Anna Flangan (Ladywood) 12:29.6
Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 12:32.1

400-METER RELAY
Plymouth Salem 50.8
Westland John Glenn 52.0
Livonia Ladywood 52.0

800-METER RELAY
Plymouth Salem 1:45.5
Westland John Glenn 1:49.1
Livonia Stevenson 1:49.3

1,600-METER RELAY
Plymouth Salem 4:11.6
Livonia Stevenson 4:12.8
Livonia Stevenson 4:19.3

3,200-METER RELAY
Livonia Stevenson 9:48.0
Livonia Churchill 10:04.8
North Farmington 10:14.8

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SHOT PUT
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 53.11
Mike Gaura (Churchill) 53.6
Mark Snyder (Salem) 50.5

DISCUS
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 151.8
Charlie Rozum (Redford CC) 148.7
Nate Meckes (Lutheran Westland) 145.1

HIGH JUMP
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 6.6
Chris Kalis (Canton) 6.5
Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 6.5

Jerry Gaines (Canton) 6.2
Brad Tucker (Harrison) 6.2
Paul Karolak (Churchill) 6.2

LONG JUMP
Eric Scott (Churchill) 21.0
Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 21.0
Gabe Coble (Salem) 20.11

POLE VAULT
Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 14.2
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 13.6
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 12.6

100-METER DASH
Trevor Moore (Farmington) 11.0
Erik Oswald (Harrison) 11.0
Kevin Peterman (Churchill) 11.0

110-METER HURDLES
Nick Hall (Harrison) 14.5
Chris Kalis (Canton) 14.8
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 15.0

200-METER DASH
Agim Shabaj (Harrison) 22.1
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 22.5
Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 23.2

300-METER HURDLES
Nick Hall (Harrison) 39.7
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 40.4
Dave Brown (Redford Union) 41.1

100-METER DASH
Mike Clark (Lutheran Westland) 10.9
Darryl Anglin (Borgess) 10.9
Marcus Woods (Harrison) 10.9

800-METER RUN
Jack Tucci (Canton) 52.1
Darryl Anglin (Borgess) 52.5
Paul Karolak (Churchill) 52.7

1,600-METER RUN
Matt Daly (Redford CC) 2:03.5
Charlie Stamboulain (N. Farmington) 2:03.5
Matt Daly (Redford CC) 2:03.5

3,200-METER RUN
Matt Daly (Redford CC) 9:33.8
Jason Richmond (Churchill) 9:45.9

400-METER RELAY
Steve Stewart (Franklin) 10:03.4
John Krawiec (Redford CC) 10:04.8
Donnie Warner (Salem) 10:11.8

800-METER RELAY
Farmington Harrison 43.0
Farmington 43.1
Redford Bishop Borgess 43.7

1,600-METER RELAY
Livonia Stevenson 8:04.5
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Ocelot standout Brown opts to return to MAC: He signs with Buffalo

BY BRAD BROWN
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Schoolcraft College's Robert Brown is back in the MAC. The Oak Park native, who averaged 18.9 points and 11.2 rebounds per game for the 24-7 Eastern Conference champion Ocelots, is headed for the University of Buffalo.

He visited the Elmhurst, N.Y. campus last weekend and signed an NCAA letter-of-intent after mulling over offers from Wisconsin-Green Bay and Western Illinois.

The 6-foot-4, 205-pound Brown, one of the most explosive players and dunkers ever to come out of SC, started his collegiate career at Central Michigan, but transferred after academic concerns limited his appearances to 10 games.

"I have some unfinished business," Brown said of his return to the Mid-American Conference. "I like the coaches at Buffalo and I want to get them back to being a winning program."

Buffalo, which changed coaches in early December, hired interim coach Reggie Witherspoon on a permanent basis shortly after the season as the Bulls finished 5-23 overall.

Witherspoon, a former Junior College coach (Erie, Pa.), wasted little time in signing six recruits, including Brown.

"Robert gives us experience and leadership, and plays with a lot of intensity," Witherspoon said. "Having played a year at Central Michigan, he's tasted and MAC ready. I feel that gives us an edge with a player who can compete right away at this level."

Also in the fold is Flint Northern product Carlos Gill, a 6-7, 220-pound forward who played at Brown Mackie JC; Kevin Spaulford, a 6-10 center from William Christian JC (Independence, Mo.); Brian Kennedy, a 6-2 guard from Madison (Wis.) West; Dakar Senegal native Amadou Koundoul, a 6-7 forward from Faith Christian Academy; and 5-10 guard Gabe Cagwin, a native of Belfair, Wash. who played at Northeastern JC (Sterling, Colo.).

Brown shot 65.5 percent from the floor for SC en route

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to All-American Conference, All-Michigan Community College Athletic Association and NJCAA All-Region 13 honors. He was runner-up for Player of the Year in the MCAA and was an NJCAA Division I honorable mention All-American.

"It's a good decision for Rob because he's back in the MAC," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "And it's a level he can play on. Some players go too high and some go too low. For Rob, with a new coach and new players, he has a chance to go in and play right away."

Brown's best outing this season came against Vincennes (Ind.), which finished third in the NJCAA Nationals. He had 32 points, 14 rebounds and six assists.

"Hopefully I can be an impact player, score a lot of points and get a lot of time at the No. 3 position (small forward)," said Brown, who plans to major in Urban Studies at Buffalo after finishing associate degree requirements this summer at SC. "The school is in a nice area and it's only 15 minutes from downtown Buffalo and it's close to Niagara Falls."

"Coach Witherspoon is a down-to-earth guy whose main focus is winning. He's also a guy you can talk to and he'll be a guy who will be there for you."

At Oak Park, Brown played for coach Howard Golden where he scored a career-high 43 points in a game against Pontiac Central.

Brown arrived at Mount Pleasant a highly-touted recruit along with Detroit Country Day's David Webber and Mike Mancel.

But the first part of his season was curtailed when his core curriculum classes from Oak Park came into question, forcing him to sit out the first eight games.

Brown eventually migrated to Livonia and had an outstanding season for the Ocelots.

"The best thing about playing at Schoolcraft was being coached by coach Briggs," Brown said. "I really learned the mental part of the game under him."

TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

CATHOLIC LEAGUE BOYS A-B DIVISION
May 23 at Livonia Ladywood
Team standings: 1. Redford Catholic Central, 113; 2. University of Detroit Jesuit, 109; 3. Birmingham Brother Rice, 104; 4. Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 59; 5. Dearborn Divine Child, 48; 6. Warren DeLaSalle, 46; 7. Harper Woods Notre Dame, 14; 8. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 13.

Shot put: 1. Mike Morris (CC), 49 feet, 7 inches; 2. Brian McCoy (DC), 48 10 1/4; 3. N. Maddens (WD), 47 10 1/2; 4. Gordie Njebyski (BR), 47 8; 5. Justin Terry (UD), 46 4 1/2; 6. M. O'Brien (NDP), 46 1 1/2.

Discus: 1. Morris (CC), 150-0; 2. Terry (UD), 140-4; 3. Maddens (WD), 139-1; 4. D. Koski (DC), 139-4; 5. Charlie Rozum (CC), 138-6; 6. Gordie Njebyski (BR), 127-0.

High jump: 1. Aaron Veithoven (CC), 6 1/2; 2. Ralph Sylvester (BR), 5 11 3/4; 3. Zach Fellrich (CC), 5 10; 4. David McDermott (OLSM), 5 10; 5. (tie) Geoff Nail (BR), Frank Fetters (WD), Lonnie Hurst (UD), 5 7.

Long jump: 1. Randy Alexander (ND), 21 0 1/4; 2. Jeff Allen (BR), 20 5 3/4; 3. Tom Grant (CC), 19 10 3/4; 4. James Wahls (UD), 19 10 1/2; 5. Sylvester (BR), 19 9 6; 6. Veithoven (CC), 19 7.

3,200-meter relay: 1. U.D. Jesuit, 8:13.9; 2. Catholic Central, 8:22.9; 3. DeLaSalle, 8:25.4; 4. Divine Child, 8:32.6; 5. Brother Rice, 8:43.8; 6. Notre Dame Prep, 9:23.6.

110 hurdles: 1. McDermott (OLSM), 14:59; 2. Nick Meter (BR), 14:67; 3. Wahls (UD), 14:91; 4. Grant (CC), 15:59; 5. Mike Blum (DC), 15:95; 6. Carter Gillis (UD), 16:00.

100 dash: 1. Desmond Crenshaw (UD), 11:3; 2. Anthony Sherrell (OLSM), 11:13; 3. Jim Rejz (WD), 11:23; 4. Alexander (ND), 11:6; 5. Chris Fischer (BR), 11:68; 6. Ryan Alexander (UD), 11:72.

800 relay: 1. U.D. Jesuit, 1:31:90; 2. Brother Rice, 1:31:36; 3. St. Mary's, 1:31:87; 4. DeLaSalle, 1:33:63; 5. Divine Child, 1:34:15; 6. Catholic Central, 1:38:02.

1,600 run: 1. Matt Daly (CC), 4:31:40; 2. Justin Via (WD), 4:32:09; 3. John DiGiovanni (CC), 4:33:13; 4. Dan Murray (BR), 4:35:98; 5. Ryan Lowry (CC), 4:36:56; 6. Jeff Haller (CC), 4:41:67.

400 relay: 1. Brother Rice, 4:45.2; 2. St. Mary's, 4:45.5; 3. DeLaSalle, 4:53.4; 4. Divine Child, 4:58.9; 5. Catholic Central, 4:58.6; 6. Notre Dame Prep, 5:00.6.

400 dash: 1. Joe Martinez (BR), 50:88; 2. Ethan Rouse (DC), 51:07; 3. Allen (BR), 51:80; 4. Hurst (UD), 52:55; 5. Matt Markov (CC), 52:63; 6. Chris Lawson (WD), 52:88.

300 hurdles: 1. Nick Meter (BR), 38:79; 2. Gillis (UD), 40:01; 3. Wahls (UD), 40:52; 4. McDermott (OLSM), 41:48; 5. Brian Elliott (41:48); 6. Grant (CC), 42:30.

800 run: 1. V. Jennings White (UD), 1:59:45; 2. J. Smith (UD), 2:01:13; 3. R. Tymowski (CC), 2:03:46; 4. Gillis (UD), 2:04:62; 5. Lowry (CC), 2:06:37; 6. Haller (CC), 2:06:70.

200 dash: 1. Crenshaw (UD), 22:47; 2. Sherrell (OLSM), 22:81; 3. Mark Lenger (OLSM), 22:95; 4. Kenyon Barber (OLSM), 23:79; 5. Fischer (BR), 23:92; 6. Tony Jackson (BR), 24:03.

3,200 run: 1. Daly (CC), 9:51:56; 2. Mike Pierre (DC), 9:56:70; 3. Dan Krawiec (CC), 10:01:7; 4. Charlie Viscotti (BR), 10:04:70; 5. John Krawiec (CC), 10:04:80; 6. Murray (BR), 10:11:57.

1,600 relay: 1. Brother Rice, 3:27:60; 2. Divine Child, 3:29:30; 3. U.D. Jesuit, 3:29:30; 4. Catholic Central, 3:34:37; 5. DeLaSalle, 3:34:53; 6. St. Mary's, 3:40:74.

Open qualifying

Five area golfers advanced through qualifying on Monday and Tuesday to earn spots in the 2000 Detroit Newsports Michigan Open at Grand Traverse Resort on June 26-28.

In qualifying Monday at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville, Livonia's Mark Johnson tied for second with a 74 to advance, as Mid Dave VanLoosen of Farmington Hills and amateur Greg Bores of Plymouth with a 77.

On Tuesday at Redford's Western Golf and Country Club, host pro Randy Grebeck carded a 74 to advance, while Wayne's Thom Piscopink shot a 75 to move on.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL	Thursday, May 25	Canton at Harrison (2), 4 p.m.
Redford Union at Wayne, 4 p.m.	Wayne at Redford Union, 4 p.m.	Urban at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Det. Urban at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.	Urban at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.	Cabrini at Luth. West, 2, 4:30 p.m.
Inter City at Luth. West, 2, 4:30 p.m.	Friday, May 26	WAAA playoffs at Western Division, 4 p.m.
Friday, May 26	Wayne at Romulus, 4 p.m.	Romulus at Wayne, 4 p.m.
WAAA playoffs	Harrison at Salem (championship), 4 p.m.	Mooney at Lakewood, 4:30 p.m.
Canton at Stevenson (crossovers), 4 p.m.	Saturday, May 27	Thursday, May 24
Big Guns at Madonna, TBA	Sunday, May 28	(Western Lakes championship)
Big Guns at Madonna, TBA	GIRLS SOFTBALL	Canton at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 25	Friday, May 26	Luth. East at Luth. West, 4:30 p.m.
		TBA - time to be announced

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FLY TYING
River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

FLY TYING
Westbank Anglers, located in the Bloomfield Plaza at Telegraph and Maple roads, offers fly tying clinics (beginning, advanced, Atlantic salmon, and fly tying round table). All clinics will be conducted at the store and will cover tying tools, tool uses, and understanding of materials. All classes are limited to six students. Call (248) 538-3474 for specific times, dates, fees, and registration information.

FLY CASTING
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; Loddell Lake, Aug. 5; Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payoffs will be awarded with amounts determined 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 (skeeet & 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.

CANOEING
"Voyageur Canoe Day" is scheduled 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.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration and a

motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

PERMITS
The 2000 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is \$25. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

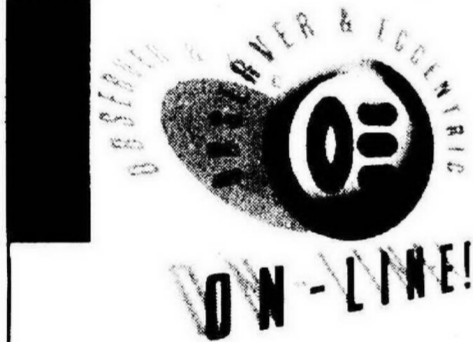
STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

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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Event results

Shot put: 1. Mark Snyder (PS), 50 feet, 9 1/2 inches; 2. Dave Boucher (PS), 45.4; 3. Nate Hensman (LF), 45.3; 4. Nick Hall (FH), 44.5; 5. Paul Lindsay (WLC), 43.8 1/2; 6. Jason McCallif (LF), 43.8 1/2; 7. Derek Laskowski (FH), 42.1 1/2; 8. Brad Person (FH), 41.11 1/2.

