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Buses to roll in fall

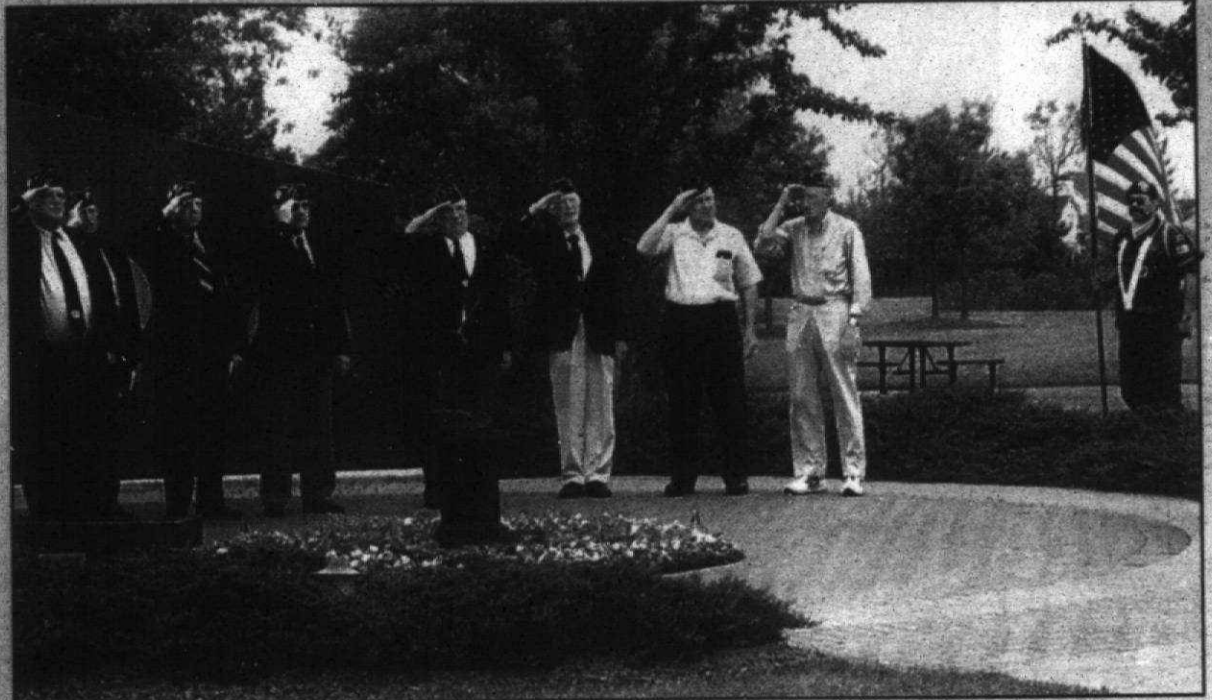
■ Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will spend \$2 million for 30 new school buses to replenish the district's aging fleet.

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Plymouth-Canton trustees have approved the expenditure of more than \$2 million for 30 new school buses to improve an aging fleet that many times breaks down on the road. "Fifteen of those buses are stock units that could be available to us in about 30 days, in time for the next school year," said John Birchler, executive director of business and operations. "The other 15 are being ordered, and we hope to have them by January." The buses are being purchased with a portion of the \$79.8 million high school bond issue passed by voters in March 1997, which designated nearly \$3 million for 50 new buses. However, because of the lawsuit which delayed the selling of the bonds by two years, and subsequent higher costs, the district will buy approximately 45 new buses. Among the vehicles being purchased are five 16-passenger buses, five 47-

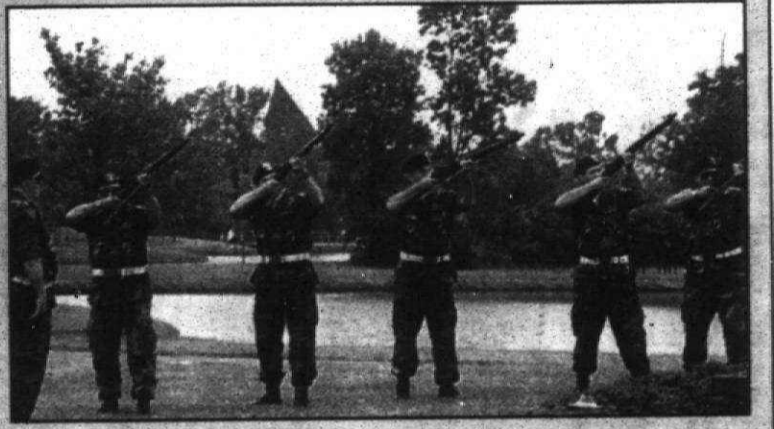
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A pause to remember on Memorial Day



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Solemn moment: John Spencer (above, far left) and members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6967 salute during the playing of "Taps," as part of the sixth annual Memorial Day Service at Canton's veterans memorial in Heritage Park Monday. At right, the Vietnam Veterans Honor Guard performs a salute to fallen soldiers.



Festival 'Fun Zone' added for teens

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Canton's eighth annual Liberty Fest is two weeks away. Starting Thursday, June 17, township residents will be treated to four days of activities and entertainment at Heritage Park. Chairman Bob Dates said the festival will feature a number of new attractions. "Every year," he said, "we attempt to add to the festival and tweak it just a bit. It's very exciting." More than 50,000 people are expected to participate in this year's event, which will begin with a showing of "A Bug's Life" in the park amphitheater at approximately 9:30 p.m. on Thurs-

day, June 17.

Dates said Liberty Fest has grown in popularity every year. "People now know when it is and look forward to it," he added. "We have people calling us now and making sure they're in town for it." All activities on opening day are free of charge. Prior to the movie, "Chautauqua Express" will perform in the amphitheater starting at 7:30 p.m. Several attractions have been added for Friday, Dates said. An oldies concert will be featured at 7:30 p.m. in the amphitheater with

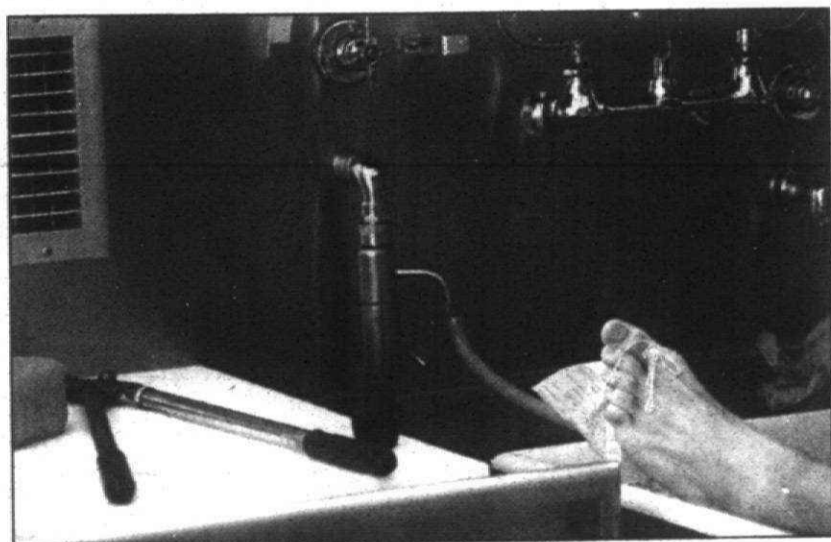
LIBERTY FEST '99 PREVIEW

"Vogues." "They had several No. 1 hits in the 1960s and 70s," said Dates. "They're very well known to that generation." The "Fabulous Friday Night Fun Zone" has been added, too. Aimed at older and teenage children, the zone will feature a velcro wall jump, bungee run, speed pitch, rock wall climb, hot-air balloon rides and a giant slide. Admission to the zone will be \$5 for children and adults. "We wanted to have something the whole family will like to do," said Dates. "We thought it would be a good

addition to Friday night." Canton Firefighters will host their second annual spaghetti dinner on Friday as well. Adults eat for \$6; children pay \$4. Activities are rounded out with the bingo tent. Players can test their skill from 7 to 11 p.m. The festival heats up again at 10 a.m. Saturday morning. A fine arts exhibition, which will showcase about 100 local artists, opens at 10 a.m. and runs until 9 p.m. An arts and crafts show, paddleboat rides and a "Taste of Canton" also run throughout the day. Children will get a chance to make some art of their own

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Detectives hone skills in an unusual classroom



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Autopsy: A toe-tag adorns the left foot of a victim who died from gunshot wounds, at the Wayne County Medical Examiners Office in Detroit.

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Very few employees find examining and investigating death in their job descriptions. But it's something Canton Police Sgt. Charles Raycraft and Det. Steve Miller do on a routine basis. In order to improve those skills, they took part in a death investigation course hosted by the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office last week. From crime scene investigation and forensic toxicology to traffic fatalities and drug related deaths, it was four days of intense study for the veteran township officers. "It's very important," Miller said of keeping skills and education up to date. "I've been through more training in the last year than in my entire career." Experience is key in handling his responsibilities as a detective. But a little more knowledge doesn't hurt. "All the training we do is a tool to

add to the bag," Miller said. Raycraft agreed. He thinks the death investigation course will be useful in the field. "It will give us more things to look for at death scenes," he added. Raycraft heads up Canton's detective unit, which includes four full-time officers. Each officer serves four years as a detective then is rotated out. "We have a good group of detectives," said Miller, who joined Canton's department from Milan nearly four years ago. "There's always someone to ask for help if you need it." The county-sponsored course ended Friday with a half-day of activities. Officers began with 45-minute seminars on blunt force injuries and drug-related deaths. Dr. Hareh Merchandani, chief medical examiner for the City of Philadelphia, lectured on both. He detailed different types of fractures caused by blunt force traumas.

