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## 50,000 gear up for a good time

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
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Canton's eighth annual Liberty Fest kicks off tonight with a host of activities.

A pie-eating contest, children's show and the movie "A Bug's Life" will highlight opening night. According to local weather forecasts, a mix of sun and rain is expected today with a high temperature of 68 degrees.

### Canton's firefighter clowns, A6

"To me, 65 to 70 degrees is perfect for a festival," said Canton Recreation Supervisor Bob Dates. "It's not too hot, but it's warm enough to get people out."

More than 50,000 people are expected to participate in this year's four-day event. Township crews have been working almost nonstop the past few days getting Heritage Park ready for the fest.

"It takes a good seven or eight days to set up," said Dates. "Our parks crew started working Saturday."

LIBERTY FEST '99

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Chance of rain/sun HIGH 65°	Partly cloudy HIGH 68°	Isolated thunderstorms HIGH 76°	Partly sunny HIGH 77°

**Weather report**

More than 30 tents of various sizes are used for the fest. That's not to mention concession trailers and carts, gaming areas and restroom facilities.

More than three dozen workers are needed to get it all in place. Dates said he and his crew are always trying to improve the setup.

"It's constant tweaking," Dates added. "You make changes up until the

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## Guile, Slavens oust incumbents



BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school district voters demanded a new direction Monday by decisively ousting incumbents and overwhelmingly electing two new members to the Board of Education.

In every one of the district's 18 precincts, challengers Mark Slavens of Canton finished with the highest vote total, followed by Steve Guile, also of Canton. Both were elected to their first terms on the board. Incumbent Carrie Blamer finished third, and board president Mike Maloney finished fourth in an election that brought out

more voters than usual.

Slavens received 2,716 votes. He was followed by Guile with 1,186; Blamer with 1,392; and Maloney with 1,158.

A total of 3,812 voters cast ballots out of 72,000 registered in the district, for a turnout of 5.3 percent.

In the Van Buren Public Schools district, incumbents Martha Toth and Karl Gorham were unchallenged and retained their school board seats.

"The key was the union support, and I think there's a lot of dissatisfaction out there," said Guile. "The voters have indicated they want a different direction, a little more seriousness, openness, a lot more communication

Please see **SCHOOL VOTE**, A2

## Hail to the graduates



**Elated:** Sarah Deben, 17, of Plymouth raises her arms in elation as she is the first to exit following the Plymouth Canton High School Commencement Sunday. You'll find additional photos, and a complete listing of Canton and Salem graduates, on pages A16 and B10 in today's Observer.

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**Tribute:** Plymouth Salem High School Principal Gerald Ostoin presents Barb and Tim Kilgore of Canton with an honorary degree and cap and gown in remembrance of their son, Michael, during Commencement Sunday at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor. Michael died from heart failure in March 1998 while in his junior year. Michael's sister Sherrill was also in attendance at the graduation.

## Victim's parents angered by parole hearing

BY M.B. DILLON  
SPECIAL WRITER

A parole date of Sept. 27, 1999 looms for former Canton resident Dr. Charles Fisher who, with a no-contest plea, admitted killing his wife, Ella Maria Mercado-Fisher, following his fourth murder trial in 1997.

The victim's parents, Manuel and Evelyn Mercado of Cape Coral, Fla., plan to speak before the parole board in Lansing on Friday. Strongly objecting to the court's acceptance of the no-contest plea, they have asked for a fifth trial, or a guilty plea by Fisher to sec-

ond-degree murder. They are demanding that Fisher serve additional time; not less than 10 years from the date of his return to prison.

"Fisher committed a pre-meditated murder; a cruel, vicious and evil act - the murder of his wife - which he admitted with his nolo contendere plea," Manuel Mercado said.

"Since then, he has served less than eight years in short periods, working in

## FISHER MURDER CASE

the law library and similar jobs. Is this justice?

"Why is our daughter's killer treated like this? Is it because she and her family have a Hispanic last name?"

Mercado said he has questioned Michigan authorities numerous times, in writing, protesting Fisher's placement in anything but a maximum-security prison, and the court's "dastardly" acceptance of the no-contest

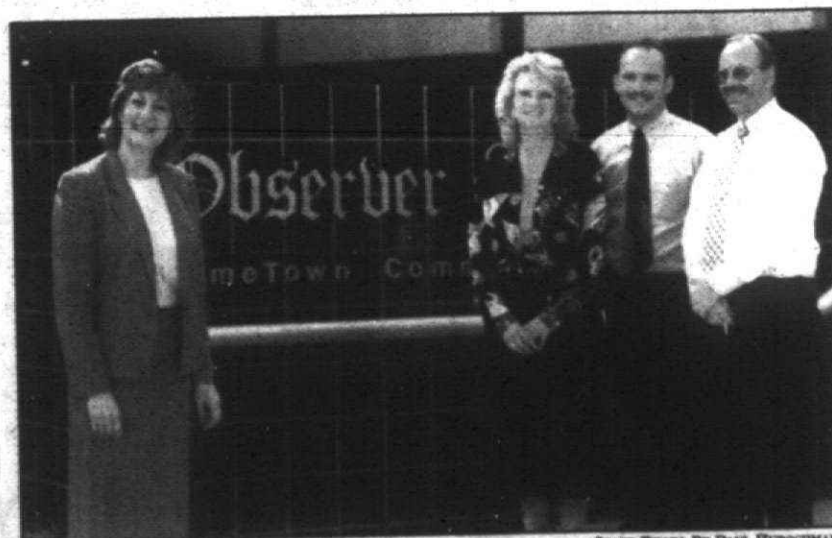
plea, without results. "And now they are about to free Charles Fisher. It's insane. The life of our daughter did not seem to be significant to anyone," he said.

"After 14 years of torturous existence through the trials on our daughter's murder, now we believe that the State of Michigan has condemned us to unusual and cruel punishment, seeing the killer of our daughter free, a year after he was found guilty of murder," Mercado said. "Our hurt never ends, because we will never have our daughter back."

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## NEW PUBLISHER:

## Rosiek heads Observer management team



**Observer team:** Heading up the Observer Newspapers management team is new publisher Susan Rosiek (left). She is working with Peg Knoespel, retail advertising manager; Mark Warren, circulation director for the Observer & Eccentric; and Larry Geiger, circulation manager of the Observer Newspapers.

Susan Rosiek has been named publisher of the Observer Newspapers.

Formerly the managing editor of the seven newspapers serving western Wayne County and Farmington and Farmington Hills, Rosiek replaces Banks Dishmon Jr., who left earlier this year to become president and publisher of Michigan Newspapers Inc. in Mount Pleasant.

Rosiek's new position was announced recently by Steven K. Pope, vice president and general manager of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

"Susan's experience with our company and her understanding of the communities we serve will allow her to become quickly productive in her new responsibilities," said Pope.

A former reporter and editor of several Observer editions, Rosiek lives in Plymouth Township with her husband, Steve Barnaby, and their son, Ian Barnaby.

As publisher she is responsible for coordination of advertising, circulation

**'I'm honored and challenged by my new responsibilities.'**

Susan Rosiek  
- Observer publisher

and editorial departments of the Observer Newspapers.

"I'm honored and challenged by my new responsibilities," said Rosiek. "I look forward to working with a dynamic management team which remains dedicated to producing quality community newspapers and other local information products that meet the needs of our advertising customers and readers."

### Community activities

A 25-year employee of the Observer Newspapers, Rosiek has been involved in many community organizations. She was most recently a member of the Livonia Family YMCA Board of Directors where she served as board chair for two years. She also served as president of the Canton Economic Club from

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## School vote from page A1

with the board. The new board members definitely have agendas they're ready to pursue. Slavena, who is a chairman of the Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding, said he plans to work heavily for equity in state funding for Plymouth-Canton schools.

"This election may be a mandate that the people of Plymouth-Canton want some changes in regards to funding," said Slavena. "People are unhappy with the amounts of money we're receiving from Lansing."

"My primary focus will be to improve the education of the kids in this community," added Slavena. "This has always been one of the best school districts in the state, and I want to keep it that way."

Guile said his main issues will center on communication with the district's unions, and the location of the new high school.

"Nobody has convinced me yet that the bond issue said the high school has to be there (Beck and Joy roads), and the public wanted there to begin with," said Guile. "I intend within the next few

months ... to have a community forum ... and have an open discussion about the high school. Regardless of how many community forums they've had in the past ... opinions and feelings have changed."

Blamer and Maloney watched the results from the Board of Education offices as each precinct was reported. You could hear a pin drop as it became apparent they would lose their seats.

"I'm disappointed, but I'm still committed to the school district and will do whatever I can do," said Maloney. "I think being outspent by 10-times is a major factor. It's a big obstacle to overcome."

Blamer attributed the loss to a change in medical coverage, which resulted in a co-pay for union members, and the lack of a contract with administrators.

"I'm disappointed, but more importantly I was given an opportunity to make an impact on the future of the district," said Blamer. "Over the last four years we've had a lot of successes, including two bond issues, establishing a long range plan, we've increased our fund balance to 10



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBBARD

**Nice going: Outgoing trustee Carrie Blamer congratulates newly-elected board member Mark Slavena at the Plymouth-Canton school board office Monday as votes are tabulated.**

percent, and involved our parents and community in decision making."

Slavena and Guile were backed by several unions in the district, and at least one union leader was surprised at the conclusive outcome.

"Clearly the message went out to the public that things were not well," said Chuck Portelli, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association. "It's time for a change. That's the message the board should have."

## Newcomer Monit to join incumbent

### WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS

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Backed by union forces, Wayne-Westland school board incumbent Martha Pitsenbarger and newcomer Lorne "Skip" Monit charged to victory Tuesday in an election decided by only 2 percent of registered voters.

Pitsenbarger, earning her second four-year term, won by a landslide vote in a four-way race for two seats.

"I want to think it's because I've been on the board for four years and I've done a good job," she said Tuesday night, celebrating amid scores of supporters who packed a Fire Academy restaurant patio on Wayne Road.

"I'm really happy," Pitsenbarger said after receiving the most votes, 1,039. "It made me almost want to cry when I pulled into the parking lot here and everybody started cheering for me."

Monit finished second and won a four-year term after defeating third-ranked Marshall Wright by only 58 votes — 766 to 708.

Candidate Brenda Smith, a 1997 Westland John Glenn graduate who was one of the youngest board hopefuls ever at age 19, ranked last with 286 votes. Still, some educators lauded her candidacy and said she grabbed enough votes to possibly affect the race between Monit and Wright.

Monit will replace board member David James, who chose not to seek re-election.

"I think the union endorsements helped," Monit said, learning of his victory after district officials announced election results to a small group at the Dyer Center on Marquette.

Monit, accompanied by wife Kitty and their three school-age children, also attributed his showing to voter support in Westland — not just in his hometown of Wayne.

"I think I had pretty widespread support in both cities," he said. "I think that helped a lot. I always felt that I was not simply a Wayne person."

Wayne candidates ruled Tuesday, beating Westland residents Wright and Smith. The mood became festive as Monit joined Pitsenbarger and their supporters for a rousing victory party at the Fire Academy in Westland.

Pitsenbarger, a clinical social worker, and Monit, an electronics firm project manager, won support in an 11th-hour telephone push by school unions to get their members to the polls.

Some political observers said the union vote mattered, considering that only 1,519 of the school district's 69,971 voters went to the polls.

Cliff Johnson, president of the Metro Wayne Democratic Club, also rallied support for Pitsenbarger and Monit from non-school unions.

## Patterson relinquishes committee chair

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Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, has stepped down as chair of a special committee charged with investigating the day-to-day operations of Metro Airport.

He suggested the move to House Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo, to keep the investigation from becoming a "wran-

gling over personalities" between himself and Wayne County officials.

"I told him I know how these people operate and you have to have a backup plan," Patterson said.

Perricone put that backup plan into action Thursday by naming Rep. James Koetje, R-Grandville, the new chair.

Patterson believes county officials, such as Executive Ed McNamara and deputy executive

Mike Duggan, intended to "demonize" him to discredit the investigation before it started. Koetje will likely be the next target, he added.

"I think they'll still try to do it," the former county commissioner said. "But it will be much more difficult."

Duggan disputed Patterson's assertion. He was delighted at Koetje's appointment.

"I think we're comfortable with that," said Duggan. "It's a major

step towards fairness."

He didn't mince words about Patterson, who, he said, has spilled plenty of venom against his boss.

"Bruce Patterson has proven to be a vindictive person," said Duggan, "who's out to get Ed McNamara."

For his part, Patterson is hoping his stepping aside will avoid a "rocky take off" for the investigation later this month.

The bipartisan committee, which was formed a week ago at the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce's gathering on Mackinac Island, will feature three representatives and senators. A preliminary report is expected by October.

Patterson said the committee will work over the summer to answer two questions:

■ Is the airport serving the needs of Michigan's traveling public in terms of convenience

and safety?

■ Are public funds from federal, state and county sources being spent in the most efficient way?

"I haven't met anybody that's said yes to both of those questions," said Patterson.

He regrets not having the chance to help find answers.

"It would've been very exciting," Patterson said. "But I think it's the right thing to do."

## Fest from A1

last minute."

Besides solid preparation, it takes a little cooperation from Mother Nature to pull off an excellent festival. Dates was glad the event wasn't last weekend.

"If it rained as much as it did then it would ruin the weekend," he said. "But we've never had that happen in eight years."

Come rain or shine, the Liberty Fest is sure to be fun. The Observer Newspapers pie-eating contest opens festivities Thursday starting at 7:30 p.m. "Chautauqua Express," a one-man kids' show, will perform in the amphitheater starting at 7:45 p.m.

Disney's "A Bug's Life" gets under way at approximately 9:30 p.m. in the park amphitheater.

Other daily highlights include: On Friday, an oldies concert will be featured at 7:30 p.m. in the amphitheater with "Yugues."

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.

As for Saturday, "A Taste of Canton" will run throughout the day. A total of 10 local restaurants will serve up their specialties at nominal costs.

Three Men and a Tenor return for an 8 p.m. performance at the amphitheater on Saturday.

The Fireworks Extravaganza closes Saturday's activities. An expanded show will start at about 10 p.m.

On Sunday, Central City Diner will host an "All-American Picnic" from noon to 3 p.m. "Kids mania," which will feature rides, a magic show, karaoke and the Motor City Brass Band are other attractions lined up for Sunday.

Plenty of free parking will be available all four festival days.

Parking areas will include the township administration building, Heritage Park, the Summit and St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building. Shuttles will run from each on weekend days.

Dates said most people walk from the lots, however. "It's never really a very far walk to the festival," he said. "It's pretty convenient."

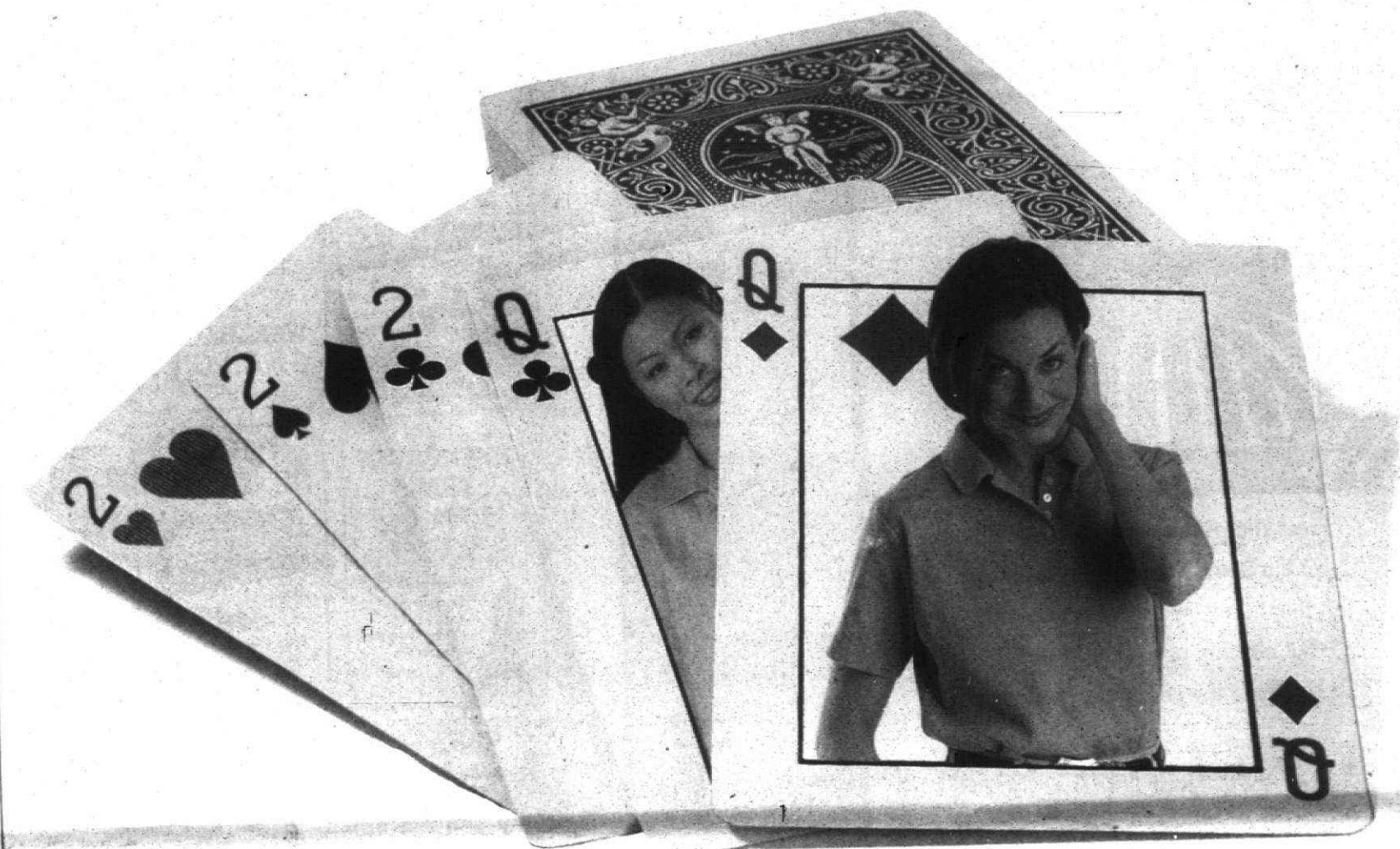
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**ENLISTED**  
Ryan A. Creten, son of Mary Glasgow of Canton, enlisted in the Air Force. Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas he is scheduled to receive technical training as a security forces apprentice. Creten is a 1995 graduate of John Glenn High School, and will earn credits toward an associate's degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

**BASIC MILITARY TRAINING**  
Air Force Airman Thomas P. Nestor has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, during the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Nestor is the son of Pete J. and Lola M. Nestor of Canton. He is a 1997 graduate of Canton High School.

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1995-97 and the Metropolitan Board of Directors of the YMCA. She is currently a member of the Amerigard Health Services Board, Michigan Business and Professional Women (Garden City Organization) and Livonia Prayer Breakfast Committee. A graduate of Michigan State University, Rosiek has post-graduate training in accounting, journalism and law. Rosiek can be reached by phone at (734) 953-2100 or email at [rosiek@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:rosiek@oe.homecomm.net). Rosiek will work with Peg Knoespel, Observer retail advertising manager; Mark Warren, circulation director of the Observer & Eccentric; and Larry Geiger, circulation manager for the Observer Newspapers. Hugh Gallagher will serve as interim managing editor for the Observer Newspapers. Knoespel, who manages a retail sales and support staff of

12, has been with the Observer for 22 years. She excels at creating and developing special sections which meet the needs of our local communities. She is responsible for all retail sales in Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Westland, Garden City, Livonia and Farmington. Knoespel worked as a retail sales representative in Westland, Canton, Plymouth and Livonia before being named retail advertising manager in 1991. **Solution minded** "I enjoy finding creative solutions for our customers' advertising problems by developing specific products to fill those needs," said Knoespel. Under her direction the Observer advertising staff has won many state and national awards. **Service oriented** "Quality service is my goal," said Warren, adding "I enjoy the

challenge of resolving service issues and strive to make our delivery system the most friendly and efficient in the region." "The Observer & Eccentric remains committed to hiring, training and working with youth carriers and their parents to foster responsibility and good business skills." Warren can be reached at (734) 953-2041 or by email at [mwarren@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:mwarren@oe.homecomm.net). Joining Warren in the circulation department is Geiger, circulation manager for the Observer Group. Geiger supervises full-time and part-time home delivery managers. Geiger has worked at the Observer for 23 years. A Livonia resident, Geiger has worked as an assistant home delivery manager, Redford home delivery manager and from 1978 until

1993 he ran circulation operations in Farmington, North Livonia, Plymouth and Canton. "We have over 1,400 junior merchant carriers and approximately 75 drivers. Between the home delivery and stores and racks we print more than 90,000 copies each delivery day," said Geiger. Geiger can be reached at (734) 953-2234 or [lgeiger@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:lgeiger@oe.homecomm.net). Gallagher, a 17-year veteran of the Observer & Eccentric, most recently supervised the staff of the Entertainment and Arts & Leisure sections of the newspapers. He will move over on an interim basis to manage newsroom duties for all seven Observer editions. He can be reached at (734) 953-2149 or via email at [hgalagher@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:hgalagher@oe.homecomm.net).

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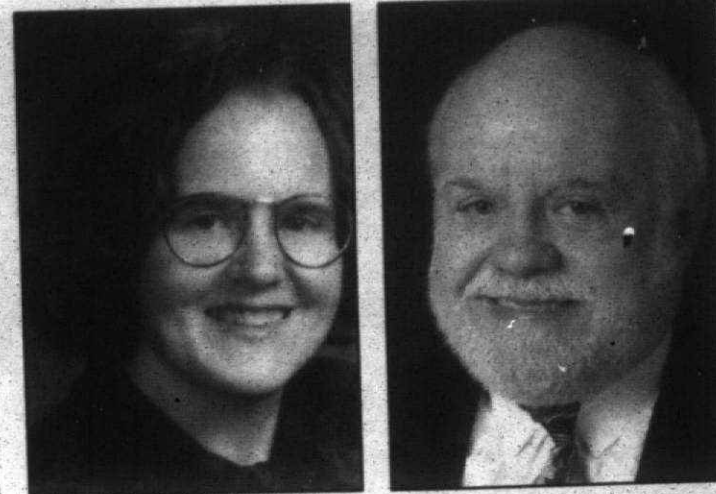
Marta Hampel of Canton has completed an eight-month leadership training program provided by the Association for Community Advocacy. The course provides state-of-the-art knowledge about disability issues and builds competencies necessary to become advocates who can effectively influence public officials. Participants attend two-day training sessions eight times a year. The curriculum includes philosophies and critical strategies for changing systems through readings and small group assignments.

**Watson and Stempien retain Schoolcraft board seats**

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER [kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net) Patricia Watson and Greg Stempien have retained their seats on the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees after finishing first and second in an election Monday. In unofficial results, Watson received 5,617 votes, while Stempien collected 4,717 votes to win six-year terms through 2005. Michael Novak received 2,994 votes, and Richard Reaume garnered 2,338 votes. The Board of Canvassers was scheduled to meet Wednesday to certify the votes. The college's district includes the Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-

Canton and part of Novi school districts. Watson of Northville was elated with the results and said she was looking forward to be a trustee for a "great college." Over the next six years, Watson would like to see the college marketed throughout the entire district. "I would like to see us promote our relationship with the K-12 districts throughout our district," Watson said. "I hope we can keep tuition affordable and provide a quality education with cutting edge instruction in technology." Community colleges face more challenges than the K-12 districts because the colleges must cover the educational needs for

people of all ages, Watson said. That aspect is challenging and exciting for trustees, Watson said. "We can't neglect job training, job retraining and lifelong learning," Watson said. Watson credited her election success to family members passing out literature and endorsements. Stempien of Northville credited his success with endorsements and mailings to absentee and active voters. Stempien looks forward to his first full six-year term on the board. "I would like to see us do more with the K-12 program with the school superintendents, principals and assistant principals involved," Stempien said. Stempien suggested a study session and brainstorming with teaching staff members for more local use of facilities and community involvement. Stempien also would like to see more college visibility in Canton. Novak, a Livonia police officer and an assistant coordinator with the police academy at the Schoolcraft's Radcliff Center in Garden City, hoped for a larger overall voter turnout. Novak commended the election victors. "I think the two who were elected will do a fine job," Novak said. Novak said he could not justify spending money on a mass mailing to absentee voters for an unpaid trustee position. "It was not economically feasible," Novak said. Novak did not rule out running in the future. If a seat on the Schoolcraft board was vacated, Novak said he may be interested in applying for it. Reaume said he was disappointed with the results. "After the Faculty Forum supported the two incumbents and the newspaper came out with its endorsement of them, I knew it was too much to overcome," Reaume



Patricia Watson Greg Stempien

He doesn't plan to run for any other elective offices. Reaume hopes he can attend Schoolcraft board meetings. Reaume expects to raise his foster children and continue to be active in the Plymouth-Canton school district, particularly with a new superintendent to be hired there.

"I will work the community schools and a new superintendent," Reaume said. "They also will be building a middle school and a new high school. I will work with the current education board, that includes the new board members that unseated the incumbents."

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# Firefighters can clown around on this job



Just for fun: Canton firefighters who will be clowning around at the Liberty Fest include (from left): Jim Davison as "Dizzy," Lex Wantuck as "Pinky," Rhonda Viola as "Rupert" and Ron Battani as "Stretch." Not pictured are John Hunter and Chris Stoecklein.

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Lt. Jim Davison of the Canton Fire Department plunked himself down in the barber chair and announced he was having a "bad hair" day.

He was wearing a bright red wig.

Davison, one of six members of the department's new clown troop, had plopped the shaggy wig on his head before entering the shop. "I said, 'I'm having trouble with this hair. I can't do a thing with it.'"

Some guys will do anything for a laugh.

Davison, firefighters Ron Battani, John Hunter and Chris Stoecklein, along with Lex Wantuck, an emergency room technician at Oakwood Health Center, and Rhonda Viola, a former Oakwood nurse, graduated in April from the Southeastern Michigan Arts Conservatory's clown school in Canton.

The six fledgling clowns will debut their funny bones on Saturday, June 19, during Liberty Fest.

It was Wantuck (alias "Pinky") who coaxed Davison (alias "Dizzy") and his pals into giving the clown class a try. She had received a call about the class from the adventurous Viola (alias "Rupert"). The two women are good friends.

Every September during Kids

■ 'We had six weeks of class and six weeks of laughs.'

—Lex Wantuck

Day at Oakwood, Wantuck and Viola watched the clown troop from the Farmington Fire Department entertain kids from Canton and Plymouth. Surely there was some home-grown clown talent, they thought.

It was time for Canton firefighters to have a troop of their own.

The first night of clown class was intimidating, said Wantuck. The group had to perform on-the-spot skits based on nursery rhymes. Funny bones were stiff. However, things quickly loosened up.

"We had six weeks of class and six weeks of laughs."

In preparation for their Liberty Fest debut, the clowns scrounged through resale shops for costumes and bought colorful wigs. Wantuck wishes they had a few more practices, but she's not too worried.

"Once you get the make-up on, no one can tell who you are. You can do anything," she said.

Davison is excited about launching the clown troop, which

will make appearances at various community events and teach kids about fire safety. Troop member have been designing skits, and they'll soon have a real fire engine as a prop.

Davison said Hunter (alias "Johnny") should be a big hit since he's already the department's star comedian. Battani (alias "Stretch") might never be destined for clown stardom, but "he's working on it."

And everyone is hoping that Stoecklein (alias "Tootsie"), a really big guy, will reconsider their suggestion that he wear a frilly tutu. "If it wasn't for the Fire Department, I definitely would. I'm not shy," said the 6-foot-3 Stoecklein.

The funny fire firefighters are looking forward to a little clowning around, and the sound of applause already is in the air.

The night of their graduation, the clown troop decided to celebrate. Members headed to the Rusty Nail in full costume for their first public appearance.

"We were the hit of the bar. If we're going out in the community making idiots of ourselves, what better place to do it than in a bar," said Davison.

The messengers may be funny, but the message is serious: Learning about fire safety can save lives. Bring in the clowns.

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# Water Department depends on Edison to be Y2K OK

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Much of the water delivery to residents in western Wayne County depends on electricity delivered to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's operations by Detroit Edison.

While Detroit water officials believe they have tested their system successfully for Y2K compliance, they also will depend on Detroit-area electrical utilities for service to customers on Jan. 1, 2000, according to a Detroit Water & Sewer Department representative who appeared before the Conference of Western Wayne on Friday.

The CWW is a legislative consortium of 18 western Wayne County communities. It includes the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland, and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

"Our biggest problem is the loss of electricity," said Teresa McCuean, information systems acting manager for the Detroit Water & Sewer Department. "If we lose electricity, nobody will have water."