Discus: 1. Brad Person (FH), 136 11/2; 2. Paul Lindsay (WLC), 136.3; 3. Mark Snyder (PS), 136.3; 4. Andrew Ribar (LC), 131.7; 5. Rory Crittenden (F), 130.10; 6. Jeff Swinger (NF), 130.8; 7. Nate Hensman (LF), 129.9; 8. Steve Burke (LS), 127.2.

High jump: 1. Jordan Chapman (PC), 6-6 1/4; 2. Chris Kalis (PC), 6-5; 3. Justin Morris (N), 6-2; 4. Alex Haines (N), 6-2; 5. Jeremy Mazes (F), 6-0; 6. Dave Painter (LF), 6-0; 7. Jason Kittle (WLC), 6-0; 8. Brad Person (FH), 5-10.

Long jump: 1. Lorenzo Parker (WLV), 21.9 1/2; 2. Alex Hritcu (WLC), 21.6; 3. Gabe Coble (PS), 21.3/4; 4. Eric Scott (LC), 20.3 1/2; 5. James King (WLV), 19.11 1/2; 6. Jawoin Spinks (F), 19-8 1/4; 7. Jordan Chapman (PC), 19-8 1/4; 8. Ryan Silva (PS), 19.6.

Pole vault: 1. Jordan Chapman (PC), 13.6; 2. Derek Laskowski (FH), 13-0; 3. Jim Gabriel (NF), 12-6; 4. Kevin Peterman (LC), 12-0; 5. Chris Haney (WLC), 11-6; 6. Kevin Palmer (PC), 11-6; 7. (tie) Erik Oswald (FH), Brian Page (PC), 11-0.

110-meter high hurdles: 1. Nick Hall (FH), 14.4; 2. Brian Jones (LS), 14.6; 3. Ben Lukas (F), 14.7; 4. Brant Hauck (LC), 14.8; 5. Chris

Kalis (PC), 14.9; 6. Brett Pawling (N), 15.1; 7. Dennis Kusiak (LF), 15.2; 8. Freddie Holyfield (WLV), 15.3.

300-meter hurdles: 1. Nick Hall (FH), 39.5; 2. Brett Pawling (N), 39.7; 3. Kyle Meteyer (NF), 40.8; 4. Brant Hauck (LC), 41.1; 5. Chris Kalis (PC), 41.1; 6. Ryan Droplewski (WLC), 41.7; 7. James Cook (FH), 41.7; 8. Ricky Singh (PC), 42.5.

100-meter dash: 1. Lorenzo Parker (WLV), 10.9; 2. Marcus Woods (FH), 11.0; 3. Kevin Woods (FH), 11.1; 4. Anthony Beal (NF), 11.3; 5. Brandon Langston (N), 11.3; 6. Mark Ostach (F), 11.3; 7. Tim King (WLV), 11.3; 8. Chris Roberson (FH), 11.5.

200-meter dash: 1. Agim Shabay (FH), 22.3; 2. Kevin Woods (FH), 22.4; 3. Anthony Beal (NF), 22.5; 4. Blair Weiss (NF), 22.6; 5. Todd Anthony (F), 22.9; 6. Brandon Langston (N), 22.9; 7. Mark Ostach (F), 23.2; 8. Alex Hritcu (WLC), 24.4.

400-meter dash: 1. Anthony Beal (NF), 48.7; 2. Jerry Gaines (PC), 49.7; 3. Jeremy Auer (WLC), 49.9; 4. Alex Hritcu (WLC), 50.3; 5. Terrill Mayberry (FH), 50.8; 6. Blair Weiss (NF), 50.9; 7. Kevin Schneider (LF), 51.7; 8. Nick Soper (LF), 52.1.

800-meter run: 1. Gabe Coble (PS), 1:58.0; 2. Jeremy Auer (WLC), 1:59.6; 3. Todd Mobley (WLC), 1:59.7; 4. Jerry Gaines (PC), 2:00.0; 5. Ryan Gall (LC), 2:01.0; 6. Jason Scarborough (FH), 2:01.5; 7. Charlie Stamboulan (NF), 2:02.4; 8. Brian Horr (NF), 2:03.4.

1,600-meter run: 1. Todd Mobley (WLC), 4:29.7; 2. Charlie Stamboulan (NF), 4:34.5; 3. Brian Klotz (LF), 4:35.5; 4. Manvir Gill (PS), 4:36.3; 5. Jason Richmond (LC), 4:37.7; 6. Donnie Warner (PS), 4:38.3; 7. Phil Johnson (LC), 4:40.5; 8. Kevin Naughton (WLV), 4:40.8.

3,200-meter run: 1. Todd Mobley (WLC), 9:47.9; 2. Jason Richmond (LC), 9:52.7; 3. Steve Stewart (LF), 10:04.2; 4. Brian Bilyk (N), 10:05.5; 5. Steve Aspinall (WLV), 10:06.7; 6. Eric Travis (LS), 10:07.1; 7. Kevin Coggins (WLC), 10:08.2; 8. Chris Currin

(WLC), 10:15.4.

4x100-meter relay: 1. Harrison (Agim Shabay, Chris Roberson, Marcus Woods, Kevin Woods), 4:33.2; 2. Farmington, 4:35.3; 3. W.L. Western, 4:39.4; 4. Canton, 4:46.6; 5. Stevenson, 4:48.6; 6. Churchill, 4:50.7; 7. North Farmington, 4:53.8; 8. Salem, 4:56.

4x200-meter relay: 1. W.L. Western (Lorenzo Parker, James King, Kyle Gordon, Tim King), 1:29.8; 2. Farmington, 1:30.2; 3. Harrison, 1:30.5; 4. Canton, 1:31.7; 5. North Farmington, 1:32.9; 6. Stevenson, 1:33.5; 7. Churchill, 1:34.7; 8. W.L. Central, 1:36.1.

4x400-meter relay: 1. Harrison (Terrill Mayberry, Nick Hall, Jason Scarborough, Agim Shabay), 3:26.8; 2. Canton, 3:28.0; 3. Stevenson, 3:28.8; 4. W.L. Central, 3:28.9; 5. Franklin, 3:31.6; 6. North Farmington, 3:32.4; 7. Northville, 3:33.0; 8. John Glenn, 3:36.7.

4x800-meter relay: 1. Stevenson (Dave Novara, Matt Isner, Brad Carroll, Steve Kecskemeti), 8:14.0; 2. W.L. Central, 8:27.0; 3. Northville, 8:33.0; 4. North Farmington, 8:34.0; 5. Canton, 8:38.0; 6. Salem, 8:43.0; 7. W.L. Western, 8:54.0; 8. Churchill, 8:54.0.

WLAA GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD FINALS
May 24 at Farmington HS

Team standings: 1. Plymouth Salem, 121.5 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 106.5; 3. Walled Lake Central, 104; 4. Walled Lake Western, 76.5; 5. North Farmington, 50; 6. Livonia Churchill, 47.5; 7. Plymouth Canton, 40; 8. Northville, 35.5; 9. Farmington, 28; 10. Westland John Glenn, 27; 11. Livonia Franklin, 16.5; 12. Farmington Harrison, 10.

Event results

Shot put: 1. Tiffany Grubaugh (PS), 40 feet, 9 1/2 inches; 2. Tasha O'Neal (NF), 35-8 1/2; 3. Mary Tanski (N), 33-11; 4. Michelle Bonior (PS), 33-2 1/2; 5. Jacqueline Becker (WLC), 31-9; 6. Lisa Balco (LF), 30-8; 7. Susan Hand (NF), 30-2 1/2; 8. Jocelyn Atkins (F), 29.10.

Discus: 1. Tiffany Grubaugh (PS), 131.9; 2. Jenni Hefner (LC), 111.2; 3. Debbie Chen

(NF), 101-10; 4. Julie Yambusky (LS), 101-1; 5. Susan Hand (NF), 96-1; 6. Jani Harb (LF), 93-4; 7. Miranda White (PS), 93-0; 8. Courtney Whitehead (FH), 90-0.

High jump: 1. Amy Kiefer (WLV), 5-5; 2. Kristen Williamson (WLV), 5-1; 3. Aisha Chappell (PS), 5-1; 4. (tie) Autumn Hicks (PS), Lindsay Cecil (LC), 4-11; 6. (tie) Emily Needham (N), Angela Alfonsi (LS), 4-11; 8. Rita Malec (LF), 4-11.

Long jump: 1. Tonya McCarty (WLC), 15-11 1/2; 2. Kate Bouschet (F), 15-7; 3. Stephanie Dean (LC), 15-5 1/4; 4. Brynne DeNeen (PS), 15-5; 5. Stefanie Scarpace (WLC), 15-2 3/4; 6. Amy Driscoll (PC), 14-10 1/2; 7. Tara Tarole (LS), 14-9 3/4; 8. LaTasha Chandler (JG), 14-7.

Pole vault: 1. Sarah Chazanowski (WLC), 10-3; 2. Amy Driscoll (PC), 10-0; 3. Jane Peterman (LC), 9-6; 4. Andrea McMillan (LF), 9-3; 5. Kari Cezar (LC), 8-6; 6. Lauren Turner (NF), 8-6; 7. Kristen Schilk (PC), 8-0; 8. Julietta Iorina (FH), 8-0.

100-meter high hurdles: 1. LaTasha Chandler (JG), 14.9; 2. Amy Kiefer (WLV), 15.4; 3. Aisha Chappell (PS), 15.5; 4. Kristel Stricker (LF), 15.5; 5. Melissa Bartley (WLC), 16.0; 6. Dayna Clemons (NF), 16.0; 7. Angela Alfonsi (LS), 16.4; 8. Cassie Ehliend (LS), 16.5.

300-meter hurdles: 1. Lindsay Merritt (WLC), 46.8; 2. Cassie Ehliend (LS), 47.6; 3. Kristel Stricker (F), 47.8; 4. Aisha Chappell (PC), 48.1; 5. Angela Alfonsi (LS), 48.7; 6.

Valerie Brown (PS), 49.3; 7. Melissa Loomans (WLV), 49.5; 8. Melissa Malare (WLC), 50.8.

100-meter dash: 1. Crystal Kuzma (WLV), 12.3; 2. Rachel Jones (PS), 12.4; 3. Michelle Bonior (PS), 12.6; 4. Angela Mikkelsen (LS), 12.7; 5. Meredith Fox (PC), 12.9; 6. Theresa Chermenkoff (LS), 13.0; 7. Breann Krug (WLC), 13.1; 8. Rita Malec (LF), 13.4.

200-meter dash: 1. Crystal Kuzma (WLV), 25.7; 2. Rachel Jones (PS), 25.8; 3. Erica Elliott (WLC), 26.2; 4. Dayna Clemons (NF), 26.3; 5. Autumn Hicks (PS), 26.5; 6. Kate Bouschet (F), 26.9; 7. Theresa Chermenkoff (LS), 27.4; 8. Stefanie Scarpace (WLC), 28.2.

400-meter run: 1. Rachel Jones (PS), 1:00.2; 2. Meredith Fox (PC), 1:00.7; 3. Autumn Hicks (PS), 1:01.1; 4. Erica Elliott (WLC), 1:01.9; 5. (tie) Lindsay Janisse (WLV), 1:02.0; 7. Brynne DeNeen (PS), 1:02.8; 8. Laura Glynn (FH), 1:03.1.

800-meter run: 1. Lindsay Janisse (WLV), 2:24.2; 2. Andrea Parker (LS), 2:27.2; 3. Sarah Westrick (LC), 2:28.3; 4. Nicole Cauzillo (N), 2:31.3; 5. Tessa Tarole (LS), 2:31.9; 6. Anne Lieberman (NF), 2:32.4; 7. Kristin Balia (F), 2:32.6; 8. Jenny Jakubiec (WLV), 2:33.6.

1,600-meter run: 1. Andrea Parker (LS), 5:19.5; 2. Nicole Cauzillo (N), 5:20.5; 3. Heather Vandette (LS), 5:37.0; 4. Ashley Prince (WLC), 5:39.9; 5. Alyson Fiohr (N), 5:40.4; 6. Amanda Hoot (WLC), 5:42.1; 7. Holly Stockton (NF), 5:43.0; 8. Sarah Westrick (LC), 5:51.3.

3,200-meter run: 1. Andrea Parker (LS), 11:57.8; 2. Heather Vandette (LS), 12:05.5; 3. Breanna Turcsanyi (WLC), 12:09.3; 4. Kristen Jarrell (WLV), 12:11.9; 5. Alyson Fiohr (N), 12:15.3; 6. Sara Pion (LS), 12:17.4; 7. Mary Maloney (PC), 12:21.7; 8. Colleen Schuster (WLC), 12:22.8.

4x100-meter relay: 1. John Glenn (LaTasha Chandler, Elizabeth Easter, Felicia Barnett, SheNelle Brown), 52.2; 2. W.L. Central, 52.4; 3. Stevenson, 52.9; 4. North Farmington, 53.1; 5. Harrison, 53.4; 6. Farmington, 53.7; 7. Northville, 55.2; 8. Canton, 55.6.

4x200-meter relay: 1. Salem (Autumn Hicks, Michelle Bonior, Brynne DeNeen, Rachel Jones), 1:46.4; 2. W.L. Central, 1:48.3; 3. John Glenn, 1:49.6; 4. North Farmington, 1:50.8; 5. Stevenson, 1:51.5; 6. W.L. Western, 1:52.9; 7. Harrison, 1:54.2; 8. Canton, 1:55.1.

4x400-meter relay: 1. W.L. Central (Lindsay Merritt, Lauren Foukes, Jacquie Stern, Erica Elliott), 4:12.5; 2. Canton, 4:16.4; 3. Salem, 4:18.0; 4. Stevenson, 4:19.8; 5. W.L. Western, 4:20.2; 6. Northville, 4:23.9; 7. Churchill, 4:24.5; 8. Harrison, 4:24.8.

4x800-meter relay: 1. Churchill (Sarah Westrick, Susan Duncan, Rachel Wodyka, Michelle Phillips), 10:05.0; 2. Stevenson, 10:05.0; 3. W.L. Central, 10:20.0; 4. Salem, 10:25.0; 5. North Farmington, 10:27.0; 6. Canton, 10:29.0; 7. W.L. Western, 10:30.0; 8. Northville, 10:53.0.

