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Restaurant plan gets some flak



The developer of a proposed Logan's Roadhouse restaurant off Ford won a recommendation from the planning commission Monday — but not without debate over participation in DDA improvements.

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A developer's plans to build a restaurant in a shopping center at Lotz and Ford met with opposition from one planning commissioner and two resi-

dents during a meeting Monday that became heated at times.

The commission voted 3-1 to grant special land use approval to build a Logan's Roadhouse restaurant near Ford Road, in a shopping center containing Home Depot, Gardner-White

Furniture and Don Pablos Mexican Kitchen.

The planning commission is a recommending body to the Canton Board of Trustees, which makes final decisions on planning and other township issues.

Commissioner Ron Lieberman cast the lone dissenting vote. Absent were commissioners Bob Wade, Karl Zarbo and Vic Gustafson, the commission chair.

Lieberman said he voted against the special land use approval because he

wanted the developer to participate in incorporating Downtown Development Authority elements into the project, including a brick wall.

"My feeling is the DDA is a plan that we should do everything to implement," Lieberman said. "To me the only time to (request the developer) to do that is when the developer is asking for approval."

Lieberman said he was also con-

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New fire rig carries its weight

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Fighting fires and helping accident victims is equipment-intensive work.

With that in mind, Canton's Fire Department recently invested more than \$170,000 in a new heavy rescue vehicle. Capt. Bill Grady said the truck will allow firefighters to do their jobs more efficiently on the scene.

"When you go on a run," he said, "you don't exactly what you'll need. We try to take it all."

The unit arrived at Fire Station No. 1 last week and should be in service by mid-June. It will replace a 1996 rescue vehicle, which will likely be used as a backup, said Grady.

Canton paid a North Carolina company

\$175,000 for the vehicle — nearly double the price of the 4-year-old model. Grady believes the vehicle is a good value, however.

"We proved the need for it," said Grady. "The township has been very supportive of us."

Canton first began using heavy rescue trucks in 1986, according to Grady. It has evolved since then with progressively bigger and more well-equipped vehicles.

"We started with a pickup truck," said Grady.

In terms of firefighting, the new unit will have many more capabilities, he said. Start with lighting.

A 6,000-watt light tower extends from the heavy rescue truck with a push of a button. It's enough to light up an entire building, Grady said.

"We can light up a landing strip," he joked.

The vehicle also has an air filling

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Helping paws: Tara, the leader dog in training, goes over the day's sign-in sheet with a little assistance from Tara Brackney.

Office leader Canton chiropractor is K-9 training backdrop

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Patients at Michael Brackney's chiropractic practice might have noticed a vivacious blonde in the office recently — one who's always ready to lavish affection on those who walk in the door — and get it in

return.

Tara, a 1-year-old golden retriever, is being socialized as a Leader Dog for the Blind in Brackney's office at 8512 Canton Center south of Joy. There, the dog is learning "people" skills she needs before she is trained and placed with a visually

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Township questions Ford Road landscaper

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The Ford Road and I-275 interchange is the first glimpse of Canton for many people.

Nearly three years ago, the township acquired a Michigan Department of Transportation grant to help improve aesthetics of the site. Shrubs, flowers and grass have been planted since then.

But according to Canton Resource Development Manager Mike Ager, work has yet to be completed. The township, he said, is less than thrilled.

"It's not what I would consider good business," Ager said of Pontiac-based contractor Davey Commercial Grounds Management. "We've had trouble pinning them down."

"Weather permitting, work will be done by the end of June," said Davey district manager Ed Gallagher. "Overall, I would've liked to have this project done a long time ago. But things have happened."

The interchange was identified as needing beautification four years ago by Canton's Ford Road Task Force committee, said Ager. The group studied traffic and streetscapes, among other issues.

With that charge, Ager pursued and obtained the MDOT grant. Under the plan, the township will pay 20 percent of improvement costs while the grant covers the rest, some \$270,000.

Ann Arbor-based Beckett Raeder was subsequently hired as a consultant to design improvements. Landscape architect Carey Baker said a variety of plant materials will spruce up the interchange.

Flowering plants will include lilies, dogwoods and sumac. Deciduous trees such as ash will be planted as will Austrian pine evergreens.

Getting trees in the ground has caused many of the delays, said Baker.

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Class of 2000



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Leadership Canton: Canton Township Trustee Melissa McLaughlin congratulates Bart Patterson during Friday's ceremonies for this year's Leadership Canton program. Nineteen people graduate in the 2000 Leadership class. Patterson, from RE/MAX Classic Realty, is a member of the steering committee for next year's class. For information, call the Canton Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-4040.

Softball Center joins in summertime fun

BELLEVILLE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

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A men's and women's softball tournament at the Canton Softball Center this weekend will be the first of Strawberry Festival events hitting the area.

The Strawberry Festival Tournament runs from June 10 to June 11.

Events include:

- A live Planet 96.3 broadcast from noon to 2 p.m.

- A hitting contest from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., sponsored by Budweiser

- A home run derby from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., sponsored by Miken

- A free Vegas night, sponsored by the Quality Inn of Plymouth from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. featuring a variety of prizes.

The Belleville National Strawberry Festival runs the following weekend.

Friday, June 16 through Sunday, June 18 at various locations in downtown Belleville. The best parking is at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia St.

Shuttle service to festival locations will be available.

Reggie Miller, executive director for the festival, said she expects about 150,000 to attend the 24th annual festival.

The festival runs from noon to 11 p.m. Friday, June 16; from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 17 and from noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, June 18.

"What makes (the festival) great is the camaraderie we have with the volunteers," Miller said.

The variety of food is also a bragging point.

"You name it, we've got it along with

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Cable van takes out utility pole

Telephone wires were knocked down and draped across Lotz Road south of Ford early Friday after a MediaOne van collided with a utility pole, according to Canton police reports.

Township officers were called to the scene at 5 a.m. Reports said the service van was in a ditch on the west side of Lotz resting against the utility pole.

Police are unsure how or why the vehicle crashed. Nobody was in the van when police arrived, reports said. Ameritech was called to repair the utility pole.

Lumber stolen

About \$2,600 worth of lumber was stolen from a home construction site in the 4000 block of Rammer Court between May 26-30. The incident was reported to Canton police Friday.

Reports said the bundled lumber was delivered to the home on May 25. Police have no suspects.

Domestic violence

A 38-year-old Canton man was arrested Friday for attacking his roommate, reports said.

The man told his roommate, a 46-year-old man, to move out of the home in the 4000 block of Cherry Hill Road. Moments

later, the younger man struck his roommate with a pointer stick on the forearm.

Reports said the 38-year-old then left the home. Canton police arrested him a short time later. Reports said he was carrying a handgun at the time of his arrest.

Charges of felony domestic violence and carrying a concealed weapon were being sought against the man, reports said.

Cashing out

A 27-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for cashing a forged check recently.

Reports said the woman cashed a check for \$706.32 at a Canton Comerica bank branch on May 17. Township officers were notified that Farmington police had the Detroit woman in custody Thursday.

Doesn't compute

Two men were arrested May 30 for attempting to steal a pair of printers from Office Depot on Ford Road.

According to Canton police

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reports, two men, who were not identified, ran out of the store with the printers at about 5:40 p.m. The duo then jumped in a 1996 Chevy Impala parked in the store's fire lane and drove off.

An Office Depot employee witnessed the incident, got in his car and followed the men. Reports said the suspects went east on Ford to southbound I-275. The employee continued to follow them as they exited at Ecorse Road in Van Buren Township.

Reports said the employee called Canton police and gave them the suspects' vehicle information. The men got on Hagerly Road and stopped their car.

Reports said they got out of the vehicle and approached the Office Depot employee. The 27-year-old employee then backed his car up.

The suspects then attempted to go back to their car. Reports said Van Buren and Michigan State Police arrived at that point and apprehended the men. They were taken into custody without

incident and the printers, valued at \$1,100, were recovered.

Gun stolen

A handgun valued at \$500 was stolen from a Canton man's vehicle recently, according to reports.

The 40-year-old man was in the process of moving to the township from Florida in late April when the gun was stolen from a glove box. Reports said there were no signs of forced entry into the vehicle.

OUIL

A 22-year-old Williamston man was arrested in Canton May 30 for driving under the influence, reports said.

A pair of witnesses called police at 11:30 p.m. saying the man was driving erratically on Canton Center Road. Reports said a Canton officer caught up with the Williamston man on Hanford Road west of Ridge.

The suspect flunked several sobriety tests. He then registered a .14 on a preliminary breath test, which is above the legal limit in Michigan, and was arrested. He was scheduled to appear at 35th District Court in Plymouth on June 6.

CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material printed, or typewritten to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

GRADUATES

Amber Corey Kilgore of Canton graduated from Michigan State University School of Arts and Letters with a bachelor's degree in music performance. While at MSU she was a member of the Michigan State University marching band and also a member of the MSU symphony orchestra. She will continue her education at Indiana University, where she received a full scholarship in music performance. She is a percussionist. She graduated from Plymouth Canton High School in 1995. She is a daughter of Larry and Jerry Kilgore of Canton.

Katherine Zopf of Plymouth, a graduate of Mercy High School, received her bachelor of arts degree in political science and biology from Alma College.

WHO'S WHO

Elizabeth Mae Carr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Carr of Canton, was selected to appear in the 2000 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." A 2000 graduate of Bob

Twietmeyer was honored as the Outstanding Physical Education major of the Year from Hope College by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education. The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding students majoring in physical education or sport from colleges and/or universities throughout the country that have professional preparation programs. Only one student from each institution is recognized each year. During her collegiate years, Twietmeyer was involved in Habitat for Humanity and coached basketball.

Leader dog

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impaired person.

While at the office, Tara enjoys approaching visitors, begging for loving pats, rolling on her back for tummy rubs and playing with her ball squeak toy. The occasional doggie treats she gets from patients are also a nice job perk, according to Brackney.

He said he began assisting with Tara's Leader Dog training after learning her "foster parents," George and Kathy Shea of Plymouth Township, both worked day shifts and had to leave the dog alone. Now, Tara spends a good part of Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the chiropractic office. George Shea met Brackney as a patient and Brackney offered to watch the dog during his shifts.

"The dog needs to be socialized," Brackney said. "She needs to learn to be around people and not have any nervousness about new locations or new people."

All Leader Dogs for the Blind must be at least a year old before they are trained and placed in people's homes. They must learn basic obedience commands, become housebroken and be able to adapt to a variety of social situations. Leader dogs, typically German shepherds, Labrador and golden retrievers, are trained at a facility in Rochester after they are a year old.

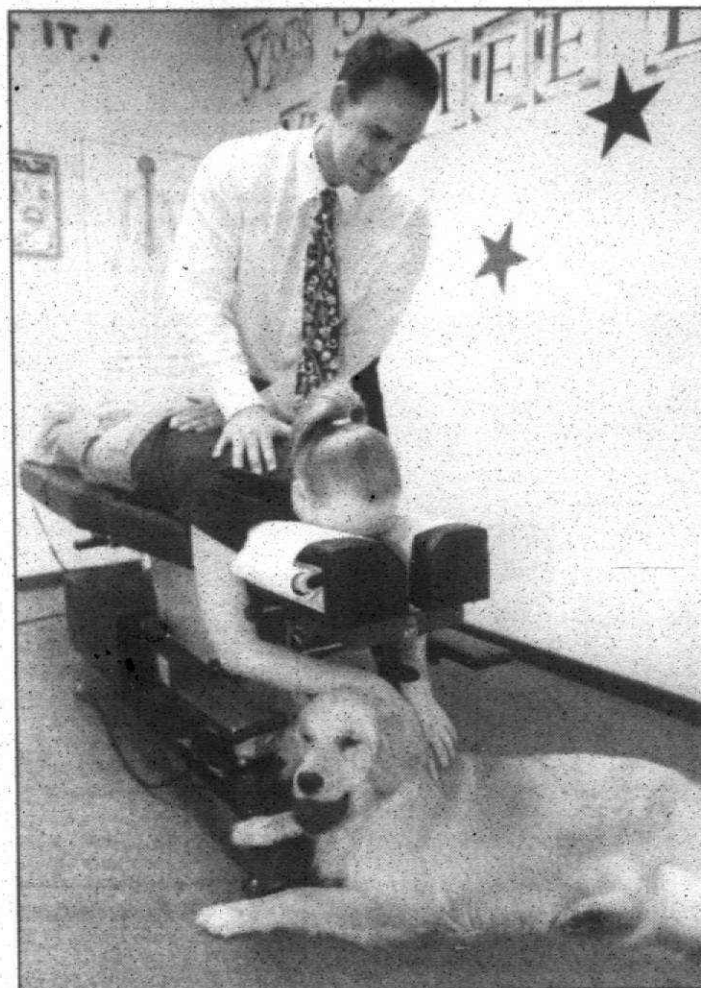
Apart from a handful of dog-allergic patients, Tara has been a big hit at the office, Brackney said.

"Patients will pet her when she's around. It really helps the atmosphere of the office while she's here," he said. Some patients even bring in doggie treats for Tara and tell Brackney they're disappointed if she's not there.

But not only does Tara calm down the patients, but the patients have helped calm Tara. "She's definitely a lot more calm (than she was before)," Brackney said. She walks up to people and listens more."

Her foster parents have noticed the difference as well. "When she comes home, she's a little tired, which is good," George Shea, an attorney with Brashear, Tangora and Spence, said. "She gets a lot of energy out while she's (at the chiropractor's office) that she wouldn't get out if she were at home."

The interaction with patients



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CANNES

Comforting patients: Tara has been a great source of comfort to patients. Here, she lies under the table while Brackney performs a procedure on Kelly Shea, a member of Tara's foster family. Always ready to play, Tara keeps a ball in her mouth waiting for Kelly to get up.

helps the dog become comfortable with a variety of situations and people, which helps train her to be a Leader Dog. But don't tell the dog it's an educational benefit.

"Frankly, (Tara) enjoys it," Shea said. "She gets a lot of attention and it also helps with the training process."

Shea's wife, Kathy, said raising the puppy has been rewarding, but it's also been frustrating at times.

"She was a real chewer," she said, adding that obedience classes and growing up helped rid her of the habit.

All bad habits aside, Tara has had a positive effect on the Shea

family, including children Mike, 14, and Kelly, 13.

"Raising puppies is a real positive experience for the whole family," she said.

Family matters



Spring thing: An adult goose watches over a baby gosling on the shore of the pond in front of the Summit on the Park recently.

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Did you know?

■ The average lifespan of a Major League baseball is seven pitches?

■ The world's youngest college graduate is Michael Kearney? He received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of South Alabama in 1994 at the age of 10.

■ Donning caps and gowns at graduation is a holdover from medieval times, when scholars wore the robes of religious clerics?

■ This year women are expected to earn 57 percent of bachelor's degrees in the United States?

■ Seventy-five percent of U.S. households have a barbecue grill?

■ The first drive-in restaurant was a barbecue joint called the Pig Stand? It opened in 1921.

Library construction update

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Q&A

Q: Where did the kangaroo get its name?

A: The name for the Australian marsupial kangaroo came about when some of the first white settlers saw this strange animal hopping along. They asked the Aborigines what it was called. The Aborigines replied, "Kangu-ru" which in their language means "I don't know!"

The source for this information is American Senior News.

Books on tape

Here are some books on audio tape available at the library:

- Dune, House Atreides by Brian Herbert and Kevin Anderson
- Prelude to the Foundation by Isaac Asimov
- Wild Swans by Jung Chang
- The Talented Mr. Ripley by Patricia Highsmith
- River Horse by William Least Heat-Moon

Hot topic of the week

■ "Big Mac" Shoreline Springs Scenic Tour! Bike tours of 25, 50, 75 and 100-mile routes between Mackinaw City and Harbor Springs, June 9, 10 and 11. Each scenic tour will take you along the Lake Michigan shoreline past sparkling water, windswept dunes, through the renowned "Tunnel of Trees," over rolling hills and through quiet resort towns and old Native American villages stepped in legend and charm.

The event includes a Saturday evening dinner cruise on the Straits of Mackinac and a Sunday morning bike ride across the Mackinac Bridge. For more information check the Mackinac Area Tourist Bureau Web site at: www.mackinawcity.com

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Township board meets Tuesdays

The Canton Township Board of Trustees meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are open to the public.

Agendas are available from the township clerk's office.

Absentee voters can get ballots through Saturday

SCHOOL ELECTION

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Plymouth-Canton school officials are putting together last-minute preparations for Monday's district-wide school board election.

"The administration offices will be open this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to accept and issue absentee voter ballots for Monday's election," said Liz Adams, elections clerk.

As of Tuesday, Adams issued 925 absentee ballots, but only about half had been returned.

"Anyone who needs to vote absentee has until the Saturday 2 p.m. deadline," said Adams. "If you have an absentee ballot and want to send it, it must be in Monday's mail delivery. Absentee ballots can also be delivered by hand to

the administration building through 8 p.m. Monday."

The administration offices are located in the E.J. McClenodon Educational Center, located at 454 S. Harvey Street in Plymouth.

The polls are open Monday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Adams said any questions concerning where to vote can be answered by calling her office at (734) 416-3095.

Meanwhile, Friday at 4 p.m. is the deadline for write-in candidates to file a Declaration of Intent form with the elections office in order to be considered a candidate for the school board election.

There are two four-year terms for voters to decide. The two incumbents running for re-election are Elizabeth Givens and Judy Mardigan. The three challengers are Carl Battistilli, James Donahue and Kathleen Payne.

Restaurant

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cerned with pedestrian safety. Logan's plans to build a parking lot adjacent to an access boulevard, or parking lane, which he said would create a dangerous pedestrian crossing.

Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin said she disagreed about requesting the developer build the DDA wall.

Canton residents Robert and Dan McCausland said they were concerned the commission was disregarding corporate overlay

district requirements that call for pedestrian-friendly features like sidewalks.

"I feel real bad that we're straying off (corporate overlay district requirements). This is supposed to be a campus setting where people park their vehicles and walk. Well I sat here tonight and watched this all go out the window."

"This town does look piecemeal. We are really missing the boat here and that saddens me,"

McCausland said.

His brother Robert spoke earlier in the meeting and argued verbally with Lieberman.

"What are you looking for here?" Lieberman asked of Robert McCausland. "Are you looking for DDA-type light fixtures? What would you like along Ford Road?"

McCausland answered, "I want the best development we can get."

But Lieberman said he wanted more specific answers.

"If you're not going to tell me (specifics) I'm not going to listen to you," he said.

McCausland said he did not want to talk "off the cuff" and referred to a page in the handbook outlining corporate overlay district requirements.

"How could you safely cross your family across the boulevard," McCausland said, referring to the developer's plans to build the parking lot adjacent to the boulevard.

Ben Tiseo, consulting architect, said Logan's is a steak-and-potatoes restaurant that serves

mostly American fare. There are plans to acquire a class C liquor license, which would allow the restaurant to serve beer, wine and hard liquor. The 8,300-square-foot restaurant could serve approximately 292 people at a time.

If plans go smoothly, it could be open by the end of this year.

The restaurant would sit between Don Pablos and Gardner-White Furniture, close to Ford Road.

Other Logan's restaurants are located in Roseville and Shelby Township and one is under construction in Troy. Logan's headquarters is in Nashville, Tenn.

"I think it's going to be a nice welcome," Tiseo said of the planned Canton restaurant. To address the residents' and commission's concerns about pedestrian safety, he said they plan to look at moving certain stretches of sidewalk.

"The paramount thing is safety," Tiseo said. "It's dangerous to have a sidewalk adjacent to the drive. That boulevard is going to have some traffic."

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The common elbow injury known as "tennis elbow" typically involves pain on the outside of the elbow as the muscles of the forearm and the tendon connecting the muscles to the bones in the elbow become inflamed from overuse. Yet another type of tennis elbow is characterized by pain on the inner side of the elbow (the medial epicondyle). This pain is associated with inflammation of the muscles and tendon that enable the wrist to pronate (palm facing down) and problem typically affects tennis players who hit topspin forehands, which require turning the racquet head over the top of the ball. Most treatment involves an exercise program to increase the strength of the forearm muscles and flexibility of the forearm muscles and tendon. If your "killer returns" are beginning to aggravate you more than your opponent, it's time to ask your physician for a referral to the HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY. To learn how our wide range of recovery and rehabilitation services can benefit you, call 453-8376 to schedule a private consultation with one of our experienced, licensed physical therapists; early morning and evening appointments available. You'll find our state-of-the-art facilities located in Plymouth, at 470 Forest Avenue, Suite 28. Most insurance plans, Blue Cross, and Medicare accepted.

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Strawberry Fest

the strawberries," Miller said. Some of the choices include Cajun, Polish, Italian and Greek as well as typical American fare such as steaks, chicken and ribs. Nearly every festival location will have crafters selling their wares, Miller added.

Some highlights of this year's festival:

- A "Circus on the Lake" water-skiing show from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Belleville Lake, featuring local talent.
- The "Bride of the Millennium" wedding 2 p.m. Sunday, June 18 at Victory Park featuring a local couple who won a contest.
- The Wee Little Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss pageant from noon to 3 p.m. at the festival's main stage, at Fourth Street and Main. The queen pageant will be 7:30 p.m. in the Belleville High School auditorium.

For more information about the Belleville National Strawberry Festival, call the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce at (734) 697-7151.



New wheels: Canton Fire Capt. Bill Grady shows off the heavy-duty fire and rescue rig.

Fire rig

station. It holds enough oxygen to fill more than 60 firefighter airpaks. A breathing air reel allows two firefighters to work indefinitely in confined areas, said Grady. The vehicle's size is another advantage, he added. It's four feet longer than the old rescue unit and actually bigger than a tanker truck. Grady said it allows for more storage.

Equipment such as saws, axes, vehicle moving equipment and the jaws of life can be more easily stored, he commented. "This is a tool truck," Grady said. "It has everything we need."

It will go on a majority of runs for the fire department. Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher said it will roll on all advanced life support and fire calls.

Last year, the heavy rescue truck went on 965 runs or nearly three per day. To put it in perspective, it's three times the number of runs fire engines go on, Rorabacher said. "We were beating it to death," added Grady. He expects the new vehicle, which carries a 300 horsepower diesel engine, to last about 10 years.

Landscaper

They were originally scheduled to be planted in 1998. But drought conditions killed 70 percent of the trees Davey intended to plant, said Baker. A second planting attempt failed last year. Davey finally delivered a about two dozen trees to the interchange early this spring. But they have sat at the site since, Baker said. This spring's wet weather has held planting up this time around, he added. Baker acknowledged that Davey has had some very bad luck in trying to finish the job. "Plant material is very hard to come by," he added. But the landscape architect still believes the job should've been completed by now. "They are a national company," Baker said of Davey Commercial Grounds Management. "This job is nothing out of the ordinary for them." Gallagher said there have been a number of "issues" related to the project. He declined to elaborate, however. His company does plan to finish as soon as possible. "A tremendous amount of work has already been done," Gallagher added. "There was a lot of excavation to prepare the site."

Homeowners say condo project name is confusing

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Cobblestone Ridge and Cobblestone Ridge South sound so much alike it could lead residents of both developments to think they're one and the same. That's what has Cobblestone Ridge residents worried. The Selective Group of Farmington Hills plans to build a 24-acre, 48-unit site condominium cluster development called Cobblestone Ridge South. The development would sit across the street from Cobblestone Ridge, a subdivision

with its own play area and homeowners association. The proposed development is located on the south side of Salt between Beck and Canton Center. Under the cluster development option, 10,000-square-foot lots with a minimum width of 80 feet are allowed. The developer plans to create a landscaped, boulevard entrance and has committed to pave 1,200 feet of Salt Road. The paving would be funded by a participation agreement or special assessment district. Details about the

paving will be presented as part of the final site plan approval. The Selective Group also must provide an estimate of the number of trees they plan to cut and provide plant materials that are guaranteed for a minimum of two years. The Canton Planning Commission approved the Selective Group's special land use for Cobblestone Ridge South at its meeting Monday. The township board has the final say in special land use approvals. Some residents said they were concerned that the new residents

would use facilities they work and pay to maintain - such as the playground area referred to as a lot lot. "I don't want my park being used by all these people," said Mary Beth Betts, who lives in Cobblestone Ridge. "It's really going to get overused. It's right at the end of our sub."

Dale Bauman from the Selective Group said they would try to tell Cobblestone Ridge South buyers that the lot lot is not for their use. "Residents from (Cobblestone Ridge) will not be allowed to go

across the street and use the lot lot without trespassing," Bauman said. "We will try to incorporate that into our sales process."

But Betts said the problem would be enforcement. Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin said erecting a fence and signs stating the lot lot is for Cobblestone Ridge residents only might help. The residents would have to secure all necessary permits for the signs and fencing.

Commissioner Sue Dodson suggested putting a lot lot in the new subdivision. Bauman said there was no available space for lot lots because of wetland areas. "If putting a lot lot in designated park spaces wasn't possible, Commissioner Ron Lieberman suggested designating one of the home lots as a lot lot area."

"You can understand our concern in giving up a lot," Bauman said. "We're not opposed to lot lots. We've put them up in other communities."

Finance director reworks investment strategy

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Recent advertisements for an auto part used a sales pitch along the lines of "pay a little now or pay a lot more later." The township is adopting the same philosophy in funding its employee retirement health insurance. According to Canton Finance Director Tony Minghine, the number of retirees could begin to dramatically rise this year. "At the present time we have only 13 active retirees," he wrote in a report to township trustees. "But many more are eligible based on our criteria of 15 years of service and 55 years of age."

Minghine believes now is the time to act.

■ Finance Director Tony Minghine estimates that the township would save \$7 million over 30 years by pre-funding retirement instead of paying as it goes.

to fund health care for its 13 retirees.

This year, 14 employees are eligible to retire. In his report, Minghine states that Canton's costs would jump by 108 percent if each left. The number of retirees could continue to grow by five to 10 in subsequent years, Administrative and Community Services Director Dan Durack said. "We find that people generally stay past the minimal retirement age," he commented. "But we have to plan as if they will retire."

Canton currently has 300 employees. Minghine estimates that the township would save about \$7 million over 30 years by pre-funding instead of paying as it goes.

Changes in public health care investment law will make funding easier, he told trustees. Until recently, governmental units were forced to invest such funds conservatively.

Money market funds and treasury notes were common tools. Now, Minghine said, as much as 65 percent of funds can be invested in stocks.

He allowed the overall fund to grow faster with fewer contributions from the township. Minghine concluded his report by recommending pre-funding with an equity investment strategy. Biting the bullet now is Canton's best option, he added.

"It's important that we set a standard now," Minghine said referring to making funding a budget priority. "If we do, it's less likely future boards will ignore it or change policy."

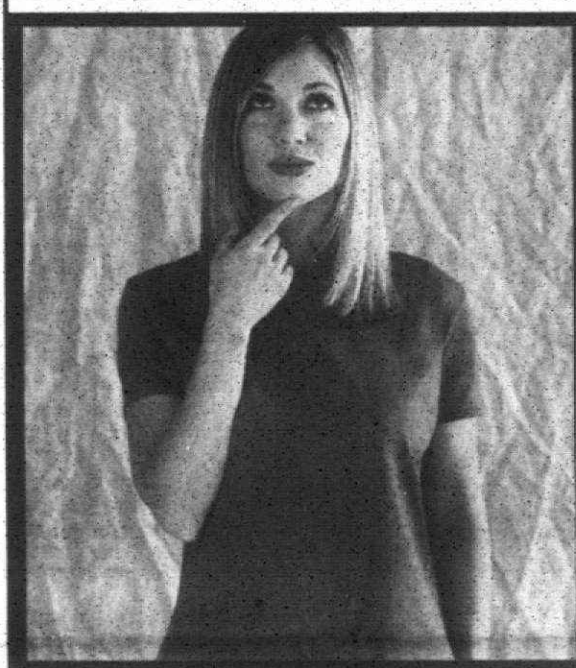
Trustees were positive in responses to the idea. "I think it's a good idea," said Melissa McLaughlin. "We have to plan for that now. It could leave a board very bankrupt if we don't finance this now."

Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter agreed. "I think we should be putting more money into this now," she said.

