

AT HOME

Dear Readers:

A redesigned At Home section makes its debut today in your Plymouth Observer.

Today's cover story on backyard ponds was written by At Home Editor Ken Abramczyk and features information from area residents and landscaping companies who specialize in pond installation/design and some tips for those handyman and women who want to build their own pond.

The new section is a broadsheet like the other sections in your HomeTown Observer. This means larger photographs and more local news about gardening, home decorating, home improvement and landscaping. Many features that our readers look forward to each week such as "The Appliance Doctor" and "Marketplace" continue.

At Home is designed for people who enjoy and care for their home, who like to entertain friends and family and who have hobbies such as gardening, cooking, home electronics, photography and decorating. The mission of At Home - with its color cover photographs and inviting design - is to help our readers enjoy the good life in their hometown.

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Susan Rosiek, Publisher

THE WEEK AHEAD

ENTERTAINMENT

Comedy: Comedian Bill Thomas presents his one-man show, "You're probably wondering why I've asked you here..." June 2-3 at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia. /E1

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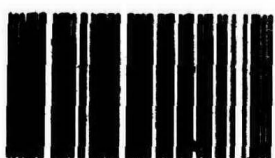
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Charter school now reality check



They've worried about it for a long time now, but with the agreement between National Heritage Academies and Canton Township officials, Plymouth-Canton school officials now must take the challenge seriously.

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For more than a year, Plymouth-Canton school officials have been contemplating the possibility of a charter

school operating within the district.

Now that National Heritage Academies has finally reached an agreement to build a charter school in Canton, it's a reality check to see how well the district responds to competi-

tion for both students and the state foundation grant each one represents.

"We knew it was on the horizon, so it doesn't come as a complete surprise," said Superintendent Kathleen Booher.

"I think we'll want to do some planning concerning what types of communication we want to have with parents who are looking at the option of charter schools," added Booher. "Many times parents are hoping charter schools will offer programs public schools don't. However, many times they find the

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contrary to be true."

When Booher was superintendent in Berkley, there were times when parents who had transferred their students to charter schools wanted back in the public district after only a month, she said.

"Part of our challenge will be to communicate with parents so they under-

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STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HIBBELN

True colors: Linda McCoy, president of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112, unfurls the American flag for Monday's Memorial Day ceremony. People lined the parade route to witness this year's parade.

Plymouth loves a parade

Crowds turn out for annual Memorial rite



Marching onward: The parade makes its way down Main Street in Plymouth.

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Plymouth Mayor Dave McDonald thinks people are feeling a surge of patriotism after war hero John McCain sought the presidential nomination.

Based on the number of people who turned out for Plymouth's Memorial Day parade, it would be tough to argue with him.

Hundreds of people lined the parade route up Main Street from Theodore to Kellogg Park to watch the Plymouth-Canton VFW, Vietnam

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Closer look: Seven-year-old Louie Fanego, from Plymouth, checks out the Memorial Wreath at Plymouth Rock.

Township sets meeting to hear residents' concerns

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The Plymouth Township Community Development Department will meet at 7 p.m. June 12 to address the concerns of residents who live south of Ann Arbor Road between Main and Sheldon. The meeting will be at St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty.

Neighbors in that seven-street area have expressed concern about the planned expansion of Sunshine Honda, truck traffic, car haulers, and what they consider generally poor upkeep by Ann Arbor Road businesses.

Sunshine Honda's rezoning request is scheduled for the 7:30 p.m. June 27 regular meeting of the Plymouth Township board. Residents were previously told that the rezoning would be on the May 23 regular board meeting agenda. Tom Bohlander, owner of Sunshine Honda, seeks to have the property zoned to Ann Arbor Road Corridor, which would allow Bohlander additional storage and parking.

This proposed expansion would mark the first time an amended master plan for that area is implemented. That plan calls for more commercial depth as each Ann Arbor Road business redevelops. To achieve this, businesses will need to acquire property to the south into the residential neighborhood.

"Many questions were asked and several issues were raised at the meeting to discuss the Ann Arbor Road Master Plan that was held on May 8 at St. Kenneth's Church," said Shirley Barney in a May 16 letter to residents.

As a result of resident comments, township officials asked McKenna Associates, the township's planning consultant, to:

- Determine the projected specific placement of the brick screen wall and the 20-foot landscape buffer

- Analyze the existing site conditions of the businesses in this area and the need for additional space for redevelopment.

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School issues convince newcomer to dive in

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Kathleen Payne believes the Plymouth-Canton school board lacks leadership. And, with her strengths and background in education, she believes she is a qualified candidate for one of the four-year terms to be decided in the June 12 school board elections.

"I'm running because I think the board needs more leadership in several respects, especially in decision making and sticking to the decision once it's been made," said Payne. "I have a strong background in education as a teacher and counselor in public schools and nearly 20 years as a college professor. Being affiliated with

the MSU Detroit College of Law, I know what is expected of high school students as they enter the college arena."

Payne believes a lack of leadership is what caused the controversy surrounding the third high school at the Educational Park.

"Many of the problems that arose during the conflict of the new high school came about because board members were not capable of, or willing, to question (then Superintendent) Dr. (Chuck) Little," said Payne. "I wonder if it was their lack of educational background or his title. Sometimes that 'Dr.' title throws people off and we don't ask questions of people in authority."

"I think the board of education has an obligation to represent the commu-

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Township OKs sidewalk bid

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The Plymouth Township board approved a contract with Mattioli Cement Company for \$147,125 to begin a sidewalk repair program.

"They have been doing a lot of work in the area," said Mike Bailey, township engineer. "They have been doing the City of Plymouth for the last couple of years. They have also been doing work with Canton Township on their program. Everybody is satisfied with their services."

The board also decided not to impose an estimated additional \$15,000 administrative fee this year. Fees are charged in Plymouth and Canton Township and the City of Northville does it by millage, Bailey said.

"This is the township's first year in doing this," Bailey said. "There has been a bit of expense in developing the program. The next years after this will be

more streamlined."

If the administrative fee is absorbed this year for these residents, then it should also be consistently absorbed for residents in remaining sections, said treasurer Roh Edwards. "We don't currently charge residents when we chloride their roads," he said.

Consistent with the sidewalk ordinance, bids were taken for the first section of sidewalk repairs, expected in the Lake-pointe area.

"The boundaries of the other areas may change," Bailey said Thursday.

The move starts the township's five-year repair plan, which divides the township into fifths. One fifth of the township's sidewalks will be completed every year.

Repairs will be performed under this contract after Aug. 1.

Residents can do the repairs themselves, hire their own contractor or have the township's contractor perform the repairs. If they want the township's contractor to do the repairs they

don't have to do anything. The walk will be repaired after Aug. 1 and the township will send a bill for the cost.

Township officials will send notices of repairs and meetings to property owners.

A public informational meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m. June 19 for any property owner who has a question regarding the new program. The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road at Mill Road.

The township will conduct a public hearing and consider the adoption of a resolution to "require the owners of lots or parcels to replace or repair sidewalks where the condition of the sidewalk necessitates replacements or repair for public health, safety and welfare." That public hearing will be at 7:30 p.m. June 27 at Plymouth Township Hall.

For more information about the sidewalk program, call (734) 453-8131.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HERBELN

Watchful eyes: Ross Vought, 6, of Plymouth eagerly awaits the oncoming parade.

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veterans, Girl Scouts wearing vintage uniforms, Boy Scouts, and the Plymouth-Canton marching band, among others, make the annual trek along the route to honor the area's servicemen and women.

"I think there has been a rise in patriotism in this country," said McDonald, a retired Army colonel. "Look at what John McCain did. (George W.) Bush spent \$30 million, and McCain still hung in there. I think that says something."

Residents and visitors watched the parade go by. Some came out because they love a parade, some because they had loved ones who died in defense of the country.

And some simply don't think the day is complete without the parade.

"I wouldn't miss it," said Susan Gronan, a Plymouth resident. "We wouldn't be able to enjoy this day if they hadn't fought and died for it."

Plymouth Township resident George Ward, the chief assistant prosecutor to Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair, was the featured speaker, drawing on the words of Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg as the "standard for words on an occasion like this."

"The true significance of this day is for those of us who do the honoring," he said. "We stand on the shoulders of giants."

Joyce Adler listened to Ward's words with the wisdom of someone who knows. Her husband, VFW member Carl Adler, served in World War II, and she had a cousin who died in that war.



Tuning up: Senior Joe Fournier of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band plays "Taps."

"It means a lot," she said of the ceremony. "Anything to do with veterans is special to us."

City readies for Tonquish Creek cleanup

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Plymouth City Clerk Linda Langmesser and Building Official Jim Penn have been co-site coordinators for the Rouge Rescue/River Day the past 15 years.

"It's a chance for everyone to get together and help clean up our area waterways to protect our environment," said Langmesser, as she prepares for Saturday's cleanup of the Ton-

quish Creek. "We're looking for as many people as we can to help the effort."

Registration begins at 8 a.m. at Harvey and Byron streets, where this year's cleanup effort of the Tonquish Creek will be held. Work begins at 8:30 a.m. and continues to noon. Participants are encouraged to wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts to keep from being scratched by the brush and to ward off mosquitoes.

"Usually we get a lot of participation from students who are in service clubs or need to fulfill a class obligation for credit," said Penn, who noted that anyone under 18 needs to have a parental permission slip signed at the site. "Depending on the weather, we usually get between 30 and 130 people."

The city will provide gloves, shovels and front-end loaders for the effort, as well as morning doughnuts and coffee as well as noon-time hot dogs and potato chips.

Questions concerning Saturday's Rouge Rescue/River Day can call Langmesser at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 234.

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P.S. It may take six months or more for athletes to come back from an Achilles tendon rupture.

Can't wait:

Karen Brown keeps hold of her son, Steven, while daughter Amanda waits patiently for the parade to pass by.

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Final days: Penny Hannewald has a word with two of her students prior to lunch in her kindergarten class at St. Peter's Lutheran school in Plymouth. She'll retire at year's end, following a 19-year career teaching at the school.

'When it's time, it's time'

Longtime kindergarten teacher decides to hang up her chalk to concentrate on priorities

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"I feel sad ... I know I'm going to miss it," said Penny Hannewald, 53, kindergarten teacher at St. Peter's Lutheran Day School in Plymouth. "I certainly will miss the kids. But, they say when the time is right you know ... and the time is right."

Today is the last day for Hannewald, who leaves St. Peter's after 19 years, all of it teaching morning kindergarten.

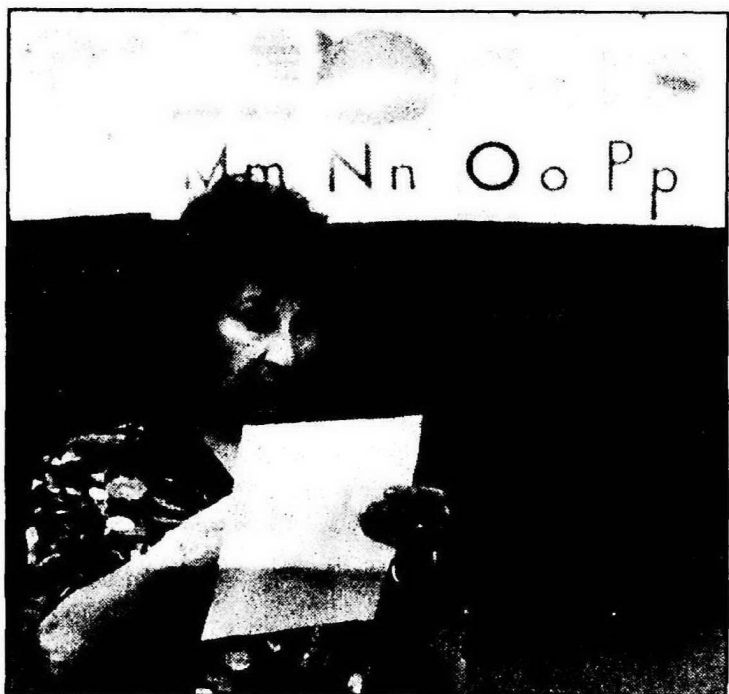
"I really love the kids, and some of the things they say are so precious and uninhibited," she said. "Each class has so many unique individuals. I've taught many siblings, and it's fun to see the family connections, and yet each child is an individual."

Hannewald began teaching at St. Peter's when her last child was ready for kindergarten, teaching him in her very first class.

"This job just fell into my lap when the previous kindergarten teacher left after 23 years," said Hannewald. "Our children went through the school, so the situation was perfect for me."

"I thought about teaching public school, but I love sharing the love of our Savior with the kids and I couldn't do that in the public schools," she said. "This is where the Lord led me ... I feel I was really supposed to be here."

Kurt Heyer is St. Peter's interim principal, who started teaching at the Plymouth



Easy as ABC: Penny Hannewald looks over a lunch schedule in her kindergarten class.

school right after college graduation, the same year as Hannewald.

"Penny deals with the kids so well because she's a natural mother," said Heyer. "She mothers them and gets them ready to go."

"In the last 19 years we've had quite a few first-year teachers, and Penny has done quite a job of nurturing them, encouraging them, helping them with problems," he added. "She's a good mentor, willing to share all of her experience and knowledge with everyone. She'll be missed

very much."

Hannewald has certainly made an impression on her young students.

"She reads us really funny stories," said Megan Morse, 6.

"She lets us draw on the drawing board and play outside," added Kim Ash, 5.

However, with aging parents to care for, Hannewald believes it's time to change focus.

"I know I'm going to miss teaching, but it probably won't sink in until next fall," she said. "I'll do some tutoring in the summer, and I'll sub next year if I'm in need of a kid fix."

Church hopes to break ground as congregation continues to grow

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The Lord works in mysterious ways. And, the congregation at Solid Rock Bible Church in Plymouth can attest to that.

The congregation has raised \$600,000 to buy 85 acres in Salem Township, where it hopes to break ground on a multi-phase project by August or September, eventually moving all church operations.

The total purchase price of the property is \$12 million, with the remainder coming from the tentative sale of its current building on Church Street, next to Central Middle School, for \$975,000. The group buying the church property plans to build upscale condominiums on the site.

"I wish we could stay in Plymouth because we really like it here," said Rob White, senior pastor of Solid Rock. "However, our congregation is growing, and we just don't have the room."

White said in the six years since the church was founded, the congregation has grown to 800 people, "and on some days we get as many as 900 worshippers."

Currently, the congregation meets for Sunday services in the Central gym, and that will continue for a while.

"The first phase of construction will be a 15,000-square-foot family life center," said White. "That will include a gymnasium, educational wing, and three baseball diamonds and soccer fields."

"We have a younger-age congregation, and we want to reach the young people all week long," said White. "Phase 2 will be a worship center, and

'We have a younger-age congregation, and we want to reach the young people all week long.'

Rob White
—Senior pastor

then we'll go on from there."

White said the congregation put \$300,000 down and in six weeks raised a like amount.

"We set a date to raise the money, and on the last Sunday we needed to collect \$177,000," White said. "We ended up collecting \$176,998 and about \$3,000 in change. It certainly was a miracle."

Meanwhile, Plymouth city officials are working with Architectural Design Group of Clawson as it designs the Central Park Grande.

"We are looking to build upscale condos, built into one large building," said David Savage, director of operations. "We're hoping that if everything goes well with the city, we'll start constructing in the next 18-24 months."

Savage said the condos will range in size from 2,000-3,000 square feet, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$400,000 and up. Preliminary plans call for underground parking, elevators to take residents to their units, and walk-outs leading to the park in front of Central.

"We looked at several sites in southeast Michigan and Plymouth fit the bill," said Savage. "We were looking for property within walking distance of a downtown with shopping and restaurants."

Bikers to benefit seminary

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Motorcyclists are getting a chance this weekend to get in a nice, long ride and help out some local seminarians, all for a good cause.

"Motorcycle Miles for MTS" is a first-time, benefit motorcycle ride to raise money for scholarships for men and women preparing at Michigan Theological Seminary for graduate studies and the ministry.

The 200-mile maximum ride that takes place this Saturday both begins and ends at the seminary, 41550 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Lilley and west of Haggerty in the former Agape Center.

"That doesn't take long when you are on a motorcycle," said Phil Schmutz, director of recruitment and admissions.

"Anyone who wants to ride along with us is welcome," said Bruce Fong, who became seminary president last July. "This is a great way to start a tradition."

Fong's three-year-old hobby started in Portland, Ore., and led him to other bikers who became new friends, he said. Fong rides a Kawasaki Vulcan 1500.

MTS is also looking for sponsors. Members of the Christian Motorcycle Association will also participate as well as a man with a three-wheeler who will do a wheelie at a sponsorship rate of \$1 a foot, Fong said.

The rain date is June 10.

Registration, fellowship and vendor displays are scheduled from 8 to 9 a.m. A bike blessing takes

place at 8:45 a.m. The ride begins at 9 a.m.

Sign up by June 2 at (888) MTS-2737 or (734) 207-9581.

The seminary's 225 students represent a diverse group of men and women from throughout Michigan and Canada. The seminary began in 1994 in Ann Arbor and then moved to its present location in Plymouth Township in 1996, Schmutz said.

Mary DiPaulo, a student who represents the seminary, calls the school "one of the local area's best kept secrets."

The school touts Fong as the first Chinese American to be president at a U.S.-based seminary. "There aren't many Chinese-American CEOs in evangelical Christianity," Fong said.

Fong authored "Racial Equality in the Church," published by the University Press of America in Langham, Md.

A Farmington Hills resident, Fong is an avid motorcyclist, hence the idea for the motorcycle fund-raiser for the school.

Fong holds a Ph.D. from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, a degree from Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, and a bachelor of science from Western Baptist College in Salem, Ore.

He was ordained in 1995 by Clear Creek Community Church in Gresham, Ore., and was also ordained in 1978 by Grace Bible Church, Dallas.

The school will also offer Preview 2000 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. June 6. The institution offers masters of arts degrees in theological studies, Christian education, and counseling psychology and master of divinity and doctor of ministry degrees.

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■ Prepare a typical landscape plan.

Green Meadows subdivision representatives pointed out problems with businesses on Ann Arbor Road on a site walk-through May 2.

The walk was conducted by Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township Department of Public Services director. Residents walked the stretch of Ann Arbor Road between Main and Sheldon.

Residents criticized trash bins, bad sidewalks, general poor maintenance of parking lots and landscaping.

"In general, the Dumpsters of the area are located within six feet of the single family residential," the group said. "The trash pick-up time is, therefore, critical."

Change is good as long as it isn't at the expense of residents, said Jim Zoltowski, a Brookline Street resident. At least one commercial developer is interested in the area, he said.

"However, there needs to be some accountability from the business owners to the township," Zoltowski said. "Ann Arbor Road is one of the main

corridors. That is not a good representation of the township."

The township is putting businesses over residents, said Ginny Eades, a Brookline resident. "If property is zoned commercial, you don't live there."

Neighbors also wanted action on a long-vacant home at the corner of Marlin and Elmhurst that is in severe disrepair. The township is responsive, said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy. Township officials are as frustrated as neighbors, she said.

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Residents to get another telephone service choice

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A telephone company new to the Plymouth area will soon install lines here and sell phone service to both business and residential customers.

The Plymouth Township board granted a five-year telecommunications permit May 23 to a company known formally as BRE Communication, LLC d/b/a McLeod USA Inc., but will be known locally as McLeod USA.

"We are a telephone company," said Gary Jones, government relations manager for McLeod USA. "We compete with Ameritech for local and long-distance service."

The company started in Genesee County as Phone Michigan about three years ago by building a wide-area network for the Genesee Intermediate School District, connecting all the public schools.

"At the same time we began to build our own network and began to market to and attract customers," Jones said. "We have about 2,600 business customers and about 17,000 residential customers. We are currently building southward from Genesee County, building an extensive network in Oakland County, building a wide-area network for Oakland Intermediate Schools as well as Oakland County government to connect the municipalities, and Monroe and Washtenaw counties."

The fiber optics system will be installed along Sheldon Road from Joy to Ann Arbor

Road, through the city of Plymouth, re-enter Plymouth Township along the CSX railroad lines, and along Hines Drive to Haggerty, Schodcraft and Eckles, according to Plymouth Township Attorney Tim Cronin.

"We are a facility-based company," Jones said. "We build our own fiber-optics network. We also have our own electronic switches. We do something called co-location, which is required by the Federal Communications Act, where we actually put fiber into and place electronics in the Ameritech central offices from which your home or business are served by the existing copper that runs to your house. If you want to become a McLeod customer, you call and get switched over."

Though the community will see one line coming through the township and city, McLeod USA doesn't have to run a drop to every home and rebuild the whole infrastructure, Jones said. "We lease what is called the last mile from the incumbent, Ameritech."

The company filed its initial application on Oct. 22, 1999. Cronin said the application was administratively incomplete at that time. The township attorney's office reviewed several amended applications and informed the applicant of the requirements of the ordinance. The completed application was received April 10.

Those with questions about McLeod USA can write to Howard Johnson, municipal relations representative, at 2825 McCarty Road, MI 48603, or call (810) 249-4280.

4th of July parade keeps early start Organizers expect close to 75 participants

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Fred Hill said he thought about changing the time for the Good Morning USA Fourth-of-July parade. But, on a quick second thought, he decided to stay with the 7:30 a.m. start because "the time is partially what the parade is known for."

So the only changes to this year's festivities will be in some of the floats, bands and other entries that will be marching in Michigan's, and most likely the country's, first-of-the-day July 4 parade.

This year's theme: Great American Heroes.

"Thus far we have about 50 entries in the parade, and no doubt we'll edge up to about 75," said Hill, parade organizer. "And that will be about enough. We don't want it to be too short

or too long. It should take about an hour and 15 minutes for someone to see the entire parade."

However, Hill is still encouraging organizations, neighborhood groups and any others who want to build a float for the event to give him a call.

This year there are three featured band floats. They are The Teen Angels, Mark Randisi and The Sounds of Sinatra, plus Steve King and the Dittiles.

Other favorites include the Alexander 8-Horse Mini-hitch, W.P. Cyclone's Magnificent High-Wheel Band, the Fifth Michigan Regiment Band, plus the Plymouth Fire & Drum Corps. And, what would a parade be without the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team?

Throw in pipe and drum corps, clowns and giant balloons and you have a parade second to

none. "One thing people say about our parade, which differentiates us from others, is the variety we have," said Hill. "There's a nice mix of bands, musical floats and other acts."

The reason Plymouth's parade gets many of the area's top entries?

"We have no competition at 7:30 in the morning," Hill said with a laugh. "Essentially, we have access to everyone else's parade. A lot of our entries go on to a second parade when they are done here."

"We've wrapped up the best bands in the area, no doubt about it. We're fortunate and pleased that those who have done our parade want to come back."

Historians will tell you about Plymouth's Fourth-of-July parades dating back 50 years or

more, however this is the fourth year for the Good Morning USA parade and its early start.

"The best spot to watch the parade is still the Bleacher Creature seats at Main and Penniman," Hill said. "For just \$10 you get great position next to where they announce the parade and a bag of goodies that include a megaphone, flag, shaker and some surprises."

This year's parade will cost upwards of \$30,000, "about the same as last year."

Two of the major sponsors for this year's event are the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and C.D. Sparling.

Organizations that would like to build a float or have an entry in the parade can call Hill at (734) 459-3733. Tickets for the Bleacher Creature section can be obtained by calling Hill, or buying them at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce office, 386 S. Main, in downtown Plymouth.

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nity and ask the final questions. You don't have to micro-manage. But, ultimately, the superintendent should be accountable to the board.

"In the context of the third high school, not enough questioning was done and we had to battle through the court process. Then, when we had a decision, they kept asking the same questions over and over again."

On the subject of the new high school, Payne said one of her top priorities, if elected, will be to make the school comparable to Canton and Salem high schools.

"One of my top three priorities is to have a bond issue in the immediate future to make sure

the third high school has a pool and auditorium. The third high school needs to offer the same types of opportunities as the other two schools.

"Parents involved in swimming are concerned about the lack of a pool at the school. The vote on the third high school was split because many wanted a full facility. Others believe there needs to be a bond issue to make it a full high school."

Another concern is hiring "the highest-caliber teachers to replace those who are retiring. Our methodology used for hiring is too long and complicated to ensure we can get some talented people quickly."

And, like many others, Payne favors changes in Proposal A to

increase the amount of money for Plymouth-Canton Schools.

"Every district like Plymouth-Canton that is in the low end of funding still has to deal with providing appropriate services with less money than other districts. We need to be careful on how we spend our money, but we do a pretty good job, considering our disadvantage."

"We need to do everything possible to change Proposal A and its impact. We need to convince people this is a crucial issue, and everyone you vote for, including a new state House representative, has to pledge to help with this funding problem."

Payne said that while she is a "public school person," she understands why some are

flocking to charter schools.

"I think charter schools take away from public schools, but I can understand that some people want options. The question is whether you want to pay for those options with public funds."

If elected, Payne said she will be responsive to the public.

"Board members need to be available to community members. If a problem isn't settled by the administration, then it may be up to the board."

"The board should also act in a fiduciary capacity with the community, making sure the money is spent properly," added Payne. "The buck stops with the board."



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NOW YOU CAN BANISH THE BUNION BLUES

Being swept off your feet can be a memorable experience except when the occasion is foot pain caused by bunions. Despite the intolerable pain, some people "grin and bear it" assuming, says Canton podiatrist Dr. Steve Watson, D.P.M., that it's normal for their feet to hurt. "If you're walking and your feet

inserts and ultimately surgery in their latter stages. At the heart of the surgery, cuts are made in the bone with minimal tissue dissection and bound by one screw or small surgical pin that eliminates any gaps in between the bones leading to early ranged of motion within weeks such as walking with little



Dr. Steven Watson




Dr. Lefkowitz

are talking back to you, you need to listen to what they're saying," said Watson. It's not normal to experience foot pain and there are numerous ways to source of the problem can be corrected. "Dr. Watson performs an outpatient bunion procedure with little or no postoperative pain and quick recovery time in contrast to traditional surgeries of the past that left patients off their feet and inconvenienced for up to six months.

Procedures are performed at the University of Michigan Surgical Center in Livonia and Garden City Hospital, Garden City. Typically hereditary bunions are a bony protrusion that forms on the inside edge of the foot at the base of the big toe. Bunions, said Watson, are not normal but can be treated with shoe

discomfort; comfortable shoes can be worn between the second and third week following surgery. Pain IS such an issue, said Watson. "The saying no pain-no gain" isn't our philosophy because our patients don't gain with pain. There doesn't need to be suffering during an office visit and we take many measures to insure that through cold therapy electronic stimulation and ultrasound."

Watson also specializes in sports medicine, custom orthotics, diabetic foot care, and circulation problems. If you would like additional information on the Bunions or any other services provided by the Canton Foot Specialists, call for and appointment. (734) 981-7800. The Canton office is located at 43050 Ford Road, Suite 150.




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Canton agrees to charter school **Reaction** *from page A1*

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER
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A National Heritage Academies charter school is coming to Canton after all.

Less than a month after the Grand Rapids-based company sued the township over the right to build, a deal has been struck to put a single-story school at Ford and Ridge roads.

As part of the deal, Canton will buy 90 adjacent acres from Singh Development and be deeded 15 more. The township has 40 acres of its own under option at Ford/ Ridge and plans to combine all of the lots for Canton's seventh community park.

In return, Singh, a West Bloomfield firm, gets the right to build a senior living facility adjacent to the charter school.

"We think it's a tremendous deal," Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said. "We didn't expect to have a settlement that would have so many positives."

Singh attorney Bryan Amann agreed.

"There are very few deals you can point to where there are no losers," he said. "There are no losers here."

National Heritage Academies declined to comment for this story.

It sued Canton April 19 in Wayne County Circuit Court. The lawsuit was filed after township trustees in mid March rejected plans for a charter school at Warren and Ridge roads.

It was the second such rejection National Heritage received from Canton. A site at Beck and Hanford roads was denied last year. In both cases, trustees said the lot was too small and they cited potential road impacts.

According to Yack, neither is a concern at Ford/ Ridge. All 10 acres at the site are suitable for school development, he said.

The impetus for the deal came from Amann, who works extensively with the township in development projects. After pitching the idea to Singh, he said he approached National Heritage.

It took about two weeks, Amann said, to work out all details of the deal among the three parties. Yack said the deal

was possible because no hostility between the township and National Heritage developed — despite the lawsuit.

"Things never got personal," said Yack. "They were always very professional. We tried to be professional, too."

Canton, Singh and National Heritage will tie up all loose ends within 10 days, Amann said. Because National Heritage's lawsuit against the township is still pending, the judge must enter a "consent order" for Singh to enter the litigation.

From there, conceptual plans for the charter school and senior

facility will be submitted to the judge. Finally, a "consent agreement" will be approved by the judge, Amann said. It's unclear exactly when all court proceedings would be wrapped up, he added.

"The charter school still wants to be up by this fall," said Yack.

Canton will pay for a majority of the 145 acres. About 40 percent of the money will come from a state Department of Natural Resources grant, while the township picks up the other 60 percent, said Yack.

Canton will pay Singh \$31,000 per acre for its land.

stand what we have to offer, and what we're willing to do. Educationally we have very solid programs, and sometimes parents don't understand that as they're looking for opportunities for their youngsters."

And, with the thought a new charter school could enroll 300-400 students, there is also a financial concern for the district.

"Fortunately for us, Plymouth-Canton continues to grow, so we'll be getting more students. That makes it hard to determine what it will do financially."

At least one Plymouth-Canton trustee welcomes National Heritage Academies to Plymouth-

Canton.

"I welcome the competition," said Roland Thomas. "Competition is what drives us to be a better school district."

"With the vision we've laid out, we have the opportunity to generate enough enthusiasm to get us to the next level ... and that's to become the best school district in the state," he added.

"We have to fight hard for our children, but we need the dedication of our staff, community and the board to do it."

However, Trustee Steve Guile is concerned about what the charter school may do to Ply-

mouth-Canton.

"Many people's perception of charter schools is that they have better quality education than public schools, and that's dead wrong," said Guile. "For-profit schools have a real problem with providing quality because they are looking to make money."

Not all students who will attend the charter school will come from Plymouth-Canton, Boohar said. Many will transfer from private and parochial schools. However, Boohar said she does expect her administration to "brainstorm" on how best to prepare for the competition.

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Township OKs land-use for Dodson

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Plans for Dodson Elementary School are moving forward.

Special land use approval for the Plymouth-Canton Community School District facility were unanimously approved by the township's board of trustees last week.

"It's appropriate an elementary school be named after a guy who was an excellent elementary educator and administrator," Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said of George Dodson, a long-time teacher and principal.

The school will be at the north-west corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. It will sit on 16 acres.

Groundbreaking for Dodson was in late March. The school district plans to open the building in August 2001.

Canton Trustees had previously granted special land use approval in April 1998. That approval had since expired.

Under Michigan law, the school district is under no obligation to get an approval from the township. The state controls school development.

"I think it's quite clear in this instance the school district is offering a high degree of cooperation," Canton Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik said. "We're fortunate to have a school district that is so cooperative."

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POLICE BLOTTER

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He discovered the tools missing about 1:30 p.m. May 26.

More tools stolen

A Dearborn resident reported about \$3,670 worth of power tools stolen from his 1999 Ford van about 7 p.m. May 23. The van was parked on the west side of the Big Boy Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

When the man and his daughter returned to the van after dining in the restaurant they discovered the passenger side door lock punched out and the tools, a variety of rotary hammers and electrical drills, removed, according to a police report.

The driver told police he had locked and secured his van.

Indecent exposures

A Zionsville, Ind., woman who was a guest at the Quality Inn on Ann Arbor Road said two men exposed themselves in front of her room about 1:10 a.m. May 27.

When police questioned the people in the next room she said were responsible, they said they knew nothing about the incident, the police report said.

A Canton Center Road resident called 911 when she saw a man in his 20s wearing a dark hat standing on a chair with his pants down outside her window about 1:30 a.m. May 27. Police used night vision glasses in their investigation but were unable to find the man, the report said.

Scuffle

A traffic altercation between a Canton Township man and a Plymouth Township man in the Ann Arbor and Sheldon roads area carried over to a scuffle in the Kroger parking lot on Ann Arbor Road.

The Plymouth man was upset when the Canton man reportedly ran a stop sign and flipped him off about 11:30 a.m. May 27.

He reported he was shoved when the two got out of their cars in the Kroger lot.

Larceny of trees

Someone stole three trees recently delivered by a landscaper to a Hill Top Drive address. The trees, with a total estimated value of \$450, were stolen May 28.

Threats

A former Domino's Pizza employee threatened to do damage to the store and cars at the Five Mile Road store because he wasn't given a free pizza, police said. He destroyed a trash can lid when leaving by running it over with his car.

THE LIBRARY'S CARD

The Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, offers programs for the Plymouth community. The following events are scheduled for June:

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. — Local poet and Schoolcraft College writing instructor Kathleen Ripley Leo will present "Poetry for the New Millennium" at the library. Refreshments will be served prior to a brief business meeting at 8 p.m. New members or others interested in the program are welcome. Contact Jean O'Hara, (734) 459-7017.

Plymouth Writer's Club, Thursdays, June 8 and June 22, 7:30 p.m. — Writers of all ages are invited to join others to share their work in a friendly group meeting. Contact Brian Anderson, (734) 416-0418.

Your Poetry Group, Sunday, June 11, 1:30 p.m. — Bring your own or others' poetry to read aloud; short stories are also welcome. Reader's discretion is asked in the language of the works read. Contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or donhewlett@aol.com.

Astronomy Discussion Group, Monday, June 19, 7 p.m. — Intended for ages 6 and older, participants in this group share ideas and questions on space. Contact Mike Best, (734) 459-2378.

Contemporary Books Discussion Group, Wednesday, June 21, 7:30 p.m. — The title selected for this month's discussion is "The Hours" by Michael Cunningham. Copies of the book are available at the check-out desk. Contact Darlene Ursel at the library, (734) 453-0750.

Brown Bag Books Discussion Group, Wednesday, June 28, noon — Copies of this month's selected title, "Follow the River" by James Alexander Thom, are available at the check-out desk. Bring a lunch, if you like; beverages are provided by the library. For more information, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk or call (734) 453-0750, press 4.

After-school activity, Monday, June 12, 3:30 p.m. — Teens in grades six through 12 are invited to a free craft session to make lip gloss. Refreshments will be provided. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone at (734) 453-0750, press 4. Attendance is limited to the first 15 teens who register.

Mehndi Art, Saturday, June 24, 1:30 p.m. — Colleen Flannery, a local Mehndi artist, will offer a temporary tattooing program for teens. Registration in the Teen Summer Reading Program is required to attend the tattooing program; attendance is limited to the first 30 teens who register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone at (734) 453-0750, press 4.