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Fast-moving economy boosts summer job outlook

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Canton parents, it's almost summertime. Do you know what your teenagers will be doing? If they've got car payments, auto insurance premiums or college expenses looming on the horizon, they'll likely be working - sometimes at more than one job, with school being out. And if there's more money to be made somewhere else, their present employer soon becomes their former employer. "They're changing jobs quickly for as

little as 50 cents more an hour," said Mary Kay Frey, assistant principal at Plymouth Canton High School who handles the required state work permits. "There's little loyalty." "Usually the important factor" for teenagers today "is how much money am I going to make?" "They're working strictly for the money, not for any sense of accomplishment or feeling of well-being," as is often the case with those their parents' ages. But the good news is, she said, "Any child who wants a job for the summer should find one."

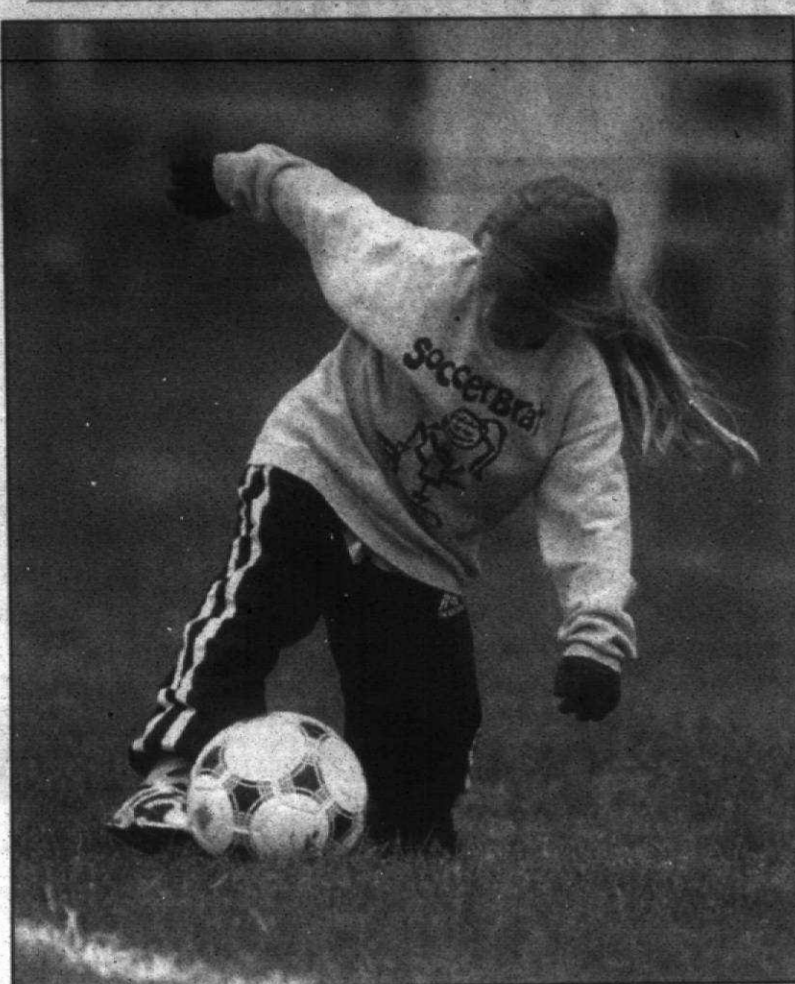
"It's a very good job market. In fact, there are more jobs than applicants," Frey said. "I get telephone calls from construction firms, from people wanting help in their gardens, people seeking child-care, even full-time jobs in metal-fabricating plants." Area fast-food and other restaurants are seeking help in search of help, with some offering \$8-\$9 per hour, though that often is either for experienced help or late shifts. "We'll hire anybody 16 or over for the inside work, 18 or over as a delivery driver," said Theodore Sherman, assistant manager for both of Canton's

Pizza Huts. Those with no experience usually start at the minimum wage, \$5.15 per hour, "but if they show ability, we give raises," he said. Teens must be 18 or over to do deliveries, which pays more due to tips and a delivery stipend. Busboys, kitchen-help and dishwashers are being hired at Damon's the Place for Ribs, depending on qualifications, said manager Mike Luch. "They could even cook if they have the experience." Generally, he said, those 16 to 18 are

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A self-proclaimed 'Soccer Brat'

For kicks: Katie Shull, 8, of Canton gets distracted with the soccer ball while acting as a sideline ball girl for the Plymouth Salem High School girls varsity soccer team during the state district tournament last week. Shull, who also plays recreational soccer, wears a sweatshirt naming herself a "Soccer Brat." The Rocks lost 2-1 to Ann Arbor Pioneer in regional competition Tuesday. For the game story, please turn to today's Sports section.



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Upscale condos win OK from township trustees

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An upscale condominium project recently received a pair of approvals from Canton trustees. "Pheasant Ridge" is planned for the northeast corner of Warren and Ridge roads. A total of 79 single family homes will be built on 61 acres. "These units will probably cost \$350,000 or more," Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said. "They should be about 3,000 square feet."

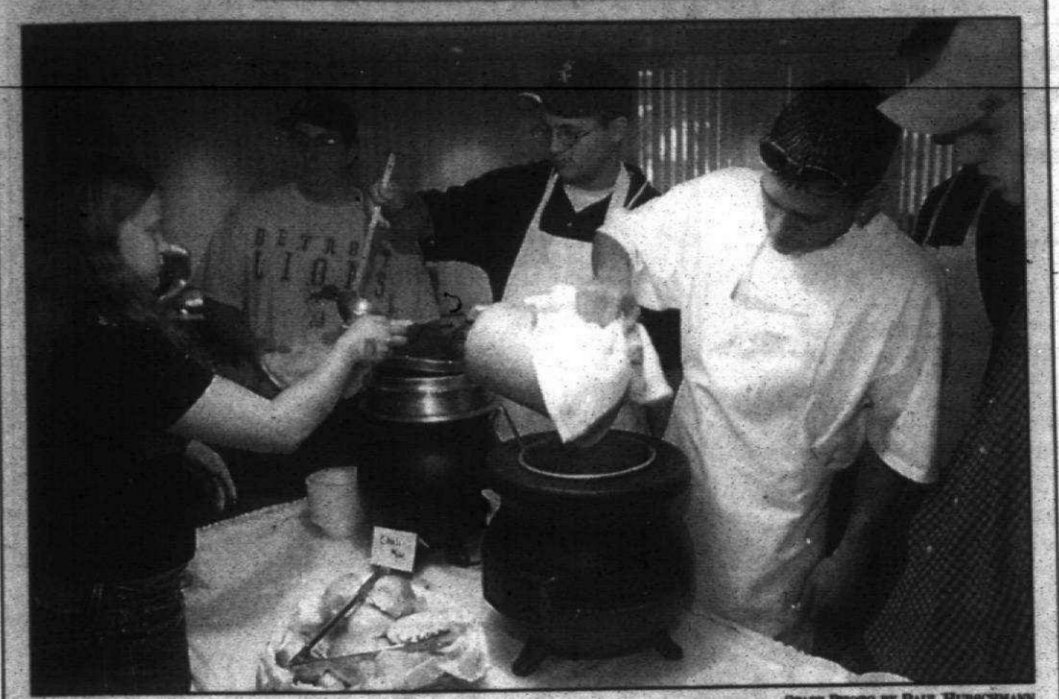
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passenger wheel chair equipped buses, six 78-passenger wheel chair equipped buses, six 78-passenger general education buses and eight 84-passenger general education buses. Birchler said there is approximately \$900,000 left from the bond issue money to purchase the remaining 15 buses. Those will be ordered in November and be ready for the 2000-2001 school year.

Final site plan approval from the township board will be needed before construction can begin. "They're looking to start by late this fall," said Goulet. The homes will be "site" condominiums. Each unit will be detached and function in exactly the same way as a traditional single family home. "It will look like a subdivision," Goulet said of the development.

On Feb. 15, the township planning commission unanimously recommended preliminary site plan approval. Commissioners made a similar recommendation for final PDD on May 3.

'Bowling' for the Salvation Army



Fulfilling meal: Josh Samczyk of Van Buren Township, 17, (center) serves up a bowl of soup for Christina Jones of Canton, 17, (left) during the Service Learning Program's second annual Soup Kitchen "Empty Bowls" program May 17 in the Plymouth Salem High School Rook Cafe. The benefit collected money for the Salvation Army Food Bank. Frank Palfalvi of Canton, 18, adds more soup to his urn, at right.

Woman assaults officer

A 41-year-old Detroit woman was arrested Friday after attacking a Canton Police officer. According to township police reports, the woman was walking eastbound on Michigan Avenue shortly after 5 p.m. The officer stopped his patrol car behind her, stepped out and asked her to stop twice.

COP CALLS

A 59-year-old Canton woman was bitten by her own cat on May 27. Reports said the cat, "Socks," had seen another cat at the screen door of the home in the 39500 block of Warren Road. The woman attempted to move Socks away from the door and was bitten.

When she refused, the officer grabbed her arm. She responded by turning around and scratching the officer with both hands on his face, reports said. The officer took her to the ground, handcuffed her and placed her in the patrol car. She was arrested for assault and battery on the officer.