McCuean said during the summer the DWSD's system pumps 1.4 billion gallons a day, which declines about to 280 million in January.

The DWSD has purchased an additional 108 megawatts of electricity, which cost \$55 million. "It is to provide power in case there is a problem," McCuean said.

Detroit Water and Sewerage Department has an advantage in that the system is old and can still run through manual switches. Most of western Wayne County homes were hooked up to

the system between 1955 and 1965. A station on Joy Road in Canton doesn't go off-line if it loses communication.

"If ongoing pressure falls, a pump goes off," said McCuean.

McCuean said the system has followed six steps of federal regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency for Y2K compliance, including awareness, assessment, corrections and remediation, contingency and test validation.

Mock exercises will take place in September and October. Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey

asked McCuean about the sewage treatment capabilities. McCuean said the wastewater treatment plant can hold three days of sewage. "If we lose electrical power, we will not be treating it," McCuean said. The plant can treat 1.4 billion gallons of sewage a day.

Nahed Huq, CWW assistant director, said Edison, Ameritech, MichCon and city of Detroit all indicated that they would be compliant by the end of the year. A public awareness program is expected to begin this summer.

The DWSD has created a 24-

hour a day, 7-day a week hotline at (313) 964-9562 to answer questions about Y2K.

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The CWW also approved a Y2 Personal Preparedness Checklist that was presented by Kirksey for communities to use.

That list included the following recommendations:

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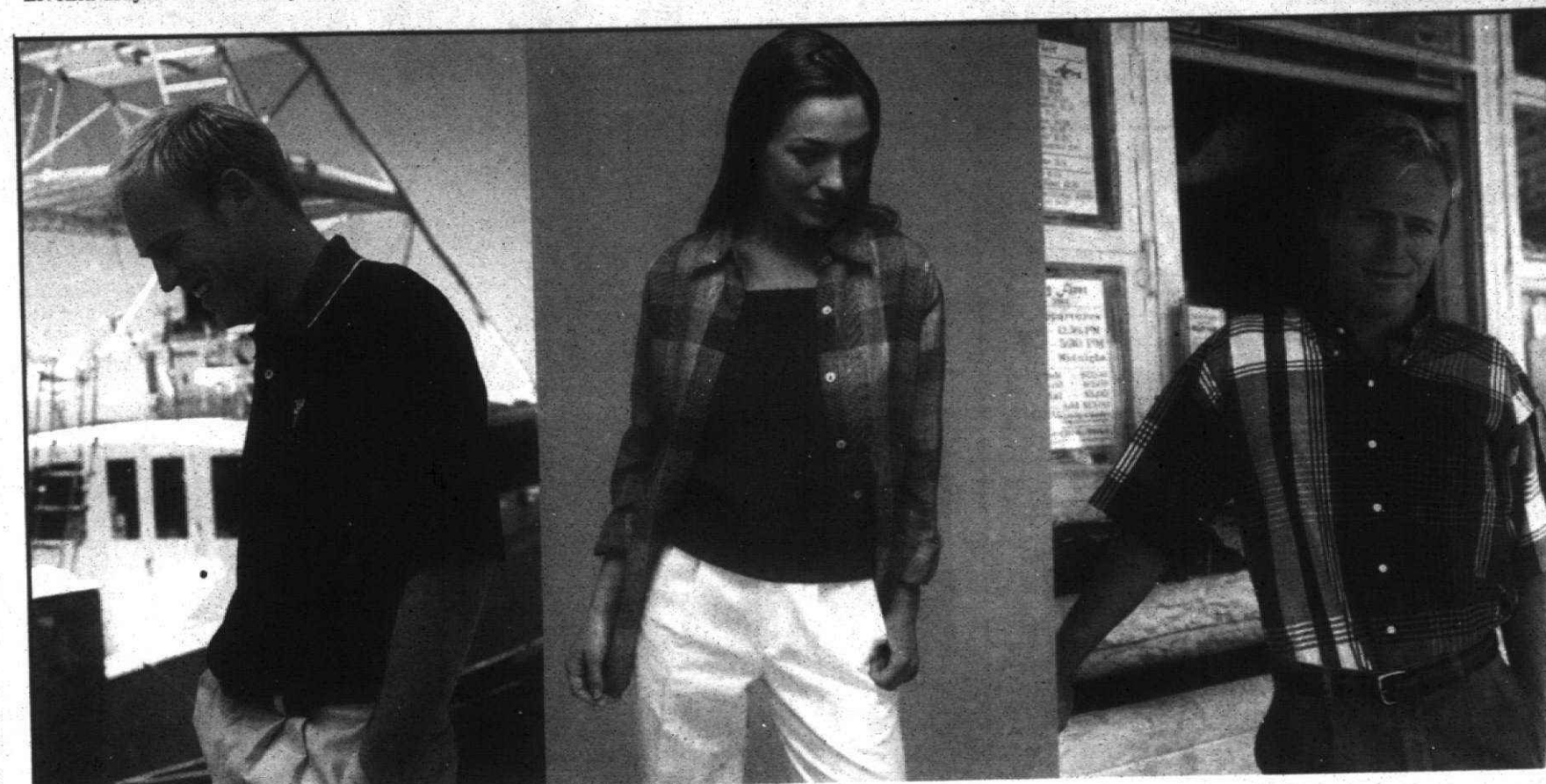
■ Medication: Pack enough to meet your needs during this time.

■ Pack a battery-operated radio, flashlight, extra batteries and a non-electric can opener.

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Sunday's Experimental Aircraft Association pancake breakfast will feature everything from helicopter rides to displays of classic planes.

Bi-planes, vintage 1930-40s aircraft and hot air balloons will all be highlighted 7 a.m. to noon at Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport. A full pancake breakfast, including juice and sausage, will be served as well.

"It will be similar to a classic car show," EAA Chapter 113 Scholarship Coordinator John Bros said. "We're hoping for about 500 people, but we've had

## EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, June 8, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Treasurer Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery, to appoint Treasurer Kirkpatrick as chair of the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: Bennett, Burdiaz, Kirkpatrick, McLaughlin, Sheffery. Absent: LaJoy, Yack.

**ROLL CALL**  
Members Present: Bennett, Burdiaz, Kirkpatrick, McLaughlin, Sheffery. Members Absent: LaJoy, Yack. Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Santomaro, Zevalkin.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**  
Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery, to adopt the agenda, deleting Consent Item 5, Sidewalk Ordinance No. 145 and General Calendar Item 4, Creating and Filling Project Specialist Position. All ayes present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton of May 17 - 19, 1999 as presented. All ayes present.

**CITIZENS NON-AGENDA COMMENTS**  
Ron Drabicki, 46109 Ford, addressed the Board with questions regarding the future use of land adjacent to his property at the southwest corner of Gorman and Ford.

Susan Faiman, 42745 Redfern, addressed the Board regarding the ADA and the need for ranch style homes in Canton.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**  
Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery, to pay the bills as presented. All ayes present.

**EXPENDITURE RECAP**

General Fund	101	\$ 516,321.10
Fire Fund	206	45,938.00
Police Fund	207	83,553.02
Community Center Fund	208	71,443.01
Golf Course Fund	211	21,751.14
Street Lighting Fund	219	16,541.97
Cable TV Fund	230	1,346.34
E-911 Emergency Funds	261	356.07
Federal Grants Funds	274	50.00
State Projects Fund	289	61,570.52
Township Devel. Auth.	294	4,594.58
Retiree Benefits	296	6,961.38
CAP Proj. Road Paving Fund	403	6,613.00
Wide Auth. Construction Fund	489	36,046.84
Water & Sewer Fund	592	87,967.72
Trust & Agency (Trailer Fees)	701	6,675.00
N Haggerty (Eliot Storm)	853	141.85
N Haggerty Paving	862	195.65
Palmer Paving S&D	863	337.50
Beck Rd. Paving	864	312.50
Total-All Funds		\$965,717.19

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**  
Trustee McLaughlin reported that the last few weeks, Canton Garden Club was out planting new perennials around the patio at the Cherry Hill School. She thanked the club and said she was pleased with their effort to improve the school.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz, to approve the amended Part-Time/Temporary/Seasonal Wage Scale to become effective June 9, 1999. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz, to reappoint Robert Eix to the Electrical Appeals Board, term expiring June 6, 2004. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz, to approve special event status for Kmart's Kids Race Against Drugs. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz, to approve special event status for Krazy Hildas Trail of Terrors and permission to install signs advertising the event. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz, to recommend approval of the lot split and combination for Parcel EDP#s 057-01-0095-000 and 057-01-0096-000 as requested by Mr. Dennis Draplin. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz, to appoint Randy Blaylock to the Canton Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire on August 31, 2000. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz, to adopt the resolution in support of Growth Works proposal submission to Wayne County as the Care Management Organization (CMO) for the Conference of Western Wayne (CWW) communities. All ayes present.

**GENERAL CALENDAR**  
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve final approval of the Heron Ridge South site plan.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to grant final approval of the preliminary plat for Kirkway Subdivision. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery, to waive the bid and to approve the installation of 22 docking stations by Reighard Graphics, Wayne, MI., for a cost not to exceed \$8,415.00. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz, to award the bid for the purchase of one (1) Golf Car Utility Vehicle for Fellows Creek Golf Club in the amount of \$4,700 which includes a trade-in of \$250 to the lowest qualified bidder Spartan Distributors Inc. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz, to award the bid for the construction of the in-line skate hockey court at John W. Flodin Park to the lowest qualified bidder, S & J Sealer Co. in the amount of \$67,998 and establish a contingency fund of \$6,800. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery, to waive formal bidding and to award the purchase of additional fencing for the Canton Softball Center to the lowest bidder, Amusement Products in the amount of \$31,900. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz, to award bid for purchase of one (1) Luster Articulator, Model #721X Large Capacity Rotary Mower in the amount of \$14,050 to the low bidder Spartan Distributors Inc. for Fellows Creek Golf Club. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery, to award the bid for the purchase of one (1) Toro Workman Utility Vehicle for Fellows Creek Golf Club in the amount of \$10,400 which includes a trade-in of \$2,504 to the low bidder Spartan Distributors, Inc. All ayes present.

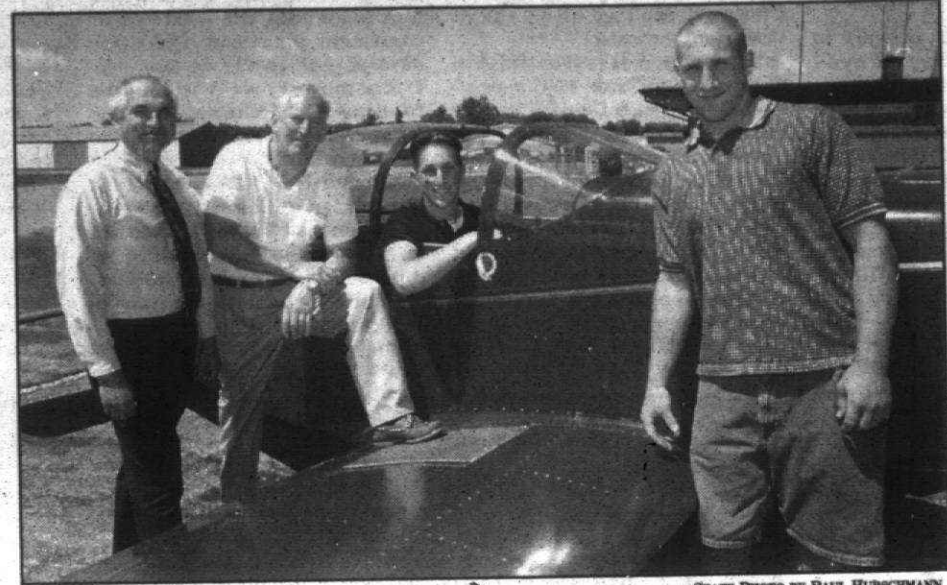
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the severance agreement between the Charter Township of Canton and Kenneth H. Voyles. All ayes present.

**OTHER**  
The study session scheduled for June 15, 1999 has been canceled. The next regular meeting will be June 22, 1999.

**ADJOURN**  
Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. All ayes present.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on June 8, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on June 22, 1999.

Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor Terry G. Bennett, Clerk



High fliers: John Bros (from left), Al Bosonetto, and scholarship recipients Tim Bruce of Canton and Jesse Clark with one of the 15 aircraft that will be on display Sunday.

Cost of the breakfast is \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Parking will be free.

For more information about the event or EAA Chapter 113, contact President Al Bosonetto at (734) 261-5518 or e-mail at: eaa.ch.113@aol.com

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# Law will require cell phones to have enhanced 9-1-1

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Cellular phone users who dial 9-1-1 today must be able to tell police their location. If a caller is injured or sick (perhaps having a heart attack or a stroke) and unable to speak, emergency services will have difficulty finding the scene.

Sometimes callers can speak but simply don't know where they are. In the panic of an emergency situation, it is not unusual for a caller to be confused regarding his or her whereabouts. State Rep. Judie

## New 9-1-1 law will increase phone bills

**BY KEN ABRAMCZYK**  
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Michigan residents can expect a 55-cent charge on monthly telephone bills to finance a telecommunications system to help locate callers on cellular telephones dialing 9-1-1 for emergency service.

Legislation passed last week on wireless emergency service will allow communities in the Conference of Western Wayne to get reimbursed for 9-1-1 costs, leaders of those communities learned Friday.

The CWW is a legislative consortium of 18 western Wayne County communities. It includes the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland, and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

Under Public Act 29 of 1994, the CWW functions as the Emergency Telephone District Board for the CWW coverage area. The CWW's individual member communities and Detroit Metro Airport are considered public service answering points or PSAPs.

Wayne County is divided into four telephone service districts: the CWW, the Conference of Eastern Wayne County, the Downriver Community Conference and the city of Detroit.

The CWW emergency telephone district receives approximately 19,000 9-1-1 calls per month or about 228,000 calls per year. In 1998, the CWW Emergency Telephone Service District received over \$2.3 million under PA 29, but the district's communities spent \$7.7 million that same year in 911-related expenditures.

The legislative package allows CWW communities to receive a portion of a 15-cent portion distributed to counties on a per capita basis. The CWW also will receive and distribute 1.5 cents out of the 55 cents of billable addresses in CWW communities to train personnel assigned to 911 centers.

Three cents will go to the State Police for the first two years after the bill to fund "priority issues" of the 9-1-1 coverage. Another 10-cent portion will be available to counties with a 9-1-1 plan in place.

Another 25 cents of that money will pay commercial mobile radio service companies for compliance, or installing equipment to implement a wireless emergency service system.

State Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, who also represents Redford Township, told CWW leaders earlier proposed legislation would "cut you short." Brown worked with a bipartisan group of lawmakers on the House Energy and Technology Committee on this package.

Marsha Bianconi, executive director of the Conference of Western Wayne, testified May 19 before that committee that the proposed legislation provided for total dollar-for-dollar recovery for the wireless industry "while leaving local governments with yet another unfunded mandate."

An increase in PSAP funding was "critical" for the CWW support of this legislation, Bianconi said.

"Since public funds are going to be used to help develop new technologies, any future commercial use of the technology should require repayments of the public funds," Bianconi testified.

On behalf of the CWW, Bianconi also told legislators the new legislation should require that industry provide annually to each PSAP the number of access lines and billable lines within the PSAP.

The CWW has sought those numbers for several months from Ameritech. Bianconi received figures from Ameritech last month. The CWW has lobbied Ameritech for those numbers for more than a year to help quantify what the CWW should receive in revenue for 9-1-1 operations for local communities.

Bianconi thanked Brown for his efforts and other CWW legislators for their support.

"It was a bipartisan effort, working for more funding which is what we've been looking for all along," Bianconi said.

which police had difficulty finding the point of origin of a 9-1-1 call in an emergency.

Federal regulators gave states the option to require such a system, although the necessary technology to implement it is still under development, and Michigan is one of the first to pass such a law, Scranton said. She's been working to gain approval of the proposal for about two years.

All states have to do to get the system, she said, is "make the request and find a way to fund it," she said.

So the legislation also calls for a 55 cent charge to be added to the monthly bills of cell phone customers across the state. Three cents of the charge will cover the cost of development and so will be taken back off those monthly bills once the system is implemented, Scranton said. A portion of the charge covers the cost to the phone company of installing and operating the equipment, including directional tracking equipment on cell towers and routers, to direct the calls to the correct police department.

The remainder of the charge will cover the cost to local governments of installing the necessary equipment in police and fire department dispatch centers to make use of the new technology.

It was this figure that caused some lawmakers to part ways with the plan. Among the most vocal opponents was State Rep. Bob Gosselin, R-Troy. He said the 55 cent fee is essentially a tax increase and would violate his pledge of no new taxes. Other opponents argued that the need for the 55 cent charge in phone bills had not been well documented.

"While the implementation of a wireless emergency telephone service is a laudable and worthwhile idea, the increase in the user fee on a cellular owner's monthly bill without any evidence of justification of the need for the increase is unsound fiscal policy," Reps. Mark Shulman, R-West Bloomfield, and Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, said.

Scranton said that originally cell phone service providers had asked for a 75 cent monthly fee.

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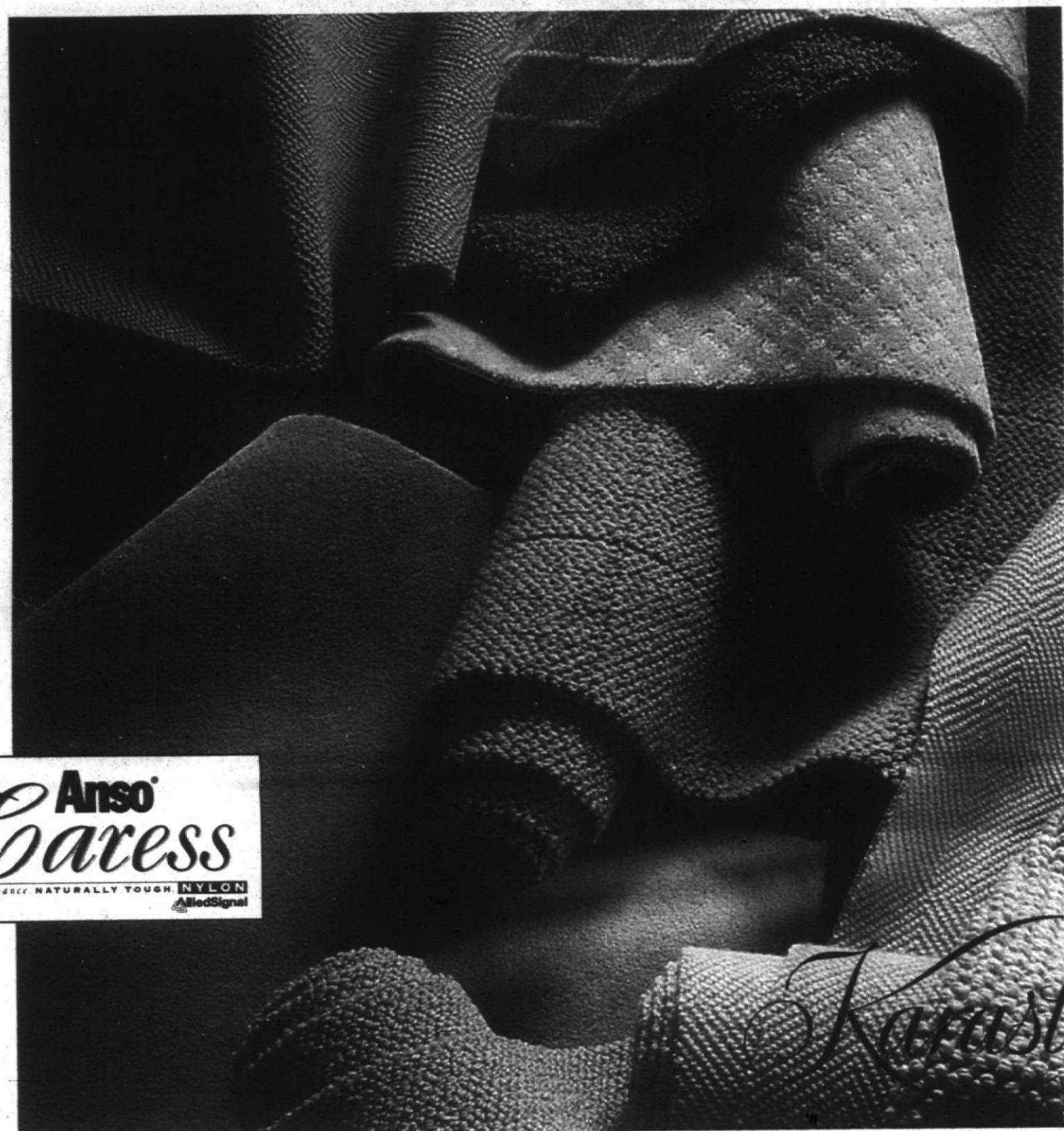
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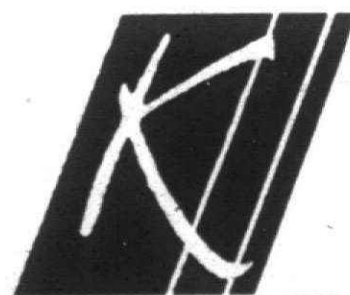
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## Have fun and help a charity by attending a golf outing

Looking for a chance to play golf and benefit a good cause? Here's a list of area charity and organization fund-raisers planned throughout the summer:

■ **Spectrum Human Services Golf Classic** is set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, June 18, at Eastern Michigan University's Eagle Crest Golf Club in Ypsilanti. The event is sponsored by Daly-Merritt Insurance and Michigan Assisted Living Association. Golf tickets are \$150 per person and include 18 holes of golf, cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, cocktail dinner, beverages, golf favors and foursome color photograph. Dinner tickets are \$25 each. Spectrum Human Services Inc. is the 11th-largest private nonprofit human service agency in southeast Michigan. It offers a continuum of services for children, youth and disabled adults. Programs include foster care, adoption, family preservation programs and others. Call (734) 458-8736.

■ The 19th annual Westland Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic at Pheasant Run Golf Club, 46500 Summit Parkway, Canton Township, is planned for Tuesday, June 22. Reservations for foursomes are being taken now at the chamber office, (734) 326-7222.

■ **St. Mary Hospital Golf Classic**, Friday, June 25 at Bay Pointe Golf Club, 4001 Haggerty (at Richardson) in West Bloomfield. New this year is a golf clinic by LPGA teaching professionals. Golfers can sharpen their

putting and driving techniques demonstrated by area golf pros. The Classic also features a continental breakfast, practice balls, 18-hole scramble with cart, locker room facilities, lunch, cocktail and dinner. Gifts and prizes will be awarded at dinner, including a Florida golf resort package. Proceeds for the \$200-per-person event are designated for specialized cardiac care equipment at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Corporate sponsorships are available.

A continental breakfast will be served 10-11:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at noon. Hors d'oeuvres begin at 5 p.m. followed by dinner, raffle and awards beginning at 8:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call the St. Mary Hospital Foundation, (734) 655-2121.

■ The IHM Sisters will host their fourth annual Royal Blue Classic Women's Golf Outing Wednesday, June 30, at Fox

Hills Golf Club in Plymouth. All levels of play are welcome in this scramble, which begins with a shotgun start. Golf outing packages include nine (\$100) or 18 (\$175) holes with cart, beverage, lunch, dinner, door prizes and silent auction. For non-golfers a reception with hors d'oeuvres begins at 3:30 p.m., followed by a silent auction, raffle and dinner for \$50 per person. Proceeds support the IHM Ministry Fund. For more information or tickets, call (248) 433-0950 weekdays. Registration ends June 11.

■ Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic, Wednesday, June 30, at Links of Novi. Shotgun start at 10 a.m. Cost is \$140. Reservations can be made with Visa or Mastercard or by mailing a check to: Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, 33000 Thomas St., Suite 101, Farmington MI 48336. For information, call the chamber office

at (248) 474-3440.

■ The Livonia Chamber of Commerce will hold its 1999 golf outing Monday, July 12, at Cattails Golf Course, 57737 W. Nine Mile, South Lyon. Shotgun start at 10 a.m. Cost is \$135 per golfer and includes lunch and dinner. Dinner-only tickets are \$95. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100. Call the chamber at (734) 427-2122.

■ The Garden City Chamber of Commerce is having a golf outing Monday, July 26. It will be at the Golden Fox Championship Course at Fox Hills in Salem Township. The format is a scramble with shotgun start beginning at 7:30 a.m. Tickets are \$100 and include 18 holes of golf with cart, continental breakfast, light lunch (brown bag lunch), full sit-down buffet dinner, open bar from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., door prize ticket, contests and games, putting contest, etc. Sponsorships are available ranging from \$125 to \$350. Reservations are due in by June 25.

■ Canton Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic is set for Thursday, Aug. 12, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz, Canton. Shotgun start for the best ball scramble is 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$150 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, continental breakfast, lunch, buffet dinner, awards and raffle. For more information or tickets, call (734) 453-4040.

■ Second annual Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County Charity Golf Outing Sunday, Aug. 22, at Inkster Valley Golf Club, 2150 Middlebelt. Golf ticket is \$100 and include 18 holes with cart, continental breakfast, lunch and refreshments and dinner. Call Robert Stodgill at (734) 261-7764 or (313) 872-0300 for tickets or more information. Habitat for Humanity is a volunteer group dedicated to providing decent,

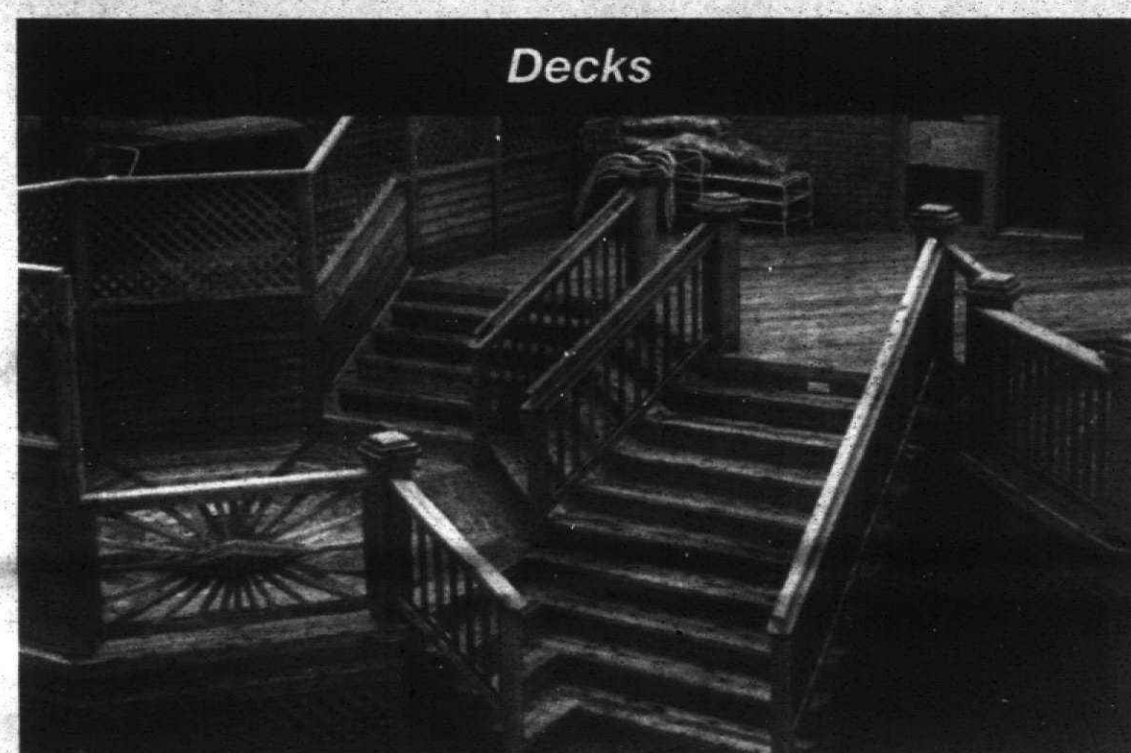
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■ Plymouth Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual golf outing Tuesday, Sept. 14, at Fox Hills in Salem Township. Call the chamber at (734) 453-1540.