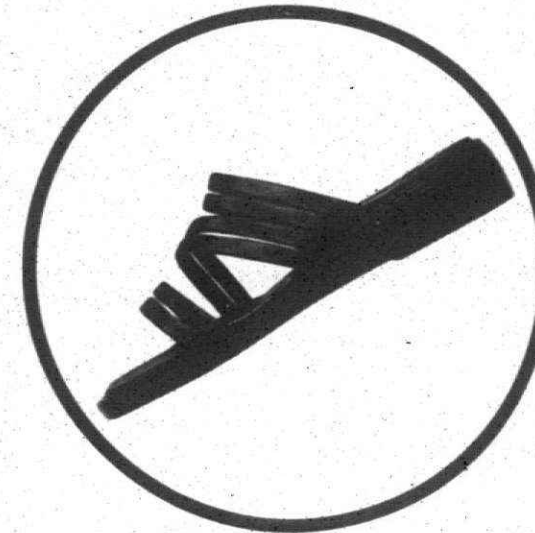
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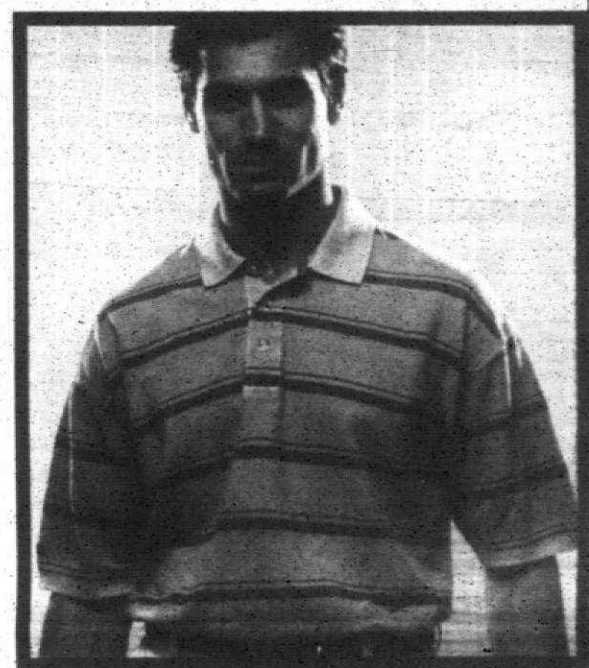
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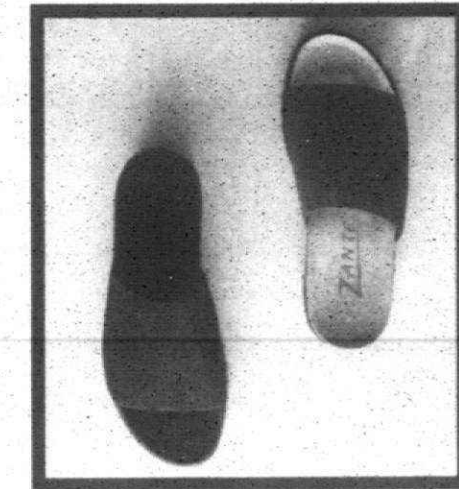
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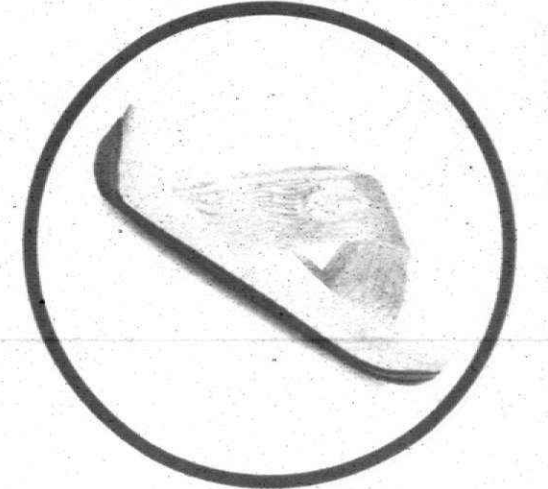
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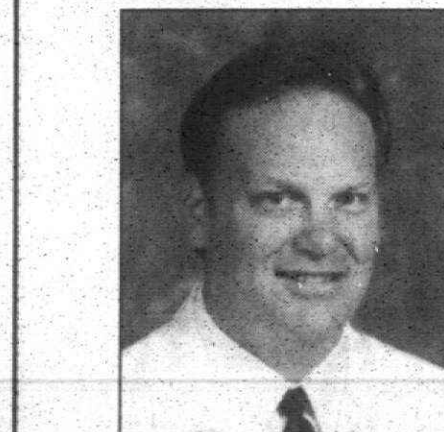
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Dr. Lefkowitz

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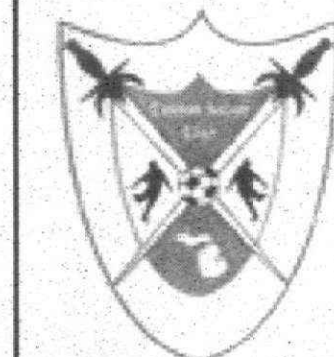
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Additional tryout information will be available at www.cantonsoccerclub.com or (734) 455-9946.

Canton HS tryout site is the front field(s) (Canton Center & Joy Road)
Flodin Park is located at the corner of Salt and Morton Taylor.

BOYS					
AGE	TRAINER/COACH	CONTACT PHONE#	DATES/ TIMES	LOCATION	
U9	Goose Finnerty/TBA	(734) 455-9946	6/17 5p-7p, 6/18 5p-7p	Canton HS	
U10 A&B	Bill Joker Demopoulos, Meyerand	(734) 981-6041	6/15 6p-8p, 6/16 6p-8p	Canton HS	
U11 A&B	Randy Prescott/Sanders, Thomas	(734) 451-7211 (734) 453-0857	6/15 6p-8p, 6/16 6p-8p	Canton HS	
U12 Premier	Charlie Bell	(734) 878-9031	6/15 6p-8p, 6/16 6p-8p	Canton HS	
U12 Select	TBA				
U13 Premier	Sean Bowers	(734) 455-9946	6/15 6p-8p, 6/16 6p-8p	Canton HS	
U13 Select	Morrison	(734) 981-2773	6/15 6p-8p, 6/16 6p-8p	Canton HS	
U14 Premier	Truskowski/Palazolo	(734) 207-1662	6/19 6p-8p, 6/20 6p-8p	Canton HS	
U14 Select	Cox	(734) 454-9072	6/22 6p-8p, 6/23 6p-8p	Canton HS	
U15 Premier	Randy Prescott/deVries	(734) 397-8953	6/19 6p-8p, 6/20 6p-8p	Madonna Univ.	
U15 Select	Krajovic	(734) 459-7849	6/21 6p-8p, 6/22 6p-8p	Canton HS	
U16 Premier	Dewan Bader/Foess	(734) 416-4246	6/19 6p-8p, 6/20 6p-8p	Canton HS	
U16 Select	Masters	(734) 844-1104	6/21 6p-8p, 6/22 6p-8p	Canton HS	
U17 Premier	Truskowski/Zdrodowski	(734) 459-0927	6/20 6p-8p, 6/21 6p-8p	Canton HS	
U18 Premier	Goose Finnerty/Zemanski	(734) 459-0611	6/15 6:30-8:30, 6/16 6:30-8:30	Canton HS	
GIRLS					
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U10 A	Rodrigo Gorzales/Cox	(734) 454-9072	6/19 6p-8p, 6/20 6p-8p	Flodin Park	
U11 A	Rodrigo Gorzales/Clearly	(734) 397-3947	6/21 6p-8p, 6/22 6p-8p	Flodin Park	
U12 Premier	TBA/Mattarella	(734) 455-9462	6/15 6p-8p, 6/16 6p-8p	Flodin Park	
U13 Premier	Sean Bowers/Pickard	(734) 416-9428	6/19 6p-8p, 6/20 6p-8p	Flodin Park	
U14 Premier	Gonzales/Wheatley	(734) 454-7092	6/19 6:30-8:30, 6/20 6:30-8:30	Flodin Park	
U14 Premier	Pagan/Preise	(734) 459-7252	6/19 6:30-8:30, 6/21 6:30-8:30	Flodin Park	
U15 Premier	Wensley/John Kiefer	(734) 451-5531	6/21 6p-8p, 6/22 6p-8p	Flodin Park	
U16 Premier	Ernie Bucks	(734) 453-6555	6/20 6p-8p, 6/21 6p-8p	Flodin Park	
U17 Premier	Eric Dean	(734) 455-3662	6/20 6p-8p, 6/21 6p-8p	Flodin Park	
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PCHA holds used equipment sale Sunday

The Plymouth Canton Hockey Association will accept applications for open membership for the fall 2000-2001 hockey season and hold a used equipment

sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, June 11 in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

To apply for membership for the 2000-2001 hockey season in

must be age 6 by June 30, 2000. City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township residents must bring a picture identification and proof of residency (current utility bill).

The PCHA retains 15 percent of sold items in the used hockey equipment sale. Pricing of items will be done between 9-10 a.m. Unsold items must be picked up no later than 1 p.m. on June 11. Unclaimed items will become property of the PCHA.

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On behalf of the Health System, we extend our appreciation to this year's Chair, Bryan Amann, for his dedication and leadership. We also thank and recognize Honorary Chair Ted Lindsay, well-known for his role with the Detroit Wings, and the many members of the 2000 Steering Committee for helping make this event possible. Their names are listed below.

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by Steve Mansfield
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Eagle eyes: Benjamin Cool and Matthew Pohl celebrate their achievement last month.

Canton teens make Eagle Scout rank

Canton residents Matthew Pohl and Benjamin Cool have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout as members of Boy Scout Troop 854.

The two were honored at a double Eagle Scout ceremony at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton on May 15. In attendance were many of the boys' friends from school as well as family members.

Pohl and Cool received recognition from Gov. John Engler as part of the ceremony. Both boys have a long and involved history in scouting.

Pohl joined scouting at the Tiger Cub level in Pack 1540 out of Isabister School in Plymouth. Each year he advanced in rank and by the end of fifth grade, he crossed over into Boy Scouts having earned the Arrow of Light Award.

He joined Troop 854 in the fall of 1993. During his time with the troop, Pohl served as quartermaster, assistant senior patrol leader and senior patrol leader. He participated regularly in troop outings, campsouts and service projects.

For his Eagle project during the 1998-1999 school year, Pohl focused on helping others through his speaking skills. He began and served as the head coach for a forensics team at West Middle School in Plymouth.

Coaching these students and taking them to a statewide competition, Pohl learned many lessons about dealing with various administrations and types of people.

Cool started his trail to Eagle, as a Tiger Cub with Pack 854 at Miller School. He advanced through the ranks (Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and Webelos), finishing with the Arrow of Light. Ben enjoyed building Pinewood Derby cars with his dad, and placed second in the district competition.

Cool crossed over to Troop 854 in the Spring of 1993, and his first experience as a troop member, was summer camp at Treasure Island Scout Camp, in Pennsylvania. There he earned his first merit badge in canoeing. He went on to earn his 50-Miler Afloat Award.

For his Eagle project, Cool organized and directed a book drive that donated more than 2,400 books to institutions around the Canton Area.

As well as being in Boy Scouts, Cool participated in school sports, such as JV football and track, where he threw the shot put and discus. In his senior year at Canton High School, Cool enrolled at Schoolcraft College and Eastern Michigan University, taking college level courses as a dual-enrolled student.

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McNamara calls airport audit a 'witch hunt'

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If there are inefficiencies at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, it's because 35 million passengers a year are trying to use a facility intended to handle 11 million passengers annually, said Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara.

That's why the county is spending \$1.2 billion to build a Midfield Terminal, which will have 74 gates, a new parking structure, and a fourth parallel runway. As soon as that opens in late 2001, the county will begin renovating its existing terminal, McNamara said.

The state's contribution to expansion has been a "witch

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Ed McNamara
Wayne County Executive

hunt," McNamara said at the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce's Mackinac Island Leadership Conference June 2. An audit called for at last year's conference by a House Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo, has yet to conclude its work, McNamara said.

"When he said it would be done by Labor Day, I forgot asking which Labor Day he was talking about," McNamara said.

The chairman of the Select Committee reviewing airport operations, Rep. Koetje, R-Grandville, blames the delay on the reluctance of airport officials to turn over the necessary documents. The committee recently ordered the airport to turn those documents over more quickly. And state officials say they hope to wrap up their work this summer.

McNamara argues that the

airport turned over thousands of documents and state auditors are concentrating on contacts that are 25 years old. The plans to improve the airport, however, date back 13 years and span two previous airport directors.

Current director Les Robinson went over airport plans with the Mackinac Island conferees, displaying plans for the new mile-long terminal, the new parking structure and lots with 1,300 additional spaces, and an access road to the south, allowing drivers to enter the airport from Eureka Road.

The airport concourse will have 25,000 square feet of retail

space. Stores there will generate additional revenue for airport operation, he said.

A \$4.50 airport user fee provided the money for the new construction, he said. That fee will also pay for renovation of the existing terminals. Renovation of the existing terminals will begin in earnest next year, McNamara said. Only sketchy plans have been laid out on that project to date.

He said he didn't believe the state audit was contributing anything to the airport's improvement. He dismissed it as "foolishness."



Ed McNamara, Wayne County Executive

Police training center awarded \$2 million grant for sim-city

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It appears certain now that Oakland Community College will receive a \$2 million grant for development of its Combined Regional Emergency Services Training center, as a result of an agreement among the state's legislative leadership.

Last week, leadership agreed on a "targets" to be included in a \$393.26 million supplemental appropriation bill, according to Brian O'Connell, legislative aide to Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak. The agreement transfers the \$2 million dollar grant for the CREST center from the Consumer and Industry Services budget to supplemental appropriations and means both House and Senate will likely vote approval before they head out for summer recess.

The agreement was reached in a meeting involving Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, Senate Appropriations Chair Harry Gast, R-St. Joseph; House Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo; and House Appropriations Committee Chair Terry Geiger, R-Lake Odessa.

Despite the rejection of a planning grant last year by the governor, his office has not said it

will reject the grant this time around. An agreement among the leadership increases its chances, O'Connell said.

The money will go to the \$7 million, 22-acre "simulated city" already under construction at the college, to be used to train police and fire workers. Emergency personnel will be able to use the facility to train and practice their responses to the emergencies, from hostage situations to toxic chemical spills to gas leaks.

The center is often compared to FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia. Oakland County taxpayers approved money for the center in a millage vote in 1995 but the college has been hoping to get up to \$4 million in assistance from the state before completing construction.

Approval of the grant means OCC officials will likely see the check sometime in October.

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Rouge Rescue

After 15 years, a cleaner river

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

An estimated 2,500 volunteers attended 22 sites along the Rouge watershed Saturday to participate in the 15th-anniversary of the Rouge Rescue.

Maybe the most important outcome of the event, now known as River Day, was there was not as much garbage and debris pulled from the river as in years past.

The reason was not a lack of effort. There just wasn't as much to pick up.

From Canton Township to

Livonia, and from Novi to Beverly Hills, volunteers helped with a wide variety of activities that went far beyond picking up garbage, and included building pathways, planting vegetation, and constructing observation decks.

The fact the projects at each of the sites were as diverse as the volunteers who came out to lend a hand is an indication the event has become more ambitious over the course of a decade and a half.

"We used to measure our success on the number of trash containers we filled up," said Jim Graham, executive director of Friends of the Rouge, the volunteer organization devoted to cleaning up the long-polluted river.

"Now we base it on the number of volunteers who show up and the diversity of the projects we accomplish. To me this is much more significant."

In Westland, around 200 volunteers battled mosquitoes along Tonquish Creek in Hix Park.

While they picked up their share of trash, Westland volunteers also employed a new technique known as woody debris management along Tonquish Creek. Rather than extract all of the logs from the creek, volunteers used cables to permanently secure many of them to the banks.

"In the past we just ripped out everything that was in the creek, so this is something a little new," volunteer Marty Johnson said of the project, which required a permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

"Not only does it stabilize the banks, but it oxygenates the water as it rolls over the logs, which helps the fish and keeps the creek healthy."

Canton attracted approximately 100 volunteers, the biggest turnout in the township's four

years of sponsoring a site. Volunteers, most of whom remained relatively clean compared to the mud-caked, mosquito-bitten Westland volunteers, broke off into four groups and participated in different activities.

The largest group traveled around the various township neighborhoods and stenciled storm drains to remind residents the drains lead directly to the river.

"The stenciling raises awareness and reminds people not to dump things down the storm drains," said Canton coordinator Kelly Kelly, noting volunteers had made it to every neighborhood in the township.

Another group, comprised mainly of children and their parents, remained at the Township Hall and constructed birdhouses, which they could take home and hang up in their yards.

Canton's other two activities took place at Field and Tonda elementary schools. At Field, workers put in the posts for an observation deck that will overlook Truesdell Creek, as well as planted vegetation along the stream bank.

At Tonda, volunteers built a pathway along Fellows Creek. The site already has an observation deck, and school officials plan to incorporate the natural area into the curriculum as an alternative to classroom instruction.

"The children love getting out of the classroom and getting outside," said Marjane Baker, a 4th grade teacher at Tonda and chairperson of the entire project, which has also included planting over 1,000 shrubs and trees.

"In the process of educating them, we get them tuned-in to the natural world around them. They really do have a good understanding that we have to conserve our natural resources."

All of Canton's volunteers were rewarded for their efforts



STAFF PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH CAENEDE

Unjammin': Bill Craig (left) and Phil Crookshank clear debris from a logjam in the Rouge.

with a lunch featuring a pig roast at the end of the day's work.

While many of the 2,500 participants at the various sites were event veterans, some came out for the first time. One such person, Westland resident John Borczak, picked up trash and put up a few birdhouses at Hix Park.

"I do a lot of walking and hiking at Hines Park. I figured since I use it a lot, I might as well contribute in some way," he said.

Canton resident Rich Taglione, also a first-timer, brought his 7-year-old son Richard and the two built a birdhouse together.

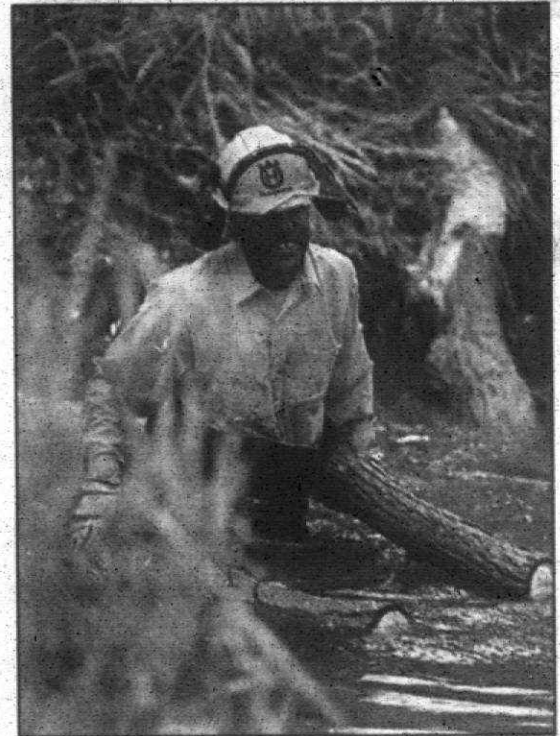
"I wanted to participate because this is a good cause," Taglione said. "Plus it was something my son and I could do together."

By all accounts, Saturday was a great success.

"We accomplished nearly everything we had envisioned getting done," said Bill Craig, who help lead the efforts in Westland.

Canton organizers were also happy with the efforts of volunteers.

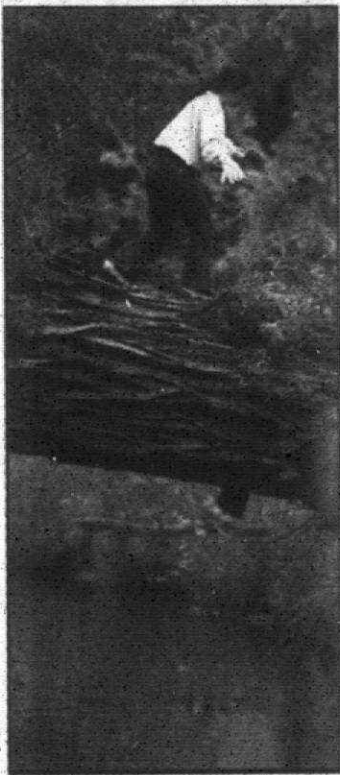
"Each year we seem to get



Log hauling: Ralph Williams of the city of Livonia Forestry Department brings logs out of the Rouge to the banks of the river.

more people showing up," Kelly said. "We got everything done that we wanted to. We even had people sitting around. We should

have had more to do." Kelly should take heart, because there is always next year.

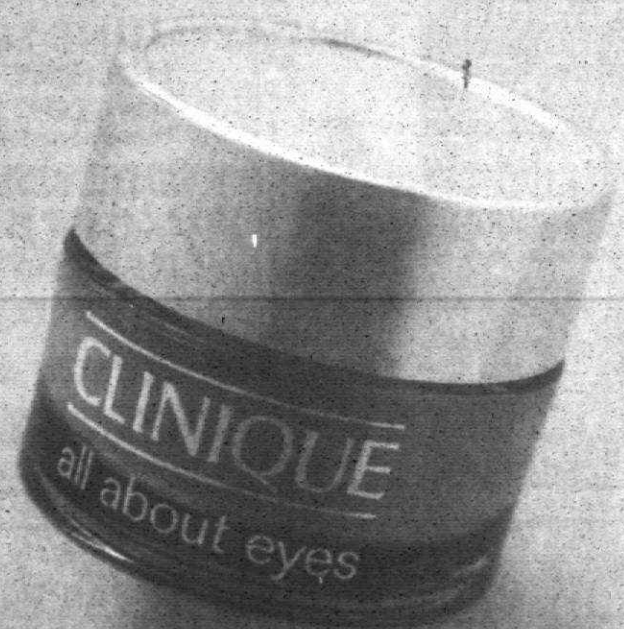


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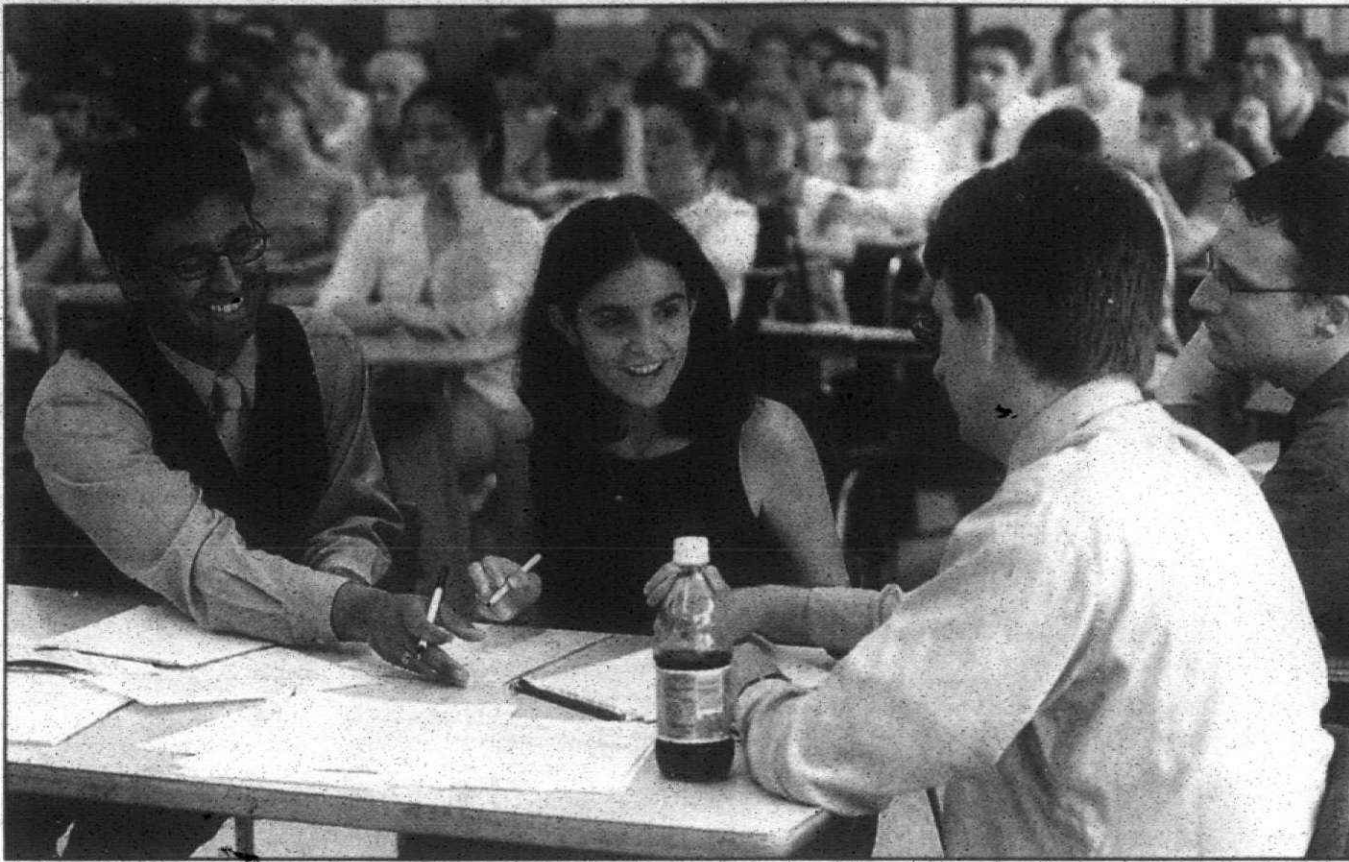
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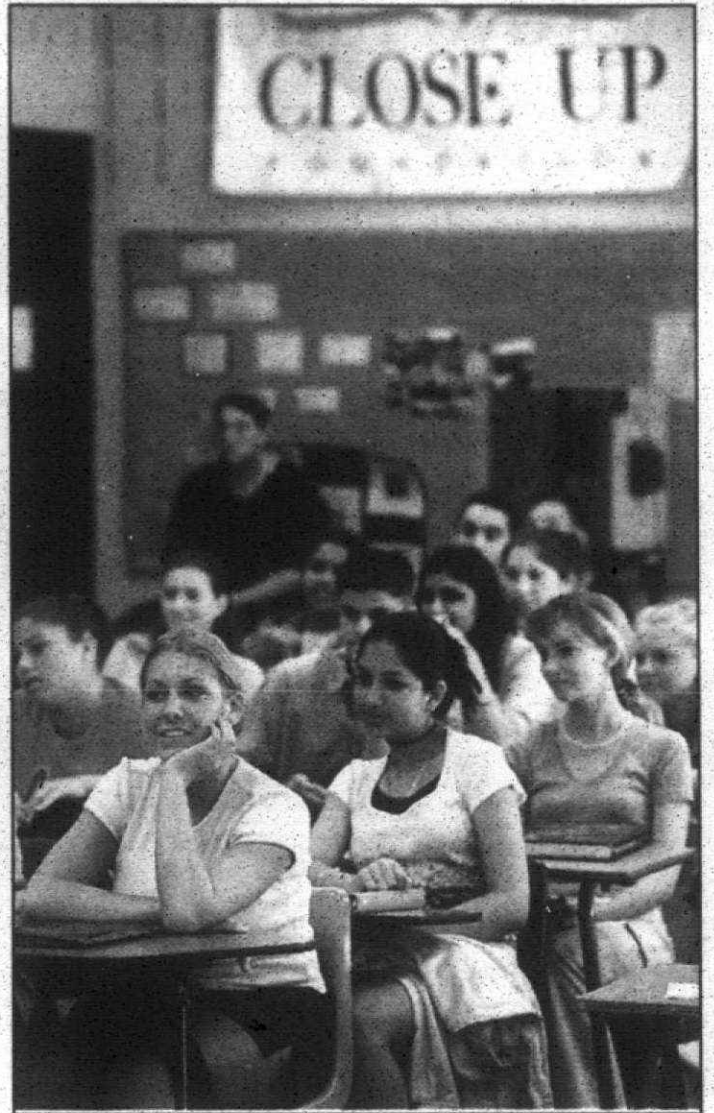


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Sidebar: "Defense attorneys" Suraj Patel and Jessie Lobenherz consult with their clients (actually instructors) Bob Boyd and Darrin Silvester during the mock trial.



On the case: Andrea Dery of Canton, 16, and fellow Close Up classmates watch and listen to the mock trial.

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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Plymouth-Salem government students learned a valuable lesson about standing up for their rights after two teachers gave students, including 4.0 students, "zero" grades on a class project.

The sophomore Close-Up students received zeroes on a class assignment where they were instructed to produce

a 30-minute video and a skit about presenting both sides of a controversial issue. But the students were also working on a variety of other Close-Up projects and did not have time to do the video project, they argued.

So the students, led by Brandon Sammut, collected 43 petition signatures explaining their objections to Close-Up teachers Darrin Silvester and Bob Boyd.

The teachers challenged the stu-

dents to stand up for their rights in the truly American way, by taking their concerns to a court of law — a mock court, to be exact.

Students played the role of prosecutors, defense counsel and the jury in a trial Thursday after school.

But the seriousness of the proceeding was compromised at times when students acting as audience members laughed or jeered at certain things the "attorneys" said.

"The students developed 'senioritis' two years too early," said Suraj Patel, acting as defense attorney for the teachers. "The teachers did not give the students zeroes because of the petition."

Patel continually asked student witnesses if they had bachelor's degrees, which made audience members laugh. He also made the students laugh when he said, "I will act a bit more cheery next time" after a prosecuting

attorney objected to his line of questioning.

When Sammut, who headed the petition drive, took the stand he defended the students' right to petition based on the First Amendment.