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busboys and kitchen help because they have to be over 18 to serve alcohol. Busboys start at around \$5.50 plus tips, dishwashers from \$6.50 to \$7. "We're always looking for good help," said Luch. "We never turn down somebody that is capable of doing a job."

"We're always looking for good help. We never turn down somebody that is capable of doing a job." Mike Luch, Damon's manager. Fellow senior Susie Harju, 17, who has worked at Twist N Shake for six years and is a manager there, plans to put in the same amount of hours as Cox. She plans to attend Baker's Community College in Owosso in the fall.

Work permit is mandatory for employees up to age 18

and the employer. It permits the minor to be employed only by the listed employer and it specifies that no one under 18 can be employed "in, about, or in connection with" a hazardous occupation or one "injurious to the minor's health or personal well-being or which is contrary to" state and federal standards.

Forms are available from the Career and Technical Education Office at Canton High and also from the Starkweather Education Center in Plymouth. Those at least 13 can do some farmwork, the CA-6 states. "Of course, the first and foremost job for students," Frey noted, "is to be successful students" in the classroom.

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Animal bite. A 59-year-old Canton woman was bitten by her own cat on May 27. Reports said the cat, "Socks," had seen another cat at the screen door of the home in the 39500 block of Warren Road.

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Saturday. It will be up to the youngsters to create the "Great Canton Duck Derby" mural, said Dates. Children can paint their own duck ideas on the 40-foot mural, he added.

Central City Diner will host an "All-American Picnic" Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served. Entertainment will include oldies music and dancing.

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EEF golf outing set for June 21 in Ypsilanti

The Educational Excellence Foundation of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is teeing up for its annual golf outing/fund-raiser, Link Up to Education.

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Reaume wants Schoolcraft to expand distance learning

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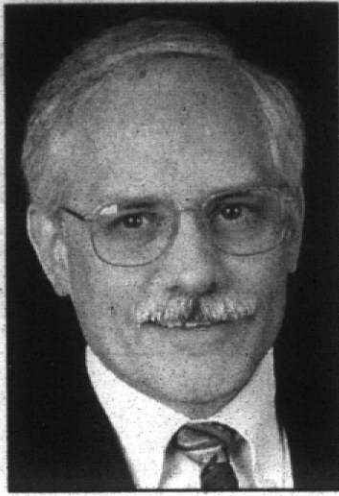
Richard Reaume wants Schoolcraft College to expand its distance learning curriculum and technology development and training for students.

"The college sits in the middle of Michigan's Silicon Valley," Reaume said. "The job skills required by companies changes with each new technical leap."

Reaume, 49, of Plymouth, wants to take his involvement in community service to the college level with his election to Schoolcraft's Board of Trustees. Reaume has been active with the Plymouth-Canton Schools Parent Council.

Reaume owns Worldwide Express in Plymouth, an authorized reseller of Airborne Express. Reaume also worked in technical sales of mainframe and personal computer hardware and software for IBM in Southfield, sales and management for Dynatek in Livonia and sales of computer training programs at O/E Learning in Troy.

Reaume has a bachelor of science in finance from Wayne State University and a master's degree in business administration from the University of



Richard Reaume

Texas.

He believes his 25 years experience with budgets, "goals setting and long-range planning" qualify him for the board.

"The big issues facing the board over the next six years are keeping the budget in balance and keeping the college debt-free," Reaume said. He would like to increase state aid to the

college, expand on programs and curriculums that increase student enrollment and revenue and review existing programs through cost-benefit analyses.

Tuition increases "are the only thing in the wrong direction," Reaume said. "SEVs have increased dramatically with new housing and new construction in western Wayne County," Reaume said. "That has helped generate revenue that has paid for budget expansion."

State funding levels do not fund as large a portion of the budget as it did several years ago. Colleges and universities increase tuition in smaller increments, so that students can claim the tuition tax credit if it were less than the inflation rate.

Reaume would like to change that at a state level. "The state Legislature and governor appear to be sending a message that they would prefer universities and colleges to increase their tuition, instead of increasing their funding," Reaume said.

Campus improvements should allow for more group study space and access to information technology.

Reaume believes trustees should strive for a working cooperative relationship with the col-

lege president. Reaume views the president as a "subject matter expert" and consultant regarding day-to-day operations.

Costs can be cut by reviewing the productivity of staff and use of new technology, Reaume said.

Reaume wants to see the college "shine" when it comes to assisting unprepared students. "I'd like for the college to take an individual who is unsure of a career choice and provide career counseling and guidance. I'd like to see us providing and make available testing tools to help direct career choices for students."

"Other students choose a career path for the wrong rea-

sons, such as that they heard it pays a lot of money or their peers' pressure to go into specific career or job. This is usually a precursor for disaster or an individual working on a job they dislike."

"We can't expect some of our youngest students to accurately know all the jobs and careers available to them."

Reaume believes Schoolcraft has done an excellent job preparing students for four-year universities, but he would like to expand technical and vocational programs. "We need money and continue to work with the state to be included in state capital outlay budget for a technical

training grant."

Reaume wants to work for the entire district and help the college provide for businesses and recruit at local high schools. "Besides contacting school officials in these communities, these municipal leaders who at this point feel slighted and overlooked, and are contacted only when there is a fund-raising activity at the college."

"Clarenceville knows nothing about Schoolcraft. The Canton community feels disenfranchised from Schoolcraft College."

More than 40 percent of graduating seniors in Plymouth-Canton will take courses at Schoolcraft within four years.

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Come prepared to get dirty at Rouge Rescue '99

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Wear your boots. It might get mighty deep on Saturday.

That's advice from the Friends of the Rouge to volunteers who participate that day in the Rouge Rescue '99 cleanup who may need to deal with muddy banks of the Rouge from the recent rain.

Residents of the 48 Rouge River basin communities — including Canton, Farmington Hills, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland — can volunteer to spend their morning cleaning the Rouge of debris.

John Bingham, director of public involvement projects for the Friends of the Rouge, said volunteers should dress appropriately for the occasion. "They should wear old clothes, long pants and a long shirt, and boots, but no flip-flops," Bingham said.

As the river's banks can get slick and muddy, even tennis shoes should not be worn, Bingham said. Gloves will be supplied at the sites.

While much of the river is cleaner than it used to be, health advisories against human contact remain in effect. Friends of the Rouge will distribute information to volunteers explaining the advisory to avoid direct skin



Dirty work: Volunteers at last year's Rouge Rescue cut through tree branches in the river's mucky waters.

contact with the river's water. Antiseptic soap and water will be supplied at each site for people to wash their hands when they are finished picking up trash.

On Saturday volunteers from Friends of the Rouge will join

the Clinton Watershed Council, Friends of the Detroit River and the Huron River Watershed Council at River Day to increase public awareness about the rivers in southeast Michigan through cleanup and other activities scheduled as part of the

first River Day.

Keep it clean

Here is a list of activities at several Wayne County and other nearby sites in the Rouge River watershed with contact people listed:

■ **Canton Township:** storm drain stenciling, "aesthetic" stream survey and stream survey at various sites. Meet at township building, 1150 Canton Center Road. Contact Steve Shaw at (734) 397-5405

■ **Dearborn:** stream cleanup, shrub planting, streambank erosion prevention/demonstration; Meet at Chicago Road House parking lot, north side of Michigan Avenue at Brady. Tim Supinger, (313) 943-2180

■ **Dearborn Heights:** stream cleanup in Hines Park, Wallaceville area near Beech Daly/Warren Avenue. Kurt Heise, (313) 277-7413

■ **Detroit-Rouge Park,** meet at Spinoza and Joy Road, river cleanup. Dennis Sawinska, (313) 852-4532

■ **Farmington Hills:** stream cleanup, Belfast and Middlebelt between Grand River and Middlebelt, Jean Barrett, (248) 473-9521

■ **Livonia:** stream cleanup, storm drain stenciling, Botsford Park on Lathers north of 7 Mile. Sharon Sabat, (734) 466-2540

■ **Northville:** Northville Park cleanup, Main Street and Center. Dan McGuire, (248) 349-0203

■ **Oakland Community Col-**

lege, Orchard-Ridge Campus, stream cleanup; 27055 Orchard Lake Road. Mike Kadrofske, (248) 471-7606

■ **Plymouth,** stream cleanup, Lions Park, Burroughs and Harding (east of Main, north of Ann Arbor Road. Linda Langmesser, (734) 453-1234 ext. 234

■ **Plymouth Township,** 13-mile bike tour of proposed Plymouth Area Greenway, parking lot, Ann Arbor Road east of Ann Arbor Trail, Alan van Kerckhove, (734) 455-9144

■ **Redford Township,** stream cleanups, two sites, register at northwest corner of Puritan and Pomona (Beech Daly). Walter and Joyce Bates at (313) 532-0250 or Redford Department of Public Works at (313) 387-2690

■ **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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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Protecting your child isn't easy

Pulling out of a parking lot the other day, my eye caught a teenage boy walking across the street. His stride looked very intentional although he seemed stressed. Something was on his mind.

The jeans were down past his hips, with the crotch hanging close to his knees. His hair was cropped short, so short that you might believe he was in the service.

With his head down, he smoked a cigarette as he walked, taking in serious-sized drags.

I thought about why he looked so stressed out. He was only about 14. I thought about the recent violence we've all been privy to. Yes, I admit it, I wondered about this kid. Could he have been violent?

It's a rather sad commentary on our society when we are hypersensitive about who is a potentially dangerous person. There are no guarantees as to who might be a potential people hunter or even victim of a shooting.

Children and teens have similar worries today. Furthermore, if you think you've done a stellar job teaching your youngster about gun safety, you may have to think again when you hear the following story.