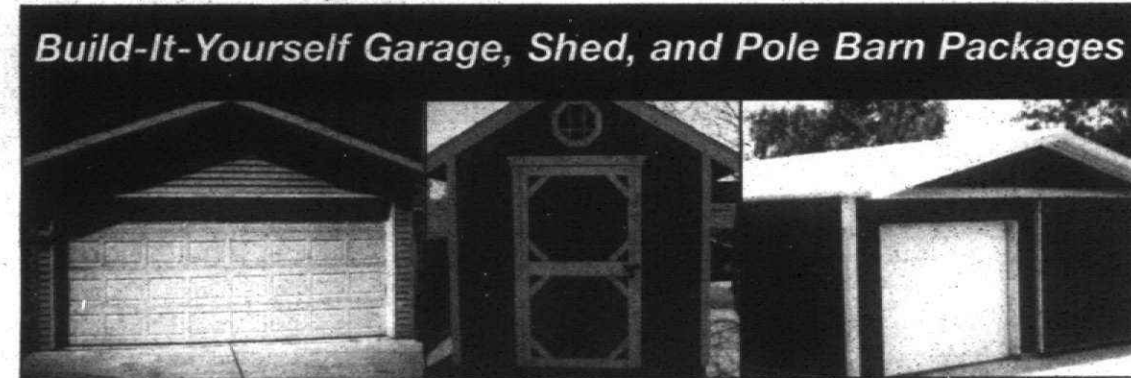
■ The Fifth annual TeeTime Golf Classes sponsored by the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College is set for Friday, Sept. 10, at Cattails Golf Club, 57737 Nine Mile, South Lyon. Cost is \$80 for those registering before Aug. 1, \$90 after that. Cost for dinner only is \$25. Golf tickets include 18 holes with cart, scramble format, hot dog lunch and buffet dinner and prizes. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Dinner at 4:30 p.m. For tickets or more information, call the resource center at (734) 462-4443. Proceeds will provide scholarships for women to attend Schoolcraft College.

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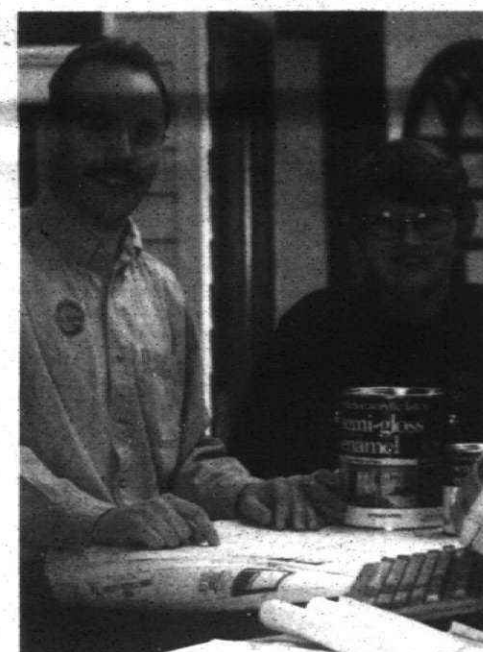
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### CLARIFICATION

A story in the Sunday, June 13, edition of the Observer about endorsements for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees should have stated that Roy Nuffer is the president of the Schoolcraft Faculty Forum.



## CAPITAL CAPSULES

## Internet Crime Bill Signed:

Sexual predators who use the Internet to target children will face additional penalties under legislation signed into law recently by Gov. John Engler.

Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Howell, sponsored the legislation.

"This is another important tool prosecutors and police officers can use to put away pedophiles who use the Internet to snare children," Rogers said.

The new law makes it a felony to use the Internet or a computer network to solicit, abduct, sexually assault or arrange to meet a minor. A person found guilty of the charge faces two additional years in prison and \$2,000 in fines for a first offense. Additional offenses could add five years and \$5,000 to the sentence.

"When we added additional felony charges for using a weapon in commission of a crime, violent crimes decreased," Rogers said. "The same thing will happen with sexual predators and other who use the Internet for illegal activity. Now that they know we are watching, they will be less likely to act."

Rogers also sponsored legislation making it a felony to use the Internet to build a bomb. That bill was passed and awaits Engler's signature.

## Appointments:

Gov. John Engler appointed local residents to several state panels.

Edward Ratzenberger was reappointed to the Board of Health and Safety Compliance and Appeals, which has administrative authority over citations issued by MIOSHA.

Ratzenberger, who lives in Rochester Hills, is president and CEO of the Safety Council for Southeastern Michigan. His term will run until March 2003.

Gary Shripka was appointed to the Construction Code Commission, which works to improve the quality of housing in Michigan while assisting the housing industry. Shripka, who lives in Waterford, is director of building and zoning for Troy. He replaces Jeff Bowdell of Novi and will serve until January 2001.

Edward Gallagher was appointed to the Board of Trustees for the Self-Insurers, Security, Second Injury, Silicosis and Dust Disease and Logging Industry Compensation funds. The board governs workers' compensation claims for employers that have filed bankruptcy.

Gallagher, who lives in Clarkston, is manager of supplier relations at DaimlerChrysler. He is the chairman of the Michigan Self-Insurers' Association.

BY MIKE MALOTT  
HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE  
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Voter turnout would be increased and school districts would save money if the annual June education elections were moved to November and combined with the regular general election, says House Majority Floor Leader Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills.

He's aware that some local boards of education are opposed to the idea, but he's not sympathetic.

"Boards are only against it because it breaks up their fiefdoms," he said last week. "I'm only interested in making good policy; I'm not interested in protecting political blocs."

Raczowski is the chief sponsor of House Bill 4106, which would consolidate annual school balloting with fall general elections. The legislation is related to House Bill 4092, sponsored by Rep. Bob Gosselin, R-Troy, which amends the election code to make way for consolidated balloting, and House Bill 4058, by Rep. Mickey Mortimer, R-Hanover, which would limit voting, even in special elections, to four days per year.

Raczowski said he expects the bills will be taken up by the Legislature in the fall. And he expects approval.

"This won't hurt school districts. Actually, it will help school districts," he said. "It will increase voter participation, and it will put \$1 million more into classrooms. How can any school board member be against that?"

Election consolidation would save districts the cost of running June elections, which schools must currently pay for. That means more money in school district budgets for educational programming, Raczowski said.

Voter turnout at June elections is about 1 percent typically, he said. Holding elections on Mondays in June tends to discourage participation, he said.

"And this year, the election (was) on Flag Day. It's on a national holiday and school boards have refused to reschedule it. That's unconscionable," he said.

Raczowski isn't worried that consolidation could produce even larger November ballots, known as "bedsheet ballots," and make it difficult for voters to get to know the candidates.

"They don't know who their school board members are now."

Mortimer's proposal would limit elections to four dates throughout the year, including special elections and property tax votes. Those dates would include the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February, a winter election; the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, a spring election; the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August, the typical primary date; and the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, the general election date.

Co-sponsors of bills in the package include Reps. Valde Garcia, R-St. Johns, Susan Tabor, R-Delta Township, Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston, and John Pappageorge, R-Troy.

## Madonna names legal course faculty

Oakland County Circuit Judge Gene Schnelz will be among faculty members teaching legal assistant courses at Madonna University in Livonia for the fall term, which begins Sept. 7.

Schnelz will teach Legal Interviewing and Investigations on Tuesday evenings and the course Domestic Relations on Wednesday evenings.

On Oct. 22 and 23, a workshop of Computer-Assisted Legal Research will focus on the use of technology to conduct legal research. Mary Urisko, a Detroit attorney and co-author of West's Paralegal Today, will teach the course. Urisko, assistant director

of the Legal Assistant Program at Madonna, will teach the course Legal Research and Writing II on Thursday evenings and an introductory course, Legal Assistant Orientation, on Tuesday evenings.

Plymouth attorney Richard Dimanin will teach Torts: An Overview of Negligence on Wednesday evenings, and a weekend workshop, Arbitration and Mediation, on Nov. 12 and 13 and Nov. 19 and 20.

Attorney Craig Tarpinian of Farmington Hills will teach Legal Research and Writing I on Thursday evenings.

Marty Champine, a Bingham

Farms attorney, will conduct two courses, Litigation on Monday evenings, and Law Office Economics and Management on Tuesday evenings.

The director of Madonna's Legal Assistant Program, Jennifer Cote, who is a Brighton attorney and chairwoman of the American Bar Association Approval Commission, will teach Legal Seminar and Practicum on selected Saturdays.

Other course that will be offered include Taxation I, Legal Issues for Older Adults and Constitutional Law.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that the

employment of paralegals is expected to grow 36 percent through the year 2006.

Madonna University's Legal Assistant Program is approved by the American Bar Association and has maintained this status for 12 years. The program offers associate and bachelor of science degrees and a post-baccalaureate certificate in the field.

Registration continues through Sept. 3. Classes begin Sept. 7.

For more information, call Mary Meinzingher Urisko at (734) 432-5548 or Jennifer Cote at (734) 432-5549.

## D-Dot stops selling bus tickets

The Detroit Department of Transportation (D-DOT) has stopped selling bus tickets. Come July 1, D-DOT will no longer even accept D-DOT bus tickets - SMART tickets will continue to be accepted.

The new policy includes all D-DOT adult, student, and transfer

tickets. This change in ticket policy is necessary in order to address a fare security issue involving these tickets.

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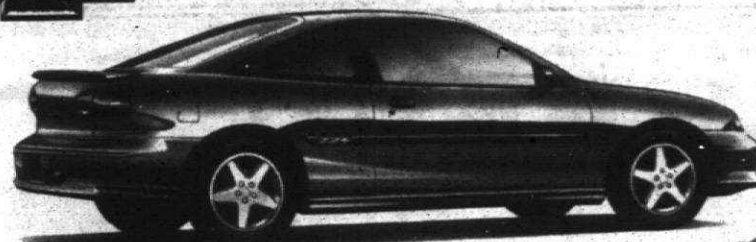
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# Senate bill on concert labeling faces dim prospects in House

BY TIM RICHARD  
SPECIAL WRITER

The state Senate rode sluggishly to the aid of parents who don't want their kids to hear dirty lyrics at rock concerts by passing a bill to require warning labels on tickets and posters.

The bill, passed 25-11 on May 25, goes to the House, where its future is dim.

"So now we're asking ourselves why some of our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother them to kill," said the bill's sponsor, Sen. Dale Shugars, R-Portage.

"Now we find ourselves debating the appropriateness of concert performances that glamorize suicide, rape, hatred, drug use, murder," Shugars said. "I'm not naive enough to believe that Senate Bill 239 will cure all our social ills or that Marilyn Manson and other artists like him are solely responsible for events such as what occurred in Littleton, Colorado."

But Shugars said concerts are an influence, and "we as state legislators have a responsibility to protect our children from being influenced by these things."

Freshman Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, spoke against the Shugars bill in committee of the whole but wound up voting for it.

"This will not promote active,

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involved parents," McCotter said. "This depends on rating concerts by the same method used in CD (compact disk recordings) ratings. The industry will just repeal them."

McCotter said the bill, if enacted, would have a "chilling effect" on the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which protects freedom of speech.

But after the bill was modified in final debate, McCotter voted yes. He said he didn't want to get in trouble with the religious right and noted it would have passed anyway because Democrat Dianne Byrum of Onondaga cast the 20th yes vote.

Here's how area senators voted on final passage:

YES - Republicans Loren Bennett of Canton, Mat Dunaskiss of Lake Orion, McCotter, Mike Rogers of Brighton, John Schwarz of Battle Creek, and Democrats Byrum and George Hart of Dearborn.

NO - Republicans Bill Bullard Jr. of Milford and Shirley Johnson of Royal Oak, and Democrats John Cherry of Clio, Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township and Alma Smith of Salem.

Cherry, Democratic caucus leader, said the flaw was imposing a mandate (warning on tick-

ets and posters) on top of a voluntary rating system for recordings. "Madonna doesn't comply with the voluntary rating system. So consequently, there would be no warning published or notice provided regarding what the rating for her concert would be ... Many artists will simply discontinue to voluntarily provide a warning."

Smith agreed with Cherry, adding, "The content of the bill promotes a prior censorship of concerts. What we require here is the potential censorship of something that might happen at a concert based on any number of cuts of music that a performer may have done in the past five years."

"This also gives a sense of false security to parents and eliminates the responsibility that parents themselves ought to have in dealing with the music their children are listening to ... Big Brother is going to do it for me."

Sen. Art Miller, D-Warren, supported the bill but noted that "the Palace of Auburn Hills came out with a statement about three weeks ago - before we even went on this legislation - that they were going to ban acts like Manson and acts that preach violence and harm."

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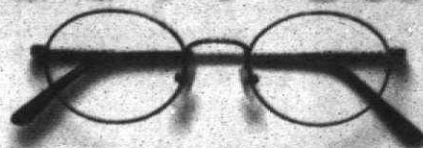
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### Case history

On the night of July 15, 1984, Mercado-Fisher, a young nurse, returned to her home on Thorndike Street after working the evening shift at Chelsea Community Hospital. She was brutally attacked and suffocated with metallic tape that was wound around her head, feet and hands. She died five days later.

Fisher, a microbiologist, claimed that unknown assailants broke in and tied up the couple, binding them with duct tape.

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Fisher said he was knocked unconscious when one of the intruders struck him in the head.

In a jury trial, Fisher was found guilty of first-degree murder in December 1985. However, on the day of sentencing, Wayne Circuit Judge Claudia House Morcom set aside the verdict, citing "improper remarks" made by the prosecutor during closing arguments.

Fisher was tried again in February 1988 by Wayne Circuit Judge Thomas J. Foley. A jury found him guilty of murder in the first degree, and Fisher was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

He appealed to the Michigan Court of Appeals and was then appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court, which reversed the finding and ordered a third trial.

Hung juries resulted from that trial in March 1996 and the fourth trial in September 1997 before Wayne Circuit Judge Cynthia Stephens.

Fisher, now incarcerated at a Detroit halfway house, is scheduled for a parole hearing July 26.

### Mercados seek restitution

The Mercados also want Ella Maria's personal belongings - and at least 50 percent of all joint assets held by their daughter and son-in-law, or a minimum of \$100,000 - to be paid to Ella Maria's son from her first marriage.

The Mercados also request \$1 million in restitution to the State of Michigan, "since Charles Fisher knowingly denied the murder," said Manuel Mercado.

Canton Police Capt. Al Wilson said, "It's disgusting. I find it absolutely amazing the limited value we have on human life. You can kill someone, and in 10 years, you are a free person. You can take someone else's life, and that's all it costs you."

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Robert Donaldson prosecuted Fisher's last two trials. Before Fisher's third homicide trial, Donaldson also prosecuted Fisher on charges of obstruction of justice and soliciting perjury. Fisher was found guilty of convincing two fellow inmates to plead guilty to Mercado-Fisher's killing. He served four years for those crimes.

"The Mercados are well within their rights to feel the way they do," said Donaldson. "But justice is in the eye of the beholder. We vigorously prosecuted the case to the best of our ability."

"The bottom line to all this is



In court: Dr. Charles Fisher (right), helps one of his defense attorneys with some information during his fourth trial in 1997.

that Charles Fisher pleaded as charged. This is not a plea agreement we entered into. He was charged with open murder and pleaded to open murder.

"The judge made a factual determination that it was second-degree murder, which is how the procedure works. The judge gave a preliminary indication as to what the sentence should be, and Fisher accepted it. There comes a time when you move on."

The sentencing judge was Recorder's Court Judge Jeffrey G. Collins, who is now an appellate judge. The case was reassigned from Judge Cynthia Stephens, who no longer handles criminal matters in the reorganized circuit court.

As for Fisher's non-contest plea, "it has the exact same legal implications as a finding of guilt by the jury or anyone else," said the assistant prosecutor. "The only difference is it can't be used in a companion case, and there was a legitimate reason for Fisher and the court to do that, because of some insurance proceeds that haven't been distributed yet."

### Judge Foley responds

Judge Foley - who presided over the second murder trial and was reversed by the Supreme Court because he allowed into evidence Mercado-Fisher's diary and letters - said Fisher's life sentence should have stood.

"It was clear to several juries that Charles Fisher killed his wife. There is just no question based on the evidence I saw that he did kill his wife," said the now-retired judge. "He was sentenced to life in prison for natural life, and that is where he belonged."

"I still think he had the fairest trial ever," Judge Foley said. "Yet the Supreme Court in my case disallowed the diary of the deceased wife, which Fisher admitted he read before her death. I felt it formulated the whole concept of his intent and why he did what he did."

"She outlined in the diary a love affair she was having with her first cousin in South America, which was going to continue in a week or so. It was a good trial, clean and well-tried. It never should have been sent back for a new trial, but it was."

"A good investigation of this thing wouldn't hurt," he added.

"I think you're going to find that you had certain members of the Supreme Court who were ultra liberal at the time, and they went way out on a limb and gave him a new trial. There is no other explanation that meets my eye."

### Department of Corrections

Matt Davis, public information officer for the Department of Corrections, said, "I totally empathize with the victims, but they've got to understand his max date is May 10, 2006. The guy is going to get out. It's not like we have a lot of discretion here."

"This is an administration that goes out of its way for victims," Davis said. "However neither the Department of Corrections nor the parole board sentences people. It is not our place."

"The judge could have sentenced him to life, and we wouldn't be talking right now," he said. "If the intent of the prosecutor is that this person should never be out of a secure facility, it's incumbent upon the prosecutor to get a first-degree murder conviction, because then there is life without parole."

It's lamentable that laws ensuring that criminals serve their full prison terms weren't on the books in the 1980's, Davis added.

"It would have been a little bit more understandable for the victims if we had something like truth-in-sentencing at the time the crime was committed. We worked very hard to get that passed. It says if there is a life sentence, you will serve a life sentence. But he got numbers; he didn't get life."

Davis also defended Fisher's minimum-security classification. "Murderers don't necessarily serve in maximum-security facilities," he said. "What someone is convicted of is not necessarily relevant. It has some bearing, but it is not exactly commensurate. The security classification has to do with behavior while incarcerated and the potential for escape, primarily."

"Criminal history does enter into it, but not directly. Fisher was given 12 years and 8 months to 19 years. He's now got more than 3,000 days' credit. Our records don't show he has had any misconduct, which is pretty rare. The Department of Corrections has done everything according to the law."

For the Mercados, it just doesn't add up. "It seems everyone is eager to free Charles Fisher, and no one thinks of the loss of the survivors," they said.

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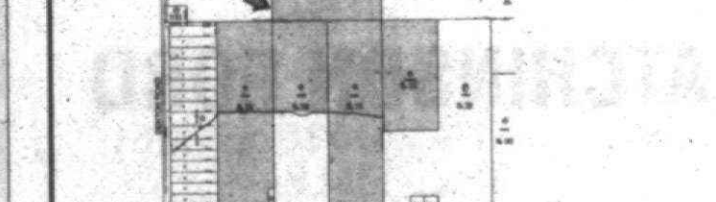
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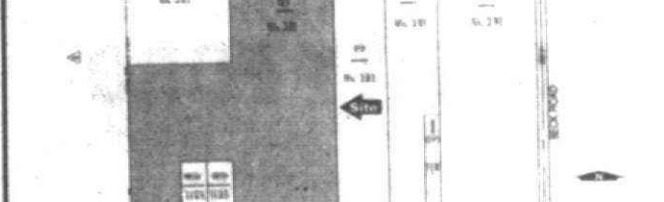
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# School's out

## A cadre of cops is no answer

On the final day of school for seniors last week at Plymouth Canton Educational Park, the teens were greeted by 40 police officers and a prisoner bus — just in case things got out of hand. This morning, underclassmen stepped outside of school and were hailed by a similar police scene.

Police officers and security personnel were positioned on top of the school building peering through video cameras and taping students' every move. If anything were to happen police would have the evidence to track down the culprits and prosecute to the fullest extent of the law.

What a pitiful situation. Luckily, the last day of school came to an end with a few whoops and hollers.

We do realize the seriousness of the situation, especially after last year's incident in which a student was injured in a hit-and-run accident in the parking lot. Year-end pranks have turned dangerous in recent years when shoving cream was sprayed on windshields of moving cars and water balloons were filled with bleach and urine.

In light of the recent shooting spree at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., and similar threats being made at PCEP shortly thereafter, the heightened security is understandable.

We also want to ensure the safety of our students. However, we do question the police-state atmosphere. In our opinion the police reaction to the last day of school was overzealous.

**Only 26 parents signed up and, then, only 20 of them actually showed up as volunteers on the seniors' final day...Parents want safe schools, however, they want someone else to take care of it.**

It was as if police and school administrators were expecting riot-sized troubles. There has never been mob rule problems at PCEP, despite its enormous student population. It's always been a handful of teens who caused the troubles.

So how should it have been handled? At first we thought parent volunteers could have been recruited to help out on the last day of school instead of armed police officers. But later, we learned that school administrators tried that. Only 26 parents signed up and, then, only 20 of them actually showed up to pitch in. Twenty-six parents out of the 1,500 seniors at Salem and Canton high schools. Pitiful!

Parents want safe schools, however, they want someone else to take care of it. Schools have become a place where students are not only expected to be educated, but taught morals and values. Now, it's up to the police to teach discipline as well. As a society we can only shake our heads in bewilderment.

# Hospital mergers failed as cure

Hospital mergers — or health care alliances, as the industry likes us to think of them — are a good thing. At least that's what we were told in the early 1990s as one after another, major trauma centers and community hospitals in southeastern Michigan began adding each other's names to the signs in front of their buildings. St. Joseph Hospital became St. Joseph Mercy Health Systems, also affiliated with Mission Health (Providence Hospital); St. Mary Hospital was a partner with William Beaumont Hospital; and Oakwood Hospital took on Annapolis and Beyer to become the Oakwood Healthcare System.

Look at the efficiencies, we were told. A replication of services would lead to leaner staffs and lower costs. Expanded purchasing power would do the same, as would sharing of technology.

And for a while, it looked like it might be working. For about three years, health care costs — which had skyrocketed through most of the 1980s — rose in step with (or slightly above) the national inflation rate. That "progress," combined with a stellar marketing campaign by the insurance industry, increasing prevalence of HMOs and some severe missteps by the Clinton Administration, was enough to kill off talk of nationalizing health care.

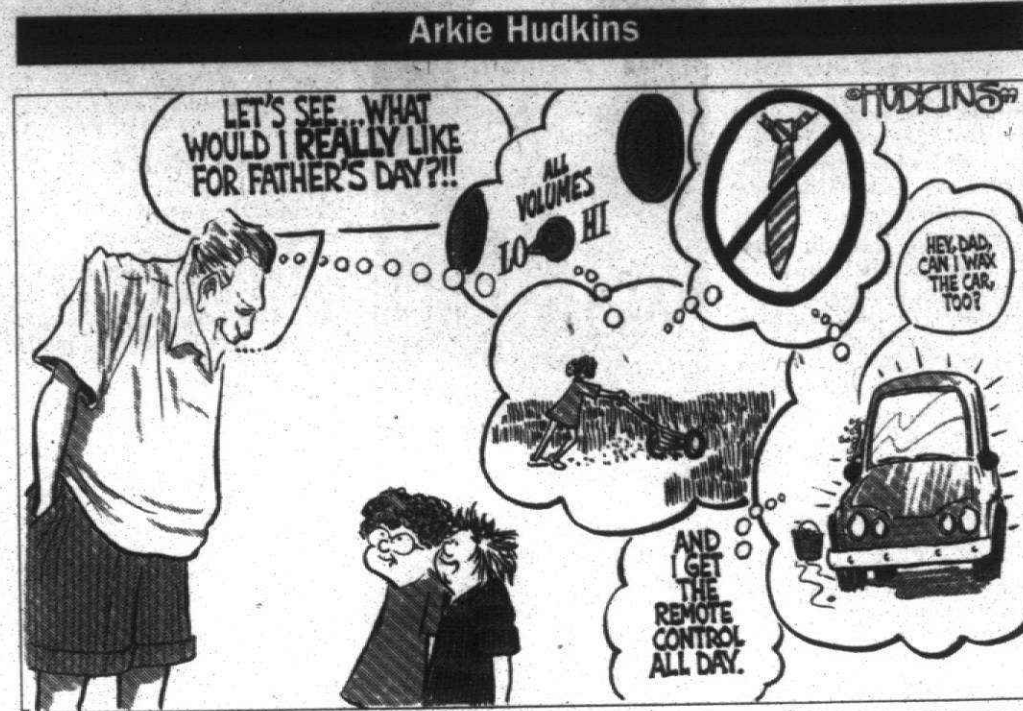
Then Congress lowered what turned out to be the boom. The 1997 balanced budget deal included declining reimbursements for Medicare and Medicaid, government insurance programs for senior citizens, poor and disabled people. Beginning this year, hospitals in southeastern Michigan will receive \$400 million less annually from the state and federal government to cover patients in those programs, according to the Southeast Michigan Health and Hospital Council.

While the pain has been particularly sharp for urban-based health care networks like the Detroit Medical Center, the shockwaves are reverberating for residents in western Wayne and Oakland Counties as well — even in relatively well-off communities where a majority of residents carry employer-funded, private medical insurance. This spring, for example, St. Joseph Mercy Health Systems closed its urgent care facility in Plymouth, opting to send those patients to a newer building in Canton Township. It also consolidated urgent care to one site (formerly two) in Ann Arbor. The moves will save \$3.5 million a year, a hospital spokesman said. Some 250 jobs will be cut this year.

Given the latest round of job cuts and endangered hospitals, the Observer questions what all this consolidation has really accomplished. A recent study showed southeastern Michigan hospitals with more employees and more acute-care beds per resident than the national average. Much of that is due to generous health benefits tied to the auto industry, said Don Potter, hospital council president. A high demand for health care services has led to construction — almost all of it in the suburbs — and additional medical workers.

Potter also pointed out that doctors have taken a carte-blanche approach to ordering drugs through hospital pharmacies, further hurting the bottom line. It's odd that insurance companies have no trouble dictating their desire for generics and other cost-saving measures to the general public. Perhaps hospitals need better controls in this area.

One can hope that merger mania among hospitals will slow, now that most of the players have found their partners. But it isn't likely to reverse direction. That's too bad. Because in hindsight, the public might have benefited from more local competition, not less.



Arkie Hudkins

## LETTERS

### Reconsider school location

I recently participated in the Community Ambassador Day at the Park, and was far more impressed than I thought I would be. I am a parent of three children in the district, from preschool to middle school. The student ambassadors in our group — Emily Ross, Rob Schmitt, Kim Tamme and Danielle Fulips — were outstanding. They were very informative and pleasant to spend the day with. In fact all of the students we encountered (in the halls, cafeteria, etc.) were very respectful and polite.

The administration and staff are to be commended. I was amazed at all that is offered to the students. So much to choose from — culinary arts, child care, auto and body shop, photography, many accelerated classes for college-bound students, etc. What excellent opportunities to experience many things to help plan their direction in life. Many students view the number and variety of curriculum offerings as an asset (as mentioned by Dr. Little during his annual benchmark report to the board of education).

I took the time to tour the high schools to get an understanding of the day-to-day operations and see how the third high school may impact the current schools. I am concerned about the future of the park with the placement of the third high school so far away. After attending many school board meetings which addressed this subject, the keyword that seems to surface is "equity." Many of the elective classes offered at the park include enrollment from Salem and Canton, and since the schools are within walking distance this arrangement works. It is obvious that the many of these important elective classes will have to be canceled due to difficulty in scheduling and transportation. Will the existing high schools be brought down to provide equity with the new high school?

I have spoken with many students and staff on their thoughts on the new high school and realize they know better than I or other non-high school administrators what will work in the day-to-day reality of the school. They appear to be our greatest resource. As a parent of children that will be affected by the building of the new high school, I feel that spending any portion of the academic day bus-ing students or eliminating many elective classes is not the answer to placement of the new high school.

The issue of the third high school now seems to be one of politics rather than addressing the issue of what is best for the education of our children.

I hope that the board and new superintendent will give careful consideration to this matter and include the staff and students in decisions regarding the new high school; they are by far our greatest resource of hands-on

experience. I am offering my services to the board and the administrators of the park as an ambassador for the positive aspects and educational opportunities that are being provided to the students.

Ellen M. Arble  
Plymouth

### Right to choose

An open letter to the parents of Plymouth-Canton High School students:

The issue I am about to address will be of specific concern to a great majority of community residents who presently have students at the high school educational park or those who plan to have students attend the Plymouth Canton Education Park.

The point is this: When a student follows a school planned course of action and takes a foreign language and another fine arts elective such as day band, they, along with their family, will be faced with a very frustrating dilemma. They will have to choose either summer school, drop classes deemed important for college, or drop other classes of high interest such as music or other performing arts.

As summer approaches and we try to make plans for work, youth group activities, and vacation, we have to somehow try to fit in physical education. We have regretfully not signed up our daughter (to enter ninth grade) for day band because of this problem. Our son will find it difficult to seek summer employment and had to opt out of a church youth group venture. Also, our family could not sign up for family camp because of this conflict.

I applaud the administrative team and the Board of Education for the recent action of allowing substitution of half the physical education credit for participation in certain after-school activities. This will help — but, in my opinion, it does not go far enough. If this problem is of concern to as many people as I believe it is, with this voice the solution may be as near as their phone or word processor.

Let your opinion be known. It would not be difficult to resolve this problem. A few suggestions come to mind:

- Do not limit the new substitution policy for Phys. Ed. classes to half credit.
- Treat Phys. Ed. class as other electives. The state does not require Phys. Ed. for graduation per se. They even outline the substitution option at the district's discretion.
- Offer an after-hour Phys. Ed. class during the school weeks.

