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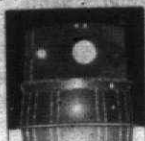
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Police seeking assailant in rape



An attacker posing as a furnace repairman conned his way inside a Canton apartment early Monday where he sexually assaulted an 18-year-old tenant. The man fled on foot, police said.

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An 18-year-old woman was raped early Monday morning after allowing a phony repairman into her Canton apartment.

A man, whom police describe as 5-foot-6 or 5-foot-7 inches tall, stocky and in his 30s with dark hair and mustache, talked his way into the apartment at about 8 a.m.

"He said he needed to look at the furnace," Canton Officer Leonard Schemanske said. "She thought her roommate had made an appointment with maintenance and let him in."

The man looked the part of a repairman by wearing a dark shirt and pants as well as ball cap and sun glasses, he added.

"She was caught off guard," Schemanske said.

Once inside, the man overpowered her and forced her into sexual intercourse. He then fled the apartment out a bedroom window on foot.

"We are currently investigating several leads," Schemanske said.

The incident, which lasted 20 to 30 minutes, occurred at Stoneybrook Apartments on Joy Road east of Haggerty.

Because the assault included sexual penetration, it is considered first-degree criminal sexual conduct, said Schemanske. The felony carries a term of life in prison.

A weapon wasn't used in the attack. The 18-year-old was treated at Oakwood Hospital in Canton for minor injuries and released Monday.

No similar incidents have recently occurred in Canton or surrounding communities, Schemanske said. Fake repair service calls are a common ploy to gain entry into a home, he added.

The 18-year-old Canton woman subsequently helped police develop a computer-aided sketch of the man. Schemanske said it will likely be a key in solving the case.

Those with information are asked to

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ALS to launch in June

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Canton's Fire Department will launch Advanced Life Support service by mid-June.

Fourteen firefighters will complete training for the new program Monday by taking the second part of a state exam. Each will become a certified paramedic upon passing the test.

"It was a lot more work than I thought it would be," Canton firefighter Steve Borgelt said of training. "It was tough finding the time and being away from family. But we'll be able to provide better service to the community."

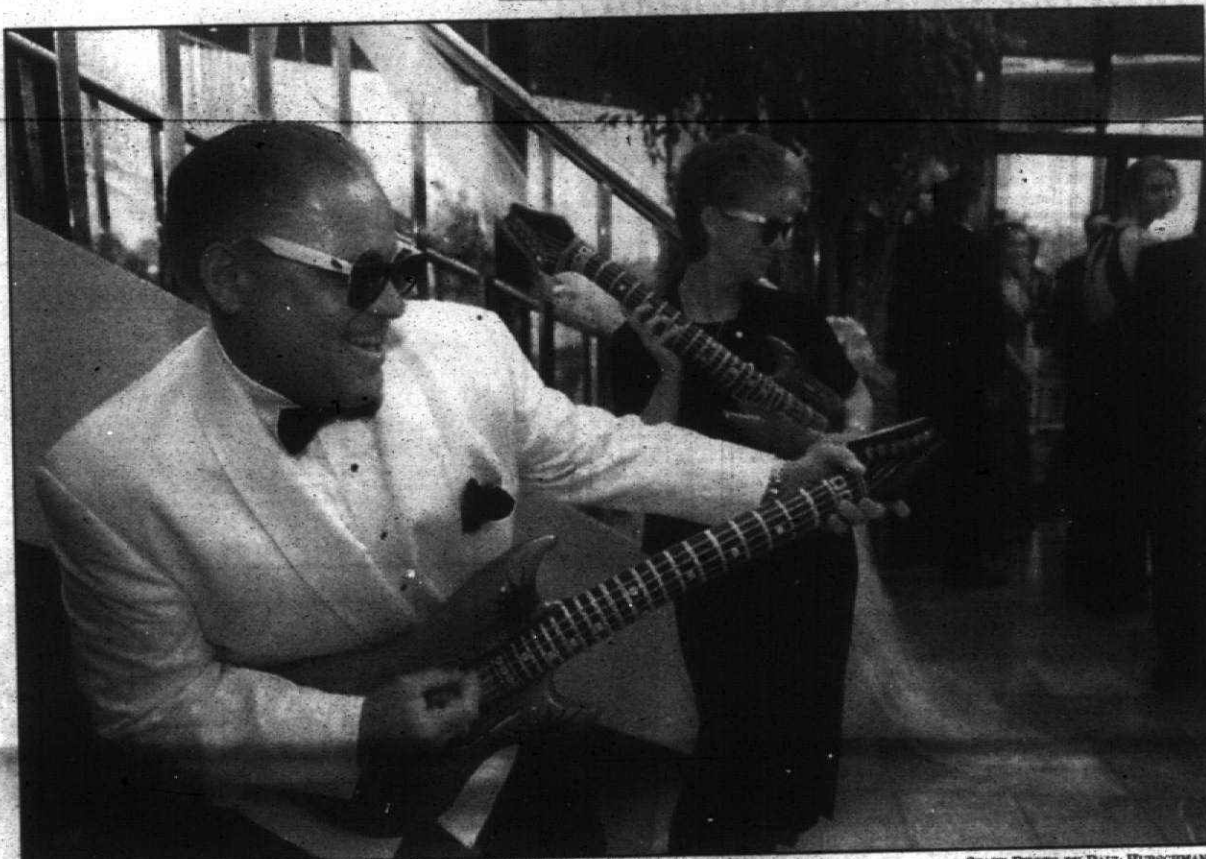
The township will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 18 to celebrate the program's start.

Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher said ALS is a big step forward for his department.

"The positive is that we'll be bringing emergency room-type care into the field," he said. "We're hoping to do some real good things and save a few lives we couldn't have before."

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Ostoin rocks



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

They've got the beat: Plymouth Salem High School Principal Gerald Ostoin and wife Jan ham it up for photographer Ted Balaj at Laurel Manor prior to the senior prom Friday. For a full page of color photos from the combined prom for Salem and Plymouth Canton high schools, please turn to Page C8 in today's Observer.

2 of 3 students back in class after threat Blamer says experience counts on school board

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

"A behavioral review board met individually with each student and guardian," said Judy Evola, director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "Appropriate disciplinary action was taken after all the information was gathered and discussed."

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

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

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

'I find it totally unacceptable. All they did was slap them on the hand and let them back in class.'

—concerned parent

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

School officials and police say one boy began the list, and the two others joined in, compiling nearly 50 names. The list was found on a hallway floor by a student, who turned the note over to assistant principal Marcia Porterfield. Porterfield eventually discovered the authors of the list and called Plymouth police.

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



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

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

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

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

If re-elected, one of Blamer's top pri-



Carrie Blamer

orities during the next four years would be to address the competition that comes with charter schools.

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

"I think there are so many things we

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Young champions

Two students from Canton's Splitz Gymnastics Academy finished as state champions during the Michigan USAG State Level 5 meet this month in Grand Rapids.

Megan Hodges from Plymouth placed first in floor exercises for the 9-year-old group. She also placed eighth on the vault and seventh all-around.

Christa Smutek of Livonia was first in floor exercises for 7-8-year-olds. She placed third on vault and third on beam.

Other students earning honors were Allison Vraniak, Kelsey Neely and Alyssa Kelley, all from Plymouth; Kristie Savage, Dearborn; and Paige Kernen, Livonia.

Splitz finished with the sixth-place team trophy.

CANTON CONNECTION

He's in the hall

Raymond K. Hoedel was among five nominees inducted into the Michigan Education Hall of Fame this month.

Hoedel was nominated by the Michigan School Business Officials.

Hoedel was the assistant superintendent for business and operations for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for 22 years and prior to that worked in the Clintondale district for five years. He received a national award for energy savings in 1981 and is a former president and board member of the Michigan School Business Officials.

The Michigan Education Hall of Fame was created in 1976 to honor those who have made a significant contribution to the quality of education provided to students in Michigan schools.

Top volunteer

Ron Lieberman of Canton is the recipient of the Michigan MMAP Volunteer Counselor of the Year award from the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging.

The program enlists volunteers to help area seniors understand Medicare and Medicaid issues.

Named to post

Dennis J. Howie of Canton has been named director of major gifts at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

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call township police at (734) 397-5344.

According to First Step Associate Director Judith Barr, women and men can take precautions to avoid being sexually assaulted. "Being aware that it can happen is key, she said. That means understanding that 90 percent of rape victims know their attacker."

"Individuals that rape look like anybody," Barr adds. "They often present themselves in a very non-threatening way. But anyone can fit the description of a rapist."

Cautions are another big weapon in battling sexual assaults.

"There's nothing wrong with erring on the side of caution," Barr said. "Ask for identification and don't be afraid to call for verification. It's okay to say, 'not now.'"

She said it's important to note that not all sexual assaults are avoidable.

"You can do all of the right things sometimes," Barr said.



Attacker: Canton Police issued this computer composite based on the victim's description.

"and still can't prevent it."

First Step, a Plymouth-based non-profit organization that helps victims of domestic and sexual violence, provides a number of services to victims.

Volunteers are often called to

area hospitals to help prepare victims for evidence gathering through rape kits. Barr tells victims what to expect and provides clothing.

After crisis intervention, First Step provides victim and family counseling. Support groups are another vital part of the program.

Sexual assault victims generally go through four stages, said Barr.

Immediately after the incident, victims tend to be emotionally numb and in disbelief. Anywhere from two to six months later, victims begin dealing with intense feelings from the incident.

Barr described the next stage as a "what if" period. Victims typically deal with a lot of anger and fear, she said.

The final stage is a transformation. Victims, Barr said, realize that the attack wasn't their fault and begin healing.

The four-stage process is called "Rape Trauma Syndrome," Barr said. It's important for victims to seek help.

"At First Step," she added, "we see people move from being a victim of a crime to a survivor of a crime."

"I think it's essential to get help and understand the process."

First Step also provides a 24-hour help line for victims. It can be reached at (734) 459-5900 or toll free at (888) 453-4900.

Items stolen from car

More than \$800 worth of equipment was stolen from the car of a Canton man in the early morning hours of Sunday.

According to township police reports, an amplifier valued at \$400 headed the list of items taken from his 1992 Ford Escort. A radar detector, cell phone and portable compact disc player were the other items taken.

The man's vehicle was parked near his home in the 8000 block of Brook Park. Police have no suspects.

Relief Fraud

A 34-year-old Redford woman was arrested by Canton Police Sunday after failing to pay for \$200 worth of trading cards at Super Kmart on Ford road, according to reports.

COP CALLS

The woman was stopped by store loss prevention officers.

Canton Police later discovered that the 34-year-old was wanted by Southfield Police on a similar charge. Thousands of dollars worth of damage was caused to the pool liner of a 43-year-old Canton woman's home recently.

She told police that an unknown person threw two rocks into the liner covering the in-ground pool, according to reports. The rocks caused an estimated \$3,042 worth of damage.

The woman was unsure of exactly when the incident happened. Reports indicated that the rocks could have been

thrown between Sept. 1 of last year and May 2.

Stolen bike

A 54-year-old Canton woman reported her bicycle stolen May 7.

The bike was parked in the woman's Twyckingham Street garage May 6. Reports said the bike, which is valued at \$325, was missing the next morning. Police have no suspects.

Destruction of property

A 35-year-old Canton woman's eight-foot tree was damaged May 6 by vandals.

She told police that the tree, which was located near the street, was pushed over shortly after 5 p.m. Thursday. The tree was estimated at \$275. Police have no suspects.

School district hires search firm; interim superintendent is next

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The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has hired a search firm to help find a new superintendent. And, at the same time, the trustees have come to the conclusion the district will have an interim superintendent to

run the district before a permanent replacement for Chuck Little can be found.

The school board voted on May 11 to hire The Bickert Group Ltd., from Deerfield, Ill., at a consulting fee of \$15,000; plus \$6,500 for consultant expenses; and nearly \$4,300 for other expenses, to help find the district's next superintendent.

The search firm is the same that was hired by the district nearly five years ago when Mike Hoben retired and Little was hired.

"If we go on the same timeline we used during the last superintendent's search, it's about a 20-week process, which puts us into October," said Mike Maloney,

school board president. "While I think it's possible that we could have someone in place by the start of school, I think it's highly unlikely."

Until a new superintendent is in place, the board will hire an interim top administrator.

"What we'd like to do is try to stay on a timeline that gets an individual in place in four-to-six weeks," added Mike Maloney, school board president. "There are two alternatives. One, to identify if there is an internal candidate that is interested. Second, what outside candidates might be interested in the job, such as a retired superintendent or a former district administrator who is retired."

Retirement complex gets preliminary OK

TOWNSHIP BOARD

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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A 209-unit retirement residence will soon be coming to Canton.

"Waltonwood at Cherry Hill" will combine state-of-the-art amenities while sporting a 19th century look. According to Project Architect Martin Smith, the building will feature a shingle style reminiscent of the Victorian era.

"The intent is to make it look like grandma's house," he told Canton's Board of Trustees on May 11. "We've added porches and balconies to give that kind of a feel."

Trustees unanimously granted preliminary planned development district for Waltonwood at the meeting.

Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said the project must now get site plan and final PDD approvals before moving forward.

"They're looking at breaking ground next spring," he added.

The development is planned for 12.7 acres on Lilley Road between Saltz and Cherry Hill. It would be adjacent to Edenbrooke Farms subdivision and Christ the Good Shepherd Church.

The bulk of Waltonwood, which is being done by West Bloomfield-based Singh Development, would

be composed of congregate-care units.

Congregate care is similar to apartment living. Singh Land Acquisition Manager Paul Rizzardi told Canton planning commissioners on April 19. Seniors mostly care for themselves, he added, but have housekeeping service and prepared meals available.

A total of 159 one- and two-bedroom congregate-care apartments will be available.

Fifty assisted living units will comprise the remainder of Waltonwood. A much higher level of care is given in assisted living including bathing, dressing and medicine administration.

Trustees appeared receptive to the development. Supervisor Tom Yack noted that the 12-acre site was heavily wooded, however, and said that many trees would have to be removed.

"Just know in your heart that you'll be adding trees somewhere in the community," Yack reminded Smith.

The supervisor said the trees will add the right touch to the overall architecture of Waltonwood.

"If this were out in the open by itself," Yack said, "it might be a shock to people. The trees will soften its appearance."

CAMPUS NEWS

MEMORIAL AWARD

Julie Helene Twietmeyer of Canton received the Laura Alice Boyd memorial award in German during the annual Honors Convocation. The cash award is

presented to the senior German major whose interest and achievement in the German language and literature has been most significant.

St. Joe's Classic tees off June 15 to benefit Interactive Health Center

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

The St. Joe's Health Education Center Pro Am Golf Classic is getting ready to score another fund-raising hole-in-one for the Interactive Health Education Center at the Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building.

The second-year event, scheduled for Wednesday, June 16 at the Pheasant Run Golf Club, is well on its way to reaching the \$180,000 goal. Like last year, all proceeds will benefit the center.

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The golf classic raised \$160,000 last year, \$30,000 more than its target, said Tina Kashat Hipp, special events manager for St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Richard Lewiston, the golf classic's honorary chairman for the second year, said funds raised from this year's event will put the center close to its \$1.5 million target.

Selling corporate hole sponsorships and golf tickets this year wasn't much of an arm-twister, said Gil Ruici, a member of the event steering committee.

"Anybody who was there last year wanted to be there this year. I've been to golf outings for 30 years, but this was the best I've ever been to. It was so classy."

Lewiston referred to the event as "the Rolls Royce of golf outings."

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack credits the efforts of a strong steering committee committed to the Interactive Health Education Center for the early sell-out. There was the additional attraction of having senior PGA touring professional Larry Laoretti as special



Healthy golfers: Standing under the rib cage in the Interactive Health Education Center are from left Richard Lewiston, honorary chairman of the St. Joe's Pro Am Golf Classic; Bryan Amann, co-chairman of the Interactive Health Education Center Campaign; and Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, chairman of the golf classic.

guest. "Bringing in a touring professional to do a clinic... well, if you like golf, it's like going into a candy store," said Yack, who admits to shooting an inconsistent 88.

Hole sponsorships at \$500, with recognition at the designated tee and listing in the dinner program, are still available. Also, the event's "Novice Golf Clinic" is open to participants at \$150 per person.

Ticket price for the clinic includes 1 1/2 hours of instruction by Michigan golf professionals and a ticket to the awards program, dinner and silent auction.

Tickets also are available for the awards program festivities at \$75 per person. Ruici said auction items include signed Red Wing jerseys, Tigers tickets, and a weekend golf trip to northern Michigan valued at over \$1,000.

Hipp said auction items are still needed, especially gift certificates to anything from restaurants and salons, hot air balloons, to pig roasts and other changes, to pig roasts and hot air balloons rides. Lewiston said he is honored to have been included once again in an event that benefits a facility and community for which he has much affection. "It's a wonderful use of money."

WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES TODAY
OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY

FIBROID REMOVAL

An estimated 25% to 30% of women of childbearing age have fibroids. These benign balls of muscle and fibrous tissue that develop in the uterus are the leading indication for hysterectomy, accounting for about one-third of the nearly 600,000 procedures performed annually in the U.S. Women who have not completed their families, however, may opt for a less invasive alternative. One such procedure is the myomectomy, which involves fibroid removal while leaving the uterus and ovaries intact. A laparoscopic myomectomy calls for the doctor to insert an optic device through the belly button to guide in the removal of fibroids through small incisions in the abdomen. This procedure is best suited for fibroids in the uterine wall and those outside it.

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School board from page A1

do for kids in kindergarten through eighth grades, there's no comparison," added Blamer. "However, there is a perception out there. Parents are concerned about their kids. They're looking for something, and we have to work at what that something is."

Blamer wants to see more help for elementary teachers. "We have to focus big time on instruction, focus on the classroom with the teacher-student relationship," she said. "It starts with lower class size, materials for the classroom and teacher training."

Blamer said she would like to see the district work more with preschool children. "There are a lot of families out there that don't know how to value education," said Blamer. "Through the Headstart pro-

gram we can give parents tips on how to discipline and encourage children in a different way."

One of the challenges for the next board will be finances, trying to keep the budget balanced while operating three new schools. "We're fortunate we have growth in our district," said Blamer. "Once we no longer have that growth, the money will start shrinking."

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

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

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

Candidate profile

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Offices held: Treasurer and secretary, Plymouth-Canton Board of Education
Civic memberships: Leadership Plymouth, Plymouth rotary club

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

"It's our second time around for a new superintendent, and we'll become more specific and go for certain personality traits,"

she said. "Dr. (Mike) Hoben was an introvert, and Dr. Little is an extrovert and did wonders with community relationships. We would like to find someone in the middle who has vision and interpersonal skills."