"This trial here today is living proof that my petition worked," Sammut said.

Sophomore Close-Up student Katie Smith said even though they were

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Buckeye fund-raiser reaches out for Schoolcraft donors

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Schoolcraft has picked a Buckeye nurtured in Michigan soil in the hope he will help the state's ninth-largest community college grow its financial base.

David Barcus, who grew up in Marion, Ohio, near Columbus, but who is a 1967 graduate of the former Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, has become the Livonia-based Schoolcraft's first professional fund-raiser.

With the college's continued growth — among other things, it recently announced a \$20-million state-of-the-art expansion of its Waterman Campus Center — Barcus is expected to move the college from an event-based fund-raising format focusing mainly on scholarships to one with a broader base as the 8,000-student college seeks to meet the needs of its student and business clientele.

"Our aim is to establish a large base of donors, a more diverse base of donors and to create a planned-giving approach," said Norene Thomas, Schoolcraft's director of marketing and development (fund-raising), in discussing the addition of Barcus to his staff.

"That's where he's got the expertise," she said, adding the administration believes "he's the one to take us to the next level of giving."

"We hope (Barcus) will move us to a position where 'people think of us in their wills and estates, or think of us for contributions routinely,'" said Thomas.



Fund-raiser: David Barcus is hoping to broaden Schoolcraft's fund-raising efforts to attract new contributors.

The 50-year-old Barcus, who came to Schoolcraft earlier this year from the St. John Health System Foundation in Macomb County, estimates he has raised about \$40 million for institutions in Indiana, Oregon and Michigan.

A Nebraska native who planned to become a teacher, Barcus majored in English literature and philosophy at Northwestern University and later added a master's in American studies from Bowling Green University.

But he got into arts administration instead when, after college, he took an 18-month job writing grants to help Fort Wayne, Ind., celebrate the bicentennial.

"The best job" "It was the best job I ever had," said Barcus. "It gave me a taste of fund-raising" and also a broad introduction to cultural arts.

But "I really got into fund-raising," he said, when he became

assistant director of the Fort Wayne Fine Arts Foundation, helping raise \$4 million between 1978-81 to develop the Fort Wayne Museum.

Until 1985, Barcus worked for the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, returning to his prep alma mater, Cranbrook, to start a \$7-million capital campaign for its Institute of Science.

From there, Barcus became executive director of Bon Secours Hospital Foundation in Grosse Pointe, raising \$18 million before the hospital merged with Cottage Hospital and he joined St. John, creating a major capital campaign for a cancer center there.

Schoolcraft's new executive director of development said he is considering a \$20-million capital campaign.

"Education is more important than ever and community colleges are in a position where they deserve more support," Barcus said.

"They are the key to the work force," he said. "We need more and more leaders and more people to do the skilled jobs."

He said the college is "looking to get out of only raising scholarships. We're looking at what we might do if we had our entire wish-list fulfilled."

More involvement

His aim is to "get people involved more," Barcus said. "We're trying to create givers, to let people know why they should give."

"If we do that well, people will want to give. And if more people understand why that's important, we all benefit," he said.

Volunteers are the key, he said. "The people who best raise money are volunteers."

Schoolcraft is blessed with "a very good foundation board," Barcus said, and also is a place that teachers, administrators and students "have very warm feelings for."

"This is a great place to work," he stated. "It is extremely well managed. (It) has reputation in the community is solid."

"Schoolcraft is a part of the identity of the area. It helps define what this area is and why

Schoolcraft adapts to changing needs

BY RICHARD PEARL
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McDowell said Schoolcraft's Business Development Center and its director, Bruce Sweet, have helped local companies do over \$960 million in business with the federal government alone by teaching them how to access that market.

It also helped a Farmington Hills business win a \$32-million contract to supply computers to the U.S. House of Representatives, McDowell said.

The pervasiveness of television, VCRs, radio and computers as transmitters of information means that "We're past the place where the teacher can be the primary source" of that information, McDowell noted.

Today, the Schoolcraft faculty's role is to help students relate to what they learn about things like Bosnia or the Federal Reserve raising interest rates.

"We are helping students learn how to learn, to be informed and to form opinions and, hopefully, make their own decisions" about things, McDowell said.

"The role of Schoolcraft is to deal with the situations and help people learn throughout life, because the need is there," he said.

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Program aimed at helping kids get 'ready to succeed'

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Couples who bring home a new baby are likely to hear a knock at the door shortly afterward from a new school district official known as a "home visitor."

The visitor's job will be to inform parents about the latest research that shows early experiences affect how the brain "wires" itself in the first few years of development and to make sure they know about all the resources that are available to them to help them be good parents.

Strictly voluntary, the Ready to Succeed program will encourage new parents to talk to their babies, interact, read and play simple games with them.

According to state Rep. Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham, it doesn't involve anything good parents don't already do. Unfortunately, some parents apparently believe it is unnecessary to talk to their youngsters out of the mistaken impression that it has no effect because the children can't understand the words.

That's not so, according to Joan Lessen-Firestone, an early childhood education consultant for the Oakland Intermediate School District.

Recent research has shown a lack of stimulation in the first years of life can lead to measurable difference in the structure of a child's brain, a thinner cortex. Negative stimulation, the kind that comes with abuse, can also produce enough stress to change the structure of the brain, she said, leading to increased aggressiveness or quicker use of the "fight or flight" response.

The home visitation program will be run by local school districts, according to Godchaux. The state has already put \$45 million in its K-12 school aid budget to pay for grants to local districts to run the program. Matching funds will be necessary from the community, which may come from the school district, community organizations or local businesses. How much must be contributed by the community is not specified and may vary.

The grant program was fea-

tured in a session at the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Conference on Mackinac Island.

School districts locally already have such programs in place, according to Lessen-Firestone. The Waterford and Birmingham school districts are among them. Similar programs, known as a "Success by Six," are also in operation in other states, including Vermont and Kansas.

Godchaux said she hopes every

parent in the state will receive a visitation within the first couple weeks after bringing a new baby home. "At risk" parents won't be specifically targeted to encourage participation.

"If we say it's only for at-risk families, those who need it most won't do it. No one likes to be called at-risk," she said. "It's not a matter of people being bad parents, they're just torn by the demands of daily life."

If parents are unwilling to par-

ticipate, home visitors will not return because it is not mandatory, Godchaux said. Still, she hopes everyone will take part in the program.

The seed money was put in the budget as a follow up to a Ready-to-Learn Children's Summit held in the state several years ago, she said, and 19 local forums held around the state by a "Children's Caucus" of state legislators, including Godchaux, Hubert Price, D-Pontiac, Lynne

Martinez, D-Lansing, and Edward LaForge, D-Kalamazoo.

Lessen-Firestone predicted that school districts will soon be operating beyond their traditional K-12 programs, and begin concentrating as well on early childhood development, even prenatal care.

Research has shown that a child's brain matures significantly within the first year of life. Born with some 50 billion synapses in the brain, a baby's

brain increases the number to 1,000 trillion synapses by the end of the first year. A 20-year-old by comparison has only 500 trillion synapses in the brain, showing the number is later pared down.

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Livonia residents Stephanie Banaszak, a senior in psychology; Sharon Hoyer, a May 2000 graduate in English/music with minors in humanities and speech/drama; Nora Kohlbus, a senior of biochemistry and biology; Maria Mitter, a junior in psychology; and Lorraine Zytowski, a May 2000 graduate in mathematics; Milford resident Sharon Whalen, a December 1999 graduate in gerontology; Novi resident Joe Dean, senior, general studies; Pinkney resident Karen L. Carter, a May 2000 graduate in allied health administration;

Plymouth resident Yoko Morie, a post degree student in psychology; Redford resident Jennifer Comben, a senior in dietetics; Romeo resident William Brauer, a May 2000 graduate in criminal justice; Southgate resident Ann Crumley, a senior in social work; Southgate resident Richard Sands, a junior in the legal assistant program with a minor in criminal justice; and West Bloomfield residents Linda Lowther, senior, sociology and Kathleen Quinn-Balch, a post degree student in English and elementary education.

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Critics call deregulation bill a windfall for utilities

By MIKE MALOTT
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Gov. John Engler signed into law a bill deregulating electric utilities and giving consumers a 5 percent rate cut on Mackinac Island June 5 during the Detroit Regional Chamber's Leadership Policy Conference. It was the end result of a goal he set for the Legislature just weeks earlier.

But the issue is far from settled. Critics say the bill could produce a windfall for utilities. Environmentalists have raised concerns.

And local governments are expected to sue over the bill.

"Michigan will go from being a laggard in electric deregulation to being a leader," Engler said in the ceremonial signing of Senate Bill 937 before the Mackinac conferees. Sponsored by Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R Lake Orion, the bill is intended to open elec-

Included in the legislation is a 5 percent rate cut, a three-year freeze and a two-year cap on electric utility rates. Also included are provisions allowing competing companies to sell electricity over the lines of current service providers.

tric utilities to competition.

Included in the legislation is a 5 percent rate cut, a three-year freeze and a two-year cap on electric utility rates. Also included are provisions allowing competing companies to sell electricity over the lines of current service providers. New power gener-

ation companies will be able to begin building plants and marketing electricity over current Detroit Edison and Consumers Energy lines.

The restructuring is intended to bring down costs for consumers.

Choice emphasized

According to Dunaskiss, the bill includes two key elements, protecting customers and providing them with an element of choice. It will also encourage development in new power plants. If customers do not want to shop for a new power supply company, according to Dunaskiss aide Joelle Demand, their service and billing will continue as it presently is.

"We're giving consumers the power to choose the electric company they feel will best serve their needs. This legislation will fuel competition between suppliers in this state, lowering the

cost of electricity. This bill is also needed if our electric companies are to move forward with investing in new electric generating facilities which are essential to meet the growing demand for electricity in this state," Dunaskiss said. Without the construction of new generating facilities brownouts may occur in the near future, he said.

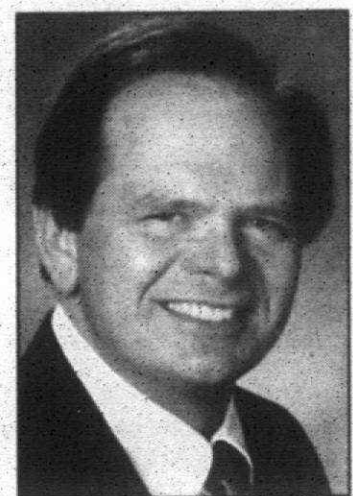
But critics including ABATE and the Small Business Association of Michigan feel the plan could hold an increase in costs for consumers. Of concern is the Legislature's agreement to let utilities collect for "stranded costs." Under the plan, utilities could refinance debt already incurred for the construction of new power plants and apply the repayment costs to consumers' bills whether they switch to a new supplier or not.

Not competitive

The "bill is a windfall for the monopoly utilities," said Barry Cargill, vice president of government relations for SBAM. "This is not deregulation, it's re-regulation. It won't establish a competitive market for electricity for many years."

"Securitization (of stranded costs) hurts competition in two ways. First, all customers have to pay this fee, while Detroit Edison and Consumers Energy get out from under a major obligation they currently have. That means they no longer have any debt for their expensive plants, and would have to charge only property costs while the new company seeking to build a plant and compete would have to pay construction debt and operating fees. That's unfair," according to David Waymire of ABATE.

Waymire said the bill is a "massive bailout of the utilities that would absolve them completely and forever of any risk



Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion



Lana Pollack

involved in paying off the Fermi 2 nuclear plant (Detroit Edison) and the Midland Cogeneration Venture contract, an expensive remnant of Consumer Energy's failed Midland nuclear plant. The securitization legislation would force the (Public Service) Commission to allow utilities to issue an expected \$8 billion in bonds backed by a new fee — a secure tax — on Michigan utility bills for next 15 years."

Amendments suggested

Lana Pollack, of the Michigan Environmental Council, said lawmakers should have adopted at least three amendments to the bill. She advocated new controls on mercury emissions from the oldest coal burning plants. She also urged installation of modern technology to reduce air pollution, and she asked for requirements for increased energy efficiency cut pollution.

"Consumers Energy and Detroit Edison pump our air and water full of mercury and other toxins, and we should hold them accountable," Pollack said.

Still, the biggest challenge is likely to come from the Michigan Municipal League.

"Our one continuing concern with the electric industry restructuring legislative package is that the language must not include any provisions that circumvent or place limitations upon current local authority over public right-of-way issues including franchise negotiations options with any public utility," said Dan Gilmartin, director of state and federal affairs for the

MML. At issue are the fees paid by utilities to local township and city governments to string lines across their rights-of-way. Municipalities believe they should be able to collect franchise fees from any new competing electrical generation firms. But Dunaskiss disagrees. Demand said, because no new wires would have to be strung on those right of ways.

"This is just new electrons running down on the same wires," Demand said.

Under the legislation, as approved, such new franchise fees won't have to be paid by school districts if districts "aggregate," or join together to buy electricity from an alternative supplier. One group, the East Lansing-based Middle Cities Education Association, is ready to negotiate on the behalf of 400 schools across the state to buy cheaper electricity from a competitive supplier, Demand said.

But only school districts would get that benefit currently. Businesses and residential customers won't be able to avoid those local franchise fees when they band together for electric services.

She expects the Michigan Municipal League will sue over the provision to block municipalities from collecting franchise fees for school groups that buy electricity from alternative suppliers. But lawmakers are hoping to amend the act later to also allow residents and businesses to "aggregate" to shop for cheaper electric services, she said.

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Matching money:
Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell accepts a check for \$11,800 in matching funds from Ameritech representative Diane Webb as state Rep. Laura Toy looks on.



Ameritech matches employee contributions to Schoolcraft

By RICHARD PEARL
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Schoolcraft College's student scholarship fund recently got an \$11,800 boost from the Ameritech Corp.

The telecommunications firm matched contributions by its employees and retirees to five existing Ameritech endowments which are under the auspices of the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

The corporation's gift-match came during the Schoolcraft Foundation's 1999 year-end annual giving campaign. Scholarships are granted through the foundation.

A check was presented to Schoolcraft President Richard W. McDowell on May 22 in a ceremony attended by both college and Ameritech officials and state Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

"Toy said the gift 'shows what retirees and staff can do working together for the benefit of a great community college.'"

Diane Webb, Ameritech director of external affairs for north-

west Wayne County, praised the Livonia-based college's efforts, particularly those in technical education.

While Ameritech "is proud to support education in local communities," Webb said, "We really have an interest in a college that, through its own efforts, is advancing education in the technical area. Schoolcraft is making great strides in technology."

"We also want to reward and encourage our employee donations," she added.

Earlier this year, Schoolcraft announced a \$320-million Business and Industry Training Center, including new facilities for its nationally known culinary arts department.

The expanded Waterman Center facility will feature classrooms for state-of-the-art computer technology training and large meeting rooms. The expansion is to be completed by 2003.

McDowell pointed out Schoolcraft already has more on-campus computers than any other community college in Michigan, and that all the units are

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Museum sponsors writing contest

As part of the educational component of the 18th Annual African World Festival, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and the Blue Nile restaurant are inviting high school students to enter a writing contest. Both organizations want to encourage interest in African-based culture, scholarship and writing.

The theme for the contest is the same as that of the festival: "The Soul That Binds Us: A Celebration of Our Similarities." Entries can be essays, poems/lyrics or short stories and should examine the cultural connections, comparisons and/or similarities between African

Americans and at least one other society in Africa of the African Diaspora. Participants are challenged to think creatively. The contest is open to all students in grades 9-12 who attend school in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb counties.

All entries will be judged for content, originality and style and should be at least 100 to 500 words in length. The deadline for postmarked entries is June 25, 2000. A panel of judges will be selected by the staff of the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. The top five entries will each be awarded a \$1000 cash prize, courtesy of The Blue Nile restaurant.

Any students interested in participating in the contest can obtain an official entry form from the principal's office at his/her high school. Students can also pick up an entry form at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit, or The Blue Nile restaurant, 508 Monroe, Detroit.

For additional information about the contest, contact Matt Lee at Drumbeaters, (248) 584-3715, or Patricia Carrolle Jaynes for the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, (313) 494-5853.

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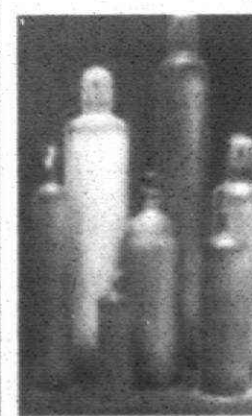
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fighting for their grades, the lesson wasn't lost on them.

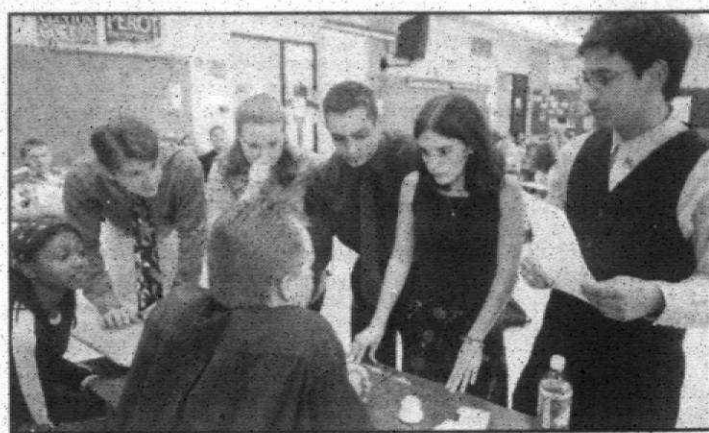
"(The teachers) put something in front of us that we could lose," Smith said. "When you take a 4.0 student and give them a zero, we're going to fight."

Teacher aide Lucia Frantovic said the students' inherent rebellion helped fuel their passion for the fight.

"I believe one of the most important things for students to learn in government is to question authority," Frantovic said. "The teachers said the trial's outcome was irrelevant. The students were indeed being graded on how they applied their knowledge of civics in the mock courtroom setting."

"We were trying to encourage them to get the judicial process down and to be active in the judicial process," Boyd said. "This is their project - but they don't know it (yet)."

Silvester said through the mock trial, the students applied their knowledge of constitutional



Hearing: "Attorneys" Mike McDonald (from left) Lisa Miller and Brandon Sammut for the prosecution and Jessie Lobenherz and Suraj Patel for the defense consult with "Judge" Matt Pohl (back to camera).

issues, the Declaration of Independence, and the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government.

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JOSEPH F. WEGRYN

Services for Joseph F. Wegryn, 73, of Canton were June 6 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton with the Rev. George Charnley officiating.

Mr. Wegryn was born Dec. 7, 1926, in Detroit. He died June 3. He worked in roofing as a contractor.

He was preceded in death by one son, Joey. Survivors include his wife, Carol May; three daughters, Sandra M. (Perry) Campbell, Denise M. (Perry) Nicholas and Donna M. (Kenneth) Jones; one son, Dale J. (Terri) Wegryn; one brother, Eugene; one sister, Annette Kowalec; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

MARY CATHERINE DRUMMOND

Services for Mary Catherine Drummond, 75, of Dearborn Heights were June 5 at Saint Dunstan Catholic Church, Garden City, with the Rev. Donald Demmer officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

She was born Aug. 15, 1924, in Detroit. She died June 2 in Dearborn. She was a teacher.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles R. Drummond, Jr. Survivors include her three daughters, Denise (Mark) Santeiu of Livonia, Nancy (Gilbert) Brooks of Canton, Diana (James) Nelson; two sons, Charles III (Lisa) Drummond, Brian (Martha) Drummond; one brother, Michael Gresock; 16 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Christian Appalachian Community Center.

Local arrangements were made by John N. Santeiu & Son, Inc., Garden City.

HELEN L. REED

Services for Helen L. Reed, 80, of Canton were June 5 at Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church with Dr. William C. Moore officiating. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley.

She was born Oct. 13, 1919, in

Michigan. She died June 2 in Wayne. She was a licensed cosmetologist. She attended Trinity Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Elizabeth Graves. Survivors include her husband, Clyde A. Reed of Canton; two daughters, Sandra (Neil) J. Minelli of Sterling Heights and Jacqueline (William) K. Osborn of Gaylord; one son, Gregory (Kathryn) C. Reed of Plymouth; one brother, Max Graves of Yale; and one sister, Christine McMertrie of Yale.

Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

GEORGE J. DALPE

Services for George J. Dalpe, 59, of Canton were May 3 at the Liturgy of the Resurrection, St. John Neumann Catholic Church, with the Rev. George Charnley officiating.

Mr. Dalpe was born July 29, 1940, in Cohoes, N.Y., and died May 28 in Superior Township. He was a machine operator for Ford Motor Co., retiring in August 1997 after 30 years of service. He graduated from Cohoes High School of Cohoes, N.Y., and then served in the National Guard.

Mr. Dalpe lived in Latham, N.Y., for 18 years and in Canton for 16 years. He was a member of the UAW Local 845 Retirees, Colonia Elks Lodge No. 2192, Englewood Fla., and American Legion Post No. 113. He enjoyed baseball, hockey, fishing, bowling and auto racing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George A. and Leona M. Dalpe. Survivors include his wife, Janet L. Dalpe of Canton; one daughter, Karen (Edgar) Robert of Boyne City; one son, Brian (Melissa) Dalpe of Plymouth; two grandsons, Joseph Robert and Stephen Robert; and four granddaughters, Liana Robert, Lauren Robert, Shannon Robert and Gillian Dalpe.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Road, Suite 110, Southfield, MI 48076 or to the American Diabetes Association Michigan Affiliate Inc., 23100

Providence Drive, Suite 400, Southfield, MI 48075-3680.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

LEWIS SMITH
Services for LeMay Smith, 83, of Ann Arbor (formerly of Plymouth) were June 8 at Bethlehem United Church of Christ with the Rev. Gregory Smith officiating. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

She was born Oct. 26, 1916, in Detroit. She died June 4 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was born and raised in Detroit where she was an active member of Emmanuel Evangelical Church. After she was married she moved to Plymouth and four years ago she moved to Ann Arbor. She did office work for General Motors-Fisher Body Division, she worked with her husband at Smith Motor Sales in Plymouth, she also worked at A&L Parts Inc.-Allied Inc., and was a cashier at Northville Public Schools. She was a member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary and Bethlehem United Church of Christ, where she was active in volunteer work.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Beryl Smith. Survivors include her daughter, Donita (James) Ehnis of Ann Arbor; one sister, Fern (Jack) Patrick of Calif.; three grandchildren, Kyle, Scott and Laura Ehnis; two nephews, Wayne (Cyndie) Patrick and Doug Patrick, both of California; one great-niece, Allana Patrick; and one great-nephew, Allan Patrick.

Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Local arrangements were made by Muehlhig Funeral Chapel, Ann Arbor.

RAY C. STEWART

Services for Ray C. Stewart, 45, of Plymouth were June 6 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating. Burial was in Knollwood Cemetery, Canton Township.

He was born April 21, 1955 in Detroit. He died June 3 in Livonia.

School vote

As a former board member, I would like to encourage every eligible voter to make every effort to go to the polls on Monday, June 12, and vote for the candidate of your choice.

I would like also to point out that if you are looking for a candidate who puts kids first you have that in Judy Mardigan. As a matter of fact both incumbents deserve to be returned to the position they hold on the board. They have earned it.

Barbara Graham
Plymouth

Mardigan matters

With the arrival of the upcoming Plymouth-Canton School Board election June 12, I feel it important to inform the voting community of the one candidate who continues to stand out above the rest and deserves to be re-elected on June 12. That candidate is Judy L. Mardigan.

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LETTERS

Vote for Mardigan

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We are endorsing current school board member Judy Mardigan. Ms. Mardigan has been active since 1994 in numerous district-wide committees and has served on the board since 1998.

Ms. Mardigan has been one

of the leaders in class-size reduction. Since 1994, average elementary class size has dropped from more than 30 students to less than 25 students. She played an instrumental role in passing recent bonds for the three new school buildings being built in the district.

Ms. Mardigan has worked hard to bring attention to and correct the inequitable per pupil funding from the state

that hinders our district. Please remember to vote June 12 for Judy Mardigan.

Richard J. and
Darice M. Schubatis
Plymouth

Where's transit fee?

I would like to make a comment about mass transit. "Activist argues need for mass transit" was an article

written by staff writer Richard Pearl and published April 20 in The Observer.

Does anyone remember during the mid-1970s when license plate fees for the average motorist increased from about \$12 to close to \$40 a year?

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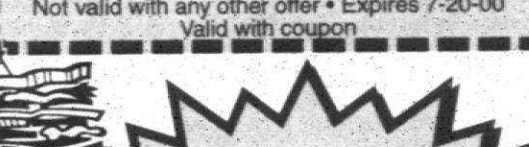
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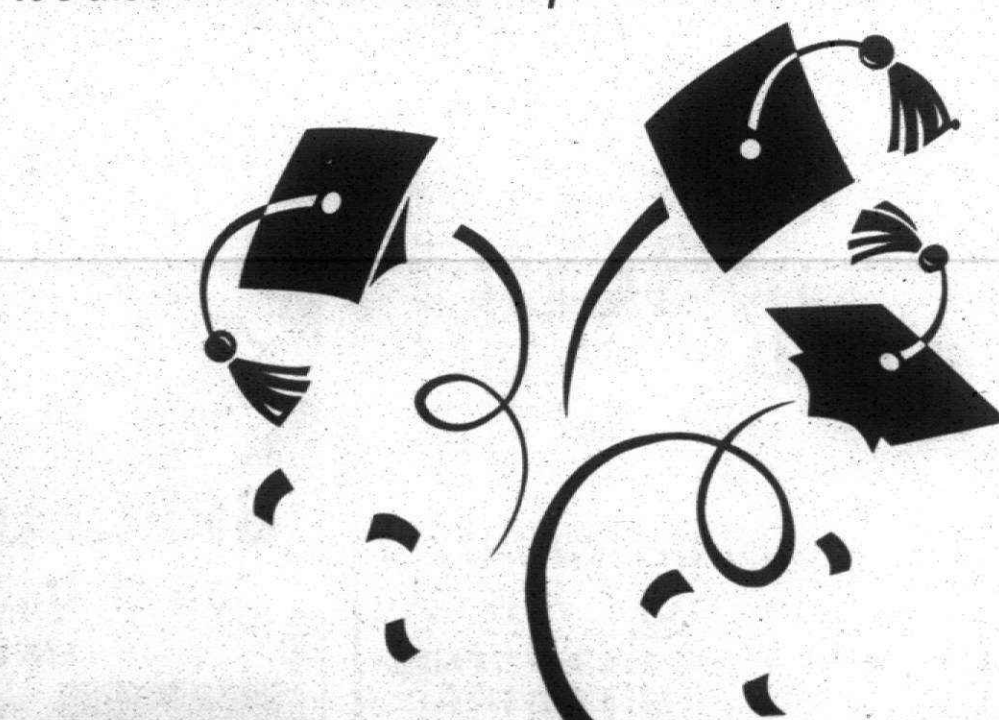
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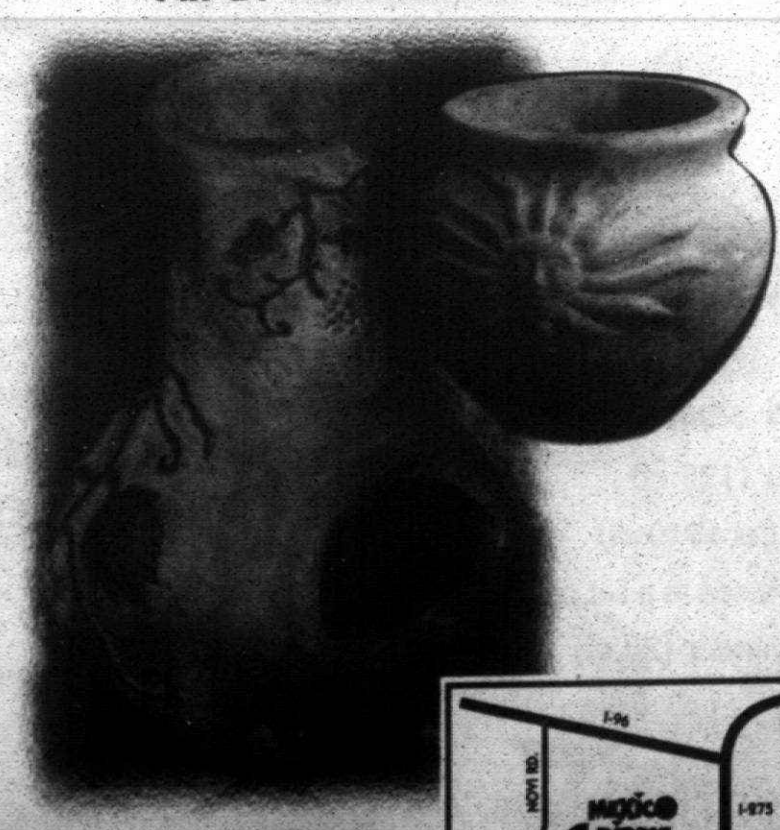
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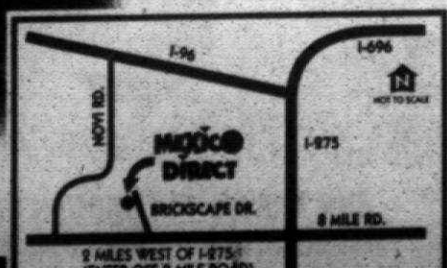
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Charter school Deal a good one, with caveats

It has more angles than a three-team baseball trade. But on the face of it, the deal worked out between Canton Township, National Heritage Academies and Singh Development that will lead to construction of a charter school within the township seems to fit the "win-win" cliché that politicians like to throw around.