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Youth events

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Reading Program for readers age 6 to 12 will open with registration on Monday, June 19, in the library and continue through the end of July. Kick-off programs on Tuesday, June 27, will allow the entire family to enjoy "The Comedy of Sports" at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. Tickets are free and can be picked up at the Reader's Advisory Desk beginning Monday, June 19.

Lapsit Story time, Monday, June 12, 6:30 p.m. — A 15-minute song-and-rhyme time for babies 6 to 24 months old and their caregivers only, lapsit story time is limited to 12 children per session. Register beginning Monday, June 5, at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone at (734) 453-0750, press 4.

Home Daycare Story time, Thursday, June 15, 10 a.m. — This drop-in story time is for children age 2 to 5 attending home daycare. No registration is necessary.

Off the Page Storytellers in Concert, Thursday, June 15, 7 p.m. — Third- through eighth-grade students will present stories. The audience will be invited to participate in group activities and enjoy refreshments. Please register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone at (734) 453-0750, press 4.

Library board

The Plymouth District Library Board holds its regularly scheduled monthly meeting Tuesday, June 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the library. This meeting is open to the public. Individuals with special needs who plan to attend this meeting should contact the library at (734) 453-0750 if auxiliary aids or services are needed.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA June 8, 2000
 Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, June 8, 2000 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:
 Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
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 Acceptance of Agenda
 1. Robert Clark Conservations Unlimited 22517 Telegraph Rd. Southfield, MI 48034 (48-352-4250) representing Lee Kallenbach 1540 Hendrie Canton MI 48187 (734-844-3324) for an appeal of Zoning Ordinance 26.02 Schedule of Regulation requirements for Agriculture and Residential Districts. The 8 ft. set back variance request is for a Glass Sunroom. Parcel #062-01-0030-000 (Building)
 (Approval of May 11, 2000 minutes)
 TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
 Publish: June 1, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 The Township Board will meet at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 13, 2000 at the Administration Building located at 1150 South Canton Center Road to conduct a public hearing regarding the following:
 Consideration will be given to the request, submitted by Hospitality Ventures, Inc. for a new full year Class C Liquor License with Dance and Entertainment Permit to be located at 42651 Ford Road within the Canton Corners Shopping Center.
 Local legislative approval is required for new and transferring on-premise licenses by Section 436.17 of the Michigan Liquor Control Act. Township Ordinance No. 114 requires that a public hearing be held.
 All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any concerns they may have regarding this request. Written comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk's office prior to the hearing date.
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Volunteers create a legacy – a cleaner Rouge River

BY KURT KURAN
STAFF WRITER

In 1986, Jim Murray had a vision. When he looked at the Rouge River, he could see past the submerged cars and shopping carts, the logjams and the scum that gave off a terrible stench.

Murray, who was both the drain commissioner of Washtenaw County and the chairman of the Water Resources Commission at the time, figured there had to be a way to reverse the years of degradation that plagued the watershed.

His idea was for a group of volunteer citizens to head down to the river and clean out the garbage and hack through the logjams that choked it.

And Rouge Rescue was born. "My goal was, and is, to have the entire watershed safe for recreational use, from the headwaters all the way to the Detroit River," said Murray, who is now the director of the Wayne County Department of Environment.

Signs of life

Fifteen years have passed since then, and enough garbage to fill hundreds of Dumpsters has been plucked from the river by thousands of volunteers. Most of the cars and household appliances that once littered the river bottom are gone.

Throughout the watershed, which touches 48 communities in Wayne, Oakland, and Washtenaw counties, there are signs of life where once there was none.

Most of the credit for the once-notoriously polluted river's turnaround has gone to this annual volunteer effort, now known as River Day. About 2,500 volunteers are expected to celebrate the event's 15th anniversary Saturday at 22 cleanup sites throughout metro



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Helping hands: At last year's River Day (left to right) Dawn Rezin, Ashley Hewett and Erin Gavle take a shopping cart from the river in Livonia.

Detroit.

"I knew if we didn't get the community involved in this, we were not going to get very far," Murray said. "I take a lot of comfort in the fact that so many people have taken an interest and gotten involved."

Volunteers who descended on the river in the early years of the event remember how the challenge to clean the garbage from the river was so daunting they wondered where to even begin. Now there are long stretches of river that are garbage-free.

"All you have to do is look at the aesthetic improvements, and that is usually what people see," said Bill Craig, who has helped organize the event for 13 years.

"Over the years we have taken an awful lot of debris out of the river. Most of the cars, tires and refrigerators are gone. People see the changes and they don't throw the stuff in there anymore. So that trend has definitely

changed."

Several opportunities

Craig has been one of the driving forces in Westland's effort to clean its portion of the watershed. He is also the president of the Holliday Nature Preserve Association, a group of volunteers which oversees the Holliday Nature Preserve, located in Westland and Canton.

On Saturday, Craig will be barking out instructions at Westland's Hix Park, as volunteers will be removing logjams and debris from Tonquish Creek, which runs through Holliday and is a main headwater of the Rouge watershed.

In addition to the Westland site, Canton, Plymouth, and Livonia will all host sites Saturday morning.

The successes of Rouge Rescue have allowed volunteers to concentrate on projects other than debris removal, such as stabiliz-

ing riverbanks and planting vegetation.

The interest the event has attracted has also spawned a host of other initiatives, including the Rouge Education Program, which has gotten students from 85 schools in the watershed area involved in projects associated with the river.

Many communities have either finished or begun the process of separating sewer drains from storm drains, which dump into the Rouge when it rains.

Newburgh has been restored, and will be the site of a triathlon on Aug. 8.

"The bottom line is that the public is taking ownership of the river," said Jim Graham, the executive director of Friends of the Rouge, an association of volunteers also founded with Murray's help in 1986.

"The response from people has been tremendous. They have shown they care enough to go out and get dirty, wet and bitten by mosquitoes. I believe this has sent a message to government, at all levels, that people really do care about the Rouge River," he said.

Murray agreed.

"The debate in the various communities used to be how to keep people away from the river," Murray said. "Now it is about what kind of projects are going to be completed along it. What a change."

Problems remain

Despite the successes there are still numerous problems that need to be corrected before people can use much of the river

safely. Many of these problems, including chemical pollutants like fertilizers, paints and motor oil, and illegal sewer hookups are tougher to deal with than a few shopping carts.

"During Rouge Rescue we can take the tires from the water, but we can't take out the chemicals and sewage. The people have to do that at home and at work," Craig said.

"We have been at this for 15 years now, and it is going to take much more time before the job is complete. I anticipate that one day the Rouge will be safe, but it will be a situation like we have at Metro Beach: one day it will be safe and the next it might not.

That just goes hand-in-hand with urban living."

Until that day, armies of volunteers will continue making their annual trek down to the riverside.

"Rouge Rescue has become somewhat of a community institution," said Graham.

"People really look forward to it. It gives them the opportunity to make a difference. They can come out and put in some time, and in the process, make something better than when they started."

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Dump reclamation nears completion

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

The \$3.5 million reclamation project of an old Nankin Township dump site is nearing completion.

The site, located in Westland just northeast of the intersection of Warren and Newburgh roads, is spread over 12 acres. Part of the affected area is within the boundary of the Holliday Nature Preserve and is owned by Wayne County. Crestwood Development, which owns an apartment complex on Warren, owns seven acres of the old dump.

For several months, the county and Crestwood, along with 3M, which was the biggest depositor of hazardous materials to the dump, have been busy capping the site with a protective layer of geosynthetic fabric, clay and topsoil. The project is expected to be completed by the end of June.

During the 1940s and 1950s, the dump was owned and operated by brothers John and Stanley Denski, who covered and sold it. The county purchased several acres of the property to be incorporated into Holliday, which runs through Westland along the length of Tonquish Creek.

Toxic waste

Trash from the dump was discovered in the early 1990s. Dangerous substances, including

lead, mercury and asbestos, were found at the site, which prompted the Environmental Protection Agency to list the site as a health and safety threat in 1992. As a result, public access to the area was restricted.

The cleanup began as an EPA response initiative. The federal agency came onto the site in 1994 and removed over 5,000 tons of the most hazardous materials.

Wayne County and Crestwood, along with eight corporations and eight municipalities that dumped materials at the site, agreed to pay the EPA \$1.5 million of the cleanup and capping costs, while the federal government assumed the remainder.

"Our concern has always been that the problem needed to be dealt with," said Bill Craig, president of the Holliday Nature Preserve Association, a group of volunteers overseeing the preserve. "I give the EPA credit for its efforts. Many people like to knock the EPA, but you won't get any complaints from me. The agency acted promptly and effectively."

The capping process included leveling the field, placing the geosynthetic fabric over the area, covering that with about a foot of clay, and then topping it off with six inches of topsoil and seeding it.

Rule 201 of the Natural Resources Environmental Protection Act requires the county to maintain the area and ensure the fabric does not become exposed in the future.

"The county will have an operation and maintenance program in place after the project is completed," said Hugh McDonald, director of special projects for the Wayne County Department of Public Works.

"I would say that monitoring is a fair way of describing the program."

McDonald said the county will cut the grassy field twice a year. No trees will be allowed to grow for fear that their roots will penetrate the fabric. He said the biggest concern is that burrowing animals will expose it.

Most toxics gone

Despite meeting Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and EPA standards, project officials admit the property still contains hazardous elements such as asbestos, and traces of barium and manganese have been recorded in the groundwater.

However, Steve Hoin, project manager and geologist with MDEQ, has closely monitored the progress of the capping and says these findings pose little or no threat to humans.

"The majority of the really

hazardous materials are gone," he said. "We feel the capping should eliminate the remaining health and safety hazards."

Hoin said MDEQ is most concerned with how the manganese may affect the micro-organisms in Tonquish Creek. He said the agency will periodically monitor the levels.

MDEQ will also have to inspect the capping project, which is currently in the seeding process, before it gives the green light.

"I think they have done an excellent job so far," Hoin said. "We have not given our official approval yet. When they finish, MDEQ will review the whole project. However, based on what I've seen so far, I don't anticipate any problems."

When and if MDEQ does approve the project, it will once again open up the area for recreational use. In addition, Crestwood will be given the go-ahead to build an additional 208 apartments adjacent to the footprint of the old dump.

Craig said he is also satisfied with the project.

"This will definitely be better than the situation we had before the cleanup began. It will be safer and healthier," he said.

"Is it perfect? Obviously not, but that is part of our industrial legacy."

'WAALk & Rollathon' scheduled for June 24

The second annual Lutheran Social Services of Michigan WAALk and Rollathon will be Saturday, June 24, beginning with registration at 9 a.m. in Nankin Mills Recreation Area of Hines Park, Westland. The event will benefit Lutheran Adoption Services and Wayne County Family Center.

Lutheran Adoption Service is co-sponsored with Lutheran Child and Family Service of Michigan. It is the largest adoption program in Michigan, serving more than 460 children each year. This year, LAS will celebrate its 3,000th adoption.

The Wayne County Family center is a joint venture with the County of Wayne. It is the

largest shelter for homeless families in the state and provides a dignified home in Westland for 23 families (up to 108 individuals).

The primary sponsor for WAALk and Rollathon 2000-Detroit is the Park Jarrett Aid Association for Lutherans Agency of Livonia.

Participants are asked to gather pledges and then walk, roller blade, wheelchair, bike or push a stroller one to six miles to benefit the agencies. A pledge form can be found on the Lutheran Social Services of Michigan web site, www.lsam.org or is available by calling (800) 225-8558.

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Before Lynnette Cole won the title of Miss USA 2000, she was simply "Lynnette" to her adoptive parents, Gail and Larry Cole, former Plymouth residents.



'The agency was wrong on two counts. The children were not full Caucasian, and it wasn't short-term. And we're glad it wasn't.'

Larry Cole
—Adoptive father



At the top: Lynnette Cole, the daughter of former Plymouth residents, was named Miss USA 2000, but still would rather be known as a daughter and a sister.

Just folks

Former local parents keep Miss USA grounded

BY PATSY LAFAYE
SPECIAL WRITER

Before Lynnette Cole won the Miss USA 2000 title in Branson, Mo., earlier this year, she was Miss Tennessee. Before she won the Miss Tennessee title, she was Miss Tennessee Teen USA, Miss Middle Tennessee Teen USA, Miss Tennessee Teen All-American, and she had several other titles.

But the ones she covets most are these: daughter of Larry and Gail Cole, and sister of Lisa and Lori.

Long before Larry and Gail (Deace) Cole became Columbia, Tenn., residents, they lived in Plymouth. Both were born here, they grew up here, and both were members of Plymouth High School's Class of 1958. After graduation, they married.

While living in Michigan, Larry worked for the Chrysler export/import facility, as well as having a beauty salon on Harvey Street in Plymouth. Other than running the salon while Larry was at Chrysler, Gail didn't work outside the home. She had her two

'Our house was like no other house. It was awesome.'

Lynnette Cole
—Miss USA 2000

daughters to raise.

When Lisa was 18 and Lori 17, the family had moved to Garden City. Gail wanted more to do, and suggested they open their home to children who needed a temporary home. Larry agreed, and the Coles became foster parents.

"After working at Chrysler for 15 years," Larry said, "I thought, there's got to be more to life than sitting at Chrysler."

One day, the agency in Detroit called and asked the Coles to come in, that a 3-year-old Caucasian boy needed a home for a short time. When the Coles arrived, the little boy was asked if he wanted to go home with them. He said, "Only if my sissy can come, too." His 10-month-old "sissy" was the future

Miss USA.

Not long after that, the Midwestern Children's Home in Cincinnati asked the Coles to be house parents. At the time, Larry was teaching at the Garden City Church of Christ, and the Coles decided to leave the decision in God's hands. They listed their home for sale at a time the real estate market was depressed.

"If it sells, we go," Larry said. "If it doesn't, we stay." The house sold in three days, and the Coles were off.

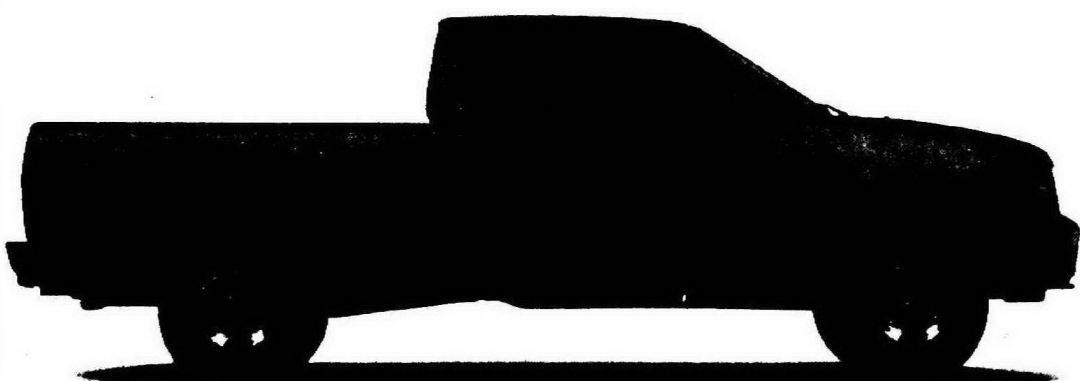
When Lynnette was 2, and the Coles were foster parents to other children and living in Pleasant Plains, Ohio, they received an envelope that changed their lives. Before leaving Michigan, the Coles had completed adoption papers and sent in the \$17.50 for each child, but had not gone to court.

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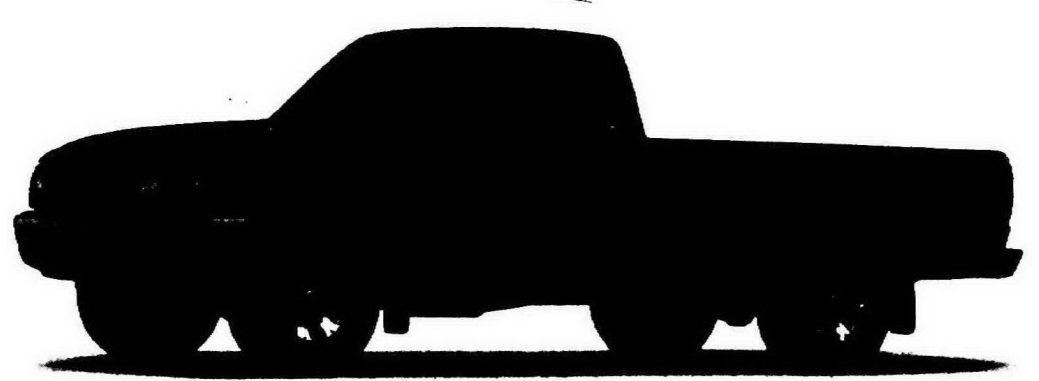
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Telecomm bill may get busy signal in the Senate

By MIKE MALOTT
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Legislation aimed at cutting telephone rates, increasing competition among companies for local phone service, and restoring the authority of the Public Service Commission to oversee phone companies may have won approval in the House, but is expected to get a "busy signal" when it gets to the state Senate.

Representatives voted 72-36 to approve House Bill 5721, sponsored by Rep. Mary Ann Mid- daugh, R-Paw Paw, and Rep. Marc Shulman, R-West Bloom- field. The bill is a follow-up to Gov. John Engler's recent call for

a 5 percent rate reduction. But Democrats and consumer advo- cates say the bill doesn't go far enough. And Ameritech, the state's largest incumbent local phone provider, prefers a bill drafted by Sen. Mat. Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion.

Representatives expect the senate will also favor the Dunaskiss bill and force the rewrite into conference commit- tee.

Power of PSC

Shulman said he was happy with the version that finally got passed in the House. It was a compromise from his earlier pro- posals, which he said would pro-

tect the consumer and increase the enforcement powers of the PSC.

The power of the PSC is a key issue. After the Legislature adopted its current Telecommu- nications Act 1995, the courts concluded the PSC had little authority over that utility. Shul- man has proposed specifically that the PSC be able to quickly hear complaints from competing telephone companies when they allege anti-competitive practices. He's explained it has been a fre- quent source of complaints from competitor firms that Ameritech delays interconnections for their customers while quickly starting up its own. The bill would allow for expedited hearings of such complaints.

Democrats opposed

Democrats complained that Republicans supporting 5721 would not go along with rate cuts deeper than the amount called for by the governor. Democrats proposed a 10 percent rate cut and 15 percent trim- ming of basic service phone bills

for senior citizens.

Shulman, however, said the bill was altered to allow the PSC to review a \$3.28 per month "universal carrier charge." Ameritech will have to justify that charge before the PSC, which will have the authority to eliminate or trim the charge if it disagrees. The charge was strongly criticized by state Attor- ney General Jennifer Granholm.

When first introduced, the Dunaskiss bill was little more than a repealer of the old telecommunications act, but con- sumer protections are expected to be added, particularly protec- tions against slamming, or switching long distance services without a customer's permission. Rep. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, said he believes slamming is not the problem it once was. More complaints are being filed today charging Ameritech with refusing to give up lines when customers want local service switched, he said.

Long distance

Ameritech President Bob

'Historically, that has happened. Where the local company is allowed into the long distance market, we've seen increased competition locally as well.'

Rep. Marc Shulman
R-West Bloomfield

Cooper has argued the bill will not increase competition. Rather, he has said the increased regula- tion will likely keep competitors away.

Cooper has also argued that Ameritech should be allowed to compete in the long distance market. He's made the point that if Ameritech invades AT&T's long distance market, AT&T will be forced to respond by moving in and competing against Ameritech for local ser- vice.

Shulman agrees. "Historically, that has happened. Where the local company is allowed into the long distance market, we've seen

increased competition locally as well," he said.

Current Michigan telecommu- nications law expires at year's end. The Senate began hearings last week on the House bill and Dunaskiss' Senate Bill 1193.

On House Bill 5721 local rep- resentatives voting yes were: Reps. Bob Brown, D-DeARBORN Heights, Gerald Law, R-Ply- mouth, Bruce Patterson, R-Cant- on, Andrew Raczkowski, R- Farmington Hills, and Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

Voting no were Reps. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, and Tom Kelly, D-Wayne.

Legislators high on Ameritech's contribution list

State senators aren't up for election this year, but they rank high on the list of recipients for campaign contributions from the Ameritech Plus PAC.

In fact, as the Legislature looks forward to wrestling with a necessary rewrite of Michigan's Telecommunications Act - the current law expires at the end of the year - Ameritech has put senators high on its list.

The Senate Technology and Energy Committee is next in line to review the issue and now has

before it both a Senate version of the rewrite, favored by the phone company, and a House version, which Ameritech opposes.

Despite the lack of a Senate race this year, four of the six top recipients of Ameritech PAC money, according to its cam- paign finance statement filed April 25, serve on that Senate committee.

The top recipient is Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, who not only isn't running, he can't run for that office again due to

term limits. Speculation has been he'll run for a county or township post, but his campaign finance report, entitled "Dunaskiss for Senate," doesn't presently indicate what office he'll run for next.

Committee members and the amounts they received this elec- tion cycle include:

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Bill would penalize cell phone users in car accidents

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"We have people who have a very broad range of driving skills," said state Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton. "You have Mario Andretti, and then you have my daughter. Mario Andretti has a high level of skill and he could probably drive safely doing any number of other things. That would include the use of a cell phone."

For others, chit-chatting on the phone while driving might prove too much of a distraction.

That's the basis of a bill introduced recently by the Wayne County lawmaker, House Bill 5567, which would add penalties for an infraction if a police officer concluded that the use of a cell phone contributed to an accident or traffic violation.

The additional penalty would

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R-Canton

be \$25, tacked on to the fine, and one more point on the driver's license.

Patterson is not a proponent of banning cell phone usage while driving, and he recognizes that there can be other distractions for drivers. Changing tapes in the deck, dialing in a radio station, even lighting a cigarette can take a driver's eyes off the road and lead to trouble, previous research has shown. Some women apply makeup behind the

wheel; men sometimes shave. Patterson admits to having been spotted by a legislative aide combing his mustache while on the road.

Nonetheless, his bill is specific to cell phones, and he explained the purpose is to look into the common belief that wireless communication in particular is distracting to drivers.

"I've had a number of constituents express to me that they have been cut off by drivers who



Rep. Bruce Patterson

were using cell phones at the time," he said.

His bill also proposes a study,

to be conducted by the Michigan Secretary of State and the State Police, two years after the effective date of the new penalty to determine just how many tickets are handed out for cell phone distractions.

Researchers who have looked into the question have reached differing conclusions. At the University of Toronto, researchers found that cell phone usage while on the road increased drivers' accident rates by four times, roughly the same rate of increase experienced by drunk drivers.

And the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found no improvement for those who used hands-free phone technology, leading those U.S. researchers to the conclusion that it was the conversation itself that diverted the attention

of drivers. Nonetheless, the NHTSA stopped short of recommending a ban on cell phone usage while driving. The NHTSA noted that nearly all states had laws on the books against careless driving, and that includes Michigan, Patterson pointed out. Tickets for careless driving issued to cell phone users in Ohio who were weaving out of their lanes have withstood court challenges, the NHTSA noted.

But the NHTSA said better data collection on the subject was needed. At the time of the study, only two states were compiling information on the use of cell phones in relation to traffic accidents. No state was tracking phone usage in relation to traffic violations, as Patterson's bill proposes. If other lawmakers agree, Michigan could be the first.

UFO writer von Daniken to speak

Erich von Daniken, the internationally acclaimed author of *Chariots of the Gods*, is back on a nationwide lecture tour in the United States, June 5-11, to promote his latest book, *Odyssey of the Gods!*

He will speak at the Henry Ford Community College:

Administrative Services and Conference Center 7 pm Thursday, June 8.

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close to completion. The Coles now had four children.

"The agency was wrong on two counts," Larry said. "The children were not full Caucasian, and it wasn't short-term. And we're glad it wasn't."

For the 18 months the Coles lived in Ohio, Larry couldn't find

a job outside the home. Then they heard of an opening at Searcy's Children's Home in Searcy, Ark. They packed up their family and moved again. Larry couldn't find a job there, either, but he was able to enroll in Harding University, along with their daughter, Lori.

"I was sitting in class with her," Larry said. "It's interesting to be taking college classes with your daughter."

In 1986, Larry enrolled in graduate school at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock. "In July, we were offered a job at the Tennessee Children's Home in

Spring Hill, Tenn.," he said. "While Gail and the kids moved to Tennessee, I stayed in Arkansas to finish my graduate work." He joined his family in 1987.

In grade school, Lynnette and her brother experienced some racial difficulties. Although they

were three-quarters Caucasian, some people in the South couldn't accept their differences.

"Because of that," Larry said, "we moved them to a private school. It was much better."

Larry and Gail had been approached several times, starting when Lynnette was 3, to put her in pageants and modeling. "But we weren't model or pageant parents," Larry said. "That wasn't part of our world. We said no, we would wait and let it be Lynn's decision."

Living in Columbia, 45 miles south of Nashville — the Mule Capital of the World — Lynn's first pageant win was as Mule Day Queen when she was 15. The Mule Day Celebration, which draws about 200,000 visitors, is always the first of April in Columbia. This year, Lynnette went back, not as queen, but as Miss USA and grand marshal of the parade.

Because she was there for the parade, Lynnette happened to be home when her dad had a heart attack while mowing the lawn.

"Gail gave me an aspirin," Larry said. "She saved my life."

His heart stopped at least twice and was started again by

his doctor. While they waited for the helicopter to transport him to Nashville, Larry said the last thing he remembered was his doctor saying, "Where is the transportation, we're losing him fast."

"That's when I passed out," Larry recalled. "I believe most of us would have passed out at that point."

Doctor's orders kept Larry from going to Cyprus to see the Miss Universe pageant May 12. He watched it at home with his mother, Bea Cole of Garden City. Gail and Lori were in Cyprus to support Lynnette.

At home, being Miss USA is no big deal. There, Lynnette is a daughter and a sister. "Lisa told Lynn, 'You better enjoy this year because when this reign is over, honey, you're nobody,'" Larry said, laughing.

While Lynnette gets the royal treatment everywhere else, at home she's just Lynn.

"Lynn's as common as dirt," Larry said. "When she's at home, even during this reign, this is home. We are not going to treat her any different than any of the others, and she doesn't expect it."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS MAY 23, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2000 at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to move from a closed session where pending litigation was discussed to an open session. Motion carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Director Machnik, Director Durack, Director Minghine, Director Santomauro, Kathleen Salla

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Supervisor Yack removed General Calendar Item No. 12 and added Consent Calendar Item No. 9 to the agenda. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Canton of May 9, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the minutes of the joint meeting of the Planning Commission and the Charter Township of Canton of May 15, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the minutes of the joint meeting of the Historic District Commission, the Historical Society and the Charter Township of Canton of May 16, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

NON AGENDA COMMENTS

Judge Richard Halloran, a Wayne County Circuit Judge, Family Division, was present to talk about Personal Protection Orders. He would like to note that Personal Protection Orders do work. They have been successfully used in both in marital situations and neighborhood disputes with a success rate of approximately 90%.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Shefferly to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for the Township Board Meeting of May 23, 2000

General Fund	101	\$	378,542.33
Fire Fund	206	\$	150,360.36
Police Fund	207	\$	259,486.08
Summit Operating	208	\$	68,396.73
Golf Fund	211	\$	30,901.73
Cable TV Fund	230	\$	1,567.34
TWP (Community) Improvement	246	\$	12,272.58
E-911 Utility	261	\$	869.32
Auto Forfeiture (WWATEE)	267	\$	1,321.00
Federal Grants Fund	274	\$	277.20
Auto Theft Grant	289	\$	1,487.13
Downtown Dev Authority	294	\$	1,259.37
Bldg. AUTH Construction	469	\$	7,165.00
Water & Sewer Fund	592	\$	811,536.77
Tonquish Creek SAD	804	\$	83,071.44
N Haggerty Storm Debt SRV	853	\$	141.85
N Haggerty Paving Debt SRV	862	\$	195.65
E Palmer Rd Paving Debt SRV	863	\$	337.50
Beck Rd Paving Debt SRV	864	\$	312.50
Total - All Funds		\$	1,809,501.88

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to open the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to close the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak that the request from Sneaky's, Inc. for a new full year Class C liquor license with a dance and entertainment permit to be located at 8663 Lilley Road N, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan 48187 be considered for approval "above all others", is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to open the public hearing at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to close the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter the a resolution of real and personal property tax exemption for Schuler. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to set the public hearing date for June 13, 2000 for consideration of the request of Hospitality Ventures, Inc. Mark E. Goff for a full year Class C Liquor License with a new Dance and Entertainment Permit to be at 42651 Ford Road within the Canton Corners Shopping Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the request from Brews Brothers III, Inc. to transfer ownership of a 1999 Class C licensed business with Dance and Entertainment Permit without dressing room, located at 6166 N Canton Center, Canton, Michigan 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County, from Kobinn Enterprises, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to re-appropriate unspent 1999 funds for the Travis House Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Increase Revenues

Approp. from Historic District Donations	#101-000-675-8030	\$	200
Appropriated from Fund Balance	#101-000-669-0000	\$	106,233
Total		\$	106,433

Increase Appropriations

Capital Project-Travis House	#101-803-976-0000	\$	106,433
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This budget amendment increases the Historical Commission budget from \$106,953.00 to \$213,386.00 and the General Fund budget from \$18,339,645.00 to \$18,446,078.00

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to appoint Edmond Robert to the Building/Fire Board of Appeals. (Term expiring 12/31/04). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt a resolution for the application for purchase of land from Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to set the public hearing for June 13, 2000 to consider the industrial facilities exemption application of Yazaki North America, Inc. for the expansion of their facility located at 6800 Haggerty Road, Canton, Michigan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Police Fund to increase revenue account #207-000-675-1000, Contributions-Explorer Program by \$2,000 and increase appropriation account #207-301-745-1000, Explorer Program by \$2,000. This budget amendment increases the Police Fund from \$9,746,335.00 to \$9,748,335.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the bill of sale for the Canton Soccer Dome and related equipment to Total Soccer, Inc. in the amount of \$10,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported Kirchgatter to approve the lease of 40 acres of property, commonly known as the Gilmore property (028-99-0002-006) to Mr. Ross Hauk of Hauk Farms. The term of the lease will be from May 24, 2000 through December 31, 2000. The lease fee will be \$1,300.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Supervisor and Township clerk to sign the lease. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution for the Darolf/Fracassa/Tri-Mount Rezoning. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution for special land use and site plan for the Canton Sports Complex. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt a resolution for special land use and site plan for Dodson Elementary School. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Pulte Land Development Company's Participation Agreement and Rider to cover the additional cost of materials for the 16-inch diameter water main. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the construction and funding for a Canton Department of Public Safety outdoor range at the site

of Lilley, north of Van Born for a cost of \$408,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the contract with Wayne County Appraisal Co. for the period beginning May 1, 2000 and ending May 31, 2005, with negotiations reopened with regard to fees in May, 2004 and May, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter adopt a resolution for reimbursement of the Pheasant Run expansion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to introduce, table and publish the amendment to the Water Supply and Sewer System Ordinance No. 30(O), for first reading the proposed changes effect the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Industrial Waste Control service charge for all commercial and industrial sewer users which will become effective July 1, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 30 (O)
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
AMENDMENT TO WATER SUPPLY AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE NO. 30
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE NO. 30, SECTION 20, ENTITLED "RATES"; PROVIDING FOR NEW INDUSTRIAL WASTE CHARGE (IWC) RATES AT SUBSECTION 20(2)(g) THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SUB-SECTION 20.

Ordinance No. 30(O) is hereby adopted to amend Section 20 of the Water Supply and Sewer System Ordinance No. 30. Section 20 thereof is amended to read as follows:

112.200 Section 20. RATES.

2. SEWER

G. Industrial Waste Charge (IWC) rates:

Meter Size	Existing Rates for Fiscal 1999-2000	New Rates for Fiscal 2000-2001
Inches	\$/month	\$/month
3/4	2.72	2.72
1	4.08	4.08
1 1/4	6.80	6.80
1 1/2	14.97	14.97
2	21.77	21.77
3	39.46	39.46
4	54.43	54.43
6	81.64	81.64
8	136.07	136.07
10	190.50	190.50
12	217.72	217.72
14	272.15	272.15
16	326.58	326.58
18	381.01	381.01
20	435.43	435.43
24	489.86	489.86
30	544.29	544.29
36	598.72	598.72
48	653.15	653.15

SECTION 2. SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

The balance of Ordinance No. 30, except as herein amended, shall remain in full force and effect. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this amendatory Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law enforced when then commenced. This amendatory Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any right pending before the effective date of this amendatory Ordinance.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

SECTION 4. CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE.

This Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of the Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing Ordinance of the Township and all amendments thereto.

SECTION 5. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING SECTIONS.

Portions of Ordinance No. 30 are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this amendatory Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance becomes effective July 1, 2000, after publication of the second reading.

This Ordinance was duly adopted and/or considered by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular Board meeting called on the 23rd day of May 2000 and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

BY: TERRY BENNETT
Its Clerk

Introduced: May 23, 2000

Published: June 1, 2000

Adopted:

Effective upon Publication:

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the purchase of a Toro fairway mower for Pheasant Run Golf Club from Spartan Distributors in the amount of \$24,351.35. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the price quote of \$5,948.98 submitted by the Office Warehouse to purchase and install forty-two shelving units. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following Generic Upgrade effective and retroactive to February 9, 2000: To increase the rate of pay of Jennifer Varajon, the current incumbent in the position of Recreation Specialist from \$31,900.00 to \$36,685.00 (15% increase). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to award the contract for Sidewalk Ramp Project design, contract administration, and inspection to Wade-Trim/Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$49,716.00 inclusive of a 10 percent contingency. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the bid for the construction of the in-line skate hockey court at Flodin Park to the low bidder, Cameron Contracting Co., in the amount of \$73,475.00 and establish a contingency fund of \$7,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to amend the Community improvement Fund Budget to re-appropriate unspent 1999 funds for this purchase as follows: Motion carried unanimously.

Increase Revenues:

Appropriation from Fund Balance	#246-000-699-0000	\$80,975
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Increase Appropriations:

Capital Improve - Parks & Recreation	#246-750-970-0000	\$80,975
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This budget amendment increases the Community Improvement Fund from \$3,330,911.00 to \$3,411,886.00.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the bid for the construction of the nine-hole expansion of Pheasant Run Golf Club to Turf Drain, Inc. in the amount of \$2,058,584.14 with a 10% contingency of \$205,858.00 for a total of \$2,264,442.14. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER COMMENTS

Supervisor Yack wanted to take a moment to introduce Ann Conklin who is the township's new Leisure Services Director. She is the current Recreation Director of Independence Township and will be joining the Canton Township staff in June, 2000. She comes very highly recommended from Independence Township. Ann Conklin wanted to thank the Charter Township of Canton for this opportunity and looks forward to the challenges the township will offer.