Dr. Marjorie Hardy, an assistant professor of psychology at a small college in Allentown, Pa., conducted three disturbing studies at day care centers in 1995, 1996 and 1999 to see if gun education would deter preschoolers from picking up, pointing and shooting a gun. She had always been a strong advocate for teaching little ones about gun safety, and she made sure that her own preschool-aged son was well-educated.

■ Even Dr. Hardy was shocked as she witnessed her own son (who probably had more gun inculcation than any of the others) pick up one of the guns and aim it at the other children in the room.

What she wrote in the New York Times last week and highlighted in an ABC-TV news "20/20" report was alarming. Her latest study, conducted at her son's day care, included him as one of the participants.

For five days, the children were taught how to make good choices, how to resist peer pressure and how to distinguish toys from dangerous objects.

A short time later, the same children were allowed to roam around a playroom, while unloaded handguns — a .357 magnum, a .22 caliber handgun and a .38 with a 4-inch barrel — sat on a table nearby. No adults were in the room; the children were monitored by a video camera.

Even Dr. Hardy was shocked as she witnessed her own son (who probably had more gun inculcation than any of the others) pick up one of the guns and aim it at the other children in the room. To add insult to injury, Dr. Hardy's 4-year-old lied about touching the gun when asked about it later.

If you are worried about this fascination kids have with guns, you probably aren't alone. It's no longer easy to say these things cannot happen in our schools. None of us are immune from it.

Protecting your child isn't easy, but you can help them with their fears by considering four important facts:

■ They do need to know about the dangers of guns and why they shouldn't touch them.

■ They do need to have the opportunity to express their concerns and fears out loud. Ask them what they are most afraid of. Let them talk.

■ Don't punish them for regressing.

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Every day is veterans day



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Always helping out: A 55-year member of the VFW, George Duwall, 78, is the longest member of the Don Sherman Hubert VFW Post 345 in Redford. He spends most of his time working on VFW projects.

At 100, VFW continues to serve

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, members of local Veterans of Foreign Wars look back at their peers' courage and loyalty to country, as well as the generous contributions they make to community projects.

"It's about being with other people who did the same thing you did, being in combat," says Albert W. Boehnlein, a 40-year member of the Pfc. Don Merrifield Post 757 in Garden City.

Most VFW members today are veterans who served in World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War and Persian Gulf War.

The organization continues to provide U.S. troops overseas with gift packages, USO shows, public rallies and a recent perk-free phone cards. In 1984, nationally the group passed the 2 million mark.

"From battlefield to home front, the VFW supports those who serve America," according to a VFW Web site. "From letter writing campaigns in WWI, to welcome home rallies after the Persian Gulf War, to care packages sent to Bosnia, the VFW takes pride in supporting American troops overseas."

Posts around the country have similar agendas and they all share the same emblem of courage, the Cross of Malta, which has its origins in the Knights of St. John.

A VFW exhibit traveling around the country during this anniversary year illustrates how posts also follow the same motto: "Honor the dead by

Welcome mat is out at area VFWs

VFW membership is available to all U.S. citizens, honorably discharged from the U.S. armed forces and who have earned an overseas campaign medal.

A 1995 VFW Congressional Charter amendment makes eligible all service personnel who have served 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days on the Korean peninsula or in its territorial waters from June 30, 1949 until the present day.

Locally, eligible veterans can get more information about joining the VFW at:

■ Fortiers-O'Grady VFW Post 147, 27555 Grantland, Livonia (734) 422-9517.

■ Livonia VFW Post 3941, 29155 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, (248) 474-6733.

■ Mayflower-Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill St. Plymouth, (734) 459-6700.

■ Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland, (734) 326-3323.

■ Bova-Engineers VFW Post 9885, 6440 Hix Road, Westland, (734) 728-3231.

■ Donald Merrifield VFW Post 7575, 33011 Ford Road, Garden City, (734) 422-5360.

■ Don Sherman Hubert VFW Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft Road, Redford, (313) 538-1806.



helping the living."

Requisites for membership include U.S. citizenship; honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States and service entitling the applicant to the award of a recognized campaign medal or set forth in the Congressional charter and/or bylaws.

While selling poppies to support veterans' hospitals is the organiza-

tion's most visible work, members also diligently visit patients in Veterans Administration hospitals and support the National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich., an institution for children and wives of veterans.

Benevolent reach

Their benevolent arm reaches further than their own. For instance, Post 757 lends a hand to area little

leagues, annually sends children to Camp Trotter, a summer camp in Battle Creek, promotes ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) programs and provides scholarships to high school students who win the annual Voice of Democracy essay contest, according to Boehnlein, the post historian and bugler.

During almost half a century of membership, Boehnlein said, he has noticed that today the VFW concentrates on supporting youth issues.

At the other end of the spectrum, tending to members at the end of their lives is a top priority, too. For instance, many posts sponsor a Ritual Team, a group of members who attend the funerals of other members.

"Our involvement tells the community that we're concerned with our veterans and the survivors of the veterans," said Boehnlein, a Garden City resident who served in World War II and has 11 children, four of whom were in the armed services.

Two sons served in Persian Gulf War and a third son was in the Vietnam War; one daughter served in the U.S. Air Force and another daughter was a WAC (Woman's Army Corps).

Anyone who wonders if patriotism has disappeared only needs to visit a VFW hall or talk to some of the members, like soft spoken Boehnlein who defiantly signs his e-mail notes with this message: "If any man dare pull down the American flag, shoot him on the spot!" — General Dix."

VFW halls are also rich with peo-

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Women pursue knowledge with able mind

HOOKED ON HISTORY



VIRGINIA BAILEY PARKER

June is the traditional month for commencements, events we take in stride. Well, maybe "endure" is a better word for anyone who has suffered through the boring, repetitive speeches that seem required at the exercises.

For many graduates, however, the occasion signifies personal victories over incredible obstacles every step of the way.

Some new graduates fall into the non-traditional category. When I taught in Community

Education in Plymouth-Canton, the department had a wonderful practice of reading a few comments about each graduate who walked across the stage to receive a diploma. These are a few students whose stories I remember:

A mother and daughter — Each had faced setbacks, but they went through the program and received their diplomas together.

A grandmother — She raised in a poor area of the

South; she had returned to the classroom after many years. Her education ended the first time around when she was taken out of school to raise her younger siblings when their mother died.

A woman who owned her own business — she had raised three children by herself, having to depend for a time on welfare. Now, in command of her own destiny, she went back to earn her high school diploma.

"You have your own business. Who do you need to do it for now?" a few customers asked.

"For me!" she said. It's an accomplishment she's still proud of almost 20 years later.

Other hurdles

University women have other hurdles. Take cadets at the U.S. Naval Academy. This year marked, I believe, the first time that a woman has held the No. 1 spot. A woman also ranked No. 2. In fact, five of the top 10 graduates were women. That's even more impressive when you realize that just 15 percent of the class of '99 are women.

Those of us who watched women fight to gain admittance to the military academies realize this is "one giant leap," as they say.

OK, so where did the struggle to break down the barriers at all-male institutions begin? Well, one place was at the University of Michigan. The year? 1870.

Prior to that year, women had been barred from admittance as students to the state institution. Just one woman, a faculty member's daughter, had entered the classrooms — as an unofficial auditor.

The first student formally enrolled was Madelon Louisa Stockwell. Her admission capped a 15-year campaign by activists who lobbied the Michigan Legislature, as well as U-M presidents and regents.

No wonder it took that long. The prejudice against making the university co-ed was well-ingrained. One Greek professor was quoted as saying that young women could not physically or mentally bear the strain of higher education.

That was the "women are the weaker vessel" sentiment that permeated previous centuries. We heard basically the same argument in our own lifetimes when women began applying to police and fire departments.

By the way, could it just be coincidence that her

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CLASS REUNIONS

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

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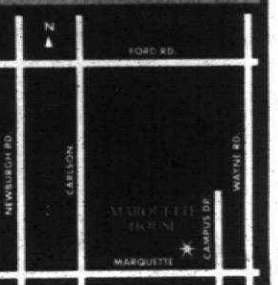
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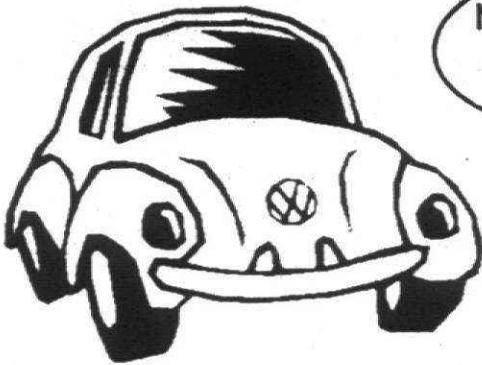
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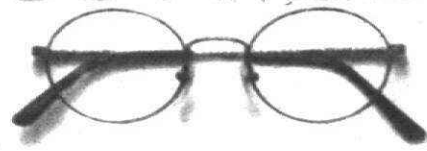
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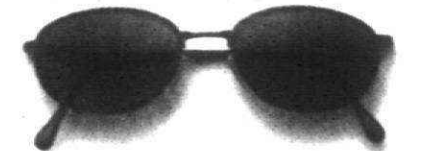
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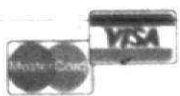
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Cage camp

Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Karen Lafata will host a basketball camp for girls in grades one through 12 this summer at Schoolcraft.

Coaches needed

Walled Lake Western HS is in search of coaches to fill several vacancies. The school has openings for a girls softball head coach, a girls volleyball head coach and a girls volleyball assistant coach.