In addition to the school, the township will put together property for a community park and the developer will get the right to build a senior living facility.

While we still have some concerns about the charter school and a few questions about the proposed senior center, the Observer believes all elements in the agreement are positives for Canton and its residents. The details still need to be finalized and approvals from the planning commission and township board are weeks - if not months - away. The courts will be the next step for any resolution since the proposed charter school is the subject of a pending lawsuit against the township. Under the outlines of the agreement reached late last month:

■ The township will buy 90 acres at Ford and Ridge roads from Singh and be deeded 15 additional acres. That land will be combined with 40 acres already owned by Canton for a township park;

■ National Heritage will build a single-story school building on a yet-to-be determined corner of the intersection;

■ Singh will develop a senior living center on property adjacent to the school.

There really isn't a downside to a new township park. Tom Yack has made additional recreation opportunities in Canton a hallmark of his 12 years as supervisor. Carving out public spaces from the onrush of residential, commercial and industrial development is no easy task.

Plans for the senior living facility aren't

even on the drawing board. But we note that construction of a number of similar facilities nationwide is on hold as the industry goes through somewhat of a shakeout.

As for the charter school, the Observer shares a belief with National Heritage Academies that there is a demand for education alternatives in this region. Charter schools can be a viable option for parents seeking options to public education or local private schools. They offer families a choice of smaller schools or a tailored curriculum. Funded by the same state foundation grant as public schools, anyone can afford to enroll. Because parents must provide transportation, creating charters where there is a local demand is important.

We agree with several Plymouth-Canton school officials, including Superintendent Kathleen Booher, who have gone on record saying the district will have to meet the challenge presented by having a charter school in its backyard and may benefit in the long-run.

However, we also believe charter schools need to operate under the same principles of accountability as public schools. That means requiring state-certified teachers and MEAP tests for students, among other things. Neither is currently required under state law.

National Heritage Academies, rejected twice by Canton officials, will get a larger site on which to build with this agreement, which was one of the concerns of the township planning commission and board. But the intention to have a building up and running by fall - provided the state legislature eases the cap on new charters - leaves us wondering about building quality and whether the school will fit in with the surrounding area.

The Observer would like to see those questions answered before we roll out the welcome mat for Canton's first charter school.

Votes count in school election

The message seems to be getting through. We're involved in stiff global competition. The more we know, the more we grow. Our future depends on good schools, capable of turning out graduates who can function successfully in an ever-changing, technologically challenging environment.

Poll after poll of Michigan voters attest that we get the message. Education is our top concern by a wide margin over taxes, crime, social services or foreign affairs.

We know it's important. Unfortunately, that concern doesn't translate into participation in school elections as candidates or voters.

The story is pretty much the same in all of our Observer communities.

In Clarencville, South Redford and Farmington, school board candidates are running unopposed. Voter turnout in recent school elections has generally been around 10 percent or lower. In Farmington in 1999, just 3 percent of the voters showed up, and even in 1998, when there was a strongly contested race, just 4.3 percent of the voters showed up. Plymouth-Canton reports similarly low turnouts.

Each year we wrestle with trying to find reasons why voters fail to turn out and let their voices be heard on a subject they tell pollsters has their top priority.

The usual complaints: school elections are held at odd times; despite the best efforts of these newspapers, many claim not to know who the candidates are or what they stand for; and, many say, their vote doesn't mean anything because the real power and control over schools is in Lansing, not with the local school board.

The school election calendar has done a lot to foster voter cynicism. Many feel that elections are scheduled and quietly held so that

only those with a vested interest participate. This has been a charge often hurled during school tax elections.

Voters are also bombarded with information about the presidential, congressional and state elections. By contrast, voters often find they don't have time to sort out school board candidates from all the rest.

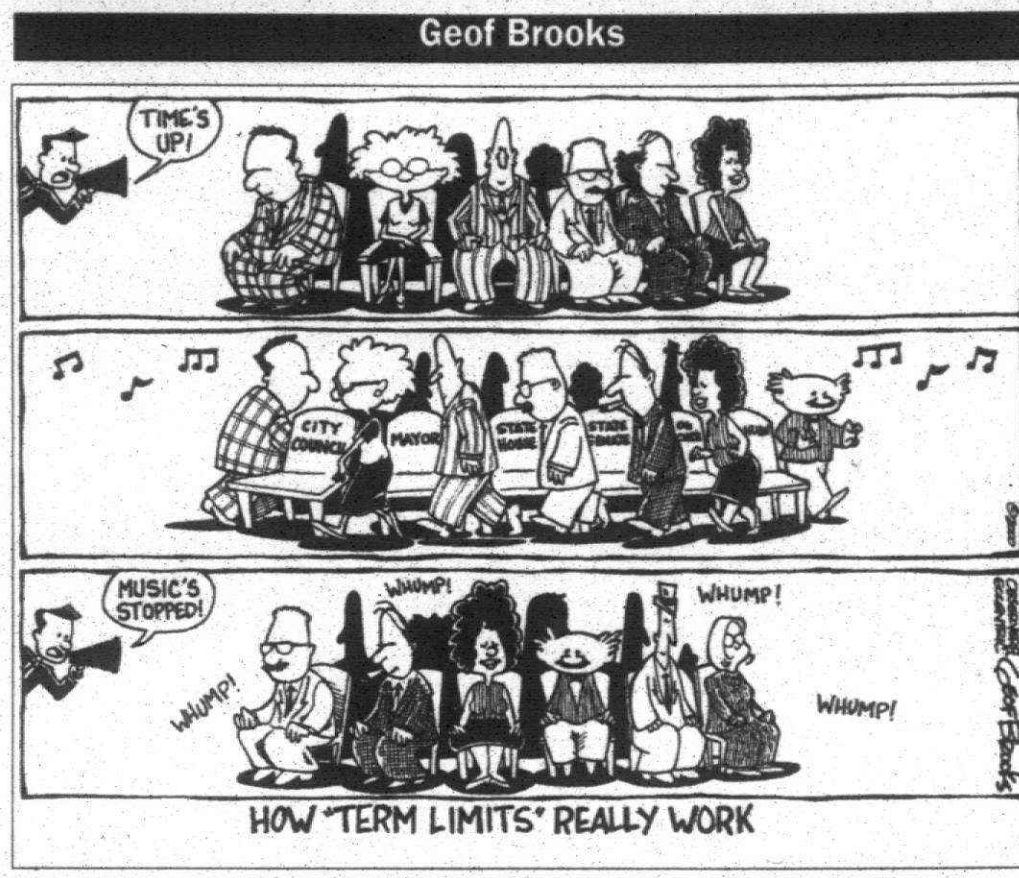
For a candidate, a seat on the school board might seem more like a curse than a blessing. It means long hours, contentious negotiations, thankless disputes over everything from curriculum to building repairs and it rarely leads to a political career.

Also, many school board members find that their powers are limited by state mandates and expectations. The current state legislature and governor have taken an aggressive, hands-on approach to school districts, even to the point of threatening to take them over when they don't meet state standards. Those standards, as represented by the MEAP, have redefined curriculum development with little local input.

Still, we strongly encourage voters to take an interest in their schools. A large part of the state budget, your tax dollars, is allocated to schools. And if you don't like the centralization imposed by Lansing, electing strong local school boards is the best defense against state involvement.

Good schools are the bedrock of a strong community. Even if you don't have children in the schools, the future prosperity of the community in general depends on the quality of the school system.

And you can make a difference. You can vote for candidates who will hire strong administrators and hold them to high standards of fiscal and educational integrity. You can have an influence over what is taught in your local schools.



LETTERS

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Support for Givens

I am asking people to support Elizabeth Givens with their vote in the upcoming school board election, June 12.

Liz is committed to finishing the work she started on the school board; primarily, the construction of three schools and working with our new superintendent. She also wants to continue working with the employees of this district so that we are as proud of the way we treat and support our staff as we are of how our staff educates and supports our children. I have no doubt that Liz will be successful. She wants us all to work hard, as a team, working to create a school district we are proud of.

Liz is well aware of the strengths and weaknesses of this school district; and she is willing to put in the time that is needed to be on the school board. She learned about this school district from the inside, walking from grade to grade, year after year, with her children. She pitched in wherever needed, not because the staff didn't do things right, but because she knows it takes every teacher, principal, support staff administrator, school board member, student and parent to educate children.

Please vote June 12.

Debbie Madonna
Plymouth

Yack 'blackmailed'

I was very disappointed to read that Canton Supervisor Tom Yack had capitulated to the legal blackmail of National Heritage Academies in their bid to force Canton to allow them to build a charter school there. National Heritage has been rejected soundly and emotionally in their first two attempts to build a charter school in northwest Canton. National Heritage then had the arrogance to sue Canton in court to force Canton to allow them to build in defiance of our strong objections.

There is something very ominous about a company that will go to such lengths to achieve its goal.

Charter schools belong in districts where the public education system is failing. This is not the case in Canton therefore I suspect they have another agenda, an agenda they are

not willing to divulge and one that could come back to haunt all of us in Canton.

Janusz M. Skyszko
Canton

Article draws response

In regards to the article titled "Lawmakers want tougher grading on report cards," printed in the Canton Observer, May 7: I agree with the lawmakers that school report cards are needed, for several reasons. One reason is because parents do not know enough information about their child's school. But in addition to this information, I also believe that parents need to be informed about what is going on in the classroom and how the child has been acting in various classrooms. If poor behavior is occurring in the classroom, conferences need to be required to correct it or find out what is going on. Is the child trying to be accepted into the group of his/her classmates?

Parents need to know if their kids are getting a good education or not. Parents need to know if their kids care how they do in school. But there are some things I disagree with: as long as the teacher is doing a good job, I don't think that it matters whether they have a bachelor's, master's or doctorate degree. I think it's also the parents' fault if they don't correct their child.

If the teacher said that your child was misbehaving in school, the parent should take care of the problem. If there are questions, ask the teacher to have a conference.

James Sovine
Canton

Reasoning was sound

Thank you for publishing the Points of View by guest columnist Dan Donaldson on June 1 about the Million Mom March and gun control.

His reasoning was sound, and it was obviously well researched. We agree completely with him that existing gun laws should be enforced and children properly educated on gun safety.

Jerry and Elva Ryall
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— Philip Power

The verdict is in: Court race one big mistrial

We all know life isn't fair. It's just too bad the one place where a modicum of fairness exists on a daily basis now finds itself mired in questions of partiality and foot-dragging. Of course, election-year politics often lean toward the messy side of things - even when you're talking about the local courthouse.

So it is with this summer's sudden non-race for a judgeship in the 35th District Court. Now we learn that incumbent Judge Ron Lowe won't be the first sitting judge in the 35th to face a challenge, after all. Lowe owes that legal non-precedent setting distinction (lucky break, to you and me) to a timely screw-up by the Secretary of State office and a sympathetic circuit court judge. Not to mention his own somewhat murky role in the ballot snafu, which might charitably be described as self-serving, at best.

Before passing judgment on the judges (and would-be judges), let's lay

out the theory of the case:

Two local attorneys, William Selinsky of Northville Township and Peter Bec of Plymouth Township, were seeking to challenge Lowe, a Canton resident, in the August primary for his seat on the bench. The 35th District Court encompasses five communities - the three townships and the cities of Plymouth and Northville. Geography plays a key role here, so pay attention.

Both Selinsky and Bec received deferent - and it turns out erroneous - information from the Elections Bureau, which is a division of the Secretary of State, on the number of signatures needed on nominating petitions. Selinsky was told he needed at least 40 signatures; Bec was told to gather 100. In reality, the number was more like 600. It seems the Lansing bureaucrats based their figures on population for just the two cities, not the entire district.



TEDD SCHNEIDER

Calling attention to the mistake at the filing deadline - in a somberly, judicial manner, no doubt - was Lowe.

Selinsky and Bec subsequently filed suit to win a place on the primary ballot. That effort ended last month, barring a successful appeal, when Wayne Circuit Judge Michael Sapala ruled he was powerless to make an exception. Only the legislature can change state law regarding petition requirements and besides.

Selinsky and Bec should have realized something was amiss when they were quoted ridiculously low signature requirements. Kind of like seeing a brand new BMW with a window sticker reading \$4,500 instead of \$45,000, he reasoned.

So who's the guilty party here? Well, you have to admit, Selinsky and Bec were kind of naive. Still, who can you trust if not your government? It's reasonable, I think, to believe that information provided - be it petition requirements, property taxes or a licensing fee - have some degree of validity.

A by-the-book ruling by Sapala hardly shook the ground. Nor did it solve anything.

While you could question Judge Lowe's motives, he can't be accused of violating any ethical canons with a move that, albeit in his favor, merely made sure that the law was enforced. In the end, the action and inaction

by all concerned contributed to depriving voters of a choice. That's unfortunate because the district court is perhaps the only judicial race where voters know the candidates, can assess their character and performance.

The ballot snafu certainly doesn't bode well for competition in future district court races. That's something we see all too rarely these days because attorneys - although they may have that shark reputation - rarely rise up to bite the hand that feeds them in the form of a sitting judge.

And it sure makes you wonder about those scales of justice. Just how do they manage to stay balanced in an election year, anyway?

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LETTERS

Mardigan supporter

Judy Mardigan, a current school board member who is up for reelection, was asked a while back to be the original role model for the Energizer Bunny.

But Judy politely turned that offer down. She was just too busy following through on the commitments she had made to her own Plymouth-Canton community on behalf of our school children.

Indeed, the Energizer Bunny would be hard pressed to match the energy Judy puts forth to secure a quality public school education, not just for her own two children, but for all kids in the Plymouth-Canton community.

As a volunteer, I have worked alongside Judy on the district's Long Range Planning Committee, the successful bond campaigns to build three new schools for our growing school population, and together as members of Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding.

I have seen firsthand Judy's hard

work and her long-term commitment of not only her heart, but her time.

Judy was a co-founder of the Class Size Action Partnership, CAP, in 1994. Under her leadership, CAP has succeeded in getting the school district to lower class sizes from an average of 30 to less than 25. Smaller class sizes, to optimize student learning, continue to be ongoing vision priority of the district under the five-year Long Range Plan.

Judy's perseverance on behalf of the children in the Plymouth-Canton community again is evident on the issue of school funding.

As a school board member and a member of Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding, Judy has been back and forth to Lansing and has met with our legislators here to attempt to rectify the inequitable and inadequate funding our public school students receive under Proposal A.

As a parent, a businesswoman in our community, an elected school board member and an active partici-

pant at many levels in school organizations and on school committees, Judy sees our school district from many varied perspectives.

From those vantage points, Judy listens to the input of community members. She understands our concerns for the educational needs of the children in our community, and then she works with fellow members of the board of education to build a consensus, and thus "get the job done."

Judy's long-term record on behalf of the school children of the Plymouth-Canton community speaks for itself.

Re-elect Judy Mardigan on Monday, June 12. She will keep going, and going and going....

Martha Trafford
Canton

Vote for Mardigan

I would like to take this opportunity to urge the voters of the Plymouth-

Canton school district to re-elect Judy Mardigan to the school board. I have known Judy for seven years. I have always been impressed with her tireless volunteerism and commitment to the children of this district.

Judy was very active in working to reduce class size. She was also a member of the PCCS Long Range Planning Committee and the Citizens Finance Advisory. She co-chaired the 1997 Middle School Bond Building Campaign. She has been a committed member on several committees, including the district Hiring Committee and PCCS Goal Committee.

I have watched Judy perform her duties on the school board with diligence and commitment. She is decisive and never backs down on issues she believes in. Judy is, without question, an asset to this district.

Please exercise your right to elect a superb individual: Vote for Judy Mardigan on June 12.

Bruce Barton
Plymouth

Good Samaritan

Recently I left my purse in a shopping cart at Super Kmart. I was home briefly when I heard my door bell. Here was a man asking me if I was Deb Otting. I said yes and he told me he had my purse. H explained how he found my purse at Super Kmart and felt more comfortable returning the purse to me personally. His name is Richard Reaume. He was my good Samaritan for the day. There truly are good people in this world, and he is one of them. He will soon be running for Plymouth Township treasurer. He would definitely have my vote if I lived in Plymouth Township. Richard Reaume is an example of what our communities need, someone who will lead with honesty and integrity.

Thank-you, Richard.

Deb Otting
Canton

Wildflower program perks up long drive

There we were - my family and me - driving along on I-96, passing mile after mile of gray, concrete, characterless expressway punctuated occasionally by equally unremarkable bridges. Despite our best efforts, boredom was setting in, especially as we realized we had many, many miles to go.

Suddenly at the Portland exit, a blaze of color! Red poppies, white daisies, what looked like blue wild flax and something dark magenta that I couldn't identify. The small light blue sign featuring a yellow flower read, "Wildflower Planting."

What a pleasure it was to see that small, unexpected surge of color on the side of the road! Suddenly we all came awake, talking excitedly about how lovely the flowers were, what a surprise it was to see them, how the plantings came about.

So I made a few calls. It turns out the wildflower plantings are just a small part of a much bigger program called (with bureaucratic inevitability) the Michigan Transportation Enhancement Program. Funded mostly by the feds but requiring a local match, the Enhancement Program includes a range of projects from building bike trails to preserving historical transportation facilities, preventing ground water runoff and landscaping and streetscaping.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has been looking around for local partners to help invest this year's \$20 million allocation from the federal government. "These are not your typical road resurfacing or bridge replacement projects that receive the lion's share of our federal and state transportation dollars," says State Transportation Director James DeSana. "The beauty of this federal program is that it encourages communities to decide for themselves how to invest these earmarked funds to further enhance the appearance, safety and economic benefit of their local transportation systems."

A lot of activity has been funded by this program:

- Trees, shrubs, grass and flowers are being planted along Orchard Lake Road from I-696 to 10 Mile Road in Farmington Hills.
- According to the new "Welcome to Redford" signs in Redford Township, bordering retaining walls are being built and shrubs and flowers are being planted at the Joy and Puritan intersections with Telegraph Road.
- In Howell, a new walkway along Grand River Avenue from the Ann Arbor Railroad overpass to Elm Street will receive trees, shrubs, grass and flowers.
- Statewide, the popular handbooks, "Wildflowers of Michigan" and "Michigan's Roadside Trees" are being updated and reprinted.



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Oddly, just planting wildflowers is not terribly expensive. Obviously, you can't just throw the seeds around and expect much to happen. You've got to kill off the grasses, till the soil and sow the kinds of seeds that match soil conditions. Still, a current wildflower project on M-32 near Gaylord is budgeted at \$2,500 to plant 12 varieties of native flowers and four kinds of grasses on 15 acres.

There are problems, of course. Some species don't make it, while others need periodic maintenance, which Michigan does not currently fund. Sometimes selfish people pick the flowers or even dig up the plants, jeopardizing the whole idea. MDTOT even has had to put out a press release reminding people not to pick the daisies, because doing so is both illegal and unsafe.

But the whole program seems to me imaginative and valuable to a state whose road system needs all the help it can get. The Transportation Department is looking to partner with local communities for projects ranging from wildflower plantings alone all the way to major landscaping with trees and shrubs.

MDTOT in September will be issuing a call for project applications to be funded in the 2001-02 fiscal year. People interested in looking into the program can contact the state at: www.mdot.state.mi.us/programs/enhance/enhance.htm.

At 18 acres, the planting we originally noticed on I-96 near Portland was completed in 1996 and is one of the largest ever attempted by the MDTOT. However, with a total of 179,000 acres of roadside in Michigan and only 25 acres of wildflower plantings so far, there's a long way to go.

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QUESTION:
Do you plan on voting in Monday's Plymouth-Canton school board election?

"Yes, I vote in every election. It's important."

Carole Miner
Salem Township

"Yes, it's important in being part of the community."

Kathy Powers
Plymouth Township

"Yes, because it will determine how the schools will be run."

Joseph Wira
Plymouth Township

"No, I haven't thought about it."

Tanya Hyde
Salem Township

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Words cannot
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Words fail even the most prolific writers at times. Nouns and verbs refuse to connect, phrases fall short of added meaning, and adjectives seem anemic at best.

When friends asked me about my recent experience shadowing doctors for two and a half days at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor as a participant in the hospital's Community Associates Program, I struggled for an answer. I never found just the right words.

After all, what do you say when you've witnessed open heart surgery while standing side-by-side with the anesthesiologist? How do you describe the sight of a beating human heart? And what do you say about the surgeon who so patiently and willingly instructed you through the three-hour-plus operation?

"It was awesome," I finally said.

A simple declarative sentence, so ordinary, so flat-sounding. Some experiences are beyond the reach of words. Maybe it's better that way. Maybe some experiences are so profound they shed their vibrancy in the telling... and retelling.

"It was awesome," I repeated for days afterwards.

Twice a year, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital invites six members of surrounding communities to participate in the Community Associates Program, whose purpose is to create a first-hand awareness of the world of healthcare.

And what a world it is.

I spent the first evening in the emergency room with Dr. James Mattimore, who introduced me to the patients as an "observer." My borrowed white lab coat helped; no one questioned my presence. We saw people with heart problems, wrenched necks, possible strokes, abdominal pain and seizures.

After each visit, we'd discuss his findings. When test results came back, he'd explain their place in the diagnostic puzzle. He kept hoping I'd be able to witness something dramatic — like an intubation of someone with fast-swelling breathing passages — so I could see what the emergency room did best: save lives.

For me, the drama was in just being there. Besides, the slower pace allowed Dr. Mattimore to tell me about Better Together Mobile Health Services, which he started a few years ago. Made up of volunteer physicians from St. Joseph, the program brings medical services to the indigent at homeless shelters throughout Washtenaw County.

If you haven't bathed in a week, you're not likely to seek care at a sparkling clean hospital emergency room like St. Joseph's, he said. It's too intimidating. If someone needs to see a specialist, Dr. Mattimore arranges to have one visit the shelter. This is the kinder, gentler side of healthcare.

The next day I was in the heart catheterization lab with Dr. Stuart Winston, an electrophysiologist — a specialist in the heart's electrical circuitry. Wearing a 40-pound lead apron, I watched as he guided an electrode catheter through an artery from an opening in a patient's groin into the patient's heart.

In a procedure that took several hours, Dr. Winston burned away minute patches of heart tissue that caused the patient's heartbeat to go haywire. His focus was intense. The patient doesn't want to come back for a repeat performance, he said.

I spent the morning of my last day in the operating room with Dr. Bobby Kong. I watched him cut, saw and pry open a patient's chest in what was a surprisingly bloodless surgery. Observing him carefully suture a vein harvested from the leg to a dissected artery in the heart made me realize the awesome responsibility, as well as the privilege, of being a heart surgeon.

See? There's that word. Awesome.

My experience at St. Joseph's concluded with Dr. Leila Saxena, a new family care physician. In between seeing patients, we talked about her new baby daughter and the difficulties of fixing up a house when you have huge medical school loans to pay off. She

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Family gains strength from community

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Kenny Lindquist, 11, is dying and as his parents slowly watch him fade, the thoughtfulness and generosity of students, parents and staff at Central Middle School have given them strength.

The sixth-grade student has been diagnosed with adrenoleukodystrophy, a disease that attacks the adrenal glands and destroys the nerve fibers in the brain. It's the same disease described in the movie *Lorenzo's Oil*. Kenny was diagnosed in February, and his ability to do even the simplest things, like playing his beloved video games, is diminishing rapidly. The mental decline will get worse until he lapses into a coma and finally dies.

"For the last couple of years he's been seen by doctors for attention deficit," his father, Ken, said. Doctors ruled that out, but Kenny continued to be very nervous and couldn't focus on school work. He became more confused and eventually suffered hearing loss.

He struggled at school and his teachers had a hard time dealing with him, especially since they didn't know what was wrong. Since the diagnosis, Ken, Kenny's mother, Roxanne, and his sister, Jeanette, 13, have dealt with the boy's inevitable death the best they can.

"We were devastated," Ken said, describing the parents' reaction when they were first told of his diagnosis. "We couldn't go back to work for about 10 days. And now we are just helping him along and coping with it."

Toughest times

During the toughest times parents, teachers and students at Central began bringing dinners and visiting Kenny



Happy Birthday: Kenny Lindquist, 11, and his father Ken Lindquist (seated) are surrounded by friends and family at his party. Standing left to right are Alexandra Dilmore, Rahila Qureshi, Megan Tooley, Sarah Brown, Victoria Dilmore, Lisa Clark, Laura Freitag, Whitney Slotke, Naila Qureshi, Janelle Eschler, Jeanette Lindquist Kenny's sister and Tiffany Slotke.

regularly. They brought cards, banners, provided support for Jeanette and made countless other gestures of kindness, like offering to watch Kenny while his parents got away from their home for a short time.

One boy Kenny went to elementary school with rallied other friends and together they bought the Lindquist family a pine tree to plant near their

home. On May 28, a group of parents, students and teachers held a birthday party, organized by family friends Debbie Qureshi and Danie Brown, at the Lindquist home in Plymouth. About 40 people attended.

"I guess we try to put ourselves in their place," Qureshi said. "We all have a child his age."

Kenny gets tired easily and his men-

tal capacity is slipping. He likes to have visitors, but after 10 or 15 minutes he often asks them to leave and sometimes tells them not to come back. "He likes his quietness, too," Ken said. "It's probably part of the illness. If it wasn't so tragic, it would be comical."

The majority of parents who are helping the Lindquists are people they

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Electricity
Local producer
buzzes after show

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Bringing people together is part of who Carol Marvin is. It comes almost naturally to this Plymouth mother of four who played a big role in the Detroit Electronic Music Festival that took Hart Plaza by storm Memorial Day weekend.

With that success behind her, she's refocused her attention as director of corporate sponsorship for the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival on the Detroit Riverfront Labor Day weekend. On the board of directors for the festival since 1994, Marvin's experience behind the scenes made way for her leadership in developing a new festival.

"It gave me all the experience I needed to produce the Detroit Electronic Music Festival," she said.

The festival started out as a collaborative idea with others involved in Detroit's electronic music scene, and evolved into a history-making three-day event that drew over 1.5 million people.

Marvin and her company, Pop Culture Media, offered their expertise to help make the dream a reality — one which can now be deemed the largest free music festival in the world.

She described the event as "heaven on earth."

"We didn't have any problems, any drug issues or any violence," she said with pride. The festival was just what it was meant to be — a place for people to dance and come together.

"It was a beautiful experience," Marvin reflected. "It was so incredible to see hundreds of thousands of people dancing together."

Marvin has always been a dreamer and a doer. It started in fourth grade when she was an elementary school student in Livonia.

"I planned a student art show," she said. "Even then I saw how art could bring people together."

Her past experience ranges from a large-scale fashion show she produced in 1988, to working as director of Trapper's Alley in Greektown.

But through it all, the suburban-raised woman hasn't strayed too far from the big city. She founded her own Detroit-based company in 1993, and still has an apartment in the city.

"I've always believed in Detroit," she said. "I've always been an urban girl. I just think a major city is important and should be important to everyone."

With clients like The Michigan State Fair and the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival, Marvin and her company have grown. She's once again working to fund the jazz festival through corporate sponsorships. Also a free event, sponsorships are integral to getting such festivals off the ground and



DOUGLAS COOMBE

Accomplished: Carol Marvin, Pop Culture Media president, poses with Carl Craig, DEMF artistic director, at the music festival.

making them accessible for music fans in and around the city.

Marvin was on her way to meet with other DEMF organizers to discuss the out-

come and plan for next year's electronic music festival, when I last spoke with her. Always on the go, she talked to me from her cellular telephone on the way to the meeting. Marvin is elated that the city and young people in the area have something to look forward to next spring. Since the city of Detroit agreed to a contract that will allow the festival to continue for at least the next two years, the future of DEMF and Detroit's electronic music scene shines brightly.

Marvin and I first met in the spacious downtown loft that serves as headquarters for Planet

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Suburbs
plugged
into fest

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Perhaps Stacey Pullen best represented the essence of community which echoed from the first-ever Detroit Electronic Music Festival, held Memorial Day weekend at Detroit's Hart Plaza.

On Saturday, the first day of the festival, Pullen started spinning and the crowds began to multiply. Executive producer of the festival, Carol Marvin of Plymouth, remembers it well: "I was standing on stage looking out at the sea of people, Stacey Pullen mixed in Martin Luther King's words, 'I have a dream,' from that famous speech. I was so blown away by that moment."