ADJOURN

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on May 23, 2000. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on June 13, 2000.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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1 1/4	9.32	6.80
1 1/2	20.50	14.97
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3	54.05	39.46
4	74.55	54.43
6	111.82	81.64
8	186.37	136.07
10	260.92	190.50
12	298.19	217.72
14	372.74	272.15
16	447.29	326.58
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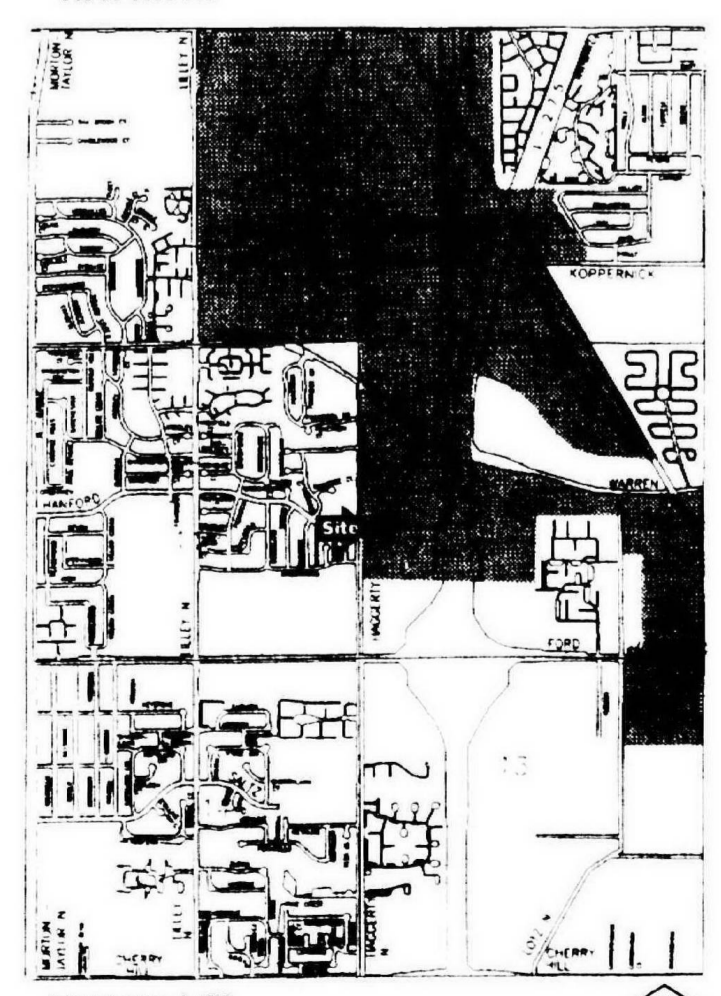
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 13, 2000, at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Yazaki North America, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property for a new facility to be located at 6800 within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

Part of the West 1/2 of Section 12, Town 2 South, Range 8 East, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, beginning South 01 degree 50 minutes 26 seconds East 344.72 feet and North 88 degrees 06 minutes 01 second East 337.36 feet from the West 1/2 corner of Section 12; thence North 26 degrees 10 minutes 29 seconds East 1,532.10 feet, thence Southeasterly along a non-tang curve conc to the Northeast radius 3,348.58 foot arc 353.62 feet chord, South 63 degrees 55 minutes 57 seconds East 353.45 feet, thence South 01 degrees 50 minutes 46 seconds East 1186.07 feet, thence South 88 degrees 06 minutes 01 second West 1,032.10 feet to the Point of Beginning. 20.27 acres. Parcel 046-99-0005-000



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OBITUARIES

ALVIN "MICKY" BUTTERMORE

Services for Alvin "Micky" Buttermore, 82, of Canton were May 26 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Tamara J. Seidel officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

He was born March 23, 1918, in Ionia, Mich. He died May 24 in Livonia. He was previously of Plymouth and moved to Canton in 1974. He was a charter member of the Plymouth Elks Club. He served in the Army in World War II. He was a businessman/operating engineer. He owned the Plymouth Automatic Laundry at Mill and Ann Arbor Trail from 1946 until 1961. He operated a wholesale Twin Pines dairy route during the 1960s. He was a member for 35 years of the operating engineers union. He retired as a heavy equipment operator in 1980. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Flossie Buttermore. Survivors include his wife, Helen Buttermore of Canton; two daughters, Sharon (Cliff) Moyer of Gaylord and Linda Krupin of Canton; two brothers, Ralph Buttermore of Mancelona, Mich., and Victor (Barbara) Buttermore of Florida; one grandson, Robert Moyer; one granddaughter, Tricia Krupin; son-in-law Wayne Krupin; one step-grandson, Dave Wagle; and one step-granddaughter, Laura Snow.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg, Livonia, MI 48154-5010 or to the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

NANCY LYNN WINQUIST

Services for Nancy Lynn Winquist, 54, of Canton were May 30 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. William Hopper officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born Dec. 2, 1945, in

Detroit. She died May 25 in Wayne. She was an elementary teacher at Gill School. She attended Oakland University in the mid 1980s.

Survivors include her husband, Keith Winquist; one son, Jamie; one daughter, Kelly; and one sister, Peggy Hanson.

Memorials may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 26111 Evergreen, Suite 100, Southfield 48076-4481.

Local arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

MAJORIE LAFAYE

Services for Majorie LaFave, 79, of Plymouth were May 27 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Felix A. Lorenze officiating. Burial was in West Mound Cemetery, Taylor.

She was born Feb. 3, 1921, in Taylor. She died May 25 in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1986 from Romulus. She was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Taylor. She enjoyed crocheting, baking, and doing needlepoint. She loved her family, and she and her late husband, Donia, enjoyed making Christmas ornaments.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donia; one son, Billy, son-in-law, Kenneth Spearman; and one brother, Clarence Neubauer. Survivors include her three daughters, Ruth Spearman of South Lyon, Sally Martin of Wayne and Debra (Daniel) Trampush of Minnesota; special friend, Narshall Grace; three sisters, Lucille Sundquist of Oregon, Lenora (Ken) Berry of Dearborn Heights, Wilma (Larry) Quiel of Canton; step-son, Michael (Patty) LaFave of Arizona; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

RICHARD C. NEALE

Services for Richard C. Neale, 75, of Plymouth were May 30 at

the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

He was born March 4, 1925, in Detroit. He died May 26 in Plymouth. He was an electrical contractor for Hubbs Electric in Plymouth for 36 years. He was an electrician for the Plymouth schools for two years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1935 from Detroit. He was a past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6695, Plymouth. He served in the Marine Corps in the South Pacific during World War II. He was a member of the electrician's union for 50 years. He loved to travel to northern Michigan, and he was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Survivors include his wife, Bettie Neale of Plymouth; two sons, Rick (Ursula) Neale of Sterling Heights and James Neale of Ypsilanti; and two grandchildren, Matthew and Jodie Neale of Sterling Heights.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

BARBARA A. ARNOLD

Services for Barbara A. Arnold, 44, of Westland were May 31 at Geneva Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Bryan Smith officiating. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

She was born March 15, 1956, in Royal Oak. She died May 26 in Ann Arbor. She owned and operated her own housecleaning service. She came to the Westland community in 1999 from Farmington Hills. She was an excellent cook, a loving wife, mother and sister.

Survivors include her husband, Roger Arnold of Westland; two children, Sherry Arnold of Canton and Michael Arnold of Westland; three brothers, Billy Daniels of Redford, Guy Herman of Detroit and John Herman of Detroit.

Memorials may be made to Geneva Presbyterian Church

Memorial Fund

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth

ARTHUR T. HARVEY

Services for Arthur T. Harvey, 77 of Northville, were May 31 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with Stephen Rea officiating.

He was born Nov. 14, 1922, in Detroit. He died May 27 in Superior Township. He owned Neyer-Rexall drug store in Plymouth for 25 years. He also was the pharmacist there. He went to the Northville community in 1972 from Belleville. He was a member of the Plymouth Rotary Club. He was also a graduate of Wayne State University. He loved art and classical music. He loved photography. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ferne, in 1999. Survivors include his son, Richard Harvey of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Sharon (Stephen) Rea of Plymouth and Christine (Timothy) White of Milford; one sister, Joyce Cardy of Detroit; and five grandchildren, Tristana Von Will of Ann Arbor, Vanessa Von Will of San Diego, Calif., Leiza Rea of San Francisco, Stephanie Rea of Kensington, Calif., and R. Corey of San Francisco.

Memorials may be made to the Detroit Institute of Arts.

NANCY ANN LYNCH

Services for Nancy Ann Lynch, 79, of Chelsea were May 31 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Paul Clough officiating.

She was born Sept. 5, 1920, in Royal Oak. She died May 29 in Chelsea. She was a homemaker. She came to the Chelsea community in 1994 from Livonia. She was a member of the United Methodist Church. She was involved in Girl Scouting. She loved reading, watching birds, flower gardening, crafts and traveling. She was a loving wife, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Joseph Lynch; and one sister, Harriet Scott. Survivors include her two daughters, Gail Ann Lynch of Westland; one son, Michael (Jeannie) Lynch of Bradenton, Fla.; one sister, Beryl Mies of Washington; sister-in-law, Betty Lynch of Clinton Township, brother-in-law, Ron (Jane) Scott of Brooklyn; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea, MI 48118.

MARY GOODBALIAN

Services for Mary Goodbalian, 76, of Pittsfield Township, Mich., were May 26 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. James Skimms officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn

Cemetery, Detroit.

She was born Oct. 26, 1923, in Grand Rapids. She died May 26 in Pittsfield Township. She was an executive secretary.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Stella Goodbalian. Survivors include her brother, Jacob Goodbalian of Plymouth; one sister, Rose Hughesian of Southfield; one nephew, James H. (Barbara) Hughesian of Plymouth; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth region, 485 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170-3446.

HARRIETT E. CURTIS

Services for Harriett E. Curtis, 96, of Chelsea were June 1 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Pamela F. Kail officiating. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley.

She was born Oct. 11, 1903, in Caro, Mich. She died May 26 in Chelsea. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Cora Lewis. Survivors include her son, Francis Charles (Mary Ann) Curtis of Plymouth; four grandchildren, Arthur, John, Colleen and Michael; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Chelsea Retirement Community, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield 48075 or to the Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield MI 48075.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2000

Incumbent-mania

Sitting board members deserve vote

Like the district itself, two Plymouth-Canton Community Schools trustees are seeking to complete an education agenda set by school officials and local voters in the mid-1990s. Incumbents **Elizabeth Givens** and **Judy Mardigian** have shown they deserve that chance and the Observer is endorsing their re-election to the board.

Givens, elected in 1996, is seeking a second, four-year term. Mardigian was appointed to fill a vacancy when Jack Farrow left the board. She was subsequently elected to a two-year term in 1998 and now is seeking a four-year term.

It's been an unusually quiet year in Plymouth-Canton. The controversial issues that have marked the past few years in this still-growing district have largely subsided. The furor over location of a new high school has, for the most part, died down; labor-management relations are much improved; and Kathleen Booher is beginning to settle in — and make her mark — as superintendent.

We believe the current school board and its positive, give-and-take relationship with the administration is a key factor behind that progress. Both Givens and Mardigian, while supportive of the direction set by Booher and her predecessors, aren't afraid to ask tough questions or demand accountability.

The incumbents rightly feel they have an obligation to voters to see that three new school buildings being built with bond issue money are finished on time and within budget. Money for Dodson Elementary and Plymouth High School was approved as the bulk of a \$79 million bond issue in 1997. Discovery Middle School was added to the project list by voters in 1998, when Livonia Public Schools sought to reclaim Lowell Middle School once its lease ran out.

In addition to the completion of new schools, Givens says her top goals for the district over the next few years include working to increase Plymouth-Canton's state foundation grant and further improvements in labor-management relations. She has a solid understanding of the school funding issue. "We have to pay more to hire the same teacher or bus driver in southeast Michigan than they do out-state," Givens said in a recent interview with the Observer staff. Furthermore, Plymouth-Canton competes for teaching talent with top Oakland County districts where per-pupil funding remains nearly double the local



Elizabeth Givens



Judy Mardigian

level, she added.

While there isn't a magic equalizer on the drawing board in Lansing, Givens and others representing the district have worked with area legislators the past few years to make them aware of local needs. We note there has been some movement from key legislators, notably Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, on this issue.

Mardigian has used her role as a board member the past two years to help set policy, even when that policy wasn't popular among some elements within the district. We note that she stood by her decision on building the new high school at the west site, both because of the implied promise to voters and her belief that it was the better location. (The original decision was subsequently reversed by a majority of the board.)

Her activity in Plymouth-Canton began long before her appointment to the board, with her leadership in the Class Size Action Partnership, a group of concerned parents and educators seeking to reduce elementary class sizes in the mid-'90s.

Mardigian believes the reorganization under way in the central office will create a more user-friendly administration that will boost the district's most challenging mission — providing a complete education for children in a more complex world.

Much has been accomplished in Plymouth-Canton over the past few years, but key challenges remain for the district, including finding additional space for growth and the looming specter of a charter school within district boundaries. Re-electing **Givens** and **Mardigian** gives the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education the best chance to meet those challenges.

Votes count in school election

The message seems to be getting through. We're involved in stiff global competition. The more we know, the more we grow.

Our future depends on good schools, capable of turning out graduates who can function successfully in an ever-changing, technologically challenging environment.

Poll after poll of Michigan voters attest that we get the message. Education is our top concern by a wide margin over taxes, crime, social services or foreign affairs.

We know it's important. Unfortunately, that concern doesn't translate into participation in school elections as candidates or voters.

The story is pretty much the same in all of our Observer communities.

In Clarenceville, South Redford and Farmington, school board candidates are running unopposed. Voter turnout in recent school elections has generally been around 10 percent or lower. In Farmington in 1999, just 3 percent of the voters showed up, and even in 1998, when there was a strongly contested race, just 4.3 percent of the voters showed up.

Westland, Redford Union, Livonia and Garden City all report similarly low turnouts.

Even PTA participation is dropping in some communities.

Each year we wrestle with trying to find reasons why voters fail to turn out and let their voices be heard on a subject they tell pollsters has their top priority.

The usual complaints: school elections are held at odd times; despite the best efforts of these newspapers, many claim not to know who the candidates are or what they stand for; and, many say, their vote doesn't mean anything because the real power and control over schools is in Lansing, not with the local school board.

The school election calendar has done a lot to foster voter cynicism. Many feel that elections are scheduled and quietly held so that only those with a vested interest participate. This has been a charge often hurled during school tax elections.

Voters are also bombarded with informa-

tion about the presidential, congressional and state elections. By contrast, voters often find they don't have time to sort out school board candidates from all the rest.

For a candidate, a seat on the school board might seem more like a curse than a blessing. It means long hours, contentious negotiations, thankless disputes over everything from curriculum to building repairs and it rarely leads to a political career.

Also, many school board members find that their powers are limited by state mandates and expectations. The current state legislature and governor have taken an aggressive, hands-on approach to school districts, even to the point of threatening to take them over when they don't meet state standards. Those standards, as represented by the MEAP, have redefined curriculum development with little local input.

Still, we strongly encourage voters to take an interest in their schools. A large part of the state budget, your tax dollars, is allocated to schools. And if you don't like the centralization imposed by Lansing, electing strong local school boards is the best defense against state involvement.

Good schools are the bedrock of a strong community. Even if you don't have children in the schools, the future prosperity of the community in general depends on the quality of the school system.

And you can make a difference. You can vote for candidates who will hire strong administrators and hold them to high standards of fiscal and educational integrity. You can have an influence over what is taught in your local schools.

When you abdicate that responsibility to a minority, they will set their own agenda the schools, often with disastrous results.

Democracy is like a body part; if it isn't regularly and vigorously exercised, it withers and dies.

Geof Brooks



LETTERS

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Mardigian matters

With the arrival of the upcoming Plymouth-Canton School Board election June 12th, I feel it important to inform the voting community of the one candidate who continues to stand out above the rest and deserves to be re-elected on June 12. That candidate is Judy L. Mardigian.

Judy is one of the most dedicated and committed board members to have served. Unlike other candidates, she is extremely knowledgeable and involved with all educational topics and seems to have a deeper insight into the needs of our children. She attends these board meetings with such sincere focus and energy.

One of Judy's most impressive achievements is the fight she led in elementary schools to lower class size from 30 students to less than 25 in five years. What parent would not be impressed with this achievement?

Judy has been involved with Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding, which has helped expose the inequitable per pupil funding ratio from the state.

She also has played a vital role with the successful bond election that is now building three new schools for the growing population of Plymouth and Canton. Coupled with this, she is a member of the PCCS Long Range Planning Committee.

Judy helped save jobs for all elementary learning specialists that were slated to be eliminated.

Judy represents all parents who have children in the Plymouth-Canton school district. Judy Mardigian is the candidate for school board. Please help her achieve this position and give her your support on June 12.

Linda D. Wallace
Plymouth

Mardigian supporter

Judy Mardigian, a current school board member who is up for re-election, was asked a while back to be the original role model for the Energizer Bunny.

But Judy politely turned that offer down. She was just too busy following through on the commitments she had made to her own Plymouth-Canton community on behalf of our school children.

Indeed, the Energizer Bunny would be hard pressed to match the energy Judy puts forth

Martha Trafford
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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Elections are one way to create competition for utilities

Every now and again the state Legislature is good for a chuckle.

Case in point, Ameritech President Bob Coopers' testimony before the Energy and Technology Committee recently in which he preached the gospel of competition.

What the heck does this company know about competition? An outgrowth of the old government-endorsed Bell system monopoly, since the 1980s Ameritech has controlled the portion of the market most resistant to the opening of competition, local phone service. Even in the last five years, after the state Legislature opened local phone service to the entry of new firms, Ameritech has so dominated the industry in Michigan that few competitors have dared to enter the arena.

When Ameritech says it likes competition, it's like that proverbial 800-pound gorilla challenging all comers to arm wrestle. Might be fun for the gorilla. I suspect there'd be another thought on the part of the guy who gets his arm crushed.

That's the first thing you have to understand. In order for it to be considered "competition," really, the "competitors" have to be "competitive."

Finding ways to inject competition into Michigan's previously monopoly-based utilities has been much on the minds of state lawmakers of late. While the state House of Representatives debated a proposed rewrite of the state's telecommunications law, senators at the other end of the Capitol building were discussing similar proposals to deregulate Michigan's electric utilities.

On that end of the building, Sen. John Cherry, D-Clio, insisted that to get his support for deregulation, the Legislature would have to agree to make the Public Service Commission an elected panel.

I figured it for a ploy. Since the PSC has always been an appointed panel, and all of Michigan's industry oversight panels are also appointed, I didn't take this for a serious proposal. I figured Cherry was trying to send a



MIKE MALOTT

message to the utilities.

It turns out he was absolutely serious. According to Cherry, utility oversight commissions in 19 states are subject to a regular electorate review. Michigan's utility rates are the third highest in the nation. "So what has the PSC got us. It could be argued all they've gotten us is higher rates," Cherry said.

Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, thought it was a terrible idea. He berated the proposal. It would lead to pandering to voters by commission candidates. Candidates might run based solely on the lowest rates they could promise to rate payers.

The same could be said of senators and representatives, Cherry points out. Lawmakers set taxes. The argument could be made that if we allow senators and representatives to be elected, they could also run on setting the lowest possible tax rates, eventually leading the state to financial disaster and bankruptcy. That hasn't happened.

Still, if it's going to be up to the PSC to determine when true market competition is achieved in the utility marketplace in Michigan, as Gov. John Engler has proposed, then Cherry would argue the voters ought to be able to determine who sits on the PSC and will be making that call. The proposal didn't fly, failing by only one vote, 19-18.

It might just be that this is an idea we should keep around, handy, and in our idea supply box.

The state Legislature tried once before to put competition in the telephone market five years ago, and it didn't work. Even the sponsor admits that now. So as legislators set out to fix that problem, and to do the same thing for other utilities, gas and electric, how well they'll do remains to be seen.

Should it fail, perhaps we should bring back Cherry's proposal for an elected Public Service Commission. After all, what could be more competitive than a good old-fashioned election? If this industry turns out to be stubbornly resistant to change, perhaps an election is one way to inject competition into the system.

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Enforcement, not new laws, will curb nation's gun violence

From looking at the columns, it appears that the editorial position of your paper supports only the gun control side of the equation. I read all of the columns and have seen three supportive of the Million Mom March, but none that do not agree. With that said, I would like to respond to the column by Judy Doner Berne.



DAN DONALDSON

First, this is not the "standard letter," and is dictated by no one but me. I see it as interesting that the march was held in Washington, D.C., which has the strictest gun controls in the nation, but is one of the most dangerous to live in. It is argued that the gun violence would be prevented if they could not get easy access in Virginia. If this is true, why does Virginia not have a similar violence record?

Second, where did the number of "4,000 kids" shot dead every year come from? If you are going to use numbers like that, you need to state the sources. I checked the BATF stats, and they show a number more like 250 for 1995, and the National Health Safety Council shows 110 firearm deaths for 1998 from ages newborn-15. That is a far cry from 4,000. In that same time period, 850 drowned and 2,600 were killed in auto accidents.

What is the source of these numbers?

I am a military veteran who enlisted during the Vietnam conflict to do my part in protecting

the rights of the citizens of this country. I support their right to speak their mind, but resent them trying to take away mine.

I would ask how a trigger lock would have prevented the death of the woman from Chelsea. She would have had the key! There are plenty of laws on the books, but little enforcement. I would challenge Ma. Berne to check the number of times someone is turned down while attempting to purchase a firearm because they are not legally able to own one (this attempt is a five-year felony) and subsequently prosecuted. If President Clinton is to be believed as to the number of refusals, there are at least 300,000 known felons walking the streets. If these simple laws are not enforced, what makes her think more of the same will help anything?

In the areas with aggressive enforcement of existing laws, the crime rates have gone down significantly (e.g. Richmond).

How many of the moms who are marching have ever trained their children in firearms use? Education can help a lot more than more laws. My children all know what to do if they see a gun. (Don't touch, leave, tell an adult.)

There has been one positive outcome from all of the publicity from the march. My wife is now badgering me to buy her a handgun while I still can.

Lastly, I think it is not the legislators who "don't get it." Much more could be done by proper parenting of children and working to preserve family values.

Dan Donaldson is a resident of Canton.

MORE LETTERS

Good Samaritan

Recently I left my purse in a shopping cart at Super Kmart. I was home briefly when I heard my door bell. Here was a man asking me if I was Deb Otting. I said yes and he told me he had my purse. He explained how he found my purse at Super Kmart and felt more comfortable returning the purse to me personally. His name is Richard Reaume. He was my good Samaritan for the day. There truly are good people in this world, and he is one of them. He will soon be running for Plymouth Township treasurer. He would definitely have my vote if I lived in Plymouth Township. Richard Reaume is an example of what our communities need, someone who will lead with honesty and integrity.

Thank-you, Richard.

Deb Otting
Canton

Vote for Mardigian

I would like to take this opportunity to urge the voters of the Plymouth-Canton school district to re-elect Judy Mardigian to the school board. I have known Judy for seven years. I have always been impressed with her tireless volunteerism and commitment to the children.

Judy was very active in working to reduce class size. She was also a member of the PCCS Long Range Planning Committee and the Citizens Finance Advisory. She co-chaired the 1997 Middle School Bond Building Campaign. She has been a committed member on several committees, including the district Hiring Committee and PCCS Goal Committee.

She is decisive and never backs down on issues she believes in. Judy is, without question, an asset to this district.

Bruce Barton
Plymouth

One size doesn't fit all in funding scheme

So June has rolled around and, regular as clockwork, the annual tussle over state funding for Michigan's 15 public universities is reaching a climax.

This year's thrash is over a formula funding scheme. Last month, the House Appropriations Higher Education Subcommittee voted to classify universities by mission and program as a way to determine per-student funding. For example, schools in the "research university" tier - the University of Michigan, Michigan State and Wayne State - would all get approximately equal per-student funding, according to the formula.

This would give MSU an appropriation increase of around 10 percent, far above U-M or WSU, which produces screams from Ann Arbor and Detroit. By contrast, the Senate Appropriations Higher Education Subcommittee bill would give U-M and MSU equal increases of 6.9 percent, while WSU (which, notably, still gets the most state money per enrolled student) would get 6.7 percent.

These radically differing versions are on their way to a joint conference committee to hammer out the differences. Sen. John Schwarz, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Higher Education Subcommittee, figures there will be lots of preliminary sound and fury. But he adds, "There is no doubt in my mind that we can work out something between the Senate, the House and the governor."

For anybody who's confused by all this, here's what's really going on behind the scenes.

An old buddy of Gov. John Engler's (they're both MSU alums), M. Peter McPherson was Engler's hand-picked candidate to run MSU. By all accounts, McPherson has done a first-class job. He got a lot of favorable publicity when in 1995 he announced that MSU tuition increases would be indexed to the rate of inflation.

That sounded great to Michigan families dismayed at steadily increasing tuition bills, but it also put MSU's revenue, much of which comes from tuition fees, in a self-imposed straight jacket.

Worse, salaries for Michigan State faculty members are low. Pay for full professors ranks last in the Big Ten, while associate professors are eighth and assistants come in ninth. Faculty morale is not exactly high in East Lansing, especially when it is explained that salaries are so low because MSU decided to link university income to a low inflation rate.

So McPherson has been scrambling to win extra money from the Legislature to get the faculty off his back and get MSU out of its self-inflicted budgetary bind.

So enter - how convenient! - the idea of classifying various universities in tiers according to role and mission, thus equalizing per-student appropriations to schools within a given tier. That's how MSU came up with such a big increase in the House version of the spending bill. The big problem is that merely calling MSU,



PHIL POWER

WSU and U-M all "research universities" doesn't overcome the fact that they are all very different.

The six year graduation rate for undergraduates at U-M is 83 percent, as contrasted with 67 percent for MSU and 42 percent for Wayne State. Basing state funding on incoming enrollments ignores the issue of disparity in graduation outcomes. Universities incur heavy costs in supporting students all the way through to graduation, so state support should not be based solely on how many students enroll from year to year.

Everybody recognizes that programs for graduate and professional students are much more expensive than for undergraduates. MSU's enrollment mix is 72.6 percent undergraduate and 27.4 graduate, while U-M's is 55.1 percent undergraduate and 44.9 percent graduate. Interestingly, Wayne State's enrollments are 40.3 percent undergraduate and 59.7 percent graduate. It's unrealistic to ignore such large differences in student types when figuring out how to fund universities fairly.

Moreover, it just might be that MSU is a lot better off than it seems. The school has two important core programs - the Agricultural Experimental Station and the Cooperative Extension Service - that are not included in the base funding totals. If state appropriations for both (they come to \$58.5 million) are added back into MSU's base funding, state support per MSU student total turns out to be virtually identical with U-M's.

The device for funding universities by a formula based on a classification system is superficially appealing. But it masks the very great differences between each of the fine research universities in our state. It would be unrealistic and irresponsible for the Legislature to ignore these differences in reaching a final appropriations decision.

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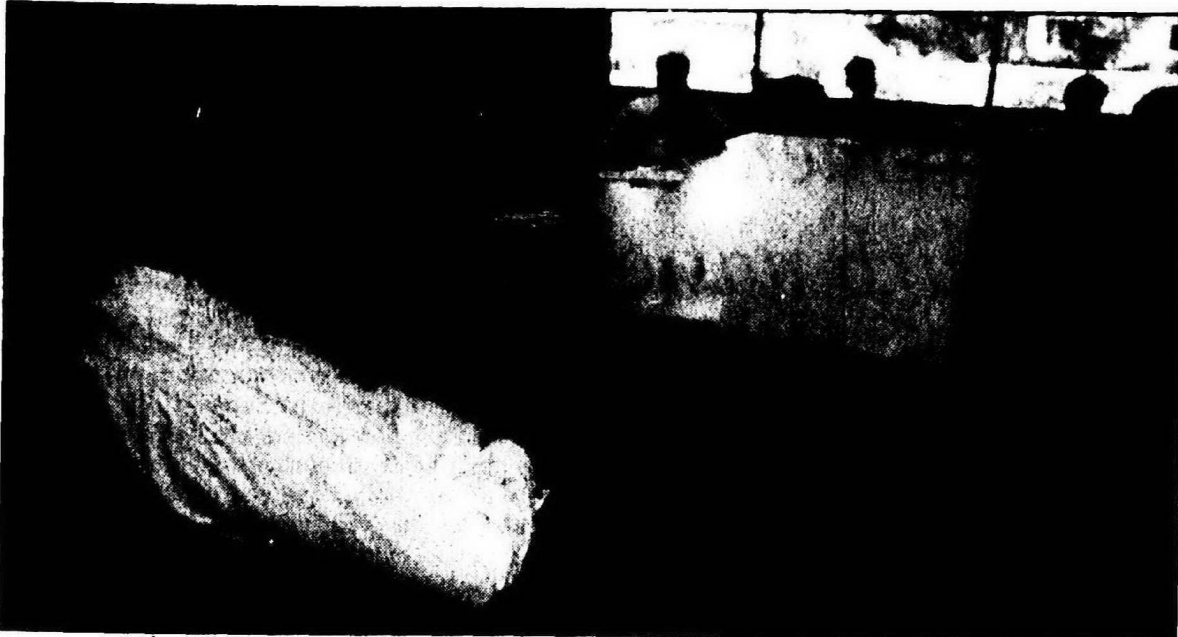
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Good times: MSU President Peter McPherson said the recent Spartan basketball championship has brought a large increase in freshman applications.

MSU's championship season leads to boom in applications

By DAN WEST
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Michigan State University is convinced that athletic success leads to academic growth.

"More people know about Michigan State now than they did 12 months ago, and more are trying to find out what we offer," said MSU President Peter McPherson.

"I'm not always happy with the commercialism of college athletics, but overall, it's been a good thing for our school and our education programs."

Fueled by the Spartans' back-to-back Final Four appearances in the men's basketball tournament — capped by a national championship this spring — the number of students applying to the university grew to an all-time high of 23,000 during the 1999-2000 school year.

"That's up a few thousand applications from a couple years ago," said McPherson, during a meeting last week with Observer & Eccentric editors. "The application pool has grown significantly."

Despite the boom in applications, McPherson said the school still has to keep its level of incoming freshman at 6,500. MSU keeps 800 more students on an alternate list, but it still had to turn away nearly 16,000 applicants.

"It's tougher to get into Michigan State University than it was five years ago," he said. "I don't want to make it impossible to get into Michigan State, but we don't want to grow much more than the 43,000 students we have now."

The athletic success, plus more severe suspensions and penalties for misconduct, is helping MSU overcome the fears and problems created by a pair of riots during the 1998-99 school year, he said.

"We're certainly tougher now than we were at one time," McPherson said. "It's going to take a long time to stop behaviors like date rape and alcoholism, but we're at the forefront now and doing our part."

With a large pool of students to choose from, McPherson acknowledges the enhanced quality of students

MSU graduates. In accepting students, however, McPherson said MSU does not want to focus solely on grade-point averages and standardized test scores.

"We're trying to look more at extracurricular activities and other ways to see students who can obtain more success after 17 years old," McPherson said. "I don't want to become a place like some of the elite East Coast schools where students are so professor-proven that you'd be surprised if they failed."

"We want to make a contribution to the overall well-being of a young person."

The university is exploring more ways to use the Internet for registration and correspondence courses. McPherson said this could be a way to accept more students without constructing several more buildings or cramming more students into existing structures.

"We had 2,400 enrollments for web courses this year, which is a 150 percent increase over one year," he said. "We have some students doing their entire master's program over the web."

"We figure that will grow to thousands of students taking courses over the web in the next couple years."

Maybury State Park holds National Trail Day cleanup

Maybury State Park in Northville Township will host a trail maintenance project 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday to mark National Trails Day.

All volunteers are encouraged to bring such tools as rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows. All people interested can register by calling Customer Service at the REI Store in Northville at (248)347-2100 or by email to mbanks@rei.com

The service project at Maybury follows the national partnership model of a "tripod" that is made up of a business — REI, a land manager, the Department of

Natural Resources and an outdoor organization, SOLAR (School of Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation). In addition to the partners, local sponsors include the People's Food Coop of Ann Arbor and the Great Harvest Bread Company of Northville.

The main entrance to Maybury State Park is on Eight Mile Road, just west of Beck Road in Northville Township. All volunteers are asked to assemble at the Hickory Shelter between 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. rain or shine.

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Uncover your child's creativity

In my private practice, parents often ask me how to uncover their child's natural creative abilities. It's easy to get caught up in their errors and mistakes, but not as easy to see their creative and imaginative side. As Jane M. Healy, Ph.D., author of "Your Child's Growing Mind" (Doubleday, 1994) says, every child is potentially quite gifted, but it's up to the parents and teachers to discover their child's individual talents and make the most of them.

Dr. Paul E. Torrance, author of "Guiding Creative Talent" has described the following four characteristics as a guide to parents to help unlock their children's creativity.

■ **Fluency:** Many relevant ideas can quickly be generated from one topic. My son participated in a program while in elementary school, titled Odyssey of the Mind. Its purpose was to get teams of kids to think "outside the box" and understand how brainstorming has a synergistic effect when people begin to throw all of their ideas into the hopper.

For example, in two minutes, yell out as many uses you can think of for a Frisbee. The quality of the responses improves as the seconds tick away. The obvious response for a Frisbee would be to throw it, but have you ever considered using it as a tray, an umbrella, or a bowl? This kind of activity can be done around the dining room table while at dinner with everyone throwing in their ideas. From 3 years old through adolescence, everyone likes to think up silly uses for things like an egg, a pop can or a putty knife.

■ **Flexibility:** Can you shift your thinking? My girlfriend Linda conducts a weekend seminar for a company called Nikken, and one of the exercises the 200 participants participate in is to pretend they have to get across a bridge. The stumper is that each person must go across the bridge in a different way from those who preceded them. Your flexibility is tested when you watch how everyone in front of you proceeds (the first few will skip, hop, jump or run), but by the time the 152nd person goes across the bridge, one must be very creative in the way he gets across. In our group, the last person actually went across doing backward somersaults.

■ **Elaboration:** use of details in working out an idea. Storytelling can be a fun way to enhance this characteristic. Again, as you all sit together, someone begins a story with "Once upon a time, there were..." The second person elaborates on the story, weaving unrelated details together in some interesting way. As the story progresses, the ideas will develop into a highly textured and imaginative story line.

