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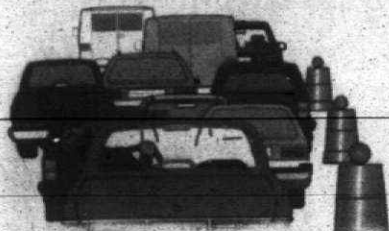
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Music: Passion for music drives The Forbes Brothers, one of the groups performing this weekend at the 1999 W4 Country-Budweiser Downtown Hoedown in Hart Plaza. /E1

Theater: Patrick Moug, a sergeant with the Livonia Police Department, has drawn his new play, "Captain Beefalo," from his own life. The play premieres Friday at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall in Northville. /E1

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Role-playing: Wheatley Coleman portrays a fatality victim during a mock accident sponsored by Students Against Drunk Driving at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Tuesday. Later in the scenario, the Canton High School senior accidentally cut her hand and was taken to Oakwood Hospital for stitches.



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SADD show: Mock accident proves a sobering experience

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A prom night accident in which a car swerves off the road and crashes into a tree, the result of a teenage driver who had been drinking, ends with one person dead and three seriously injured.

One victim was flown by a Midwest Medflight helicopter for special emergency treatment for paralyzing neck injuries. Two others were taken to local hospitals for multiple injuries. A fourth victim was hoisted into the

back of a hearse and taken to the morgue, to be identified by horrified parents.

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

More kids die in the United States every year from alcohol and automobile-related acci-

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Airborne: The MedFlight helicopter carrying Plymouth Salem High School senior Rob Schmitt lifts off above the football field at PCER.



Tough scene: Funeral Home workers place Wheatley Coleman into a body bag during the mock accident.

Students suspended after 'hit list' found in hallway

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

Principal Barbara Church said the note was found on the floor in a hallway by a student, who turned the list over to assistant principal Marcia Porterfield. Porterfield spent much of

the day investigating who wrote the note, and then called Plymouth police, who say they are also investigating.

"At no time did I feel that anyone's safety was in danger," said Church. "Of course, you can never be 100-percent certain. However, these students have almost a clean slate when it comes to problems."

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

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

Church did send a letter home to parents stating, "At the end of the day, we met with the students who were named in the note, gave them information related to their safety and gave them a letter to take home to their

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Neighbors battle over wooden privacy fence

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A dispute between two Morrison Street neighbors could lead to changes in Canton's fence ordinance.

Problems arose about a month ago shortly after Green Wade and Barbara Brantley moved next door to Arlene Ladell and her husband. A six-foot wooden privacy fence was erected by Wade and Brantley — just six inches from an existing chain-link fence around the backyard of the home.

Issues of maintenance, height and position of the fence, whether the "good" side should face the homeowner or the neighbors, have since been raised by Ladell.

"I would like to see the fence come down," she said. "I'd like to see the ordinance changed, too, and become more neighbor-friendly."

The fence isn't in violation of the township's ordinance, according to

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Wade. He said he spent \$2,500 to eliminate a view of Ladell's dogs, other items lying in their yard and to provide himself some privacy.

"The fence is on my property," Wade added. "It's not bothering anybody."

Ladell filed a complaint against Wade and Brantley on April 19 with the township saying they didn't have a permit to put the fence up.

Canton Ordinance Officer John Weyer said his office is currently investigating the complaint and related issues. No ticket has been issued to Wade or Brantley, he added.

Canton's fence ordinance was passed in 1990 and amended one year later. Weyer said his department will review the ordinance in light of Ladell's complaint.

He said the ordinance would be com-

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Health center making move

■ University of Michigan Health Center will consolidate two area facilities with a new building in Canton by next year.

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

The center, based the past eight years at Lilley and Ann Arbor Roads in the City of Plymouth, with a smaller office on Lilley near Ford Road in Can-

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Robber confronts cop with knife

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A 44-year-old Westland man has been charged with armed robbery following a knife-point robbery at Super Kmart on Ford Road Sunday.

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Meet the Candidates

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

■ The forum will be held 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 20 in the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main.

■ Candidates seeking election to two four-year terms include incumbents **Carle Blamer** and **Mike Maloney** and newcomers **Steve Guile** and **Mark Slavons**.

■ The forum will be moderated by **Anne Marie Graham** of Canton, a member of the LWV.

■ Call the Observer at 459-2700 for more information.



Relay in the rain



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Cancer fund-raiser: Mary McInerney of Bay City, Mich., a cancer survivor and member of the "Tropical Trekkers" from St. Joseph Mercy Health System, sits under an umbrella at Saturday's first-ever Relay for Life in Heritage Park. For a story and more photos from the inaugural event, please turn to Page A3 in today's Observer.

OBITUARIES

ANN BROZEK CUTCHER

Services for Ann Brozek Cutcher, 86, of Plymouth, were held May 4 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. John Ortman officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. Local arrangements were made by the Schaefer-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born March 28, 1913, in Detroit. She died April 30 in Westland. She was a secretary for Speaker, Hines and Thomas, a printing service, in Detroit. She retired after 30 years of service. She moved to Dearborn during the late '30s. She came to the Plymouth community in 1971. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. She worked for the election committee. She was active with St. Mary's of Orchard Lake and was past president of the Polish Women's Auxiliary. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Cutcher. Survivors include her four step-children, Dr. Gerald Cutcher, of Farmington Hills, James Cutcher of California, Daniel Cutcher

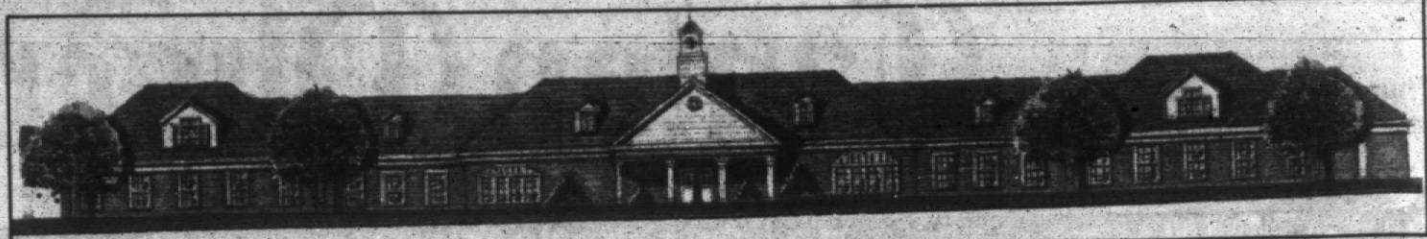
of California, Marjorie Wielgosh of Montana; one brother, Adam (Irnie) Brozek of Canton, one sister, Irene McGary of Bellingham, Wash.; nine grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute or Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

MMA M. WILLIAMS

Private services were held for Emma M. Williams, 82, of Westland. Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born Dec. 2, 1916, in Oacole County. She died May 7 in Westland. She was a tool setter. She was a member of Women of the Moose and the American Legion Auxiliary Livonia Post 32.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lorenzo and Edna Birtles. Survivors include her daughter, Sharron L. Chain of Canton; two sisters, Clara Fraser of Coldwater, Doris Kinsley of Wilmington, N.C.; and one grandson, Bradley D. Chain of Plymouth.



Proposed: An architect's rendering of the planned U-M Health Center at Saltx and Canton Center Road.

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tion, is to relocate to a new, much larger facility at Saltx and Canton Center Roads.

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

Site-plan approval for the new 50,000-square-foot office building — of which U-M Health Systems will lease about 45,000 square feet — was granted May 3 by Canton's planning commission. Auragen Development Co. of Royal Oak, the property owner, agreed to revise its outside light levels to comply with zoning.

The new office space will be more than five times that of the Plymouth facility, said Ward, an

internist who has been its medical director the last seven years. The center, one of about 30 in the U-M system, will offer primary and/or special care services in internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology and medical pediatrics, which is a combination of pediatrics and internal medicine, Ward said.

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

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

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

office.

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

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

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

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

lot will provide access to Saltx.

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

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

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

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



Family time: Cindy Gross of Canton and Sherrie Northway of Redford push a stroller with Kara Gross, 3, during the Canton Relay for Life Saturday in Heritage Park. The two were part of the Master Walkers team, one of 24 teams registered for the 24-hour run/walkathon to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Wet and windy

Relay for Life gets a blustery premiere in Heritage Park

About 500 people turned out last weekend, despite less-than-ideal weather, for the inaugural Plymouth/Canton Relay For Life in Canton's Heritage Park, organizers said.

The fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society raised \$54,279, said Gloria Peterson, ACS community development director.

Team members showed their support by taking turns walking around the park during the 24-hour event. A celebratory atmosphere was created by camping team members who enjoyed entertainment, food, games, and community camaraderie.

"This was an incredibly moving event with profound support from the communities of Plymouth and Canton," Peterson said. "This was the first of nearly 20 relays this year in southeast Michigan, and it will be tough for other communities to top the success we've experienced in Plymouth and Canton in terms of spirit and fund-raising for a first year event."

Local merchants and organizations, including the University of Michigan Medical Center, Allied Support Systems, St. John Neumann Parish and Walt Michael's RV Center contributed to the Canton event.

"The community of Canton was proud to host this event in support of the American Cancer Society and those that have been touched by cancer," said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack. "We're already excited about next year and know that it will be even bigger and better."



Windblown: Flora Murray of the "Walk, Jump & Jive" team from the Canton Senior Center deals with the rain showers and stiff breeze around the Heritage Park ponds.

Mock accident from page A1

dents," said Salem High School Principal Gerald Oetlin. "We need to get the message across to students because they sometimes think it can't happen to them."

"In Michigan, statistics show 50 percent of all traffic accidents are alcohol-related," Judy Kettenstock of Midwest Medflight told the crowd of students. "The dangers of drinking and driving are greater for teenagers, who are already inexperienced drivers. The results can be deadly."

Students watched as a car with four victims inside was unveiled on the football field. Canton Township and Plymouth Township police cars were the first to arrive at the scene, with sirens blaring. Rescue units weren't far behind, followed by a Midwest Medflight helicopter that landed near the accident.

Firefighters used the jaws of life to free one of the victims, who was taken away by helicopter for emergency treatment. The remaining two victims were taken by ambulance to local hospitals.

"We wanted to show the realistic consequences of drinking

and driving in a way that students understand," said Paul Tennes of Canton, a member of SADD.

"While we're showing this demonstration for prom and graduation, we hope that it will apply to their whole lives," added Carrie Hayes of Plymouth Township, also a member of SADD. "If we can save one life this year, impact at least one person, then our job will have been done."

The entire stadium became silent when Wheatley Coleman, who played the fatality victim, was wrapped in a body bag and put into a hearse. While that was happening, Wheatley could be heard, in a pre-recorded message, describing as relatives and friends mourned her death on prom night, and how she begged for just one more chance to live.

Afterwards, there was mixed reaction by students to the mock accident.

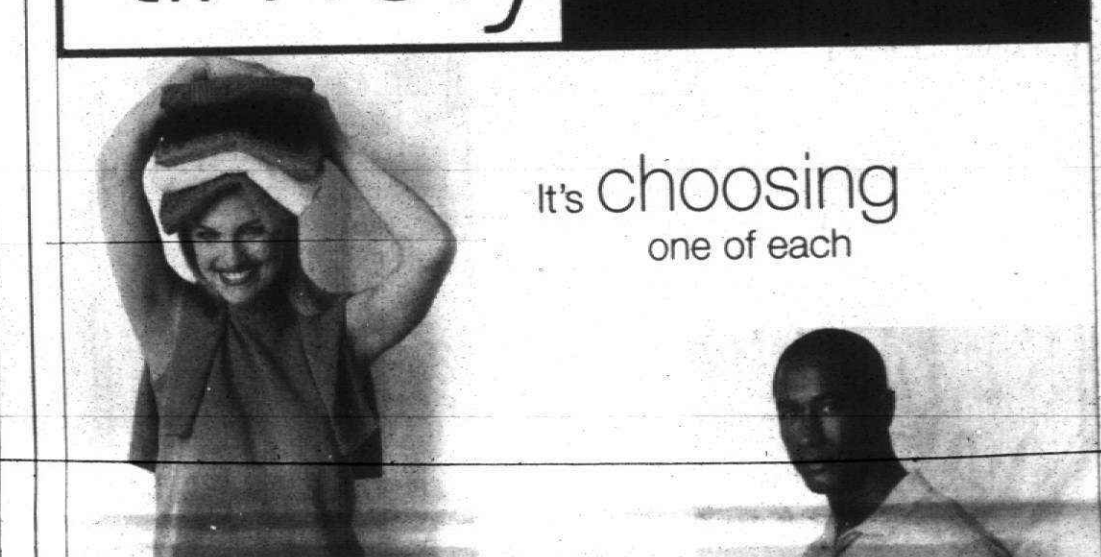
"The demonstration was OK, but it's overshadowed by the same message we hear all the time," said Jeff Desmarais, a junior from Canton. "It gets annoying all the time hearing the same damn thing, especially

when you don't even do it." "I've been in an accident and a neck brace, and I know it's not fun," said Rachel Marek, 18, of Canton. "I think drinking and driving is a big problem, and I preach the message. Some listen and some don't."

"It was good and really sad," added Jennifer Weber of Canton. "I know not to drink and drive on prom night, that's for sure. But, a lot of kids will still do it because they think it can't happen to them."

Those who work in the schools know it's tough to combat drinking and driving. "I think this puts out a powerful message," said Detective Dave Hayes of the Plymouth Township police department, who is also a school liaison officer. "During this time of year we have to revisit this issue to show them the consequences. I truly believe the message is getting through."

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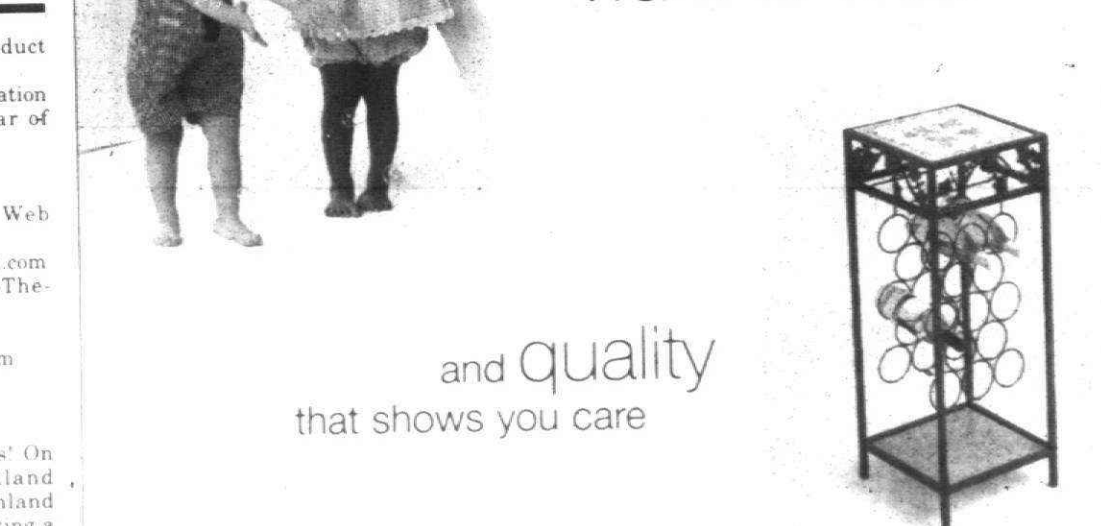


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Veterinary Notes
by Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M.

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Canton resident competes for title
Emily Mae Sakriska of Canton was recently selected to participate in Nationals' 1999 Miss Jr. Teen Detroit pageant on May 30. Sakriska submitted an application and took part in an interview session last month that was conducted by Thomas DiPaola, this year's pageant coordinator.
The Miss Jr. Teen pageant contestants will be competing for over \$20,000 in scholarships, prizes and specialty gifts. Sakriska will be competing in the Miss Jr. Teen division, one of five divisions that will have young ladies between the ages of 7 and 23.
If Sakriska were to win the title of Miss Jr. Teen Detroit, she would represent Detroit and the surrounding communities within a 200 mile radius of Detroit at the national competition that will take place in Orlando, Fla.

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parents. We told them that we believed that they were safe here at Central."

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

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

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

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

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

And those who knew didn't seem overly worried either.

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

Plymouth Police say they're investigating criminal intent to determine if there will be charges. All three students face possible expulsion from school.