The Detroit Electronic Music Festival drew 1.5 million people of every age, race and social status from around the world to do one thing — dance. While journalists across the country and the world helped spread the word, and the event's Web site caught the interest of techno fans from here to Japan, those pulsating beats echoed loudly close to home.

For those who flocked to see 70 of the hottest DJs in techno, house and hip-hop converge on four distinct stages, the weekend was awash with chance meetings, live sets and crowds of dancers that moved like morphing seas of jubilant energy. It was perhaps the only place in the city where an 80-year-old woman could dance hand-in-hand with a teenage girl whose hair was dyed pink.

Catching up

"It's a chance to catch up with people you haven't seen," according to festival-goer Aaron Beachnau, a Lansing resident who will soon be moving to the area. He was drawn to the festival to see "all these artists in one spot."

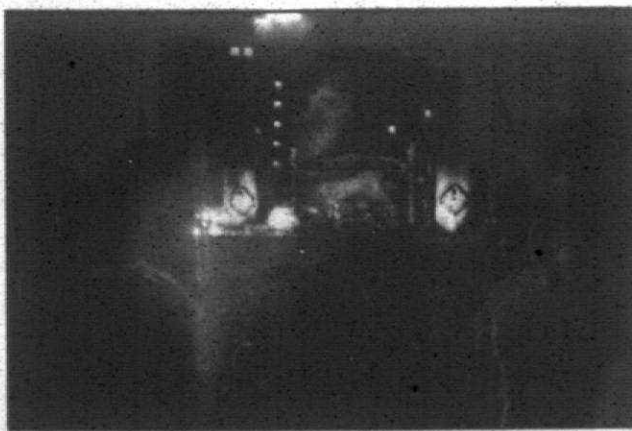
Beachnau credits the DEMF for fostering pride in Detroit. "It brings people out of their homes and into the city."

Detroit resident Amy Zielinski stood by his side and was also impressed by the turnout. "It's a big deal for Detroit, something the city has needed for a long time."

The music

Erin Lenchner, a West Bloomfield native and Wayne State University student, came to see The Roots and Mos Def — who headlined the main stage Sunday night. "It's very nice to see so many people down here," she

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Lighting up: The Detroit Electronic Music Festival proved to be a success, drawing its legions from the city, suburbs and across the globe.

STAFF PHOTO BY MATTHEW TAPLINGER

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said on the last day of the festival. "There are a lot of opportunities to people-watch." Standing near the city's waterfront, Livonia native Dan Shannon agreed the music was what brought them all together. He said the DEMF gives exposure to electronic music in the daylight hours, allowing so many people who don't make it out to clubs to get into the scene. It offers the opportunity to open people's eyes to a scene that's emerged and grown from Detroit's underground over the past decade.

High note

The holiday weekend festival ended with high spirits and very few scrapes and bruises. Not even fluctuating showers could dampen the energy emitted from Hart Plaza.

Though the event is now a memory for all who attended, organized and performed, thoughts have turned to planning next year's festival. Marvin said having more time to plan for the next Detroit Electronic Music Festival will allow organizers to reach out further, and attract an even more diverse audience.

Marvin will remember the 2000 Detroit Electronic Music Festival as a time when "he became the center of the storm in more than just one way."



The crowd: The first-ever Detroit Electronic Music Festival drew a diverse crowd to Hart Plaza. Its executive producer, Plymouth resident Carol Marvin, was pleased with the turnout — one that crossed racial, age, class and gender boundaries.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW TAPLINER

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gave a glimpse of the personal side of a young physician's life. I'm grateful.

Sometimes as I drive home after work, I think about what I saw at St. Joseph's Hos-

pital. I think about Dr. Mattimore's kindness and Dr. Kong's skilled hands. I wonder if the patient who had the bypass surgery is doing well, if he looks at life differently now. I

know I do.

Renee Skoglund is a staff writer for the Observer Newspapers and a resident of Canton.

KINDERMUSIK SCHEDULE

Monday, June 12 - 9:30 a.m.
Plymouth Coffee Bean - NEW
DAY! 884 Penniman - Downtown
Plymouth - (734) 454-0178
Tuesday, June 20 - 1:00 p.m.
Baby! Baby! Resale Shop

153 E. Main - Downtown
Northville - (248) 347-2229
Monday, July 10 - 9:30 a.m.
Plymouth Coffee Bean 884 Penniman - Downtown Plymouth - (734) 454-0178

Tuesday, July 17 - 1:00 p.m.
Baby! Baby! Resale Shop 153 E. Main - Downtown Northville - (248) 347-2229
Parents and their children are invited to experience FREE

interactive 20-30 minute programs of storytelling, music and movement during Story Time with Miss Karen. Registrations are suggested, but not mandatory.

SINGLES MINGLE

Listings for the Singles Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homedm.com.net

WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE

Every Friday WestSide Singles hosts a dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Upcoming dances include June 9, June 16, June 23 and June 30. Must be over 21, and dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A deejay will be playing Top 40 music and current hits. Appetizers will be served (hot/cold). Early admission special \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. For information please call (734) 981-0909.

WEDNESDAY METRO SINGLES

Wednesday Metro Singles Dance begins at 8 p.m. and concludes at 1 a.m. Free swing dance lessons offered from 8-9 p.m. DJ, budget bar, refreshments, 21 and over, dress attire please. Roma's Banquet Hall, 32550 Cherry Hill Road (east of Venoy) in Garden City, Call (313) 869-1900/(313) 438-6258.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center has a Divorce Support Group that meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the McDowell Center (Room 225) from 7-9 p.m. No fee is required. Call (734) 462-4443. A schedule from June to August follows:

June 13, group discussion. Facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.
June 27, Legal aspects of divorce. Learn about the legal proceeds of divorce, including information on property settlement, custody, child support, visitation, alimony and more from Attorney at Law, Laura Reyes Koppin.

July 11, group discussion. Facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.
July 25, no meeting.

Aug. 8, group discussion. Facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

Aug. 22, Coping with Divorce. Florine Bond will discuss strategies for coping with the stress of divorce.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS
Parents without Partners, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the single-parent family. We offer educational, social, and recreational activities for single parents and their children. Dues \$30 per year. For membership information in the Ann Arbor Chapter #38 call (734) 973-1933 or visit the Web page at www.aapwp.org. Visit www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933. Cost \$2/person. Upcoming schedule includes:

■ June 16, Singles Dance at the Zal Gas Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Wear your "crazy hat" for fun. Music by DJ Imperial Sound. Cash bar. Non-smoking dance area. Sponsored by Ann Arbor Parents without Partners, Inc. Dance 9 p.m.-1:00 a.m., \$7 non-member, \$5 members. www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933.

■ June 30, Singles Dance Fund Raiser for S.A.F.E. House at the Zal Gas Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Casual attire. Music by DJ Imperial Sound. Cash bar. Non-smoking dance area. Sponsored by Ann Arbor Parents without Partners, Inc. Dance 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$7 non-member, \$5 members. www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933.

CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB
A general meeting of the Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit (a non-profit organization of single Catholics, 21 and over, who have earned a bachelor's degree and are free to marry in the Catholic Church) will be held Wednesday.

Upcoming events include: Wednesday, June 21 a general meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. with a presentation by guest speaker Fr. Dennis Laesch. Meet at St. Blaise Parish, 12151 Fifteen Mile Road, Sterling Heights. Call (248) 336-0391, Teresa.

Outdoor Volleyball every Tuesday.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the Third Party Administration for Unemployment Insurance. Specifications and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E.J. McLaughlin Educational center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Phillips in the POCSS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For additional information, please contact George Prodzinski of the Personnel Department at (734) 416-2734. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 16, 2000. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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PRECINCT NO. 10

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WEDDINGS

Gustin-Turner

Robert and Nancy Gustin of Plymouth announce the marriage of their daughter Kristina Michele to Cameron Charles Turner of Vail, Colo.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan. Her husband is the son of Fiona Skinner and Ken Turner of Devon, England.

The couple wed April 8 at St. John Neumann Church before Father George Charney. The bride was attended by Jennifer Gustin, Jen Dillon, Dawn Wood, Therese Souders and Suzanne Varior.

The groom's attendants included Martin Turner, Graham Carter, Ben Blackburn, Merv Anstey and Brian Gustin.

Schopper-Peck

Gerald and Lillian Schopper of Whitmore Lake (formerly of Livonia) announce the marriage of their daughter, Melissa May, to Thomas Robert Peck of Arizona, April 8 at St. Timothy's Catholic Church in Mesa, Ariz.

The bride is a 1988 Churchill High School graduate and a 1997 graduate of Arizona State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry. She works as an account executive at Insight in Tempe, Ariz.

Her husband, son of Tom and Lynne Peck of Chandler, Ariz., is a 1990 graduate of Arizona State University's College of Business, where he earned a bachelor's degree in finance. He works as the account executive at ChangePoint in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The couple wed before Father Mark Dippie. The bride was attended by maid of honor Suzy Story of New York. Kaylene Kovach served as a bridesmaid along with four 1988 graduates of Churchill High School including Krista Fernaldo, Joan Travers (Cornellier), Kristi Nelson (Shinski) and Stephanie Butski.

The groom was attended by best man Paul Mulhern and groomsmen Dale Schopper, Kevin Fitzgerald, Eric Kovach, Richard May and Tom Klimoski.

The couple received guests at Gold Canyon Golf Resort in Arizona and took a 10-day trip to Acapulco, Mexico. They will make their home in Mesa, Ariz.

The couple now live and work in Salt Lake City.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Stevenson High School. She is a graduate of Brigham Young University and received her masters degree from Wayne State University. She has a private mental health therapy practice.

Her husband, son of Conrad and Monica Fink of New Mexico, is a local broadcaster.

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Voting Place: Tonda Elementary School. The sixteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 11 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 18.

Voting Place: Hoken Elementary School. The seventeenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 1, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 22, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 23.

Voting Place: Bentley Elementary School. The eighteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 16 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 17.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election. This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

JUDY L. MARDIGIAN
Secretary, Board of Education

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Voting Place: Fiegel Elementary School. The eighth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 3, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 6, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 30.

Voting Place: Miller Elementary School. The ninth precinct consists of Canton Township Precinct No. 4 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 13.

Voting Place: Hulsing Elementary School. The tenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 7, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 12, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 24.

Voting Place: Eriksson Elementary School. The eleventh precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 9, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 14, and a portion of Canton Township Precinct No. 29.

Voting Place: Field Elementary School. The twelfth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 5, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 18, and a portion of Canton Township Precinct No. 29.

Voting Place: Canton High School. The thirteenth precinct consists of Canton Township Precinct No. 8, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 25, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 26, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 27, and all the territory of the school district located in Superior Township.

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

DINNER SOCIAL

■ The Dearborn-Livonia Chapter of the U.S. Singletons will host its next dinner social beginning at 5:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, at the Pick-a-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile Road between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Adults ages 45 and older wishing further information regarding this national organization's activities, please write to: Dearborn-Livonia Singletons, P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn, MI 48123.

DAIRY DAY

■ Maybury Farm's annual Dairy Day will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10. Meet in the farm classroom building to find out how milk is processed from farm to table. Try your hand at making butter and ice cream. Maybury Farm is located within Maybury State Park on Eight Mile Road one mile west of Beck Road in Northville Township.

SENIOR PARTY

■ P-CEP will have its all-night senior party beginning at 9 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at Plymouth Salem High School. Tickets are \$35 and are available at the schools.

PRINCETON REVIEW

■ The Princeton Review will hold a free MBA workshop from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. Attendees will receive information on the MBA admission process, as well as strategies and techniques to excel on the GMAT. Refreshments will also be provided. Those interested must call the Princeton Review at (800) 2-REVIEW, or (734) 663-2163 in order to register for the workshop. Seating is limited.

■ The Princeton Review will hold a free law school workshop from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Michigan League, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor. Attendees will learn information regarding the admission process to law school, as well as strategies and techniques to enhance their proficiency on the LSAT. Refreshments will be provided.

Those who wish to attend must call the Princeton Review at (800) 2-REVIEW, or (734) 663-2163 in order to register for the workshop.

THEATER PRODUCTION

■ Trinity House Theatre will present the Parlor Theatre Production of *The Woman in Black*, a British ghost story at 8 p.m. Friday, June 16, and Saturday, June 17. The theater is located at 38840 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Admission is \$10. For more information, call (248) 449-6540.

TUTOR TRAINING

■ The Community Literacy Council Inc. will hold its last volunteer tutor training session of the 2000 spring/summer season 10

a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth. The fall/winter schedule will be announced in August. For more information or for reservation (preferred), call (734) 419-4906.

WALK/RUN EVENT

■ The Belleville Strawberry Festival will hold its annual five-mile run, two-mile walk and Kids 1/2-Mile Fun Run at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 17. Cost is \$14 (includes T-shirt) before June 10 and \$17 (T-shirt not guaranteed) the day of the race. Kids' event doesn't include T-shirt. Proceeds go to benefit the Girlstown Foundation. For more information, call Ty Patton at (734) 699-2047.

WEEKEND GOLF OUTINGS

■ Michigan State University West Metro Detroit Alumni Club holds its fifth-annual golf outing at 10 a.m. Friday, June 16, at Lakes of Taylor Golf Club, 25505 Northline Road, Taylor. Cost is \$95 for golf, dinner, open bar and prizes; \$90 for those belonging to the Alumni Association, and \$35 for just dinner and cocktails. Proceeds benefit local student scholarships. For more information or to register, call Kim Vinculin at (313) 389-1806.

■ The Salem Dugout Club will hold its sixth-annual golf outing to benefit the Salem High School baseball program Saturday, June 24, at The Woodlands of Van Buren Township, 39670 Ecorse Road, Wayne. The outing begins at 2 p.m. with a scramble format and shotgun start. Tickets for the outing are \$92 (\$27 for dinner only) and include gifts, prizes, a skills contest and skins game. Make checks payable to the Salem Dugout Club. Mail to Marty Mayotte, 6556 Raintree Court, Canton 48187. Call (734) 981-0118 for information.

■ The fifth-annual St. Mary Hospital Golf Classic will be held Friday, June 23, at Bay Pointe Golf Club, West Bloomfield, to benefit breast cancer. New this year are two starting times: 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for the 18-hole scramble. Both golfing groups will enjoy breakfast, driving range, buffet or sit-down dinner, locker room facilities and prizes such as a week at a Florida golf resort. LPGA teaching professionals will be on hand for putting and driving clinics. Proceeds for the \$200 per person event are designated for breast cancer treatment, diagnosis and prevention programs at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Corporate sponsorships are available. The outing fills up quickly, so call early. For more information or to register, call the St. Mary Hospital Foundation at (734) 655-2907.

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AROUND TOWN

BNI MEETINGS

■ Business Network International will hold its regular monthly meeting from

CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material printed, or typewritten to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Matthew Gross, a senior at Plymouth Canton High School, has received a Dean's Award scholarship to attend the Columbus College of Art & Design (CCAD). The merit scholarship was awarded as a result of an art portfolio competition held at the college. The competition was judged by a team of CCAD faculty members. Gross will begin his studies this autumn and plans to major in illustration. He is the son of Steve and Sue Gross

of Canton.

Sara Schoeneman of Canton, a 1997 Plymouth Salem graduate, was awarded the Old Kent Southwest Scholarship Award, the Arthur Andersen Scholarship of 2000-2001, and the WMU Honors College Grand Tour of Europe Scholarship. She is a senior at Western Michigan University majoring in accounting and is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, the Golden Key National Honor Society, and Beta Gamma Sigma (business honor society).

Melissa Carabott of Canton was awarded a Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) college scholarship for \$750 for the 2000-2001 academic year. Carabott, who is studying marketing, will be a junior at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Tourney tamers



Second place: Canton Dynamite U-12 girls' premier soccer team finished runner-up in the recent Miami, Ohio, tournament. The team went into the finals undefeated after three games, giving up only one goal. Team members include: (front) Jenny Krajovic, (first row from left), Kendra Armstrong, Laura Gibson, Brittney Scero, Jenna Dreher, Courtney Pickard, Toni Phillips, Becci Houdek, Lauren Reed, Kim Killian, Kat Harrison; (second row), Kelsy Zemanski, Cherri Buijck, Lisa Ealy, Janet Hanshett, Megan Justus, Jessica Hanley and coached by Craig Pickard. Not pictured is Lindsey Fanning, who played two games then returned home to watch her dad graduate from Eastern Michigan University.

7-8:30 a.m. Thursday, June 8, for the Plymouth Chapter at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. The Canton chapter will meet from 7-8:30 a.m. Friday, June 9 at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Center. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

BASKETBALL CAMPS

■ Madonna University will hold All-Star basketball camps this summer for boys and girls ages 8-15. Camps will take place Monday, June 12, through Friday, July 7. The camps include guest speakers, camp championship tournament, a personal written evaluation, shooting instruction, passing and receiving the ball drills, offensive footwork and movement without the ball. There will be two camps for boys. Both camps will run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The first camp for boys will be Monday-Friday, June 12-16. The second camp will be from Monday-Fri-

day, June 19-23. A third camp for boys will be held at Fairlane Christian in Dearborn Heights Monday-Friday, June 26-30. There will be one camp for girls at Fairlane Christian from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday-Friday, July 2-7 with the exception of Tuesday, July 4. The cost for the boys camps held at Madonna University is \$130, and the cost for both the boys and girls camps at Fairlane Christian is \$120. For more information, call coach Bernie Holowicki at (734) 432-5591 or (734) 261-3346. Madonna University is in Livonia at I-96 and Levan.

NACW MONTHLY MEETING

■ The West Suburban Chapter of NACW will host its monthly meeting at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, June 13, at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road in Plymouth. Cost is \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. The guest speaker will be Pamela Hall from First Horizon Home Loans. Her topic will be "When Should You Refinance and Prepa-

ring for Your Dream Home." For more information or to make a reservation, call Tracey Huff at (248) 347-3355.

CEDAR POINT TRIP

■ Northville Parks and Recreation will sponsor a trip to Cedar Point for middle school children on Friday, June 16. Buses will depart Northville Recreation Center at 7 a.m. and return at 11:30 p.m. Cost ranges from \$52-\$59. Adult chaperones are needed. For more information, call Dan at Northville Parks and Recreation, (248) 349-0203.

SUMMER ART CAMPS

■ D & M Studios present a Summer Art Camp. This year the theme is "Knights of the Roundtable: Medieval Madness." Kids will be creating family shields, castles and much more. Registration for Summer Art Camp is now open. Camps run from June 19-Aug. 25 and are for students ages 3-16. There are several camps and different hours to choose from. Classes are held at three locations,

8691 N. Lilley Road in Canton, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth and the Summit at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. For more information or for registration, call D&M Studio at (734) 453-3710.

AUCTION/FUND-RAISER

■ The Sarah Ann Cochran Plymouth-Northville Chapter DAR will hold an auction/fund-raiser Monday, June 19, at Sandra Rakoczy's home, 2862 Woodmont, Canton. Please bring school supplies, arts & crafts items to donate and also books and toiletries for the veterans. All DAR members and prospective members are welcome. For more information or directions, call Doris Richard at (734) 453-4425.

SUMMER TENNIS CAMP

■ The Plymouth Salem varsity tennis coach Tom Kimball again will offer a summer tennis camp through the Plymouth-Canton Community Education Department. This skills camp will offer tennis instruction to all levels of players ages 10-18. The camp will focus on fundamental tennis skills and will include drills, games, strategy, and match play scenarios. The camp schedule is: June 21, 22, 26-29 and July 5, 6, 10, 11-13. No make-ups are scheduled for rain days unless more than two are canceled. Registration fee is \$60. (1) Beginner, ages 10-14 from 9-10 a.m.; (2) Beginner, ages 14-18 from 10-11 a.m.; and (3) Intermediate/Advanced, ages 12-18 from 11 a.m. to noon. New tennis rackets will be available on site from the Canyon Sports Co. at a greatly discounted rate. Sign-up is limited. For more information, contact the Plymouth-Canton Community Education Department.

CLUB CAN-DO

■ Nardin Park Church in Farmington Hills is turning into a clubhouse of Can-Do-Kids this summer. All kids are welcome. At Club Can-Do: Kids Called to Care, kids will see how children (just like themselves) from the Old and New Testaments fulfilled God's plan in Bible times. Club meetings will be held from 9:30 a.m. until noon June 26 through June 30 and at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at Nardin Park Church, 29887 West 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills (just west of Middlebelt). For more information, call (248) 476-8860.

GOLF FUND-RAISER

■ The Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation invites you to participate in a golf fund-raiser for the Canton Firefighters No. 2289 Charity Foundation on July 11 at Pleasant Run, Canton. The shotgun start outing begins at 8:30 a.m. and is a four-person scramble. Cost is \$100 per person, which includes: 18 holes of golf with a cart, beverages on the course, lunch at the turn, chances to win great prizes and a banquet with open bar. Banquet only tickets can be

purchased for \$50. Banquet starts at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call Capt. Jim Davison or Mike Caruso at (734) 398-5262 Station No. 1. R.S.V.P. by July 1.

BICYCLE RIDES

■ Bike tours throughout the Plymouth community, sponsored by the Plymouth Newcomers, will start at 6:30 p.m. every Monday through September (except for three holiday Mondays). These low-mileage bike rides (8-11 mph, 8-20 miles) will meet at the Comerica Bank back parking lot on Ann Arbor Road just west of Sheldon. Initial rides, which always return before dark, will start off at the low-mileage end and be geared toward basic bicycling abilities. For those seeking a more challenging ride, the AABTS will lead a bike tour that meets, starts and ends at the same place and time as the ride. For more information, call tour leader, Alan Vankerkhove at (734) 455-9144.

MOPS MEETING

■ Plymouth Baptist Church holds Mothers Of Preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with their children, kindergarten-age and younger, may attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Child care is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

M.O.M. MEETING

■ Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents guest speakers and discussions 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Baby-sitting is provided. Call Kim at (734) 459-7035 or Shannon at (734) 454-0191.

M.L.T.I.

■ Moms In Touch International is for mothers to meet weekly, for one hour, to pray for their children and schools. The goal is to form a group for each school in Plymouth-Canton. If you are interested or have any questions, call Karen at (734) 397-2771 or Elaine at (734) 459-3896.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

■ The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

VOLUNTEERS

FIRST STEP

■ Become a volunteer and help other people while putting an end to domestic violence and sexual assault in your community. First Step has been active in the effort to end violence in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years. Volunteers must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area, and complete a 55-hour training program starting this month. For information, call (734) 416-1111, ext. 223.

Stars to shine at third Domus Vita auction, fund-raiser

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Guests at the third annual Domus Vita auction can look forward to seeing familiar faces such as hockey legend Wayne Gretzky, actor Clint Eastwood and local celebrity Karen Newman.

The "mugs," along with those of 50 other Hollywood greats, will be among the items up for auction at "Reach for the Stars" on Friday, June 23.

According to Diane Montes, Domus Vita administrative director, approximately 50 autographed photographs of famous athletes, politicians, supermodels and actors/actresses will go

home with the highest bidders. "We have received wonderful community support in the past," said Montes, whose mother founded Domus Vita 13 years ago.

The non-profit organization maintains eight group homes for the developmentally disabled throughout Wayne County under the direction of Paula Parkin, executive director and sister of Montes.

"Reach for the Stars" begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a live and silent auction preceding entertainment by a variety of items will be auctioned off, including restaurant gift certificates, numerous Detroit Red Wings hockey collectibles, a bicycle, TV,

VCR, gift baskets and tickets to see the Detroit Tigers, Detroit Lions and University of Michigan Football teams play.

"One lucky winner will have the chance to enjoy a week vacation in Cancun, Mexico, at a resort property."

"We're really excited about the donation of the signed celebrity photographs," said Montes. "This is the third year Donald Lawrence has provided pictures from his collection and we look forward to recognizing him at the event for his generous gifts."

Lawrence is the director of the Wayne County Health Department. He has been collecting autographs of well-known

individuals as a hobby since he was a child. "Domus Vita certainly tops my list as the best of the best," said Lawrence of his continued interest in donating to the non-profit organization's fund-raisers.

Some of the other pictures he has donated for auction include actress Kathy Bates (*Misery* and *Fried Green Tomatoes*); actor Charlton Heston (*The Ten Commandments* and *Ben-Hur*); signed comic strip sketches by "Beetle Bailey" cartoonist Mort Walker; athlete Bruce Jenner; former Detroit Tiger manager Sparky Anderson; former President Gerald Ford and current Vice President Al Gore.

Montes said one framed and matted color photograph that is sure to attract a lot of attention is that of singer and actress Barbra Streisand.

"I know that's a hard one to get," said Montes who added guests can look forward to also seeing a "beautifully framed" picture and card from comedian Red Skelton.

According to Montes and Parkin, all event proceeds will benefit group home residents to live on "extremely limited budgets."

"We have used funds in the past for orthopedic shoes, hospital beds, clothing, and for funerals and headstones," said Montes. "The money is used to enhance their lives and to help people reach their goals."

Who: Domus Vita
What: "Reach for the Stars" Third Annual Auction (benefit sponsors include Mobility Transportation Services and Michigan Assisted Living Association).

When: Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and tickets are \$25 per person (dinner included).
Where: The event will be at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus hall on Farmington Road north of Seven Mile.

For ticket information call Diane Montes or Domus Vita Executive Director Paula Parkin at (734) 427-0878 by June 16.

Center offers outreach grief support for families, individuals

The founders of New Hope, a center for grief support in Northville, is now offering assistance to help individuals and families find the help they need through qualified professional counseling.

New Hope Center for Grief is a non-profit bereavement outreach center. They provide grief support services through groups or individual counseling, seminars and other resources.

Founded on the philosophy of Christian principles, help is offered to people working through their grief "much like Christ offered help and healing to all who came to him."

According to Cathy Clough, executive director of New Hope, people of all faiths are encouraged and invited to benefit from the grief support services.

Several different types of support are offered including:

■ New Hope grief support workshop

An eight week series which provides bereaved individuals the opportunity to learn about and cope with grief. The series

blends education and opportunity to do the work of grief by sharing with others in a safe setting. Each session is led by experienced grief specialists and small groups are facilitated by trained staff and volunteers.

People are group with others who have experienced similar loss.

■ Especially for widows and widowers

Ongoing grief support and social activities to help widowed men and women learn to deal with their grief, meet others who understand and learn ways to find hope and healing. Social events, weekend getaways, vacations and retreats are offered to help the widowed person begin a new way of life which includes hope for a future.

■ For parents whose child has died

We offer peer-support for parents who are learning to cope after the death of a child. This is done by offering one-on-one support plus support groups offered on an "as needed" basis. We have a list of parents who wish to sup-

port newly bereaved parents.

■ For grieving teens

There is no easy way to suffer a loss from the death of a loved one, but adolescents have a particularly difficult time finding understanding and support. New Hope offers a support group for adolescents. The group is facilitated by an adult leader and is co-lead by a peer/adolescent facilitator. The group is offered as a six-week series.

Risen Christ Lutheran Church (46250 W. Ann Arbor Rd.) of Plymouth will begin offering grief support sessions sponsored by New Hope from 10:30 a.m. to noon beginning Tuesday, June 6. There will be no session on July 4. These sessions are open to anyone grieving the death of a loved one and will be led by an experienced grief counselor.

New Hope Center for Grief Support is located at 113 E. Dunlap in Northville. All groups offered by New Hope are free of charge. Donations are accepted and tax-deductible. For information call (248) 348-0115 or e-mail nhope@altavista.com

CRAFTS CALENDAR

CHELSEA SUMMER FEST

Applications are currently being sought for arts and crafts vendors at the Chelsea Summer Fest, July 28 and 29. Booth hours are Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you are interested in obtaining a booth, contact Penny (734) 433-0354 or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to P.O. Box 580, Chelsea, MI 48118.

FALL ARTS/RAFTS

St. Damian Parish is looking for crafters for their Fall Arts and Crafts Show that will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 throughout the school. St. Damian is located at 30055 Joy Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads, in Westland. Call (734) 421-6130.

New arrivals from page B3

rick of Livonia. Great-grandmothers are Doris Lydy of Bear Lake, Mi. and Reba Phillips of Port Huron.

■ Amy and Reba Arsenault of Livonia announce the birth of their son Nicholas James born May 22 at Botsford Hospital. Grandparents are Judy and Ron Arsenault of Livonia and Al

Nadratowski of Novi. Great-grandmother is Wanda Nascimven of Lincoln Park.

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Support

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never met. They "just want to do something," Ken said.

Family friend Jean Freitag has been a blessing when it comes to helping out and bringing by meals.

Roxanne tries to recall all the things parents, teachers and friends have done, but stops short.