With the school massacre in Littleton, Colo., a gun found at Lowell Middle School, a "hit list" discovered at Central Middle School, and bathroom fires at the high schools, safety has become a big issue with parents.

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

"We need to impress upon parents, students and the community that if they see anything to call the anonymous tip line," added Blamer. "All we can do is guarantee we will investigate it."

"Schools are the safest place to be. We have people who are trained to look out for kids."

Health exploration station is ready to blast off in fall

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

Pilot groups like the East Middle School students will help administrators fine-tune classroom presentations and tour programs. The students and teachers filled out evaluation forms after the tour.

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

Adventure

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

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

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

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

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

The students were divided into two teams, red and green, with representatives of each team poised to ring their buzzer first.

The red team soon pulled ahead, but the green team won with a go-for-broke bet on the final question.

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

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

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

Residents can seek relief for defective tube in water heater

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

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

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

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

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

dishwashers and washing machines.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gagnon informed the public about his problem and has since

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19 students reach first benchmark in innovative college online program

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

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

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

While many of this year's college graduates attended classes on campus, OMNIBUS students also had their courses delivered through a variety of distance-learning technologies, such as e-mail, Internet, video-based instruction and audiotapes. They completed course assignments from home or work.

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

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

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

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

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Lawmakers ready to tackle road funding formulas

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

The committee is expected to revise the transportation formula to reflect the state's current transportation network. It includes four representatives from the Legislature, including State Sen. Steve Kerk, D-Wayne, who represents the House Democratic Caucus, along with representatives from agriculture, commerce, labor, manufacturing and tourism. The labor representative is Sam Hart, business manager for the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 100.

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

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

In a related matter, western Wayne County communities

The resolution states.

"Townships do not have jurisdictions over roads, they receive no direct funding from Act 61. Cities spend millions from general and special funds, and special assessments, road millages and bond issues to assist in road construction, repair and maintenance."

The Conference of Western Wayne passed the resolution Monday night. The committee is to supplement transportation money. The CWW is a consortium of elected officials from the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inland, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sampter and Van Buren.

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

exercise of religion.

The CWW passed a resolution opposing the bill.

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

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

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

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

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

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

'Home rule' challenged?

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

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

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

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

Parentech kits are available free of charge, to families in Michigan via a telephone (1-877-298-7273 or 1-877-298-Parentech), mail (Parentech, P.O. Box 263, Franklin Park, IL 60131) fax (847) 678-7054 or Internet (<http://www.parentech.com>).

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

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

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

Voting yes were: Sens. Louis Bennett, R-Canton, and George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn.
Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, was absent.

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Helping kids use the Internet safely

STORIES BY KEN ABRAMCZYK • STAFF WRITER

Chat room dialogue starts innocently enough.

It generally begins with questions of a general nature: How are you? Do you like school? What's your favorite class? What do you like to do?

Those innocuous e-mail messages sometimes lead to racier language, and discussions of a sexual nature.

What a teenager believes is that a "schoolboy crush" exists somewhere out there in the anonymous world of Cyberspace, but the reality of it is that e-mail author could be a predator of children on the Internet looking for another teenaged victim, a crime that certainly has the attention of Wayne County educators looking to protect students.

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

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

A chilling reminder

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

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

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

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

Monitor Internet use

Parents who want to protect their children from Internet crime can follow the advice from Ralph Kinney, deputy chief of the Wayne County Sheriff Department.

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

That includes how much time children spend on the Internet, onscreen materials they view and chat groups where they converse.

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

Of course, parents should block all inappropriate materials.

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

- Provide your child with clear, simple instructions about how to avoid danger and what to do if something happens. Set limits appropriate for their age.

- Talk to them frequently about their computer activity. Spend time online with them to learn about their interests and activities.

- Accompany your child into chat rooms until they learn your safety rules. Teach your child to never give out personal information such as his or her name or address, school name or address or anything else that is personally identifying.

- Explain to them that people are not always who, or the age, they say they are.

- Set a rule that your child never arranges an in-person meeting.

- Limit your child to specific chat rooms or consider blocking out chat rooms entirely.

- Teach your child to log off if they are uncomfortable in a chat room.

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

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

set up Web sites, where they may not be who they say they are, and say 'Give us all your personal information and we'll send you a CD or offer discounts on clothing.'"

Other panelists offered their own personal advice to parents.

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

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

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

Frankel told the educators parents should be invited to visit the schools to talk about the Internet.

"Students need to be aware that things aren't what they are on the Internet."

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

Information available

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

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

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

"The isolation that computers

allow can be very, very damaging. It's a very vulnerable state to be in. There's nothing wrong with a parent sitting right there."

Virginia Rezmierski, director of the office of policy development and education at the University of Michigan, said the Internet predator problem can help parents and children to clarify their own values, what happens when chat room discussion makes them feel uncomfortable and who they should call.

"We really need to step up to the plate and we really need to talk about right and wrong," Rezmierski said.

RESA officials hoped educators could work with RESA and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department to set up conferences this fall within their own districts.

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

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

Liepa expected to review RESA's information with other school officials.

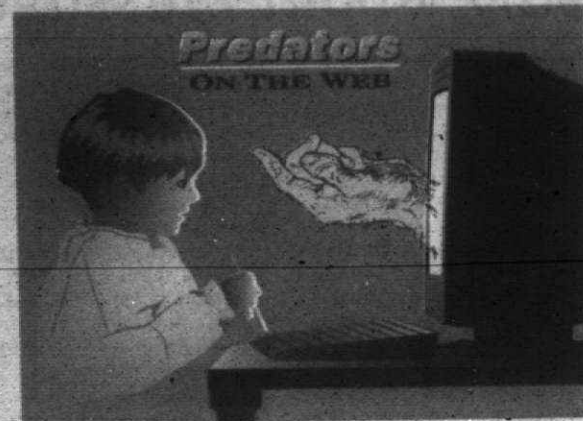
Thomas Gay, superintendent of the Redford Union School District, said that district has developed an "acceptable use" of computers for its staff and students. Gay said the district will look at filters on computers to prevent students from accessing questionable Web sites.

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

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

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

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



Online safety tips

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

That was advice from Matthew Rosenberg, a sex offender specialist, to parents on educating their children about the Internet.

The Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency has released a list for children of the 10 Best Tips for Internet Safety:

- Ask your parents for permission before you log on. Let your parent, guardian or teacher know when you are going on-line. Only use the Internet when your parent or another adult has given you permission, and only for the time they allow you to use it.

- Tell your parent, guardian or teacher to spend time with you while on-line. Show them your favorite places on the Internet. Tell them about the people you meet on-line, and the things you talk about. Let them know who your "keypals" are. Get them involved with your on-line activities.

- Use your family's e-mail address even if you have your own. It's neat to have your own e-mail address, but it is always a good idea to use your family's e-mail address. You should only share your own e-mail address only after a parent or guardian believes that the sender is trustworthy.

- Do not give out your home address, telephone number, school information or your parent's work address. If you are entering a contest, or registering to enter a new Web site, talk to your parent or guardian first and get their permission.

- Do not use your real last name while you are on-line, especially if it is unusual. Have fun using a special code name to use on-line. If you decide you would like to use your real last name, talk to your parent, guardian or teacher about it first.

- Never agree to meet anyone, anywhere without talking to your parent or guardian about it and getting their approval. People may not be who they say they are.

- Never give out your password to anyone for any reason. The only people that need to know your password, like your parent, guardian or teacher, already know it.

- Don't send scanned pictures of yourself or your family to anyone unless you have your parent's or guardian's approval. If you have your own home page, your parent or guardian should also help you decide which pictures you put on it.

- Don't reply to any e-mail messages if you feel that they are strange, mean or upsetting to you. Show the message immediately to your parent, teacher or any adult you trust so they may take proper action or advise you on what to do. Your parent or another adult can report this kind of activity to www.missingkids.com/cybertip or by calling (800) 843-5678.

- Stop right away if you see or read something on a Web site that is upsetting or offensive to you. Some sites are not meant for children and you might have accidentally reached that site through a "hyperlink." Talk to your parents or teacher about it.

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■ **Internet — The Great Beyond and More!** — This two-week course teaches you to navigate the World Wide Web using the Netscape Navigator. Become acquainted with search engines, helper application plug-ins, bookmarks and electronic mail in this hands-on class. The class begins at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 3, for a \$98 fee.

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been contacted by thousands of residents who have experienced similar water problems. He has appeared on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Gagnon hopes to continue to spread the word with an appearance expected soon on Canadian television. "There are still a lot of plumbers and consumers who don't know what's going on because it hasn't reached them yet," Gagnon said.

As many as 24 million residen-

tial water heaters in the United States and Canada may have the part.

In February, the American Water Works Association said many water heater manufacturers are now replacing the defective water heaters or dip tubes at no cost to the consumer.

The AWWA tells consumers that they may have a dip tube problem if they notice a decrease in the amount of hot water, the efficiency of their water heater

or a slower flow of water from the faucet due to particles blocking the aerator.

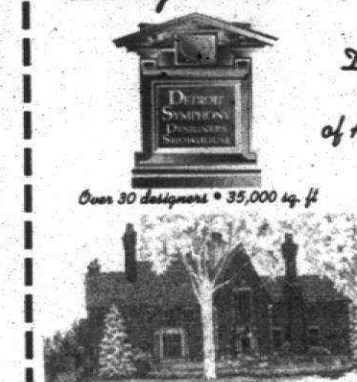
To perform a quick test, people should disconnect water lines on their washing machine and look for white or gray particles in them. If particles are found in the hot water line or in the screen in the faucet, put them in standing water to see if they float.

Particles that float are from the dip tube. To fix the problem, the dip tube must be replaced. Although the dip tube is relatively inexpensive, it can be a difficult process for a homeowner because the water heater needs to be flushed to remove all plastic chips.

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Madonna grads urged to 'set the standard high'

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

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

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

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

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

ister general of the Felician Sisters, accepted the honor. Corr, chief executive officer of Educational Bus Transportation Inc., in Copiague, N.Y., received an honorary doctor of business administration degree.

"My children are here today

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

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

A distinguished alumnus award was given to Arthur R. Lenaghan, a 1975 graduate, for his general support and devotion to Madonna University and higher education. The fire chief for the city of Novi for the last 21 years, Lenaghan was instrumental in setting up the fire protection and occupational safety degree program at Madonna.



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

with me as I receive this distinguished honor as one of those of my Madonna family," said Corr. Goemanne, an international composer, organist and choral director, received an honorary degree of doctor of sacred music.

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Plenty of seats Get to know candidates now

If history holds true to form, a bare handful of residents will turn out for this evening's Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Candidates Night at the Plymouth District Library. The 90-minute forum, which begins at 7 p.m., is co-sponsored by the Observer Newspapers and the Livonia League of Women Voters, which includes the Plymouth and Canton communities.

Of course now that the Red Wings playoff run is over, attendance could rise dramatically. But we doubt it.

School board elections just don't generate a lot of interest among voters these days, even in a growing district like Plymouth-Canton. Without a tax proposal on the ballot, turnout for the June 14 vote will likely be 5 percent or less. Last year, just 2,705 voters cast ballots out of 66,800 registered in the district.

Certainly there are plenty of interesting issues in Plymouth-Canton. The district is looking to name an interim superintendent now that Chuck Little is resigning to take another position. That will be followed by a national search for Little's permanent successor. There is still some debate over the location of a third high school, approved by voters as part of the 1997 bond issue. The Littleton, Colo., shooting has touched off a national debate over school safety. Even the issue of corporate sponsorship for school buildings and programs has provoked comment - both for

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against - in recent weeks.

Government officials will tell you that the lack of interest means people are satisfied with the system in place. And there is some truth to that. But apathy can be dangerous, too. Small voter turnouts increase the ability of special interest groups to control elections. When a candidate needs only a few hundred votes to win, the teachers' union, PTO or local senior citizens can end up playing a disproportionate role in a campaign.

All four candidates running for two seats in Plymouth-Canton (incumbents Carrie Blamer and Mike Maloney; challengers Mark Slavens and Steve Guile) say their first concern is educating local kids. But all see the issues differently and have different priorities when it comes to the state of the school district.

There will be only a few chances to hear them at length before the election. Today's forum is one. The Observer hopes Plymouth-Canton residents take that into account when planning their evening.

Tighter belt law has benefits

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

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

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

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

Primary enforcement laws have their detractors. They are just another avenue for government intrusion into our personal lives, say some. In fact, the Michigan Libertarian Party was running a radio campaign before the May 12 vote urging residents to lobby their legislators against the bill in order to "keep their promise" against primary enforcement. Realistically though, the 1985 law was intended as a first step in toughening seat belt legislation, not a barrier to it.

Others point out that the new law will give

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

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

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

Moving performance



A capella: The gospel singing group, "The Resurrection" performed for a crowd of about 400 people at the Summit recently at the Canton Community Prayer Breakfast.

LETTERS

Privacy fences needed

In response to the article from May 13, "Neighbors Battle Over Wooden Privacy Fence," I found it quite funny that the Ladell family with the unsightly backyard, i.e. dogs and items lying in the yard, want the fence ordinance to become "more neighbor-friendly." This includes, "good-side" of the fence to face the neighbors, consent of adjoining property owners, and maybe a four-foot height limit as in other communities.

I, too, like their neighbors, Wade and Brantley, was forced to put up a privacy fence when neighbors behind me moved in and included in their backyard, a bright yellow and blue kids playhouse, a wooden swing set and jungle-gym, a bright royal blue sandbox, a bright turquoise baby pool, a royal blue kiddy car and a yellow and orange kids shopping cart. Of course, these items were placed approximately four feet from my rear property line and stayed in place year-round.

I agree with the Ladells that we need more government regulated "neighbor-friendly ordinances." If they were in place, those rear neighbors of mine would have received consent from all adjacent neighbors that had a view of their yard, if the playhouse, pool, swing set/jungle-gym, sandbox, and baby pool, kids car, shopping cart, was acceptable and pleasing for us to view from our yards. Also, being neighbor-friendly, there would be a friendly ordinance designating the distance that these items can be placed from adjacent property lines. Then, of course, if we go with the neighbor-friendly four-foot fence height, I would think that all swing sets and jungle-gyms would be no higher than a neighbor-friendly three feet. Do you see what I am getting at? "Neighbor-friendly" to whom?

Now, the township wants to amend the fence ordinance to address the "good-side, bad-side" issue of a privacy fence. What I have a hard time accepting with this is, why is it acceptable for me to look at a neighbors unsightly backyard, but if I want to put a privacy fence to screen this unsightly mess from my view; I am now going to be penalized by having to look at the "bad side" of the fence that I paid for and that I placed on my property, so as not to obstruct the neighbors view, the ones with the mess to being with! What about my view? What about my property rights? All neighbors need to make some concession to live in harmony, but I don't see how the back side of a fence is any worse to look at for one neighbor than a dozen neon plastic

kids toys for another neighbor.

Maybe a new neighbor-friendly ordinance should be adopted that would be for the people with unsightly backyards, that those people would have to erect a privacy fence around the backyard toys and unsightly objects, like a doggy run. Then those people could be required to pay for it and have any side they want face their house. I would be thrilled to look at the backside of a privacy fence, if the offending neighbors paid for it. If it was on their property, and if it screened the offending toys! However, if I am paying for this fence and it is inside my property line to screen a neighbors yard, you are darn tooting I'm going to want to have whatever side of the fence I want to face me!

Joyce Murphy
Canton

Thanks across the Atlantic

My son Jonathan Parker, who was featured on your front page May 2, just returned from spending nearly three weeks as an exchange student at Miller Elementary School. This was a great adventure for an 11-year-old: in school, at home and out on the field trips. He came back to France just full of the excitement of it all.

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

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

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

As we say: "A beintot"

Christopher Parker
France

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Is there a Ford (school) in our future?

Tiger Stadium or Comerica Park? If you are a sports fan the choice is an easy one. If you are the owner of the team the choice may not be as simple. In an age where competition is king, the choice between tradition and business viability is not as simple as we would all like.

The stakes are much higher than just the name of a building. The use of corporate names for buildings represents a significant opportunity for new revenue through the use of the building as an advertising medium. While the debate over the use of corporate names for sports stadiums is an interesting one, the issue extends far beyond the realm of sports stadiums. There are many businesses that fall into the category of increased competition and the need for new revenue streams, not the least of which are public schools.

Before you think that this is another request for more of your tax dollars by an advocate of public schools, please take the time to read on. Nothing could be further from the truth! We have seen the push for increased competition in schools and the recent call for voucher-style systems to increase opportunities for all of our students. These comments are simply an answer to this call to arms. No call

for increased public funding (read no call for increased taxes), no call for a reduction in the push for competition for public schools and certainly no call for reduction in opportunities for all students.

This is an opportunity to answer the issue of increased revenue with no tax increases in the fashion of a market oriented, competitive business. Namely to utilize the "brand image" of our school district to generate revenue for the district.

What does this mean? Perhaps it means that the new Plymouth-Canton Community Schools middle school, named Discovery Middle School, forms an alliance with the Discovery Channel. This could provide the Discovery Channel with an advertising opportunity on the building exterior or perhaps the connection of the name of our school with the Discovery Channel in newsletters, etc. This could be in return for revenue from the Discovery Channel for this promotional opportunity. Maybe it means we move from Miller Elementary School to the Crayola - Miller Elementary School. Perhaps the Northwest Airlines Centennial Educational Park? Ford Motor Co. Pioneer Middle School? Making Coca Cola the exclusive soft drink supplier for the Ply-

GUEST COLUMNIST



MARK HORVATH

mouth-Canton Community Schools?

Before you dismiss this idea, keep in mind that the model of using advertising to increase opportunity is one that has been used in our country for many years. In fact, the paper that you are reading this in probably solicits advertising as a form of revenue. While there are many reasons for this, one important outcome is that the price of the paper is in a range that most people can afford, thereby increasing the opportunity for people to remain informed. Television, radio and information on the Internet have similar models. While some people will point to these as negative influences and downplay their importance,

without advertising on television we all would have missed seeing a man on the moon, debates on the House and Senate floor, the inauguration of our presidents and numerous local and regional events.

Unique opportunity or a sell out to corporate America? Some will say that this is a sell out, that it is wrong to use our public buildings and educational institutions as advertising media. What alternatives are these "nay sayers" providing. As can be seen by this quote, "The way in which you support your school is very simple," adds Alex Molnar, an education professor at the University of Wisconsin and director of the Center for Analysis of Commercialism in Education in Milwaukee. "You pay your taxes. If financial support is lagging, the idea should be for legislators to work with schools to raise corporate taxes."