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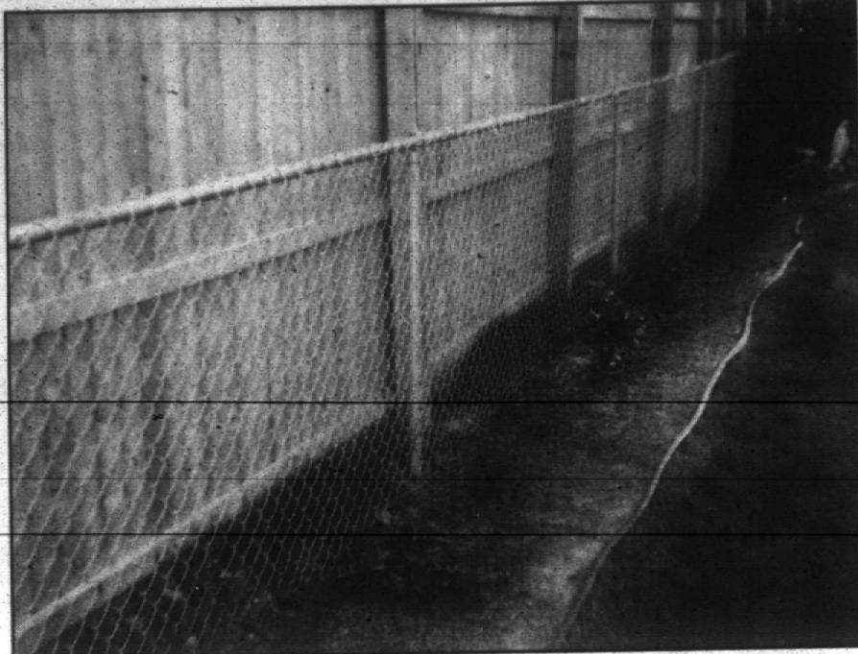
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Now and then: The current view from the left (left) is different now that new neighbors have installed a wooden privacy fence. Her view last summer is pictured below.

Fence from page A1

pared to surrounding communities. If changes are needed, Weyer said he would have a recommendation for Canton's Board of Trustees within two weeks.

"It's up to the township board if they want to modify it or not," he added.

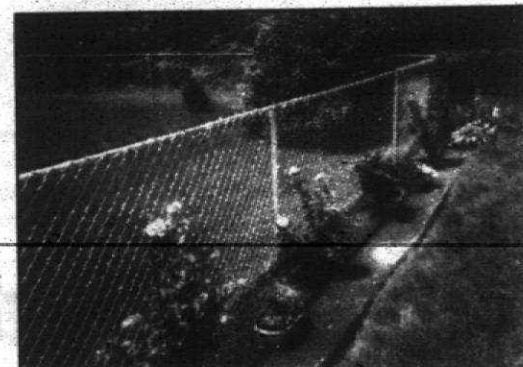
Currently, the ordinance doesn't address the good-side/bad-side issue.

In a letter dated May 5 to Weyer and Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, Ladell said she contacted eight nearby communities about their fence ordinances. Six of the eight, she wrote, require that the bad side of the fence, or the side that shows the anchor posts, face the homeowner.

Wade felt that since he and Brantley paid for the fence, they should have the benefit of looking at the good side.

Three communities, Ladell added, require consent of adjoining property owners before a fence can be erected. Canton has no such requirement.

In terms of height, Ladell noted that communities such as Northville have a four-foot limit on privacy fences. Canton's ordinance is a little less clear. It allows some sections of residential fences to be six feet while



ment of her backyard. "One of the nicest features of my home is the backyard," Ladell wrote in the May 5 letter. "My husband and I spend an enormous amount of time and money to make our yard a beautiful place for us to enjoy."

Wade said he's willing to work with the Ladells to control grass and weeds.

"I'm willing to cooperate," he said.

Wade said he has had no problems with his other neighbors in regards to the fence. He said he loves his new home and plans to fix it up.

"I'm doing a lot of work on the house," said Wade. "But I have to take time and do it the way I want."

For her part, Ladell said the fence issue isn't anything personal against Wade or Brantley. She said Canton's ordinance is simply outdated and needs to be revised.

"Fairness to all should be our goal," she wrote. "Property values should be protected and not be determined by our neighbors' preferences. I am willing to do whatever is necessary to ensure that these ordinance changes happen."

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'Give 'Em a Brake'

Road workers ask motorists to slow down

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Ken Abramczyk@oe.home.com.net

Dennis O'Donnel deals with the hazards of the job every day. The lead foreman for Summit Transport of Brighton, an excavation company subcontracted for work on M-6 ramps near 10 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, realizes that workers must trust motorists to drive with caution through construction zones.

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

O'Donnel and the other approximate 300 construction workers hope motorists can show courtesy to them by traveling the posted speed limit — 50 mph — throughout the I-275 construction zone, from the M-6/I-696 interchange area in Farmington Hills south to the M-14/I-96 interchange in Livonia.

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

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

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

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

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

Please see BRAKE, A5



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

Pay attention in work zones

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

■ Slow down. Pay attention. ■ Calm down. Work zones aren't there to personally inconvenience you. They're there to improve the roads.

■ Heed the warning signs and symbols.

■ Merge as soon as possible. Motorists can help maintain traffic flow and posted speed by moving to the appropriate lane at first notice of an approaching work zone. Keep a safe distance between your vehicle and traffic barriers, trucks, construction equipment and workers.

■ Some work zones — like line painting, road patching and mowing — are mobile. Just because you don't see the workers immediately after you see the warning signs, doesn't mean they're not out there.

■ Pay attention to your surroundings. Now is not the time to use the cellular phone, change the radio station or drink your coffee.

■ Try an alternate route. Expect delays; plan for them and leave early to reach your destination on time.

■ Michigan law requires motorists to slow down in a work zone. Fines for moving violations within a work zone are doubled.

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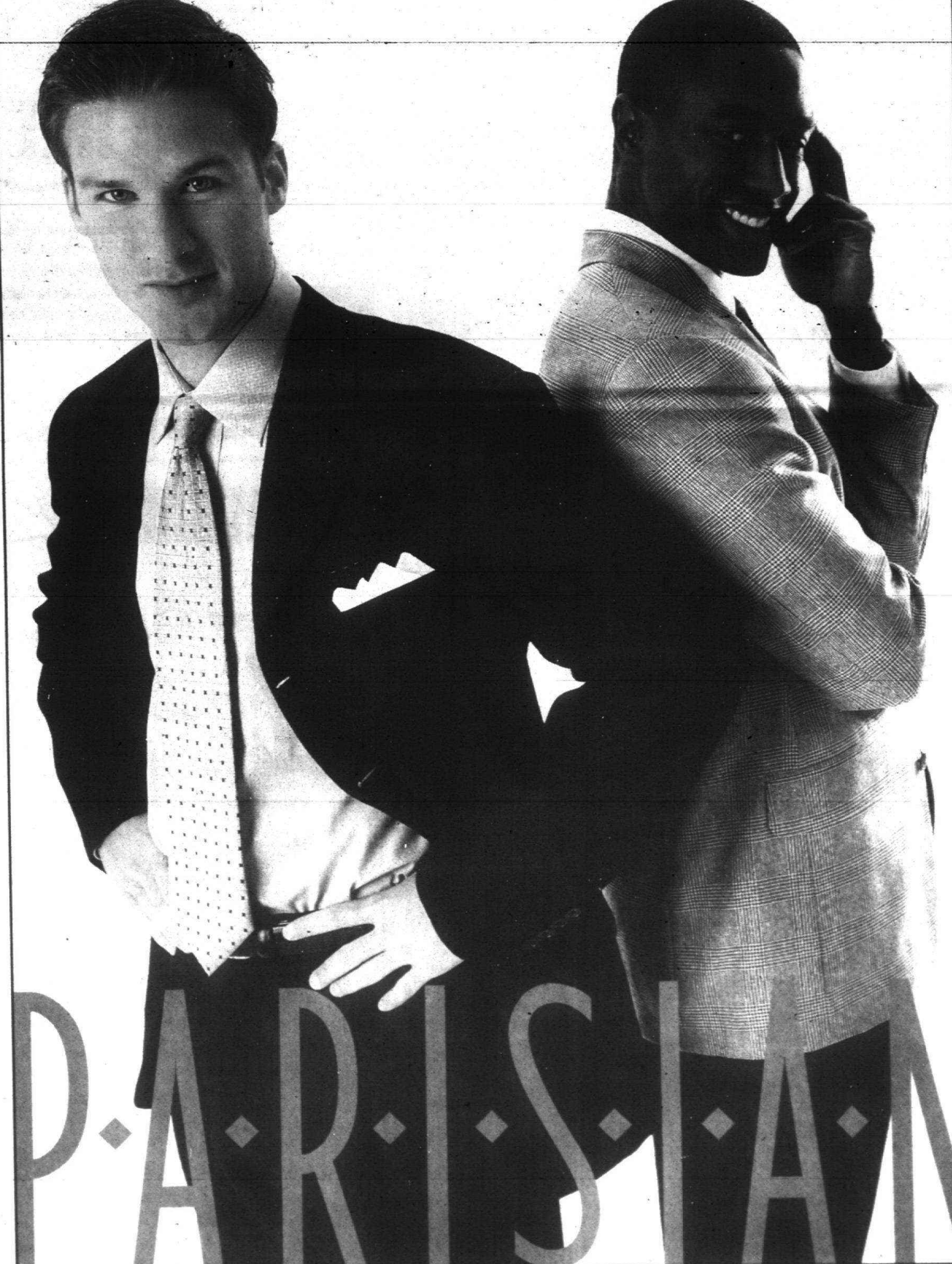
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Space travelers

Hoben students dream about life on the moon and beyond

BY DALE ROGERS
STUDENT CORRESPONDENT

Hi, my name is Dale Rogers! I am going to tell you a little about Space Camp and what we did and how we got there.

At 4 a.m. on Sunday, May 9, 1999, we went to Salem High School and got on a bus to the airport. After we got on the plane and took off some people started screaming like they were riding on a roller coaster. When we were in the air everyone was relaxed and they started to play games.

When we landed, everyone was running around trying to find their bus. When we got the right people to the right bus we drove off to Space Camp. When we got to Space Camp our counselor gave us different colored badges. My friends Brad, Josh, Paras and me got the gray "Intrepid" badges. In D-2 Alpha Habitat, Paras, Josh, Brad, and the got beds right next to each other.

called "A Dream is Alive." It was about the space program. Right after we watched the movie we came back to Space Camp. We learned about what our mission positions would be. I am going to be an L.N.C.O. I will track the orbiter during our simulated shuttle take-off.

At 10 a.m. we had lights out. We were supposed to go to bed but people kept talking. The next morning people woke up and took showers, brushed their teeth and got dressed. After breakfast we did the 1/6 chair. The 1/6 chair is a chair that bounces up and down. It is supposed to feel like walking on the moon.

After dinner we got to eat space food in the cafeteria. We tried chicken and rice. It was OK. I didn't try the peaches they looked like rotten apples. I also tried the ice cream. It was dry like the peaches.

I have to go now because we are going to our dorms where we sleep!



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCKMAN

Full schedule: Dale Rogers' first days at Space Camp in Titusville, Fla., were crammed with activities.

Hulsing report: Can't wait for that tasty space cuisine

BY MANDY KANAAN
STUDENT CORRESPONDENT

We got up at 2 a.m. and went to the high school. We put our luggage on one bus and went to the airport in a different bus. When we arrived at the airport, we did not go inside. We just got on the plane. We had to wait to get on the plane because our bags were getting put on it.

While we were waiting, the counselor asked us if we had any questions. One student (Collin Rose) asked, "Are we going to eat space food?" The counselor said, "Yes, we will eat space food one night but it doesn't really taste good." Nobody cared if it tasted good, they just wanted to eat it.

In about 10 minutes we got off the bus and onto the plane. Everyone was so excited. As we started moving on the runway people started squealing and yelling. Especially the students who have never been on a plane before. When we took off we had to be very quiet. Our ears popped as we reached a certain height. To help our ears, we all got mints. When our ears were settled, students started playing games like cards, drawing, and stuff like that to keep them from getting bored. Most students

Space Camp, we got our luggage and took it to a purple room. After that we checked in so that the Space Camp counselors knew we were here.

When we were told to go outside, we were outside. We played three games. We played Fly Bombers Fly, Volleyball and a game where there was a mouse, two cats and three dogs. The dogs chased cats and the cats chased the mouse.

After we ate breakfast, we traded our money for Space Bucks. Then we went to see our dorms. Some of us watched Star Trek and then we received our hats and T-shirts.

We had lunch and then went to Kennedy Space Center to see an IMAX movie.

After dinner we went to the training center and got our books for Space Camp. We received our jobs. I was Mission Specialist 2 and my friend (Katie Huddleston) got to be Instrumentation and Communication Officer.

Today (Monday) we made rockets, went on Simulators and ate Space food. Right now, we have to go to our dorms and go to bed!



Mandy Kanaan

Work crews crush I-275 pavement

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER
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Once every six seconds, a steel bar on a truck smacks the 12-inch concrete with a loud thud that shakes the road within several yards.

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

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

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

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

Robin Pannecouk, spokeswoman with the Michigan Department of Transportation, hopes motorists and nearby residents will be patient as contractors work during this year's construction season on the state's second busiest freeway.

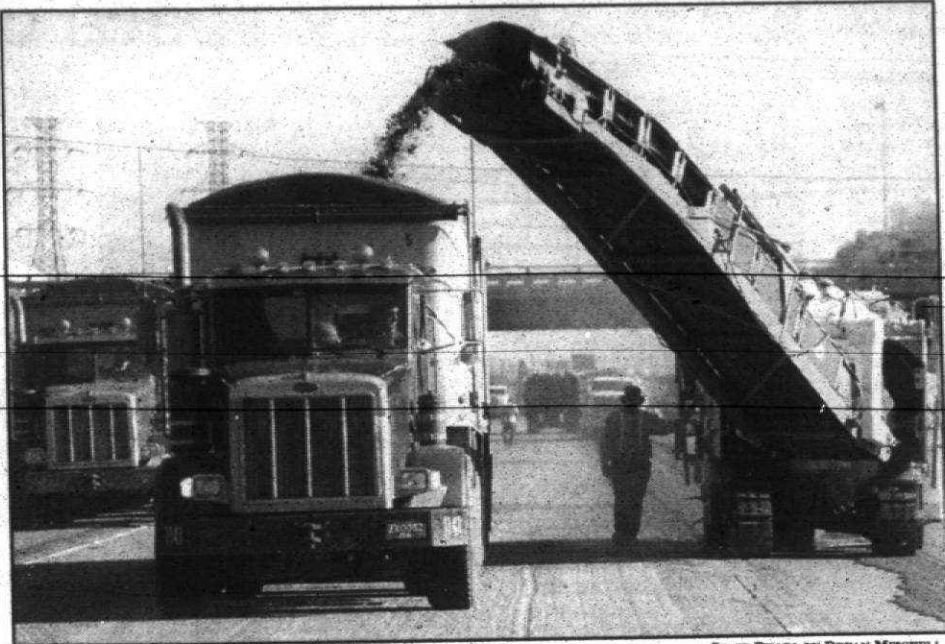
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Once that concrete is broken and removed, the dirt underneath will be graded and leveled.

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



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

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

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

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

two, allowed for eastbound I-696.

Smashing pavement

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

The concrete on the southbound I-275 bridge over Eight Mile has been smashed by a bridge deck breaker, which is armed with a claw to help demolish and remove concrete on the overpass without damaging the steel beams underneath. Workers clearing debris at that site are strapped to a steel cable so they don't fall between

the beams. Crossover exists have been constructed at Eight, Seven and Six Mile roads.

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

If the weather cooperates, traffic will be switched back over in late July. John Carlo has an incentive of \$50,000 per day to complete the project. If Carlo finishes early, that firm will receive the money. If it is late, Carlo will be penalized the same amount. Carlo has 180 days from April 28 to complete the project.

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workers.

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

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

"We are very concerned about this upward trend," Michigan State Police and the Michigan Department of Transportation have formed an alliance to increase law enforcement in work zones. MDOT has dedicated a \$175,000 grant for special over-time state police patrols in construction zones across the state.

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

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

area of a site.

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

Mike O'Connor, a foreman, has three simple words for workers: "Watch your ass." "Pay attention to what you are doing. Out here, you watch for what's happening."

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

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

Tom Lewis, president of the Michigan Road Builders Association, said that group also is concerned about the safety of workers and motorists.

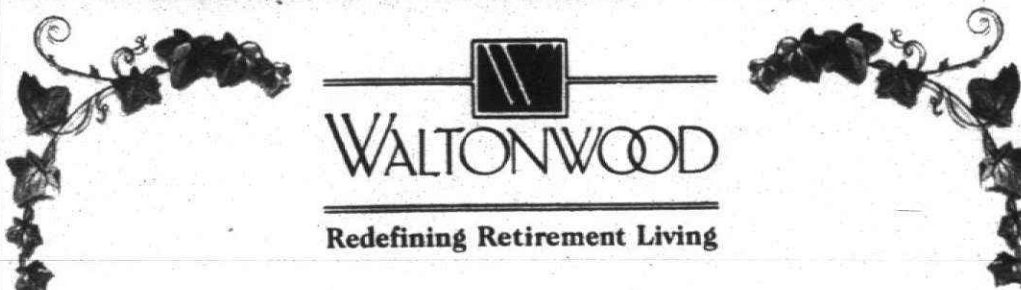
"Summer road construction is a necessary fact of life in Michigan and we all need to slow down and live with it. Saving a few minutes of time speeding through a work zone is not worth risking someone's life."

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



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

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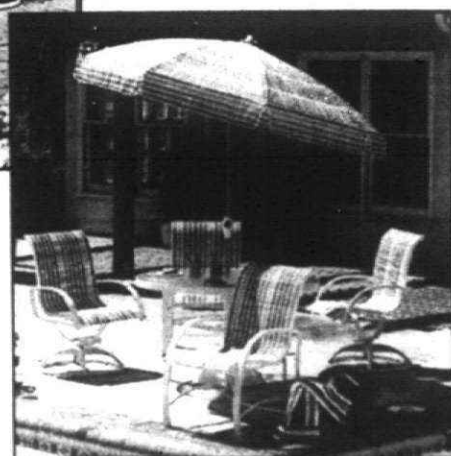
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Area police back tougher seat belt legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

liability when an emergency vehicle is involved in a traffic accident, if it is operated in accordance with an emergency vehicle operation policy. Limits are \$280,000 for injury and \$500,000 for death.