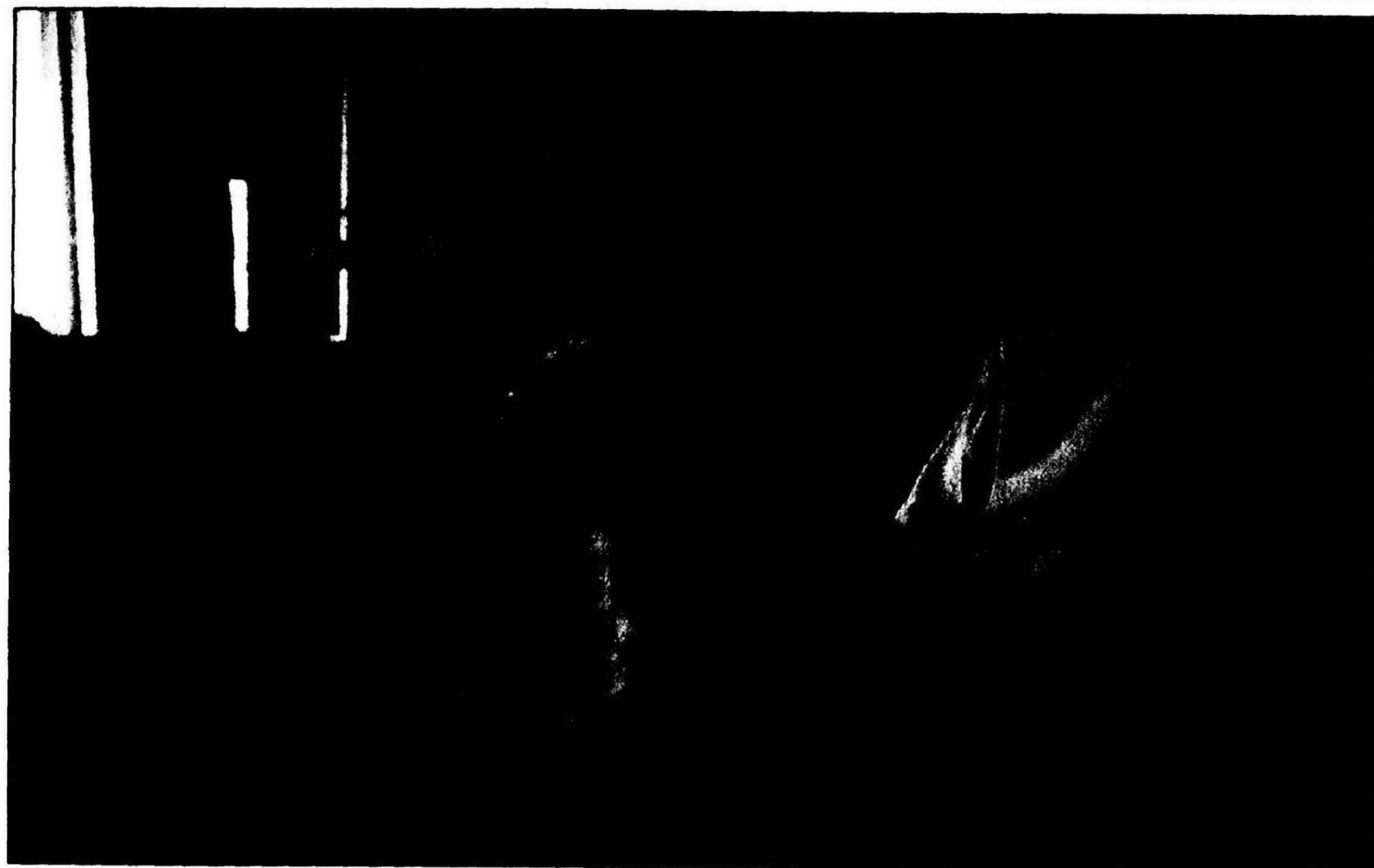
■ **Originality:** creative and imaginative ideas that others haven't shared. As we hemmed and hawed about whether to play a board game one night, my daughter suggested that we play Monopoly, but go around the board backwards and with everyone already owning all of the properties in the very beginning. The idea was to run out of money first. This new rule made for an interesting game as each person attempted to "dump" his properties as fast as he could.

Any game can be played with new-and-improved rules that allows for originality. Have you ever tried to see how fast you can get "stuck" in the computer game Free Cell or with the card game Solitaire?

While uncovering a child's creativity, it is also important to evaluate how the well the idea works. Anyone who has ever invented something has had to do some critical thinking to make sure his idea is workable.

I remember a colleague who thought she had designed the most ingenious pizza knife. When it was suggested that her invention reminded people of a cake knife, she needed to rethink the configuration and come up with something more original...

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Paws out: Fridays child Roxanne Riggio, 12, with her pooch, Big Dog, visits seniors like Mildred Witherspoon at Presbyterian Village in Redford along with her mom Patty as part of the monthly pet-a-pet program.

Caring companion

Student lends helping 'paw' to seniors

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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At the age of 12, Roxanne Riggio of Redford has a special understanding of the needs of others. Her mom says that she instinctively recognizes when someone requires a helping hand.

"Roxanne is always helping disadvantaged people," said Patty Riggio of her daughter, who has developmental needs of her own.

Roxanne, a student at Tyler Elementary School in Livonia, combines her compassion for others with her love of animals by volunteering with the Pet-a-Pet organization of southeastern Michigan. For the past two years, Roxanne and her mom have been seeing residents at local nursing homes with their pets Big Dog, a peek-a-poo, and Vino, a Rhodesian ridgeback.

"I love animals. Not so much cats but

definitely dogs," said Riggio.

With the two dogs by her side, Roxanne spends the first Saturday of every month at Presbyterian Village of Redford visiting with residents there.

"She's not shy about walking the hallways and seeking out people who aren't as mobile as others," said Roxanne's mother. "She isn't uncomfortable with people who have disabilities, either. She has a gracious attitude with them and has never been afraid to walk right into their room and talk."

A typical visit lasts a couple of hours as Roxanne shares her dogs with the residents in a small group setting. The residents enjoy kisses and attention from the dogs and conversation with

Roxanne.

"I like taking my dogs there and talking with people. They like it when we come to visit," said Roxanne.

A sixth grader full of energy and enthusiasm, Roxanne was diagnosed educably mentally impaired and is also being treated for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Not one to let a challenge get in her way, Roxanne recently won a silver and gold medal in the district Special Olympic competition at Franklin High School in Livonia and will travel to Central Michigan University in June to participate at the state level in the backstroke and freestyle swimming categories.

"She is the most loving child you have ever seen," said Patty Riggio. "She's always saying 'I love you, mom' when I least expect it. She's also a leader in her class because she's constantly helping the other children that need more assistance."

Roxanne lives in Redford with her mother and father, Ron. She has two siblings Vanessa, 8, and sister, Michelle, 25.

With her last year of school as an elementary student drawing to a close, Roxanne is looking forward to a busy summer. She and her mom take the summer off from Pet-a-Pet but will resume in September when Patty Riggio takes over as coordinator of the Presbyterian Village Pet-a-Pet program.

Roxanne is anxious about the transition to middle school in the fall and has her eyes set on working with animals as a career.

IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Sue Ellen's Bears comfort kids

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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More than five years ago Nancy Stanford witnessed something she'll never forget.

The Wayne resident was caring for her then 6-year-old grandson Cameron, by taking him to a few subdivision garage sales in the Livonia and Westland areas.

Without her knowledge, little Cameron - who lived with his family in Westland at the time - had stuck a peppermint candy in his mouth. It became lodged in his throat and the fire department responded to the call immediately.

Nervous and frightened, she could do nothing to calm him down as he cried. But the firefighters had a solution - they gave Cameron a teddy bear. Since he could still breathe, the safest thing to do was wait for the candy to melt. And wait they did, for 45 minutes while Cameron held tightly onto the bear.

"Mind you at the time my grandson was out of that kind of stuff," said Nancy Stanford. "He took that bear and he was holding it in his arms."

Cameron took the bear everywhere he went that weekend, recalled his grandmother. She was reminded of the incident when she read a recent newspaper article about Sue Ellen's Bears, a company based in St. Joseph that provides bears to state police posts in Michigan for just such occasions.

"I look for things like that in the paper," said Stanford, who donated money to the organization after winning a game of football squares.

Ellen Macherer got the idea from a newspaper article she read in Florida. The idea got rolling when the Macherers purchased 50 bears with T-shirts reading 'Sue Ellen's Bears.'

When Mel and Ellen Macherer received a letter and donation from The Stanfords recently, they knew their efforts had not gone unnoticed. The couple started the nonprofit organization to preserve the memory of their daughter, who at 16 years old was murdered by a classmate they believe was attempting to rape her. Now, 20 years later, the Macherers project has turned a haunting memory into something that continues to comfort children in traumatic situations including house fires, domestic violence, serious accidents and illnesses. And they're sure their daughter "would've loved this program."

"It's sort of a positive way of remembering her," said Ellen Macherer. "She was never out of our minds."

Ellen Macherer got the idea from a newspaper article she read in Florida. The idea got rolling when the Macherers purchased 50 bears with T-shirts reading "Sue Ellen's Bears."

"It wasn't very long we were buying 150 more," said Ellen Macherer. "It has just kind of snowballed." What started with a donation to the local police in Berrien County has spread to all 64 State Police posts in Michigan. They also give bears to fire departments, hospitals and victims assistance programs that reach children in need.

By talking to community groups and

schools, the Macherers have been able until now to raise the donations they need. "It's amazing how much they come up with," said Macherer of the schools in Berrien County. "We've seldom had anyone say no."

Now supplying bears across the state, they are spreading the word and seeking donations through grants.

At any time, the couple has 600 to 800 bears in their home waiting to be taken to the officials that can distribute them. They purchase bears every three to four months, now ordering at least 500 at a time.

No one knows for sure why teddy bears in particular seem so appropriate, Macherer said she first thought of collecting bears because she liked them, but this idea sounded even better.

Security

Stanford said teddy bears are just "cuddly and warm."

"They're a soothing thing," she said, recalling her fateful day with Cameron. "He was so panicky, I couldn't grab him. It was a comfort. I think a bear's soft and it feels good. He kept that bear."

Sue Ellen's Bears now accepts donations and will make T-shirts to fit any bear. With a new Web site in the works, the couple hopes to expand its boundaries even more in the future.

"When we lost our daughter, there were so many people who were wonderful to us," said Ellen Macherer. "We felt so loved by the whole community, this was our way of giving back."

Send donations of bears or funds to Sue Ellen's Bears, 2039 W Marquette Woods Road, Stevensville, Mich 49127. For more information check online at www.sueellensbears.org or send e-mail to mellen@qtm.net.



Tea features fashion with century flair

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It's not often that influential women from decades past converge to teach others about the evolution of their own independence.

Actually, it's impossible for Amelia Earhart and Jackie Onassis to share the same stage. But through the magic of history

and fashion, the Plymouth Historical Museum takes a look back at the clothing and inspiration behind 20th century image-makers with its annual Victorian-style tea. Beth Stewart of the Plymouth Historical Museum said the annual teas are much anticipated in the community. "They have always been one of our most popular events," she said.

Showing good taste the museum will haul out the fine china, silver, linen and lace to serve a menu of tea sandwiches, fruit, scones, cookies, shortbread, chocolate-covered strawberries and other treats from 2-3 p.m. A special program, Personalities and Fashions of the 20th Centu

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...will follow, complete with a live fashion show featuring students from West Middle School in Taylor.

Behind the magic of the event is Pamela Yockey, history teacher, costume historian and lecturer. Yockey speaks on the subject across the country and has organized programs at the museum in the past.

"Everytime we have her here it's absolutely fantastic," said Stewart. "She has a personal clothing collection that is just phenomenal."

From medieval gowns to '70s garb, Yockey owns a diverse and extensive collection of costumes which she also brings into the classroom.

The Canton resident has organized 10 students to perform in the show, each representing a specific woman from one of the past 10 decades. "This particular (program) is based on an article written almost 120 years ago," said Yockey. "It deals with what women of our generation would be like."

The students, ages 11-13, prepared speeches to teach the audience about what their particular characters did to advance the status of women. The time periods will be accurately reflected in the clothing the students model. Wearing vintage digs with the unmistakable flair of personalities in history, like Rosie the Riveter, the students are sure to bring this fashion show to life.

For the past 20 years, Yockey has been collecting vintage gowns and enjoys learning the historical significance of such pieces. "I like to know who wore it and what they did," she explains. Her students are sharing in the enthusiasm as they participate in dress rehearsals for the weekend event.

Yockey's fascination has found its way into the Plymouth museum, of which she is a member. Yockey hopes those who attend learn about the independence women have struggled to gain in the 20th century. From those who lived in the shadow of their husbands to those who hit their stride in today's political arena, all ages, races, classes and professions are accounted for in the presentation.

Whether she's restoring a vintage bridal gown, sewing clothing for a re-enactment, or organizing a historical-influenced fashion show, Yockey said the greatest challenge is achieving accuracy. "Finding the accurate materials and supplies to best represent the time period - that's probably the hardest," she said.

While the Victorian tea events tend to draw more women than men, they are open to all who are interested. The Plymouth Historical Museum is a non-profit institution owned and operated by the Plymouth Historical Society.

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Obviously, it wasn't something she wanted to hear, but she knew that her invention wouldn't sell unless it was unique but functional.

So encouraging your children to use his imagination can only serve to enhance his creative side. Toys that spark creativity and ingenuity include blocks, pots and pans, boxes, toothpicks, pipe cleaners, sticky dots, magnets, buttons and other household items. The play item that must be manipulated or reconfigured stimulates the child's cre-

ative side far more than the toy that does all the work or the television show that entertains. The more time you spend creating opportunities for your child, the more their creative abilities will explode. Have fun!

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

■ June 2, Singles Dance Fund Raiser for KidsSource at the Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Music by DJ 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. Dance 9 p.m. - 1:00 a.m., \$7 non-member, \$5 members. www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933.

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

CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB
A general meeting of the Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit (a non-profit organization of single Catholics, 21 and over, who have earned a bachelor's degree and are free to marry in the catholic church) will be held Wednesday.

TALK IT OVER
TIO meets the second Friday of each month in Knox Hall from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Join us as Pastor Paul Clough, minister to single adults at Ward Church will speak about the occult. Free will offering. Coffee/cookies served. Call (248) 374-5920.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES
Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward Church. Ministries Showcase 7:30 p.m. Single Parenting Ministry meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the parlor, room C317 and C319, at the church. A free meal

is served before the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Speakers or open discussion in a friendly, supportive and encouraging atmosphere. Free child care provided; Light-house Cafe, a coffeehouse setting, is offered 7-10 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in Knox Hall. The cost is \$5; all events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

METROPOLITAN SINGLES PROFESSIONALS

The MSP invite you to meet new friends, dance and socialize from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a Top 40 D.J., cash bar and hors d'oeuvres (8-9 p.m.) The ballrooms are non-smoking. Dance will be held Friday, May 26, June 2 and June 23 at Doubletree Guest Suites in Novi (Novi Road at I-96); Friday June 16 at Excaliber Convention Center in Southfield (Northwestern Highway and 12 Mile Road); and Monday, July 3 at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills (13 Mile Road, east of Orchard Lake Road) for \$10 admission. For more information, call (248) 851-9909.

SINGLES WELCOME

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

FUND-RAISING AND BENEFITS

Listings for the Funds & Benefits 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

STROLL FOR EPILEPSY
The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan will host the "Summer

Stroll for Epilepsy" June 3 at Kensington Metropark in Milford. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. with continental breakfast; 9:30 a.m. awards presentation; 9:45 a.m. warm up and stretch routine; and 10 a.m. stroll around the lake. One lap is approximately four miles. Team up with family members friends and co-workers or walk as an individuals with hundreds of other participants. Collect dona-

tions towards your own individual fund-raising goal. For a brochure to start collecting pledges call (800) 377-6226. The more money you raise, the better the prizes; and the more you help.

IN THE MOOD IV
The Gabriel Richard Historical Society hosts In the Mood IV - Latin Night, an evening of dining, entertainment and dancing on Thursday, June 8 at the

Roostertail Club in Detroit. The annual fund-raising event furthers restoration and preservation of Ste. Anne de Detroit, the oldest Catholic parish in Detroit, founded in 1701. Cocktail hour and silent auction begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m., dancing and live auction. \$125 per person (\$65 tax deductible). Black tie optional. Contact (313) 963-1888 for tickets.

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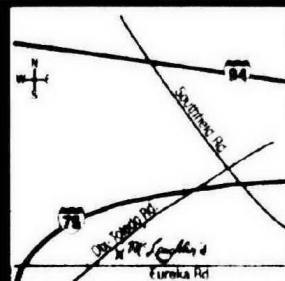
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ENGAGEMENTS AND WEDDINGS

Perry-Flevaris

Charles and Carolyn Perry of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Rose, to Anthony D. Flevaris Jr. The bride-to-be is a Wayne State University graduate and works for Livonia Public Schools as an elementary school teacher. Her fiancé, son of Tony and Carol Flevaris of Farmington Hills, is a University of Michigan graduate and works for Innovex, a pharmaceutical company. A June wedding is planned.



Logsdon-Pistro

James E. and Deborah L. Logsdon of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Lynn, to Robert Pistro of Caro, Mich. The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Northwood University and is employed by Deloitte and Touche. Her fiancé, son of Charles and Sara Pistro of Caro, is a 1999 graduate of Northwood University and is employed by Fabiano Brothers of Saginaw. A September wedding is



planned in Midland.

Emerson-Baynes

Darrel and Joy Emerson of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Joy, to Edward Lee Baynes of Franklin, Tenn. The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1997 graduate of David Lipscomb University in Nashville. She works for the state of Tennessee as a social worker for the Department of Children's Services. Her fiancé, son of John and Joyce Baynes, is a graduate of Franklin High School in Franklin, Tenn. and a graduate of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Academy. He has been on



the Franklin police force for five years. A late August wedding is planned at the Otter Creek Church of Christ in Nashville.

Gustin-Turner

Robert and Nancy Gustin of Plymouth announce the marriage of Kristina Michele to Cameron Charles Turner of Vail, Colorado. The bride is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan. Her husband is the son of Fiona Skinner and Ken Turner of Devon, England. The couple wed April 8 at St. John Neumann Church.



Johnson-Halsted

Scott and Julie Johnson of Plymouth, Minn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Amelia Earhart Johnson, to Brian Charles Halsted of Canton. The bride-to-be is 1996 graduate of Wayzata High School in Minnesota and is a senior studying aviation management at the University of North Dakota. Her fiancé, son of Lee and Lois Halsted of Canton, is a 1995 graduate of Salem High School and is studying air traffic control and space science at the University of North Dakota.



An August wedding is planned at Bethel United Methodist Church in Mound, Minn.

Koester-Bowles

David and Elsie Koester of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Karyn Renee, to Timothy Lee Bowles of Romulus. The bride-to-be is a Henry Ford Community College graduate and works as a critical care nurse for Sinai Grace Hospital. Her fiancé, son of Edward and Judy Ostrowski of Nashville and Franklin Bowles of New Boston, is a 1989 graduate of John Glenn High School and works as an assembly leader at RHM Fluid Power. A November wedding is



planned at St. Paul's American Lutheran Church.

Hollman-Wessel Ten Broeck

Mr. and Mrs. James Edwin Hollman announce the marriage of their daughter, Amy Louise, to Peter Wessel Ten Broeck on May 20 at St. Mary's Church in Ohio. The bride is a 2000 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in accounting information systems. While at the university, she was a cheerleader and member of Alpha Kappa Psi, a co-ed business fraternity. She lives in Ypsilanti. Her husband, son of Kathy Power and Charles Ten Broeck - a Canton resident - is also an



Eastern Michigan University graduate and works as a fifth grade teacher in Belleville.

Dawley-Dodds

Kevin and Sue Dawley of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Ingrid, to Andrew Christopher Dodds of Redford. The bride-to-be is a Spring Arbor College graduate who just obtained a degree in elementary education. Her fiancé, son of James and Sandi Dodds of Michigan Center, is a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University who teaches at Wayne Memorial High School. A June wedding is planned.



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Fry-Eldred

Jim and Teri Fry of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda, to Erik J. Eldred of Kalamazoo. The bride-to-be is a 1994 Plymouth-Canton High School graduate and a 1998 graduate of Hope College. She works for Associated Design Services in Portage. Her fiancé, son of Lynn and Jan Eldred of Kalamazoo, is a 1996 graduate of Hope College and earns a master's degree from Central Michigan University this year. He works for Kalamazoo Public Schools. A July wedding is planned at Henry Ford Estate.



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ANNIVERSARIES

Crute

Ray and Barbara (Tschanz) Crute celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this May. The couple wed May 13, 1950 at Highland Park Baptist Church in Highland Park. The Crute's have been Livonia residents for 42 years. Ray Crute is a 1947 graduate of Henry Ford Trade School and he worked for Ford Motor Company for 45 years. Barbara Crute worked as a private piano teacher and church organist for 30 years. The Crute's have five children and 17 grandchildren. Four of the Crute children, Jennifer McCormick, Kevin Crute, Melinda Risher and Bonnie Philson attended a family dinner party May 5 along with their spouses



and children in honor of the celebration. The couple's eldest child, Darrell Crute, resides in California and was unable to attend. The Crute's enjoy traveling and have just returned from a European cruise.

Leonard

Bob and Mary (Clark) Leonard celebrate fifty years as husband and wife this month. The Farmington Hills couple, who have lived in the area for 39 years, wed June 10, 1950. They have two children, Debbie Schmidt who lives in Livonia with husband Dave, and Rob Leonard who resides in Arvada, Colorado. The Leonards also have three grandchildren. Bob Leonard is retired after working 14 years with General Motors and Mary Leonard was employed by Connecticut General. The couple is very involved in church activities. Mary Leonard volunteered transcribing Braille for a time and now enjoys shopping in her free time. The family will gather to celebrate with a luncheon at Hawthorne Valley Country Club.



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NEW ARRIVALS

■ Steven and Joann Pietryka of Novi announce the birth of Ryan Deogracias April 16 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are Raymond and Linda Pietryka of Livonia and Victor and Narcisa Deogracias of Westland. Mildred Johnson of Wayne is his great-grandmother.
 ■ Keith and Leigh Vaughn of Livonia announce the birth of Owen Brian Vaughn April 27 at St. Mary's Hospital. Grandparents are Dennis and Pat Cole of Garden City and Lora Benson of Indianapolis, Ind. Mary Quinn of Troy counts Owen as number 27 among her great-grandchildren.
 ■ Craig and Lynn Leach of Livonia announce the birth of Nolan James May 5 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. He joins brother Nathaniel Douglas Leach, 22 months. Grandparents are James Dean of Maybee, Mich., Ruth Dean of Monroe, and Cheryl and Doug Leach of Midland. Great-grandparents are Marsha and Don Otway of Midland and Lois and the late Howard Leach of Midland.

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VEGAS PARTY
There will be a Vegas Party from 6 p.m. until midnight Saturday, June 3, at the K of C Hall, 150 Fair St., Plymouth. There will be blackjack, wheels, dice, roulette, food and beverages. For more information, call (734) 453-9833.

CANCER SURVIVORS DAY
St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is planning a variety of activities for area cancer survivors on National Cancer Survivors Day from 2 to 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. 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" from 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 aren't required for the luncheon. Children younger than 8 won't 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.

LAW SCHOOL WORKSHOP
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.

GOLF OUTINGS
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.

MSU ALUMNI CLUB
Michigan State University West Metro Detroit Alumni Club holds its fifth-annual golf outing at 10 a.m. Friday, June 16, at Lakes of Taylor Golf Club, 25505 Northline Road, Taylor. Cost is \$95 for golf, dinner, open bar and prizes; \$90 for those belonging to the Alumni Association; and \$35 for just dinner and cocktails. RSVP by June 5. Proceeds benefit local student scholarships. For more information or to register, call Kim Viculin at (313) 389-1806.

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 scramble 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.

GOLF CLASSIC
The fifth-annual St. Mary Hospital Golf Classic will be held Friday, June 23, at Bay Pointe Golf Club, West Bloomfield, to benefit breast cancer. New this year are two starting times: 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for the 18-hole scramble. Both golfing groups will enjoy breakfast, driving range, buffet or sit-down dinner, locker room facilities and prizes such as a week at a Florida golf resort. LPGA teaching professionals will be on hand for putting and driving clinics. Proceeds for the \$200 per person event are designated for breast cancer treatment, diagnosis and prevention programs at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Corporate sponsorships are available. The outing fills up quickly, so please call early. For more information or to register, call the St. Mary Hospital Foundation at (734) 655-2907.

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 doesn't include T-shirt. Proceeds go to benefit the Girlstown Foundation. For additional information, call Ty Patton at (734) 699-2047.

AROUND TOWN
OPEN HOUSE
Residents may visit 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.msu.edu

Best and brightest



Top students: Five Plymouth-Canton area students were among 200 graduating high school students honored by WXYZ TV-7 in its 21st-annual Brightest and Best public service campaign, a tribute to Michigan high school seniors who have demonstrated excellence in academic and community pursuits. WXYZ recently hosted the seniors on a tour of Broadcast House in Southfield. Local students honored included (from left) Randall Elenbaas (Plymouth Christian Academy) of Canton; Ryan King (Salem High School) of Canton; Luke Williams (Canton High School) of Canton; Amy Lynne Putin (Fairlane Christian Academy, Dearborn Heights) of Canton; and Lauren Pine (Farmington Hills Mercy High School) of Plymouth. WXYZ anchorman Erik Smith poses with the grads.

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.

OPEN HOUSE

The staff of Oakwood's Complementary & Alternative Medicine Program invite the community to tour its facility, meet the physicians and staff and enjoy complimentary refreshments from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at the Oakwood Healthcare Center-North Westland, 36555 Warren Road, Westland. For more information, call (313) 791-1400.

BASKETBALL CAMPS

Madonna University will hold All-Star basketball camps this summer for boys and girls ages 8-15. Camps will be Monday, 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 Monday-Friday, June 26-30. There will be one camp for girls at Fairlane Christian from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. 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 ART CAMPS

D & M Studios present a Summer Art Camp. This year the theme is "Knights of the Roundtable: Medieval Madness." Let your child be transported in time by experiencing art work from the past. They will be creating family shields, castles and much more. Registration for Summer Art Camp is going on now. Camps run from June 19-August 25 and are for students ages 3-16. There are several camps and different hours to choose from. For more information or for registration, call D & M Studio at (734) 453-3710. Classes are held at three locations, 8691 N. Lilley Road in Canton, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth and the Summit at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

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.

CLUB CAN-DO

Nardin Park in Farmington Hills is turning into a clubhouse of Can-Do-Kids this summer and all kids are welcome. At "Club Can-Do: Kids Called to Care," kids will see how children (just like themselves) from the Old and New Testaments fulfilled God's plan in Bible times. Can-Do Kids will learn how they can make a difference in the world around them. Join the club for Can-Do stories, songs, games, crafts, and fun. Club meetings will be held from 9:30 a.m. until noon June 26 through June 30 and at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 29 at Nardin Park Church, 29887 West 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills (just west of Middlebelt). All kids four years old by June, through fifth graders are invited. For more information, call (248) 476-8860.

BICYCLE RIDES

Bike tours throughout the Plymouth community, sponsored by the Plymouth Newcomers, 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 toward 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. Call tour leader, Alan VanKerkhove at (734) 455-9144.

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

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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 \$5 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, Suite 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 additional 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.

CALENDAR FORM

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

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REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 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.

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) 9750-9750 or visit www.berkeleyhigh-reunion1960.homestead.com

BENTLEY HIGH

Class of 1970
30 year reunion, Saturday, Nov. 4.
Please contact Colleen Siembor (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 Reffner (734) 424-4783 or e-mail direff@prodigy.net

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.

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.

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 bjsca@mediaone.net

DENBY

Class of 1952
The January and June classes of 1952 are planning a 50-year reunion Sept. 28, 2002. The organizing committee is interested in contacting grads who have not provided a current address for previous reunions or whose address changed.
Contact Bill Wogan at (248) 646-2178 (lubill111@aol.com) or Gordon Labahn at (734) 676-9712 (boon21@hotmail.com)

DETROIT REDFORD

Class of 1965
A reunion is planned for July 8 (313) 937-3077 OR (734) 427-6047

DETROIT REDFORD

Class of 1950
A reunion is planned for June 10 at the Livonia Holiday Inn
Please contact Lynn Ehrle (734) 459-9488.

DETROIT SOUTHWESTERN

January '40 and '41 classes
Reunion Aug. 27 at the Park Place in Dearborn

Call Pete Rolando at (313) 382-5336, or Lorraine Penny, (734) 427-3829.

Class of 1955

The Class of 1955 also invites classes of 1951 through 1959 for a reunion Saturday, Oct. 28 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland (7300 Merriman Rd.).

For reunion information call (248) 887-9774 or (810) 227-7167.

DOMINICAN HIGH

Class of 1950
The Dominican High School class of 1950 will hold its 50th reunion September 17.
Classmates should contact Sally Bielman Conklin at (248) 652-2423 or e-mail themoms@aol.com.

EASTERN HIGH

Class of 1945
The Eastern High School class of 1945 invites you to celebrate our 55th reunion. Classes from 1940-1950 welcome. The event will take place from 5-11 p.m. Sunday, June 11 at the Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores. All inclusive tickets are \$37 (dinner, band and open bar). Call (313) 884-0174 for information.

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Seeking those who attended Edward MacDowell Elementary (4201 W. Outer Dr., Detroit). To register for Alumni Association that is being organized contact Greater Grace Temple (313) 342-2300.

FARMINGTON

Class of 1950
50th reunion Sept. 15-17, with a dinner at Vladimir's on Sept. 16.
Call Mary for details (248) 474-7822

FARMINGHAM HIGH

Class of 1965
Get ready to party at Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia Sept. 23.
Contact patchitman@aol.com or (734) 522-4487 or (312) 440-1857 Pat Yankovich Whitman.

GARDEN CITY EAST

Classes of 1974 and 1975 are hosting a 25th reunion Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel - Metro Airport.
Contact Barry Harnos (Class of 1974) (734) 416-5583 or Vicky (DeSanto) Clark at (734) 421-5365 (Class of 1975).

GARDEN CITY WEST

Class of 1975 is in the planning stages of a fall 2000 weekend-reunion. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please call Denise Nossek, (248) 474-5006.

GARDEN CITY EAST

Class of 1980 is hosting a 20 year reunion Saturday, Sept. 23 at Doubletree Guest Suites, Southfield.
Call Reunions Made Easy at (248) 360-7004 or e-mail reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

GARDEN CITY HIGH

Class of 1960
Reunion is planned for Sept. 23.
Contact Peter or Jan at (734) 421-1066.

GARDEN CITY

Classes of 1950
A Millennium reunion is planned for the classes of the 1950s Sept. 15-17. Sept. 16 there is a dinner/dance at the Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest from 5 to

midnight. Other activities include a school district reception and tour of the high school, breakfast at the hotel, golf and/or casino trip and more.
Contact Vivian (Jarnot '53) Chamberlain (734) 421-0278; Muriel (Muir '54) Wolff (734) 422-0266; Donna (Bennett '55) Ponte (734) 427-0535; Gloria (Rowden '56) Even (734) 422-7777; Bob ('57) Lepak (734) 261-7152; Willbey ('58) Pistor (734) 261-5193; or Craig ('59) Strain (248) 478-8267.

JOHN GLENN

Class of 1970
Contact Marilyn Ross, (734) 326-8300; Kathy Wedhorn, (248) 637-7686; Larion Thomas, (734) 416-1157; or JGHS, (734) 595-2331.
January Class of 1950
June 4 at the San Marino Club-house.
(313) 345-9104 or (810) 263-8179

JOHN GLENN

Class of 1975
A 25-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 16 at Vladimir's (28125 Grand River, Farmington Hills). Cost is \$45 per person.
Contact Joyce McDonald Pan-yard (734) 260-0620 or e-mail TonyAmorose@aol.com

JOHN F. KENNEDY

Class of 1970
Reunion is planned for Sept. 23.
Contact Jackie (Rehahn) Simons (248) 344-9385 or jlsimons@mediaone.net or call Ken and Susan Renner, (313) 292-5567.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Class of 1990
Is planning a reunion.
Send name, address, telephone number and e-mail address to CHC Class of '90 Reunion, 6609 Salem Road, Plymouth 48170 or by e-mail to hallen72@hotmail.com

LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Class of 1980
A reunion is planned for Saturday, July 22.
Call (734) 464-4523 or e-mail murraytr@northville.k12.mi.us

PLYMOUTH CANTON

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

PLYMOUTH SALEM

Class of 1980
20 year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 2 at the Holiday Inn, Livonia.
Call Reunions Made Easy at (248) 360-7004 or e-mail reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

REDFORD HIGH

Class of 1979
Invites you to celebrate our 20th (plus 5 months) anniversary reunion with a gala party May 27 at the Holiday Inn - Fairlane (5801 Southfield Road in Detroit). Registration begins at 7 p.m. with a cash bar; dinner at 8:15 p.m. and dancing at 9:30 p.m. Holiday Inn reservations can be made (313) 336-3340 (mention the Redford 1979 reunion).
Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636

ROCHESTER ADAMS

Class of 1980
A reunion is planned for Nov. 25

Contact (313) 768-0656 or e-mail leannaroberts@a.com

ST. AGATHA HIGH

Class of 1975
25th year reunion is scheduled for June 24 at Monaghan's Knights of Columbus Hall in Farmington.
Call JoAnne Clements, (248) 437-7193.

ST. MARY OF REDFORD

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

STEVENSON

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

TAYLOR CENTER

Class of 1990
Sept. 20 at the Grecian Center in Southgate.
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Class of 1960-61
Oct. 6 at the Grosse Ile Country Club in Grosse Ile.
(313) 386-6587 (1960) or (734) 671-5278 (1961)

TAYLOR TRUMAN

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(248) 360-7004 or by e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

THURSTON

Class of 1995 - five-year reunion.
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THURSTON

Class of 1980
Looking for classmates from the Class of 1980 20 year reunion scheduled for Friday, Nov. 24
Contact Thurston High School or Patti, (313) 534-7971 or pmsablacan@qdbiz.net or Chris, (248) 288-2214 hcrest4fun@aol.com

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Class of 1960
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Visit our Web site at <http://www.reunion1960.com>

WALLED LAKE WESTERN

Class of 1975
A 25-year reunion is planned from 6:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 24 at Penny's of Sterling (38400 Van Dyke Ave.)
Event includes family style din-

ner, late night pizza, open bar, dancing to DJ music and book of classmate information. Cost is \$60 per person through June 30, \$65 per person through Aug. 15 and \$75 per person through Oct. 15.

