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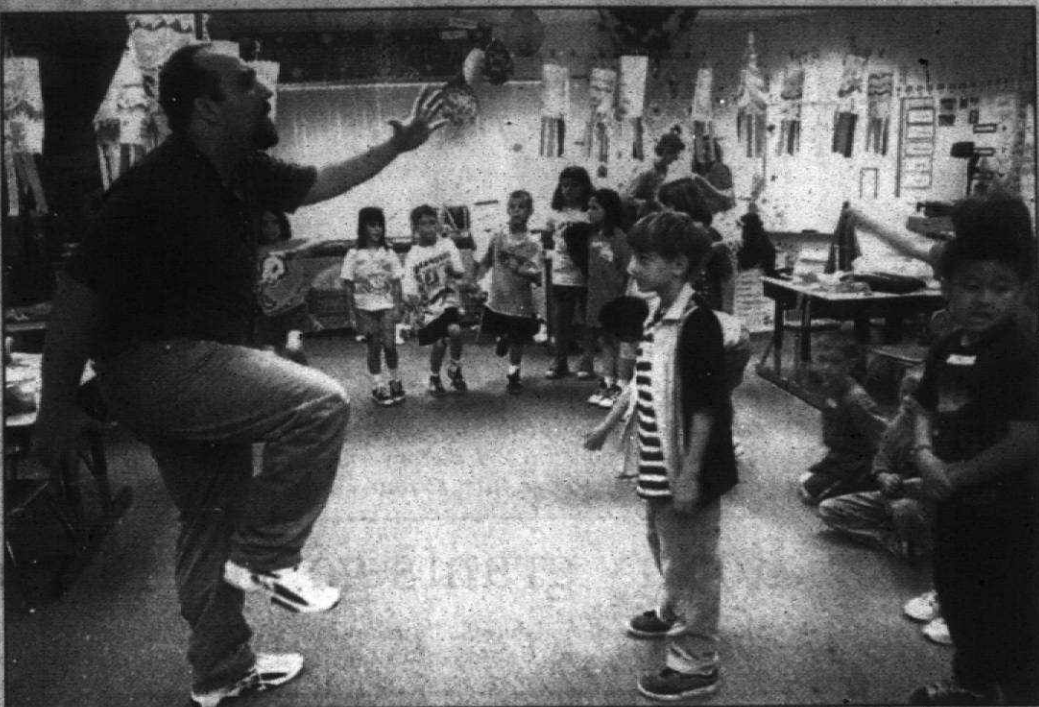
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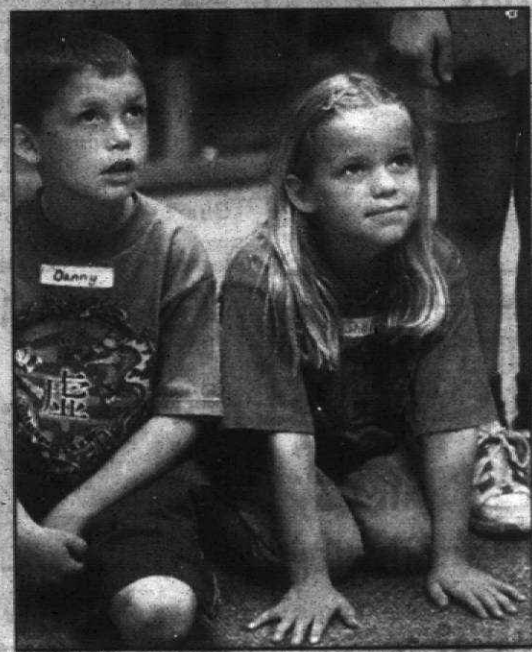


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Drama: Actor Joey Albright (left), demonstrates how to "run" in slow motion for the kids in Mary Leach's second grade class at Tonda School, while Danny Arney and Shelby Anthony (below) watch.



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Stagecraft Tonda students learn from pros

The only things missing were the curtain, the footlights and the playbill Thursday in Mary Leach's second grade class at Tonda Elementary.

Everything else — including acting knowhow and imagination — was supplied by the Purple Rose Theatre Company.

The company's outreach program called, "Kid Purple,"

also visited Bird, Hoben and Smith Elementary Schools in the Plymouth-Canton district last week. The program, which is designed to give children a first-hand experience at acting, is funded with grants from the Educational Excellence Foundation and the Canton Community Foundation and coordinated by the district and the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Nursery owner's touch warms Ford Road

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If Canton feels a little more tropical these days, it's not because of the weather.

Temperatures have been well below normal this week and skies gray like late fall. But none of that matters to Dennis Crimboli.

The Ford Road nursery owner is doing his part to warm things up. He recently planted 20 palm trees near the entrance of his business.

"Every year I spend a lot of money planting flowers for curb appeal," said Crimboli. "But I finally realized that it wasn't anything different than anybody else does."

"This will give us curb appeal. I pride myself on being unique in my field."

The palms trees serve another purpose, too. Crimboli lives in Florida during the winter months.

"I miss Florida in the summer," he said. "So this reminds me of my home. I think it's a bit of sunshine for every-

one."

Crimboli opened shop on Ford Road just east of Napier in 1977. His original intent for the business was to grow large trees for commercial clients.

But he soon began offering shade and ornamental trees and service to the general public. Since then, Crimboli has grown the nursery working with a host of municipalities, businesses and homeowners.

Not bad for a guy who had no formal horticultural training before going into the business.

Crimboli said he began working with trees in his early 30s simply because it was what he loved to do. He gave up a good-paying job as a tool and die man.

"I took a tremendous cut in pay," he commented. "But I was happy to get up and go to work."

Besides selling and installing trees, Crimboli offers custom landscaping. The nursery employs a pair of designers that work with homeowners and municipalities to create perfect gardens and more.

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Naples, Fla. moves north: That's no illusion. Ford Road drivers are seeing palm trees along the right of way east of Napier. Nursery owner Dennis Crimboli planted the trees this spring.

Trustee: Voters benefit from business approach



BY TONY BRUSCATO
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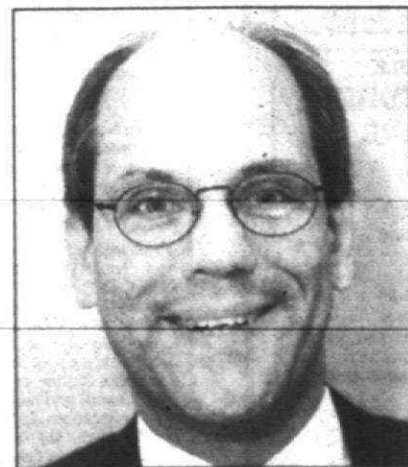
Plymouth-Canton school board president Mike Maloney believes

experience will be the key in guiding the district through budget problems, the opening of three new school buildings, and the challenge of charter schools.

Maloney is hoping that voters will choose experience and re-elect him to the Board of Education in the June 14 election.

"It takes a while to get acclimated on the board, and with everything that's going on now, people should go with experience to keep continuity," said Maloney.

"I don't think there's anybody else on the board, or who is running, that has the business experience I've got, the financial background, and the experience of running a large organization," said Maloney, director of the Multime-



Mike Maloney

dia Strategic Business Unit for Vision. "I've tried to bring that experience with me to the board."

Maloney said he's proud of his first

Please see MALONEY, A6

Go quackers! First-ever Duck Derby is Aug. 13

BY RICHARD PEARL
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As that famous movie star, Daffy Duck, would say: "Thufferin' thucotash!"

Canton Township is planning a race that's sure to quack you up.

It's the first-ever Great Canton Duck Derby, scheduled for Aug. 13 in Heritage Park, under direction of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Its planners promise it'll be as fair as it is fowl.

An estimated 1,500 yellow rubber ducks — each one "adopted" by area residents and bearing the number of the "adoption paper" its owner has — are expected to bob their way through a pre-determined course on the park's big pond.

Owner of the winning duck and the runners-up will be awarded prizes from the more than 100

already donated by area businesses. And they aren't talking duck-feed. The top one sends Poppa Drake and Momma Duck winging it on a pair of round-trip Northwest Airline tickets to any destination in the continental United States.

Flying south for the winter never seemed easier.

Other prizes include a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond, autographed Detroit Red Wings items, autographed Detroit Pistons basketballs, stereos, camcorders, golf awards and Summit gift certificate.

There'll even be a Lame Duck Prize for the fowl finishing last: a Peking Duck dinner from a local Chinese restaurant.

During the race, marching bands will play along the pond's banks and all duck owners will be treated to a "Quackers and Cheese Party" spon-

Please see DUCK DERBY, A6

CARRIER OF THE MONTH: CANTON

STEPHANIE LYNN BUCHANAN
Stephanie Lynn Buchanan, 11, delivers the Canton Observer in the Edenbrook Farms subdivision. She has been delivering the Observer since June 1998.

The Lowell Middle School sixth-grader's favorite subjects are social studies and reading. Her hobbies are computers, crafts, and reading. She won the sweet success rewards for academic achievement and the physical fitness award.

Stephanie wants to go to college and become a teacher.

Earning and spending money and meeting nice people are some of the things she likes about her route.



Stephanie Lynn Buchanan

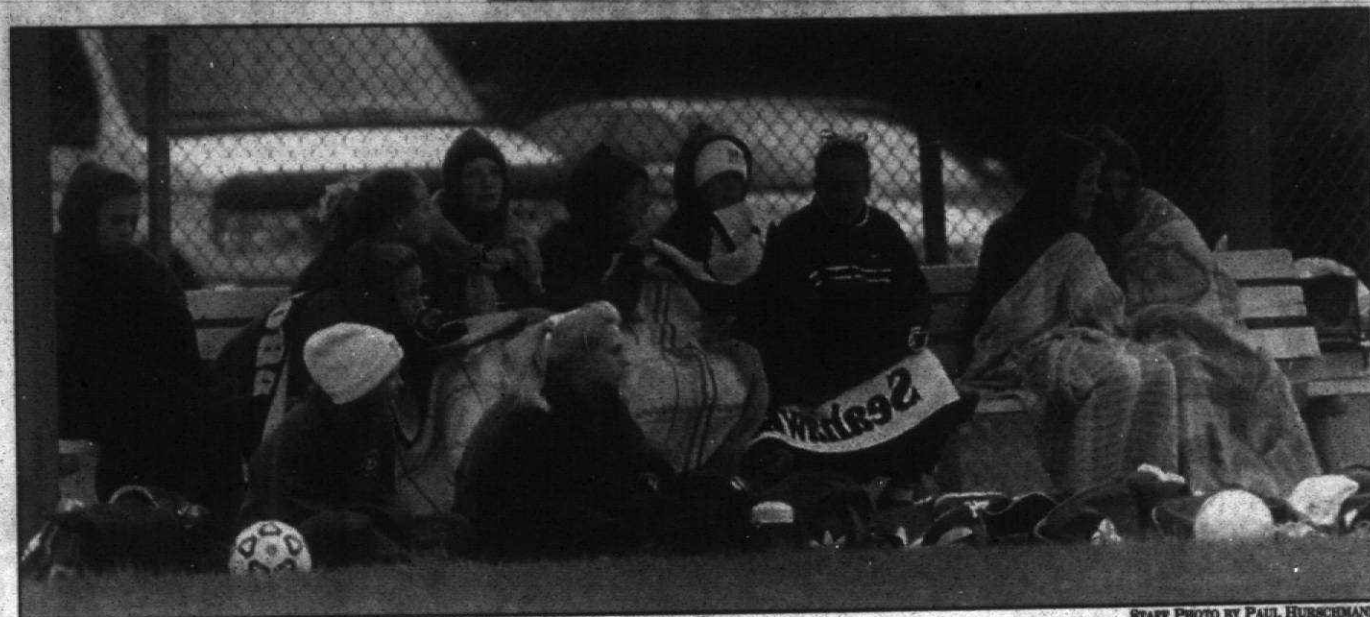
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Weathering the Wildcats



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Game faces: Members of the Plymouth Salem girls soccer team huddle together - literally - in an effort to beat the cold and their opponent, the Novi Wildcats, in Monday's match at the state district tournament. The Rocks scored a 2-1 victory and will move on to face the Northville Mustangs today. For more on the tournament, please turn to today's Sports section.

Rotary grants go to 7 Plymouth-Canton students

The Rotary Clubs of Plymouth, Plymouth A.M. and Canton announced awards of seven Rotary Vocational-Technical

Scholarships to seniors at the Plymouth Centennial Educational Park.

Achievement in vocational and technical course as well as school activities, work experience and community service determined the successful students.

They are: Chad E. Leggo of Canton, Salem High School; Jason W. Tripp of Canton, Salem High School; Cathie J. Kowalski of Canton, Salem High School; Charles D. Hamblin of Plymouth, Salem High School;

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EOSINOPHILIC GRANULOMA
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Family-owned store competes in Blockbuster's shadow

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Personalized service has helped a small Canton video store survive in the shadow of a much bigger competitor for over a dozen years.

"We take time to talk with the customers," says Brenda Miller, co-assistant manager of Universal Sight and Sound Video, 4000 N. Lilley, which found itself just a stone's throw from Blockbuster Video when the video giant opened on Ford Road in 1986.

"We get to know the customers and we know what's going on with the whole family," says Miller, who's worked at the former Video World store almost six years.

Now, she says, three generations of customers are coming in to rent or buy videos and video games.

And when a female customer asks, "Do you think my husband will like this?" Miller can answer authoritatively. "I've watched the guy rent for years and so I know what he likes to watch," Miller says.

"Personalized service has kept us in business, that's for sure,"

says Randy Johnston, whose store opened around 1984. He also credited loyal employees and flexible store policies with building "a really strong, loyal customer base."

Longtime customer Norm Sinclair, who began shopping at the Westland flagship store when it opened and urged Video World to open in Canton when he moved here, agrees with the assessment.

"I've had memberships in other places, but it's the people at Universal that bring him back. They know you - you're not a number."

Three times a week

Sinclair, a salesman, says he's in Universal two to three times a week, renting movies for himself and video games for his son.

Universal also always has "a good selection, and I like the fact I can reserve movies up to five days in advance. You can't do that in a lot of other places," Sinclair says.

Says Elaine Latila, "They just key me into the computer when I come in. They know me."

A Canton resident since 1976, Latila says she was stunned to

learn last year she was the store's best customer, having spent over \$12,000 since 1985. "I told them, 'You guys should give me a shirt,'" she laughs.

Store manager Sandi Hasson, with the company almost eight years, says Universal's video selection, which includes digital video discs (DVD), is better than Blockbuster's because the store kept its old titles when it underwent remodeling four years ago and now loans them at no charge.

"We also have the authority to bend the rules," she says.

But Johnston says "It's been a rough go" since Blockbuster and Hollywood Video started leasing directly from movie studios last year.

The arrangement - which gets the pair far more copies of new releases than by purchasing them from wholesalers, as Universal and other small outlets still do - meant Blockbuster and Hollywood "really beefed up the market (share) they could take. They hurt us."

To compete, he says, Universal plans five-day rentals on recent - not new - releases and will cut its fee from \$2.99 to \$2.75. It

also plans free children's rentals.

In 1984, Johnston and two friends co-founded Video World, which grew to 13 affiliated stores. Now only Westland and Canton remain and only Johnston is in videos.

"They're a tough business," says Johnston, who realized a few years ago he needed a new field. Earning a degree in business administration in 1995, he has since turned over store operations to his wife, Shari, while he concentrates on VR Metro Malls, which builds,

hosts and promotes Internet sites (www.vrmetro.com).

But Johnston recalls with relish his 1986 encounter with the



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARROLL

Business philosophy: Brenda Miller, an assistant manager at Universal Sight and Sound, says personal service allows the independent store to compete with giant chains.

neighboring Blockbuster. "I went over there and said to the lady, 'Say, you opened pretty close to that little video store

around the corner, didn't ya?' he relates. "And she said, 'They won't be there long.'"

Police seeking leads in rape

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Police are still searching for a man who posed as a furnace repairman and raped an 18-year-old Canton woman last week.

According to township officer Leonard Schemanske, the department has no new leads on the man. Calls are still coming in daily, however.

"We're getting about 10 calls a day," said Schemanske. "But we don't have any formal suspects."

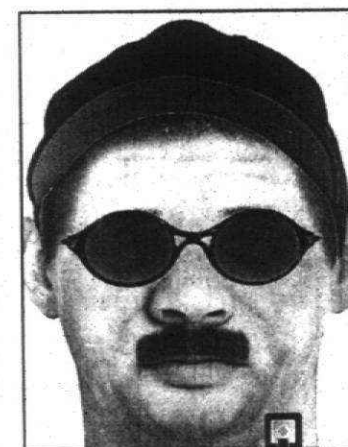
The incident occurred May 17 at the Stoneybrook Apartments on Joy Road east of Haggerty.

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 woman's apartment at about 8 a.m.

He told her he needed to check her furnace, Schemanske said. The woman, he added, thought a roommate had made a maintenance appointment and let him in.

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

The incident lasted 20 to 30 minutes, said Schemanske. Because the assault included

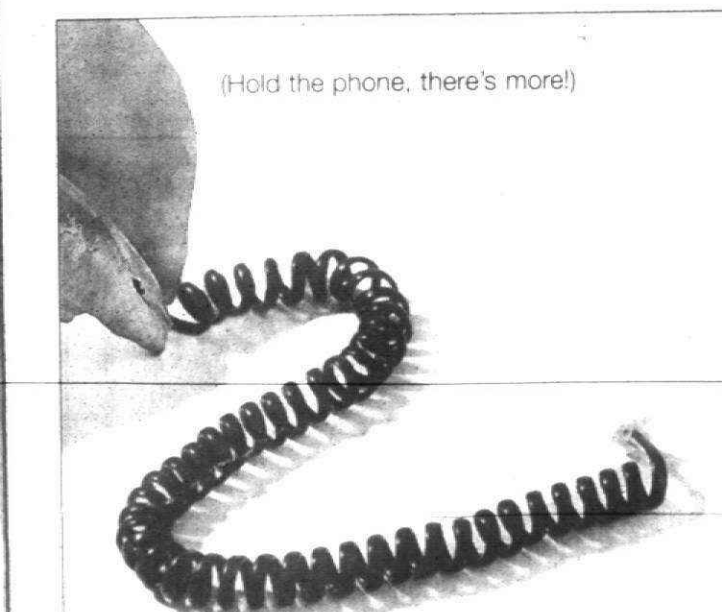


Wanted: A police composite of the assailant taken from the victim's description

sexual penetration, it is considered first-degree criminal sexual conduct, he added. The felony carries a maximum term of life in prison.

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

Those with information about the case are asked to call Canton Police at (734) 397-5344.



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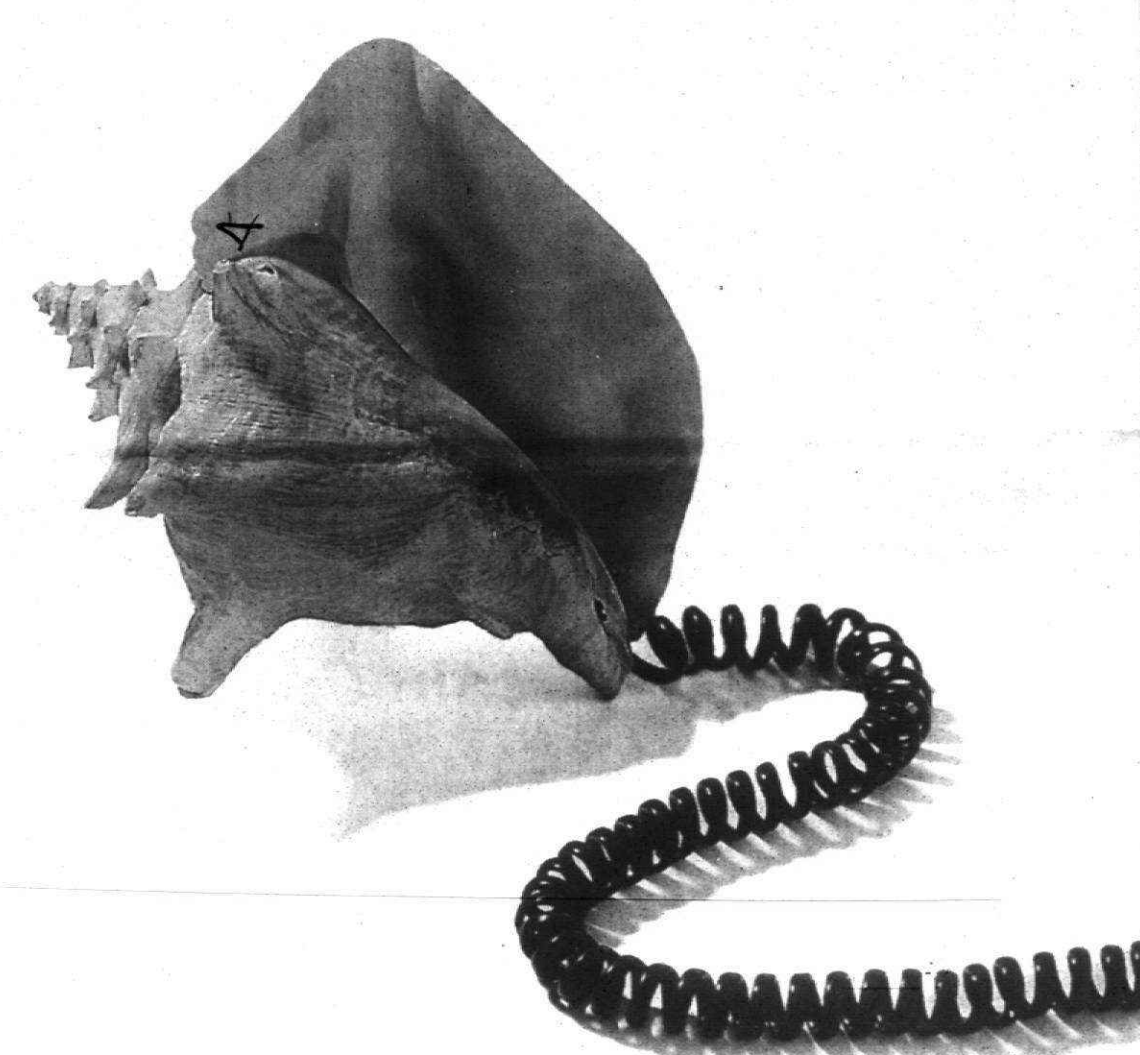
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Money from page A1

Little said the money will be used to increase the district's fund balance.

The error was found by Carol Saunders, adult education coordinator for Plymouth-Canton Schools, who couldn't understand how her program had more students in adult ed than many other districts, but wasn't generating as much state funding.

"The numbers just didn't look right," said Saunders. "I just couldn't understand why."

The big break came when Saunders, still puzzled about the figures, began mentioning it to her colleagues in other districts.

"A few weeks ago I was talking with people from another district about the state pupil accounting rules, and I found out that other schools were interpreting the rules

differently than we do, and consequently getting more money from the state," said Saunders. "I compared their figures and ours and found the difference."

Saunders said the state legislature made some changes in pupil accounting rules back in 1996, but no one in the district made the change and it wasn't caught by auditors.

Board member Roland Thomas said he believes it was a misunderstanding in the change of the state requirements.

"When there is a change, we need to make certain we understand it. There needs to be a check and balance that should have caught it," added Thomas. "I'm not angry, but upset that we nearly lost the money. I need more information as to why it happened."

"I'm glad we had a committed employee who investigated the situation, or we could be out more money," said Trustee Darwin Watts. "It raises questions about how this could happen."

"I have concerns that someone didn't interpret the changes correctly. We need a checks and balance process," said Trustee Sue Davis.

Superintendent Little said the money generated this year, and for subsequent years, will be put to good use.

"This helped us move closer to matching our five-year projection and establish some priorities," said Little. "The major priority in the whole process is to be sure that five years from now we've accrued a fund balance so we can open our new schools on time and staff them properly."

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■ The official beginning of hurricane season for the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico is June 1.
■ June is Turkey Lovers' Month! It's a month to promote awareness and increase turkey consumption at a non-holiday time.

Heard any good books lately?
Here are some new, non-fiction books on audio tape available at the library:
■ "Victor Hugo: A Biography" - Robb
■ "Speaking Without Fear or Nervousness" - Sutton
■ "Never Be Lied to Again" - Lieberman
■ "How to Lead a Team" - Paxton
■ "High Impact Leadership" - Sanborn

Q & A:
Q: What is a "Johnstown Flood"?
A: On May 31, 1889, heavy rains caused the Conemaugh River Dam to burst. At nearby Johnstown, Pa., the resulting flood killed more than 2,300 people and destroyed the homes of thousands more. Nearly 800 unidentified drowning victims were buried in a common grave at Johnstown's Grandview Cemetery. So devastating was the flood and so widespread the sorrow for its victims that "Johnstown Flood" entered the language as a phrase to describe a disastrous event.

The source for this information is "Chase's 1999 Calendar of Events."

Web Watch
Check out these new Web sites:
■ <http://www.compare-it.net>
■ <http://www.michigan.org>
■ <http://www.cruising.org>
■ <http://www.freeandfun.com>

It's a crime
Here are some top-notch crime novels available at the library:
■ "The Last Kabbalist of Lisbon" by Richard Zimler
■ "Last Rites" by John Harvey
■ "Liberty Falling" by Nevada Barr
■ "Serpent Gate" by Michael McGarrity
■ "Sight for Sore Eyes" by Ruth Rendell

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Man charged in chase

A 38-year-old Canton man was charged with fleeing and eluding township police after a May 19 incident.

Canton officers saw a black Chevy pick-up run a traffic signal at the intersection of Palmer and Haggerty at 1:15 a.m., according to reports.

As officers attempted to stop the pick-up, it increased speed and the driver refused to stop. Two large windows that were in the back of the truck fell onto the roadway.

The pick-up then ran two more traffic lights. The truck's driver finally pulled out and ran into the Sherwood Mobile Home park on Haggerty south of Michigan Avenue.

Police later apprehended the man. The pick-up had been reported stolen in Detroit. The suspect had five outstanding arrest warrants for drug violations.

Also recovered were six windows from the bed of the truck. They were from a construction site in Canton.

Natural death
An 85-year-old Canton woman was found dead in her apartment.

COP CALLS
ment Friday morning. According to police reports, the woman was discovered lying on her bathroom floor. Her daughter notified Canton Police and rescue. Her death was determined as natural by the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office.

Dumping
A 24-year-old Canton woman told police that a man driving a blue pick-up truck dumped a half-dozen garbage bags in a field next to her home in the 48000 block of Saltz Road Friday.

She copied down his license plate number and notified township police. The man lives on the 3500 block of Avondale Street in Westland.

The bags were filled with grass clippings.

Phone stolen
A 52-year-old Canton woman reported her car cellular phone stolen Thursday.

Her vehicle was parked in the driveway of her home on the 46000 block of Bartlett. The phone probably was stolen between 6 p.m. May 19 and 7:50 a.m. Thursday.

MDOP
Two cars owned by a 30-year-old Canton man were damaged Thursday by someone.

Both cars were parked in the driveway of a home in the 6500 block of Paul Revere. One had two tires slashed causing \$325 worth of damage. The second car had been keyed and had a tire slashed. Damage was estimated at \$400.

Retail Fraud
Two Westland John Glenn High School students were arrested for retail fraud after an incident on Friday.