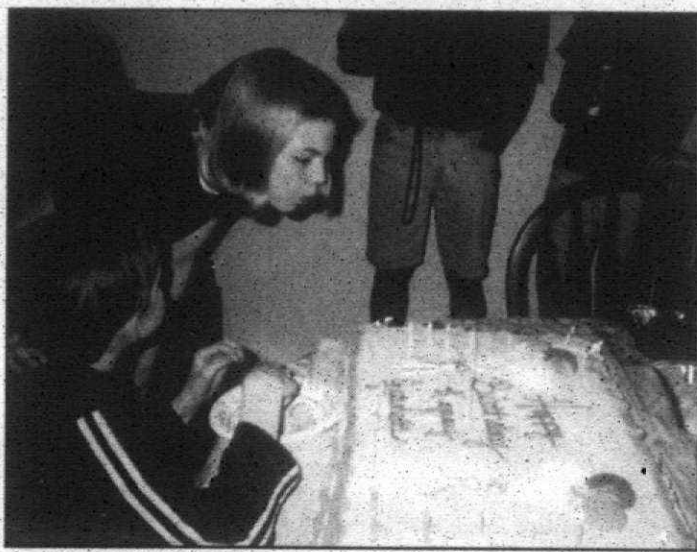
"They held a bake sale to pick up money to buy him some things," she said. "We've been so overwhelmed with their generosity. There's no way I can begin to thank all that they've done. There are no words to describe it. It's one of the worst things that any parent can imagine to have to go through."

Adjustments

Ken and Roxanne have adjusted their work schedules so that one or the other can be with Kenny all the time. Ken works at Detroit Edison as a chemical technician. He works 4 p.m. to midnight. Roxanne works 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in medical records department at Providence Health Care System.

"We tried to have volunteers, but he wanted his parents," Ken said adding that Kenny is enrolled in Angela Hospice and two nurses visit him regularly. "I asked him what was his greatest wish and he said: 'I want to be retired from school,'" Ken said. "And I said: 'Then, you're retired from school.'"

Kenny told his parents he hoped there wouldn't be a cure for his hearing loss, because he liked being retired from school. But, he didn't know who had the authority to make the retirement final. "One of the nurses printed him a certificate that says he's officially retired," Ken explained. "And he says: 'You can't make me go back to school,' and points to the certificate."



Celebration: Jeanette Lindquist helps her brother, Kenny, blow out the candles on his birthday cake.

If you would like more information about adrenoleukodystrophy call the United Leukodystrophy Foundation, (815) 895-3211; (800) 728-5483; (617) 277-4463 or the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) (203) 746-6518 and (800) 999-6673.

To make a donation to the Lindquist family please call Danie Brown of Plymouth, (734) 459-1492.

A couple of weeks ago, Ken asked his son if he wanted to go on vacation or if there was something special he longed to have. "All he said was: I want chicken for dinner," Ken added. Ken and Roxanne haven't told their son he is dying. "We just tell him what he asks," Ken said.

Before the illness began robbing him of his abilities, Kenny played baseball for a number of years. Members of his team are raising money for the family to pay expenses that might not be covered by their insurance or if Roxanne or Ken have to quit work to care for Kenny.

If there is no need to use the funds, Ken stressed that the money would be donated to

Angela Hospice, the Leukodystrophy Foundation or another "suitable charity."

"People just want to do something," he added. Like most kids his age, Kenny was involved in the Pokemon craze and with playing video games, but he can't even concentrate on those simple things now.

According to medical literature, once the neurological effects settle in death can occur anywhere between a few weeks and two years. One in 50,000-100,000 boys get the disease.

"The nurse tries to have him write something every time she comes, but this last time he couldn't write anything," Ken said.

Producer

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E Records. Company CEO Carl Craig is artistic director of the festival. Surrounded by brand-new iMac computers, lamps that snake and curl upward from the floor, and a black-trimmed window that stretches from floor to ceiling on one wall of the airy space, Marvin speaks with an easy-going authority.

In the face of this challenge Marvin didn't blink an eye, for organizing a brand-new festival isn't the hardest battle she's had to fight.

Marvin said she's gained incredible patience fighting a longtime illness that has caused her to have both hips replaced. She spent one year of her life in

a wheelchair but now walks without assistance.

While encountering daily physical challenges Marvin learned to pay careful attention to detail. Her personal triumph attests to her strength and perseverance.

Marvin said it has also contributed to the success of her career - and even the anticipated Memorial Day weekend festival.

Her children - Bob, Ryan, Drew and Madeline - have always been a great inspiration.

Adriel Thornton, who works with Marvin at Pop Culture Media, said she has been an important role model to him.

"She stays very positive and focused," he said. "She rarely lets anything change her attitude."

For Thornton, the Detroit Electronic Music Festival is an astounding accomplishment. "It's a dream Carol had that's come true."

It has been Marvin's vision that the festival continues to have a symbiotic relationship in the city - one guiding and reaping the benefits of the other.

"It did make history," said Marvin. "I hope people continue to just be amazed at how positive this music is and how it really will move things forward for our city."

Singles

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day at 6:30 p.m. St. Rene Parish (35955 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights). Call Rita (248) 336-0391.

Outdoor Tennis every Sunday (except June 18) at 6:30 p.m. Meet at Boulton Park, west side of Crooks road, just 1/2 mile north of 16 Mile Road. Call Tom (248) 547-5884.

TALK IT OVER

TIO meets the second Friday of each month in Knox Hall from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Join us as Pastor Paul Clough, minister to single adults at Ward Church will speak about the occult. Free will offering. Coffee/cookies served. Call (248) 374-5920.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES

Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward Church. Ministries Showcase 7:30 p.m. Single Parenting Ministry meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month

in the parlor, room C317 and C319, at the church. A free meal is served before the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Speakers or open discussion in a friendly, supportive and encouraging atmosphere. Free child care provided; Light-house Cafe, a coffeehouse setting, is offered 7-10 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in Knox Hall. The cost is \$5; all events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

SINGLES WELCOME

Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance to divorced or separated Christians. Call (734) 981-4553 about the divorce recovery workshop. Monthly meetings are held the third Saturday of every month at 8 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Church, Hagerly Road (south of 5 Mile

Road).

■ Tuesday's BSW goes to Thomas's Family Dining on Plymouth Road (east of Stark) at 7 p.m. on the first, third and fourth week of the month. The second Tuesday of the month the group meets at Vic's Family Diner at 7 p.m. for Birthday Night. (Vic's is one-half block north of Ford Road on Middlebelt). For information call (734) 981-4553.

■ Every Sunday, the singles organization offers breakfast at 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn on the northwest corner of 5 Mile and Beech Daly roads in Redford, followed by mass at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Catholic Church on Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 729-1974. ■ Divorce Recovery Workshop (eight consecutive weeks) to begin soon. For information call Diane at (734) 981-4553.

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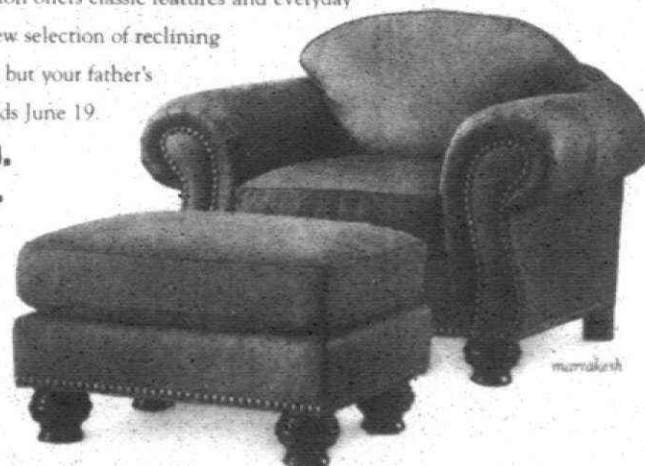
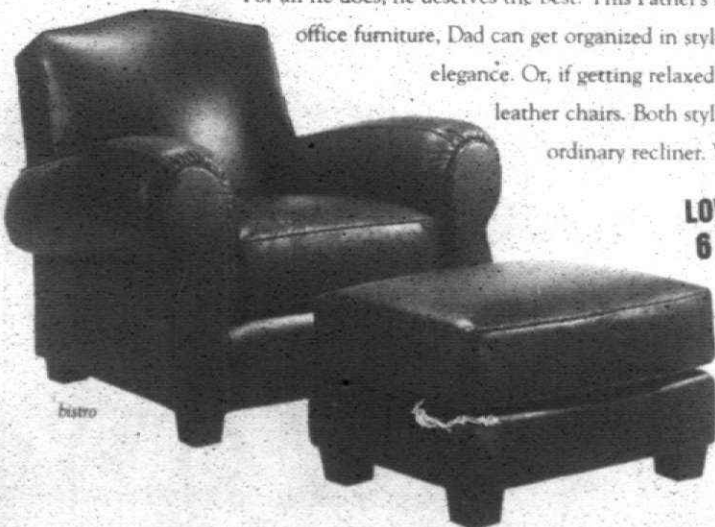
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Stampede take title

The Canton Stampede under-11 girls select soccer team won the championship in the Blue Division at the Canton Invitational Soccer Tournament May 27-28. The Stampede posted a 3-0-1 record on their way to the title.

The Stampede won their championship game by a 1-0 score over the Lansing Cougars. In the semifinals they beat the Plymouth Lightning; prior to that they defeated the Portage Lightning and tied the Okemos Shooting Stars.

Team members are Hannah Cavichio, Andrea Gasparotto, Ashley D'Angelo, Jamie Berlin, Kristine Mattarella, Lauren Delapaz, Sarah Gorzalski, Khali Watkins, Melissa Leach, Chelsey Quinlan, Chelsea D'Agostino, Kelly Buttermore, Missy Frederick, Laura Daniels, Miranda Evers, Chelsea McPhail, and Megan Grady.

The team is coached by Bruce Mattarella, John Cavichio and Melissa Tomei.

Soccer champs

The Canton Chaos, an under-13 boys premier soccer team, captured top honors in their division at the 18th annual Canton Invitational Soccer Tournament May 27-29. The Chaos posted a 5-0 match record, scoring 16 goals while allowing just one.

Team members are Bryan Baker, Jacob Bennett, Chris Carter, Brian Cox, Joe Crist, Matt Hemmelgarn, Tony Hylko, Gary Klump, Russell Lang, Andrew Mackin, David Mintz, Colin Miranda, Adam Pitt, Eric Simcox, Scott Timmer and Steve Zelman-ski. The team is coached by Craig Cox and Bob Baker.

Top runners

A trio of runners from the Observerland area helped Central Michigan University finish third at the Mid-American Conference May 18-20 at the University of Buffalo.

Jared Biniecki, a junior from Plymouth Salem, finished first in the MAC in the steeplechase in 9:09.56. As a sophomore in 1999, Biniecki finished second in the MAC in the steeplechase.

Tom Kessel, a senior from Redford Union, and Ian Searcy, a sophomore from Plymouth Salem, turned in one heckuva race in finishing 1-2 in the 800-meter run. Kessel won the duel in the closest of fashions, placing first in 1:51.42; Searcy was second in 1:51.43.

Crusaders honored

Derrick Wolfe and Todd Miller, both seniors at Madonna University, were named honorable mention NAIA All-Americans in baseball. Both were also chosen to the all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and all-NAIA Region VIII teams.

Wolfe, an outfielder/relief pitcher from Tecumseh, led the Crusaders in batting average (.395), runs scored (52), doubles (16), triples (five), home runs (eight), walks (21), total bases (114), on-base percentage (.487), slugging percentage (.704) and — on the mound — saves (three). He was second in runs batted in with 32.

Miller, a shortstop from Farmington Hills (Birmingham Brother Rice HS), led Madonna in RBI with 36. He was second in batting average (.378), with 12 doubles and a team-best strikeout ratio, fanning just seven times in 164 at-bats.

Meininger picks UM-D

Jason Meininger has been offered a \$5,000 per year four-year scholarship to attend and play tennis at the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio. The scholarship was awarded because of his academic and extra-curricular high school achievements.

Although Wooster has a very good Division III tennis team, Meininger has turned down the offer and decided to attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Chiefs grid boosters

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will have their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 in Room 165 at Plymouth Canton HS.

All parents of Canton football players are encouraged to attend. If you have any further questions, please call Angela Koerner at (734) 416-9120.

Top track stars to compete at Canton



Nothing quite like this has ever happened in this school district — an opportunity to see Olympic-level athletes competing with a lot at stake. Most will be trying to reach the U.S. Olympic Trials qualifying standards.

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The first of its kind — at least in this area. That's what Saturday night offers at the Plymouth Canton football stadium.

Never before has such an illustrious group of athletes been brought to this area for such a noteworthy event.

The Michigan International Track Invitational will bring together some of the fastest men and women, including several Americans who are pursuing a spot in the U.S. Olympic Track and

Field Trials in July. Qualifying standards must be met for athletes to compete in the Trials; that's what they'll attempt to do at this meet.

"This meet has literally exploded," said meet director John Goodridge. "It's a very special event unfolding."

Goodridge should know. He and his wife — the former Francie Kraker, an Ann Arbor native who ran in the 1968 and 1972 Olympics — coached cross country and track at Wake Forest for 15 years until last fall, when they decided to return to Michigan to establish an Olympic Development Distance

Running Center.

"There's always been this great, great need for developing post-collegiate athletes in track," Goodridge said. "Once he (or she) graduates, all his support is gone."

It was that way when his wife attended the University of Michigan. "Things haven't changed in this country much since she graduated," he said. "Saturday's track spectacular, Goodridge hopes, will ignite interest in track clubs and expand the fan support

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Never a doubt

Chiefs take control against Pioneers

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From the opening kickoff, one could tell Ann Arbor Pioneer was in trouble.

The Pioneers had tested Plymouth Canton in a non-league soccer match early in the season before losing 4-2. Now, in the first round of the state's Division I regionals, they would have to show they had raised their level of play, that they were the Chiefs' equal.

It was a challenge that was beyond Pioneer's abilities. And Pioneer coach Chris Morgan knew why: "One player. That's all it is. That's their whole team — Anne Morrell."

"If someone finds a way to shut her down, they can beat them."

Certainly Morrell again played a significant role in the Chiefs' 4-1 triumph in a game played at Novi HS's field. The win pushed Canton's record to 19-1-2 and gave the Chiefs a rematch against Livonia Stevenson (now 13-3-3) Friday. Pioneer finishes at 13-4-2.

It will be the third time the two teams have met this season. The first two, both played at Stevenson, ended in ties.

What each of those first two meetings failed to have was a match between the Observer's two best teams with all factors being equal. The opening game came closest to accomplishing that; Stevenson had the home-

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Tough going: Canton forward Erica Ahrens (11) collides with Pioneer keeper Kari Wilder-Romans in a match that featured several similar physical contacts. The goal total, however, favored the Chiefs.

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Canton claims district title



Celebration time: Canton players surround their pitching ace, Laura Stewart (center, No. 4) after beating Stevenson.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Salem a winner

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Salem's quest for its first district baseball title since 1995 went from a walk in the park to a walk on the wild side during the seventh inning Saturday against North Farmington.

The Rocks carried a comfortable, 7-2 lead into the final frame of the championship game before the gutsy Raiders pushed across four runs to make it 7-6.

Salem relief pitcher Chris Hardy finally extinguished the comeback when he got North's Brian Lafer to pop out to second baseman Ryan Cook with the bases loaded and two outs.

Hardy, who relieved starter Jason Lukasik with runners on first and second and no outs earlier in the seventh, was engulfed by his celebrating teammates immediately after Cook squeezed the final out.

DISTRICT BASEBALL

"We've beaten North Farmington five times this year, but they made it closer every game we played," sighed Salem coach Dale Rumberger, as he clenched the district championship trophy moments after the game ended.

"This one got a little too close at the end for my tastes."

Salem will take a 20-13 record into the Division 1 regional tournament Saturday at Royal Oak Kimball. The Raiders finished with a 6-15 mark.

"If we get pitching, I think we have as good a chance as the other three teams in the regional," Rumberger said.

"We've been hitting the ball real well lately. (Salem) has rocked 22 home runs this season." Hopefully, we can put it all

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This was a case of the climax coming at the start of the story.

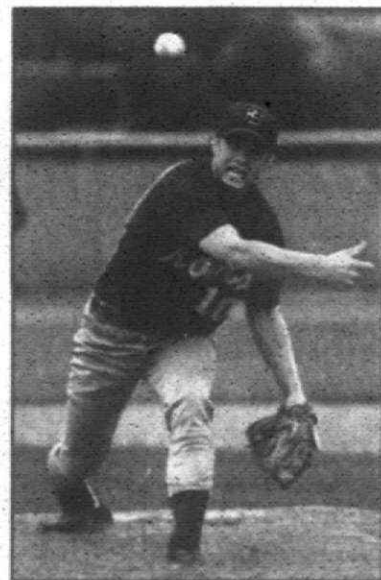
In last Saturday's state Division I district softball tournament at Plymouth Canton, four Western Lakes Activities Association squads squared off. Two of them — North Farmington and Canton — had met nine days earlier in the WLAA championship game.

Fittingly, these two antagonists met again, but this time in a district semifinal. The winner would certainly be favored against the survivor of the other semi between Plymouth Salem and Livonia Stevenson.

North had defeated Canton twice during the season, including a 9-0 romp in the WLAA final. But those two didn't count, as Canton coach Jim Arnold was quick to point out.

"This is the one that counted," Arnold said after the Chiefs upended North, 2-1. Buoyed

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The winner: Jason Lukasik started and got the pitching win in the district final.

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STATE TRACK

Grubaugh earns a 2nd title at state

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Call it a reversal. At least it was unexpected.

Tiffany Grubaugh figured she had a very good chance to repeat as the Division I state champion in the discus. After all, she had recorded the best throw of the season, and indeed she was within sight of the state record.

Her chances in the shot put, an event she finished third in at last year's state final, were less promising. "To win the shot put was definitely a goal," the Plymouth Salem senior said. "But it wasn't expected. Other girls had done better than I did during the season."

When her last effort in the shot came, Grubaugh knew she was at or near the bottom of the list. And that's when she displayed those competitive juices that separated her from other talented athletes.

As her Salem coach, Mark Gregor, said: "She showed what kind of competitor she is."

Grubaugh let loose a line drive — not the best style in this event — that, according to Gregor, "never got more than five feet off the ground." But it went more than far enough: 41-feet, 11 1/2-inches, more than a foot further than the second-best toss.

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Whalers take Wisniewski with 1st pick



BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

A perfect draft? Plymouth Whalers' coach/general

manager Pete DeBoer hopes it is. So does the Whalers' top choice, James Wisniewski.

The Whalers came into last Friday's Ontario Hockey League draft with one very particular need: a defenseman with offensive skills. Wisniewski, who played last season for the Compuware Ambassadors — members of the North American Hockey League — had those talents.

But he also wanted to be a stay-at-home defenseman.

Voila. A perfect match. Choosing last in the first round, the Whalers selected Wisniewski — who happens to be finishing his sophomore year at Plymouth Canton HS.

"It's very exciting," Wisniewski said. "I wanted to be drafted by the Whalers and finish school here."

"They're only losing a couple of guys. (Shaun) Fisher, he's gone and they needed someone to replace him. I'm looking forward to it — I'm up for the challenge."

DeBoer, who has watched Wisniewski develop in the Compuware system for years, is also looking forward to having him in the lineup.

"He's a great athlete," the reigning OHL coach of the year said. "He's played in the Compuware system his whole life, so we were able to do a lot of

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Eliminated

Canton surprised by North in semifinal

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Chalk one up for the underdogs. North Farmington, which entered the Division I district baseball tournament with a modest 5-15 record, surprised host Plymouth Canton, 6-4, to advance to the championship game later that afternoon against Plymouth Salem.

The Chiefs, who finished the season 22-10, played without two key members of their team who were suspended by coach Scott Dickey for unspecified reasons.

"We didn't have our top pitcher and one of our top hitters, so that definitely hurt us a little," Dickey said. "But we had three

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errors that cost us four runs.

"It was a disappointing way to end what was a good season."

North coach Irv Horwitz heaped high praise on junior pitcher Jeff Granat, who threw a complete game and a seven-hitter against the Chiefs.

"Jeff pitched one of his better games this season, and he picked a good time to do it," Horwitz said.

"Canton made a nice comeback in the bottom of the seventh, and I was one batter away from replacing Jeff, but he finished

the job."

The game was tied 2-2 when North exploded for four runs in the top of the fifth inning.

Junior Mike Livoirio stroked a two-run double, and senior Zach Lessway added a two-run single in the big inning.

Trailing 6-2 entering the final frame, Canton scored twice and loaded the bases with two outs, but it couldn't get the key two-out hit when it needed it the most.

Junior third baseman Jeff Vieder wielded a hot piece of lumber for the Raiders, drilling two doubles.

Bryan Kay and Oliver Wolcott had two hits apiece for the Chiefs.

No real problem: CC rules district

BASEBALL

Host Redford Catholic Central had a pretty easy time in winning its Division I district on Saturday, cruising to a 21-0 win over Detroit Coity in the semifinal.

Then using Kevin Entsminger's no-hitter in the final for a 19-0 win over Detroit Coity.

"Cody was pretty young and inexperienced," said CC coach John Salter. "Cooley's pitcher had gone two innings in their semifinal and he got tired. It was 9-0 in the fifth inning and we hit their relief pitcher pretty hard and scored 10 runs in the top of the sixth."

Entsminger gave up a walk and hit a batter, while striking out seven in earning the win and also went 4-for-5 at the plate with a walk and four runs

scored. Phil Marrone also helped the Shamrocks (20-11) by going 2-for-4 with a walk, a HBP and had two RBI, and Anthony Coratti was 2-for-3 with three runs scored and two RBI.

Marrone led the way at the plate in the opener by going 3-for-3 with four runs scored, an RBI while walking once and being hit by a pitch. Brian Williams added two hits, including a double, and had three RBI, while Coratti was 2-for-2 with two runs scored.

Adam Kline (4-2) got the win on a two-hitter in four innings, while striking out 10.

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together Saturday.

The game began in spectacular fashion when the first batter, Salem's Steve Stiles, drilled a long drive toward the gap in left-center field.

What appeared to be a sure double turned into a long out when Lafer, the center fielder, made a spectacular diving catch.

That didn't deter the next two Salem hitters, Chad Goethe and Lukasik, who followed with a single and double, respectively.

With runners on second and third, Rock catcher Ian Winter grounded out to second base; however, Goethe scored the game's first run on the play.

After North sliced the deficit to 1-1 in the bottom of the second when catcher Ethan Goodman led off with a walk, advanced to second on an error and scored on a sacrifice fly by Mike Sak.

Salem bounced back with three runs in the third to grab a 4-1 lead. Winter and Adam Kolb keyed the inning with clutch, two-out RBI singles.

After North sliced the deficit to 4-2 in its half of the third, Salem chalked up its second straight three-run inning in the fourth to make it 7-2.

Stiles knocked in the first run with a sacrifice fly. Two batters later, Lukasik ripped an RBI single. The third run scored on an infield error.

Lukasik coasted with the five-run lead, allowing just one walk and one hit from the fourth through the sixth innings. But the wheels started to fall off in the bottom of the seventh when Lukasik walked the first two batters.

With two on and nobody out, Rumberger brought in Hardy, who yielded an RBI single to the first batter he faced, Ross Patterson.

After getting Zach Lessway to pop out to Cook, Hardy hit Goodman before giving up a single to Paul Kammer to load the bases and bring the tying run to the plate.

A strikeout, the suspense intensified when Sack laced a run-scoring single and leadoff batter Jeff Vieder drew a walk to make it 7-6.

But Lafer couldn't match his game-opening heroics, as Hardy induced him to pop the ball into Cook's waiting glove.

North coach Irv Horwitz said his team's gritty comeback didn't surprise him.

"We've never quit all season," he said. "We lost to Salem four times this year before this game, so I didn't know if our guys thought they could play with them. But we came out and played a great game, falling just a little short at the end."

Lukasik paced the Salem hitters with three hits, a run scored and a stolen base. Goethe also had a solid game, ripping two singles and scoring twice.

Salem played aggressively on the basepaths, swiping four bases.

"When you run a lot like we did today, it forces the pitcher to throw the ball right down the middle of the plate," Rumberger said.

Sack provided the most punch for North, going 2-for-2 with two RBI and a walk.

Goodman also proved to be a tough out for the Raiders, reaching base three of the four times he stepped to the plate.

research on him. "We've just had exceptional reports on him. He's too good an athlete to pass up."

In his first season with the Ambassadors, Wisniewski netted five goals and assisted on 11 others in 50 games. Two of his goals were on the power play; there were two game-winners as well.

The power play is where DeBoer wants to utilize Wisniewski. "We graduated Fisher and we're looking for someone with skills to combine with (Liber) Ustrnul and (Jared) Newman and (Nate) Kiser.

"All of them are big players, defensive-type defensemen. James is 6-foot, he's strong, and he's got a good combination of physical play and finesse."

In his earlier days in hockey, Wisniewski was a high-scoring forward. Now 16, he made the switch to defense four years ago.

Although it took some time for them to flourish with Compuware, Wisniewski's offensive

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in his sport.

Certainly it is a premier line-up. The men's mile, for instance, features Canada's Kevin Sullivan, the 15th fastest mile runner in the world in 1999; 1996 Olympian Paul McMullen; and Kenyan Amos Kipyegon. They will pursue the fastest sub-four-minute mile ever run in this state.

There's more. The women's 1,500 meters highlights Collette Liss, the U.S.A. indoor national mile runner-up, while the men's 800 includes Trinity Townsend, the seventh-ranked American at that distance in 1999.

The women's 800 will feature three women who have been very close to the U.S. qualifying time in the 800 of 2:05.0: Jill McMullen of Ypsilanti, Melissa Smith of Grand Valley State and Hope Sanders of the Indiana Invaders club.

"We have a real fine group of athletes who are very close to qualifying," said Goodridge. "This is big stuff. World-class runners will be in Canton Saturday night."

"We've assembled these athletes, and now we're trying to make sure the running public is aware. That can be vital for top performances. There is a connection between the athlete and the crowd."

And hopefully there will be something special and lasting between big-time track and the Plymouth/Canton communities.

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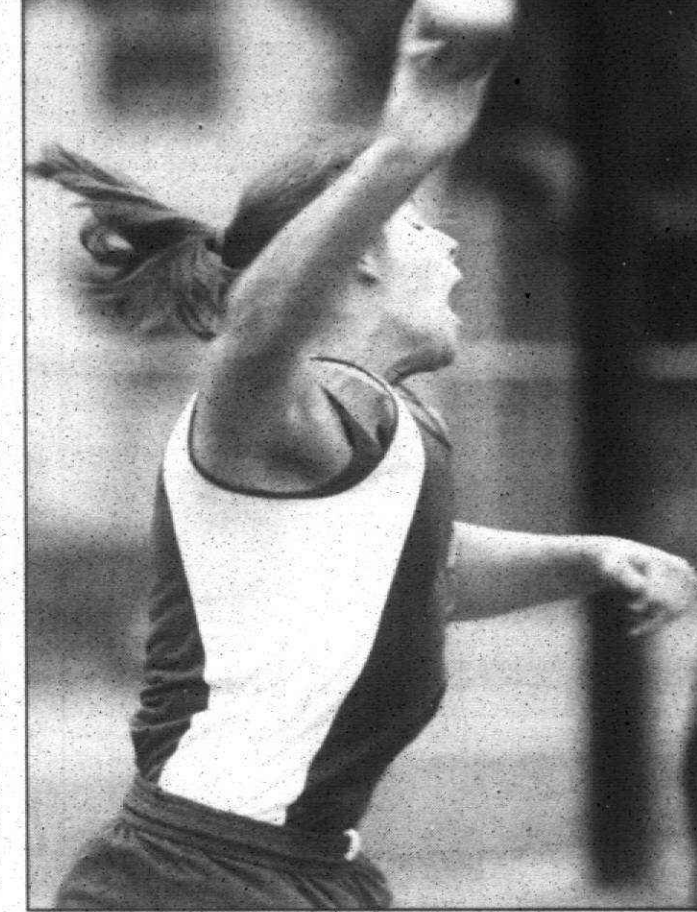
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The effort earned Grubaugh her second state championship in as many years at last Saturday's Division Meet at Rockford HS. Aias, she could not repeat as state champ in the discus, finishing fourth with a toss of 130-0.

"In the discus, I went into it thinking I had a good chance," she said. "It's a lot about technique. You have to be relaxed and loose and just let it go. If you're really tight and tense you won't do too good."

Although she wasn't able to regain her discus championship, Grubaugh certainly did well enough. She accounted for all of Salem's points except for that scored by the 4x100-meter relay team of Michelle Bonior, Susan Woodward, Jessica Shamberger and Rachel Jones, which placed eighth in 50.4.

"They all competed real hard," said Gregor. "They gave it their best shot."

The Rocks' 4x200 relay team of Bonior, Woodward, Shamberger and Jones, which came in seeded fourth, finished ninth in 1:45.7. Another top performance came from Aisha Chappell, who reached the semifinals in the 100 hurdles before being ousted, posting a 15.7, and cleared 5-feet in the high jump, falling just short of a scoring spot (5-1 was eighth).