I believe it is time to give high school students and their families a choice regarding these issues. In the words of Superintendent Chuck Little, "It's now more incumbent on our employees to give our customers the treatment they deserve." Please let your voice be heard regarding this matter.

Chuck Shepard  
Plymouth

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— Philip Power

## POINTS OF VIEW

# Let's keep Madison Avenue out of the classroom

**B**efore we put our math books away boys and girls let's remember that today's lesson was sponsored by Pepsi-Cola, the drink of a new millennium!

The thought of a teacher saying something along those lines may sound ludicrous. But considering the recent trend in education — deal-making with large corporations — I submit that it's not so far-fetched.

School districts around the state have begun debating the idea. Some, including Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, have already acted.

In Ferndale, for example, the district recently began negotiations with Pepsi and Coca-Cola. The companies would help fund athletic teams in exchange for placing vending machines in the high school, selling their products at school games and more.

In Kent County, school districts agreed in March collectively to sign with Coke. Districts, including one of the state's largest in Grand Rapids, will split \$2 million or more annually over the next decade.

Plymouth-Canton already has a

deal in place with Coke.

According to Executive Director for Business and Operations John Birchler, the district signed with Coca-Cola in July of 1996.

Under the deal, Coke gets exclusive rights for selling its products at Centennial Educational Park. It would also have similar rights in the district's middle schools if the program expands, Birchler said.

In exchange, Plymouth-Canton received \$47,000 when the deal was signed and collects another \$120,000 annually. The contract runs until July of 2001.

Birchler said 50 percent of the funds go directly to athletics. The rest is taken up by co-curricular clubs, academics and "principals' discretionary" accounts, he said.

Currently, the district isn't negotiating with any other corporation for similar deals.

"There's nothing specific in the works," Birchler said.

The high schools' beverage contract, however, will be either renewed with Coke or sent out for bids, he added.

Naming rights have been another



SCOTT DANIEL

issue. Last March, departing Superintendent Chuck Little raised the idea of seeking corporate sponsorship for the new middle school by selling naming rights.

Fortunately, it fizzled and the new school, which will sit at the corner of Hanford and Canton Center roads, will be called "Discovery." Hopefully the idea won't rear its ugly head in the future.

In theory, I suppose, it's a noble idea. We all want our schools to have enough money to operate and offer students the best academic and athletic programs possible.

But this surely isn't the way.

The potential for personal and fiscal conflicts of interests are great. And that's not even to mention the morally indefensible position of school districts pimping students for corporate America.

Before Plymouth-Canton goes any further with these contracts, I believe we should consider a few red flags:

■ Who should decide what companies have access to students and/or district facilities (i.e. buses, athletic fields and courts)?

If you say the school board, isn't it possible that a board member could have a tie to the company? What kind of safeguard is there from a corporation paying a board member or school official to make sure it gets the contract?

■ Who should research these companies before the district does sign a contract?

How would it look for the district to sign a deal with someone only later to find out they're owned by a tobacco company? How about an alcohol company?

Even if the firm was found to be squeaky clean, should school districts

really be in the business of promoting and endorsing?

Look at the wonders it has done for major college athletics. How many coaches have been dismissed or investigated for crooked shoe contract deals and kickbacks?

Lots. The point is, we're heading down a road we don't need to go. The money garnered from businesses will not solve nor provide a long-range solution for school funding.

At best, it's a Band-Aid. Even if it did solve the problem, I think the price we'd pay is too high.

In order for a school to be an effective learning environment, it must, above all, be safe. That's means physically and emotionally.

How safe can students feel, and how much trust can students place in a teacher, school and district that tries to hustle them 180 days a year?

None.

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## LETTERS

### Candidate appalls

I attended the Memorial Day Parade in Westland on Sunday, May 30, and I witnessed an appalling situation.

Marshall Wright, a board candidate for Wayne-Westland Community Schools, was passing out his campaign literature during the parade.

I cannot believe anyone could be ruthless enough to use the Memorial Day parade, a memorial to all men and women who have lost their lives for our freedom, as a political opportu-

nity for their campaign.

What type of leader could he be for our children?

Leslie Moore  
Canton

### 'Shall issue' stops crime

Mike Malott's column (Canton Observer, June 10) raises points that require rebuttal concerning the reform of the concealed weapons law.

First, "...every scenario is different." I submit it depends on the scenario, as to whether someone should or should not attempt to draw his weapon. Studies by Kleck, of the University of Florida, have shown firearms prevent up to 2.5 million crimes per year. If you don't like those figures, John Hopkins came up with over 300,000 per year. Either way a significant number.

Second, even FBI studies say you are less likely to be injured if you resist a crime with a handgun than any other method, including coopera-

tion with the assailant.

Mr. Malott states: "...A predator looking for a victim will be less bold if there is a likelihood someone else, a third party, might intervene on the victim's behalf." Here we come to the crux of the matter. In Anniston, Alabama; in Miami, Florida; in Pearl Mississippi; and in other locations, concealed weapon license holders have prevented or stopped mass public shootings. Concealed weapon permit holders have come to the aid of stricken police officers. In 31 other states that have "shall issue" permit

laws, the rate of crimes against persons (rape, assault, murder) has dropped faster than the national average.

Every scenario is different, but one scenario is consistent. The cities in this country with the most restrictive gun laws have the highest crime rates.

Shouldn't that tell you something?

Dennis Kabacny  
Canton

# Politics dilutes research funding for state universities

**A**s a news item it got buried, but it offered a revealing insight into the workings of the political process. And it provided telling evidence of why public expenditures allocated by the legislature so often waste taxpayer money.

As part of the overall \$1.5 billion-plus appropriation for state universities that received legislative approval last week, spending \$50 million on basic research into the life sciences is peanuts. But Sens. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, and Harry Gast, R-St. Joseph, wanted to promote a "life sciences corridor" where medical research could both save lives and provide high tech jobs for Michigan.

The original idea was to target three of the state's 15 public universities — U-M, MSU and Wayne State — together with the new Van Andel Research Institute in Grand Rapids with money for research support.

The idea made good sense: Focus the spending on the place where it's most likely to get a good return. That meant concentrating funds on the universities with an established track record in research. The U-M is the top public research university in the country, with a research budget of \$360 million in 1997. At \$145 million, MSU ranks second in the state, while Wayne at \$87 million ranks third.

Enter, however, legislative politics, which in practice means delivering pork for the locals before bothering with concentrated investments. Many legislators think it's their job to represent the university in their district, while others want to grab support for their alma mater. For example, House Speaker Chuck Perricone, who represents Kalamazoo (where Western Michigan University is located) objected to the tight focus of the proposed research corridor. "The corridor is too narrow," said Perricone.

So the original idea was watered down. The appropriation is still for \$50 million. But instead of tightly focused support for life science research at three state research universities, a 14-member commission will be appointed to decide which research projects deserve state funding and report annually to the legislature on its work. Supposedly, individual legislators will have no direct say in which projects are funded.

If you believe that, I've got a nice bridge I'm willing to sell you.

It was ever thus. Back in the early 1980s, I was appointed a member of Gov. Blanchard's Commission on the Future of Higher Education, chaired by legendary former MSU president John Hannah. This was when times were tough



PHILIP POWER

and funding for Michigan public universities had suffered.

I suggested something called the Research Excellence Fund, a pot of money designed to be doled out to state universities in proportion to their demonstrated ability to carry out funded research. As a practical matter, this would have focused the lion's share of extra money on state's four main research universities: U-M, MSU, Wayne State and Michigan Tech.

The commission agreed with the idea and made it a part of the final report. Blanchard endorsed the proposal and sent it to the legislature.

Guess what? Legislative politics took over. First, lawmakers argued that it would look "bad" if only a few universities got the bulk of the extra funding. Next, individual reps and senators started pitching for their own schools. The final outcome was a Research Excellence Fund that was watered down beyond all recognition. U-M, MSU, WSU and MTU got some extra money, but a lot of it went to a lot of other universities that had no particular history of carrying out research.

In other words, a lot of the money got wasted. Most effective business executives say a key part of good management is always to focus scarce resources where they can do the most good and not to scatter them hither and thither. But that's business thinking, which takes place in an environment where resources are scarce and bottom line results are all-important.

That's hardly the way the political system does business. And that's why so many folks are so deeply suspicious of the political process as a way of allocating scarce public resources.

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

**QUESTION:**  
What do you have planned for Father's Day?



"My husband is in Belgium and we're moving over there for three years."  
Mary Mackie  
Plymouth



"I really haven't thought about it yet but, he just bought a new bike, so we might go mountain biking."  
Joe Brouge  
Plymouth



"I'm going to be a new father."  
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"I'm going to take my father to lunch and maybe go rollerblading with him in the park."  
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# New facility will give area police FBI-style training

BY MIKE MALOTT  
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In just two years, police officers from across the region will have access to training now available only at facilities like the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Ground will be broken this fall on the Auburn Hills campus of Oakland Community College to begin construction of a "simulated city" — including a main street, a bank, residences, a motel and a convenience store. The facility, known as the Emergency Services Training Center, will give police a place to practice their response to emergencies such as hostage situations, bank robberies, traffic accidents and toxic chemical spills.

The decision to begin construction on phase one of the project came Monday, June 14, when the OCC Board of Trustees reached an agreement with Oakland County police and fire chiefs about the terms, timing and funding of the \$7 million, 22-acre center.

Those police chiefs, members of the Oakland Police Advisory Board, had voted two weeks earlier to move their contracts for training to other institutions unless OCC started work the facility.

Jeff Warner, chief of the Bloomfield Township Police Department and chair of the Advisory Board, explained that the vote was a result of "frustration over long delays" with the start of construction. Money for the center was approved in a county-wide millage vote in 1995. Police chiefs had campaigned on behalf of the tax proposal because of the college's plans to construct the training center.

OCC administrators have said it was never their intention to back away from their promises to build the center. Rather, the college has been seeking grants to help cover the costs and make millage money go a bit farther.

OCC Chancellor Richard Thompson said Monday grants had been applied for, but the college has yet to hear whether they have been awarded. The college has asked for a \$4 million grant from the state. Final word is expected to come in September.

Administrators further said

work on the training center had been delayed because the college put a higher priority on other renovation and construction projects at the college with the money from the 1995 millage ballot. They noted funds from the millage have been used for other improvements to the OCC Police Academy, in the Criminal Justice Building on the Auburn Hills campus, including upgrades to the firing range, construction of a new forensics lab and improvements to classrooms.

In return for the promise to move ahead with construction, Warner said the police chiefs gave their promise to seek additional funding for the center and utilize it to once it's built. Further, the chiefs will be involved in architectural review of center plans.

The OCC board voted 6-0 Monday to begin building this fall. Police and fire chiefs had signed the agreement earlier.

Lake Orion Police Chief James Leach called the center a "top-notch" facility. Art Smith, deputy director of Public Safety in Bloomfield Hills, said he was happy the construction would soon get underway.

More police will be able to get the training. All officers must receive a certificate from an academy, but most of that is classroom instruction, Warner explained. The Emergency Services Training Center will give officers a chance to try out their approaches to various situations — from barricaded gunman scenarios to traffic stops — in a realistic setting.

"This is a great opportunity to provide more training to more officers — better training to more officers, I should say," Warner explained. "The difference is it costs probably \$2,000 a piece to send someone to (the FBI Academy near) Washington. It will cost probably a couple hundred a piece to send them here. When you have only so many dollars in your budget for training, you want to do the most with what you have."

Smith suggested there would be additional advantages in the fact all area police would have similar training when they work together, under mutual aid pacts, in large-scale emergencies.

In phase two of the construc-

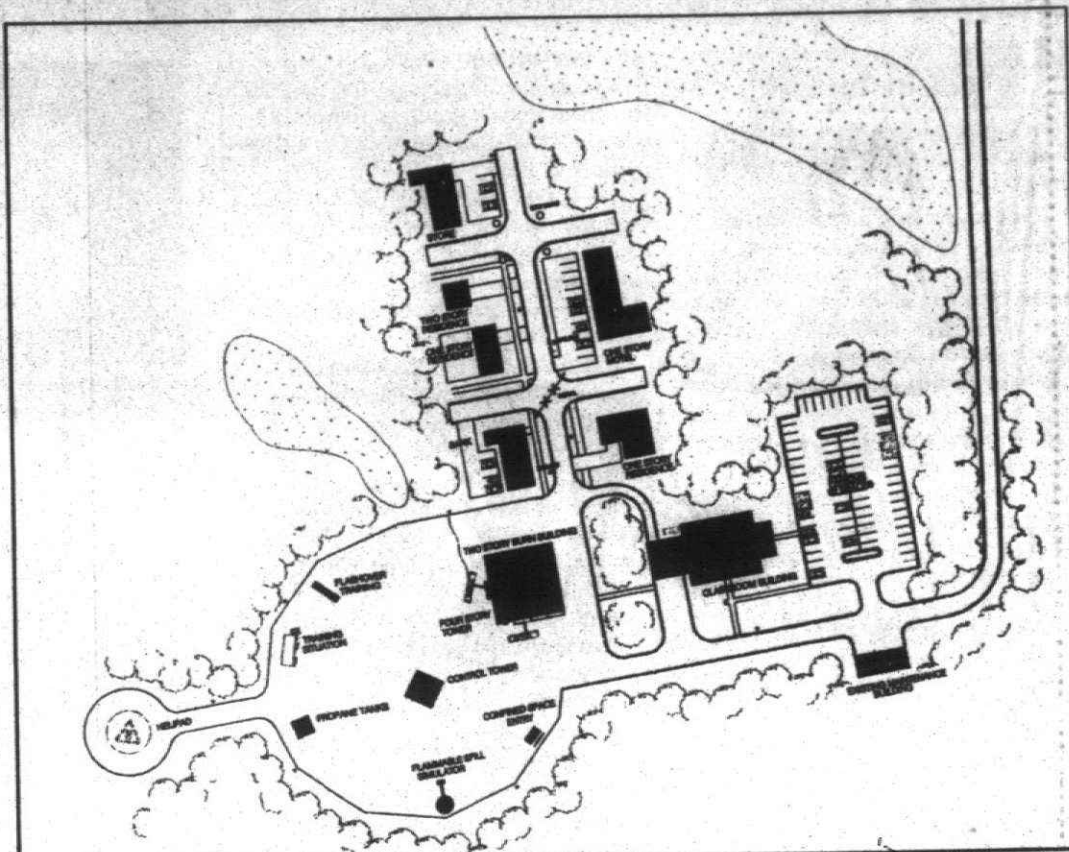
tion, a two-story "burn building" will be added for training of fire fighters. The fire training section is also expected to include a beauty salon, a retail store, a residential townhouse, hotel rooms and offices, all of which will be used for emergency training, according to OCC. The center will also be used for training of emergency medical technicians.

OCC's Police Academy already trains officers from across Oakland County as well as Brighton and Howell. Officers are often sent for classes from as far away as Lansing and Grand Rapids, according to Joseph Macri, Dean of Public Services at OCC.

Warner predicts that once the center is built, OCC will be contracted to train for even more departments, perhaps drawing from a multi-state region.

"You'll be hard pressed to find another training center of its kind anywhere near this region," Warner said.

The name of the center has changed several times since the 1995 millage vote. Originally, it was referred to as "Sim City." Later, the name was changed to the Combined Regional Emergency Service Training Center, or CREST. Most recently, the center has become known by the shortened version of the name, the Emergency Services Training Center.



**Sim City:** This is a layout of the proposed training center for police, fire and emergency personnel.



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## Our greatest enemy today? Is it apathy?

What is the greatest enemy to the people of the United States today?

What is it that allows us to hear about the sins of the world and the struggles of others, shake our heads, cluck our tongues and say, "Ain't it awful?"

Back to our little worlds we go. The answer is apathy. Apathy, the opposite of pathos (emotion and feeling) literally means without feeling. We are so interested in making our own lives better that we forget about the travesties around us.

It's what stops us from getting involved, speaking out about injustices, speaking up for our rights and being intolerant of bad things. Far too many of us have as a personal motto: *someone else will do it.*

More specifically, many of our parents have not modeled for our children how and when to speak out when we are disgruntled or worried about dangerous or disturbed people we come across.

For many, speaking goes no further than sharing our feelings with our spouse or a friend.

Reading a letter to the editor in Time Magazine on May 24 highlighted for me just how this overall apathy has consumed and hurt us—

■ **'The children of America should be the ones most involved in seeking out signs of a disturbed youngster. Students can observe things on a closer and more personal level than adults.'**

Jake Douglas  
Student

to take it upon myself to find out why students are not telling adults when their friends are in jeopardy of getting into trouble, or are already exhibiting troubling behaviors.

I suspect that if you were to ask your teen about who in school has been talking about suicide, or pregnancy, or acting "weird" or violent, they could probably list five to 10 people in one of these categories.

The problem is that your child, and most students, are keeping that information to themselves.

I also suspect that most kids would justify their position by saying that it's none of their business and they don't want to get involved.

For me, beginning to move from apathy to action will be in this realm. What are you going to get involved in?

Writing letters, calling companies, using e-mail, talking to legislators and boycotting are avenues we all have to move from complacency to control.

At the same time, you'll be a good role model for your children.

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# Super Summer Fun FOR THE FAMILY

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Weekends ... gotta love 'em. They're a chance to kick back and relax, forget about work for 48 hours and catch a few innings of baseball on the tube.

But they're also a good time to expand yours and your children's horizons, a chance to explore space and science, learn about the history of Michigan, sample life in the good ole days or delve into automotive technology.

Let's see ... between now and Labor Day, there's 12 Saturdays (or Sundays, if you prefer) that can be set aside to explore southeast Michigan attractions.

You can start off close to home with the recently opened Spirit of Ford, an interactive automotive science and technology center at 1151 Village Road, Dearborn.

The center offers visitors an opportunity to experience the unique creative process behind automotive design, technology and manufacturing with hands-on exhibits, the full-motion "Turbo Tour," an assembly line simulator ride, and an action-packed NASCAR pit stop.

Spirit of Ford is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Sunday. Admission is \$9 for adults (age 13 and older), \$7 for youths (ages 5-17), \$6 for children (ages 3-4) and \$8 for senior citizens (age 62 and older). For more information, call (313) 31-SPRIT (317-7474) or visit the Web site at <http://www.spiritofford.com>.

The Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, has more than 100 galleries, featuring sculpture, textiles, paintings and antiquities. Exhibitions include "Valor and Grace" through Sept. 19 in the Japanese Gallery. It features objects belonging to samurai warriors, including a full set of armor, swords, sword guards and ornaments, quiver and arrows and a woodblock print by Utagawa Kuniyoshi showing General Watonai in

full samurai armor.

"Ancient Gold: The Wealth of the Thracians, Treasures from the Republic of Bulgaria" runs June 27-Aug. 29 and features more than 200 gold and silver artifacts from museums across Bulgaria that demonstrate the extravagant artistic tastes of the warlike tribes from ancient Thrace. Loosely organized but powerful, the Thracians occupied most of central Europe for almost 2,000 years before being conquered by the Romans in the fourth century A.D.

DIA hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Recommended admission is \$4 for adults and \$1 per child. For more information, call (313) 833-7900.

Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., between Long Lake and Lone Pine roads, Bloomfield Hills, encourages children and adults to understand scientific concepts by experimenting.

In addition to its lineup of natural science and history exhibits and laser and planetarium shows, the center has a towering Tyrannosaurus Rex as the centerpiece of its "Our Dynamic Earth," five permanent exhibits designed by Cranbrook scientists, artists and educators to encourage visitors of all ages to explore the connections within our universe.

"Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters" head-spinning, stomach-churning interactive exhibits, artifacts and images invite visitors on a fun ride through science that ranges from physics to physiology to the psychology of thrill-seeking while revealing the rich history of roller coasters.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday. Admission is \$7 for adults ages 18-59, \$4 for children age 3-17 and senior citizens ages 60 and older and free for children under age 3. There's an additional charge for the planetarium/astronomy shows of \$2 for adults.

## MUSEUMS, SCIENCE CENTERS, SCENES FROM THE PAST

\$1.50 for children (ages 3-17) seniors (age 60 and older) and students. For information, call (877) GO-CRANBROOK (462-7262) or [www.cranbrook.edu](http://www.cranbrook.edu).

"Whales" is the summer's giant sized addition to the film schedule at the Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R at Warren Road, Detroit.

The film in the IMAX Dome Theater takes visitors to the world's deepest oceans to swim, feed, court and sing with these amazing creatures. Also showing are "Tropical Rainforest," "Everest" and "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun."

In the Exhibition Hall, visitors can explore scientific phenomena, such as optics, motion, electricity, weather, chemistry, technology, matter, sound, anatomy and engineering, through exhibits and then extend the experience by utilizing the Internet for more information and insight in the Cyberspace Safari Exhibit Lab.

Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 6:30-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 12:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children (ages 3-17) and senior citizens (age 60 and older). Tickets to IMAX movies cost \$4 each. For information, call (313) 577-8400.

Located in a renovated historic firehouse, the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, 219 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor, is an interactive center with some 250 exhibits that make science fun.

Hands-on exhibits interrelate concepts of physics, mathematics, biology, physiology, botany and geology with technology, art and history. There's also science demonstrations at 1 and 3 p.m. Saturdays and 2 and 4 p.m. Sundays.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, seniors citizens and children age 3 and older. For information, call (734) 995-KIDS.

Take to the air but stay on the ground at the Yankee Air Force Museum at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti. The museum features a static display of vintage military aircraft, including a fully restored World War II B-17 Flying Fortress and artifacts dating from World War I.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday

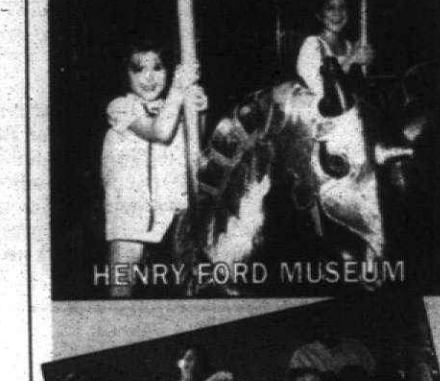
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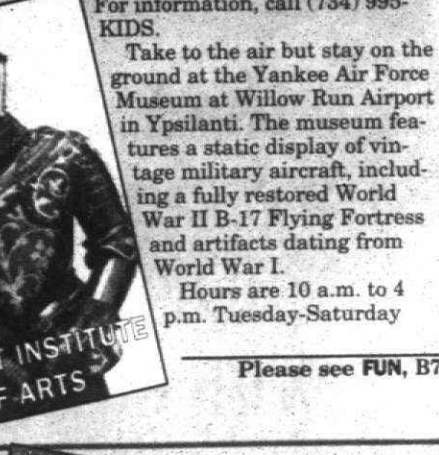
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On a warm, sunny summer day, a perfect spot to be may be one of the area's many parks and nature areas. Many offer special programs for children and families, in addition to plenty of space for picnics, playtime and just plain fun.

The Wayne County Parks System once again is offering week-long nature/history day camps at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. Each week features a nature and history program, guaranteed to be interesting, informative and fun.

Hands-on games, crafts, hikes, stories and outdoor adventures round out a week of learning and enjoyment. Campers should come dressed for outdoor activities, including a raincoat, hat, sunscreen and appropriate walking shoes. Snacks and juice are provided. Full-day campers should bring a sack lunch, drink and bathing suit.

■ Session 1 - Fox and Coyote - is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 28-July 2, for children completing fifth and sixth grades. The fee is \$100 for the week.

■ Session 2 - Tadpoles - is 9:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday-Friday, July 6-9 for

## PARKS AND NATURE AREAS

ages 3-4. The fee is \$40.

■ Session 3 - Early-birds - is 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 12-16, for children who have completed kindergarten. The fee is \$50.

■ Session 4 - Night Owls - is 1-4 p.m.

Monday-Friday, July 12-16, for children who have completed kindergarten. The fee is \$50 for the week.

■ Session 5 - Frogs and Toads - is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 19-23, for children who have completed first



DETROIT ZOO

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A parent in need of some quick summer activities for children with "nothing to do" can find them through the YMCA, public libraries and Parks and Recreation Department.

Many of the programs are relatively inexpensive and offer plenty of opportunities for children to learn and have fun.

## SUMMER ART CAMP

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering workshops this summer beginning later this month. Selections include Tot Art, Paint a Kite, Clay Critters, Origami, Cartooning/Animation, Collage Creations, Paint and Plant a Pot, Stamp a T-shirt and drop-in Drawing and Sketching.

All classes are held at the JWH Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. To register, call (734) 416-4ART.

## CAMP 9-1-1

Huron Valley Ambulance is hosting a free, two-day camp 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 27-28 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. The program, geared toward children ages 10-13, includes visits by community guests, an introduction to first aid and CPR and a field trip to a local emergency room.

## LOCAL DAY CAMPS, PLAYGROUND AND LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Campers are to bring a sack lunch daily. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Each camper will receive a packet of materials, a Bystander Care Kit and a certificate of completion. Parents must sign a release form in order for campers to be admitted to the camp.

Children who wish to attend should write a short letter about why they would like to participate in Camp 9-1-1. Campers will be registered when HVA receives their letter and registration form. Each camp holds 24 children. For more information, call (734) 483-6259.

## NEW MORNING SCHOOL

Full-day science and math camps for children ages 6-11, and "Discovery Days" classes for kids 3-10 are returning this summer to New Morning School, a pre K-8 parent cooperative school at 14501 Haggerty (at M-14 and I-275) in Plymouth.

The annual "Discovery Days" camp will be 9-10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mondays-Fridays July 12-16, July 19-23 and July 26-30. "Discovery Days" program is broken down into individual classes for children ages 3-10 including "Sticky Fingers," "Nature Crafts," "Kids on Stage," "Mixed Media Art," "Under the Sea," "Young Authors,"

"Dinosaurs," "Kiwi Math" and "Environmental Science."

The fee is \$50 per class and students are invited to stay for an early morning and a late morning session. There is no charge for the half hour between classes. Parents who assist with the Discovery Days classes may enroll their children for free.

The school also has full-day or half-day camps themed "Experimenting Scientists" July 26-30, "Science and Math Magic" Aug. 2-6 and "Disaster Science" Aug. 9-13. The camps are geared toward kids ages 6-11. The class fee is \$185 per camp (full day), or \$100 (half day), plus field trip fees. Latchkey is available 7-9 a.m. and/or 3-6 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 420-3331.

## PLYMOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

Children who are Plymouth residents may register for the Plymouth Recreation Department's free Summer Park Program, which runs June 21-Aug. 6 at Kiwanis Club Park at Auburn and Junction, Jaycee Park at Hamilton and Joy, Garden Club Park at Sutherland and Forest and Rotary Park at Wing and Herald.

Each location will provide supervised activities, such as games, swimming, bowling, mini golf, skat-

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# CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

## WEEKEND

### STONE WORKSHOP

Make your own personalized outdoor stepping stones (at least three) with ceramic tile pieces and cement 12:30-4:40 p.m. Saturday, June 19, (rain date, June 20) at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon. Participants will break the tiles, design a mosaic, mix cement and pour into a rectangular form (additional embellishments in wet cement possible). If you have material of your own to incorporate into your creation, bring it. Wear old clothes and gloves; bring kneepads. All materials provided. Cost is \$46. Call (734) 416-4278.

### EXPLORING THE FOREST

There will be a special hike for children and their families at Maybury State Park at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 19. The hike, Exploring the Forest, will take a look at the forest and its inhabitants through guided activities and a hike. Meet at the Farm Demonstration Building. Maybury State Park is located on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck in Northville Township. This activity is free; however, a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry. For more information, call the park office at (248) 349-8990.

### ART AND CRAFT SHOW

The eighth annual Fine Art & Craft Show occurs 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 19, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 20, at Heritage Park in Canton Township. Over 90 artists are featured. Included this year are artists from the College for Creative Studies; the Downriver Art Spirit Club; Highland artist James Williams; Brighton artist Michael Glenn Monroe; and Taylor resident Vivian Longfellow. Admission and parking are free. This event is sponsored in part by Canton Township Parks and Recreation and D & M Studio. Call Sharon Dillenbeck at (734) 453-3710.

### GARAGE SALE

St. Thomas A. Becket will hold its annual garage sale from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, June 24, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, June 25 and Saturday, June 26. St. Thomas A. Becket is located at 555 S. Lilley, south of Cherry Hill Road. For more information, call Dawn at (734) 981-4877.

### BARBECUE

A chicken barbecue will be held from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, July 4, at the Mayflower L.A. Gemble VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 459-6700.

### SUMMER BIRD HIKES

Maybury State Park in Northville Township hosts bird identification hikes throughout the year. The next hike will take place at 8 a.m., Saturday, July 10, at the Concession Building in the main parking lot on Eight Mile Road west of Beck Road. These hikes

provide a chance to observe bird species seen in the park, and record dates, locations and trends from year to year. Each hike lasts one to two hours. The hikes are open to all, regardless of birding experience. Dress for the weather and bring along binoculars if you have them. For more information, call the park office at (248) 349-8390.