UDM baseball golf

The fourth annual University of Detroit-Mercy baseball alumni and friends golf outing will begin with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 15, at Bogie Lake Golf Club, 11231 Bogie Lake Road, White Lake.

Adult soccer

The Plymouth Recreation Division will sponsor a range of 6-on-6 soccer leagues, with play beginning June 28. Cost is \$270 per team, plus referee and non-resident fees.

Girls hoop camp

The Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem basketball coaches will join together to host the Canton-Salem Skills Camp, a girls summer day basketball camp for girls who enter grades fourth through ninth this fall.

Golf outings

The sixth annual Live Every Day golf outing, sponsored by the Community Hospice Foundation, will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Monday, July 12 at Washtenaw Country Club, 2955 Packard, Ypsilanti.

Theta Lambda Omega Chapter of Pontiac, will host its annual golf outing Saturday, June 19 at Pontiac Municipal Golf Course.

Downriver run

The Zanglin Downriver Run will be Friday, June 11 at West Road and W. Jefferson in Trenton.

The one-mile run will begin at 7:30 p.m. followed by the eight-kilometer (4.9 mile) race at 8 p.m.

Following the races, part of downtown Trenton will be blocked off for street party which includes clowns, disc jockey, food, refreshments, raffle and dancing.

Entry fees are \$18 per person (as of June 5); \$17 (June 7-10) at Total Runner at Total Runner in Southgate; and \$18 (race day) at the Trenton Pavilion, Third and West. The party fee is \$5 (race day).

Cash and age-roup awards will go to the top runners in the 8K race (along with mailed results).

For more information or to obtain a race application, call Total Runner at (734) 282-1101; or visit the web site: www.zanglinrun.com.

5 will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 28-July 2, followed by Session II for boys and girls in grades 6-9, July 5-9.

The cost for each session is \$100 (includes: camp T-shirt, basketball, personal evaluation, certificate and contest awards).

For more information, call Bob or Donna Simon at (313) 534-6992.

Rockers camp

The Detroit Rockers will stage a pair of summer soccer camps (ages 6-16) — 9:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, June 21-25; and 1-30 p.m. Monday through Friday, Aug. 2-6, at Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

The camps will be directed by Rockers coach and goalkeeper Bryan Finerly. Appearances will also be made by Rockers Neil Gilbert, Randy Prescott, Droo Callahan and Tim Ernst.

A total of 20 half-day, week-long camps throughout the metro Detroit area are currently available for \$99.

A full-day, week-long session is also offered July 12-16 at Franklin Raquet Club. Half-day camps are \$119 and full-day are \$189 for all registrations received after May 15.

All campers will receive an official-size 5 Kendis ball, camp T-shirt and one free 1999-2000 Rockers VIP season ticket pass.

For more information, call (313) 396-7070.

BOYS TRACK

Chiefs glow at Meet of Champions

There were no team scores. There was nothing to gain, really — nothing at stake, like a berth in the state meet.

Nothing but pride. Plymouth Canton's boys track athletes responded to that challenge at Tuesday's Meet of Champions, hosted by Ann Arbor Pioneer at Ypsilanti HS.

The Chiefs recorded personal bests in four events, with Ugo Okunubabu finishing second in the long jump with a season-best effort of 20-feet, 6 3/4-inches.

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Holowicki's camps

Madonna University men's basketball coach Bernie Holowicki will conduct a series of his summer All-Star Basketball camps (ages 8-15) including three different boys sessions offered — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 14-18 and June 21-25, at Madonna University; also June 28-2, at Fairlane Christian High School in Dearborn Heights.

The girls session will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 5-9, at Fairlane Christian.

The cost for each session is \$120.

For more information, call (734) 261-3346.

For more information, call Alumni Relations at (734) 763-5775.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Session I for boys and girls in grades 2-

Softball tourney

June 10 is the deadline for entries in the 23rd annual Leonard J. Anderson Memorial softball tournament July 16-18 at Anderson Fields in Wayne.

Entry fee for the USSSA tournament is \$200. Teams must send their USSSA registration number along with their roster and entry fee.

Checks should be sent to Larry Quarcuto, 9001 Steeplebush Dr., Florence, KY, 41042.

Others to place for Canton were Singh, who was fifth in the 100 (11.7), and the 1,600 relay team of Jack Tucci, Bonner, Singh and Gaines, who also placed fifth (3:32.0).

The Chiefs will take 12 athletes, their largest contingent ever, to Saturday's state finals at Midland HS.

Several have a chance to score. The best possibilities are Jordan Chapman and Kalis in the high jump, Gaines in the 400 and perhaps Blossom in the 800.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

STATE TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

Table with columns for Girls Soccer, Regional Tournament Draws, Division I Final, Division II Final, Division III Final, Division IV Final, State Tournament, District Softball Draws, Division I, Division II, Division III, Division IV, and Best Boys Track Performances.

Hoop star selects SC

Robert Brown, former Class B Second Team All-State selection from Oak Park, will transfer from Central Michigan University to play basketball at Schoolcraft College.

Brown averaged 25 points and 12 rebounds for Oak Park and was MVP in Oakland. He was ranked one of the top 12 players in Michigan as a prep star.

ALL-WLAA BASEBALL TEAMS

Table listing All-Western Lakes Activities Association Baseball Teams by region: All-Western Division, All-Lakes Division, and Lakes Honorable Mention.

Advertisement for Detroit Tigers vs Pirates game. Features photo of Damon Easley and text: 'Kids Run the Bases Mon., June 7 vs Pirates'. Includes ticket information and logos for Tigers and Pirates.

Advertisement for 1999 Charlie Batch Youth Football Camp. Text: 'Join the DETROIT LIONS QUARTERBACK as he hosts his first annual Youth Football Camp!'. Includes dates (June 21-25, 1999), location (Detroit Country Day School), and contact info.

Advertisement for Burton's Plumbing & Heating. Text: 'BURTON'S Plumbing & Heating BATH and KITCHEN REMODELING'. Lists services like licensed plumber, ceramic tile, and quality materials.

Advertisement for Tru-Temp Heating & Cooling. Text: 'GET YEAR-ROUND SAVINGS Heat Heating and Cooling Equipment'. Promotes air conditioners, heat pumps, and furnaces.

Advertisement for Best Girls Track Performances. Lists names and times for various track events like 100-meter, 200-meter, 400-meter, 800-meter, 1,600-meter, and 3,200-meter.

Advertisement for Free Exterior Design Books. Text: 'FREE EXTERIOR DESIGN BOOKS'. Promotes vinyl siding, aluminum coil stock, seamless gutters, solid vinyl windows, and vinyl soffits.

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"The ball was jumping pretty good," Walters said. Cole was the pitcher of record in the semifinals as the Shamrocks beat DeLaSalle for the fifth time this year. The one run he allowed was earned and he scattered six hits and walked two while striking out six. CC scored in four of the first five innings off Pilot pitching. Rogowski was 3-for-4 with two RBI and Malek 2-for-3. Against Salem, Haeger pitched superbly in relief of Duffey, who didn't survive the first after giving up three runs on three hits, two walks and one hit batter. "He was having control problems," Walters said. "It was nice to see him come back and have a good outing on Sunday." Haeger, the winning pitcher, didn't allow a hit until the fifth when Salem bunched three hits for its fourth run. Mike Hoben, Joe Rizzi and David Winter each collected two hits for Salem. CC scored nine runs in the third, thanks to five hits and five walks, highlighted by Woodruff's two-run double. Malek crushed a three-run homer to right field during the same at-bat in which he sent a pitch 400 feet, only to watch it foul. Malek has been walked 39

times as teams have tried to pitch around him after last year when he hit around .600. He's more patient than he was at the beginning of the year which has raised his average. Walters said, "I guess he wasn't going to be denied," Walters said. "He's flirting with the .400 mark now. People have been pitching him away, in tight, too. If it's in toward the middle of the plate, he's pulling it." He was pressing early, trying to impress scouts. Now he's taking "What you give me." Casey and Woodruff finished with two hits each as seven Shamrocks recorded at least one hit. In the win over North, CC ace Anthony Tomey started for the first time since losing a 4-3 decision to Redford Union May 17. He was scratched from his last start, Monday, May 24 against St. Mary's, because of a pulled muscle in his rib cage area. Tomey allowed five runs, three earned, on three hits and six walks with seven strikeouts in 3 2/3 innings. He was one out shy of being the pitcher of record. "He's back to business, I think," Walters said of their ace. Rogowski was 3-for-3 with three RBI, all coming on a three-

Risak from page C1

Watch Canton With the tennis and golf seasons over with for Canton and Salem athletes (no one advanced beyond the regional), all that remains is baseball and softball. And there are some intriguing possibilities there. Canton goes against Salem in the district semifinals in both this Saturday, the two schools co-host the event. A cursory examination would indicate Canton should advance to the final in both and, for that matter, should win the district. But such a task won't be easy. In baseball, the Chiefs have lost two of their three meetings with Salem. Also, while they have solid pitching and play good defense, their hitting disappears all too often. Prediction: They'll get to Battle Creek again, this time making it all the way to the championship game. My crystal ball gets a bit foggy at that point. I want to say it will be the Chiefs to win the title. But let's get them that far first.