The answer seems to always be the same, more tax burden. While he is careful to say "raise corporate taxes," the ultimate consumer is the one who pays these taxes through higher prices.

Is the opportunity for revenue large enough to merit further investigation? Lance Helgeson, managing editor of IEG Sponsorship Report, which tracks the sponsorship industry, estimates

schools will garner \$20 million in corporate sponsorship this year.

Mike Rounth, vice president of D.D. Marketing in Pueblo, Colo. estimates that exclusive contracts with soft drink companies will net an average \$30 to \$35 per student annually. For a district of 16,000 students this could mean \$500,000 of annual revenue. I would contend that these numbers are significant enough to warrant serious examination of this opportunity rather than dismissing it because it is a different way of doing business.

There are those who will say that this kind of advertising will lead to tobacco and alcohol advertising in schools. They will say this as means of scaring us away from properly evaluating this alternative.

Change is a difficult thing to many people, please don't let them scare you away from evaluating options that can take our educational system into the 21st century without taxing us into submission. Please remember that as a taxpayer you are also the owner of the team and the choices are not always easy ones.

Canton resident Mark Horvath is a former member of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education.

LETTERS

Commute now a hassle

Saw the notice in the Canton Observer and just had to comment about the traffic situation, not only in Canton, but in the metro Detroit area as well.

After years of neglect it appears that MDOT is attempting to appease us commuters by giving us our tax-dollars worth (remember the 4-cent per gallon gas tax?) and repairing our freeways. But why did they have to do them all at once? I live in Canton but

work in Warren so the I-275 repair forced a major change in my daily ride. I thought I had it figured out running I-275 to I-96 east, jumping off at Davison and running that over to I-75 north to I-696 east. That seemed to work OK until someone got the bright idea to tear up I-696 between I-75 and Dequindre. My alternate is now to run I-75 to Eight Mile Road and take that to Mound Road.

The morning commute is far better than the afternoon, for it seems that no matter which alternate route one

takes, everyone else has figured out that same route too.

On the local level, I have found that the construction on Cherry Hill between Haggerty and Lilley to be a MAJOR pain to get around. I'm forced to use the light at Ford and Haggerty which seems to be timed for two cars per left turn arrow. And how long before Canton Center Road gets finished? A simple run to the post office gets one the nickel tour of the township because of the traffic routing.

Thanks for let-

ting me blow off some steam.

John Alaniva
Canton

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Joe Burma, Commander
American Legion Post 112

Columbine makes us think

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

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

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

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

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

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

This obligation extends to the ways we report what officials tell us. Consider two examples. Students at Wall Lake Central High School were evacuated in response to a bomb threat under the pretense of a fire drill. Officials later explained they wanted to avoid creating a panic, which makes sense. But those same officials, for a time, tried to justify covering up the bomb threat, which does not. Later, however, school officials sent a letter home fully explaining the situation.

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

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



PHILIP POWER

truth in a responsible way.

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

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

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

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

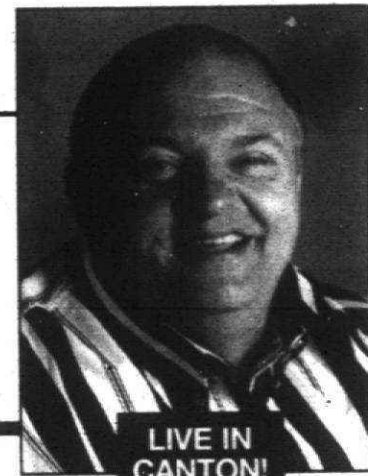
Be respectful and responsible. Hometown newspapers respect their readers and the institutions (such as schools) that define the community. At the end of the day, it is only by being a responsible institution within the community that we can be respectful to the community itself and to its citizens.

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

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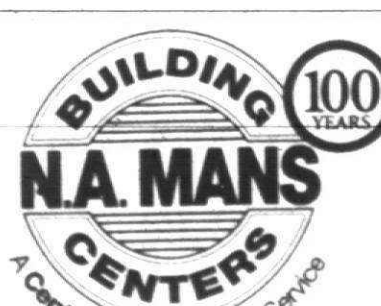
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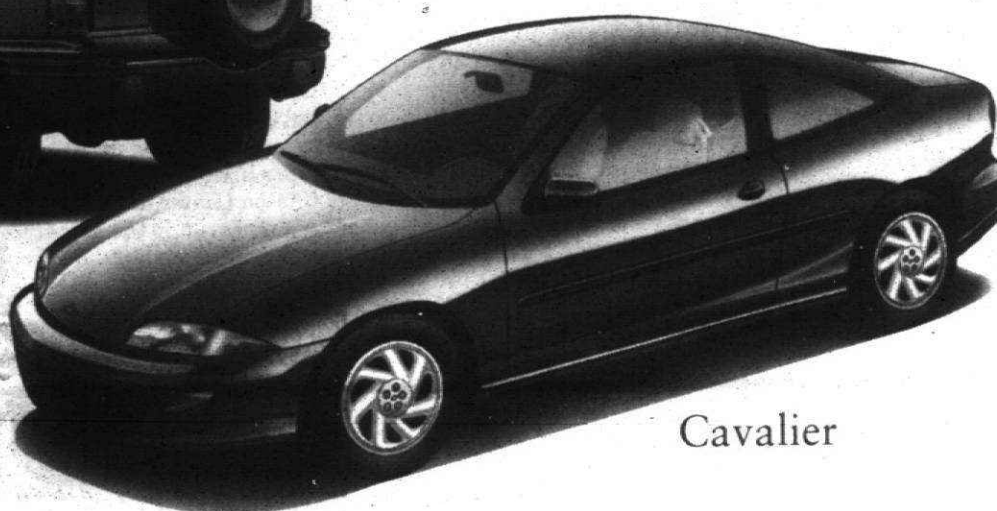
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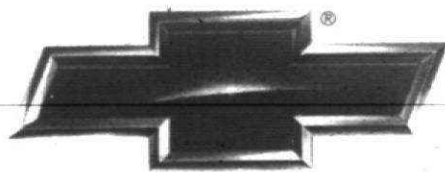
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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Mission helps clients 'fish' for themselves

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

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

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

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

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

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

internal battle with prescription pain medications.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Caring and sharing

Residents respond to call to help refugees

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

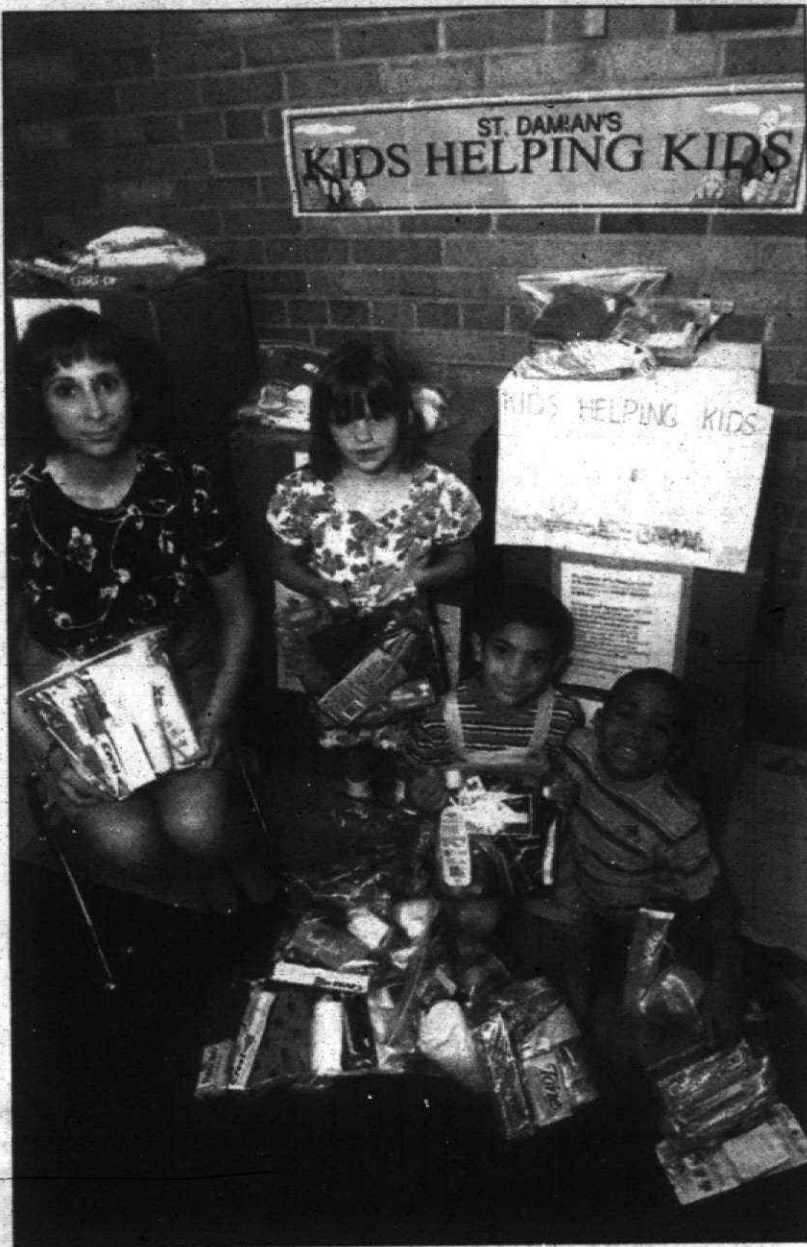
The duo also is thrilled with the Westland Post Office. With the approval of the postmaster, supervisor Valerie Shafer put up signs and posters made by the students to collect donations from patrons to pay for the cost of shipping the boxes to Spring Lake.

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

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

Making a difference

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



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

attention by her daughter, Chelsea Bonello.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Coordinating efforts

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

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

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

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

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Teens' attraction to heroin may be its cost

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

Not anymore.

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

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

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

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

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

Although purer heroin is becoming more common,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Get savvy about drugs

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

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

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

A number of agencies offer help for heroin abusers.

■ GrowthWorks Inc., 271 S. Main St., Plymouth, offers chemical dependency services. (734) 455-4902.

■ Narcotics Abuse, 24-hour helpline and treatment 1-800-234-0420.

■ Narcotics Anonymous, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-9839.

■ Brighton Hospital is at 12851 E. Grand River Ave., Brighton. The phone number is (810) 227-1211.

■ Henry Ford Hospital's Maplegrove Treatment Centers for Chemical Dependency have several locations including - 29106 Buckingham, Livonia. (734) 523-1745; 363 Big Beaver, Troy. (248) 689-7476; and 6773 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-6100.

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where snorting it just isn't doing it. They're so hooked on it that using a needle or syringe isn't as distasteful as it was."

GrowthWorks' Yagiela cited two other reasons for this increase.

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

Yagiela added that heroin is now more readily available.

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

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

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

Typically, when kids are using heroin, they're going to be pretty sloppy about where they're leaving things. I have parents bringing in needles; parents who are finding other kinds of paraphernalia.

Dale Yagiela
GrowthWorks

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

Warning signs

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

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

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

constricted pupils and nausea.

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

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

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

"No home or family is immune

from drugs. It gets into the best of homes no matter what people do, what parents do."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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event at The Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn on June 12. The fashion show, which includes former Miss Michigan USA Shannon Grace Clark and a delicious lunch, will raise money for the women's and children's center at the Pontiac Rescue Mission.

It's an opportunity to support families who are in need of that extra boost to get back on their feet. Call (248) 745-1825 for ticket information. You won't be disappointed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

McDonald's get ready for return of teenie Beanies

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Did somebody say ... teenie Beanie Babies?

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

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

"This place was an absolute

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

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

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

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

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

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

Special edition

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Anticipating lines

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

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

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

"We're as excited as our customers," the employee said. "We want to make this a fun time." Teenie Beanie enthusiasts can get help tracking down those teenie Beanie Babies. The McDonald's Web site - www.mcdonalds.com

- offers a restaurant locator/ trip planner.

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

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

FLOWER PLANTING DAY
The Old Village of Plymouth is having a Flower Planting Day from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 22, at the Fire Station No. 2 at the corner of Spring and Holbrook. No experience necessary. Coffee, juice, bagels and muffins will be served. For more information, call Sherrie Pryor at (734) 455-1279.

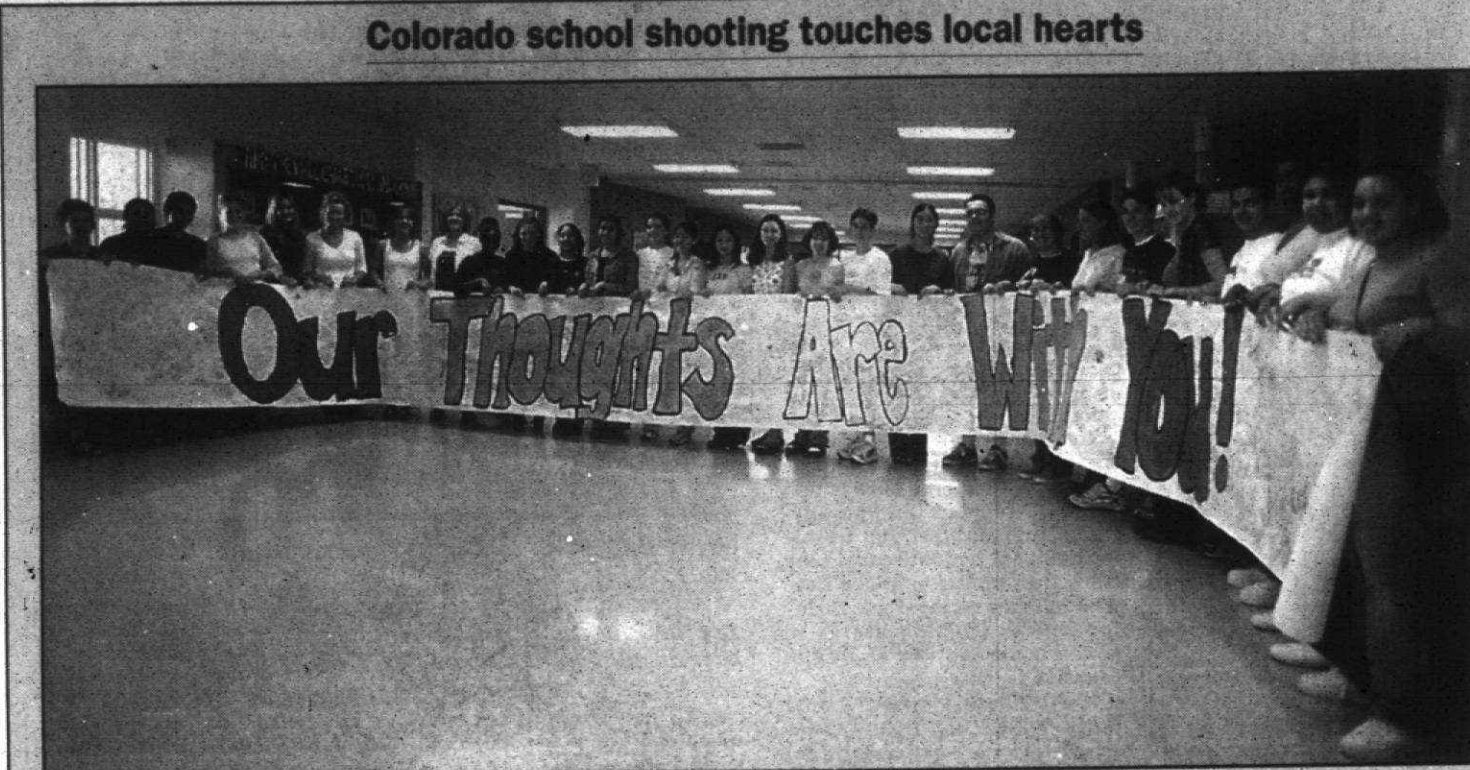
SPRING CONCERT
The Ann Arbor Youth Chorus and its guest choir, the Northwestern Michigan Children's Choir, will have a spring concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the chapel of the Holy Trinity at Concordia College, 4090 Geddes, Ann Arbor. Admission is \$10 per family, or \$7 for adults, and \$4 for students and seniors. Tickets for sale at the door. For more information, call Jody Carlson, administrator/AAJC office (734) 996-4404 or Nancy Ferrario, president, at (734) 973-2979.

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

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

YARD SALE
The Plymouth Historical Museum's annual yard sale is 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 29, at the museum, 155 S. Main. Call (734) 455-8940.

PRACTICE TESTS
The Princeton Review will be holding a free practice full-length SAT and ACT tests at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 5, at the Michigan League, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor. The test will finish at 12:30 p.m. Each student should bring



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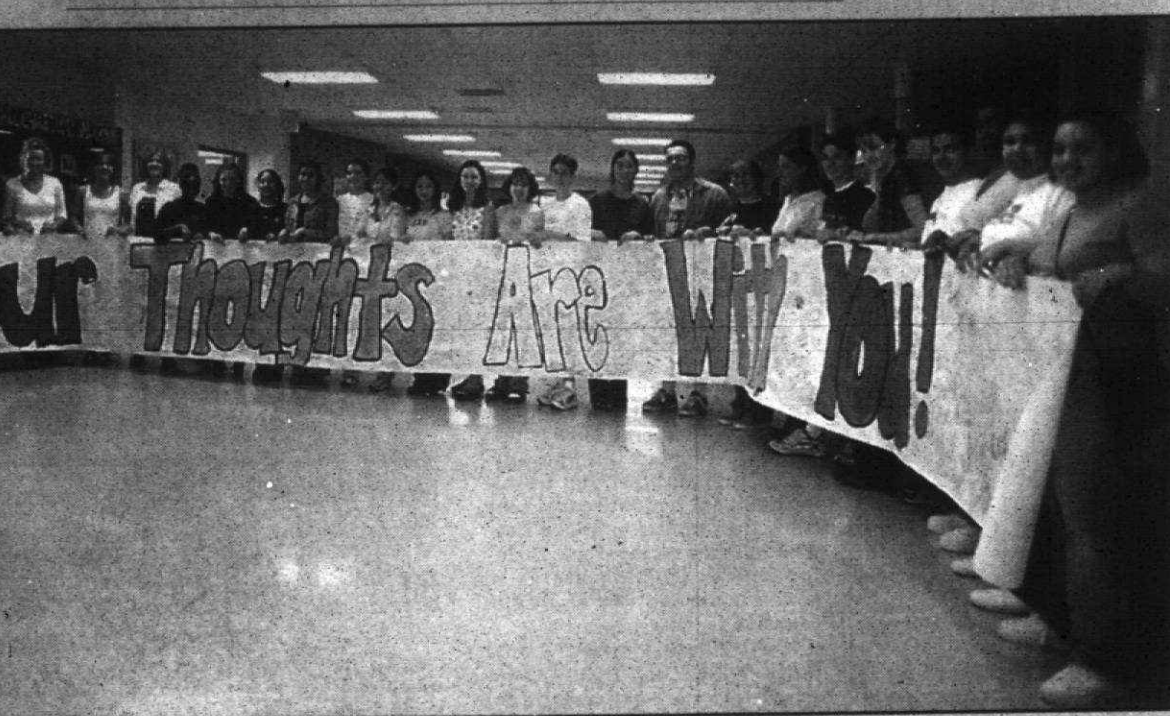
pencils and a calculator. Students must call the Princeton Review at (800) 2-REVIEW, or (734) 663-2163 to register.