The two teens, one from Canton and the other Westland, entered Kohl's Department Store shortly before 6 p.m. Once inside, they headed to the junior's department.

Each teen took two tank tops and attempted to leave the store without paying, police say. The shirts were valued at about \$50 total.

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■ Southfield, stream cleanups, Beech Woods Park, Beech Road just south of Nine Mile. Brandy Bakita, (248) 354-5344

■ Westland & Holiday Nature Preserve, wetland planning, stream cleanup, storm drain stenciling, nesting boxes, rear parking lot, Service Merchandise, Central City Parkway and Nankin Boulevard. Bob Patterson, (734) 595-0288 ext. 223.

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Group eyes petition drive on concealed weapons law

By MIKE MALOTT
STAFF WRITER

If Michigan lawmakers go ahead with plans to change the state's conceal weapons permit process, it will likely be challenged at the ballot box.

Carolynne Jarvis, executive director of the Lansing-based Michigan Partnership to Prevent Gun Violence, said her group is compiling a list of names of anyone who would like to get involved in a petition drive to overturn any "shall issue" law that may be passed by the legislature.

A petition drive would be headed up by the Law Enforcement Coalition, a group of associations representing prosecutors, sheriffs, state troopers and other law officers, Jarvis explained.

She said the groups expect to challenge any changes to the law which say local gun boards "shall issue" permits when certain criteria are met, eliminate "determination of need" to get a permit, or reclassify the majority of permits as general rather than restricted. Most permits issued currently are restricted.

"At a time when kids are picking up guns as personal problem-solving tools, it's atrocious that an entire legislature is saying that for adults guns are personal problem-solvers of first resort, that the world is so dangerous adults have to walk around with a gun strapped to their hip on a daily basis," Jarvis said.

State senators delayed action on the proposed conceal weapons legislation last week in the wake of yet another school shooting, this time in Georgia. But the proposal was expected to be back on track this week. Passage of bills changing Michigan's permit process is expected before lawmakers recess for the summer in June.

Before the Senate is a package of bills passed earlier by the House of Representatives as well as its own version of concealed weapons reform, Senate Bill 460, sponsored by Sen. David Jaye, R-Washington Township.

According to Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, the result will likely be a combination of the two packages.

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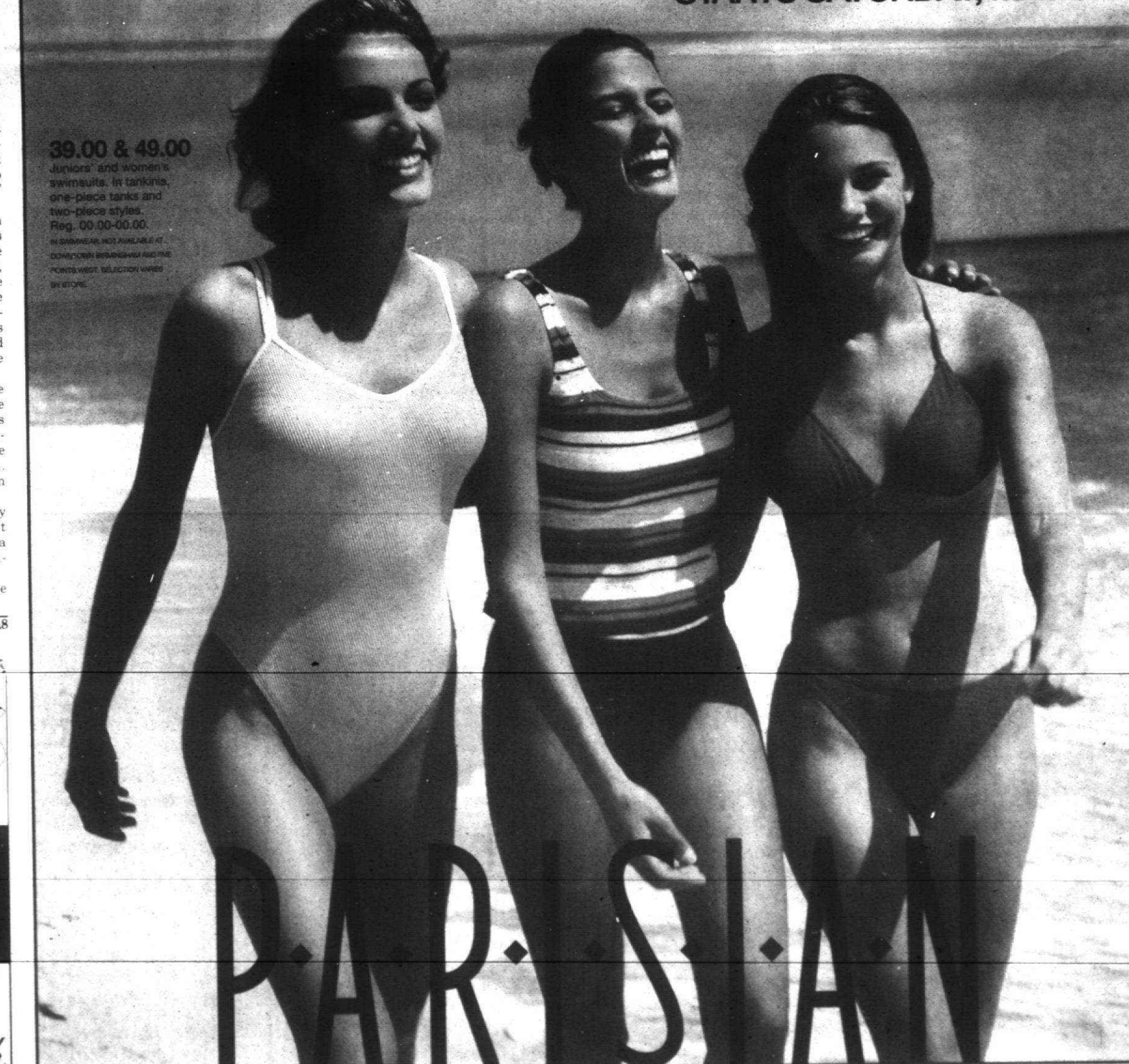
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Maloney from page A1

four years on the board, naming Wayne State. If someone made a deal we couldn't refuse, we'd be foolish not to listen. However, we need to put kids first in any kind of decision."

Maloney knows that charter schools will have an effect on the Plymouth-Canton district, but believes it can be more of a challenge than a problem.

"Some folks in the community are in denial that charter schools can take a dent out of the population of the school district," said Maloney. "You have to take the threat seriously."

"I think it's clear there are people who like choice ... and that's been good for the consumer and for the companies who spot the trends," said Maloney. "I don't think it will be much different for schools. It's going to cause us to change the way in which we do things, be more precise about what we offer. Then we'll have to develop a marketing and promotional plan, and solid academic plans, because we'll be competing for people."

Maloney believes the board needs to listen to its customers better, or face losing them.

Candidate profile

■Name: Mike Maloney
■Age: 43
■Residence: Plymouth Township
■Occupation: Director of multimedia strategic business unit for Visteon, a division of Ford Motor Co.
■Family: Maloney and his wife, Gail, a fifth-grade teacher at Allen, have one son, Jake, a fourth-grader at Bird Elementary.
■Offices held: Treasurer, vice president and current president of Plymouth-Canton Board of Education
■Civic Memberships: St. John Neumann Catholic Church

"Schools, in general, don't listen very well," added Maloney. "They don't look at students and parents as customers. We've tried to do that by taking some surveys and getting citizens involved in committees to get in touch with what they want, and what they want to keep them coming back."

Duck Derby from page A1

sored by Holiday Market. After the race, everyone's invited to watch - yep, you guessed it - "The Mighty Ducks" movie, on the 30-foot outdoor amphitheater screen.

If you don't have your ducks in a row yet, you better get quacking. Adoption papers became available Saturday during the annual trout-fishing derby at Heritage, and will be available daily at the Summit on the Park and during Liberty Fest, June 17-20.

One duck costs \$2, but you can buy three for \$5 or seven for \$11 - the latter sure to appeal to "high rollers." The more you adopt, the better your chance of winning.

Bob Dates, parks and rec director, said he "hatched" the idea for the Great Canton Duck Derby last fall while vacationing in San Diego, Calif., where he saw the big duck race they've had there for some 20 years. More than 50,000 ducks participated, at \$5 a quack - er, crack.

But "we priced our ducks low, comparatively ... because it's new here and we want people to have fun," Dates said. Derby proceeds will help support the department's special events and other programs.

Larger packages of ducks are available by calling Duck Central (aka the Parks and Recreation Department) 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at (734) 397-6110. Those adopting seven or more ducks will receive a special Canton Duck Derby pin.

Palm trees from page A1

"We handle things on a large scale for cities," said Crimboli. "We do a lot of streetcapes." As for the palm trees, it didn't take customers long to notice.

"We had 90 calls the first day," said Crimboli. "We had to shut off the phones."

Each of the trees stands 26 feet in height. Crimboli described them as very delicate specimens.

"If frost gets them for five minutes," he said, "it will kill them."

Some folks want to by the trees despite the risks. A local car dealer, for example, purchased six palm trees at \$750 each for his home.

"I love it," Crimboli said. "Where I live, it's all palm trees. I feel right at home. It's my sunshine."

Canton girl in May 30 pageant

Jillian Marie Calka, a student at Westland John Glenn High School, will be competing in Nationals' 1999 Miss Jr. Teen Detroit pageant on May 30.

The Canton resident will be competing for a share of more than \$20,000 in scholarships, prizes and specialty gifts.

In her spare time, Calka enjoys dance and gymnastics. Contestants compete in one of five divisions that will have young women between the ages of 7 and 23. The pageant includes modeling routines for casual wear and formal wear. Entrants also display their personalities and interviewing skills.

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Prosecutor's review of airport leases continues

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Even though a tentative settlement of \$450,000 was reached Monday with a parking operator at Detroit Metro Airport to reimburse Wayne County for refund claims on shuttle van leases, an independent evaluation by the Wayne County's Prosecutor's office is expected to continue this week on the company's vehicle leases.

Questions about the leases were first raised by Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy in an audit report released in December. Dunleavy found Wayne County could be paying as much as \$400,000 too much to APCOA to lease 37 vehicles and discovered the airport could have leased the majority of vehicles for an average of about \$17,000 each, not approximately \$28,000, as was the airport's actual reimbursement.

APCOA leased the shuttle buses through financial agreements with various lending institutions, then collected reimbursements from Wayne County.

David Katz, director of Detroit Wayne County

The question to be confronted is, why did Wayne County pay at or near levels that constituted 'full payout' and still get no credit for the disposition value of vehicles which were only 1 1/2 years old?

George Ward,
assistant prosecuting attorney, Wayne County

Metropolitan Airport, said airport officials reached a tentative settlement with APCOA. Katz expects to send letters this week to county commissioners and the county prosecutor's office informing them of the settlement.

"The commissioners gave us instructions within a range of \$350,000 and \$500,000 and the \$450,000 is within that range," Katz said.

Since that range was established, county prosecutors now believe Wayne County may be owed more than \$1 million, after they obtained information on more than 100 vehicle leases and title histories.

Monday's settlement also came four days after county commissioners voted to end the parking contract unless an agreement was reached with APCOA. In late March commissioners had approved a contract conditional upon the county

and APCOA settling the refund claim, estimated in the range between \$380,000 and \$500,000, within 30 days.

Commissioners set that range after George Ward, chief assistant prosecuting attorney for Wayne County, informed Dunleavy that Wayne County is entitled to a \$503,647 refund claim on APCOA's 37 lease agreements with lending institutions for shuttle buses.

On May 19 the prosecutor's office filed a complaint in Wayne County Circuit Court against McQ Leasing, the firm renting vans to APCOA, to obtain sales information on lease vehicles.

"The question to be confronted is, why did Wayne County pay at or near levels that constituted 'full payout' and still get no credit for the disposition value of vehicles which were only 1 1/2 years old?" asked George Ward, Wayne County chief assistant prosecuting attorney, in a letter May 12 to county Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy.

Ward said Wednesday: "My understanding is that the county commission's instructions were (Wayne County) wouldn't settle this thing until we evaluated it."

Ward reviewed the lease agreements after Dunleavy and his staff estimated the airport could have purchased shuttle vans for less than what the lease agreement cost. Dunleavy also reported his findings to the county prosecutor's office in accordance with the county ethics ordinance.

In March Ward said the prosecutors "did not find reason to suspect that the mistakes made locally on these leases reflect a culpability which should disqualify the corporation in the current bidding."

"However, the above refund (\$503,647) is an obligation of APCOA to Wayne County," Ward wrote. Ward had suggested if APCOA qualifies as the lowest responsible bidder on the pending contract, which it did, commissioners should require the refund claim as a contract condition.

New laws for those who own, operate watercraft

Owners and operators of personal watercraft will learn new rules taking effect this season with a new age limit and required training.

AAA Michigan wants to remind people of those rules this week during National Safe Boating Week.

No one under the age of 14 may operate a personal watercraft in Michigan, except for children aged 12 to 14 before Jan. 1, 1998, and who obtained a boating safety certificate before that date.

Those born after Dec. 31, 1978, must earn a boating safety certificate to operate a PWC. Certificates are received after passing a safe boating class. Classes are offered by boating organizations, the Red Cross and local law enforcement.

Other changes include:

- Children 12 years and under must wear an approved personal flotation device to ride a PWC. All PWC users must wear a PFD. Those under 12 are restricted to Type I or Type II devices, which keep an unconscious person face up in the water. Other types are Type III, which requires a person to tilt back his or her head to avoid being face down in the water; and Type IV, a ring or cushion to be thrown to an overboard victim.
- No one under age 7 shall be aboard a PWC without a parent or guardian.
- Anyone renting a PWC who does not have a valid boating certificate must participate in a safety briefing and obtain a temporary certificate from the rental provider for the rental period.

"These new state laws were created to help curb the number of PWC accidents, injuries and deaths due to the PWC's rapid rise in popularity," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan community safety services manager.

PWCs comprise less than 10 percent — 95,000 — of the more than 980,000 registered watercraft in Michigan. Yet 40 percent, or 214 of the 514 boating accidents in 1998 involved PWCs.

Four of the 25 people killed in boating accidents during 1998 were on PWCs, compared to only one in 1997. Of 63 accidents reporting more than \$100 in damage to craft or property, 35 percent, or 22, involved a PWC. PWC operators should follow these tips:

- Take the required classes to operate a PWC.
- Know your passengers and non-owner operators. Be sure friends can legally operate your PWC, or you could be liable.
- Never operate a PWC or any watercraft under the influence of alcohol. About half of all fatal boating accidents are alcohol-related.
- Know and follow all local boating regulations.
- Wear the proper personal flotation device. Last year 20 of 25 people killed in Michigan weren't wearing a PFD.

Canton helps lead building boom in '98

Southeast Michigan saw a building boom in 1998; the biggest year for residential construction in 25 years.

Some 25,870 building permits were issued in the region's seven counties during 1998, according to figures recently released by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. The last time residential building permits exceeded the 25,000 mark was in 1973, SEMCOG says.

Leading the way were Macomb Township where 1,848 permits were issued, Canton Township (1,279), and Chesterfield Township (865). Sterling Heights (822), Shelby Township (722), Waterford Township (717), Pittsford Township (604), Ypsilanti Township (524) and Novi (519) rounded out the top ten.

For apartments, Canton topped the list with 398. Independence ranked third with 347. Dearborn (7th, 280), Westland (8th, 266) Auburn Hills (9th, 264) and South Lyon (10th, 238) were the most built in areas.

Low mortgage rates, a surging economy and low unemployment were attributed as the causes for the growth. More young couples, many with children, seeking homes in the suburban fringe areas was also given credit for the growth, according to SEMCOG.

The report, "Residential Construction in Southeast Michigan, 1998," concludes Oakland and Macomb counties together accounted for more than half of the region's total growth.

Macomb Township, Canton and Chesterfield topped the list for residential units for the second year in a row. But Independence had the largest growth in new permits over 1997, seeing 441 more permits issued than last year. Holly and the city of Plymouth reported the largest declines.

The City of Detroit had the largest percentage gain in issuance of new housing permits, 232 percent, since new permits reached 316 when only 95 were issued the year before. Detroit led the region in demolitions with 5,609 homes being torn down.

In Livingston County, new single family homes are going up fastest in Genoa Township (301), Oceola Township (264), Hamburg Township (259), Hartland Township (163), Marion Township (149) and Brighton Township (145).

In Oakland County, new single family homes are being built most in Waterford (528), West Bloomfield (425), Independence (375), Novi (348), Rochester Hills (306), Commerce Township (286), Troy (274), Rochester (239), Orion (225), Oxford (218) and Oakland Township (216).

Other Oakland communities with more than 100 new homes were Farmington Hills (193), White Lake Township (193), South Lyon (155), Lyon Township (150), Springfield Township (138), Brandon Township (130), Pontiac (122), Highland Township (107) and Wixom (103).

In Wayne County, Canton led the single family home construction pack with 881 new homes. Then came Brownstown Township (293), Plymouth Township (233), Northville Township (200), Van Buren Township (142), Livonia (135), Southgate (127) and Westland (116).

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debate is what the laws say about carrying concealed weapons into schools, bars, restaurants, churches or sports arenas. The House-approved package, centered around House Bill 4530, sponsored by Rep. Mike Green, R-Mayville, would allow such establishments to post signs barring weapons from being brought into them. Senators are expected to amend the package to strictly prohibit concealed weapons from some buildings, schools in particular.

Another issue is whether local gun boards should be altered or done away with altogether. One proposal would hand the responsibility for permits over to the Secretary of State. Another would realign the membership of local gun boards.

At present, anyone who wants a permit to carry a concealed weapon has to apply to the county gun boards, which consist of prosecutors, sheriffs and representatives of the state police. Currently, those boards have discretion in handing out permits, and applicants are required to prove their need for a concealed weapon.

Both proposals would require the boards to issue permits if the applicants meet the criteria. Jarvis said her group favors the current discretionary system on concealed weapons permits.

Anyone who would like to contact the group, to sign up to take part in a petition drive, can reach the Partnership by calling (517) 332-4299.

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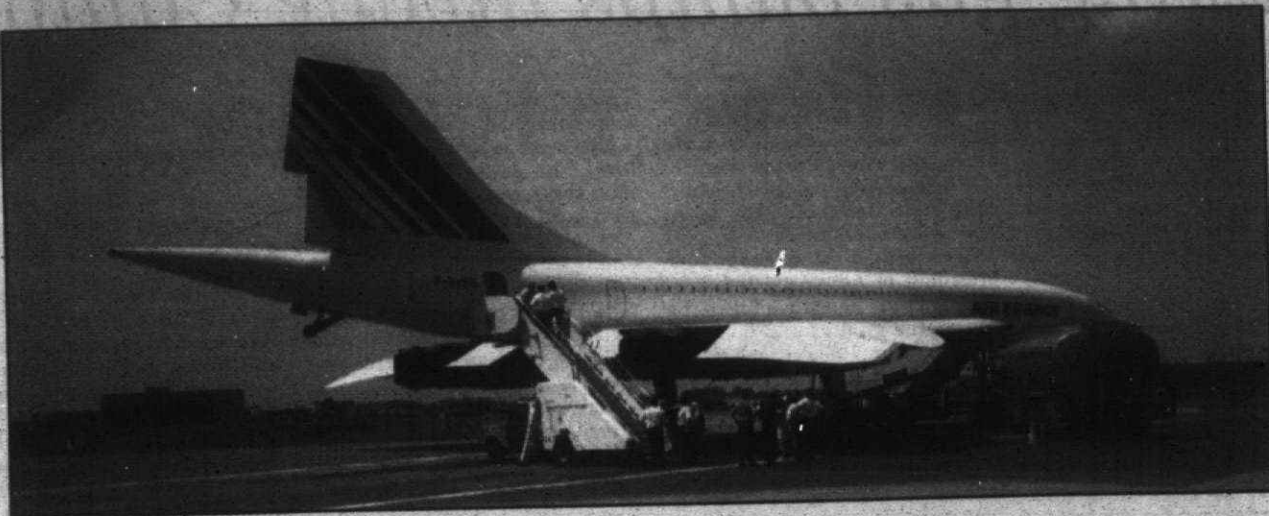
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CONCORDE WHISKS AREA NOMADS TO PARIS

STORY AND
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BY RENÉE
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IT is such a sleek way to defy gravity. For the first time in 14 years, the Concorde, the world's only supersonic passenger aircraft, flew into Detroit Metropolitan Airport last Friday, Saturday and Sunday and whisked away 297 excited members of the Nomads Inc., an air travel club based at the airport.

Their destination was Paris, a mere 3-hour, 45-minute flight from New York.

"This is the ultimate Nomads travel experience," said Jack Kozma, Nomads president.

The Nomads was founded in 1965 and now has 12,000 members, most living within 100 miles of the airport. For most of its trips, the Nomads uses its own Boeing 727-221A aircraft, which is housed in the club's own terminal.

"We call it our Super 727 Clubhouse," said Kozma.

However, last weekend's Concorde flights were a bit more than a trip in a flying clubhouse.

On the outside, the aircraft resembles a horizontal rocket, with a long, slim fuselage flaring into a pair of delta wings. The plane takes off at a much steeper angle than other passenger aircraft and approaches its landings at an upward angle.

One of the Concorde's most distinctive design features is its needle-nosed cockpit, which bends downward 12.5 degrees when landing for a better view of the runway.

"It looks like a praying mantis when it lands," said airport operations agent Ken Demers.

The plane's interior definitely was not built for large people or those with claustrophobia.

The cabin is just 8 feet wide. Twenty-five double rows of leather seats line each side of a nar-

row aisle. Also, the windows, from which Kozma said you can see the Earth's curve, are smaller than those in traditional aircraft.

Arnold and Colleen Knopp of Trenton, group leaders for the Friday flight tour, arrived well in advance of the Concorde's 5:25 p.m. departure. They were anxious for the flight to begin.

Colleen Knopp briefly described the sensation of accelerating into Mach 2 speed: "It pushes you back into your seat. Just before going into Mach 2, it's like going one...two...three...go!"

The Concorde cruises at an altitude of almost 60,000 feet at a speed of 1,367 miles an hour. Once in the stratosphere, there is no turbulence. Speed is sensed rather than felt.

"The only time you notice is when you're talk-

ing to your companion. You turn and it's light. Then you turn away and when you look again, it's dark," said Josiane DeAngelis, an Air France employee.

"It is like traveling as fast as the clouds," she added.

Each Concorde flight carried 99 passengers plus a crew of two pilots, one flight engineer and six cabin attendants. Passengers dined on Chateaubriand and orange mousse.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, a Nomads member but not a Concorde passenger, said the Nomads have been an "outstanding" member of the airport community for 34 years.

"They have lent their aircraft to Wayne Coun-

ty for emergency drills and made their facility available for important functions of U.S. Customs, Agriculture, the Weather Bureau, and Federal Aviation Administration.

"They have always worked cooperatively with airport management, and we are proud to assist them with this once-in-a-lifetime travel opportunity."

Several members of the press (not this reporter) flew on the Concorde from New York to Detroit compliments of Air France. Because of federal regulations prohibiting sonic booms over land, the 55-minute flight was flown at .98 Mach, or just over 600 miles per hour.

That's slower than the clouds, but still a thrill.

Concorde statistics

(There is some difference between Concordes)

- Take-off speed: 201-250 mph
- Average cruising speed: 1,336 mph at 55,000 feet
- Landing speed: 187 mph
- Length: 204 ft. 6 inches
- Wingspan: 84 ft. 9 inches
- Height: 37 ft.
- Engines: Four Rolls-Royce/SNECMA Olympus 593s, each producing 38,000 lbs. thrust with reheat.
- Range: 3,740 miles
- Fastest crossing of the Atlantic: New York to London in two hours, 54 minutes and 45 seconds.
- Comparable flights, Paris to New York: Concorde, 3 hours 45 minutes in each direction; Boeing 747, 7 hours 55 minutes.
- Number of Concordes in operation: 13 (six for Air France and seven for British Airways).



Rare bird: The Concorde, the world's only supersonic passenger aircraft, flew into Detroit Metropolitan Airport last Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the first time in 14 years. Nearly 300 members of the Nomads Inc., an air travel club based at the airport, took the aircraft on a 3-hour, 45 minute flight from New York to Paris.

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CAMPUS NEWS

The following students from Canton have earned a spot on the winter Dean's List at Schoolcraft College:

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Lindsay, Cynthia Renee Long, Nicole Lynn Lutz, Patrick Ronald Martinez, Russell Allan McNamee, Theresa Ann Metcalf, Michele Renee Miani, Cheryl Ann Moore, Annmarie Mortiere and Kevin Frederick Mueller.

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Talking gas pumps invade Canton

By DUNCAN E. WHITE
STAFF WRITER
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For those of you who have heard voices while filling your gas tanks at the Amoco Service Station at Cherry Hill and Canton Center, there's no need to worry.

What you're hearing is the "Fueling Talker," the latest marketing device to hit the driving crowd, and motorists aren't too enthused about its presence.

The device, a small speaker attached to the handle of several gas pumps, recites advertisements, trivia questions and assorted messages for drivers to hear while fueling.

"They're a little bit irritating ... they bother me," said Lauren Avery.

Others drivers said they had-

n't noticed them or have ignored the ads while filling up, and one motorist went as far as to write "I haven't really noticed them," said Leah Johnson. "It's more like background noise."

According to Jim Ferguson, president of Advanced Information Systems and inventor of the device, his product can be found at more than 100 stations in the metro Detroit area, including three in the Plymouth-Canton community.

"We've had them on the market for about a year now," Ferguson said. "Through responses from people and advertisers, we're adapting the systems and making adjustments to better serve the customer."

Ferguson said that some of the changes planned for the "Fueling

Talker" will allow customers more control over the device.

"We want to move it to another level," he said. "Right now we have two types of products. What we found was that the volume was either too loud or not loud enough so we're currently switching from our first models to a newer one, with volume switches, that allows the customer to have some control over them."

Ferguson said that the idea came to him in 1994. "I got one of those new talking Valentine's Day cards that came out a few years ago and I was thinking about it after that," he said. "It just hit me like one of those bolt-of-lightning kind of things."

He said the idea is not necessarily to bombard consumers

with more advertising but to replace much of the existing advertising at gas stations.

As for the annoyance expressed by drivers, Ferguson understands their feelings but believes the talking gas pumps will survive.

"You don't want somebody just yacking in your ear," he said. "We want to make it as pleasing as we can to the customer, and we've made and are making some changes to do that. We've trademarked it 'The Pump Radio Network' and 'Fun to Fuel.' I think that kind of indicates where we want to go with it."

Still, Dolores Kluba of Livonia feels it goes too far.

"I don't know why they have to advertise," she said. "I'm already here. I'm buying their gas aren't I? They've already got me."

2 students awarded Yazaki scholarships

Canton residents Katherine Marie Robiadek and Kirt McKee have each been awarded \$5,000 college scholarships from Yazaki North America as part of the Canton Community Foundation's Education Grant program.

Robiadek will graduate next month from Plymouth Salem High School. She will attend Michigan State University next fall to study political science.

McKee will study pre-med at the University of Michigan.

The Canton-based automotive supplier made the \$10,000 donation to the foundation grant program earlier this spring. The

program now offers more than 20 scholarships totaling about \$22,000.

Most of the grants are in the \$500-\$1,000 range.