Call Terie Spencer at (248) 624-1692 for an information packet or e-mail w1975@yahoo.com and register free at www.classmates.com

WARREN

Class of 1980
A 20-year reunion is planned for July 14 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$60 per person and includes dinner, dancing and open bar. Even will be held at San Marino Club in Troy.
Call Jennifer (Nicholas) Arkwright (248) 922-3757 or Kelly (Biechele) Juronoc (810) 791-3736.

WATERFORD MOTT


Class of 1975
Join the class of 1975 for a reunion Sept. 30 at Springfield Oaks Activity Center.
E-mail paisley42@prodigy.net or call (248) 363-6939.

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Class of 1970
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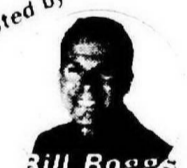


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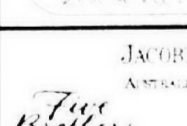


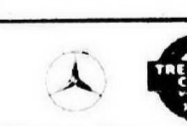
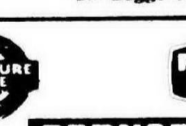

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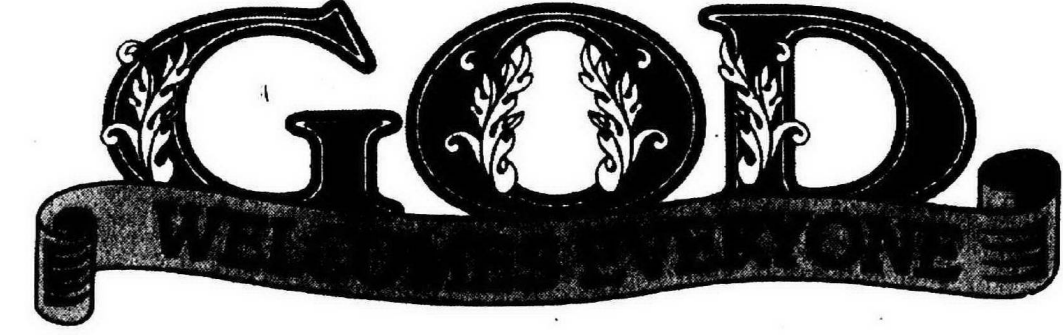
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RELIGIOUS NEWS

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 ENSEMBLE

Grace Baptist Church, 28440 Lyndon in Livonia, will host the Summer Ensemble from Clearwater Christian College of Florida in concert 6 p.m. Sunday, June 4. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call (734) 425-6215.

SUMMER CAMP

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

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT FESTIVAL 2000

Beginning 5 p.m. Friday, June 9, St. Albert the Great's, 4855 Parker in Dearborn Heights, hosts a three-day festival featuring entertainment by Moose and The Sharks, midway rides by Arnold Amusements and a raffle tent. The rev. Dan Zaleski will hold Sunday mass at noon and the activities will resume. Money raised will be donated to the church's building fund. For details, call (313) 292-0430.

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.

BAPTISM ORIENTATION

To prepare for Baptism worship services, Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia, will hold an orientation class 11 a.m. June 4 in the church parlor. Please call (734) 425-3550 for information.

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN

The Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile Road in

Northville, presents Family Outings, a three-act play about relationships, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 and Friday, June 16. Complimentary tickets available, call (248) 348-9030.

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. Pre-register by calling (734) 464-4435. Walk-ins are welcome.

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

St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road in Redford, will hold Vacation Bible

School 9 a.m. to noon June 19-23. Children age 3 through grade six are welcome to attend. The cost is \$5 per child. For more information, call the church office at (313) 534-7730.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Westland Church of the Nazarene, 38600 Palmer Road in Westland, will hold Vacation Bible School 6:30-8 p.m. June 19-23. For more information, call (734) 721-5545.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road in Livonia, will take place 9:30 a.m. to noon June 26-29. Register by June 4 at Fellowship Hall or obtain forms in the church office. Grades 4 to 6 may attend and adult volunteers are needed. The fee is \$6 per child or \$18 per family. Call Debbie Pinnell at (734) 432-0164 or Laura Roulier at (734) 422-1530 for more information.

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 registra-

tion fee. Call Bill and Carol to register (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524. Visit www.rc.net/detroit/wmme

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/Fairlane 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 Dible (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 newlifelc@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 newlifelc@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 and Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Observers welcome. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281. Tai chi is an exercise that works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for persons of all ages and conditions of health.

TAI CHI

New Tai chi session begins at 7:30 p.m. June 12 at Nativity United Church, 9435 Henry Ruff Road in Livonia. Class meets every Monday evening. Tai chi is a holistic health method of self-healing. Instructor is Jeff Smith, who has practiced Tai Chi for 15 years. The cost is \$25 for a six week session and all ages are welcome. Please call (734) 421-5406 for more information or e-mail nativityuss@ameritech.net. Classes are limited to 20 people.

HEALING SERVICE

The Church of the Risen Lord presents a healing service at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the church, 821 N. Newburgh, south of Ford, Westland. The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward." For more information, call the church office at (734) 397-7132.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Garden City Presbyterian Church offers a contemporary worship service at 9:15 a.m. the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the church, 1841 Middlebelt, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, Garden City. The contemporary service offers upbeat music and an informal atmosphere.

REMARRIED GROUP

The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville offers an informal, drop-in support group for those

struggling with the issues of a blended family. The group is hosted by the Rev. Paul Clough and meets 7-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Room C309 of the church, 40000 Six Mile at Haggerty. There is no cost, and registration isn't necessary. For more information, call Stacy Cole at (248) 374-5912.

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, opened a new location at 494 N. Mill, one block north of Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call the store at (734) 459-1250 or e-mail the church at fpcc@juno.com

RITE OF INITIATION

Adults interested in joining the Catholic church are invited to "inquire" at the ongoing Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Theodore of Canterbury Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The process is open to any interested adult including baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation with First Communion and/or Confirmation. For more information, call Lorraine Short, pastoral minister, at (734) 425-4421.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church offers an early childhood program, a day care program for toddlers age 18 months to 3 years. The program is available full or half days Monday through Friday. Children have organized and spontaneous activities - all hands-on and interactive. The program is state-certified and offered at the church, on Farmington Road. For more information, call (734) 513-8413.

HISPANIC CHURCH

The Hispanic Pentecostal Church holds worship 2 p.m. Sundays. Call (248) 471-5282.

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Local area dancers honored

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Their teachers, co-owners of Metro Dance Stephanie Plansker and Jeralyne Feasel recognized their efforts in a graded form of ballet, The Cecchetti Method

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The Metro Dance Company members also attended the West Coast Dance Explosion Convention recently to learn the latest dance steps from professional dancers and choreographers in the video and motion picture industries.

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Soccer champions

•The Canton Cougars under-12 boys premier soccer team captured top honors in the Blue Division at the 18th annual Canton Invitational Soccer Tournament last weekend. The Cougars posted a 5-0 record in sweeping to the title.

The Cougars won their group with a 9-1 victory over the SCSC Stingrays. In the semifinals, the Cougars routed the Dearborn Heights Footers 8-2, then beat the Livonia Wings 3-1 in the title match.

Team members are Victor Ammons, Robert Antich, Sean Cavanaugh, Andrew Ciantar, Alex Duca, Blake Foster, Joe Halewicz, Chris Lidster, Jon Pomorski, Curtis Rose, Drew Ross, Dan Russell, Jeff Skeans, Justin Sheridan, Nick Siekirk and Brad Zonca. The team is managed by Rick Pomorski and coached by Sean Bowers.

•The Canton Blue Oaks, an under-nine boys select soccer team and a member of the Canton Soccer Club, placed first in its division in the recently-completed indoor season at Wixom Total Soccer.

The Blue Oaks were 6-1-1 in the under-nine 8v8 Select Division in the Indoor League last winter. After winning the Sydney Mayfest 2000 Soccer Tournament in Sydney, Ohio, the Blue Oaks ended up with a first-place finish in their under-nine 8v8 Select Division at last weekend's Canton Invitational Soccer Tournament, going 3-0-0 while outscoring opponents 17-7.

Coached by Greg Demopoulos and trained by Bill Joker, team members are James Abraham, Trenton Buycks, Eric Caron, Alex Covert, George Demopoulos, Brian Ebert, Anthony Eisenmann, Mike Eimers, Josh Hurst, Austin Kaczanowski, Joshua Pascarella, Daniel Radosevich, Philip Rolling and Evan Voder.

Top runs

Andy Briggs, a Plymouth Salem HS graduate now a sophomore (freshman eligibility) at Western Michigan University, recorded three of the Broncos' top five times in the 800-meter run this season.

Briggs had the team's best clocking of 1:53.20 at the Notre Dame Quad Meet April 1. He subsequently posted times of 1:55.26 and 1:55.78.

Rollerhockey sign-up

•Today is the deadline to register for an over-30 senior men's rollerhockey league at Skatin' II Station. League play, which last 10 weeks, begins June 8 and continues every Thursday (game times are 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.) through Aug. 10.

Cost is \$110 per person. Mandatory equipment includes helmet, knee and shin pads, elbow pads, gloves and cup. In order to block out a team and have no further players added to that team, you must pay a team fee and submit a roster.

Call (734) 459-6401 for more information.

•A Bantam Division age group rollerhockey league is now being formed at Skatin' II Station. The league will play at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays for seven weeks, from June 27 through Aug. 15. The league is for 9-12 year olds.

League fee is \$85 per person, which includes hockey jersey and all referee fees. Each player MUST attend the evaluation session, scheduled for 5 p.m. June 20, to be placed on a team.

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•Four divisional age group rollerhockey leagues are forming at Skatin' II Station, with league play for Mites (seven-and-under), Squirts (8-9), Bantam (10-12) and Juniors (13-16). Games will be on Fridays and Mondays, beginning June 23 and lasting seven weeks through Aug. 11 and Aug. 14.

Players wishing to participate MUST attend the appropriate evaluation session to be placed on a team. Sessions will be: for seven-and-unders, 4:30 p.m. June 16; for ages 8-9, 5:30 p.m. June 16; for ages 10-12, 5 p.m. June 19; and for ages 13-16, 6:15 p.m. June 19.

Cost is \$85 per person, which includes hockey jersey and all referee fees. Mandatory equipment includes helmet with cage, knee and shin pads, elbow pads, gloves and cup.

Mites and Squirts will play between 4:30-6:30 p.m. Fridays; Juniors will play between 4:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays; and Bantams between 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays.

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Head first: Canton's Amanda Lentz (22) was quite a contributor in the Chiefs' victory, scoring on a header at the start of the second half.

Morrell ignites uprising
as Chiefs blast Churchill

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DISTRICT SOCCER

The midway point of the first half was approaching when Livonia Churchill assistant coach Dave Hebestreit turned around and said to a reporter standing a few feet behind the Chargers' bench, "It's been pretty even so far."

An accurate assessment, considering when it was given. And it pretty much stayed that way until . . .

Lightning struck. Plymouth Canton got all-state forward Anne Morrell back for this first-round state district soccer game and it made a big difference. Morrell scored on a quick set-up with 13:11 left in the first half, then assisted on a second Canton goal to make it 2-0 at halftime. Those two scores set up a

four-goal onslaught in the first 12:20 of the second half, which gave the Chiefs a 7-2 triumph.

Canton takes a 16-1-2 record to the district semifinals against Plymouth Salem, tonight at 6 p.m. at Canton. The winner of that match advances to the district final against the Westland John Glenn-Novis winner, a match that will be played at 6 p.m. tonight at Novi. The district final is 11 a.m. Saturday.

"I was kind of shocked by it," admitted Churchill coach Chad Campau, his team bowing out with an 8-9-1 record. "They're shooting percentage was unbelievable. Our goalie (Jennifer Gabon) didn't even play badly."

Morrell's game-opening goal

was a perfect indication of how quickly things can change. A foul against a Churchill midfielder resulted in a Canton free kick 10 yards into the Chargers' end of the field, a kick Amanda Lentz quickly took.

She got the ball to Morrell on the left side of the field, catching the Churchill defenders ever-so-slightly off-guard. And that's all Morrell needed, powering a shot past Gabon to make it 1-0.

The tide was beginning to rise against Churchill. With 1:49 to play in the half, Morrell took possession of the ball 35 yards away from the Charger goal. With defenders converging, she slipped a pass through to Ashley Rosaen, and she beat Gabon to increase Canton's lead to 2-0.

See DISTRICT SOCCER, C6

What a start!

Canton's Stewart no-hits Falcons in districts

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DISTRICT SOFTBALL

Laura Stewart's near-perfect pitching and timely hitting provided the ideal post-season start for the Plymouth Canton softball team.

The senior right-hander picked a good time to throw her first no-hitter Tuesday in a pre-district game against Farmington.

Stewart's superb pitching and bases-loaded single sparked the Chiefs, who were visitors at their own diamond, to a 7-0 victory over the Falcons.

It wasn't until the sixth inning when Stewart said she became aware of the no-hit bid.

"When we came back in, our third baseman said 'You have a no-hitter, not to jinx it or anything.' I only had one more (inning) to go," Stewart said.

"I haven't thrown one yet, so I always figure there's one (hit) in there somewhere. I've had my one hits and two hits. I've been working for this for a long time."

Stewart, who had seven strikeouts, was just two walks away from pitching a perfect game.

After walking Meghan O'Rear in the first inning, she retired 18 batters in a row until putting Kim Livingston aboard with two out in the seventh.

"I've been really sick, so it felt good to get back in the swing of things and throw really well," Stewart said.

"The drop curve was working real well. They were swinging late, so I stayed with that and the fastball. I stayed with the fast ones, and I stayed on the corner."

A bout with the flu kept Stewart from pitching against arch-rival Plymouth Salem on May 24, and the Chiefs lost a mercy-rule game, 14-1.

She returned to pitch Friday in the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game, but North Farmington was a 9-0 winner over Canton.

"I thought she was extremely on

today," Canton coach Jim Arnold said, adding Stewart was back to 100 percent. "She was having fun today. All her pitches were working, and she seemed to be very relaxed out there."

"The defense played a good game behind her. This is what this team is capable of doing if they're relaxed and they go out there and play ball."

After a rough week, it was a nice turnaround for the Chiefs, who will face North again in a district semifinal game Saturday at Canton.

"Hopefully, this is the start of an uphill climb all the way to the state finals," Arnold said. "We have the athletes to do it. It's just a matter of playing relaxed, having some fun and doing the things we know we can do."

"We need to play this well Saturday. North Farmington has beaten us twice; hopefully, the third time will be the charm."

The Chiefs (20-11) gave Stewart all the support she needed with a four-run first inning, and Stewart helped her cause with what proved to be the game-winning hit.

A leadoff walk to Paula McKernan and back-to-back singles by Michelle Devos and Jonelle Brown loaded the bases for Stewart, who delivered a two-run single.

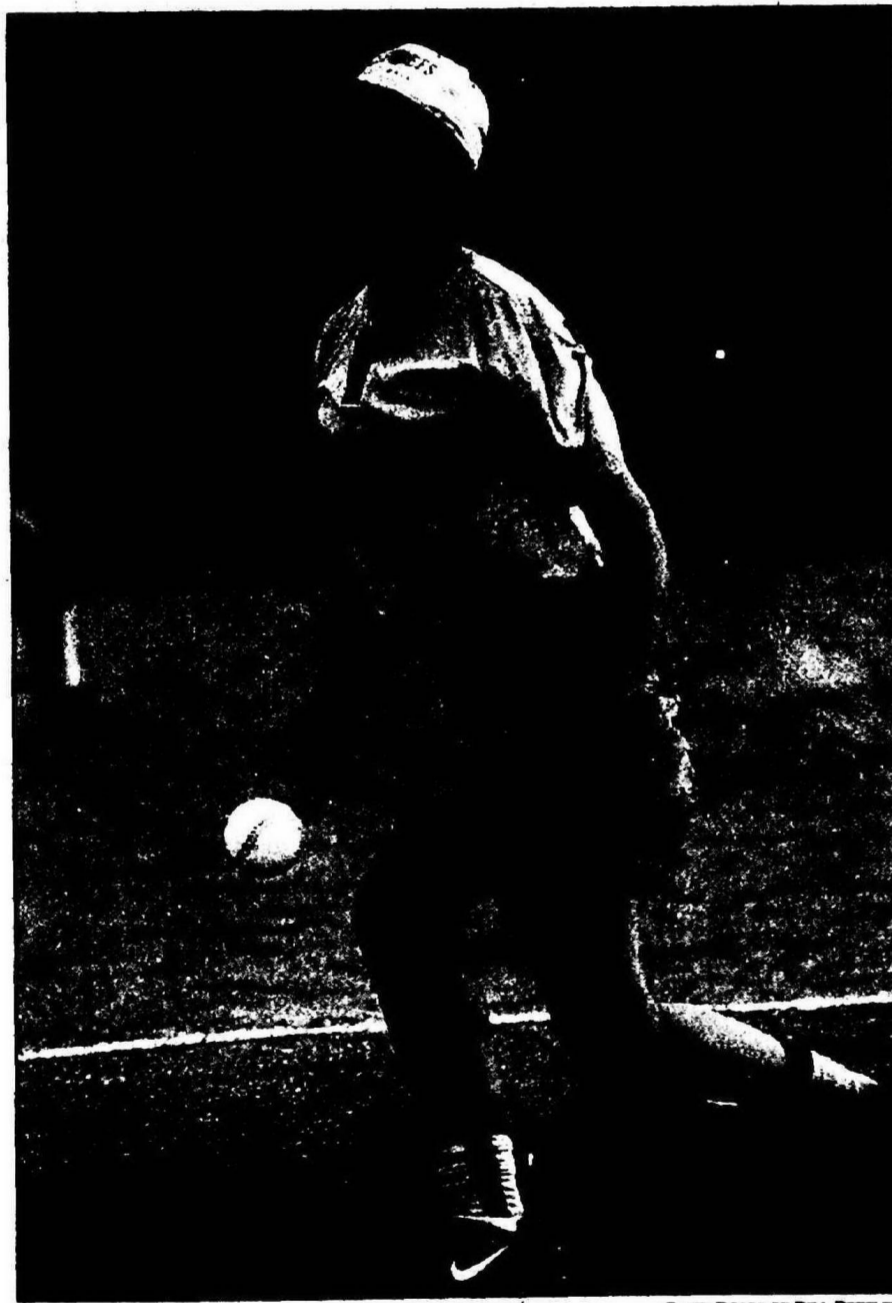
"She's been our No. 4 hitter all year," Arnold said. "She makes good contact with the ball and hits with a little power, too."

Brown scored on Jenna Perino's groundout, and Stewart made it 4-0 on a double steal after a walk to Christina Kiessel.

"We haven't been able to score (in previous games)," Stewart said. "We have the record for extra innings, so scoring in the first inning makes it a lot nicer and easier for me."

"I always worry when we're the visiting team against a good team like

Please see SOFTBALL, C6



Nearly perfect: Laura Stewart couldn't have started the state tournament better, tossing a no-hit shutout at Farmington — the team that eliminated Canton's highly-rated team last year.

Chiefs mercy Farmington

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DISTRICT BASEBALL

Half of Tuesday's pre-district tournament baseball qualifier between Farmington and host Plymouth Canton was ugly.

Unfortunately for the Falcons, that half of the game was all theirs.

Five errors in the first inning led to two runs for the Chiefs, and it never got better for Farmington, which bowed out with an 11-1, five-inning mercy-rule thumping.

Canton, now 21-8, advances to Saturday's district tournament co-hosted by Canton and Salem. The Chiefs meet North Farmington at 11 a.m. at Canton's field, while Salem plays Livonia Stevenson at 11 a.m. at Salem. The championship will be at approximately 1:30 p.m. at Canton.

"I was hoping you didn't come to this game," said Farmington coach Pete Finn, his team exiting with a 17-

11 record. "This was our worst game of the year."

"We weren't really mentally in it. I can't explain it — it was a tough day to be a coach. We were in one mercy situation all year."

Figuring out the difference in this game wouldn't be too tough. The Falcons committed nine errors, while Canton made one.

Combine that with the pitching of Chiefs' ace Jon Johnson, and you can't lose. Johnson surrendered just three hits and did not walk a batter, striking out five in five innings.

"He did a pretty good job," said Canton coach Scott Dickey of Johnson's performance. "He's been our ace all year. He had a couple of tough losses to Farmington Harrison, but he pitched well."

"He not only throws hard, but he only walked 10 batters going into this game."

Ian Pardonnet took the loss for Farmington. He lasted 1 2/3 innings, giving up seven runs (all unearned) on five hits and no walks, striking out one.

Canton's first two runs were the result of a bad throw by third baseman Bob Houchins on lead-off batter Bryan Kay's grounder and a perfect bunt single by Jim Reddy. Kay moved to third on Oliver Wolcott's fly to center and then Pardonnet tried to pick off Reddy at first with Johnson batting.

But Pardonnet's throw went into right field. Kay scored, and when the throw to third to try and get Reddy eluded Houchins, Reddy scored, too.

Jason Evans opened Canton's second inning with a single, a throwing

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In safety: Canton's Jim Wisniewski reaches third ahead of the tag.

Salem has the talent to finish with the best at Division I state meet

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This kind of tune-up has come in handy in the past for Plymouth Salem's girls track team. The Meet of Champions, hosted by Ann Arbor Pioneer and run at Ypsilanti HS, doesn't keep team scores but allows only those who have reached qualifying standards.

Such a meet, Salem girls track coach Mark Gregor feels, is beneficial. "That's what we're hoping," he said. "We've been going to this meet for the last 10 or 12 years, and it really helps the girls get back on track after the Memorial Day break."

Tiffany Grubaugh wasn't her normally dominating self at the meet, although she did finish second in the shot put (39-feet, 9-inches) and third in the discus (119-2). But she wasn't last year, either, when she went on to win the discus and finish third in the shot at state meet.

Autumn Hicks turned in some very solid performances, placing second in the 400-meter run (59.1) and fourth in the high jump (5-0). She also combined with Brynne DeNeen, Aisha Chappell and Rachel Jones for a second in the 4x400 relay (4:06.4) and with Michelle

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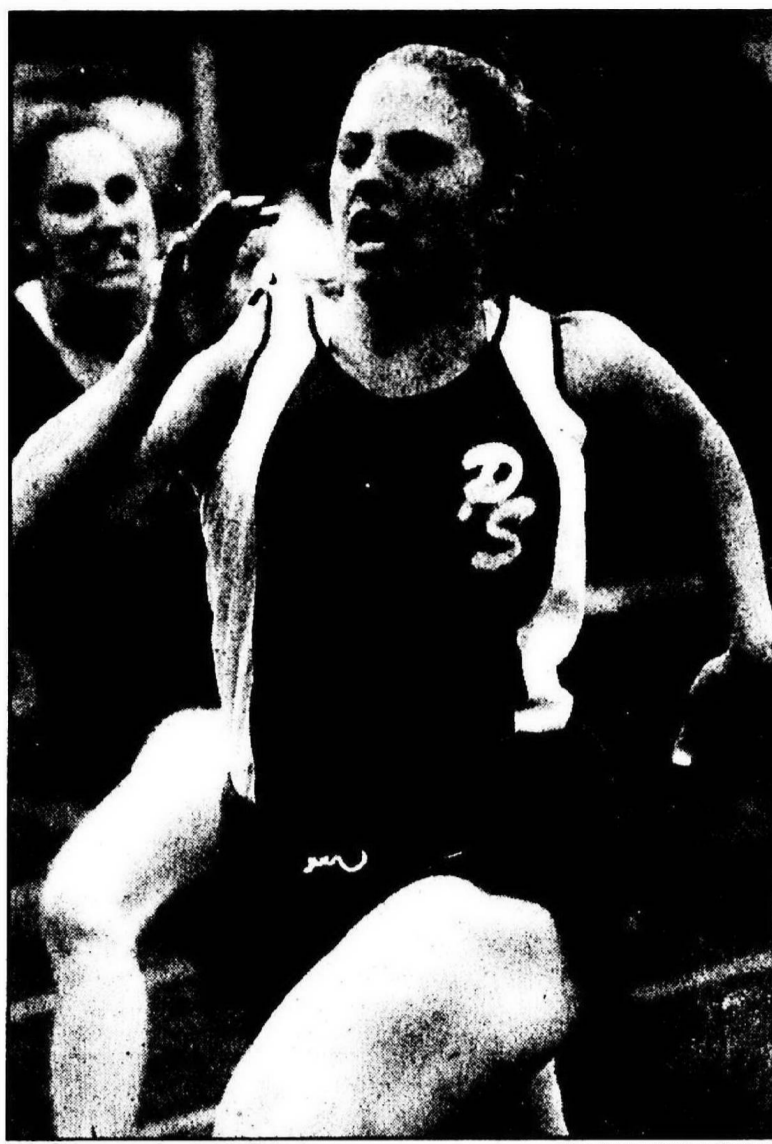
Bonior, DeNeen and Jones for a third in the 4x200 (1:47.1). Bonior, Susan Woodard, Jessica Shamberger and Jones were also third in the 4x100 (51.0). Other good outings came from DeNeen, third in the long jump (15-8 1/2); Chappell, third in the high jump (5-0) and sixth in the 100 hurdles (15.9); Bonior, sixth in the 100 (12.9); and Jones, sixth in the 200 (26.4).

Now comes Saturday's Division I state final at Rockford. Just how high Salem finishes could come down to a number of factors.

"We're shooting for a top-10 placing," said Gregor. "We have to score between 16 and 25 points. The potential is there to do that. We have some good seeds."

Grubaugh could provide quite a few of those points, if she can even match last year's performance. "Tiffany's right up there," said Gregor. "Competition gets her excited. She's got a great chance in the discus and shot."

Salem's 4x200 relay is seeded fourth and its 4x100 relay is eighth, two other events in which there is a strong possibility of scoring points. Also, the Rocks are solid in the high jump,



Top sprinter: Salem's Michelle Bonior is one of the Rocks' best sprinters. She figures to run on a pair of relays at Saturday's state meet.

the long jump and the 100 hurdles. A couple of breaks combined with determined efforts could push Salem above — perhaps beyond — Gregor's goal.

Canton gets ready for state meet with strong showings

BOYS TRACK

The meet-up in the Division I boys track meet has been happening at Plymouth Canton. The Meet of Champions, hosted by Ann Arbor Pioneer and run at Ypsilanti HS, doesn't keep team scores but allows only those who have reached qualifying standards.

On Tuesday at the Meet of Champions at Ypsilanti HS, hosted by Ann Arbor Pioneer, the Chiefs came away with two firsts and three seconds.

It should all add up to something special for Canton at Saturday's state meet in Rockford.

"We've got a chance to score some points," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "Finishing in the top 10 isn't unreasonable."

Canton has four individuals qualified in a total of six events, but only three of them will compete. Ugo Okwumabua qualified for regionals in the long jump, but on his last jump at the region he injured his knee.

The Chiefs' other individual qualifiers are Jordan Chapman in the high jump and pole vault, Jerry Gaines in the 400-meter and 800-meter runs and Chris Kalis in the high jump.

All three have an excellent chance of scoring points at state. Chapman has been clearing 6-foot-5 in the high jump consistently all season, an effort Richardson feels would put him in with the leaders at state.

Gaines' best time in the 400 — 49.5 — has him seeded second in the state. And Kalis has also cleared 6-5 in the high jump.

Richardson was also hoping to "grab a point or two" from his relay qualifiers, the 4x200 team of Gaines, K.J. Singh, Jamie Bonner and Mike Parker, and the 4x400 team of Gaines, Singh, Bonner and Jack Tucci.

"A top-10 finish is wishful," he said. On Saturday at the six-team state team finals, the Chiefs came away with five first-place finishes. The meet was run like a six-team dual meet, with each team entering three athletes in each event, with all entrants scoring points.

Rockford won the meet with 1,311.5 points; Canton was next with 1,062.5, followed by Novi (1,044.5), Saline (944.5), North Farmington (806) and Detroit MacKenzie (298).

"It was an exciting day," said Richardson. "Hopefully, we'll

be able to do it again next year." Chapman doubled up his first places, winning both the high jump (6-2) and pole vault (13-7). He also placed fourth in the long jump (19-4).

Kalis also excelled, winning the 110 hurdles (15.5), placing second in the high jump (6-0) and taking sixth in the 300 hurdles (49.2).

Gaines finished first in the 400 (50.5) and was fourth in the high jump (6-6), and the 4x200 relay team of Singh, Nate Howe, Tucci and Parker was a winner as well (1:31.9).

Indeed, three of the Chiefs' relays were superb. Kalis, Howe, Gary Lee and Parker combined for a second in the 4x100 (44.7), and Tucci, Ricky Singh, K.J. Singh and Gaines were second in the 4x400 (3:28.9).

Other impressive individual performances came from Asa Hensley, who was third in both the shot put (44-10 1/2) and discus (132-2); from Parker, with a third in the 100 (11.6) and a fourth in the 200 (23.5); from Tucci, who was third in the 400 (51.9); and from K.J. Singh, who was fourth in the 100 (11.7).

At Tuesday's Meet of Champions, in which no team scores were kept and all individuals had to make qualifying standards, there were a couple of impressive Canton performances — the most notable coming from Gaines in the 800. He took second in 1:57.8, breaking the Canton school record of 1:58.3 set by Mike Potter in 1975.

Kalis sparked in three events, winning the 110 hurdles (15.5), placing second in the 300 hurdles (49.2 — a season's best time) and taking third in the high jump (6-4).

Chapman was also a winner, capturing top honors in the pole vault (18-6). In addition, he took a second in the high jump (6-5) and a fourth in the long jump (19-7 3/4).

Other thirds went to Ken Page in the long jump (19-8 1/2) and Scott Gillen in the 1,600 (4:41.4), and the 4x400 relay team of Tucci, Ricky Singh, K.J. Singh and Gaines (3:29.2).

Fourths went to the 4x800 relay foursome of Brian Page, Aaron Schmidt, Marty Kane and Tony Mize (8:33.2) and the 4x200 team of K.J. Singh, Howe, Gaines and Parker (1:32.3).

Finishing fifth were Jamie Bonner in the 100 (11.8); Tucci in the 400 (52.0); K.J. Singh in the 200 (23.0); and Bonner, Howe, Lee and Parker in the 4x100 relay (44.3).

Lutheran Westland places 3rd in Metro

Lutheran High School Westland placed third Saturday in the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association Division IV girls team track meet at Bath.

Reading won the meet with 984 points while Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary finished

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second at 871. Lutheran High Westland had 865, host Bath finished with 833.5 and Traverse City St. Francis had 800.5.

Karen Abramczyk was one of

the Warriors' two winners, taking the high jump with a jump of 4-feet, 11-inches. The other was Jen Dash, who captured the discus with a throw of 95-feet even.

Tess Kuehne was second in both the 800 and 1,600 runs, clocking 2:29.9 in the former and 5:35.0 in the latter. Kuehne ran third in the 3,200 with a time of 12:08.5.

Dash was 14th in the shot put at 27-feet, one-quarter inch.

Anna Rolf took a pair of thirds, clocking 16.6 in the 100 hurdles and 49.4 in the 300 hurdles.

METRO CONFERENCE GIRLS TRACK MEET

May 23 at Lutheran North
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran Westland, 171 points; 2. Macomb Lutheran North, 94; 3. Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett, 83; 4. Bloomfield Hills Kingswood, 80; 5. Harper Woods Lutheran East, 55; 6. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 22; 7. Harper Woods, 13; 8. Livonia Clarenceville, 7; 9. Hamtramck, 0.
AREA FINAL RESULTS
High Jump: 1. Karen Abramczyk (LW) 4-10; 3. (tie) Amanda Sales (LW), 4-8; 5. Sarah Vetting (LW), 4-6; long jump: 1. Anna Rolf (LW), 14-6; 2. Vetting (LW), 14-0; 3. Gabbie Ben-

nett (Cville), 13-11.5; 4. Jodi Rolf (LW), 13-8 1/2; shot put: 4. Jennifer Dash (LW), 28-10.5; 6. Carly Higgins (LW), 27-10 1/2; discus: 1. Dash (LW), 96-0; 4. Higgins (LW), 83-11; pole vault: 1. Kelly Clark (LW), 7-6 (new meet record); 3. (tie) A. Rolf (LW), 7-0; 3,200-meter relay: 2. Lutheran Westland, 10:35.0; 100 hurdles: 2. A. Rolf (LW), 16-9; 6. Bennett (Cville), 21-8; 100 dash: 3. Chelsea Romero (LW), 13-3; 800 relay: 3. Lutheran Westland, 1:59.6; 1,600: 1. Tess Kuehne (LW), 5:38.0; 400 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Romero, Vetting, Abramczyk, Loomis), 54-3; 300 hurdles: 2. A. Rolf (LW), 50-5; 5. J. Rolf (LW), 55-9; 800: 2. Erin Jung (LW), 2:34.2; 4. Jessica Montgomery (LW), 2:40.7; 5. Mary Eberick (LW), 2:47.3; 200: 2. Romero (LW), 27-8; 3,200: 1. Kuehne (LW), 12:30.0; 1,600 relay: 2. Lutheran Westland, 4:23.0
Final conference standings: 1. Lutheran Westland, 9-0; 2. Lutheran North, 7-7; 3. Kingswood, 6-7; 4. Liggett, 6-2; 5. Lutheran East, 5-2; 6. Lutheran Northwest, 3-7; 7. Clarenceville, 2-7; 8. Harper Woods, 2-5; 9. Hamtramck, 1-0.
Dual meet standings: 1. Lutheran Westland, 8-0; 2. (tie) Lutheran North and Kingswood, 6-2 each; 4. (tie) Liggett and Lutheran East, 5-3 each; 6. (tie) Lutheran Northwest and Clarenceville, 2-6 each; 8. Harper Woods, 1-7; 9. Hamtramck, 0-4.