PCA's Vargo makes state

Lutheran High Westland edged Detroit DePorres, 112-103, to capture the 15-team Division IV girls track regional Saturday at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

Southfield Christian was third with 70 points. Other area schools including Redford Bishop Borgess (18), Plymouth Christian (10) and Redford St. Agatha (4).

All of PCA's points were scored by Heather Vargo, who won the long jump and qualified for state meet with a leap of 14-feet, 8-inches.

The Division IV state final is June 3 at Forest Hills Northern.

First-place finishers for the Lady Warriors included Kelly Clark in the pole vault (7-6) and Karen Abramczyk in the high jump (5-0).

REGION TRACK

Also earning individual automatic berths with second place finishes: Anna Rolf, pole vault (7-0) and 100-meter hurdles (16.5); Amanda Sales, long jump (14-4); Tess Kuehne, 800 run (2:30.0), 1,600 run (5:35.0) and 3,200 run (12:27.3).

Kuehne also teamed up with Jessica Montgomery, Mary Ebendick and Erin Jung for a runner-up finish in the 3,200 relay (10:29.0).

Other Lutheran Westland finishers include Sales, third, high jump (4-10); Anna Rolf, fourth, 300 hurdles (50.1); Jung, fourth, 800 run (2:32.7); Jodi Rolf; fifth, long jump (13-9); and Ashley McLaughlin, fifth, shot put (29-

1/2). Rolf's time in the 300 hurdles qualified for the state meet.

The Lady Warriors' 1,600 relay team of Montgomery, Jung, Abramczyk and Chelsa Romero finished third in 4:30.1. The 400 relay squad of Romero, Sarah Vetting, Abramczyk and Anna Rolf finished fourth in 54.4.

The 800 relay team of Romero, Vetting, Jen Loomis and Abramczyk took sixth (1:55.2).

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Single white mother of three, 38, 5'7", blonde with green eyes, medium built, employed, enjoys long walks, camping, going to the beach and more. Looking for a single male, 33 to 43, 5'10", blonde, non-smoker with similar interests, for friendship and more. BOX 13031

WIDE OF YOUR LIFE!
Single white female, 38, 5'5", 130 lbs, romantic, fun loving down to earth, who likes riding Harley's, long walks, boating, camping, music and good company. Seeking a single white male, tall, 36 to 45, who's caring, affectionate with similar interests, for friendship and possible long term relationship. BOX 13058

THE IDEAL MATE
Single white mother of one, 34, 130 lbs, red/brown hair, brown eyes. Enjoys children and just about all that life has to offer. Seeking a single male with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 13196

GIVE ME A CALL
Single white mother of one, 34, 5'11", slim, attractive, employed, enjoys gardening, the outdoors and just having a good time. Looking for a Christian male, 22 to 32, who has strong values and likes children, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 13283

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
Single white female, 36, 5'5", blonde with brown eyes, medium built, easy going, enjoys children, bingo and just having a good time. Looking for a single male with similar interests, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 16484

SEEKS RELATIONSHIP
Single, mother of one, blonde hair, green eyes, student, enjoys the outdoors, and is looking for a single male for friendship, dating and a possible companionship. BOX 16489

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
39 yr old, single white female, 40 to 50, 5'3", honest, caring and open minded, enjoys conversation, romance, the outdoors, camping, movies and more. Looking for a single male, 30 to 45, with similar interests, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 16518

YOU SHOULD CALL
Single white female enjoys dancing, laughing the outdoors and quiet romantic evenings. Seeking a single male, 45 plus, with similar interests, for possible relationship that would be beneficial to the both of us. BOX 16551

LET'S TALK
Single white female, 40's, 6'4", brown hair, green eyes, smoker, social drinker. Enjoys movies, Red Wings, cooking, dining out and the summer time. Would love to share it all with that one single white male, 30's to 40's, who picks up the phone and calls. Let us share our similar interests in a possible long term relationship. BOX 16587

LOOKING FOR TRUE LUV
Single female, fun loving, caring, sense of humor, romantic, loves to cuddle on the couch with my blanket and someone special. Seeking a single white male, 33 to 38, employed, stable loving, caring, sense of humor, romantic, and knows how to treat a lady. BOX 33116

BLESSED BE YOU
I am 59 tall with red hair and green eyes. Eclectic tastes in most things. Love to dance and sing. Love to cuddle and kiss. Seeking a male, 5'9" or taller, intelligent, romantic and willing to listen to most types of music. Could this possibly be you? I sincerely hope so! BOX 36204

KANSAS GAL
I am a brunette with brown eyes. I am open and honest and looking for the same in a man. I love all animals, but especially horses. I like to read, trivia, movies and meeting new people. Would you be interested in sharing it all with me? If so give me a call. BOX 36206

LOOKING FOR FRIENDS!
Single female, 38, full figure, self employed, fun loving, looking for a single, white male, without children, 24 to 36, non-smoker, social drinker, for an honest, trustful friendship and companionship. BOX 13342

MAKE ME SMILE
Divorced white Christian mother of two, 37, 5'4", 145 lbs, employed, enjoys theatre, museums, reading, nature walks, community events and children. Seeking an honest, goal oriented, intelligent, emotionally fit male, non-drinker with a healthy attitude and good sense of humor. BOX 32040

SPONTANEOUS
White widowed female, 51, 5'3", average and proportionate, enjoys biking, walking, dining, movies, good books, also an animal lover. Looking for a white male, 48 to 55, for friendship, maybe long term. BOX 36123

THINKING OF YOU
Single female, who's honest, positive and motivated. Looking for a single honest, caring male, who's college educated, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 16882

SUNSHINE
I am outgoing, friendly, retired professional, white widowed female, 62, 120 lbs with brown hair. Looking for friendship with a single male to enjoy doing fun things together. BOX 36127

FIT THE BILL?
Widow white female, 55, financially secure, non-smoker or drinker, who enjoys camping, dancing, travel, and more. Seeking single white male, with similar interests, for friendship, possible relationship. BOX 16874

THE GOOD LIFE
56, 140 lb, independent woman, enjoys car shows and racing, camping, bowling, dancing and shooting pool. Looking for a single male, social or non-drinker, 35 to 45. BOX 32047

ATTRACTIVE & CLASSY
Eclectic, slender, brunette, enjoys tennis, golf, dancing, boating, gardening, most music, plays and more. Seeking honest, loyal, flexible, fun, romantic, special gentleman, over 58, for friendship, possible relationship. BOX 36105

HARD TO FIND
60 yr old, white widowed female, 5'3", brown hair and eyes, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys music, long walks, bike riding, movies, bingo, going to church and much more. Looking for a single white male, 55 to 62 who enjoys life. Must be honest and caring with similar interests. In Down River area. BOX 31909

SINCERE
Pretty petite firm divorced white female with a passion for life and love seeks a tall, clean cut, handsome, financially secure, physically fit, romantic gentleman, 55 to 65, to share life's pleasures, who enjoys outdoor activities, dancing, dining, travel, and much more. BOX 35910

TREAT ME RIGHT
Single white mother, intelligent, good looking in good shape. Looking for a traveled fun and adventurous male, 30 to 55, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 16770

FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Widowed white female, 51, 125 lbs, blonde with hazel eyes, active, enjoys traveling, dining out and bike riding. Looking for an honest, fun loving white male, 65 to 72, for friendship and companionship. BOX 32043

JAZZ ANYONE
Single, black, Christian mother of two, 21, non-smoker, non-drinker, and very independent. Enjoys jazz the outdoors, plays and concerts. Seeking a single, black Christian male, 25 to 35, non-smoker, non-drinker for a serious relationship. BOX 36139

SEEKING COMMITMENT
35, divorced white female, mother of one, 5'3", blonde hair, blue eyes, about size 18. Been told I am pretty and have a good personality. Smoker, non-drinker, no drugs. Enjoy movies, camping. Seeking a marriage minded man that doesn't drink or do drugs. Down River area. BOX 31940

ROMANCE DESIRED
By pretty, blue eyed blonde, youthful, 50's, bright, warm and outgoing, 5'6", 110 lbs, but losing. Seeking for a professional, male for friendship, possible relationship. BOX 36111

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR
54 yr old, comfortable from, 5'4", lots of fun, curly, beautiful, brown hair and eyes, dimples, looks minus 40 and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 55 to 60, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

WORTHY OF YOUR LOVE
Single white female, young 40 plus, 5'10", seeking life partner who enjoys church, dancing, fellowship and ready to be fully blessed with a good woman. BOX 33640

WISHPFUL THINKING
Single female, sophisticated, shy, 135 lbs, likes traveling, boating, the outdoors and more. Looking for a single male, 25 to 45, who's interested in friendship and sharing. BOX 16334

GOING UP NORTH?
Pretty, blonde haired, blue eyed, single white female, 48, petite, romantic, enjoys boating, movies, dining out, music and more. Looking for a single white male, 40 to 50, with similar interests, for a possible relationship. Children are welcomed. BOX 16334

WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED
Single white female, 31, 5'4", blonde with green eyes, employed, enjoys candlelight dinners, movies, walks and sports. Seeking a single male of any race, 35 to 54, non-drinker, smoker, to pamper, cuddle and get all my love too. BOX 12993

DANCE WITH ME
Single white female, 24, likes sports, dancing and the outdoors. Seeking a single male for friendship first and more later on. BOX 16667

KEEP ME COMPANY
18 yr old, single female, auburn hair, hazel eyes, 5'8", likes having fun and being around people. Looking for a single male, who's interested, for friendship and companionship. BOX 16328

JUST THE TWO OF US!
55 yr old, white female with blonde hair and green eyes who is new to the area, enjoys dining out, movies, quite times, romantic evening and much more. Seeking a single male, 45 to 60, to share good times, friendship and maybe more. BOX 16546

TRUE LOVE WAITS
21 yr old, single mother of one, attractive, easy going, seeking single white male, 21 to 30, who enjoys dining out, movies, football, and other sports for friendship, possible relationship. BOX 16469

COLLEGE EDUCATED...
36 yr old, 5'7", single mother of one with light brown hair and hazel eyes. Seeking a college educated, single, white male who's honest and has a sense of humor. BOX 13164

HONESTY IS THE KEY
Single white female, 55, blue eyes, brown hair, medium build, smoker, non-drinker, with old fashioned values, enjoys music, dining out, trips up North, movies and animals. Seeking a single white male, who's sincere, honest, social drinker, with a good sense of humor, for friendship and more. BOX 31953

LIFE'S TOO SHORT
Affectionate, slim, petite, attractive, creative, spiritual, divorced white female, 49, seeking an honest, thoughtful, sincere, intelligent, non-smoker or drinker, who's a single white male with a sense of humor and love of life who enjoys the arts, theater, music, dining, home and family and travel. BOX 36055

NEED MY COMPANY?
46 yr old, full figured, Born Again Christian looking for a Born Again Christian, black male, 40 to 65, who's happy, knows what he wants, enjoys the rain, beaches, mountains and more. BOX 16364

NEW BEGINNINGS
Divorced white female, red hair, blue eyes, weight proportionate to size. Seeking a single male, 40 to 55, who enjoys movies, dining and having fun, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 33656

LARGE FEMINE WARM
Single white female, 47, 270 lbs, attractive, searching for a single male, 45 to 54, who's attractive, active and is interested in a possible relationship. I enjoy working out, watching sports, outdoor activities, cuddling music and much more. BOX 31999

LOTS OF ENERGY
I'm a small, cute, young looking, physically fit package with lots of energy. Seeking a single white male, 37 to 43, who's attractive, active and is interested in a possible relationship. I enjoy working out, watching sports, outdoor activities, cuddling music and much more. BOX 31999

CLASSIC ROMANCE
50 yr old, single female, 5, believes in romance, likes music, dancing, classic, country life and simple pleasures. Seeking a kind, sincere single or divorced male, 42 to 60, non-smoker with similar interests for a long term monogamous relationship. Down River area. BOX 14471

SHOOTING STAR
Divorced, white professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, looks minus 40 and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 55 to 60, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

WITH OPEN ARMS
Single white male, 39, 6'3", 170 lbs, brown hair and eyes looking for a single female, 5 to 5'4", who likes to have fun, sports, travel and more. If interested, give me a call. BOX 13028

LET'S MEET
Single white male, 54, 6'10", professional, well educated, spontaneous, sensitive, non-smoker, enjoys laughing. Looking for an honest, affectionate, slender, attractive, single white female who likes to hold hands, for friendship and more. BOX 13030

BEST TIME TO CALL
Sensitive, caring, divorced white male, 38, 5'10", brown hair and eyes, family oriented, smoker, social drinker. Enjoys all sports, movies and dancing. Seeking a single or divorced white female, 28 to 40, for friendship and possibly more. No head games. Children are okay. BOX 15379

YOU SHOULD CALL
Single black male, 33, 6'2", 220 lbs, dark complexion and eyes, well employed, enjoys sports, music, dining the outdoors and bowling. Looking for a single female, 21 to 40, with similar interests, for dating and a possible relationship. BOX 13039

CAN'T WAIT
Single white male, 5'10", 180 lbs, brown hair and eyes, enjoys the outdoors, theater, NASCAR, roller, traveling, dining, quiet times, boating and more. Looking for a single honest, caring, down to earth female with similar interests. BOX 16432

THE MOON AND STARS
Single white male, attractive, tall, enjoys golf, traveling, movies, concerts and more. Looking for a single white female, 25 to 40, with similar interests for friendship and a possible relationship. BOX 16566

ONE OF A KIND
Single black male, 27, 5'11", 180 lbs, seeks a fun loving, single white female, 18 to 30, in the down river area. Give me a call and let us talk it over. You will never know unless you try. BOX 13205

ALL CALLS ANSWERED
Single white male, 18, 5'10", 185 lbs, enjoys life having fun and more. Seeking a single female with similar interests for possible relationship. BOX 16703

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Single white father of two, 39, enjoys camping, the outdoors, boating and quiet times at home. Seeking a single white female, 35 to 40, with similar interests, for a possible relationship. BOX 16708

ARE U LOOKING 4 ME?
Single male, 6'4", 200 lbs, slim, athletic built, financially secure, homeowner, stable emotionally and spiritually non-smoker or drinker. Looking for a single or divorced white female, 30 to 41, non-smoker or drinker, attractive for a possible long term relationship. You Won't be Disappointed! BOX 36202

KEMO MAN
Tall, slim, well built male looking to make someone happy and bright. I am looking for an energetic lady with good personality. Together let us share friendship and good times. BOX 36206