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

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

of Rights.

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

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

A Carrying of Concealed Weapons legislative package,

HB 4590-4545, is in the House Committee on Conservation and Outdoor Recreation.

These bills require a gun board to issue a permit to anyone over 21, excluding felons and people with mental illness.

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

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

Center offers
interactive
program for
youngsters

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

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

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

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

For information, call (734) 261-1990.

Rivers hosts
forum on
privacy

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

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

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

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

Nature group
needs helpers
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River cleanup

The Holiday Nature Preserve Association is looking for volunteers to get ready for the annual Rouge River clean up.

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

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Senate wants end to residency rules

BY MIKE MALOTT
STAFF WRITER

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

Senators voted 23-14 Wednesday, May 5, to approve Senate Bill 198, to end mandated residency requirements for public employees.

If the House concurs, residency rules in communities such as Southfield and Farmington Hills, as well as older urban areas where residency rules are more common, such as Detroit and Pontiac, would fall by the wayside. An estimated 80 communities across the state have residency rules.

"The Senate decided to give public workers the same rights as everyone else," said Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton Township, chief sponsor of the proposal. "Government should not dictate where people ought to live."

Public workers told senators they had to split up their families when residency requirements were placed on husbands and wives who worked in different cities. Some employees reported attacks on their homes when they have been required to live in the city where they work.

Opponents of the legislation argue residency rules are intended to help cities respond more quickly to emergencies. In suburban communities, they typically apply to only police and fire personnel. Some cities, like Sault Ste. Marie, require residency for



Thaddeus McCotter

snow removal drivers. Opponents also argue their employees are more responsive to the needs of the citizens when they live in town and pay taxes to the local municipality.

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield, said he could see "compelling arguments on both sides."

Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland, suggested that instead of residency rules, cities could provide incentives, such as tax credits or bonuses, to employees who live in the communities where they work.

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

However, the ban on residency requirements would not apply to "paid, on-call" employees, such as some firefighters, because they are paid to be on stand-by for the city, Bennett explained.

Voting yes were Sens. Bennett, R-Canton, and McCotter, R-Livonia.

Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn did not vote.

Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem Township, voted no.

Labor Day extension bill studied

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

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

through that last weekend of summer.

But representatives weren't biting last week on a proposal by Rep. Scott Shackleton, R-Sault Ste. Marie. When House Bill 4099 came up for vote Thursday, May 6, and only about 30 to 34 representatives posted yes votes, House Majority Floor Leader Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills, moved to have the

board cleared and sent the legislation back to committee.

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

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

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

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

State House OKs ban on gifts for speeches

Should state lawmakers and their staff members be required to address the public free of charge? Representatives in the Michigan House think so.

Members voted overwhelmingly last week to ban acceptance of "honoraria" or gifts for speeches.

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

Staff members of some state lawmakers have used honoraria

as a fund-raising technique for election campaigns.

The bill has been sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Here's how Observer area representatives voted:

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

Westland; Tom Kelly, D-Wayne; Gerald Law, R-Plymouth; Bruce Patterson, R-Canton; Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills; Laura Toy, R-Livonia, voted yes.

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Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm delivered the keynote address.

Granholm, the state's first female attorney general and a Northville Township resident, received an honorary

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

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

Robert Beson founded the

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

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



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

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Principals frustrated over slow negotiations

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Allen Elementary School Principal Jim Burt, head of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Union, has become frustrated that his bargaining group has been without a contract since July 1997.

"The main stumbling block is the insistence on merit pay for administrators," said Burt. "As far as we know, merit pay for

administrators has not worked successfully in an educational setting."

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

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

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

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

"Members of the school board

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

Burt said his group of 45 principals, assistant principals, curriculum coordinators, athletic

department and community education personnel support an evaluation plan. However, they don't want it tied to the pay issue.

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

Since it's illegal for school personnel to strike, fact finding or

arbitration would be the next steps.

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

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

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

Golf outing raises money for Wayne County parks

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

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

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

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

Lunch is served at 1 p.m. Warren Valley Golf Club is located on Warren Road between Beech Daly and Inkster Road in Dearborn Heights. For information, contact Ray Glenn at (313) 561-9879 or Margie Rose at (734) 261-1630.

Nankin Mills begins summer day camp

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

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

and Native American history will be highlighted.

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

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

otherwise specified.

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

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

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

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

Robbery from page A1

Neal Hart was arraigned by 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe Monday by video conference. He's currently being held at the Wayne County Jail on a \$50,000 cash bond and will face a preliminary examination in front of Lowe on May 14.

The felony carries a penalty of up to life in prison.

According to township police reports, Hart entered Super Kmart shortly before 3 p.m. Sunday. Store loss prevention officers noticed him in an aisle of compact discs at 3:05 p.m.

Hart took a CD and removed it from its plastic security case using a knife, reports said. Loss prevention officers said he then put the CD in his pants and concealed it with his shirt.

Reports said Hart walked past all payment areas and exited the building. A loss prevention officer then stopped him outside to question him.

Hart then reached for the knife, extended its four-inch curved blade and attempted to slash the loss prevention officer, police said. The 43-year-old woman was able to avoid the knife, reports said, and wasn't injured.

At that point, Hart reportedly jumped on a bicycle and fled the scene heading eastbound to Ford Road.

A witness to the incident called Canton police. He described Hart as wearing blue jeans and a white New York Giants football jersey.

Canton officers spotted Hart a few moments later riding northbound on Haggerty Road south of Koppernick. Officer Jim Marinelli pulled up behind Hart on the shoulder of the road.

Reports said Hart looked back at him several times but refused to stop. At one point, Hart pulled the knife out of his pocket and peddled faster.

Marinelli moved to the side of Hart in the car. Reports said that the suspect then struck the vehicle's right front side and was knocked off of the bike.

Marinelli stopped the patrol car, got out and drew his pistol. Hart got up from the ground and pulled the knife on the officer, again extending the blade.

Reports said Hart paused for a

moment then ran away from Marinelli 10 to 15 feet. The suspect then threw the knife about 40 feet in the opposite direction from the officer.

Marinelli ordered the man to the ground. Reports said Hart complied and was arrested without further incident.

No injuries were reported. But Hart was later transported to St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia after complaining about pain in his left arm.

Police later recovered the knife and marked it into evidence.

Five compact discs valued at \$75 were recovered from Hart. They included three Johnny Cash albums as well as a Doors and Metallica disc.

Play slated for conservatory

Sunday's Plymouth Theatre Guild production of "Wait Until Dark" will be staged at the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory in Canton.

The special 5 p.m. performance is being presented by Canton Project ARTS.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$9 at the door. The conservatory is in the former Arnold Williams Music Store, 5701 N. Canton Center Road (north of Ford Road).

For more information call (734) 397-5417.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the Renovations of Tennis Courts at Central Middle School. Specifications and Bid Forms are available at the front desk of the E. J. McClelland Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI, or by contacting Bruce Lemons of Forensic Design at (248) 547-7757. Technical questions should be directed to Brian Wolcott of the PCCS Athletics Department at (734) 316-7778. Sealed bids are due on or before 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 2nd, 1999. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject all bids, as they judge it to be in the best interest of the school district.

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CDBG PROGRAM AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING

On June 2, 1999, at 3:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Township will hold a public hearing for the following amendments to the Canton Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program: 1. Cancel the FY 1990-98 Harrison Drain Improvements project, and cancel the FY 1994 First Step building acquisition project. 2. Create Human Services Center expansion project. 3. Reprogram all remaining Harrison Drain Improvements funds (\$380,583 approx.) and First Step building acquisition funds (\$30,000) to Human Services Center expansion project. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Development Specialist, Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 397-5392.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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

If your firm is interested in providing these services, please submit your proposal to Canton Township Public Works, by 4:00 p.m. Friday, May 28, 1999. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

The Township reserves the right to reject any of all proposals. Address all proposals to:

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Edison users to get rebates

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

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

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

Tuesday's order balances allowable power supply costs and revenues collected from its electric customers between January and December 31, 1997 and includes Femi 2 performance standard disallowances. Participating in the proceeding were MPSC staff, Detroit Edison, Michigan's Attorney General, the Association of Businesses Advocating Tariff Equity, and the Residential Ratepayers Consortium.

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

Source: Michigan Public Service Commission

Nature Fest offers exhibits, entertainment at Crosswinds

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

North Beson is active in the Bethel Beson Public Schools and

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

They recently established the Robert and Beth Beson Scholarship, specifically to help students who have interrupted their education and are returning to college.

Distinguished alum

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

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

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



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

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

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Fence dispute Law needs to strike balance

Canton's fence ordinance is in need of repair. But the Observer hopes any attempt by the township board to mend it gives equal consideration to the rights of property owners, as well as promoting better neighborhood aesthetics.

Problems with the outdated ordinance are apparent in today's Observer story about a fence dispute involving adjacent neighbors on Morrison Street, near Ford and Lilley roads. Arlene Ladell is upset over a six-foot privacy fence installed by her neighbors, Green Wade and Barbara Brantley. The wooden fence was put up with its finished side facing in and its "bad side" (posts and railing) facing Ladell's back yard. In addition, there is a narrow gap between the wooden fence and a chain-link fence already separating the two yards. Wade says he will be able to maintain the grass in between - which is on his property. Ladell says that will be difficult. Its appearance will affect the enjoyment and value of her property, she believes.

The current township fence ordinance is relatively new. It was passed in 1990 and amended in 1991. But it's not new enough to address the good side/bad side issue, which wasn't really an issue until people began installing fences with the finished side facing in the last few years. A salesman for a local fencing company said last week that one option - PVC fencing similar to vinyl siding - has two good sides and eliminates the problem. However, PVC fencing, which is virtually maintenance free, is cost-prohibitive for many homeowners.

Any amendment to the fencing ordinance should mandate that the finished side of a wooden fence face neighbors. That's not too much to ask and, according to Ladell, many communities in this area have such a provision.

In addition, language in Canton's ordinance regarding fence height in residential neighborhoods should be less vague. The current ordinance calls for a six-foot maximum height, except in cases where a lot is at the end of a cul-de-sac and the side yard is adjacent to the street. There, the maximum is four feet. The homeowner on a corner lot which also has a side yard facing the street may erect a six-foot fence, according to the ordinance.

The Observer however doesn't believe that Canton's ordinance should include language requiring homeowners to obtain permission from adjoining property owners before a fence can be built. Several communities also have that provision. But we believe such a requirement crosses the line when it comes to property rights.

As long as they follow established building codes and procedures, residents have right to improve their property as they see fit, without regard to the tastes of their neighbors.

Your neighbor may not like your fence, your lawn ornaments or even your repainted, "country blue" garage door. But - unless there is a legally enforceable deed restriction that states otherwise - he shouldn't be able to dictate your choices.

Season calls for extra caution

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hardly a trivial celebration

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

■ Michigan has the longest freshwater shoreline in the world?

■ The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor is the oldest state university in the United States?

■ Detroit telephone customers were the first in the United States to be assigned phone numbers in 1879?

■ Michigan was the first state to provide in its constitution for the establishment of public libraries?

No, we haven't been taking a refresher course in state history. Those are just some of the tidbits included on a new Web site put up by the Secretary of State's office to promote the celebration of Michigan Week, May 15-22. The theme of this year's celebration is "Michigan: Behold the Splendor."

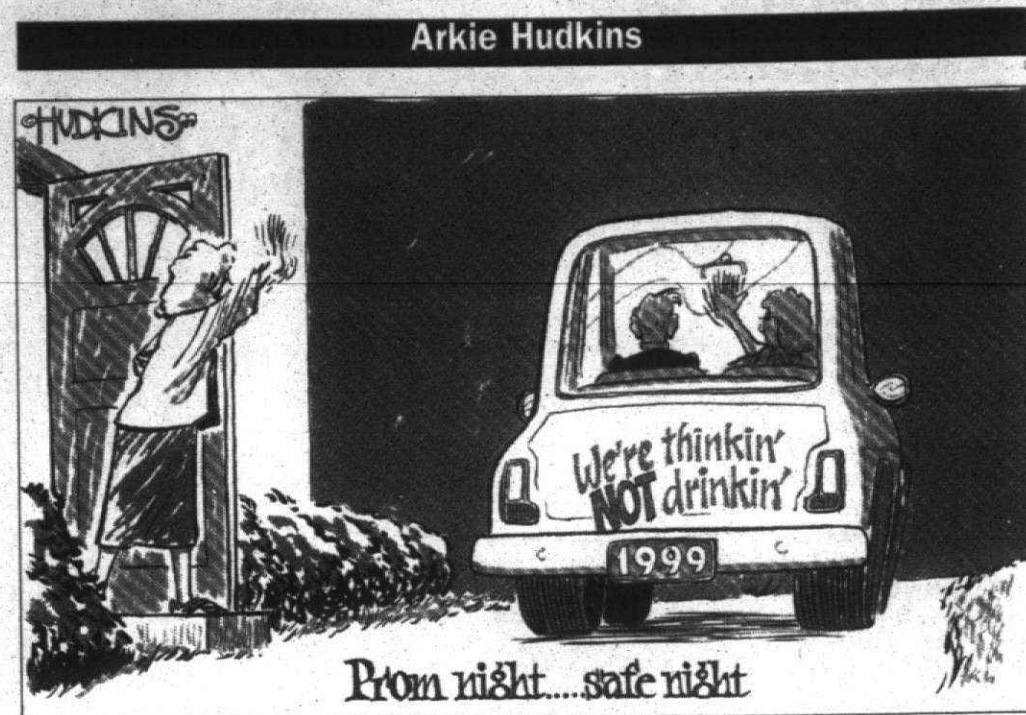
Michigan Week was started in 1954 by the late Don C. Weeks, then director of the Michigan Department of Economic Development,

and a group of residents who formed the non-profit Greater Michigan Foundation. Their purpose was to mobilize grass-roots boosters to promote Michigan as a wonderful place to work and live.

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

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

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



Arkie Hudkins

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LETTERS

Listen to teachers

After 24 years of teaching in the Plymouth-Canton school district, I have finally arrived at a state of mind concerning an issue that has potential drastic implications for us all such that I feel it necessary to address the public.

I have just spent the majority of my free time over the last two days soaking up as much information as I could concerning the shootings in Littleton. I spent each class period on April 21 talking to my classes at Canton High School on the subject.

That there is a slight chance that such a thing could happen in any district or even this one seems to be the common wisdom. That parents and educators feel an urgent pressure to prevent such an occurrence is obvious. Theories abound as to why such school violence has become so hideously frequent. But what has concerned me most in all this coverage is that the people from whom we least frequently hear theories and insights concerning the nature of the problems in schools are teachers.

We hear from principals and school psychologists and district superintendents or spokespersons, grief counselors, university researchers, students, parents and all manner of worthy personnel. I'm glad that they're heard, particularly students and parents. But it concerns me that so rarely are the insights of the regular classroom teacher sought. We spent hours daily engaging our children. We do it for nine months of the year. Some of us have experience-based data to offer. Many staff have developed great insight into our youth. It depresses me to think that our insights aren't considered of paramount value.

And this should be of especial concern to parents in this district. The recent battle over plans for the new high school clearly demonstrates a lack of effective communication between district administration and staff. Many of the long-time high school staff who will soon be departing under the first year of a two-year buyout plan are doing so because of the generally unpleasant atmosphere surrounding labor/management relationships in this district. And in a national climate where the public is urging the people in our school systems to teach American youth how to better respect and communicate with each other so charged are having such a hard time communicating with each other.

Sitting around our staff lunch table the last few days, I have heard a level of insight into the nature of this epidemic of murder in our schools superior to most of what I've heard or read in the national media. Teachers have an important piece of the solution. Many of us

would welcome the opportunity to be heard.

Larry Francis
Canton English staff

Parents have control

We had better all take some time to ponder the events of Colorado, and all the similar acts, and the fact we are seeing an escalation.

Some may blame the gun makers, the parents, the schools, whatever. Think about it: we are all allowing the gradual degradation of our society by not instilling the correct values in our families. It is the job of the family to train the children. With divorce and dual careers so rampant, who's what is filling the sponges in our children's minds as they develop? Are we really thinking about what is right when we allow violence to permeate our entertainment and media?

It is a known fact that you become that which surrounds you - no matter what anyone might say. So, what is around our children? Certainly not generally the positive nurturing environment required. So, who are the leaders to act in correcting this? If you are a parent reading this, it is you. It must start with parents providing the example and instilling the correct values. What is important is so very basic. Responsibility, respect, accountability... where have they gone? Think about it.

Only us parents can start to say no: we can shut off the flow of refuse in to our child's minds, we can set the example, we can make a difference. Look deep inside and make that right before we look to fix what is outside.

Steve Rosol
Canton

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Prayer breakfast is a poor reflection of the community

If you've ever wondered what it's like to feel all alone in a crowd of 400 or so people, try being Jewish at the Canton Community Prayer Breakfast.

Or Hindu.
Or Mormon.
Or Muslim.