Softball stars For the Chiefs' softball players, this is the moment they've been waiting for. Last year, no one really expected them to advance all the way to the state's Final Four. This season, with nearly everyone back from that team, the expectations are high. Anything less than a Final Four trip might be considered a failure. Everything is in place, to be sure. With Lisa Elmer, Melissa Brown, Christina Kessel and Paula McKernan, there's enough offense. Gretchen Hudson is the pitching ace, but Jenny Fisher and Laurie Stewart are solid, too. And the defense is top-notch. With 27 wins in 30 games this season, all the Chiefs need is a little focus to make a long run toward a state championship. Prediction: They'll get to Battle Creek again, this time making it all the way to the championship game. My crystal ball gets a bit foggy at that point. I want to say it will be the Chiefs to win the title. But let's get them that far first.



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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



David Garza opens for *Three Fish* 6 p.m. at *The Shelter* below St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$13 day of the all-ages show. Call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com>. (See story inside).

SATURDAY



Enjoy a frolicking performance of the musical *Rapunzel*, 2:30 p.m. at the *Marquis Theatre*, 135 E. Main St., downtown Northville. Tickets \$6, call (248) 349-8110.

SUNDAY



See the prairie dogs in their renovated home at the *Detroit Zoo*, located at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Ave., just off I-696 in Royal Oak. Admission \$7.50 adults, \$5.50 senior citizens age 62 and older and students, \$4.50 for children ages 2 to 12, no charge for children under age 2. Call (248) 398-0903 for information.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: The "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, at the *Southfield Civic Center on the Village Green*, 26000 Evergreen Road at Civic Center Road, features local and national jazz performers including singer *Kimmie Horné*. For more information, call the V98.7 Information line, (248) 855-2400, the event hot line (734) 453-9157 or <http://www.wattsupinc.com> (See schedule on page E4).



St. Dunstan's prepares for 'How to Succeed in Business'

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The framed display near the entrance to the St. Dunstan's Theater Guild rehearsal space is faded and yellow, the photographs curled at the edge.

Fran Hayes of Birmingham examines the photo and can still point out nearly all the cast members in the 1970 production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

For the next two weekends, Hayes and Nancy Brassert also of Birmingham will assume the roles as secretaries in the sardonic satire about corporate ethics, just as they did nearly 30 years ago.

"They're playing pretty much the same part as they did," said Ed Grant, the director of both this year's and the 1970 production. "They're older, but sure don't look it."

Thirty years, however, does take its toll.

When composer and lyricist Frank Loesser's award-winning "How to Succeed..." opened on Broadway in 1961, it was the Kennedy administration's Camelot years. America was bright and eager, just like the leading character, J. Pierpont Finch, who manages to rise from window washer to company chairman through the advice of a "How to" book.

Back then, rigid sexual roles dominated — men were executives, women were secretaries. By today's standards, it's (almost) a given that "A Secretary is Not a Toy." But in one of the show's most playfully derisive numbers, it has to be spelled out to the lecherous execs.

The successful Broadway revival in 1995 starring Matthew Broderick paved the way for St. Dunstan's to reproduce "How to Succeed."

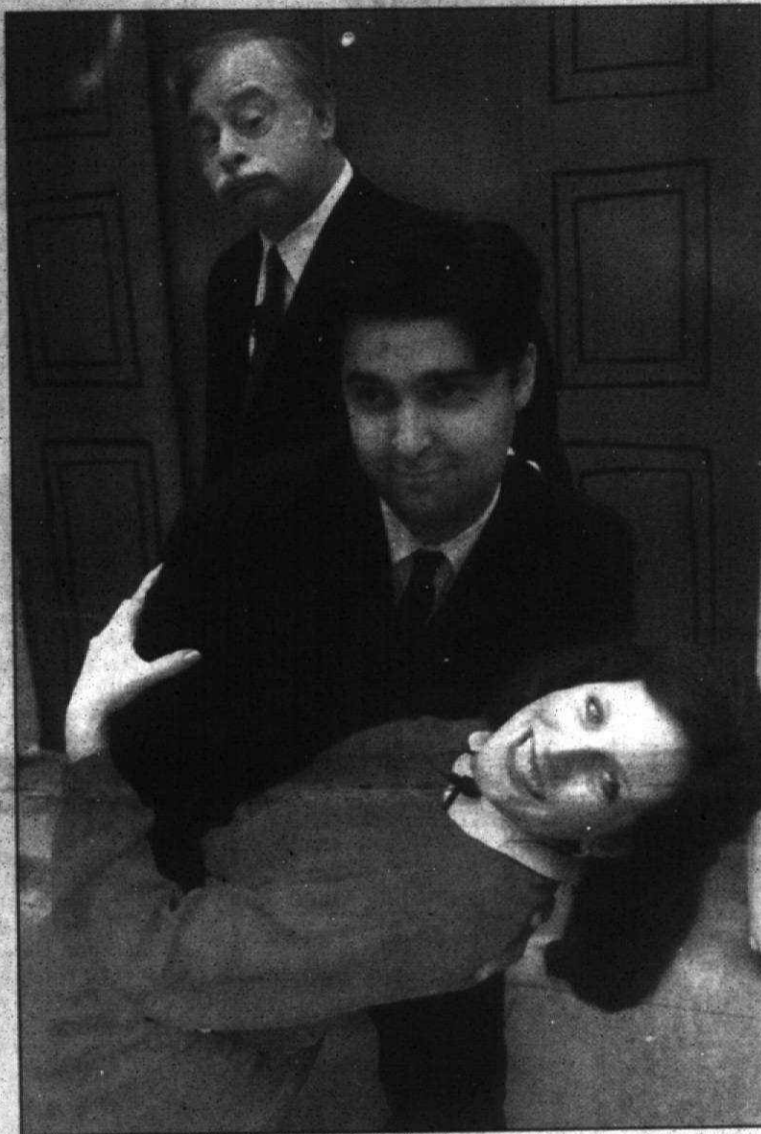
While the Broadway show was set in 1961 at the World Wide Wick-ét Company, the dialogue, lyrics and cast were changed to reflect a more politically correct corporate world.

St. Dunstan's version is closer to the original script.

"In my opinion, the 'p.c.' version took away the barbs and stings," said Grant.

So audiences at Cranbrook's historic Greek amphitheater should expect to hear the punchy words of author Abe Burrows in all their comic glory, and be charmed by the wacky sets reminiscent of a James Thurber cartoon.

"It's definitely a larger-than-life cartoon," said Jamie Mistry of Pleasant Ridge, the show's Finch.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER

Office Romance: Above, Jamie Mistry of Royal Oak, as J. Pierpont Finch dips Jan Casai of Bloomfield Hills, (*Rosemary*), while Keith Lepard of Franklin, as the boss J.B. Biggley scrutinizes the scene. Top photo, the cast of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" rehearse the acidic "A Secretary is Not a Toy" at Cranbrook's outdoor Greek Theater.

"The set is overblown, as are the characters. It requires a lot of comic timing."

Anyone who has seen the original play or 1967 movie knows that the gap-toothed actor Robert Morse owned the role of Finch. Mistry said what makes the musical work is getting audiences to wait his narcissistic character to succeed.

"You have to get them on your side from the beginning," he said.

Finch's ingratiating charm is

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Cuba Gooding Jr.

Cuba Gooding Jr. follows his 'Instinct'

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Cuba Gooding Jr. is bursting with energy. His laughs are hearty and accompanied by a hand clap. Gooding is only serious when it is absolutely necessary. And he's not one to mince words.

He described Tom Cruise as the quintessential "movie star" (read: ego), Robin Williams as the "most on guy I've ever met," and Rob Reiner, as, well, it can't be printed.

Boisterous and loud, Gooding is closer to his Oscar Award-winning character Rod Tidwell than one might think.

"We did this one scene in the movie 'What Dreams May Come' where I'm walking into this church," Gooding said about Williams, while swinging his arms around like Tidwell. "It was 4 in the morning and the actors had been there all day since like 6 in the morning. I was tired and naked with these dots all over me."

"He walked onto the pulpit and held a sermon. He was just bouncing off the walls. It was the funniest thing I've ever seen."

Gooding was in town with director Jon Turteltaub to promote their film "Instinct" which arrives in theaters Friday, June 4. But the panel of journalists talking to Gooding seemed more interested in the "aura" of movie stars and how one creates an aura, his views of African Americans in film, and gossip.

Dressed in a gray shiny shirt, black pin-stripe pants and designer shoes so new that the price tag was still affixed to one sole, Gooding didn't seem to mind.

In "Instinct," Gooding portrays psychiatrist Theo Caulder, a resident assigned to explore the mind of Ethan Powell (Anthony Hopkins), a primatologist found guilty of murder deep in the jungles of Rwanda. Caulder meets with Powell, who is unwilling to speak, at Harmony Bay, a rundown maximum security prison in Florida.

Director Turteltaub said he was drawn to "Instinct" for a variety of reasons.

"Not only was it a beautifully written screenplay, it also asked a lot of interesting questions about mankind and the world we live in today. I think the film is entertaining and provocative in a way that I hope will inspire audiences to think about what our priorities are to ourselves and to others."

Turteltaub and Hopkins' instincts, however, told them to change a scene in the beginning of the film where Powell talks for the first time.

"The way the scene was written, Hopkins had about 12-15 lines of dialogue. Once he got him talking, there's a lot of exchange. Tony came up to me and said, 'I've been looking at this. This is the first time I've spoken in three years. Why am I talking so much? Why

■ **Cuba Gooding Jr. is bursting with energy. His laughs are hearty and accompanied by a hand clap.**

Please see **CUBA**, E2

MUSIC

George Strait brings caravan of country artists to Silverdome



Kenny Chesney

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Call it Lollapaloozà with a twang. A caravan of country artists pulls into the Pontiac Silverdome on Saturday as part of the festival with the longest name — Nokia Presents the George Strait Chevy Truck Country Music Festival.