LOW KEY GUY
Attractive, large, but white Christian type male, has fun, bright, intelligent, fun loving, walks and having a good time. I am low key, considerate and a nice guy. I am looking for a white female, 20 to 30, average build, attractive, go to teacher and down to earth. BOX 36211

LIGHT HEARTED
Honest, gentle, attractive, well loved male, 65, 5'8", 175 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, good physical condition, active financially, secure, enjoys camping, long walks and good company. Seeking a single white female, 30 to 40, who's fun loving, intelligent, and just about everything. Seeking a single white female, 30 to 40, who's fun loving, intelligent, and just about everything. BOX 36212

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Single white female, 40's, blue eyes, educated, non-smoker, fun loving, enjoys playing racquet ball, dancing and traveling. Seeking a single white female, 40 to 50, with similar interests, for possible long term relationship. BOX 13055

MARRIAGE IN MIND?
Single, white, professional, 41, 175 lbs, athletic built, seeking single white female who's caring, honest, fun loving, intelligent, fun loving, walks and having a good time. I am low key, considerate and a nice guy. I am looking for a white female, 20 to 30, average build, attractive, go to teacher and down to earth. BOX 36211

SEEKS SOMEONE SPECIAL
Single male, 41, 5'10", 160 lbs, with white blonde hair, who enjoys outdoor activities, going to church, reading and writing, seeking a single white female, 35 to 45, who's a social drinker, active for the weekend, conversation. BOX 16471

DESIRES OF THE HEART
Single white male, 34, who's fun loving, intelligent, fun loving, walks and having a good time. I am low key, considerate and a nice guy. I am looking for a white female, 20 to 30, average build, attractive, go to teacher and down to earth. BOX 36211

STILL AVAILABLE
48 yr old, single white male, 5'10", 180 lbs, brown hair and eyes, enjoys the outdoors, theater, NASCAR, roller, traveling, dining, quiet times, boating and more. Looking for a single honest, caring, down to earth female with similar interests. BOX 16432

MEET ME HALF WAY
32 yr old, single male, 5'8", 160 lbs, brown hair and eyes, enjoys sports, traveling, dining out, movies, concerts and more. Looking for a single white female, 25 to 40, with similar interests for friendship and a possible relationship. BOX 16566

NIGHT OWL SEEKS
Single white male, 45, works hard all day but at night he works a little. Seeking a single white female, 30 to 40, who's fun loving, intelligent, and just about everything. Seeking a single white female, 30 to 40, who's fun loving, intelligent, and just about everything. BOX 36212

EVERYTHING IS SAID
25 yr old, single male, 5'8", 170 lbs, brown hair, green eyes. Enjoys sports, dining out and children. Seeking a single female, 23 to 30, with similar interests, for possible relationship. Would bring the smiles to both of our faces. BOX 13149

LET'S GET TOGETHER
and see what happens. Single white male, 24, 235 lbs, brown hair and eyes. Together we could enjoy bowling, movies, dining out and whatever your little heart desires. Seeking a single female, 18 to 26, with similar interests, for a warm and wonderful relationship. BOX 13161

HOPE 2 HEAR FROM U
Single white male, 5'10", brown hair, hazel eyes. Seriously seeking a single female. How do you feel about enjoying weekend getaways, dining out, romantic evenings, golf and dancing? Interested? Give me a call and let our relationship begin. BOX 13168

SEEKS A DIAMOND...
Single white male, 32, 5'6", 140 lbs, brown hair and eyes, never married, down to earth, sincere, loyal, faithful, honest and caring. Seeking a single female, with similar interests, for friendship and maybe more. BOX 16597

GIVE ME A CHANCE
Single white male, 22, 6'10", 185 lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys movies, cooking, clubbing and cuddling. Seeking a single female, 18 to 25, with similar interests for a possible long term relationship. BOX 16697

LOVE TO MEET
48 yr old, 5'11", 215 lb, single white male, seeking secure lady companion for friendship and possible long term relationship. Looking for a single white female, 45 to 50, who's fun loving, caring and romantic. Love, dinners, movies, Red Wings, drives up North and walks. Must be warm, affectionate, kisses. Looking for a single or divorced female for friendship, possible relationship. BOX 32006

A TENDER 50
With good looks and vitality, single white male, 50, seeks attractive gal, 40 to 55, full of laughter and fun to share a variety of interest, companionship, possible relationship. BOX 36065

PLEASE BE MINE
36 yr old male, 5'8", 155 lbs, brown hair and hazel eyes, enjoys golfing, traveling, camping and music. Seeking that special lady that shares similar interests. BOX 16487

BEAM ME UP SCOTTY
33 yr old, single white, petite, social, male, 5'4", 140 lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, social drinker, non-dependents and down to earth. Likes country music, dining out, boating, the outdoors, camping, movies, Red Wings, drives up North and walks. Must be warm, affectionate, kisses. Looking for a single or divorced female for friendship, possible relationship. BOX 36065

I NEED YOU
Divorced male, 40, with good job and big heart, tired of being all alone, looking for a "real" honest woman, 30 to 40, who's fun loving, caring, beautiful, white female, 25 to 38, with similar interests. BOX 31925

NICE AND HONEST
Attractive, single, white male, 27, 175 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys sports, boating, dining out and more. Seeking a single white female, same interests, 20 to 30, for friendship and possible long term relationship. BOX 16585

MUSIC MAGIC & YOU
Attractive, single, white male, 50, 175 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys music, dining out, movies, concerts and more. Looking for a single white female, 25 to 40, who's fun loving, intelligent, and just about everything. Seeking a single white female, 25 to 40, who's fun loving, intelligent, and just about everything. BOX 36212

SHARING AND CARING
Single white male, 45, works hard all day but at night he works a little. Seeking a single white female, 30 to 40, who's fun loving, intelligent, and just about everything. Seeking a single white female, 30 to 40, who's fun loving, intelligent, and just about everything. BOX 36212

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I'M THE 1 FOR U!

34 yr old single white male, 5'10", 180 lbs, brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys traveling, dining movies, the outdoors and more. Seeking a single female, 18 to 28, for friendship and maybe more. BOX 16364

LIFE TO THE FULLEST!

Single male, 5'7", 170 lbs, black hair, brown eyes, easy going, humorous, enjoys dancing and the movies. Looking for a single lady with similar interests for a possible relationship. BOX 13030

LOVE BLOSSOMS

35 yr old single white male, muscular build, black hair, hazel eyes, employed, enjoys movies, reading, long drives and great conversations. Looking for a single female who loves to laugh, feels good about themselves, for friendship leading to a long term relationship. BOX 13028

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Single white male, 6'1", 170 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys sports, movies, and music. Looking for a single white female, 30 to 40, who's fun loving, intelligent, and just about everything. Seeking a single white female, 30 to 40, who's fun loving, intelligent, and just about everything. BOX 36212

ARE YOU THE ONE?

Single white male, 22, 6'5", 195 lbs, looking for a single attractive female, for friendship and a possible relationship. BOX 12914

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Single white male, 6'1", 170 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys sports, movies, and music. Looking for a single white female, 30 to 40, who's fun loving, intelligent, and just about everything. Seeking a single white female, 30 to 40, who's fun loving, intelligent, and just about everything. BOX 36212

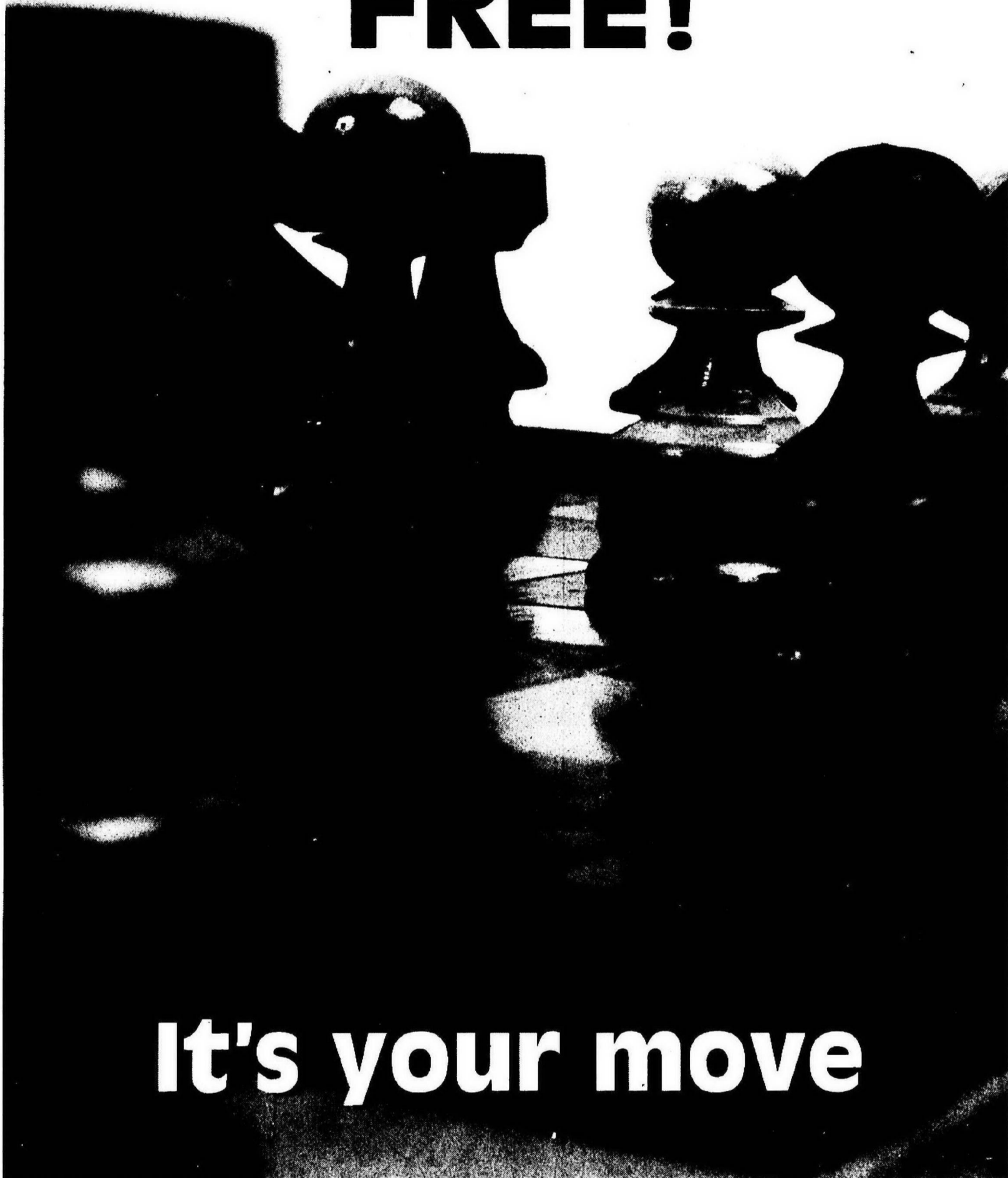
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FRIDAY



Tom Cruise stars in *Mission Impossible 2* now playing at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



Neeme Jarvi conducts the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's performance of Gustav Mahler's powerfully moving *Symphony No. 9*, 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets \$19 to \$50, call (313) 576-5111.

SUNDAY



Three Cities Art Club presents its 43rd annual spring show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. Nancy Walls Smith is one of the artists featured in the show.

HOT



Spend Memorial Day weekend with family and some new friends at Greenfield Village's Civil War Remembrance Celebration Sunday and Monday, May 28-29, in Dearborn. Presentations by civilian and military re-enactors bring to life the ordeals experienced by average Americans during the war. Call (313) 271-1630 for information.

GET READY!

SUMMER CONCERTS HEAT UP CLOSE TO HOME

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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As the weather in metro Detroit heats up, the stage is set for another summer line-up featuring some of the steamiest acts in popular music today.

Jeff Corey, director of public relations for the Palace Sports and Entertainment Inc., said tickets for more than 110 shows at The Palace of Auburn Hills, Pine Knob Music Theatre and Meadowbrook Music Theatre are already on sale.

"It's gonna be a busy summer," he noted. The main objective is appealing to a wide array of concert-goers in 2000.

For the first time, Meadowbrook is including some theatrical performances, like *Grease*. The Rochester Hills venue caters to families and offers shows that work with a more intimate crowd — such as comedic per-

formances. It's also a good place to "take a chance" as Corey said, on shows with an unlikely pairing — The Chieftains and Los Lobos, for example.

Festivals

One big difference this year is the lack of touring festivals. In the past Lollapalooza, The Hoarde Festival and the Lilith Fair drew big crowds with their array of headlining performers. "Right now OzzFest is the big summer festival," said Corey.

But in Detroit, it's out with Ozzy and in with the electronic age. Get out your glo-sticks kids, the Detroit Electronic Music Festival premieres Saturday, May 27, at Detroit's Hart Plaza. With more than 63 DJs set to take one of four stages, electronic dance music is sure to echo from the waterfront to the Cass corridor for three days straight.

The free festival's sure to succeed

with names like The Roots, Isotope 217, Stacey Pullen, Mos Def and Richie Hawtin. With the renowned Carl Craig at the helm of the impressive schedule, it's going to be an event to behold.

For those who prefer something a little less digitized, Dave Matthews Band has the distinct honor of being the first band to perform at Detroit's new Comerica Park. Bringing along Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals, Dave and company are sure to draw more shouts than the Tigers' home opener when the band performs July 5.

Like many others, Dave Clark, who works in SFX/Cellar Door's event production and marketing department in Northville, is looking forward to the show and is curious to see how the event will be set up.

Formerly with Prism Productions, Clark now coordinates shows at The Palace, Pine Knob, Meadowbrook, The

State Theatre, as well as venues across the state. He noted that some of the highlights this year will take place indoors. He's willing to bet The Who and the combination of Jimmy Page and The Black Crowes will be smashing successes this summer.

Plenty of performers are on the comeback trail. Perhaps the most notable is Diana Ross, who accompanies The Supremes on their "Return To Love" Tour, scheduled to hit The Palace of Auburn Hills June 19.

Ringo Starr and his All-Starr Band return June 11 to Pine Knob. The always-anticipated sell-out show, Jimmy Buffett and the Coral Reefer Band, follows closely behind when they perform two days later at the outdoor theater.

While some acts return, others threaten to bid a final farewell. Everyone's favorite rockers in black and white make-up, Kiss, will say

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ROCK, POP, COUNTRY AND CLASSICS AWAIT YOU ON THE SUMMER CONCERT STAGE

PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE

1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets on sale now, call (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666.