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 Mike Morris (Redford CC) 53.11
 Mike Gaura (Churchill) 53.6
 Mark Snyder (Salem) 50.9 1/2
 Nate Meckes (Luth. Westland) 48
 Nate Hensman (Franklin) 48
 Asa Hensley (Canton) 45.10
 Josh Meckes (Luth. Westland) 45.8
 Dave Boucher (Salem) 45.4
 Jeff Swinger (N. Farmington) 45.1
 Nick Hall (Harrison) 44.5
- DISCUS**
 Mike Morris (Redford CC) 151.8
 Charlie Rozum (Redford CC) 148.7
 Nate Meckes (Lutheran Westland) 145.1
 Brad Person (Harrison) 144.7
 Mark Snyder (Salem) 142.5
 Jeff Dueueke (Redford CC) 141.5
 Andrew Ribar (Churchill) 140.6
 Nate Hensman (Franklin) 139.10
 Rory Crittenden (Farmington) 138.7
 Ben Lukas (Farmington) 134.11
- HIGH JUMP**
 Jordan Chapman (Canton) 6.6
 Chris Kalis (Canton) 6.5
 Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 6.5
 Layne Bodily (Farmington) 6.4

- Jerry Gaines (Canton) 6.2
 Brad Tucker (Harrison) 6.2
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 Dave Painter (Franklin) 6.0
 Joe Damen (Redford Union) 6.0
 Dave Brown (Redford Union) 6.0
- LONG JUMP**
 Eric Scott (Churchill) 21
 Gabe Coble (Salem) 21.3/4
 Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 21.0
 Kwame Hampton (Wayne) 20.6
 Tom Grant (Redford CC) 20.3
 Jordan Chapman (Canton) 20.2
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 Ken Page (Canton) 20.1
 Mark Snyder (Salem) 19.11
 Jawoin Sprinks (Farmington) 19.11
- POLE VAULT**
 Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 14.2
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 Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 13.0
 Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 12.6
 Shannon Simon (Garden City) 12.0
 Kevin Peterman (Churchill) 12.0
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 Joe Reilly (John Glenn) 11.0
 Chris Duncan (N. Farmington) 11.0
 Jim Bruch (Salem) 11.0
 Ryan Noel (Luth. Westland) 11.0
- 110-METER HURDLES**
 Nick Hall (Harrison) 14.4
 Brian Jones (Stevenson) 14.6
 Ben Lukas (Farmington) 14.7
 Chris Kalis (Canton) 14.8
 Brant Hauck (Churchill) 14.8
 Kwame Hampton (Wayne) 15.1
 Dave Brown (Redford Union) 15.1
 Dennis Kusiak (Franklin) 15.2
 James Cook (Harrison) 15.3
 Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 15.5
- 300-METER HURDLES**
 Nick Hall (Harrison) 39.3
 Chris Kalis (Canton) 40.2
 Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 40.4
 Kyle Meteyer (N. Farmington) 40.5
 Dave Brown (Redford Union) 41.1
 Brant Hauck (Churchill) 41.1
 James Cook (Harrison) 41.7
 Rob Showalter (Salem) 42.2
 Nick Doherty (Luth. Westland) 42.2
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 Tom Grant (Redford CC) 42.3

- 100-METER DASH**
 Mike Clark (Lutheran Westland) 10.9
 Darryl Anglin (Borgess) 10.9
 Marcus Woods (Harrison) 10.9
 Kevin Woods (Harrison) 11.0
 Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 11.1
 Jamie Bonner (Canton) 11.1
 Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 11.1
 K. J. Singh (Canton) 11.1
 Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 11.2
 Pat Johnson (Salem) 11.2
 Rob Gentry (John Glenn) 11.2
 Mike Macek (Redford Union) 11.2
- 200-METER DASH**
 Agim Shabaj (Harrison) 22.1
 Kevin Woods (Harrison) 22.4
 Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 22.5
 Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 22.6
 Darryl Anglin (Borgess) 22.9
 Todd Anthony (Farmington) 22.9
 Mike Clark (Luth. Westland) 23.0
 K. J. Singh (Canton) 23.0
 Mark Ostach (Farmington) 23.1
 Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 23.1
- 400-METER DASH**
 Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 48.7
 Jerry Gaines (Canton) 49.5
 Kevin Schneider (Franklin) 50.2
 Terrell Mayberry (Harrison) 50.8
 Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 50.9
 Nick Soper (Stevenson) 51.4

- Gabe Coble (Salem) 51.5
 Jack Tucci (Canton) 51.7
 Darryl Anglin (Borgess) 52.5
 Paul Karoliak (Churchill) 52.7
 Matt Markowicz (Redford CC) 52.7
- 800-METER RUN**
 Jerry Gaines (Canton) 1:57.8
 Gabe Coble (Salem) 1:58.0
 Ryan Gall (Churchill) 1:59.1
 Brad Carroll (Stevenson) 2:00.5
 Jason Scarborough (Harrison) 2:00.5
 Steve Keskemeti (Stevenson) 2:01.0
 Jeff Haller (Redford CC) 2:01.3
 Brian Horr (N. Farmington) 2:02.2
 Charlie Stambouljan (N. Farmington) 2:02.4
 Robert Tymowski (Redford CC) 2:03.5
- 1,600-METER RUN**
 Charlie Stambouljan (N. Farmington) 4:23.1
 Matt Daly (Redford CC) 4:26.0
 Brian Klotz (Franklin) 4:29.4
 Jason Richmond (Churchill) 4:29.7
 Donnie Warner (Salem) 4:29.9
 John DiGiovanni (Redford CC) 4:32.6
 Phil Johnson (Churchill) 4:34.5
 Manvir Gill (Salem) 4:34.7
 Ryan Lowry (Redford CC) 4:36.6
 Brian Coates (Harrison) 4:40.1
- 3,200-METER RUN**
 Matt Daly (Redford CC) 9:33.8
 Jason Richmond (Churchill) 9:45.9
 Dan Krawiec (Redford CC) 9:58.0

- Eric Travis (Stevenson) 9:59.2
 Steve Stewart (Franklin) 10:03.4
 John Krawiec (Redford CC) 10:04.8
 Donnie Warner (Salem) 10:11.8
 Pat Lockhart (Farmington) 10:18.2
 Matt Isner (Stevenson) 10:21.0
 Chris Tobe (Farmington) 10:21.5
- 400-METER RELAY**
 Farmington Harrison 42.9
 Farmington 43.1
 Redford Bishop Borgess 43.7
 Plymouth Canton 44.2
 Livonia Stevenson 44.5
- 800-METER RELAY**
 Farmington Harrison 1:29.0
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 North Farmington 1:30.5
 Plymouth Canton 1:30.8
- 1,600-METER RELAY**
 Farmington Harrison 3:26.8
 Livonia Franklin 3:27.0
 North Farmington 3:27.1
 Plymouth Canton 3:27.9
 Livonia Stevenson 3:28.5
- 3,200-METER RELAY**
 Livonia Stevenson 8:04.5
 Redford Catholic Central 8:13.6
 Plymouth Salem 8:18.6
 North Farmington 8:20.5
 Plymouth Canton 8:22.6

BEST GIRLS TRACK PERFORMANCES

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- SHOT PUT**
 Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 40.9 1/2
 Judy Telford (Mercy) 38.3
 Tasha O'Neal (N. Farmington) 36.10
 Lisa Balco (Franklin) 36.2
 Marin Jacoby (Churchill) 34.8
 Michelle Bonior (Salem) 33.3
 Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 32.0
 Jenny Hefner (Churchill) 32.0
 Gaybriel Newton (Harrison) 31.10
 Christen Jury (Ladywood) 31.9
- DISCUS**
 Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 143.6
 Judy Telford (Mercy) 126.7
 Jenny Hefner (Churchill) 122.1
 Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 109.0
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 Susan Hand (N. Farmington) 106.4
 Debby Chen (N. Farmington) 105.0
 Jen Dash (Lutheran Westland) 103.4
 Miranda White (Salem) 101.8
 Julie Yambasky (Stevenson) 101.1
- HIGH JUMP**
 Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 5.5
 Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 5.3
 Amy Driscoll (Canton) 5.2
 Andrea Polasky (Stevenson) 5.2
 Aisha Chappell (Salem) 5.1
 Autumn Hicks (Salem) 5.1
 Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 5.1
 Erin Szura (Garden City) 5.1
 Krystal Dennis (St. Agatha) 5.0
 Felicia Barnett (John Glenn) 5.0
 Karen Abramczyk (Luth. Westland) 5.0
- LONG JUMP**
 Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 17.1/2
 Amy Driscoll (Canton) 16.7
 Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 16.6
 Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 16.5
 Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 16.2
 Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 16.2
 Tara Tarole (Stevenson) 15.11
 LaTasha Chandler (John Glenn) 15.10
 Heather Vargo (Ply. Christian) 15.8
 Karen Kuszynski (Ladywood) 15.7
- POLE VAULT**
 Kim Wise (Garden City) 10.4
 Amy Driscoll (Canton) 10.0
 Kari Cezat (Churchill) 9.7 1/2
 Janie Peterman (Churchill) 9.6
 Andrea McMillan (Franklin) 9.3
 Lauren Turner (N. Farmington) 8.6
 Nicole Simoman (John Glenn) 8.6
 Julietta Iarina (Harrison) 8.6
 Jenny Jedick (Salem) 8.6
 Abby Schrader (Stevenson) 8.0
 Kristen Schilk (Canton) 8.0
- 100-METER HURDLES**
 LaTasha Chandler (John Glenn) 14.9
 Aisha Chappell (Salem) 15.5
 Kristel Stricker (Farmington) 15.5
 Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 16.0
 Cassie Ehiendt (Stevenson) 16.3
 Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 16.4
 Valerie Brown (Salem) 16.4
 Anna Rolf (Lutheran Westland) 16.5
 Erin Luzura (Redford Union) 16.5
 Lisa Rosemary (Harrison) 16.7
- 300-METER HURDLES**
 Cassie Ehiendt (Stevenson) 47.5
 Kristel Stricker (Farmington) 47.8
 Aisha Chappell (Salem) 48.1
 Valerie Brown (Salem) 48.7
 Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 48.7
 Anna Rolf (Lutheran Westland) 49.4
 Colleen Bosman (Stevenson) 49.8
 Sharia Felton (Redford Union) 50.0
 Danielle Miller (Farmington) 51.1
 Mandy Heim (Churchill) 51.5
- 100-METER DASH**
 Rachel Jones (Salem) 12.4
 Brianna Watson (Ladywood) 12.6
 Michelle Bonior (Salem) 12.6

- Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 12.7
 Angela Mikkelsen (Stevenson) 12.7
 Meredith Fox (Canton) 12.9
 Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 12.9
 Theresa Chemenkoff (Stevenson) 13.0
 Sharia Felton (Redford Union) 13.0
 Celina Davis (Salem) 13.0
- 200-METER DASH**
 Rachel Jones (Salem) 25.8
 Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 26.3
 Autumn Hicks (Salem) 26.5
 Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 26.5
 Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 26.9
 Kelly Carey (Ladywood) 27.3
 Brianna Watson (Ladywood) 27.3
 Theresa Chemenkoff (Stevenson) 27.4
 Sharia Felton (Redford Union) 27.5
 Celina Davis (Salem) 27.6
- 400-METER DASH**
 Autumn Hicks (Salem) 59.1
 Rachel Jones (Salem) 1:00.2
 Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 1:00.2
 Meredith Fox (Canton) 1:00.7
 Dominique Whitner (Borgess) 1:01.0
 Rita Malec (Franklin) 1:01.8
 Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 1:01.9
 Erin Mazzoni (Stevenson) 1:02.2
 Laura Glynn (Harrison) 1:02.7
 Tekla Bude (Canton) 1:03.1
- 800-METER RUN**
 Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 2:25.8
 Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 2:26.8
 Andrea Doud (Ladywood) 2:29.0
 Tess Kuehne (Luth. Westland) 2:29.9
 Michelle Phillips (Churchill) 2:30.6
 Rachel Wodyka (Churchill) 2:31.0
 Erica Johnson (Franklin) 2:31.2
 Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 2:31.7
 Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 2:31.8
 Tessa Tarole (Stevenson) 2:31.9
- 1,600-METER RUN**
 Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 5:19.5
 Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 5:23.4
 Tessa Tarole (Stevenson) 5:26.2
 Susan Duncan (Churchill) 5:27.0
 Holly Stockton (N. Farmington) 5:34.5
 Tess Kuehne (Luth. Westland) 5:35.0
 Tara Tarole (Stevenson) 5:36.2
 Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 5:36.4
 Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 5:36.6
 Sarah McCormack (Canton) 5:38.8
- 3,200-METER RUN**
 Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 11:45.8
 Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 12:05.5
 Susan Duncan (Churchill) 12:06.5
 Tess Kuehne (Luth. Westland) 12:08.5
 Sara Pilon (Stevenson) 12:17.4
 Mary Maloney (Canton) 12:19.5
 Kim Woods (Salem) 12:22.2
 Anna Plagany (Ladywood) 12:29.6
 Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 12:42.1
 Tessa Tarole (Stevenson) 12:43.1
- 400-METER RELAY**
 Plymouth Salem 49.9
 Westland John Glenn 52.0
 Livonia Ladywood 52.0
 Farmington Hills Mercy 52.5
 Livonia Stevenson 52.8
- 800-METER RELAY**
 Plymouth Salem 1:45.5
 Westland John Glenn 1:49.1
 Livonia Stevenson 1:49.4
 Livonia Ladywood 1:50.7
 North Farmington 1:50.8
- 1,600-METER RELAY**
 Plymouth Salem 4:06.4
 Plymouth Canton 4:12.8
 Livonia Stevenson 4:19.3
 Farmington Harrison 4:22.1
 Lutheran Westland 4:23.0
- 3,200-METER RELAY**
 Livonia Stevenson 9:48.0
 Livonia Churchill 10:04.8
 Plymouth Salem 10:14.7
 North Farmington 10:14.8
 Livonia Ladywood 10:20.2

HOCKEY ROUNDUP

PCHA signup, sale
 The Plymouth Canton Hockey Association will accept applications for open membership for the fall 2000-2001 hockey season and hold a used equipment sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, June 11 in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

To apply for membership for the 2000-2001 hockey season in the mini-mite instructional program a child must be at least 4-years-old by June 30, 2000 but not older than 8 by Dec. 31, 2000. To apply for a team a child must be age 6 by June 30, 2000. City of Plymouth, Plymouth

Township and Canton Township residents must bring a picture identification and proof of residency (current utility bill).

The PCHA retains 15 percent of sold items in the used hockey equipment sale. Pricing of items will be done between 9-10 a.m. Unsold items must be picked up no later than 1 p.m. on June 11. Unclaimed items will become property of the PCHA.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup must send them to sports@cs.cj.risak.com or mail them to 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia, MI 48150 or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

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No easy road, but Taormina's back in Olympics



BRAD EMONS

One thing I'll always remember from the 13 years I worked on the scoring table for the Detroit Pistons are the pregame introductions.

"And now, introducing some of the world's greatest athletes," public address announcer Ken Calvert would blurt out before each and every game.

Yes, maybe when you're talking M.J., Dr. J or the Mailman, but a majority of those multimillionaires don't compare to what I witnessed Saturday on the sweltering streets of Las Colinas, Texas.

With the humidity above 70 percent and temperatures climbing to near 90 in suburban Dallas, the U.S. Olympic Trials for the women's triathlon was painful, but also exciting to

watch.

Good NBA players sweat for 48 minutes, but triathletes go full tilt for over 2 hours.

I've tested my own human limits for over four hours in a marathon, but what these athletes go through at the Olympic distance — 1,500-meter swim (nearly a mile), 24.8-mile bike and 10K run (6.2 miles) — and doing it at such a breakneck pace, is nothing short of astounding.

Sixteen months ago Olympic gold medal swimmer Sheila Taormina of Livonia didn't have a clue what the triathlon was all about. It all started almost as a lark, a July 4, 1998 Splash-and-Dash race at Whitmore Lake.

Today, the 31-year-old Taormina is headed for the Olympics again in Sydney, Australia, a wire-to-wire winner of the Trials in 2:05:27.

But as she garnered one of the three available U.S. team spots, Taormina had to learn a complicated and technical sport in a

hurry.

And she certainly took her share of lumps along the way — suffering hypothermia on swims, crashing her bike (more than once) and experiencing severe dehydration on two of her runs.

In the Pan American Trials in April of 1999 held in St. Petersburg, Fla., Taormina's circuit board got so overloaded that she collapsed less 400 meters from the finish and wound up in the medical tent taking not one, but two IVs.

Then, there was Taormina's two-month bout early last summer with a muscle disorder called rhabdomyolysis, where she couldn't get out of bed for days.

What a fun sport. Kind of like shooting free throws in a hostile environment, right?

Let's face it NBA fans, when Kobe or Shaq get winded or tired, in comes Spiderman or Robert Horry to give them a breather.

In the triathlon, there is nobody available off the bench.

With the exception of some much needed cloud cover, I'd call the conditions last Saturday in Dallas "questionable."

Undaunted, Taormina was in good spirits Friday prior to the race.

She knew the water in Lake Carolyn was going to be warm,

and to her liking.

"Eighty degrees, just like the Stevenson (High School) pool," she said with a gleam in her eye.

Taormina came out of the water first in 18:54 with the No. 1-ranked American Barb Lindquist on her tail.

The two worked magnificently on the bike, putting time on the chase pack of 12 riders (who failed to work in sync as far as pulling and drafting). On each of the five bike loops, amazingly, Taormina and Lindquist, extended their lead.

With a 3:40 advantage after 1-hour, 4-minute and 16-second ride on her bike, Taormina worked the transition area like a pro and headed home for victory.

With a smile on her face, Taormina ran conservatively, but smartly to the trials win. She grabbed \$11,700 in total prize money (probably what Reggie or "Spree" earn in one game). She garnered \$7,500 for the race victory and a \$4,200 bonus for being the first American.

Can somebody say the word renegotiate?

Despite a sore leg which limited her run training, Taormina finished the 10K in a respectable 40:48 (eighth fastest), while slapping hands with the crowd as she crossed the tape.

"I was nervous," Taormina said. "I was like, 'OK, I just have

to stay calm.' But I knew how great the runners were."

Taormina staggered a few steps after she crossed the line, then cheered on and hugged second-place finisher Joanna Zeiger of Baltimore, Md., the second of three Olympic qualifiers.

Then, for 35 minutes under the hot sun, Taormina conducted impromptu interviews with TV and print journalists at the finish line.

Isn't there a 10-minute cooldown period after the race like they have after the game in the NBA?

Unfortunately for Lindquist, fifth-ranked in the world, she did not finish the run. She pulled out while heading up the first hill on the second lap of the run.

"My legs felt wobbly both up the hills and down," the former Stanford swimmer said. "It was really hot. My face was really hot."

Twenty-eight started the race, 19 finished, including an 18-year-old from Great Britain.

Just finishing the darn thing would have been good enough for me.

Karen Smyers of Lincoln, Mass. is a former Hawaii Iron-woman champion who has endured her share of physical hardships.

You have to give her a lot of credit because she is currently

battling thyroid cancer. She has also been hit by a semi-trailer truck while training, suffering six broken ribs, a lung contusion and third-degree shoulder separations. Smyers also severed her hamstring while changing a storm window.

The 38-year-old Smyers, the oldest competitor, blistered the run at 6:26 per mile in the Texas heat. That was good enough for seventh place.

This is the first year the triathlon is an Olympic sport, and frankly it's about time.

For Taormina, there's no off-season, her training picks right back up in quest of another medal in Sydney. It is the first event of the Games (Sept. 15).

"I don't really believe it," she said in the formal press conference back at the Omni Mandalay hotel. "It's so strange. I feel like a fish out of water."

Those humble words came from one of the world's greatest athletes, not the Big Aristotle or the Zen Master.

The NBA commish, David Stern, nearly had me brain-washed, and now I've seen the light.

Highlights from the U.S. Olympic women's triathlon, archery and canoe trials will be telecast 9-11 p.m. Saturday on the PAX network.

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Shamrocks take aim at state's best

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All season long, Redford Catholic Central's tennis team has beaten every opponent ranked ahead of it in Division I.

Every opponent except for Birmingham Brother Rice, that is.

As the Division I tennis finals begin Friday at the Midland Tennis Center, the Shamrocks are shooting for one last chance to make it a perfect season.

"Our only loss is to Rice," said senior J.D. Shade. "We've beaten everyone else ranked ahead of us, but rankings are on paper. We know we're one of the top five teams in the state, regardless of division. We want to go out and prove we're not second best."

The Shamrocks, ranked No. 3, cruised through last week's regional at Woodhaven, winning every flight. Things will be a little different this weekend — on paper at least.

While all four singles players and two of the three doubles teams are seeded, all but top-seeded Billy Walsh at No. 4 singles are behind Rice players.

"Seeding is nice, but it's only a number with a name next to it," said No. 1 singles player Mike Findling, a quarterfinalist last year. "It's nice to have byes and everything, but seeding shouldn't win that much to us."

There's no doubt there's a rivalry between the two schools and Rice — the two-time defending state champ and current No. 1 in the coaches poll — has held the upper hand, winning the dual meet between the two schools and capturing the Catholic League title.

CC TENNIS

"But I think there's mutual respect," said Shade, who also was a quarterfinalist with Rob Sparks at No. 1 doubles last year. "Deep down, I think they know we're tough. Everyone wants to prove Rice isn't better."

Findling agreed.

"It's big whenever we play Rice," said Findling, "and when you lose it gets frustrating. It's always a big match between us. I don't think there's an obsession about beating Rice, but winning the tourney goes through Rice. If we have to go through them, we'll be ready to play."

In addition to Findling and Shade going to the quarters in 1999, CC also returns David Atallah at No. 3 singles, Sparks and Mark Fleszar in doubles. Findling is seeded sixth, Shade — who moved up to No. 2 singles —, Atallah and the doubles teams of Jeff Fleszar and Sparks (No. 1) and Ian McHenry and Lodewijk Von Holsbeek (No. 3) are all seeded fourth. Mark Fleszar and Evan Currie are unseeded and have the only first-round match in No. 2 doubles, opening with Dave Thomas and Mike Setter of Port Huron Northern.

And there's a reason for the high seedings, besides the records.

"Everyone on the team is beginning to peak," said Shade. "We're doing things better than we were at the beginning like serving and volleying a lot better. We're a lot more consistent and we're making opponents work. And we're also in good shape. Running after practice has helped."



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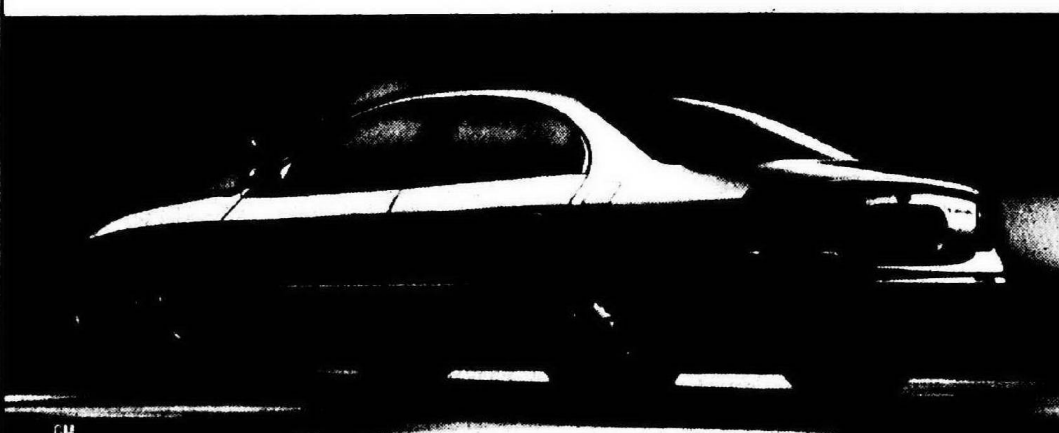
There will be two sessions of the 2000 Canton-Salem Summer Girls Basketball Camp, one for girls entering fourth through seventh grades from 1-3 p.m. on June 19-22 and June 26-29.

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

Cost is \$65 per session. Checks should be made payable to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and mailed to the Plymouth-Canton Community Education Department, Starkweather Center, 550 N. Holbrook, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

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Opening day for bass season a memorable one

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS

The sun hadn't quite peaked over the glowing horizon when the surface of the lake erupted like a volcano as a cantankerous 18-inch largemouth inhaled my Pop-R.

"What a great start to the season," I thought to myself. "It's going to be a good year."

The plump fish jumped straight into the air in an effort to shake the hook, then hit the water with a splash and started diving toward weedy cover. A few exciting moments later he gave in to my relentless retrieve. After admiring the beautiful fish for a moment (no, I didn't kiss it like Jimmy Houston always does on TV), he was returned to the lake to battle another angler on another day.

Bass season traditionally opens in Michigan on the Saturday before Memorial Day. The only exception is on Lake

St. Clair, and the St. Clair and Detroit rivers, where the season opens the third Saturday in June (June 17 this year).

Opening day is always an anticipated day, and with the extended weekend because of Memorial Day, anglers have an extra chance to fish before the work week begins again on Tuesday.

Depending on where you fish, bass are generally in a post-spawn stage, especially here in southern Michigan, by opening day. That means they'll be pretty much scattered along weedlines and drop-offs adjacent to shallow spawning areas.

Anglers heading out on opening day would do well to check these areas first. And since weeds are just beginning to grow, those areas with the thickest cover will likely be the hottest spots.

The season runs through Dec. 31, but some of the best fishing occurs in the first month. Make it a point to get out and enjoy the opener.

Baiting debate continues

The state Natural Resource Commission was scheduled to vote on deer bait-

ing and feeding regulations at a May meeting in Cheboygan, but instead delayed the vote until a June 7-8 meeting in Lansing.

"We wanted to give the public a little more time for comment," said NRC chairman Keith Charters. "This is a hot topic and we want to be sure anyone who wants to, can voice their opinion."

Proposals range from an outright ban on feeding and baiting to increased restrictions of a two-gallon limit across the state.

The Commission is still accepting public comment on this issue, and any other deer hunting-related topic.

To voice your opinion call the NRC at (517) 373-2352. Send letters to: Natural Resource Commission, P.O. Box 30028 Lansing, MI 48909, attention Teresa Gloden, or send e-mail to glodent@state.mi.us.

Vote of confidence

If there was any concern about the future of DNR Director K.L. Cool, it was squelched at the last NRC meeting. Muffled rumors had been circulating, I

suspect most originating from disgruntled sportsmen, that Cool was on his way out.

Not so! The Commission unanimously approved a contract extension for Cool that runs through May of 2003.

"The Commission believes the Department has made tremendous progress in natural resources management the past four years, and that progress is tied directly to K. Cool's leadership," said Charters. "Our action will provide continued consistent and stable direction for the agency."

Youth firearms hunt

Hunters age 14 to 16 will be able to hunt deer with a firearm on private land, Sept. 23-24, through a new Youth Firearms Deer Season, approved by the NRC at its May meeting.

The action ruffled the feathers of a few bowhunters, who question the timing of the hunt, which falls just a week prior to the Oct. 1 opening of archery season.

"I support the idea of a youth hunt, I

just don't know why they'd hold it in September, right before archery season," said Gary Hargrove. "I'm surprised it didn't get more opposition from bow hunters. I wonder what would have happened if they decided to hold it the weekend before the gun opener?"

Hunters participating in the hunt must have a valid deer license and be accompanied by an adult age 18 or older. The adult can not carry or hunt with a bow and arrow or firearm during the special season.

The hunt is a takeoff of the state's widely accepted annual Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day and is an effort to increase interest in Michigan's vast hunting heritage.

(Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)

CLASSES/CLINICS

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

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.

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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: Lake St. Helen, June 3; Wixom Lake, June 24; Sanford Lake, July 8; Wixom Lake, July 22; Lobdell Lake, Aug. 5; Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payoffs will be awarded with amounts 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-

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MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-

stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is

located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

2000 PERMITS

The 2000 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

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.

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"We were pretty fired up at half-time," insisted Campau. "We felt if we could come out and pressure them right at the beginning of the second half, we could make a game of it."

Certainly Canton coach Don Smith didn't feel too secure at the intermission, even with a two-goal lead. "We gave them too many opportunities in the early going," he noted. "If they score on one of them, that could have changed the whole complexion of the game."

Indeed, the Chargers' put one net shot off the crossbar and another just over it in the first 15 minutes. So that optimism going into the second half wasn't misplaced.

Unfortunately, any momentum they were hoping to pilfer was instead stolen from them. The opening kick reached Morrell, and her pass was cleared away across Churchill's end line, giving Canton a corner kick.

Melanie Dunn's corner went to Amanda Lentz in front of the goal, and her header eluded Gabon to make it 3-0 just 32 seconds into the half.

It didn't stay that way long. Two minutes later, Morrell — who sat out three previous games, including the Western Lakes Activities Association final, due to a suspension handed down by the Michigan High School Athletic Association for participating in unsanctioned games — again was the instigator.

Taking control of the ball to the left side of the Churchill goal but again under pressure (mainly from Karen Kramer, who marked her throughout), Morrell popped it up into the middle of the box, where Stephanie Johnson managed to tip it — right to Allison Mills for the finish.

"It was nice to see that some of the other girls got goals," noted Smith. "Anne did some good dishing out. That'll give everyone else down the line something to worry about."

As if Morrell isn't a big enough worry.

The Chargers did not surrender. With 35:52 still remaining, Sarah Phillips carried the ball in from the corner before angling a perfect shot into the far corner, trimming Canton's lead to 4-1.

"I was proud of the way we came back fighting," said Cam-

pau. The Chiefs had answers, however. The Morrell sisters combined to make it 5-1, Abi sending a through ball to Anne as she charged toward the Churchill net. Her blast just inside the 18-yard mark beat Gabon with 30:49 left.

A header by Johnson off a cross from Lentz increased the Chiefs' cushion to 6-1 with 27:40 left and sent nearly all their remaining starters to the bench.

Churchill got one goal back out of a scramble in front, with Canton keeper Amy Dorogi stopping one

shot but not the rebound, which Melissa Sultana knocked in. Phillips assisted.

The game's final goal came with 11:52 to play. Rosaen got her second goal of the game, off a set-up from Lindsey Lasher, to give Canton's its final margin of victory.

Even though the goals seemed to come easily in the second half, Smith knew the situation would not be repeated later in the tournament. "We're going to have to play the whole 80 minutes Thursday," he said of today's match with Salem. "It won't be easy."

Girls Soccer State Rankings

(As of 5-29 by MHSBCA)

DIVISION I — 1. Brighton; 2. Troy Athens; 3. Livonia Stevenson; 4. Plymouth Canton; 5. Saginaw Heritage; 6. Troy; 7. Rochester Adams; 8. Plymouth Salem; 9. Grosse Pointe South; 10. Utica.

HONORABLE MENTION: Grand Blanc, Grand Haven, Livonia Churchill, Rochester, Traverse City Central.

DIVISION II — 1. Portage Central; 2. Madison Heights Bishop Foley; 3. Bloomfield Hills Lahser; 4. Grosse Pointe North; 5. Portage Northern; 6. Trenton; 7. Northville; 8. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central; 9. East Lansing; 10. Birmingham Groves.

HONORABLE MENTION: Lapeer East, Mason, Midland

Dow, Okemos.

DIVISION III — 1. Auburn Hills Avondale; 2. Mettawan; 3. Holland Christian; 4. Flint Powers Catholic; 5. East Grand Rapids; 6. Royal Oak Dondoro; 7. Caledonia; 8. St. Clair Shores South Lake; 9. Hudsonville Unity Christian; 10. Grosse Ile.

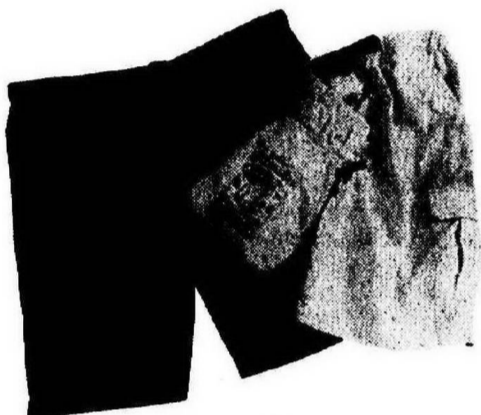
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(Farmington). Stewart didn't have any need to worry, however, as she dominated the Falcons (9-14) with her pitching and the Chiefs played errorless defense. Stewart has pitched 175 1/3 innings and has 271 strikeouts.

"She did a great job," Farmington coach Jerry Osborne said. "Take away our mistakes (three errors) and we still lose the ballgame, because we didn't score any runs."

"I thought we went at it with the right idea. We battled her. We got our cuts and didn't make great contact. She beat us. That's about all that can be said."

Farmington senior Melissa Mytty hadn't pitched in a game for nearly three weeks due to a back injury, and her practice time had been severely limited, too.

Osborne estimated Mytty, who allowed seven hits and five walks, was about 65 percent in terms of being recovered from her injury and her usual performance level.

"I figure Melissa at 65 gives us an opportunity to put Jessica (Brown) back at second base and a better opportunity to win the ballgame," Osborne said.

"I think everybody there who has seen Melissa pitch knows she wasn't 100 percent. But that shows the kind of heart and determination she has."

"She wanted to go out doing the best she could and, under the circumstances, I think she did very well."

Canton added single runs in the second, third and fourth innings. Megan Coultas and Devos scored as a result of Farmington errors, and Kiessel singled and scored on a base hit by Coultas.

"I think the whole team settled down (after the first inning)," Osborne said. "We knew, for us to beat them, we had to play a perfect game, and we didn't do that."

"Melissa did her job; she threw strikes. We didn't make all the plays behind her."

"Even so, they beat us. They made every play and we didn't; they put the ball in play and got some hits and we didn't."

"They deserved to win that ballgame."

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DIVISION I

at LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Saturday, June 3: Livonia Churchill vs. Wayne Memorial, 10 a.m.; Westland John Glenn vs. Garden City, noon, Championship final, 3 p.m. (Winner advances to regional semifinals at Monroe vs. Taylor Truman district champion.)

at PLYMOUTH SALEM

Saturday, June 3: Livonia Stevenson vs. Plymouth Salem, 11 a.m. at Canton; North Farmington vs. Canton, 11 a.m. at Salem; Championship final, 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Royal Oak Kimball vs. Kimball district champion.)

at BIRMINGHAM GROVES

Saturday, June 3: Detroit Henry Ford vs. Birmingham Groves, 10 a.m.; Redford Union vs. Southfield-Lathrup, 30 minutes after conclusion of game 1; Championship final, 30 minutes after conclusion of game two. (Winner advances to regional semifinals at Lake Fenton vs. Macomb Lutheran North district winner.)

at REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Saturday, June 3: Detroit Cooey vs. Redford CC, 10 a.m.; Detroit Cooey vs. Detroit McKenzie, noon, Championship final, 2 p.m. (Winner advances to regional semifinals at Monroe vs. Monroe district champion.)

DIVISION II

at MONROE JEFFERSON

Saturday, June 3: Dearborn Divine Child vs. River Rouge, 9 a.m.; Redford Thurston vs. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 30 minutes after conclusion of game 1; Championship final, 30 minutes after conclusion of game 2. (Winner advances to regional semifinals at Birmingham Seaholm vs. Seaholm district winner.)

at BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM

Saturday, June 3: Farmington Harrison vs. Birmingham Seaholm, 9:30 a.m.; Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day vs. Detroit Renaissance, noon; Championship final, 3 p.m. (Winner advances to regional semifinals at Seaholm vs. Monroe Jefferson district winner.)