### BRITANNIA SOCCER CAMP

There will be a one-week camp taught by semi-pro European soccer players. The camp will be held 9 a.m.-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 for more information.

### 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

### EAT AND FLY

The Experimental Aircraft Association chapter based at Mettetal Airport in Canton will host a pancake breakfast and aircraft display 7 a.m.-noon on Father's Day, Sunday, June 20. The event will be on the airport grounds at the southeast corner of Lilley and Joy roads in Canton. Pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee will be available at a cost of \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. The event is a fund-raiser for the EAA scholarship program and will include the presentation of two scholarship recipients for 1999, Timothy Bruce of Salem High School and Jesse Clark of Milford High School. For information, call Mike Sevel, (734) 462-1176 or Doug Shumard, (734) 433-0809.

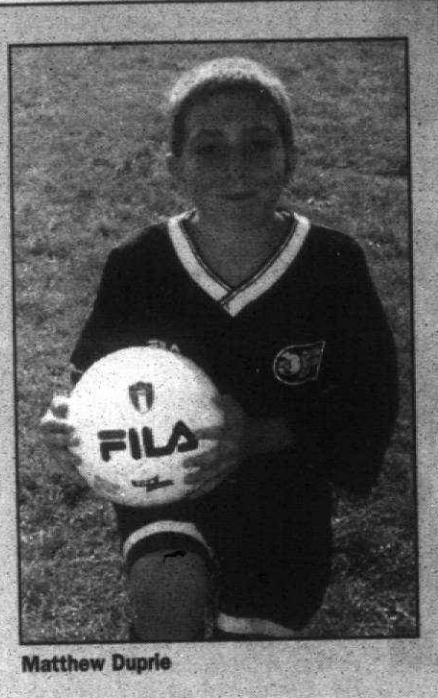
### YOUTH EXCHANGE

Local Rotary Clubs are currently accepting applications from students in the community and surrounding areas who are interested in spending a year overseas with Rotary International's Youth Exchange Program during the 2000-2001 school year. Participants must be between the ages of 16 and 18 when they depart and at the time may be current students or immediate graduates of high school. Rotary District 6400 of SE

## Soccer mom wins trip for son, 10

Canton resident Matthew Duprie is on his way to soccer camp in Bradenton, Fla. this month thanks to his mom's winning entry in a contest sponsored by the SC Johnson Corp., makers of Shout stain remover. Matthew's mom, Jeannine DuPrie was chosen for "Survival Secrets of a Soccer Mom," her entry providing tips to soccer fans and families.

Matthew, 10, is a fifth-grader at Fiegel Elementary School. He recently returned from a school-sponsored trip to Space Camp.



Matthew Duprie

Michigan and SW Ontario will be hosting an international session for interested students and their families at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 23 at the Auto Nation in Canton, 39600 Ford Road. For more information on Rotary Youth Exchange, call Sarah Wright at (734) 942-1184.

### YOGA WORKSHOP

There will be a yoga workshop, "Sun and Moon Salutations: Experiencing the Solar and Lunar Principles of the Body," at St. Joseph Mercy Health Center in Canton on Canton Center at Palmer. There will be four classes on Wednesday, evening only, through June 23. Presented by Jacqui Magan. Cost is \$40. No walk-ins. Call (734) 398-7557.

### ARTS COUNCIL

A class for discussion and interaction on art and love throughout history will be held from 8-10 p.m., Thursdays, June 24 through July 15 at the Plymouth Arts Council Center on Sheldon Road, Plymouth. For more information, call (248) 478-6788.

### SUMMER ART CLASSES

Summer Art Classes in beginning basic drawing, still figure, and figure and landscape using various media will be held starting the week of June 28 at the Charlotte Moore-Viculin Studios, 887 N. Mill, Plymouth. Ages nine through adult welcome. For more information, call (734) 459-1112.

### SUMMER CAMP

Call Mike Sevel, (734) 462-1176 or Doug Shumard, (734) 433-0809.

### YOUTH EXCHANGE

Local Rotary Clubs are currently accepting applications from students in the community and surrounding areas who are interested in spending a year overseas with Rotary International's Youth Exchange Program during the 2000-2001 school year. Participants must be between the ages of 16 and 18 when they depart and at the time may be current students or immediate graduates of high school. Rotary District 6400 of SE

The Creative Music Center of Plymouth and Canton is offering fun summer adventures. Village classes end July 27. All classes are held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial (west of Sheldon). Call Lori Nelson at (734) 354-9109.

### ADOPT A DUCK

The first-ever Great Canton Duck Derby is fast approaching. Participants can "adopt" ducks for the Friday, Aug. 13, event at Heritage Park. Adopt ducks at locations around the township including the parks and recreation office at the Summit and at other summer events such as Liberty Fest or concerts in the park. Cost is \$2 for one duck; \$5 for three ducks; or \$11 for seven ducks. Each duck will be entered in the derby and eligible to win prizes including round-trip airline tickets, autographed sports memorabilia, a \$1,000 savings bond, camcorders, gift certificates and other items. For information, call the parks and recreation office, (734) 397-5110.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

CrossWinds Community Church invites children to Vacation Bible School. Preschool (age 3) through sixth grade are welcome. There is no fee. The Son-Castle Faire Vacation Bible School is from 8:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, June 20, through Tuesday, June 24. CrossWinds Community Church is located at 45701 Ford in Canton. Call

981-0499.

### Solid Rock Bible Church

will hold a Treasure Hunt Bible School from 9:30 a.m.-noon from July 21-25 at 670 Church, Plymouth. There will be fun for all ages (5-12) with treasure hunt theater, craft cave, jungle gym games and bible learning adventures, outstanding music and hands-on activities. There is no cost and snacks are provided. For more information, call Beth or Shelly at (734) 455-7711.

### FLOWERS ARE FOREVER

The Trailwood Garden Club of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association sponsors the fourth annual "Flowers Are Forever" garden walk noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 22. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the walk. Tickets are available at Saxton's Garden Center, Good's Nursery, Piccadilly's in Old Village, Plymouth Nursery, Backyard Birds and Ribar Flowers. Backyard Birds and Piccadilly's offer discount coupons. Free refreshments will be served the day of the walk at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The arts council will be featuring a floral display. Call (734) 459-7146 or (734) 454-4625.

### 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 9 a.m.-noon July 8-18 for grades 1-8. Cost is \$114. This program is under the direction of a professional actress and director who specializes in youth theater. Call (734) 416-4927.

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE CAMP

West Middle School in Plymouth will hold Spanish/French/Italian summer camp 9 a.m.-noon July 19-23 for grades 1-6. Adventure summer camps will explore the customs, history and cultures through music, games, crafts and cooking. A T-shirt is included. Cost is \$85. For more information, call (734) 416-4927.

### AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS

The Plymouth Recreation Division is now selling amusement park tickets to most major amusement parks in Michigan and Ohio. The tickets purchased at the Recreation Division Cultural Center Office will save up to \$6.70 at the gate. For more information, contact the City of Plymouth Recreation Division at 455-6620.

### ART CLASSES

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

### CREATIVE DAY

Registration for fall preschool is open at Creative Day Nursery School for both morning and afternoon classes in Canton. Creative Day is at 4815 Cherry Hill. For more information, call (734) 459-3333.

### COUNTERPOINT

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

### MDDA

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

### IMPOTENCE

Botsford Hospital's "Help for Impotent Men" free support group meets 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month. Call (248) 477-6100.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

#### ADULT DAY CARE

Adult Day Care is a weekday program, open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., serving senior citizens who need some assistance but don't need to be in a nursing home. The program is designed to give relief to the caregiver while providing an enjoyable, activity-filled day in a relaxed, supervised, friendly environment. Professionals assist with the restroom, medications and offer a hot lunch. Transportation and financial assistance are available. Call the Plymouth site at (734) 451-1455 or the Livonia site at (734) 591-2216.

Starting Over 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 mtg@medione.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 meetings take place 1-3 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of the month. Call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

#### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

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

#### DIVORCECARE

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

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## Superbook kids buy Daisy the Cow for Rwandan family



Super job: The Superbook children and adults - Gloria Chruscial (back row, from left), Ruth De Marois, Diana Allen, Vicki Nelson, Danielle Mosier and Amy Nagy, Christian Mosier (middle row, from left), Steven Thomas, Jacob Tonti, Erin Allen, Anna Szalma, Ryan Chruscial (front row, from left), Michelle Tinan, Katie Allen, and Courtney Bishop - have plenty to smile about after receiving a photograph of Niyonkuru Isaac with Daisy the cow, which his family purchased thanks to the children's \$200 gift.

## Schoolcraft adds camps to Kids on Campus fare

The summer of 1999 marks the 20th year Schoolcraft College has offered enrichment activities to children through its Kids on Campus program and TAG classes for gifted children.

Offered July 12-29, children in the fifth through sixth grades can choose from such offerings as Web Page Master, where students learn how to design their own Web page, and Rocket Science I and II, where they learn to build and launch their own rocket and use pop bottle water rockets to test the variable of flight-like rocket design, mass, fuels and payloads.

Back by popular demand are Severe and Unusual Weather, examining the science of weather; Hot Air Balloons, exploring the principles of buoyancy and lighter-than-air flight; Video Production for aspiring film makers; Bugs on the Move, getting up close and personal with bugs; and Chess Strategy taught by four-time state champion and Chess Life Master Dexter Thompson.

Parents are invited to join their children on campus for the Kids on Campus Showcase 10:40-11:20 a.m. in the Waterman Center to see the students' projects and artwork.

Classes are offered in morning and afternoon sessions in two-week increments. Students signing up for TAG classes for the first time must be classified as talented and academically gifted according to their local school criteria or be recommended by a school staff member who feels they will benefit from the challenges of a specific TAG class or group of TAG classes.

New this year are summer day camps for children ages 5-14. Camps run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (except during the first session July 6-19 when classes run until

3:30 p.m. to accommodate the Fourth of July holiday) in two-week session, starting July 6 and July 19.

The designated arrival time will be 8:30 a.m. with the designated pickup time 4:30 p.m. Between 3 and 4:30 p.m., children will participate in such activities as arts and crafts, games and movies.

For 5-7-year-olds there's Tech-n-Detectives to uncover some of the world's greatest secrets using amazing multimedia technology.

For ages 5-6 National Space Camp will send them streaking across the Milky Way in search of black holes, red giants, super novae and neutron stars.

Children ages 7-9 can try Radical Robot Rangers and create their own radical robot or Discover Pre-Med for an amazing medical school experience.

And for children ages 10-14 there's Incredible Inventors, an opportunity to create inventions never seen before and Pre-Med Code Blue, where they step into the shoes of medical specialists as they explore a medical center and research lab using the resources of the Discovery Channel.

The \$375 fee includes breakfast, snack, lunch and afternoon snack.

Kids on Campus also offers skills classes in basic mathematics, pre-Algebra and Algebra, reading and study, English and Algebra/Geometry.

For more information on registration and other children's class offerings, call (734) 462-4448. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia.

The college's Kids on Campus received the 1998 National Council for Continuing Education and Training Exemplary

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

When Sunday school students at a Canton Church decided to buy a gift for a war-torn African family, they chose one that keeps on giving.

A 12-year-old Rwandan boy named Niyonkuru Isaac recently sent a thank-you letter to the church group for the gift, a cow named Daisy. His family uses the cow for milk and for fertilizing crops. He also sent a photograph of himself with the cow, which is almost as tall as he is.

The cow cost \$200 in American money, sent to the family to buy the cow, according to Marilyn Thomas, wife of the Rev. Rick Thomas, pastor of Canton Free Methodist Church. Thomas coordinated the correspondence between the children and Isaac.

The 11 children in the Superbook kids program used their allowance, money earned from doing additional household chores and what they had saved for the cow fund. Every week the children would place the money inside a cow-shaped bank.

"They just did wonderfully," said Linda Sinischo, who along with several other women, led the Superbook kids with the fund-raising drive. "They had a great spirit about it."

The fund-raising was part of the Superbook Olympics, and the children, who ranged in age from kindergarten through sixth-grade, kept constant tabs on their fund-raising through regular updates. The church sent the cow money to the Isaac family last fall, and the children are paying the church back.

The Superbook children meet monthly to make crafts, play games and compete in Bible drills. Participating this year were Erin Allen, Katie Allen, Ryan Chruscial, Laura Courtney, Amanda Findley, Kyle Johnston, Danielle Mosier, Christian Mosier, Amy Nagy, Stephen Thomas, Jacob Tonti and Erik Wright.

Thomas has been corresponding with and coordinating sup-

port for the Isaacs for eight years. Over the years, the letters have described numerous hardships resulting from the ongoing civil war. The family has had their belongings and livestock stolen numerous times, endured drought and lost family members to the violence.

For about one year, no one knew where they were. Child Care Ministries, which coordinates correspondence between the families, informed Thomas that the Isaacs were "lost." As it turned out, the family had been forced into hiding while war raged in their immediate area.

Thomas said she breathed a sigh of relief in May 1996 when a letter finally came from Niyonkuru. In the letter, he said a brother and other family members had been killed. The family

also was forced to start over after their home was looted and their livestock stolen.

Later letters described Niyonkuru father's violent encounter with thieves, which resulted in his being stabbed while trying to protect the home. He survived the altercation, according to the letter.

Last year, the Superbook children raised money for the Isaacs to buy a pig named Wilbur. When Niyonkuru said they were going to use surplus money to buy a cow, the children decided to step in. So far, the Isaacs have received two cows and a pig through the children's efforts.

Do the children have any plans for next year's gift for the Isaacs? "Not yet, but I'm sure we'll come up with something," Sinischo said.

## Friends of WCLS to hold golf benefit

Tickets are now on sale for a Wayne Community Living Services raffle that has a 1999 Chevrolet Camaro Z28 convertible as the top prize.

Tickets cost \$100 each and benefit Friends of WCLS. No more than 600 tickets will be sold and the drawing will take place at 8 p.m. Aug. 26 at the conclusion of WCLS's fifth annual "All For" Friends of WCLS Golf Challenge.

There will be four additional raffle prizes - a vacation package to Florida, his and her Movado watches, a 32-inch color television and an outdoor patio furniture set.

Tickets are available at the WCLS office at MetroCenter Mall, 35425 Michigan Ave., Wayne.

The golf challenge will be held at the Fox Hills Golden Fox Championship Course and will feature a noon shotgun start.

Honorary chair is John "Ankle" Stewart of the Dick Purtan Morning Show on WJMG-FM.

The Puritan's People cast and other local media and sports celebrities will join foursomes for a fun day of golf. Registration is \$250 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf, lunch and refreshments on the course, a gourmet dinner, open bar, comedy entertainment, prizes and gifts. Hole sponsorships are \$1,300 and include golf for four and a plaque.

Proceeds from both the raffle and golf challenge benefit Friends of WCLS and assist people with developmental disabilities and their families.

For more information about the raffle tickets or a registration form for the golf challenge, call Carla Wells at (734) 722-7185.

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## Community Hospice adds new Home Care Services

Community Hospice and Home Care Services is offering a new service for its clients.

For 18 years CHHCS, with offices in Westland and Plymouth, has provided compassionate, state-of-the-art care to patients with a limited life expectancy.

Responding to community need, CHHCS now also provides the same care and compassion to patients who are homebound and recovering or disabled by illness or injury or are chronically ill.

The Home Care Services include diagnostics, treatment, monitoring, rehabilitation and support through skilled nursing, home health aides, medical social work and physical, occupational or speech therapy.

The goal of the new CHHCS Home Care Service is to help each patient achieve optimal function and independence while enhancing the quality and meaning of life within its limitation.

For more information, call CHHCS at (734) 522-4244.













Plymouth Canton Class of '99

# SAYING GOOD-BYE



At top, Matt Compton, from left, Joe Wagner and Dave Koztitz embrace classmates following the Plymouth Canton High School Commencement Sunday at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor. Above left, Wheatley Coleman addresses the Class of 1999. Above, members of Canton's football team A.J. Maloni, from left, Tom Mazur, Pat Holland, Jay Schmitt, Brian Flanagan, Geoff Perpick and Sam Sicilia pose for a photo for their parents. At right, Kay Gallinger and Ryan Natalini of Plymouth, and Julie McGuire and Jeff Richards of Canton pose for their moms in front of a fountain on the mall next to Hill following commencement. At far right, Lauren Jackson and Mike Foust share a kiss before entering the auditorium.

## 1999 PLYMOUTH CANTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

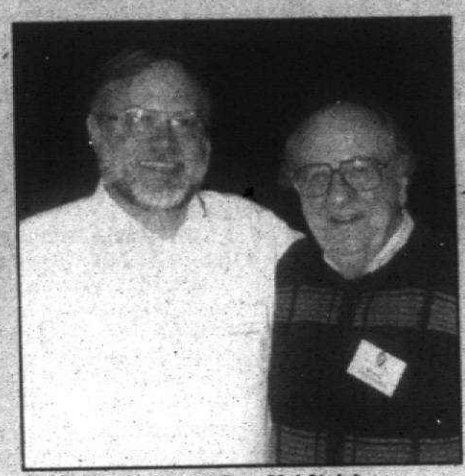
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## RELIGIOUS NEWS

# St. Paul's starts new lay ministry

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is launching a new ministry based on the simple concept of church members providing mutual care for one another. Led by the church's new director of care ministries, Robert Seymour, the goal of the lay ministry is to ensure that everyone at St. Paul's is embraced by the church as fully as possible and to avoid having the needs of members fall through the cracks. The lay minister or husband-and-wife team of ministers are assigned a "flock" of five-10 households within the congregation. They are responsible for praying for those members, being available when members have concerns or requests for help, visiting members regularly and setting a Christian example for members. The church launched the program in February after hosting a seminar on developing a lay pastor ministry, "The Lay-Driven Church" and "Can the Pastor Do It Alone?", presented by the Rev. Mel Steinbrun. Some 145 people from nine



Robert Seymour and Rev. Mel Steinbrun churches attended the seminar. Steinbrun believes the worldwide church is beginning a new reformation, one in

which members play a central role in caring for the needs of each other and not depending solely on help from a single, ordained minister. Seymour, who currently is in seminary training, was hired to be the new lay minister. He also coordinates and leads the Stephen Ministry, a support ministry which gives one-on-one care during a crisis, the bereavement care ministry and grief support ministry. He is excited about the new lay ministry because "it allows the needs of the congregation to be brought to the attention of the church in a timely fashion." So far, 22 members have responded to the call to become lay ministers. They have 103 households under their care. The primary focus of the first ministers is to care for new members, but the goal of the church is to have every member of the congregation under the care of a lay minister.

Plymouth. The 74-member group, which includes Plymouth Nazarene teens Dana Hamilton, David Hamlin and Joanna Withrow, will perform a variety of popular, inspirational and gospel music drama and share personal testimonies. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-1525. **SINGLE PLACE** Barbara Waltry and Mary Ann Mercieca will talk about stalking and personal protection orders at Single Place Presents at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. The Open Forum will feature "The Book of Questions" with facilitator Tony Valenti. There is a \$4 per person charge.

The singles group also take in a Detroit Tigers game and dinner at Xochimilco at 5 p.m. Friday, June 26. Baseball game tickets are \$15 each and a limited number are available. Meet at the church at 3:45 p.m. to car pool. Dinner is participants' expense. For more information, call Single Place Ministries at (248) 349-0911. **FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL** Westland Church of the Nazarene will have its first Family Fun Festival 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at the church, 38600 Palmer Road, Westland. There will be games (dunk tank, basketball shoot, treasure hunt), and bake sale. Hot dogs, popcorn and beverages will be served. All food and activities are free of charge. For more information, call the church at (734) 721-5545.

**MONOPOLY** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will host Life-Sized Monopoly noon-10 p.m. Sunday, June 27, at the church, 37775 Palmer Road, Westland. The cost will be \$5 per person for a half hour of playing time. Proceeds will benefit the Workcamp Mission trip. For more information, call (734) 722-1735. **DAY CAMP** Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will sponsor five weeks of day camp 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (extended care will be available) June 28-July 30 for children entering the first grade through sixth-graders at the church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Activities include Friday "fun" lunches, recreation, stories, crafts and two weekly field trips to places like Greenfield Village, Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, Maybury State Park, Four Bears Waterpark, putt-putt golfing and a trout pond. Children can register for one or more weeks. To register or for more information, call the Christian Education Office at (248) 374-5977. **NEW BEGINNINGS** New Beginnings, a grief support group, will have a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 1, 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. **RUMMAGE SALE** St. James Presbyterian Church will have a rummage sale 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 9, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 10, at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 534-7730. **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. **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 July 16-18 and Sept. 24-26 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.rcn.net/detroit/wmwe](http://www.rcn.net/detroit/wmwe). **SINGLE POINT** Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will host a summer divorce recovery workshop 7-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 12-16, and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 17, at the church. The cost is \$25 in advance or \$30 for those who register the first night and \$15 for those who are repeating the workshop and have the books. Free child care will be provided. The ministry also has volleyball at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29897 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, and St. Paul United Methodist Church, 165 E. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tai Chi is a complete and integrated exercise which works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for people of all ages and conditions of health. For more information, call the Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281.



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**WARD PRESBYTERIAN**

Ward Presbyterian Church will host a Summer Adventure for Children 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 21-25 at the church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. "Uncle Jerry" Jacoby will share humor, stories and songs. Children will spend time on Bible stories, games and crafts. There also will be a moon walk, an inflated obstacle course, butterfly displays and face painting. Summer Adventure is for children entering kindergarten through sixth-grade. For more information, call the church at (248) 374-7400.

**KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST**

The Storytelling Man will be at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman Road, Livonia, for its vacation Bible school 6:30-8:45 p.m. June 21-24. The closing program will be at 7 p.m. June 25. For more information, call the church office at (248) 476-8222.

**CHURCH OF NAZARENE**

Westland Church of the Nazarene will host a vacation Bible school 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 21-25 at the church, 38600 Palmer Road, Westland. Children will enjoy Bible stories, crafts, skits, music and snacks, all centered around "Celebration Station." For more information, call the church at (734) 721-5545.

**BEREAN BAPTIST**

Children are invited to come and explore the vacation Bible school "Jungle Journey" 9:30 a.m. to noon June 21-25 at Berean Baptist Church, 38303 Eight Mile Road, Livonia. There will be Bible stories and memory verses, crafts, songs, skits, games and more for children entering kindergarten through sixth-grade. For more information, call (248) 477-6365.

**RICE MEMORIAL**  
Rice Memorial United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "Gospel Rock," 6-8 p.m. June 21-24 at the church, 20601 Beech Daly Road, Redford. The program is for children ages 3-12 and will include music, Bible study, story time and "fun snacks." There also will be a family hot dog party 6-8 p.m. June 25 and children will sing at an outside picnic service on June 27. The cost is \$5 per child or \$10 per family. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-4907.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN**

St. John's Lutheran Church is accepting registration for its vacation Bible school, scheduled for June 21-25 at the church, 13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster Road and south of the I-96 service drive, Redford. A light supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. each day. Classes for ages 3-adults will be 6-8:15 p.m. The theme is based on a Holy Land archeological dig, and activities will include drama, crafts, music, Bible stories and games. To register, call (313) 539-2660 or visit the church office between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays.

**AGAPE FAMILY WORSHIP**  
Agape Family Worship Center will have its vacation Bible school 9 a.m. to noon June 21-25 at the center, 45081 Geddes Road, Canton. The theme will be "Veggie Tales Part II." For more information, call (734) 397-0357.

**MEMORIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Memorial Church of Christ will have its vacation Bible school, "Broadcasting His Light to the World," 9 a.m. to noon June 21-25 at the church, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For one week, the church will become the home of TV station WSFJ (We Shine for Jesus), with the junior reporters broadcasting His light to the world while enjoying crafts, music, games and other activities. Classes also will collect food for the Benevolence Food Closet. For more information, call (734) 464-6722.

**ST. TIMOTHY PRESBYTERIAN**  
St. Timothy Presbyterian Church will host a Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure 9:30 a.m. to noon June 21-27 at the church, 16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For more information about the vacation Bible school, call the church at (734) 464-8844.

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN**

Children are invited to come to a "Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure" where the Bible is the map and Jesus is the treasure at Trinity Presbyterian Church, West Ann Arbor Road and Gotfredson Road in Plymouth Township. The vacation Bible school will be 9 a.m. to noon June 21-25 for children entering kindergarten through those entering fifth-grade in the fall. Wednesday evening in family night with a family scavenger hunt, snacks, incredible obstacle course and a visit from "Washtenaw Jones." For more information, call the

church at (734) 459-9550.

**CHRIST OUR SAVIOR**

Children entering kindergarten through sixth-grade are invited to attend the Jungle Journey vacation Bible school 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 21-25 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The program will include Bible stories, drama, snacks, music, games, crafts and preparing health kits. To register, call the church at (734) 522-6830.

**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 Road, Canton. SonCastle Faire will feature songs, skits, crafts, games, Bible studies and snacks. Everything will draw to a conclusion at the closing program, a family musical event, 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 Road, 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.

## Lutheran Home gets aid from brotherhood

Lutheran Brotherhood Western Wayne County Branch 8197 has brightened the day at the Lutheran Home Livonia.

The branch's president and co-chair of the Steering Committee for the home, Weldon Schwiebert, recently presented Michael Bell, the home administrator, with a check for \$6,000. The home is on Plymouth Road between Middlebelt and Inkster

roads in Livonia.

The check represented an effort by members of the branch who had their donations matched dollar per dollar through the Lutheran Brotherhood Branch Challenge Fund. The goal was to raise enough to furnish a resident's room.

"We meet the goal and then some," said Schwiebert. "This is truly a blessing from God and an

excellent way to maximize an individual's stewardship."

The Lutheran Brotherhood offers members an opportunity to have a portion of their gifts matched to the Lutheran Home through the Lutheran Brotherhood Lutheran Social Ministry Organization Member Matching Gift Grant.

Each Lutheran Brotherhood policy-holding family member

can give up to \$100 in 1999 and 2000. The minimum gift is \$25. The LSMO commitment match is up to \$50,000 each year.

For a matching gift application, Lutheran brotherhood members can call the Lutheran Home Livonia at (734) 425-4814, Ext. 3014, or write to Lutheran Homes of Michigan, P.O. Box 51906, Livonia 48151-5906.

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Top netminder

Craig Kowalski, the 18-year native of Clinton, was instrumental in the Compuware Ambassadors run to the North American Hockey League title and the Gold Cup National Championship. He was lauded for his accomplishments last Saturday when he was named recipient of the Heaton/Dave Peterson Goalie of the Year Award at USA Hockey's annual awards banquet in Colorado Springs.

"I want to thank my teammates, coach Mike Vellucci and Mr. Pete Karmanos of the Compuware organization for helping me win this award," said Kowalski.

During the regular season, Kowalski led the NAHL with 34 victories while in goal and a 2.10 goals-against average. He also had the league's best save percentage (.921); he had three shutouts.

Kowalski also played for the NAHL team that won the King of the Hill Tournament last November in Waterloo, Iowa and the U.S. Junior Selects who were gold medal-winners at the Freedom Challenge in Lake Placid, N.Y. in January.

He is the third-straight netminder from the NAHL to be so honored. Ryan Miller of the Soo Kewadin Casino Indians won it last year; in 1997, the award went to Joe Blackburn, a Livonia Churchill graduate and former Ambassador.

The winner of the award, named after two-time U.S. Olympic coach Dave Peterson, is selected from the pool of goaltenders who annually attend the USA Hockey National Goaltenders Camp and the USA Hockey Select 16 and Select 17 Festivals. Criteria for the award also includes performance during the previous season of play.

### Cheerleaders chosen

Plymouth Salem HS cheerleading tryouts were held June 5, and selections for next school year were made.

Those on the co-ed varsity squad are: Jim Brzuch, Heather Burbo, Chris Cudney, Gina Dailide, Lauren Devine, Steve Dumochelle, Chris Elliott, Rachele Frusti, Stephanie Gagleard, Trish Gardner, Stephanie Hall, Rachel Hardy, Harmony Howard, Chelsea Jeffery, Pat Johnson, Ashleigh Klimek, Jolene Kohl, David Lake, Nicole Marrone, Theresa Olson, Megan Perrin, Staci Schmedding, Amy Tremonti and Dominic Valeri.

Junior varsity selections are: Jenny Brodie, Alesha Cieslak, Brittany Czapla, Melissa Deleo, Hannah Esper, Megan Fichtner, Natalie Hardy, Katie Jones, Alexis Mily, Christin Nycek, Brittlin Pollack, Raven Ramsay, Kristin Schmiedel, Shaina Secord, Jacqui Storey, Christina Teran, Brandy Wanniger, Amber Willinger, Kristi Yates and Lindsay Young.