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

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

AROUND TOWN
BLOOD DRIVE
Henry Ford Medical Center in Canton will host a blood drive for the American Red Cross 10 a.m. to 4

Colorado school shooting touches local hearts



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p.m. Friday, May 21. The center is at 6100 Haggerty, between Ford and Commerce Drive. For more information, call (734) 981-3200 to make an appointment.

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

TOWN HALL MEETING
In order to put Y2K event into perspective, the First Presbyterian and United Methodist Churches of Plymouth are sponsoring an open Town

Hall Meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 25. The event will be held at the First United Methodist Church located at 45201 N. Territorial Road just west of Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Representatives from the City of Plymouth, Township of Plymouth, Plymouth Fire/EMS, Consumers Energy, Detroit Edison, Comerica Bank, Peoples State Bank, the City of Detroit Water and Sewer Department, and Wayne County will discuss the work they have done or are doing to be ready for the Year 2000. A question and answer period will follow.

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

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE
Local Rotary Clubs are currently accepting applications from students in

the community and surrounding areas who are interested in spending a year overseas with Rotary International's Youth Exchange Program during the 2000-2001 school year. Participants must be between the ages of 16 and 18 when they depart and at that time may be current students or immediate graduates of high school. Rotary District 6400 of southeast Michigan and southwest Ontario will be hosting an informational session for interested students and their families at 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 26 at the Auto Nation, 39600 Ford Rd., Canton. If you would like to attend the meeting or would like more information on Rotary Youth Exchange, call Dawn Rossi at (734) 420-4171.

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

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

YOGA WORKSHOP
There will be a yoga workshop: Sun and Moon Salutations: Experiencing the Solar and Lunar Principles of the Body at St. Joseph Mercy Health Cen-

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

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

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

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

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

EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM
Michelle Moreno and Mary Elizabeth Stewart of Canton were among 15 students recently honored for completing the two semester Emerging Leaders Program. Students from the campus' cooperative education programs discuss leadership development with community leaders during the first semester and put their leadership theory and knowledge in practice as they return to the workplace in the second semester. Each participant creates a leadership development plan, action plan and leadership portfolio.

BETA GAMMA SIGMA
Susan Kowalski and Mary Stewart of Canton were among the 22 students of the University of Michigan-Dearborn who earned acceptance into Beta Gamma Sigma, the honor society for business programs accredited by AACSB, the International Association of Management Education. The organization encourages and honors academic achieve-

ment in business studies and personal and professional excellence in business practice.

Susan Kowalski of Canton received her bachelor's degree in human ecology from Michigan State University. She is a 1995 graduate of Canton High School.

Roland F. Leonard of Canton will receive his MBA from Baker College in June.

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

Mary Elizabeth Gardella and **Robert E. Litwin** of Plymouth made the dean's list at Detroit College of Business.

DEGREES

William Yates of Canton received an Outstanding Service award through Lawrence Technological University's College of Engineering. A banquet was held at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren to honor the outstanding members of each organization. Students were named to awards based on their grade point average or in combination of their grade point average and service to

professional engineering societies.

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DEGREES

Ronayne-Shute

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

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

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

A June wedding is planned at



St. Priscilla Catholic Church in Livonia.

Plumer-Haun

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

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

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



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

Kriska-Strzyzewski

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

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

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



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

Kheder-Camp

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

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

marketing coordinator at Clarke American in San Antonio, Texas.

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

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

Honecker-Felsburg

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

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

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



A June wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church.

Wengle-Wegrzyn

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

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

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

A June wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic



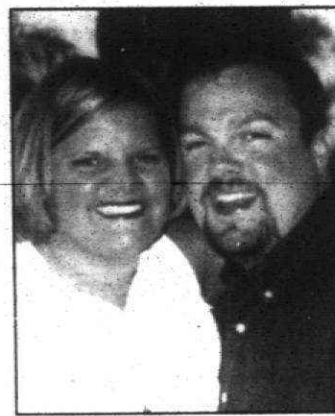
Church in Canton.

Sochacki-Buist

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

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University. A resident of Mesa, Ariz., she is working in production for NBC Studios in Arizona.

Her fiancé also is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is a sixth-grade teacher in Chandler, Ariz.



A June wedding is planned at Laurel Chapel in Livonia.

Troutman-Shaw

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

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

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



A June wedding is planned at Fox Hills Country Club.

Tynan-Mitchell

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

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

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



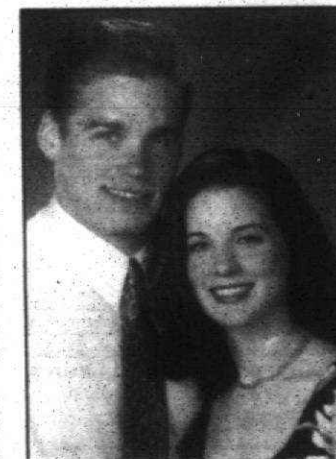
by the Detroit Police Department. A June wedding is planned at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.

Kaipio-Platt

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

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

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



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

Benning-Bowen

Mr. and Mrs. James Benning of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheila, to Robert David Bowen Jr., the son of Karen Bowen of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in elementary education. She is employed as a second-grade teacher by the Detroit Public Schools.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Southern California with a bachelor's degree in science degree in civil engineering. He is employed as a superintendent for Turner Construction in Detroit.



A June wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

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POWER TEAM
The Power Team is bringing the message of Jesus Christ in a highly visual and energetic way, using feats of strength and endurance, at 7 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, May 20-23, at Merriam Road Baptist Church, 2055 Ford Road, Garden City. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-0472.

STAGE PLAY
Bill Will Productions will present "When God Comes Down from Heaven" at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22, at the Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. There also will be a special performance by the Rev. Huriyah Boynton. Tickets cost \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. For tickets or more information, call (313) 865-2375.

YARD SALE
Tri-City Christian Center will have a giant yard sale and children's fun festival with a moon walk, face painting and food 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the center, Michigan Avenue and Hannan Road, east of I-275. Table space is available for \$15. For more information, call the church at (734) 326-0330.

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

SPECIAL PROGRAM
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will host "A Christian Response to Littleton" 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 23, at the church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The Rev. Jennifer L. Rike will be the guest speaker. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-1470.

HEALTH SCREENING
Virginia Ramos, health coordinator at St. Mary Hospital, will direct 15-minute blood pressure screenings, starting at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 23, at Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff at West Chicago, Livonia. Sponsored by the American Red Cross as part of Heart Month, the screenings are open to the public.

'On Main Street' show looks at Y2K problem

It's 11:59 p.m. Dec. 31, 1999. Do you know how your computer will respond?

That's the question that is plaguing millions of computer users as the programs scramble in the race against time to correct the simple programming glitch that many fear could create a technical disaster - getting computers to recognize the year 2000.

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

Mt. Vernon gets new pastor

Members of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church are preparing for the installation of their new pastor, the Rev. David A. Steen, who preached at the Redford Church for the first time on Sunday, May 16.

Steen replaces the Rev. Kenneth Mawrey who is moving to Colorado.

Steen "discovered" God was calling him to vocational service while a sophomore at the University of Texas at Austin, where he received a bachelor of arts degree. He received his master of divinity degree from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, in December.

While at UT, he worked as a volunteer at the Baptist Student Union, scheduling and conducting weekly worship services for students, and served on the Baptist Student Union State Council.

He also served a college internship at Congress Avenue Baptist Church in Austin, coordinating and teaching in the college Sunday school department, planning and leading mid-week Bible study for

college students and assisting outreach and ministry activities.

He also served as a guest speaker at different churches and held volunteer positions with Fielder Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas, before becoming interim co-pastor of the People Who Care Ministries, a mission of Trinity Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

"I feel called to serve ... in a pastoral position, leading the church by example to fulfill the roles that God has given it to worship God in spirit and truth," he said.

He also wants to help his congregation grow intimately with God through personal and corporate Bible study and prayer, share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the lost both locally by personal testimony and remotely through monetary and prayerful support of mission efforts, and minister to the needs of those within and around the church.

Married, he and his wife, Judy, have a son, Cory Allen.



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

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

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

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

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

Sunday, June 13, at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 1961 E. Lafayette, Detroit. For more information, call the church at (313) 567-0213.

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

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

TAI CHI CLASSES
The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit charitable organization, is offering Tai Chi classes at 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29847 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, and St. Paul United Methodist Church, 165 E. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Tai Chi is a complete and integrated exercise which works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for people of all ages and conditions of health. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT
Northville Christian School is

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Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Tickets are available only by calling Women of Faith at (888) 493-2484.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other June 11-13 and July 16-18 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or at www.rc.net/detroit/wmve.

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Knowing some basic facts makes visit to ER easier

Medical emergencies are unpredictable — people don't expect to have one. You can ease the anxiety of a visit to an emergency department by learning some basic facts.

"First, it's important to know that emergency medicine over the past 30 years has evolved into a state-of-the-art, technologically advanced, fully recognized medical specialty," said Dr. Russell Harris of the American College of Emergency Physicians. "Today's emergency physicians are highly educated and trained to handle all kinds of emergency situations and to provide the best possible care."

A person who arrives at the hospital by ambulance or is unconscious is assigned a patient bed immediately and is treated. If someone else drives, the patient will first enter the waiting room, where his or her medical condition will be assessed.

Most likely, a nurse will determine the severity of the condition, based on the symptoms and check vital signs, including tem-

perature, heart rate and blood pressure. This process is called triage.

Additional information also will be obtained, such as the patient's name and address and medical history, and someone will prepare a chart. Anyone who comes to an emergency department will not be turned away, regardless of their ability to pay or insurance coverage.

"There are many reasons a trip to the emergency department can take longer than a visit to the doctor's office," said Harris.

Unlike a doctor's office, where appointments are spread out, many emergency patients must arrive at once. Also unlike a doctor's office, patients often must wait for the results of X-rays or tests.

People can help make the time pass more quickly and speed the treatment by planning ahead. With children, take along a book or toys for them. If possible, a patient should bring along someone to remain at their bedside. Also, bring any up-to-date medical records, including lists of medications and allergies, and any advance directives, such as a living will.

Once placed in an examination area, an emergency physician will examine the patient, possibly ordering tests (X-ray, blood, electrocardiogram) and the vital signs will be monitored. Nurses and other assistants will assist the patient during the visit.

If critically ill or in need of constant intravenous medications or fluids, the patient may be admitted to the hospital. Otherwise, an emergency physician will discuss the diagnosis and treatment plan with the patient before discharged. There may also be written instructions regarding medications, medical restrictions or symptoms that may require a return visit.

For a free Home Medical Organizer, which provides a list of emergency, as well as medical consent and contact forms, call ACEP at (800) 446-9776. For additional health and safety tips, visit ACEP's Web site at www.acep.org.

Volunteers honored: Angela Hospice volunteer coordinator Donna Kolodick (from left) joins Volunter of the Year Elaine Opalewski, Angela Hospice President Sister Mary Giovanni and Crystal Butterfly Award recipient Msgr. Thomas Villorot at the agency's annual Volunter Appreciation Dinner last month.



Hospice honors volunteers

In recognition of the service volunteers provide the community, Angela Hospice honored more than 300 people who give of their time and their hearts to hospice at its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner last month.

Elaine Opalewski of Redford was named Volunteer of the Year and Msgr. Thomas Villorot received the Crystal Butterfly Award.

Opalewski has been helping home care patients at Angela Hospice for seven years. She says she enjoys having one-on-one time with the patients and their families, and in turn, they

are grateful for the help they receive.

Villorot was recognized for his most significant contribution to Angela Hospice. He spends his time visiting with patients at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia.

"Whenever we call on Father Villorot, the answer is always yes," said Donna Kolodick, the volunteer coordinator.

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holding open enrollment for preschool-eighth grade classes at the school, 41355 Six Mile Road, Northville. Preschool has morn-

ing and afternoon sessions for 3-4-year-olds. Kindergarten is a full day program three days a week. All grades have a strong academic, biblically-based environment. For more information, call (248) 348-9031.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is accepting applications for enrollment in 1999-2000 prekindergarten program for 4-year-olds. Tuesday and Thursday morning and afternoon classes are available at the school, 17810 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 421-9022.

Registration is taking place now for Kindergarten classes offered through the Christ Our Savior Early Childhood Program at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The Christian program has a class size of 15-18 children with two teachers from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Extended care is available. For more information, call (734) 513-8413.

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

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

EARLY CHILDHOOD
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church offers an early childhood program, a day care program for toddlers ages 18 months to 3 years. There program is available full or half days Monday through Friday. The program is state-certified and Christian teachers make up the low classroom ratio. It is offered at the church, Farmington Road, north of I-275. For more information, call (734) 513-8413.

CONFIDENTIAL HELP
Have a problem? Need to talk? Life Care Ministries of Livonia offers a free, confidential and anonymous Christian telephone listening service 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Call (734) 427-LIFE.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST
Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians meets regularly on Sundays for breakfast and Mass 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech-Daly, Redford, and 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call Val at (734) 729-1974. It also meets for coffee and conversation 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinocle 7 p.m. every other Friday.

Dewayne and Kenice Kemmerling of Plymouth announce the birth of Alya Marie Jan. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins siblings, Triana, 10, Ty, 9, Bailey, 3, and Sam, 2.

Tim and Jill Gorman Jr. of Redford announce the birth of Alex James Jan. 25. He joins a brother, Joshua Allen. Grandparents are Joyce Trombly of Novi, Richard Trombly of Monisterville, and Tim and Judy Gorman of Westland. Great-grandparents are Bill LaBelle of Westland and Bernie Gootee of Plymouth.

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

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

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

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

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South Lyon announce the birth of Casimer Octavious Jan. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Joshua, 11, and a sister, Kaitlyn, 5. Grandparents are John and Lorea Meagher and Dan and Laurie Gay, all of Livonia, and John and Teresa Rider of Dayton, Ohio.

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

Ken Jones of Kentucky and Jonna Jones of Canton announce the birth of Jonathan Lee Jan. 13 at the

Craig and April Meagher of

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

Gary and Krista Gallo of Garden City announce the birth of Erin Nicole Feb. 14 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins two siblings, Sam and Alex. Grandparents are Paul and Carol Garner of Garden City and David and Barbara Murray of Dearborn. Great-grandparents are William and Fern Brozek of Dunellon, Fla., and Alex and Agnes Toth of Dearborn.

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

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Class of 1989
Sept. 18 at the Clarion Hotel in Ann Arbor.
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Class of 1983
Reunion and alumni family picnic is planned for August.
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CHIPPWA VALLEY
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Sept. 18.
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Class of 1989
Oct. 23 at the Crowne Plaza in Ann Arbor.
(800) 677-7800 or reunions@taylorcorp.com

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

CLARKSTON
Class of 1960
A reunion is tentatively planned for August 2000.
(248) 627-4549, (248) 933-1670 or dimiller@flash.net

CLAWSON
Class of 1949
A reunion is planned for July 2.
(248) 366-8053 or (248) 628-2077

DEARBORN
Class of 1994
A reunion is planned for July 3.
(734) 425-3318

Class of 1954
A reunion celebration is planned for Aug. 6-8.
(313) 565-4816, (734) 464-8262 or (734) 421-1845

DEARBORN FORDSON
Class of 1989
Aug. 14 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.
(248) 366-9493, press #8

DETROIT FINNEY
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Aug. 14.
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DETROIT NORTHWESTERN
Class of 1949
June 25-27 at the Crowne Plaza Ponchartraine Hotel in Detroit.
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DETROIT CASS TECH
Class of 1969
Sept. 25 at the Athenaeum Hotel in Detroit. Cost is \$75 per person by June 1.
CT '89 Reunion, P.O. Box 11658, Detroit 48211

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DETROIT WESTERN

Class of 1949
A 12:30 p.m. reunion luncheon will be held Oct. 3 at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn.
(313) 274-3214

FARMINGTON

Class of 1989
Nov. 26 at the Best Western Hotel in Farmington.
(248) 360-7004, press #4

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Nov. 27 at the Best Western Hotel in Farmington Hills.
(734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

FERNDALE LINCOLN

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GARDEN CITY WEST

Class of 1968
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(517) 522-4893, (734) 213-4350 or (248) 486-5170

Class of 1979
Oct. 9 at the Holiday Inn-West in Livonia.
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GROSSE POINTE

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

Grosse Pointe Woods, sit-down dinner Sept. 18 at the Detroit Country Club in Grosse Pointe Farms and brunch Sept. 19 at the Bayview Yacht Club.
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Class of 1979
Aug. 21 at the Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods.
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Class of 1974
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Class of 1979
Oct. 2 at the Wayne Ford Civic League in Westland.
(734) 595-7892 or (734) 722-7214

Class of 1989

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

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A reunion is planned for Oct. 15.
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LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Class of 1979
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LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Class of 1979
Aug. 7 at the DoubleTree Suites in Southfield.
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(248) 349-8589

Class of 1950

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(248) 851-7620

Class of 1989

Nov. 27 at Baker's of Milford.
(313) 621-8350

Class of 1979

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

Class of 1994

A reunion is being planned.
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Nov. 26 at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn.
(248) 737-4419

Class of 1978

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NORTHVILLE

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Class of 1974
July 10 at the Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville.
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Class of 1964

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PLYMOUTH CANTON

Class of 1979
Aug. 7 at the Holiday Inn West in Livonia.
(734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

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Class of 1979
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(800) 677-7800 or by e-mail at reunions@taylorpub.com

Class of 1973-74

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Classes of 1978-79
Are planning a reunion.
(261) 370-8537 or (248) 543-8664

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Class of 1979
Sept. 11 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi.
(734) 432-0774 or (734) 254-9616