The remaining awards for 1999 will be announced in June.

Applicants for the Yazaki grants were required to have a

grade point average of 3.0 or better, live in Canton, write an essay on their professional intentions, and have been accepted to an accredited Michigan college or university.

"This is a very generous gift from our friends at Yazaki," said Joan Noricks, foundation executive director. "I am not at all surprised by their contribution, especially to benefit the education of our young people."

"This is just another demonstration of what an important and responsible corporate citizen Yazaki has become in the Canton area."

Tom Moore, Yazaki North America vice president of finance and information systems, said the company is happy to invest in a community that has been so supportive to it and its people.

"There is no other community that we know of as hospitable and gracious as Canton. The people of Canton have taken an interest in Yazaki, its people and its culture."

The company, which manufactures wiring harnesses and other electronic components, employs 90,000 people worldwide and about 1,500 in Canton.

'I am not at all surprised by (Yazaki's) contribution, especially to benefit the education of our young people.'

Joan Noricks

Canton Community Foundation director

ADVERTISEMENT TO BID CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed bids will be received by the Office of the Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 10, 1999, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

6 x 4 UTILITY VEHICLE

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the name, address and telephone number of the Company/Person submitting the bid, and the name of the bid, bid opening date and time. Specifications are available in the Finance & Budget Department. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

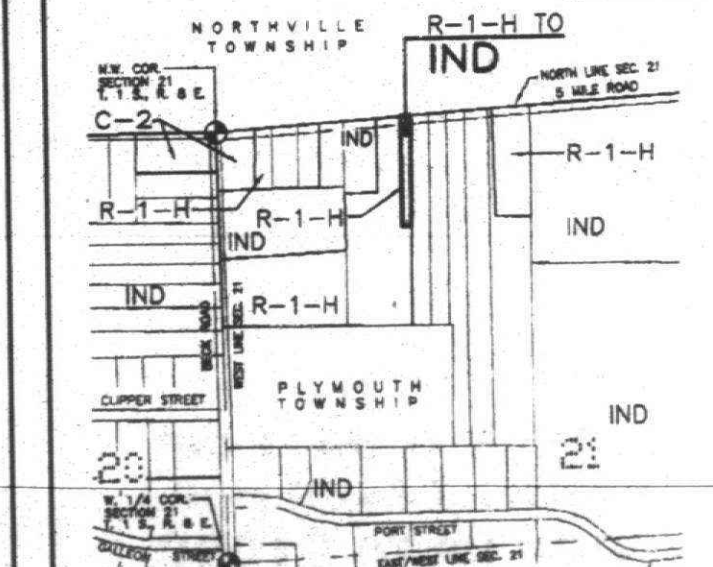
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

TO REZONE FROM: R-1-H SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
TO REZONE TO: IND, INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT
DATE OF HEARING: JUNE 18, 1999
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from R-1-H, "SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL" District, to IND, "INDUSTRIAL" District. Containing 1.0 acres, more or less.

Application #1581



LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR PARCEL DESCRIPTION SEE TAX RECORDS BASED ON TAX I.D. NUMBER - R78-010-99-0008-000

ORDINANCE NO. 83 AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 111 PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON EFFECTIVE DATE

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is 46558 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 465-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address for Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number: (734) 453-3840 x 201, TDD users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

MARCIA SAYLES, Secretary

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PARKING AREA IMPROVEMENTS

Sealed bids will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 until June 24, 1999, at 4:30, after which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. The bidders will be notified of the bid opening date.

The work includes the reconstruction of the Canton Township Hall parking lot. Major work includes the following: removal of approximately 3125 square yards of asphalt pavement, 718 linear feet of curb and 360 square yards of concrete sidewalk. The newly designed lot will consist of approximately 500 tons of asphalt, 5,700 square feet of concrete sidewalk, 1,700 linear feet of curb and gutter and complete landscaping (including lighting and irrigation). Some drainage structure work will be required. There are two alternatives for this project. Alternate one consists new light fixtures and landscaping. Alternate two consists of decorative stamped concrete sidewalk painted asphalt and decorative stamped concrete crosswalk. See bid form for detailed listings.

Bid documents are available for pick up at Dietrich, Bailey and Associates, P.C., 107 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan. A non-refundable fee of \$15.00 will be charged for the bid packet. Bid documents will be mailed for an additional charge of \$5.00. Call (734) 455-3111 for directions to the office of the Engineer.

Plans and specifications may be examined at Engineering Services, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 397-5405, and at the office of Dietrich, Bailey and Associates, P.C., 107 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan without charge.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid, payable to the Owner, as security for acceptance of the contract. A bid bond in the Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified Check.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the date set for the opening thereof.

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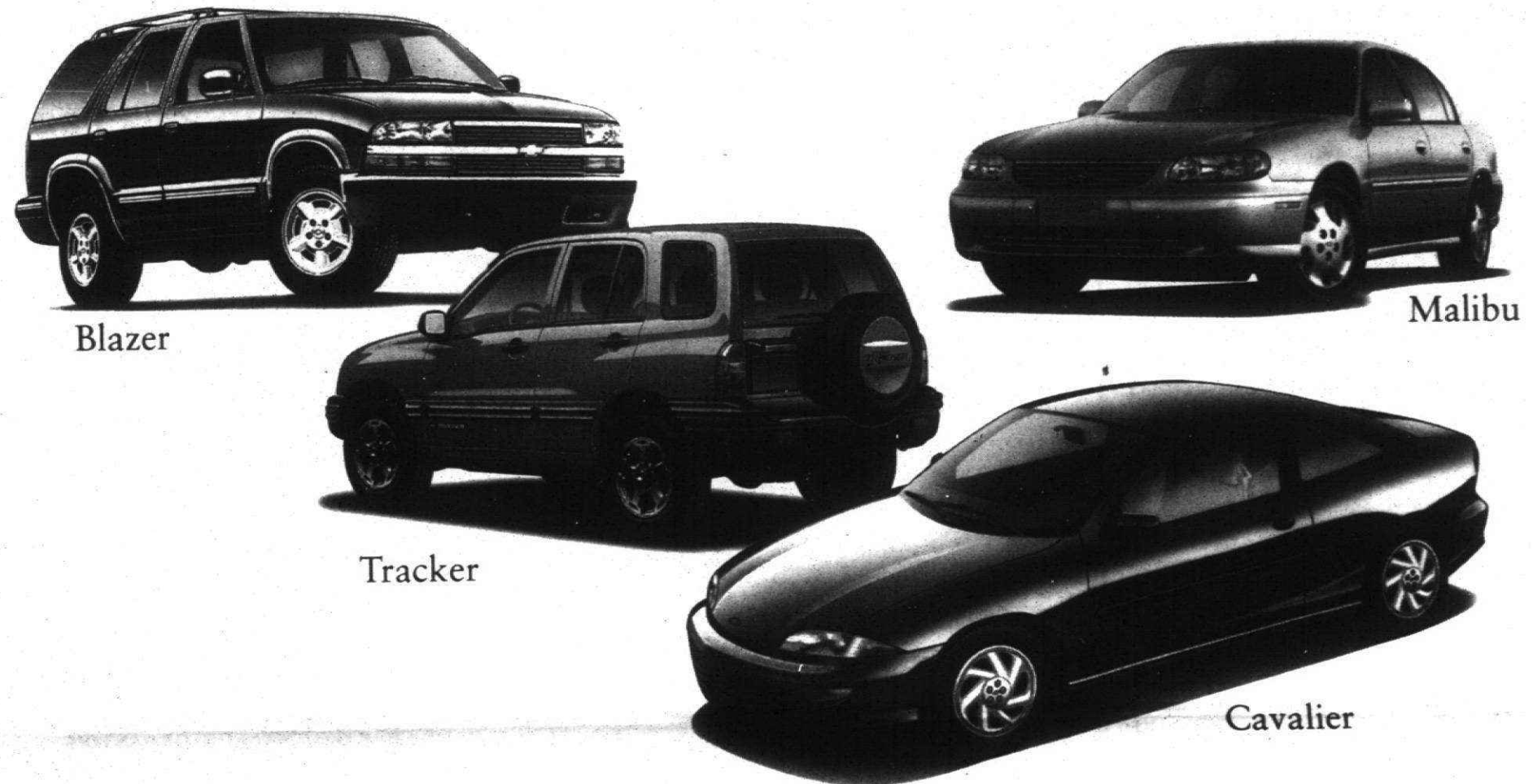
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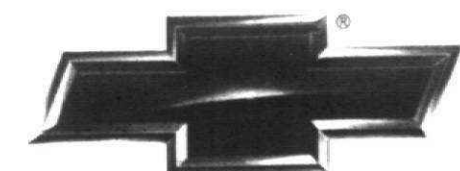
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\$299 1st Month Payment	\$199 1st Month Payment	\$198 1st Month Payment	\$219 1st Month Payment
\$325 Security Deposit	\$225 Security Deposit	\$225 Security Deposit	\$250 Security Deposit
\$1,623 Due at Lease Signing	\$1,299 Due at Lease Signing	\$1,248 Due at Lease Signing	\$1,744 Due at Lease Signing

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Grace Baptist to undergo renovations this spring

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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One of Canton's most established churches is making a few changes.

Grace Baptist will be adding landscaping and a new parking lot later this spring. The project will cost about \$160,000, according to the Rev. Gordon Cook.

"We'll be adding berms and trees that the township requires," he added. "We haven't had a parking lot before."

Grace Baptist has been located at the corner of Sheldon Road and Michigan Avenue for more than two decades.

Cook took over as pastor 12 years ago. He said he never runs out of ideas or topics for his weekly sermons.

"God has been good and gracious," said Cook. "The well hasn't

run dry."

Grace is a "reformed" Baptist assembly. Cook said the church aligns itself with the "great truths" that came out of the Reformation.

Teachings of Martin Luther, John Calvin and John Knox are also embraced by the church. Cook described the church as being more traditional than contemporary in style.

"There's no candy-coating," he said, "no marketing of the Gospel to make people feel comfortable. We don't try to modernize to get people into the building."

That's not to say the church doesn't address contemporary issues and themes.

Cook, for example, spoke to his congregation last week about the tragedy in Colorado. He'll soon begin a new series of sermons on major Christian character issues

in today's world.

While some may view Grace as an "old-fashioned" church, Cook doesn't see it that way. He believes the central messages of the Bible and salvation through Jesus Christ have "timeless relevance."

About 100 worshippers gather at the church each Sunday. While Canton residents provide the bulk of Grace's congregation, folks come from Detroit, Westland, Belleville and Ypsilanti as well.

"We're very diverse," Cook said of his congregation. "Most of them are young professionals."

Sunday school begins at 9:45 each Sunday. Worship services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Cook's sermons average about 50 minutes. The church also sponsors the radio broadcast, "God's Word To Our Nation" on WCM, 990 AM, each Sunday at 9 a.m. For more information about Grace Baptist Church of Canton, call (734) 397-2900.

County hopes reward will curb bomb threats

BY JEFF COULTS
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Wayne County Sheriff Robert A. Picano kicked off a reward system Friday at Redford Union High School in an effort to stop bomb threats at schools.

The announcement came after a bomb threat at Hilbert Junior High School on Wednesday that forced Redford Union school officials to evacuate the building. There was no bomb, and there were no injuries. One youth is in custody, said Tom Gay, Redford Union superintendent.

"Anonymous tipsters who furnish information that helps us to solve cases and make arrests can receive up to \$1,000 of reward money," said Picano.

He cited the shootings in Littleton, Colo., and the shooting of six students in Georgia. The Wayne County reward system would offer up to \$1,000

for anonymous tips about those making bomb threats. To report one, call (888) SHERIFF, or (888) 743-7433.

Picano said bomb threats at schools are "scary things that feed on themselves."

"We want zero tolerance, even if it is a prank," he said. He said schools should be like airports in that nobody should be making flippant comments.

"Even if there's a flippant comment, there will be action taken," he said.

The reward system, which is done in conjunction with Crime Stoppers, has helped solve a number of crimes in the past.

He said students should be able to attend school and not be afraid. "Making a bomb threat is a four-year felony and they will be prosecuted," he said. Kevin Kelley, Redford Town-

ship supervisor, said: "Money is a great motivator."

He took note of the Thursday bomb threat at Hilbert and a recent one at Redford Union High School. All came in the wake of the Littleton, Colo. shootings.

"We want to send the message that this won't be tolerated," he said.

"We've worked with the township and sheriff for zero tolerance on bomb threats," said Gay.

"We're trying to be proactive," he said. "We want to make sure that police respond."

He said the schools have so far turned three students over to police. Two are males from Hilbert Junior High School and the third is a female. All are juveniles. All allegedly were involved in making false bomb threats.

Roadwork comes to a halt for holiday weekend

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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With nearly 300 construction projects in progress across the state, motorists will need to allow for extra time if they leave before this holiday weekend. But travelers received good

news Wednesday when Gov. John Engler announced that most construction on Michigan freeways and highways will be suspended from 3 p.m. Friday through 6 a.m. Tuesday so that motorists will have an easier time reaching their destinations.

That means construction on I-75 and U.S. 23 in the Flint area

will be suspended, along with work on I-96 between Kent Lake and Novi roads. Southbound I-275 traffic will continue its crossover to the northbound lanes through July while the new southbound lanes are repaved.

The Michigan Department of Transportation will continue roadwork with some traffic restrictions on only 33 projects during this period.

"We are focusing our investments, fixing our worst roads first and applying a mix of fixes that will give motorists good roads for years to come," said Gov. John Engler in a prepared statement. "As residents and visitors from other states kick off the summer travel season, we want them traveling."

AAA Michigan estimates that nearly 2 million Michigan motorists will hit the highways this weekend.

About 80 percent of travelers

will drive more than 100 miles and half will be headed out of state, according to an Auto Club survey.

Vacation travelers leaving before Friday have pretty good odds that they will be driving through construction zones. Once the weekend begins, traffic may flow easier through construction zones where construction cones are expected to be removed.

With the increased traffic, motorists should prepare for their trips to take longer.

"Leave yourself a lot of time for travel," said Debbie Pearson, broadcast supervisor for AAA Michigan. "The state is taking down a lot of construction cones, and in some years, they take down as many as half of them."

"It depends how far they are into the project."

AAA reports that MDOT is not expected to close the Southfield Freeway in Wayne County on

the holiday weekend, but in Oakland County two left lanes of the southbound Southfield over M-10 and Nine Mile are closed until late August. Also closed is the ramp from southbound M-10 to southbound M-39. The right two lanes of northbound Southfield are closed at Nine Mile, as is the ramp from northbound Northwinds Highway to northbound Southfield until late June.

Lanes will be closed this weekend on Telegraph between 10 and 12 mile roads.

On I-275, construction crews are expected to pour new concrete during the first week of June, if the weather cooperates through the end of this week.

I-275 has been reduced from four lanes to three during this year's \$49 million resurfacing project.

During Memorial Day weekend in 1998, 17 people were killed in 15 fatal crashes in

Michigan, an increase from the 16 killed in 14 crashes in 1997. Alcohol was a factor in three of the fatal crashes, while 47 percent of the 1998 victims were not wearing seat belts.

This weekend will also see resumption of AAA Michigan's "Bring 'Em Back Alive" broadcasts to more than 100 radio stations throughout the state to alert motorists to traffic problems. Signs will be posted at dozens of Operation Care rest areas statewide, where complimentary coffee and refreshments will be served.

For detour information, motorists should call 1-800-AAA-MICH to receive traffic reports that will be updated hourly. Motorists also can click on the Michigan Department of Transportation Web site at www.mdot.state.mi.us/index.htm

Canton teen in area pageant

Monica Renee Glowski of Canton will compete in Nationals' 1999 Miss Jr. Teen Detroit Pageant on May 30.

Monica will be competing for her share of more than \$20,000 in scholarships and prizes for contestants in five divisions from age 7 to 23. The winners will represent metro Detroit in a national competition in Orlando, Fla.

Monica is on the Salem High School swim team and also enjoys volleyball skiing and dancing, as well as jewelry making and traveling.

Her sponsors include Greater Plymouth Sales Agency-Steve R. Krevinko, Specialty Pet Supplies, Imperial Casket, Shear Pazzaz, D.O.C. Canton and M.D.C. Dr. Shuster.

SHURGARD INC. 2101 HAGGERTY RD. CANTON, MI 48187

Notice is hereby given that the following unit(s) will be sold to the highest bidder by open auction on June 25th, 1999 at approximately 9:30 a.m. at Shurgard Storage located at 2101 Haggerty Rd., Canton, MI 48187. (734) 981-0300.

Unit#6021 - Riley - 2 mirrors, globe, small metal desk, small metal shelf, bookshelf, old radio, old clock, misc. items.

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ZERO-TURN RADIUS ROTARY MOWER

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the name, address and telephone number of the Company/Person submitting the bid, and the name of the bid, bid opening date and time. Specifications are available in the Finance & Budget Department. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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NEWSPAPER PUBLICATIONS

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton will accept proposals until 5:00 p.m., June 14, 1999, at the Resource Development Division, third floor, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188 for the following:

HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM WORK SPECIFICATIONS WRITER

Specifications are available from the Financial Services Division at the address above. (NOTE: The work specifications writer will not be a Township employee and will receive no benefits) Questions may be directed to Resource Development Division, 313-397-6392. This program is funded by CDBG, Department of HUD. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1999

REQUEST TO TRANSFER INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE NO. 92-441 FROM DIVERSEY-LEVER, INC. TO WARNER-LAMBERT COMPANY

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 1999, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth, at 7:00 P.M. in the regular meeting room of the Board of Trustees meeting, 1150 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider a request to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 92-441 from Diversey-Lever, Inc., to Warner-Lambert Company. The facility is located at 46701 Commerce Center Drive, Plymouth Corporate Park, Plymouth Township, County of Wayne, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Township Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, June 8, 1999, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting. Telephone number 433-3840 X 224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, June 3, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

Z-99-04 530 W. Ann Arbor Rd. Non-Use Variance Requested

Z-99-05 706 S. Main Street Non-Use Variance Requested

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

Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 7, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road to consider a request for the following special land use as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

CHERRY HILL POINTE ASSISTED LIVING CENTER SPECIAL LAND USE

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR MINI-WAREHOUSES AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22.02B.10 FOR PARCEL NOS. 051 99 0031 000, AND 052 99 0017 000. Property is located on the northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Lots Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, June 3, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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For school board Blamer, Slavens best in field

On Monday, June 14, voters will make a decision to fill two seats on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education. The four hopefuls are incumbents Carrie Blamer and Mike Maloney, and newcomers Steve Guile and Mark Slavens. All four candidates have much to offer the school district. Rarely have we seen four more qualified individuals vying for school board seats.



Carrie Blamer



Mark Slavens

Blamer and Maloney, have proven themselves during the past four years by serving on the school board. It's been four years of progress with two successful bond initiatives to build three new schools and add new buses for our aging fleet. The incumbents have addressed financial dilemmas due to the fallout from Proposal A and a burgeoning district population. A five-year financial plan has set the course for the future of the schools.

The newcomers also bring impressive resumes. Guile, the former director of Plymouth's DDA and current DDA director in Westland, has years of experience in public administration that could benefit the school district. He could bring a new financial perspective to the Board of Education. Slavens, an attorney, has been active with the school district by serving on various committees, such as chairman of Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding, chairman

of Summit on School Equity and chairman of Building Level Campaign for Discovery Middle School.

All the candidates could bring experience to the school board table. However, two of these hopefuls stand out simply due to their dedication and their passion for making the school district a better place for children. And that's why the Observer recommends Carrie Blamer and Mark Slavens for the Board of Education.

Before Blamer called herself a realist at a recent candidate's forum, we already knew that. She is a realist when it comes to finances and understanding her role as a policy maker. Blamer also is inquisitive and won't vote on an issue unless she has received all the answers. But most importantly, Blamer represents every parent in the school district. While many school board members view themselves as operating a big business, Blamer hasn't lost sight of what her job is all about — setting policy so that our children can have the best educational opportunity available to them.

Slavens has vision. From his past experience on various committees, particularly Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding, we know he won't settle for the status quo. The school funding group was one that went directly to legislators about the inequities created by Proposal A in growing school districts. Legislators later increased per pupil funding. Slavens is in search of solutions. He will go to the nth degree to find a workable answer to whatever plagues the district. With more financial bumps expected ahead for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Slavens would add a fresh mix to the Board of Education.

Blamer and Slavens are the best choices for school board on Monday, June 14.

Memorial Day: Time to reflect

Littleton, Colorado. Conyers, Georgia. Port Huron, Michigan. Trench-coat Mafia. Copycats. Bomb threats. Armed police patrolling the halls of suburban high schools.

On Belle Isle, a high school "senior skip day" turns deadly when an "attack" by a high-powered water squirt gun is answered by fire from a 9-mm semiautomatic.

With construction projects across the state causing traffic to back up and tempers to grow short, police warn drivers to try to keep calm, worrying about more violent instances of "road rage."

A press release from a group calling itself the National Motorists Association carries the "warning": "Memorial Day travelers beware: Police are preparing their ticket books!" After considerable detail about how one should behave when stopped for a traffic violation, the release adds:

"The National Motorists Association goes to great lengths to help its members fight traffic tickets. It takes time and effort to successfully challenge a traffic ticket, but the rewards are many."

In this setting, Americans prepare to celebrate Memorial Day, a day set aside to honor American soldiers who died in wars to keep this country "safe for democracy."

One anonymous Memorial Day tribute begins:

"These heroes are dead. They died for liberty — they died for us. They are at rest. They sleep in the land they made free, under the flag they rendered stainless..."

We don't mean to be negative, but we wonder what those fallen heroes would think about school bomb threats, drive-by shootings, road rage and armed police in school hallways. Is this what they were fighting for? Dying for?

However you choose to celebrate Memorial Day this year, take a few minutes to think about what it means. Think about the soldiers who died defending their country. But even more important than them, think about what they were fighting for and dying to defend. They may have been a bit idealistic, but they didn't die to make us free to shoot each other.

Maybe if, as a society, we spent time thinking about what made this country worth defending in the first place, we wouldn't be so angry at each other today.

Rouge still a work in progress

The annual cleanup of the Rouge River has come a long way in the last 14 years and so has the river.

Thanks to lots of federal money, persistent and visionary county, state and local leaders and many dedicated volunteers, one only has to drive throughout western Wayne County to witness a changed waterway.

It didn't just happen overnight and there's still a lot to be done. That's why this year, on Saturday, June 5, Friends of the Rouge needs some 2,500 volunteers to remove log jams and debris from the Rouge and stencil storm drains at 20 area work sites.

This year's cleanup is different because it represents an effort to focus greater attention on the plight of rivers in southeastern Michigan. Volunteers from Friends of the Rouge, the Clinton Watershed Council, Friends of the Detroit River, and the Huron River Watershed Council will band together for River Day '99.

The core of River Day '99 in the Rouge River watershed will be the 14th-annual Rouge Rescue river cleanup. Local sites in Livonia at Botsford Park, in Westland at Holiday Park Nature Preserve, in Farmington Hills, Canton Township, Dearborn Heights,



PILA PHOTO

Wanted: A coalition of environmental groups hopes to attract 2,500 volunteers for this year's Rouge River cleanup on June 5.

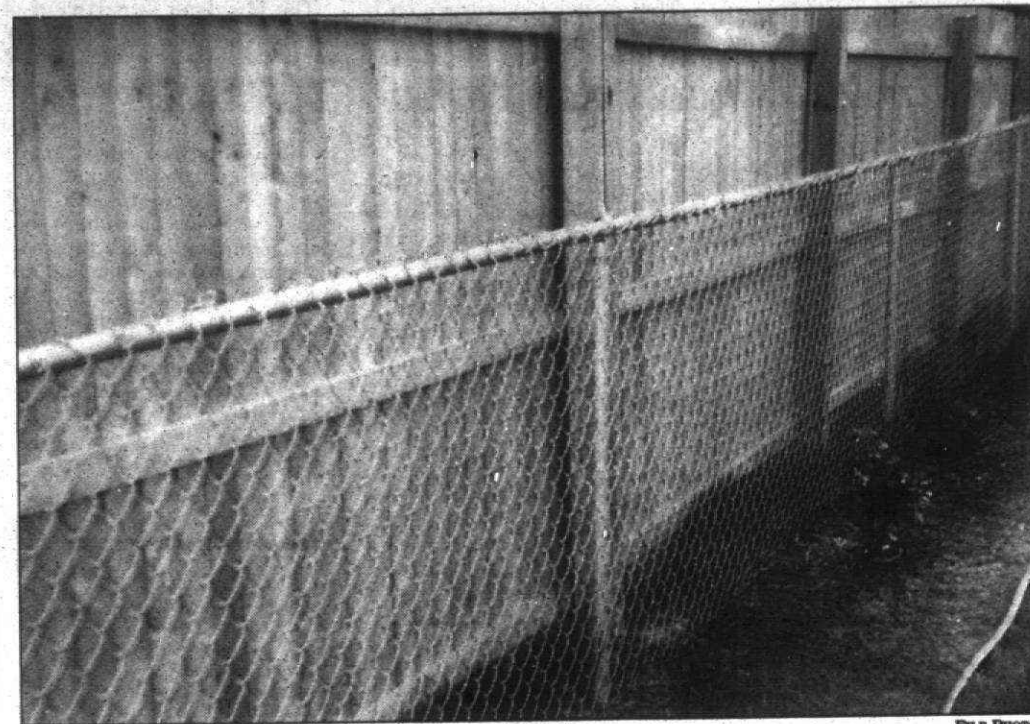
Redford Township, Plymouth Township, Northville and Oakland County Community College still need lots of volunteers.

Volunteers for River Day '99 get free T-shirts and more important they know their efforts do make a difference.

Keep the momentum for a cleaner Rouge River flowing. Take a few hours on Saturday, June 5, and help out.

For more information or to sign up, call Friends of the Rouge at (313) 792-9627.

Board takes on privacy fences



PILA PHOTO

Don't fence me in: The Canton Board of Trustees is reviewing the township's fence ordinance and could make changes to it in July. One question: how to regulate wooden privacy fences, which have become more popular in recent years.

LETTERS

Getting it right

In reference to your article about the "White Ribbon" project at CEP (Canton Observer, April 29), we would like you to correct some facts.

On Friday April 23 our "special" education government class, not Close Up, discussed and came up with the "White Ribbon" project. We decided as a class to make and distribute white ribbons. We also made a white banner for students to sign and sent it to Colorado.

We first went to Mrs. Patton, the principal of Canton High School and explained the project. She backed us up 100 percent and offered to pay for the project. She and the administrative team made suggestions and together we made all the arrangements. We got in touch with two alternative education teachers over at Salem and they set it up over there.

On Monday April 26, all of our ideas came into place. We took our first two hours of the day and made more than 3,500 ribbons. We also got help from some other classes in making and distributing the ribbons. We put the ribbons and banners in front of the cafeteria at both schools. The response was overwhelming! We had students reaching for ribbons and signing banners right and left at both schools. Service learning is the organization that coordinated this project. This went along with what we are studying in our government class right now about propaganda. We are learning about public opinion and what shapes our opinion a certain way.

So, as you can see, the Close Up class was not responsible for this project.