Or, well, you get the idea.

The Canton breakfast - and similar events in other communities - is held in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer. It would be a real stretch, however, to say the local committee uses the national breakfast in Washington as its model. A jumping off point would be more like it.

Last week's ninth annual breakfast at the Summit was the second under a format that emphasizes Evangelical Christianity - to the point of excluding other beliefs. Even mainstream Christian ones. The Catholic Church, for example, has been relegated to a support role, all but disappearing after the invocation.

Other religions, including my own

Judaism, play no part. In fact, this gathering that purportedly brings together the best the community has to offer for a morning of spiritual awareness, might as well place a sign on the Summit door: For Evangelical Christians only.

And that's a shame.

This shift in direction became apparent two years ago when a separate, independent committee took over the breakfast from the Canton Community Foundation. For whatever reason, the Evangelical community - which does have a strong presence in Canton - has decided to flex its muscles.

So while the Canton prayer breakfast consistently offers up first-rate speakers with thought-provoking presentations and musical talent that lifts one's heart, the rest of the program is so uncomfortable as to leave those who don't preach the gospel squirming in their seats.

But this is more than just a personal quandary. I'm not quite sure



TEDD SCHNEIDER

what to make of the Canton breakfast these days but I do know this. It doesn't represent the Canton that I know, the Canton that I have covered as a journalist.

That Canton is a diverse community of more than 70,000 people, including a growing number of minority residents (Asian, Indian, African-American) whose religious makeup covers a lot more ground than the congregations given a spot on the last two prayer breakfast programs. Or the ticket-buying public, for that matter.

This certainly isn't the Canton that township officials pass off in their promotional materials. If there are "99 Faces of Canton," as a recent video hyping township life put it, the prayer breakfast is missing about 97 of them.

Where are the Lutherans? Where is Congregation Bet Chaverim, which counts dozens of Jews who live in western Wayne County - including Canton - among its members. Where is the Catholic community, which was strong enough to get the first new school built by the Archdiocese of Detroit in 30 years to locate here? Where is the Hindu Temple, whose congregants gather to worship in a building on Cherry Hill Road, not more than a mile from the Summit.

There are real dangers in being so exclusionary. Not only do you risk alienating large segments of the community, you're basically preaching to the converted. That may be an easy way to get your message across, but it's not very effective when it comes to

reaching out into the community and promoting greater faith in God.

Then there's the idea that true personal enlightenment comes from meeting and sharing in the philosophy of others. If I'm not mistaken, this concept is grounded in the Bible as well.

Committee members and others promoting this "new, improved" prayer breakfast talk about growing the event, bringing more and more faces to the breakfast so that more and more people can renew their spirituality and spread it through the community.

I suggest they focus on the types of faces showing up as well as the number. If not, Canton's prayer breakfast will become a marginal event, treasured by few but with little impact on much of the community.

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Environmental ties bind one and all of us together for keeps

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

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

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

Nor can you pave over farmland without affecting traffic, air pollution, rural drainage, urban drainage, Great

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

The environmental movement has come indoors, too. I give Gov. John Engler and company chairman Phil Power great credit for banning smoking in state buildings and our newspaper offices, respectively.

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

One form is to challenge any governmental regulation of land and water use as a "taking" of private property. The notion is that somehow government is robbing you when it



TIM RICHARD

says you can't fill in a wetland or dam a flowing stream.

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

Well, maybe some corporate citizens are good, and maybe some aren't.

But we have had fewer mine cave-ins, fewer forest fires, fewer Great Lakes shipwrecks, fewer railroad accidents, fewer tank car spills and fewer bridge collapses when we have bureaucrats inspecting things.

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

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

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

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

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

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State Dems seek old glory days

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



PHILIP POWER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Ceremony highlights Schoolcraft's public safety grads

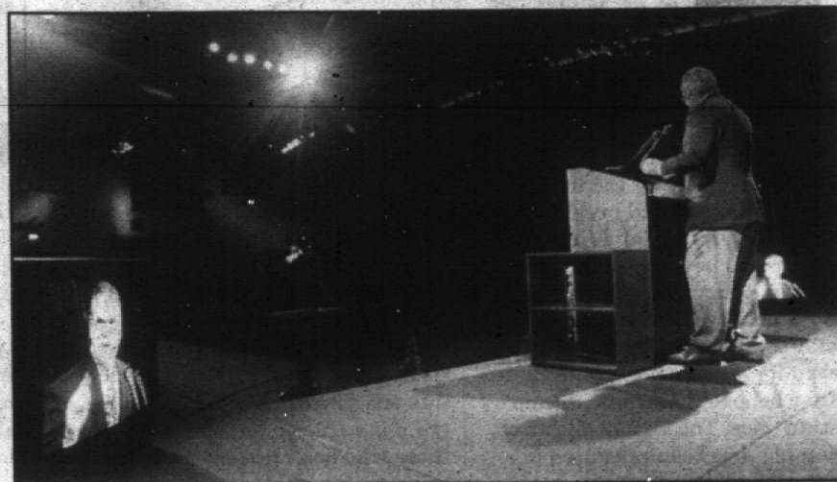


Former television reporter Vince Wade was the featured speaker last week at the Schoolcraft College public safety graduation.

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

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

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



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

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

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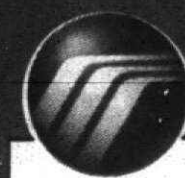
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HOOKED ON HISTORY



VIRGINIA BAILEY PARKER

Family move followed trail of pioneers

Year's Eve in 1960 that we moved from Chicago to Dearborn Heights. My parents sat with a birdcage propped in the middle of our station wagon's front seat. A second, taller birdcage occupied the floor between my mother's feet. My sisters and I sat in the back seat with our two Boston terriers. The cargo area was filled with plants.

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

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

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

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

'Oh! how charming.'

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

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

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

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

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

Fast route to Detroit

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

"We'd catch the interurban at 4 o'clock in the morning. If it was foggy, we lit a piece of newspaper and threw it on the tracks, so the motorman

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

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

Habitat digs in to build 3 homes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Not an easy process

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

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

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

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

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

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

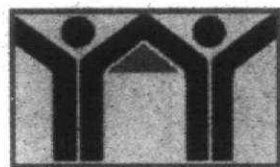
O'Neal's oldest daughter, Ikeliia, 13, was also at the groundbreaking. Like her mother, she is happy at the prospect of living in a house and having her own bedroom.

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

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

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

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Volunteers fuel Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit ecumenical Christian housing ministry. With the help of volunteers and donations, it builds and rehabilitates simple, "decent" homes with the help of homeowner (partner) families.

Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne is one of more than 1,500 active affiliates in the United States. Established in 1995, the affiliate has built four homes to date.

According to the affiliate director, Ray Mueller, the expansion requires the group become more professional and business like in the way it is organized.

"We are a multifaceted organiza-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Suns' concert to benefit Kosovar refugees

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

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

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

Now Juncaj, a former Livonia resident, sees the country as one that is rocked by the Kosovo conflict.

"I don't have relatives in Kosovo but I have rela-

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

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

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

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

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

Congratulations, Scholarship Winners!

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

The Women's Club of Plymouth will award 56 students with college scholarships amounting to \$17,860 at its annual Invitational Scholarship Awards Banquet 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, at the Plymouth Manor. The scholarships range from \$250 to \$1,000. The program is supported by the Plymouth and Canton Observers and the Plymouth Manor Catering & Banquet Hall. "It's a very unique awards program. I don't think any other organization does this," said K.C. Mueller, chairwoman of the

Woman's Club scholarship program. "It's not only about the money," she said. "It's also to recognize these kids for their scholastic accomplishments and honor them for what they have achieved." Applicants must have a 3.0 grade point average, must be attending a college or university in the fall, must have two written recommendations from adults other than relatives, and answer two essay questions. Community involvement is also important. Awards are based on a point system. The students who will be hon-

ored attend Plymouth Salem and Canton high schools, Plymouth Christian Academy, Detroit Catholic Central, and one Plymouth resident attending Franklin High School in Livonia. "These are our future employees. After graduating from college, they will come back into our community as our workforce." The Women's Club has been offering the scholarships since 1983. The group is a civic-minded organization that supports 15 local community groups. The Women's Club has donated another \$2,400 throughout the community this year, said Mueller.



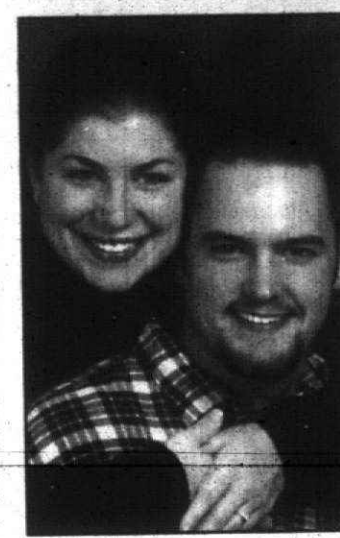
Fisher-Bullock

Dick and Leah Fisher of West Bloomfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Christopher Bullock, the son of Dennis and Jerilyn Bullock of Scottsdale, Ariz., formerly of Plymouth. The bride-to-be is a graduate of West Bloomfield High School and Arizona State University. Her fiancé is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and Michigan State University. A May wedding is planned.



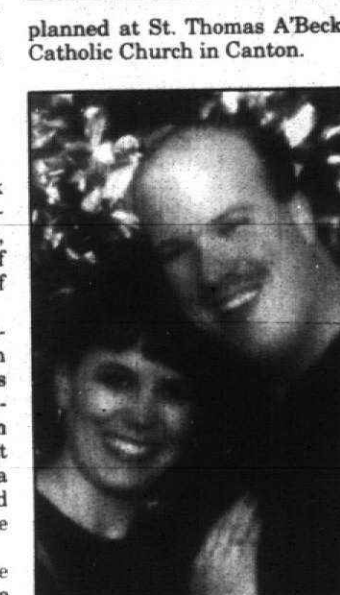
Agius-Dailide

Dennis and Fran Agius of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Rosemary, to Adam Adolfo Dailide, the son of Vyto and Nancy Dailide of Canton. The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Thurston High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed as an information specialist for Ford Media in Dearborn. Her fiancé is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is student at the University of Michigan, where he is majoring in architecture. He is employed by Jakabson and Associates Land Surveyors in Plymouth. A February wedding is



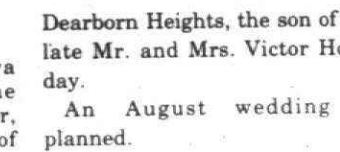
Zakrajsek-Patterson

Peter and Christine Zakrajsek of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Greg Patterson, the son of Roger and Vi Patterson of Kalkaska, formerly of Dearborn. The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She has a bachelor's degree in education from Madonna University and is working on a master's degree in education at Marygrove College. She is a fifth-grade teacher at Botsford Elementary School in the Clarenceville School District. Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Edsel Ford High School. He has a criminal science degree from Henry Ford College. He is employed as a sales representative for Caster Connection Inc., based in Chardon, Ohio. A fall wedding is planned at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Dearborn.



Zabawa-Holliday

Paul and Margaret Zabawa Sr. of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally Ann, to John Holliday of Dearborn Heights, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Victor Holliday. An August wedding is planned.



Kittleson-Tousain

Bryan Russel Kittleson and Kari Lynn Tousain were married Oct. 3 at First Congregational Church in Traverse City by Dr. Gary Hogue. The bride is the daughter of Ron and Liz Tousain of Traverse City. The groom is the son of Russel and Kathy Kittleson of Plymouth. The bride is graduate of Alma College. She is working on a master's degree at Madonna and Marygrove universities. She is a fifth-grade teacher for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. The groom is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and Alma College. He works in management for the Kroger Co. The bride asked Kori Crandall to be her maid of honor with Donyel Renaud, Jen Fosmore, Kerri Kraft and Kristi Stewart as bridesmaids. The groom asked Jeff Nafe to be his best man with Kyle Tou-



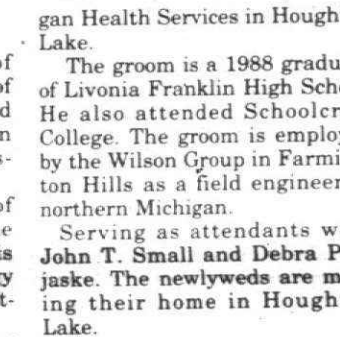
Kozlo-Kugelmann

Conrad and Delphine Kozlo of Allen Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra A., to Jeffrey M. Kugelmann of Plymouth, the son of Richard and Fern Kugelmann of Plymouth. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cabrini High School in Allen Park and holds a nursing degree from Madonna University. She works as a technician in the Stereotactic Neurosurgery Department at Harper Hospital in Detroit. Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from Madonna University. He works as a district sales manager for Coca-Cola Enterprises. A June wedding is planned at St. Frances Cabrini Church.



Feldman-Small

David Feldman, formerly of Westland, and Sarypta Small of Houghton Lake were married April 16 at the Roscommon County Courthouse by Magistrate Dawn Murphy. The bride is the daughter of John T. Small of Curran and the late Beverly Dick. The groom is the son of Judy and Alex Nagy and Keith Feldman, all of Westland. The bride is a graduate of Macon Technological College in Macon, Ga., with a micro-computer specialist degree. She is pursuing a degree in medical transcription at Kirkland Community College in St. Helen. She is employed as a medical transcriptionist at Northern Michigan Health Services in Houghton Lake. The groom is a 1988 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He also attended Schoolcraft College. The groom is employed by the Wilson Group in Farmington Hills as a field engineer in northern Michigan. Serving as attendants were John T. Small and Debra Podjaskie. The newlyweds are making their home in Houghton Lake.



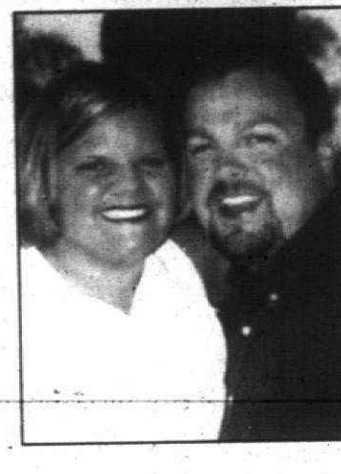
Hennells-Scheuher

Ran and Judy Hennells of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Elaine, to Joel Mathieu Scheuher, the son of Paul and Joan Scheuher of Livonia. The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Purdue University with a bachelor of arts degree. She is employed as general manager of accounting at Jac Products Inc. Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of business administration degree and a 1997 UM graduate with a master's degree in information and library studies. He is employed as an information specialist at the General Motors International Product Center Library. A June wedding is planned at the Shrine of the Little Flower.



Sochacki-Buist

Frank Sochacki and Joyce Schaffer of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Leigh Sochacki, to Michael Donald Buist, the son of David Buist and Sandra Wilcox of Howell. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University. A resident of Mesa, Ariz., she is working in production for NBC Studios in Arizona. Her fiancé also is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is a sixth-grade teacher in Chandler, Ariz. A June wedding is planned at Laurel Chapel in Livonia.



Hughes-Cruse

Sherry Chambers and Ron Hughes of Knoxville, Tenn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Diane, to Jeffrey Michael Cruse, the son of Larry and Jackie Cruse of Redford. The bride-to-be is graduate of Carson Newman College. She is currently employed by the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and is serving in Manila, the Philippines, as a International Service Corps missionary. Her fiancé is a graduate of Thurston High School and the Florida Institute of Technology with a degree in civil engineering. He is employed by the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and is serving in Manila, the Philippines, as a journeyman missionary. A July wedding is planned at Calvary Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tenn.

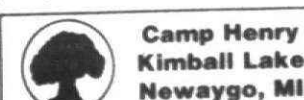


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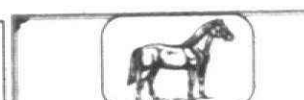
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WEEKEND

ARTRAVEOUS
Plymouth ARTraveous will be 7-10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday in downtown Plymouth. The artwalk event is held on the streets and in the stores of downtown Plymouth. Chalk murals will be created by Central Middle School art students. For more information, call Annette Horn at (734) 455-8338 or Scott Smith at (734) 455-5531.

VEGAS NIGHT
St. Louis is having a Vegas Night on Friday, May 14, and Saturday, May 15. Hours are 6 p.m. until midnight. The church is west of Telegraph and north of Ford at the corner of Haas and Gully in Dearborn Heights. Free admission. State law limits winnings to \$500. For more information, call the parish office at (313) 274-4500.

HOME TOUR
The Plymouth Symphony League's spring home tour fund-raiser, "Home is Where the Heart Is," occurs 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 15, and noon-6 p.m. Sunday, May 16. The tour includes seven area homes, including a cozy bungalow and a 4,000-square-foot house with a dance floor. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. For tickets, call Mary at (734) 453-3018.

CAR WASH
The Vietnam Veterans of America will hold a car wash 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at the Mainstreet Car wash in downtown Plymouth, on Main between Ann Arbor Trail and Ann Arbor Road. Proceeds will go to the VVA. For more information, call Don Dignan at (734) 452-0157 or (313) 845-3752.