In the 300 hurdles, Valerie Brown missed a scoring slot, going 49.9, and in the long jump Brynne DeNeen leapt 15-2, also falling short.

The Rocks finished tied for ninth with 16 points. "We enjoyed the experience," said Gregor. "And it was a fitting way for this group of seniors to go out."

Included in that bunch are DeNeen, Chappell, Brown, Jones — and Grubaugh, who will attend Wayne State on a basketball scholarship in the fall.

"It's kind of sad," she said of her final athletic experience as a Rock. "But when I look back, I had a lot of fun and a lot of accomplishments."

"I've grown so much. I really don't have any regrets."

No need to.

Canton back in pack

Plymouth Canton scored points in two events at Saturday's Division I state final, hosted by Rockford HS, totalling six points to tie for 30th.

Jerry Gaines turned in an outstanding run for the Chiefs, placing fourth in the 400 meters in 49.52 — a mere .22 out of second.

Canton's other points came from Jordan Chapman in the pole vault. He cleared 12-feet, 6 inches to place eighth.

Perhaps the best news for the Chiefs is that they will return next season. Both are juniors.

GOLF NEWS

Golf tournament

The sixth annual St. Louis Celebrity Golf Tournament is slated for 1 p.m. June 26 at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. Golfers will play on the Golden Fox Championship Course.

Several former pro athletes will take part, including Steve Gromek, Fred Holdsworth, Gary Ignasiak, Mike Kilkenny, Bill Zapp, Milt Wilcox and Tom Timmerman of the Tigers; Lem Barney, Leo Marentette, Tom Watkins and Doug Gallagher of the Lions; Olympic speedskater Terry McDermott; current Red

Wing Darren McCarty; former Michigan football player Bill Duff; and former Yankee Bob Kuzava.

Proceeds go to aid developmentally disabled boys and men who call the St. Louis Center their home. A non-profit organization, the Center is located in Chelsea.

For more information, call (734) 662-5544.

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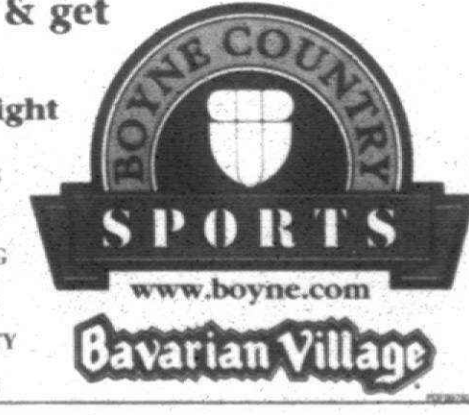
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Winter's homer boosts Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

A pair of 40-foot bunts ignited Plymouth Salem Saturday morning in its Class A District semifinal game against Livonia Stevenson.

But it was a 300-plus-foot bomb off the bat of Salem's Ian Winter that blew up any chance the Spartans had of advancing to the District final showdown later in the day.

Using the little ball as efficiently as the long ball, the Rocks (19-13) ousted Stevenson, 5-1, to advance to the district final against North Farmington.

The Rocks beat North in the final, 7-6. The Raiders ousted Plymouth Canton in the other

DISTRICT SEMI

semifinal, 6-4.

The game was the last high school contest played at the Salem baseball field, which will be displaced later this summer to make room for the new high school.

"It breaks my heart to have to leave this field for the last time," lamented Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "But I'm glad we were able to walk off with a victory. I've coached here since 1986 and I played on this field before that, so I have a lot of nice memories here."

Rumberger was gesturing, of course, with his hand towards

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FLYCASTING
Westbank Anglers, located in the Bloomfield Plaza at Telegraph and Maple roads, offers fly casting clinics on Sundays through mid-July. The clinics, designed to run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., will be held at Cranbrook Academy. Students are instructed in basic casting techniques, overview of fly fishing tackle and knots, basic entomology, fish fighting skills, stream etiquette, and how to release a fish. Call (248) 558-3474 with questions regarding dates, times, fees and availability. Class size is limited.

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.

ACTIVITIES

FLYBART FLYSHOPS OPEN HOUSE
The Flybart Flyshops store in Royal Oak (1002 North Main Street) will hold its annual open house today from 3 p.m.-7 p.m. The open house will feature manufacturers representatives related to the fly-fishing industry. There will also be demonstrations on how to tie the Michigan Mayfly, as well as many other flies used in the state and around the world. A big-top tent will also be set up next to the store, and casting demonstrations will be done on a nearby 60-foot casting pond.

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS
Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

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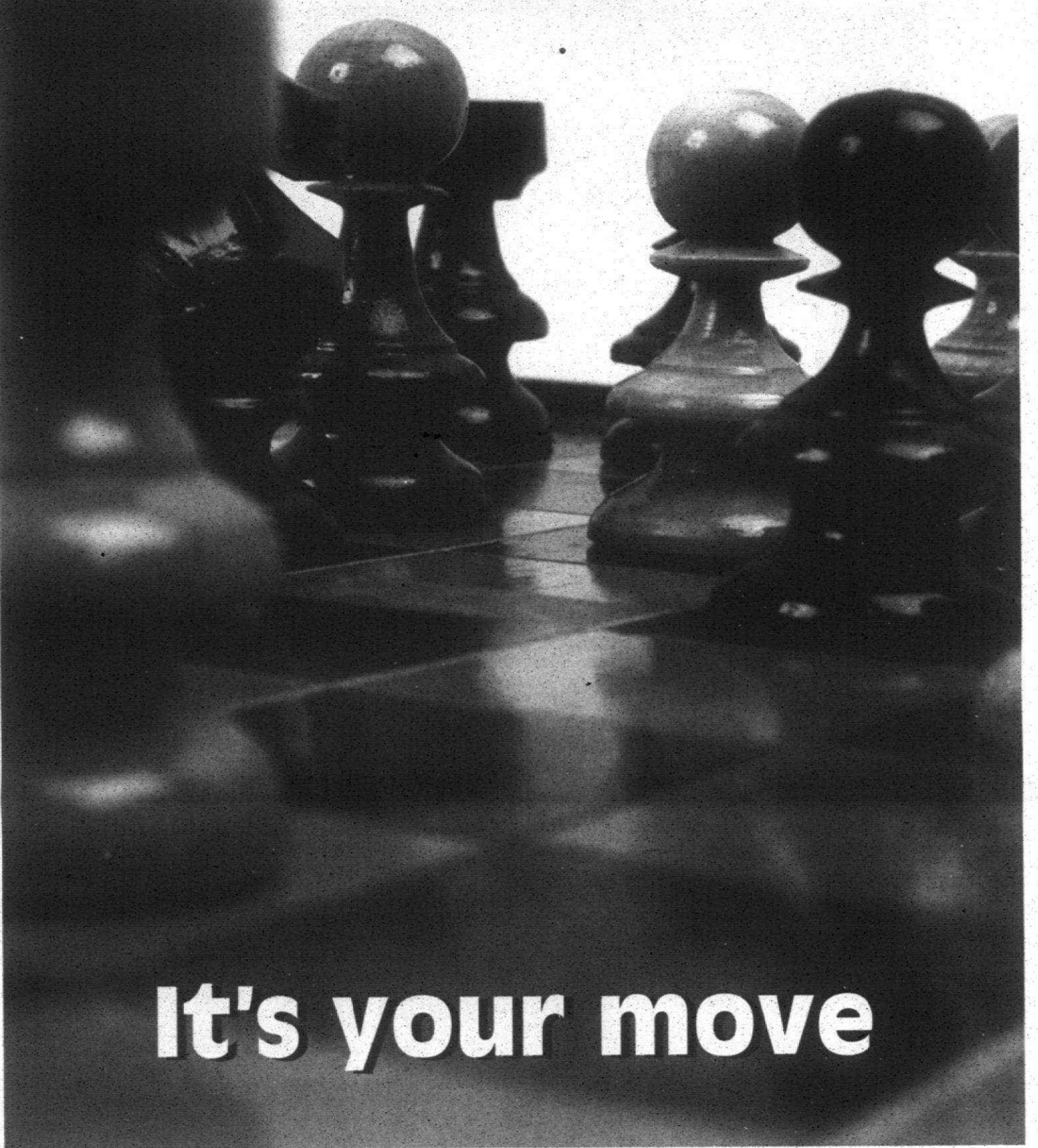
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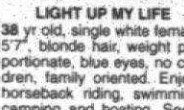
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JUST YOU AND I

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ONE OF A KIND

Single white male, 37, enjoys camping, fishing and boating. Looking for a single female, 30 to 39, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 13417

LOOKING FOR YOU

Single white male, 26, 5'11", 170 lbs, dark hair, green eyes. Enjoys sports, dining out and children. Seeking a single female, 23 to 30, with similar interests, for possible relationship that would bring the best of both of our faces. BOX 13149

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55 yr old, 5' white female with blonde hair and green eyes who is new to the area, enjoys dining out, movies, quiet romantic evening and much more. Seeking a single male, 40 to 50, who is fun, friendly, non-smoking, non-drinking, has a sense of humor. Must value honesty and be goal oriented. BOX 16588

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Single white male, 34, 5'7", 150 lbs, brown hair, green eyes, smoker, enjoys sports, the outdoors, movies, long walks and more. Seeking a single white female, 21 to 29, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 13305

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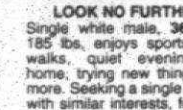
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field advantage, but both sides at least started the game with all of their top players.

That changed when yellow cards started flying. Anne Morrell and Abi Morrell both went to the sidelines for mandatory 10-minute stretches with yellows, then key defender Janine Guastella was abruptly red-carded, forcing Canton to play the final 12:20 with just 10 players. Stevenson scored the game-tying goal with 1:48 left.

In the Western Lakes Activities Association final May 25, the MHSAA intervened, suspending Anne Morrell for three games (including the WLAA final) for playing unsanctioned games during the season at an Olympic Development camp. The match ended in a scoreless tie.

Now the MHSAA is intervening again. Stevenson's leading scorer, Lindsay Gusick, played in an unsanctioned national tournament over Memorial Day. She returned last weekend, missing the districts, and now must sit out a three-game suspension.

Which means the earliest she could return is the state final.

That should give the Chiefs an advantage, but the way this series has gone through the years, anything is possible.

Certainly they're a better team with Morrell in the lineup. The all-state junior forward forced the Pioneers to account for her, and often they just couldn't manage it. In the opening minutes she took possession near midfield with Pioneer's Toni Koram marking her and simply pulled away, taking a shot that went wide.

As it turned out, just knowing where Morrell was wasn't good enough. With the match a little more than three minutes old, she closed in on goal and took a shot that keeper

Kari Wilder-Romans stopped. But Wilder-Romans couldn't track down the rebound; Morrell did and knocked it in to make it 1-0 with 3:47 elapsed.

While the Chiefs tested their opponent's defense constantly, the Pioneers could not even locate Canton's goal. Yes, they got close, but they couldn't seem to pull the trigger, and when they did they couldn't find the net. Indeed, their first official shot on the Chiefs' net came with 25 minutes left in the game.

Prior to that, K.C. Raymond — who scored twice on restarts in Pioneer's 2-1 win over Plymouth Salem in last year's regionals — hit two direct kicks that went off the crossbar.

The Pioneers just couldn't connect. "We've got to finish our shots," said Morgan. "We didn't play with a sense of purpose inside the six (yard line)."

The Chiefs had someone who could finish, and did. Morrell made it 2-0 with 16:20 left in the half after taking a pass from Jenny Curran in front of the Pioneer goal. Wilder-Romans came out to cut down the angle but collided with one of her defenders, leaving an open net for Morrell.

Canton's third goal came from Amanda Lentz, who headed in a corner kick taken by Melanie Dunn 3:25 into the second half. It was the second time in three games that twosome had combined on corner kick-head for a goal.

Stephanie Johnson's pass at midfield to Morrell just 90 seconds later finished the Pioneers. Morrell just ran away from the defenders chasing her, deked Wilder-Romans and tapped in her third goal of the game, making it 4-0 with 34:55 remaining.

Pioneer finally got on the board when Koram sliced a drive from 20 yards out into the far corner, making it 4-1 with 10:41 remaining. Briana Wolcott, who had replaced Canton starter Amy Dorogi in goal a few minutes earlier, had no chance on that shot; 90 seconds later, Raymond put a restart right on net and Wolcott made a diving save.

"We played well enough to win," said Canton coach Don Smith, not entirely satisfied with his team's play. "We put a lot of pressure on them offensively. It was a good one to have right now."

The Stevenson match will be much different. "We're going to have to mark a lot better, and we're going to have to use more people on offense," Smith said.

The thinking is the more people that get involved offensively, the harder it will be to concentrate solely on Morrell — without paying severe consequences.

Canton wins district

Last Saturday at Livonia Churchill HS, the Chiefs got goals from four different players in subduing Novi 5-0 in the state district championship match.

Anne Morrell accounted for two of the Canton goals and Amanda Lentz had a goal and two assists. Stephanie Johnson added a goal and an assist, and Jenny Curran also scored a goal.

Beth Sandusky and Melanie Dunn each had assists.

It was just a 1-0 match at halftime, but the Chiefs altered that with two goals in the first seven minutes of the second half. Keeper Amy Dorogi stopped seven shots on goal to earn the shutout for the Chiefs.

Brother Rice takes 1st at state; CC 2nd

Birmingham Brother Rice was ranked No. 1 for the whole tennis season.

Saturday's Division I finals in Midland did nothing to change that.

The Warriors won two finals and had finalists in five of seven flights to win the state title, easily outdistancing Redford Catholic Central, 27-21.

"We had some close matches and the ball didn't always go our way," said CC coach Philip Eagleson. "We had a bunch of close matches — some three sets, some 7-6 sets. But we placed six of the seven flights in the semifinals, so that was wonderful."

Top-seeded Billy Walsh provided the Shamrocks with their only state crown as the freshman won a three-set thriller over Rice's Jeff Carrico, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (3). Walsh advanced to the finals with a 6-2, 6-0 win over West Bloomfield's Adam Wright.

"It's hard to describe what Billy did," said Eagleson. "Billy had an incredible performance. To come in as freshman and fight through states and win is

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phenomenal."

CC had semifinalists in five other flights, but couldn't break through to the finals — mostly because of Brother Rice.

In No. 1 singles, CC's Mike Findling lost to Rice's David Lynn, 6-2, 7-6 (8), while Rice's Matt Christian stopped CC's David Atallah at No. 3, 6-0, 7-6 (1) and the Warriors' Matt Ora and Charlie Duerr stopped Ian McHenry and Lodewijk Von Holsbeek, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3, in No. 3 doubles. Lynn and Christian went on to win their flight.

At No. 2 singles, J.D. Shade lost to eventual winner Matt Garner of East Kentwood, 6-2, 6-3, while the No. 1 doubles champion, Richard Marsh and Brian Gorski of Grosse Pointe South, beat CC's Jeff Fleszar and Rob Sparks in the semis — 6-3, 6-3.

"It's hard to describe," said Eagleson. "The whole team had a wonderful performance. All of them played well. Everyone had a good weekend."

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After abandoning his life as a car thief, Randall "Memphis" Raines (Nicholas Cage, right) returns to his life of crime and former mentor Otto Halliwell (Robert Duvall) for one last major boost to save the life of his brother in "Gone in 60 Seconds," opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

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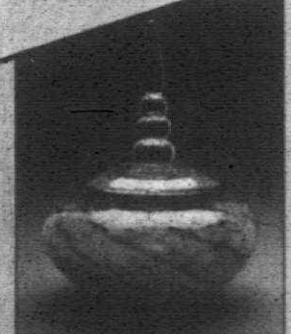


Courtney Riddle and Adrienne Woodworth star in "Das Barbecu," a campy retelling of Wagner's "Ring" cycle 8 p.m. at the Sponberg Theatre on Eastern Michigan University's Ypsilanti campus. Tickets \$13, call (734) 487-1221.

SUNDAY



The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents Respighi's "Pines of Rome" and the world premiere of "Rosa Parks Boulevard 2000" by composer-in-residence Michael Daugherty, 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets \$14-\$50, call (313) 576-5111.

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Deb Eliassen of Farmington Hills is one of the 150 artists who will exhibit works at the Royal Oak Clay & Glass Art Show 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 10, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 11, on Washington Avenue, between Fourth and Lincoln, Royal Oak. The festival also features children's activities, a food court, silent auction, and live music. For more information, call (248) 547-4000 or (800)-ART-5666.

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Helping hands: Ellis Ehrstine (left to right), Vi McElwee and Marian Renaud in front of the Kingsley House, just one of the restored buildings you'll see at Greenmead Historical Park.

Greenmead hosts concerts and festivals this summer

BY KEELY WYONIK
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It's an overcast day and threatening to rain, but students from the Livonia Career Technical Center's building trades classes are too busy to notice a few raindrops. They're working on finishing a new farm exhibit shed at Greenmead Historical Park that will house an antique thresher and other farm implements. The shed is open on one side so visitors can view the equipment.

Most of the emphasis at Greenmead has been on restoring buildings not farm implements. When the new shed is completed, the thresher will have a home. The thresher was donated by Bill Lute, whose family has lived and farmed in Livonia for many generations.

"It feels good," said junior Frank Baker about the work he and his classmates have done. "We built something people will see."

Eric Dierickx, also a junior, adds, "I've learned a lot about putting up siding, right now we're doing shingles. It was built with pride."

Their instructor, Harry Jachym of Plymouth, and Tom Berry of Livonia, a vocational tech and skilled tradesman, agree the students have put a

lot of effort into Greenmead's newest addition.

Work began in mid-March, and the students are nearly done. "I like being outside, it's a more real-life situation for the students," said Jachym. "The project is a cooperative effort between the Livonia Career Technical Center, building trades classes and the city of Livonia. This building has been planned for several years. Last year, the building trades students restored the privy near Newburgh

School at Greenmead."

Marian Renaud, program supervisor at Greenmead, wants people to come to Greenmead to see the shed and enjoy the many events scheduled throughout the summer.

"The park is being utilized in a variety of ways," said Renaud. "We want people to come out and enjoy the site and tour the buildings."

More than 200 artists will exhibit paintings, ceramics, jewelry, glass, photography, metal, wood, and fiber Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11, during the 24th annual Livonia Arts Festival. The festival is held in conjunction with the Fine Arts in the Village exhibit inside Greenmead's historic buildings.

Concerts

Marc Thomas & Max the Moose will entertain youngsters and the young at heart 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at Greenmead. The Sheila Landis Trio performs jazz 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 20, and the Spirit of

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Students at work: Students enrolled in building trades classes at the Livonia Career Technical Center work on the roof of a new farm exhibit shed at Greenmead Historical Park.

MUSIC

Chamber music fest features 20 concerts, 35 musicians

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After six years, Maury Okun is ready to concede that the annual Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival could probably run on automatic pilot.

Of course, in the days leading up to opening night, Okun, executive director of the festival, won't leave anything to chance. No detail is too small. No question goes unanswered.

Actually, "automatic pilot" looks a lot like a "man on a mission."

What started off as a modest schedule of five concerts and expanded to a week of performances, has blossomed into two weeks of music from a repertoire known for its intimate, ethereal sound and as a showcase of individual musician's virtuosity.

The festival begins Satur-

day with a program that features the music of Bach, Chopin and Brahms at the Kirk in the Hills Sanctuary in Bloomfield Hills.

Overall, the festival features 20 concerts, nine venues, and 35 international musicians performing six works by J.S. Bach, three of Brahms piano trios and nine works by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer-in-residence, William Bolcom.

"This is one of the festivals that lets musicians play what they want to play," said Okun. "But it's also a juggling act with achieving the artistic vision."

Compared to other chamber music festivals around the country, Okun contends that the Great Lakes gathering offers more challenging, less familiar and, ultimately, less accessible music.

While that might worry

some programmers, it hasn't hurt the festival. Last year, the festival increased ticket sales by 15 percent from 1998. Okun expects a similar increase this year.

With the festival cruising into its seventh year, there's nothing automatic about how Okun handles the contingency planning and logistics.

On most days, that's nothing short of arranging details of a military operation. It helps, of course, to have enlisted volunteers from the three religious communities that offer their respective places of worship as venues for performances - Kirk in the Hills, St. Hugo's and Temple Beth El.

Other locations for the festival include the new Seligman Performing Art Center on the Detroit Country Day campus, Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor, Detroit Institute of Arts and the Detroit Zoo.

While internationally acclaimed

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Learn about
'Railroading
in America'

BY KRISTA HOPSON
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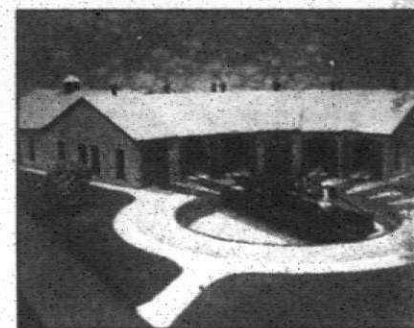
Before automobiles, railroads were the way Americans (and freight) got around this country, railroads supported America's industrial revolution.

This summer, Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village will be bringing back a part of 19th-century railroads with the Detroit, Toledo and Milwaukee Roundhouse. The 13,500-square-foot Roundhouse will be the featured summer attraction at Greenfield Village's "Railroading in America" summer festival. The roundhouse will become a permanent exhibit at the village on Saturday, June 10. The "Railroading in America" festival will run Friday, June 17, to Sunday, Aug. 20.

The DT&M Roundhouse from Marshall, Mich., once served the steam locomotives that ran from Allegan to Dundee. Originally constructed in 1871, the six-stall steam locomotive repair facility is now the only working roundhouse in the Midwest and is one of seven such roundhouses in the country.

The original idea to bring the DT&M Roundhouse to Greenfield Village began about 15 years ago, said Blake Hayes, the roundhouse project manager. The construction of the roundhouse, however, began in June 1999.

Pieces from the original roundhouse were salvaged from the Marshall site and were used in the reconstruction of the DT&M Roundhouse including 18



HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Model: This scale model, created by the South Oakland County (Michigan) Model Railroad Club, depicts the recreated DT&M Roundhouse at Greenfield Village.

cast iron windows, support columns and components from roof trusses. Other pieces, such as machinery, were brought in from railroad museums or private collections and restored to working condition.

"The building itself has been recreated to be exactly like it was in Marshall," Hayes said. "We used only original pieces of the buildings that were structurally sound."

The roundhouse has six sets of tracks and was built to be accessible to Greenfield Village's locomotive turntable.

Inside the roundhouse, visitors can stand beneath the locomotives of Greenfield Village to view vintage repair machinery in action, in addition to having an up-close look at historic locomotives such as the 1902 Atlantic.

Ten feet above the floor, visitors will also get a first-hand look at the active repair area from an overhead mezzanine. They will be able to see wheel repair, the machining of broken or worn parts and the reassembly of the

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Major key: Maury Okun, executive director of the festival. The festival offers a diverse and challenging range of chamber music, said Okun.

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A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE: "Always...Patsy Cline" continues to Aug. 27, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: "Nocturne for a Southern Lady," continues through Sunday, June 25, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, \$15. (313) 868-1347

GEM THEATRE: "Escanaba in the Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through July 30, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 3 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE: "The Day We Met" continues to Sunday, June 25, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, and 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at the Aaron DeRoy Theater at the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

PLANET ANT THEATRE: "Shame on Me," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 16-17 and 23-24, at the theater, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-4948

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY: "Full Circle," Jeff Chastang's story about a family unraveling at the seams, continues to Sunday, June 25, in the Anderson Center Theater at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$15-\$18. (313) 872-0279

COLLEGE

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY: "Das Barbecue," a country & western musical comedy, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 8-10, at the Spornberg Theatre on campus, Ypsilanti. \$8 Thursday, \$13 Friday-Saturday. \$11 Sunday. (734) 487-1221

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE: One-act plays, "Cats and Dogs" and excerpts from "Commedia Americana," contains adult material, you must be 18 to enter, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 15-17 and 22-24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 18 and 15, at the Adray Auditorium in the Mackenzie Fine Arts Building, Dearborn. \$4. (313) 845-9817

COMMUNITY THEATER

FORD CHORUS: Presents an evening of music and laughter with the musical comedy "Anything Goes," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 9-10; 3 p.m. Sunday, June 10, at the Henry Ford II World Center, (formerly known as Ford's World Headquarters) on the northeast corner of Michigan Avenue and the Southfield Freeway interchange, Dearborn. (313) 323-8173

MICHIGAN JEWISH ADULT COALITION ECHO PROGRAM: Presents "From the Beginning I Did Not Speak in Secret," a new play by David Harris, Sime Rabinowitz and Michael Robins with original music by Roberta Carlson, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, June 11; 7:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, June 12-14, Groves High School, 20500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills. \$15 adults, \$10 students, groups of 15 or more. (248) 594-6522

ST. DUNSTON'S GUILD OF CRANBROOK: "Dawn Yearnings," 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 8-10, in the outdoor Greek Theater. \$15. \$12. (248) 644-0527

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: Presents the Parlor Theater Production, "The Woman in Black," a British ghost story, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 16-17, at the theater, Livonia. \$10. (734) 464-6302/(248) 449-6540

WEST END PRODUCTIONS: "Canker Sores & Go-Go Juice," a collection of skits, comedy, song and dance, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, through June 24, Wunderground Theatre, Royal Oak. June 9 show sold out. \$12.50. Call (248) 541-1763 for details.

DINNER THEATER

MICHIGAN STAR CLIPPER DINNER TRAIN: "Argentine's and Bo's Comedy Productions," presented by Theatre Arts Productions, 5 p.m. Sundays. Tickets \$69.50 per person, includes 3-hour live show, five course dinner, and entertainment. Call (248) 960-9440 for information.



Featured artist: Plymouth potter Kathy Sandberg is one of the 150 artists exhibiting works at The Royal Oak Clay & Glass Art Show 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 10, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 11, on Washington Avenue between Fourth and Lincoln in Royal Oak. The festival also features children's activities, a food court, silent auction, and live music by the Stewart Franke Band 7 p.m. Saturday, and Mark Randisi (Sounds of Sinatra) 1:30 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (248) 547-4000 or (800)-ART-5666.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE: "The Princess and the Magic Pea," continues 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50. (248) 349-8110

SPECIAL EVENTS

DEPOT TOWN CHRIS NIGHTS: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, June 15-Sept. 14, in Depot Town, Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4444

HOT ROD & ANTIQUE CAR SHOW: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 11, also auto swap meet, car corral, arts and crafts sale, music by Ste Livonia Arts Festival. An outdoor arts and crafts show, and Fine Arts in the Village Exhibit inside Greenmead's historic buildings, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 10, until 5 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at Greenmead Historical Village, Livonia. (734) 466-2540

MOTOR CITY EXTRAVAGANZA: Comic books, Pokemon, non-sport card, action figure, toy show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at Knights of Columbus, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

REDFORD THEATRE: "Broadway Melody of 1936" starring Jack Benny, Eleanor Powell, Robert Taylor, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 9-10, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 10, 10 organ overtures begins 30 minutes earlier, at the theater, Detroit. \$3. (313) 531-4407

SCARAB CLUB SILENT AUCTION: Auction and disco party, 6 p.m. Saturday, June 10, 1970's attire with disco theme encouraged but not required, at the club, Detroit. \$40, includes full course dinner. (313) 831-1250

SWEDISH CLUB'S MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL: 9:30 a.m. pancake breakfast, noon Maypole raising followed by chorus singing, folk dancing and children's games, 1:30 p.m. dinner, at the club, Farmington Hills. (248) 646-4073/(248) 478-2563

WALKABOUT EXCURSIONS: 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, June 11, Central Campus Outdoor Art Walk with artist Anne Rubin, meet on the steps of Rackham Hall at the University of Michigan \$15; 1-3 p.m. Sunday, June 11, Step into the past while viewing architectural styles in stately homes and grand churches in Ann Arbor, meet at the City Hall parking lot on Fifth Avenue \$15. Call (734) 623-4440 for details.

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

MUSIC IN THE AIR: Pete "Mad Dog" Feters plays the blues, 7 p.m. Friday, June 9, Kellogg Park, on Main Street, north of Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. (734) 455-1453

STARS IN THE PARK: Farmington Community Concert Band, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8, Matinee String Quartet 9 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Heritage Park, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 473-1816

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: The 3 of us, good old rock n' roll, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Heritage Park, on Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill, (734) 397-5110

BENEFITS

CATCH A RISING STAR: An auction to benefit the students of Wayne State University's College of Fine Arts, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at the Detroit Athletic Club, \$75-\$500. (313) 577-1458

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH: The committee of the Michigan Jazz Festival holds its annual fund-raiser, a Father's Day Brunch, with the Larry Nozeto Quartet and guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 18, at the Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM: Auditions for "Cole," a musical review of Cole Porter, 2 p.m. Sunday, June 18 and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, at the theater, Birmingham. (248) 647-0052

BEL CANTO CHORAL GROUP: Spring concert 8 p.m. Monday, June 12, main sanctuary of Temple Emanuel, 14450 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Program of light classical, folk songs, selections from "Fiddler on the Roof." No charge.