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Plymouth

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Board made right move

I would like to thank the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education for not dropping the learning specialist from the elementary schools. This shows the parents, students and teachers that you do care about all the students in the district. It also shows that you are accountable and you do make the final decisions. My concern is, which administrator gave you this recommendation? This should again show you how little our assistant superintendent for instruction, Dr. Pat O'Donnell,

and assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel, Mr. Erroll Goldman, really care or listen to the teachers of this district. If they cared, they would not have made this recommendation to the board.

The board is looking better every day. You now have to take the lead in negotiations with the Plymouth-Canton administrators' union. Yes, your district negotiator, Mr. Goldman, is again speaking for you. He is quoted as saying "the board believes the leaders of the district should be judged by a merit system." If the board really believes this, than Mr. Goldman should be getting less pay each year because of the district in the last 10 years for settlements directly involving Mr. Goldman, and also for settlements he negotiated. These settlements came directly out of money that should have gone to student education.

I thank you for being open minded and respecting others' ideas. Keep up the good work.

Kenneth H. Smith
Canton

Vote for Reaume

Richard Reaume is a candidate for the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees in the June 14 election. This is a nonpaying position.

Richard is a business owner and has a Master of Business Administration degree in finance from the University of Texas. He is a single foster parent of three girls, all of whom made the honor roll in the Plymouth-Canton schools this past semester. Richard is the consummate volunteer and is dedicated to our community. Unlike some of his competition, he actually votes in school elections.

We need more elected officials of the caliber and character of Richard Reaume.

Mike Gerou
Plymouth

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POINTS OF VIEW

Uniforms offer a security blanket for timid youth

Would I have acquired more detention slips during my years at Ladywood High School in Livonia from 1959-1963 if I hadn't been in uniform?

Contrary to popular belief, I don't think so.

I think the day-after-day anonymity of that navy skirt and white blouse made me bolder. It allowed my tender "individuality" to percolate behind the scenes and emerge at just the right moments — like wearing my beanie folded in half on my head during Mass on the first Friday of each month.

Or suggesting my senior class English club should be named "Speak Easy." (Sister Mary Janine did not approve.)

But most of the time, I was just part of a blur of navy and white, defined mainly by my seat position in class. I was row 6, seat 2, just one of the girls. Thank God.

My friend and former classmate, Alyce (Graye) Humphrey of Plymouth Township, feels the same way.

"I actually liked the uniform because it relieved me of being cool. I wasn't cool anyway. The uniform meant I didn't have to say, 'How many times have I worn this before?' she said.

Although quiet, Humphrey had a skewed sense of humor made more memorable because it belonged to someone clad head to foot in boring navy blue and white.

We saw her humor, not her clothes. Those of us who weren't very humorous or brave enough to fold beanie in half could remain safely anonymous until their shining, if misguided, moment came.

Their uniform was a security blanket.

They could wait, like Christine Roperi did, until a warm summer day during junior year when our principal, Sister Mary Benigna, asked us to line up "four abreast" while waiting to exit for the bus.

"But I only have two," dared Roperi.



RENEE SKOGLUND

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They could wait, like Janie Dudek did, until the end of their senior year to announce in religion class that they were going to "marry for money, not for love."

Renee Skoglund is a staff writer at the Observer News-papers. She lives in Canton Township.

Bold proclamations for a Catholic girls school in the 60s. I don't think they would have drawn the gasps and giggles had they been said out of uniform.

And if there were no shining moments, we were all part of the collective groan when some nun burst into our class unannounced for a hem-length check.

We were equals. As my friend Alyce said, "Uniforms were a life-simplifier."

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Same old same old: School uniforms worked just fine for Renee Skoglund at Ladywood.

Graduation season is a good time to talk to your teen

Dear parents,

The Canton Township, Plymouth Township and Plymouth City Police Departments have undertaken a special enforcement effort to combat underage consumption and possession of alcohol and the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Alcohol possession and consumption becomes more of a problem for us with the warm weather, the end of the school year and the large parties that accompany high school graduation.

This year, once again, our police

departments are making an extra effort to educate your teenagers to the danger of hosting and/or attending these large parties, however, we desperately need your assistance in supporting our efforts. These are laws, peer programs, prevention efforts and school regulations, but one of the most powerful means of assuring your teens are not drinking and driving this graduation and prom season is to exercise your parental responsibility to say "NO" and refuse to allow alcohol to be served at graduation or prom house parties.

We are asking that you, as parents, recognize and accept control over the

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number of invitees, the type of entertainment, the use of amplifiers and speakers, and the consumption of alcohol. Plan ahead for the supervision of activities, such as the parking of cars. Since your neighbors will be among the first affected, have you advised them of what to expect? Perhaps they may wish to assist, or in some cases, object, to the festivities.

Please show this letter to your children and take the time to discuss it with them. As they leave

each Friday and Saturday night with their friends, please remind them of the potential dangers of alcohol and how easily their 12 years of effort can be shattered in an instant by an accident which could result in injury or death. Remind them of the embarrassment and future career consequences of an arrest or jail term.

These reminders may serve to prevent embarrassing and often tragic incidents that are unpleasant to all of us in the community. Only through a combined effort (yours and ours) can we minimize the problem. Thank you for your assistance and please pass along our congratulations to the Class of '99!

Please show this letter to your children and take the time to discuss it with them. As they leave

School woes don't justify DeVos' sneaky voucher plan

Make no mistake about it. A carefully planned, well-financed plot to use public tax dollars to finance private or religious schools is under way.

Kids First! Yes!, an outfit based in Midland and financed by multimillionaire Dick DeVos, has launched a drive to force a statewide vote that would allow public money to be spent on vouchers for tuition at private or parochial schools.

If the necessary 302,000 valid signatures from registered voters are filed with the Secretary of State, Michigan voters will vote in November 2000 whether to approve changes in the Constitution that would:

- Repeal the ban on vouchers, tax credits or other public funding for nonpublic schools that was adopted statewide by voters in 1972.
- Limit school vouchers to about half state and local per-pupil spending in public schools — currently about \$6,000. Any extra costs for private schools would have to come from parents, churches and other groups.
- Require vouchers to be offered in 38 "failing" school districts, such as Detroit and Pontiac, where graduation rates are extra low.
- Allow voters or local school boards in other communities to decide whether they want to use vouchers.

DeVos, president of Amway Corp. and a former member of the State Board of Education, says Kids First! Yes! will spend \$5 million "and go north from there" in the drive. Teachers unions and other education groups will mount fierce opposition. The result: "This might be the most expensive ballot campaign in Michigan history," according to Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics.

The Kids First! Yes! spin strategy is to present the measure as a perfectly reasonable way to empower poor parents whose kids are trapped in failing schools. Clever! This seemingly compassionate rationale masks nothing less than a direct attempt to get public dollars to fund the income of nonpublic schools.

Some indication of the smooth planning behind the measure can be gained by noting the timing and sequence of the announcement PR blitz. George Weeks, political reporter for The Detroit News, led off with a front-page story on April 25. On April 26, Cardinal Adam Maida announced his support for the campaign. And on April 27, The Detroit News ran a favorable editorial.

And there's a semi-secret end game in this



PHILIP POWER

plot. Having repealed the constitutional ban on public funding for private schools, advocates for parochial plan on turning to the legislature, where a law enabling universal tax credits for private school tuition can be passed with just 20 votes in the Senate and 56 in the House.

Now I get as frustrated as anyone at the slow and uncertain pace of reform in the public schools. The extreme measure of replacing the entire elected school board in Detroit shows just how entrenched petty school boards and powerful unions are in resisting efforts to improve public K-12 performance. That's why I think charter schools are a worthwhile experiment and a way to keep the pressure on for school reform.

But, mark my words. If we pass a wholesale voucher plan, it will siphon off public tax dollars to fund private and religious schools in Michigan and weaken the public schools as a whole. It's a reform strategy akin to the doctrine from the war in Vietnam that we had "to destroy the village in order to save it."

Sure, parents now choosing to pay the tuition bill for their kids to attend religious or elite private schools would welcome a publicly funded voucher to pick up part of the tab. And lots of parents in urban areas where the schools are lousy and the pace of reform is all too slow are terribly frustrated at the few good options available to their kids.

But all this pales in the face of what kind of damage could be done to our society if we wind up destroying the entire public school system in Michigan.

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@oeonline.com

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OBITUARIES

REBA SHAKES

Services for Reba Shakes, 78, of Livonia were May 22 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland, with the Rev. Edward Coley officiating.

She was born May 26, 1920 in Peducah, Ky. She died May 20 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She was a member in Aldersgate Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Vernon Hayden and Precious Riddle. Survivors include her two sons, Gary F. Shakes of Westland, Kevin V. Shakes of Canton; one daughter, Jane (Leonard) Lovins of Zephyr Hills, Fla.; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association Walk-a-thon, payable to Gary Shakes 32427 Steinhauer, Westland, MI 48186.

JOHN H. RUMBERGER

Services for John H. Rumberger, 72, of Springfield Mo. (formerly of Plymouth and Ypsilanti) will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church with Rev. Janet Marvar officiating. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

He was born June 8, 1926 in Ypsilanti. He was a 1948 graduate of Ypsilanti High School. He was a painter/decorator for many years. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti.

He was preceded in death by one son, John Henry, and two brothers, Alvin and Robert. Survivors include his wife, Shirley Rumberger; two sons, Dale (Virginia) of Plymouth, Fred (Heidi) of Pinckney; three daughters, Sherri (Robert) Slebodnick of

Canton, Marilyn (Ray) Daugherty of Bath, Mich.; Carolyn (Jeff) Powers of Canton; two brothers, Henry (Ruth) of Ypsilanti, David (Sue) of Tecumseh; four sisters, Dorothy (Lou) Genix of Jackson, Shirley (Bob) Deiter of Tecumseh, Frances (Keith) Schener of Chelsea, Marian Monhollan of Ypsilanti.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association. Envelopes are available at Stark Funeral Service, Monroe Memorial Chapel. Visitation is 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and at the church 12:30 p.m. Friday.

LEONA F. FOREE

Services for Leona F. Foree, 91, of Canton Township were May 25 at St. John Neumann Church, Canton. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit. Local arrangements were provided by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

She was born May 23, 1907 in Lodi, Mich. She died in May 23 at Henry Ford Continuing Care Center. She was a clerk for the automotive industry.

Survivors include her friend, Mary E. Marx.

JEAN A. QUINN

Services for Jean A. Quinn, 89, of Plymouth Township were May 24 in Fred Wood Funeral Home, Livonia.

She was born in Chicago, Ill. She died May 20 in St. Mary Hospital. She was an assembly worker for a manufacturing com-

pany.

Survivors include her four daughters, Charleen Szubeczak, Rosemary Green, Madeline Tracht of Plymouth, Kathy Lister; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to The Rainbow Connection P.O. Box 46879, Mt. Clemens, MI 48046-6879.

CHRISTINA MARIE SANKOVICH

Services for Christina Marie Sankovich, 50, of Canton were May 26 in Neely Turowski Funeral Home, Canton chapel, with Bob Moran officiating. Burial was in Knollwood Cemetery.

She was born Aug. 12, 1948 in Wayne. She died May 23 in Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn. She was an assembler for the auto industry.

She was preceded in death by her brother, David. Survivors include her mother, Addie C. Alexander; three sons, Steve, Jim, Frank (Dawn) Hart; two sisters, Patricia, Roberta; and one brother, William.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

JACK E. COOPER

Services for Jack E. Cooper, 80, of Las Vegas, Nevada, (formerly of Plymouth) will be at 3 p.m., Saturday, June 5, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Visitation will be 2-3 p.m. Saturday, June 5, in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

He was born June 24, 1918 in

Grand Rapids. He died May 13 in Las Vegas. He was a retired president of Peplon Systems in Henderson, Nevada, and former president of DuBois-Cooper Associates in Plymouth. He was a past president of the Michigan Chapter of the American Water Works Association. He was past president of the Michigan Water Pollution Control Association.

Survivors include his wife, Nina Cooper of Las Vegas; former wife, Gertrude Cooper of Plymouth; four children, Ann (Bill) Springer of Plymouth, Jean (Bill) Weber of Plymouth, James (Cathy) Cooper of Plymouth, Susan (Brian) Howe of Grosse Pointe; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to State of Michigan, non-game Wildlife Fund, c/o DuBois-Cooper Associates, 905 Penniman, Plymouth MI 48170.

LAURA CONN MELMER

Services for Laura Conn Melmer, 88, of Plymouth were May 20 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. John Ortman officiating.

She was born Aug. 10, 1910 in Milwaukee, Wis. She died May 17 in Plymouth. She was an executive manager for Meyers Jewelers for 18 years. She came to the Plymouth community in 1978 from Dearborn Heights. She attended Our Lady Of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. She was a former mem-

ber of the Old St. Mary's Catholic Church in Greektown. She was a member of the Plymouth Elks Vivians Organization and she was on the board of directors for her condo association for 10 years. She loved to travel and do volunteer work.

Survivors include her three daughters, Patricia Davis of Rochester, Bonnie Conn Oster of Plymouth, Kathleen (Larry) Vindler of Traverse City; nine grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute.

ALMA Q. MACDONALD

Services for Alma Q. MacDonald, 99, of Plymouth were May 22 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born Feb. 6, 1900 in Olean, Minn. She died May 19 in Farmington Hills. She came to the Plymouth community in 1973 from Asheville, N.C. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth and the Abernathy Methodist Church in Asheville, N.C. where she belonged to the women's circle. She managed the Village Green Apartments in Plymouth for many years.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Ethel Minthorn.

She is survived by three sons, Earl (Zoe) MacDonald of Georgia, Hector MacDonald of

Brighton, Donald (Beverly) MacDonald of Plymouth; one brother, William Quint of Pennsylvania; four sisters, Laura Vining of Florida, Hazel Denning of Texas, Mildred Salke of Redford, Mary MacDonald of Lansing; 16 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

MARK A. BRATTIN

Services for Mark A. Brattin, 43, of Belleville were May 21 in Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia, with the Rev. Luther A. Werth officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Local arrangements by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born Jan. 18 1956 in Detroit. He died May 18 in Wayne. He worked as a high/lo driver at the Ford Motor Company for seven years. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1974. He collected classic cars and motorcycles.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Michael. Survivors include his parents Charles and Ardis Brattin of Novi; one sister, Marcia (James) Grimmer of Tecumseh; one nephew, Sean; and two nieces, Leah, Megan.

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Who's to blame for problems with our kids?

“What's the problem with these kids, anyway? What's the matter with their parents? Kids have no respect. Parents don't take responsibility. Kids don't take responsibility. Mothers should stay home and raise their children instead of sending them off to day care. Teenagers need to develop tougher skin. It's the fault of the guns. Guns don't kill people, people kill people. It's television. And video games. MTV. Rock and Rap. The Internet.”

Everyone has a comment or an opinion. Everyone wants to place blame, even if they don't know where to place it. And quite honestly I'm tired of listening to it.

I don't know what happened in Littleton. I don't know what happened in Georgia. I don't know what happened in Port Huron. I don't know what happened in our local schools. Why do kids (or adults) make bomb threats, write out hit lists, put up posters warning that these people or those people are going to die?

Why do they do it? I don't know.

What I do know is that there are no simple answers. And that's what most people seem to be looking for.

“Just talk to your kids,” one pundit writes. “Listen to them. Do things together. Spend some time at a family cottage.”

Uh, huh. And just say “No.”

“We have to toughen up on gun laws,” a politician pontificates. “Make it harder to get guns. Get rid of the guns.”

“No,” a second-amendment advocate proclaims. “We have a constitutional right to bear arms. Guns don't kill ...” And so on.

“What are the schools teaching these kids anyway? And where are their parents?” That's from the “I don't have a clue-what's-going-on” types “but-that-doesn't-stop-me-from-having-an-opinion.”

Now, as the parent of a 15-year-old daughter AND a 25-year-old son, I've got some pretty strong opinions about what's wrong with the public school system. I could do a whole series of columns just listing the problems. But the schools aren't to blame for Littleton.

I've got some equally strong views about what's wrong with parents today. I could do a series on that, too (with at least two columns devoted to parenting mistakes I've made). But the parents aren't to blame for Littleton.

Who's to blame?

Guns delivered the lethal bullets, but the people with the guns pulled the triggers. Obviously, the shooters are to blame, but what kind of society produced such actions? Maybe society is to blame.

Now that's an old cop-out going back to the Hippies of the 1960s or even the Lost Generation of World War I. Society was at fault for their misery.

I never bought into that. I was one of those “you take responsibility for your own actions” kind of guys. I still believe that to be true. But we are products of our culture, our environment, our society. And what kind of society are we raising our children in? Consider, for example:

■ Video games. We've come a long way from “Pong,” that little square cursor bouncing off computer generated walls on your TV screen. If you've ever played (or seen) games like “Doom” or “Castle Wolfenstein,” you know there is violence in them.

Blowing someone away on a computer screen isn't the same as doing it in a school library. But if your kid grows up with those games, it isn't beyond belief that the experience lessens the horror of the real thing, with real guns, real bullets and real people.

■ The Internet. It's a marvelous new medium. You can send messages to relatives next door or overseas, buy airline tickets online, do research for a term paper or get the recipe for

Please see GLADDEN, B2



New look: Red Hot Chili Peppers' lead singer Anthony Kiedis was barely recognizable when he stepped on stage with his newly shorn platinum-dyed hair, button-down shirt, tie and black pants.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Decorated with multiple piercings and tattoos, Danna Lorenzetti knows what it's like to be different.

“Every day I get stared at for what I wear, who I am, and what I have to say,” the bright-eyed, outgoing Livonia Stevenson High School senior said. “I mean, everyone is going to get made fun of once in their life, whether it is right or not. How you react is what makes you or breaks you.”

“I have always been extremely accepting of everyone. I always have been friends with a large variety of people. I feel that not closing yourself off and accepting others without assuming things about them could be the smartest thing you will ever do.”

Lorenzetti was one of 500 area students chosen to attend a private concert with the Red Hot Chili Peppers at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac Tuesday night. The students were chosen by Windsor, Ontario, radio station CMX-FM, 89X, based on their ideas on how to combat hate in high schools.

The contest was a learning experience as well. Winners picked up their tickets during a picnic at Royal Oak's Common Ground Sanctuary, a transitional living center for troubled teens.

Krysta Thomas, a 16-year-old Troy Athens High School student, said she didn't enter the contest necessarily for the tickets.

“I never win anything; I never even thought I would win. I thought it was just cool that someone was reaching out to high school kids,” she said. “I just think kids need to be aware. If they think someone is unstable, they shouldn't be afraid to tell someone. I think that's really what needs to be said.”

Toning it down

Known for their overt sexuality and partial on-stage nudity, the Chili Peppers kept the hour-long show to PG-13. Bassist Flea (Michael Balzary) hit the stage shirtless, while sticking up his middle finger at the crowd.

Flea and lead singer Anthony Kiedis, a Grand Rapids native, traded barbs about sex acts and homework. Drummer Chad Smith, who grew up in Birmingham, kept a strong backbeat.

Kiedis was barely recognizable



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Be my guest: Livonia Stevenson High School student Danna Lorenzetti (right) took her art teacher Heidi Bloom to the Chili Peppers concert on Tuesday. Lorenzetti explained that if students had better relationships with adults, incidents of hate would decrease.

with his short platinum-dyed hair, a white button-down dress shirt and black pants.

Early in the show, Kiedis tore off his shirt and tie before ripping into “Give It Away,” one of only two hits the Chili Peppers played. (The other was the sing-along “Under the Bridge.”) Crowd-surfing teens flew through the air or slam-danced to “Give It Away,” a song that many of the kids heard for the first time when the Chili Peppers were on “Sesame Street.”

The concert focused on songs from “Californication,” the Chili Peppers' album due out Tuesday, June 8, and deep cuts from “What Hits!” and “Blood Sugar Sex Magik.” To preview “Californication,” visit <http://www.redhotchilipeppers.com> after June 4.

The concert was the fourth of five in the United States designed to promote teen tolerance. Initially, the tour was dubbed “High School Spirit” in which the biggest fan would win a private show at a club for his or her high school.

That plan was revised, however, after the shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

Lorenzetti said that her high school is finally acknowledging kids who are a little different. Recently, she won the senior prize for “Most Creative Wardrobe” for her baggy pants, piercings and tattoos.

“I thought it was cool because I got noticed for being myself, not necessarily having the prettiest eyes, nicest dress or best car,” Lorenzetti said.

She and fellow ticket winner Brian Rose, a student at Lutheran High School West in Westland, said that if kids, teachers and administration had a better rapport, the incidents of hate would decrease. As a testament to that, Lorenzetti took her art teacher, Heidi Bloom, to the concert with her.

“A lot of people, if they had better relationships with adults and teachers they would realize it's really not OK to do that,” she said about making fun of other students.

Jeanne Hargreaves, a Walled Lake Central High School student, agreed.

“People act violently and maliciously because they lack attention, love, and predominately tolerance,” she said. “They need at least one mentor or person they trust to direct them away from hate.”

“That's why I've chosen to help out younger kids and act as a mentor in my community.”

Rose said school administrators should take a stronger stance against violence.

“Public school teachers can't get involved in anything,” he said. “If two kids are fighting, they can't break it up. In our school, there's no tolerance for that.”

Rose described a recent incident in which a student was suspended for making a bomb threat.

“They got involved. They heard something was going on and they took action on it.”

The well-mannered and well-spoken

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Flower power

Her grateful gardens say thanks for help

BY SUE MASON
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Erica Fenn fondly remembers those days when she and her husband Gary would drift on their boat, fishing for pike off Bois Blanc Island.

Gary loved to fish and Fenn believes they caught more pike than any other person on the island where they have had a summer home since the mid-1970s.

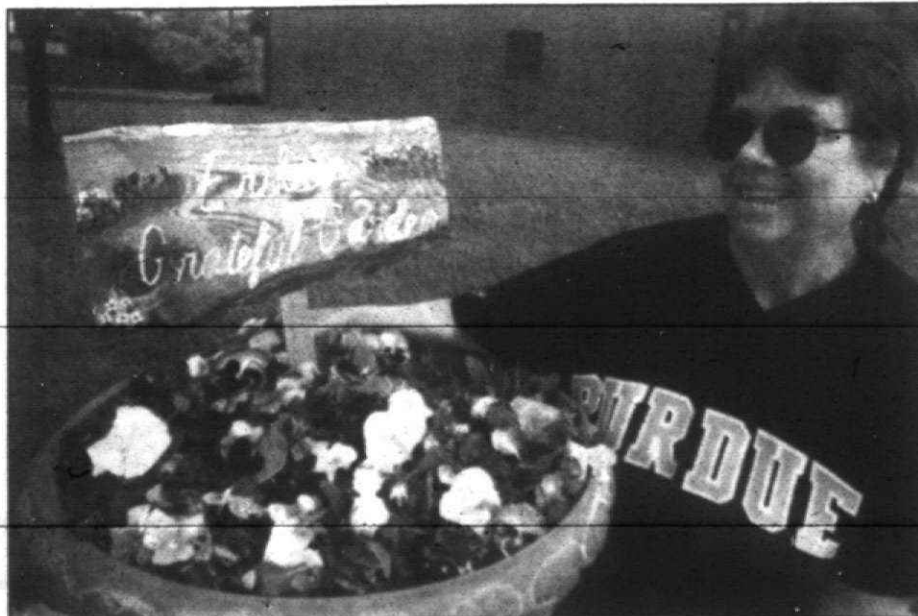
So, her choice of containers for her late husband's remains, while odd, is quite appropriate.

“It was my son Gary's idea, he said why not a bait box,” said the Livonia resident with a chuckle. “So my husband is in a bait box from Meijer ... it was either that or a golf bag.”

It also fits with his final resting place on Bois Blanc, situated in Lake Huron near Mackinac Island. On July 31, in a ceremony that will involve residents of the island, she will say good-bye and lay him to rest.

“I don't know why I waited so long; I guess I didn't want to say good-bye,” she said. “My good-bye will be his eulogy.”

Fenn talks easily about her husband, the former assistant dean and professor of pharmacy at Wayne



A show of thanks: When Erica Fenn wanted to say thanks for the help she received, she decided to create grateful gardens, pots filled with pansies, that she put at her church and her doctors' office

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

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Makin' music: The Red Hot Chili Peppers — from left, bassist Flea, drummer Chad Smith, formerly of Birmingham, lead singer and Grand Rapids native Anthony Kiedis and guitarist John Frusciante — perform in front of 1,000 teens who wrote essays on how to combat hate in high schools.

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ken teen further said that students could learn to respect adults by taking courses like the Junior Reserve Officers Training Course, which he attends.

"It's a class sponsored by the Army. They teach you about ideals of life and how to be a good leader and how to go through life," Rose said. "They're educated us a lot about this, too, and how things can be fixed. They teach us leadership skills, teamwork in life, and how to deal with chain of command."

"It teaches you respect and gives you lots of confidence, stuff that regular high school classes can't teach you."

Thomas said the solution to hate is simple.

"Kids need to understand it's not cool to make kids lives miserable," she said. "It doesn't make them any more of a person. It doesn't make them any better, if they make fun of people."

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building a pipe bomb. You can take a virtual tour of the Smithsonian or download hard-core pornography. It's whatever you want it to be.

Television. That same tube that brought The Beaver and Walter Cronkite and Marcus Welby into your living rooms now brings in MTV, Jerry Springer, "Beverly Hills 90210," "Married With Children" and other uplifting dramas.

Sure, there's lots of good stuff on TV, especially some of the cable channels. But watch a few episodes of Jenny Jones, Jerry Springer or Ricki Lake (which teenagers do) and you have to wonder. Consider this promo for a recent Ricki Lake show:

"The guests on today's 'Richi' refuse to believe their mate is cheating. In fact, unless they see some hard proof, they will continue to believe their lover is innocent. Leave it to these guests — friends and family — to deliver the proof and it's in the form of videotape catching these mates in the act. One woman is here to show her best friend, who just happens to be pregnant by this woman's brother, that her man

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has been cheating."

And don't forget that Jenny Jones trial, in which a jury found the show guilty — to the tune of \$50 million — for contributing to the murder of Scott Amedure. Even the trial, which was televised live on Court-TV, was "great television."

Underlying message

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Even reasonably well-produced shows like "90210" portray young people focused (obsessed) on love, sex and relationships. School is a place to hook up with romantic partners, not to go to class, get good grades and learn something in the process. What kind of message are teens getting from these shows?

You can figure that out yourself, but are the shows complete-

ly to blame? In part, but there is obviously a market (i.e., a viewing audience) for them. If there were no audience there'd be no advertisers, and if there were no advertisers, there'd be no shows.

So everyone (producers, advertisers, viewers) is culpable for the message being delivered. Which brings me to another influence.

The business world. We finally got rid of cigarette ads and liquor ads on TV. They've been replaced with condom commercials, ads for "feminine hygiene" products and sexy lingerie. The message? Sex is OK so long as you don't have a cigarette afterwards.

Sex sells. That's been a truism in the advertising world for years. So does violence. Just look at the popularity of those "Die Hard" movies.

Cigarettes. Guns. Alcohol. We know they're bad for us, but we still buy them. And as long as

there is a market, producers are going to produce them and advertisers are going to advertise them. But shouldn't corporations have a social conscience? Shouldn't they worry about harmful products or the messages sent by the TV shows they sponsor?

In an ideal world, yes. But in a world in which "downsizing" and "layoffs" are part of doing business, it's hard to find much evidence of a conscience, social or otherwise. In a world in which something called a "hostile takeover" is considered normal business practice, can we expect our teenagers to be like something out of "Father Knows Best"?