Coaches are JoDee Dillon, Paul Dillon and Kerri Gillespie (varsity); Angie Cudini and Rocky Johnson (junior varsity).

Salem is a competitive stunt cheer team as well as sideline cheering. Both cheerleading squads are nationally ranked. The varsity squad was ranked 12th in the nation at a competition in Orlando earlier this year.

The Salem team will host a UCA stunt clinic Saturday, June 26. For information, call (800) 238-0286.

There will also be a cheerleading camp Saturday, Aug. 21 for all kids 13 years-old and under, staffed by the Salem cheerleaders. For more information, call Sue at (734) 459-8327.

### Stars take two

The Plymouth-Canton Stars swept Petersburg-Summerfield in the opener of their Southeast Michigan Connie Mack League season, 7-4 and 8-2.

Brad Kaufman pitched four innings in the first game, giving up three hits and striking out five while allowing one earned run. Matt Moraca worked 4 1/3 innings of one-hit ball in the second game and allowed one earned run.

Derek Diedrich went 5-for-8 with a triple in the two games while Ellie Jimenez went 4-for-6, walked twice and drove in three runs. Bryon Kindernay had three hits and drove in two runs and Andrew Plagens had four hits and drove in a run. The team is managed by Mike Diedrich and Richard Shook, assisted by Steve Moraca.

## Shamrocks batter Bulldogs in 7th

Redford Catholic Central and Brighton were locked in a pitchers' duel through six innings of a Division I baseball quarterfinal on Tuesday at Carleton Airport.

You'd never know it just looking at the final score: 10-2, in CC's favor.

The Shamrocks erupted for eight runs on eight hits in the top of the seventh, highlighted by a grand slam from senior cleanup hitter Casey Rogowski and a solo homer from the next batter in the lineup, Anthony Tomey.

The win sends the Shamrocks, 36-1 overall, to the Final Four for the third time in the last five years.

Rochester Adams, which beat CC in the 1995 semifinal, is the semifinal opponent. The Shamrocks also were eliminated in last year's semifinals by Saline in extra innings.

The CC-Adams semifinal starts at 2:30 p.m. Friday at C.O. Brown Stadium in Battle Creek. The championship game is at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, also at C.O. Brown Stadium.

Tomey, CC's ace, improved his record to 11-1 with a complete-game four-hitter to go with 11 strikeouts. After surrendering a two-run homer in the first by Jeff Biel, Tomey blanked Brighton on two hits the rest of the way.

CC scored two runs in the fourth to tie the score 2-2.

Mark Cole led off with a walk and a double by Rogowski put runners on second and third. Cole scored on Tomey's sacrifice fly and Rogowski went to third.

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Rogowski scored on a wild pitch, a bang-bang play at the plate, that tied the score 2-2.

Rogowski finished 2-for-4 and Tomey was 2-for-3 with two RBI.

### Regional action

CC and Dearborn met in a regional semifinal on Saturday at Southgate Anderson, which is good, because it's the only game that didn't get postponed by rain.

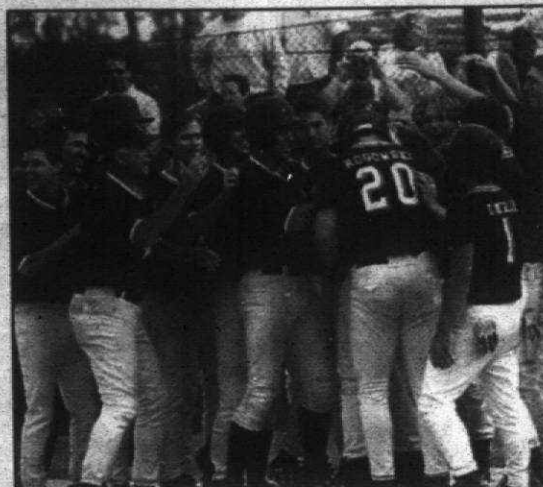
It would have been a shame to have something interrupt this pitcher's duel between Tomey and Dearborn's Ryan Golem, both recently selected in the Major League draft.

Tomey was the winning pitcher and hit the winning homer in the eighth as CC beat Dearborn 5-2 to advance to the regional final, played on Monday. The Shamrocks won the rain-delayed final against Monroe, 17-3.

Monroe earned its way into the final with an 11-1 win over Livonia Churchill, a game postponed in the third inning Saturday by rain.

Golem, a 27th round draft pick by the Detroit Tigers, took a 1-0 lead into the sixth, allowing only two hits and striking out nine to that point.

CC senior Bob Malek led off the sixth with a homer on the first pitch and Rogowski followed with a dou-



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**Big wallop:** CC's Casey Rogowski is mobbed by teammates after slugging a grand slam homer in the seventh inning.

ble, eventually scoring on a wild pitch for a 2-1 lead. Dearborn tied the game at 2-2 on an RBI single in the sixth, which ended with two runners stranded on

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## Over!

### Adams ends Spartan run

BY BRAD EMONS  
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Rochester Adams was just five minutes away from settling for the first-ever state co-championship in Michigan girls soccer history, but Michelle Perun would have no part of that.

The junior midfielder won a ball in the air, pushed the ball upfield and rifled a wicked shot into the upper right-hand corner of the net to give the Highlanders the outright Division I championship, 2-1, in a thrilling double-overtime victory over two-time defending state champion Livonia Stevenson.

Adams, a 3-0 loser last year to Stevenson in the title matchup, took home its second state championship in school history (the first coming in 1992).

Adams finishes the year 21-2-2 overall, while Stevenson bows out at 16-5-1.

"It was nerve-racking out there at the end," Adams coach Ralph Torre said. "Obviously, it's an incredible feeling to win a state championship."

The goal, coming with 5:36 left in the second 15-minute OT, capped a dramatic end to a tooth-and-nail struggle before over 600 fans at Plymouth Canton.

"At first I thought it was over (the net), then I saw that it was in — I was shocked, I just froze after that," said Perun, who also scored the equalizer with 17:16 remaining in regulation. "It felt just great."

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**End of a streak:** Livonia Stevenson coach Jim Kimble consoles star defender Andi Sied after Adams OT goal ended the Spartans reign as girls soccer state champions.

## Sied chosen Miss Soccer

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK  
STAFF WRITER

Where do you go after you've reached the mountain top? Try the clouds.

For Michigan's Miss Soccer, Andrea Sied, that's a good way to go.

Sied has won the state's highest individual award, Miss Soccer, as a junior at Livonia Stevenson. While playing sweeper, at that.

"It's a huge honor," Sied said, "considering all the people who could win it."

"And not a lot of defensive people usually get it. Usually the people who score all the goals get it. That made me 10 times more surprised."

Winning Miss Soccer was an individual honor, though. Team triumphs are different because everyone can share in them, right down to the practice players who seldom see game action.

The Spartans ran it right down to the end in their bid to win three Class A soccer championships in a row.

Stevenson lost to Rochester Adams, 2-1, in double-overtime.

"It would have been great to win again," Sied said. "We would have been the first team to three-peat. (Being named Miss Soccer) made me feel a little bit better, but it still would have been great to have won

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Andrea Sied  
Spartan star

## Salem state champ leads Observer

It was an up-and-down year for girls track in Observerland — mostly up.

There were state qualifiers in every event and a state champion in three of them: Plymouth Salem's Tiffany Grubaugh won the discus (and placed third in the shot put) at the Class A finals and Redford Bishop Borgess' Tiffany Simon was first in both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes in Class C.

Want a depth perspective? Then calculate this: There were 39 athletes honored by the Observer for their individual performances during the prep high school girls track season. A total of 24 of them can return for at least one more season.

If they continue to improve along the scale indicated thus far, the number of state champs we had this season could be dwarfed in as little as a year.

By the same people, in some circumstances.

But to realize what might be one

### OBSERVER TRACK

first must accept what can be. The potential for greatness — in some instances, further greatness — is there. It simply must be realized.

Our girls track coach of the year award goes to Lutheran Westland's Dave Brown. The Warriors were 14-0 in Class C dual meets and finished first in their state regional.

Introducing the 1999 All-Area girls track team:

**Tiffany Grubaugh, Jr., Plymouth Salem (discus):** There are all sorts of ways to look at what Grubaugh accomplished this season: league and regional champion in both the shot put and discus, state champ in the discus, third in the state in the shot. Knowing Grubaugh's competitive spirit, however, her viewpoint is apparent.

Repeat in the discus, tops in the shot. Certainly she has that ability. In 16 of 17 outdoor competitions this past season, she was first in the discus; in 17 of 18 outdoor competitions this past season in the shot, she placed first (she was third at state). Her season best effort in the discus — 139-feet, 4-inches — was nearly five feet better than the throw that won the state meet (134-7).

Has Grubaugh peaked? Perhaps this answers that question: Nine times this season, she set a

new school record in the discus.

"Tiffany has worked extremely hard since the seventh grade to become the best that she can be in the discus and shot put," said Salem coach Mark Gregor. "By combining great determination, athletic skill, personal pride and commitment to our program, she has reached one of her major goals this season."

**Judy Telford, Soph., Farm. Hills Mercy (shot put):** Telford was the most consistent thrower in Observerland after Salem's Grubaugh with distances of 34-10 1/2 in the shot put and 120-9 in the discus.

She set the school record in the discus in dual meet with Divine Child, breaking Jeannette Turner's 9-year-old record of 120-3 1/2.

In the shot put, Telford was second in the Catholic League and fourth in the regional. In the discus, she was first in the league and Operation Friendship meets and second in Oakland County.

"She's only a sophomore, so we're looking forward to a couple good years to come," coach Gary Servais said. "She had an incredible year; she improved her throws tremendously."

"To do what she did the last part of the season was pretty good, because she had mono the last five weeks. She was fighting a physical ailment and still performed at a high level. That shows her toughness."

**Nicolette Jarrett, Sr., Westland Glenn (long jump):** The senior led Observerland with a best

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**The best:** Salem's Autumn Hicks hugs Glenn's Nicolette Jarrett after their one-two finish in the 400 at the regional.





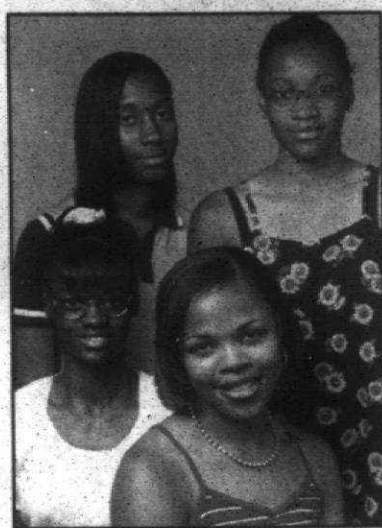
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**All-Observer 400-meter/800-meter relay team:** (clockwise, from top left) Westland John Glenn's Felecia Barnett, LaToya Chandler, Nicolette Jarrett and LaTasha Chandler.



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leap of 18-134. She captured first in the WLAA, won the regional and was undefeated in dual meets. Jarrett, headed to Michigan State, also had the area's best time of the 400-meter dash with a time of 58.3 en route to a first place at the regional. She also had the area's fourth best time in the 200 dash (26.4).

"Nicolette is a versatile athlete," Glenn coach John Kitchen said. "She ran one of the best 400s, can long jump, run 200 and was a key member of our 400 and 800 relay teams."

**LaToya Chandler, Jr., Westland Glenn (High Jump):** Chandler placed Observerland with an area best leap of 5-8. She was undefeated in dual meets, regional and Western Lakes champion. As a sophomore, Chandler finished second in Class A in the high jump.

"LaToya's a great athlete who excels in several events," Kitchen said. "She shows a lot of versatility in track and field."

**Kim Wise, Soph., Garden City (pole vault):** Wise is on track to become the state's best pole vaulter before her high school career is through.

Her coach, Rob Phillips, believes she ranks among the top pole vaulters in the nation one day isn't a stretch. Wise was the regional champion and cleared 10-8 to take third place at the Class A state meet.

She was the 1998 Mega Conference White Division Meet champion before slumping to second this year on a sub-par day. She also is a talented sprinter, which helps her in the pole vault, Phillips said.

"Kim is a very talented athlete," Phillips said. "With her speed and strength she has the ability to be one of the top pole vaulters in the nation. She is a pleasure to coach and is a very dedicated athlete."

record as a freshman and has never faltered since. "Ladywood coach Rod Sorenson said, 'She has courage and perseverance. She tries harder than anyone I've ever coached, and I think that her success is attributable to that, and to a much greater extent, than her natural ability.'"

"She has been a pleasure to work with."

**Angika Morris, Sr., Farm. Hills Mercy (300 dash):** Morris was the best sprinter of the Marlin's have had since Terr Ford in the early 1980s.

She was the Catholic League champion in the 100, 200 and 400 dashes. She won all three events at the Mercy and Jackson invitationals and also helped the Marlin's win the 1,600 relay.

Morris, who will compete for Ball State University next year, was second in the regional and fifth in the state in the 100 dash. Her best times were 12.1 in the 100, 25.4 in the 200 and 58.9 in the 400.

"She had a great season and should be even better in college," coach Gary Searis said. "It will be hard to replace her."

**Tiffany Simon, Sr., Redford Bishop Borgess (200):** Simon is a sprinter so there are limits on how far she can go — in a race.

As for accomplishments, coach Eugene Thomas says there could be a long trail of them for Simon, who has only been running track since her sophomore year.

She won both the 100 and 200 meter dashes at the Class C state meet before placing first last year in the 200. She broke 25 seconds for the first time ever in the 200 meters at the state meet, setting a new Class C record in a time of 24.94. Her best time in the 100 meters was 12.1 and it took a 12.4 to win the state meet.

"Tiffany's got a world of talent and can go as far as she wants to go," Thomas said. "She's got an 'I don't want to lose' attitude. She's just a very competitive young lady. She's been flirting with breaking 25 seconds (in the 200) all year. I told her (at the state meet) this is her last shot and she rose to the occasion. She's got potential to be like Marion Jones. She's got the same body build, tall slender, with a smooth stride."

Simon also ran on the 800 and 400 meter relays most of the year, dropping the 400 near the end of the year so she'd be rested enough to compete in two individual events. The 800 relay was third at the state meet (1:31.15).

"She stood a better chance of doubling up (winning the 100 and 200) with just one race," Thomas said. "I didn't want to put too much pressure on her."

Simon, also a standout basketball player, is thinking about trying both sports at Fresno State, which has given her a basketball scholarship.

**Autumn Hicks, soph., Plymouth Salem (400):** There weren't many who could better this sophomore at 400 meters.

Hicks was undefeated in dual-meet competition (6-0), and was second in the state regional meet and the Western Lakes Activities Association finals, both times to Nicolette Jarrett of Westland John Glenn. Hicks placed ninth at state in the 400 in 59.5, just off her personal best time (59.34, at the regional).

Hicks has multi-faceted ability, running legs on Salem's 4x200 and 4x400 state qualifying relays and making state in the high jump. Her best effort in the latter was 5-3.

"Autumn possesses tremendous athletic ability and is willing to do whatever it takes to help her team," said her Salem coach, Mark Gregor. "Her pleasant personality and fierce determination are qualities that set a good example for her teammates. She is especially competitive in the big meets and takes great pride in being a major contributor."

As we move toward Autumn's junior year, refinement of skill will be our major objective.

**Andrea Parker, Jr., Liv. Stevenson (1,600):** The Spartan distinguished herself as the top distance track performer in the area.

Parker paced Observerland with area bests in the 800 (2:27.1), 1,600 (5:15.5) and 3,200 (11:48.8).

She led Stevenson to the Class A regional title with firsts in the 1,600 and 3,200 runs, along with a third in the 800. She was also a member of the Spartans' first-place 3,200 relay team with a 2:24 split.

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## Soccer final from page C1

Play resumed Monday night at Canton when a scoreless game was suspended after 23 minutes late Saturday afternoon because of lightning and thunderstorms.

Under significantly cooler conditions and the wind whipping from the northwest, Adams continued to carry the action as evidenced by its 31-9 shots attempted advantage, including a 16-5 shots-on-goal margin.

"They (Stevenson) did a great job defending against us," Torre said. "They were able to take what we were throwing at them. That was the tough thing — breaking through the nine or 10 players they had back there."

"We talked about our controlling play, especially in sudden-death overtime, where you give up one opportunity and you're done."

The Spartans smelled their sixth girls state title in school history when Michigan's new Miss Soccer, Andrea Sied, taking a left-footed direct free kick, placed the ball over the Adams defensive wall and eluded 6-foot-1 Highlander goalkeeper Erica Williams with just 24:50 to go.

But Stevenson couldn't hold the 1-0 lead despite keeping Adams' two most dangerous players — Abby Crumpton and Kristian Fisher — pretty much in check.

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defense and counter-attack by getting the ball to Guskic (Lindsay) and Urbata (Megan)."

Kimble moved forward Dana White back to keep a close watch on Fisher, while Cheryl Fox, who has been brilliant in the playoffs, marked Crumpton.

Perun's game-winning goal started came after a brief lull in the action from just inside mid-field.

"It could have been a fatigue thing, the play was more harmless than dangerous," Kimble said. "We just didn't track her down."

"Perun made quite a shot. It was a bomb to the upper right. She hit a good shot. There was nothing Hooker could do."

Perun, the team's second leading goal scorer (17), earlier had poked a rebound past Hooker to tie the score in regulation.

Then, she ripped a hard shot that left little doubt about the outcome.

"Michelle kind of went unmarked," Crumpton said of the game-winning play. "When I saw she had the ball I went wide and I yelled at her to shoot it. Sometimes she won't even shoot when she's six yards inside the box. Sometimes she's too unselfish."

"But Ralph has always told us were not a two-person team and then come the surprises."

Perun may have been an unlikely offensive hero, but not as far as Torre was concerned.

"Michelle is a hard worker, very skillful and she's very willing to be generous as far as passing the ball," he said. "Next year she'll take on the center-midfield position in more of a pro-leading role."

For Stevenson, it marked the end of a marvelous tournament run after an uncharacteristic so-so regular season.

The Spartans lose just six seniors to graduation, including three starters.

"I was happy with the effort and their teamwork this year," Kimble said. "Hard work made them better and they never quit in their goal to get here."

"Fox was such an underrated player. She's been doing it all year. And I couldn't ask for more from Andi Sied."

Without the shootout rule in effect for state finals, a co-share of the title loomed large.

"We would have been disappointed to be co-champion, our goal was to win," Torre said. "I guess both teams would have been happy, but it still leaves a 'what if'."

Beating a two-time defending state champion outright also provided satisfaction after losing the title to the same team in 1998.

"We knew we had to come out and play well against Stevenson," Torre said. "We knew it would be hard for us."

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"I've pretty much been playing there (defense) my whole career," she said, "except for a couple at midfield."

"I like it a lot. I like it the best. I've gotten used to it. I know what to do there."

## Miss Soccer from page C1

Sied scored Stevenson's lone goal, and for a time it looked as though it would stand up. It did not, however.

Sied won the Miss Soccer halloing by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association over such stars as Abby Crumpton of state champion Rochester Adams and Nicole Breger of Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

A former teammate of Sied's, Allison Campbell, was Miss Soccer last year. She went to Tennessee, where she stood out as a freshman this season.

Schools from around the country are already recruiting Sied, who isn't sure yet where she's going or what she might major in.

Sied used to play volleyball and basketball, but they stopped being fun and interesting to her so she dropped them last year.

As a practical matter, there's big money involved, too, in the form of a college scholarship.

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## CLASSES/

## SEMINARS

**FLY FISHING SCHOOL**  
The Riverbend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring several fly fishing schools in the upcoming months. Held at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden and Hunters Creek Hunt Club in Metamora, the schools include lessons in basic fly fishing techniques including casting, knot

tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Classes are scheduled for June 19, July 11 and 25, August 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. To register and for more information call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

**GREAT U.S. HIKES**  
Learn the history of the Appalachian Trail, how to prepare for a long backpacking trip, trail safety, hiking tips and more during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, at REI in Northville. For more information call (248) 347-2100.

**FLY TYING**  
Rochester Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tiers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

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

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

**FISHING TOURNAMENTS**  
**TOP BASS**  
Top Bass Tournament Trail, a series of open singles draw bass tournaments, continues on Saturday, June 19, with a tournament on Wixom Lake. Registration is \$60 and the pay back is one place cash for every seven contestants. Boaters and non-boaters are welcome and there is no pre-registration. Call Elmer Daniels at (734) 729-1762 or Steve Randless at (734) 422-5813 for more information. Additional stops on the Top Bass Tournament Trail are June 27 on Belleville Lake, July 11 on Lobb Lake, July 17 on Wixom Lake, July 31 on Sanford Lake, and Aug. 14-15 on Wixom Lake.

**THUSA YOUTH DERBY**  
Ted Nugent United Sportsmen of America is hosting a Youth Fishing Derby beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 19, at Independence Oaks County Park in Clarkston. The derby is open to anglers age 16 and under and there is a \$3 registration fee. For more information contact Jeff Morren at (248) 373-1521 or Marvin Aranowski at (248) 969-0962, or send e-mail to emjay@ameritech.

**MOTOR CITY CHARITY**  
The 13th annual Motor City Charity Bass Classic will be held Saturday, June 19, on Lake St. Clair. The tournament is hosted by Lake St. Clair Bass Anglers to raise money for ARC Services of Macomb. Entry fee is \$160. For more information call Dave Hargrave at (810) 469-1600.

**ST. CLAIR OPEN**  
The Backlashers Bass Club will hold its 12th annual Lake St. Clair Open two-person bass tournament beginning at 6 a.m. Saturday, June 19. Team entry fee is \$80 if paid by May 20, \$90 at the boat launch. To register and for more information call Roger Hayslip at (734) 753-5341, Steve Taraszkiewicz at (313) 538-1202 or Jeff Mangrum at (313) 937-2190.

**KENT LAKE OPEN**  
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers will hold its sixth annual Kent Lake Open, a two-man team tournament, beginning at 6 a.m. Sunday, June 20, on Kent Lake. Entry fee is \$100 per team and only cash will be accepted at the launch. To pre-register and for more information call Kevin Dyer at (248) 673-4676.

**OAKLAND BASS MASTERS**  
Oakland Bass Masters will hold a two-man team open tournament beginning at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, June 27, on Lake St. Clair. Entry fee is \$80 per boat and there will be a \$5 late charge for entries received after June 23. To register and for more information call Roy Randolph at (248) 542-5254. Oakland Bass Masters will hold additional tournaments July 18 on Lk. St. Clair, Aug. 8 on Orchard Lake, Aug. 29 on Lobb Lake, and Sept. 26 on Lakeville Lake.

## ARCHERY

**3D SHOOT**  
Royal Oak Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 20, on its walk-through course in Lake Orion. Call (248) 628-8354 or (248) 589-2480 for more information.

**IBO QUALIFIER**  
Royal Oak Archers will hold a two-day International Bowhunter Organization World Qualifier shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 26-27, on its walk-through course in Lake Orion. Call (248) 628-8354 or (248) 589-2480 for more information.

**LIVONIA RANGE**  
The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

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

**JUNIOR ARCHERS**  
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

## ACTIVITIES

**LAKEVILLE SANCTUARY**  
Join members of the Michigan Nature Association on a hike through the Lakeville Nature Sanctuary during this trip, which begins at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 26, in Lakeville (north of Rochester). For directions to the Lakeville Nature Sanctuary or additional information call Fred Dye at (248) 375-2955.

**PROUD LAKE HIKE**  
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a hike through the Proud Lake State Recreation Area on Sunday, June 20. Participants are asked to meet at 8:30 a.m. behind the Marathon Station at the corner of Telegraph and 12 Mile Road. For more information call Joanne Spatz at (248) 932-5370.

## SEASON/DATES

**BASS SEASON**  
Bass season opens Saturday, June 19, on Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair and Detroit rivers.

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

## CLUBS

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

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

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

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

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

**FISHING BUDDIES**  
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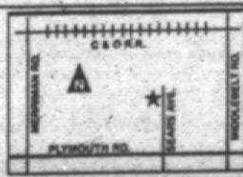
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month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

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

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

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

## SHOOTING RANGES

**BALD MOUNTAIN**  
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenfield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

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

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

## OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

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

**CAMPFIRE AND CANOE**  
Ages five and older can bring their fathers and explore some outdoor lore, learn back to basics skills like knot tying and paddle around Crooked Lake during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at Independence Oaks.

**SUMMER SAUNTER**  
Take a leisurely walk to enjoy the sights and sounds of the season during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at Independence Oaks.

## STATE PARKS

**STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

**BEGINNING BIRDING**  
A naturalist-led walk in search of birds begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 19, at Proud Lake.

**EXPLORING THE FOREST**

Learn about the forest and their inhabitants during this guided hike for children and their families, which begins at 1 a.m. Saturday, June 19, at Maybury.

**FROGS AND TOADS**  
Learn all about frogs and toads through a slide show and a short walk during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at Proud Lake.

## METROPARKS

**METROPARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

**STORIES IN THE SAND**  
Children ages five to seven are invited to attend a story session followed by a related fun activity during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Friday, June 18, at Stony Creek.

**FRIDAY NIGHT CANOE**  
Help paddle the 34-foot Voyageur Canoe and learn about the Great Lakes fur trade during this program, which begins at 8 p.m. Friday, June 18, at Stony Creek.

**ALIENS**  
Learn about "alien" wildflowers and other travelers during this naturalist-led walk, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 19, at Kensington.

## SCAVENGER HUNT

The whole family can treat Dad to a fun time in pursuit of Father's Day trivia, then return to the Nature Center for a hot dog roast during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 20, at Stony Creek.

**ANIMAL SPOTTING**  
Bring Dad out to the park and go animal spotting with an interpreter during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 20, at Kensington.

**CREEPY CRAWLIES**  
Children ages four and five can learn about the world of spiders and insects during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 22, at Kensington.

**INDIAN CHILDREN**  
Children ages six and seven will discover how American Indian children learned about their world without going to school during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 23, at Kensington.

**BUG BUDDIES**  
Children ages eight to 10 will chase bugs and learn about bugs during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 23, at Kensington.

## 1999 PERMITS

The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

## GIRLS TRACK

### 1999 ALL-OBSERVERLAND GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

#### FIELD EVENTS

**Shot put:** 1. Judy Telford, sophomore, Farmington Hills Mercy; 2. Paula Tomlin, senior, Plymouth Salem; 3. Jenny Sciber, senior, Plymouth Canton.

**Discus:** 1. Tiffany Grubbaugh, junior, Plymouth Salem; 2. Jenny Hether, junior, Livonia Churchill; 3. Emily Yambaaky, senior, Livonia Stevenson.

**Long jump:** 1. Nicolette Jarrett, senior, Westland John Glenn; 2. Kate Bouschet, freshman, Farmington; 3. Erin Hayden, senior, Livonia Ladywood.

**High jump:** 1. LaToya Chandler, junior, Westland John Glenn; 2. Alexis Noel, freshman, Livonia Ladywood; 3. Carey Czech, senior, Farmington Hills Mercy.

**Pole vault:** 1. Kim Wise, sophomore, Garden City; 2. Karl Cezat, sophomore, Livonia Churchill; 3. Jane Paterman, junior, Livonia Churchill.

#### RUNNING EVENTS

**110-meter hurdles:** 1. LaToya Chandler, sophomore, Westland John Glenn; 2. Emily Mayberry, senior, Farmington Harrison; 3. Erin Lizura, junior, Redford Union.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Suzanne Peplinski, senior, Livonia Ladywood; 2. Christy Tzilos, senior, Livonia Stevenson; 3. Crystal Alderman, senior, Plymouth Canton.

**100 dash:** 1. Angka Morris, senior, Farmington Hills Mercy; 2. Brianna Watson, junior, Livonia Ladywood; 3. Meredith Fox, sophomore, Plymouth Canton.

**200 dash:** 1. Tiffany Simon, senior, Redford Bishop Borgess; 2. Rachel Jones, junior, Plymouth Salem; 3. Dayna Clemens, junior, North Farmington.

**400 dash:** 1. Autumn Hicks, sophomore, Plymouth Salem; 2. Jenny Hardacre, junior, Livonia Stevenson; 3. Rita Matec, sophomore, Livonia Franklin.

**800 run:** 1. Ashley Fillion, senior, Livonia Churchill; 2. Dawn Daniels, senior, Wayne Memorial; 3. Val Burinsky, freshman, Farmington Hills Mercy.

**1,600 run:** 1. Andrea Parker, junior, Livonia Stevenson; 2. Tess Kuehne, freshman, Lutheran Westland; 3. Kristen Switaleki, senior, Redford Union.

**3,200 run:** 1. Heather Vandette, freshman, Livonia Stevenson; 2. Allison Fillion, junior, Livonia Churchill; 3. Stephanie Skwiers, junior, Livonia Churchill.