AROUND TOWN

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

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

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

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

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MILITARY NEWS

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DEPLOYMENTS
Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph M. Miller, son of Kenneth H. and Gloria J. Miller of Hillsboro in Canton, recently arrived in the Adriatic Sea while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, home ported in Norfolk, Va. Currently on a six-month deployment, Miller's ship is the lead ship of the USS Enterprise Battle Group. The 1989 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School joined the Navy in September 1989. Also assigned to the USS Enterprise and recently arrived in the

Scouts visit science museum



Junior field trip: Visiting the Center of Science and Industry in Toledo, Ohio, recently were members of Junior Girl Scout Troop 766 from Canton. Pictured (from left): Hannah Sheridan, Lindsay Ciacio, Stephanie Misco, Stephanie Hubel, Katey Naszradi, Evelyn Derico, Alenandra Hanes, Lisa Nowicki and Katie Bedard. Troop members used proceeds from their recent cookie sale for the field trip, said Wanda Derico, troop leader.

ty Chamber of Commerce will sponsor Plymouth's Farmer's Market. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 23, with the exception of Sept. 11 (Fall Festival weekend). The Farmer's Market features fresh produce, dairy and cheese products, baked goods, flowers and plants, fresh herbs, dried flowers, some crafts and other seasonal items. Coffee and lemonade will be available. The outdoor market is held under the Gathering, across from Kellogg Park next to the Penn Theater in downtown Plymouth. For further information, call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540.

OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING
Bone density screening is offered 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton, 7300 Canton Center. This screening identifies individuals at risk for developing osteoporosis. The test requires the participant (ages 35-plus, unless on arthritis/steroids medication) to place ankle in water bath and an extremely low-power X-ray is transmitted. Within minutes, bone density results are reported and interpreted. Cost: \$10; OHA \$5; open to public. Free to authorized Head Start and Oakwood Healthcare Plan members. To register, call (800) 543-7557.

YOGA CLASSES
Blend breathing exercises, physical postures and relaxation using guided imagery and meditation. This is a seven-week series through May 26 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Canton Health Building, Canton Center at Palmer. Classes are offered Monday mornings or Wednesday evenings. Cost is \$60 for seven classes or \$10 for drop-ins. Classes are given by Dr. Jacqui Magon. Call (734) 398-7557.

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

SUMMER CAMP
The Creative Music Center of Plymouth and Canton is offering fun summer adventures with creatures in my back yard; creatures in the ocean, adventures

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

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

SOCCER LEAGUE
The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will run the following Adult 6-on-6 Soccer Leagues: Men's Open (18 and older), Men's Masters (30 and older), Women's Open (18 and older), Women's Masters (30 and older). Registration deadline is June 16. Minimum of seven games, Maximum of 10 games. Fees are \$270 for a team, plus referee and non-resident fees. Season starts week of June 28. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 453-6620.

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

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

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

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

SUPPORT GROUPS
ADULT DAY CARE
Adult Day Care is a weekday program, open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., serving senior citizens who need some assistance but

don't need to be in a nursing home. The program is designed to give relief to the caregiver while providing an enjoyable, activity-filled day in a relaxed, supervised, friendly environment. Professionals assist with the restroom, medications and offer a hot lunch. Transportation and financial assistance are available. Call the Plymouth site at (734) 451-1455 or the Livonia site at (734) 591-2216.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MDDA
The Manic Depressive Association meets 2-4 p.m. the second and fourth Sundays of each month at St. Joseph Mercy Health Care Center, Canton Center and Summit Parkway, Canton. Family members are also encouraged to come. Call Nancy at (734) 455-8598.

near and far and Kindermusik Village. Village classes begin the week of June 1, and end July 27. Creatures and Adventures classes begin the week of June 1 and end July 1. All classes are held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial (west of Sheldon). For more information, call Lori Nelson at (734) 354-9109.

TABLES AND TEA
The Ann Arbor Women's City Club presents its annual "Tables and Tea," 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, at the club, 1830 Washtenaw Avenue. Featured will be table settings created by City Club members, their friends, and area design and retail firms. Admission is \$10 includes tea and light refreshments. Luncheon at a charge of \$10 will be available from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Reservations are not required for the luncheon. Children younger than 12 will not be admitted. For more information, call the Women's City Club at (734) 662-3279.

YOGA WORKSHOP
There will be a yoga workshop: Sun and Moon Salutations: Experiencing the Solar and Lunar Prin-

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

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

Volunteer host families are needed to provide rooms and meals for the students, who will bring their own spending money and will be fully insured.

Families can select a host son or daughter based on a complete profile that includes a photo collage created by the student and a personal essay describing his or her interests, hobbies and personality.

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Wilhelmi

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilhelmi of Westland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their wedding vows at 3 p.m. May 16 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville and at a small reception in the church hall.

The Wilhelms exchanged vows on May 14, 1949.

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



Underwood

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

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

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

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

Highlights of their 50 years together was presented in a



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

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

Families needed to host foreign exchange students

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Habitat

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Rick Sheffield
Habitat for Humanity

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

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

The group is looking for volun-

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

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

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

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

Benefit

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features performances by the jazz duo Blackman and Arnold, the Albanian rock band Albanet and the Celtic group The Lash. It is open to those ages 18 and older. For more information, call (313) 892-8355 or visit the Immigrant Sun's Web page at <http://www.goodfellows.com/immigrantsun>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

School in 1981.

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

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

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

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

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Self-nurturing manages demands of work, family

BY BARI D. BERKOWITZ
SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

would brush your teeth and take a shower every morning.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

'Positive thing'

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

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

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For example, the post-Civil War Clinton/Manchester area generated a wool industry, expansion of the railroads made it thrive. Orders changed with the eras — from soldiers' uniforms produced during the Spanish American War, World War I



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

certified registered nurse first assistant, which qualifies her to assist physicians in surgery.

Thinks it's 'great'

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mary Parson retired from St. Mary on July 1, 1997, after working at the hospital for 23 years. She received her nursing degree in North Carolina and moved to Plymouth in 1962. A graduate from Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist School at Mount Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit, she and her twin sister, Jennie, went to nursing school together.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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God's assignment: rebuilding a community church

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

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

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

"Late that night his mission was clarified."

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

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

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

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

Restarting the church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RELIGIOUS NEWS

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Northville Christian Assembly will present HeartSong, a musical ensemble from the Central Bible College in Springfield, Mo., at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, at the church, 23901 Elmira, Redford. There will be a dessert buffet table, table prizes, door prizes and raffle prizes. The cost will be \$6 and reservations can be made by calling Betty at (313) 533-8239 or Dorothy at (313) 533-5698.

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

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

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An all-faith Marian conference, "Heaven's Last Call to Humanity," will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 15, in Lobby B of the Domino Farms Warehouse, east of U.S. 23 and the Plymouth Road exit, Ann Arbor.

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

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

Joey Terelija, who was tortured for 20 years in Soviet pris-

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

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

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Members want to be like Jesus

There was once a time when the church was a much simpler thing. Early Christians were simply disciples of Jesus. Their aim - nothing more, nothing less - was to be just like Jesus so that they could continue the life-changing work He had begun.

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

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

Like Jesus" service for Sunday, May 16.

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

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

"It's time for 21st century

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

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

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A healing service will be held after the conference which costs \$15. Seating is limited and participants must register in advance by calling June at (313) 381-1298 or Barbara at (313) 676-0428.

WORSHIP MUSICAL

The Adult Choir of Memorial Church of Christ will present the worship musical, "My Utmost for His Highest," at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at the church, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The "Jesus Jammers" Choir also will be featured in the musical, based on the classic devotionals by Oswald Chambers which have promoted spiritual growth among Christians for generations. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-6722.

'WIND AND FIRE'

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

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

SALAD LUNCHEON

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

RUMMAGE SALE

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

LET'S TALK

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

Southfield. The program will focus on identity, traditions, communications and holidays and families. The cost is \$5 per adult per session. For more information, call Sue Stettner at (800) 397-4876.

WOMEN OF FAITH

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

MUSICAL CELEBRATION

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

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

Improving appearances

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

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

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

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

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

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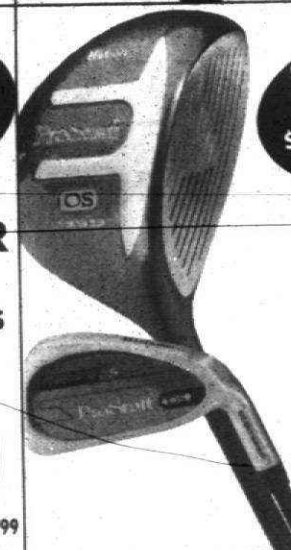


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NAHL expanding

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

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

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

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

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

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

Canton edges Franklin

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

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

For Franklin, Katie Beasley led the way with a 49. Colleen Yorick had a 53, Kristen Kmet a 54 and Nikki Niles a 58.

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

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

Baseball camp

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

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

The camp is limited to 125 kids, so early registration is encouraged. For more information, call Teri Stonerook at (734) 454-7591 or Carole Reddy at (734) 451-2084.

Girls hoop camp

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

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

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

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

For more information, call Thomann at 459-7315 or Blohm at 414-8156.

Late rally sends Canton past Salem



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

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

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

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

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

Canton improved to 23-2 overall.

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

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

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

triple and Becky Mize singled in Elsner.

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

Canton 4-10, Northville 3-9: It did not come easily, nor was it pretty, this important WLAA sweep. A rainout of their game scheduled for April 23 at Northville forced this to be a twinbill, making an already mentally-fatiguing week even more overburdening. The Chiefs hosted — and won — their eight-team Canton Classic last Saturday, and

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Doubled Rocks edge Chiefs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"I'm going to make some

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

Canton, Salem ends in a draw

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

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

"This game is an important one only

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

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

very possibly another game between the two.

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

Meaning there will be much more at stake.

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

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Chiefs lead division

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No one wins with a tie? Not so.

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

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

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

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

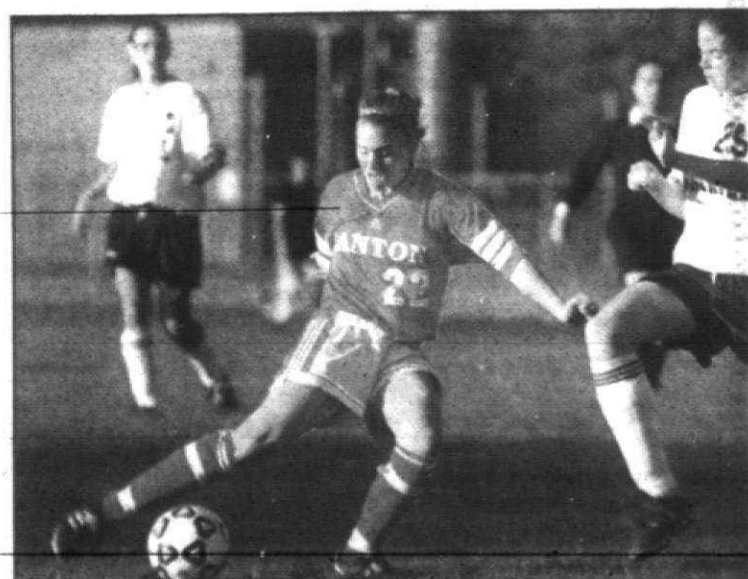
For Churchill, the tie was as bad as a loss, as far as the standings are concerned. A win would have made it a three-way tie for first in the division with Canton, Churchill and

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

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

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

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

BOYS TRACK

Canton ties for top spot

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

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

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

Chris Kalis, Jordan Chapman and Juan Cortes combined to clear 17-feet, 10-inches in the high jump relay, with Chapman's 6-2 leading the trio. Ugo Okwumabua, Chapman and Ken Page also collected a first in the long jump relay, with a combined effort of 57-6. Okwumabua led that group with a leap of 20-6.

Canton's other first came in the 2,400-meter relay (legs of 800, 400, 400 and 800 meters), with Marty Kane, Jack Tucci, Jerry Gaines and Steve Blossom getting the victory (5:57.8).

The discus team of Asa Hensley, Jared Chapman and Brian Szwejkowski teamed for a second in the discus relay (361-1), with Hensley's 134-6 tops. Also, the foursome of Okwumabua, Jim O'Brien, Jamie Bonner and Kalis were second in the shuttle hurdle relay (1:04.7).

Other seconds were claimed by Jim Korona, Bryan Kulczycki, Jon Mikosz and Jason Rutter in the 6,400 relay (19:59.7); Blossom, Andy Tessema, Tucci and Rutter in the distance medley (11:12.0); and, in the non-scoring throwers' relay, Emmanuel Etim, Jared Chapman, Szwejkowski and Hensley (1:43.8).

Tucci, Doug Kurth, Bonner and Gaines placed third in the 1,600 relay (3:38.3), and Kulczycki, Aaron Schmidt, Korona and Tessema were fourth in the 3,200 relay (8:45.8).

Canton hosts Livonia Franklin at 5:30 p.m. today.

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Rocks run away with Troy Athens Relays title

The weather last Saturday at the Troy Athens Relays was plain awful. The Rocks rebounded from a mediocre effort in a dual-meet win over Walled Lake Central last Thursday to run away with the title in the 17-team field. Salem scored 58 points; second went to Southfield with 32 points, followed by Walled Lake Western with 26.

"We ran into some rotten weather again," said coach Mark Gregor. "But the kids handled it pretty well. They put together a nice team effort."

"It was a good comeback because we

Grubaugh, Tomlin and Michelle Bonior also had a first in the shot put relay, totaling 101-2 1/4. The Rocks third win came in the 4x100-meter relay, from Bonior, Celena Davis, Melissa Drake and Rachel Jones (61.4).

There were also five second-place finishes for Salem: Brynne DeNeen, April Aquino and Drake in the long jump relay (43-5 3/4); Melanie Mester, Kim Wood, White and Lisa Jaszowski in the 4x1,600 relay (23:32.3); Autumn Hicks, Drake, DeNeen and Jones in the 4x200 relay (1:47.9); Jones, Bonior, Davis and Hicks in the sprint medley relay (1:54.1); and Hicks, Drake, DeNeen and

Jones in the 4x400 relay (4:15.5). Aisha Chappell, Hicks and Marylou Liebau were third in the high jump relay (14-1); so were Becky Phelan, Annemarie Vercruysee, Shannon Will and Jaszowski in the distance medley relay (14:12.0).

Fourth went to Mester, Will, Wood and White in the 4x800 relay (10:52.4) and to Vercruysee, DeNeen, Liebau and Phelan in the Athens Relay (7:29.3, with legs of 800, 400, 400 and 800 meters).

What made Salem's victory more impressive was the loss of a first-place finish in the shuttle hurdle relay. The

Rock runners would have been easy winners in the event, but were disqualified for an exchange out of the zone.

On Friday, Salem sent several runners to compete at the Mott Relays in Flint. Only one Salem team placed in the top five: Liebau and Elise Amable were third in the high jump relay (9-7). The Rocks placed 16th in the 22-team field.

Salem hosts Farmington Thursday, then will attempt to add to its list of state regional qualifiers at the Last Chance Invitational Saturday, hosted by Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Manvir Gill in the 3,200 relay (8:37.1); and Snyder and Brandt in the shot put relay (88-2 1/2).

Salem also got a fourth from Ryan Silva and Sean Galvin in the high jump relay (11-4) and a fifth from Clemmons, Jeremy Frederick, Pat Johnson and Mark Sheehan in the 4x100 relay (44.9).

The Rocks run at Farmington Thursday.

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everything it wanted at Friday's 21-team Mott Relays in Flint, but the Rocks did get one important thing accomplished. Their distance medley team shattered a three-year old school record — by more than six seconds.

Bobby Cushman, Matt Anderson, Jon Little and Nick Allen were clocked in 10:45.5, busting

the mark of 10:52.0 set in 1996 and collecting Salem's only first of the meet.

Salem placed second in the meet with 52 points, eight behind first-place Saginaw, scoring in nine events (compared to Saginaw's seven) — with two seconds and four thirds.

Donnie Warner, Cushman, Little and Allen teamed for a second

place in the 4,400 relay (18:36.0), and Andy Brandt and Mark Snyder were second in the discus relay (251-10).