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Hockey silver

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

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

Canton Impact champs

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

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

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

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

Sonnanstine in Meet

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

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

Madonna Places 2

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

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

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

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

Celebrity golf

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

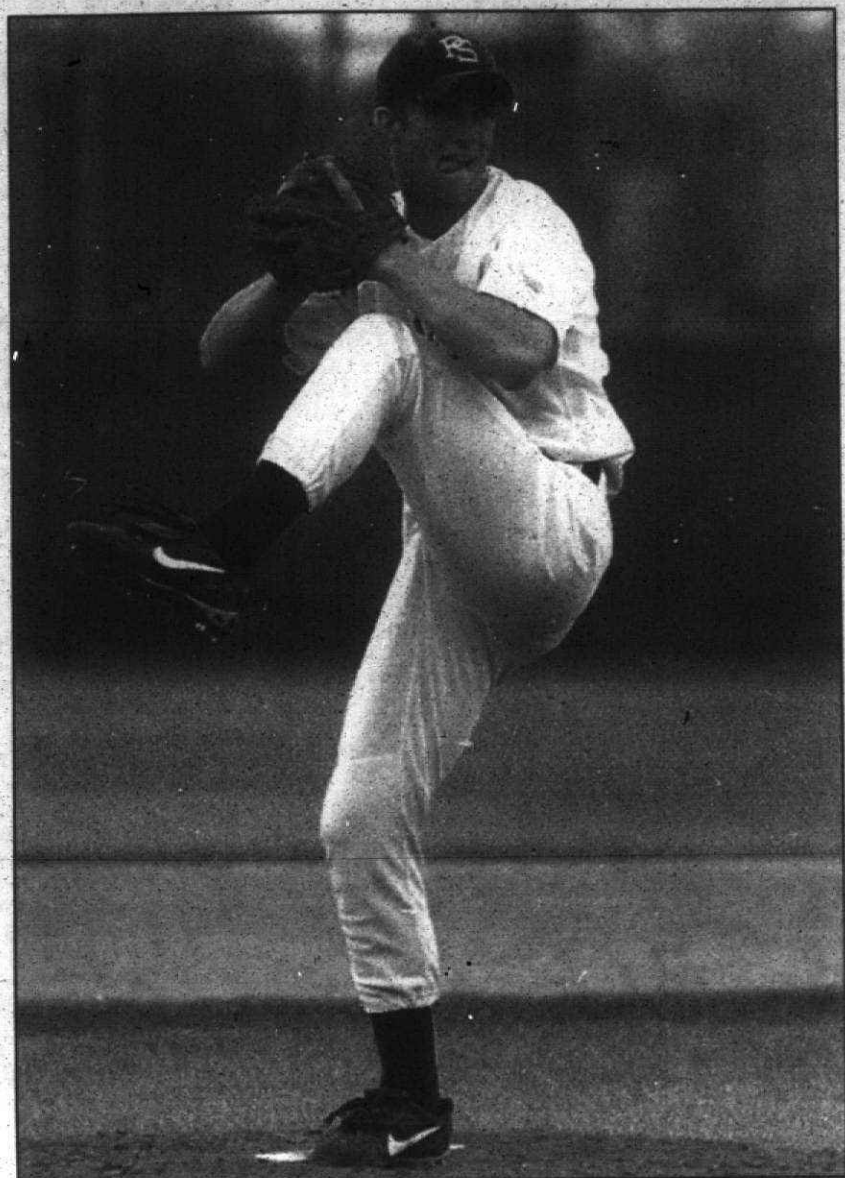
Other former Lion stars to play include Jim David, Dorne Dibble, Jim Thrower, Dan LaRose, Gil Mains, Leo Marentette, Tom Watkins and Mike Weger. Paul Seymour, a former National Football League player and star with the University of Michigan, will also be on hand.

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

The cost is \$350 per golfer or \$2,500 for hole sponsorship, which includes 18 holes of golf for four people, lunch, dinner and prizes.

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Rocks rip Rockets



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

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

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

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

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

Salem totaled 18 hits and made one error.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Fisher, Hudson no-hit Pats

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Rocks' pitcher hurled and batted

SOFTBALL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please see **SOFTBALL, C3**

Spartans rule; Chiefs trail



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Just missed: Stephanie Koppe shot a 103, missing the all-division team by a stroke.

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

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

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

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

But four others had better scores.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"If you take a look at our scores over

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BOYS TRACK

Salem must deal with injury woes

Make no mistake — things are not going well for Plymouth Salem's boys track team.

Not that Tuesday's dual meet result against Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division rival North Farmington would indicate any such thing. The Rocks dominated in winning easily, 93-45. They won four of the five field events, both hurdles, four of six track races and three of the four relays.

The victory gave Salem a final dual-meet record of 5-1 overall, 4-1 in the Lakes. North finishes at 1-5 overall, 1-4 in the division.

"It was a pre-regional meet," said Salem coach Geoff Baker in describing how Tuesday's meet was utilized. "We used it to set up our relays and to hone, or tweak, our distance guys to get them ready for regionals."

The Rocks' speed relays — the 4x100-meter and 4x200-meter — are the greatest concerns for the defending Class A regional champs. Salem's top two sprinters, Mike Shull and Chris Mason, have both been out of action with hamstring injuries. Mason may be able to compete at Friday's regional, hosted by Redford Union (starting time: 3:30 p.m.). Shull may be ready for next Tuesday's WLAA Conference Meet.

"It takes us from being legitimate contenders (in both sprint relays) to being hopefuls," said Baker.

The Rocks still have enough firepower to defend their regional title. They probably won't challenge the point total Redford Catholic Central accumulates in the field events, mostly in the throws (discus and shot put) with Nick Brzezinski.

But their mid-distance and distance groups are among the

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GIRLS TRACK

Canton rolls; Rocks ready

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

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

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

Crystal Alderman won the 300-meter hurdles (51.0); Terra Kubert was first in the 200 (29.2); Meredith Fox captured the 400 (1:03.7); Lark Haurert was best in the 1,600 (6:02.0); and Amy Dupuis finished on top in the 3,200 (13:21.0).

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

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

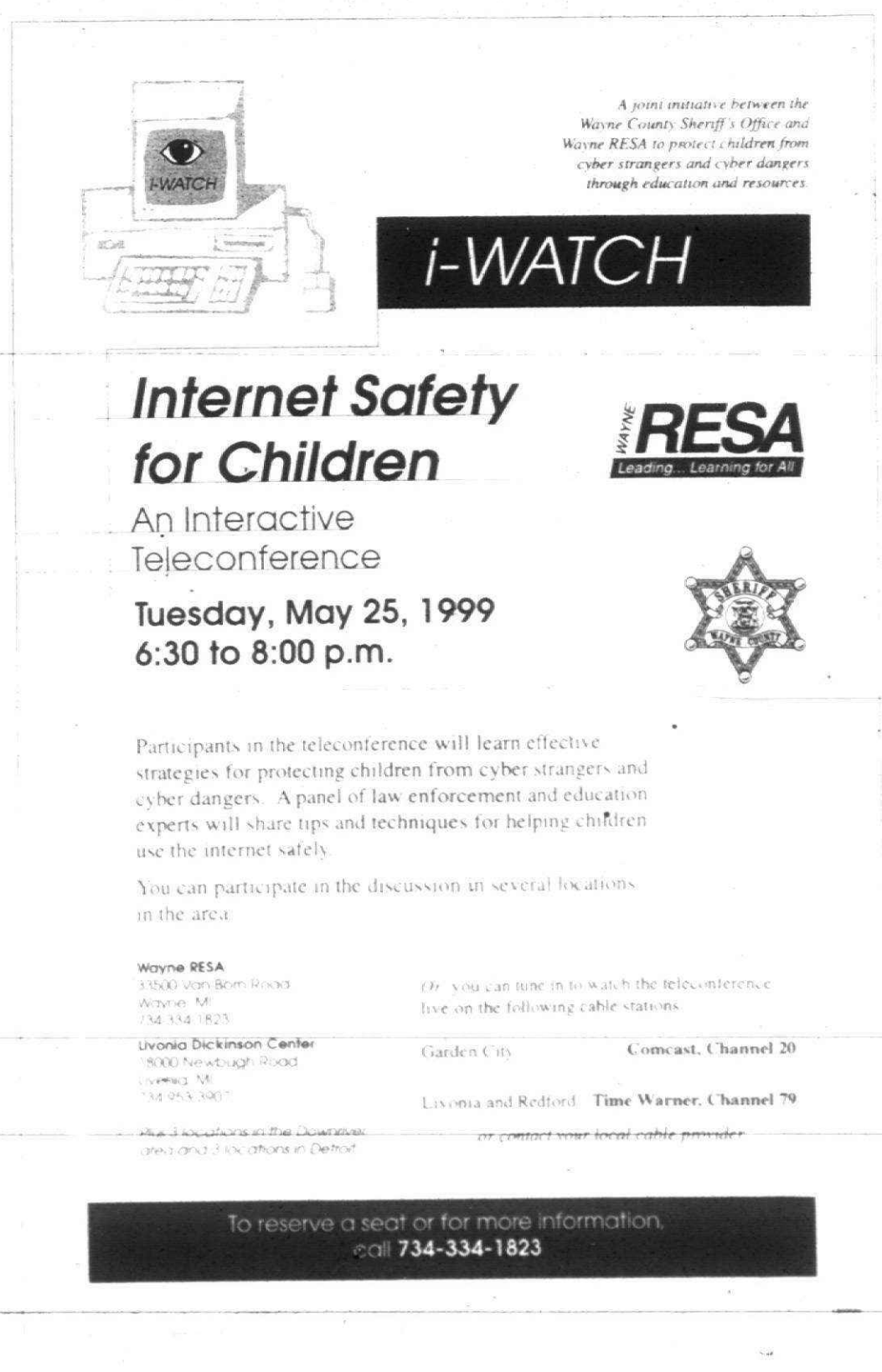
Salem sinks North

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

The Rocks buried WLAA Lakes Division foe North Farmington, 120-17, in their final dual meet of the season. Salem finishes first in the Lakes at 5-0, 6-0 overall.

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

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WEEK AHEAD

Shamrocks can't match Brother Rice

Redford Catholic Central was focusing this week on the weekend's regional tennis tournament at Ann Arbor Pioneer after finishing a distant second to favored Birmingham Brother Rice in the Catholic High School League tennis championships last weekend.

The Warriors, a tennis powerhouse which swept the Shamrocks 8-0 in a dual meet May 10, swept the tournament's singles and doubles, totaling 64 points to Catholic Central's 44.

Catholic Central coach Paul Bozyk, noting that three of the 11 teams in the regional - the Shamrocks, host Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron - are among the state's top seven teams, expressed confidence in his team's chances.

include Livonia's Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson; Westland's John Glenn; Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem and Belleville.

As for the Catholic League tournament, Bozyk said he was "a little bit surprised that we didn't have" league champs "in at least one of the flights, since we were very competitive with them (Rice) at the dual meet." One doubles match in the dual meet was 7-6, 7-6 while another went three sets, he said.

"But it does not surprise me

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The Rocks won all but one event: the pole vault, taken by North's Lauren Turner (8-6). Aisha Chappell had a big day for Salem, winning three individual events: the high jump (4-11), the 100-meter hurdles (16.0) and the 300 hurdles (50.0). Tiffany Grubush was first in both the shot put (36-8 1/2) and discus (108-9).

Other individual winners for Salem were April Aquino in the long jump (15-5); Michelle Bonior in the 100 (13.1); Kim Wood in the 1,600 (5:54.4); Eliek Amable in the 400 (1:05.0); Becky Phelan in the 800 (2:06.7); Rachel Jones in the 200 (26.7); and Lisa Jasnowski in the 3,200 (12:56.7).

Miranda White, Phelan, Annamarie Vercruysse and Shannon Will were first in the 4x800 relay (10:27.5); Autumn Hicks, Aquino, Melissa Drake and Jones won the 4x200 relay (1:52.7); Bonior, Celena Davis,

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behind the pitching of Ben Tucker, who tossed a four-hitter at overmatched Livonia Franklin Monday at Franklin.

Tucker, now 6-3 on the season, walked one and struck out three. The Chiefs improved to 17-5 overall, 5-4 in the WLA's Western Division; they lost twice the previous Monday at Northville and again last Thursday to Farmington Harrison before beating the Patriots.

Andrew Copenhaver's double in the first inning got things

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state's best, with Nick Allen, Jon Little, Craig Little, Bobby Cushman, Matt Anderson and Manvir Gill. They're solid in the hurdles, too, with Dave Clemens, Ryan Thomas and Rob Showalter.

"Last year (at regionals), what made us so dominating was we had scorers in the 100 and 200," said Baker. "Now we won't even have anyone running in either event."

"Our hurdlers are there. Our distance is set. Our 4x400 and 4x800 relays should do well. And we should score some in the field events."

Will it be enough is the question.

"CC, Livonia Churchill and Plymouth Canton could all cause some problems for Salem in its quest to repeat. Detroit Cass Tech has some formidable speed relays, but lacks overall depth, according to Baker.

If history means anything, one factor that should benefit the Rocks is past performances. "At regionals, we always seem to come to run," said Baker. "These guys know what it means. These have been big meets for us, and we've been ready and prepared."

"They'll have to be come Friday."

Against North, the Rocks got two individual wins from Mark Snyder in the discus (125-feet, 11-inches) and shot put (45-8) and single wins from Matt Carpenter in the high jump (5-6); Gabe Coble in the long jump (19-10 1/2); Thomas in the 110-meter hurdles (15.2); Showalter in the 300 hurdles (44.0); Pat Johnson in the 100 (11.7); Mark Sheehan in the 200 (23.6); Allen in the 1,600 (4:23.4); and Pat O'Connor in the 3,200 (11:12.0).

Bob Miller, Johnson, Sheehan and Clemens combined for a first in the 4x100 relay (46.5); Clemens, Johnson, Sheehan and Thomas were winners in the

terribly, given their dominance and their depth," he added.

Bozyk said Catholic Central, now 12-2, loses only two seniors this year and will have four on the team next year, plus strong underclassmen.

Team standings: 1-Birmingham Brother Rice, 64 points; 2-Redford Catholic Central 44; 3-tie, Warren Delta State and University of Detroit High School, 24 each; 5-Alton Park 19; 7-Riverview 18; 8-tie, Dearborn Divine Child and Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak, 14 each; 10-Notre Dame Prep 12; 11-Bishop Foley 0.

what other teams statewide have to offer - in particular, defending state champ Pioneer, which won the meet easily with 234 points. Salem was second with 104.

"I was happy we went," said Gregor. "It was good for our kids to go there and see they're always another team out there that's better."

More than a few Rocks rose to the challenge in the seven-team meet. Grubush was one.

The junior tossed the shot put a season-best 39-11 to finish first, then she won the discus with a throw of 138-4. Those were Salem's only first-place finishes.

Hicks, Melissa Drake, Bryne DeNeen and Jones were second in the 4x200 (1:48.4); Bonior, Celena Davis, Drake and Jones were second in the 4x100 (51.3); and Hicks, Will, Drake and DeNeen were second in the 4x400 (4:15.5).

Several Rocks recorded personal bests at the meet. If they are to make a run at the regional title Friday, they will need a similar performance.

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OUTDOORS CALENDAR

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SHOWS

BOAT SHOW USA

Over 700 new boats will be on display, along with the entire line of marine accessories, financial services, marine insurance and much more during Boat Show USA, May 20-23 at Metro Beach Metropark.

FISHING

TOURNAMENTS

TOP BASS
Top Bass Tournament Trail, a series of open singles draw bass tournaments, kicks off the 1999 season on Saturday, May 29, on

Saginaw Bay. Registration is \$60 and the pay back is one place cash for every seven contestants. Boaters and non-boaters are welcome and there is no pre-registration. Call Elmer Daniels at (734) 728-1762 or Steve Randles (734) 422-5513 for more information.

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS
Oakland Bass Masters will hold a two-man team open tournament beginning at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, May 30, on Kent Lake. Entry fee is \$80 per boat and there will be a \$5 late charge for entries received after May 26. To register and for more information call Roy Randolph at (248) 542-5254.

ST. CLAIR OPEN
The Backlashers Bass Club will hold its 12th annual Lake St. Clair Open two-person bass tournament beginning at 6 a.m. Saturday, June 19. Team entry fee is \$80 if paid by May 20, \$90 at the boat launch. To register and for more information call Roger

Haylip at (734) 753-5341, Steve Taraszkiewicz at (313) 538-1202 or Jeff Mangrum at (313) 937-2190.

CLASSES/SEMINARS

GEAR UP FOR MEMORIAL DAY
Learn how to pack for a family camping trip (11 a.m.), how to filter water (1 p.m.) and the proper way to use a camp stove (2 p.m.) during this day-long program, which will be held Saturday, May 22, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

WOMEN'S FLY FISHING
River Bend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring a Women's Fly Fishing School on Sunday, May 23. Participants will spend a fun-filled day learning the basics of fly fishing including lessons in casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish,

entomology and fly selection and more. Cost is \$125 per person and class size is limited. Call Pat Rofe at (248) 350-8484 for more information and to register.

TRAIL NUTRITION
Learn how to stay energized on the trail including the benefits of organic food, how to get protein from a vegetarian diet, how to stay hydrated and much more during this class, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 22, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

BACKPACKING ESSENTIALS I
The first of a two-part course introducing beginner backpackers to the joys and essentials of backpacking, begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, at REI in Northville. Participants will learn how to plan a trip and how to choose the right gear. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

BACKPACKING ESSENTIALS II
The second of a two-part course introducing beginner backpack-

ers to the joys and essentials of backpacking, begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

FLY FISHING SCHOOL
The Riverbend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring several fly fishing schools in the upcoming months. Held at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden and Hunters Creek Hunt Club in Metamora, the schools include lessons in basic fly fishing techniques including casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Classes are scheduled for June 6 and 19, July 11 and 25, August 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 to register and for more information.

FLY TYING
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and

advanced tiers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING
River Bend Sports Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tiers. Classes will be held at various times in May, June and July. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

CLIMBING CLASS
An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

ACTIVITIES

WILCOX-WARNES
Take a hike through a wooded area of Wilcox-Warnes park with members of the Michigan Nature Association during this program, which begins at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 23. For more information and directions call Fred Dye at (248) 375-2955.

POINTE PEELE HIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a hike through the Pointe Pelee during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 23. Participants are asked to meet at the Ontario Information Center in Windsor, Route 3. Call Mike Scanlon at (313) 884-214 for more information.

COMMUNITY CLEANUP
REI is recruiting volunteers for the ninth annual National Trails Day community service project. Volunteers will maintain the hiking trails at Maybury State Park beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 5. Call (248) 347-2100 for details and to volunteer.