- Eddie Money:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 27. \$7.50-\$15.50
- Joni Mitchell:** With Vince Mendoza conducting a 70-piece symphony, 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 31. \$55-\$75.
- Styx and REO Speedwagon:** 7 p.m. Friday, June 2. \$15.50-\$32.50.
- Heatwave:** With Sister Sledge and Evelyn "Champagne" King, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3. \$15.50-\$29.50.
- Charlie Daniels Band:** With Hank Williams Jr. and Little Feat, 7 p.m. Sunday, June 4. \$15-\$27.50.
- 311:** With Incubus, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8. \$18.50-\$24.50.
- Blink-182:** With Bad Religion, Fenix TX, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9. \$25.
- The Cure:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10. \$20-\$45.
- Ringo Starr and his All-Starr Band:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11. \$15.50-\$27.50.
- Jimmy Buffett & the Coral Reefer Band:** 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 13. \$23.50-\$46.
- Don Henley:** 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 14. \$66 pavilion only. \$1 per ticket donated to Walden Woods preservation.
- Kenny G:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15. \$15.50-\$32.50.
- Three Dog Night:** With Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16. \$15.50-\$29.50.
- Indigo Girls:** 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17. \$15-\$27.50.
- Ray Charles:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20. \$15-\$25.
- Steve Miller Band:** With Gov't Mule, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 21. \$21.50-\$37.50.
- The Beach Boys:** With Martha Reeves and The Vandellas, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22. \$12.50-\$29.50.
- Randy Travis:** With Darryl Worley, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 23. \$15.50-\$24.50.
- Steely Dan:** 8 p.m. Sunday, June 25. \$25-\$75.
- Howie Mandel:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 28. \$12.50-\$24.50.
- The Doobie Brothers:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 30. \$12.50-\$24.50.

- Brian Setzer Orchestra:** With Twistin' Tarantulas, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 1. \$15-\$27.50.
- Poison:** With Cinderella, Dokken and Slaughter, 6 p.m. Sunday, July 2. \$15-\$27.50.
- Dwight Yoakam:** With BR5-49, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 6. \$15.50-\$29.50.
- Village People:** With Lisa Lisa, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 8. \$15.50-\$27.50.
- Britney Spears:** With LFO, Bosson, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9. Sold Out; 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 10. \$25-\$40.
- Yes:** With Kansas, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 11. \$15-\$32.50.



Ozzy Osbourne

- Ozzfest 2000:** Featuring Ozzy Osbourne, Pantera, Godsmack, Static X, Incubus, Methods of Mahem, POD, Queens of the Stoneage and Crazytown, 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 12. \$50.25, with donation to Lifebeat Charity.
- Clint Black:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13. \$15.50-\$29.50.
- Sting:** With Tracy Chapman, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 14. \$25-\$75.
- Tragically Hip:** With Chris Brown, Kate Fenner and Guster, 7 p.m. Saturday, July 15. \$20-\$27.50.
- Bob Dylan:** With Phil Lesh and Friends, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 16. \$25-\$43.50.
- Creedence Clearwater Revived:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 18. \$12.50-\$24.50.
- Third Eye Blind:** With Verticle Horizon, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 19. \$15-\$27.50.
- Clay Walker:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20. \$15-\$25.
- Brian Wilson with Orchestra:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 21. \$15.50-\$29.50.
- Allman Brothers:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22. \$17.75-\$34.50.
- Maze:** With K-Ci and Jo Jo, Time TBA, Sunday, July 23.

- Missing Persons:** With Flock of Seagulls, Wang Chung, Gene Loves Jezebel, 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 25. \$10-\$15.
- The Judds:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27. \$20-\$39.50.
- Chicago:** With Little River Band, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 28. \$20.25-\$30.25.
- Def Leppard:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 29. \$28.50-\$38.50.
- Pat Benatar:** 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 30. \$12.50-\$22.50.
- The Moody Blues:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1. \$15.50-\$29.50.
- Counting Crows and Live:** With Galactic, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2. \$23.50-\$46.
- Michael McDonald:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4. \$12.50-\$24.50.
- Montreux Festival:** Featuring Al Jarreau, Roberta Flack, David Sanborn, Joe Sample, George Duke, Saturday, Aug. 5. \$18.50-\$34.50.
- Nickelodeon's All That Tour:** With Ifo, B*witched and Blaque, Sunday, Aug. 6. \$18.50-\$28.50.
- Red Hot Chili Peppers:** With Stone Temple Pilots and Fishbone, 7 p.m. Monday, August 7. \$28.50-\$38.50.
- Boston Pops:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9. \$20-\$49.50.
- Smokey Robinson:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10. \$15-\$25.
- LeAnn Rimes:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11. \$15.50-\$29.50.
- Peter Frampton:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12. \$12.50-\$24.50.
- Santana:** With Macy Gray, 7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Aug. 13-14. \$25.50-\$59.50 pavilion. A 50 cent donation per ticket will be given to the Milagro Foundation.
- Motley Crue:** With Megadeth and Anthrax, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16. \$15-\$35.
- Duran Duran:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17. \$15-\$29.50.
- Creed:** With 3 Doors Down, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18. \$25-\$35.
- Tony Bennett:** With Diana Krall, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20. \$15-\$35.
- kd Lang:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22. \$21-\$36.
- BB King Blues Fest:** 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23. \$15.50-\$35.50.
- Christina Aguilera:** With Destiny's Child, 7:30 p.m.



BB King

- Thursday, Aug. 24. \$38.50-\$25.
- Gipsy Kings:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2. \$15-\$42.50.
- Huey Lewis and The News:** 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3. \$12.50-\$24.50.
- Foreigner:** 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10. \$14.50-\$24.50.

THE PALACE

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Ted Nugent

- Kiss Farewell Tour:** With Ted Nugent and Skid Row, 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, May 24-25. \$75-\$25.
- Tina Turner:** With Lionel Richie, Janice Robinson, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 1. \$85.25, \$55.25, \$35.25. Eight ticket limit per person.
- Diana Ross and The Supremes "Return To Love Tour":** 8 p.m. Monday, June 19. \$39.50-\$125.
- Jimmy Page and The Black Crowes:** With Kenny Wayne Shepard, 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 26. \$39.50-\$55.
- The Who:** 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27. \$35-\$85.
- Ricky Martin:** 8 p.m. Friday, June 30. \$45-\$85.
- Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Ice Cube, Eminem and Warren G:** Up In Smoke Tour, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 7. \$35-\$50.

MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

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- Trisha Yearwood:** With Jessica Andrews, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 25. \$15.50-\$30.
- Franklin the Turtle and the Magic Fiddle:** With Joanie Bartels, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 21. \$8-\$12.50.
- Pure Prairie League and Poco:** 8 p.m. Friday, June 23. \$15.50-\$25.50.
- Steven Wright:** 8 p.m. Saturday, June 24. \$12.50-\$24.50.
- The Chieftains and Los Lobos:** 8 p.m. Sunday, June 25. \$35 pavilion/\$20 lawn.
- BJ Thomas:** With Billy Joe Royal, fundraiser for Michigan Firefighters, Monday, June 26. \$15. On sale June 12.
- Harry Connick Jr. and His Big Band:** Come By Me Tour, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27. \$25.50-\$45.50.
- Weird Al Yankovic:** 8 p.m. Friday, June 30. \$12.50-\$24.50.



Martina McBride

- Martina McBride:** 8 p.m. Saturday, July 1. \$22.50-\$33.50.
- Get Back! Cast of Beatlemania:** 8 p.m. Sunday, July 2. \$10-\$17.50. Children under 12 receive \$2.50 off ticket price.
- Todd Rundgren:** With Leon Russell, 8 p.m. Monday, July 3. \$12.50-\$25.50.
- Detroit Symphony Orchestra:** 8 p.m. Friday, Sunday in July. Prices vary, call (248) 377-0100 for

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details.
Maurice Sendak's Little Bear: With Eric Nagler, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 12. \$8-\$12.50.
Grease: Featuring Eddie Mekka and Cindy Williams, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 18. \$15-\$25.50.
Scholastic's Magic Schoolbus: With Norman Foote, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 26. \$8-\$12.50.
Natalie Merchant: 8 p.m. Thursday, July 13. \$20-\$27.50.
John Berry: With Suzy Boguss and Billy Dean, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10. \$15-\$25.
Rick Springfield: 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12. \$17.50-\$27.50.
Peter, Paul and Mary: 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13. \$14.50-\$32.50. Kids 12 and under receive free admission for lawn.
Alison Krauss & Union Station: 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19. \$12.50-\$24.50.
Wimzie's House: With Linda Arnold, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24. \$8-\$12.50.
Trinity Irish Dance Company: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 25-26. \$15-\$35. Discounts available.
Terri Clark: 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27. \$15-\$30.
Lonestar: 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1. \$15.50-\$32.50.

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Qtopia: Featuring Mandy Moore, Vertice Horizon, Jessica Simpson, Hanson and Macy Gray, Thursday, June 1. \$27.50-\$50.
Eric Idle Exploits Monty Python: 8 p.m. Sunday, June 4. \$30-\$65.
Oprah's Growth Summit: 8 p.m. Monday, June 19. \$20-\$30.

POWER CENTER
 400 Fourth Street, Ann Arbor. Call (248) 645-6666, (734) 763-TKTS or (734) 764-2538

Ann Arbor Summer Festival
 Michael Feinstein: 8 p.m. Saturday, June 17. \$20-\$30.

David Grisman, John Hartford and Mike Seeger: 8 p.m. Sunday, June 18. \$14-\$26.
Streb in Action Heroes: 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 20. \$14-\$26.
Nicholas Payton and Ensemble: "A Louis Armstrong Centennial Celebration" 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 21. \$14-\$26.
Natalie McMaster and Mark O'Connor: 8 p.m. Thursday, June 22. \$14-\$26.
Spalding Gray in "Morning, Noon and Night": 8 p.m. Friday, June 23. \$14-\$26.
Jazz Tap Ensemble: 8 p.m. Saturday, June 24. \$14-\$26.
Trinity Academy Irish Dancers: 8 p.m. Sunday, June 25. \$14-\$26.
Kate Clinton: "Y2K8.COMedy" 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27. \$14-\$26.
Reduced Shakespeare Company: "The Complete Millennium Musical" 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 28. \$14-\$26.
Rockapella: 8 p.m. Thursday, June 29. \$14-\$26.
Peter Sparling Dance Company: 8 p.m. Friday, June 30. \$14-\$26.
Ahn Trio: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 1. \$14-\$26.
The Capitol Steps: 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 4. \$14-\$26.
Jose Feliciano: 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 5. \$20-\$30.
Linda Tilley and the Cultural Heritage Choir and the Paris Children's Choir: 8 p.m. Thursday, July 6. \$14-\$26.
Peter Schickele Meets PDQ Bach and The Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra: 8 p.m. Friday, July 7. \$14-\$26.
Anthony Zerbe and Roscoe Lee Browne: "Behind the Broken Words" 8 p.m. Saturday, July 8. \$14-\$26.

HART PLAZA
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Detroit Electronic Music Festival: The first-ever, three-day music festival will be held noon to midnight Memorial Weekend, May 27-29, Hart Plaza, Detroit. It features more than 63 electronic artists:

Saturday, May 27
DEMF Stage:
 1 p.m. Craig Taborn
 2 p.m. Space Time Continuum
 3 p.m. DJ Spooky
 5 p.m. Tikiman
 7 p.m. DBX
 8 p.m. TBA
 8:30 p.m. Isotope 217
 9:30 p.m. Stacey Pullen
MOTOR Stage:
 noon Hannah
 2 p.m. Minx
 4 p.m. Mike "Agent X" Clark
 9 p.m. Theo Parrish
CPOP Stage:
 noon Magda
 2 p.m. Mike Grant
 4 p.m. D Wynn
 9 p.m. Kenny Larkin
UNDERGROUND Stage:
 noon Jeff Karolski
 1 p.m. Clark Warner
 2 p.m. Jason Hogans
 3 p.m. Clark Warner
 4 p.m. Dykehouse
 5 p.m. Bill Van Loo
 9 p.m. TBA
 7 p.m. Reeloose
 8 p.m. TBA
 9 p.m. Wild Planet
 10 p.m. TBA
 11 p.m. Scan 7

Sunday, May 28
DEMF Stage:
 noon Double Helix
 1 p.m. TBA
 1:30 p.m. John Arnold
 2:30 p.m. TBA
 3 p.m. Aril Brikha/Time Space
 4 p.m. Kevin Saunderson
 9 p.m. Laurent Garnier (with band)
 7 p.m. TBA
 8 p.m. The Roots
 9 p.m. Gary Chandler
 10 p.m. Mos Def
 11 p.m. Gary Chandler
MOTOR Stage:
 noon Oscar McMillan
 2 p.m. TBA
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 9 p.m. TBA
 8 p.m. END
CPOP Stage:
 noon Lacksidaisycal
 1:30 p.m. Houseshoes
 3:30 p.m. Len Swan
 9 p.m. Breakfast Club
 7:30 p.m. Cash Money
UNDERGROUND Stage:
 noon Carlos Souffront
 2 p.m. Spacelings & Bassheads
 3 p.m. Carlos Souffront
 4 p.m. Adult

5 p.m. Godfather
 7 p.m. Ectomorph
 8 p.m. DJ Assault
 10 p.m. Fanon Flowers

Monday, May 29
DEMF Stage:
 noon TBA
 3 p.m. Theorem
 4 p.m. Juan Atkins
 9 p.m. Rolando
 8 p.m. Derrick May
 10 p.m. Richie Hawtin
MOTOR Stage:
 noon Derek Plaslaiko
 2 p.m. TBA
 4 p.m. Mike Huckaby
 9 p.m. Bone
CPOP Stage:
 noon Ronin
 2 p.m. Lauren Flax
 3 p.m. A Guy Called Gerald
 5 p.m. DeGo
UNDERGROUND Stage:
 noon Vitreous Flux
 1 p.m. Direct Beat Assassins
 2 p.m. Urban Tribe
 4 p.m. Keith Tucker/ Puzelbox
 5 p.m. Shake
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Rib America: 4-11 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 15-16; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 17-18. Free festival with entertainment by Twistin' Tarantulas, Reeper Men, and

Molly Hatchett performing Thursday; Gordon Bennett, Jill Jack, and Loverboy performing Friday; Five Horse Johnson, Soul Clique, Alberta Adams, Johnnie Bassett, Thornetta Davis, and Otis Day & Knights performing Saturday; Agee, Shannon Curfman, Edgar Winter and Mud-Puppy performing Sunday.