Third went to Gabe Coble and Pat Johnson in the long jump relay (37-11); Charlie Fisher, Ryan Silva, Rob Showalter and Dave Clemmons in the shuttle hurdle relay (1:05.4); Anderson, Craig Little, Trevor Davis and

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Bryant Lawrence (Thurston) 46.9
Mark Snyder (Salem) 47.6
Scott Gendron (Thurston) 45.2
Guy Diakow (Chubbuck) 45.2
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DISCUS
Nick Brazinski (Redford CC) 186.1
Guy Diakow (Chubbuck) 155.10
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 149.9
Scott Gendron (Thurston) 149.3
Dustin Williams (Stevenson) 147.4
Andy Brandt (Salem) 137.0

400-METER DASH
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 51.7
Matt Freedman (Stevenson) 51.9
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Bobby Cushman (Salem) 2:01.5
Jon Little (Salem) 2:02.4
Jenny Heher (Chubbuck) 2:04.2
Charlie Stamboulou (N. Farm.) 2:04.5
Brian Hinzman (Garden City) 2:06.1
Steve Blossom (Canton) 2:06.3
Adam Marney (Thurston) 2:07.0
C.J. Whitfield (Farmington) 2:08.3
Andrew Davis (Farmington) 53.5
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1,600-METER RUN
Dan Jess (Redford CC) 4:26.5
Charlie Stamboulou (N. Farm.) 4:26.8
Jeff Traynor (Garden City) 4:27.5
Maurice Gill (Salem) 4:34.2
Donnie Warner (Salem) 4:34.2
Jon Little (Salem) 4:34.8
Joe Verellen (Stevenson) 4:35.7
Eric Boni (Stevenson) 4:38.7

3,200-METER RUN
Matt Day (Redford CC) 9:53.6
Jin Curtis (Redford CC) 9:53.7
Jeff Traynor (Garden City) 9:56.3
Joel But (Franklin) 10:08.0
Joe Verellen (Stevenson) 10:10.9
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Alexis Noel (Livonia) 58
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Bekah Hoffmeier (Lutheran Westland) 50
Auntie Hume (Salem) 50
Carey Czech (Mercy) 50
Felicia Barnett (John Glenn) 50
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Andrea Polasky (Stevenson) 41.1
Lizzy Mathis (Mercy) 41.1
Erin Hayden (Livonia) 41.1

800-METER RUN
Nicolete Jarrett (John Glenn) 1:71 1/2
LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 1:69
Alexis Noel (Livonia) 1:51
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Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 1:55 1/2
Eric Hayden (Livonia) 1:57
Carey Czech (Mercy) 1:56 1/2

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LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 3:55 1/2
Kate Bouscher (Farmington) 3:54
Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 3:52 1/2
Ann Roff (Lutheran Westland) 3:51

3,200-METER RUN
Kim Wise (Garden City) 10:0
Shiloh Wint (Franklin) 9:1
Auntie Hume (Salem) 9:0
Kari Cezar (Chubbuck) 8:9
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LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 58
Alexis Noel (Livonia) 58
Aisha Chappell (Salem) 54
Bekah Hoffmeier (Lutheran Westland) 50
Auntie Hume (Salem) 50
Carey Czech (Mercy) 50
Felicia Barnett (John Glenn) 50
Felicia Barnett (John Glenn) 50
Andrea Polasky (Stevenson) 41.1
Lizzy Mathis (Mercy) 41.1
Erin Hayden (Livonia) 41.1

800-METER RUN
Nicolete Jarrett (John Glenn) 1:71 1/2
LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 1:69
Alexis Noel (Livonia) 1:51
LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 1:51
Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 1:55 1/2
Eric Hayden (Livonia) 1:57
Carey Czech (Mercy) 1:56 1/2

1,600-METER RUN
LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 3:55 1/2
Kate Bouscher (Farmington) 3:54
Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 3:52 1/2
Ann Roff (Lutheran Westland) 3:51

3,200-METER RUN
Kim Wise (Garden City) 10:0
Shiloh Wint (Franklin) 9:1
Auntie Hume (Salem) 9:0
Kari Cezar (Chubbuck) 8:9
Jane Paterman (Chubbuck) 8:6
Kelly Yaffert (Salem) 8:6
Lauren Turner (N. Farmington)

Salem's Jancevski to play for Ocelots

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Schoolcraft College's men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs added strength to his frontcourt by getting a pair of commitments.

Plymouth Salem's Tony Jancevski, a 6-foot-9 center who averaged nine points, nine rebounds and two blocks a game for the 20-5 Rocks, is in the fold along with 6-5 Dwight Windom of Dearborn Heights Robichaux. Both players should add depth to an already talented Schoolcraft squad with eight players eligible to return next season.

Jancevski, who helped Salem reach the state Class A quarter-finals, was named second-team All-Observer. He is a three-year varsity player.

"He gives us size and he's a local kid," said Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "He understands the game, is well coached and is a smart player."

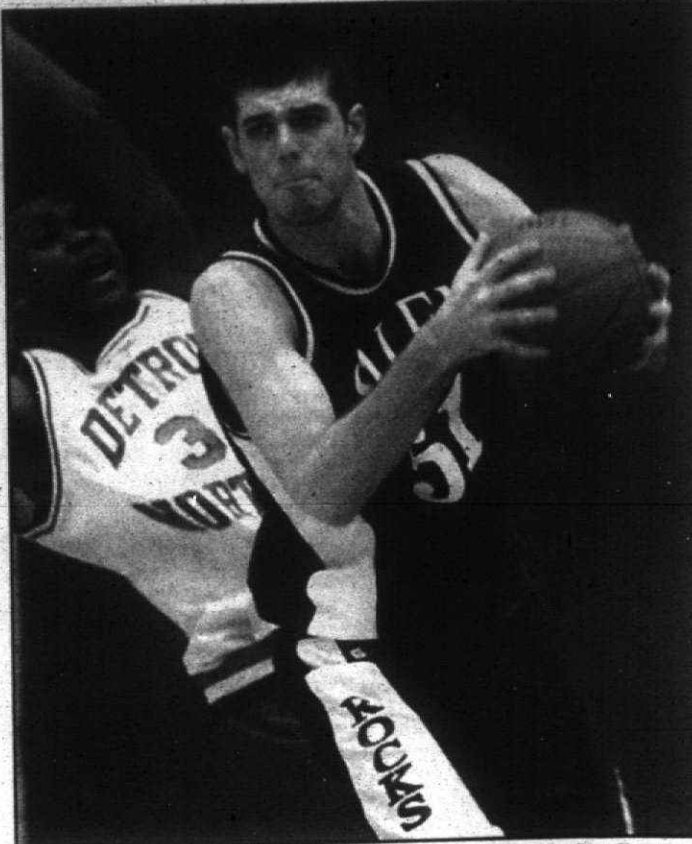
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Windom, meanwhile, brings a scorer's mentality to the game. "He's very athletic," Briggs said. "He's similar to Reggie Kirkland (SC freshman from Romulus), only a little bigger."

Among the players Briggs returns off last year's first-ever Michigan Community College Athletic Association tournament championship team which finished 26-5 and reached the NJCAA Region 12 finals before losing to Cincinnati State.

The Ocelots lost starters Dashawn Williams and Derek McKelvey, along with backups David Jarrett, Mario Montgomery and Jim Rebbeck.

Slated to return are Lamar Bigby, Dave McGlowin, Chris Colley, Quintin Mitchell, Dwayne Holmes, Michael Murray, Mike Peek and Kirkland.



Inside force: Salem's Tony Jancevski provided a strong presense inside, particularly on defense.

Former Patriot makes his impact on the mound

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There was a time when Tim Miller truly enjoyed the "ping" sound of aluminum bats.

"I loved hitting and always one of my goals coming out of high school was to hit at the collegiate level," said Miller, a former first baseman at Livonia Franklin High now turned pitcher at Wayne State University. "I pitched two years in high school, but not much, about 28 innings."

The 6-foot-4, 205-pound Miller, whose older brother Henry pitched with success for the Tartars in the late 1980s, had to be convinced he was better suited for mound duty.

"He thought he was a first baseman, but he didn't run well enough or do some of the other things you need to do to get to that next level," WSU 11th-year coach Rodger George said. "I finally

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ly said he wasn't going to do it (hit). And he resisted it, but last fall he came in and he finally decided he was a pitcher."

The right-hander, whose repertoire includes a fastball, slider, changeup and occasional curveball, now muffs the sound of aluminum.

He had a breakthrough year this spring as a junior, going 8-2 with a 2.48 earned run average as the Tartars finished 32-19 overall (most wins in school history).

WSU, 24-8 in the Great Lakes Inter-collegiate Athletic Conference, finished just one game out of first place behind Ashland (Ohio).

In 72 2/3 innings this season, Miller struck out 86 batters and walked just 26. He tossed six complete games and was one of six Tartars named to the All-

GLIAC squad.

"Tim threw consistently in the mid-80s (MPH) and he can pump it up to 90 once in a while," George said. "His changeup got better and better. And he's just a great kid."

Henry Miller, a hard thrower who got a look in the Detroit Tigers minor league system, "had some influence on his younger brother, according to George."

"Once he accepted it, it was kind of amazing to see what can happen," George said. "Yes, he surprised me a little, but he always had the potential as a pitcher."

As a freshman, Miller went 3-1 with an 8.16 ERA in 35 1/3 innings. He pitched only 18 1/3 innings for WSU as a sophomore, going 1-0 with an 8.85 ERA.

"To be honest, I didn't think I'd have a season like this," Miller said. "Half of our coaching staff went to Oakland University, so the pitchers were kind of on

their own. I just took it one day at a time.

But with Henry nearby, young Tim got some good coaching. "My brother taught me a lot and I've learned from his mistakes," Tim said. "I've definitely learned from him."

"Before every start he tells me to keep the ball low, throw strikes and stay ahead in the count. Also, stay within yourself. Don't let a home run bother you or listen to guys heckling you from the bench. Just try and block everything else out."

A summer pitching with DCI in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League didn't hurt either. It had a carry-over effect.

"Last summer with DCI I was pretty successful and was able to focus on pitching," Miller said.

The only "downer" to an otherwise great season was WSU missing the cut for the NCAA Division II regional in Quincy, Ill.

The Tartars needed one more win over Ashland to guarantee themselves one of four spots in the tournament. (St. Joseph's and the University of Indianapolis also earned bids.)

"It's just too bad we came up one game short because we had a lot of fun winning this year," Miller said.

Miller will return for his senior year along with All-GLIAC pitcher Michael Newsted, a sophomore, to give Wayne State a formidable one-two punch on the hill.

This summer he'll play with DCI again and get some experience in the Pontiac Class A circuit. The exercise season major will also work a summer job at Max & Erma's restaurant.

"I'd like to get him into Great Lakes League," said George, referring to the summer wooden bat circuit. Wait a minute, that's as a pitcher, not a hitter.

Rivals tie from page C1

The Rocks (now 9-4 overall) had perhaps the bigger challenge: finding a way to stop Canton (10-2-3) scoring demon Anne Morrell. Landefeld went to senior co-captain Andrea Weinman, with the assignment of blanketing Morrell, and she did a commendable job most of the way.

"She's awfully good, obviously," said Landefeld of Morrell. "Andrea and (Christen) Shull did a nice job on her."

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

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

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

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

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

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

Soccer from page C1

In the opening minutes of the game, Churchill quickly put the Chiefs in a hole, with Kersten Conklin slicing through to score a goal and make it 1-0. It took

Canton more than 20 minutes to even it, with Anne Morrell popping it up to the middle of the box, where Amanda Lentz was poised to head it in at 16:56 left in the half.

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

"When you've got speedsters like Morrell and Conklin, it's going to be up and down," said Churchill coach Chad Campau.

"I thought we did a good job getting the ball to Kersten's feet, where she could handle it, in the first half."

Although the second half seemed a bit more even, Canton got the only goal, and it was Mills who was responsible for initiating the play. She got takeaways in the corner in Churchill's end before centering the ball to Abi Morrell.

"We had a couple of chances in the second half," said Campau. "On the other hand, Canton had numerous chances. But we played well."

The best scoring opportunity for Churchill came just over eight minutes into the second half, with Conklin again at the

Softball from page C1

Wednesday was the annual emotion-packed game against Plymouth Salem. All good reasons why Canton wasn't up to par against Northville, which, of course, makes the sweep all the more impressive.

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

The first game turned on a single swing of Liz Elmer's bat. With Canton trailing 3-1 in the top of the fifth (Northville was home team in this game) and the bases loaded, Elmer connected to send a shot to the fence in left. Her blast, which turned out to be just a single after she missed first and had to go back to tag it, drove in three runs and gave the Chiefs a lead they would not relinquish.

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

three hits and three walks, striking out 10. Maureen Emaus took the loss for the Mustangs.

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

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

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

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

pau noted, "There are more important games still to be played."

Salem 9, Franklin 0: Jami Coyle poured in three goals and Plymouth Salem overcame a slow start to bury hapless Livonia Franklin Monday at Salem.

The game was scoreless for the first 20 minutes — then the dam burst. The Rocks scored four times before the half, Jenny Fisher getting the first.

Other goal-scorers included Suzi Towne, Jeannine Edwards, Danielle Pilep, Kristina Senich and Jill Dombrowski. Dombrowski played the first half in goal.

Franklin remains winless at 0-9-2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

bottom half of the inning; Paula McKernan also doubled to knot it at 3-2. Melissa Brown reached base on an error and the game-winning run scored on Christina Kessel's groundout.

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

In the semifinals, Canton beat Ann Arbor Huron 9-5. Jenny Fisher was the winning pitcher, allowing two earned runs on four hits and two walks with six strikeouts over six innings. Kessel topped the Chiefs with two hits and two RBI. Brianna McNicholas added two hits.

In its first two games of the tournament, Canton bested Saline 2-0 and Belleville 5-0. Laura Stewart was the winning pitcher in the shutout win over Saline; she fired a three-hitter with no walks and 13 strikeouts. Anna Kell and Stacia Griffin each had two hits and an RBI.

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

changes there," she said. "I knew we would peak at one point in the season. I think we might have peaked a bit early."

Canton, with a loss and two ties in its last three meets, needs to get it turned around in a hurry. The Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament

starts Tuesday at all three Livonia high schools. The Chiefs are 6-3-2 overall.

As for Salem, well, the Rocks (6-3 overall) have won four straight and will enter next week's W.L.A.A. Tournament on a high. Now it's just a matter of staying up there.

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Madonna reached the WHAC Tournament finals last Friday losing to Indiana Tech 19-17 in the title game. The Crusader completed the season with a 25-24-1 overall record, 12-10 in the

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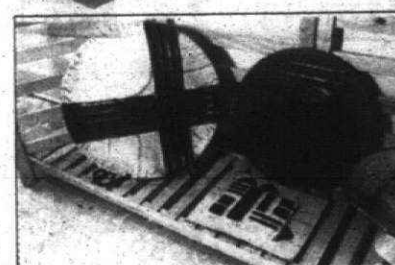
THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Stagecrafters presents "Crazy for You" featuring Tracy Murray and Jeff Drewno, 8 p.m. at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Tickets \$12-\$14, call (248) 541-6430.

SATURDAY



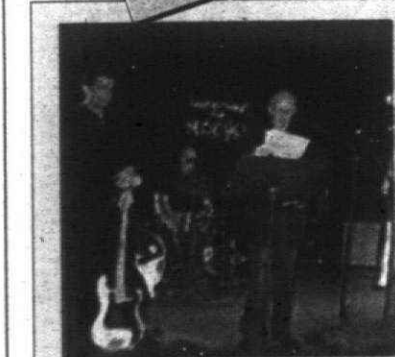
Plymouth is Artrageous 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in downtown Plymouth features artistic demonstrations, live music and poetry readings. Admission is free. For more information, call (734) 455-8838 or (734) 455-5531. The event continues to Sunday.

SUNDAY



R. Kelly performs with Busta Rhymes, NAS, Foxy Brown, Deborah Cox and Kelly Price, 7 p.m. at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets \$45, \$55 and \$75 call (248) 645-6666.

HOT TICKET



Author Elmore Leonard reads from his new novel, "Be Cool," with musical accompaniment by the Stone Coyotes as part of the "Be Cool" club tour, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Multi-Detroit Music Award winner Jill Jack also performs. Tickets are \$10 for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit <http://www.themagicbag.com>.

A passion for music



Hoedown veterans: The Forbes Brothers, pictured here with background singer Jill Jack, are playing the Budweiser Downtown Hoedown for the sixth time on Saturday.

The Forbes Brothers play for the love of it

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Spearheading the Detroit country music scene, The Forbes Brothers aren't in it for notoriety, money or accolades. It comes down to one thing. "We play because we like to play," said Scott Forbes, who along with his brother Dennis, is the core of The Forbes Brothers. "It's not a business for us. We do it for heart and soul. We don't play a lot for the same reasons other bands do. I think that people have to remember that music starts as an art, a gift."

The Forbes Brothers' art earned the band all five country music awards at the Detroit Music Awards on April 23. Country music fans can judge the band for themselves at 2 p.m. Saturday when the group plays the 1999 W4 Country-Budweiser Downtown Hoedown in Hart Plaza. The free event runs Friday-Sunday, May 14-16.

The band includes the Forbes brothers, guitarist J.C. Whitelaw, bassist Jon Ross, keyboardist George Canterbury, drummer Dave Jack, and background vocalist Jill Jack. At the Hoedown, however, they will have a special guest.

"We're playing this year with our band and we're backing Devin Scillian," he said of WDIV-TV's NewsBeat anchorman. "He's a very good songwriter and just a nice guy. At the end of our set, we'll bring him out. He's a really good lyricist, a good melodic songwriter."

Royal Oak natives, Scott and Dennis Forbes have been playing together since they were in grade school. In early 1990, the two decided to take it a step further.

"We've been songwriters for a long time and just decided to put a band together," said Scott Forbes, who lives in Farmington Hills. Dennis Forbes resides in Keego Harbor.

In 1995, Scott and Dennis Forbes, co-owners of the Mr. B's restaurant chain, released their self-titled debut album. "The Forbes Brothers" has reached sales of 4,800.

The Forbes Brothers maintain a high profile by steering away from bars and toward gigs opening for

country music stars like Diamond Rio, The Tractors and Ricochet. This year marks the sixth time that The Forbes Brothers have played the Hoedown.

The group is planning on releasing its second CD before Christmas. Late last year the brothers teamed up with guitarist Earl Klugh to record the song "Learning to Live" for the CD

What: The 1999 W4 Country-Budweiser Downtown Hoedown.
When: Friday-Sunday, May 14-16, at Hart Plaza in Detroit. The performances are free and open to those of all ages. Call (313) 259-W4W4 for more information. The Hoedown will also be featured as a two-hour local special from 9-11 p.m. Sunday, June 6, on WDIV-TV (NBC).