DIVISION III

at LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Saturday, June 3: Livonia Clarenceville vs. Highland Park, 2:30 p.m. Inkster at Lutheran Westland, 2:30 p.m.; Championship final, 5:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Lake Fenton vs. Macomb Lutheran North district winner.)

DIVISION IV

at ALLEN PARK INTER-CITY BAPTIST

Saturday, June 3: Allen Park Inter-City Baptist vs. Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian, 11 a.m.; Redford St. Agatha vs. Dearborn St. Alphonsus, 1:30 p.m.; Championship final, 4 p.m. (Winner advances to regional semifinals

at Inter-City Baptist vs. Center Line St. Clement district winner.)

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

at Griffin Park

Saturday, June 3: (at Concordia College) Southfield Christian vs. Urban-Canton Agape Christian predistrict winner, 10 a.m.; Plymouth Christian vs. Southfield Franklin Road Detroit Holy Redeemer predistrict winner, noon; championship, 2 p.m. (Winner advances to regional semifinals at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist vs. Southgate Aquinas district winner.)

GIRLS SOFTBALL

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT FAIRINGS

DIVISION I

at LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Saturday, June 3: Livonia Churchill vs. Livonia Franklin, 10 a.m.; Westland John Glenn vs. Garden City, noon; Championship final, 2 p.m. (Winner advances to regional semifinals at Monroe vs. Taylor Truman district champion.)

at PLYMOUTH SALEM

Saturday, June 3: Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth Salem, 11 a.m.; North Farmington at Plymouth Canton, 11 a.m.; championship, 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the Royal Oak Kimball regional vs. the Kimball district winner.)

at BIRMINGHAM GROVES

Saturday, June 3: Detroit Henry Ford vs. Farmington Hills Mercy, 10 a.m.; Redford Union vs. Birmingham Groves, 30 minutes

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DIVISION II

at MONROE JEFFERSON

Saturday, June 3: Livonia Ladywood vs. Dearborn Divine Child, 9 a.m.; Redford Thurston vs. River Rouge-Dearborn Heights Crestwood predistrict winner, 30 minutes after conclusion of game 1; Championship final, 30 minutes after conclusion of game 2. (Winner advances to regional semifinals at Birmingham Seaholm vs. Seaholm district winner.)

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DIVISION III

at LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Saturday, June 3: Highland Park at Lutheran Westland, 2:30 p.m.; Detroit Dominican at Clarenceville, 2:30 p.m.; Championship final, 5:15 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal vs. Macomb Lutheran North district winner Saturday, June 3 at Lake Fenton.)

DIVISION IV

at ALLEN PARK INTER-CITY BAPTIST

Saturday, June 3: Redford Bishop Borgess vs. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, noon; Inter-City Baptist vs. Dearborn Fairlane Christian, 2 p.m.; Championship final, 4 p.m. (Winner advances to regional semifinals at Inter-City Baptist vs. Center Line St. Clement district winner.)

GIRLS SOCCER

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT FAIRINGS

DIVISION I

at SOUTHFIELD-LATHRUP

Saturday, June 3: Garden City vs. Livonia Stevenson, 1 p.m. (Winner advances to regional semifinal at Novi vs. Dearborn district winner, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 6)

LIVONIA CHURCHILL (Host)

Thursday, June 1: Westland John Glenn at Novi, 6 p.m.; Plymouth Salem vs. Plymouth Canton (CEP), 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 3: Championship final, 11 a.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal at Novi vs. Temperance Bedford district winner, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 6.)

DEARBORN (Host)

Friday, June 2: Wayne Memorial vs. Dearborn, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal at Novi vs. Southfield-Lathrup district winner, 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 6.)

DIVISION II

LIVONIA LADYWOOD (Host)

Thursday, June 1: Livonia Ladywood vs. Farmington Hills Harrison at North Farmington, 6 p.m.; Northville at Farmington, 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 3: Championship final, 1 p.m. (Winner advances to regional semifinal at Southgate vs. Flat Rock-Woodhaven district winner, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8)

DEARBORN EDEL FORD (Host)

Thursday, June 1: Redford Thurston at Trenton, 4 p.m.; Allen Park at Edsel Ford, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, June 2: Championship final, 5:30 p.m. (Winner advances to regional semifinal at Southgate vs. Pinckney district winner, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8.)

DIVISION IV

MONROE ST. MARY (Host)

Thursday, June 1: Lutheran Westland at New Boston Huron-Ann Arbor Greenhills winner, 4:30 p.m.; Clinton at Milan-Monroe St. Mary winner.

Saturday, June 3: Championship at St. Mary, 10 a.m. (Winner advances to regional semifinal at Sterling Heights Bethesda Christian vs. University Liggett district winner, 4:30 p.m. Monday, June 5.)

BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK

STATE FINALS

Saturday, June 3: Division I, Rockford; Division II, Grandville; Division III, Comstock Park; Division IV, Grand Rapids Forest Hills North.

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error moved him to second. A dropped fly ball and an error by shortstop Justin Gerwatowski scored one run; Reddy followed with an RBI single and Wolcott added a run-scoring double.

Jim Wisniewski knocked in the fourth run of the inning with a sacrifice fly, and Johnson made it 7-0 with an RBI double.

The Falcons got one run back in the bottom of the second when Tony Luttman led off with a double and scored on Houchins' two-out single.

Wisniewski doubled in Wolcott, who had walked, to give the Chiefs one run in the fourth. A second scored on a throwing error on Johnson's grounder, pushing their lead to 9-1.

The game-condensing hit came from Kay, who followed Brad Smigielski's walk by pouncing on a hanging curve ball from Luttman, Farmington's relief pitcher. Kay lined it over the left-field fence for a two-run homer, making it 11-1.

Wisniewski had two hits, one of them a double, and two RBI for the Chiefs, and Reddy had two hits and an RBI. Kay had his two-run homer, reaching base four times and scoring

three runs. Wolcott and Johnson each had a double and an RBI.

Agape advances

Canton Agape Christian used a seven-run fourth inning to bust open its Division IV district qualifier against Detroit Urban Lutheran, riding that inning to a 19-6 victory Tuesday at Griffin Park.

Agape advances to play Southfield Christian in the district semifinals at Concordia College.

Josh Anthony, who had three hits, three stolen bases and four RBI in the game, belted a two-run double to score the first two runs of the fourth. Mike Ossana added a two-run single in the inning, and Paul Anleitner and Miguel Arredondo contributed RBI singles.

Other hitting heroes for the Wolverines were David Donaldson with a single, double and a triple, scoring five runs; Robert Hough, with three singles, two runs scored and four RBI; Ossana, with two hits, three runs scored and two RBI; Mike Greco, with two hits and two RBI; and Bobby Konrad, with three singles and three runs scored.

Anthony, a sophomore, got the pitching win, allowing three runs on three hits and three walks, striking out 14 in 5 2/3 innings.

Chiefs win 2

Plymouth Canton got off to a flying start in the Big Guns Classic Tournament, hosted by Madonna University and played at Canton Saturday. The Chiefs won a pair of games on opening day, beating Birmingham Brother Rice 7-1 and Allen Park 5-3.

They never were able to take it any further, however. The second day was washed out by

inclement weather.

In the win over Brother Rice, Brent Washer improved his record to 3-1 by tossing a four-hitter. He walked six but struck out 10; the only run he allowed was unearned.

Bryan Kay was the power at the plate, connecting for three doubles and scoring two runs. Jay Sofen had two hits and Russ Caid collected a double.

A three-run first inning was all the cushion Washer would need.

In the win over Allen Park, Greg Neino threw a five-hitter, surrendering two earned runs;

he walked nine and struck out five, improving to 4-2.

Jim Wisniewski had two hits, scoring a run; Jon Johnson had a

double and a run scored; and

Brian Rossow had a hit and an

RBI.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the **Third Party Administration for Unemployment Insurance**. Specifications and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E.J. McClendon Educational center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For additional information, please contact George Przegodski of the Personnel Department at (734) 416-2734. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Friday, June 16, 2000. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary

Bid Opening Friday, June 16, 2000 @ 2:00 pm
Board Review Tuesday, June 27, 2000

Publish June 1 and 8, 2000

REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION
NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION
OF THE ELECTORS OF
PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
WAYNE AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES, MICHIGAN
TO BE HELD JUNE 12, 2000

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 12, 2000.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the regular school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2004.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

Carl Battishill
James R. Donahue
Elizabeth M. Givens
Judy L. Mardigian
Kathleen Payne

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 9, 2000.

NEW PRECINCTS CREATED BY PLYMOUTH AND CANTON TOWNSHIPS DO NOT EFFECT PRECINCT BOUNDARIES OR VOTING LOCATIONS FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION.

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1
Voting Place: Central Middle School. The first precinct consists of all of City Precinct No. 2 and all of City Precinct No. 3.

PRECINCT NO. 2
Voting Place: Gullmore Elementary School. The second precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 10 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 21.

PRECINCT NO. 3
Voting Place: Isbister Elementary School. The third precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 5, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 9, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 14.

PRECINCT NO. 4
Voting Place: East Middle School. The fourth precinct consists of all of City Precinct No. 1 and all of City Precinct No. 4.

PRECINCT NO. 5
Voting Place: Allen Elementary School. The fifth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 3, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 4, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 10.

PRECINCT NO. 6
Voting Place: West Middle School. The sixth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 12, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 15, and all the territory of the school district located in Salem Township.

PRECINCT NO. 7
Voting Place: Farrand Elementary School. The seventh precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 1, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 2, all of Plymouth Township Precinct

No. 8 and all the territory of the school district located in Northville Township.

PRECINCT NO. 8
Voting Place: Eigel Elementary School. The eighth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 3, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 6, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 30.

PRECINCT NO. 9
Voting Place: Miller Elementary School. The ninth precinct consists of Canton Township Precinct No. 4 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 13.

PRECINCT NO. 10
Voting Place: Hulsing Elementary School. The tenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 7, all of Canton Township No. 12, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 24.

PRECINCT NO. 11
Voting Place: Eriksson Elementary School. The eleventh precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 14, and a portion of Canton Township Precinct No. 29.

PRECINCT NO. 12
Voting Place: Field Elementary School. The twelfth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 5, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 18, and a portion of Canton Township Precinct No. 29.

PRECINCT NO. 13
Voting Place: Canton High School. The thirteenth precinct consists of Canton Township Precinct No. 8, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 25, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 26, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 27, and all the territory of the school district located in Superior Township.

PRECINCT NO. 14
Voting Place: Bird Elementary School. The fourteenth precinct consists of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 7, Plymouth Township Precinct No. 11, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 17.

PRECINCT NO. 15
Voting Place: Pioneer Middle School. The fifteenth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 6, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 13, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 16.

PRECINCT NO. 16
Voting Place: Tonda Elementary School. The sixteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 11 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 19.

PRECINCT NO. 17
Voting Place: Hoben Elementary School. The seventeenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 1, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 22, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 23.

PRECINCT NO. 18
Voting Place: Bentley Elementary School. The eighteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 16 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 17.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election. This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

JUDY L. MARDIGIAN
Secretary, Board of Education

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WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
SYNOPSIS
3:00 p.m., Monday, May 22, 2000

Regular meeting called to order at 3:13 p.m.

Present: Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy, Richard Henningsen

Agenda - adopted as amended

- Minutes of the regular meeting of April 24, 2000 - approved
- Minutes of the special meeting of May 5, 2000 - approved
- Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$725,733.34 - approved
- Operations & Maintenance Report for April 2000 - received and filed
- Operations Manager's Report for May 2000 - received and filed
- Purchase of Odor Control Canister - approved
- Award of Contract, Irrigation System Upgrade (Middle Rouge) - approval to award a contract to American Sprinkler of Canton, Michigan
- Inception Connection Policy - tabled until the June meeting, pending further input from the Technical Committee members
- Flow Meter Replacements, Redirection Project - approved
- Extra Work, Contract 4 Sewer Cleaning & CCTV Inspection - approved

The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

RICHARD M. HENNINGSEN
Vice Chairman

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

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Congratulations, Scholarship Winners!

By Bill Kaban

When the Woman's Club of Plymouth began helping students back in 1983, they gave out five scholarships worth \$500 apiece.

What a difference 17 years makes.

When the club gathers Tuesday at Plymouth Manor 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 area 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 a 2.8 GPA if attending a two-year school. Students are ranked according to their scholastic achievement, community service, the quality of the 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, who is expected to give introductory remarks as well as the invocation; Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, a member of the Woman's Club and a co-chair; the club president, Jean Curtiss; and co-chairs K.C. Mueller and Linda Courtney.

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



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Jessie Cho Plymouth Salem High School



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Matthew Kardel Trinity Christian
Roy Chapman Detroit Catholic Central
Dan Cronin Detroit Catholic Central
Evan Currie Detroit Catholic Central
Lisa Schaldenbrand Ladywood
Kristen Barnes Ladywood

FRIDAY



See comedian Jim Hamm 9 p.m. at Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia. Call (734) 261-0555 for information/reservations.

SATURDAY



Marquis Theatre presents a musical adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Princess and the Magic Pea," 2:30 p.m. at the theater in downtown Northville. Tickets \$7.50. Call (248) 349-8110.

SUNDAY



Alexander Zonjic and Friends perform 1-3:30 p.m. during the 13th annual Garden Party to benefit the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center. Tickets \$150 per person. Call (248) 626-7527, Ext. 3118.



Spiritual sounds: Japanese jazz composer and keyboardist Keiko Matsui, slated to play at 7:15 p.m. Friday, June 2 at V98.7 FM radio's Smooth JazzFest, views music in light of its origins in ritual and ceremony. Smooth jazz, she says, is particularly well-suited to spiritual healing and time for rest and relaxation.

SMOOTH JAZZ

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
 SPECIAL EDITOR
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Easy listening. Contemporary jazz. Call it what you will. A more melodic, more accessible style of jazz has come into its own in the last decade: smooth jazz. And, since the form, which often includes vocals, is easier for listeners to follow — many music consumers start to feel lost when traditional jazz musicians "stretch it out," or improvise musically — the style continues to gain in popularity. But today's appetite for smooth jazz may stem from deeper cravings: want for relaxation and spiritual healing.

Musical medicine

"Doctors have prescribed contemporary jazz to patients to help them unwind," noted Tom Sleeker, V98.7 FM Smooth Jazz radio program director and co-organizer of the station's 2nd annual Smooth JazzFest, running June 2-4 at the Southfield Civic Center.

While smooth jazz, like, say, aromatherapy or yoga, has always had a soothing quality, the public is just beginning to discover the style has a calming, quieting effect, particularly for those with hectic lives and busy schedules.

One nationally known artist scheduled to play at this year's Smooth JazzFest, Keiko Matsui, couldn't agree more.

A contemporary jazz keyboardist from Japan, Matsui's compositions have an ethereal, bird-like quality. And, her newest album *Whisper from the Mirror* has an other-worldly, new age character reminiscent of film scores. The title also refers to the Japanese Shinto Shrine where a mirror representing a deity or God is traditionally placed.

"Music has been played as ritual and ceremony for a long time, and I believe music has some magical forces," said Matsui, scheduled to take the JazzFest stage at 7:15 p.m. Friday.

While Matsui, one of two female artists slated for JazzFest (local musician Kimmie Horne opens the event on Friday), doesn't categorize her music as new age or spiritual, she said she does seek to bring elements of spirituality to her compositions. That fans send mail saying her music touches their soul or makes them feel peaceful "means a lot to a musician," she said.

"Nowadays, music is about business, but music is really a prayer to the gods or for people to sing and dance to, and people have been doing this a long, long time. That's the beauty of music," she said.

Matsui will be accompanied by her husband Kazu, who plays the Shakuhachi, a Japanese wood flute.

Living legends

While many of Matsui's compositions have a dreamy quality, there are several other smooth jazz artists scheduled for the event, promising a mix of styles and sounds for those who plan to attend.

Of particular interest is jazz legend George Benson, who began his career in traditional jazz and moved in the direction of smooth jazz in the 1970s.

Describing Benson as one of the pioneers of contemporary jazz, Sleeker called his appearance at this year's JazzFest "an opportunity to see one of the true legends and innovators in smooth jazz music."

Likewise, Detroit's own Earl Klugh, slated to perform at 9:15 p.m. Friday, is known for bringing the acoustic guitar to jazz. Other local musicians who will perform include flutist Alexander Zonjic and guitarist Tim Bowman.

"The audience is going to hear some really great melodic music," Sleeker said. "It's going to be a very nice, relaxing afternoon."



Smooth brass: Horn player Rick Braun takes the Smooth JazzFest stage at 7:45 p.m. Sunday, June 4.

What: V98.7 Smooth JazzFest
Where: The Green at the Southfield Civic Center, Evergreen Road at Civic Center Drive in Southfield
When: 3-10 p.m. Friday, June 2 and noon-10:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 3 and 4
Tickets: Friday show, \$15 in advance and \$20 at the gate; Saturday and Sunday shows, \$25 in advance and \$30 at the gate, available through Ticketmaster or by calling (248) 645-6666

COMEDY

Share some laughs with Bill Thomas

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Funny and accountant don't fit. Let's be honest, when was the last time an accountant made you laugh?

Bill Thomas planned a career in accounting and business. He's still plugged into the corporate world, except now he's making executives laugh instead of balancing their books.

On Friday and Saturday, audiences at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia will probably be wondering why Thomas asked them there. The answer is simple — to enjoy an evening in a smoke-free, alcohol-free setting sharing a laugh or two, or three.

What: You're probably wondering why I've asked you here...

What: A topical comedy show featuring stand-up and story telling by comedian Bill Thomas.

When: 8 p.m. Friday Saturday, June 23

Where: Trinity House Theatre, 38840

W. Six Mile Road, Livonia

Tickets: \$10, \$8 for Trinity House members, call (734) 464-6302. Visit Thomas online at www.comedianbillthomas.com

His one-man show in the intimate theater that seats about 80 people is a combination of stand-up and story-telling.

"I want to expand what I've been doing," said Thomas. "It's still being worked on. I really like the Trinity House Theatre, it's a small off, off Broadway theater. The moment I saw it I fell in love with it."

He talked to Thomas Malcom Olson, artistic director for Trinity House, who encouraged him to bring his show to the theater.

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Just for fun: Bill Thomas is bringing his one man show to Trinity House Theatre.

JOHN GALLOWAY

Comedy from page E1

"He leaves me rolling on the floor," said Olson about his phone conversations with Thomas. "I want Trinity House to be a creative outlet for the community."

Thomas is a funny guy who paid his dues performing in small bars and clubs before there were places like Joey's Comedy Club and Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle.

He later opened for the stars including Kenny G, Wayne Newton, the Temptations, and the Four Tops. WXYT listeners might remember Thomas, who did a comedy show for the AM station for over five years.

Lately he's been working the corporate circuit, making executives and their staffs laugh.

"Being a comedian," he said, "is the most creative, gratifying art form. You say something and people laugh, and you've done your job. If you don't, you move on to something else."

Laughter, Thomas believes, is good medicine, and he wants the chance to tickle your funny bone Friday and Saturday at Trinity House Theatre.

In school, Thomas was the sarcastic guy sitting in the back row

'We'll have a lot of fun. I'll talk about the state of Michigan, the music of today, the environment. I guarantee you'll have a good time.'

Bill Thomas
Comedian

who made people laugh, but never got in trouble.

What's so funny? Lots of things, like road construction in Michigan. "We're the only state that closes highways on weekends," said Thomas with a chuckle. "And then there's the spoof I do of a motivational speaker, the foremost consultant for change."

He makes you think about things like how the song *Revolution* became a Nike ad.

"We'll have a lot of fun," Thomas said of his show. "I'll talk about the state of Michigan, the music of today, the environment. I guarantee you'll have a good time."

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Pamela Ratliff Rumely of Livonia cares about education, and kids. That's why she threw her time and energy into organizing the "CARE Charity Cruise" and Car Show at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia on Saturday, June 3.

Event proceeds will go to help Children's Academic Resources for Education, a new program designed to reach out to the special educational needs of children at the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills.

"This is being done on behalf of children who don't have parents looking out for them," said Rumely.

The CARE Charity Cruise welcomes all Harley-Davidson Riders, H.O.G. Chapters and Motorcycle Riders. Led by Chris Edmonds of WNIC FM 100.3, the riders will meet 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 3 for coffee and doughnuts at Motor City Harley-Davidson of Farmington Hills on

Cruise, show to benefit children



Cool: This car is one of the classy vehicles that will be on display 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 3, during a Charity Car Show at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

Grand River Ave. At noon they'll restage at the starting point, Holmes Middle School on Newburgh Road in Livonia, and be escorted at 1 p.m. to Greenmead Historical Park on Newburgh at Eight Mile Road.

At Greenmead there will be a

Charity Car Show, of cars 1976 and older from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 3. The show is being hosted by the Motor State Street Rods. Pre-registration is \$10, registration day of the show is \$15. Admission is \$2 adults, children ages 12 and under, free.

The Classics will play '50s and '60s music. There will be a raffle, games, and refreshments available for purchase.

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Subscribe to DSO's 2000-01 season

BY SANDRA TOLBERT
SPECIAL WRITER

The recently announced Detroit Symphony Orchestra's 2000-2001 season offers an extraordinary sampling of early symphonies and contemporary world premieres.

Itzhak Perlman, who will be Detroit's principal guest conductor and violinist in the 2001-2002 season, is already a major highlight this year.

Famous in the classical music world for his stellar violin performances, Perlman has appeared with every major orchestra in the world and owns 15 Grammy awards. He will appear in a May 2001 concert as conductor and soloist performing a Mozart adagio and rondo for violin and orchestra.

In January, the winter season welcomes back violinist Joshua Bell to perform Sibelius' Violin Concerto. The former child prodigy, who made his DSO debut in 1988, is now a highly sought-after soloist.

The DSO's 86th season's theme, "Share the Music," recognizes the communal experience music brings to musicians, conductor and audience. The giving, taking and sharing of music, sound, harmony and its message — beautiful and sometimes dissonant — are what this season is all about.

This season's selections span 300 years and offer a taste of early great symphonies, 20th century orchestral masterpieces and four contemporary world premieres.

The Millennium Masterworks Project, now in its second year of presenting 50 of the greatest orchestral works, will commence

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Sept. 20 with Mahler's Resurrection Symphony No. 2 conducted by Detroit's Maestro Neemi Järvi.

Järvi, now in his 11th year as maestro, will conduct the DSO at Orchestra Hall for 10 weeks of the season, presenting both familiar and unusual works.

The four world premieres include DSO composer-in-residence Michael Daugherty's *Hell's Angels* and *Motor City*; a concerto by Michigan composer William Bolcom, and a symphony by American composer John Campbell, who describes his compositions as "an amalgam of European and American influences."

Järvi is also conducting Mahler's Symphony No. 1 *Titan* and personal favorites like Eduard Tubin's *Music for Strings* and the Schumann Piano Concerto.

Favorite guest conductors will include Estonian native Eri Klas, Polish-born Jerzy Semkow, and Yan Pascal Tortelier of the BBC Philharmonic who will lead the DSO in Messiaen's *Turangalila*.

The Turangalila symphony, a complex and contemporary work, will be a DSO first featuring an unusual keyboard instrument called the Ondes Martenot. The

March concert will include a short introduction by conductor Tortelier explaining the new instrument.

An all Mozart evening, Beethoven's *Fifth*, Orff's *Carmen Burana* and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4 are several of the well-known and cherished works also being offered this season.

The fall season also includes Czech composer Janacek's *Sinfonietta* and Shostakovich's Symphony No. 7 *Leningrad*, a remembrance of the city's 900 day struggle against the Nazis.

In March, violinist Hilary Hahn, known internationally as one of today's rising performance musicians, will bring her talent to the Detroit stage with Barber's Violin Concerto.

The winter season offers more orchestral greats such as Tchaikovsky's infrequently performed *Manfred Symphony*, Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique*, Beethoven's *Eroica*, Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*, Bach's *Mass in B Minor*, Dvorak's *Symphony No. 9* from *The New World Symphony* and Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*.

Yet with all the international flavor, the DSO hasn't forgotten its own. This season will spot-

light a few of its outstanding musicians. Principal trombone Kenneth Thompkins will play George Walker's Trombone Concerto and Jeffery Zook will be the featured soloist in a Vivaldi piccolo concerto.

The charismatic DSO violinist and concertmaster Emmanuelle Boisvert will close the 2001 season as soloist of *The Lark Ascending* by Vaughan-Williams.

Pops conductor Erich Kunzel will bring the "Pops Season" to Detroit, highlighting a sports extravaganza called *Sounds of the Stadium*. Broadway musicals, epic movie music and all-time pop favorites are also part of the lively program.

Guest performers include Debbie Reynolds, the Magic Circle Mime Company and a traditional Christmas concert featuring the DSO Pops Festival Singers.

The Ameritech Paradise Jazz Series offers the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, Branford Marsalis, Regina Carter Quintet and Renee Rosnes Trio among its highlights.

And if you need to talk about the art of making music, ConcertTalks happens one hour before all classical evening concerts in Orchestra Hall. They are intimate and informal gatherings where you will find host Charles Greenwell, guest soloists and conductors, critics and musicians — an opulent recipe for the perfect evening.

Subscription packages for the 2000-2001 season are now on sale. Individual tickets will go on sale in late August, 2000. For further information call the DSO subscription office at (313) 576-5120.

Comic books are becoming valid art form

It's not uncommon for a debate to surface among the producers of Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS concerning the merits of a certain art form.

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

The most recent occurred several weeks ago when segment producer Todd Hastings was pushing the arts series to do something on "sequential art."

It was a new term for me, too. As it turns out, sequential art is best known as comic book art. To be honest, it was a pretty tough sell for Todd, because most of the people associated with the show were saying things like, "Oh, you mean Superman, Batman, Archie, and Richie Rich."

Although we would admit to being Jug-head fans, there were non-believers everywhere when presented with the notion of comic books as a valid art form. Todd made a strong case for the genre on an edition of the program that aired this week.

"Comic books aren't just for kids anymore," Hastings said. "It is a storyteller's medium that accommodates a variety of techniques and approaches. Some very striking work is being done today in water colors, oils, digital photography and pen and ink."

Practitioners of sequential art are revered in Japan and Europe. Although comic artists like Milo Manara are acclaimed in Europe, American artists feel they haven't received their due.

That's why it earned a spot on BACKSTAGE PASS. We let our viewers decide.

Last year we sent producer Barry Steinberg out in the field to do a story on a pair of Detroit area artists whose frustration with youth violence had prompted them to transform donated handguns into sculptures with a powerful anti-violence theme.

Maybe you question whether

weapons are suitable materials for the creation of art. You'll have the opportunity to judge for yourself when the segment, which was nominated for an Emmy by the Michigan chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS), is rebroadcast in an

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The same episode features a segment by Dave Toorangian on the history of the Rivera murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts that captured an Emmy at the May 20 NATAS ceremonies.

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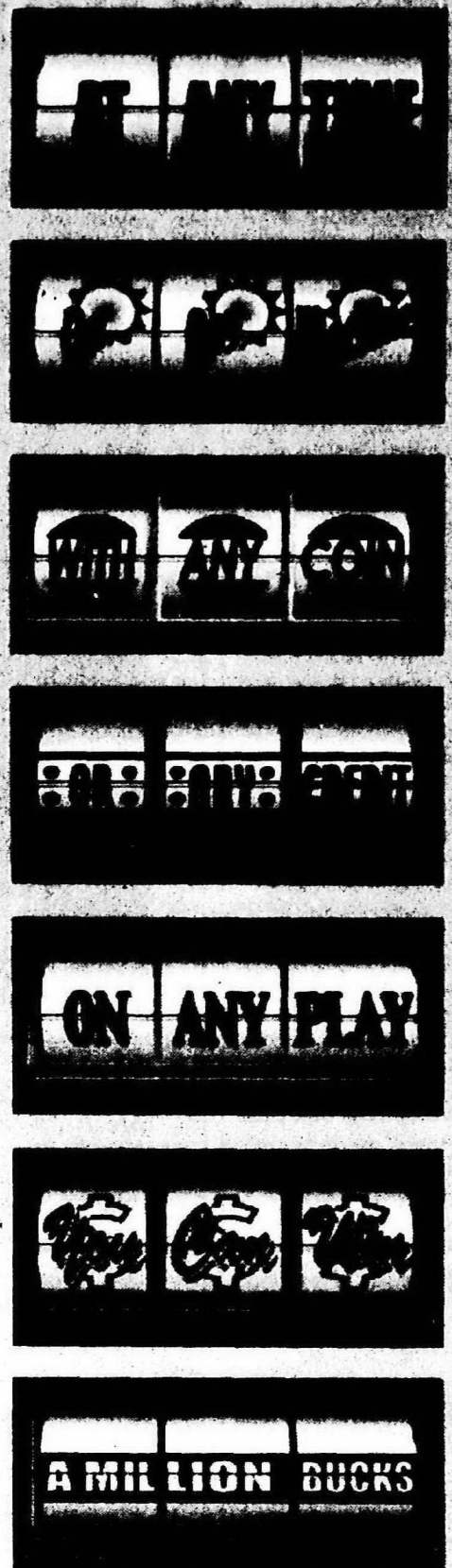
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Alfonzo Blackwell
Keiko Matsui • Earl Klugh

Saturday, June 3
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Alexander Zonjic & Friends
Roger Smith • Dave Koz
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Gates open at 12 noon
Modern Tribe • Ken Navarro
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with Special Guest Lori Perry
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Guays a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE: "Always...Patsy Cline" continues to Aug. 27, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: "Nocturne for a Southern Lady," continues through Sunday, June 25, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater. \$15. (313) 868-1347

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 DeRoy Theater at the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

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. Thursday-Friday, June 1-2, 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

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: "Mass Appeal" Sunday, June 4, at the Depot Theater, Clarkston. \$12. (248) 625-8811

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

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

WEST END PRODUCTIONS: "Canker Sores & Go-Go Juice," a collection of skits, comedy, song and dance, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 2-3, Wunderground Theatre, 110 Main St. Royal Oak (11 Mile Road at Main). June 9 show sold out. \$12.50. (248) 541-1763.

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

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

FESTIVALS

ART ON THE AVENUE: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 3 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 4, also a food fest at Monroe and Michigan Avenue, in Dearborn. (313) 943-



Take it on the run: REO Speedwagon fans hope to hear hits like "Time For Me To Fly," "Keep On Lovin' You" and "Can't Fight This Feeling" when the band comes around accompanied by co-headliners, Styx, 7 p.m. Friday, June 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. Tickets \$15.50-\$32.50, call (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

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GOSPEL SUMMER JAM 2000: Features Hezekiah 7 p.m. Friday, June 2, Masonic 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

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

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

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS YOUTH THEATRE: Auditions for "Flapper," singing 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

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: Performing arts classes, four two-week sessions June 26-Aug. 18, at Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962

CHORAL

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY: Presents a Summer Solstice Concert featuring the Boychoir of Ann Arbor, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, Ann Arbor. \$15. (248) 650-2655

BEL CANTO CHORAL GROUP: Spring concert 8 p.m. Monday, June 12, main sanctuary of Temple Emanu-El, 14450 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Program of light classical, folk songs, selections from "Fiddler on the Roof." No charge.

POPS/ SWING

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Composer Jerry Goldsmith conducts the music he wrote for television shows such as "Star Trek: Voyager," "The Waltons" and "Dr. Kildare," and films "Patton," "Mulan," and "Air Force One," 10:45 a.m. Thursday, June 1, 8 p.m. Friday, June 2, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3 and 3 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$14-47. (313) 576-5111

MICHAEL JAMES/DEBORAH JIMMERSON: Piano bar 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, and 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, at La Bistecca Italian Grille, Livonia. (734) 254-0400

JAZZ

ALBERTA ADAMS: 9 p.m. Friday, June 2, at Edison's Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

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KEIKO MATSUI: 7:15 p.m. Friday, June 2, at the Southfield Civic Center. \$15. (248) 645-6666

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With guest vocalist Barbara Ware, 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, with vibist Rob Pippo June 14, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. (734) 762-7756

SMOOTH JAZZFEST: Friday-Sunday, June 2-4, in front of the Southfield Civic Center. (248) 645-6666/(248) 855-2400

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON: With Dan Kolton, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241

ED WELLS: Beginning Thursday, June 1, 5:30-7 p.m., at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

LARRY ARBOUR: 7 p.m. Friday, at the Flying Fish Tavern, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

SCOTT ROGERS: 8 p.m. Thursday, June 1, at Amer's Mediterranean Deli, Ann Arbor. (folk-rock)

WORLD MUSIC

AN EVENING IN A SPANISH GARDEN: Featuring mezzo-soprano Monica Swartout-Bebow, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-25, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999

DANCE

JAZZ & SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE: Concert, 4 p.m. Sunday, June 4, in the Paul Robeson Theatre, Northwest Activities Center, Detroit. \$8. (313) 342-1000

WATERFORD-OAKS BALLROOM DANCING: 8-11 p.m. Friday, June 2, at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford. (248) 673-4764

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS: Country Western dance, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Italian American Cultural Club, Warren. \$7. (810) 573-4993.

COMEDY

COMEDY JAM: Starring John Witherspoon, Mike Epps, A.J. Johnson and T.K. Kirkland, Friday, June 1, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50, \$35. (248) 433-1515

CUBICLE DOGS: Michigan's only comedy troupe dedicated to lampooning corporate life present "Mission Statement: Impossible," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, through June 3, at Masonic Temple, Detroit. \$15. (810) 984-6336

PAT DAILEY: The singer/comedian performs Saturday, June 3 (doors open at 6 p.m.), at the Barnstormer Entertainment Complex, Whitmore Lake. \$25, \$20 advance. (734) 449-0040

BILL THOMAS: Presents his one-man show, "You're probably asking why I asked you here..." 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 2-3 at Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10. (734) 646-6302.

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Keith Ruff, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 2-3, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Horace Sanders, also Jon Uberoth, Thursday-Saturday, June 1-2, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: Improv Jammers 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays (\$5). (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: WalkWorks, a self-directed exploration of the exhibit galleries that invites families and young visitors to become Super Sleuths; the museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

CRANBROOK HOUSE: Open for walk-in Sunday tours 1-3:30 p.m. June 4 to Oct. 29, at the house, Bloomfield Hills. \$10, Thursdays June 15 to Oct. 26 lunch at noon may be purchased for an additional \$12. Stroll through the Cranbrook Gardens at no additional charge or enjoy only the gardens for \$5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday (open 11 a.m. Sunday). Free parking at Christ Church Cranbrook directly across Lone Pine Road from Cranbrook House. (248) 645-3149

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS: First Friday, 6-9:30 p.m. June 2, drop-in workshop on traditional Japanese paper fans, classical music of northern India, drawing in the galleries, metalworking demonstration by artist Danielle Crissman; Vincent van Gogh exhibit continues to June 4, at the museum. (313) 833-7900

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER: IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," "Whales," "Mysteries of Egypt" and "Everest," at the center, Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

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HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: In Dearborn, open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson. 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

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ALLMAN BROTHERS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18-35. (248) 645-6666

LORI AMEY: 8 p.m. Saturday, June 24, Espresso Royale, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-2770; 10 p.m. Saturday, July 8, Roadrunners Raft, Hamtramck. 21 and over. (313) 873-7238; 8 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Gayle's Chocolates, Royal Oak. Free. (248) 398-0001; 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, The Ark, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 761-1451.