FROG ISLAND FESTIVAL

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Friday, June 23
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 8:30 p.m. Buckwheat Zydeco
 10:30 p.m. The Fabulous Thunderbirds

Saturday, June 24
 Noon Sheila Landis Brazilian Fantasy
 1:15 p.m. Wendell Harrison Quartet
 2:45 p.m. Larry Nozero and Lyman Woodard
 4:15 p.m. The Regina Carter Quintet
 6 p.m. Al Hill and the Love Butlers
 7:30 p.m. Long John Hunter
 9 p.m. Marcia Ball
 10:45 p.m. Los Lobos

Sunday, June 25
 1 p.m. Detroit-Ann Arbor Groupai Ceol
 2:30 p.m. Tom Landa and the Paperboys
 4 p.m. Cathie Ryan
 5:30 p.m. The Drivers
 7:15 p.m. Solas
 9 p.m. Celtic Roots Jam.

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goodbye to Detroit Rock City as the band brings its "Farewell Tour" with Redford native and Motor City Madman Ted Nugent and Skid Row May 25 at The Palace.
 Taking the place of annual music festivals, the summer season welcomes a host of shows pairing two popular acts at top billing. Live and Counting Crows could still pack a house alone, but the bands will tour together this summer. Two big names for the price of one is a growing trend this year.

Eminem comes home with hip-hop cohorts Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Ice Cube and Warren G July 7 at The Palace. So far it looks like the biggest show of its genre set for the 2000 summer season.

As the new millennium gives rise to boy bands and girlie-Q's galore, plenty of healthy young teens will take to metro area stages to make boys swoon and girls shriek in delight. The Qtopia show, sponsored by 98.7 FM, is bringing in a list of acts including Mandy Moore, Vertice Horizon, Jessica Simpson, Hanson and Macy Gray.

The Fox Theatre is bound to hit its teenage capacity for this show June 1. N'Sync will catch the crowd again when the boys visit the Pontiac Silverdome July 18. Both Britney Spears (July 9-10) and Christina Aguilera (Aug. 24) will perform at Pine Knob Music Theatre.

Clark said the coolest thing about these shows is that they appeal to teens and their parents. They're really coming to bridge the gap," he said.
 Need something more extreme than that, and you could handle the Vans Warped Tour at Pontiac's Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater. Punk-pop masters Blink-182 will get off to a raucous start with tourmates Bad Religion and Feist TX June 9 at Pine Knob.

Country fans new and old have something to look forward to this year at Pine Knob. From the sweet sounds of LeAnn Rimes Aug. 11 to Randy Travis and Darryl Worley on June 22 and the Charis Daniels Band with Hank Williams Jr. and Little Feat June 4, country fever shifts into high gear.

On the softer side, Joni Mitchell starts out the season accompanied by a 70-piece orchestra at Pine Knob. Brian Wilson joins in with his own orchestral accompaniment Friday, July 21.

Thanks to radio stations like 98.7 FM, "The Planet," flashbacks and alternative classics have come back in a big way. With bands like The Cure, Duran Duran and the Psychedelic Furs back on the airwaves it may feel more like the '80s this summer as they make comebacks on stage as well.

Also from the '80s, metal fans may have their heads once again spun. Poison returns with *Open Up and Breathe* for a throwback to the days when image was everything and long hair and heavy make-up reigned supreme.

Whatever the poison, Dave Clark's best advice to music fans is to start planning ahead and choosing what shows to see, rather than holding out until the last moment. He also recommends double checking to see if a concert is truly sold out, rather than assuming it would be. But leave some time open, some of the best concert announcements for August are yet to come.

"Detroit is really lucky to have the great venues that we do," said Clark. "Tours want to come here. A lot of towns the size of Detroit don't get the shows that we do."
 Because not everyone's tastes are alike, Pine Knob Music Theatre has brought back its "Pick Your Own Plan" series this summer. More than 60 shows are featured and 20 more will be added at Pine Knob, which held 83 events and welcomed more than 350,000 guests in 1999. For more information and tickets, call (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666 or check online at www.pineknob.com or www.ticketmaster.com.

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Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival reaches maturity

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Now in its 21st year, the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival's not a kid anymore.

Organizers of the annual Labor Day weekend festival, formerly known as the Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival, promise to "light up Detroit for four days" with powerful, electric headliners like Nancy Wilson, Abbey Lincoln and Dr. John.

"Every stage is hot," said Ed Love, festival senior program consultant. "This festival is loaded."

Others headlining the 125-act, five-stage festival include Poncho Sanchez, Barry Harrison, Terrence Blanchard, Rufus Harley, One for All, Michael Weis, Jazz Time Superband, Caribbean Jazz Project, Uptown Vocal Jazz Quartet and Brasil Brazil.

"Deeply rooted in our vision at Music Hall is the belief that our service to the community as presenters of the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival is as important as the festival's incredible artistry," said Peg Tallet, Music Hall president.

More than 40 Michigan bands will participate in the festival. More than two dozen high school and college big bands will perform, including Farmington Harrison High School, Southfield-Lathrup High School, and Henry Ford Community College. Guest artists will work with students to help them improve their skills.

Jazzy festivals

■ **V98.7 Smooth JazzFest** - Friday-Sunday, June 2-4, on The Green in front of the Southfield Civic Center (Evergreen at Civic Center Drive). Advance tickets \$15 for Friday evening, \$20 at the gate. Saturday-Sunday tickets \$25 per day in advance, \$30 at the gate. Gates open 3 p.m. Friday with performances beginning at 3:30 p.m. and continuing to 10:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday gates open at noon, performances start at 12:30 p.m. and continue to approximately 10 p.m. Performers include George Benson, Dave Koz, Kimmie Horne and Keiko Matsui. Call (248) 855-2400 for more information.

■ **Michigan Jazz Festival** - Sunday, July 16, noon to 10:30 p.m. at Schoolcraft College in Livonia (Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile). Event features 24 bands performing on four stages including four big bands: Johnny Trudell, Brookside Jazz Ensemble, Ed Nuccilli, and Larry Nozero. Call (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454 for information.

■ **Birmingham Jazzfest 2000** - Thursday-Saturday, July 20-22 in Shain Park and downtown Birmingham restaurants. Opens 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 20, in Shain Park with Alexander Zonjic & Friends. Line-up includes Chuck Mangione, Chataqua Express, Straight Ahead, and Kenny Garrett. Call (248) 644-5832 for more information.

■ **Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival** - Friday-Monday, Sept. 1-4, Hart Plaza, on the river front, downtown Detroit. Call (313) 963-7622 for more information, or online www.musicall.org beginning in June.

This year's festival line-up and poster were unveiled Wednesday, May 17, at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit.

"It's a great pleasure to see we've reached adulthood. I hope we make it to middle age," said Robert McCabe who has been involved with the festival since its beginning. "Then it was part free and part paid, now it's all free," said McCabe, thanking the more than 40 other corporate sponsors, including Plymouth-based Absopure Water Co., Absolut Vodka, Hammel Music, and the Michigan Council for Arts

and Cultural Affairs.

The festival's new name "more accurately represents the festival. Detroit has taken ownership of the festival," said Elliott Hall, vice president of Ford Motor Co. dealership development, and newly elected festival chairman.

"We have a rich history of pure jazz in this city. It promises to be exciting. We're pleased with the evolution of the festival, and we hope you'll be in town."

This year, for the first time, local National Public Radio affiliates WEMU and WDET will broadcast the festival to NPR

stations nationwide WWJ Channel 62, will televise a prime time special featuring Straight Ahead, 9-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1.

Absopure will sponsor the radio broadcasts, and, according to William Patrick Young, vice president of advertising, is "pleased to bring cold water and cool jazz" to the festival. Absopure has been a sponsor for the past eight years.

This year's poster design will be featured on bottles of Absopure to be sold at the festival.

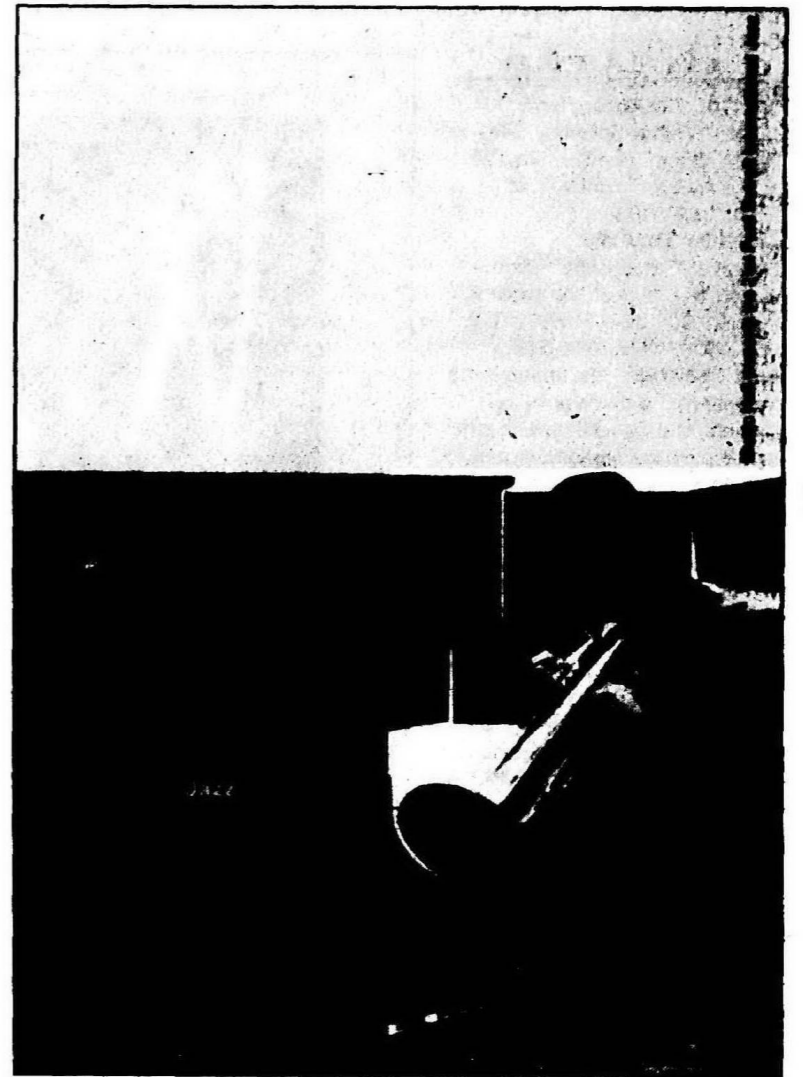
Rebecca Radtke, a multi-media designer at J. Walter Thompson, designed this year's colorful festival poster.

"I wanted it to be clean looking and chose to feature a trumpet player because it's just a little bit different," she said.

Choosing the design to be featured on bottles of cool Absopure, festival T-shirts, and posters is a "pretty exciting experience," said Daniel Cerullo of Livonia, a senior partner and creative director at J. Walter Thompson. The design process is like jazz he said - "there's a lot of craziness, improvisation and creativity."

There were nearly 50 entries this year, and Radtke's design, Cerullo said, "captures the personality of the event, and the excitement of jazz."

The Montreux Jazz Festival, scheduled Saturday, Aug. 5 at Pine Knob in Independence Township, is being presented by a national touring company that features Al Jarreau, Roberta Flack and others.



Winning poster design: This year's Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival poster was designed by Rebecca Radtke of Ferndale, a multi-media designer for J. Walter Thompson.

Mahler's masterpiece evokes deep passions

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Gustav Mahler's wonderfully complex symphony of rage, death and acceptance is a challenge embraced by French horn player David Everson.

"Mahler created very difficult, but very good pieces for horns. They're quite enjoyable to perform," said Everson.

Everson, a Troy resident, will play first horn this weekend for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's three performances of Mahler's symphony, *Ninth*, conducted by world renowned Music Director Neeme Jarvi at Orchestra Hall.

Jarvi is one of the world's most recorded conductors with nearly 350 titles in his discography and appears annually with the New York Philharmonic and Philadelphia Orchestra.

Joining the DSO in 1999, Everson was raised around the sounds of music - his parents were both music majors.

Growing up in Livonia, he hoped to learn saxophone, but his parents convinced him to try the French horn - and he fell in love with it. He played principal horn in the Flint Symphony, assistant principal horn for the Toledo Symphony before becoming principal horn with the Kansas City Symphony.

Missing the Michigan landscape and his family, Everson looked to return to his home state. He auditioned three times before making it with the DSO. In fact, he was once beaten out by close friend Mark Abbott, the DSO's current assistant principal horn.

The performance of *Ninth* will be the DSO's first in nearly 20 years. Everson, however, took part in the 99 minute symphony in more recent years while working in Kansas.



Conductor: Neeme Jarvi is music director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

What: Music Director Neeme Jarvi will conduct the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in Gustav Mahler's Ninth symphony.
Where: Orchestra Hall, Detroit
When: 8 p.m. Thursday & Friday, May 25-26, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 27
Tickets: \$19-\$50 with a limited number of box seats available from \$62-\$66. Students, seniors can purchase \$15 or \$10 RUSH tickets at the box office 90 minutes before showtime. Call (313) 576-5111 or at www.detroit-symphony.com

NOTE: Ford Concert Talks - informal discussions about music and music making - begin one hour prior to the performance with host Charles Greenwell.

"But it doesn't get easier to play," he laughed.

Everson has been practicing the *Ninth* for several months. He can be heard quite distinctively during a solo passage and then in a duet with a flutist during

the first movement.

"They're very nice rather unusual solos," he said.

The entire symphony itself, however, could be called more "ironic" than nice.

Beautifully powerful, *Ninth* was written in 1910 while Mahler was not only mourning the death of his four-year-old daughter Maria, but also struggling with his own deteriorating health.

The *Ninth* is often characterized as a triumph of peace and acceptance of mortality. Mahler takes the listener from a funeral march in movement one to despair and anger in two and three and finally through a serene hymn in four.

Superstition that no composer after Beethoven would survive past their own Symphony No. 9. Mahler tried to beat destiny by titling it, simply *Ninth*.

However, fate soon played its role as Mahler died while creating Symphony No. 10 less than one year later.

Ninth was first performed in 1911, after Mahler's death.