#### RELAY TEAMS

**400 relay:** 1. Westland John Glenn (LaToya Chandler, Felecia Barnett, Nicolette Jarrett, LaToya Chandler); 2. Plymouth Salem (Michelle Bonior, Celeina Davis, Melissa Drake, Rachel Jones); 3. Livonia Ladywood (Brianna Watson, Kelly Carey, Kelly Predmesky, Katie McGraw).

**800 relay:** 1. Westland John Glenn (LaToya Chandler, Felecia Barnett, Nicolette Jarrett, LaToya Chandler); 2. Plymouth Salem (Autumn Hicks, Melissa Drake, Brynne DeNeen, Rachel Jones); 3. Redford Bishop Borgess (Raechelle Hampton, Alana Simpson, Naya Haggard).

**1,600 relay:** 1. Livonia Stevenson (Katie Sherron, Cassie Ehlerdt, Jennifer Hardacre, Christy Tzilos); 2. Plymouth Canton (Kristen Schilk, Terra Kubert, Crystal Alderman, Meredith Fox); 3. Plymouth Salem (Autumn Hicks, Melissa Drake, Alsha Chappell, Brynne DeNeen).

**3,200 relay:** 1. Livonia Stevenson (Jennifer Hardacre, Katie Sherron, Christy Tzilos, Andrea Parker); 2. Plymouth Salem (Becky Phelan, Miranda White, Shannon Will, Annemarie Ver-cruysse); 3. Lutheran Westland (Erin Jung, Jessica Montgomery, Hana Hughes, Tess Kuehne).

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"She posted her second fastest time in the area (behind Parker) and competed well at the regional, the state team championship and the state final meet. "She has the potential to become one of the state's elite distance runners."

**400 relay, John Glenn (LaToya Chandler, Felecia Barnett, Nicolette Jarrett, LaToya Chandler):** This quartet led Observerland with a season best time of 50.2 en route to a first in the Western Lakes meet and a second behind Detroit Cass Tech in the regional. "This is a very versatile group," Kitchen said. "They showed a lot of speed."

**800 relay, John Glenn (LaToya Chandler, Felecia Barnett, Nicolette Jarrett, LaToya Chandler):** This quartet won the WLAA meet and finished second at the regional. They clocked a 1:45.3 to lead the area.

"This is a team with a lot of potential who scored many points for the team," Kitchen said.

**1,600 relay, Stevenson (Katie Sherron, Cassie Ehlerdt, Jennifer Hardacre, Christy Tzilos):** The Spartan quartet took second at the regional (4:08.3) and clocked a 4:09 at the state finals.

"There were no weak links on this team which feature four of Stevenson's most talented runners," Holmberg said. "They were undefeated in dual meets and had their two best times at the regional and state finals."

**3,200 relay, Stevenson (Jennifer Hardacre, Katie Sherron, Christy Tzilos, Andrea Parker):** This quartet posted their best time in the regional (9:49.1) en route to a first-place finish.

They also won the WLAA title (10:04) and clocked a 9:57 in the state meet. They were also undefeated in dual meets and led the area listings all season.

"This four 3,200 relay team featured no true 800 runners," Holmberg said. "There are two hurdlers (Tzilos and Sherron), a 400 runner (Hardacre) and a miler (Parker) on the team."

"All of them proved to be very capable 800 runners and each ran a sub-2:30 at least once during the season."

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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



**Tarzan** "surfs" through the trees and uses it as his free-way system in Walt Disney Pictures' "Tarzan," opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

### SATURDAY



**George Benson** with special guest **Boney James** lights up the evening sky, 8 p.m. at Chene Park Riverside Amphitheater, 2600 E. Atwater St., Detroit. Tickets \$45 and \$35, call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets, or (313) 983-6611 for information.

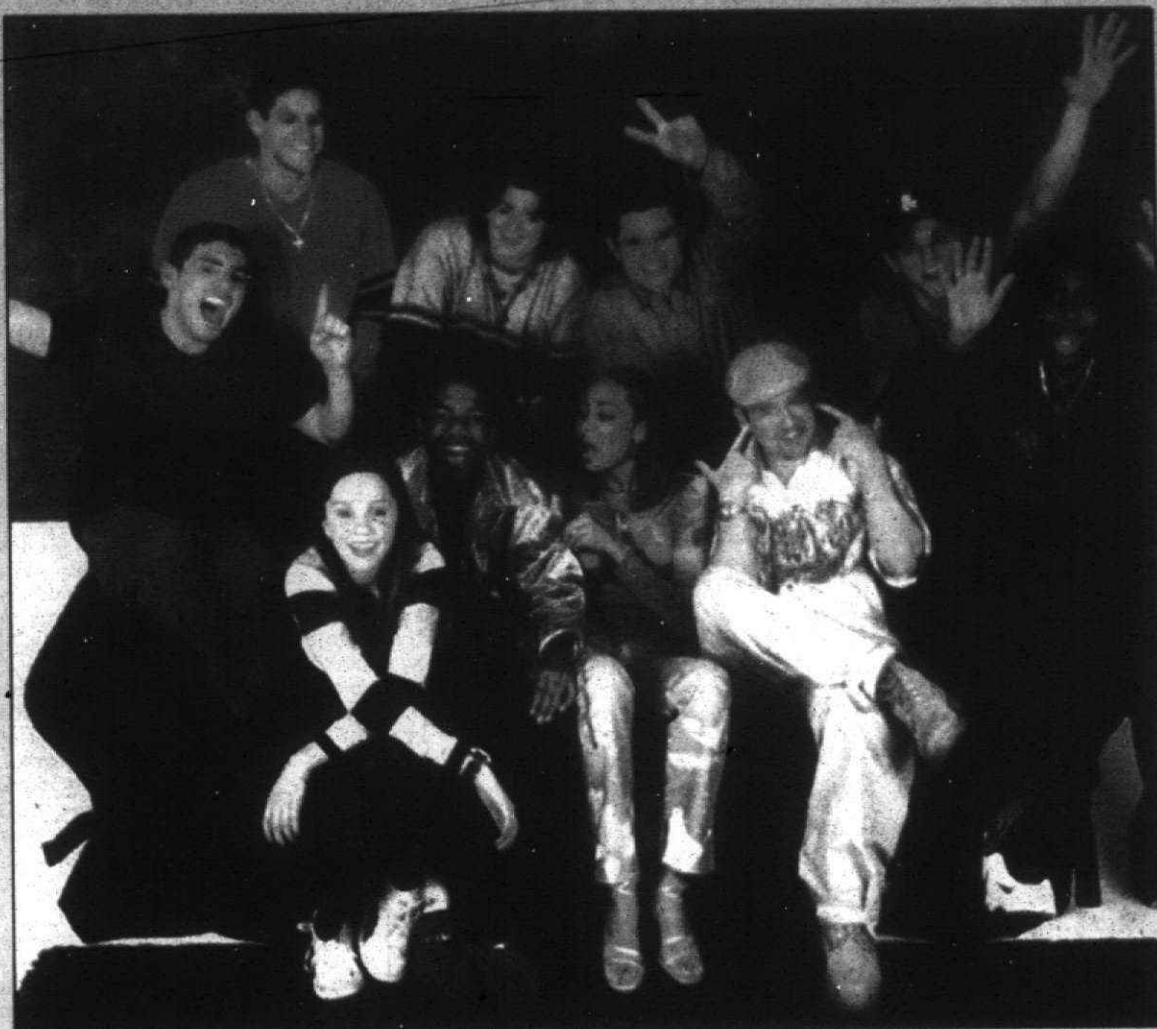
### SUNDAY



**Swedish pancakes and sausage breakfast, maypole raising, folk dancing and singing by the Scandia (pictured) and Arpi choruses, and children's games are just some of the activities taking place during the Swedish Club's Midsummer Festival. Breakfast 9:30-11 a.m., maypole raising, folk dancing, and choral performances at noon, dinner at 1:30 p.m. at the club, 22398 Ruth St., at Freedom Road, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 646-4073 for more information.**



**Hot Tix:** SRO Productions presents "A Pretty Piece of Business," during the Civil War Re-enactment of Burgh Village Life, Saturday-Sunday, June 19-20, at the City of Southfield's historic center the Burgh, on the northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph. It's just one of the many activities taking place during the weekend. Tickets to the play are \$5 per person, available at the door. Call (248) 827-0701 for more information, or to charge tickets.



**Kids' day out:** Teen heart-throbs 98 Degrees, R&B singer Monica and the cast of Nickelodeon's "All That" give kids their own Lollapalooza-style day at Pine Knob Music Theatre on Sunday, June 20.

## It's a family affair

### Nickelodeon, pop groups strive to provide a G-rated afternoon

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**WHO:** 98 Degrees, Monica, Aaron Carter, 3rd Street, No Authority, Billy Crawford, and the cast of Nickelodeon's "All That" television show

**WHAT:** Appear as part of the "Nickelodeon All That Music and More Tour"

**WHEN:** 3 p.m. Sunday, June 20

**WHERE:** Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township

**HOW:** Tickets are \$28.50 pavilion, \$20 lawn. Groups of 20 or more get \$3 off pavilion tickets, and \$2 off lawn tickets. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com> or <http://www.nick.com>.

**J**eff Timmons, one of 98 Degrees' four singers, is frantically running up and down the stairs backstage at Detroit's State Theatre. Dressed in brown pants and a Cleveland Browns' football jersey, Timmons is trying to get a meet-and-greet in order. After all, he doesn't want to let down his fans with backstage passes for the event. "When are we going to do this meet and greet?" Timmons yells down to the tour manager. "Come on, we gotta get going." Fans are the No. 1 priority of 98 Degrees. The Ohio-based quartet schedules autograph sessions at record stores, take time to shake the trembling hands of teen-aged girls, and find promotions that help them bond with the more than

two million people who purchased their sophomore album, "98 Degrees and Rising" (Motown/Universal).

In May, a Buffalo, N.Y., radio station held a contest giving area high schools a chance to win a private concert with 98 Degrees. It generated more than 14.4 million (yes, you read that correctly) postcards.

So it's no wonder that Timmons is in a tizzy.

#### Day-long affair

Like their peers 'N Sync and the Backstreet Boys, 98 Degrees' main fanbase is young girls between the ages of 8-18. Headlining their own tour this summer could have alienated younger fans who still have a bedtime. Instead, 98 Degrees opted for the "Nickelodeon All That Music and More Tour," along side the cast of the "All That" television show, and singers Monica, Aaron Carter, brother of

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## Songwriter tells stories about life

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Listen to Will Danforth's songs and before long he'll seem like an old friend. The man behind the music is just as congenial as he talks about his years in the corporate world as a financial analyst and the day he turned his back on the 9 to 5 world to create and play music full time.

That isn't always easy. To eat and survive, the Rochester resident is diversifying his song list by playing children's and traditional music at such venues as Borders and the Canton Liberty Fest on June 19. But deep down, it's gigs like the one during the Royal Oak Clay Invitational on June 20, that he lives for.

Don't get him wrong. Danforth loves performing "Old Joe Clark," "Froggy Went a Courtin'" and the "Baby Beluga." As for folk and traditional music, Danforth's doing his part to keep it alive.

"My music is roots music so I value traditional American music as source material and it's being lost today," said Danforth. "It's not being taught today. These songs give you real insight on your parents, grandparents and great grandparents. I like the children's music because I like to retain that sense of fun. They help keep you young. I have two kids but they're grown so this keeps me young at heart."

The influences on Danforth's "roots" music are obvious on his second CD, "Skeletons," released last fall. From the award winning song, "Discover What You've Got" to intros and backbeats reminiscent of America's "Horse



**Storyteller:** Will Danforth brings his special brand of folk, blues and country songs to Farmington, Canton and Royal Oak this weekend.

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#### Local appearances

- 11 a.m. Saturday, June 19, at Borders, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington.
- 3 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at Canton's Liberty Fest in Heritage Park, behind the Canton Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill.
- Noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 20 at Gayle's Chocolates as part of the Royal Oak Clay Invitational. Danforth's "Skeletons" CD is available for \$16.50 (\$11 cassette), includes shipping and handling by writing to Will Danforth at P.O. Box 80422, Rochester, MI 48308.

## FESTIVAL

### Kevin McCarthy knows how to 'Give 'Em Hell'

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"This is Kevin McCarthy calling from Sherman Oaks, California."

The message on the Voice Mail was strong, vigorous and direct.

At 84, McCarthy is a gregarious man with a pleasant, plain spoken style that is appropriate for a role he has made his own - President Harry S Truman.

McCarthy has been performing "Give 'Em Hell Harry" for 21 years and will bring his one-man presentation to Ann Arbor's Power Center for the Arts 8 p.m. Thursday, June 24, as part of the Ann Arbor Summer Festival.

McCarthy's performance as the 33rd president has won the endorsement of Truman's daughter, Margaret.

"Jimmy Whitmore created the part 25 years ago and didn't stay with it. He never played New York, oddly enough," McCarthy said.

McCarthy's extensive stage experience and that commanding voice won over the play's author/producer Sam Gallu.

"The guy (Truman) once you read it, I was taken by him. When you first adjusted to the idea that this, what, utility man was trying to play president after Roosevelt," McCarthy said. "I always had an affair of the heart with him. He's affected my life."

McCarthy launched into Truman's familiar high, twangy Missouri accent.

"He was plain spoken, just give them the facts."

That plain spoken quality is one of the challenges for McCarthy. Unlike Hal Holbrook's celebrated one-man Mark

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- Luma Theatre of Light, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 26
- Bobby McFerrin and Astral Project, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 29
- Bolcom and Morris, 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 30
- Diana Krall, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 1
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- Gloria Loring, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 3
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- Trio Voronezh, 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 7
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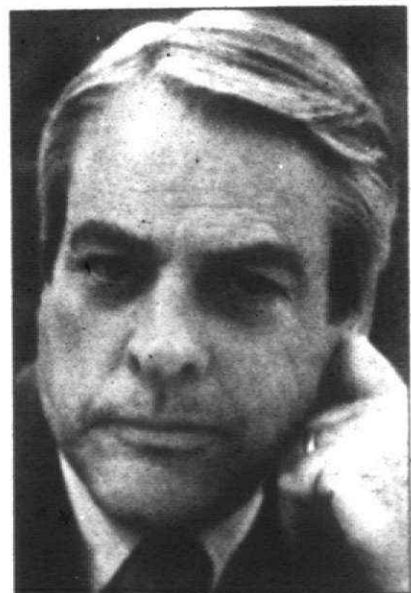
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Twain show, "Give 'Em Hell Harry" does not draw on the work of a literary master.

"The stress comes from having to navigate through plain song," McCarthy said. "Some scenes are less dynamic than others. You have to take a seemingly prosaic or dull moment and turn it into something dynamic. Sometimes you feel you accomplish it and sometimes you're less successful."

McCarthy has cut down his Truman performances from 75

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Kevin McCarthy

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BSB's Nick Carter, No Authority and more.

"We had two ideas," said Jonathan Hochwald, president of Pace Variety Entertainment in New York and executive producer of the tour.

"One was to create a touring live show based on 'All That.' The other was to create a Nickapalooza or a Nickstock, a mas-

sive kids festival with the Nickelodeon theme and the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval, if you will."

"What happened over time, we decided to combine the ideas to create the 'All That Music and More Tour' with the same ideas as Nickapalooza, hosted by the cast of 'All That,' an entire festival that has a real Nickelodeon feel to it."

Hochwald explained that the target audience for the "All That" tour is families, especially those with children ages 9-16.

"We wanted to create a real family feel to it with a real Nickelodeon sensibility. Parents and Kids are more connected than they've been in the past. With each generation, the generation

gap gets smaller and smaller, if it even exists. Being on the same wavelength will make this an ideal family event."

The gates for the Sunday, June 20, Pine Knob show will open at 3 p.m., about two to three hours earlier than festivals in other markets, he said.

"The 'All That Tour' has a festival atmosphere. Along the side-walks of Pine Knob, there will be interactive activities, auditions for different Nickelodeon television shows, Nickelodeon game show-style activities, a traveling millennium mural, the 'Drencher Adventure' theater, a virtual movie experience, the Big Helicopter and the Reebok Wall of Challenge."

If that isn't enough, local musicians will perform throughout the venue, and DJs will compete for prizes.

"We're trying to create that kind of family feel throughout - with roving performers, photo opportunities and autograph opportunities," Hochwald explained.

"We're trying to allow children to have their first concert experience while enabling parents to connect with their own first concert experience. I think this generation has attended music events for the most part. This allows them to take a step back and remember their first experience."

At the State Theatre show in mid-April, 98 Degrees left the swearing and suggestive behavior behind. Instead they opted for silliness, leading the crowd in a chant of "Our name is, what? Our name is who? Our name is 98 Degrees," taking a cue from Detroit rapper Eminem's hit "My Name Is."

Opening with "Heat It Up," 98 Degrees resembled the first-string varsity football team with their bulky upper bodies chiseled good looks and tattoos. The group quickly switched gears to cover songs midway through the second song when Timmons began flapping his arms like wings.

"What up with the chicken stuff?" Justin Jeffre asked Timmons, the obvious crowd favorite with his 98 Degrees tattoo.

"I thought it was fun. I was trying to have a good time. I thought it was fly," Timmons responded.

"Yeah, kind of fly for a white guy," the group said in unison before tearing into a respectable cover of The Offspring's "Pretty Fly for a White Guy."

The 90-minute set featured songs from both of their albums, their self-titled debut and "98 Degrees and Rising." The group changed costumes four times morphing from "American Gladiators" with silver chest protectors, black tank tops and red running pants, to Romeo in black suits and cream-colored dress shirts, to black and white camouflage pants and flack jackets. They ended the show with their hit "Because of You" donning powder blue Tommy Hilf basketball jerseys and pants - the same ones worn by 'N Sync at its Palace show in March (oops!).

Like Nickelodeon, 98 Degrees just wants kids to have fun.

"They should look forward first and foremost to good music," said the backward baseball bat wearing Drew Lachey of 98 Degrees. "We're not the strongest dancers. We don't claim to be but we claim to give our show everything we got. At the end of the show, if you're not tired and you're not worn out from screaming and jumping around, we feel like we haven't done our job."

He's a contributor and "co-editor" ("I didn't really edit anything but they needed my name") of a new book now at book stores, "They're Here... Invasion of the Body Snatchers: A Tribute," (Berkley Boulevard, \$13 paperback).

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With No Name" and the dueling banjos from the movie "Deliverance," Danforth's roots shine loud and clear as the veteran musician tells a story with his songs. Recorded at The Mission Studio in Birmingham, the CD was co-produced by Danforth, Michael King and David Mosher. Country music fans will like the fiddlin' on "Buckiful Blues."

Danforth, and a handful of musicians including King, Mosher and Danny Cox, give the tracks a down home feel using everything from a slide guitar to blues harp, dulcimer, jawharp, and a penny whistle.

"I'm influenced by folk, blues and country artists, also world music," said Danforth. "Folk, blues and country are all roots oriented music. I'm moved by its simplicity, and the purity of

expression."

Danforth follows in the footsteps of troubadours such as Bob Dylan, Woody Guthrie and Peter, Paul and Mary who were on the radio when he started playing guitar at 14. Back then, Danforth "was a loner and a sort of shy kid."

"It was the kind of music you could sing and listen to, and play by yourself," said Danforth. "The Byrds, the chord books, were out there. I was a good writer. I liked to write short stories in school. I learned to play the guitar and combined the two." By 18, Danforth was performing at open mikes at Cape Cod during the summer, and hasn't stopped playing since. "I write a lot about spirituality as opposed to religion," said Danforth. "I deal with the duality of spirituality,

wasting your life, the boomer experience, seeking, heeding the call. My early songs were autobiographical but of late I've taken to writing songs where I put myself into other people's shoes and write about subjects common to other people." Danforth lives by the words in "Discover What You've Got," one of the first place winners in the Mid-Atlantic Song Contest, sponsored by the Songwriters Association of Washington, in May. The universal images, which Danforth creates, cuts right to the core. Take from it what you will. "It's about feeling trapped not only in the corporate world but society around us," said Danforth. "It's about not living your life according to a formula and discovering what their calling is."

Apparently, Danforth has

## Southfield High grad salutes dad in one-woman show



ANN DELISI

There are many things that go into the makeup of a great dad. At the top of the list is warm-hearted mushy stuff like the ability to say the ideal words of encouragement when we face a challenge.

Great dads have a tendency to teach the value of a dollar - then do without something they need so that their kids can have something they want. But there's another trait that shouldn't be overlooked in a prototype of a perfect dad. They're hilarious.

It's dad-like to be at a gathering where there's a sea of words and opinions, and have a dad float in with a softly spoken, crisply delivered spray of irony

and clarity that ends the debate with a laugh. Many dads are always good for a chuckle because of the way they dress or eat. We've all known great dads who send the message that "image... means nothing."

In her new one-woman show, "Get to the Part About Me," scheduled June 17-20 at Meadow Brook Theatre, Rose Abdo offers a comical and loving tribute to her dad, whose behavior may sound familiar.

"My dad loved to snack. Everything he liked was considered a snack... even a cold cut sandwich. Here's what he'd pull on you. 'You know, there's some Rice Krispy treats in the kitchen if you're hungry. And while you're there, why don't you bring me one,' Abdo says.

A 1980 graduate of Southfield High School, Abdo's career in comedy has included a four-year stint with Second City - Chicago, appearances in the films "My

Best Friend's Wedding" and "U.S. Marshals," and the recent HBO/U.S. Comedy Arts Festival Special.

She's eager to come home to perform for many reasons, but one is particular. It's Father's Day, and one of her favorite things about her new show is when she gets to the part about her dad, who died in 1988.

"I've developed an imitation of dad that I use in the show, and my family and friends say it's identical. My dad's memories of World War II are especially funny and emotional."

Why does she deal with so many actual experiences in "Get to the Part About Me?"

"When I first started doing comedy, I used to worry that my experiences were too specific and that no one else would find them funny. But I quickly discovered that the more specific you get, the more universal you are. People laugh because something

very similar has happened to them," Abdo says.

There's one other bit of advice that has guided her career.

"Find the people you admire, and try to do what they did. I was a big fan of Gilda Radner, and used to love to watch her on Saturday Night Live. She had come out of Second City and that was the reason I wanted to join the cast in Chicago."

Gilda's characters were hilarious and unforgettable, and inspired me to develop characters in my act."

In addition to the Meadow Brook Theatre shows, you can catch her on the next edition of BACKSTAGE PASS, airing 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17, and at midnight Friday, June 18, on Detroit Public TV.

Your dad will be snoring in his easy chair, and as you grab the remote and switch to Channel 56, he'll jerk awake and claim he

was watching his favorite show. Caught you, dad. "Gunsmoke" has been off the air for a few years now.

Thought I would close with a classic "dadism." Happy Father's Day.

Rose Abdo will present her one-woman show, "Get to the Part About Me," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 17-19, and 7 p.m. Sunday, June 20, at Meadow Brook Theatre, on the campus of Oakland University, in Rochester. Tickets are \$25, call (248) 377-3300 or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. A portion of the proceeds will benefit AIDS Walk Detroit.

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a year to about a dozen. But that doesn't mean he's not always busy.

He's a contributor and "co-editor" ("I didn't really edit anything but they needed my name") of a new book now at book stores, "They're Here... Invasion of the Body Snatchers: A Tribute," (Berkley Boulevard, \$13 paperback).

The cult classic "Invasion of the Body Snatchers," is considered by many to be one of the best science fiction movies of all time. McCarthy starred as Dr. Miles Bennell, who begins to notice his neighbors are acting strange.

The film has been remade twice, but neither version has replaced director Don Siegel's original. It is the subject of on-line discussions, conventions and now the book which includes an introduction by Dean Koontz ("These immigrants don't need no stinkin' green card") and essays by Stephen King and others exploring every aspect of Jack Finney's original novel and the three films made from it.

## Kevin McCarthy is well wired and makes contacts with many fans through cyberspace.

"They're Here..." concludes with a long, rambling and engaging interview with McCarthy. The interview covers everything from the death of his parents when he was 4 during the influenza epidemic to his casual entry into acting and his role as a founding member of the Actors Studio. McCarthy, of course, has had a long and successful career as leading man and character actor. McCarthy's late sister, Mary, was the noted author of "The Group" and other books.

"Ed Gorman started the book, he's a huge fan of the picture," McCarthy said. "At one point we got to know each other by e-mail. That picture is one of the greatest pictures ever made."

McCarthy sought out his co-star in the film Dana Wynter and discovered she was living in Ireland.

"She's such a lady, divinely genteel. I called her and left a

message, 'Becky, this is Miles. Wake up! I got a transatlantic call back. Since then we've become great buddies...' She's the most vital 69-year-old lady," he said.

In an interview with Wynter in the book, she has similar praise for McCarthy. "You feel there's not shadow on Kevin; he doesn't speak badly of people, he's full of praise, he's full of enthusiasm, you feel that he's decent through and through and through."

Together they made the circuit of "Body Snatcher" events. McCarthy was also the star of another cult favorite, the Twilight Zone episode, "Long Live Walter Jameson," in which he played a man who had been alive for centuries.

McCarthy said he has mementos from his many movies, especially "Body Snatchers," but he had nothing on the Twilight

Zone episode. He said he received an e-mail six weeks ago from a fan who has the pictures he wants.

McCarthy is well wired and makes contacts with many fans through cyberspace.

McCarthy made his screen debut playing Biff Loman in the film adaptation of "Death of a Salesman" with Fredric March. He had appeared in the first London production of Arthur Miller's play with Paul Muni under the direction of Elia Kazan. He won an Oscar nomination for his screen performance, though in the book he says he has reservations about the movie.

He is, also, not impressed with the new Broadway production starring Brian Dennehy.

"It wasn't for me, I didn't care for it," he said. "Many actors I've talked to feel the same way. He's a powerful actor, but I wish I could have directed him."

McCarthy and his wife, Kate, will perform this summer at the Galway Arts Festival in A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters."