JOSEPH ARTHUR: With Scott Fab, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 3, Blue Note Cafe, Pontiac. All ages. Free.

BANTAM ROOSTER: With The Wild Bunch, Gaffle, 9 p.m. Friday, June 9, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over. \$7. (313) 833-9700

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368.

THE BEACH BOYS: With Martha Reeves and The Vandellas, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666.

THE BELL RAYS: With The Lovemasters, Clone Defects, 9 p.m. Monday, June 12, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over. \$7. (313) 833-9700

PAT BENATAR: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$22.50. (248) 645-6666.

TONY BENNETT: With Diana Krall, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$35. (248) 645-6666.

CLINT BLACK: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666.

BLINK-182: With Bad Religion, Fenix TX, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25. (248) 645-6666.

BOY SETS FIRE: With Ann Beretta, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 1, The Shelter, Detroit. \$7. All ages. (313) 961-MELT

BRANDED: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8, Bullfrog Bar & Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477; 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, Wired Frog, Eastpointe. All ages. \$6. (810) 761-3174; 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Bean Machine, Dearborn. All ages. \$5. (313) 943-2940; 10 p.m. Friday, June 30, Innisfree Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2434.

JIMMY BUFFETT & THE CORAL REEFER BAND: 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$46 pavilion/\$23.50 lawn.

SCOTT CAMPBELL GROUP: With Mind Circus, Seismic 3, Bob Racecar Bob, hosted by WRIF's Doug Podell, 10 p.m. Friday, June 2, Token Lounge, Westland. (734) 513-5030

RAY CHARLES: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$25. (248) 645-6666

CHICAGO: With Little River Band, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 28, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20.25-\$30.25. (248) 645-6666.

THE CHIEFTAINS AND LOS LOBOS: 8 p.m. Sunday, June 25, at Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$35 pavilion/\$20 lawn. (248) 645-6666.

TERRI CLARK: 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$15-\$30. (248) 645-6666.

HARRY CONNICK JR. AND HIS BIG BAND: Come By Me Tour, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25.50-\$45.50. (248) 645-6666

COUNTING CROWS AND LIVE: With Galactic, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$23.50-\$46. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

CRACKER: With Koester, 8 p.m. Friday, June 2, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$12 advance. (313) 961-MELT

CREED: With 3 Doors Down, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25-\$35.

CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REVISITED: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666

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CHARLIE DANIELS BAND: With Hank Williams Jr. and Little Feat. 7 p.m. Sunday, June 4, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

DEEP CUT: 9 p.m. Sunday, May 28, June 4, U.S. 12/ Wayne Brewery, Wayne. (734) 722-7639

DEF LEPPARD: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 29, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$28.50-\$38.50. (248) 645-6666.

DIAMOND DUKES: 7 p.m. Friday, June 2, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All Ages. (248) 644-4800.

THE DOOBIE BROTHERS: 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666

DR. DRE, SNOOP DOGG, ICE CUBE, EMINEM AND WARREN G: Up In Smoke Tour, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 7, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$35-\$50.

DURAN DURAN: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666

BOB DYLAN: With Phil Lesh and Friends, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25-\$43.50. (248) 645-6666.

EELS: Monday, June 19, 7th House, Pontiac

ELIZA: 8 p.m. Saturday, June 3, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$5. (248) 645-6666

ENCORE: Thursday, June 15, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit.

FACTORY 81: With The Workhorse Movement, Powerface, Too Many Gods, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 3, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$7. (313) 961-MELT

FOREIGNER: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$14.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

FORGE: With Arzing, Broadzilla, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$7. (313) 961-MELT.

PETER FRAMPTON: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

GLENN FREY: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 8, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$42.50. (248) 645-6666.

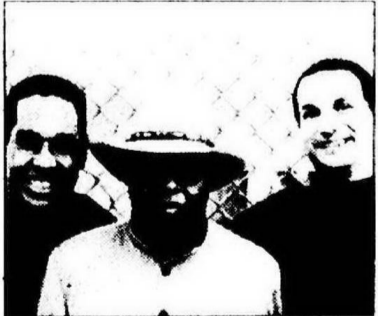
KENNY G: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$32.50. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

GIPSY KINGS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$42.50. (248) 645-6666

HARRINGTON BROTHERS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All Ages. (248) 644-4800.

JULIANA HATFIELD: 9 p.m. Friday, June 2, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10 advance. (313) 833-9700.

ROY HAYNES TRIO: Featuring



Danilo Perez and John Pattitucci, 8 and 11 p.m. Friday Saturday, June 16-17, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$20. (248) 645-6666.

HEATWAVE: With Sister Sledge and Evelyn "Champagne" King, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666

DON HENLEY: 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$66 pavilion only. \$1 per ticket donated to Walden Woods preservation. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

IMMUNITY: 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 2, The Library Pub, Novi. Free. (248) 349-9110; 5 p.m. Friday, June 9, The Deck, Detroit. (313) 965-9500; noon to 4:40 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Motor City Casino, Detroit. (313) 237-7711; 10 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Club Bart, Ferndale. (248) 548-8746

INCURABLES: Friday Saturday, June 2-3, The Kangaroo Club, Taylor. 21 and over. Cover charge. (734) 947-1610

INDIGO GIRLS: 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS: 9 p.m. Friday, June 9, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609.

JO NAB: 5 p.m. Friday, June 2, Saturday, June 17, Friday, June 30, The Deck, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

THE JUDDS: With Lee Roy Parnell, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20-\$39.50. (248) 645-6666.

MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VREELAND: 7 p.m. Thursdays, Le Metro, Southfield. (248) 353-2757 (jazz duo).

BB KING BLUES FEST: 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. (248) 645-6666.

THE KINGSNAKES: 8 p.m. Friday, June 2, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030

ALISON KRAUSS & UNION STATION: 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$12.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

KD LANG: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$21-\$36. (248) 645-6666.

HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

LOADED DICE: 9 p.m. Saturday, June 3, Nankin Mill Tavern, Westland. Free (734) 427-0622

LONESTAR: With Rascal Flatts, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$15.50-\$32.50. (248) 645-6666.

LOST HIGHWAY: 9 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Nankin Mill Tavern, Westland. Free (734) 427-0622

RUSSELL MALONE QUARTET: 8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 23-24, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310.

DJ MARK E.P. OF PARADISE: 10 p.m. Wednesdays, Innisfree Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2434.

DJ MARQUIS: 9 p.m. Thursdays, Detroit Science. "The Lab." 18 and older. \$10-\$15 cover. Ladies free. (313) 438-4146.

RICKY MARTIN: 8 p.m. Friday, June 30, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$45-85. (248) 645-6666.

MATHLETE:



Thursday, June 1, Contemporary Art Gallery, Detroit. (248) 645-6666.

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND: With Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals, 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, Comerica Park, Detroit. \$46.50. (248) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6611.

STONE MZAAR AND THE WESTSIDERS: 9 p.m. Friday, June 2, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609.

MAZE: With K Ci and Jo Jo, Time TBA, Sunday, July 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$33.50. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

MARTINA MCBRIDE: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 1, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$22.50-\$33.50. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

MICHAEL MCDONALD: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

MDFMK: 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$22.50 advance. (313) 961-MELT

NATALIE MERCHANT: 8 p.m. Thursday, July 13, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$20-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

STEVE MILLER BAND: With Gov't Mule, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$21.50-\$37.50. (248) 645-6666

MISSING PERSONS: With Flock of Seagulls, Wang Chung, Gene Loves Jezebel, 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$10-\$15. (248) 645-6666.

MONTREUX FESTIVAL: Featuring Al Jarreau, Roberta Flack, David Sanborn, Joe Sample, George Duke, Monday, Aug. 21, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18.50-\$34.50. (248) 645-6666.

MOTLEY CRUE: With Megadeth and Anthrax, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$35. (248) 645-6666.

MOTOR CITY SHIEKS: 7 p.m. Saturday, June 3, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All Ages. (248) 644-4800.

MOXY FRUVOUS: 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030.

THE MOODY BLUES: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$29.50

NICKELODEON'S ALL THAT TOUR: With Ifo, Bewitch'd and Blaque. Sunday, Aug. 6, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18.50-\$28.50. (248) 645-6666.

NOBODY'S BUSINESS: Hosts Rockabilly Jam Sessions. Thursdays at The New Way Bar, Ferndale. (248) 541-9870.

NO DOUBT: With Lit, Black Eyed Peas, 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 3, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater, Pontiac. \$26.50. (248) 335-9497

N'SYNC: No Strings Attached Tour, Tuesday, July 18, Pontiac Silverdome. \$49.75. (248) 645-6666.

ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Monday, June 5, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All Ages. (248) 644-4800.

OZZFEST 2000: Featuring Ozzy Osbourne, Pantera, Godsmack, Static X, Incubus, Methods of Mahem, POD, Soulfly, Queens of the Stoneage and Crazytown, 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$50.25, with donation to Lifebeat Charity. (248) 645-6666.

JIMMY PAGE AND THE BLACK CROWES: With Kenny Wayne Shepard, 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 26, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$39.50-\$55. (248) 645-6666.

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.com

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com

THE ARK: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587

ANDIAMO ITALIA WEB: 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.

BIRD OF PARADISE: 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 966-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477

CARBON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278

CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays. 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www.961melt.com

COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 903-6616

CONOR O'NEILLS: 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2968 or www.conoroneills.com

COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

DETROIT SCIENCE: 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover \$10 for 21 and over. Cover \$15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitscience.com

EDISON'S: 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

ELI'S: 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS: 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

FLYING FISH TAVERN: 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609

FOX THEATRE: 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611

FOX AND HOUNDS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800

GOLD DOLLAR: 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www.golddollar.com

GROOVE ROOM: 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com

HILL AUDITORIUM: 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538

JOE LOUIS ARENA: 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606

JD'S KEY CLUB: 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337

KARL'S CABIN: 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB: Dance night for teens ages 15-19. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday Saturday, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9960

LOVELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506

LOWTOWN GRILL: 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213

MAGIC BAG: 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.

MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441

MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK: (313) 833-9700

MEMPHIS SMOKE: 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

MICHIGAN THEATER: 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397

MOTOR LOUNGE: 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com

MR. B'S FARM: 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038

MUSIC MENU: 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU

THE PALACE: 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com

PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATER: 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac

PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE: 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

PURE BAR ROOM: 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE

ROCHESTER MILLS BEER CAFE: 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

THE ROOKIE SPORTS CAFE: 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337

ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE: 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610

THE SCARAB CLUB: 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250

ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER: 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

7TH HOUSE: 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540

STATE THEATRE AND STATE BAR: 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheatre.com

24 KARAT CLUB: 28949 Jay, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

313 JAC: Upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302

U.S. 12 BAR AND GRILL/WAYNE BREWERY: 34824 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 722-7639

VELVET LOUNGE: 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

VILLAGE BAR AND GRILL/BEENY'S CUE & BREW: 35234 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 729-2360

WAGON WHEEL TAVERN: 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-6789

WOODRUFF'S SUPPER CLUB: 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519

XHEDOS CAFE: Sista Ous performs 8-10 p.m. Sundays at the club. 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 399-3946

ZIM'S IRISH TAVERN: 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467



Incubus

Osbourne, Pantera, Godsmack, Static X, Incubus, Methods of Mahem, POD, Soulfly, Queens of the Stoneage and Crazytown, 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$50.25, with donation to Lifebeat Charity. (248) 645-6666.

CLUB CIRCUIT

PEARL JAM: With Supergrass, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$28. (248) 645-6666

MICHELLE PENN: Saturday, June 3, 7th House, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666

POISON: With Cinderella, Dokken and Slaughter, 6 p.m. Sunday, July 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

QTOPIA: Featuring Mandy Moore, Verticle Horizon, Jessica Simpson, Hanson and Macy Gray, Thursday, June 1, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$50. (248) 645-6666.

RACHEL AND KAPP: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All Ages. (248) 644-4800.

RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS: With Stone Temple Pilots and Fishbone, 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$28.50-\$38.50. (248) 645-6666.

REEFERFREN: Friday, May 26, Thursday, June 1, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011.

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, Reefe Men, and Molly Hatchett performing Thursday; Gordon Bennett, Jill Jack, and Loverboy performing Friday; Five Horse Johnson, Soul Clique, Alberta Adams, Johnnie Basset, Thornetta Davis, and Otis Day & Knights performing Saturday; Agee, Shannon Curfman, Edgar Winter and MudPuppy performing Sunday.

LEANN RIMES: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666

'T-Rex' takes viewers back in time in IMAX style

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Thwack! Bam! Zoom! Splat! The 3-D film, *T-Rex: Back to the Cretaceous* has arrived at the IMAX Theatre at Greenfield Village.

T-Rex is the first IMAX production to focus on the creatures that disappeared from the earth during the last part of the Mesozoic era. In the film, *Tyrannosaurus rex* and his kin are all computer-generated, marking a departure from films such as *Jurassic Park* and *Jurassic Park: The Lost World*, in which puppetry was occasionally used. *T-Rex*, directed by Brett Leonard (*Lawnmower Man*), runs for 50

minutes. It centers around a girl named Ally (Liz Stauber) and her father (Peter Horton), a hard-working paleontologist. Ally's dream is to become a paleontologist just like her dad, although he won't allow her to even lend a hand on any "digs" yet. She's too young and inexperienced, he believes, for such risky and serious stuff.

One fateful day when Ally drops in at the museum to visit her father, she finds herself stepping back in time. Actually, it's not a step, but a giant, vertiginous leap, as the jeans-clad adventurer travels 65 million years in reverse and meets, there in the vaporous jungle, the

dinosaur of all dinosaurs.

The ferns in the jungle look a little fake, and the dinosaurs look and move pretty much like most movie dinosaurs, and this screenplay and these actors are not going to walk away with many awards. But, if you're a moviegoer with a pulse, you'll have tons of fun with *T-Rex*.

A bit surprisingly, some of the most remarkable sequences in the film occur not in the presence of the dinosaurs, but in Ally's contemporary world. At an archaeological dig, chipped pieces of rock seem to fly off in all directions and into our faces, making it impossible not to twitch and blink at the optical

illusion. In another scene, when a bubbly aquarium comes into view, we can hardly resist the temptation to reach out and "touch" the wiggly wetness of the fish. From enormous bones and Egyptian statuary that appear to spin out of the museum's corridors and threaten to crack our heads, to the glossy buttons on Ally's sweater, to the tiny blemishes on her skin, we experience high-tech cinema that makes each scene seem more real than real. This is not your father's 3-D. For one thing, the Polaroid glasses with which we view *T-Rex* are like substantial sunglasses and valued at \$50 apiece, according to IMAX sources. For another thing, the six-channel, multi-speaker sound system turns up the fun more than a few notches, as the images are projected across the 60 x 84-foot screen.

A colorful short called *Paint Misbehavin'* precedes *T-Rex*. Produced by the IMAX Corp. via a system in which animators don virtual reality goggles in order to actually "sculpt" the images in three-dimension, it's a dizzying, slap-happy spectacle in animated 3-D that almost steals the thunder from the main feature. When it comes to its goofy, raucous conclusion, *Paint Misbehavin'* will leave most movie-



IMAX THEATRE
T-Rex: Back to the Cretaceous: An Ornithomimus surprises Ally Hayden (Liz Stauber) in Imax Corp.'s latest adventure now showing at Henry Ford Museum's Imax Theatre.

goers laughing and gasping, sure that they are bathed in paint and happily yearning for much more of the same.

'M:I-2' looks at doomsday

BY BOB THOMAS
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

When the first feature film version of the long-running TV series *Mission: Impossible* came out in 1996, critics complained that the plot was so murky as to be impenetrable. No matter. The high-tech action drama proved to be a huge moneymaker for Paramount and Tom Cruise, the movie's star and co-producer.

M:I-2, as the sequel is called, also suffers from plotting deficiencies, but it will further enrich Paramount and its parent Viacom, as well as Cruise. The credit belongs to John Woo, who has transferred the chop-socky dynamics of Hong Kong quickies to big-budget Hollywood movies.

Like most films of its genre, *Mission: Impossible 2* purveys a doomsday theme. An Australian pharmaceutical firm has developed a horrendously virulent virus called Chimera which can kill millions in short order. The company's boss has also ordered an antidote which could be worth billions of dollars. Chimera falls

into the hands of terrorists led by the vicious Sean Ambrose (Dougray Scott).

Ethan Hunt (Cruise) is pulled from a rock-climbing adventure to report to Seville, Spain, where he gets his orders from his superior (Anthony Hopkins) in a brief, unbilled appearance. Hunt is told to search for the terrorists and recover the virus. He is assigned a collaborator, a beautiful jewel thief named Nyah Hall (Thandie Newton). His logistical chief will be Luther Stickell (Ving Rhames, the only holdover from the 1996 film).

Hunt and Hall of course begin with an adversarial relationship, customary for buddy movies, male-male or male-female. And of course the relationship warms as they face unimaginable dangers together.

The romantic episodes offer brief respite from the wall-to-wall action. The method includes atomic-like explosions, extended shootouts lacking in sharpshooters, and gladiatorial kung fu accented by slow motion and ear-

splitting sound effects. It worked in Hong Kong, and it works here — although the final hand-to-hand (or foot-to-head) battle of Hunt and Ambrose extends beyond plausible human endurance.

Cruise makes a convincing hero, and he reportedly performed many of his own stunts. His rock climbing and other daring feats seem like the real thing, but in today's world of digital magic, who can tell?

Newton, who appeared with Cruise in *Interview with the Vampire*, is perfectly cast as the tough but vulnerable thief. Her future seems unlimited.

The eminent Robert Towne (*Chinatown*, *Shampoo*) wrote the screenplay based on a story by Ronald D. Moore and Brannon Braga. Towne wrote the first *Mission: Impossible*, and this time he makes the story more accessible.

The Paramount release was produced by Cruise and Paula Wagner.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, June 2

BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE
A street-smart FBI agent goes undercover as an outspoken Southern grandmother/midwife to protect a beautiful single mother and her son from an escaped convict. Stars Martin Lawrence, Nia Long and Paul Giamatti.

ST. FRANCISVILLE EXPERIMENT
A psychic, a ghost-hunter, a filmmaker and a historian fly to Louisiana to investigate an alleged haunted house plagued by the spirits of slaves who endured grisly torture.

Scheduled to open Friday, June 9

GONE IN SIXTY SECONDS
Remake of a 1974 film by H.B. Halicki in which Nicholas Cage plays a former car thief who is commissioned to steal 50 cars in one night. The hitch is another gang is planning to do the same.

GROOVE
Told from the perspective of an insider, Groove details one event-filled night in the underground rave scene in San Francisco.

SUNSHINE
Directed by Istvan Szabo, the film conjures up three themes: the inhumanity of human species, the symbolic meaning of a family name and the aching tolerance and acceptance in modern society.

Scheduled to open Friday, June 16

BOYS AND GIRLS
Romantic comedy explores the games that men and women play. Stars Freddie Prinze Jr., Claire Forlani, Jason Biggs.

TITAN A.E.
In a journey that begins after Earth ends, a rebellious teenager named Cale embarks on an adventure through space to find the legendary spacecraft, the Titan, which holds the secret to salvation for the human race. Animated full-length feature movie with the voices of Matt Damon, Drew Barrymore.

SHAFT
Samuel L. Jackson is Shaft, a private detective on the trail of a murderer who wants to eliminate the key witness to a

Scheduled to open Friday, June 2

AN AFFAIR OF LOVE
Directed by Frederick Fonteyne, a faux documentary style to illuminate a relationship intended to be strictly sexual.

Scheduled to open Friday, June 30

THE PERFECT STORM
Drama based on the true story about a disastrous storm at sea and its consequences to the ships and crews in its path. Stars George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg, Diane Lane.

ADVENTURES OF ROCKY AND BULLWINKLE
Boris and Natasha return in this live-action/animated comedy where only Rocky and Bullwinkle stand in the way of a diabolical plot to take over the world.

THE PATRIOT
Set in South Carolina in 1776, epic features Mel Gibson as Benjamin Martin, a reluctant hero swept into the American Revolution. When the British arrive at his home and endanger what he holds most dear, Martin takes up arms along side his son and leads a brave rebel militia into battle.

Scheduled to open Friday, June 23

JESUS' SON
Based on Denis Johnson's cult novel, this saga stars Billy Crudup, Denis Leary and Jack Black.

BUTTERFLY'S TONGUE
Set against the backdrop of civil war in Spain 1936, this is the story of an extraordinary relationship between a shy young boy and his compassionate teacher who teaches him to find his way in an increasingly frightening world.

ME, MYSELF AND IRENE
Comedy about a mild-mannered Rhode Island cop with a split personality disorder who escorts a woman back to her home town. The cop and his hyper-aggressive alter ego both fall in love with the confused lady and he wages war — with himself — for her affections. Stars Jim Carrey, Renee Zellweger.

CHICKEN RUN
Full-length animated feature is set at Tweedy's Chicken Farm, where any chicken who doesn't make her egg quota can meet a "foul" fate. Features the voices of Mel Gibson, Julia Sawalha and Miranda Richardson.

Scheduled to open Friday, June 2

NOT YOUR MOMMA: MARTIN LAWRENCE STARS IN "BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE," OPENING THIS WEEKEND AT AREA MOVIE THEATERS.



Not your Momma: Martin Lawrence stars in "Big Momma's House," opening this weekend at area movie theaters.

Scheduled to open Friday, June 2

EL NORTE, RE-RELEASE
The search for roots and family provides the basis for this 1983 drama that tells of the plight of Central American political refugees.

JAILS, HOSPITALS AND HIP-HOP
Performance artist Danny Hoch featured in this film, based on Hoch's third solo live show.

THINGS YOU CAN JUST TELL BY
Contemporary drama takes a behind-the-scenes look at aspects of people's lives. Stars Glenn Close, Calista Flockhart, Holly Hunter and Cameron Diaz.

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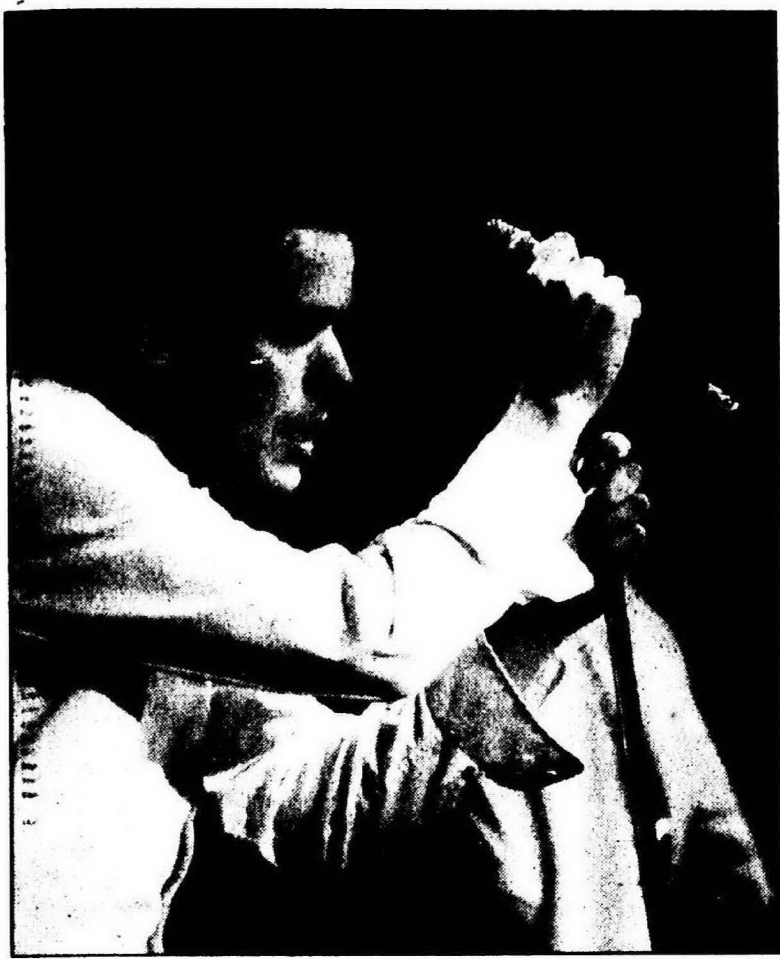
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Domestic Problems, Knee Deep Shag, Rooster win contest



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Soul: Matt Gross, lead vocalist of Kalamazoo's *Knee Deep Shag*, sings his heart out at the Opening Act Contest May 23 at Meadowbrook Music Festival. His band was one of three winners, along with Rooster and Domestic Problems.

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With names that conjure up images of farm life, family fights and plush carpeting, the 2000 Opening Act Contest winners will make themselves heard as they gear up as openers for at least one show each during Pine Knob Music Theatre's summer season.

Rooster, Knee Deep Shag and Domestic Problems were the judges' choices out of eight worthy contenders Tuesday, May 23 at Meadowbrook Music Festival. In its second year, the Palace Sports and Entertainment Inc. sponsored Opening Act to recognize up-and-coming musical talent from around the Detroit area. The remaining finalists included punk-pop three-piece Molly, of Grand Rapids, power-pop quartet Southfield hailing from Grosse Pointe, soulful Scott Fab, blues pioneers The King Snakes from Westland, and the melodic groove of Kalamazoo's Blue Dahlia.

Rochester-based Americana-rockers Rooster took the win to heart. Ken Karasek, drummer and former Rochester resident, said he "can't wait to see who we're opening up for." Though the band's not on the summer schedule, Karasek said it would be a dream to open for the Foo Fighters.

Knee Deep Shag's five members tossed out big names like

Dave Matthews Band, The Black Crowes and Paul Simon as their own personal "dream gigs," but it doesn't truly matter which show the band opens. Singer Matt Gross looks forward to "the thrill of playing Pine Knob with a professional sound system, in front of a huge crowd."

The band that hails from Kalamazoo and has roots in Troy dazzled the crowd and 10 judges performing its recent single 3 p.m. from their 1999 release *Good Disguise*. Bassist Mike Feurst said the contest "provides up and coming bands to play in front of a crowd that might not necessarily see the show."

Agreeing, Gross added: "It keeps the hope alive. We've been at this for a long time."

Also deep-seated in the Michigan music scene, Grand Rapids' Domestic Problems were honored to be named winners. Singer Andy Holtgreive said the contest pitted his band one step closer to its goal - getting more recognition and playing before larger crowds. The band is currently working on a new album, to be recorded in Grand Rapids with Jon Frazer this summer.

Members of all three bands showed great support for one another, as they have all performed together at one time or another.

The question on each of their minds these days remains - what show will each band be asked to open for this season? The decision is yet to be made.



Anticipation: Above, members of *The Kingsnakes*, a Westland rock outfit, (from left), Daniel Ross, Thomas Mann, Steven Pelloni, K.R. Broderdorf, and Tommy Diaz relax backstage prior to their performance.



Face of a winner: Left, Job Grotski, saxophonist and half of the horn duo in *Domestic Problems* out of Grand Rapids, gets down during their winning performance.

The Workhorse Movement lives up to its name



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Walking into Woodward Avenue Brewery in Ferndale, I peeked around for a glimpse of the two musicians I'd come to meet. Spotting Jeff Piper quickly, I gave an unsure glance - I'd never seen any members of The Workhorse Movement, not in real life anyway. And I was counting on recognizing Lake Orion native and drummer Joe Mackie - the one with the most tattoos. But I was early, he was on time and Jeff was quietly sipping a beverage at the bar when he called my name.

Fresh off tour with Canada's hard-core answer to girl bands, Kittie, the local boys who formed The Workhorse Movement while attending Central Michigan University had an air of relaxation surrounding them - or were they just enjoying the chips and salsa? I'll never really know, but for all their gravel-edged image, Piper and Mackie proved to be a truly genuine pair.

Mackie's love for music stretches back to childhood, his involvement in church and in high school choir - although you might not expect it at first glance. He knew he was meant to play drums because he was

always banging on things with his pencil. "I used to figure out drum beats to commercials," he said, naming a Honda slogan as one of his favorites.

For Piper, the sounds of music came first from his father's barbershop singing. He knew he had to have a guitar after watching a Quiet Riot video. From his metal past to a growing interest in jazz during high school, Piper - who also goes by the name Freedom - uses a wide variety of guitar stylings to his advantage.

In 1994 those pasts converged - along with singer Myron - to start a band that would test the boundaries of heavy rock and raunchy roll. Somewhere down the line, the band incorporated friend and general wildman Cornbread into the line-up. "He was always at shows," said Mackie.

"We took him out on the road with us because he's such a good dancer," said Piper. "We never thought it would turn into him being a second lead vocalist."

But like all unexpected changes affecting The Workhorse Movement, the band rolled along with it. By 1997, bassist Pete Bever joined in and the band relocated to Detroit, in effect coming even closer to an Overcore Records, which released a five-song self-titled EP the following year.

Influences like Elvis, Led Zepelin and various '80s rock



Hard at work: Cornbread, Pete Bever, Joe Mackie, Freedom (aka Joe Piper) and Myron are *The Workhorse Movement*.

bands filter into the raucous sound of The Workhorse Movement, one that also incorporates elements of soul and hip hop. The latest album released by Roadrunner Records *Sons of the Pioneers* will hit record store shelves June 6, but those who caught the recent Harpo's show with Kittie have gotten a taste of it already. Producer Scott Santos had a hand in the technical elements of the record, but the songs are distinctly Workhorse.

Since securing the deal with Roadrunner Records last year, Piper said everything's taken on a bigger scale. "It became a career when Roadrunner stepped into the game," he said.

The Workhorse Movement's dedication to that career is denoted in the band name - a name that represents putting 100 percent into everything it does. Mackie came up with the moniker after reading Tom Wolf's novel *The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test*. "The whole thing that inspired me was the way people were trying to break out of societal norms," he said. Workhorse was a recurring concept.

Breaking rock-music norms, the band, welcomed Esham on their latest release with an appearance on *Traffic*. "He's the coolest rapper out, the most prolific," said Piper. "He's a rock guy too."

The next step, you may be wondering? The band will be shooting a video for its first single, *Keep The Sabbath Dream Alive*, in and around the Detroit area and releasing the song in Europe and Japan first. For now, fans can catch them at an energy-powered live show.

Catch *The Workhorse Movement with Factory 51*, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit. \$7 (313) 961-MELT.

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Golden Mushroom picks seasoned chef to head up kitchen

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Owner Reid Ashton opened the now internationally-known restaurant, Golden Mushroom, in 1972. Legendary Chef Milos Cihelka, the first master chef certified in the United States, left Detroit's legendary London Chop House to become the Golden Mushroom's executive chef and Ashton's partner in 1976. Chef Milos retired in 1994.

Filling his shoes since have been Steve Allen, who left to open his own restaurant, Steve & Rocky's in Novi. Derin Moore, next on board, left recently to head the kitchen at a Charlotte, N.C. country club, leaving the door open for the talented and popular Randy Emert to be named Golden Mushroom executive chef.

At age 32, Chef Randy, a Clarkston resident, has an impressive professional résumé. Since earning an associate's degree in Culinary Arts from Schoolcraft College in Livonia, he has become an American Culinary Federation Certified Chef de Cuisine. He's also a part-time instructor in the culinary departments at Henry Ford Community College and Oakland Community College. In addition, he captained the 1996 Michigan Culinary Team that was awarded a gold, four silver, and two bronze medals in the Culinary Olympics in Berlin, Germany.

Chef Randy comes to the Golden Mushroom after having been the executive chef at Pike Street

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"It's a challenge and an honor to follow in the footsteps of the great chefs who've been at the Golden Mushroom," Chef Randy said. "Each day that I work in the kitchen, I hope I can maintain the reputation that's been established. This is not my responsibility alone, but one that the prep and line cooks and sous chefs also take seriously."

While trained in classical cooking methods, Chef Randy uses simple words to describe his style. "Good food, presented elegantly and cooked from the heart," he said. "Pride will show on all plates. I'm very diner preference-conscious when it comes to the menu listings."

"It has been said that the Golden Mushroom is a place to come for an all-afternoon lunch. Not anymore. You can be in and out in an hour and have a great lunch, even a working business lunch. People are busy, and I'm committed to making this happen," he said.

Some Golden Mushroom sacrosanct items such as Fresh Beluga Caviar, the signature sampling of Spring Mushrooms, House Salad, Sautéed White Holland Dover Sole, and Crispy Dover Sole Murat will never change.

But diners at the Golden Mushroom will experience some delightful changes under Chef Randy. Foie Gras, the dinner experience, will take on two



Ready Randy: The new executive chef at Golden Mushroom is Randy Emert of Clarkston.

new faces: Foie Gras Combination of Seared Foie Gras and Foie Gras Terrine with a raisin scone and Port wine glaze; or Tableside Carved Whole Roasted Foie Gras, serving six, with appropriate garnish.

New dinner main courses include Sea Scallops and Shrimp Sauté, garnished with pea shoot and grape tomato salad and roast fingerling potatoes;

On the side

Food for thought: during Spring, about 4,000 pounds of Washington and Oregon morel mushrooms are purchased by the Golden Mushroom then frozen for use throughout the year.

Golden Mushroom uncorked
Executive Chef Randy Smith is a wine lover. His choices for best matches with his dishes include: Whole Roasted Foie Gras and 1988 Chateau Rayne Vignasau Sauternes Sea Scallops & Shrimp Sauté and 1997 Far Niente Chardonnay and Grilled Moulard Duck Breast and 1998 Iron Horse Pinot Noir.

Southfield's Golden Mushroom is a perennial winner of both the Wine Spectator Best of Award of Excellence and Distinguished Restaurants of North America (DiRoNA). You need only one hand to count the area's restaurants with such distinction.

Grilled Moulard Duck Breast with chanterelle barley risotto and spiced duck jus lie; Veal Medallions in Pilsner Urquell Sauce with Port Salut-Pancetta Risotto; and Roast Leg of Venison with Port wine sauce and crispy potatoes.

Desserts have a retro look. Chef Randy calls them "Back to Milos Favorites." They include Fruit Flan, Mozart Tart, Apple Strudel, Flavored Mousse Cup, Cheesecake of the Day and one or two specials.

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WHAT'S COOKING

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