Schedule

Friday, May 14

3:10 p.m. TBA
4:15 p.m. Sassy
5:30 p.m. Sara Evans
6:45 p.m. Matt King
8:15 p.m. Lee Roy Parnell
9:45 p.m. Terri Clark

Saturday, May 15

noon Starlight Drifters
1 p.m. Forbes Brothers with Devin Scillian
2:30 p.m. Trini Triggs (lower stage)
3:45 p.m. Shane MacAnally (lower stage)
4:45 p.m. Chad Brock
6:30 p.m. Mark Chesnutt
8:15 p.m. Lonestar
10 p.m. Tracy Lawrence

Sunday, May 16

1 p.m. Steele Canyon
1:45 p.m. Diamondback
3:15 p.m. Sheldaisy (lower stage)
4:15 p.m. Susan Ashton
5:45 p.m. Montgomery Gentry
7:15 p.m. The Kinleys
8:45 p.m. The Bellamy Brothers

"Two Guitars, Bass and Drums ... Songs for Survival," a benefit for the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation. The Forbes Brothers met Klugh when he sat in with the band at Mr. B's restaurant in Troy.

"Earl Klugh, it was a thrill working with him. I was speechless the way he plays guitar. There's nobody in the world like this guy. He's just an incredibly nice person. Earl, more than any of the other Detroit stars,

still goes out to bars and listens to musicians play. He's still a Detroit musician through and through even though he's an international star."

The Detroit country music scene is an intimate and cozy one, Scott Forbes explained. Warner Bros. recording artist Anita Cochran, who scored a No. 1 record with Steve Wariner with "What If I Said," along with the Clinton River Band and Shotgun Willy are among the top of the small group of country artists in the area.

"There's not a huge country market here. Country is in kind of a depression nationally. It always comes back, but I think part of the reason country is weak right now is because of the people producing the records. They're not willing to stretch it out and experiment with rock 'n' roll. If you listen to country, it sounds like the same five musicians have played on every record," he said.

The Forbes Brothers, on the other hand, delve into several genres.

"Our band has a Detroit attitude. Even though the songs are country, they're played with a hard-driving edge. We definitely are influenced by Bob Seger and Detroit Wheels, growing up here and the whole Detroit rock scene that happened over the years," he said.

"I've always loved Hank Williams Sr., but I also loved the MC5 and I really am a big fan of the alternative rock scene in Detroit like Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise and The Verve Pipe. People always ask me what I like and I say, anything that's done well," he said.

The Forbes Brothers have done well for themselves. Scott Forbes chalks up the band's success to the fact that it does all original material, and to Mike Watts, owner of the Plymouth production company Watts Up! and the Hoedown's producer.

"He has really helped our band out a lot. He's always liked us and he's always got us on really good shows. He's always been able to recognize original talent in Detroit. We would not have had the recognition that we've had had it not been for Mike," he said.



Onstage: Bob Thiel as "Iceman" and Patrick Moug (kneeling) as "Bones" in a scene from "Captain Beefalo." Moug's play premieres at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall in Northville on Friday.

Cop takes a shot at writing and acting in plays

Show times for "Captain Beefalo," at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall in Northville, are 7 p.m. Friday, May 14, and Saturday, May 15, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 16. Tickets are \$10 and include hot and cold hors d'oeuvres before the show. The doors open one hour before the show. Cash bar.

Reservations are required, and can be made by calling Genitti's at (248) 349-0522. The theater is at 108 East Main St.

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Patrick Moug, a sergeant with the Livonia Police Department, has drawn his new play, "Captain Beefalo," from his own life.

Don't expect a gritty crime drama. The play, which premieres Friday at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall in Northville, is about a suburban police officer from a family with a law enforcement tradition. Nicknamed Hoss, the cop wants to become an actor.

"He's midway through a career and he doesn't know if he wants to give it up to take this risk in life," Moug said. Adding to that pressure is an older brother, an officer nicknamed Bones, who wants Hoss to stay in police work.

The play's title is the nickname of a third brother, who has just died in the line of duty as the play opens and whose life is invoked both as a reason for Hoss to stay a cop and a reason for him to follow his dream.

"The two brothers take from Beefalo what they think he was all about," said Phil Powers, who is directing the show at Genitti's.

Hoss' conflict, Moug said, is an expression of what he feared would happen to him as he pursued his real-life goals of writing and acting. Instead, he said, his family has been supportive — even though Moug studied acting in his spare time for a year before he told anyone but his wife.

Moug, who plays Bones to Aaron Toronto's Hoss, said he has long loved writing, acting and going to shows. But

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Fireballs all set to torch the charts

Who: The Atomic Fireballs
When: Doors open at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 23
Where: The Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit.
How: Tickets are \$10 in advance for the 18 and older show. Call (313) 833-9700 or (248) 645-6666 for more information.
Other performances by The Atomic Fireballs include:
■ "Late Night With Conan O'Brien," 12:35 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, on NBC TV.
■ As part of the "Vans Warped Tour" with Pennywise, Blink-182, Sevendust, Cypress Hill, Black Eyed Peas, Less Than Jake, Grinspoon, The Vandals, The Living End, Suicidal Tendencies, Ice T, Molotov, Dropkick Murphys, Bouncing Souls, Royal Crown Revue, Frenzal Rhomb, River Phoenix, Lunachicks, Spring Heeled Jack, 7 Seconds, H2O, Bumpin' Uglies, Gramercy Riffs, Thoughts of Ionesco and Sto-Poke, 1 p.m. Sunday, July 26, at the Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre, 10 Water St. Pontiac. Tickets are \$24 in advance for the all-ages show. Call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.warpedtour.com> for more information.

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To say that The Atomic Fireballs are a priority of Lava/Atlantic Records, would be an understatement.

Atlantic Records' CEO Ahmet Ertegun has been calling lead singer John Bunkley regularly since the two met. Lava Records president Jason Flom calls Bunkley a "superstar in the making."

The band will make its big-screen debut this fall in an as-of-yet-untitled film starring Neve Campbell and Matthew Perry. In September, the octet jumps on a Playboy-sponsored tour.

But it's just all in a day's work for the always-smiling Bunkley and the rest of the Detroit-based swing/jump blues band.

"I would see him all the time even before we signed," Bunkley said of Ertegun. "He would be calling me up from the World Cup in Turkey. I was on the Warped Tour so I'd get back to the hotel and I'd have a message that Ahmet called from Turkey. It was kind of weird."

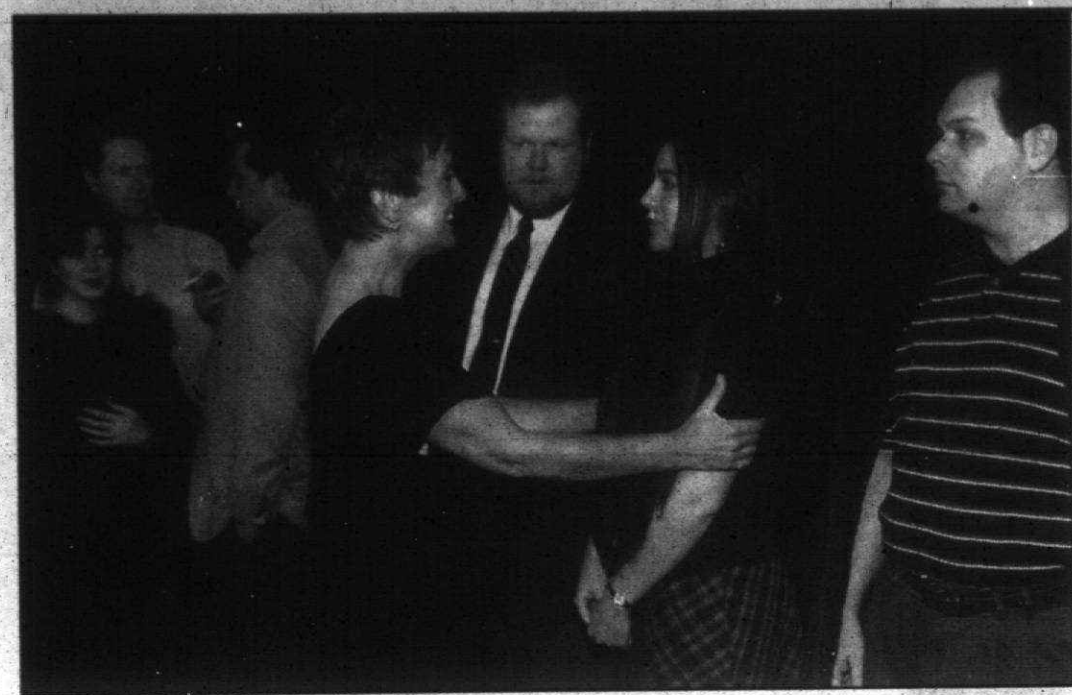
"Ahmet, he's a good guy. He did some songs with Ray

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Firing it up:
The Detroit-based swing/jump blues band The Atomic Fireballs, featuring singer John Bunkley, will release their major-label debut "Torch This Place" on Tuesday, May 18 — the same day they appear on "Late Night With Conan O'Brien."



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNICCHI



On stage: Jennifer Allie (left to right), Kerry Plague, Alan Madeleine, Margaret Gilkes, Hank Bennett, Anju Chopra and Thomas Adams in a scene from the SRO Productions presentation of "The Wisdom of Eve."

Theaters have lively schedule

They've been rehearsing for months, now it's show time for community theater groups throughout metro Detroit.

Here's what's opening this weekend at a community theater near you.

SRO Productions presents Mary Orr's drama "The Wisdom of Eve," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, May 14-30 at the City of Southfield's historic center, Theburgh, in the northeast corner of Civic Center Dr. and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph. Tickets are \$8 general admission, \$7 senior adults and children. Call (248) 827-0701 for tickets or information.

"The Wisdom of Eve" was adapted from the book by Mary Orr, and was the basis for the film "All About Eve," and "The Musical Appliance."

The play takes an "inside" look at Broadway stardom. This is a

biting comedy with mesmerizing work.

Village Players

This Friday, the Village Players will begin a three-week run of Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night," directed by Linda Hammell.

Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 14-15; May 21-22; and May 28-29; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 16 and May 23 at the Village Players of Birmingham, 752 Chestnut, (one block south of Maple, and one block east of Woodward Ave.) Tickets \$12, call (248) 644-2075.

The play, set in August of 1912, was first performed three years after O'Neill's death in 1953. In a catalogue of plays distinguished by emotional and intellectual depth, and experimentation, "Long Day's Journey Into Night" is perhaps the playwright's most autobiographical

Stagecrafters

Stagecrafters presents the final Main Stage show of the 1998-99 season, "Crazy for You," featuring music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin, book by Ken Ludwig, May 14 through June 6 at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Performances 8 p.m. with the exception of 2 p.m. Sunday. There will be one evening Sunday performance, 7 p.m. on May 23.

Tickets are \$12-\$14, call (248) 541-6430. A special dinner theater package is available from Illusions Bar & Grill in downtown Royal Oak, call (248) 586-1313.

Crazy for you was inspired, loosely, by the 1930 Gershwin musical "Girl Crazy."

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Charles and he told me he had some songs he'd away that he wanted me to hear," Bunkley added matter of factly.

The Atomic Fireballs are celebrating the release of their Lava/Atlantic debut "Torch This Place," due in stores Tuesday, May 18 - the same day the group appears on "Late Night With Conan O'Brien." The Atomic Fireballs have also set a CD release party and performance for Sunday, May 23, at the Magic Stick in Detroit.

"Torch This Place" kicks off mercilessly with Bunkley's scat-like shouts accompanied by hand-claps before bursting into the full-throated jump blues of "Man with the Hex," the album's first single. "Caviar and Chitlins" swings, while "Hit By a Brick" is straight from the soundtrack to a mystery.

"Torch This Place" was recorded in Vancouver with Bruce Fairbairn, whose credits include Aerosmith, AC/DC, Chicago and Van Halen. It may seem like an odd pairing, but Bunkley explained, it was everything but odd.

"He's a trumpet player. He's a jazz aficionado. He really likes old music like Miles and Charlie Parker and all that stuff. He won our hearts because that's what he does. He likes old soul music, rhythm and blues, and jump blues," Bunkley explained.

"That's where his heart really is. He knew about horns and trumpets, and big drum sounds from his experience with rock. Plus, he was so easy to get along with. He's a fun guy and he's got that Canadian hospitality going."

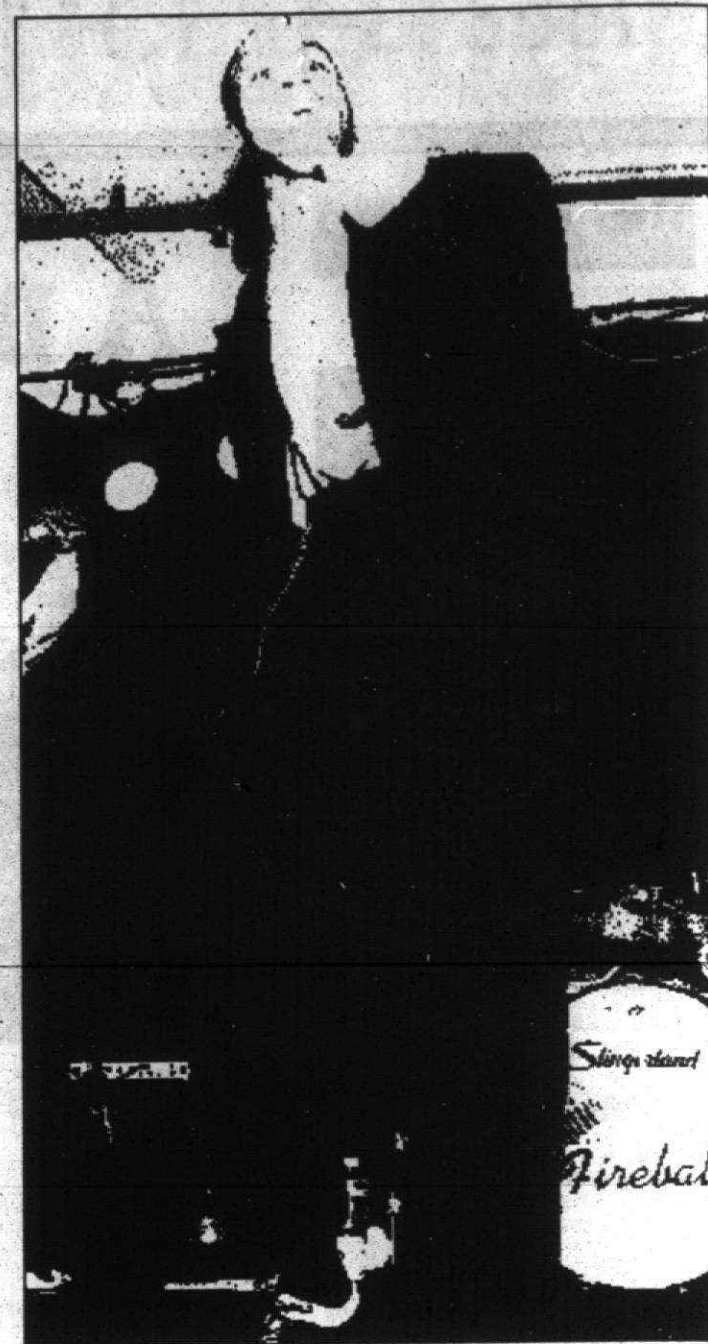
Longtime fan

Blues and soul are Bunkley's first loves. Growing up on Detroit's west side, Bunkley indulged in his mother's album collection, listening to performers like Wynonna Harris and Louis Jordan.

He first found success locally with the ska band Gangster Fun, which he formed during his years at Oakland University in Rochester. When Gangster Fun ran dry, Bunkley took a break from music to pursue a master's degree in sociology and work as a glassblower at Greenfield Village.

In 1996, he and trumpeter James Bostek came up with the idea to start a jump blues/swing band - long before swing bands like the Cherry Poppin' Daddies, Mighty Blue Kings and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy hit the charts.

The Atomic Fireballs inked their multi-album deal with Lava/Atlantic in the summer of 1998 after artist and repertoire rep Rick Goetz heard tracks from the band's debut "Birth of the



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CANNON

High-profile gigs: The Atomic Fireballs, featuring singer John Bunkley, performed at The Magic Stick in the Majestic complex. Staying true to their dedication to longtime friends, The Atomic Fireballs return there Sunday, May 23, for a CD release party and performance.

Serve

"It did pretty well in markets like Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis and Des Moines, Iowa. They (A&R folks) sit around and watch what makes a little blip on the screen," Bunkley said.

Goetz then flew out to Chicago to see The Atomic Fireballs perform in front of 250,000 people, and alongside bands like Fastball and Marcy Playground. He, along with Flom, was impressed.

"The Fireballs' live show is one of the most exciting and fun live shows I've ever seen," Flom said last summer. "It's highlighted by John Bunkley who, in my opinion, is a superstar in the making."

"He's got style for days and his moves... he's on a different planet than the rest of us. You can't help smiling."

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a football scholarship took him to the University of Connecticut (he majored in communications) and a brother and, yes, a family tradition, led to a police career.