"What's the problem with these kids, anyway?" We are. All of us. Parents. Teachers. Business people. Entertainers.

We have met the enemy, and they is us.

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State University, a far cry from the almost two years she has spent coming to grips with his sudden death on April 5, 1997.

While she gets ready for the burial service, Fenn also has been busy the past month creating "Erica's Grateful Gardens" at her church, Emmanuel Lutheran, and the offices of her doctors, Timothy Johnson and Michael Fox.

"I thought flowers would be a good way to say thanks," said Fenn, who bought large planters for the church and filled them with pansies. "It took a lot of people for me to get back on my feet, so it's time for paybacks with my grateful gardens."

Surprise gift

Fenn surprised church members with the 25-inch planters, but according to Diane Cassidy, the alternative worship leader, they were able to figure out who they were from. There was a sign saying it was "Erica's Grateful Garden."

"Erica said it's a good reminder that God is always with us and a gift back for all the love and kindness," said Cassidy. "Erica saw God in the lives of the people of the church. Pastor (Walter Dickinson) counseled her and came whenever she needed him and special friends at the church have always been there for her."

Fenn doesn't delve too deeply into what happened during those two years, but credits her therapist, Pat Sweeting of Hagra Programs Inc., with helping her deal with her loss.

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They lived in Houston for two years before they moved to Detroit, where Gary had accepted a position at Wayne State University. He taught undergraduate classes for 34 years, retiring in 1996 as the assistant dean and graduate officer of the School of Pharmacy.

"You go into any drug store around here and if the pharmacist went to Wayne State University, my husband probably taught him," Fenn said proudly.

On a Friday night, Fenn told him she loved him and he came to bed. She awoke at 6 a.m. to the sound of his alarm going, his reminder to take medication. Gary didn't respond. Sometime during the night, he had died of heart failure.

"I was crazy the first year, I didn't know where to turn, where to go without this man," Fenn said. "Gary was my first true love. He came along and he rescued me. When he died, you could have opened up my chest and taken my heart out. I loved him so much."

Things to do

These days, she tends to her gardens and plans for the burial service. A few weeks ago, she

bought a grave stone that had a lighthouse on it. She admits it has only been about six weeks since she has come to grips with Gary's death.

Pointing out that she's one to finish what she started, Fenn plans to put hardy mums in the planters as fall approaches. The gardens are a prelude to a bigger project. She wants to organize the building of a quality park for children in Hamtramck. Her daughter Gretchen and her husband live there, and Fenn has discovered that it is a wonderful community.

"I'm going to do it in the fall," said Fenn with determination. "I'm going to meet with the mayor and I'm going to do this, no ands, ifs or buts about it."

And "way down the road," she'd like to open a shelter for women. In the two years since Gary's death, she has met a lot of women who have been abused and have no place to go, she said. "I had to fix myself emotionally before I can fix America," she said. "I had to fix me before I do this."

Cowden-Artuso

April Anne Artuso and Daniel Joseph Cowden were married Jan. 23 at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church in Bloomfield Hills by Msgr. Anthony Tocco, the Rev. Joseph Minding and the Rev. Daniel Minding.

The bride is the daughter of Muno Artuso of Pinckney and Robert and Sheena Kliza of Livonia. The groom is the son of John and Patricia Cowden of Columbia, Mo., formerly of Bloomfield Hills.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School, a 1994 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in audiology and speech pathology and a 1996 graduate of Wayne State University with a master of arts degree in speech pathology. She is employed as a speech-language pathologist at Audian Medical Center in Missouri.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Brother Rice High School, a 1993 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in economics and a 1998 graduate of the Wayne State University School of Medicine. He currently is a surgical resident at the University of Missouri Hospitals and plans to continue at the University of Arizona in Tucson in two months.

The bride asked Karalee Kliza to serve as her maid of honor with Teri Brown as matron of honor and Leslie Mannelli, Kristin Kegg, Kristen Hughes,



Amy Fitzgerald, Catherine Fox and Christine Cowden as bridesmaids, Abigail and Mavis Orrick and Alexiss McKinney were flower girls.

The groom asked Robert Lalain to serve as best man with Matthew Moore, Kayle Green, Michael Cowden, Thomas Cowden, J. David Cowden, Gregory Fox and William Cowden as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at the Orchard Lake Country Club in Orchard Lake before leaving on a honeymoon trip to St. Martin. They are making their home in Columbia, Mo., before moving to Tucson later this year.

Dupuis-Stachura

Gloria Nell Stachura and Christopher Scott Dupuis were married in April 17 Renaissance-style wedding at the Excalibur Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of Stephen and Virginia Stachura of Canton. The groom is the son of Daniel and Georgianne Dupuis of Plymouth.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is employed by Citizens Insurance and Wayland Inc.

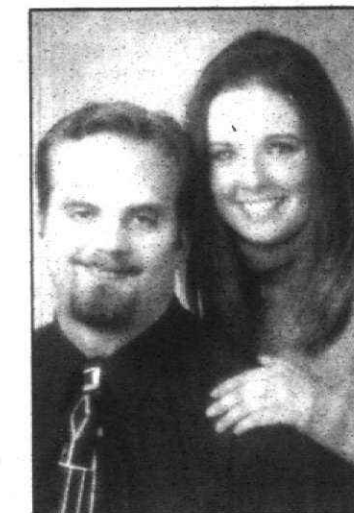
The groom is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is employed by the Ford Motor Co. in Livonia.

The bride asked Kristina Grady, Kimberly Comai and Lisa Vonholten to serve as her attend-



dants. The groom asked Eric Dupuis, Fred Comai and Paul Dupuis to serve as his attendants.

The couple and their guests enjoyed dinner and a show at the Excalibur. They are making their home in Westland.



Griffen-Kieltyka

David and Regina Griffen of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Jeremy Louis Kieltyka, the son of Dan and Laurene Kieltyka, also of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Schoolcraft College with an associate in applied science degree. She is employed as a data entry clerk in the Staples Business Advantage regional sales office.

Her fiancé also is a 1996 graduate of Garden City High School. He attended Schoolcraft College and studied the tool and die trade. He is employed by the U.S. Postal Service.

A June wedding is planned at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

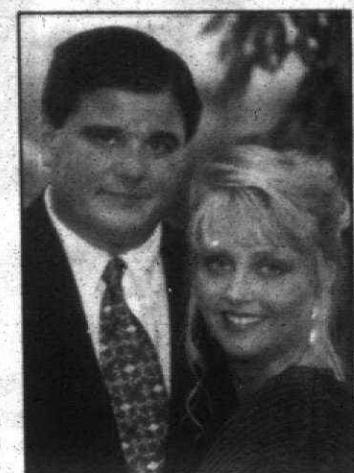
Kirchner-Johnston

Robert and Katherine Kirchner of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Renee, to Philip Thomas Johnston, the son of Thomas and Phyllis Johnston of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She is employed as a sales manager at the Radisson Suites Hotel in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Northville High School and has a bachelor's degree in business management from Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as a headlines manager at Dick's Sporting Goods.

A June wedding in Livonia is being planned.

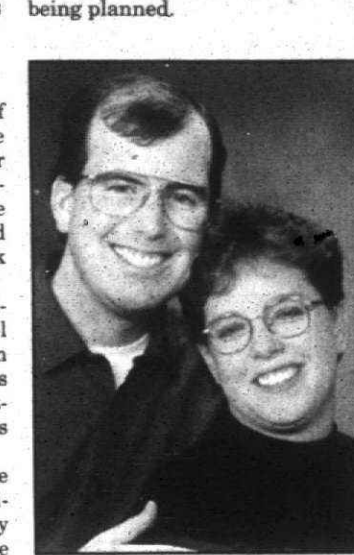


Bachert-Rooke

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bachert of Bloomfield, N.M., announce the engagement of their daughter Sharon Joy Bachert of Farmington Hills to David Thomas Rooke of Westland, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Rooke of Elk Rapids.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Bloomfield High School and a 1995 graduate of Western New Mexico University. She is currently employed as a computer instructor with New Horizons Computer Learning Center.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Michigan Technological University. He is currently employed as a customer service representative with Philip Services Petro-Chem Processing Group in Detroit.



A June wedding is being planned in Farmington, N.M.

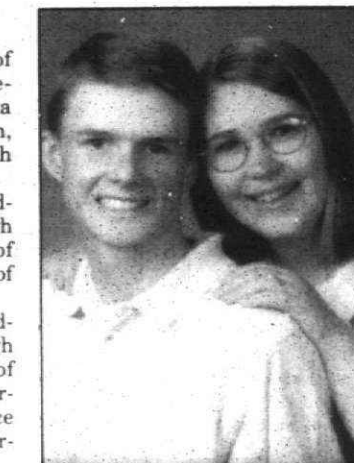
Clark-Harden

Kenneth and Denise Clark of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Marie, to Matthew Jon Harden, the son of Robert and Deborah Harden, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1999 graduate of Alma College with a bachelor of arts degree in education.

Her fiancé also is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1998 graduate of Michigan Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed by Honda.

A June wedding is planned at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia.



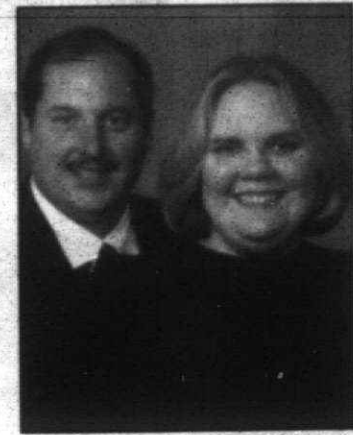
Spence-Shorkey

Jan and Lowell Spence of Traverse City, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy, to Brian Shorkey, the son of Louis and Madeline Shorkey of Harbor Beach.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She is employed as a fifth-grade teacher at Grant Elementary School in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a 1982 graduate of Cousino High School in Warren. He is self-employed.

A June wedding is planned at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church in Livonia.



Garry-Bianchi

Glen and Part Garry of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Michele, to Steven S. Bianchi, the son of Sabatino and Wanda Bianchi of Bloomfield Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Garden City High School and is currently attending the University of Michigan. She is employed in network and computer operations at the Ford Motor Co.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School and Central Michigan University. He is employed in product development/finance at the Ford Motor Co.

A July wedding is planned at



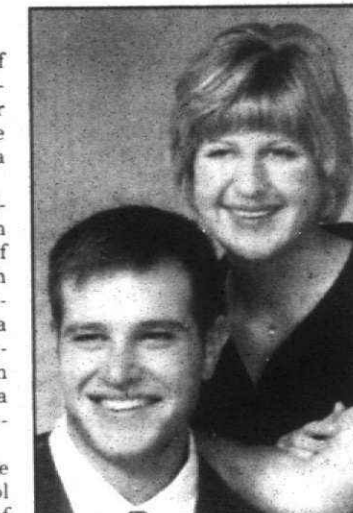
St. Hugo of the Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills.

Demaine-Cuevas

Peter and Phyllis Demaine of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Leigh, to Daniel A. Cuevas, the son of Miguel and Patricia Cuevas, also of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1996 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in communication. She is pursuing a master of business administration degree at Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a project administrator at HoMedics in Keego Harbor.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is working on his bachelor of arts degree at Eastern Michigan University. He is employed by Plymouth Construction Equipment in Canton.



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WEEKEND

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.

BRITANNIA SOCCER CAMP
■ One-week camp taught by semi-pro European soccer players. An informational meeting will be 7-8 p.m. Saturday, June 4, in the cafeteria at Pioneer School. The camp will be held 9 a.m. through noon or 1-4 p.m. July 12-16 at West Middle School in Plymouth for middle school students and 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. July 19-23 at Heritage Park in Canton and 9 a.m. to noon at Central Middle School in Plymouth for elementary students. Cost is \$98. A T-shirt is included. Call (734) 416-4927.

PRACTICE TESTS
■ The Princeton Review will be holding free practice full-length SAT and ACT tests 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the Michigan League, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor. Each student should bring pencils and a calculator. Call (800) 2-REVIEW or (734) 663-2163 to register.

SAFETY DAY
■ The Canton Home Depot and the Canton Township Department of Public Safety will sponsor a Kids Safety Day 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 5. The event is free and open to the public. Parents may pick up Child Identification Kits provided by Canton police. Other activities include the Fire and Smoke House, St. Joseph Hospital's Medivac helicopter, demonstrations of the Jaws of Life and the canine and SWAT teams. Free cotton candy, popcorn and balloons also will be available.

FARMER'S MARKET
■ The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will sponsor Plymouth's Farmers Market, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 23, with the exception of Sept. 11. The market features fresh produce, dairy and cheese products, baked goods, flowers and plants, fresh herbs, dried flowers, crafts and 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. Call (734) 453-1540.

AROUND TOWN

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

SUMMER CAMP
■ The Creative Music Center of Plymouth and Canton is offering fun summer adventures. Village classes

CAMPUS NOTES

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DEAN'S LIST
Michael J. Kowalski and Theron R. Stiner of Canton were named to the Dean's List at Albion College for the Fall 1998 semester. Also named to the Dean's List for the Fall 1998 semester at Albion were Brooke L. Kilby, Michael J. Mayo, and Claire E. Walton of Plymouth.

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. To qualify, students must

Picture perfect Canton woman's photo captures Civitan prize

Jenna Barnes of Canton was awarded first place in the black and white category in the sixth annual Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club photo contest.

Barnes' photo, "Kid and computer," is on display with other winning photographs at the Plymouth District Library.

The overall winner selected by judges was Hanne Bruland of Livonia. Her photo, entitled "Barber Shop," won Best of Show.

The topic for this year's photo contest was "People in Everyday Life Activities."

The contest had 27 entries. Other winners in the black and white category were: Judith Vuletic of Plymouth, second place; Julie Tafelski of Plymouth, honorable mention; and Judith Vuletic of Plymouth, honorable mention.

In the color category winners were: Audrey Knapp of Allen Park, first place; Judith Vuletic of Plymouth, second place; Jonathan Greene of Brighton, honorable mention; Teresa Louias of Dearborn, honorable mention; Jerry Slaughter of Hell, MI, honorable mention; and Cheryl Van Vliet of Canton, honorable mention.

Cash prizes of \$100 for Best of Show, \$75 for first place and \$50 for second place were donated by the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club.

Judges for this year's contest were supplied by Jack Kenny, photographer and owner of Quicksilver Photo Lab & Studio in Plymouth.



Honors: Jenna Barnes of Canton won first place for her black and white photo, "Kid and computer," (above) in the annual contest sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REGISTRATION
■ Garfield Co-op has openings for children 18 months to 5 years. Garfield co-op is in Livonia, at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road. Call (734) 462-0135.

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

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

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

health. Observers are welcome. The Taoist Tai Chi Society is a nonprofit, charitable organization. Call (248) 332-1281.

is required. Cost is \$4. Call (734) 416-4278.

SOCCER LEAGUE
■ The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will run the following Adult 6-on-6 Soccer Leagues: Men's Open (18 and older), Men's Masters (30 and older), Women's Open (18 and older), Women's Master (30 and older). Registration deadline is June 16. Minimum of seven games. Maximum of 10 games. Fees are \$270 for a team, plus referee and non-resident fees. Season starts week of June 28. Call (734) 455-6620.

SUMMER THEATER CAMP
■ West Middle School in Plymouth will hold a summer theater camp from 9 a.m. to noon for grades 1-6, July 6-16. Cost is \$114. This program is under the direction of a professional actress and director who specializes in youth theater. Call (734) 416-4927.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
■ Crosswinds Community Church invites children to Vacation Bible School. Preschool (age 3) through sixth grade are welcome. There is no fee, but registration is required by June 12. The SonCastle Faire Vacation Bible School is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, June 20, through Thursday, June 24. Crosswinds Community Church is located at 45701 Ford in Canton. Call 981-0499.

ART LECTURE
■ In conjunction with the DIA and Plymouth Canton Community Education, the Plymouth Community Arts Council presents a lecture series at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 15. The speaker will discuss how and why artists choose to incorporate plants in the images they created. Registration

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

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take at least three units in graded courses and successfully complete four units in the Foreign Language Enrichment Series (FLES) at Albion College. He is teaching German during the spring semester to elementary students in the Albion area. FLES participants visit local elementary and middle schools for one hour each week teaching the basics of foreign language, such as colors, numbers and holiday words and phrases.

Kowalski is a sophomore majoring in German and Women's studies. He is the son of John D. and Susan C. Kowalski of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

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Annual event helps state 'Parade into 21st Century'

Spectacular was the word for recent Michigan Parades into the 21st Century, the 10th annual parade, hosted by the state's capital city, Lansing.

Part of the series of 11 annual statewide parades, it celebrated the last 100 years in the state and the arrival of 21st century in the year 2000.

"What an extravaganza this parade is to help us all remember Michigan's great history," said Gov. John Engler. "This parade has become a spectacle for the entire state to appreciate and enjoy."

The parades were made up of entries from many of the 83 Michigan counties and salute a different decade of American history each year. This year's parade featured the 1990s and recognized Michigan State University's championship basketball and hockey teams and their coaches.

In addition, 21 bands, including a contingent from Garden City High School, military and veteran units, fraternal and service clubs, historical units, floats, festival queens, antique farm tractors and equipment and clowns added to the fun and excitement.

This 2 1/2-hour parade is one of the largest in the Midwest with more than 200 units, involving more than 4,500 people from more than 160 Michigan communities participating.

In the parade this year were 25 animal units - horses, canine heroes representing Leader Dogs for the Blind, camels, zoo animals and others.

This year's equine parade entrants represented some of the best and rarest horses in the country and the world. Leading this year's equine division was the newly formed Michigan Department of State Police Voluntary Mounted Unit, with Insp. Shelby Slater and Sgt. Lorenzo Veal.

The Michigan State Police was formed in 1917 as a mounted constabulary. In 1924, the horses were replaced by motor vehicles, but in August 1998, a move

was made re-form mounted unit. Slater and Veal own their own mounts and cover all expenses to make mounted presentation. The unit is accepting donations of horses and equipment to help develop it.

This year's equestrian grand marshal was the MSU Spartan Chariot, pulled by a team of white Arabian geldings and driven by Mike Hall of HJH McCoy Arabians of Traverse City.

Costumed units
Ethnic equine units included Harmony Acre Arabians, owned by parade equine chair Nancy Harm. Harm's Arabian geldings, "Harmony Diamond" and "Harmony Tarifa," were ridden by Harm and Laura Roberts of Salem.

The horses and riders were attired in authentic imported tack and costumes from Saudi Arabia and Egypt. This year the Arabian horses were escorted by three Saluki dogs whose origins are from Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Eight Peruvian Paso Horses from the Lagos Grandes Paso Horse Club, organized by president Connie Hydel of Redford, demonstrated the smooth ride of the only non-trotting equine breed on earth. The Peruvian Paso horses and riders were in authentic tack and costumes consisting of white shirt and pants, poncho and hats.

The Michigan Paso Fino Club, led by Diane Hunt of Adrian, demonstrated the horse's smooth gate with eight horses in English Tack and riders in black Spanish tuxedo outfits with flat hats. The four beat lateral gait is a reason the breed is becoming so popular with older and physically challenged riders.

New to this year's parade was the unique and powerful Clydesdale drill team from Sunnybend Farm in Augusta. Shay Weirick is the captain of the group, which provided the parade's largest equine, measuring 18 hands and weighing more than 2,400 pounds.

Representing English Dres-

sage riders was Karen Hopkins of Durand, riding her 25-year-old registered Half Arabian gelding, "Spirit of Freedom," which competes in Dressage and Class A Arabian shows. He also is used to educate children about horses.

The historical black Buffalo Soldiers 10th Cavalry Calico Troops who fought to settle the Western Frontier were represented by horses and costumed riders led by Jimmy Buchanan of Detroit.

Several members of the Michigan Horse-Drawn Vehicle Association displayed a variety of horse breeds and equipment. Lucille Jensen of Morris drove her Arab Welch pony "Rainbow," pulling a 1908 Sears Runabout Carriage decorated with silk flowers.

Jackie Fleming of Bridgeport drove her imported Clydesdale gelding, "Scotty," pulling a survey used in the early 1900s to take visitors around Belle Isle in Detroit. Linda Aloya drove another Clydesdale owned by Fleming, pulling a survey made at the Lansing Wagon Works.

Dade Schultz of Charlotte brought his familiar 4-hitch matched bay mules, pulling a red show wagon. This award-winning hitch has won numerous awards at the Great Lakes International, Michigan and Ohio state fairs.

The popular award winning Polkadot Precision Drill Team, led by Mary Pino of Laingsburg, was represented by eight women riders in hot pink and silver sequined outfits, performing drill formations throughout the parade.

The Michigan Posse, led by

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On the move: Wearing authentic costumes from Saudi Arabia and Egypt, Nancy Harm rode "Harmony Tarifa" and Laura Roberts of Salem rode "Harmony Diamond." Also a part of the unit were Mary O'Connor of Livonia (from left), U.S. Rep. Debbie Stabenow, who coordinated the Salute to Michigan Mothers, Chelsea Clark of South Lyon with "Adytha," Andy Kron of South Lyon, Carmela Kudyba of Northville, Karis Welty of Ann Arbor with "Emir," Marie Clark of South Lyon with "Jordan" and Kathleen O'Connor of Livonia.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Phillips

Chuck and Norma Phillips of Garden City recently celebrated their 50th anniversary at buffet dinner reception at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.

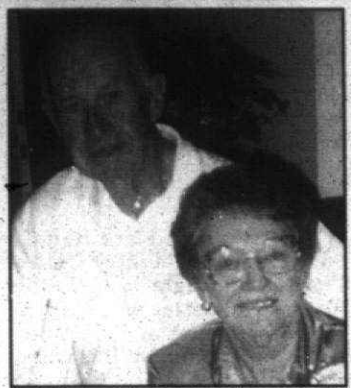
They met in 1947 while vacationing at Houghton Lake and exchanged vows on March 19, 1949, in Plymouth. She is the former Norma Gates.

Sixty-five family members and friends attended the party, given by their three children - Ronald

and his wife, Barbara, Janis Bailey and Lori McGuire and husband, Steve.

They also have 10 grandchildren - Steve and wife Leslie, Katie, Michael, Mollie, Daniel, Megan, Stanley, Shane and Anna.

He is retired from Burroughs Corporation and has worked at The Flower Shop. She is a volunteer at Garden City Hospital. Their interests include the Elks Lodge and golfing and volunteer work at the hospital.



Giovannini

Erick and Denise Giovannini of Livonia will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with a Hawaiian cruise.

High school sweethearts at Fordson High School, they exchanged vows on May 10, 1974, in Detroit. She is the former Denise McGlinch.

They have two children - E.J., 21, and Emily, 18.

She is employed as an office manager. He is a Wayne County Sheriff's deputy and enjoys rac-

quetball and she likes to golf. They also are members of Northville Christian Assembly.



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Janet Washington of Lansing, also performed drill exercises. The parade is a new group comprised of experienced parade riders who have ridden in the 1998 Presidential Inaugural Parade, Martin Luther King Holiday Parades and several America's Thanksgiving Day Parades in Detroit.

Also performing was the Michigan Black Horsemen's Association, led by Wade Jones of Detroit, attired in their traditional black, gold and white costumes. The group introduces inner city youth to the world of horses through various projects in Detroit.

Crowd pleasers
Miniature horses, always a

crowd pleaser, were represented by "Boat's General Patton," driven by Lesa Migot, and "Candied Milkeway," driven by Gloria Redd, both of Ray, Mich. "Candied Milkeway" is a 4-year-old stallion futurity winner who has placed in 98 percent of the horse shows he has entered.

The Canine Hero Unit, a big hit with spectators young and old, featured the Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester which brought 20 guide dogs and puppies in training. The Leader Dog Program is unique to Michigan and was started by the Detroit Area Lions Club in 1913.

Traditionally, the parade has provided lunch and a collectible embroidered patch for participants. Equine entries were

awarded a special red, white and blue ribbon to wear in the parade and given a bag of the parade's official equine parade treat, "Buckeye Peppermint Snacks," provided by Dr. Dan Kapper and John Fischer of Buckeye Feed Mills Inc. in Dalton, Ohio.

Parade volunteers included equine photographers Pam Cowling of Ionia and Linda Phelps of Farmington. COSTCO of Farmington Hills also provided one-hour photo processing.

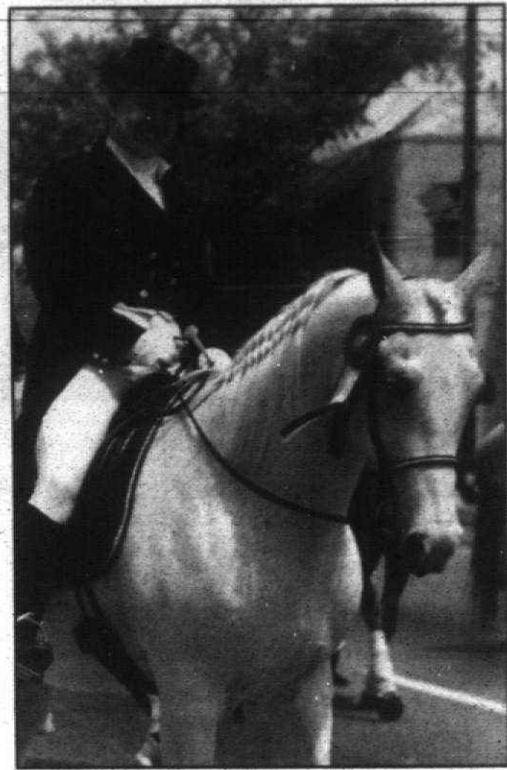
Sue Shultz and friends from Standish helped distribute food and horse snacks as well as escorted units. The Dearville Wranglers 4-H Club of Ingham County, led by Jean Battin, Sue Emerick and Karen Rulison, pro-

vided cleanup following the animals.

According to Harm, the Michigan Parade Committee hopes to make the equine division one of the country's top equine parades and is seeking breeds and other animals and activities not represented this year.

The Equestrian Legends Unit offers an opportunity for parade riders with out a group to participate and be with other horses. Schoolcraft College in Livonia also offers classes on parade training, drill formations and costume making through its Equine Certificate Program for those who want to prepare and participate in parades.

For more information, call Harm at (248) 437-5672 or reach her by fax (248) 437-1636. Applications are being accepted for the 2000 extravaganza which will be at 11 a.m. May 14, 2000, in Lansing.



All dressed up: Karen Hopkins of Durand, who graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School, paraded down Michigan Avenue in Lansing with her Half-Arabi gelding, "Spirit of Freedom."



Smooth ride: As president of the Lagos Grande Paso Horse Club, Connie Hydel of Redford (second from left) led a group of eight Peruvian Paso horse riders in the May 15 parade.

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Band without a name enhances worship at Memorial

By KENNETH VOYLES
SPECIAL WRITER

The Beatles, Fleetwood Mac, Pearl Jam ... Great bands with equally great names.

At Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia, great music from a great band can be heard each Sunday morning during the contemporary worship service. The music is courtesy of ... the congregation doesn't know its name and neither do the musicians.

The name isn't important to this group of people. The only thing that matters is enhancing the praise portion of Memorial's weekly service. For a growing number of people, the music is a key reason why they are drawn to the Livonia church.