FESTIVAL OF HYMNS: Featuring the choir, orchestra and handbell choir of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, Detroit Handbell Ensemble, and Gaillard Brass, at First United Methodist Church, Plymouth. (734) 453-5280

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: World premiere of Michael Daugherty's "Rosa Parks" Boulevard 2000," 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, June 9, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$14-\$50. (313) 576-5111

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS: Brunch with bar series features the winners of the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, 11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 18, guest seating begins 20 minutes prior to concert. \$22. \$11 under age 12. \$5 stairwell seating. (313) 833-4005

GREAT LAKES CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL: Saturday-Sunday, June 10-24, at various locations. (248) 362-6171

OPERA

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE: "Peter Grimes," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 8-10, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at the Detroit Opera House. \$18-98. (313) 237-7464/(248) 645-6666

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

CLARKSON VILLAGE PLAYERS: Auditions for "Bus Stop," 2 p.m. Sunday, June 18 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20 at the theater, Clarkson. \$5 audition fee for non-members. For performances Sept. 8-9, 16-19 and 21-23. (248) 352-0176/(248) 625-1826

FRANKLIN VILLAGE CONCERT BAND: Auditions for woodwinds, flutes, saxophones, French horns and percussionists, rehearsals Monday evenings, 8 concerts a year. (248) 474-8869

GREAT LAKES LYRIC OPERA: Auditions for baritone and mezzo-soprano roles in the September production of "The Old Man and the Thief" and future productions Monday, June 26. For more information and to schedule an audition, call (248) 547-2027 or e-mail GLLO@mediaone.net

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: Performing arts classes, four two-week sessions June 26-Aug. 18, at the Merrimack Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962

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WORLD MUSIC

AN EVENING IN A SPANISH GARDEN: Featuring mezzo-soprano Monica Swartzoff-Bebow, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999

DEVISH: 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-TKTS (Irish)

DANCE

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS: Country Western dance, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Italian American Cultural Club, Warren. \$7. (810) 573-4993.

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Kenry Smith Thursday-Saturday, June 8-10; Billy Ray Bauer Wednesday-Saturday, June 14-17, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Mark Knope Friday-Saturday, June 9-10, Bill Thomas Friday-Saturday, June 16-17, at the club, Dearborn. Call (313) 984-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Chris Zito, also Rob Larkin Thursday-Saturday, June 8-10; Mark Boyd, also Seth Buckwald Thursday-Saturday, June 15-17, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: Improv Jammers 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays (\$5). (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

POPS/ SWING

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$ (313) 576-5111

MICHAEL JAMES/DEBORAH JIMMERSON: Piano bar 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, and 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, at La Bistecca Italian Grille, Livonia. (734) 254-0400

JAZZ

MARK ARSHAK: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

JOHNNIE BASSETT & THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 9 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

HERB ELLIS/DUKE ROBILARD: A benefit for the Ann Arbor Blues & Jazz Fest 8 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$50. (734) 763-TKTS

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

PAUL GERMIA/ROBERT JONES: 8 p.m. Friday, June 9, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12.50. (734) 763-TKTS

AL HILL: 9 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

JAZZHEAD: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With vibist Rob Phipps 8:11-30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14; with trumpeter Johnny Trudell June 21, with trumpeter Louis Smith June 28, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. (734) 762-7756

STEVE NARDELLA TRIO: 9 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

STRAIGHT AHEAD: 9 p.m. Friday, June 9, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

TITO PUENTE LATIN JAZZ ENSEMBLE: Led by saxophonist/clarinetist Paquito D'Rivera, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$16-62. (313) 576-5111

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON: With Dan Kolton, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241

ED WELLS: 5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: WalkWorks, a self-directed exploration of the exhibit galleries that invites families and young visitors to become Super Sleuths; the museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

CRANBROOK HOUSE: Open for walk-in Sunday tours 1-3:30 p.m. June 4 to Oct. 29, at the house, Bloomfield Hills. \$10, Thursdays June 15 to Oct. 26 lunch at noon may be purchased for an additional \$12. Stroll through the Cranbrook Gardens at the Ann Arbor Blues & Jazz Fest 8 p.m. Saturday, June 10, to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday (open 11 a.m. Sunday). Free parking at Christ Church Cranbrook directly across Lone Pine Road from Cranbrook House. (248) 645-3149

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER: IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," "Whales," "Mysteries of Egypt" and "Everest," at the center, Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM: Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: In Dearborn, open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Mattie Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY: "Wrapped in Pride: Ghanaian Kente and African American Identity," an exhibit exploring the historic, cultural and political significance of kente, continues through July 16, at the museum, Detroit. \$5, \$3 ages 17 and under. (313) 494-5800

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure," continues through August, 7:30 p.m. at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM: Vintage base ball game, the Grangers meet the Ohio Village Muffins, 1 p.m. Saturday, June 10; Spring Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 11. \$5 advance, \$10, "Tally My Ace! Sports Memorabilia from the Past" exhibit continues to July 8, 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum. \$3, \$2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663

SPIRIT OF FORD: "Summer of Racing" continues to Aug. 30, design your own car or build works of art from recycled car parts, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, at the hands-on automotive adventure center, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 senior, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 31-SPRIT

CHRISTINA AGUILERA:

With Destiny's Child, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$38.50-\$25. (248) 645-6666

ALLMAN BROTHERS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18-35. (248) 645-6666

LORI AMEY: 8 p.m. Saturday, June 24, Espresso Royale, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-2770; 10 p.m. Saturday, July 8, Roadrunners Raft, Hamtramck. 21 and over. (313) 873-7238; 8 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Gayle's Chocolates, Royal Oak. Free. (248) 398-0001; 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, The Ark, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 761-1451

ANGRY STEPS: Friday-Monday, June 9-12, Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5 cover. 18 and over. (313) 886-7860 or (800) 700-2437

BANTAM ROOSTER: With The Wild Bunch, Gaffie, 9 p.m. Friday, June 9, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over. \$7. (313) 833-9700

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6666

BUSS BEDDOH BAND: 2:10 p.m. Sunday, June 11, Al's Copper Mug's Tent Party and Fund-raiser for the Oakland County Food Bank, Walled Lake. 21 and over. (248) 624-9659. Bring canned food donations.

THE BELL RAYS: With The Lovemasters, Clone Fetics, 9 p.m. Monday, June 12, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over. \$7. (313) 833-9700

TONY BENNETT: With Diana Krall, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$35. (248) 645-6666

CLINT BLACK: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666

BUNK-182: With Bad Religion, Fenix TX, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25. (248) 645-6666

BRANDED: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8, Bullfrog Bar & Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477; 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, Wired Frog, Eastpointe. All ages. \$6. (810) 717-3634; 7 p.m. Saturday, July 17, Bean Machine, Dearborn. All ages. \$5. (313) 943-2940. 10 p.m. Friday, June 30, Innisfree Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2434

JIMMY BUFFETT & THE CORAL REEFER BAND: 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$46 pavilion; \$23.50 lawn.

SCOTT CAMPBELL GROUP: With Mingo Circus, Seismic 3, Bob Racecar Bob, hosted by WRIF's Doug Podell, 10 p.m. Friday, June 2, Taken Lounge, Westland. (734) 513-5030

RAY CHARLES: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$25. (248) 645-6666

CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

THE CHIEFTAINS AND LOS LOBOS: 8 p.m. Sunday, June 25, at Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$15.50-\$32.50. (248) 645-6666

HARRY CONNICK JR. AND HIS BIG BAND: Come By Me Tour, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25.50-\$45.50. (248) 645-6666

COUNTING CROWS AND LIVE: With Galactic, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$23.50-\$46. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

THE CURE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20-\$45. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

THORNETTA DAVIS: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: Fresh from their win at The Palace's Opening Act contest, see the band with The Rev. Right Time and Lucid Jones. 8 p.m. Friday, June 9, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030



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Independence Township. \$25. (248) 645-6666

INDIGO GIRLS: With Kelly Hogan and the Pine Valley Cosmonauts, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETROTTERS: 9 p.m. Friday, June 9, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609

MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VREELAND: 7 p.m. Thursdays, Le Metro, Southfield. (248) 353-2757 (jazz duo)

KID ROCK: With Twisted Brown Trucker, featuring Joe C. and Uncle Kracker, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$29.50-\$36. (248) 645-6666

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LOST HIGHWAY: 9 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Nankin Mill Tavern, Westland. Free. (734) 427-0622

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DJ MARK E.P. OF PARADISE: 10 p.m. Wednesdays, Innisfree Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2434

DJ MARQUIS: 9 p.m. Thursdays, Detroit Science. "The Lab." 18 and older. \$10-\$15 cover. Ladies free. (313) 338-4146

RICKY MARTIN: 8 p.m. Friday, June 30, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$45-85. (248) 645-6666

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND: With Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals, 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, Comerica Park, Detroit. \$46.50. (248) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6611

MARTINA MCBRIDE: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 1, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$22.50-\$33.50. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

DR. DRE, SNOOP DOGG, ICE CUBE, EMINEM AND WARREN G: Up In Smoke Tour, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 7, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$35-\$50.

BOB DYLAN: With Phil Lesh and Friends, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25-\$45.50. (248) 645-6666

EELS: Monday, June 19, 7th House, Pontiac

ENCORE: Thursday, June 15, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit.

FEDORA: Saturday, June 10, Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5 cover. 18 & over. (313) 886-7860 or (800) 700-2437

FOREIGNER: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$14.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666

FORGE: With Arizing, Broadzella, 6 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$7. (313) 961-MELT

GLENN FREY: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 8, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$42.50. (248) 645-6666

KENNY G: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$32.50. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

GIPSY KINGS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$42.50. (248) 645-6666

ROY HAYNES TRIO: Featuring Danilo Perez and John Pattitucci, 8 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 16-17, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$20. (248) 645-6666

SCOTT HENDERSON: 8 p.m. Thursday, July 13, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$16. (248) 544-3030

DON HENLEY: 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$66 pavilion only; \$1 per ticket donated to the Woodlands preservation. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

IMMUNITY: 5 p.m. Friday, June 9, The Deck, Detroit. (313) 965-9500; noon to 4:40 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Motor City Casino, Detroit. (313) 237-7711; 10 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Club Bart, Ferndale. (248) 548-8476

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MOVIES

More Moore: Demi Moore stars as both Marty and Marie in Alain Berliner's "Passion of Mind."



ISABELLA WERNIGER

Demi Moore's latest has her in intriguing dual role

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Demi Moore plays a woman living two lives in "Passion of Mind."

That's not even the most unusual part of the movie. What's immediately striking is how much clothing Moore wears in both lives. After showing off her perfectly toned body in "Striptease" and "G.I. Jane" and on magazine covers in the '90s, here Moore's character wears baggy overalls in the garden and pajamas and socks to bed.

Her wardrobe is only the most obvious indication of how different a film this is for her. Look closer and you'll see Moore has immersed herself in a complex role that depends on subtle nuance to convey two separate lives. She plays Marie, a widowed mother of two young daughters who lives in the French countryside. She spends sunny, lazy days working in the garden and writing free-lance book reviews for The New York Times.

But when she goes to sleep at night, she wakes up as Marty, a high-powered Manhattan literary agent who lives alone in a spacious, eclectic loft.

Then the next morning, she wakes up again as Marie. Which life is real and which is

imaginary? It's impossible to tell. Both are so rich in detail, they feel completely real to Marie/Marty and to the audience.

She confides her confusion to therapists in France and New York, and friends in both places try to convince her they're the ones who are real. She also falls in love with a man in each life. In France, it's the aggressive and seductive William (Stellan Skarsgard), a writer whose most recent novel she has just trashed. In New York, it's Aaron (William Fichtner), a shy, thoughtful accountant who becomes her friend first and then her lover.

Is she cheating on one with the other? She can't discern which man is an illusion, and fears choosing the wrong one. Writer Ron Bass, known for big box office movies like "Entrapment," "My Best Friend's Wedding," and "Rain Man," keeps the audience guessing until the very end in this slower, subtler film.

Much of Bass' dialogue does feel stilted, however, and his romantic interests for Marie/Marty are completely annoying and create little chemistry.

Both men lay their cards on the table way too early. William tells Marie during one of their early meetings, "I've decided I

want you to like me," and after their first date, "I'd like to come home with you." On Marty's first informal date with Aaron in Central Park, he tells her wistfully, "There's something about two people sharing their souls on a Sunday morning."

Who would date either of them? And why do either of them stay with her after she admits she has a secret, second life? They should write her off as a nut and run for the hills, but for some reason they stick around. This latest film from Belgian director Alain Berliner couldn't be more different from his earlier "Ma Vie en Rose" ("My Life in Pink"), about a 7-year-old boy who believes he's a girl, wears makeup and dresses, and plays with dolls.

Both feature main characters who struggle with identity crises, but that's where the similarities end. In "Ma Vie en Rose," which earned Berliner a Golden Globe for best foreign language film in 1998, was bright, colorful, even campy at times.

"Passion of Mind" is more subdued and introspective. It's flawed and a bit convoluted, but worth seeing simply because the idea behind it is so intriguing.

"Passion of Mind" is a Paramount Classics release; it runs 105 minutes.

For a healthy dose of happy-go-lucky punk just 'blink'



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Tom DeLonge wouldn't exactly be surprised if the Central Intelligence Agency stopped by his house, in an attempt to keep him quiet.

Singer, guitarist and one-third of the Bay Area's pop-punk outfit blink-182, DeLonge admits he's somewhat consumed by thoughts of government conspiracy and alien existence — and he's proud of it.

"All I ever do is read books about aliens and the end of the world," he said in a recent telephone interview with The Observer & Eccentric. "I'm trying to open up the eyes of the public. I know we have got technology and contact." Though he insists it's just the government and Tom DeLonge himself that know for sure, "I'm going to talk about aliens so much it will get the point where the CIA is coming to my house."

"If my band is suddenly really unpopular..." his voice trails with laughter as he expects to get into some trouble. Somehow it seems unlikely. But this virtual obsession with the unknown did lead to his favorite track on the band's latest album *Enema of the State*.

A possible new single and video might be made for *Aliens Exist*, the mere thought of which gets DeLonge into an adorable, child-like tizzy squealing: "I might have my video."

This is a far cry from his earlier days of delivering concrete. DeLonge insists if he weren't busy being a full time rock star, he'd probably be "stuck at some god-awful 40-hour-a-week job."

lucked out," he said. "We worked hard to get it."

The work has paid off and to prove it DeLonge and his blink-182 cohorts, singer-bassist Mark Hoppus and new drummer Travis Barker will grace the stage June 9 at Pine Knob Music Theatre in Independence Township before a sold out crowd. The upcoming tour, he promised, will be chock full of funny video footage and some funny new jokes — along with some of the same old jokes the band can't seem to lose.

What does blink-182 do before heading out on such a big-time tour with all sorts of sold-out dates? "I light a fire, say a chant. I put water on my face," he said, laughing. "I don't really do anything. I try to relax as much as possible. Every time I come home, I'm more busy than any one you've ever seen."

While sitting on his sofa strumming his guitar from a San Diego home, DeLonge spoke with an easy-going tone — seeming almost stunned about the band's success. "We all met through mutual friends and put a band together. All of a sudden we're playing big shows."

Referred to as Hot Pants — for no particular reason — on the CD liner notes, he describes the average blink fan as a "happy-go-lucky skater kid who doesn't hate the world." Though he admits now rock, pop and metal fans of all ages entered the mix. "There's such a wide array of kids." But the punk-rock-skater boys and girls remain loyal.

"We sing about things these kids can relate to," he reasoned. "We're sincere about what we write about." That encompasses anything from the heartbreak of *Don't Leave Me This Way* to the lessons

about women taught ever-so-tongue-in-cheek in *The Party Song*, and it's all done in furiously-paced blink-182 style.

The band is also featured on the latest compilation for *Benefit for The Bay*. "We live at the beach," said DeLonge. "We knew the people putting it together. We've done one or two before."

His reasoning is simple, and it rhymes: "It helps out the bay, then hay!"

Both radio stations, MTV and music media everywhere can't get enough of *Enema of the State* over-playing undeniable hits like *All The Small Things* and *What's My Age Again*. "I'm really proud of our record," he said. "I like what we've done."

Though the album took only two and a half months to record, it's proved to have a much longer shelf life. After 50 weeks on the Billboard 200 chart, it's steady at 48. Their recent single *Adam's Song* is currently at number two on the Modern Rock Charts. But that's not all DeLonge has been listening to these days. After a recent trip to the record store, he bought albums by Dr. Dre, The Descendents and The Ataris.

As for his own band, DeLonge noted that they've come a long way. "We've gotten to be a much better band, better songwriters. We learned from what we've done wrong — what jokes are bad, what music's bad. But we all know we look really good naked!"

Does anyone else predict an alien abduction here?

Lucky ticketholders will see all of blink-182, along with *Bad Religion*, June 9, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. (248) 370-0100.

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'Mamma' showcases Martin Lawrence's comedic skills

BY NEKESA MUMBI MOODY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Whether it's "Bad Boys," "Blue Streak" or the new "Big Momma's House," Martin Lawrence always ends up playing the same character in his movies — which is Martin Lawrence.

And playing Martin Lawrence basically consists of making exaggerated facial expressions, exhibiting a comically defiant attitude and using off-color words in as many different combinations as possible.

Even though Lawrence's act is getting repetitive, it's still good enough to make for an amusing time in "Big Momma's House," in which he not only plays an FBI agent, but dons a fat suit and rubber face to go undercover as a 70-year-old woman whose granddaughter is being investigated by federal authorities.

Malcolm Turner (Lawrence) is a federal agent and master of disguises who loves the dangerous elements of his job and shuns the ho-hum family life. His partner, John (Paul Giamatti), is of course the complete opposite — preferring to stay in the station rather than go out and chase the bad guys.

When Lester, a deadly bank robber (Terrence Howard), busts out of jail, Malcolm and John are assigned to monitor the house of Big Momma (Ella Mitchell), the feisty Southern grandmother of Lester's gorgeous ex-girlfriend Sherry (Nia Long). Authorities suspect that Sherry has hidden the loot from Lester's earlier bank robbery and is planning to run away with Lester and the \$2 million booty.

The surveillance is running smoothly until Big Momma is suddenly summoned out of town on an emergency. With Sherry heading to visit her, Malcolm figures the only way to keep Sherry from leaving is to become Big



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At the movies: Martin Lawrence stars in "Big Momma's House" at theaters today.

Momma himself.

Just the sight of Lawrence dressed as a hefty old woman with a blond wig and huge breasts is enough to garner a few laughs. But watching him try to stay in character as Big Momma while admiring Sherry's sexy body, fighting off the advances of a randy old coot and bouncing his large frame off some young punks on the basketball court is hysterical. While Lawrence is not always confined to the fat suit — Malcolm does emerge to woo the beguiling Sherry — it's as Big Momma that he is most entertaining.

Lawrence has long been adept at donning women's clothes for laughs: His Sheneneh character on his defunct sitcom "Martin" still has people in stitches in reruns.

Lawrence's turn as Big Momma is certain to draw comparisons to Eddie Murphy's "The Nutty Professor," in which Murphy played at least five different

characters, some requiring fat suits and prosthetics and making him completely unrecognizable. (A sequel is scheduled to hit theaters this summer.)

But the makeup job here is less convincing. First, to make Lawrence and Mitchell look alike, Mitchell's face was altered with prosthetics, making her look distractingly unnatural. Lawrence's face has similar problems, although since it is supposed to have been made on the quick by Malcolm and John, it's more forgivable — and kind of humorous.

Darryl Quarles and Don Rhymer wrote the mostly formulaic screenplay. But it has enough funny moments and Lawrence antics to keep the audience from concentrating on the predictability of it all. "Big Momma's House," directed by Raja Gosnell, is distributed by Twentieth Century Fox; it's rated PG-13 and runs 105 minutes.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, June 9

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In a journey that begins after Earth ends, a rebellious teenager named Cale embarks on an adventure through space to find the legendary spacecraft, the Titan, which holds the secret to salvation for the human race.

SHAF
Samuel L. Jackson is Shaft, a private detective on the trail of a murderer who wants to eliminate the key witness to a crime. Stars Vanessa Williams, Christian Bale.

JESUS' SON
Based on Denis Johnson's cult novel this saga stars Billy Crudup, Denis Leary and Jack Black.

Scheduled to open Friday, June 23

BUTTERFLY'S TONGUE
Set against the backdrop of civil war in Spain 1936, the story of a shy young boy and his compassionate teacher who teaches him to find his way in an increasingly frightening world.

ME, MYSELF AND IRRENE
Comedy about a mild-mannered Rhode Island cop with a split-personality disorder who escorts a woman back to her home town. Stars Jim Carrey.

The Eels' new release proves to be a slithering success

Daisies of the Galaxy

DreamWorks Recordings

In the genre of "artists formally known as," *Daisies of the Galaxy*, the Eels third album is written and produced by a man called E. Just E.

And though E is often the subject of his music, he isn't the main attraction. Instead, he channels family tragedies (his beloved sister and father died within months of each other), confusion and clinical depression into deceptively simple but extraordinarily plush pop tunes.

It takes a very peculiar mind to attach a mamba beat to songs about death, cancer and hospital food (not necessarily in that order), as E did in his previous releases *Electro-Shock Blues* and *Beautiful Freak*. But it works.

With the tonal sensibility of melodic sage Brian Eno and the delightfully funky courage of Beck, the California artist formerly known as Mark Everet seems — if not happy — is at least a bit happier in his third release.

Daisies opens with a wash of off-beat horns and shifts into *Grace Kelly Blues*, an ebb and flow of plucky guitars and drifting orchestration.

For one of the most intelligent lyrics of our time, his subjects are rather warm and fuzzy — furry field mice, birds, clouds and daisies, of course.

But he takes poetic twists and turns into the dark side with *Tiger in my Tank* ("I think I'm on the brink of disaster"), and ruminates in the bittersweet *Selective Memory* ("The days go on forever when you only know that much").

Rather than needing *Novocaine for the Soul*, as in his first release, E seems to be numbing his pain with the forces of nature. And when that doesn't work, he always has a perennially upbeat rhythm running through his veins.

—Alice Rhein

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DINING

Diners give seafood restaurant good reviews

TAKE-OUT GUY



RALPH ECHTINAW

I'm writing about the Plymouth Fish Seafood Market & Restaurant today because owners Lori and Vincent Toia mailed me a letter, take-out menu and gift certificates for four fish-and-chips dinners in early March. That's not to say I accept bribes, but it got my attention.

I shipped the gift certificates and a menu off to the Observer's Plymouth office because I didn't want to get extra special service. Ergo, reporters Scott Daniel and Sue Buck (and Sue's daughter Anni) did the initial taste test for me. I followed up in late March with a takeout order for myself and three others in the Livonia Observer office (using the name Stan so they wouldn't know I'm "the take-out guy").

Scott Daniel described his dinner as "uncommonly delicious. Unlike some restaurants where grease is the lone flavoring, Plymouth Fish seasons its fillets and grills its selections. The result is a tasty, not-too-heavy dinner."

Sue and Anni Buck had their free dinner at 2 p.m. on a Saturday and practically had the place to themselves.

"We both were served heaping platters filled with three-and-a-half pieces of Alaskan cod and French fries," wrote Sue. "We

Plymouth Fish Seafood Market & Restaurant

Where: 578 Starkweather in Plymouth's Old Village, (734) 455-2630. Fax (734) 455-5923.

Open: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Menu: Fish & chips, ocean perch, lake perch, catfish, shrimp, pickerel, scallops, frog legs, oysters, calamari, smelt, whitefish, swordfish, salmon, chicken sandwich, hamburgers, clam chowder, seafood gumbo.

Average lunch price: \$6.50.

Credit cards accepted: Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover.

Personal checks: OK.

Packaging: Styrofoam boxes and paper grocery bags.

Seating: Room for 25 inside, 25 outside.

chose the deep-fried selection that wasn't the least bit greasy. The fish was light and flaky. The pieces were filleted lengthwise, and we were served the full length of fish."

While the Bucks ate, a regular customer came in for some clam chowder. "Standing at the door, he gave unsolicited praise to the preparation of the clam chowder, calling it creamy with lots of tomatoes. He called it the best that he has ever eaten," wrote Sue.

As the Bucks left, the young Buck commented, "Plymouth people sure are friendly."

Personally, I think the Plymouth Fish prices are a little high — but may be not for Plymouth — and the food was great.

Internet Editor Emory Daniels had the ocean perch lunch with redskin potatoes. Redford Observer Editor Jeff Counts had the fish and chips. Westland

reporter Darrell Clem had the shrimp lunch. I had the catfish lunch.

Emory, Jeff and Darrell were rather understated in their praise. Darrell characterized his lunch as "average portions, average quality, average in all respects."

Jeff said, "For carry-out fish and chips for lunch it's fine."

Of the four of us, I was the most impressed. The rice was tasty, nicely seasoned and contained chunks of carrots. The catfish had no bones, was lightly breaded and not greasy.

The cabbage in the cole slaw was cut into much bigger chunks than one usually finds in cole slaw. Jeff liked it that way. Emory didn't. Darrell said it was average.

I've got to give the owners credit for packaging. The takeout boxes were made of plastic foam, and each was marked so we knew what it was. They were



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Flavorful fish: Lori and Vincent Toia of Plymouth Fish Seafood Market & Restaurant present two of their delicious fish platters.

stapled inside grocery bags along with covered plastic foam containers of cole slaw, plastic forks and napkins.

"I know how it is when you're passing food out for people," Lori Toia said.

Each plastic foam container

contained, in addition to the entrée, packets of ketchup, tartar sauce and a slice of lemon.

I likely won't return to Plymouth Fish for takeout again but only because it's too far from my office at Schoolcraft and Levan.

If I worked in the Plymouth Observer office I'd go again.

Ralph Echtenaw welcomes your comments and suggestions on take-out eating. Call him at (734) 953-0492. E-mail him at rechte-naw@oe.homecomm.net.

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Send dinner specials, menu changes, restaurant renovations, and other items to Keely Wygonik, Assistant Managing Editor Features Group, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net.

We're putting together a list of steakhouses for Father's Day and outdoor dining destinations. If you want to be included, send, fax or e-mail restaurant locations, hours and menus to Wygonik as soon as possible.

WINE TASTING

■ Meet Italy's most prestigious wine makers at "Vini D'Italia 2000," 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 9 at Laurel Manor & Conference

Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, 1/4 mile west of Newburgh, in Livonia. Presented by Laurel Manor and Conference Center and Ristorante Fonte D'Amore, the event will feature a tasting of over 100 of Italy's finest wines, and a strolling buffet of hors d'oeuvres. Tickets \$60 per person (\$60 tax deductible), call (734) 462-0770 for more information. The event benefits the "Make-A-Difference Foundation." Proceeds will be used to help children who are physically challenged in the Detroit area.

PATIO DINING

■ The Century Club Restaurant - The Century Club in Detroit is offering outdoor dining on the patio Wednesday-Sat-

urday during restaurant hours. Parties will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The menu includes steaks, chops, seafood and poultry as well as daily specials such as roasted prime rib, homemade soups, salads, appetizers and desserts.

Live music Thursday-Saturday beginning Thursday, June 1. Pianist Ed Wells plays 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday; the Gem Jazz Trio 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

The Century Club, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit is open for dinner 5-8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday; 5-9 p.m. Friday; 4-10 p.m. Saturday; and 3-6 p.m. Sunday. Dessert served 10-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and brunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Call the

Gem and Century box office (313) 963-9800 for reservations/information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ Al's Copper Mug - A tent party and fund-raiser will be held 2 to 10 p.m. Sunday, June 11 at Al's Copper Mug, on 1704 W. Maple in Walled Lake. Music is held outside from 4 to 9 p.m. and inside between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. Blues by the Bugs Beddow Band is featured. A 50/50 raffle drawing will be held around 8:30 p.m. There is a \$1 donation. Any donation of canned food will also be appreciated. Call (248) 624-9659 for more information.

■ Eat to the Beat 2000 - The City Centre Advisory Board, in conjunction with the city of

Southfield, presents Eat to the Beat 2000, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each Thursday in the summer.

Among the June entertainment is Back to Back, featuring soulful R&B sounds, June 15; Judy Harrison, June 22; and Reverend Blues, June 29.

Eat to the Beat 2000 is at City Centre Plaza, Central Park Blvd., one block west of Evergreen between Civic Center Dr. and I-696 Service Drive.

■ TasteFest - The 12th annual Comerica Michigan TasteFest kicks off Friday, June 30 through Tuesday, July 4 in Detroit's New Center Area. Forty of Michigan's great eateries including Iridesence, Hunter House Hamburg-ers, Dave and Busters, Beale

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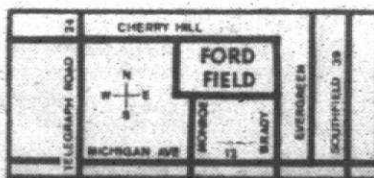
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