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"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, and 3 p.m. Sunday, June 27, at the theater, 365-4948 or <http://www.ridge-dale.com>

## STAGE CRAFTERS

"Afterplay," a comedy drama by comedian Anne Meera, June 18-27, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 7 p.m. Sunday, June 20, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 27, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$7, all seats reserved. (248) 541-6430

## THEATRE GUID OF LIVONIA-REDFORD

"Au Naturel," a one-act play festival, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 18-19 and 25-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 20 and 27, at the theater, 15138 Beech Day, Redford. (313) 581-0554

## ZEITGEIST THEATRE

Eugene Ionesco's "Victims of Duty: A Pseudo-drama," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26, at Zeitgeist, 2661 Michigan Ave., west of Tiger Stadium, between 15th and 20th streets, Detroit. \$10. (313) 965-9192

## SPECIAL EVENTS

## "BLOOMSDAY" CELEBRATION

The Irish American Cultural Institute's Metro Detroit Chapter holds its 12th annual James Joyce Celebration of readings from "Ulysses" and other works by Joyce, spontaneous recitations from the audience, and traditional Irish music. 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17, at the Old Shillelagh, 349 Monroe, Detroit. \$5 donation. (313) 729-2752

## BO-LO CRUISE

On the Diamond Belle to Bo-Lo Island, 9 a.m. Saturday, June 19, from Diamond Jack's landing at foot of west Grand Blvd., Detroit. \$75, includes lunch at the old pavilion. You must bring two forms of identification, one of which must be a passport or birth certificate. (313) 852-4051

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## "SUMMER ASTROLOGY PSYCHIC FAIR"

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Residence Inn, 2600 Livernois, Troy. \$5 admission; \$15 readings. (248) 528-2610

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Pancakes and sausage with maple syrup, folk dancing and singing by Scandia and Arpi Choruses, 9:30-11 a.m. Sunday, June 20, dinner at 1:30 p.m. at the club, 22398 Ruth St., at Freedom Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 646-4073

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## BENEFITS



**Historic farce: Jennifer Wilson as Charlotte, and Kerry Plague as Captain Felix Merryweather, in "A Pretty Piece of Business," a farce in one act by Thomas Morton. The play will be presented 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, June 19, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 20 in the city of Southfield's historic center, The Burgh, in the renovated 1854 church on the northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph. Tickets are \$5 per person, available at the door. Call (248) 827-0701 for more information, or to charge tickets. The play is just one of many activities taking place during the Civil War re-enactment, Burgh village life, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, June 20. Variety of activities about life and times during the Civil War period including speeches, military encampments, and 7 p.m. Saturday, and noon Sunday, skirmish between Union and Confederate soldiers. With the exception of tickets to the play, admission to the Civil War re-enactment is free. No parking at the Burgh. Signs on Civic Center Drive will guide visitors to parking. There will be a free shuttle to the Burgh.**

## "ART FOR HUMANITY"

An evening of poetry readings, live music and visual art, also a silent auction, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at Pangborn Design Gallery, 275 Iron St., Detroit's Riverfront District. \$25. (810) 757-2177

## "FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH"

Gourmet brunch with the Larry Nozoro Quartet and guest artist Johnny Trudell, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 20, in the Waterman Building at Central City Community Mental Health. (810) 757-2177

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## "RELAY FOR LIFE"

A 24-hour walking event to benefit the American Cancer Society, Friday-Saturday, June 18-19, lunary ceremony 10 p.m. Friday, cancer survivor victory lap 10 a.m. Saturday, at Stevenson High School, Site West of Farmington, Livonia. (248) 483-4329

## FAMILY EVENTS

## CHILDREN'S DAY

The Tree House for Earth's Children fulfilled day on the theme "what comes from the heart," reaches the heart, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 26, arts and crafts with talented people to guide the youngsters, puppet shows, petting animal area, clowns, and hugging booth, at 22096 Moore St., Farmington, west of Orchard Lake, off Grand River. (248) 473-0624

## HIGHLAND RECREATION AREA

"Bird Beaks," a program for children to learn the different types of beaks and how they help birds survive. 10 a.m. Thursday, June 24, at the park, 5200 Oak St., Farmington. Free. Motor vehicle permit required for entry. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (248) 685-2187

## PROUD LAKE RECREATION AREA

"Beginning Birding," two-hour walk along the Marsh Connector, 9 a.m. and "Frogs and Toads," observation, 1 p.m. Saturday, June 19; "Fishing for Beginners," 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 22; at the park, 5200 Oak St., Farmington. Free. Motor vehicle permit required for entry. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (248) 685-2187

## JUST ZOO IT

Gift of Life 5K Run and 1.5 mile Fun Walk to celebrate the gift of life and learn more about organ and tissue donation, 9 a.m. Saturday, July 17, rain or shine, at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Detroit. Registration \$14 by June 12, \$18 by July 3, \$20. Includes zoo admission, two free tickets to the Detroit Rockers home opener Nov. 7 and commemorative t-shirt. Children under age 10 admitted free to the zoo before 10 a.m. (877) 966-6863 or <http://www.zoo.org>

## YOUTH FISHING DERBY

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 19, prizes and trophies for the most fish caught, first fish caught, biggest fish caught, at Sashabaw Road, north of 75 (ent. \$8), \$3 entry fee ages 16 and younger. (248) 969-0962 / (248) 373-1521

## AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

## BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND

Looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass, and especially percussion players) of all ages, rehearsals are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Groves High School Birmingham. (248) 471-9997

## DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

Auditions for male and female dancers for its 20th anniversary season, must have extensive modern dance training and performing experiences, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at fifth floor of Central Methodist Church, 3139 Grand Circus Park, Detroit. (313) 965-3544

## SUMMER DRAMA CAMPS

Ages 5 and up join the Whistie Stop Players for three sessions 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. Monday-Friday, June 21-25, July 12-16 and Aug. 9-13, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction, 207 S. Ashley St. Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

## URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

## THE WRANGLER COMMISSION

6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Big Rock Chop and Brew House's stone terrace, 245 E. Eton, Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 647-7774

## WIRELESS GREEN

With Guernica and Neferte, 9 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 534-5924 / (734) 422-3415

## "THE SHOW...99"

Starring Freedom: Dan Xpressionz, Detroit's hip-hop flavored dance studio. The Company and the X Generation, 7:15 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at the Wayne State University Community Arts Auditorium, on Cass at Kirby, McGregor Bldg., Detroit. \$15 advance, \$20 at door. (313) 964-8497

## GOSPEL

## TAKE 3

7 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Free. (313) 326-5220 (pop/gospel)

## WORLD MUSIC

## IMMUNITY

9 p.m. Fridays, June 18 and 25, The Deck above The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older. (313) 965-9500, p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday, June 20, Jamaica Joe's, 6041 Haggerty Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 926-5300 (reggae)

## TIPPA IRIE AND RAPPA ROBERT

Backed by Tabarrak Band, 9 p.m. Friday, June 18, Magic Stick in the Maelstrom, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12 in advance, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (reggae)

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## BLUE TUESDAY

9 p.m. Sunday, June 20, Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or <http://www.arborbrewing.com>

## R.G. DEMPTER AND FRIENDS

8:11 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Collette Lane, 152 N. Main St., Chelsea. Free. All ages. (248) 646-6022

## ZOE LEWIS AND ZRAZY

8 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

## THE LUDITES

With Fez, 9 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355

## MOONDOG MATINEE

7 p.m. Friday, June 25, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 737-0004

## KATHY KOSINS JAZZ QUARTET

7 p.m. Thursday, June 24, The Plaza at Kercheval Road and St. Clair Street, Grosse Pointe's Village Shopping District. Free. (313) 886-7474 or <http://www.kvillagegpc.com>

## SKIA LANDIS

With Rick Matle, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 18-19, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8011

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## COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS

Robb Warner and Peter Baker call to live music by the Pittsburgh Union Grange, Jan Band, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 19, open jam for string band musicians of all levels 4-6 p.m. (free), at the Pittsburgh Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-8863 / (734) 426-0241

## "HAWAIIAN LULU DINNER DANCE"

With music by The Mike Wolverton Band and entertainment by Hawaiian Aloha Tropics and a special appearance by "Elvis," 5 p.m. Sunday, June 27, Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. \$25 includes dinner of roast pork, roasted potatoes, two pastas, marinated zucchini and eggplant, salad, rolls, coffee, tea and pineapple cake. Tickets sold in advance only. (313) 534-5924 / (734) 422-3415

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## THURSDAYS-SUNDAYS. (313) 833-1805 or

## http://www.detroithistorical.org

## DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

"More than Meets the Eye," an interactive exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution takes visitors through some of the daily experiences of blind and visually impaired people, continues through Aug. 29. (313) 577-8400, ext. 417; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week. "Whales" opens June 19, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays



MOVIES

# Excesses make Austin Powers movie a smash

BY VICTORIA DIAZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

I'm not always sure what they mean, but an awful lot of things happen in "The Spy Who Shagged Me," the new Austin Powers movie that revisits the Swinging Sixties.

Here's a sampling: Somewhere near the beginning of the movie, a Big Boy space-fab plays an "egg" in outer space. Flash photographer/secret agent Austin Powers (Mike Myers) gets a dynamite surprise on his honeymoon. We look in on Jerry Springer's TV show; today's topic is "My Father is Evil and Want to Take Over the World."

The Blofeld-ish Dr. Evil (also Mike Myers) travels back in time to 1969, accompanied by his malicious mini-clone, Mini-Me (Verne Troyer). Burt and Elvis Costello team up for a sidewalk version of "I'll Never Fall in Love Again." As the result of a car chase, somebody breaks a leg - only it's not painful, it's funny (well, maybe painfully funny).

Every once in a while, the cutely repulsive A.P. and some shagadelically outfitted dancing gals appear to have gyrated over from an old "Laugh In" episode.

Again, I'm not absolutely certain about this, but I think the movie has a plot, maybe even a

sub-plot or two. Something to the effect that Dr. Evil, on that dizzying trip back to 1969, has (oh no!) stolen (yes, of all things!) Austin's magical mojo.

Somewhat, Austin must retrieve his mojo, which means he must travel back to 1969 himself, which he does in a 1990's Beetle. Only isn't he already there since that's where Dr. E lifted the mojo?

But never mind. To quote a line of advice in the movie: "I suggest you don't worry about this sort of thing and just enjoy yourself."

Meanwhile, Dr. Evil is also about to destroy the planet. Our hirsute hero has to

stop him, of course. All this at about the same time he learns that his "fab chick," Felicity Shagwell (Heather Graham) has been fooling around with a 500-pound Scotsman (Mike Myers again) who's on the side of Evil, and is the very personification of wretched excess ("ouch very ouch").

How does this ribald nonsense work? Search me. Maybe it's all that magical mojo floating around.

Or maybe it's that Jay Roach directs a cast that's smashing right on. Myers, who, along with Michael McCullers, wrote the frantically paced, incisively funny script, gets a chance here

to really show his stuff.

Playing three very different characters, he absolutely nails each one.

Who knew - until Austin Powers came along - that Michael York (reprising his role as Basil Exposition from the first movie), Robert Wagner (returning as Number Two), or Rob Lowe (as Young Number Two) were killer comics?

And who among us has more than a vague recognition of Verne Troyer, a tiny Texan who plays Dr. Evil's evil twin to a "T"?

He's supposed to be one-eighth the size of the devilish doctor, but he's twice as creepy, even through he hardly ever

mutters a word.

Seriously, folks, he's fab. He's switch on. He's more than a bit of all right. Yeah, baby, he deserves some real applause.

Seth Green as Dr. Evil's comically contemptuous, adolescent son and Mindy Sterling as Frau Farbissina add to the delightfully wretched excess.

The many "in" jokes and take-offs provide more punch.

See how many you can pick up on. James Bond stuff leads the list.

But you'll also spot spillovers from "Jerry Maguire," "Independence Day," "2001," "Star Wars," "In Like Flint," "Sleeper" and many others.



Sequel: Mike Myers and Heather Graham star in "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me."

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

**Scheduled to open Friday, June 18**

**"TARZAN"**  
The vocal talents of Tony Goldwyn, Glenn Close and Rosie O'Donnell and songs and music by Phil Collins help bring to the screen Disney's animated version of the classic story about a man raised by apes.

**"BUENA VISTA SOCIAL CLUB"**  
Exclusively at the Main Art Theater. Documentary inspired by the album, this film includes appearances by many Cuban musicians.

**"THE GENERAL'S DAUGHTER"**  
Thriller in which ambition, destructive passion and long-suppressed secrets lead to murder on a U.S. Army post. Stars John Travolta, Madeleine Stowe, Timothy Hutton.

**Scheduled to open Friday, June 18**

**"EYES WIDE SHUT"**  
Story of jealousy and sexual obsession. Stars Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman.

**"LAKE PLACID"**  
A scientist, a game warden, a sheriff and an eccentric mythology professor converge near a remote lake in Maine to investigate a gruesome fatality. Their adventure, laced with humor and terror, leads to a shocking secret beneath the anything-but-placid waters. Stars Bridget Fonda, Bill Pullman, Oliver Platt.

**Scheduled to open Friday, July 30**

**"DEEP BLUE SEA"**  
Group of researchers working on a cure for cancer using materials from genetically enhanced sharks becomes stranded on a damaged and sinking marine research facility. There, they are menaced by the sharks they have created, which now surround them with deadly intent. Stars Samuel Jackson.

**"OUTSIDE PROVIDENCE"**  
A hilarious yet poignant story of a young man's coming of age when he's packed off to prep school after crashing into a parked police car. Stars Shawn Hatosy, Haley Joel Osment.

**Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 6**

**"FIGHT CLUB"**  
A tale of a man who sets up a fight in which young men are paired off in bloody, no-holds-barred bouts that continue until one drops. Stars Brad Pitt.

**"THE IRON GATE"**  
A giant metal machine falls to Earth in 1958 and frightens the residents of a small town in Maine, until it befriends a 9-year-old boy named Hogarth. Animated feature.

**Scheduled to open Wednesday, Aug. 11**

**"IN TOO DEEP"**  
A police detective goes deep undercover to get a notorious gangster. But in his quest, he risks losing himself.

# Life is a happy dream for MTV's DJ Skribble

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
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These days, MTV's DJ Skribble feels like he's living in a fog.

Last weekend he went to Toronto to shoot an "itty bitty" part in Madonna's film "Ghetto Superstar." To appear in the film, he had to take time off from MTV, which is filming in the Caribbean for the summer.

"It's like a dream that I don't want to wake up from," he said from his crackling cell phone.

Although his schedule is packed, DJ Skribble isn't too busy to spin records at the teen club La Boom in Walked Lake on Thursday, June 17, for the "Out of School Jam."

"La Boom, that place was crazy," he said about his appearance earlier this year. "There was a lot of people. Everybody had fun."

DJ Skribble, known to his mother as Scott Ialacci, knew

from a young age that he wanted to stand on stage and have fun. He's been a DJ since he was 11, he's "over 25" now. Plus, he comes from a musical family.

"My dad had a doo-wop group so I guess it was always there. I originally wanted to be an artist. That's how I got the name Skribble. But I just got the love for it, and just went for it," he said.

From 1998 to 1999 he did a world tour and two U.S. tours as a member of Young Black Teenagers, a young, all-white male rap group. For the next five years, he shared a stage solo with Notorious B.I.G., Craig Mack and Channel Brothers.

In 1997 he moved to WQHT-FM where he joined "Ed Lover and Dr. Dre Mornings." He continued to move up the entertainment ladder by making guest appearances with Sinbad's "Vibe" band and winning the top spot at Mountain Dew's 1998 Slamming DJ Mix-Off.

Through Dr. Dre and Ed

# Simple Neptune latest is summertime buffet of music



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Simple Neptune's sophomore release "Barbque" (sic) is a virtual buffet of musical tastes - reggae, pop, rock and ska.

"Yolt" wavers between reggae and sounding sonically like the hit apparent, grooves, while ska and metal bleed into one another on "Dirk and Dale."

The schizophrenic sound is a reflection of the tastes of Simple Neptune's four members - vocalist Billy Allen of Milford, guitarist John Madigan of Waterford, formerly of Livonia, drummer Brandon Harker of Sterling Heights, and bassist Scott Morrison of Madison Heights.

"I've been into a lot of punk

lately, I like Blink-182. I started getting back into listening to the Ramones a little bit," Morrison said, adding Our Lady Peace and Tool are also favorites of his. "I like a lot of punk and ska. I go through my phases."

The hidden track, on the album, ironically, shows the depth of Simple Neptune's talent. The lyrics are simple (a lot of folks the band wanted to thank) but the harmonies are tight.

For "Barbque," Simple Neptune skipped the home studios, instead collaborating with Andy Patalan at his and his brother Tim's studio, The Loft in Saline.

"Andy, he's actually doing backing vocals on two songs - the hidden track 'Skabba the Hut' and 'Penced In,'" Morrison explained.

For Simple Neptune, songwriting is a collaborative effort. Allen writes the lyrics, many of which

deal with relationships gone bad, and Madigan lays down the musical foundation. The songs evolved from there through teamwork.

"John will bring an idea to practice. We'll start playing around with it. One song, it took a year to get together. 'Boxes' probably took three years. We'll just play around with them for awhile. Everybody will throw in what they think goes with it," Morrison said.

Simple Neptune and Rooster perform Friday, June 18, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge is \$6 for the 18 and older show. Doors open at 8 p.m. For more information call (248) 544-3030 or visit <http://www.themagicbag.com> or <http://www.simpleneptune.com>.

**Returning to Detroit**

In the last few months, New York-based Mercury Rev has

seen its mainstream appeal soar. The acerbic alternative rock band has played a proverbial game of chess with Detroit audiences, packing The Shelter, moving on to the Mill Street Entry, and a month later headlining St. Andrew's Hall on Thursday, June 17.

Mercury Rev's following is expected to increase when it opens for R.E.M. on selected dates in August. Guitarist Sean "Grasshopper" Mackowiak speculated on why his band's 1998 album "Deserter's Songs" (V2 Records) was the one to push it over the edge.

"I think it's because of the honesty of the album we did. Some how this one connected with people in some kind of way. A lot of it is luck and the time that it comes out, and things like that. I think the album is really strong, and the new record company has done a great job."

He added that, while the band was sitting in the studio creating "Deserter's Songs," Mercury Rev members had no idea the album would be critically acclaimed.

"We didn't know if people would like it or not. We liked it while we were doing it and we hoped that other people would connect with it."

When its U.S. tour concludes on June 20, Mercury Rev is heading to Iceland to play a series of shows. Then it's off to the European summer festivals in England, Belgium, Ireland, Denmark, Norway and Scotland.

"I've never been there," Mackowiak said of Iceland. "It should be pretty cool. It's daylight there 24 hours."

Mercury Rev, Sparklehorse and Dinosaur Jr. perform Thursday, June 17, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$14 for the all-ages show. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For more

information, call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com>.

**Misc:**

John Maurer of the rock band Social Distortion has been named an executive with StreamlineMusic.com, a company that markets and distributes music via the internet, giving 100 percent of the profit from sales to the artist or record label. His exact title has not been determined. The Web site goes up in July.

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# Older and wiser Naughty by Nature comes to Hart Plaza

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Vincent Brown of Naughty By Nature said after his group scored the hits "O.P.P." and "Hip Hop Hooray" in the early 1990s, he strove to put a positive spin on rap.

The group took its money and reinvested it into the community through support systems and retail outlets. But four years ago, Naughty By Nature seemingly dropped out of the music business. Behind the scenes, the trio was negotiating a new record deal with Arista Records, but in the meantime, it saw egos and greed trample over rap music's integrity.

"The hiatus was because we were transferring labels. We were on Tommy Boy and we trans-

ferred over to Arista. It wasn't a voluntary thing. We didn't intend for it to be four years. That's the way it happened," Brown explained.

"We were basically sitting and stagnant trying to get these negotiations going. Then we saw a lot of other artists come out using a lot of our flavor, a lot of our deal. We weren't really there to put our point of view across, especially with the deaths of Tupac and Biggie. I think during that time, we really needed Naughty By Nature in the marketplace."

"I felt that we put a good medium in the music. We rode a fine line between hard-core hip-hop and crossover pop kind of stuff. Just the ideals that we put forward, we put out a lot of good vibes to the community and stuff

like that. When we had our success, it wasn't about us being rich and flashing all of our wealth in front of the people's faces. We went back and reinvested in the community."

With the release of "19Naughty9: Nature's Fury" (Arista), the group is continuing the work it started in the early 1990s. Brown opened Naughty Gear after a mail order insert in "19Naughty9" spawned thousands of orders. That in turn created jobs in his East Orange, N.J., neighborhood. Naughty By Nature also supported youth voter registration drives and worked with Managed Healthcare Systems, a non-profit that provides healthcare to low-income families.

One of his employees runs SYSTAs 4 SYSTAs, a non-profit

organization that provides young female mentors to girls in crisis.

"Whether it's teenage pregnancy, health care, schooling, education, we got scholarship programs that help the girls through their first couple of years of college. We tie into a lot of those kinds of organizations."

Naughty By Nature is working with the East Orange School District to open an interactive vocational program.

"We met with the superintendent and every principal in the school district. It's the program like a television show. The kids will write the show, be the cameraman, all that stuff. They'll maintain a Web site and a newsletter, and market it locally. We'll use our local cable access channel to air it," said Brown.

"If we give the kids hands-on

training while they're in high school, if they're interested in any one of those fields, they'll at least know what to pursue when they go to college."

Then there's the music. Naughty By Nature is touring in support of "19Naughty9: Nature's Fury," an album of party anthems, R&B and straight-out rap.

The trio will perform Sunday, June 20, at Hart Plaza in Detroit. Brown explained that so far, the tour has been interesting.

"There's definitely a little generation gap," he said with a laugh. "When we came out in 1991, your average 6-year-old that was saying, 'O.P.P.' and 'Hip Hop Hooray,' now they're like, 17 and 18 years old. It's like since we've been gone the last four years, they've grown up on Puff

Daddy, Jay-Z and all of these guys.

"Those guys were fresher on their minds. We've got a little dust on us, but once we come out here and tour and perform this stuff it's like we never left."

Naughty By Nature performs as part of WDTJ-FM's "Summer Jam Concert" on Sunday, June 20, at Hart Plaza in Detroit. Copper Sun, Derrick Starks and the New Generation, Reston Jackson and Grace, Isiah Thomas and Elements of Praz, Antuan Foster and Chemistry, Kim Burrell, God Side Connection featuring E. Banks, Entourage, Jay Powell, Crazy Bone, JT Money, Trina and Tamara, Ruf Ryders, and a mystery guest are also on the bill. Showtime is noon. Call (313) 871-0590 for more information.



Vonda Shepard

# 'Ally McBeal' singer to perform

Vonda Shepard of the television show "Ally McBeal" performs at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at the Royal Oak Music Theater, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak.

Tickets are \$25 for the 21 and older show.

Prior to performing on "Ally McBeal," Shepard was best known for her duet with Dan Hill on "Can't We Try."

For more information about

her performance, call (248) 433-1515.

Vonda Shepard's latest album entitled "By 7:30" was released in April. The first single off the album is "Baby, Don't You Break

My Heart Slow," a remake from her debut album, the self-titled "Vonda Shepard." This time there was a twist - the song is a duet with Emily Saliers of The Indigo Girls.

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## DINING

# Treat dad to brunch, or dinner on Father's Day

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Give dad the day off Sunday. It's Father's Day, and even if he likes to make dinner on the grill, don't you think he deserves a break?

Lots of metro Detroit restaurants are open, and offering dinner specials to surprise dads on their day. Tell dad not to worry about making dinner, you made reservations, and of course, you'll pick up the tab.

Here are some restaurants to consider. Be sure to call ahead for reservations.

## BRUNCH OPTIONS

**Botsford Inn**, 28000 Grand River (at 8 Mile Road), Farmington Hills, (248) 474-4800 — Serving brunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., adults \$13.95, children age 10 and under accompanied by an adult, half price.

**Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe**, 29244 Northwestern Highway, (just north of 12 Mile Road), Southfield (248) 351-2925, fax (248) 351-2919 — Serving brunch 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; regular menu 2-10 p.m.

**Excalibur** — 28875 Franklin Road, Southfield, southwest corner of 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway, (248) 358-3355. Brunch buffet 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., adults \$22.50; children \$15.95. Dinner 2-8 p.m.

**Fox Hills Country Club**, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, (734) 453-7272 — brunch 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., adults \$19.95, children ages 2-12, \$8.95, chil-

dren under age 2, complimentary.

**Giulio & Sons**, Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, (313) 593-1234 — brunch 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., \$21.95 adults, children ages 4-12, \$10.95, under age 4, complimentary.

**Oceania Inn**, 3176 Walton Blvd., at Adams, in the University Shopping Square, Rochester Hills, (248) 375-9200 — Father's Day Brunch, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., adults \$6.95, children under age 10, \$3.95. Menu features soup, egg roll, and other Chinese dishes.

**Paint Creek Cider Mill Restaurant**, 4480 Orion Road, 3 miles north of downtown Rochester (248) 651-8361 — brunch 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Adults \$17.95; children ages 5-10, \$7.95, children under age 5 free.

**Ritz-Carlton Dearborn, The Grill**, 300 Town Center Dr., Dearborn, near the Fairlane Town Center, (313) 441-2100 — Accepting brunch reservations for 11 a.m. and after 1 p.m. Adults \$35, children ages 5-12, \$20.

**The Townsend Hotel** — 100 Townsend Street, Birmingham, (248) 642-5999 — Rugby Grille serving a la carte brunch specialties ranging \$19-32, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## DINNER OPTIONS

**Capital Grille**, in Somerset Collection-North, 2800 W. Big Beaver Road, (248) 649-5300 — Open 5-9 p.m., steaks, seafood.

**Water Club Grill**, 39500 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth,

(734) 454-0666 — Open noon to 8 p.m. Menu includes seafood, ribs, chicken, steaks, and pasta dishes.

**Morton's of Chicago, The Steakhouse**, 1 Town Square, in the Oakland Towne Square office building, just off the Northwestern Highway service drive, south of 11 Mile Road, east of Lahser, (248) 354-6006 — open 4-10 p.m. Steakhouse fare.

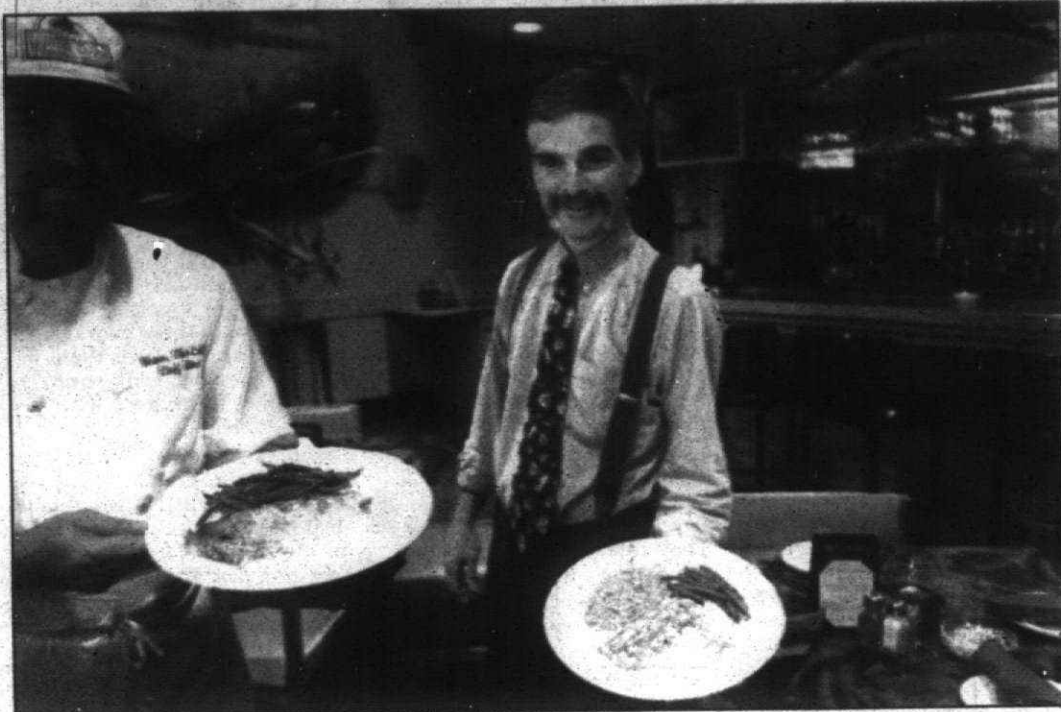
**Fox & Hounds**, 1560 North Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills (248) 644-4800 — dinner 3-9 p.m. Menu includes steaks, seafood, chicken, and vegetarian dishes.

**Ruth Chris Steak House**, 755 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, (248) 269-8424 — Open 1-8 p.m., menu features steaks, pork chops and other steakhouse fare.

**Charley's Crab**, 5498 Crooks Road (next to Northfield Hilton), Troy (248) 879-2060 — Open 2-9 p.m. for dinner. Menu includes seafood, pasta, steaks, and chicken dishes.

**Big Rock Chop & Brew House**, 245 S. Eton Street, Birmingham (248) 647-7774 — serving dinner 4-9 p.m. from regular menu, which includes steaks, chops, some seafood, pasta dishes, and yummy appetizers. Hand-crafted beers.

**Bonfire Bistro & Brewery**, 39550 Seven Mile Road (near Haggerty), Northville, (248) 735-4570 — open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Accepting reservations for Father's Day only. Menu includes seafood, steaks, chops, chicken, pasta, hand-tossed pizza. Some vegetarian items. Handcrafted



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At your service: Dad's sure to find something to enjoy on the menu at the Water Club Grill in Plymouth where Chef Mike Dopkowski (left) and restaurant owner, John Cleveland, aim to please.

beers and root beer. Children's menu for ages 12 and under.

**Ernesto's** — 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, (734) 453-2002 — open noon to 9 p.m. for dinner. Italian specialties, seafood, steaks.

**Northern Lakes Seafood Company**, 1475 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, (248) 646-7900 — Dinner 5-9 p.m. from regular menu, which includes seafood, steaks, pasta, and chicken.

**No. VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar** — 27790 Novi Road (in The Hotel Baronette), Novi (248) 305-5210 — Dinner 5-9 p.m. from regular menu, which includes seafood, pork chop, veal, chicken, and steaks.

**Steve & Rocky's**, 43150

Grand River Ave., Novi, (248) 374-0688 — Open for dinner 1-9 p.m. menu includes seafood, pasta, steaks, short ribs and lake perch.

**De Palma's**, 31735 Plymouth Road (west of Merriman), Livonia, (734) 261-2430 — Open 4-9 p.m., menu includes a variety of Italian dishes including fresh pasta, seafood, and steak.

**Corsi's**, 27910 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia, (248) 777-4960 — Open 3-10 p.m. regular menu, which features homemade pasta and other Italian specialties, veal, and pizza.

**Leather Bottle Inn**, 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia, (248) 474-2420 — open 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., American fare with some Father's Day specials.

## 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

## BUCA DI BEPPO

New Italian restaurant opened Tuesday, June 15, 38888 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Hours are 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 5-11 p.m. Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday;

4-10 p.m. Sunday. Call (734) 462-6442 for reservations/information.

## SWEET AFTON TEA ROOM &amp; RESTAURANT

New summer hours begin Monday, June 21, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, closed Sunday. Serving dinner Thursday-Saturday, beginning June 24, 450 Forest Ave., Plymouth, (734) 454-0777.

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African lobster tail with steamed mussels, roast potatoes, corn and green beans, \$14.95 per person (excluding tax and gratuity). Friday nights until mid-August, 27155 Sheraton Drive, northwest corner of Novi Road and I-96. Call (248) 348-555 for information.

## DEARBORN FOOD FESTIVAL

Tenth annual event Saturday-Monday, June 26-28 on the campus of Henry Ford Community

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