The six-piece group (not including the backup vocalists) is made up of musicians from throughout the metropolitan area. They are led by Les Hardin, a 27-year-old Kentucky native with a wry sense of humor, who came to Livonia more than a year ago as Memorial's new associate minister.

Hardin is in charge of the worship services, among other duties, and takes great pride in the growth of musical praise at Memorial.

"We really don't perform for the people in the audience or for ourselves," said Hardin. "We perform for an audience of one — God. We try to consistently provide a quality avenue for people to express themselves and their worship for the Lord."

Music counts

The band's name might not count, but the music does. And it's no surprise with the talented efforts of so many people on display each week, serving up songs of worship, praise and exaltation.

Beside Hardin, who leads on vocals and plays acoustic guitar, the band includes Jay Harnish of Livonia as drummer, Steve and Kathy Long of Belleville on electric guitar and keyboards, Carly Polanski of Detroit on tambourine and Grant Reed of Canton on bass.

Various trios of Memorial members provide backup vocals and other backup musicians include Laurie Hildreth of Novi on keyboard and Monica Hoppe of Commerce Township and Lori Martin and Ryan McGilvrey of Livonia on guitar.

The group formed shortly after Hardin arrived at Memorial when he hooked up with Reed and another drummer, Chris Meyers. They talked about starting a band and were supported by the church's Worship Committee as it developed plans for a contemporary service in the new worship center.

"As the band grew, we were blessed that God sent us the people we needed," Hardin said. "We always wanted our core to be around the drums, guitar and bass. Grant wanted to be a part of it from the beginning and went out and learned the bass in little more than three months."

The church has always includ-



Musical enhancement: With more than 200 worshippers, Les Hardin believes his band with no name is having an impact on people deciding to return for the Livonia church's contemporary service.

ed music in its service — with members often performing songs of praise to recorded music — but only since Hardin's arrival and the move to a more contemporary worship has that effort taken on the guise of a "music ministry."

It's just another sign that the 53-year-old church is trying to stay fresh and contemporary, said the Rev. Mark McGilvrey, Memorial's minister for more than 26 years.

Having an impact

The band is having an impact. Attendance at the 9:30 a.m. service has grown to more than 225 people each week. "One of my goals was to have

music that transcends the kind of modern Christian music usually seen in worship," Hardin said. "What makes us unique is the style of music we play. It's basically guitar with a heavy back beat."

"Worship bands aren't unique, but they tend to be a lot lighter and dominated by keyboards." Hardin hasn't heard anyone attending Memorial say that the band was instrumental in attracting them to the church, but he believes it helps people make a decision to return.

"When people visit a church for the first time, they check two things, the nursery and the bathrooms," he said. "People want to know there is a place for their children and that the place is clean."

"More and more, though, people are looking at how your worship is presented. Worship is a two-way street. You get out of it what you put in. We want people to worship the Lord and know it's also OK to have a lot of fun doing it."

As for the band's name, that's up in the air. One idea the group jokes about is Penhaven.

"In practice, we can never find a pen when we need one to jot something down," Hardin said. "So we've come up with 'Penhaven' in anticipation of having all the pens we'll ever in need in heaven."

Memorial Church of Christ is at 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-6722.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

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

NEW PRIEST

Jeffrey Day, the son of Dennis and Victoria Day of St. Richard Catholic Church in Westland, was among eight men ordained to the Catholic priesthood by

Cardinal Adam Maida on Saturday, May 22, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit. Day will serve as associate pastor of Divine Child Catholic Church in Dearborn, beginning July 1.

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 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, 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.

CHICKEN BARBECUE

Lola Valley United Methodist Church will sponsor a chicken barbecue 3:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday,

June 6, at the church on Delaware at the corner of Puritan in Redford. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$2.50 for children under age 12 to eat in or carry out.

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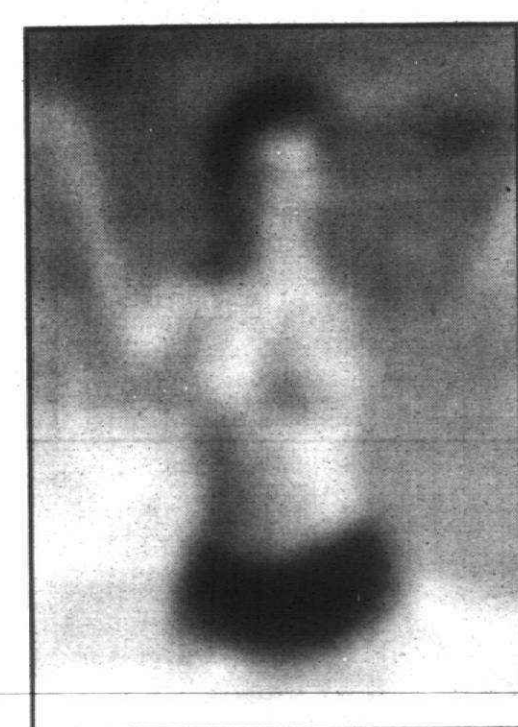
Emmanuel Lutheran Church will have a community health fair 6-9 p.m. Monday, June 7, at the church 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia. Botsford and St. Mary hospitals will have tables at the fair and seminars on nutrition

and diabetes. Cholesterol screening and blood pressure checks also will be available. The American Red Cross will be on hand 3-9 p.m. to accept blood donations. There also will be food, music and prizes. For more information, call 442-8822.

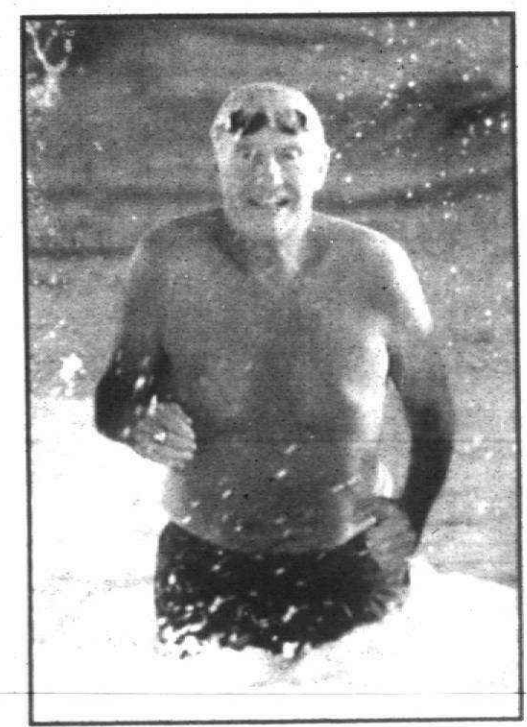
LET'S TALK

The Interfaith Connection will present Let's Talk, a four-part discussion series for interfaith couples, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday,

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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN
Emmanuel Lutheran Church

will host the "Cross Roads" Christian day camp by LORMM 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 14-18 at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia. The camp for children in kindergarten through the sixth grade will feature a week of games, crafts, water play, Bible stories and fun. The cost is \$35 for the first child, \$30 for the second child and \$25 for each

additional child. To register, call (248) 442-8822.

FAITH LUTHERAN

Sunday, May 30, is the last day to register for Faith Lutheran Church's vacation Bible school, scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon June 21-25. The registration fee is \$7 for one child, \$12 for two, \$18 for three and \$24 for four or more children (living at the same

address). The fee includes a T-shirt that children will decorate, materials, daily snacks and gifts on the last day. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-7349.

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN

Children ages 4 through the fifth grade are invited to a castle adventure set in merry old England. Geneva Presbyterian

Church will have its vacation Bible school, SonCastle Faire, 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. June 21-25 at the church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton. SonCastle Faire will feature songs, skits, crafts, games, Bible studies and snacks. The closing program will be a musical event for the whole family at 7 p.m. June 25. The cost is \$5. To register or for more information, call

the church at (734) 459-0013.

ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN
St. James Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school 9 a.m. to noon June 21-15 at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. The school is for children ages 3 through sixth grade and costs \$5 per child. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-7730.

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June, 7, 21 and 28, at the Agency for Jewish Education, 21550 W. 12 Mile, Southfield. The program will focus on identity, traditions, communications and holidays and families. The cost is \$5 per adult per session. For more information, call Sue Stettner at (800) 397-4876.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Garden City Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Strawberry Festival 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 11, at the church, 1841 Middlebelt. Garden City. Festivities include strawberry shortcake, ice cream, hot and cold beverages, baked goods, arts and crafts, children's games and more.

FAITH INKUBATORS

Rich Melheim, a Lutheran pastor, will present an energetic, insightful new way to do Confirmation with youth at a Faith Inkubators Conference 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June

11-12, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia.

The free learning event will also include the "Total Family Sunday School" and "Faith Stepping Stones" concepts. There also will be music, games and creative commercials modeled at 6:30 p.m. June 11.

To register, call Faith Inkubators at (888) 55-FAITH.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Women of Faith is presenting a two-day seminar "Outrageous Joy," at 7 p.m. Friday, June 11, and 9 a.m. Saturday, June 12, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Drive (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/wmme

MUSICAL CELEBRATION

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

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 28-30 for children entering the first grade through

sixth graders at the church, 40000 Six Mile, 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. Children can register for one or more weeks. To register or for more information, call the Christian Education Office at (248) 374-5977.

FLEA MARKET

Vendors are needed for a flea market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne at Hunter roads, Westland. Space costs \$20. Applications are available by calling Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-7225.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a

nonprofit charitable organization, offers 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, 29887 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, and St. Paul United Methodist Church, 165 E. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.

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. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Northville Christian School is holding open enrollment for preschool-eighth grade classes at the school, 41355 Six Mile, Northville. Preschool has morning and afternoon sessions for 3

and 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 is 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.

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It's a moment Tom Davey had long hoped for. And on Monday, he got his shot.

Davey, a Plymouth Salem graduate now in his first Major League season as a pitcher for the Toronto Blue Jays, got a chance to pitch against the team he grew up watching: the Detroit Tigers. And he made the most of it.

The Jays had struck for 10 runs in the seventh inning to open up a 12-2 lead. But the Tigers were rallying; they scored four times in the bottom half of the inning off two pitchers and had two runners aboard and one out when Davey was summoned.

The 6-foot-7 righthander put out the fire immediately. He pitched the final 2 2/3 innings and did not allow a hit or a walk, striking out three.

Davey, who set aside more than 50 tickets to the series for friends and family, lowered his earned run average to 4.85 with the performance.

Dolphins first

The Plymouth Dolphins eight-and-under girls soccer team finished first in both the fall and winter indoor seasons at Total Soccer in Wixom with a combined record of 15-1.

Team members are Kristina Criley, Katelin David, Kara Gregory, Beth Heldmeyer, Tessa Heldmeyer, Janson Falconson, Haley Hoffman, Kacy Moran, Leann Mitchell, Tracy Rymph, Loren Scott, Lauren Thiele and Diana Turley. The team was coached by Fred Heldmeyer, Mike David and Rick Thiele.

Buckeyes' MVP

Doug Stibel, a senior at Ohio State University from Canton, was named the gymnastics team's Most Valuable Performer at the annual year-end banquet May 15. Stibel earned All-American honors at the NCAA Men's Gymnastics Championships in Lincoln, Neb., by placing second in the parallel bars with a 9.775 score and sixth in the floor exercise. He earned All-America honors three times in his career.

Stibel also won the 'Stick' Champion Award at the banquet, presented to the gymnast who sticks the most dismounts through the course of the season.

With his collegiate career over, Stibel plans to compete for a spot on the Pan American Games team.

Szczechowski signs

Nick Szczechowski, a senior at Plymouth Salem and a third-team all-state soccer player, has signed a national letter of intent to attend, and play soccer at, DePaul University in Chicago.

An NCAA Division I team that plays in Conference USA, DePaul also inked Warren DeLaSalle's Eddie Kiefer.

Szczechowski was a three-year starter at sweeper for Salem, helping the Rocks to a No. 1 ranking in the state in both his junior and senior seasons. He was also a first-team all-Observer selection, prompting Salem coach Ed McCarthy to say:

"He is one of the most poised, calm players I've ever seen. He's a great distributor, he has great vision and he's strong in the air."

Close clash

The Canton Lightning under-15 boys premier soccer team met Vardar III in the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association State Championship Game Sunday in Saginaw in a rematch of last year's final, and lost 1-0 on a goal late in the second half scored on a header that deflected off the goalpost and Canton keeper before rolling into the net.

The Lightning had beaten the Holland Grand Valley Premier, the Sterling Heights Phantoms, the Rochester North Metro Rangers and — in the semifinals — the Troy Flash.

Canton players are Jeffrey Bennett, Jai Bilimoria, Nick Houdek, John Kaczmarek, Brent Kwiatkowski, Jared Lamborn, Daniel Longpre, Keith Lukasik, Pat Meyn, Tavio Palazzolo, Jason Priebe, Aaron Schmidt, Kevin Schopieray, Carl Space, Kevin Strudel, Ben Wielechowski and Jamie Zdrodowski.

The team is coached by Watson Zdrodowski, Michael Longpre and Leroy Schopieray; the team is trained by Lyle Wensley.

Chiefs edge Vikings

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A fluke in her technique proved to be advantageous for Plymouth Canton pitcher Gretchen Hudson Wednesday in the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game in Walled Lake. With her drop ball rising throughout the game, the senior right-hander handcuffed Walled Lake Central into just three hits in pitching the Chiefs to their second-straight conference championship with a 1-0 victory over the Vikings. Hudson struck out 11 and walked no one as Canon picked up its 29th victory of the season against just losses. The Chiefs finish 15-2 in

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WLAА play.

"It feels good to win it. That's been one of our goals from the beginning of the year," Hudson said.

Although Hudson frustrated the Viking batters, she admitted her pitches weren't doing what she expected them to do.

"Actually, something was wrong in my delivery because the ball was moving up, not down. I don't know what it was, but it was working," she said with a winning smile. "I'll take it."

"It really wasn't me as much as it

was my catcher, Marie Pochron," Hudson added. "She was calling the pitches and holding the ball so I could get the calls."

What little fireworks there were in the contest came early as the game opened with a bang.

Lead-off batter Paula McKernan, a junior shortstop, singled to open the game for the Chiefs. Senior outfielder Melissa Brown then slapped a line drive to Central second baseman Lindsay Garland, who caught the ball and quickly threw to first. McKernan beat the throw first by a split-second in a play that could have been called either

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Victory preserved: Canton's Marie Pochron tags out Central's Lindsay Garland as she attempts to score from second on a Kami Scott single in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Canton clubs South Lyon

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So much for the preliminaries.

Now the real fun begins for Plymouth Canton's soccer squad. The Chiefs only had to be careful in their first two matches to advance to the next step: Don't get anyone hurt and don't do anything reckless, like allowing an opponent they should dominate get a big lead early.

What comes next is certain to be a far greater challenge than either of their first two games in the Division I state district tournament.

Two opponents, two easy wins. In Wednesday's district semifinal, Canton scored early and often in trampling South Lyon 7-1 at Canton. Which means that in their two tournament games, the Chiefs have outscored their foes 13-1.

On Saturday, they will play for the district title against the winner of the Plymouth Salem-Northville game, which will be played at 7 p.m. tonight at Northville HS. Saturday's district final will be at 1 p.m. at South Lyon Junior HS.

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Either Salem or Northville will prove to be far more difficult than Canton's first two foes. The Chiefs have played the Rocks twice in the last two weeks, tying them 1-1 then beating them 3-1 last week in the Western Lakes Activities Association title game. Against Northville early in the season, Canton posted a 2-0 victory.

"It's supposed to be tough," said Canton coach Don Smith. "It's the district final."

"They're both good teams. We can't afford to let them get fired up against us."

That's something the Chiefs never allowed South Lyon to do. Anne Morrell got them on the board early, then Stephanie Johnson and Morrell scored goals in a 2:08 span to make it 3-0 before the first half was half over. With 16:03 still left before the intermission, Allison Mills converted a cross to make it 4-0.

The Lions ended Canton's shutout bid when Cassi Teeple lofted a shot

over Chiefs' keeper Amy Dorogi with 13:50 left, making it 4-1.

The second half was as steady as the first had been — much like Monday's 6-0 win over Pinckney, during which Canton scored three times in each half. The bottom line was this: South Lyon never really had a chance against the deeper, more talented Chiefs.

A Morrell cross to Beth Sandusky with 30:17 left in the match resulted in Canton's fifth goal, and once again pried open the goal-scoring floodgates — through which the Chiefs poured in two more goals within the next 5:09.

Amanda Lentz set up the first, taking the ball into the middle of the box before passing it back to Abi Morrell, who ripped a shot from 18 yards out into the net to make it 6-1. It was Lentz's second assist of the game.

Just 52 seconds later, Lentz got a goal of her own on a shot from the right side to account for Canton's final marker.

Lentz has been a key ingredient in Canton's late-season surge. After tying Livonia Churchill and Salem in

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Heads up: Anne Morrell (left) scored two goals in Canton's 6-0 win over Pinckney Monday.

1 down, 2 to go

Salem nips Novi; Northville next

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If you're a Plymouth Salem girls soccer player, the fun is beginning right about now. Because with each game comes another shot at redemption.

Payback time.

It really started Monday, when the Rocks met Novi at Salem in the opening round of the Division I state soccer district tournament. In the first week of the season, Salem and Novi had played to a 1-1 draw, much to the chagrin of the Rocks.

There would be no tie this time. There couldn't be, not in the state tournament. Indeed, Suzi Towne made certain the result would be favorable for the Rocks when she dribbled through the Wildcat defense and lofted a

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shot from 20 yards out that got over the Novi keeper and into the net for the game-winning goal with 8:09 left in a 2-1 Salem victory.

The win pushed the Rocks' record to 10-5-2. It also gives them a second payback shot, this one at 7 p.m. tonight against Northville in the district semifinals at Northville. Salem lost 2-1 to the Mustangs in the regular season in the game following its tie with Novi.

So the incentive is there. And if further motivation is needed, then here it is: A win over Northville would give the Rocks a third shot at beating Plymouth Canton, this one when it means

the most — with the district championship at stake, at 1 p.m. Saturday at South Lyon.

Certainly, Monday's game with the Wildcats provided Salem with a warning, if it was necessary. The victory did not come easily.

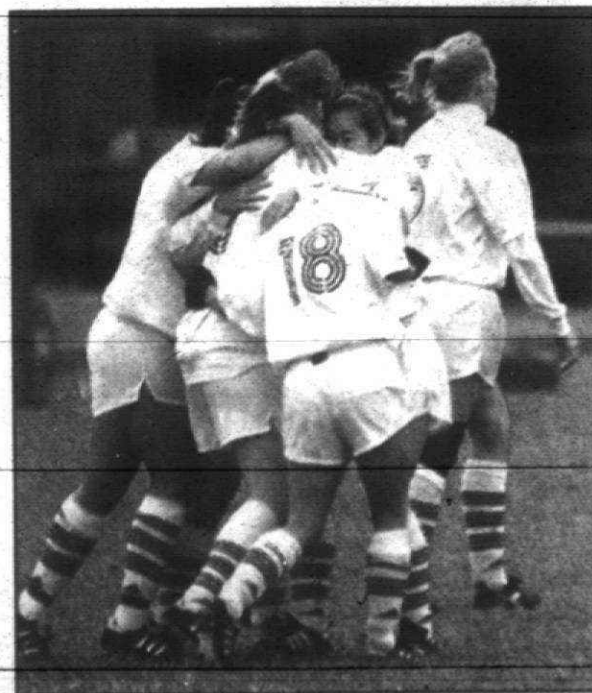
"They really do (make it difficult)," said Salem coach Doug Landefeld of Novi. "They defend well and they work hard."

"The key to stopping them is containing Kristy Arrington. Once you do that, you can concentrate on your offense."

Which is exactly what the Rocks did. They never trailed the 'Cats, but they never led by more than a goal, either.

Salem scored first, with Kristina Seniuch converting a pass

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Game-winner: Suzi Towne is mobbed by teammates after scoring Salem's second goal in Monday's 2-1 victory over Novi.

Cortellini gets Chiefs 1 win; Rocks rule 2nd

Joe Cortellini put on a one-man show for Plymouth Canton in Saturday's first game 7-3 win over Plymouth Salem, but the Rocks got an all-around effort in stopping the Chiefs 8-2 in the second to earn a split in their baseball double-header.

Canton's record through Saturday was 19-7 overall, 11-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Salem was 13-18 overall, 9-7 in the WLAA.

Cortellini's pitching and offensive capabilities were decisive in the first game. The senior stopped Salem on four hits, allowing one earned run and walking three while striking out at four as he evened his record at 2-2.

On offense, Cortellini connected for a three-run home run in the second inning to put Canton up 3-0; he added a two-run single to spark a three-run rally in the seventh that secured the Chiefs' victory. He finished with two hits and five RBI.

Jon Johnson added a solo

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homer in the fifth for Canton.

Salem scored all three of its runs in the fifth, the first on a double by Geoff Bennett and the next two on a Steve Stiles' single. Stiles finished with two hits, including a double.

Jason Lukasik started and took the loss for the Rocks to fall to 4-5. He surrendered six runs on four hits and six walks, striking out seven.

The second game was a different story. Bennett started and picked up a win in his first decision of the season, but it was costly. Bennett worked the first 3 2/3 innings, giving up no runs on two hits and one walk, with two strikeouts. However, he hit Canton pitcher Kevin Tomasaitis twice — and was ejected after the second time. Brandon Bray pitched the next 1 2/3 innings, giving up two runs; Chris Trott

finished up, tossing a scoreless 1 2/3 innings. Tomasaitis absorbed the loss, allowing eight runs (five earned) on nine hits and six walks, with four strikeouts. He's 2-2 for the season.

Steve Gordon led Salem with three hits, including a double, and three RBI. Mike Hoban added two hits and an RBI. The Rocks scored three times in the first, Stiles doubling in a run and another scoring on Gordon's sacrifice fly.

Nick Stonerook and Ben Tucker each had one hit and one RBI for the Chiefs, while Brad Smigelski collected five stolen bases as a pinch-runner.

PCA 9, B.H. Roper 5: Plymouth Christian Academy made it seven-straight wins Tuesday and gained a measure of revenge in a game with major consequences in the battle for second place in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

PCA had lost to Bloomfield Hills Roper earlier this season,

but made up for it at home Tuesday — thanks in great part to the strong relief pitching of sophomore Dave Shumaker. A standout at second base, Shumaker took over for Andy Powers, who gave up four runs in 1 2/3 innings. Shumaker pitched the mound to start the third and allowed just one run on three hits and three walks over the next four innings.

A hit and two walks got Shumaker in trouble in the seventh as the Roughriders loaded the bases with no one out, but Bill Kiesel slammed the door on that potential rally by striking out the next three batters to earn the save.

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leads the conference at 8-1.

PCA 13-13, Oakland Christian 3-3: On Monday at Plymouth Christian, the Eagles made the most of a rescheduled MIAC game that turned a single game into a double-header. They pounded out 32 hits against Auburn Hills Oakland Christian in posting a pair of five-inning mercy wins.

In the first game, Scott Maddock started and got the pitching win, working three innings and giving up two earned runs on five hits and a walk, with four strikeouts. Bill Kiesel relieved and pitched the final two innings, allowing one unearned run on one hit, with five strikeouts.

PCA slugged three home runs in the game, with Andy Powers hitting a two-run homer in the first and Bill Kiesel and Deric Isensee hitting back-to-back dingers in the fourth. Kiesel's two-run shot. Kiesel and Isensee each had two hits in the game; so did Travis Yonkman, with

four RBI. Maddock had two hits and an RBI, and Evan Gaines contributed two hits and scored three runs. Nick Conti added a run-scoring triple.

In the second game, the Eagles had two more home runs — both in the fourth inning. Jim Morrison connected on a two-run blast, and Maddock hit a three-run job. Morrison also had a run-scoring double and a single, while Maddock added a single to his hit total.

Albert Wainoe chipped in with two hits, including a three-run triple in the first, and Nathan Worley had two hits and four RBI, with a three-run single in the third. Isensee and Yonkman each had two hits, too.

Jason Marra started and got the pitching win, lasting 3 1/3 innings and allowing two earned runs on five hits and two walks, with two strikeouts. Worley pitched the final 1 2/3 innings, giving up one earned run on two hits and a walk, with three strikeouts.

first-team all-star.

"He's one of the best slashers we've seen among the high school guards," said Holowicki. "He's great driving to the basket."

At present, the best current Crusader at driving to the hoop is former Plymouth Canton standout guard Nick Hurley. But Hurley has struggled academically; Kurlinaitis could help fill that void.

The current Crusader who should welcome Garrison is Mike Massey, the long-range shooter who led the team in scoring last season. Garrison has strong outside shooting abilities — which means defenses won't be able to concentrate solely on Massey.

"He's an outstanding shooter," said Holowicki. "We first saw him in a three-point shooting contest at Troy High School when he was a junior. He can really put it down."

A 6-4 small forward, Holowicki called Garrison "a great caliber player, a great human being." He's also "the type of player that has to be guarded."

Cox is a 6-1 point guard whose greatest attribute might be his tenacity. "He's very strong, and a great (defensive) stopper," said Holowicki. "He penetrates hard to the basket, and he's a very intense player."

"He gets after you, both offensively and defensively." All four figure to aid the beleaguered team, but none can fill the biggest hole. Lost to graduation was center Mike Maryanski, the current Crusaders have no one taller than 6-6.

TENNIS RESULTS

DIVISION I

BOYS TENNIS REGIONAL

May 21 at Ann Arbor Pioneer

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet): 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 24 points; 2. Ann Arbor Huron, 20; 3. Redford Catholic Central, 17; 4. Livonia Church Hill, 7; 5. (tie) Belleville and Plymouth Salem, 6 each; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 5; 8. (tie) Livonia Franklin and Plymouth Canton, 3 each; 10. Westland John Glenn, 0.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Olexon Filletti (AAH) defeated Jeff Augustyn (AAP), 7-6, 6-2; semifinals: Augustyn def. Mike Rajchel (B), 6-1, 6-2; Filletti def. Mike Findling (RCC), 7-5, 6-1.

No. 2: David Hinkler (AAP) def. Jeff Fleszar (RCC), 6-0, 6-0; semifinals: Hinkler def. Anthony Leeds (AAH), 6-3, 6-0; Fleszar def. Jeff Beydoun (LF), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 3: Evan Ufer (AAP) def. Ray Wu (AAH), 6-2, 6-2; semifinals: Ufer def. Ben Bartlett (PS), 6-1, 6-0; Wu def. Ben Luong (LC), 6-2, 6-3.

No. 4: David Itallian (RCC) def. Alan Chu (AAH), 7-6, 6-1; semifinals: Chu def. Mike Lang (B), 6-2, 6-2; Atal def. Julian Darwall (AAP), 7-6, 7-5.

No. 5 doubles: J.D. Shade-Rob Sparks (RCC) def. Andrew Iannettoni-David Schietema (AAP), 7-6, 7-5; semifinals: Shade-Sparks def. Ryan Schraaben-Ben Ungroff (AAH), 6-3, 6-0; Iannettoni-Schietema def. Bobby Koivunen-Quay (LC), 6-3, 6-2.

No. 6: Marc Reading-Adam Fox (AAP) def. Sol Eitza-Edin Shin (AAH), 5-7, 6-4, 7-6; semifinals: Reading-Fox def. Marc Fleszar-Nick Gray (RCC), 6-2, 6-2; Eitza-Shin def. Rich Kibikio-Brent Mytych (RCC), 6-3, 6-2.