The eight-hour event includes performances by Strait, the Dixie Chicks, Tim McGraw, Kenny Chesney, Jo Dee Messina, Mark Wills and Asleep at the Wheel, as well as vendors, lifestyle exhibits and recreational games.

Chesney, who hits the stage around dinner time, described the day-long event as "incredible."

"It's a lot of fun. Tim McGraw's on the bill

It's a lot of fun for me to be out on the road. I've toured a lot with the Dixie Chicks. It's great."

Chesney is touring in support of his fifth album, "Everywhere We Go" (BNA Records). This album has been called one of his best, thanks to his wider vocal range.

"I feel like my voice has grown a lot in the past couple of years and I really wanted to capture that. It's gotten higher, deeper and wider — I don't quite know how to explain it, but it has," Chesney explained.

"It's more of a tempo-oriented record. We wanted to make it that way. That's the only way we recorded differently. We went in and took a bunch of songs into the studio and tried to make something of them."

One of those songs is "You Had Me From

Please see **STRAIT**, E2

WHO: George Strait, Tim McGraw, Dixie Chicks, Kenny Chesney, Jo Dee Messina, Mark Wills, and Asleep at the Wheel

WHAT: Perform as part of The George Strait Chevy Truck Country Music Festival

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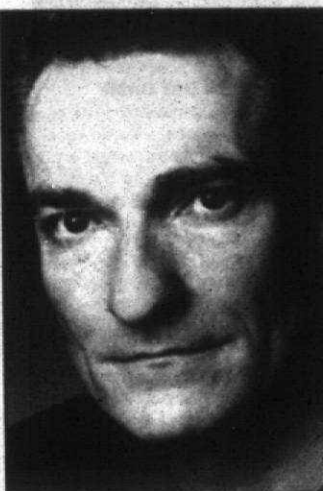
WHERE: Pontiac Silverdome

TICKETS: \$29.50, \$39.50 and \$49.50 plus a \$1.50 facility fee. For more information, call (248) 645-6666. Visit <http://www.georgestrait.com> for tour, photos and to register for a chance to win a trip to meet Strait on the last stop of the tour.

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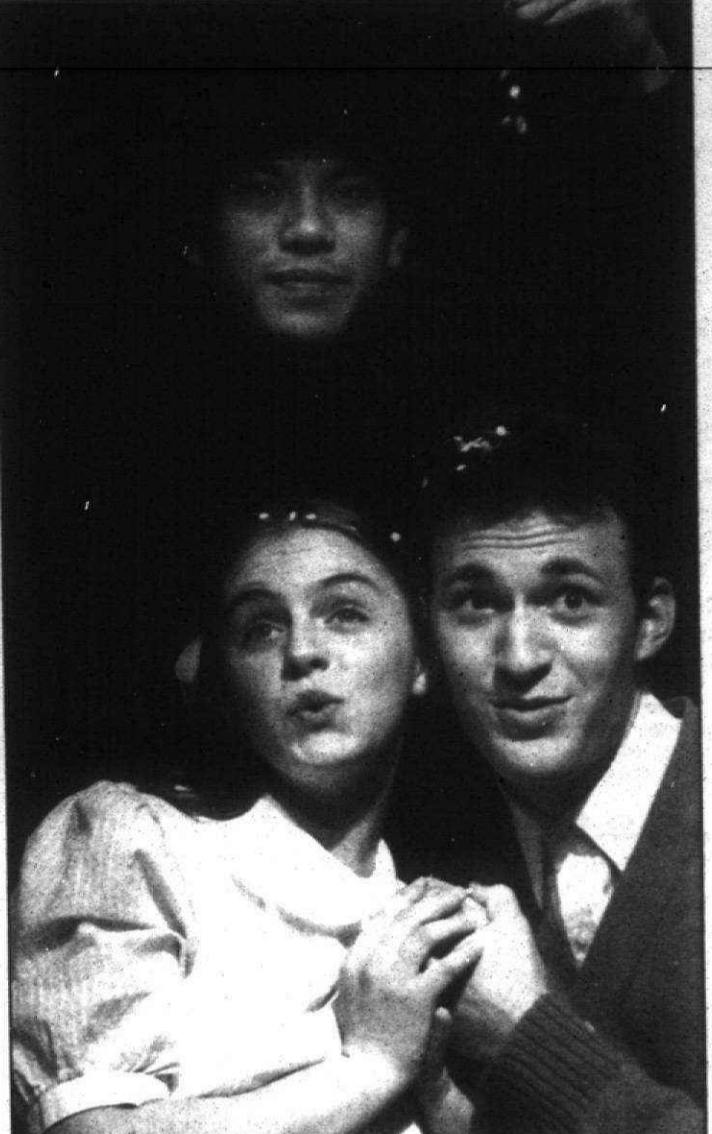


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On stage: Chuck Ganchorre (left) as the mute, Brandon Burns as Luisa and Tyson Navarre as Matt...

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Michigan Colonial Festival Saturday, June 12 10AM - 5PM 7PM - 10PM...

Map and details for the festival including location at Dearborn Historical Museum.

Kenny Rogers performance featuring Ann Murray at Pine Knob Music Theatre.

Pride & Prejudice performance featuring Geordie Johnson as Mr. Bury.

The Phantom of the Opera performance featuring Paul Stanley as the Phantom.

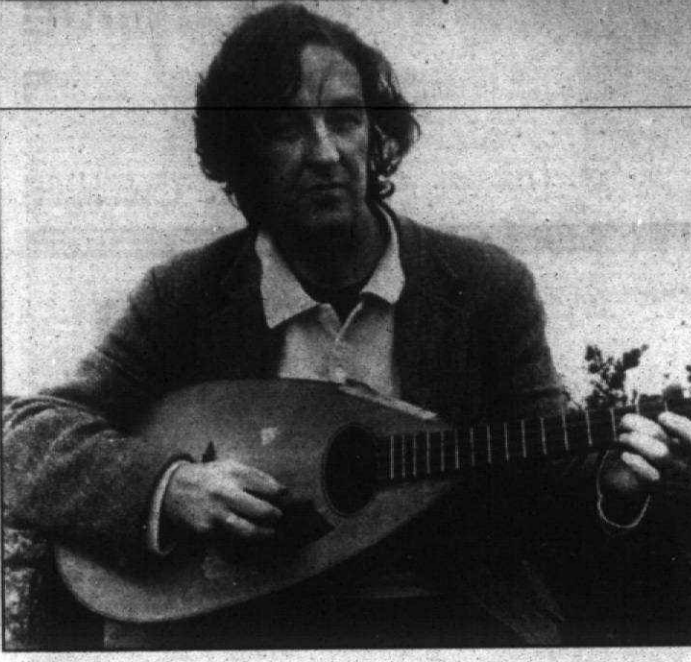
Cuba from page E1

can't indicate these things with movements and gestures...

You set the paper on your lap, everything you would say to me...

In talking with Gooding, it seems like his climb to stardom has been one of ups and downs.

Gooding said there needs to be better material. 'If we're gonna make more films and get a bigger presence...



Musical: Irish musician John Hoban performs traditional Celtic music...

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Hello, 'a tune that Chesney co-wrote with Skip Ewing, based on a line from 'Jerry Maguire'.

that love was so intense that it tore down every wall he built around his heart.

I thought he was kidding. It was really a cool thing.

The bottom line for Chesney is the tour is fun.

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what woes the connection, and the antics of the bumbling blokes around him keep the humor coming.

MacDonald of Waterford, who never seems to stay ahead of the hero's devious rise.

Believe in You, 'a love song that Finch sings to his mirror image in the executive bathroom...

dated. Even today, most of us can relate to a corporation that's just big enough so people aren't really sure exactly what the next guy does.

Ameritech Smooth Jazz Fest advertisement with performer photos and event details for June 4-6 at Southfield Civic Center.

West Bloomfield Art Festival advertisement for the 5th Annual event on June 12 & 13.

Arts Festival advertisement for the 23rd Annual Livonia Arts Festival on June 12 & 13.

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MOVIES

Mamet's 'Winslow Boy' takes close view of family crisis

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David Mamet's film version of Terrence Rattigan's 'The Winslow Boy' is a gemlike dissection of upper middle class British life suddenly turned upside down over a fight for justice.

celebrate when the case is taken by a famous barrister. The play was made into a fine movie in 1949 by British director Anthony Asquith with Robert Donat, Margaret Leighton and Cedric Hardwicke in the lead roles.

It is easy to see why Mamet (who directs and wrote the screenplay) was attracted to Rattigan's well-made play. The clipped, emotionless, drily witty conversations of the British characters match the deliberate clipped and artificial language of Mamet's plays and yet seem more natural in this context.

threatens family honor. Though Mamet has opened the action to include several sets, the key scenes are played off screen - the actual crime, a triumphant Parliamentary speech, the trial, the decision. The important matters are what happens around the central story.