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THEATER

CAPITOL THEATRE: "Love Letters" Friday-Saturday, May 26-27, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 28, at the theater, Windsor. \$14. (519) 253-8065

CENTURY THEATRE: "Always...Patsy Cline" continues to Aug. 27, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

GEM THEATRE: "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through July 30, 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" continues 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 Dery

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

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY: "Full Circle," Jeff Chastang's story about a family unraveling at the seams, continues to Sunday, June 25, in the Anderson Center Theatre at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$15-\$18. (313) 872-0279

COLLEGE

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY: "Das Barbecu," a country & western musical comedy, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 2-3 and Thursday-Saturday, June 8-10, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at the Sponberg Theatre on campus, Ypsilanti. \$8 Thursday, \$13 Friday-Saturday, \$11 Sunday. (734) 487-1221

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY THEATRE: "Wind in the Willows," 10 a.m. Wednesday-Friday, May 31-June 2, and 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 2-3, at Meadow Brook Theatre on campus, Rochester. \$12, \$10 seniors, \$6 students. (248) 370-3300

COMMUNITY THEATER

BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS: 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 26-27, and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25; "Mass Appeal" Sunday, June 4, at the Depot Theater, Clarkston. \$12. (248) 625-8811

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: "Kiss Me Kate," 2 p.m. Sunday, May 27, at the barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$15. (248) 553-2955

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN: "My Fair Lady," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 26-27, at the theater, Dearborn. \$14. (313) 561-1111

ST. DUNSTON'S GUILD OF CRANBROOK: "Damn Yankees," 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 2-3 and Thursday-Saturday, June 8-10, in the outdoor Greek Theater. \$15, \$12. (248) 644-0527

SRO PRODUCTIONS: "You Should Be So Lucky," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 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

DINNER THEATER

MICHIGAN STAR CLIPPER DINNER TRAIN: "Angelina's and Bo's Comedy Wedding," presented by Theatre Arts Productions, 5 p.m. Sundays. Tickets \$69.50 per person, includes 3 hour train ride, five course dinner, and entertainment. (248) 960-9440

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE: "The Princess and the Magic Pea," continues 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3 and 10, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50. (248) 349-8110

PUPPETART: "Crane Maiden, a Japanese tale with marionettes and puppeteers in traditional Japanese



War remembrance: Women lay flowers on the graves of fallen soldiers during Civil War Remembrance, Sunday-Monday, May 28-29, at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Activities scheduled throughout the week will educate and entertain visitors. Presentations bring to life the ordeals experienced by average American men and women who lived and fought during the Civil War. Hear from the mistress of Susquehanna Plantation whose home in Maryland is occupied by Union troops. Watch an artillery firing demonstration. Children can join in the fun and participate in typical mid-century recess activities. Greenfield Village is located at 20900 Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road, west of the Southfield freeway and south of Michigan Avenue. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$8.50-\$13.05, children under age 5 and members admitted free. Call (313) 271-1620 or visit www.hfmgv.org for more information.

costumes and masks, 2 p.m. Saturday, May 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. Thursday, May 25, at Andover High School, Bloomfield Hills. \$3. (248) 433-0885

SPECIAL EVENTS

GUITAR SHOW: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 3, until 5 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center. \$8. (248) 546-7447

REDFORD THEATRE: "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" starring Jane Powell and Howard Keel. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 26-27, and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 27, organ overtures begin 30-minutes earlier, at the theater, Detroit. \$3. (313) 531-4407

ROCHESTER GRANGERS: The Vintage Base Ball team plays Great Black Swamp Frogs from Sylvania, Ohio 1 p.m. Saturday, May 27 as part of the Rochester Heritage Festival, at Halbach Field on Woodward Street, Rochester. Free. Afterwards view the exhibit, "Tally My Ace! Sports Memorabilia from the Past," at the Rochester Hills Museum, open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, \$3, \$2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM: Spend Memorial Day touring the museum, traveling through photographs, touring planes or even getting your own "dog tags," 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, May 29, on the east side of Willow Run Airport. Free. (734) 483-4444

FAMILY EVENTS

PAJAMA PARTY WITH RITA KIRSCH: A bedtime concert with songs, puppets and participation, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, at The Community House, Birmingham. \$4. (248) 644-5832

FESTIVALS

GOSPEL SUMMER JAM 2000: Features Hezekiah 7 p.m. Friday, June 2, Mesekiah Temple Theatre, Detroit. \$51.50, \$35, & \$20. (248) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6611.

BENEFITS

CATCH A RISING STAR: An auction to benefit the students of Wayne State University's College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at the Detroit Athletic Club. \$75-\$500. (313) 577-1458

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

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH: The committee of the Michigan Jazz Festival holds its annual fundraiser, a Father's Day Brunch, with the Larry Nozero Quartet and guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 18 in the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. \$25, proceeds benefit the admission-free Michigan Jazz Festival scheduled for Sunday, July 16 at Schoolcraft College. (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454

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

ULSTER PROJECT OF METRO DETROIT: "Always Patsy Cline" 5:30 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at the Century Theater, Detroit. \$40, to benefit the "Building Peace by Peace" program. (248) 641 8374

CLASSICAL

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS: 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 2, at Hagopian World of Rugs, Birmingham. \$18. (248) 362-9329

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Mahler's Ninth 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 25-26 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 27, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$14.66. (313) 576-5111

JOHANN STRAUSS ORCHESTRA: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 27, at the Meadow Brook Music Festival, at Oakland University, Rochester. \$58.50, \$22.50. (313) 576-5111/(248) 645-6666

TROUBLE IN VENICE: The world premiere of this work by Enid Sutherland takes place 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 2-3, features Bradley Brookshire, harpsichord, Aaron Johnson, piano, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

OPERA

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE: "Peter Grimes," 8 p.m. Saturday, June 3 and Wednesday-Saturday, June 7-10, and 2 p.m. Sunday,

June 4 and 11, at the Detroit Opera House. \$18-98. (313) 237-7464/(248) 645-6666

BRASS

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND: 3 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Detroit. (313) 822-3456

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

CAPITOL THEATRE: Performing arts workshop: "How to get from Volunteer to Career Theatre in the Windsor/Detroit Area," after 2 p.m. matinee of "Love Letters," at the theater, Windsor. \$5. (519) 253-7729

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS YOUTH THEATER: Auditions for "Fooling," required. 11 a.m. Saturday, June 3, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 4. (248) 922-0740/(248) 363-0188

FRANKLIN VILLAGE CONCERT BAND: Auditions for woodwinds, flutes, saxophones, French horns and percussionists, rehearsals Monday evenings, 8 concerts a year. (248) 474-8869

MARQUIS THEATRE: Auditions for "The Elves and the Shoemaker" 6 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at the theater, Northville. For performances Aug. 8 to Sept. 24. (248) 349-8110

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LIVE MUSIC

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ALLMAN BROTHERS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18.35. (248) 645-6666

Embark on a 'Road Trip' with MTV's Tom Green

CARRIE COOPER
SPECIAL WRITER

The college years for some men could mean sex, drugs, parties, girls, and, of course, freedom. But what happens when you abuse that freedom and cheat on your girlfriend?

Some might argue that cheating isn't really cheating if you are in different area codes. But what happens when you videotape your infidelity and the tape is mistakenly mailed to your girlfriend 1,800 miles away? For four guys from Ithaca College it means a road trip is in order.

Road Trip, a production of Dreamworks Pictures and The Montecito Picture Co., directed

by Todd Phillips (*Frat House*) and produced by Daniel Goldberg (*Six Days and Seven Nights*) and Joe Medjuck (*Stripes*), attempts to recreate the comedy *American Pie* during the college years.

The film stars Brekin Meyer, Seann William Scott, DJ Qualls, Paul Costanzo, Rachel Blanchard and Tom Green. Green narrates this teen comedy of four guys who take a road trip to Austin, Texas, to retrieve an explicit tape accidentally mailed to a girlfriend.

Josh Porter (Meyer) attends college at Ithaca, while his girlfriend Tiffany (Blanchard) attends school in Austin. They have been together since child-

'American Pie' during the college years.'

hood and when Josh doesn't hear from Tiffany for days he assumes she is cheating on him. As committed as Josh is he finds himself intrigued by Beth (Amy Smart), who is attracted to him as well.

To Josh it seems harmless and exciting when Beth wants to videotape their night together. But what seems harmless at the time could bring about the end of Josh and Tiffany. After Josh finally hears from Tiffany, he feels guilty. His guilt turns to panic when he finds out the

wrong tape was mailed to her: the one with him and Beth.

With the help of his roommates E.L. (Scott) and Rubin (Costanzo), his friend Kyle (Qualls), and his car, Josh is on his way to Austin. He must get to the tape before the tape gets to Tiffany and he only has a few days to do it.

What was to be a straight shot from Ithaca to Austin becomes a humorous adventure. The car is destroyed, the money is gone, they need a place to sleep and

time is not on their side - not to mention the police and Kyle's parents are on their trail.

Each of the young actors in the movie brings his or her own individual talents to this film. Tom Green (MTV's *The Tom Green Show*) is typical Tom Green. He narrates the trip in his bizarre yet comedic manner. Brekin Meyer (*Go and Clueless*) is no stranger to teen comedies. He has had several minor roles, but *Road Trip* propels him into the spotlight. Meyer proves he has the talent to be a star.

Seann William Scott has no trouble portraying E.L., a crazy and crude guy, much like the character he played in *American Pie*.

As for Paul Costanzo and DJ Qualls, this is their feature film debut. Both deliver great comedic performances. Keep an eye out for them in the future.

While *Road Trip* is no *American Pie*, it sure is worthy of being placed in the same category of great teen comedies. It's worth the "trip" to the theater.



A trip: Tom Green (right) of MTV's *Tom Green Show* stars in the summer's first funny adventure, "Road Trip."

Director makes 'small-time' comedy

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Small Time Crooks, Woody Allen's latest film, is good for a few small time laughs, but pales in comparison to the director's other comedies.

As the title intimates, the film takes us into the lives of a group of inept crooks. The setting is Allen's favorite locale, New York City. And the small time crooks, led by Ray Winkler (Allen), a dishwasher who landed in jail the last time he tried to pull off a robbery, are hatching a scheme to rob a bank.

The plan: buy a restaurant near a bank and get Ray's wife, Frenchy (Tracy Ullman), to run a cookie shop there. Meanwhile Ray and his partners (Michael Rapaport as Denny, Tony Darrow as Tommy and Jon Lovitz as Benny) will dig their way to some real dough. That is, tunnel underground to the bank's safe.

The first spag in the plan comes from Frenchy, a manicurist who's content with life and doesn't want to turn over the couple's savings to buy the restaurant.

"We're poor, but we're happy," she tells Ray, as if to warn him money can be dangerous. Besides, you're not a good robber, she says.

Ultimately, Frenchy acqui-



Crooked: From left, Tracey Ullman, Hugh Grant and Woody Allen star in "Small Time Crooks."

esces, but her words prove prophetic. Ray and company fail miserably as crooks; they get lost underground and tunnel into a dress shop. On the other hand, Frenchy's cookie dough proves more than delicious, and the entire gang gets rich the good, old-fashioned way - cookie franchises.

A *60 Minutes* style feature on the cookie corporation is clever and witty and serves to bridge the gap between the Winklers as middle-class crooks and wealthy corporate moguls, but the story has taken a quick turn. Unfortunately, more jarring shifts are ahead.

Once content just to be with Ray, Frenchy, a former stripper, is now uneasy about her lack of taste and breeding and enlists an art dealer named David (Hugh Grant) to give the couple a crash course in "the finer

things in life."

As usual, Grant plays himself - suave and upper-crust but wishy-washy and bland, so he doesn't lend much to the film.

That wealth wreaks havoc on the Winklers' lives, the couple's ensuing marital problems and Frenchy's individual struggles are predictable.

The moral of the story - money doesn't buy happiness and often gets in the way of genuine human relationships - is just as predictable.

While there's plenty to laugh about, as Ray and company blunder through their bank robbery plan and Frenchy clumsily climbs the social ladder, audiences have come to expect a more sophisticated brand of humor and wit from Woody Allen than what's present in *Small Time Crooks*.

MUSIC

Electronic underground uncovered

BY KEN VANSTENKISTE
STAFF WRITER

Depending on what demographic slot New York's Madison Avenue marketing mavens would place you in, you might not know that electronic music exists, let alone what it sounds like.

And if you're over, say, 50 years of age, chances are you wouldn't even classify a lot of the sounds that will be emanating from Detroit's Hart Plaza this weekend as "music."

But, like other technological marvels at the forefront of our national psyche (the Internet is a prime example), electronic music has been simmering within the collective unconscious of its own subculture for more than five decades.

And Detroit has been a world-wide Mecca for aficionados of this art form, a capital of exploration and innovation within its confines. But more on that in a moment...

Like many technologies, those of electronic music had relatively rudimentary beginnings, but

have grown at an explosive pace. In the fifty years or so since its inception, electronic music has become the most popular dish in the pop culture smorgasbord of many European countries, although it has yet to experience a domestic renaissance.

To understand this form of music as expression, one must be acquainted with the material aspects of electronic culture. Or, to put it simply, how the music is made.

It should be obvious that, as a general rule, electronic musicians don't strum guitars. Or blow horns. But, in the arts, rules are made to be broken.

The sage of modern electronic music is the DJ. Far from the Rock and Roll radio jocks of yesterday (yes, yesterday) the modern DJ doesn't just play songs. Instead, the DJ uses records as her paint, and the speakers are the canvases upon which sonic strokes are made.

Further explanation is in order. The modern DJ doesn't play records one at a time, in a linear progression, announcing each song before it is played.

Rather, the songs (or tracks, as they are more commonly referred to) are played at the same time, creating a unique sculpture of living sound that is rarely duplicated.

To the uninitiated, this may seem likely to produce nothing more than a disorganized junk-heap of noise. But that is not the case. Most electronic music is produced by using a computer or similar piece of machinery to sequence musical events - notes and drumbeats. Because the music is sequentially "perfect" in its timing, bars can be layered on top of one another, and the two (or more) pieces used to create an entirely new body of music, with unique melodies and rhythms.

All this is achieved by playing two records simultaneously and adjusting the pitch of each until they match and stay in sync - a far more difficult endeavor than you might imagine.

While the DJ plays the tracks live to his audience, someone somewhere has to manufacture

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Detroit Electronic Music Festival will be a world party



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Forget Woodstock in all its incarnations. The year 2000 in Detroit has given rise to a musical event of unparalleled magnitude — and the revolution will be electronic.