No. 7: Pat Fay-David Toronto (AAP) def. Daniel Miller-Sanchez-John Siedel (AAH), 6-1, 6-2, 6-1; semifinals: Fay-Toronto def. Ryan Cibor-Matt Roe (RCC), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; Miller-Sanchez-Siedel def. Adam Rourke-Zac Tibbles (LC), 6-2, 6-0.

Korduba makes his choice: Madonna

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There are some new additions to Bernie Holowicki's Madonna University basketball team. The newest may be a few years from actually contributing, however. And while he's definitely part of the "family," it'll take some long-distance recruiting into a hotbed of collegiate basketball.

Holowicki spent last weekend at son Kevin's home in Chapel Hill, N.C., greeting his first grandchild — Nicholas, born last Saturday. It was a happy time for the Crusaders' coach.

His recruits for the upcoming season could make him happy, too. Madonna has received letters of intent from Aaron Cox, of New Boston Huron HS; Daniel Kurlinaitis, from Dearborn Edsel Ford; Jordan Garrison, from Holly; and Mike Korduba, from Plymouth Salem.

All four provide something dif-

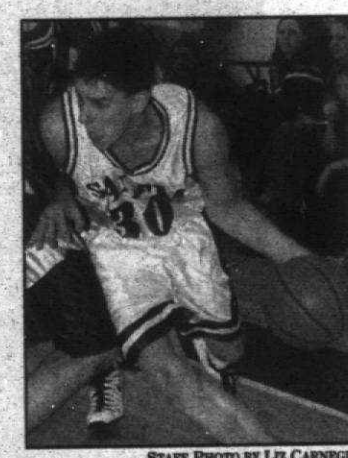
ferent to the Crusaders, but none will give them what they need the most: size. Korduba, a 6-foot-5 small forward, is the biggest, but he filled a sixth-man role for the Rocks, averaging about five points a game.

"We've liked him since his sophomore year," said Holowicki of Korduba. "He hung around the basket (for Salem) and made some key baskets for them, some game-winners. And he's a very unselfish player."

Korduba's biggest game of the season was against Walled Lake Western Feb. 9. The Warriors came into the game unbeaten, but Korduba scored five of his team's final seven points, including the game-winning free throw with 2.4 seconds left, to lead the Rocks to a 47-46 victory.

Salem advanced to the Class A state quarterfinals before losing to Pontiac Northern.

Kurlinaitis is a 6-3 player capable of playing point or shooting guard. As a senior, he earned



Madonna-bound: Mike Korduba was a solid play-off the bench for Salem.

all-Mega Conference honors, was all-city and honorable mention all-state. He was also a standout in soccer, earning much the same honors — except he was

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WLAA track

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We didn't even score in this meet," Dollaway said. "We started recruiting kids from other sports, mainly football and soccer. I figured it would make everybody better. We have 54 kids on this team now."

Two sophomores also gave the Vikings a boost. Jason Kittle took third in the high jump, while Chris Haney took a fifth in the pole vault.

"Everything pretty much turned out the way I thought," Dollaway said. "In the field events we didn't get as much, but we got more in the running events than I figured."

Churchill, the Western Division dual meet champion, appeared primed to win

the title, but then senior standout Ryan Kearney pulled out of the 300 hurdles and a leg of the 1,600-meter relay with a sore hamstring after setting a WLAA record in the 110 hurdles with a time of 14.2.

Kearney shattered the mark of 14.5 set by Churchill's Jason Belaire in 1989. "We felt pulling Jason out was a smart move for us," Churchill coach could help our team with a sore hamstring and we didn't want to jeopardize anything" he also went into the state meet.

Churchill will finish 1-2 in the stat-

but led by Mike Gaura and Guy Diakow. Eric Scott also added a second in the long jump.

"Our kids ran great tonight," Austin said. "But Central won the last five events. They're a very talented team. You don't need seconds and thirds when you have those powerful runners like that taking first."

Injuries kept Salem from making a serious run at Central. The Rocks were without middle distance standout Bobby Cushman, who was injured in the regional, along with sprinters Mike Shull and Chris Mason.

"The last three or four years we've been slim on injuries in the big meets,

but this year they hit us pretty hard," Salem coach Geoff Baker said. "At one point of the meet we thought we had a shot at it, but the injuries mounted up too much."

"We just have to recoup and go back at it next year."

Salem's Nick Allen captured the 1,600 in 4:27.6 and added a second in the 800. Allen also teamed up with Matt Anderson, Donnie Warner and Jon Little to capture 3,200 relay.

But the meet's star was Walled Lake Western's Lorenzo Parker, who set a meet record with a clocking of 10.8 en route to winning the 100.

Parker's time bettered the mark of 10.9 established in 1997 by Westland John Glenn's Harden James.

Parker also soared 22 feet, 1 inch to win the long jump and was a member of the victorious 400 relay (48.3). He was also a part of meet record 800 relay team (1:30.0) for the Warriors along with Chris Payton, Richard Barbera, and Eric Sage.

Other individual champions included Livonia Stevenson's Dustin Wilkin in the discus; Franklin's Ryan Shipleit in the pole vault; Plymouth Canton's Jordan Chapman in the high jump; and Canton's Jerry Gaines in the 400.

WESTERN LAKES

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BOYS TRACK MEET

May 28 at Livonia Churchill

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Walled Lake Central, 133 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 107; 3. Plymouth Salem, 105.5; 4. Walled Lake Western, 83.5; 5. Plymouth Canton, 81.3; 6. Livonia Franklin, 58.8; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 57; 8. Farmington Hills Harrison, 53; 9. Farmington, 38.3; 10. North Farmington, 28; 11. Northville, 22; 12. Westland John Glenn, 15.

FINAL RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Mike Gaura (LC), 48 feet, 1 1/2 inches; 2. Guy Diakow (LC), 47.3; 3. Mark Snyder (PS), 45.1; 4. Brad Arsenault (LC), 44.6; 5. Andy Brandt (PS), 44.5 1/2; 6. Nate Hensman (LF), 44.2; 7. James Doherty

Long jump: 1. Jordan Chapman (PC), 6-1; 2. Chris Kalla (PC), 6-0; 3. Jason Kittle (WC), 6-0; 4. Alex Haines (N), 6-0; 5. Alex Hritcu (WC), 5-10; 6. John Turner (LF), 5-8; 7. Paul Karolac (LC), 5-8; 8. three-way tie.

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Discus: 1. Dustin Wilkin (LS), 148-4; 2. Diakow (LC), 143-11; 3. Kurt Plankuch (LS), 138-0; 4. Brandt (PS), 134-1; 5. Pat Lindsay (WC), 132-0; 6. Brad Person (FH), 131-2; 7. Nick Samples (WJ), 130-3; 8. Gaura (LC), 128-7.

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PCA's Roose makes state

Jordan Roose made it two years in a row in qualifying for the Class D State Track Championships when he finished second in the 3,200-meter run for Plymouth Christian Academy at last Friday's regional meet hosted by Grass Lake.

A junior, Roose finished 10:37.0. He'll compete at the Class D final June 5 at Frankmuth HS.

Roose and two of his teammates just missed qualifying for the state finals in other events. Travis Yonkman, also a junior, finished third in both the 110-meter (18.1) and 300-meter (45.9) hurdles; only the top two finishers advance, unless they meet or beat the additional qualifiers time standard. Roose was third in the 1,600, too, and just missed the time standard of 4:43.3; he was clocked at 4:43.5.

Heather Vargo, a sophomore, was third in the long jump in the girls meet, leaping 14-feet, 5-inches.

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way.

"That was big," Central coach Gordon Glennie said. "The call goes the other way and we're still playing."

Sophomore outfielder Christian Kiesel stepped to the plate and did her job as she sacrificed McKernan to second. Cleanup hitter Liz Elsner, a senior first baseman, then drove in the game's lone run with a single to center field.

After that it was all pitching and defense for both teams.

Central threatened in the bottom of the fifth inning but a heads-up defensive play closed the door on the Vikings. With two outs, Garland at second and Jenni Lyon at first, senior pitcher Kami Scott drilled a single to left field. Kiesel flied the ball on one hop and threw to McKernan on second and one out, and headed home. McKernan

fired a strike to the plate and senior catcher Pochron put the tag on Garland to end the inning and deny the potential tying run.

"A big key for us was when they had a runner at second and hit the ball to left. We had a good relay and our shortstop cut down the tying run at the plate," Canton coach Jim Arnold said. "We work on that play in practice, but you don't get a chance to use it much so it's great when you see it work out like it should."

Garland played a stellar game at second for Central and turned a pair of double plays.

With one on and nobody out in the top of the third, she snared a line drive off the bat of Elsner and threw to first to get the runner. Three innings later with a runner on second and one out, Garland dialed in on another

line drive, this one off the bat of Pochron, and threw to second to again get the base runner.

"That's what a championship game should be. It was 1-0. Both teams played outstanding defensive games and both pitchers threw well," Arnold said. "There's not a loser on this field."

Scott limited Canton to three hits after the first inning. She fanned five and walked two, but kept the ball down and enticed eight Canton batters into ground-outs.

Hudson, too, kept Central in check and had seven ground-outs to go along with her 11 K's.

The Chiefs open Class A district play against Plymouth Salem on Saturday, June 5.

"We're looking forward to our district game with Salem," Hudson said. "It's a good rivalry. We're excited."

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back-to-back games, Smith switched Lentz and Sandusky, putting Lentz at attacking midfielder and Sandusky at forward.

"I think we're moving the ball much better with Mandy (Lentz) in the middle," said Smith.

But defense had been the Canton coach's greatest concern down the stretch in the regular season. "They are playing better now," he said. "Now, they tell me what they did wrong before I can tell them — which means they must be listening to me, and they're getting the message."

The Chiefs, now 14-2-3, might consider this message as well.

Canton 6, Plinkney 0: This Division I district open turned out just the way it was supposed to — with Plymouth Canton dominating from start to finish.

The Chiefs opened the scoring just 4:40 into the match, with Anne Morrell converting a pass from Lisa Tomasso. Amanda Lentz took over after that, at

least for the half; the sophomore midfielder carried the ball down the center of the field and finished to make it 2-0 with 30:55 left, then she popped a shot from the right side of the box that slipped through the hands of Pirates' keeper Becky Larwa, making it 3-0 with 26:02 remaining in the half.

Chiefs' coach Don Smith started substituting liberally after that. Canton doubled the score with three second-half goals, one by Morrell and two by Beth Sandusky. Tomasso finished with two assists; so did Vicki Palis, while Morrell and Jessica Palis had single assists.

"It would make all of our lives easier if we finished more," admitted Landefeld. "I knew this would be a battle. I'm just glad we won and we're able to play another day."

How many more days depends on how focused the Rocks remain — and how well they finish.

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from Jami Coyle. Novi knotted it five minutes later, however, Nicole Angellocci scoring and Jill Gibson assisting, to make it 1-1 at the half.

Which is the way it stayed for nearly 32 minutes of the second half, despite a bundle of attacks deep into the Wildcat zone. Per-

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- Fishing comprises 52 percent of Michigan boat use and there are 1,823,534 anglers in the state.
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Low water warning

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports that water levels in lakes Superior, Michigan and Huron have already

dropped below their long-term average. Inland lake water levels are also low and officials expect this low water level period to remain until we get some substantial rain fall and cooler temperatures.

Lack of precipitation and warm, dry periods, which cause evaporation, are two of the biggest factors that affect lake levels.

Because of these low levels, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is urging boaters to use caution when launching (especially at access sites on the Great Lakes) and while on the water.

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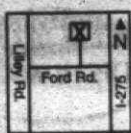
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• BINGO: 6 PM - 11 PM in Grade School Lunchroom
• FOOD TENT: Mowatocci
• Entertainment: THE LARADOS 7 PM - 11 PM in the Big Tent

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• LAS VEGAS Room in Gym: 7 PM-Midnight (Must be 18)
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• FOOD TENT: Rusty's Beef
• BAKE SALE: Noon - 5 PM
• ENTERTAINMENT: Disc Jockey Noon - 3:30 PM
• Sheryl's School of Dance 4-5 PM
• THE LARADOS 6 PM - 10 PM in the Big Tent

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• LAS VEGAS Room in Gym: 2 PM-7 PM (Must be 18)
• Polka Mass with "Big Daddy" Lackowski in the Church 11 AM
• FOOD TENT: BBQ Chicken • BAKE SALE: 9 AM-5 PM
• BINGO in Grade School Lunchroom: Noon-7 PM
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SATURDAY



Eddie Money (above) and Stewart Francke perform 7:30 p.m. at Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets \$12.50 pavilion, \$7.50 lawn. Call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com> for more information.

SUNDAY



The pop band P.S. I Love You, featuring Dave Stroughter of Birmingham, performs 9 p.m. at Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. The show is free and open to those ages 21 and older. Call (248) 543-4300 for more information.

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Hot Tix: Spend some time discovering the past at Greenfield Village in Dearborn during Civil War Remembrance, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday and Monday, May 30-31. Admission \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 seniors age 62 and over, \$7.50 kids ages 5-12, children under 5 and members free. Call (313) 271-1620 for information.

Smooth

Earl Klugh, Kimmie Horne carry on the jazz tradition

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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The Detroit area has always been fertile ground for developing musical talent, and many of those who make it to the national stage decide to stay here and pass the tradition along.

Guitarist Earl Klugh of West Bloomfield remembers when he was a student at Mumford in the late '60s and early '70s.

"There were a lot of great players at my school and great

players at Northwestern and Cass Tech, so many good musicians and many of them went on to play professionally," he said.

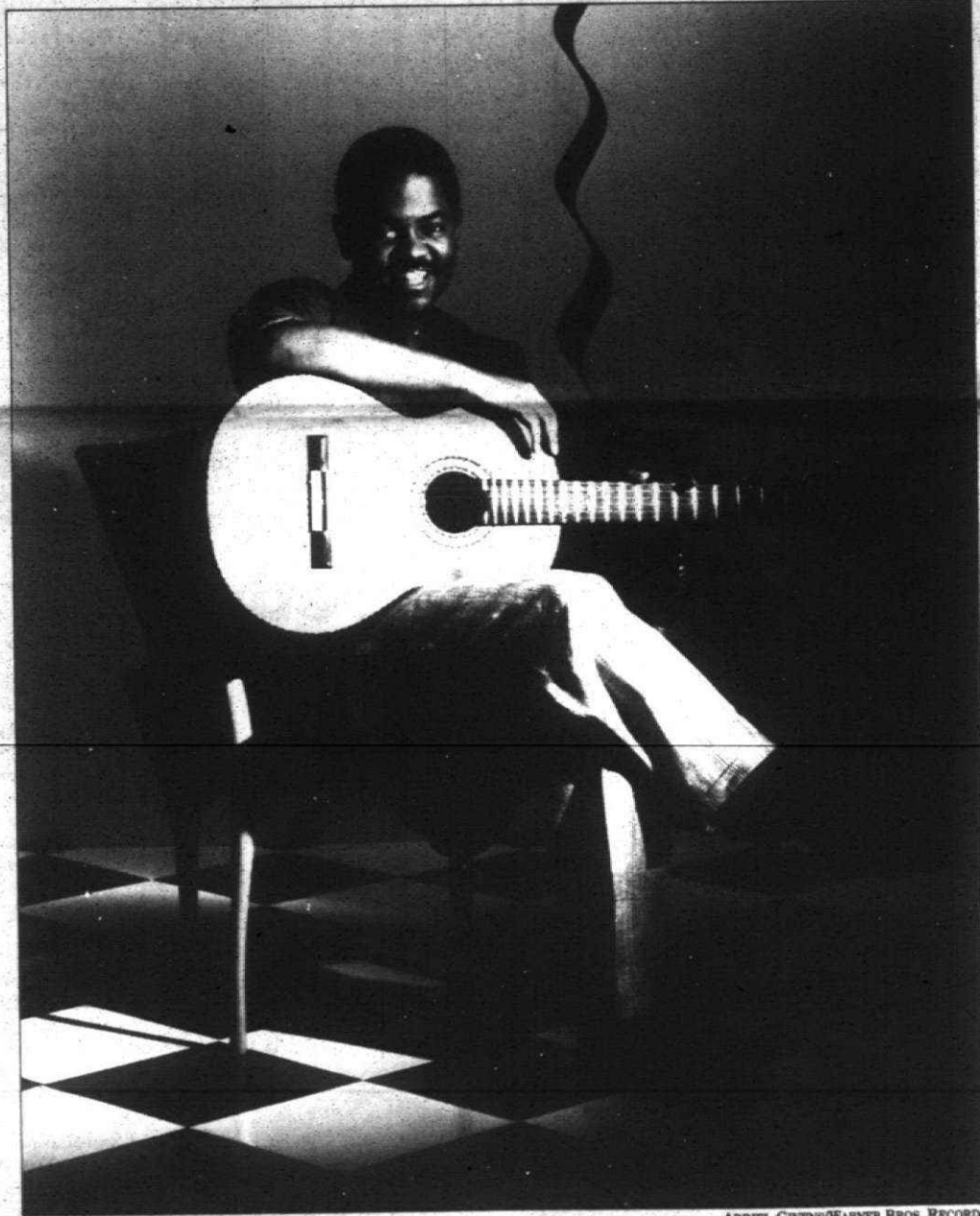
For Detroit singer Kimmie Horne inspiration came in the late '80s from an established Detroit music fixture.

"It started about 10 years ago, I went to see a local performer, Norma Jean Bell, and that was the first group I got involved with. After seeing all the energy she possessed, I said I want to do that," Horne said. "Also, it was a female doing it

and that inspired me. I said, 'That's what I want to do.'"

Klugh and Horne join an all-star lineup June 4-6 for the V98.7 Smooth Jazz Fest at the Southfield Civic Center. Horne will perform Friday on a bill with flutist Alexander Zonjic and guitarist Lee Ritenour. Klugh performs Saturday with Tim Bowman, Diana Krall, Rick Braun, Peabo Bryson and Keiko Matsui. Sunday features Syro Gyra, Larry Carlton and a night time evening of guitars

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Jazz legend: Guitarist Earl Klugh of West Bloomfield is part of an all-star lineup performing outdoors at the Village on the Green in Southfield during the three-day, V98.7 Smooth JazzFest.

JAZZY FESTIVALS

■ **"V98.7 Smooth JazzFest"** - 3:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, June 4, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 5, noon to 10 p.m. Sunday, June 6, Southfield Civic Center on the Village Green, 26000 Evergreen Road at Civic Center Road. Admission: Friday performances free for those with entrance passes obtained through event sponsors. Entrance passes available at all Co/Op Optical stores and participating Ameritech Cellular locations. Tickets for the Saturday and Sunday performances are \$18 each day, or \$28 for both days. Saturday and Sunday tickets available at Ticketmaster outlets, or call (248) 645-6666. For more information, call the V98.7 information line, (248) 855-2400, the event hot line (734) 453-9157 or <http://www.wattsupinc.com>

SCHEDULE:

Friday, June 4

- 3:30 p.m. Gates open
- 4:30 p.m. Randy Scott
- 5:30 p.m. Break
- 6 p.m. Kimmie Horne
- 7 p.m. Break
- 7:30 p.m. Alexander Zonjic
- 9 p.m. Break
- 9:30 p.m. Lee Ritenour
- 11 p.m. Show ends

Saturday, June 5

- 11 a.m. Gates open
- Noon Tim Bowman
- 1 p.m. Break
- 1:30 p.m. Diana Krall
- 3 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Rick Braun
- 5 p.m. Break
- 5:30 p.m. Keiko Matsui
- 7 p.m. Break
- 7:30 p.m. Earl Klugh
- 9 p.m. Break
- 9:30 p.m. Peabo Bryson
- 11 p.m. Show ends

Sunday, June 6

- Noon Gates open
- 1 p.m. Straight Ahead
- 2 p.m. Break
- 2:30 p.m. Brian Bromberg
- 4 p.m. Break
- 4:30 p.m. Syro Gyra
- 6 p.m. Break
- 6:30 p.m. Larry Carlton
- 8 p.m. Break
- 8:30 p.m. Evening of Guitars and Saxes
- 10 p.m. Show ends

■ **Jazzfest '99** - Seventh annual festival 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, June 5, in the Ferndale High School Courtyard, 881 Pinecrest. All day admission \$5 per adult; \$3 seniors/children; children under age 6 are free. Bring blankets and lawn chairs to sit on. Call (248) 547-1700 Ext. 5115 for information. Features professional, college, high school and middle school jazz bands including drummer Miguel Gutierrez with his group, Truth, the Henry Ford Community College Jazz Band, Don Dale's Duet, and the Troy Athens High School Jazz band.

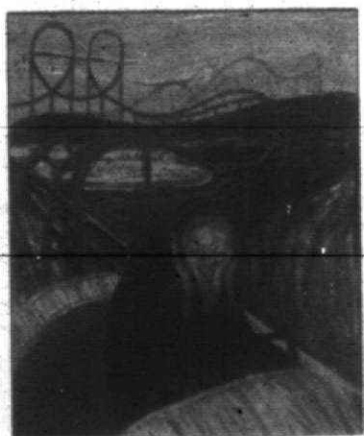
■ **Michigan Jazz Festival** - Sunday, July 18, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Father's Day Brunch with the Larry Nozero Quartet and guest artist Johnny Trudell, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 20, Waterman Center, Schoolcraft College Livonia. Tickets \$25 per person, proceeds benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival. Call (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454 for details.

■ **Birmingham Jazzfest** - Thursday-Saturday, July 22-24, with performances by Marcus Belgrave and the Detroit Jazz All Stars, Tim Weisberg, Kimmie Horne, Randy Scott, Pamela Wise and the Afro Cuban All Stars, Ken Navarro, Warren Hill and others, at Shain Park and various Birmingham restaurants. For information call (248) 433-FEST after July 1.



Kimmie Horne

MUSEUMS



Screaming joy: Sheer terror and fun of roller coaster rides is explored at Cranbrook Institute of Science.

Cranbrook's virtual roller coaster ride

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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Arriving at the apex of any roller coaster ride, the routine is quite common: Take a deep gulp, choose your religion, hold ooooooooooooo and scream for redemption.

Or at least scream the name of the engineer who hopefully took all the necessary safety precautions in designing the roller coaster upon which you've tossed your fate - and possibly your lunch.

For those who've only thought about coming face-to-face with the 5Gs of King's Islands' invert-

ed roller coaster, or those looking for a deeper appreciation of why roller coasters elicit thrills, chills and a modified reassemblage of breakfast, the Cranbrook Institute of Science will unveil this Saturday, "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters."

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Reasons for the thrill

In the days where virtual experiences are becoming indistinguishable from the real thing, the Institute of Science offers a laboratory for vicarious and vertigo-loving thrill seekers.

"Scream Machines" includes

six distinctive interactive displays that examine the scientific and physiological reasons roller coaster riders are filled with terror and joy.

"We're looking at roller coasters as sheer fascination," said Larry Hutchinson, curator of exhibits.

"There's a lot of science that goes into it. You can fool your eyes and ears. From the pure science side, you can respect the physics and physiology."

The exhibit includes: ■ A massive roller coaster model that simulates the principles of gravity, momentum,

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WHAT: "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters"

WHEN: Saturday, May 29 to Monday, Sept. 6

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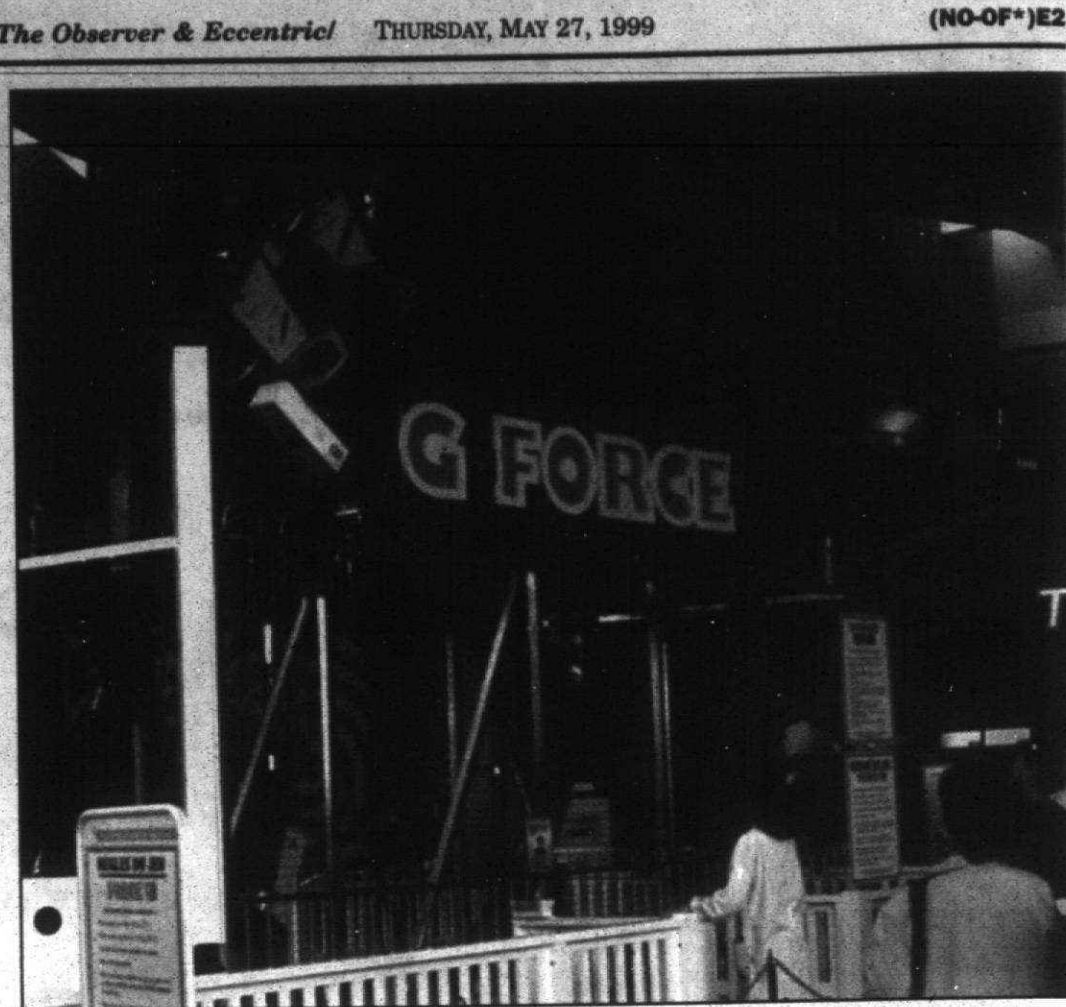
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Scream Machines, an exhibit produced by the Ontario Science Centre.



Free fall: The "G-Force" interactive display provides a first-hand experience for bicycle riders to feel the pull of gravitational force.

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kinetic and potential energy, which are theorems considered in the design of loops and drops.

■ Interactive displays to demonstrate the effect of a roller coaster ride on the inner ear and visual perception.

■ A video that was filmed from the front cars of what are considered the world's five most thrilling roller coasters.

■ "G-Force," a vertical bike loop whereby visitors can experience the gravitational pull while riding inside an 18-foot circular track.

"Scream Machine," which arrived from the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto, makes its first U.S. appearance at Cranbrook.