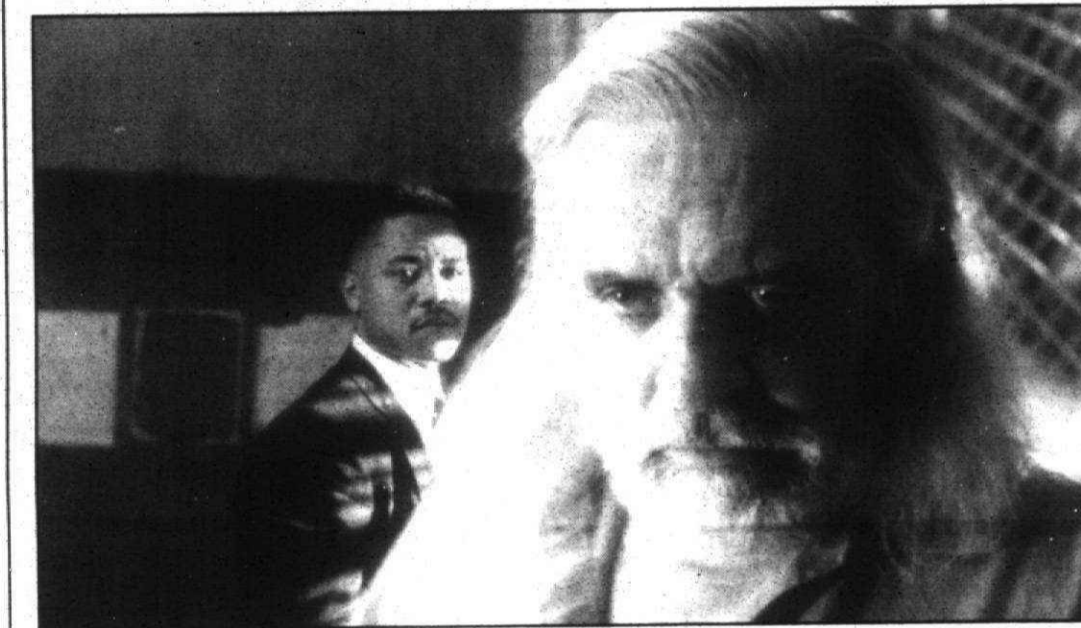
LEAM DANIEL

Drama: Jeremy Northam as Sir Robert Morton and Rebecca Pidgeon as Catherine Winslow in 'The Winslow Boy.'

Jeremy Northam plays the barrister Sir Robert Morton, a seemingly cool, emotionless, vain and opportunistic lawyer-politician. He hides a passion for doing the right thing behind his stiff legal manner. Northam perfectly captures the diffident manner and the man of honor.

pecially women in the comfortable classes who began to assert their right to equal treatment. Rebecca Pidgeon, who is married to Mamet, gives a beautiful performance, snapping off the clipped dialogue while her face reveals a myriad of conflicting emotions.

Other fine performances come from Gemma Jones as the mother who is finally pushed too far, Matthew Pidgeon as the irresponsible but likeable older son and Colin Stinton as a repressed solicitor hopelessly in love with the determined Catherine.



ZANE BURENTHAL

Drama: Held captive in a prison for the criminally insane, primatologist Ethan Powell (Anthony Hopkins, right) who is accused of murder and has not spoken in years, is remanded to psychiatrist Theo Caulder, Cuba Gooding in 'Instinct.'

Strong performers follow 'Instinct' in morality tale

SPECIAL WRITER

Sir Anthony Hopkins is being held in a maximum-security prison. Convicted of horrendous murders, he's unable or unwilling to communicate with his jailers. A sinister smile conceals whatever it is that has driven him to his own personal madness.

look like Club Med. His self-imposed silence and simian behavior come to the attention of ambitious hot-shot psychiatrist Theo Caulder (Cuba Gooding Jr.), who is given thirty days to evaluate the case for the court.

dered to save our own species. As for the rest of the food chain: tough. And when the psychiatrist gets too close to the patient, he's reprimanded, "you're not his defense attorney and you're not his pal."

From that description, too many of you will either see "Instinct" or avoid it altogether because it certainly sounds like "Silence of the Lambs, Part II." It isn't, and should it be marketed or perceived that way, this elegant morality tale would be dealt as such an injustice as its lead character.

The convict Ethan Powell (Hopkins) is, in fact, a noted primatologist who spent years living among the mountain gorillas of Rwanda. After brutally killing two park rangers who were hunting the docile animals, Powell was extradited to Florida, and remains imprisoned in the psychotic "Coo Coo's Nest" ward of a facility that makes Devil's Island

Ultimately, "Instinct" breaks a new ground, and the balance of footage is tipped too far away from the fascinating jungle world in favor of repetitive prison scenes of brutal guards and defenseless inmates. We'll paraphrase Gooding's signature line: "Show us the gorillas!"

Jewish film fest set for June 10-16

A variety of speakers, including an Academy Award-winning filmmaker, a funeral director, producers and directors will give their perspectives on the films to be shown at the first Jewish Community Center's Lenore Marwill Jewish Film Festival,

June 10-16. For a brochure or tickets, call Nitzana York at the Jewish Community Center (248) 661-7649.

DeRoy Theatre of the Jewish Community Center, Funeral director David Techner and Academy Award-winning filmmaker will speak following a free presentation of the film, "Generation: Jewish Family Talk About Death."

David Garza euphoric over his 'stream of sounds'

By Christina Fuoco

Be a sides musician, singer, lyricist, David Garza has a new title - "Best Buy Guy."

For the last few months, Garza has appeared in the store's television commercials singing "Kinder," the first track off his latest album "This Euphoria" (Atlantic). The new-found fame, he said, is pretty cool.

"I used to walk around the mall unnoticed but I can't go to the mall anymore. TV watchers, they go to the mall."

Garza is enjoying the massive promotion for his "This Euphoria," a collection of indie-rock inspired pop tunes that meld hip-hop, rock, Spanish and jazz



whose first name is pronounced Da-veed.

"This Euphoria" has been compared to Marc Bolan/T-Rex and Elvis Costello, circa "Imperial Bedroom." Garza thinks it's great but he doesn't necessarily get it.

"I'm trying my best not to wear my influences on my sleeve and just letting go of that thought process. By doing that, a lot more of our natural stream of sounds evolved," said Garza.

Toronto native: Ron Sexsmith performs at the Magic Bag in Ferndale on Sunday, June 6.

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Hagar brings his Cabo Wabo on stage

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Sammy Hagar's show on Sunday at Pine Knob will be a feast for the senses. The summer shed will be filled with the scents and tastes of Mexican food, the sights of Hagar's bar Cabo Wabo, and tunes by Hagar, Van Halen and Montrose.

stand in the audience so they can get WaboRitas (Hagar's special Margarita-style drinks), and eat stuff jalapenos and tacos. We're gonna make it just like crossing the border. Once you come through the gates, you're gonna be in Wabo World."

Halen. Only it's the new version of it. It's not like it's really '80s driven. It's got the fun, fun, fun in it."

Sammy is celebrating all the success and the happiness that I've had throughout my life. I'm celebrating it with my fans, and I made a record for them to celebrate to, and now I've built a stage for them to celebrate in concert."

"I just saw it last night for the first time. They e-mailed it to me. I got to tell you, I've got goosebumps from head to toe." The traveling cantina has everything down to the neon paintings, "weird crazy things that fans have put on the wall," and a dance floor, where Hagar and his band the WaboRitas will perform. Forty contest winners will sit at cabaret tables on the stage.

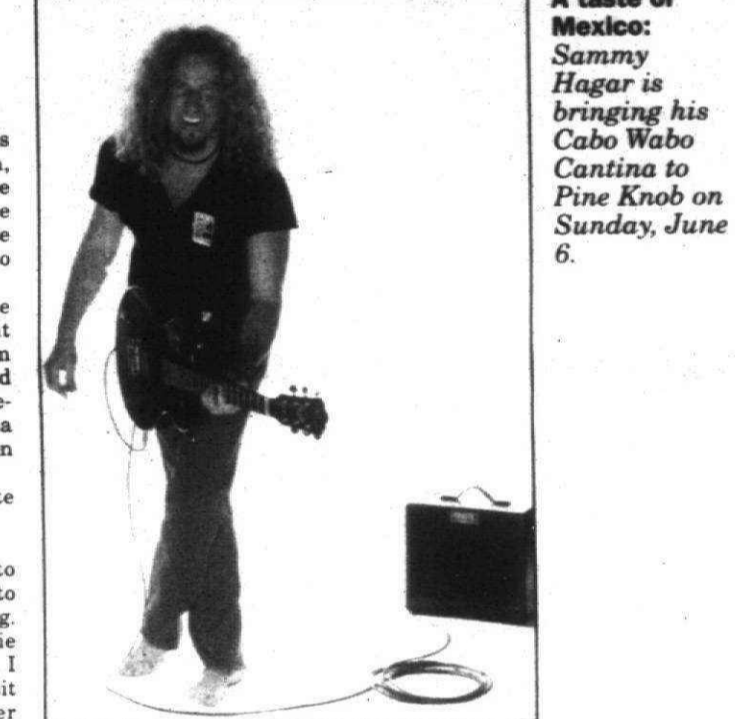
"We don't really have a set list. We play between two and three hours. It depends on how the night's going," he said.

"To me, 'Red Voodoo' means when you go into the red, when you're almost to the limit. You've had enough to drink, the music's loud enough or you're driving

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, June 4 'THE MUSE' Albert Brooks and Sharon Stone star in this wry comedy about a Hollywood screenwriter down on his luck who finds a real live muse living in Los Angeles.

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A taste of Mexico: Sammy Hagar is bringing his Cabo Wabo Cantina to Pine Knob on Sunday, June 6.

Advertisement for the movie 'Instinct' featuring Anthony Hopkins and Cuba Gooding Jr. The text describes it as an extraordinary powerful, mysterious and moving psychological thriller.

A table listing movie showtimes for various theaters including AMC Eastland, AMC Ferndale, and AMC Westland, with columns for showtimes and ticket prices.