The Detroit Electronic Music Festival celebrates both a city on the rise and the underground musical genre rooted within it. Long overdue in the city that originated electronic dance music, the festival is expected to draw one million dance music devotees from across the world.

The festival plugs in noon to midnight Saturday-Monday, May 27-29 at Detroit's Hart Plaza. Presented by the Detroit Recreation Department and Pop Culture Media, the first event of its kind will grace the international waterfront bringing attention to a vibrant city subculture. All proceeds from the festival will be donated to the city's recreation department and its "Be A Partner" children's programs.

It all began a few years back with an idea and shared passion for electronic music. Carl Craig, a world-renowned electronic

musician and CEO of Planet E Records, and Carol A. Marvin, owner of Pop Culture Media, entered uncharted territory, aiming to create a festival dedicated to what has been called the most popular music genre worldwide. According to Marvin, a Livonia native and Plymouth resident, the time was finally right.

"Everyone that's working on this is the very best at what they do," she said. Marvin started her own company in 1993 with The Michigan State Fair as her first client. One year later she became a director of the Montreux Jazz Festival, a background that gave her the experience necessary to get a brand new project off the ground. "I love electronic music," said the festival's executive director. "I really believe it's the creative people who will move Detroit forward."

One of those creative people, Carl Craig, traces his electronic origins back to growing up amid the industrial sphere of the Motor City. "It made us see technology as our friend," said Craig, from the spacious downtown loft that serves as Planet E's headquarters. Influenced by the recession the city suffered in the '70s and the way mass media visualized the future with films like *Blade Runner*, Craig said, "We gravitated toward making



Richie Hawtin

music with machines." At the same time, synthesizers seeped into popular music and bands like Kraftwerk and Duran Duran helped integrate technology as a mainstay in music.

"It's the greatest export we have," said Marvin of electronic music. "It's never really been celebrated in America, let alone Detroit."

But when more than 63 carefully-chosen performers fall upon one of four stages Memorial weekend, that will all change. This music that has the ability to cross social boundaries — age, race, sex — will be at the forefront of a celebration to remember. Headlining acts will not compete, but rather their music will be heard throughout Hart Plaza allowing the entire crowd

to dance to one beat.

As a headliner and integral part of the electronic scene for almost 15 years, Richie Hawtin said: "We've waited a long time for something like this to happen. The music is now gaining popularity in North America."

With that popularity has come a certain stigmatism against the all night dance parties or raves associated with electronic music. Hawtin said this event, open to all and held during daylight hours, is just what the scene needs to gain credibility among those who don't truly understand what the electronic evolution is all about. "This is the opportunity we need," said Hawtin, who calls the festival a "big stamp of approval."

As a Windsor resident, Hawtin holds a different view of the Detroit scene, but it all comes down to this unifying music. "We make music that is quite futuristic, but we're not out to alienate people," he said.

He's not the only one awaiting the festival. "I'm really pleased, really excited," said Hannah, a DJ signed to Planet E Records and performer at the festival. Originally from London, England, Hannah now resides in Detroit. She's spent time preparing for the festival by flying and spreading the word. "I hope the sun shines," she said.

Marvin believes the festival became a reality thanks to the efforts of Ernest W. Burkeen Jr., director of the city's recreation department and city officials who helped make this dream come true. "It takes courage to create something new," said Marvin.

At the center of it all will be Detroit artists performing Detroit's music for an international audience of listeners. Perhaps that's been the most difficult task for Craig, as artistic director. "I'm an artist putting together and artist list." It was Craig's responsibility to choose the acts that represent electronic music in Detroit, the world and exemplify the future of this



Carl Craig

music.

When asked what the future of electronic music will be, Craig claims he can't predict the unknown. "It always morphs. The future of music is only going to be created by events like this." For Craig and artists like him, the festival offers artistic and spiritual satisfaction. "It will possibly further the development of Detroit," he said.

"It's gonna make history," added Marvin.

Don't miss the free Detroit Electronic Music Festival. Check www.electronicmusicfest.com for details. To volunteer, call (313) 961-9200.

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his raw musical material. These producers are often DJ's themselves, although not all of the most popular DJ's are producers.

The first electronic producers didn't live within this DJ-oriented universe, a relatively new phenomenon in the electronic world. These first producers were the Henry Fords of their craft, creating Model-Ts that, while later revered, were nevertheless replaced by fuel-injected Lexus Suva.

German composer Karlheinz Stockhausen created some of the most seminal music of the genre. It was Stockhausen who in 1953 composed the first piece of music using synthesized tones. Studer I, and has since become the leading figure of European new music.

Stockhausen's earliest work was produced by looping segments of pre-recorded sounds on audiotape. But he later graduated to the use of synthesizers, which dominate the modern electronic landscape along with the tape loops orphan child, a prolific device known simply as a "sampler."

The sampler is a digital recorder, using microchips to store and play back sound instead of magnetic audiotape. Tape loops were a primitive way of sequencing pre-recorded musical data to create a performance. With the advent of transistor and, later, microchip technology, it became possible to sequence the data in a much more efficient and qualitatively different manner. The music formerly recorded on tape, was digitized — and played back by samplers precisely when programmed to by the producer.

Think of the old the player pianos of the Old West. Punched holes in sheets of music would "tell" the machine when to play a note. In the same way, programs entered into sequencers tell the machines — synthesizers and samplers — when to play back sounds.

By the 70s, synthesizers had become consumer electronics, available to the general public. Electronics were lending a space age feel to art-rock acts like Yes, Rush and Tangerine Dream.

In stark contrast was the clinical precision of Germany's

Kraftwerk, one of the first acts to glorify electronic production as an end in itself. Kraftwerk would later become one of the prime influences for a group of Detroit musicians that would create the sound that has come to be associated with the entire gamut of electronic music: Techno.

One of the many regional permutations electronic music has evolved into over the years (see accompanying sidebar), Techno draws on seventies funk influences such as George Clinton's Parliament Funkadelic, marrying it with the unlikely spouse found in Kraftwerk's cold precision.

In fact, one popular electronic music journal described Tech as "George Clinton and Kraftwerk stuck in an elevator with only a sequencer to keep themselves busy."

Created by three fledgling musicians in the mid to late 1980's, Techno revolutionized the way the most of the world listened to music. Detroiters Juan Atkins, Kevin Saunderson and Derrick May became international icons for recording some of the first Techno tracks, yet

remain anonymous in the city that inspired them.

To a large degree, techno and other forms of electronic music have not become as commercially viable in the United States as they have abroad.

Explanations for this vary, some of the more popular of which cite the fact that techno artists are relatively faceless, their music often lacking lyrics, and when lyrics are present they're usually samples of someone else.

Another possible reason is the lack of a flashy stage show. Techno has been relegated to night clubs where DJs lurk in dark booths behind walls of equipment — a far cry from the arena-style rock and roll shows that Americans have relished for decades.

In the end, perhaps no one can say for sure why electronic music hasn't taken on the cultural significance here that it has abroad. But, if they have their way, the organizers and musicians of the Detroit Electronic Music change that.

The official glossary of electronic music

House: TechNet predecessor, House emerged in the dance clubs of Chicago and New York in the early 80's. House features the same kick/snare drum repetition in 4/4 time as Techno, but with more organic sounds and real (usually sampled) vocals.

Techno: A more abstract form of dance music than house, Techno's characteristic repetitive sampled drum sounds and synthesizer melodies make it a soundtrack for introspection, not to mention great for dancing. Bass-heavy and often lacking vocals, there are many sub-genres of techno with varying degrees of palpability for the uninitiated masses. Some seek to be as hard and abrasive as possible, while others lean more toward the organic house sounds that occasionally make their way to the fringes of commercial radio. Created in Detroit in the Early to mid 80's.

Jungle: The intense, fast paced and dark even for many of today's troubled, Ritalin-hungry teenagers. Jungle featured sampled drumbeats, called "breaks" played back at breakneck speeds often exceeding 170 beats per minute (more than twice the pace of an average rock and roll ballad). Jungle marries these rapid-fire snare and cymbal breaks with impossibly low synthesized bass lines that are felt as much as heard. Created in London in the early 90's.

Hip-Hop: Jungle's very distant domestic cousin. Hip-Hop, also known as Rap, emerged first in the streets of New York's more salty boroughs in the very early 80's. It is similar to Jungle in that both are based on sampled, looped drum beats — although hip-hop is played at a far slower tempo and is more oriented toward melody and lyrics. Perhaps the most popular form of electronic music, at least domestically.

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Discover Vietnamese cuisine at peaceful Annam

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Open just two months, Annam Restaurant Vietnamien on Michigan Avenue in Dearborn already has loyal customers. It's not surprising.

This quaint 48-seat restaurant that serves tantalizing Vietnamese food is simply lovely. The bare wood floor, ecru-colored walls, white linen tablecloths and rattan-backed chairs create an elegantly subdued atmosphere, a quiet Euro-Asian ambience. In fact, Annam literally means "peaceful self" in Vietnamese.

Ahh, then there's the food, a blend of many cultures, including Chinese, Japanese and French. The sampler appetizer platter arrived looking like the equivalent of edible art. And the "Tropical Delice with Shrimp," served in half a fresh pineapple, was almost too pretty to eat.

Infusion cooking

"It's very fresh, very light, a new Asian, or 'infusion' cooking," said proprietor Andrew Nguyen. "A lot of people say our cuisine resembles French. I guess it's a French-Asian cuisine."

Perhaps the delight of eating at Annam is that the food cannot be defined as typically Asian. It's less spicy than Szechwan, less oily than many Chinese dishes and less foreign than Japanese sushi. Simply put, it's both famil-

Annam Restaurant Vietnamien
Where: 22053 Michigan Ave., Dearborn (between Mason and Monroe), (313) 565-8744, Fax (313) 565-8798.
Hours: Lunch, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; dinner, 5-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 5-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.



Edible art: "Goi Dua Tom Thit," tropical delicacy with shrimp, is a popular dish served in half a fresh pineapple.

Atmosphere: Quaint, subdued, sophisticated.

Menu: Uniquely Vietnamese, a blend of many cultures. Appetizers, salads, soups and noodles, vermicelli and rice, and main courses that include chicken, beef, pork and shrimp. Vegetarian friendly.

Prices: Appetizers \$5.50-\$6.50; salads and vegetables \$4-\$10; soups and noodles, \$7.50-\$10; main courses \$10.50-\$15.50.

Seating: 48, all non-smoking

Reservations: Strongly recommended on week-ends

Credit cards: All majors accepted



Lunch: Michael Schultz (left) of Livonia and Sally Mrozinski of Dearborn dined at Annam for the first time recently. Schultz enjoyed "Ga Nuong Mat," honey roasted chicken An Nam style. Mrozinski tried "Bim Xao Cua," crystal vermicelli sautéed with crab meat. They shared a dessert of fried bananas in honey and coconut milk.

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iar and exotic tasting at the same time.

Chef Hoa Mach rolls his plump spring rolls in rice paper and fills them with rice noodles, shrimp, pork, lettuce and fresh mint. And his crispy rolls with tamarind dipping sauce take on a whole new flavor when the second bite is enfolded in a fresh

mint leaf.

Several menu items — such as the "Com Tay Cam," rice cooked with perfumed mushrooms and chicken — are prepared in a clay pot, an essential tool in Vietnamese cooking. A clay pot focuses the heat and retains humidity. The result: No dry rice.

You may be surprised to find out that mint, basil and cilantro are the most commonly used herbs at Annam. Some dishes are flavored with curry, and many are accented with chopped peanuts or a peanut-based sauce. However, the herbs and other spices never dominate the food.

"The spices are used to enhance the taste, not overwhelm it," said Phong Nguyen. Andrew's sister, who manages the restaurant along with her brother's wife, My Anh.

Cooking family

The Nguyens are a cooking family. After leaving Vietnam with their parents in 1976, Phong and Andrew lived in

Paris, where Phong received a culinary pastry degree and worked in a number of restaurants. Their brother, Maurice, opened several traditional Vietnamese restaurants in Belgium. His "Gallery" restaurants have been recommended in Fodor's Benelux travel guides.

It's not surprising then that Andrew, who works as an engineer in Dearborn, eventually opened a restaurant after he and Phong immigrated to the United States. "My whole family enjoys good food and company," he said. "All my relatives kept asking, 'Why don't you start a restaurant. Your food is wonderful.'"

When he found a property for sale (the former Nick-N-E's) on Michigan Avenue a few years ago, Andrew contacted Maurice and asked him to come out. Both brothers were quickly convinced that the central location, large workforce base and ethnic diversity of Dearborn and the surrounding areas would help ensure the restaurant's success.

So far, it has. Reservations are a must on weekends.

Michael Schultz of Livonia and Sally Mrozinski of Dearborn shared a dessert called "Chuoi

Chien Me," fried bananas nestled in coconut milk and topped with a caramelized honey sauce, chopped peanuts and a sprinkling of sesame seeds.

"It's really good. The sesame seeds add to it," said Mrozinski.

Schultz had preceded dessert with "Ga Nuong Mat," a honey-roasted chicken dish. "Delicious," he said. "It wasn't as spicy as other Asian foods. Everything was delicious, especially the sauce."

Even if you've tried Vietnamese fare before, Annam requires multiple visits — enough to sample the tiger shrimp in tamarind soup, the crystal vermicelli sautéed with crab meat, the chicken sautéed in an Nam sauce with curry and lemon grass, and the fried bananas for dessert. And when you've gone through the menu once, it's time to start over.

In Vietnam, people eat out all the time, said Phong: breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, dinner, evening snack, and a before-bed-time snack. "And if you feel like a sweet thing, you can go out for a sweet," she added.

When asked what dish she would recommend to a first-

timer, Phong said, "I wrote the menu. They're all my favorites. They're all coming from the heart."

Although they don't have a liquor license as yet, the Nguyens will gladly uncork and serve any wine that's brought in. They recommend the lighter whites and rosés rather than the sturdier reds, like Merlot.

Andrew, Phong and My Anh love Annam's smallness. It enables them to control the service and the quality. It also allows them to establish more personal relationships with their customers.

"Our customers are pleased with the service and the food, and that's why they keep coming back," said Andrew.

A family effort: Proud of their good food are (standing left to right): Vanessa Ly, Tram Nguyen, Chef Hoa Mach and Andrew Nguyen. Seated: Phong Nguyen and Paige Anh Nguyen.



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