SEASON/DATES

BASS SEASON
Bass season opens Saturday, May 29, on inland lakes and Great Lakes waters excluding Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair and Detroit rivers. The season opens Saturday, June 19, on Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair and Detroit rivers.

FREE FISHING
Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend will be held June 12-13.

CLUBS

FLY TYING
The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daily at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. There will be a salmon fishing seminar, covering trolling, dodgers, spoons, down-riggers, Loran and GPS units at the June 1 meeting. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd. Plot Rack. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

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BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 855-2110 for more information.

ARCHERY

YOUTH LEAGUE
A 10-week youth league begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 27, at Royal Oak Archers in Lake Orion. Call (248) 628-8354 or (248) 589-2480, for more information.

ANIMAL ROUND
Royal Oak Archers will hold an animal round beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 29, on its walk-through course in Lake Orion. Call (248) 628-8354 or (248) 589-2480, for more information.

3D SHOOT
Oakland County Sportsman's Club will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 6, on its walk-through range in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE

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located at 1330 Greenfield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Oak Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS
COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is

located at 1330 Greenfield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

ADVANCED REGISTRATION
Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

SPRING STAR PARTY
Discover spring constellations in the Starlab planetarium and enjoy an outdoor telescope viewing session during this program, which begins at 9 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Inland Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767.

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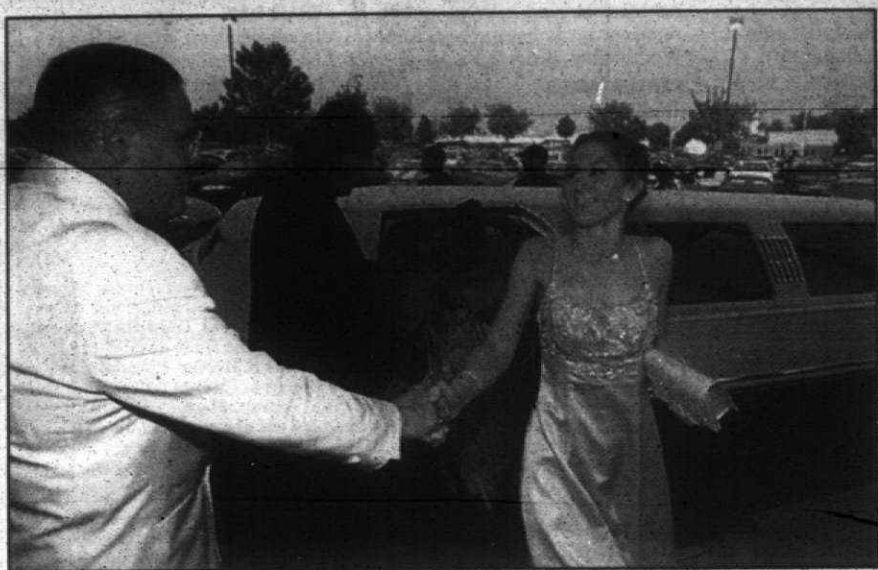
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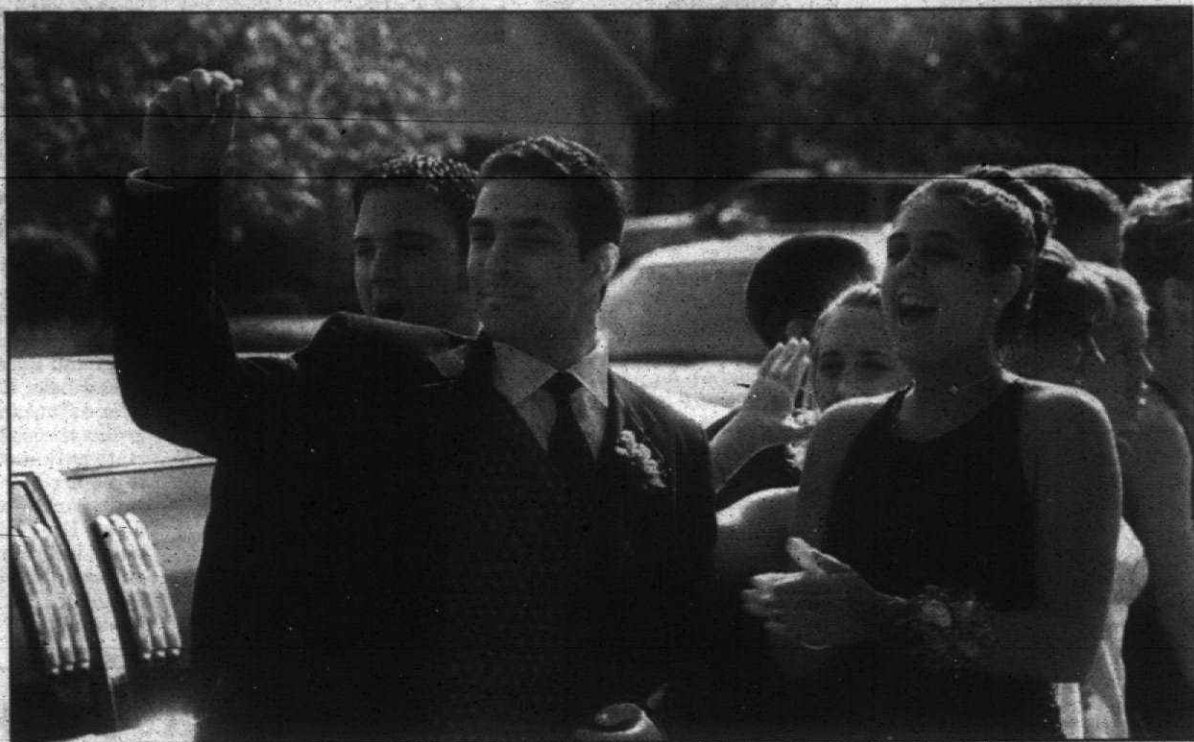
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Prom night 1999: Scenes from a dance

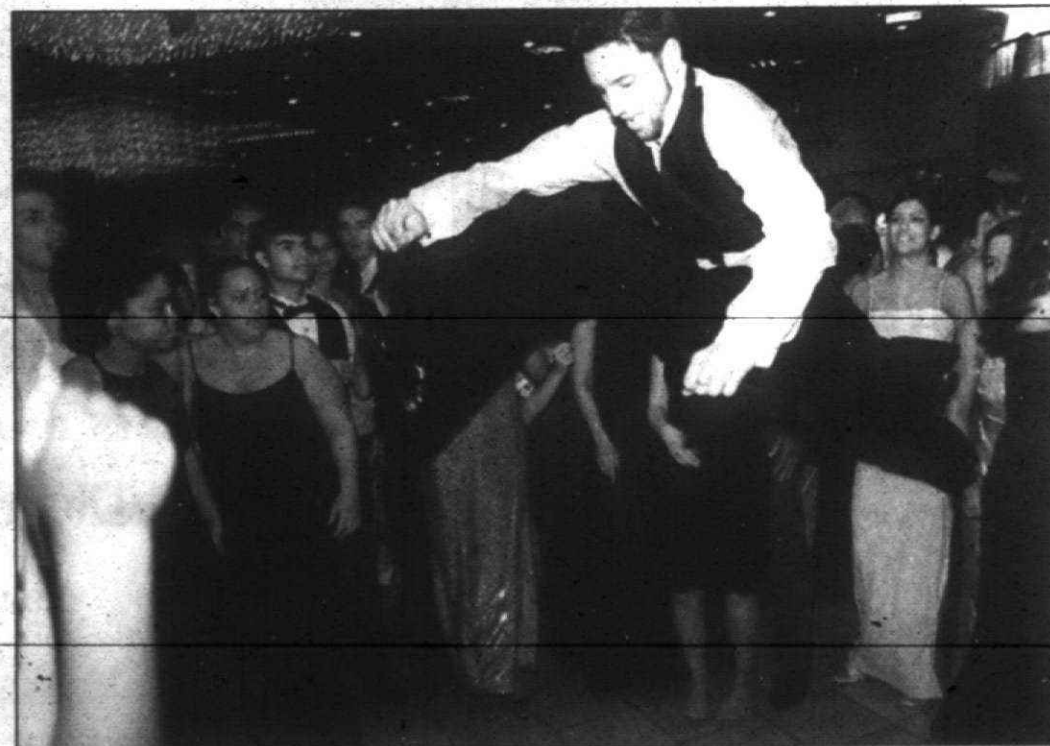
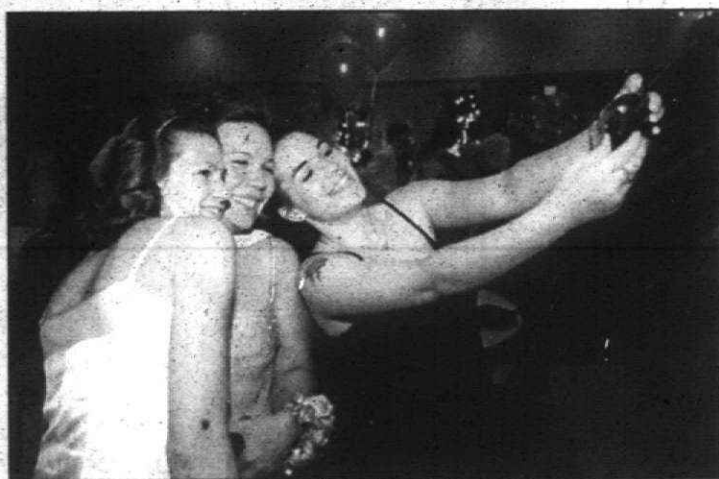
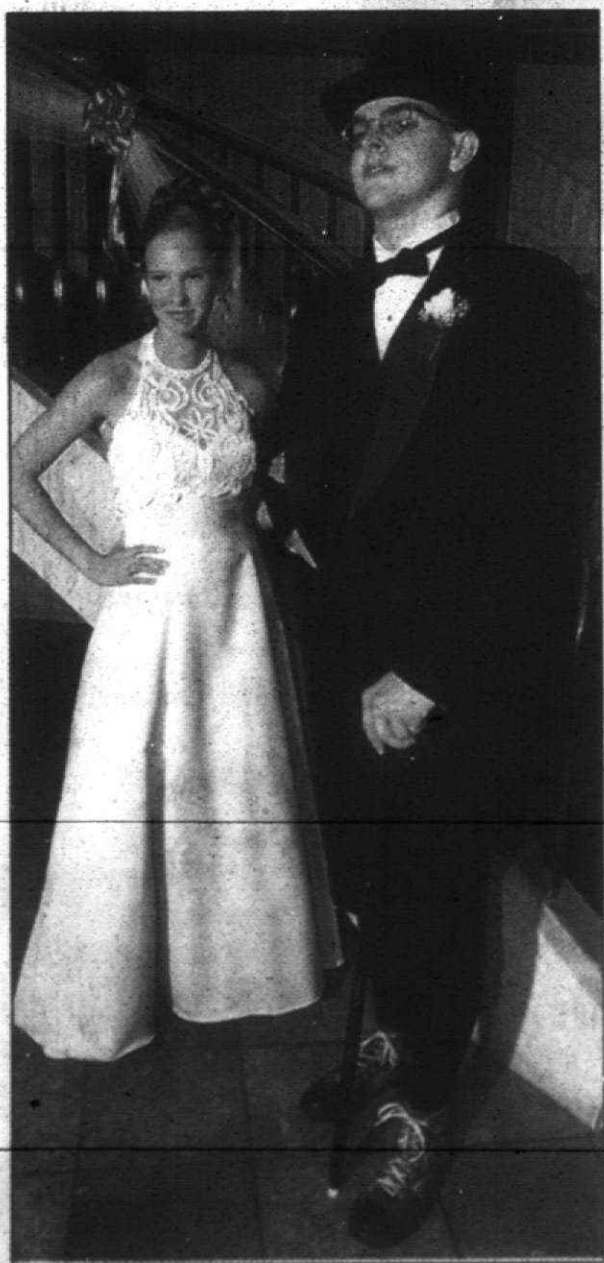
PHOTO STORY BY PAUL HURSCHMANN



For openers: Salem Principal Gerald Ostoin greets Andrea Mott as she arrives in a limousine at Laurel Manor. At right, Rob Schmitt and Krista Slawski wave to a group of friends as they arrive for pictures at Krista's house before heading downtown to Detroit for dinner prior to the prom.



Twist and shout: AJ Maloni and Nina Nowicki are surrounded by their classmates, who all appear to be enjoying themselves on the dance floor. In the photo below, Kristi Irish and Matt Bertsch pose for a portrait with photographer Ted Balaj. It seems that Matt was unable to find matching shoes for his stylish ensemble.



Memories: Pictured clockwise, from upper left, Julie Markos and Katy Land pose with Natalie Greenshields as she takes a group self-portrait at the prom. Wheatley Coleman receives a hug from a friend as they arrive at Laurel Manor. Joe Davis gets some air as he demonstrates his dance moves.

THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



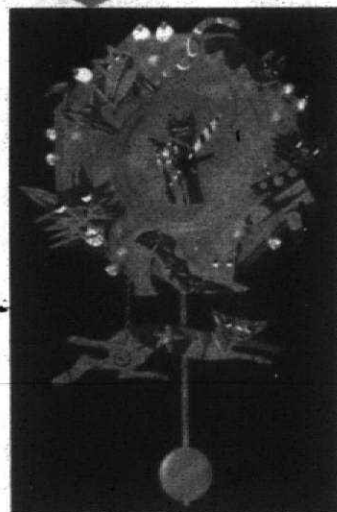
Virtuoso violinist Gil Shaham performs with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$13 to \$48, call (313) 576-5111, or www.detroitssymphony.com

SATURDAY



Brilliant (above) opens for Caelum Bliss at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Cover charge is \$5 for the all-ages show. Doors open at 8 p.m. Call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com> for more information.

SUNDAY



Susan Wright created this mixed media work for the Greektown Arts Festival, noon to 6 p.m. on Monroe Street between St. Antoine and Brush. She's one of more than 125 artists exhibiting their works in this juried show presented by the Greektown Merchants Association in cooperation with the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, producers of the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair. Admission is free. For more information, call (877) Greektown.

HOT TICKET



Jedi Qui-Gon Jinn (Liam Neeson, right), gives words of encouragement to Anakin Skywalker (Jake Lloyd) in "Star Wars: Episode I The Phantom Menace," now playing at metro Detroit movie theaters. See review on page E6.

Opening act: Local singer and songwriter Jill Jack opens for Dan Fogelberg Aug. 4 at Meadow Brook.



Dishing it out: Black Eyed Peas perform during this year's Warped Tour July 25 in downtown Pontiac.

Summertime

Concert venues get facelifts, and there's a slew of festivals

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

The first day of summer is June 21 but Detroit-area residents know the season officially begins on Friday, May 21, when Pine Knob Music Theatre in Independence Township opens with a concert by Natalie Merchant.

Music fans will see several changes this year to Pine Knob and Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University. Both venues are run by Palace Sports and Entertainment in Auburn Hills.

This season, more than \$1 million in improvements have been made to Pine Knob including the main and auxiliary parking lots. The acoustics and the lawn's sound system have been enhanced. The number of pay phones at Pine Knob have been doubled, and a new ATM has been added to the East Entrance Plaza.

Meadow Brook also underwent a facelift. Facility improvements include: adding a new concessions stand and a marquee at University Drive/Walton Boulevard and Adams Road; refurbishing the exteriors of all buildings; expanding the pavilion seating capacity and adding a waterfall. PS&E also revamped the pavilion's audio system, including a new lawn speaker system.

Along with Pine Knob and Meadow Brook comes a slew of festivals. Tickets to the last Lilith Fair, Aug. 14-15 at Pine Knob, go on sale this weekend. Lollapalooza is taking yet another year off but will "concentrate on assem-

bling the ultimate line-up for the millennium summer. Organizers decided to postpone the tour until 2000 when they can re-establish Lollapalooza once again as "The Mightiest of all Summer Extravaganzas," according to a press release from The William Morris Agency.

The H.O.R.D.E. Festival and Furthur Festival are expected to announce dates next month. The House of Blues Smokin' Grooves tour may be up in smoke.

But the summer concert season goes beyond Pine Knob and Meadow Brook. Chene Park offers a variety of music ranging from jazz and blues to reggae, while individual communities offer their citizens tons of music.

The Birmingham Jazzfest '99 has secured July 22-24 as its dates with concerts at Shain Park and 12 Birmingham restaurants.

"This year's lineup offers the most exciting and diverse talent ever presented at Birmingham Jazzfest. There's jazz for every taste - straight ahead, traditional, Afro-Cuban, contemporary, and smooth jazz. It will be performed by the best local, regional and national acts," said Alexander Zonjic, artistic director of Jazzfest '99.

This calendar gives detailed information about upcoming concerts, festivals and other major events. Tickets to the events may be purchased at the respective box offices, all Ticketmaster outlets, or by calling (248) 645-6666 to charge by phone.

Palace Sports and Entertainment

Information about shows at Pine Knob Music Theatre, Meadow Brook Music Festival, and The Palace of Auburn Hills is available by calling (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacetent.com>. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Pine Knob is located at I-75 and Sashabaw Road in Independence Township. Meadow Brook is on the campus of Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester.

The Palace is located at 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills.

* Natalie Merchant and Vinicius Cantuaria, May 21, Pine Knob. \$32.50 pavilion/\$15 lawn.

* Lenny Kravitz with The Black Crowes, Everlast and Cree Summer, 6 p.m. May 22, Pine Knob. \$37.50/\$22.50.

* "Third Motor City Nationals" auto show, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 22, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 23, Meadow Brook. \$10 general admission each day. Discounts for children and seniors.

* "Volunteer Jam Tour '99" with Hank Williams Jr., The Charlie Daniels Band, The Marshall Tucker Band and Molly Hatchet, 6 p.m. May 28, Pine Knob. \$28.50/\$15.

* Eddie Money and Stewart Franche, May 29, Pine Knob. \$12.50/\$7.50.

* Poison and Ratt, with Great White and L.A. Guns, 6 p.m. May 30, Pine Knob. \$20/\$12.50.

* Jimmy Buffett and The Coral Reefer Band, 8 p.m. June 8, Pine Knob. Sold out.

* Hootie and the Blowfish with Shawn Mullins, June 10, Pine Knob. \$28.50/\$12.50.

* Santana and Ozomatli, June 12, Pine Knob. \$33/\$15.50.

* Elvin Costello and Steve Nieve, 8 p.m. June 15, Meadow Brook Music Festival. \$35/\$15.