The exhibit is expected to continue to travel to other science institutes around the country.

Ultimate confrontation

A trip around a roller coaster isn't just an inducement to

scream. It's the ultimate confrontation with self-imposed fears where terror mingles with the sheer will power to transcend one's fear.

Of course, as people grow older, they're less likely to seek physical thrills like riding a roller coaster, said Hutchinson.

"For most people, thrill seeking peaks during their late teenage years," he said.

But "Scream Machines" offers an opportunity to get in touch with your daring side, said Hutchinson.

As part of the exhibit, a Zuckerman Personality Profile will provide a quick analysis of whether you are a thrill seeker.

While science can determine the reasons for the thrill and the principles on which roller coasters are designed, ultimately, the experience is the thrill.

Just ask any agnostic who becomes suddenly convinced dur-

ing a roller coaster ride that God is a realistic alternative.

Two of the most popular places in the Midwest offering roller coaster thrills are Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, and King's Island, located outside of Cincinnati.

Cedar Point has 13 roller coasters, including the 24-story Power Tower, and the Magnum XL-200, which has a 205 foot hill and travels as fast as 72 mph.

Meanwhile, at King's Point, Face/Off - one of seven roller coaster rides at the amusement park - is a descriptive reference to how the 5Gs pull and twist at your body. The ride is attached below the track, and riders sit with their legs dangling in the open air.

Leaving, of course, plenty of room to scream. And perhaps, unfortunately, more than enough room for lunch to be tossed around.

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and saxos with Marc Antoine, Kirk Whalum, Peter White and Everette Harp.

Earl Klugh

Klugh has said he isn't a "jazz" guitarist. He isn't all that comfortable with labels like New Age or Smooth Jazz either.

"I guess labels, everybody needs labels, but there are too many," he said. "I don't think it defines the music. It's more for marketing than for musicians. It's something they end up calling what I do, but I do a wide range of music and it's called everything from fusion to new age."

When Klugh was growing up he heard a wide variety of music that influenced the direction of his playing toward the soft, intricate and intimate acoustic sound that has become his trademark.

"My Mom and Dad listened to Harry Belafonte, Nat King Cole, Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra. And my mom was from Mississippi so she also listened to country. Patsy Cline and people like that," Klugh said.

In fact it was a musician most associated with country music who became Klugh's first inspiration and later a friend, guitar legend Chet Atkins.

"He was the first person I heard who played the instrument as a soloist. At that time I was about 13 and it was great to hear someone play that well. I wanted to emulate what he was doing with the melody," Klugh said.

At his mother's encouragement, Klugh began playing piano. But, he said, he had wanted to play guitar from the time he was 7 or 8 years old and heard the sound of Spanish and classical guitar on the television.

Klugh used his knowledge of piano to teach himself guitar. Though he briefly took lessons he is mostly self-taught.

But it was exposure to jazz musicians that really turned Klugh into a professional musician.

"I would go to Baker's Keyboard and hang out with Chick Corea and George Benson. They can get you going in a lot of different directions," he said.

By the time he was 15, Klugh was recording with Yusuf Lateef. In 1973 he began touring with fellow guitarist Benson and later played briefly with Corea's Return to Forever.

Klugh has been a mentor for others, as well. Redford pianist and composer Darryl Dykba toured with Klugh before moving to Nashville and credits him for helping him with his career. Klugh introduced Dykba to Chet Atkins who recorded several of Dykba's numbers and took him on a sideman.

Klugh has been putting the finishing touches on a new CD he started recording in November.

"For the lack of a better term, it's pop music," he said. Singer Roberta Flack makes a guest appearance to sing a new song co-written by Klugh, "Now & Again."

Klugh's warm style has reached a wide and diverse audience, though, he said, rarely the 20-somethings.

"When I was 23, 24, 25 it used to bug me because in my audience there weren't many 20 year olds, they were all 30 and up. Now I'm 45 and they're still 30 and up," he said.

But he said he's encouraged by the swing revival that has drawn young people into listening to other kinds of music.

On June 5, Klugh's band will include David Lee on keyboards, Lorenzo Brown on percussion, Ron Otis on drums, Al Turner on bass, Al Duncan on keyboards and Lenny Price on saxophone.

Kimmie Horne

On the SistaFruit Web site, Kimmie Horne is described as the spiritual quintessence of Jackie Wilson and Josephine Baker - a rich combination of high energy and sophistication.

"When I read that I was honored to be compared to two such great people," Horne said, "I strive to do a blend of different styles of music, their styles and even Tina Turner. Jazz, r&b and blues."

The Redford High School graduate has been well received for her high energy singing and dancing and for her eclectic range.

"The style of music I do goes from Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan, music of the '30s and '40s to the r&b styles of Stevie Wonder, Elvis Presley, Tina Turner, Jackie Wilson," she said.

When she was growing up in the '80s, Horne loved to listen to Nat King Cole and Billie Holiday. She performed with Norma Jean Bell for three years and also sang backup for Anita Baker.

She's been performing as a solo act since 1994. This year she'll sing at several area festivals.

"During the summer, I always get into the summer festivals, Huntington Woods, Birmingham. But I'm really looking forward to the V98 Smooth Jazz Festival and I was honored to be asked to be a part of that," she said. "Smooth Jazz is the style of music I do and they've been very supportive."

Horne is completing a new CD on her Sepia label set for release in June. In addition to singing on the record, she has also written the songs and co-produced with Jerry Carr. She said she draws from her own life for her songs.

"The first one, 'My Dream Come True,' well one dream is this CD, it's been a goal of mine, co-producing, performing and picking the right musicians for the music. Another song has the title 'Singing Away' and that's what I'm doing, all the songs relate to my life," she said.

Her backup group features Leroy Hyter, William Whooten, Tango, Perry Hughes and Gene Dunlap.



Trip to Neverland: Joey Bybee as Peter and Carrie LaFerle as Wendy lead the cast of "Peter Pan."

Area universities
offer youth classics

Oakland University's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance presents "Peter Pan" by J.M. Barrie, in Meadow Brook Theatre, on the Oakland University campus, June 2-5.

Performances 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 2-Friday, June 4, 7 p.m. Friday, June 4 and 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 5.

Tickets are \$10 general, \$8 seniors and \$5 students. Call (248) 370-3300 for reservations, or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. For groups of 20 or more, call (248) 370-2030.

"Peter Pan" the fairy-tale by Sir James Matthew Barrie is a captivated children and adults alike since 1903.

The title character has become symbolic for perpetual childhood and colorful supporting characters like Wendy, Tinkerbell and Captain Hook have also become a part of the cultural lexicon.

The original play, upon which this production is based, has inspired musical and movie adaptations that are still popular today.

Director Kerro Knox 3, Oakland University Assistant Professor, took a modern perspective in casting by mixing up traditional male/female roles.

The Oakland University student cast includes Joey Bybee (Peter Pan), Carrie LaFerle (Wendy), Steven Price (John), Emily Pepper (Michael), Jen Smith (Tinkerbell), Caitlin Burke of Farmington Hills (Mrs. Darling/ Tiger Lily/ Pirate), Christian Maurice of Bloomfield Hills (Mr. Darling/ Captain

Hook), and Laura Moss (Liza/Pirate/Mermaid/Indian).

The Lost Boys are portrayed by Adam Granke, Pat Butcher of Rochester, Courtney Presley of Oxford, Heather Whitfield, Concetta LaMachio of Birmingham, and Theresa Catalfo.

Completing the cast are Cassandra Svacha (Snee), Scott Daniel Vance (Starkey) of Rochester Hills, Matt Omans (Panther, Pirate/Bird), Jessica Elwart (Indian/Pirate/Mermaid) and Heidi Marie Brown (Nana the dog/Indian/Pirate) of Clarkston.

The technical staff includes students Chuck Charbeneau (stage manager, assistant director), Andrea Smith (lighting designer) and Corrie Shotwell (prop coordinator).

OU staff members Brian Damabacher and Suzanne Hanna are scenic designer and costume designer.

Pocahontas
Wayne State University's Department of Theatre is presenting "Pocahontas" by Aurand Harris, Thursday, June 24 through Saturday, July 10 at the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit.

Performances 10:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, and Saturday, July 10; Thursday-Friday, June 24-25; and Tuesday, July 6 through Saturday, July 10. No performances Monday-Tuesday, July 4-5.

Tickets \$4 individuals; \$3 groups of 10 or more (1 complimentary ticket per 10 for chapter one). Call (313) 577-2972 for tickets.

Church presents original play

Mt. Zion Church of Clarkston presents "The Alabaster Vial," a musical play by Rick Brudrick of Lake Orion, a minister at the church, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 4-5 and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the church 4900 Maybree Road. Tickets \$3, \$10 first and second rows, call (248) 391-6166.

The three act musical play explores the human relationships, lifestyles and individual personalities of several biblical characters including a brother, Lazarus, and his two sisters, Mary and Martha.

The script revolves around Mary and the tragedy of innocence lost, but forgiveness and mercy found.

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Tickets are \$12-\$14, call (248) 541-6430. A special dinner theater package is available from Illusions Bar & Grill in downtown Royal Oak, call (248) 586-1313.

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

The idea seemed foolproof: take twenty old Gershwin tunes, tie them together with a new book by Ken Ludwig ("Lend Me A Tenor") and collect your Tony awards. And that's just about how it happened, as "Crazy For You" won 1992's Best Musical honor.

Well I like a Gershwin tune—how about you? And it must have been nirvana to open up

George and Ira's trunk and be able to pick and choose from such immortals as "Someone to Watch Over Me," "Embraceable You," "I Got Rhythm," "Nice Work If You Can Get It"...oh go ahead and sing, we'll wait.

But right there, that's the dilemma. It would have been easy, and maybe better, to let the songs stand by themselves in a review format. Jazz great Louis Jordan was saluted that way with "Five Guys Named Moe." Rock 'n roll songsters Lieber and Stoller had their catalog paraded in "Smoky Joe's Cafe." No book, no lines, just wonderful songs.

But then again, do you feel shortchanged?

Instead, we get a Fred Astaire/Ginger Rogers plot involving inept New York banker's son Bobby (Jeff Drewno), who has other career plans ("I wanna dance, I don't care about money.") He's sent way out west to Deadrock, Nevada, to foreclose on the town's theater/post office. There he meets and falls instantly in love with

the theatre-owner's daughter Polly (Tracy Murray) and concocts a plan to save the theatre: "All we have to do is put on a show—Mickey Rooney does it all the time!"

Standing in his way is evil landowner Lank (Rob Stalder), who vows "I'll stop this show if it's the last thing I ever do!" He says that. Really. Then there's Bobby's fiancée Irene (Diana Geralt) and Ziegfeldian producer Bela Zangler (Marc Meyers) who arrive at just the wrong moments. You get the idea. To quote Oscar Hammerstein, "the corn is as high..."

It's the songs, then, that stand the test of time, and this cast does them with verve, sparkle and warmth. Jeff Drewno is every inch the song-and-dance-man his Bobby aspires to be. "They Can't Take That Away From Me" is one for the highlight film. Tracy Murray is best when the cast clears the stage for her to render eloquently winsome versions of "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "But Not For Me."

The 10 tapping chorus girls certainly qualify as a group co-star. Choreographer Valerie Mould has done it again, infusing the gypsies with her trademark high-octane energy that peaks in "I've Got Rhythm" but is never lacking in that '30s enthusiasm. The cowboys, too, are a cut above your typical community theatre male chorus; they harmonize well and don't look like they had nothing better to do.

Priscilla Benson's orchestra lends flawless support, with special kudos to the pit saloon pianist. The "follies" costumes earn their own audience appreciation. In all, director Shar Douglas offers a well-assembled production that is generally tight, often outstanding, and pulled down only in moments of goofiness like an overly long drunk scene.

So "who could ask for anything more?" Maybe a Mel Brooks book. That's it: "Blazing Gershwin."

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DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Angeli," the story of the slave Marie-Joseph-Angeli, runs Thursdays-Sundays June 3-27, at the Millan Theatre Company, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 866-1347 or <http://www.culturefinder.com> or DetRepTh@aol.com

GEM THEATRE

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" runs through June 27 at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 or (248) 645-6666

JET

"The Caregiver" follows a famous, yet fading conductor, watching as his son tries to follow in his footsteps. Running Sunday, May 30, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900 or <http://comnet.org/jet>

MUTUAL ADMINISTRATION SOCIETY

7:11 p.m. Wednesdays in May, 8 p.m. to midnight Thursdays in May, and 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays-Saturdays in May. Duet, at Orchestra Place, 3663 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

WILBERT PAEGLER

6:10 p.m. Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays, Morels, A Michigan Bistro, 30100 Telegraph Road, between 12 and 13 mile roads. Birmingham Farms. Free. All ages. (248) 642-1094 (jazz piano)

JIM PARAVANTES

With Meridian, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays-Saturdays in May, Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road, at Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 655-8300

GWEN AND CHARLES SCALES

7:11 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays in May, Duet, at Orchestra Place, 3663 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838 (contemporary jazz)

MICHAEL SCHENKER

With Virginia Moore, 9 p.m. Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Saginaw, 7 p.m. Pontiac. 12 in advance, \$23 day of show. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961met.com>

SIMONSON, TAYLOR, TYE

9 p.m. Mondays in May and June, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 961-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

DAVID ADAMS QUARTET

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, June 4, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

GERALD ALBRIGHT

7 p.m. Friday, May 28, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 and \$15, reserved cabaret seating. 21 and older. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheatre.com>

SANDRA BONAR TRIO

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MARK EVERLY DUO

7:10 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays in May, Northern Lakes Seafood Company, 1475 N. Woodward Ave., inside the Kingsley Inn, 1475 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 646-7900 (jazz/pop)

COLEMAN-RHODES DUO

8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturdays in May, No. Vi Chop House and Lobster Bar, 27790 Novi Road, inside the Hotel Baronette, Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-5210 (jazz/pop)

DELTA RHYTHM KINGS

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, May 27, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 223-1700

TEDDY HARRIS TRIO

9 p.m. to midnight Thursday, June 3, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

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JAZZHEAD

9 p.m. Saturday, May 29, and Monday, May 31, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922; 9 p.m.

WORLD MUSIC

ANN ARBOR IRISH ENSEMBLE 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or <http://www.arborbrewing.com> (acoustic Irish)

CAMILL DUNN

Irish piano and storyteller (Ireland's Happy Man), 9 p.m. Saturday, May

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and performance, 8 p.m. Thursday,

June 3, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward

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older. (248) 544-3030 or

<http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock-

ably)

THE DETRANETS

With Jill Jack and Big Sam, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 3, Clio Area

Amphitheater, 301 Rogers Lodge Dr.,

Clio. \$25 reserved, \$21 bleachers.

(810) 687-7611 or

<http://www.clioamp.org> (country)

DOGGSTAR

Featuring bassist Keanu Reeves, 8

p.m. Thursday, May 27, St. Andrew's

Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15 in

advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or

<http://www.961met.com> (rock)

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

With Hello Dave, 9:30 p.m. Friday,

May 28, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First

St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734)

996-8555 (rock)

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH

8 p.m. Friday, June 4, Magic Bag,

22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10

in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-

3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

POPULAR MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS

9 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Music Menu,

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Cover charge. 21 and older. (313)

964-6368 (jazz)

THE ALLEGATORS

9 p.m. Friday, May 28, The Lower

Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St.,

Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and

older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

AVAIL

With By All Means and Boy Sets Fire.

6 p.m. Friday, May 28, St. Andrew's

Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in

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JOCELYN B.

10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 4-5,

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BASE

With Big Mike, 9 p.m. Thursday, May

27, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw,

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show. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or

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BLACK BEAUTY

10:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, Rochester

Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St.,

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650-5060; With Thornetta Davis, 9

p.m. Wednesdays, Music Menu, 511

Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown.

Cover charge. 21 and older. (313)

964-6368 (rockably)

"BLACK PANTHER REVIEW"

With My Brother's Dream, Goud,

Jessica Kamara, Kas Serenity, Mylon

Traymayne and City Slickers, 8 p.m.

Friday, May 28, and Rachid, Sheila

Horne, ON-X-Y, The Young and the

Restless, F.O.C.C., and Magdalen

Alsu, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 29,

Hills, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$7.

21 and older. (313) 832-2355 (vari-

ety)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With Lost Dog, Huddle, Blue Tuesday

and Warmth, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June

1, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St.,

Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734)

996-8555 (variety)

BLUES

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS

10 p.m. Thursday, May 27, The

Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann

Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older.

June 3, 332-9900; 9 p.m. Thursday,

June 3, Arbor Brewing Company, 116

E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free.

21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or

<http://www.arborbrewing.com>; 9:30

p.m. Friday, June 4, Soup Kitchen,

1585 Franklin St., (at Orleans

Street), Detroit. Cover charge. 21

and older. (313) 259-1374

(blues/rock/jazz)

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA

9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27, The

Alley, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free.

21 and older. (248) 652-8441;

8 p.m. Friday, May 28, Borders Books

and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr.,

Dearborn. Free. All ages. (313) 271-

4441 or

<http://www.concentric.net/~hope>

ORCA HUNTER

6 p.m. Friday, June 4, Borders Books

and Music, Troy. Free. All ages.

(248) 585-6029; 9 p.m. Friday, June

4, LoneStar Coffee House, 207 S. Old

Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free.

All ages. (248) 642-2233 or

<http://www.in.com/omniamusic>

KANSAS

7:30 p.m. Friday, June 4, Pine Knob

Music Theatre, 175 and Sashabaw

Road, Independence Township.

\$22.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages.

(248) 337-0100 or

<http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

KUNG FU DIESEL

9 p.m. Thursday, May 29, Grif's Grill,

49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover

charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-

9292 (rockabilly)

SLEEPY LABEAF

8 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Magic Bag,

22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10

in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-

3030 or

<http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock

ably)

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND

8 p.m. Thursday, June 4, Memphis

Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak.

Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300

(blues)

LEFTOVER SALMON

With Blueground Undergrass, 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 30, Majestic, 4140

Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in

advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-

9700 (jam rock/Cajun/bluesgrass)

LES INCAPABLES

With Greenhorns, 9 p.m. Saturday,

May 29, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave.,

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(313) 833-6873 (French Canadian

garage band)

JASON NAAGRE

8 p.m. Friday, June 4, Borders Books

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Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-

0558 (solo guitar)

MAGGIE, PIERCE AND EJ

9 p.m. Friday, May 28, Gold Dollar,

3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover

charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-

9700 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (rock)

MESCHINCA

9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Blind

Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor.

\$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

(rock)

MINI

With Ridgemonte and The

Whitemans, 10 p.m. Saturday, May

29, The Shelter below St. Andrew's

Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5.

18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or

<http://www.961met.com> (power

rock)

MOVIES

Charming 'Love Letter' has romantic appeal

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

If you enjoy charming summertime romances, set in charming New England villages, you'll probably find "The Love Letter" to your liking. From the recent novel by Cathleen Schine, the slightly-cluttered story is a bit reminiscent of last year's "You're Got Mail," Joseph Mankiewicz's "A Letter to Three Wives," of a half-century ago, and the Bard's 16th century hit, "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The letter of the title is definitely snail-mail, but Hong Kong director Peter Ho-sun Chan, making his American debut, keeps things snappy and pace from start to finish in this fun-to-watch movie flavored with touches of mystery and wit. Though the film is more light comedy than whodunit, much of the fun lies in trying to identify who wrote the rather oddly-worded missive that turns up one day in the village of Lobolly by the Sea, and to whom.

"Dearest," it begins. "Do you know how in love with you I am? ...I have fallen in love without taking step."

Kate Capshaw plays Helen MacFarquhar, a rather uptight and persnickety bookshop owner who discovers the letter first. Soon, she's made up her mind that the unaddressed note is intended just for her. She also decides that a young employee of hers wrote it, although she'll have second thoughts about this later.

In the meantime, the employee (Tom Everett Scott) finds the letter himself and is, in turn, convinced that Helen has written it for him. Also in the meantime, another employee (played by Ellen DeGeneres) comes across the letter, and assumes it is meant for her — only she believes that the source is a guy named George (Tom Selleck), who she's had a crush on since high school, and for whom she still carries a hefty torch.

Also figuring into the hedge-podge is another bookstore employee (Julianne Nicholson), a local cop (Bill Buell), Helen's glamorous mother (Blythe Danner), plus a cutely-aging eccentric and arm-wrestler extraordinaire named Miss Scattergoods (Geraldine McEwan).

All of the above may sound a bit like a cast of characters in a hokey high school play, but don't despair; most every performer brings style and zing to their role, making them into something we enjoy watching, and lifting everything out of the realm of cardboard.

Kate Capshaw's Helen is both flawed and likable at once. She's fussy and maybe even a little priggish at first, but still we can sense a certain passion and lust for life just beneath her no-frills surface. She's a character who looks lived-in, maybe even a little frowzy around the edges, but she's attractive, nonetheless, and it's no stretch to go along with the idea that a much younger man would find himself smitten with her image.

As her cohort, Ellen DeGeneres once again proves that she's more than a stand-up comic, more than the main player in a sometimes flat sitcom. She may, in fact, be the best thing about this movie. Her acting at times seems so artless that you can't quite figure if she's performing extremely well, or not performing at all. In some scenes, it almost appears as if she's dropped in and found herself wrapped up in conversation with the other players. Her character is as down home as a clam-bake, an optimist with a slight, sassy edge to her sunny side, a realist who's just a heartbeats away from all-out romantic notions.

Tom Selleck, playing a smoldering fireman in the village (his most recent heroics involved a toaster oven fire), brings to the role a kind of sweet, almost arachnoid bemusement. (None of that frowny stuff recently witnessed on the Rosie O'Donnell show).

Tom Everett Scott makes an incandescent mark as the young man who yearns for Helen. The youthful actor appears to have come a long, long way from his days as Brett Butler's son on TV's "Grace Under Fire."

Helen's twittersy grandmother (played by Gloria Stuart) seems superfluous — so much that moviegoers may wonder why anybody bothered to bring her into the action at all. Perhaps some significant parts of her character remain on a cutting room floor somewhere.

A musical track of everything from Satchmo's version of "I'm in the Mood for Love" to Roy Orbison's "Only the Lonely" to selections from "Tosca" and "La Boheme" punctuates "The Love Letter," and enhance its warm, romantic spirit.

This friendly movie may not be a cinematic landmark, as its heftiest competition right now. But if you're tired of waiting in long lines, you could definitely do worse than taking a look at "The Love Letter."



Linda Chen
Romantic comedy: Janet (Ellen DeGeneres) flirts with George (Tom Selleck), wondering whether he might be the author of the mysterious love letter she thinks was intended for her in "The Love Letter."

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DINING

La Shish serves excellent Middle Eastern fare

BY MARY QUINLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

Sometimes when Janet Buck craves a veggie-friendly meal, she opts to dine at one of her favorite eateries, La Shish.

On a recent Sunday evening, Buck of Livonia, visited the Canton restaurant, the newest La Shish location to open.

She was impressed. "The food is excellent," said Buck. "The staff makes you feel very welcome. The night we ate there, the service went beyond excellent."

Her server, Rania, patiently explained menu items and offered helpful suggestions. After dinner, busboy Rabi, demonstrated a technique for baking pita bread in an igloo-shaped oven.

Buck describes the 140-seat eatery as "spacious, light, airy and comfortable." Once inside, you'll be greeted by a friendly staff, lively Arabic music, dazzling chandeliers and a potpourri of tantalizing aromas seeping from the kitchen.

The Canton La Shish opened in mid-April, the seventh restaurant owned by a Lebanese immigrant named Talal Chahine.

In January, 1989, he opened his first La Shish (the skewer), in East Dearborn.

Buck's choice of a dinner drink was a mango smoothie, a tasty concoction of fresh strawberries, banana, mango and honey. Other juice smoothies include fresh apples, oranges, papayas or carrots.

Order some warm pita rounds. Break them apart and then cover them with heaping portions of hummus, a smooth appetizer of pureed chickpeas, tahini (sesame seed) sauce and a hint of fresh garlic. Or, try saaj, a traditional Lebanese flat

La Shish
Where: 1699 Canton Center Road at Ford Road, Canton, (734) 983-9000
Hours: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday.
Menu: Middle Eastern cuisine, raw juice and beverage bar, salads, appetizers, sandwiches and traditional Lebanese entrees served. Vegetarian-friendly, juice and liquor bar.
Non-smoking area: 80 percent
Cost: Entrees range in price from \$3.99 to \$14.99
Reservations: La Shish maintains a "call ahead" policy, especially on the weekends
Credit cards: VISA and MasterCard
Other locations: La Shish East, 12918 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (313) 584-4477; La Shish West, 22039 W. Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (313) 562-7200; Talal's, 22041 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (313) 565-5500; La Shish, 32401 Van Dyke, Warren, (810) 977-2177; La Shish, 37610 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, (248) 553-0700; La Shish, 6303 Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield, (248) 538-0800
Restaurant scheduled to open in July: La Shish, 37367 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

bread that is baked until it is crispy. Other starter choices include kibbee (anything with cracked wheat), stuffed grape-leaves (veggie or lamb filled), spinach pies and Mediterranean chicken wings.

Most popular entree? "The chicken kabob with rice and salad," says Hice Sleiman, Canton manager. You'll find seafood dishes (shrimp, red snapper and salmon), an assortment of lamb, beef and chicken entrees, salads (spinach, Greek and fattoush), soups and sandwiches. "Fattoush is our house salad," said Sleiman. "We add toasted pita bread and parsley to the romaine."

It's okay to bring the kids," he said. "We usually serve kids a lamb burger or chicken strips."

Share an entree with your meal partner - it's a great solution to taste testing unfamiliar foods. One of Buck's favorite dishes is baba ghannooj, char-

grilled eggplant blended with tahini sauce, olive oil, garlic and lemon juice. Hommus works well as an appetizer, however, combined with lamb, chicken, beef or vegetables, it satisfies heartier appetites.

Save some space for desserts. "The baklava was the best I have ever tasted," commented Buck. "I don't know what they did to it. I would order it again."

Other sweet options include creme caramel (custard), rice pudding and Lebanese ice cream (the chocolate is yummy!). If it's your birthday, dessert is on the house. And, an extra special bonus - the wait staff sings "Happy Birthday" in English and Arabic.

"The La Shish owner always wants everything to be the best," said Jamil Eid, corporate executive chef. "The quality is number one."

"In order to maintain this high quality," said Eid, "all the



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At your service: Chef Mahmoud Hachem invites diners to try a taste of the Middle East at the newly opened La Shish in Canton.

preparation is done at the food quality control center in Dearborn. There is no difference

between the food at the different locations. From Dearborn we deliver to all the locations."

"Hopefully, in July, we will open another La Shish in Livonia," says Eid.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in *What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik*, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, or e-mail: kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

PIKE STREET

Is celebrating its 15th anniversary. Local saxophonist/flutist/composer and producer Larry

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AL'S COPPER MUG

Tent party and fund-raiser for the Oakland County Food Bank, 1-10 p.m. Sunday, June 6, 1704 W. Maple (corner of Decker Road), Walled Lake. Music 9-10 p.m. featuring the Bugs Beddow Band. Donation \$1, donations of

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and salad bar, beverage not included. Mongolian Stir-Fry, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., lunch, \$5.50; 5-10

p.m. dinner, \$7.95, all you can eat \$12.95. Oceania Inn is at 3176 Walton Boulevard (at

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