But he loves the thrill of acting in a live format, which he compared to playing football on national television or the adrenaline rush a cop might get during a high-speed chase or a high-stakes arrest.

"I love acting like I don't love anything else in the world," he said.

Moug brings an authenticity honed on his regular job to his play, Powers and Toronto said.

■ 'He understands what makes good drama, what makes good theater, what makes good comedy.'

Phil Powers
director

good drama, what makes good theater, what makes good comedy," Powers said.

He's also flexible, receptive to ideas and criticism and willing to rewrite and rewrite, both said. "You hear horror stories about people who write their stuff and want to be in it as well," Toronto said.

"Captain Beafalo" has been optioned by the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea for the 2000-2001 season. Another script by Moug, "Michigan Autumn," is scheduled to be filmed, in a local production, later this year.

"I think it's been terrific to have him know that world so well," Toronto said. "He understands what makes

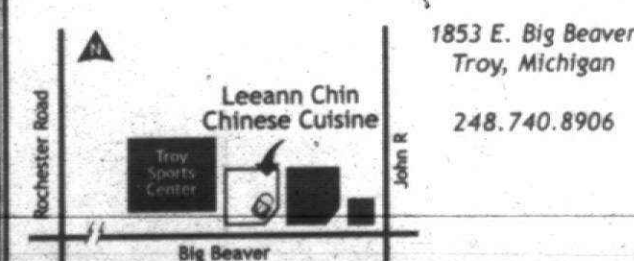
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'Blood Brothers,' intense drama

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents Willy Russell's musical drama "Blood Brothers" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday May 14-15, and 21-22; and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16 and 23. The Guild is on Madison near the south corner of Monroe and Outer Drive in Dearborn. For ticket information, call (313) 561-TKTS. This production contains adult language and situations; not recommended for preteens.

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The Players Guild of Dearborn's presentation of the musical drama "Blood Brothers" is a captivatingly intense tragedy, full of foreshadowing and foreboding. And while the soundtrack will never be a hit, the songs convey the sadness and futility that unfolds.

Mrs. Johnstone, a struggling cleaning woman with a house full of children, discovers shortly after her husband deserts her that she is pregnant with twins.

Her employer, Mrs. Lyons, a wealthy, childless woman, begs her for one of the twins. Since Mrs. Lyons's husband has refused to adopt a baby, but is away on business for extended periods, Mrs. Lyons schemes to pass the baby off as her own. Mrs. Johnstone, who risks losing her children to the welfare authorities, very reluctantly agrees. Thus the twins are separated at birth.

However, the two boys seem inexorably drawn to each other, and become best friends, despite their diverse backgrounds and



Farewell: Eddie (Jeff Ostrowski, right) tells his best friend Mickey (Ron Williams) goodbye as Mrs. Johnstone (Valerie Mould) watches in "Blood Brothers."

their parents' attempts to keep them apart. As they reach adulthood, class differences begin to tear them apart, and the superstition of the fate of twins separated at birth seems to be on a collision course toward fulfillment.

Under the skillful direction of Kim Donovan of Farmington Hills, the strong cast kept the show's pace rapid and suspenseful. The chorus, whose members played multiple roles — from children to adults — added a colorful infusion of characters to the show.

Brian Townsend and Richard Moore's cleverly constructed and versatile set, which facilitated the rapid scene changes, was augmented with drops and easily moved furniture to segue rapidly

from exterior to interior scenes.

Valerie Mould of Royal Oak is wonderfully sympathetic as Mrs. Johnstone, whose guilt over the surrender of one of her twins shadows her life. Mould captures both the plucky optimism of a woman determined to care for her children despite heavy odds, and the wrenching grief when she surrenders a twin to Mrs. Lyons. She embodies much of the sadness in her frequent reprises of the character's signature ballad, "Marilyn Monroe."

Emily Ttrybom effectively portrayed Mrs. Lyons's desperation and descent into mental illness. Haunted by her conscience in the form of the narrator, her fear is chronicled in song. Doug Clark of Royal Oak, who plays the narrator, has a powerful stage presence and a voice that sends chills

up one's spine. His searing glances, deliberate movements, and menacing voice drove Mrs. Lyons further into her downward spiral.

The twins, Mickey and Eddie, were played respectively by Ron Williams Jr. of Redford and Jeff Ostrowski. Both are talented actors and strong singers. They were wonderfully convincing as 7-year-olds and angst-ridden adolescents. Their wonderful voices were a credit to the less than memorable songs. "That Guy," their duet, tellingly captured the insecurities of awkward 14-year-old boys.

However, Williams lost credibility when a prop mishap caused him to break out of character and shake uncontrollably with laughter in a crowd scene freeze meant to accentuate a grim song by the narrator.

Linda, Mickey and Eddie's sidekick, who loved them both in turn, was played with warmth, longing, and passion by Ruthann Hande of Canton. Hande metamorphosed from a convincing tomboy in pigtails to a beautiful, sensuous woman. Her fluid movements and expressive face accentuated her strong stage presence.

The period costuming, from the 1950s to 1970s, was effective and realistic, and added believability to the scenes where adults portrayed children. The properties — especially the symbolic guns — worked well. Make-up crew deserves special recognition for their hairstyles, which effectively portrayed both the age of characters and their states of mind.

'Wait Until Dark' has 2nd act thrills

The Plymouth Theatre Guild presents Frederick Knott's suspenseful drama, "Wait Until Dark" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 13-15 at the Water Tower Theatre, on the grounds of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 West Seven Mile Road, west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville Roads. Not recommended for children under age 12. Tickets \$9, \$8 advance, call (248) 349-7110. Plymouth Theatre Guild will also be presenting "Wait Until Dark" 5 p.m. Sunday, May 16 at the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory, 5710 N. Canton Center Road. Tickets \$8 in advance, \$9 at the door. For more information about this performance, call (734) 397-5417.

Gloria, Susy's temperamental 10-year-old neighbor, knows where the doll is and becomes Susy's eyes when they must outwit the encroaching criminals.

The play begins with two criminals "casing" the Hendrix's apartment. Knott's script spends way too much time setting up the background, which other characters reiterate again and again. Dennis Hubbell of West Bloomfield as Mike Talman and Barry Levine as Sgt. Carline are the two criminals recently released on parole who are blackmailed into helping mastermind bad guy Harry Root.

Levine is a Columbo type, with a rumpled raincoat but without the smarts. Hubbell is suave and charming as Talman, gaining Susy's trust

by claiming to be a friend of her husband, who is away on business.

Arianna Prusak of Novi is wonderful as Susy, mastering the deliberate and searching movements of a blind person, and conveying her character's terror and frustration. Her final battle with the evil Root is wonderfully choreographed and well timed, especially since much of it takes place in dim light or the dark.

The scene is very frightening and believable whether played in total darkness or lit only by the refrigerator bulb.

Sara Wiercioch of Plymouth plays 10-year-old Gloria, the bratty neighbor who fortunately has a redeeming side to her personality. Sara is wonderful in her tantrum scene when, after being accused by Susy of stealing the doll, she impulsively flings kitchen implements around the room with unbridled enthusiasm.

Keith Prusak, who plays the evil mastermind Root, and who is Arianna's husband in real life, is cast against type as he would be murderer. He conveyed well the bright but twisted criminal mind and times his trump cards well. He has a powerful stage

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Paula Poundstone performs benefit for Gilda's Club

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Royal Oak last January.

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Poundstone is a frequent guest on the Rosie O'Donnell Show, winner of several CableACE Awards for her HBO comedy specials and is currently the ABC Saturday morning program "Squigglevision." She will be starring in a new animated series for UPN "Home Movies" in which she voices the character of Paula Small, a divorced single mom with two children.

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DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
"Magda's Story," runs through May 23, 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

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JET
"The Caregiver" through Sunday, May 30, at the Aaron Delta Theatre, 6600 W. Warren at Oakwood, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900 or <http://comet.org/jet>

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
"The Rocky Horror Show," runs through Sunday, May 9, at the theater in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

NEW STUDIO COMPANY
"Master Class," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 13-15, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16, Varner Studio Theatre, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$18-\$25. (248) 377-3300/(248) 645-6666

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"The Trip to Bountiful," May 13-16 and 20-23, Civic Playhouse, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. evening performances, and 2 p.m. Sunday matinees. \$16, \$14 for seniors and students. (734) 971-0605

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"Don't Dress for Dinner," a comedy by Marc Camoletti, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 14-15, at 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$12. (248) 553-2955

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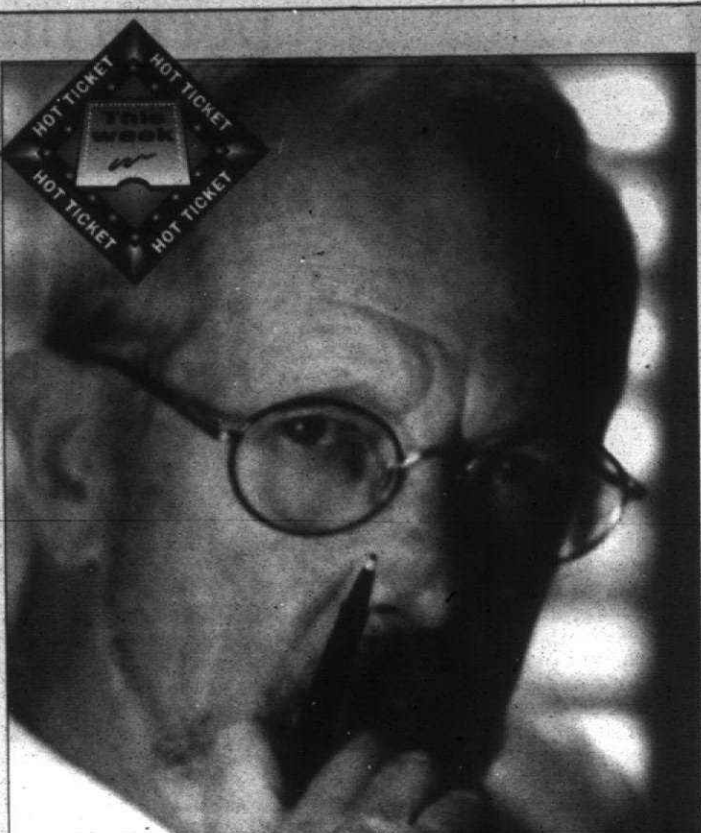
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DINING

Joe Muer's keeps seafood concept while reinventing itself

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Detroit restaurateur Joe Muer lent his name to a Southfield eatery in 1994.

The art deco bar and grill never really caught on.

That's history.

In late summer 1997, veteran former employees of Joe Muer's seafood house in Detroit, Geoffrey Browning and Chick Taylor, purchased the restaurant. Today, with general manager Greg Nowoweicki, also a long-time downtown Joe Muer's employee, and talented executive chef Joe Shafer, on board since last November, Joe Muer's Grill has reinvented itself.

After purchasing it, Browning and Taylor closed Joe Muer's Grill for remodeling. Their personal design is club-like with lots of medium-dark stained oak and a variety of seating options in booths, tables of four, and larger circular seating with comfortable banquettes. Walls accented in red create a warm comfortable feeling. In the booths, lighting accents the tables and food, while diners remain soothed in the shadows.

You'll feel comfortable here in pressed blue jeans and shirt or a business suit.

The most significant change in remodeling was the incorporation of a large bar area which has become a meeting place. Also on display is a large model of the Bob-lo boat Columbia. Browning's family operated the boats from 1949 to 1979. The lower level, housing rest rooms, also has photographs from this period in Detroit's history.

If you've anguished at the amped-up noise level in other restaurants, Joe Muer's Grill has sound breaks in the floor design to make table conversation possible.

Last January, a model of the logo's fish was crafted by long-time patron John Kreiger of Detroit. It hangs at the entrance signaling that Joe Muer's is principally about seafood.

"We're the natural heirs to what people remember about Joe Muer's downtown, but we've improved the concept," Browning responded to my question about decision to retain the name. And this has been done well.

Joe Muer's Grill
Where: 30855 Southfield Road, Southfield (248) 644-5330.
Hours: Monday-Thursday lunch 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., dinner 4-10 p.m. Friday until 11 p.m. Saturday dinner only 5-11 p.m.
Menu: Seafood emphasis, but also a savvy selection of chop-house specialties including chicken. All served with vegetable and choice of rice or potatoes.
Cost: Lunch seafood dishes \$9-\$14. Dinner with double the number of choices \$17-45. For kid's under 12, six-item menu \$6-13.
Reservations: Recommended.
Credit cards: All majors.

Browning and Taylor have retained the essence of Joe Muer's signature dishes and taken them to new heights with more attractive, upbeat plating.

Are cottage cheese and marinated beans your "amuse bouche" at dinner? Yes. Side accompaniments of creamed spinach and stewed tomatoes are also available for those who remember these downtown staples.

"Some diners expect that this 140-seat location can do everything the 440-seat downtown restaurant did," Browning remarked. "That's impossible."

It's probably good that it is. It allowed reinvention and fueled a vision for the future. In the kitchen department, this is being done by 34-year-old executive chef Joe Shafer, a Schoolcraft College culinary grad.

Shafer trained under the best: Master Chef Milos Cihelka and Steve Allen at the Golden Mushroom. He worked with Allen to open Steve and Rocky's in Novi.

Now, as solo top toque, Shafer has added signature dishes to both the lunch and dinner menus, such as the House Salad, composed of toasted pecans, red onions, apples, spring mix, crumbled blue cheese with apple cider and balsamic vinaigrette. Rock Shrimp Risotto with asparagus, scallions, tomatoes, roasted red peppers, parmesan cheese and shrimp sauce is another Shafer signature and an example of the new-age seafood touch.

But in the "if it's not broken, don't fix it" category are Joe Muer classics such as Shrimp Ilene and Deviled Crab Balls as appetizers. Among fresh seafood items, Canadian Lake Perch is number one, followed by Atlantic

Halibut and Seared Atlantic Salmon with caramelized capers and fried parsley butter.

There aren't many fish houses serving Steamed Finnan Haddie or five soft-shelled crabs at dinner for \$22.75, or one-of-a-kind Whole Dover Sole.

No other restaurant has R.C. Potatoes either.

Here's their story. Joe Muer's downtown used to serve boiled potatoes as a side. There were daily leftovers. Not to be wasteful, they were cubed, deep-fried and served the next day as Re-Cooked. That's one version of R.C. The other is that a speech-challenged employee, fond of the potatoes yet unable to say he liked them really crispy, just called them R.C.

They are re-cooked and one of the best leftovers ever. They're also really crispy!

A well-constructed wine list includes such star newcomers as La Joya and Justin as well as top-ranked imports. A proprietor's fun Bordeaux select list is available on request. You can't buy a bottle of some of the listings at auction for the price on this list.

Whether or not you know the legend of Joe Muer's in Detroit, you'll enjoy what the "downtown refugee" owners are doing in Southfield. Joe Muer's Grill is about the freshest seafood, served in a comfortable atmosphere, wood-top tables at lunch and dressed up with white table cloth at dinner.

Read between the lines of the modest Joe Muer's Grill sign on Southfield, just south of 13 Mile Road. It says "Come on in and get to know us. We've reinvented ourselves."

play, concluding with when the Wings again bring home the Stanley Cup. For more information and reservations, call (248) 348-5555.

PIKE STREET

Is celebrating its 15th anniversary. Local saxophonist/flutist/composer and producer Larry Nozero performs with pianist Cliff Monear 7-11 p.m. Friday, May 14, 21 and 28. Pike Street is at 18 W. Pike St. in



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Toast to tradition: Geoffrey Browning is one of the owners of Joe Muer's Grill. A veteran former employee of Joe Muer's seafood house in Detroit, Browning, along with partner Chick Taylor, offer some of what people remember about Joe Muer's downtown with some pleasant surprises.

WHAT'S COOKING

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OUTDOOR DINING

Big Rock Chop & Brew House, 245 S. Eton, (south of Maple) Birmingham (248) 647-7774; Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant, 4480 Orion Road, Rochester (248) 651-8361 and the three East Side Mario locations 2273 Crooks Road (northeast corner of M-59) Rochester Hills (248) 853-9622; 31630 Plymouth Road (west of Merriman)

Livonia (734) 513-8803 and 29267 Southfield Road (between 12 and 13 Mile Roads) in the Southfield Commons Shopping Center (248) 569-9454 have officially opened their patios.

TOO CHEZ

In honor of the National Hockey League and the Stanley Cup Champion Red Wings, Too Chez restaurant, 27155 Sheraton Dr. (northwest corner of Novi Road and I-96) will offer free hors d'oeuvres of "Red Hot Wings" and a Special Octopus Appetizer each time the Red Wings play in the NHL Playoffs. This special promotion will be offered from the start to the finish of each game every time the Red Wings

Pontiac, call (248) 334-7878 for information.

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All Pinot Feast, 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 14 at Morels, A Michigan Bistro, 30100 Telegraph, Bingham Farms. The cost is \$98 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Call (248) 642-1094 (Ext. 3) for reservations.

VI CHOPHOUSE & LOBSTER BAR

An evening with Ed Sbragia of

Beringer Vineyards, 7 p.m. Monday, May 17, 27790 Novi Road, (in the Hotel Baronette), Novi. The cost is \$75 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Reception 6:30 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Call (248) 305-5210.

THE LARK

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