* Sarah Brightman, June 16, Pine Knob. \$45 and \$27.50 pavilion only.

* Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers and Lucinda Williams, June 18-19, Pine Knob. \$52.50/\$25.

* "Nickelodeon's All That Music and More Festival" with 96 Degrees, Monica, 3rd Street, No Authority and Aaron Carter, 3 p.m. June 20, Pine Knob. \$28.50/\$20. Groups of 20 or more get \$3 off pavilion tickets, and \$2 off lawn tickets.

* Loverboy, June 22, Pine Knob. \$22.50/\$12.50.

* Dwight Yoakam and Donna Carter, June 24, Pine Knob. \$25/\$15.

* OZZfest '99 featuring, on the main stage, Black Sabbath, Rob Zombie, Deftones, Slayer, Primus, Godsmack, and System of a Down at 1 p.m.; on the second stage, Fear Factory, Puya, Slipknot, hed (pe), Flashpoint, Pushmonkey, Drain, Apartment 26 and Static X, 11:30 a.m. June 25 and June

27, Pine Knob. \$49.50. <http://www.ozzfest.com>.
* Ani DiFranco and Maseo Parker, June 26, Meadow Brook. \$25.
* John Mellencamp and Son Volt, 8 p.m. June 30, and July 23 (tentative). \$39.50/\$20.

JULY

Gordon Lightfoot, July 1, Meadow Brook. \$24.50/\$12.50.

* B-52s, July 1, Pine Knob. Ticket price TBA.

* J. Geils Band and Toots and the Maytals, July 2-3, Pine Knob. \$37.50/\$20.

* "GetBack! Cast of Seatiemania" and post-show fireworks, July 3, Meadow Brook. \$17.50/\$12.50. Group and children's discounts.

Neville Brothers and Little Feat, and post-show fireworks, July 4, Meadow Brook. \$25/\$15.50.

* "Rock Never Stops" with John Entwistle, Uriah Heep, Quiet Riot, Slaughter and Firehouse, 6 p.m. July 5. \$24.50/\$12.50.

* An acoustic evening with Ann and Nancy Wilson of Heart, July 6. \$24.50/\$12.50.

Bob Seagars, July 6, Meadow Brook. \$22.50/\$12.50.

* Paul Simon and Bob Dylan, 7 p.m. July 7. \$75/\$29.50.

* John Michael Montgomery with Lee Roy Parnell and Montgomery Gentry, July 8. \$27.50/\$12.50.

* Brian Setzer Orchestra, July 9. \$29.50/\$15.

* "Aladdin," children show, noon July 10, Meadow Brook. \$10/\$5. Groups of 15 or more get \$2.50 off.

* Beach Boys and Creedence Clearwater Revival, July 10, Pine Knob. \$25/\$15.50.

* America/Three Dog Night, July 11. \$24.50/\$12.50.

* Motley Crue and Scorpions, July 13. \$35/\$15.

Pat Benatar, July 14. \$22.50/\$12.50.

* Faith Hill and Jessica Andrews, 8 p.m. July 14, at Meadow Brook. \$29.50/\$15.

* Clay Walker and Lila McCann, July 15, Pine Knob. \$25/\$15.

Air Supply, July 15, Meadow Brook. \$22.50/\$12.50.

The Commodores, July 16, Pine Knob. \$22.50/\$12.50.

Peter Frampton and Eric Stuart, July 17. \$22.50/\$12.50.

Carrot Top, July 21, Meadow Brook. \$24.50/\$12.50.

Cheap Trick, July 23; Pine Knob. \$20/\$10.

"Sleeping Beauty," children's show, noon July 23, Meadow Brook. \$10/\$5. Groups of 15 or more get \$2.50 off.

* Roger Waters, 8 p.m. July 25, Pine Knob. \$35/\$15.

Willie Nelson Picnic with Lyle Lovett and Keb' Mo', July 27, Pine Knob. \$29.50/\$15.

* Cowboy Junkies, 8 p.m. July 28, Meadow Brook. \$22.50/\$15.

* Chicago and Double Brothers, July 30, Pine Knob. \$35.25/\$18.75.

The Tragically Hip, July 31, Pine Knob. Ticket price TBA.

AUGUST

Smokey Robinson Aug. 1, Pine Knob. \$25/\$15.

Blue Oyster Cult, Nazareth and Survivor, Aug. 3, Pine Knob. \$22.50/\$12.50.

Dan Fogelberg with Jill Jack, Aug. 4, Meadow Brook. \$22.50/\$12.50.

* Steve Miller Band, George Thorogood and The Destroyers, and Curtis Salgado, 7 p.m. Aug. 5, Pine Knob. \$37.50/\$21.50.

* Vince Gill and Chely Wright, Aug. 7, Pine Knob. \$29.50/\$15.

* Jewel, Rustad Root and Steve Peltz, 7 p.m. Aug. 8. \$35/\$20.

* Duran Duran, Aug. 10, Pine Knob. \$29.50/\$15.

* "Cinderella," children's show, noon Aug. 10, Meadow Brook. \$10/\$5. Groups of 15 or more get \$2.50 off.

Kenny Rogers with Anne Murray, Aug. 12, Pine Knob. \$29.50/\$15.50.

* Barry Manilow, Aug. 13, Pine Knob. \$50/\$10.

Weird Al Yankovic, Aug. 13, Meadow Brook. \$22.50/\$12.50.

"Lilith Fair" with Dixie Chicks, Queen Latifah, Sarah McLachlan, Liz Phair, Cibo Matto, Jennifer Knapp, Sinead Lohan, and Sheryl Crow on Aug. 14; With Dixie Chicks, Queen Latifah, Sarah McLachlan, Martina McBride, Cibo Matto, Morley, Susan Tedeschi, Nelly Furtado, Wild Strawberries and Sheryl Crow on Aug. 15, both at Pine Knob. Ticket price TBA. On sale Saturday, May 22.

* Brooks and Dunn, with Trace Adkins and Darryl Dodd, Aug. 20, Pine Knob. \$29.50/\$15.50.

Don McLean and Jim Messina, Aug. 21. \$24.50/\$12.50.

"Alice in Wonderland," noon Aug. 22, Meadow Brook. \$10/\$5. Groups of 15 or more get \$2.50 off.

"NASCAR Rocks on the Road" with The Allman Brothers and more, 7 p.m. Aug. 22, Pine Knob. \$34.50/\$17.75.

* R.E.M. and Widespread, Aug. 23, Pine Knob. \$35/\$25.

Natalie Cole, Aug. 26, Pine Knob. \$27.50/\$15.

Peter, Paul and Mary, Aug. 27, Meadow Brook. \$32.50/\$12.50.

* Gipsy Kings, Aug. 28, Pine Knob. \$32.50/\$17.50.

* Ray Charles, Aug. 29. \$25/\$15.

Collective Soul and the Cranberries, Aug. 30 (tentative), Pine Knob. Tickets TBA.

SEPTEMBER

* An evening with John Tesh, Sept. 2. \$36 and \$26 pavilion, \$13.50 lawn.

Barenaked Ladies with Eagle Eye Cherry, Sept. 4-5. Ticket price TBA.

* KC and the Sunshine Band and War, Sept. 6. \$25/\$15.

Bonnie Raitt, Jackson Browne, Shawn Colvin, Bruce Hornsby and David Lindley, Sept. 8. \$32.50/\$15.

* Jethro Tull, 8 p.m. Sept. 10, Meadow Brook. \$32.50/\$15.

Maui Lewis and the News, Sept. 11. \$24.50/\$12.50.

Alanni Morissette and Tori Amos, Sept. 12. Ticket price TBA.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Subscription packages to DSO performances at Meadow Brook are available now and range from \$40-\$185, with discounts for children younger than 18, and can be purchased at the DSO box office, (313) 576-5120. Individual tickets go on sale late May and

can be purchased through The Palace and Ticketmaster outlets, (248) 645-6666. Visit <http://www.detroitssymphony.com> for more information. Friday and Saturday concerts will begin at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. Doors at Meadow Brook open 1 1/2 hours prior to showtime for picnics and early lawn seating.

"Opening Fanfare" with fireworks, Friday, July 9, with conductor Marin Alsop and pianist Vladimir Feltsman.

"Beethoven Outdoors," Saturday, July 10, with conductor Alsop and violinist Pinchas Zukerman.

Burt Bacharach performs as part of the DSO series Sunday, July 11.

"Pictures at an Exhibition," with fireworks, with conductor Neeme Jarvi and violinist Chuan Yun Li, Friday, July 16.

"Beethoven's Emperor," with conductor Jarvi and pianist Per Tengstrand Saturday, July 17.

"Gershwin Gala," with conductor Jarvi, soprano Geraldine McMillian, baritone Peter Lightfoot, pianist Matthew Herzkowitz and the Brassal Dendard Chorus, Sunday, July 18.

"Handel and Vivaldi," with fireworks, Friday, July 23, with conductor/violinist Jaime Laredo, violinist Emmanuelle Boirever, violinist John Hughes and Geoffrey Applegate, trumpet Ramon Parcells and Kevin Good.

"Mozart-in-the-Meadows" Saturday, July 24, with conductor Jaime Laredo, dueling pianists Arianna Goldina and Remy Lombroso, and violinist Emmanuelle Boirever.

"A Song of Beethoven" Sunday, July 25, with conductor David Alan Miller and vocalist Audra McDonald.

"Symphonic Blockbusters" with fireworks Friday, July 30, with conductor David Alan Miller and pianist Eduardo Hallin.

"The Planets - With Astronomic Projections" Saturday, July 31, with conductor David Alan Miller and the Women of the University Musical Society Choral Union.

"Big Band Bash!" Sunday, Aug. 1, with Jeff Tyzik conductor and trumpet soloist, and Dave Mancini, drums.

"Tchaikovsky Spectacular" with fireworks, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, with conductor Jack Everly, violinist Konstanty Kulka and University Musical Society Choral Union, and Saturday, Aug. 7.

"Hollywood by Starlight," Sunday, Aug. 8, with conductor Everly, vocalists Judy McClain and Joseph Mahowald and the Meadow Brook Festival Singers.

THE PALACE

* Aerosmith and The Afghan Whigs, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 20, \$29.50.

* Shania Twain and Leamy, 8 p.m. May 22. \$35 and \$50.

* WCW featuring Goldberg, Sting, "Diamond Dallas" Page, "Macho Man" Randy Savage, "Nature Boy" Ric Flair, "Georgeous George," Charles Robinson, "Sam Bam" Bigelow, Hak and more, June 25. \$15, \$25 and \$35. Groups of 15 or more get \$3 off \$25 and \$15 tickets.

* Cher, Cyndi Lauper and Wild Orchid, 7:30 p.m. July 23. \$75.25 and \$45.25, special Superfan seating available.

Communities offer variety of entertainment

CANTON:

The Canton Liberty Fest is held Thursday-Sunday, June 17-20, at Heritage Park on west of Canton Center Road off Heritage Drive near the Civic Center Plaza. Information: (734) 397-5110.

On this schedule this year is: Chautauqua Express, 7:45-9 p.m. June 17; Vogue, 7:30-10:30 p.m. June 18; Karate demo, noon, Plymouth Salem Rockettes, 1-2 p.m., Plymouth Fire and Drum Corps, 2:30-3:45 p.m., Earth Angels, 6:15-7:15 p.m.; Karen Newman, 8 p.m.; Three Men and a Tenor, 8-9:30 p.m. June 19; Plymouth Fire and Drum Corps, noon to 1 p.m., and the Motor City Brass Band, 2-4 p.m. June 20.

Strolling acts: Robert Collingwood, 1-3 p.m. June 19; Otisland Band, 2-4 p.m. and Real Happy String and Swing Band, noon to 2 p.m. June 20; barbershop quartet, both days; and Charlie Chaplin character, Thursday and Saturday.

FARMINGTON:

The Farmington Area Founder's Festival features performances by Country Line and Square Dancers, Bonne Temps Route, Mudpuppy, the Chisel Brothers, Imperial Swing Orchestra, Starlight Drifters, Forbes Brothers, Jill Jack, Black Market and The Howling Diablos, along with a juried arts and crafts area, children's activities, community parade, one-way circus and food, from July 4-10 in Farmington. Information: <http://www.wattsupinc.com>.

GARDEN CITY:

Garden City is hosting three festivals this summer. Music entertainment will be announced soon. GC Youth Athletic Association's spring festival is set for May 20-23 at the city's municipal parking lots on the NE and NW corners of Ford and Middlebelt. The GC Jaycees will hold its spring festival June 17-20, at City Park, on Cherry Hill east of Meridian. There will be carnivals, midways, games, exhibits and food booths. The GC Family Fest is slated for Aug. 13-15, in the City Park, on Cherry Hill east of Meridian. There will be children's games, craft booths, food booths, bicycle parade, bingo games and art show.

LIVONIA:

The Livonia Spree runs Tuesday-Sunday, June 22-27. The tentative schedule includes performances by country singer Janis Leigh and Luck of the Draw, 7-11 p.m. Friday, June 25; Tracey Lynn from 7:30-11 p.m. Saturday, June 26; the Red Garter Band, 7-10:30 p.m. Sunday, June 27, and by the youth band Grapesof, 7-11 p.m. Friday, June 25, and a family concert with Guy Louie's Chautauqua Express, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, and Ron Coden, 5-8 p.m. Sunday, June 24. Other events include a senior picnic, racing pigs, pie-eating contest, tractor pull races, lumberjacks, Odd Bodkins Puppet, clowns, a kids parade and kit show. Information: (734) 466-2410, or <http://www.cl.livonia.mi.us>.

PLYMOUTH:

Plymouth hosts a variety of festivals throughout the summer including "Celebrate the Century - 1960s." Plymouth Historical Museum, 7:30 p.m. June 3. (734) 455-8940; Friday Night Fun featuring musical performances, 7-9 p.m. Fridays June 4, 11, 18 and 25. (734) 455-1453; 50th Anniversary Ford/Mercury Auto Show, June 12.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts Marc Thomas and Max the Moose in Kellogg Park from noon to 1 p.m. June 23, and Guy Louie's Chautauqua Express, noon to 1 p.m. June 30. Community Band Concerts in the Park, 8 p.m. June 24, in Kellogg Park. The Plymouth Art in the Park is July 10.

WESTLAND:

The Westland Cultural Society will present a summer concert series, sponsored by the Westland City Council, at 6 p.m. Sundays at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland's Performance Pavilion, 6123 Central City Parkway north of Ford Road, unless otherwise noted. Concerts are free. If it rains, concerts will be moved to the Bailey Recreation Center when feasible. Information: (734) 722-7620 or (734) 522-3918.

This year's schedule: June 6, Motor City Brass Band; June 13, Ramblin' Country/Jr. Hart; June 27, Cosmopolitan Band with Armand Anguioni; July 13, Pyramid II with Tyrone Hamilton; 6:30 p.m. July 18, Starline with vocalist Sheila Taylor at Stottmeyer Park on Dancy Boulevard in southeast Westland; July 25, Roy Cobb & the Coachesmen; Aug. 1, Phil Gram Combo; Aug. 8, Waco Country Band with Dean Stacey; Aug. 15 Bob Duran; Aug. 22, Detroit Breakdown with Todd Marken.

Chene Park

Chene Park Riverside Amphitheater is located at 2600 E. Atwater St., Detroit. For ticket information, call the box office at (313) 393-0292.

* Comedians John Witherspoon, Arnez J. T.K. Kirkland, George Wilborn and Coco, 7:30 p.m. June 5. \$20, \$25, \$35, \$25.

* George Benson and Boovy James, 8 p.m. June 19. \$35 and \$45.

* Alex Bugnon and Bobbi Humphrey, June 23. \$5.

* Chris Isaak, Robert Gray featuring The Memphis Horns, and Susan Galloway, 5:30 p.m. June 26. \$29.39.

* Nelson Rangel, 8 p.m. July 7. \$5.

* Ronnie Laws and Pamela Williams, July 14. \$5.

* Will Downing, Oleta Adams and Pieces of a Dream, 8 p.m. July 23. \$35 and \$25. On sale 10 a.m. Saturday, May 22.

* Najee, July 28. \$5.

* Patti Austin, Aug. 4. \$5.

MOVIES

'Phantom Menace' provides entertaining visual feast

Encounter: *Jedi Master Qui-Gon Jinn* (Liam Neeson, left) tells young *Anakin Skywalker* (Jake Lloyd) and *Jedi Apprentice Obi-Wan Kenobi* (Ewan McGregor) about a near deadly encounter as droid R2-D2 looks on.



KEVIN MAZUR

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The second coming is at hand. The long wait is over. "Star Wars" is back.

George Lucas' epic saga is the most anticipated movie event of the year. Fans have been standing in lines, waiting overnight in parking lots, offering money to others to stand in line so they can be among the first to see "Episode I: The Phantom Menace."

What they'll see is a state-of-the-art visual and aural feast of the mind-boggling possibilities of digital film making.

Those seeking revelations here or rich spiritual insights are best advised to look elsewhere. Lucas makes use of world myths and religious symbols in the way that poets and writers have done for centuries, but he adds little to our understanding of what those myths mean to our spiritual growth.

It's also not great drama, but it is a great time.

From the start Lucas' goal was to recreate the movie series he enjoyed as a child. He thought, what if the makers of those serials had the money to match their imaginations? Lucas had the money.

The first three films, numbers IV-VI in the series, were an international sensation. In the 20 years since the last film, generations of children have been introduced to the "Star Wars" phenomenon. It is a part of our identity.

Those movies were rollicking good entertainment full of dazzling special effects, appealing characters, derring-do, silly jokes, story, yes, underneath, a mythic story suggesting some biblical importance in Luke Skywalker's growth into manhood and his showdown with Darth Vader, nemesis of the universe and his father.

Now, as Lucas always planned, we go back to discover how Anakin Skywalker, Jedi knight,

went over to the "dark side" to become the epitome of evil Darth Vader.

"Phantom Menace" tells a complicated political tale but in a way that would appeal to children, with a bright, adventurous child at the center of the action and a lot of silly, schoolyard humor mixed with the numerous high-tech battle scenes.

The story for all its complexity, is thin. The humor often falls flat or becomes tiresome. And, most serious of all, there isn't a character to match the reckless Han Solo. It all seems a bit heavy.

But, admit it, you want to see this movie. And you will be grandly entertained.

In a galaxy far, far away, an evil senator in the giant Republic is working with the Trade Federation to threaten his own small planet, Naboo, ruled by young elected Queen Amidala (Natalie Portman). The Federation has set up a blockade and threatens an invasion of its droid warriors if the queen doesn't sign a trade agreement that would ruin her planet.

Two Jedi knights, Qui-Gon Jinn (Liam Neeson) and his apprentice, the young Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor), have come to negotiate a peace, as the Jedi are the guardians of peace and justice in the galaxy.

Of course, their efforts fail and they must rush the queen to the Republic's headquarters on the city planet of Coruscant to argue her case. On the way their ship takes fuel on the remote planet of Tatooine. Here on this desert planet they encounter a remarkable and gifted 9-year-old boy slave, Anakin Skywalker (Jake Lloyd), whom Qui-Gon is convinced is the One, the person destined to "balance the Force."

Two familiar friends are introduced, the brave little droid R2-D2 and Anakin's droid in progress, C-3PO, without his golden skin. But comic relief is provided by an odd creature, part rabbit, antelope and lizard, Jar Jar Binks, who speaks in a

weird almost Jamaican patois. The computer generated character is given voice and action by Ahmed Best. He's initially funny but then gets to be irritating.

A race scene that sets up Anakin's freedom, several massed battle scenes and the lightsaber duels are all well staged. But even more impressive are the imaginative recreations of several distinct cultures. Each is convincing, from the Mediterranean-like Naboo to the Saharan Tatooine. And the many bizarre animals and humanoid and space ships are also interesting. Credit Westland John Glenn graduate Doug Chiang, the film's concept designer, for many of these excellent special effects.

Another friend makes his first appearance, the wise little Jedi Master Yoda (voiced by Frank Oz). It is Yoda who gives first warning that something isn't quite right with the amiable, energetic young Anakin.

Neeson is impressive and seems to enjoy playing a Jedi. He is strong, soft voiced but determined. But he doesn't have the youth or snarl of Harrison Ford's Han Solo. Ewan McGregor is flat and stiff as Obi-Wan, as if participating Alec Guinness' performance too closely without allowing for some youthful energy. As he will be a key figure in the next two episodes, either he or Lucas will have to reconsider how this part is played.

The young leads are especially good. As all "Star Wars" fans know, the young queen and Anakin will become the parents of Luke and Princess Leia. Natalie Portman projects the right amount of forthright courage that her daughter will carry on. Jake Lloyd is not only a cute Anakin but a spirited and intelligent one as well.

"Star Wars" has never been great science fiction. But for popcorn munching, eye-popping, let's-go-to-a-movie entertainment, Lucas delivers again.

Drama: Elsa (Cher, left) and George (Lily Tomlin) join the English ladies known as "Scorpioni" who live in Florence on the eve of Italy's entry into World War II in "Tea With Mussolini."



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'Tea With Mussolini' tells heartwarming, well-played tale

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"Tea With Mussolini" is a very nice movie and not what you'd expect from the title. The film revolves around 7-year-old Luca Innocenti, born out of wedlock and orphaned by his mother. Unable to bear the thought of him growing up in an orphanage, Mary Wallace (Joan Plowright) who works for Luca's father, becomes his surrogate mother and tutor.

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"Mussolini has no idea of what's going on. He assures Lady Hester that you have nothing to fear. Whatever happens you will always be under my protection. You have my word."

Of course it's a lie, and the women are sent to San Gimignano in Tuscany. Luca is sent to Austria by his father to become the perfect German gentleman.

As the war unfolds, the women are held captive but not harmed. Luca, now 17, returns to help them.

There's suspense, romance, and jealousy rears its ugly head. Elsa's life is in danger, and Luca's forced to make some very difficult decisions.

"Tea with Mussolini" has its share of war scenes, none of them gory.

They say you never know how strong a woman is until she gets into hot water. The women in this movie — Cher, Dench, Plowright, Smith and Tomlin — certainly prove they're capable of making lemonade when life gives them lemons.

The only disappointment was the ending credits. Underneath each character is a National Lampoonish cartoon of what happened to them. It kind of takes away from the drama and spectacle that is "Tea with Mussolini."

'Cheating at Solitaire' offers Ness a dose of sanity



CHRISTINA FUOCO

the driving rain, lead singer Mike Ness punched away at his guitar, cranking out the greaser anthems "Let It Be Me," "Story of My Life" and "Ball and Chain." Mohawk-laden teens grooved, pushing away fans trying to get a glimpse of the seminal Orange County punk band.

Last month, Ness left that raucous environment to release his debut solo album, "Cheating at Solitaire" on Time Bomb Records.

"I don't have to worry about stage diving and shoes flying up or fights or Nazis," he said with a laugh. "Just the true people who are into it for the music are the

ones who follow. The sad thing is with punk shows you get a lot of people there for the wrong reasons. They think that they know what punk is and what it's all about. They have no idea whatsoever. It's a sad thing, but it's true."

"Cheating at Solitaire" is a country-based album that showcases Ness' varied tastes. The album includes a twangy cover of Bob Dylan's "Don't Think Twice" and Hank Williams' "You Win Again." The raw, roots-rocking "Misery Loves Company" is among Ness' favorite songs to play.

"It's always fun to play, just the raw, raw emotion and energy. It's raw and it's really fun. The whole record is fun to play. I'm gonna tell you this whole thing is just very liberating. It was a little scary at first. To have it so well received, it's nice, Ness said adding that there will be another Social D album.

"Cheating at Solitaire" was conceived in five years but was actually recorded in 1998 at Ocean Studios. For the recording process, he brought along a few

special guests — namely Brian Setzer, who plays Gretsch Silvertones on "Dope Fiend Blues," and Bruce Springsteen who offers vocals and guitars on "Misery Loves Company."

"A couple of songs are five years old. But I'd say I started writing about a year ago. I did about a month of pre-production and then two months in the studio," he explained.

"Don't Feel the Blues" and "I'm in Love With My Car" are among the oldest songs on the CD, but he included them on "Cheating at Solitaire" because he said they were still timely.

"The songs are almost more valid. No one was into cars back then. Now there's a bunch of greaser kids are driving old cars now. It's like a greaser anthem."

Cars are Ness' hobby. The low-rider on the back of the CD jewel case belongs to Ness. He also has a 1953 Harley-Davidson in his collection.

"Yeah, that's what I do when I'm not touring. When I was younger, I could never afford it. Just the last 15 years I've really

gotten into doing it. My other obsession is to go junking — thrift stores, junk stores, antique stores."

That, he said, along with "Cheating at Solitaire" is offering him a dose of sanity.

"I just think I really just did it for sanity purposes," he said with a laugh. "I needed to do something different. If I didn't, I'd go crazy. After doing something for 20 years, naturally you want a promotion. You want recognition for what you've done. I just feel that it was time to venture off and try other things if I ever want to grow."

Beautiful life

To singer Cree Summer, life is just beautiful.

She's riding around the United States on tour with "the fellas," her good friend Lenny Kravitz, the Black Crowes and Everlast. (The tour comes to Pine Knob on Saturday.) Her debut CD "Street Faerie" is out on The Work Group.

"I'm ridin' with the fellas. Lenny took me out to open for

him in December in Europe. We had an incredible time and he asked me to open for him on his tour. It's just beautiful," Summer said.

Summer is the former star of the television series "A Different World." Although she has acted for most of her life, Summer is now concentrating on music.

"I haven't acted on television in about 3-1/2 years, and I'm not doing it again anytime soon. It's not because I didn't like it, it was because I didn't think I was very good at it. When you go to work every day, you should have a certain amount of confidence and feel at least that you're competent. There are so many incredible actors in this world. I don't think I'll be missed really," she said.

Music is her first love, having moved to Los Angeles to pursue singing. Immediately, however, she fell into acting. Summer made one record with her band, Subject to Change, before Capitol Records dropped the act. The album was never released.

"Street Faerie" is her debut solo album, and it's safe to say she's excited about it.

"I'm very geeky that way," she said with a slight giggle. "It makes me want to jump up and down."

Summer's bluesy, mainstream pop effort "Street Faerie" was a "completely spontaneous experience." Produced and arranged by Kravitz, "Street Faerie" was recorded at a studio in Nassau.

"We literally picked the songs that we were going to record on the record the same day. The reason 'Soul Sister' got on the record was because I showed up in the studio that morning wearing a soul sister T-shirt. There's no real rhyme or reason to any of it, which is why I think it's so pure," she said.

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Lenny Kravitz on acting

reading seems to be appealing to Kravitz.

"Hey, what did we watch last night?" he said to a woman nearby. "Oh yeah, 'Last Tango in Paris.' That was last night's feature. This morning is Woody Allen and right now we're doing 'Brazil.' I think, or something."

Kravitz has a long-term relationship with acting. He explained that he's been acting since he was a child. This fall, he

has the option to film a movie or to make another record. He said he was unable to reveal anything about the movie.

"I used to act when I was younger. My mom was an actress. I used to act in theater. I stopped doing it so I could pursue my music," he said. "It's not something that I miss. It's another outlet, another medium which takes off the pressure."

This summer, Kravitz is bringing one medium to several towns in the United States, thanks to the package tour he created featuring him, the Black Crowes, Everlast, and Cree Summer. The show hits Pine Knob on Saturday, May 22.

"The tour's fine. It's going good. I just had a choice of who was available and who I thought would put on a great show. I didn't know him before the tour," Kravitz said about forming the tour.

Kravitz's set will include songs from each of his albums and his new song "American Woman," a cover of the 1970 The Guess Who hit. The song will appear on the

soundtrack to "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me" (Maverick), and beginning June 1, Virgin will make "American Woman" a part of Kravitz's latest album "S." The concert video for "American Woman" features Kravitz and his band performing in front of a massive, flashing neon American flag. Recently shot in the desert of Southern California, the video features more than 500 extras, a special appearance by Heather Graham, who plays "Felicity Shagwell" in the film, and a grand finale of fireworks illuminating the sky.

"American Woman" is Kravitz's follow-up to his hit "Fly Away." Kravitz, who won the Grammy for Best Rock Performance Male last February, scored a major hit with "Fly Away." It was the first single to hit No. 1 on the Modern, Active and Album Rock charts in the same week.

The story behind Kravitz's cover of "American Woman" is simple.

"Someone asked me if I would do it. That was a song they were looking for. I thought it was a song I could do."

Lenny Kravitz and The Black Crowes perform with Everlast and Cree Summer at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets are \$45 pavilion, \$20 lawn. Call (248) 377-0100 or visit http://www.palacenet.com for more information.

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Rock festival: Lenny Kravitz, along with the Black Crowes, Everlast and Cree Summer, performs Saturday, May 22, at Pine Knob.

Artists celebrate life and express outrage



ANN DELISI

After a month of disturbing headlines and images from Littleton, Colo., Kosovo and tornado-torn areas of Oklahoma and Kansas, the hope that many feel with the blossoming of spring may need a bit of nurturing. Fortunately, the arts are in full bloom.

"When it seems that the world has gone horribly awry, nature provides a spiritual experience to all human beings. It is amazing what can be accomplished by simply looking closely at a flower," says Kay Young, an Oakland County-based photographer whose twenty-year career has celebrated her Native American heritage and the natural world. "My work is intended as a celebration of life through the beauty of nature." If you caught her "Wildflower Paintings: A Photographic Exhibition" at the Detroit Institute of Arts or The

Somerset Collection, you already know about the sense of peace her photos can provide.

In describing her exhibit "Feed Me" at the American Indian Community House in New York, Young writes, "My family was humble, not poor, and the teachings were to honor the earth, harvest the food, and give thanks for life — all life around us." There's also a powerful message to guide us through the turmoil of a difficult time, as her work challenges us to, in her words, "to have the perseverance and strength to try and understand all, while living in a place out of balance."

On the next edition of Detroit Public Television's "Backstage Pass," the timeless beauty of Young's work is featured, and traditional songs from Native American cultures are performed by the inter-triptych group the Blue Lake Singers.

The horror at Columbine High has us all asking what can be done to protect young people from violence. For Ann Arbor artist-blacksmiths Scott Lankton

and Jim Roth, the tragedy was a terrifying example of the nature of gun violence and the reason for a two-year old project to transform powerful weapons into powerful art. Lankton and Roth use their skills as blacksmiths and their creative abilities to melt handguns into anti-violence artistic symbols.

"We've got thirty pieces created so far, and the one that gets the strongest reaction is a gun nestled in a stop sign with photos of gunshot victims," says Jim Roth.

"We're not going to change the world, but we're disgusted that anti-gun groups and members of organizations like the National Rifle Association can't get together to work on the major social problem of gun violence," he adds.

Lankton and Roth have received no backlash from hunting groups concerning the project. "I enjoy hunting and I like guns. The only message we send through our work is our outrage over gun violence," says Roth. Consistent with that theme are creations such as a gun molded into a book, while others are wrapped in chains or locked in a cage.

The two hope to have several public showings later this year and a permanent exhibit later this year. "Backstage Pass" viewers get a look in an edition airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at on Detroit Public TV.

What's my favorite piece of the blacksmith's art? It's a gun with a gold-colored rose coming out of the barrel. Once again, there's peace through flower power.

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DINING

Get good Chinese cuisine fast at Leeann Chin's

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Among area restaurant trends predicted on this page in January this year, one was that more upscale national chains would open in metro-Detroit. It happened. And came true again on April 26 when Leeann Chin opened its first Michigan location next to the Troy Sports Center.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Leeann Chin and she was there to greet her first Troy customer, a loyal patron of her Minneapolis, Minnesota-based eateries. What one finds at Leeann Chin is so tied to her personality, that her story begs to be told.

In 1956, she found her way from her native Canton, China, to her current home in Minneapolis via Hong Kong. She spoke no English, but learned quickly from her friendly neighbors who hired her for expert sewing skills.

By 1980, she had also demonstrated her culinary talents, teaching Chinese cooking to some 4,000 students over a 10-year period. She has written cookbooks; most recent is Betty Crocker's New Chinese Cookbook. All this while raising five children!

One of her culinary students was a banker and friend of Sean Connery, her first primary investor. With an SBA loan and Connery's backing, she was able to open the first Leeann Chin's Chinese Cuisine in Minnetonka, Minnesota. She paid off original

Leeann Chin Chinese Cuisine

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Leeann Chin

investors in two years and now, as sole owner, is supported by venture capital investors. Her single restaurant has grown into a network of 38 locations. Her company also encompasses the Asia Grille restaurant concept with Seattle and Twin Cities locations.

While Chin said that her "buffet"

locations, such as Troy, have similar decor, what the diner finds is East meets West in the new millennium.

The 3,200 square foot layout seats 64 in a colorful, ultra-modern atmosphere done in eggplant, hot pink, orange, yellow and navy. On the walls, Chinese symbols spell out "Chinese Cooking," while the logo character says "Chin."

At a start-up cost of \$385,000, the Troy location will need a steady flow of Sichuan and Cantonese food lovers.

And this is what's offered: a well-stylized eat-in or take-out menu with all items under \$7. Among appetizers, try either the Oyster Wings (chicken wings in a savory oyster sauce) or if you like lots of flavor, Sichuan Wings, the kicked-up version in a hot and spicy chili sauce.

Chicken, vegetables and just the right touch of fresh ginger fill the potstickers. Order them pan-fried.

The Chinese Chicken Salad with crispy noodles and house sesame dressing is delicious. In addition to two daily entree spe-

cial, tied for most popular regular entrees are Peking Chicken and Lemon Chicken. Beef Lo Mein is a close second. Vegetarian Stir Fry will appeal to those preferring meatless. Selection of ingredients varies, so inquire if you have unfavorable veggies.

Not a fan of sweet and sour, I liked the Sesame Chicken with its tangy, balanced sesame sauce. But if you can't decide what to order, consider the Combinations. The half-appetizer and half entree combo at \$4.95 is a generous lunch.

At 66 years old, but looking 20 years younger, Leeann Chin is an amazing woman epitomizing the American dream. Her spirit is alive in long-time employees whom she calls "my children." Sue Calton and Jason Erickson combine 27 years with Chin as the driving forces behind the cooking and training of local, young chefs seen preparing food selections in the open kitchen. As training director, David Hill has given all waitstaff their skills.

So enamored with the Leeann Chin concept, former Smitty's Grill (downtown Rochester) general manager Jim Burr has taken his 13 years of restaurant experience with him to carry out general manager duties in Troy. Chin, as inspired founder and corporate chairperson, has also attracted the likes of former Bruger's CEO Steve Finn to carry out CEO responsibilities for her.

Corporations in the heart of



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Getting ready for customers: General manager Jim Burr checks out the buffet at Leeann Chin Chinese Cuisine in Troy.

Troy take note! There's a delivery menu with recommended 24-hour notice. Orders under \$75 need pick-up, but those over \$75 can be delivered.

If you like the salad dressing or sauces, you can buy them. The Imperial Sauce is a fast appetizer with bagel chips or the special Leeann Chin chips. Try the Peking sauce with barbecue items, in a quick stir-fry, on hamburgers, as a glaze for pork chops, grilled or pan-fried fish.

Leeann Chin has made her eatery appealing to people on the go who want healthy, flavorful, savory Chinese dishes and who

WHAT'S COOKING

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LE GALA DE CUISINE

Event 3-6 p.m. Sunday, May 23 at Cranbrook Schools showcases 40 chefs from metro Detroit restaurants. The event will feature a silent auction, appearance by jazz saxophonist George Benson, and continuous entertainment by Cranbrook Kingswood music ensembles. In addition to having the opportunity to sample appetizers, entrees, desserts, coffees and fine wines, guests will receive a one-of-a-kind cookbook with recipes from participating chefs. Tickets \$125 (friend), \$150 (patron) and \$200 (benefactor), call (248) 683-6099. Cranbrook Schools are at 550 Lone Pine Road.

MOREL FEAST

Unique Restaurant Corporation's 13th annual feast celebrates morels. The cost is \$44.95 per person, not including tax or gratuity. It will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday, May 26-

27 at Morel's a Michigan Bistro, (248) 642-1094; 7 p.m. Friday, May 28 at Northern Lakes Seafood Company, (248) 646-7900 and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 29 at No. VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar, (248) 305-5210.

BUCA DI BEPPO

New restaurant opening June 15, 38888 Six Mile Road (across from Laurel Park Place) features Southern Italian dishes. A team of muralists, artists and painters is busy getting ready for the opening. The "decorating" team is recreating the Sistine Chapel, Italian country scenes and other scenes to bring the "passion of Little Italy to your neighborhood." The restaurant will be open 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 5-11 p.m. Friday, 4-11 p.m. Saturday and 4-10 p.m. Sunday. Keep reading the dining page for more information.

OUTDOOR DINING

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 play, concluding with when the Wings again bring home the Stanley Cup. For more information and reservations, call (248) 348-5555.

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